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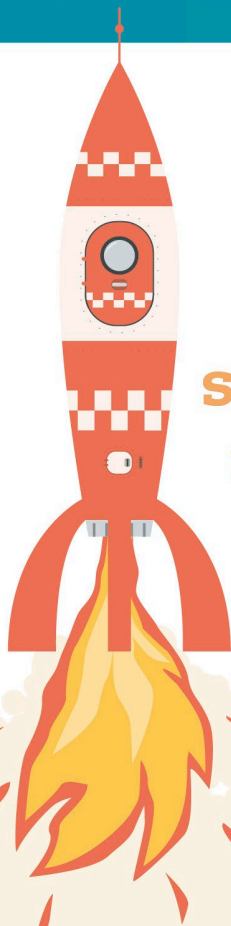
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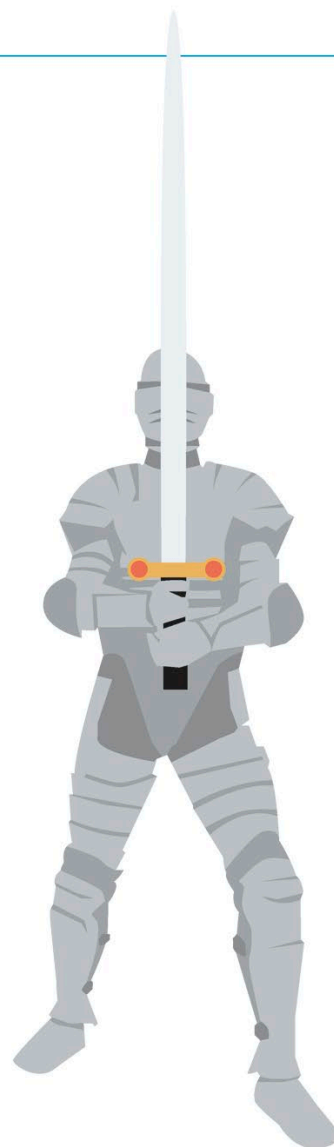
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# Children's Illustrated Thesaurus



# A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

# How to use this book

The *Children's Illustrated Thesaurus* is easy to use when you want to find a synonym to improve your writing. Synonyms are words that can have the same meaning as other words – see page 6 for more information.

## Guideword

The word on the top left shows you the first entry on the page.

## Synonym

Alternative words you can use instead of the entry word are shown in **bold**.

## Definition

What the word means.

## Example sentence

Helping you find the right word by putting it in context.

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## Related words

Words that relate to the entry to expand your vocabulary even further come at the end.

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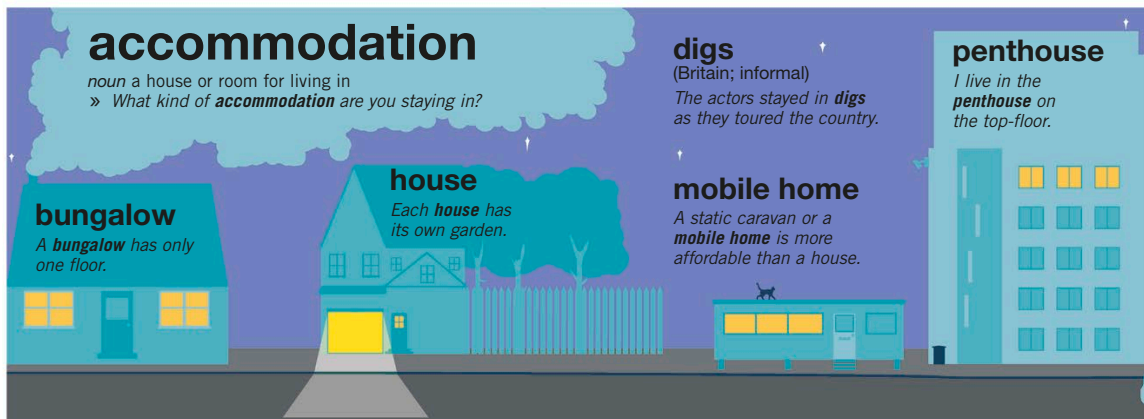
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### penthouse

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## Entry number

If there is more than one sense of the word, each one has a separate entry.

## Part of speech

For example, noun, verb, or adjective. See page 7 for more about parts of speech.

## More synonyms

Shown in grey, these are slightly more complicated or advanced synonyms.

## Shades of

Instead of a definition, colour entries have a list of shades.

## Guideword

The word on the top right shows you the last entry on the page.

## yellow

noun or adjective

Shades of yellow:

amber, canary yellow, citrus yellow, daffodil, gold, lemon, mustard, primrose, saffron, sand, straw, topaz

## absolute <sup>2</sup>

adjective having total power » Louis XIV of France was an absolute monarch and had complete authority on all state matters. dictatorial, supreme, tyrannical

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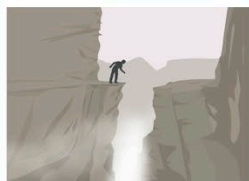
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adjective happening by chance » The fire was accidental. casual, chance, inadvertent, random antonym: deliberate

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verb to provide someone with a place to stay » A hotel was built to accommodate guests for weddings. house, put up, shelter

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▼ SEE BELOW

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verb to go somewhere with someone » Children must be accompanied by an adult. conduct (formal), escort, go with, usher

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## Alphabet bars

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## Antonym

A word that means the opposite to the entry.

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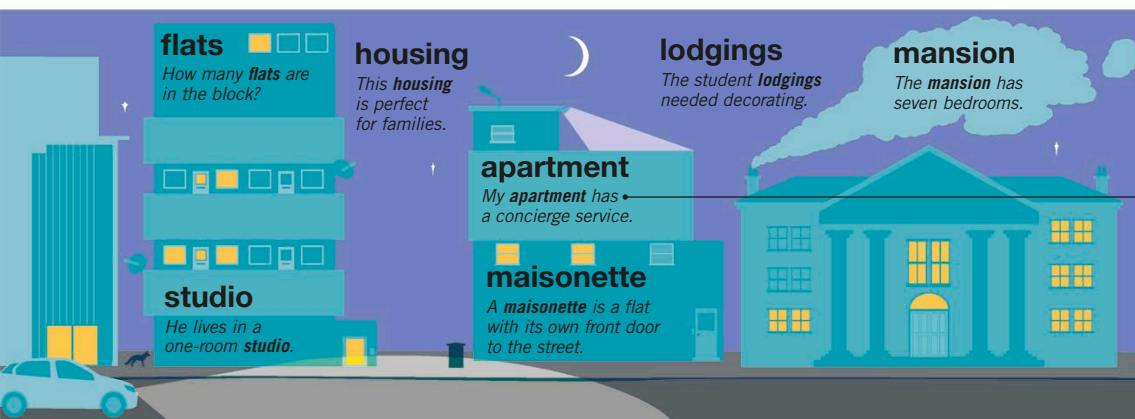
See below/above/left/right: Look at the big illustration for this entry.

## Usage

Shows when and how some synonyms are used.

## Example sentence

These show each synonym in a sentence.



# A Why use a thesaurus?

B The main reason for using a thesaurus is to  
C find synonyms, or alternative words, to help  
D you with your writing. In addition, this  
E thesaurus will identify what kind of word

(part of speech) it is and provide helpful  
definitions and examples. It will also give  
antonyms, or words that mean the opposite  
to the one you look up, wherever possible.

## F What is a synonym?

G A synonym is a word that means the same – or almost  
H the same – as another word, for example “little” and  
I “small”. Most of the time, there is no such thing as  
J a true synonym. If two words mean exactly the same  
K thing, then why bother having both? Rather, a synonym  
L can or could mean the same thing as another word

depending on how you use it. Usually, however,  
synonyms have little differences in meaning that  
make one word more suitable to use than another.  
For example, “little girl” usually means a young girl,  
but a “small girl” suggests she is not big in size.



This puppy could be described as **little** or **small**.



The **little** girl is the young girl  
on the right.



The **small** girl is the short girl  
on the left.

## O Improve your vocabulary

P Synonyms can help you improve your writing by using  
Q more interesting words. For example, instead of  
R putting “she said” in a story, using “she shouted” can  
S tell the reader that she might be angry or in a noisy  
T room. It is also much more interesting to use and read  
U a variety of words than writing “she said” all the time!

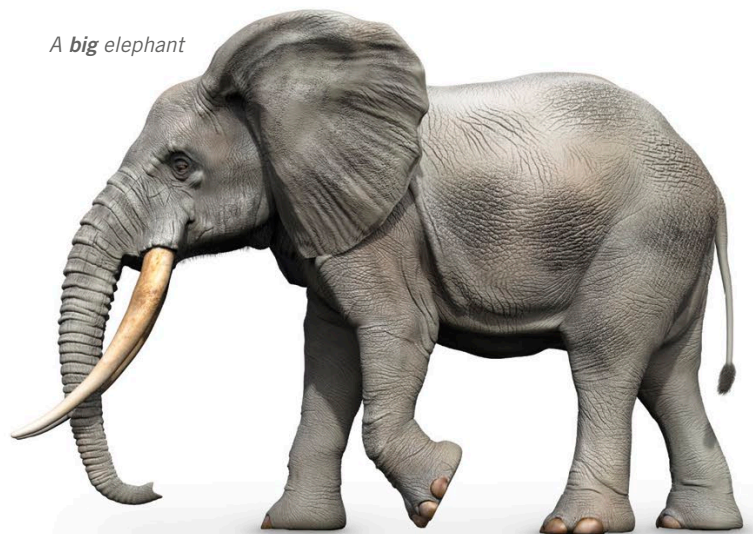
## What is an antonym?

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another  
word, for example “big” is an antonym of “small”.

A **small** frog



A **big** elephant



# Parts of speech

To help you find the right entry in the thesaurus, it can help to know the type of word (or “part of speech”) you’re looking up. Some words can be used in different ways, such as “bend” – this can be a verb (to bend over) or a noun (a bend in the river). Here are the main parts of speech and how they fit together.



Grace **bent** over to pick a flower.



The river has many **bends**.

## Noun

An object, person, or place. A noun doesn’t have to be a visible thing – “fact” and “history” are also nouns. Things with a name (such as a country or a person) are known as proper nouns.

## Adjective

A describing word, such as green, big, or old. Adjectives are used to describe nouns.



The fairground has **bright** lights and fun rides.



Lei wrinkled her nose when she tasted the **bitter** lemon.

## Verb

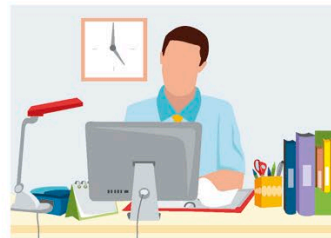
An action (or “doing word”). These include any sort of action – such as run, breathe, and sleep – and also “helping” verbs, which may be used with other verbs to show how possible or necessary an action is. These include: have, will, be, must, may, and do. For example, he must run to catch the bus; she will come to the party.



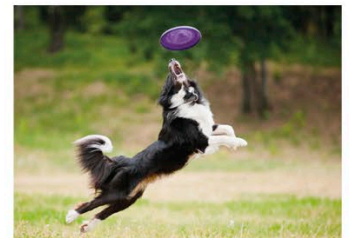
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## Adverb

A word that gives more information about a verb, adjective, or another adverb. These often end in “ly”, such as quietly and helpfully, but don’t have to – today, very, and forwards are all adverbs.



Pat arrived at **exactly** 5 o'clock.



The dog leapt **high** in the air.

## Preposition

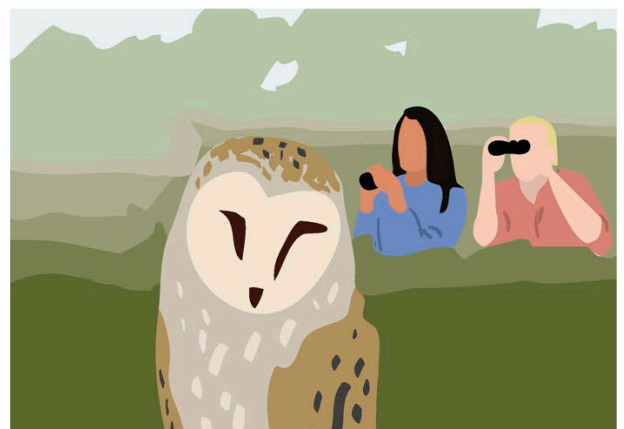
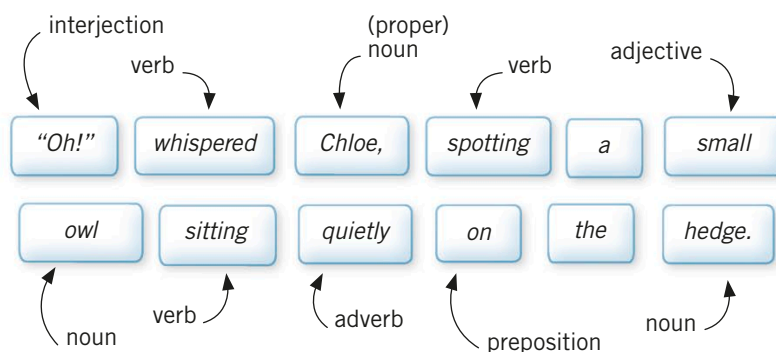
A word that shows how one noun (person or thing) relates to another, such as “in”, “with”, and “in spite of”.

## Interjection

A word that can be used on its own without a full sentence, such as “ouch” and “hello”.

## Sentence formation

This is how the parts of speech fit together in a sentence.



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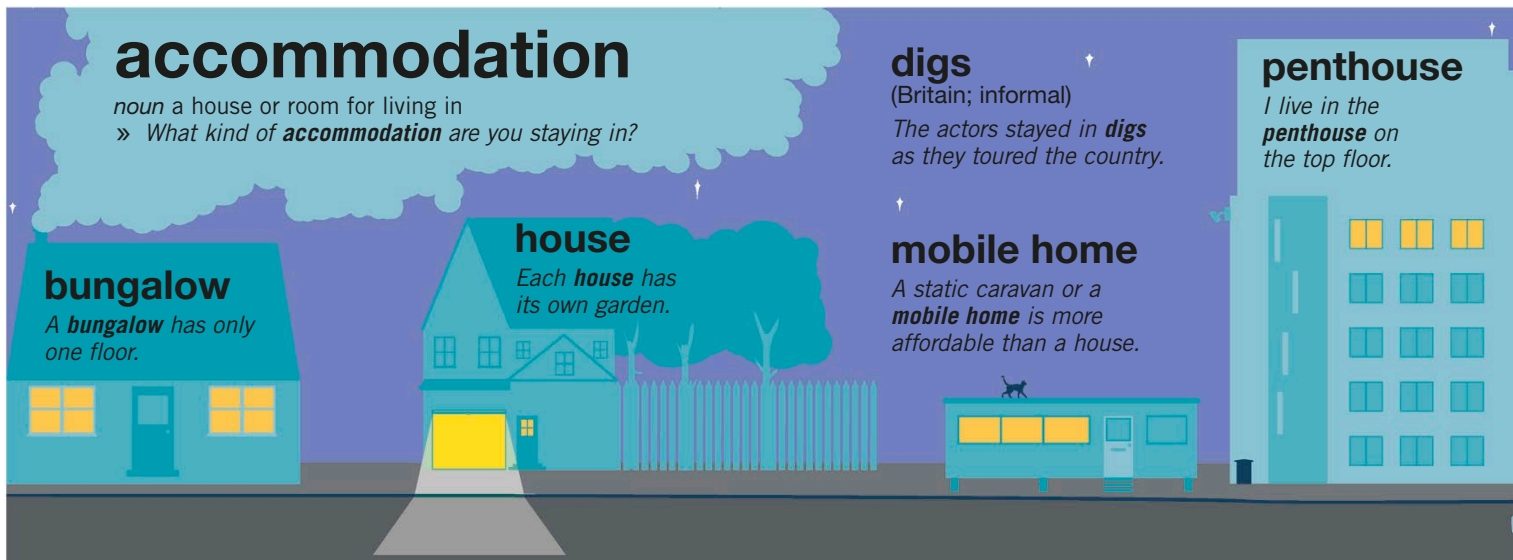
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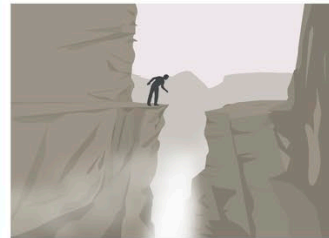
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## flats

*How many flats are in the block?*

## housing

*This housing is perfect for families.*

## apartment

*My apartment has a concierge service.*

## maisonette

*A maisonette is a flat with its own front door to the street.*

## lodgings

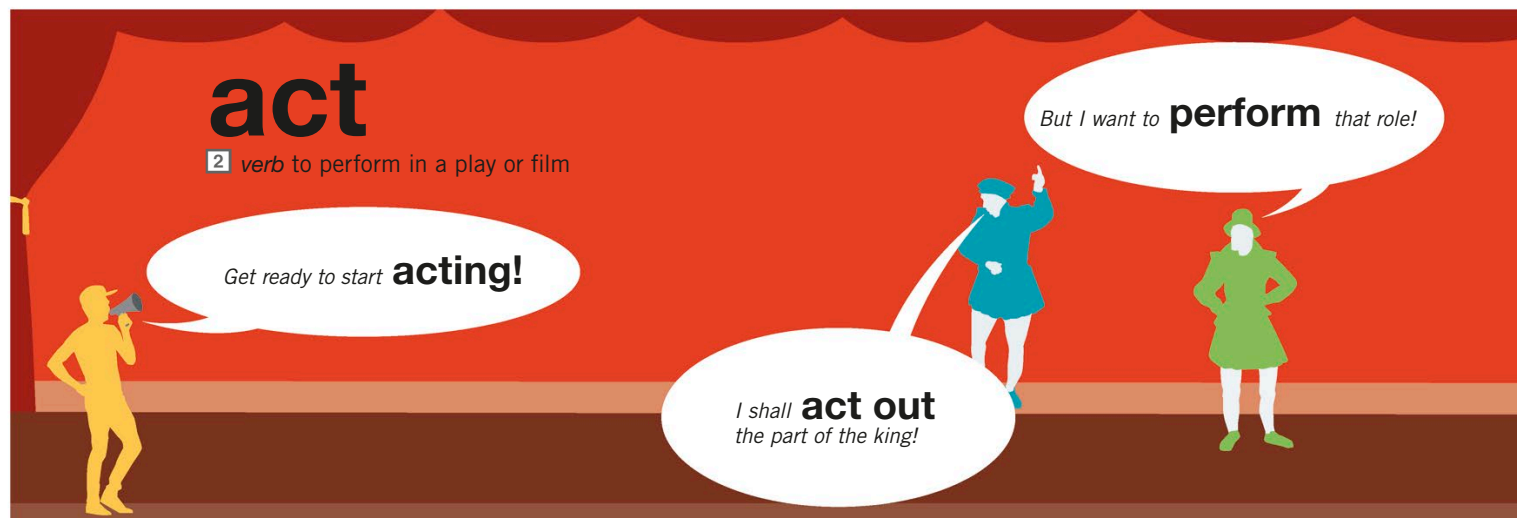
*The student lodgings needed decorating.*

## mansion

*The mansion has seven bedrooms.*

## studio

*He lives in a one-room studio.*



## accompany 2

*verb* to occur with something  
» A cold is often accompanied by a cough.

**come with, go together with**

## accomplish

*verb* to manage to do something » The whole team worked together to accomplish their goal.

**achieve, bring about, complete, do, fulfil, manage, effect, execute, realize**

## accurate

*adjective* correct to a detailed level » Use a ruler to make the drawing more accurate.

**correct, exact, faithful, precise, right, strict, true**  
antonym: **inaccurate**

## accuse

*verb* to charge someone with doing something wrong  
» Jack was accused of losing the office keys again.

**blame, censure, charge, cite, denounce, impeach, incriminate, indict**



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## accustomed

*adjective* used to something  
» Pupils become accustomed to early morning starts for school.

**adapted, familiar, used**  
antonym: **unaccustomed**

## achieve

*verb* to gain by hard work or ability » She achieved the highest marks in the competition.

**accomplish, carry out, complete, do, fulfil, perform**



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## achievement

*noun* something which someone has succeeded in doing » Finishing a marathon is a huge achievement.

**accomplishment, deed, exploit, feat**

## acquire

*verb* to get something  
» I have recently acquired a digital camera.

**attain, gain, get, obtain, pick up, procure, secure**

## act 1

*verb* to do something » The referee acted correctly in giving a penalty on the bad tackle.

**function, operate, perform, work**

## act 2

*verb* to perform in a play or film

▲ SEE ABOVE

## act 3

*noun* a single thing someone does » Adopting the stray dog was an act of kindness.

**accomplishment, achievement, deed, feat, undertaking**

## action 1

*noun* the process of doing something » This letter requires immediate action – please do not ignore it.

**activity, operation, process**

## action 2

*noun* something that is done  
» He did not like his actions questioned.

**accomplishment, achievement, deed, exploit, feat**

## active 1

*adjective* full of energy  
» Andrea was always so active and fun to be around.

**energetic, lively, restless, sprightly, vivacious, dynamic, indefatigable**

## active 2

*adjective* busy and hardworking  
» Parents were very active in the school community.

**busy, engaged, enthusiastic, hardworking, industrious, involved, occupied**

## activity 1

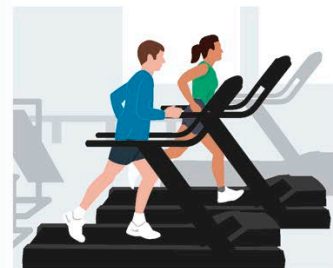
*noun* a situation in which lots of things are happening  
» There is an extraordinary level of activity in the school.

**action, bustle, energy, liveliness**

## activity 2

*noun* something you do for pleasure » The gym offers sporting activities such as running on the treadmill.

**hobby, interest, pastime, pursuit**



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## actual

*adjective* real, rather than imaginary or guessed at  
» That is the estimate: the actual figure is much higher.  
**authentic, genuine, realistic, true, verified**

I don't like the way you **play** him.

You're too young to  
**characterize**  
her well.

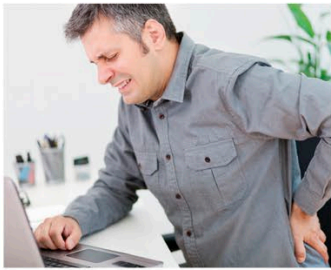
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**portray**  
the lady.

I'd like to **play the part of** the queen.

You're old enough to  
**personify**  
her grandmother.

### acute ①

**adjective** severe or intense  
» He suddenly had an **acute** pain in his back.  
**critical, extreme, grave, great, intense, serious, severe**



He suddenly had an **acute** pain in his back.

### acute ②

**adjective** very intelligent  
» She has an **acute** mind and was always the best at problem-solving.  
**alert, astute, bright, keen, perceptive, quick, sharp, shrewd, discriminating, discerning, perspicacious**

### adapt

**verb** to alter for a new use  
» The offices were **adapted** for use as a library.  
**adjust, alter, change, convert, modify**

### add ①

**verb** to put something with something else » She **added** more pages to the book.  
**attach, augment, supplement, adjoin, affix, append**

### add ②

**verb** to combine numbers or quantities » **Add all the items together** to find out how much you have bought.  
**add up, count up, total**  
antonym: **subtract**



**Add all the items together** to find out how much you have bought.

### addition

**noun** something that has been added to something else  
» The showroom revealed recent **additions** to their range of cars.  
**increase, supplement, addendum, adjunct, appendage**

### adequate

**adjective** enough in amount or quality for a purpose  
» **Adequate** protein is part of a balanced diet.  
**acceptable, ample, enough, satisfactory, sufficient**  
antonym: **insufficient**

### administer ①

**verb** to be responsible for managing something  
» It must be hard work to **administer** a large company.  
**be in charge of, command, control, direct, manage, run, supervise**

### administer ②

**verb** to inflict or impose something on someone  
» He **administered** strict curfews on the boys.  
**carry out, deal, dispense, execute, impose, inflict, perform, mete out**

### admiration

**noun** a feeling of great liking and respect » I have always had the greatest **admiration** for her.  
**appreciation, approval, esteem, regard, respect**

### admire

**verb** to like and respect someone or something  
» They **admired** him for his work.  
**appreciate, look up to, respect, value, esteem, venerate**  
antonym: **scorn**

### admit ①

**verb** to agree that something is true » The driver **admitted** that he was lost.  
**accept, acknowledge, grant**  
antonym: **deny**

### admit ②

**verb** to allow to enter  
» Pablo was **admitted** to the university.  
**accept, let in, receive, take in**  
antonym: **exclude**

### adult

**noun** a grown-up person  
» A family ticket covers two **adults** and three children.  
**grown-up, man, woman**  
antonym: **child**



A family ticket covers two **adults** and three children.

### advance ①

**verb** to move forward or develop » The forces **advanced** on the battlefield.  
**make inroads, press on, proceed, progress**

### advance ②

**noun** progress in something  
» Scientific **advances** help us explore the Solar System in ever greater detail.  
**breakthrough, development, gain, progress, step**

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## advantage

*noun* a more favourable position or state » *Sara had the advantage of knowing his favourite hiding place.*  
**ascendancy, benefit, dominance, superiority**  
antonym: **disadvantage**

## advertise

*verb* to present something to the public in order to sell it » *Printed bags are a good way to advertise a shop.*  
**plug** (informal), **promote, publicize, push, blazon, promulgate**

## advertisement

*noun* a public announcement to sell or publicize something » *Mia placed an advertisement in the local newspaper.*  
**ad** (informal), **advert** (Britain; informal), **banner ad, commercial, notice, plug** (informal)



Mia placed an **advertisement** in the local newspaper.

## advice

*noun* a suggestion as to what to do » *Take my advice and don't order the fish pie.*  
**counsel** (formal), **drum** (Australia; informal), **guidance, opinion, suggestion**

## advise 1

*verb* to offer advice to someone » *His friend advised him to leave as soon as possible.*  
**caution, counsel, recommend, suggest, urge, commend, prescribe**

## advise 2

*verb* to notify someone » *I would like to advise you of my decision to change courses.*  
**inform, make known, notify**

## adviser

*noun* a person whose job is to give advice » *My mother spent the day in meetings with her advisers.*  
**aide, consultant, guru, mentor, tutor**

## advocate

*verb* to publicly support a plan or course of action » *Tom advocates Mr Johnson to be the new governor.*  
**back, champion, endorse, favour, promote, recommend, support, uphold**

## affair

*noun* an event or series of events » *The wedding was a large affair.*  
**business, event, issue, matter, question, situation, subject**

## affect

*verb* to influence something or someone » *More than 7 million people have been affected by the drought.*  
**act on, alter, change, impinge on**

## affection

*noun* a feeling of fondness for someone or something » *She thought of him with affection.*  
**attachment, fondness, liking, love, warmth**  
antonym: **dislike**

## affectionate

*adjective* full of fondness for someone » *Elsa gave her dog an affectionate stroke.*  
**caring, fond, loving, tender**  
antonym: **cold**



Elsa gave her dog an **affectionate** stroke.

## afraid

*adjective* scared of something unpleasant happening  
» **SEE RIGHT**

## after

*adverb* at a later time  
» *After the main course, you can choose a dessert.*  
**afterwards, following, later, subsequently**  
antonym: **before**  
related word: **prefix post-**

## again

*adverb* happening one more time » *When he didn't get a reply, Carlos texted his best friend again.*  
**afresh, anew, once more**

## against 1

*preposition* in opposition to » *We are against the new building works.*  
**averse to, hostile to, in opposition to, versus**  
related words: **prefixes anti-, contra-, counter-**



We are **against** the new building works.

## against 2

*preposition* in preparation for or in case of something  
» *When you go out, dress well to protect yourselves against the cold.*  
**in anticipation of, in expectation of, in preparation for**

## aggressive

*adjective* full of hostility and violence » *Hungry sharks can be very aggressive.*  
**hostile, quarrelsome, belligerent, pugnacious**  
antonym: **peaceful**

## agile

*adjective* able to move quickly and easily » *He is as agile as a cat.*  
**lithe, nimble, sprightly, supple, limber, lissom, lissome**  
antonym: **clumsy**

## agitate 1

*verb* to campaign energetically for something » *The workers had begun to agitate for better conditions in the office.*  
**campaign, demonstrate, protest, push**

## agitate 2

*verb* to worry or distress someone » *Everything she said agitated me.*  
**bother, distress, disturb, trouble, upset, worry, discompose, faze, perturb**

## agree 1

*verb* to have the same opinion as someone » *They all agreed to go bowling.*  
**assent, be of the same opinion, concur, see eye to eye**  
antonym: **disagree**

## agree 2

*verb* to match or be the same as something » *His statement agrees with the facts given by other witnesses.*  
**accord, conform, match, square, tally**

## agreeable 1

*adjective* pleasant or enjoyable  
» *I've just had the most agreeable holiday, I want to go back!*  
**delightful, enjoyable, lovely, nice, pleasant, pleasurable**  
antonym: **disagreeable**



# afraid

adjective scared of something unpleasant happening » *The children felt **afraid** of the house on top of the hill.*

## apprehensive

He felt **apprehensive** approaching the house – there was something very strange about it.

## fearful

Anyone would be **fearful** near a haunted house, it gives you goosebumps.

## frightened

She was so **frightened**, she stood rooted to the spot.

## nervous

Being **nervous** made her tremble like a leaf.

## scared

He told her not to be **scared**, although he was also shaking in his boots.

## spooked

They felt **spooked** – the haunted house gave them the shivers.

## antonym: unafraid

*Walking towards the gloomy house, she was surprised that she felt completely **unafraid**.*



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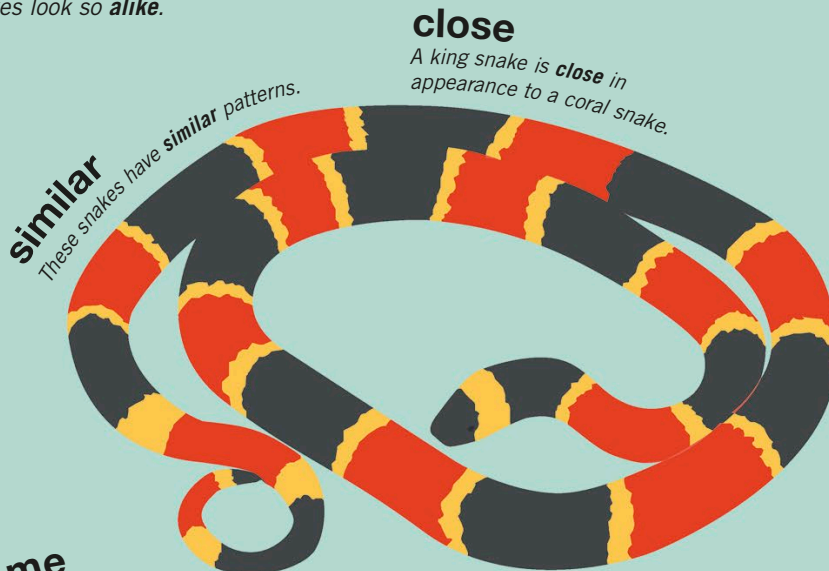
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# alike

**1** adjective similar in some way  
» The snakes look so **alike**.



**indistinguishable**  
The two snakes are almost **indistinguishable** from each other.



## agreeable **2**

adjective willing to allow or do something » Pooja said she was **agreeable** to this plan.  
**game, happy, prepared, ready, willing, amenable, compliant**

## agreement

noun a decision reached by two or more people  
» The two countries have signed **agreements** on fishing and oil rights.

**arrangement, contract, deal (informal), pact, settlement, treaty, compact, covenant**

## aim **1**

verb to plan to do something  
» The school **aims** to recruit three new teachers next year.  
**aspire, attempt, intend, plan, propose, strive**

## aim **2**

noun what someone intends to achieve » My main **aim** is to be captain of the hockey team.  
**ambition, goal, intention, objective, plan, target**

## alarm **1**

noun a feeling of fear  
» The cat sprang back in **alarm**.  
**anxiety, apprehension, fright, nervousness, panic, scare, consternation, trepidation**  
antonym: **calm**



The cat sprang back in **alarm**.

**alarm** ②

*noun* a device used to warn people of something  
 » The burglar alarm woke up the whole street.  
**distress signal, siren, warning**

**alarm** ③

*verb* to fill with fear  
 » We could not see what had alarmed him.  
**distress, frighten, panic, scare, startle, unnerve**  
 antonym: **calm**

**alert** ①

*adjective* paying full attention  
 » The alert guard caught the shoplifter red-handed.  
**attentive, observant, on guard, vigilant, wary**  
 antonym: **unaware**

**alert** ②

*verb* to warn of danger  
 » The swimmers alerted the passer-by that they needed help.  
**forewarn, inform, notify, warn**



The swimmers **alerted** the passer-by that they needed help.

**alike** ①

*adjective* similar in some way  
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**alike** ②

*adverb* in a similar way  
 » All the children taking part in the parade were dressed alike – it was hard to tell them apart.  
**equally, in the same way, similarly, uniformly**

**alive** ①

*adjective* having life  
 » Doctors worked around the clock to keep the patient alive.  
**animate, breathing, living**  
 antonym: **dead**

**alive** ②

*adjective* lively and active  
 » After jogging up the hill, Liam felt alive with energy.  
**active, alert, animated, energetic, full of life, lively, vivacious**  
 antonym: **dull**



After jogging up the hill, Liam felt **alive** with energy.

**all**

*pronoun* the whole of something  
 » Did you eat all the biscuits?  
**each, every one, everything, the whole amount, the (whole) lot**  
 related words:  
 prefixes **pan-**, **panto-**

**allow** ①

*verb* to permit someone to do something  
 » Jane's mother allowed her to go to the party.  
**approve, authorize, let, permit, stand for, tolerate, brook, give leave, sanction**  
 antonym: **forbid**

**allow** ②

*verb* to set aside for a particular purpose  
 » Allow four hours for the paint to dry.  
**allocate, allot, assign, grant, set aside**

**all right**

*adjective* acceptable » It was all right but nothing special.  
**acceptable, adequate, average, fair, okay or OK** (informal)

**almost**

*adverb* very nearly  
 » The number of children in a class has almost doubled in less than a decade.  
**about, approximately, close to, nearly, not quite, practically**

**alone**

*adjective* not with other people or things » He was all alone in the middle of the hall.  
**detached, isolated, separate, single**

**aloud**

*adverb* out loud  
 » Our father read aloud to us.  
**audibly, out loud**

**also**

*adverb* in addition  
 » Carlos is also an excellent basketball player.  
**as well, besides, furthermore, into the bargain, moreover, too**

**always**

*adverb* all the time or forever  
 » Zoe's always singing, she never stops!  
**continually, every time, forever, invariably, perpetually**

**amaze**

*verb* to surprise greatly  
 » Noah amazed us with his knowledge of local history.  
**astonish, astound, shock, stagger, stun, surprise, dumbfound, flabbergast, stupefy**

**amazement**

*noun* complete surprise  
 » Much to my amazement, Yasmin arrived on time.  
**astonishment, shock, surprise, wonder, perplexity, stupefaction**



Kirsten surfed the most **amazing** wave.

**amazing**

*adjective* very surprising or remarkable » Kirsten surfed the most amazing wave.  
**astonishing, astounding, staggering, startling, stunning, surprising**

**among** ①

*preposition* surrounded by  
 » The broken bike lay among piles of chains and pedals.  
**amid, amidst, in the middle of, in the thick of, surrounded by**



The broken bike lay **among** piles of chains and pedals.

**among** ②

*preposition* between more than two » The donations will be divided among seven charities.  
**between, to each of**

**amount**

*noun* how much there is of something  
 » I get a huge amount of homework every weekend.  
**expanse, quantity, volume**



There was **ample** space in the tent for both children and the dog.

## ample

**adjective** of an amount: more than enough » *There was ample space in the tent for both children and the dog.*

**abundant, enough, plenty of, sufficient**

## ancestor

**noun** a person from whom someone is descended » *Leon could trace his ancestors back 100 years.*  
**forebear, forefather, precursor, progenitor**

## anger

**noun** extreme annoyance » *She vented her anger at the umpire.*  
**fury, outrage, rage, wrath, choler, ire, pique, spleen, vexation**

## anger

**verb** to make someone angry » *The politician's remarks angered his critics.*  
**enrage, infuriate, outrage**  
antonym: **calm**

## angry

**adjective** very annoyed  
» SEE RIGHT

## animal

**noun** a living creature » *Dogs and cats are the nation's favourite animals.*  
**beast, creature**  
related word: **prefix zoo-**

## animosity

**noun** a feeling of strong dislike towards someone » *There is no animosity between the two players – they get on well.*  
**antagonism, antipathy, dislike, hatred, hostility, ill will, malice, resentment**

## announce

**verb** to make something known publicly » *He announced the winner of the competition live on the radio.*

**advertise, make known, proclaim, reveal, tell, tweet, promulgate, propound**



He **announced** the winner of the competition live on the radio.

## announcement

**noun** a statement giving information about something » *There has been no formal announcement about the school trip.*  
**advertisement, broadcast, bulletin, declaration, report, statement**

## annoy

**verb** to irritate or displease someone » *Try making a note of the things that annoy you.*  
**bother, displease, get on someone's nerves (informal), hack off (Britain and New Zealand; slang), hassle (informal), irritate, plague, vex**

## annoyance

**noun** a feeling of irritation » *Isaac made no secret of his annoyance at bad grammar.*  
**displeasure, irritation**

## annoyance

**noun** something that causes irritation » *Snoring can be more than an annoyance.*  
**bore, drag (informal), nuisance, pain (informal), pain in the neck (informal), pest**

## answer

**verb** to reply to someone » *I waited all day for him to answer my question.*  
**reply, respond, retort**  
antonym: **ask**

## answer

**noun** a reply given to someone » *He walked away without waiting for an answer.*  
**reply, response, retort, rejoinder, riposte**  
antonym: **question**

## anxiety

**noun** nervousness or worry » *It's natural to have some anxiety before starting a new school.*  
**apprehension, concern, fear, misgiving, nervousness, unease, worry, perturbation, trepidation**

## anxious

**adjective** nervous or worried » *Nicole was very anxious before starting the exam.*  
**apprehensive, bothered, concerned, fearful, nervous, troubled, uneasy, worried**



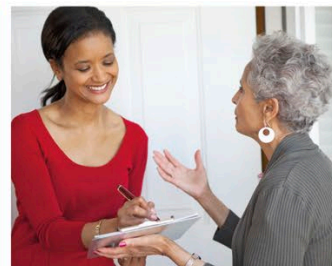
Nicole was very **anxious** before starting the exam.

## apathetic

**adjective** not interested in anything » *He was apathetic about politics.*  
**cool, indifferent, passive, uninterested**  
antonym: **enthusiastic**

## apologize

**verb** to say sorry for something » *I apologize for being late.*  
**ask forgiveness, beg someone's pardon, express regret, say sorry**



Lily **appealed** for people to sign her petition.

## appeal

**verb** to make an urgent request for something » *Lily appealed for people to sign her petition.*  
**beg, call upon, plead, request, entreat, implore, pray**

## appeal

**verb** to attract or interest » *The idea of getting a sports car appealed to him.*  
**attract, fascinate, interest, please**

## appeal

**noun** a formal request for something » *The speaker made an appeal for quiet.*  
**petition, plea, request, entreaty, supplication**

## appear

**verb** to become visible or present » *A woman appeared at the far end of the street.*  
**come into view, crop up (informal), emerge, show up (informal), surface, turn up**  
antonym: **disappear**

## appear

**verb** to begin to exist » *Small white flowers appear in the spring.*  
**become available, be invented, come into being, come into existence, come out**

## appearance

**noun** the time when something begins to exist » *We were surprised but pleased at the new girl's appearance in our class.*  
**advent, arrival, coming, debut, emergence, introduction**



Sofia really cares about her **appearance**.

## appearance 2

**noun** the way that a person looks » *Sofia really cares about her appearance.*

**bearing, image, look, looks, demeanour, mien**

## application

**noun** a computer program designed for a particular purpose » *This application runs on all tablets.*

**app, software**

## appointment 1

**noun** an arrangement to meet someone » *Valeria has an appointment with the dentist.*

**date, interview, meeting, rendezvous**

## appointment 2

**noun** the choosing of a person to do a job » *Roy was pleased with his appointment as the new class president.*

**election, naming, nomination, selection**

## appointment 3

**noun** a job » *He applied for an appointment in Russia.*

**assignment, job, place, position, post**

## appreciate 1

**verb** to value something highly

» *Joe appreciates good films.*

**admire, prize, rate highly, respect, treasure, value**

antonym: **scorn**

## appreciate 2

**verb** to understand a situation or problem » *I didn't appreciate the seriousness of it at the time.*

**be aware of, perceive, realize, recognize, understand**

# angry

**adjective** very annoyed » *The angry bull charged across the field.*

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Jeans are not **appropriate** clothes for a smart occasion.

## appropriate

**adjective** suitable or acceptable for a given situation

» *Jeans are not appropriate clothes for a smart occasion.*

**apt, correct, fitting, proper, suitable, apposite, congruous, germane**  
antonym: **inappropriate**

## approval

**noun** agreement given to something » *The idea will require approval from teachers and parents.*

**agreement, authorization, blessing, endorsement, permission, sanction, assent, imprimatur, mandate, ratification**

## approval

**noun** liking and admiration of a person or thing

» *He wanted to gain his father's approval.*

**admiration, esteem, favour, praise, respect**  
antonym: **disapproval**

## approve

**verb** to think something or someone is good

» *Not everyone approved of the choice of players.*

**admire, favour, praise, respect, think highly of**  
antonym: **disapprove**

## approve

**verb** to agree formally to something » *They approved the plan for a new playground.*

**authorize, consent to, endorse, permit, sanction**  
antonym: **veto**

## approximate

**adjective** close but not exact

» *The approximate time the concert ends is 10pm.*

**estimated, inexact, loose, rough**  
antonym: **exact**

## ardent

**adjective** full of enthusiasm and passion » *Stefan was an ardent performer.*

**avid, devoted, enthusiastic, fervent, intense, keen, passionate, zealous**  
antonym: **apathetic**



Stefan was an **ardent** performer.

## area

**noun** a particular part of a place » *Elena lived in an exclusive area of the city.*

**district, locality, neighbourhood, region, zone**

## area

**noun** the size of a two-dimensional surface

» *The islands cover a total area of 625 sq km.*

**expanse, extent, range, size**

## argue

**verb** to disagree with someone in an angry way » *They argued over the cost of the taxi fare.*

**bicker, disagree, fall out (informal), feud, fight, quarrel, row, squabble, wrangle**

## argue

**verb** to try to prove » *Lena argued that the dog could not have scratched the table.*

**assert, claim, debate, maintain, reason, controvert, expostulate, remonstrate**

## argument

**noun** an angry disagreement

» *He got into an argument with one of the protesters.*

**barney** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **blue** (Australia; slang), **clash, dispute, feud, fight, row, squabble**

## argument

**noun** a set of reasons presented for something » *There's a strong argument for going home now.*

**case, grounds, logic, reasoning**

## arrange

**verb** to make plans to do something » *Why don't you arrange to meet him later?*

**fix up, organize, plan, schedule**

## arrange

**verb** to set things out in a particular order » *Lucy's sister arranged the books on the shelves.*

**classify, group, order, organize, sort, array, systematize**



Lucy's sister **arranged** the books on the shelves.

## arrest

**verb** to take someone into custody » *Police arrested five men.*

**apprehend, capture, nick** (Britain; slang), **seize, take prisoner**

## arrest

**noun** the act of arresting someone » *The police made two arrests.*

**apprehension, capture, seizure**

## article

**noun** a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine » *There's an article about the new park in today's paper.*

**feature, item, piece, story**

## article

**noun** a particular item

» *How many articles are on the table?*

**item, object, thing**

## ashamed

**adjective** feeling embarrassed or guilty » *He was not ashamed of what he had done.*

**embarrassed, guilty, humiliated, sheepish, sorry, chagrined, mortified**  
antonym: **proud**

## ask

**verb** to put a question to someone » *Erin asked me if I'd enjoyed my dinner.*

**inquire, interrogate, query, question, quiz**  
antonym: **answer**

## ask

**verb** to make a request to someone » *We had to ask him to leave.*

**appeal, beg, demand, implore, plead, seek, beseech, entreat**

## ask

**verb** to invite someone » *Everybody in the class had been asked to the party.*

**bid** (literary), **invite**

## aspect

**noun** a feature of something » *Exam results are only one aspect of a school's success.*

**consideration, element, factor, feature, part, point, side**

## assemble

**verb** to fit the parts of something together

» *The children were assembling model planes.*  
**build, construct, erect, make, put together**



The tourists **assembled** in a line next to the bus.

## assemble 2

**verb** to gather together in a group » The tourists assembled in a line next to the bus.

**collect, come together, congregate, convene, gather, mass**

## assistant

**noun** a person who helps someone » The assistant took notes as his boss listed what meetings he needed.

**aide, ally, colleague, helper, right-hand man**

## associate 1

**verb** to connect one thing with another » Dark clouds are associated with rain.

**connect, couple, identify, link**

## associate 2

**verb** to spend time with a person » I began associating with different groups of people.

**hang out (informal), mingle, mix, run around (informal), socialize, consort, fraternize**

## associate 3

**noun** a person known through work » After arriving late, she joined her business associates at the meeting.

**colleague, co-worker, workmate**

## association 1

**noun** an organization » Many schools have a parents' association.

**body, club, company, confederation, group, institution, league, society, syndicate, fraternity**

## association 2

**noun** a connection or involvement with a person or group » Did you know about his association with the band?

**affiliation, attachment, bond, connection, relationship, tie, affinity, liaison**

## assume 1

**verb** to accept that something is true » Lewis assumed that Jon knew what he was doing.

**believe, guess (informal), imagine, suppose, think**

## assume 2

**verb** to take responsibility for something » I will assume the role of team leader.

**accept, shoulder, take on, undertake**

## astute

**adjective** very intelligent or perceptive » Amy's an astute judge of character.

**alert, clever, keen, perceptive, quick, sharp, shrewd, smart, discerning**

## attach

**verb** to join or fasten things together » The gadget can be attached to any surface.

**affix, connect, couple, fasten, join, link, tie**  
antonym: **separate**

## attachment 1

**noun** a feeling of love and affection » A mother and child form a close attachment.

**affection, bond, fondness, liking, love**

## attachment 2

**noun** a part that connects to something else

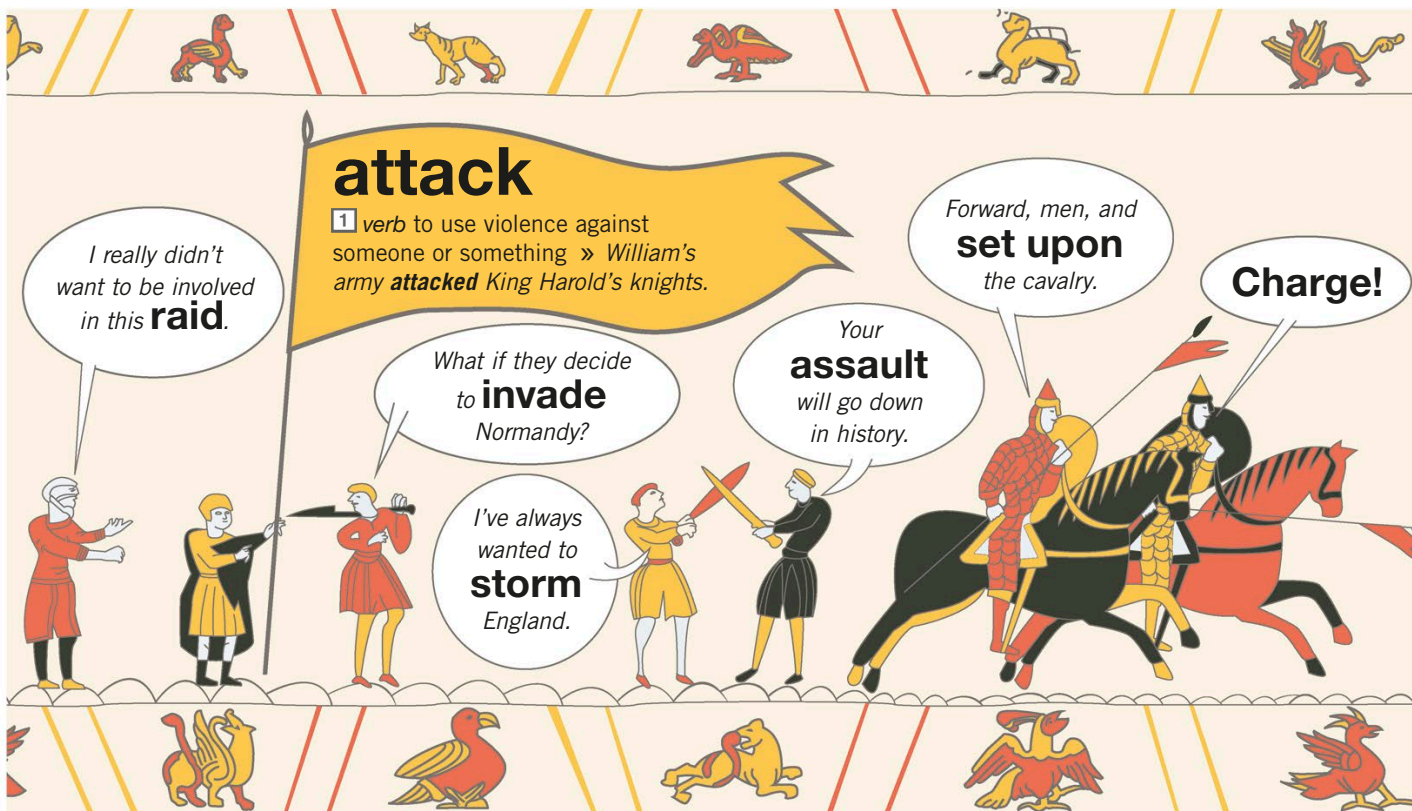
» The drill comes with a wide range of attachments.

**accessory, component, fitting, fixture, part, unit**

## attack 1

**verb** to use violence against someone or something

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## attack 2

**verb** to criticize someone strongly » *She attacked the minister's views on education.*  
**blast, censure, criticize, have a go at** (Britain; informal), **put down** (informal), **vilify** (formal), **berate, dress down, lambaste, revile**

## attack 3

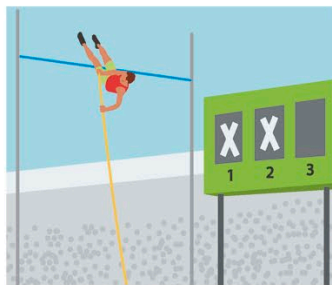
**noun** violent physical action against someone or something » *It was an unprovoked attack on the surprised man.*  
**assault, charge, invasion, offensive, onslaught, raid**

## attempt 1

**verb** to try to do something » *They attempted to escape.*  
**endeavour, seek, strive, try, try your hand at**

## attempt 2

**noun** an act of trying to do something » *It was Ryan's third attempt at the pole vault.*  
**bid, crack** (informal), **go** (informal), **shot** (informal), **stab** (informal), **try**



*It was Ryan's third attempt at the pole vault.*

## attitude

**noun** someone's way of thinking and behaving » *Having a positive attitude helps you achieve your dreams.*  
**outlook, perspective, point of view, position, stance**

## attract

**verb** to appeal to or interest » *The trial races have attracted many leading riders.*  
**appeal to, draw, entice, lure, pull** (informal), **tempt**  
antonym: **repel**



*The leading star is very attractive.*

## attractive

**adjective** pleasant, especially to look at » *The leading star is very attractive.*  
**appealing, charming, fetching, handsome, lovely, pretty, comely, prepossessing, winsome**  
antonym: **unattractive**

## attribute

**noun** a quality or feature » *Anna's main attribute is her unfailing generosity.*  
**characteristic, feature, property, quality, trait, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity**

## augment

**verb** to add something to something else » *Sally augmented her pocket money by dogsitting for the neighbours when they went out for the day.*  
**add to, boost, complement, increase, reinforce, supplement, top up**

## authentic

**adjective** real and genuine » *The cake was made to an authentic French recipe.*  
**bona fide, dinkum** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **genuine, real, true**  
antonym: **fake**

## automatic 1

**adjective** operating mechanically by itself » *Modern trains have automatic doors.*  
**automated, mechanical, robot, self-propelled**

## automatic 2

**adjective** without conscious thought » *Breathing is an automatic physical function.*  
**instinctive, involuntary, natural, reflex**

## automobile

**noun** (US) a vehicle for carrying a few people » *After thinking about it, Ali decided to buy an expensive automobile.*  
**car, motor, vehicle**



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## available

**adjective** ready for use » *There are three small boats available for hire.*  
**accessible, at hand, at someone's disposal, free, handy, to hand**  
antonym: **unavailable**

## average 1

**adjective** standard or normal » *I get up at 7am on an average weekday, but tomorrow is a holiday so I'll sleep longer.*  
**normal, regular, standard, typical, usual**

## average 2:

**on average**  
**adverb** for the most part » *Men are, on average, taller than women.*  
**as a rule, generally, normally, typically, usually**

## avoid 1

**verb** to keep away from someone or something » *She thought he was trying to avoid her.*  
**dodge, elude, eschew** (formal), **evade, shun, sidestep, steer clear of**

## avoid 2

**verb** to make an effort not to do something » *Liam avoided going out by pretending to be ill.*  
**dodge, duck out of** (informal), **fight shy of, refrain from, shirk, circumvent, give a wide berth to**

## aware 1: aware of

**adjective** conscious of something » *Ava was acutely aware of the noise of the city.*  
**acquainted with, conscious of, familiar with, mindful of**  
antonym: **unaware**

## aware 2

**adjective** knowing about something » *Keep me aware of any developments.*  
**informed, in the picture, knowledgeable, in the loop**

## awful

**adjective** very unpleasant or very bad » *The weather this morning is awful.*  
**appalling, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, horrendous, terrible, abysmal, deplorable**



*The weather this morning is awful.*

# Bb

## babble

*verb* to talk in an excited way

» *Tim babbled on and on about how much fun he'd had at the party.*

**burble, chatter, gabble, prattle**

## baby

*noun* a very young child

» *Jia enjoyed playing with her baby brother.*

**ankle-biter** (Australia and New Zealand; slang), **bairn** (Scotland), **child, infant**



*Jia enjoyed playing with her baby brother.*

## back

*noun* the part that is behind the front » *Write a message on the back of a postcard.*

**end, rear, reverse, stern**  
antonym: **front**



*Write a message on the back of a postcard.*

## back

*verb* to support a person or organization

» *Mina's friends backed her campaign for student president.*

**advocate, encourage, endorse, favour, promote, support, champion, second**  
antonym: **oppose**

## background

*noun* where you come from; your class, education, training, or experience » *Marianne came from a rich background.*  
**culture, environment, history, upbringing**

## bad

*adjective* harmful, unpleasant, or upsetting » *I have bad news – the holiday is cancelled.*  
**damaging, destructive, detrimental, distressing, disturbing, grim, harmful, painful, traumatic, unhealthy, unpleasant, unsettling, upsetting**  
antonym: **good**

## bad

*adjective* of poor quality » *The roads were bad, full of potholes.*  
**defective, deficient, faulty, imperfect, inadequate, inferior, pathetic, poor, sorry, unsatisfactory**  
antonym: **good**

## bad

*adjective* evil in character » *Superheroes always win over the bad guys.*  
**corrupt, criminal, depraved, evil, immoral, sinful, villainous, wicked, wrong**  
antonym: **good**

## badly

*adverb* in an inferior way

» *This essay is badly written, with poor grammar.*

**inadequately, ineptly, poorly, shoddily, unsatisfactorily**  
antonym: **well**

## badly

*adverb* seriously

» *Ben was badly hurt in a fall.*

**deeply, desperately, gravely, seriously**  
antonym: **slightly**

## badly

*adverb* in a cruel manner

» *Jim would never treat his dog badly – he adores it.*

**brutally, callously, cruelly, savagely, viciously**  
antonym: **well**

## bait

*noun* something used to tempt someone » *Charles used worms as bait to catch fish.*  
**bribe, decoy, inducement, lure, temptation**

## balance

*verb* to make or remain steady

» *The gymnast balanced gracefully on one leg.*

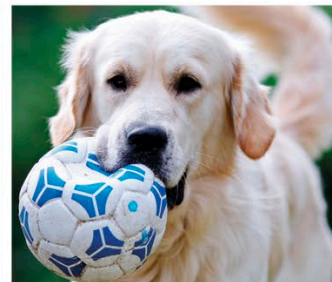
**level, stabilize, steady**



*The gymnast balanced gracefully on one leg.*

## balance

*noun* a stable relationship between things » *There must be a balance between study and play time.*  
**equilibrium, equity, equivalence, parity**



*The dog loved playing with the ball.*

## ball

*noun* a round object

» *The dog loved playing with the ball.*

**drop, globe, pellet, sphere, globule, orb, spheroid**

## ban

*verb* to disallow something

» *Adults are banned from taking part in the kids' race.*

**bar, disqualify, exclude, forbid, outlaw, prohibit, banish, proscribe, suppress**  
antonym: **permit**

## ban

*noun* a rule disallowing something » *There is a ban on chewing gum in school.*  
**disqualification, embargo, prohibition, suppression**  
antonym: **permit**

## band

*noun* a group of musicians who play together

» *Luiz was a singer in a rock-and-roll band.*

**group, orchestra, combo, ensemble**

## band

*noun* a group of people who share a common purpose

» *The protest was led by a band of angry students.*  
**bunch, company, crowd, gang, party, troupe**



*The protest was led by a band of angry students.*

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# bang

**1** verb to hit or put something down hard, with a loud noise  
» Charlie **banged** the drums so loudly, my ears hurt.

**bang** 1

verb to hit or put something down hard, with a loud noise

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**bang** 2

noun a sudden, short, loud noise » *The microwave exploded with a bang.*

**blast, boom, crack, detonation, explosion, thump**

**bang** 3

noun a hard or painful bump against something » *I got a nasty bang on the elbow.*

**blow, clout** (informal), **knock, thump, whack**

**banish** 1

verb to exile someone

» *Aliyah banished Doug from the house until he took off his muddy shoes.*

**deport, eject, evict, exile, expel, transport**

**banish** 2

verb to get rid of something or someone » *The kids finally banished their boredom with a game of hide and seek.*

**discard, dismiss, dispel, eliminate, eradicate, remove**

**bank** 1

noun the edge of a river or lake » *Ed stood for ages fishing on the river bank.*

**brink, edge, shore, side**



Ed stood for ages fishing on the river **bank**.

**bank** 2

noun a store of something » *Supplies are running low at the blood bank.*

**fund, hoard, reserve, stock, store, reservoir, stockpile**

**bar** 1

noun a piece of metal

» *The prison cell had bars across the window.*

**pole, rail, rod, shaft**

**bar** 2

verb to stop someone

» *Bryan's bodyguards barred the way as his fans rushed towards him.*

**obstruct, prevent**



Bryan's bodyguards **barred** the way as his fans rushed towards him.

**bare** 1

adjective not covered

» *Stella wore shorts to the beach, and she burnt her bare legs in the sun.*

**exposed, uncovered**

antonym: **covered**

**bare** 2

adjective with nothing on top or inside

» *Len forgot to buy groceries, so the cupboard was bare.*

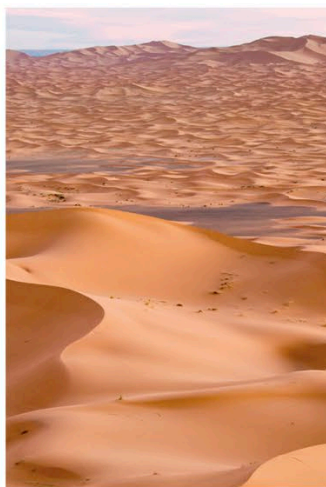
**empty, open, spartan, vacant**

**barely**

adverb only just

» *It's too early in the morning for Lisa to join us for a walk; she'll be barely awake.*

**almost, hardly, just, scarcely**



The Sahara is a **barren** desert.

**barren**

adjective with nothing growing on it » *The Sahara is a barren desert.*

**arid, desert, desolate, dry, empty, waste, unfruitful, unproductive**

antonym: **fertile**

**barrier** 1

noun something preventing entry » *There were barriers to prevent the audience from getting onto the stage.*

**barricade, fence, obstruction, wall, fortification, obstacle, rampart**

**barrier** 2

noun something that prevents progress

» *A lack of funds is the biggest barrier preventing me from travelling to South Africa in the summer.*

**handicap, hindrance, hurdle, impediment, obstacle**

**barter**

verb to exchange goods or services without money

» *I bartered my comic book for Wayne's baseball.*

**exchange, give in exchange, swap, trade, trade off, bargain**

**base** 1

noun the lowest part of something » *They played at the base of the cliffs.*

**bed, bottom, foot, foundation, pedestal, stand**  
antonym: **top**

**base** 2

noun the place you work from

» *He lived at the military base.*  
**camp, centre, headquarters, post, station**

**base** 3

verb to use as a foundation

» *The film is based on a true story.*

**build, derive, found, ground, hinge**

**basic**

adjective most necessary

» *A basic first aid kit includes bandages.*

**elementary, essential, fundamental, key, necessary, vital, central, indispensable, primary**

**basis**

noun the main principle of something » *An old fairy tale forms the basis of the new fantasy film.*

**core, fundamental, heart, premise, principle**

**bay** 1

noun a curve in a coastline

» *The Bay of Naples is on the west coast of Italy.*

**cove, gulf, inlet, sound**

**bay** 2

verb to make a howling noise

» *The wolf bayed in the moonlight.*

**bark, cry, howl, yelp**



The wolf **bayed** in the moonlight.

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## beach

noun an area by the sea

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### bear <sup>1</sup>

verb to carry something  
» The ice wasn't thick enough to bear their weight, and it began to crack.

**carry, convey, shoulder, support, take**

### bear <sup>2</sup>

verb to have or show something  
» The room bore the signs of a lively party.

**exhibit, harbour, have**



The room **bore** the signs of a lively party.

### bear <sup>3</sup>

verb to accept something  
» Jim can't bear the sound of cutlery scraping on a plate.

**abide, endure, stomach, suffer, tolerate**

### beat <sup>1</sup>

verb to hit someone or something hard  
» Sheila beat the drum.

**batter, buffet, hit, pound, strike, thrash**

### beat <sup>2</sup>

verb to defeat  
» Ethan is a slow runner and was easily beaten in the race.

**defeat, outdo, outstrip, overcome, overwhelm, vanquish, conquer, master, surpass**

### beat <sup>3</sup>

noun a rhythm » Rock music has a thumping beat.

**cadence, metre, rhythm, stress, time**

### beautiful

adjective attractive or pleasing  
» A beautiful picture can brighten up a room.

**attractive, delightful, fine, gorgeous, lovely, pleasing, exquisite, fair**

antonym: **ugly**



The coast is an area of outstanding natural **beauty**.

### beauty <sup>1</sup>

noun the quality of being beautiful » The coast is an area of outstanding natural beauty.

**attractiveness, charm, elegance, loveliness**

antonym: **ugliness**

### beauty <sup>2</sup>

noun a good-looking person  
» She was a dark-eyed beauty.

**hunk** (male; informal), **looker, stunner** (informal)

### beauty <sup>3</sup>

noun an attractive feature  
» The beauty of the plan is its simplicity.

**advantage, asset, attraction, benefit**

## because

conjunction for the reason that  
» I didn't go to the restaurant because I was tired.

**as, since, in that, on account of, owing to**

## before

adverb at a previous time

» Have you ever been to Greece before?

**earlier, formerly, in advance, previously, sooner**

antonym: **after**

related words: **prefixes ante-, fore-, pre-**

## beg

verb to ask anxiously for something

» The girl begged her dad for another ice cream.

**beseech, implore, petition, plead, entreat, importune**



The girl **begged** her dad for another ice cream.

## seaside

I love to holiday at the **seaside**.

## seashore

He enjoys walks along the **seashore**.

## shore

He swam out from the **shore**.

## coast

Let's go for a day trip to the **coast**.

## sands

The **sands** of tropical islands are golden.

# beach

noun an area by the sea

» I dug a sandcastle on the **beach**.

**begin**

*verb* to start or cause to start  
 » *When did the show begin?*  
**commence** (formal), **initiate**,  
**originate**, **set about**, **start**,  
**inaugurate**, **instigate**,  
**institute**  
 antonym: **end**

**beginner**

*noun* someone learning  
 to do something  
 » *Ali joined the "French  
 for beginners" class.*  
**apprentice**, **learner**, **novice**,  
**starter**, **trainee**  
 antonym: **expert**

**beginning**

*noun* where something starts  
 » *The signpost marked the  
 beginning of the city.*  
**birth**, **commencement**  
 (formal), **opening**, **origin**,  
**outset**, **start**, **inauguration**,  
**initiation**, **onset**  
 antonym: **end**

**behave**

*verb* to act in a certain way  
 » *If you don't behave nicely,  
 we'll have to leave the party.*  
**act**, **function**, **operate**, **work**

**belief** 1

*noun* the certainty something  
 is true » *Miriam's belief that  
 it was going to be a fine  
 summer turned out to be right.*  
**confidence**, **conviction**,  
**judgment**, **opinion**,  
**trust**, **view**

**belief** 2

*noun* a principle of a religion  
 or system » *His religion gave  
 him a strong set of beliefs.*  
**creed**, **doctrine**, **dogma**,  
**faith**, **ideology**, **principle**,  
**tenet**

**believable**

*adjective* possible or likely  
 to be the case » *The book  
 is full of believable characters  
 I can relate to.*  
**credible**, **imaginable**, **likely**,  
**plausible**, **possible**,  
**probable**  
 antonym: **unbelievable**

**believe**

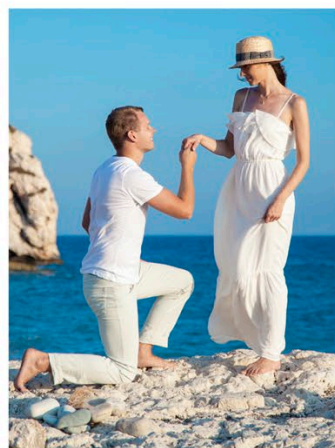
*verb* to accept something  
 is true » *Don't believe  
 everything you read in  
 the papers.*  
**accept**, **assume**, **presume**,  
**swallow** (informal), **trust**  
 antonym: **disbelieve**

**belittle**

*verb* to make someone or  
 something seem less important  
 » *Ted always belittles me in  
 front of my friends – it really  
 shakes my confidence.*  
**deride**, **detract from**,  
**downgrade**, **scorn**,  
**undervalue**, **denigrate**,  
**disparage**, **minimize**  
 antonym: **praise**

**beloved**

*adjective* dearly loved  
 » *Anthony proposed to  
 his beloved girlfriend.*  
**adored**, **cherished**, **darling**,  
**dearest**, **precious**,  
**treasured**  
 antonym: **despised**



*Anthony proposed to his  
 beloved girlfriend.*

**below**

*preposition* or *adverb* lower  
 down » *The basement  
 is below the ground floor.*  
**beneath**, **down**, **lower**,  
**under**, **underneath**  
 antonym: **above**

**bend** 1

*verb* to make or become  
 curved » *Bend the bar  
 into a horseshoe.*  
**buckle**, **curve**, **turn**,  
**twist**, **warp**

**bend** 2

*verb* to move the body  
 downwards » *I bent  
 and kissed her cheek.*  
**arch**, **bow**, **crouch**,  
**incline**, **lean**, **stoop**

**bend** 3

*noun* a curve in something  
 » *Watch out for the sharp  
 bend in the road.*  
**arc**, **corner**, **curve**, **loop**,  
**turn**, **angle**, **arch**, **twist**

**beneficial**

*adjective* giving some benefit  
 » *Eating fruit is beneficial  
 to your health.*  
**advantageous**, **good for  
 you**, **healthy**, **helpful**,  
**useful**, **wholesome**

**benefit** 1

*noun* an advantage » *Meeting  
 interesting people is one of the  
 benefits of joining a club.*  
**advantage**, **asset**, **boon**,  
**gain**, **good**, **help**, **profit**, **use**  
 antonym: **disadvantage**

**benefit** 2

*verb* to help in something  
 » *The experience will benefit  
 you when you take the test.*  
**aid**, **assist**, **enhance**,  
**further**, **help**, **profit**  
 antonym: **harm**

**benevolent**

*adjective* kind and helpful  
 » *Arthur was a benevolent king  
 who cared about his people.*  
**benign**, **charitable**,  
**compassionate**, **humane**,  
**kind**, **altruistic**, **beneficent**,  
**philanthropic**

**beside**

*preposition* next to » *We sat  
 beside each other watching TV.*  
**adjacent to**, **alongside**,  
**close to**, **near**, **next to**



*We sat beside each other  
 watching TV.*

**best** 1

*adjective* of the highest  
 standard » *That was the  
 best film I have seen in a  
 long time.*  
**finest**, **first-rate**, **foremost**,  
**greatest**, **leading**,  
**outstanding**, **pre-eminent**,  
**principal**, **superlative**,  
**supreme**, **top**  
 antonym: **worst**

**best** 2

*adjective* most desirable  
 » *Offering to pay for the  
 broken window was the best  
 thing to do.*  
**correct**, **most fitting**, **right**  
 antonym: **worst**

**best** 3

*noun* the preferred thing  
 » *Of all my presents, this  
 looks the best – may I open  
 it first?*  
**cream**, **elite**, **finest**, **pick**  
 antonym: **worst**



*Of all my presents, this looks the  
 best – may I open it first?*

**betray** 1

*verb* to break someone's trust  
 » *I was betrayed by  
 someone I thought  
 was a friend.*  
**break your promise**,  
**double-cross** (informal),  
**inform on**

**betray** 2

*verb* to show feelings  
 » *Jeremy's voice betrayed  
 little emotion over  
 the phone.*  
**expose**, **manifest**,  
**reveal**, **show**

**better** **1**

adjective of more worth than another » The weather today was better than yesterday.  
**finer, grander, greater, higher-quality, nicer, preferable, superior, surpassing, worthier**  
antonym: **inferior**

**better** **2**

adjective well after being ill  
» I hope you feel better soon.  
**cured, fitter, fully recovered, healthier, improving, on the mend (informal), recovering, stonger, well**  
antonym: **worse**

**beware**

verb to be cautious » The sign warned us to beware of the dog.  
**be careful, be cautious, be wary, guard against, look out, watch out**



The sign warned us to beware of the dog.

**bias**

noun prejudice for or against a person or group  
» The café had a bias for hiring staff who speak French.  
**bigotry, favouritism, prejudice**

**biased**

adjective showing prejudice  
» The basketball team were biased against short players.  
**one-eyed (Australia and New Zealand), one-sided, partial, prejudiced, slanted, weighted**  
antonym: **neutral**

**big** **1**

adjective of a large size  
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**big** **2**

adjective someone of great importance » My cousin met some big Hollywood stars at the film festival.  
**eminent, important, influential, leading, major, powerful, principal, prominent, significant**  
antonym: **unimportant**

**big** **3**

adjective an important issue or problem » Moving to a new town was a big decision.  
**critical, grave, momentous, serious, urgent, weighty**  
antonym: **minor**

**bill**

noun a statement of how much is owed » The party of 20 ran up a huge bill in the restaurant.  
**account, charges, invoice, statement**

**bit**

noun a small amount  
» A bit of biscuit fell on the floor while Stan was eating it.  
**crumb, fragment, grain, part, piece, scrap, iota, jot, speck**

**bite**

verb to cut into something with your teeth  
» Rachel's cat bit me.  
**chew, gnaw, nibble, nip**



Matt and Joe had a **bitter** argument over the accident.

**bitter** **1**

adjective angry and resentful  
» Matt and Joe had a bitter argument over the accident.  
**acrimonious, begrudging, embittered, rancorous, resentful, sour**

**bitter** **2**

adjective tasting or smelling sharp » Something in the pie had a bitter taste.  
**acid, acrid, astringent, sharp, sour, tart**  
antonym: **sweet**

# gigantic massive colossal Vast

antonym:  
**little**

... But *compsognathus*  
was a **little** beast!



## bizarre

*adjective* very strange or eccentric » *Chang has some bizarre ideas about what to do on holiday.*

**curious, eccentric, extraordinary, odd, outlandish, peculiar, queer, strange, weird**  
antonym: **ordinary**

## black

*noun or adjective*  
Shades of black:

**coal-black, ebony, inky, jet, jet-black, pitch-black, raven, sable, sooty**

## blame 1

*verb* to believe someone caused something  
» *Don't blame me for losing the present.*  
**accuse, charge, hold responsible**

## blame 2

*noun* the responsibility for something bad  
» *I'm not going to take the blame for forgetting the tickets!*  
**accountability, fault, guilt, liability, rap (slang), responsibility, culpability, incrimination**

## blank 1

*adjective* with nothing on it  
» *Use a blank sheet of paper.*  
**bare, clean, clear, empty, plain, unmarked**

## blank 2

*adjective* showing no feeling  
» *John just looked blank upon hearing the news.*  
**deadpan, dull, empty, impassive, vacant**

## blend 1

*verb* to mix things so as to form a single item or substance  
» *Jill used a mixer to blend the ingredients.*  
**combine, merge, mingle, mix**  
antonym: **separate**



*Jill used a mixer to blend the ingredients.*

## blend 2

*verb* to combine in a pleasing way  
» *The colours blend in with the rest of the decor.*  
**complement, coordinate, go well, harmonize, match, suit**

## blend 3

*noun* a mixture or combination of things  
» *The menu was a blend of French and Chinese flavours.*  
**alloy, amalgamation, combination, compound, fusion, mix, mixture**

## bless

*verb* to ask God's protection  
» *The bishop blessed the congregation.*  
**anoint, consecrate, dedicate, hallow**  
antonym: **curse**

## blessing 1

*noun* something good  
» *Good health is a blessing.*  
**benefit, boon, gift, godsend, help**  
antonym: **disadvantage**

## blessing 2

*noun* approval or permission to do something  
» *Fiona got married with her parents' blessing.*  
**approval, backing, consent, leave, permission, support, approbation, sanction**  
antonym: **disapproval**

## blob

*noun* a small amount of a thick or sticky substance  
» *The artist squeezed out a blob of pink paint.*  
**bead, dab, drop, droplet**



*The artist squeezed out a blob of pink paint.*

## block 1

*noun* a large piece  
» *A block of wood fell near his foot.*  
**bar, brick, chunk, ingot, lump, piece**

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## block 2

verb to close by putting something across  
» *Rubble blocked the river.*  
**choke, clog, obstruct, plug**  
antonym: **unblock**

## block 3

verb to prevent something happening » *The neighbours blocked his plan to build a high fence.*  
**bar, check, halt, obstruct, stop, thwart**

## blockage

noun a thing that clogs something » *There was a blockage in the pipe.*  
**block, obstruction, stoppage**

## blog

noun a journal written on the internet » *Have you seen Mindy's new fashion blog?*  
**microblog, vlog, weblog**

## blow 1

verb to move or cause to move in the wind » *The wind blew Gary's papers away.*  
**buffet, drive, flutter, sweep, waft, whirl**

## blow 2

noun a hit from something  
» *Danny gave the punchbag a mighty blow.*  
**bang, clout (informal), knock, smack, thump, whack**



Danny gave the punchbag a mighty blow.

## blow 3

noun something disappointing or upsetting » *Losing the match was a terrible blow.*  
**bombshell, disappointment, misfortune, setback, shock, upset, calamity, catastrophe, jolt**

## blue

noun or adjective  
Shades of blue:  
**aqua, aquamarine, azure, baby blue, cerulean, cobalt, cyan, duck-egg, electric blue, gentian, indigo, lapis lazuli, midnight blue, navy, Nile blue, peacock blue, periwinkle, petrol blue, powder blue, royal blue, sapphire, sky blue, teal, turquoise, ultramarine**

## blunt 1

adjective having rounded edges  
» *Blunt scissors can't cut through cardboard.*  
**dull, rounded, unsharpened**  
antonym: **sharp**

## blunt 2

adjective saying what you think  
» *Steve's speech was blunt and to the point.*  
**bluff, brusque, forthright, frank, outspoken, straightforward, explicit, tactless, trenchant**  
antonym: **tactful**

## blush 1

verb to go red in the face  
» *Fatima blushed when her name was called out to receive an award.*  
**colour, go crimson, flush, go red, turn red, turn scarlet**

## blush 2

noun a red colour  
» *Ann took the gift with a blush.*  
**colour, flush, glow**

## boast

verb to talk proudly  
» *Carol boasted about her expensive costume.*  
**brag, crow, skite** (Australia and New Zealand; informal)

## boastful

adjective tending to brag about things » *The boastful liar told us he was a millionaire.*  
**bragging, cocky, conceited, crowing, egotistical, swaggering**  
antonym: **modest**



Exercise is good for your body and mind.

## body 1

noun all your physical parts  
» *Exercise is good for your body and mind.*  
**build, figure, form, frame, physique, shape**  
related words: **adjectives corporal, physical**

## body 2

noun a dead body  
» *The body of the former president lay in state.*  
**carcass, corpse, dead body, remains**

## body 3

noun an organized group of people » *Local bodies worked together to put on a successful summer fair.*  
**association, band, company, confederation, organization, society, bloc, collection, corporation**

## boil 1

verb to bubble » *She peered over the cliff at the stormy sea boiling below.*  
**bubble, fizz, foam, froth, effervesce, seethe**

## boil 2

noun a swelling on the skin  
» *Ted had a boil on his neck.*  
**blister, swelling, tumour, blain, carbuncle, pustule**

## bold 1

adjective confident and not shy  
» *It was a bold move to invite the entire school to her party.*  
**brash, brazen, cheeky, confident, forward, impudent, barefaced**  
antonym: **shy**

## bold 2

adjective unafraid of risk or danger » *The crew made a bold attempt at rescuing the boat.*  
**adventurous, brave, courageous, daring, fearless, intrepid, audacious, heroic, valiant**  
antonym: **cowardly**

## bold 3

adjective clear and noticeable  
» *Emily and Cath's outfits were a riot of bold colours.*  
**bright, flashy, loud, striking, strong, vivid, conspicuous, prominent, pronounced**  
antonym: **dull**



Emily and Cath's outfits were a riot of bold colours.

## bolt

verb to escape or run away » *The horse bolted from the stable after Claude left the door open.*  
**dash, escape, flee, fly, run away, run off, rush**

## bomb 1

noun an explosive device  
» *Luckily, the bomb failed to detonate, so no one was hurt.*  
**device, explosive, missile, rocket, shell, torpedo, grenade, mine, projectile**

## bomb 2

verb to attack with bombs  
» *The old factory was bombed during the war.*  
**attack, blow up, bombard, destroy, shell, torpedo**

## bond 1

noun a close relationship  
» *There is a special bond between parent and child.*  
**attachment, connection, link, relation, tie, union, affiliation, affinity**

## bond <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a pledge or promise made between people » *Marriage is a solemn bond between two people who love one another.*  
**agreement, contract, obligation, pledge, promise, word, compact, covenant, guarantee**

## bond <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to attach separate things » *The strips of wood are bonded together to form a stronger, solid block.*  
**bind, fasten, fuse, glue, paste**

## book <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a number of pages in a cover » *I'm reading a great book just now.*  
**eBook, publication, textbook, volume, work**  
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## book <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to arrange to have or use » *The theatre tickets are booked for Tuesday evening.*  
**charter, engage, organize, reserve, schedule**

## border <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a dividing line between things or places » *There were long queues of traffic waiting to cross the border between the two countries.*  
**borderline, boundary, frontier, line**

## border <sup>2</sup>

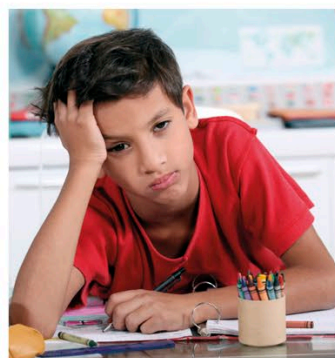
*noun* an edge of something » *Draw a border around your picture.*  
**bounds, edge, limits, margin, rim**

## border <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to form an edge » *Tall trees bordered the fields.*  
**edge, fringe, hem, rim, trim**

## bored

*adjective* impatient and not interested in something » *I am bored with this subject.*  
**fed up, tired, uninterested, wearied**  
 antonym: **interested**



*I am bored with this subject.*

## boredom

*noun* a lack of interest » *Boredom can set in on long car journeys.*  
**apathy, dullness, flatness, monotony, tedium, weariness**  
 antonym: **interest**

## boring

*adjective* dull and uninteresting » *Garth couldn't wait for the boring film to end.*  
**dull, flat, humdrum, monotonous, tedious, tiresome, insipid, repetitious, stale**  
 antonym: **interesting**

## boss

*noun* a person in charge of something » *Kaito got on well with his boss.*  
**chief, director, employer, head, leader, manager**

## bossy

*adjective* telling people what to do » *Sophia is a rather bossy little girl.*  
**arrogant, authoritarian, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, overbearing**

## botch

*verb* to do something badly » *Dad botched the decorating so we had to call in the professionals.*  
**bungle, mar, mess up**

## bother <sup>1</sup>

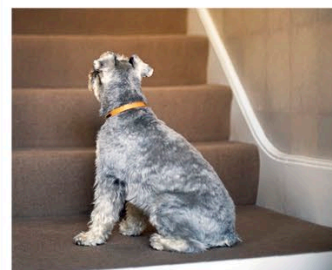
*verb* to cause worry or concern » *Stop bothering your mother when she's busy working!*  
**annoy, concern, disturb, get on someone's nerves** (informal), **trouble, worry, harass, inconvenience**

## bother <sup>2</sup>

*noun* trouble and difficulty » *Getting dried after swimming is such a bother.*  
**annoyance, difficulty, inconvenience, irritation, trouble, worry, nuisance, strain**

## bottom <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the lowest part of something » *The dog sat at the bottom of the stairs.*  
**base, bed, depths, floor, foot**  
 antonym: **top**



*The dog sat at the bottom of the stairs.*

## bottom <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* in the lowest place or position » *I keep my socks in the bottom drawer.*  
**base, basement, ground, lowest**  
 antonym: **highest**

## bounce <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to spring back » *The ball bounced against the wall.*  
**bump, ricochet, rebound, recoil**

# book

<sup>1</sup> types of books



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Sue **bounced** across the field.

## bounce 2

**verb** to move up and down  
» Sue **bounced** across the field.  
**bob, bound, jump**

## box

**noun** a container with a firm base and sides  
» Sara's things were packed in boxes, ready to move.  
**carton, case, chest, container, trunk**

## boy

**noun** a male child » I knew Adam when he was a boy.  
**fellow, lad, schoolboy, youngster, youth**

## boycott

**verb** to refuse to have anything to do with » Some parties are **boycotting** the elections.  
**blacklist, embargo, exclude, reject, spurn, proscribe, refrain from**

## brag

**verb** to boast about something  
» People who **brag** about their achievements are really annoying.  
**boast, crow, skite** (Australia and New Zealand; informal)

## braggart

**noun** a person who boasts  
» David was a **braggart**, telling everyone about his new sports car.  
**bigmouth** (slang), **boaster, bragger, show-off, skite or skiter** (Australia and New Zealand; informal)

## brave 1

**adjective** willing to do dangerous things » Rescuing the girl from the water was a **brave** act.  
**bold, courageous, fearless, heroic, plucky, valiant, daring, intrepid, valorous**  
antonym: **cowardly**

## brave 2

**verb** to face something without fear » Fans **braved** the rain to hear the star sing.  
**face, stand up to**

## bravery

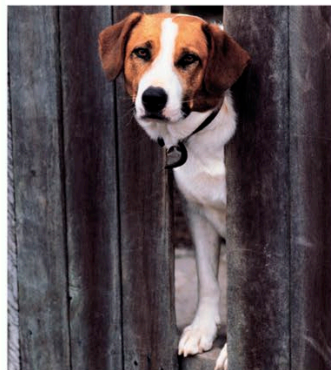
**noun** the quality of being courageous » The knight was rewarded for his **bravery**.  
**boldness, courage, fortitude, heroism, pluck, valour, fearlessness, gallantry, mettle**  
antonym: **cowardice**

## breach 1

**noun** a breaking of a law or agreement » Coming into work late is a **breach** of contract.  
**infringement, offence, trespass, violation, contravention, transgression**

## breach 2

**noun** a gap in something  
» The dog stuck his head through a **breach** in the fence.  
**crack, gap, hole, opening, rift, split, chasm, fissure, rupture**



The dog stuck his head through a **breach** in the fence.

## break 1

**verb** to separate into pieces  
» SEE RIGHT

## break 2

**verb** to fail to keep a rule or promise » Sal **broke** his promise to attend the party.  
**breach, contravene, infringe, violate**

## break 3

**noun** a short period of rest or change » I took a five-minute **break** from writing.  
**interlude, interval, pause, recess, respite, rest**

## breed 1

**noun** a type of animal  
» The farm specialized in rare breeds of cattle.  
**kind, species, stock, strain, type, variety**

## breed 2

**verb** to produce and look after  
» Daniel **breeds** dogs for the police.  
**cultivate, develop, keep, nurture, raise, rear**

## breed 3

**verb** to produce offspring  
» Chickens can **breed** throughout the year.  
**multiply, produce, propagate, reproduce, engender, procreate**



Chickens can **breed** throughout the year.

## brief 1

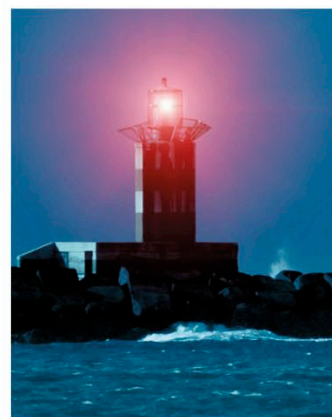
**adjective** lasting for a short time » Ethan made a **brief** appearance on television.  
**fleeting, momentary, quick, short, swift, ephemeral, temporary, transitory**  
antonym: **long**

## brief 2

**verb** to give necessary information » The teacher **briefed** the class on the project.  
**advise, fill in** (informal), **inform, instruct, prepare, prime**

## bright 1

**adjective** strong and startling  
» Lighthouses emit a **bright** light that is visible from a distance.  
**brilliant, dazzling, glowing, luminous, radiant, vivid, blazing, illuminated, resplendent**  
antonym: **dull**



Lighthouses emit a **bright** light that is visible from a distance.

## bright 2

**adjective** clever and alert  
» You are a **bright** student, you always get good grades.  
**brainy** (informal), **brilliant, clever, ingenious, intelligent, smart, acute, astute, sharp**  
antonym: **dim**

## bright 3

**adjective** cheerful and lively  
» Lily always has a **bright** smile on her face.  
**cheerful, happy, jolly, light-hearted, lively, merry**

## brilliant 1

**adjective** very bright  
» The diamond reflected a **brilliant** light.  
**bright, dazzling, gleaming, glowing, luminous, radiant, sparkling, vivid**  
antonym: **dull**

# break

**1** verb to separate into pieces  
» He **broke** the ice with a hammer.

## disintegrate

Tissue paper **disintegrates** in water.

**crack**  
The wall **cracked** from top to bottom.

**crumble**  
**Crumble** the stock cube into the water.

**demolish**  
The derelict house needed **demolishing**.

**fragment**  
The picture **fragmented** into tiny pieces.

**fracture**  
She **fractured** her arm.

**shatter**  
The dropped plate **shattered**.

**splinter**  
The wood **splintered** as he cut it.

**smash**  
The ball **smashed** the window.

**snap**  
The pencil **snappped** in half.

**split**  
**Split** the apple to share it.

**wreck**  
The iceberg **wrecked** the ship's hull.

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## brilliant 2

*adjective* very clever  
» *Ed is a brilliant pupil, and grasps complex ideas easily.*  
**acute, brainy** (informal), **bright, clever, intelligent, perceptive, sharp, smart**  
antonym: **stupid**

## brilliant 3

*adjective* wonderful or superb  
» *It's a brilliant film.*  
**first-class, great, magnificent, marvellous, outstanding, superb, tremendous, wonderful**  
antonym: **terrible**

## bring 1

*verb* to take somewhere  
» *Can you please bring the laundry downstairs?*  
**bear, carry, convey, lead, take, transport**



*Can you please bring the laundry downstairs?*

## bring 2

*verb* to cause to happen  
» *The new factory will bring more jobs to the city.*  
**cause, create, inflict, produce, result in, wreak, effect, occasion**

## bring about

*verb* to cause something to happen » *It was Donald's arrogance that brought about his downfall.*  
**cause, create, generate, make happen, produce, provoke**

## broad 1

*adjective* large, especially from side to side » *The bodybuilder had broad shoulders.*  
**expansive, extensive, large, thick, vast, wide, ample, spacious**  
antonym: **narrow**

## broad 2

*adjective* including or affecting many different things or people  
» *We discussed a broad range of issues.*  
**comprehensive, extensive, general, sweeping, universal, wide, wide-ranging**

## broad 3

*adjective* general rather than detailed » *The documents provided a broad outline of the plan.*  
**approximate, general, non-specific, rough, sweeping, vague**

## broadcast 1

*noun* a programme on radio or television » *The news broadcast starts at 6pm.*  
**podcast, programme, show, transmission, webcast**

## broadcast 2

*verb* to send out so that it can be seen or heard » *You can hear the concert broadcast live on the radio.*  
**air, show, stream, transmit**

## broadcast 3

*verb* to make known publicly  
» *You don't need to broadcast your feelings to the entire world.*  
**advertise, announce, make public, proclaim, tweet**

## broken 1

*adjective* in pieces  
» *Jo rang the police when she saw the broken window.*  
**burst, demolished, fractured, fragmented, shattered, smashed**



*Jo rang the police when she saw the broken window.*

## broken 2

*adjective* not kept  
» *Frank had heard so many broken promises, he no longer believed what Sally said.*  
**infringed, violated, disobeyed, transgressed**

## brown

*noun or adjective*  
Shades of brown:  
**auburn, bay, beige, bronze, brunette, buff, burnt sienna, burnt umber, café au lait, camel, chestnut, chocolate, cinnamon, coffee, dun, fawn, ginger, hazel, khaki, mahogany, mocha, oatmeal, ochre, putty, russet, rust, sandy, sepia, tan, taupe, tawny, terracotta, umber**

## build 1

*verb* to make something  
» *Simon used brick and mortar to build the new garden wall.*  
**assemble, construct, erect, fabricate, form, make**  
antonym: **dismantle**



*Simon used brick and mortar to build the new garden wall.*

## build 2

*verb* to develop gradually  
» *I want to build a relationship with the new neighbours.*  
**develop, extend, increase, intensify, strengthen, augment, enlarge, escalate**

## build 3

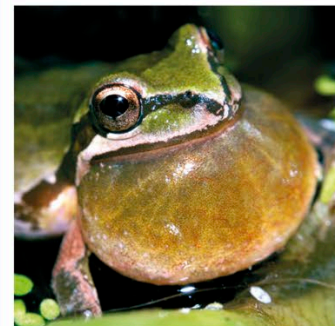
*noun* the size of a body  
» *Pedro is of medium build.*  
**body, figure, form, frame, physique, shape**

## building

*noun* a structure with walls  
» *The office building had 14 floors.*  
**edifice, structure**

## bulge 1

*verb* to swell out » *The frog's vocal sac bulges as it sings to attract a mate.*  
**expand, protrude, stick out, swell**



*The frog's vocal sac bulges as it sings to attract a mate.*

## bulge 2

*noun* a lump in something  
» *My wallet made a bulge in my pocket.*  
**bump, hump, lump, protrusion, swelling**

## bully 1

*noun* someone who deliberately frightens or hurts others  
» *No one likes the class bully.*  
**oppressor, persecutor**

## bully 2

*verb* to frighten or hurt someone deliberately and repeatedly » *I wasn't going to let him bully me.*  
**intimidate, oppress, persecute, pick on, tease, torment**

## bully 3

*verb* to make someone do something by using force  
» *Chloe used to bully me into doing her homework.*  
**force, intimidate, pressurize, coerce, dragoon**

**bump** ①

*verb* to hit something » *Ted bumped his elbow on the wall.*

**bang, collide, hit, jolt, knock, strike**

**bump** ②

*noun* a dull noise

» *Layla heard a bump outside.*

**bang, knock, thud, thump**

**bump** ③

*noun* a raised part of something » *Mind the bump in the road.*

**bulge, hump, knob, lump, swelling, contusion, node, protuberance**

**bunch** ①

*noun* a group of people

» *The players were a great bunch.*

**band, crowd, gaggle, gang, group, lot, multitude**

**bunch** ②

*noun* several cut flowers held together » *Wyatt had left a bunch of flowers in her hotel room.*

**bouquet, posy, spray**



Wyatt had left a **bunch** of flowers in her hotel room.

**bunch** ③

*noun* a group of things

» *George took out a bunch of keys and found the right one for the lock.*

**batch, bundle, cluster, heap, load, pile, set**

**burden** ①

*noun* a load that is carried

» *My bags of shopping turned out to be a real burden.*

**load, weight**

**burden** ②

*noun* something that worries you » *Betty had the added burden of looking after a sick pet.*

**anxiety, care, strain, stress, trouble, worry, affliction, millstone, trial**

related word: *adjective* **onerous**

**bureaucracy**

*noun* complex rules and procedures » *Is there too much bureaucracy in government?*

**administration, officialdom, red tape, regulations**

**burn** ①

*verb* to be on fire » *A fire burned in the fireplace.*

**be ablaze, be on fire, blaze, flame, flare, flicker**



A fire **burned** in the fireplace.

**burn** ②

*verb* to destroy with fire » *The rioters burned the house down.*

**char, incinerate, scorch, singe**

**burst** ①

*verb* to split apart » *Bella blew too much air into the balloon and it burst.*

**break, crack, explode, puncture, rupture, split**

**burst** ②

*verb* to happen or appear suddenly » *Marco burst into the room with important news.*

**barge, break, erupt, rush**

**burst** ③

*noun* a short period of something » *After a burst of energy, the dog fell asleep.*

**fit, outbreak, rush, spate, surge, torrent**

**business** ①

*noun* the buying and selling of goods » *Leah made a career in business.*

**commerce, dealings, industry, trade, trading, transaction**

**business** ②

*noun* an organization selling goods or services

» *Monica wanted to work for the family business.*

**company, corporation, enterprise, establishment, firm, organization, concern, conglomerate, venture**

**business** ③

*noun* any event or situation

» *This business has upset me.*

**affair, issue, matter, problem, question, subject**

**bustle** ①

*verb* to move hurriedly

» *My mother bustled about the room putting things in place.*

**dash, fuss, hurry, rush, scurry, scuttle**

**bustle** ②

*noun* busy and noisy activity

» *The city is full of the bustle of modern life.*

**activity, commotion, excitement, flurry, fuss, hurry**

antonym: **peace**



The city is full of the **bustle** of modern life.

**busy** ①

*adjective* doing something » *I can't go out tonight, I'm busy.*

**active, employed, engaged, engrossed, occupied, working**

antonym: **idle**

**busy** ②

*adjective* full of activity

» *The station was busy with commuters.*

**active, full, hectic, lively, restless**



The station was **busy** with commuters.

**busy** ③

*verb* to occupy or keep busy

» *Kathryn busied herself in the kitchen.*

**absorb, employ, engage, immerse, occupy**

**but** ①

*conjunction* although

» *Heat the water until it is very hot but not boiling.*

**although, though, while, yet**

**but** ②

*preposition* with the exception of » *I packed everything but my hairdryer for the trip.*

**except, except for, other than, save**

**buy**

*verb* to obtain with money

» *I'd like to buy that bag.*

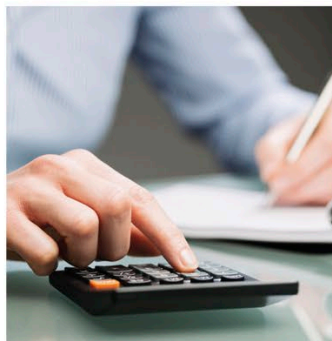
**acquire, invest in, obtain, pay for, procure, purchase**

antonym: **sell**

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## calculate

**verb** to work out a number or amount » *Cathy wanted to calculate the cost of the trip.*  
**count, determine, reckon, work out**



*Cathy wanted to **calculate** the cost of the trip.*

## calculated

**adjective** deliberately planned » *Although it was winter, Anthony took a calculated risk and took the road through the mountains.*  
**aimed, designed, intended, planned**  
antonym: **unplanned**

## call

**verb** to give a name » *He was called Jeff.*  
**christen, designate, dub, name**

## call

**verb** to telephone » *Ruby called my phone.*  
**contact, phone, ring, telephone**

## call

**verb** to say loudly » *I heard someone calling my name.*  
**announce, cry, cry out, shout, yell**

## call

**noun** an instance of someone shouting out » *There was a call for volunteers.*  
**cry, shout, yell**

## callous

**adjective** not concerned about other people » *He was mean and had a callous disregard for other people.*  
**cold, heartless, indifferent, insensitive, hard-bitten, hardhearted, unsympathetic**  
antonym: **caring**

## calm

**adjective** not worried or excited » *Mia found that practising yoga helped her to keep calm.*  
**collected, composed, cool, impassive, relaxed, imperturbable, unemotional, unruffled**  
antonym: **worried**



*Mia found that practising yoga helped her to keep **calm**.*

## calm

**adjective** still because there is no wind » *Tuesday was a fine, clear, and calm day.*  
**balmy, mild, still, tranquil**  
antonym: **rough**

## calm

**noun** the state of being peaceful » *In the calm of the night, the bats emerged from the cave.*  
**calmness, peace, peacefulness, quiet, serenity, stillness**

## calm

**verb** to make less upset or excited » *He tried to calm the baby when it cried.*  
**quieten, relax, soothe, mollify, placate**

## campaign

**noun** actions planned to get a certain result » *She went on a campaign, seeking votes to be elected president.*  
**crusade, movement, operation, push**



*She went on a **campaign**, seeking votes to be elected president.*

## cancel

**verb** to stop something from happening » *We're going to have to cancel our picnic as it's raining.*  
**abandon, call off**

## cancel

**verb** to stop something from being valid » *Peter needed to cancel his lost bus pass.*  
**annul, quash, repeal, revoke, abrogate, countermand, rescind**

## candid

**adjective** honest and frank » *She gave a candid interview and revealed many secrets.*  
**blunt, frank, honest, open, straightforward, truthful**

## candidate

**noun** a person being considered for a position » *Hugh was the best candidate for the job.*  
**applicant, competitor, contender, nominee, possibility, runner**

## capable

**adjective** able to do something well » *Miguel was a capable leader and brought out the best in his team.*  
**able, accomplished, adept, competent, efficient, proficient, skilful**  
antonym: **incompetent**

## capacity

**noun** the maximum amount that something holds or produces » *What is the capacity of the glass?*  
**dimensions, room, size, space, volume**

## capacity

**noun** a person's power or ability to do something » *Her capacity to help was limited by being so far away.*  
**ability, capability, facility, gift, potential, power**

## capture

**verb** to take prisoner » *Sharon's knight captured Ian's king on the chessboard.*  
**apprehend, arrest, catch, seize, take**  
antonym: **release**

## capture

**noun** the act of capturing » *The fish couldn't evade its capture by the bear.*  
**arrest, seizure, taking, trapping**



*The fish couldn't evade its **capture** by the bear.*

**car**

**noun** a vehicle for carrying a few people » *Dad drove the car to the station to pick us up.*  
**automobile** (US; formal), **motor, vehicle**

**care** ①

**verb** to be concerned about something » *I care about the environment.*  
**be bothered, be concerned, be interested, mind**

**care** ②

**noun** something that causes you to worry » *Luke didn't have a care in the world.*  
**anxiety, concern, stress, trouble, woe, worry, tribulation, vexation**

**care** ③

**noun** close attention when doing something » *We took great care to make him feel at home.*  
**attention, caution, pains, circumspection, forethought**

**careful** ①

**adjective** acting with care » *Be careful with that vase.*  
**cautious, prudent, chary, circumspect, punctilious**  
 antonym: **careless**

**careful** ②

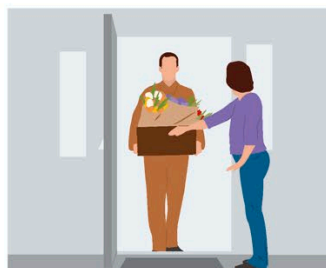
**adjective** complete and well done » *The experiment needs careful planning.*  
**meticulous, painstaking, precise, thorough**  
 antonym: **careless**

**careless** ①

**adjective** not taking enough care » *Heather had careless and messy handwriting.*  
**irresponsible, neglectful, sloppy** (informal), **cavalier, lackadaisical, slapdash, slipshod**  
 antonym: **careful**

**careless** ②

**adjective** relaxed and unconcerned » *Sal shrugged and gave a careless laugh.*  
**casual, nonchalant, offhand**



*He carried the heavy box.*

**carry**

**verb** to hold and take something somewhere » *He carried the heavy box.*  
**bear, convey** (formal), **lug, take, transport**

**carry out**

**verb** to do and complete something » *The surgeon carried out the operation.*  
**accomplish, achieve, fulfil, perform, execute, implement**

**carve**

**verb** to make something by cutting  
 ▼ SEE BELOW

**case** ①

**noun** a particular situation or example » *There have been six cases of chickenpox in my class this year.*  
**example, illustration, instance, occasion, occurrence**

**case** ②

**noun** a container for holding something » *Kay kept her glasses in a red case.*  
**box, container, holder, receptacle**



*Kay kept her glasses in a red case.*

**case** ③

**noun** a trial or inquiry » *The court case was heard behind closed doors.*  
**action, lawsuit, proceedings, trial**

**hew**

He had **hewn** the original block that the lion was carved from.

**engrave**

He intended to **engrave** the title into the block.

**inscribe**

He finished by **inscribing** his name on the sculpture.

**carve**

**verb** to make something by cutting  
 » He **carved** the lion out of a block of stone.

**sculpt**

It was his first time **sculpting** a large statue.

**chisel**

He **chiselled** the details into the lion's face.

**cut**

He **cut** the excess stone from the tail.

**whittle**

He preferred to **whittle** wood than to carve stone.



**celebration**

*noun* an event in honour of a special occasion  
» The family dinner was a birthday **celebration**.

**festival**

*They went to church for the religious **festival**.*

**party**

*Would you like to come to my **party**?*

**festivity**

*The wedding **festivities** went on for a week.*

**gala**

*The sporting contest finished with a **gala**.*

**revelry**

*She joined in the **revelry** with lots of enthusiasm.*

## casual 1

*adjective* happening by chance

» The **casual** meeting led to a great friendship.

**accidental, chance, incidental, fortuitous, serendipitous, unintentional, unpremeditated**  
antonym: **deliberate**

## casual 2

*adjective* showing no concern or interest » Mick gave a **casual** glance over his shoulder.

**careless, cursory, nonchalant, offhand, relaxed, blasé, insouciant, lackadaisical, perfunctory**  
antonym: **concerned**

## cat

*noun* a small animal kept as a pet » Fiona had three **cats**.

**feline, kitty, moggy** (Britain and New Zealand; slang), **puss** or **pussy** or **pussycat** (informal)

related words:

*adjective* **feline**; **male tom**; **female queen**; **young kitten**



Fiona had three **cats**.

## catch 1

*verb* to capture an animal or fish » Mum went fishing to **catch** some trout for dinner.

**capture, snare, trap**

## catch 2

*verb* to capture a person » The police planned a way to **catch** the suspects.

**apprehend, arrest**

## catch 3

*noun* a device that fastens something » The windows were fitted with **safety catches**.

**bolt, clasp, clip, latch**

## catch 4

*noun* a hidden difficulty

» The **catch** is that it will take a month to arrive.

**disadvantage, drawback, snag, fly in the ointment, stumbling block**

## category

*noun* a set of things with something in common

» The items were organized into six different **categories**.

**class, classification, group, set, sort, type**

## cause 1

*noun* what makes something happen » The **cause** of the fire was unknown.

**origin, root, source**

## cause 2

*noun* an aim supported by a group » *Sarah took up the cause to save the old cinema.*  
**aim, ideal, movement**

## cause 3

*noun* the reason for something » *The boys gave us cause to believe the story was true.*  
**basis, grounds, justification, motivation, motive, reason**

## cause 4

*verb* to make something happen » *The broken-down train caused delays.*  
**bring about, create, generate, produce, provoke, effect, engender, give rise to, lead to, result in**

## caution 1

*noun* great care taken in order to avoid danger » *Use caution when skating.*  
**care, prudence, forethought, circumspection**



Use **caution** when skating.

## caution 2

*verb* to scold or warn someone against doing something » *The policeman cautioned that riding a bike without a helmet is dangerous.*  
**reprimand, tick off (informal), warn**

## cautious

*adjective* acting very carefully to avoid danger » *The zookeeper was cautious in the crocodile enclosure.*  
**careful, guarded, tentative, wary, prudent**  
antonym: **daring**

## cease 1

*verb* to stop happening » *The noise ceased and peace was restored.*  
**be over, come to an end, die away, end, finish, stop**  
antonym: **begin**

## cease 2

*verb* to stop doing something » *He ceased talking when the teacher called for quiet.*  
**desist from, discontinue, finish, give up, stop, suspend**  
antonym: **start**

## celebrate

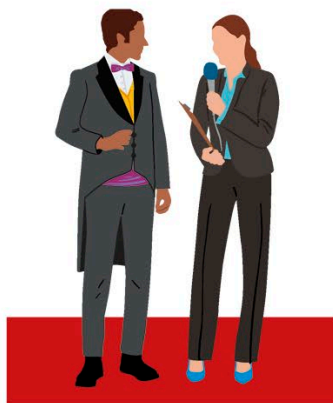
*verb* to do something special to mark an event » *It's my birthday – let's celebrate!*  
**commemorate, party, rejoice**  
antonym: **mourn**

## celebration

*noun* an event in honour of a special occasion  
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## celebrity

*noun* a famous person » *The presenter interviewed the celebrity on the red carpet.*  
**big name, name, personality, star, superstar, VIP**



The presenter interviewed the **celebrity** on the red carpet.

## censure 1

*noun* strong disapproval » *His bad behaviour led to censure from his parents.*  
**blame, condemnation, criticism, disapproval, reproach**

## censure 2

*verb* to criticize severely » *The school censured Mike for his graffiti.*  
**condemn, criticize, denounce, reproach, berate, castigate**

## centre 1

*noun* the mid-point of a circle or activity » *We headed for the city centre.*  
**core, focus, heart, hub, middle**  
antonym: **edge**

## centre 2

*verb* to have as the main subject » *The argument centred on the school's uniform policy.*  
**concentrate, focus, revolve**

## ceremony 1

*noun* formal actions done for a special occasion » *They had a traditional wedding ceremony.*  
**observance, pomp, rite, ritual, service, tradition**



They had a traditional wedding **ceremony**.

## ceremony 2

*noun* formal and polite behaviour » *We stood on ceremony to greet the mayor.*  
**decorum, etiquette, formality, niceties, protocol**

## certain 1

*adjective* definite or reliable » *It is certain to rain.*  
**definite, established, guaranteed, inevitable, known, sure, undeniable**  
antonym: **uncertain**

## certain 2

*adjective* having no doubt in your mind » *Lily's certain that she will succeed.*  
**clear, confident, convinced, definite, positive, satisfied, sure**  
antonym: **uncertain**

## certainly

*adverb* without any doubt » *I'll certainly do all I can to help.*  
**definitely, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably, without doubt**

## challenge 1

*noun* a suggestion to try something » *The coach set the team a series of challenges.*  
**dare, face-off (informal)**

## challenge 2

*verb* to give someone a challenge » *Sue challenged me to a game of tennis.*  
**dare, defy**

## challenge 3

*verb* to question the truth or value of something » *I challenged Jeff's story about where he had been.*  
**dispute, question**

## champion 1

*noun* a person who wins a competition » *She won the contest to become the regional judo champion.*  
**hero, title holder, victor, winner**



She won the contest to become the regional judo **champion**.

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## champion <sup>2</sup>

*noun* someone who supports a group, cause, or principle  
» *Judith became a champion for animal rights.*  
**advocate, defender, guardian, protector**

## champion <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to support a group, cause, or principle  
» *We championed his request for new sports equipment.*  
**defend, fight for, promote, stick up for** (informal), **support, uphold, advocate, espouse**

## chance <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a possibility of something happening  
» *Lucy had a good chance of success.*  
**likelihood, odds, possibility, probability, prospect**

## chance <sup>2</sup>

*noun* an opportunity to do something  
» *Please give me a chance to explain why I'm late.*  
**occasion, opening, opportunity, time**

## chance <sup>3</sup>

*noun* the way things happen without being planned  
» *We met up by chance.*  
**accident, coincidence, fortune, luck**  
related word:  
*adjective* **fortuitous**

## change <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an alteration in something  
» *There was a change in her attitude from sulky to helpful.*  
**alteration, difference, modification, transformation, metamorphosis, mutation, transition, transmutation**

## change <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to make or become different  
» *We changed the garage into a TV room.*  
**alter, convert, moderate, modify, reform, transform, metamorphose, mutate, transmute**

## change <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to exchange one thing for another  
» *Can I change the red T-shirt for a black one?*  
**barter, exchange, interchange, replace, substitute, swap, trade**



*Can I change the red T-shirt for a black one?*

## changeable

*adjective* likely to change all the time  
» *The weather was changeable – hot one minute and cold the next.*  
**erratic, fickle, irregular, unpredictable, unstable, variable, volatile, mercurial, mutable, protean**  
antonym: **constant**

## character <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the qualities of a person  
» *She has a sunny character.*  
**nature, personality, temperament, disposition, make-up, quality, temper**

## character <sup>2</sup>

*noun* an honourable nature  
» *Mark showed great character in handling a tricky situation.*  
**honour, integrity, strength**

## characteristic <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a typical quality  
» *Mark's chief characteristic is honesty.*  
**attribute, feature, property, quality, trait, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, quirk**

## characteristic <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* typical of a person or thing  
» *Jack responded with characteristic generosity.*  
**distinctive, distinguishing, typical, idiosyncratic, peculiar, singular, symptomatic**  
antonym: **uncharacteristic**

## charge <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to ask someone for money as a payment  
» *The shop charged me a fair price.*  
**ask (for), bill, levy**

## charge <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the price you have to pay for something  
» *There was an additional charge for a bag.*  
**cost, fee, payment, price**

## charge <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to rush forward, often to attack someone  
» *The rhino charged towards us.*  
**dash, rush, stampede, storm**



*The rhino charged towards us.*

## charm <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an attractive quality  
» *The house has real charm.*  
**allure, appeal, attraction, magnetism, fascination**

## charm <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to use charm to please someone  
» *He charmed the audience with his smile.*  
**bewitch, captivate, delight, entrance, beguile, enchant, enrapture**

# child

*noun* a young person  
» *She was their fourth child.*

**baby**



**bairn**



**infant**



**tot**



**toddler**



**kid**



**juvenile**



**chase** 1

*verb* to try to catch someone or something » *My sister chased me until I gave up.*  
**hunt, pursue**

**chase** 2

*verb* to force to go somewhere » *The dog chased the postman out of the gate.*  
**drive, hound, expel, put to flight**

**chat** 1

*noun* a friendly talk » *Eloise came over and joined us for a chat.*  
**conversation, gossip, natter** (informal), **talk**

**chat** 2

*verb* to talk in a friendly way » *Dan chatted to his father.*  
**gossip, natter** (informal), **talk**

**cheap** 1

*adjective* costing very little » *Cheap flights are available.*  
**bargain, economical, inexpensive, reasonable, cut-price, low-cost, low-priced**  
 antonym: **expensive**

**cheap** 2

*adjective* inexpensive but of poor quality » *His cheap trousers ripped when he sat down.*  
**inferior, second-rate, tawdry**



*He cheated in the exam.*

**cheat**

*verb* to get something from someone dishonestly » *He cheated in the exam.*  
**con** (informal), **deceive, defraud, dupe, fleece, rip off** (slang), **swindle, hoodwink**

**check** 1

*verb* to examine something » *Please check all the details before signing.*  
**check out** (informal), **examine, inspect, test, inquire into, look over, scrutinize**

**check** 2

*verb* to reduce or stop something » *Hand washing will check the spread of germs.*  
**control, curb, halt, inhibit, restrain, stop**

**check** 3

*noun* an examination » *The technician performed a thorough check of the equipment.*  
**examination, inspection, test**

**cheek**

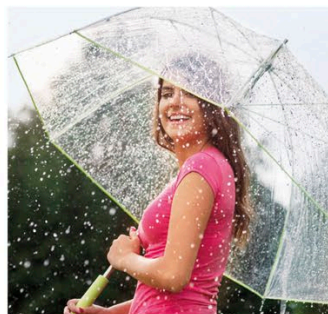
*noun* speech or behaviour that is rude or disrespectful » *I'm amazed they had the cheek to ask in the first place.*  
**audacity, gall, impudence, insolence, nerve, rudeness, effrontery, temerity**

**cheeky**

*adjective* rude and disrespectful » *The children were cheeky to their mum.*  
**impertinent, impudent, insolent, rude**  
 antonym: **polite**

**cheerful**

*adjective* in a happy mood » *Eliza was feeling cheerful despite the rain.*  
**bright, buoyant, cheery, happy, jaunty, jolly, lighthearted, merry**  
 antonym: **miserable**



*Eliza was feeling cheerful despite the rain.*

**cheery**

*adjective* happy and cheerful » *Jill sounded very cheery on the phone.*  
**cheerful, chirpy, good-humoured, happy, jolly, sunny, upbeat, genial, jovial**  
 antonym: **gloomy**

**chew**

*verb* to break food up with the teeth » *My mum always told me to eat slowly and chew my food well.*  
**crunch, gnaw, munch, champ, chomp, masticate**

**chief** 1

*noun* the leader of a group or organization » *He was the new chief of police.*  
**boss, chieftain, director, governor, head, leader, manager**

**chief** 2

*adjective* most important » *The job went to one of his chief rivals.*  
**foremost, key, main, prevailing, primary, prime, principal, pre-eminent, premier**

**child**

*noun* a young person  
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**minor****youngster****teenager****youth**

antonym:  
**adult**



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## childish

*adjective* immature and foolish  
» *Sulking and stamping your feet when you don't get your own way is childish behaviour.*  
**immature, infantile, juvenile, puerile**  
antonym: **mature**

## choice

*noun* a range of things to choose from » *The hat is available in a choice of colours and sizes.*  
**range, selection, variety**

## choice

*noun* the power to choose  
» *Paul was given a choice about what to eat.*  
**alternative, option, say**

## choose

*verb* to decide to have or do something » *There were so many flavours of ice cream to choose from.*  
**opt for, pick, select, take, elect, fix on, settle on**

## chop

*verb* to cut down or into pieces  
» *I saw him chopping wood with an axe.*  
**cut, fell, hack, lop, cleave, hew**



I saw him **chopping** wood with an axe.

## circulate

*verb* to pass around  
» *Grandpa's birthday card was circulated around the family for everyone to sign.*  
**distribute, propagate, spread, disseminate, promulgate**



The **city** was built on the banks of a river.

## city

*noun* a large town  
» *The city was built on the banks of a river.*  
**metropolis, town, conurbation, municipality**  
related word: *adjective* **civic**

## civilized

*adjective* having an advanced society » *We live in a civilized country.*  
**cultured, enlightened**

## claim

*verb* to say something is the case » *Mr Brown claims to have lived here all his life.*  
**allege, assert, hold, insist, maintain, profess**

## claim

*noun* a statement that something is the case  
» *Emma admitted that the claims about her were true.*  
**allegation, assertion, pretension, protestation**

## clash

*verb* to fight or argue with another person » *My brother and sister constantly clash, but they always make up.*  
**battle, fight, quarrel, wrangle**

## clash

*verb* of two things: to be so different that they do not go together » *David's plan to stay in the playground clashed with the teacher's demand that he come into the classroom.*  
**conflict, contradict, differ, disagree, go against, jar**

## clash

*noun* a fight or argument  
» *The latest clash between the two teams ended in players being sent off.*  
**battle, conflict, confrontation, fight, skirmish (informal), squabble, struggle**

## clasp

*verb* to hold something tightly  
» *Helena clasped her locket in her hands.*  
**clutch, embrace, grip, hold, hug, press, squeeze**

## clasp

*noun* a fastening such as a hook or catch » *Miriam undid the clasp on her coat.*  
**buckle, catch, clip, fastener, fastening**

## class

*noun* a group of a particular type » *Animals are grouped into classes including mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians.*  
**category, genre, grade, group, kind, set, sort, type**

## class

*verb* to regard as being in a particular group  
» *The children were classed into different team colours.*  
**categorize, classify, designate, grade, rank, rate**



The children were **classed** into different team colours.

## classify

*verb* to arrange similar things in groups » *We can classify the books into fiction and non-fiction.*  
**arrange, categorize, grade, rank, sort, pigeonhole, systematize, tabulate**

## clean

*adjective* free from dirt or marks » *Patrick's clothes are always very clean.*  
**immaculate, impeccable, laundered, spotless, washed**  
antonym: **dirty**

## clean

*adjective* free from germs or infection » *There was a source of clean drinking water.*  
**antiseptic, hygienic, purified, sterilized, uncontaminated, unpolluted**  
antonym: **contaminated**

## clean

*verb* to remove dirt from  
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## clear

*adjective* easy to see or understand » *It was clear from her tearful voice that she was upset.*  
**apparent, blatant, conspicuous, definite, evident, explicit, obvious, plain, incontrovertible, manifest, palpable, patent, unequivocal**

## clear

*adjective* easy to see through  
» *The liquid inside the glass beaker was clear.*  
**crystalline, glassy, translucent, transparent, limpid, pellucid, see-through**  
antonym: **cloudy**



The liquid inside the glass beaker was **clear**.

**clear** [3]

*verb* to prove someone is not guilty » *Bea was cleared of having any part in the incident.*

**absolve, acquit**

antonym: **convict**

**clever**

*adjective* very intelligent

» *Luis was clever and always scored high marks in exams.*

**brainy** (informal), **bright, intelligent, shrewd, smart, astute, quick-witted, sagacious**

antonym: **stupid**

**climb**

*verb* to move upwards over something » *We climbed the mountain in a day.*

**ascend, clamber, mount, scale**

**close** [1]

*verb* to shut something

» *Clare closed the gate behind her when she left.*

**secure, shut**

antonym: **open**



Clare **closed** the gate behind her when she left.

**close** [2]

*verb* to block so that nothing can pass » *All the roads out of town are closed.*

**bar, block, obstruct, seal**

**close** [3]

*adjective* near to something

» *We went to a restaurant close to our home.*

**adjacent, adjoining, at hand, handy, near, nearby, neighbouring**

antonym: **distant**



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**apparel**  
*She often chose bright **apparel** in the summer.*

**clothing**  
*We are collecting food and **clothing** for the homeless.*

**attire**  
*The T-shirt was not suitable **attire** for work.*

**dress**  
*She liked to wear her party **dress**.*

**wear**  
*She didn't have much winter **wear**.*

**outfit**  
*The red shirt was an essential part of her **outfit**.*

**gear**  
*She had some sports **gear** including a tennis dress.*

**wardrobe**  
*She planned to buy herself a whole new **wardrobe** in the spring.*

**garments**  
*There were too many **garments** in her cupboard.*

**costume**  
*Her favourite **costume** came from her sister.*

**garb**  
*She preferred colourful **garb**.*

**clothes**  
*plural noun the things people wear*  
» Alicia spends all her money on **clothes**.

**close** ④  
*adjective* friendly and loving  
» We became **close** friends.  
**attached, dear, devoted, familiar, friendly, intimate, loving**  
antonym: **distant**

**cloth**  
*noun* woven or knitted fabric  
» The sofa was covered in bright red **cloth**.  
**fabric, material, textile**

**clothes**  
*plural noun* the things people wear  
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**cloud** ①  
*noun* a mass of vapour or smoke » The sky was dark with **clouds**.  
**billow, fog, haze, mist, vapour**

**cloud** ②  
*verb* to make something confusing » Anger has **clouded** his judgment.  
**confuse, distort, muddle**

**cloudy** ①  
*adjective* full of clouds  
» It's a very **cloudy** sky today.  
**dull, gloomy, leaden, overcast**  
antonym: **clear**

**cloudy** ②  
*adjective* difficult to see through » The liquid in the glass was **cloudy**.  
**muddy, murky, opaque**  
antonym: **clear**

**club** ①  
*noun* an organization for people with a special interest  
» We joined the swimming **club** today.  
**association, circle, group, guild, society, union**

## club 2

*noun* a heavy stick  
» *Andy dressed up as a caveman and carried a club to the fancy-dress party.*  
**bat, stick, truncheon**

## clue

*noun* something that helps to solve a problem or mystery  
» *The police looked for clues to solve the crime.*  
**hint, indication, lead**

## clumsiness

*noun* awkwardness of movement » *Meg's usual clumsiness was made worse by her high-heeled shoes.*  
**awkwardness, ungainliness**



Meg's usual **clumsiness** was made worse by her high-heeled shoes.

## clumsy

*adjective* moving awkwardly  
» *Rob is big and clumsy in his movements.*  
**awkward, gauche, lumbering, uncoordinated, ungainly, accident-prone, bumbling, gawky, maladroit**  
antonym: **graceful**

## coast

*noun* the land next to the sea  
» *We holidayed on the coast this year.*  
**beach, border, coastline, seaside, shore, strand**

## coat 1

*noun* an animal's fur or hair  
» *Anna gave the dog's coat a brush.*  
**fleece, fur, hair, hide, pelt, skin, wool**

## coat 2

*noun* a warm piece of outerwear clothing » *You'll need a coat; it's cold outside.*  
**jacket, overcoat, raincoat, cagoule, mac**

## coating

*noun* a layer of something  
» *The lake had a thin coating of ice.*  
**coat, covering, layer**



The lake had a thin **coating** of ice.

## coax

*verb* to persuade gently  
» *We coaxed her into coming to the shops with us.*  
**cajole, persuade, talk into, inveigle, prevail upon, wheedle**

## coil

*verb* to wind in loops  
» *The snake coiled its body around the tree.*  
**curl, loop, spiral, twine, twist, wind**

## cold 1

*adjective* having a low temperature » *The spring weather felt so cold that it felt more like midwinter.*  
**arctic, biting, bitter, bleak, chilly, freezing, icy, raw, wintry**  
antonym: **hot**

## cold 2

*adjective* not showing affection  
» *Aunt Maud was a cold, unfeeling person who loved her cats more than people.*  
**aloof, distant, frigid, lukewarm, reserved, stony, standoffish, undemonstrative**  
antonym: **warm**

## collapse 1

*verb* to fall down » *Stand well clear – the old building looks like it could collapse at any minute.*  
**fall down, give way**

## collapse 2

*verb* to fail » *The business collapsed due to a lack of money.*  
**fail, fold, founder**

## collapse 3

*noun* the failure of something  
» *The collapse of the project was caused by a disagreement in the team.*  
**downfall, failure**

## colleague

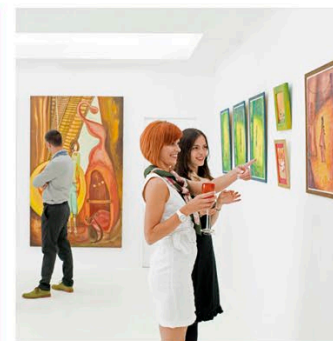
*noun* a person someone works with » *My colleagues all worked extremely hard on the latest project.*  
**associate, fellow worker, partner, workmate**

## collect

*verb* to gather together  
» *My brother Sebastian collects stamps that come from all over the world.*  
**accumulate, assemble, gather, raise, aggregate, amass**  
antonym: **scatter**



My brother Sebastian **collects** stamps that come from all over the world.



We visited the **collection** of paintings in the gallery.

## collection

*noun* a group of things collected together  
» *We visited the collection of paintings in the gallery.*  
**assortment, group, store**

## colloquial

*adjective* used in everyday conversation » *Clare used colloquial expressions like: "He's gone nuts".*  
**conversational, everyday, informal, demotic, idiomatic, vernacular**

## colony 1

*noun* a country controlled by another country  
» *Many European countries used to have colonies around the world.*  
**dependency, dominion, territory**

## colony 2

*noun* a group of settlers in a place » *A colony of Scots settled in Australia.*  
**community, outpost, settlement**

## colossal

*adjective* very large indeed  
» *The statue was colossal.*  
**enormous, gigantic, huge, immense, mammoth, massive, vast**  
antonym: **tiny**

## colour 1

*verb* to give something a colour  
» *Jules used hair dye to colour his hair.*  
**dye, paint, stain, tint**

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## colour <sup>2</sup>

verb to affect the way you think  
» *The rainy weather coloured her opinion of the trip.*  
**bias, distort, prejudice, slant**

## colour <sup>3</sup>

noun a shade or hue  
» *Annette's favourite colour is blue.*  
**hue, pigmentation, shade, tint**  
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## colour <sup>4</sup>

noun a substance used to give colour  
» *She added a few drops of red food colour to the icing.*  
**dye, paint, pigment**

## colourful <sup>1</sup>

adjective full of colour  
» *The lorikeets have such colourful feathers.*  
**bright, brilliant, intense, jazzy** (informal), **rich, vibrant, vivid, kaleidoscopic, multicoloured, psychedelic**  
antonym: **dull**

## colourful <sup>2</sup>

adjective interesting or exciting  
» *The girl gave a colourful account of her journey to the farm.*  
**graphic, interesting, lively, rich, vivid**  
antonym: **dull**

## combination

noun a mixture of things  
» *Green is a combination of yellow and blue.*  
**amalgamation, blend, mix, mixture, amalgam, composite, meld**



Green is a **combination** of yellow and blue.

## combine

verb to join or mix together  
» *The performer combined magic and dance in his act.*  
**amalgamate, blend, fuse, integrate, merge, mix, unite, meld, synthesize**  
antonym: **separate**

## come <sup>1</sup>

verb to move or arrive somewhere  
» *The teacher came into the room.*  
**appear, arrive, enter, materialize, show up** (informal), **turn up** (informal)

## come <sup>2</sup>

verb to happen or take place  
» *The opportunity to audition comes only twice a year.*  
**happen, occur, take place**

## comfort <sup>1</sup>

noun a state of ease  
» *The seating in the airy sitting room was designed for comfort.*  
**ease, luxury, wellbeing**



The seating in the airy sitting room was designed for **comfort**.

## comfort <sup>2</sup>

noun relief from worry or unhappiness  
» *Jan's words gave him some comfort.*  
**consolation, help, relief, satisfaction, support**

## comfort <sup>3</sup>

verb to give someone comfort  
» *The woman tried to comfort her screaming baby.*  
**cheer, console, reassure, soothe**



Trish made herself **comfortable** and read a book.

## comfortable <sup>1</sup>

adjective physically relaxing  
» *Trish made herself comfortable and read a book.*  
**cosy, easy, homely, relaxing, restful**  
antonym: **uncomfortable**

## comfortable <sup>2</sup>

adjective feeling at ease  
» *The couple sat together in comfortable silence.*  
**at ease, at home, contented, happy, relaxed**  
antonym: **uneasy**

## command <sup>1</sup>

verb to order someone to do something  
» *The sports coach commanded the team to run around the field.*  
**bid, demand, direct, order, charge**

## command <sup>2</sup>

verb to be in charge of  
» *The politician asked to meet the general who had commanded the rescue mission.*  
**control, head, lead, manage, supervise**

## command <sup>3</sup>

noun an order to do something  
» *Everyone in the class jumped up and down at the teacher's command.*  
**bidding, decree, directive, injunction, instruction, order, behest, edict**

## command <sup>4</sup>

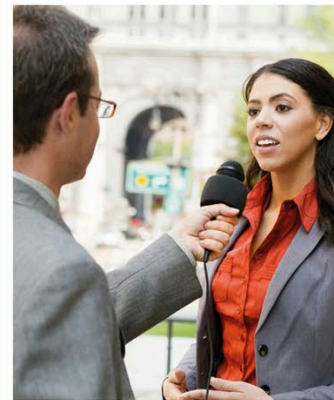
noun knowledge and ability  
» *Ned had a good command of several languages.*  
**grasp, knowledge, mastery**

## commemorate

verb to do something in memory of  
» *A concert was held to commemorate the anniversary of the victory.*  
**celebrate, honour, memorialize, pay tribute to**

## comment <sup>1</sup>

verb to make a remark  
» *She was asked to comment on the situation.*  
**mention, note, observe, point out, remark, say, interpose, opine**



She was asked to **comment** on the situation.

## comment <sup>2</sup>

noun something you say  
» *Mary made a nice comment about my new hairstyle.*  
**observation, remark, statement**

## commit

verb to do something  
» *It appears that a crime has been committed.*  
**carry out, do, perform, perpetrate**

## common <sup>1</sup>

adjective of many people  
» *The statue was a common stop for tourists.*  
**general, popular, prevailing, prevalent, universal, widespread**  
antonym: **rare**

# colour

3 shades of different colours



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# competitor

*noun* a person who competes for something  
» He was one of seven **competitors** in the quiz.

adversary

competition

opponent

rival

challenger

contestant

opposition



## common 2

*adjective* not special  
» Sparrows are **common** birds.  
**average, commonplace, everyday, ordinary, plain, standard, usual, run-of-the-mill, workaday**  
antonym: **special**

## common 3

*adjective* having bad taste or manners » Harry was **common** and rude.  
**coarse, rude, vulgar**  
antonym: **refined**

## common sense

*noun* good judgment in practical matters » Use your **common sense** to find the clue.  
**good sense, judgment, level-headedness, prudence, wit**

## communicate 1

*verb* to be in touch with someone » We **communicate** mainly by text message.  
**be in contact, be in touch, correspond**

## communicate 2

*verb* to pass on information  
» The results will be **communicated** by post.  
**convey, impart, inform, pass on, retweet, spread, transmit, tweet, disseminate, make known**

## companion

*noun* someone you travel with or spend time with » Matt has been her **constant companion** for the last six years.  
**comrade, crony (old-fashioned), friend, mate, pal (informal), partner**

## company 1

*noun* a business » The shop was run by a **large company**.  
**business, corporation, establishment, firm, house**

## company 2

*noun* a group of people  
» A **company** of actors performed a play.  
**assembly, band, circle, community, crowd, ensemble, group, party, troupe, concourse, coterie**

## company 3

*noun* the act of spending time with someone » I really enjoy your **company**.  
**companionship, presence**

## compare

*verb* to look at things for similarities or differences  
» **Compare** the two pictures and spot the differences.  
**contrast, juxtapose, weigh**

## compartment 1

*noun* one of the separate parts of an object  
» The fridge has a freezer **compartment** at the top.  
**bay, chamber, division, section**



The fridge has a freezer **compartment** at the top.



The passengers in the **compartment** waited for the train to move.

## compartment 2

*noun* a section of a railway carriage » The passengers in the **compartment** waited for the train to move.  
**carriage**

## compassionate

*adjective* feeling or showing sympathy and pity for others  
» The **compassionate** man adopted the stray dog.  
**caring, humane, kind, kind-hearted, merciful, sympathetic, tender, benevolent, humanitarian**

**compensate** 1

*verb* to repay someone for loss or damage » *The company offered to compensate the customer for the broken laptop plus the inconvenience.*

**atone, refund, repay, reward, make amends, make restitution, recompense, reimburse, remunerate**

**compensate** 2

*verb* to cancel out » *Theo's enthusiasm compensated for his lack of skill at knitting.*

**balance, cancel out, counteract, make up for, offset, counterbalance, redress**

**compensation**

*noun* something that makes up for loss or damage » *She received compensation for the damage to her property.*

**amends, atonement, damages, payment, recompense, reimbursement, remuneration, reparation, restitution**

**compete**

*verb* to try to win » *The teams competed for the title in the final game of the season.*

**contend, contest, fight, vie**



The teams **competed** for the title in the final game of the season.

**competition** 1

*noun* an attempt to win » *There's a lot of competition for places.*

**contention, contest, opposition, rivalry, struggle**

**competition** 2

*noun* a contest to find the winner in something » *Jemima won the surfing competition.*

**championship, contest, event, tournament**

**competitor**

*noun* a person who competes for something

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**complain**

*verb* to express dissatisfaction » *Poppy complained to the teacher that John had taken her pencil.*

**carp, find fault, grouse, grumble, kick up a fuss (informal), moan, whine, whinge (informal), bemoan, bewail**



Poppy **complained** to the teacher that John had taken her pencil.

**complaint**

*noun* an instance of complaining about something » *There have been a number of complaints about the noise from the roadworks.*

**criticism, grievance, grumble, objection, protest**

**complete** 1

*adjective* to the greatest degree possible » *The garden had undergone a complete transformation.*

**absolute, consummate, outright, perfect, thorough, total, utter**



Lesley owned a **complete** set of tools with all the attachments.

**complete** 2

*adjective* with nothing missing » *Lesley owned a complete set of tools with all the attachments.*

**entire, full, intact, undivided, whole**  
antonym: **incomplete**

**complete** 3

*verb* to finish » *Tim has just completed his first fun run.*

**conclude, end, finish**

**complex** 1

*adjective* having many different parts » *The complex puzzle took a long time to solve.*

**complicated, difficult, intricate, involved, tangled, convoluted, tortuous**  
antonym: **simple**

**complex** 2

*noun* an emotional problem » *Vincent has a complex about being accident prone.*

**fixation, obsession, phobia, preoccupation, problem, thing**

**complicated**

*adjective* complex and difficult » *The questions in the test were so complicated that he couldn't understand them.*

**complex, convoluted, elaborate, intricate, involved, labyrinthine, perplexing**

antonym: **simple**

**compose**

*verb* to create or write » *Stephen has composed a song.*

**create, devise, invent, produce, write**

**comprehend**

*verb* to understand or appreciate something » *It took me a moment to comprehend what Lewis was saying.*

**appreciate, fathom, grasp, see, take in, understand, work out**

**compulsory**

*adjective* required by law » *School attendance is compulsory.*

**mandatory, obligatory, required, requisite**  
antonym: **voluntary**

**computer**

*noun* an electronic machine that stores and processes data

» *Ana used a computer to work out the company's profits.*  
**laptop, PC, tablet**



Ana used a **computer** to work out the company's profits.

**con** 1

*verb* to trick someone into doing or believing something » *Joshua conned me into buying his broken bike.*

**cheat, deceive, mislead, swindle, trick, defraud, dupe**

**con** 2

*noun* a trick intended to mislead or disadvantage someone » *The packaging is a con – it makes the contents look twice as big as they are.*  
**bluff, deception, fraud, swindle, trick**

**conceit**

*noun* excessive pride » *The singer made so many demands; his conceit was insufferable.*  
**egotism, pride, self-importance, vanity, narcissism, vainglory**

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## conceited

**adjective** too proud » *She was conceited – so full of herself.*  
**bigheaded** (informal), **cocky**, **egotistical**, **self-important**, **vain**, **narcissistic**, **swollen-headed**, **vainglorious**  
 antonym: **modest**

## concentrate 1

**verb** to give something all your attention » *Hannah was trying hard to concentrate on her studies.*

**be engrossed in**, **focus your attention on**, **give your attention to**, **put your mind to**



Hannah was trying hard to **concentrate** on her studies.

## concentrate 2

**verb** to be found in one place » *The guitar shops are concentrated in one street.*  
**accumulate**, **collect**, **gather**

## concern 1

**noun** a feeling of worry » *Martin's timing was a concern – he was always late.*  
**anxiety**, **apprehension**, **disquiet**, **worry**

## concern 2

**noun** someone's duty or responsibility » *The child's health is the parent's concern.*  
**affair**, **business**, **responsibility**

## concern 3

**verb** to make someone worried » *It concerns me that Leo doesn't want to talk to the teacher about the problem.*  
**bother**, **distress**, **disturb**, **trouble**, **worry**, **disquiet**, **perturb**

## concern 4

**verb** to affect or involve » *This concerns both of you.*  
**affect**, **apply to**, **be relevant to**, **involve**, **bear on**, **pertain to**, **touch**

## concise

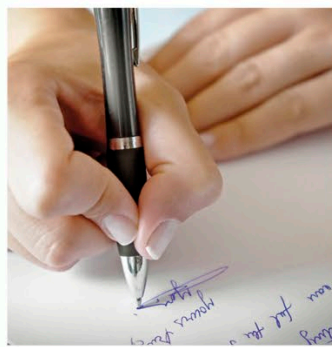
**adjective** using no unnecessary words » *The report was short and concise.*  
**brief**, **short**, **succinct**, **terse**, **laconic**, **pithy**  
 antonym: **long**

## conclude 1

**verb** to decide something » *Dad concluded that I had been right after all.*  
**decide**, **deduce**, **infer**, **judge**, **reckon** (informal), **suppose**, **surmise**

## conclude 2

**verb** to finish something » *She concluded the letter by signing her name.*  
**close**, **end**, **finish**, **round off**, **wind up**  
 antonym: **begin**



She **concluded** the letter by signing her name.

## conclusion 1

**noun** a decision made after thinking carefully about something » *I've come to the conclusion that she was lying.*  
**deduction**, **inference**, **judgment**, **verdict**

## conclusion 2

**noun** the finish or ending of something » *A full stop marks the conclusion of a sentence.*  
**close**, **end**, **ending**, **finish**, **termination**  
 antonym: **beginning**

## condemn 1

**verb** to say that something is bad or unacceptable » *The scheme was condemned for being a waste of money.*  
**blame**, **censure**, **criticize**, **damn**, **denounce**

## condemn 2

**verb** to give a punishment » *The thief was condemned to five years in prison.*  
**damn**, **doom**, **sentence**

## condition 1

**noun** the state of something » *The house is in good condition and needs no repairs.*  
**form**, **shape**, **state**

## condition 2

**noun** something required for something else to be possible » *Emily was allowed to go to the party on the condition that she first cleaned her room.*  
**prerequisite**, **provision**, **proviso**, **qualification**, **requirement**, **requisite**, **stipulation**, **terms**

## conduct 1

**verb** to carry out an activity or task » *We conducted an experiment in science class.*  
**carry out**, **direct**, **do**, **manage**, **organize**, **perform**, **run**, **execute**, **implement**, **orchestrate**



We **conducted** an experiment in science class.

## conduct 2

**noun** the way someone behaves » *Mary's conduct was a good example to others.*  
**attitude**, **behaviour**, **manners**, **ways**, **comportment**, **demeanour**

## conduct yourself

**verb** to behave in a particular way » *The way you conduct yourself reflects on the school.*  
**act**, **behave**, **acquit yourself**

## conference

**noun** a meeting for discussion » *The team held a conference to discuss the new project.*  
**congress**, **convention**, **discussion**, **forum**, **meeting**, **colloquium**, **convocation**, **symposium**



The team held a **conference** to discuss the new project.

## confess

**verb** to admit to something » *The boy confessed to eating the entire packet of biscuits.*  
**acknowledge**, **admit**, **own up**  
 antonym: **deny**

## confession

**noun** the act of confessing » *I have to make a confession – I borrowed your dress without asking first.*  
**acknowledgment**, **admission**

## confidence 1

**noun** a feeling of trust » *I have complete confidence that you will do well.*  
**belief**, **faith**, **reliance**, **trust**  
 antonym: **distrust**

## confidence 2

**noun** sureness of yourself » *I've never had much confidence about speaking in class.*  
**aplomb**, **assurance**, **self-assurance**, **self-possession**  
 antonym: **shyness**

**confident** 1

adjective sure about something  
 » *Angela had worked hard and was confident of success.*  
**certain, convinced, positive, satisfied, secure, sure**  
 antonym: **uncertain**

**confident** 2

adjective sure of yourself  
 » *Hari was a confident actor.*  
**assured, self-assured, self-possessed**  
 antonym: **shy**



*Hari was a confident actor.*

**confine** 1

verb to limit to something specified  
 » *We confined our discussion to tennis rather than sport in general.*  
**limit, restrict**

**confine** 2

verb to prevent from leaving  
 » *His flu confined him to bed for two days.*  
**hem in, imprison, restrict, shut up, immure, incarcerate, intern**

**confirm** 1

verb to say or show that something is true  
 » *Kate was given a certificate to confirm that she had passed the test.*  
**bear out, endorse, prove, substantiate, validate, verify, authenticate, corroborate**

**confirm** 2

verb to make something definite  
 » *The date of the election was confirmed.*  
**fix, settle**



*Will resolved the conflict between the friends.*

**conflict** 1

noun disagreement and argument  
 » *Will resolved the conflict between the friends.*  
**antagonism, disagreement, discord, friction, hostility, opposition, strife**

**conflict** 2

noun a war or battle  
 » *The man reported on the conflict in the Middle East.*  
**battle, combat, fighting, strife, war**

**conflict** 3

verb to differ or disagree  
 » *The team leaders conflicted over who should go first.*  
**be at variance, be incompatible, clash, differ, disagree**

**confuse** 1

verb to mix two things up  
 » *It is possible to confuse fact with fiction.*  
**mistake, mix up, muddle up**

**confuse** 2

verb to puzzle or bewilder  
 » *The complicated instructions confused me.*  
**baffle, bewilder, mystify, puzzle, bemuse, faze, nonplus, perplex**

**confused** 1

adjective puzzled or bewildered  
 » *Hattie was confused – the information didn't make sense.*  
**baffled, bewildered, muddled, perplexed, puzzled, at a loss, at sea, flummoxed, nonplussed**

**confused** 2

adjective in an untidy mess  
 » *The papers lay in a confused heap.*  
**chaotic, disordered, disorganized, untidy**  
 antonym: **tidy**

**confusing**

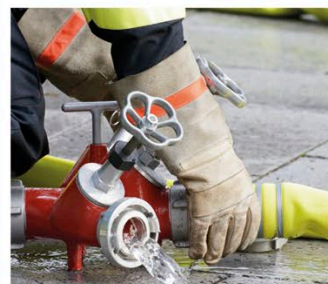
adjective bewildering or puzzling  
 » *Trying to find our way in the city was confusing.*  
**baffling, bewildering, complicated, puzzling**

**confusion**

noun an untidy mess  
 » *The room was in a state of confusion with furniture all over the place.*  
**chaos, disarray, disorder, disorganization, mess**  
 antonym: **order**

**connect** 1

verb to join together  
 » *The firefighter connected the hose to the tap.*  
**affix, attach, couple, fasten, join, link**  
 antonym: **separate**



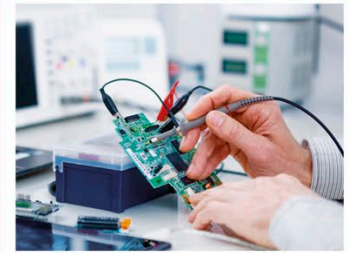
*The firefighter connected the hose to the tap.*

**connect** 2

verb to associate one thing with another  
 » *Laughter is connected to happiness.*  
**ally, associate, link, relate**

**connection** 1

noun a link or relationship  
 » *Bridget had connections to a large number of people.*  
**affiliation, association, bond, correlation, correspondence, link, relation, relationship**



*He fixed the loose connection in the circuit board.*

**connection** 2

noun a point where things are joined  
 » *He fixed the loose connection in the circuit board.*  
**coupling, fastening, junction, link**

**conscience**

noun a sense of right and wrong  
 » *Phil's conscience told him the right thing to do.*  
**principles, scruples, sense of right and wrong**

**conservative**

adjective unwilling to change  
 » *People often get more conservative as they grow older.*  
**conventional, traditional, hidebound, reactionary**  
 antonym: **radical**

**consider** 1

verb to judge someone or something  
 » *We consider him the perfect candidate.*  
**believe, judge, rate, regard as, think, deem, hold to be**

**consider** 2

verb to think carefully  
 » *I will consider your offer.*  
**contemplate, deliberate, meditate, muse, ponder, reflect, think about, cogitate, mull over, ruminate**

**consider** 3

verb to take into account  
 » *You should consider Ruth's feelings.*  
**bear in mind, make allowances for, respect, take into account, think about**

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**consideration** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* careful thought about something » *Ramon's decision required careful consideration.*  
**attention, contemplation, deliberation, study, thought**

**consideration** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* concern for someone » *Please show consideration for others and work quietly.*  
**concern, kindness, respect, tact**

**consideration** <sup>3</sup>  
*noun* something to be taken into account » *Safety is a major consideration.*  
**factor, issue, point**

**consist: consist of**  
*verb* to be made up of » *The brain consists of millions of nerve cells.*  
**be composed of, be made up of, comprise**

**conspicuous**  
*adjective* easy to see or notice » *Sarah wore her bright red coat to be conspicuous.*  
**apparent, blatant, evident, noticeable, obvious, perceptible, patent, manifest**



Sarah wore her bright red coat to be **conspicuous**.

**constant** <sup>1</sup>  
*adjective* going on all the time » *There was constant barking from the dog next door.*  
**continual, continuous, eternal, nonstop, perpetual, relentless, incessant, interminable, sustained, unrelenting**  
antonym: **periodic**

**constant** <sup>2</sup>  
*adjective* staying the same » *The thermometer showed the temperature was constant.*  
**even, fixed, regular, stable, steady, uniform, immutable, invariable**  
antonym: **changeable**

**construct**  
*verb* to build or make something » *He's constructing a compost bin.*  
**assemble, build, create, erect, make, put together, put up**



He's **constructing** a compost bin.

**consult**  
*verb* to go to for advice » *Consult your doctor before training for the race.*  
**ask for advice, confer with, refer to**

**contact** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* the state of being in touch with someone » *We must keep in contact.*  
**communication, in touch**

**contact** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* someone you know » *He had a contact in the music business.*  
**acquaintance, connection**

**contact** <sup>3</sup>  
*verb* to get in touch with » *Abbey contacted the company to complain.*  
**approach, communicate with, get hold of, get in touch with, reach**



Abbey **contacted** the company to complain.

**contain** <sup>1</sup>  
*verb* to include as a part of » *The glass contains the juice from 10 oranges.*  
**comprise, include**

**contain** <sup>2</sup>  
*verb* to keep under control » *Hans was finding it difficult to contain his excitement.*  
**control, curb, repress, restrain, stifle**

**container**  
*noun* something that holds things » *Gail used a plastic container for her food.*  
**holder, vessel, receptacle, repository**

**contemplate** <sup>1</sup>  
*verb* to think carefully about something » *Maria paused to contemplate her options.*  
**consider, examine, muse on, ponder, reflect on, think about**

**contemplate** <sup>2</sup>  
*verb* to consider doing something » *He contemplated becoming a vet.*  
**consider, envisage, plan, think of**

**contempt**  
*noun* complete lack of respect » *Rick's contempt for the club's rules was foolish – they asked him to leave.*  
**derision, disdain, disregard, disrespect, scorn**  
antonym: **respect**

**contest** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* a competition or game » *It was a thrilling contest between two strong teams.*  
**competition, game, match, tournament**

**contest** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* a struggle for power » *There was a bitter contest over who should control the nation's future.*  
**battle, fight, struggle**

**boil**

**fry**

**grill**

# cook

*verb* to prepare food for eating by heating it in some way  
» *I enjoy **cooking** for friends.*

**bake**

**contest** 3

*verb* to object formally to a statement or decision  
 » You have 14 days to contest the plans for the extension.  
**challenge, dispute, oppose, question**  
 antonym: **accept**

**continual** 1

*adjective* happening all the time without stopping  
 » There was continual rain the afternoon of the fair.  
**constant, continuous, endless, eternal, nagging, perpetual, uninterrupted, incessant, interminable, unremitting**

**continual** 2

*adjective* happening again and again » Paolo received continual reminders to renew his membership of the club.  
**frequent, recurrent, regular, repeated**  
 antonym: **occasional**

**continue** 1

*verb* to keep doing something  
 » She continued talking even though no one was listening.  
**carry on, go on, keep on, persist**



She **continued** talking even though no one was listening.

**continue** 2

*verb* to go on existing  
 » Their friendship continued even when one of them moved abroad.  
**carry on, endure, last, persist, remain, survive**

**continue** 3

*verb* to start doing again  
 » When he returned from holiday, Reg continued to work on his model aeroplanes.  
**carry on, recommence, resume**

**continuous**

*adjective* going on without stopping » The continuous building work went on for weeks.  
**constant, continued, extended, prolonged, uninterrupted**  
 antonym: **periodic**

**control** 1

*noun* power over something  
 » The children learning to ski were under the control of an experienced instructor.  
**authority, command, direction, government, management, power, rule, supremacy, jurisdiction, mastery, superintendence**

**control** 2

*verb* to be in charge of  
 » Camilla controlled the rota for cleaning the hamster cage.  
**administer, be in charge of, command, direct, govern, have power over, manage, rule**

**convenient**

*adjective* helpful or easy to use  
 » Cycling was a convenient way to get around.  
**handy, helpful, useful, user-friendly, labour-saving, serviceable**  
 antonym: **inconvenient**

**convention** 1

*noun* an accepted way of behaving or doing something  
 » The convention is to shake hands when you strike a deal.  
**code, custom, etiquette, practice, tradition, propriety, protocol**



The **convention** is to shake hands when you strike a deal.

**convention** 2

*noun* a large meeting of an organization or group » The society hosted a convention of children's authors every year.  
**assembly, conference, congress, meeting**

**conventional** 1

*adjective* relating to what is normally done or believed  
 » His uniform was conventional school wear.  
**conformist, conservative, unadventurous, bourgeois, staid**

**conventional** 2

*adjective* familiar, or generally used » The coach taught us all a conventional tennis serve.  
**customary, ordinary, orthodox, regular, standard, traditional**

**convey**

*verb* to cause information or ideas to be known » She conveyed her thoughts on global warming to the class.  
**communicate, express, get across, impart**

**convince**

*verb* to persuade that something is true  
 » I convinced him of my innocence.  
**assure, persuade, satisfy**

**convincing**

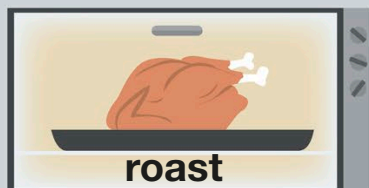
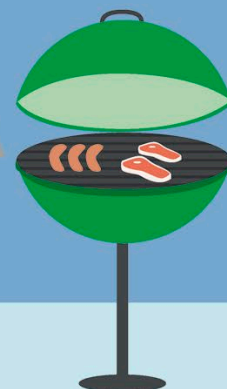
*adjective* persuasive » Jackie had a convincing argument.  
**conclusive, effective, persuasive, plausible, powerful, telling, cogent, incontrovertible**  
 antonym: **unconvincing**

**cook**

*verb* to prepare food for eating by heating it in some way  
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**cool** 1

*adjective* having a low temperature » There was a gust of cool air.  
**chilled, chilly, cold, refreshing**  
 antonym: **warm**

**microwave****poach****steam****toast****barbecue****roast****stew**

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## cool <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* staying calm  
» *José kept cool through the whole incident.*

**calm, collected, composed, level-headed, relaxed, serene, dispassionate, imperturbable, unemotional, unexcited, unruffled**  
antonym: **nervous**

## cool <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to make or become cool  
» *Elsa put the cupcakes on a rack to cool.*

**chill, cool off, freeze, refrigerate**  
antonym: **heat**



*Elsa put the cupcakes on a rack to cool.*

## cooperate

*verb* to work together » *Laura cooperated with the rest of the team to finish the task.*

**collaborate, join forces, pull together, work together**

## copy <sup>1</sup>

*noun* something made to look like something else  
» *Tony made a copy of his favourite painting.*  
**counterfeit, duplicate, fake, forgery, imitation, replica, reproduction, facsimile, likeness, replication**

## copy <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to do the same thing as someone else » *My little brother copies everything that I do.*  
**ape, emulate, follow, imitate, mimic, follow suit, parrot, simulate**

## copy <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to make a copy of  
» *The teacher copied the handout and gave a sheet of it to each pupil.*  
**counterfeit, duplicate, reproduce**

## corny

*adjective* unoriginal or sentimental » *Dad always listens to corny music.*  
**banal, hackneyed, maudlin, sentimental, stale, stereotyped, trite, mawkish, old hat, unoriginal**

## correct <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* without mistakes  
» *Jonathan's calculations were correct.*  
**accurate, exact, faultless, flawless, precise, right, true**

## correct <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* socially acceptable  
» *Our teacher said the correct way to greet the head was "Good morning, Mr Brown".*  
**acceptable, appropriate, fitting, okay or OK (informal), proper, seemly**  
antonym: **wrong**

## correct <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to make right » *Jimmy corrected the errors in his work.*  
**amend, cure, improve, rectify, reform, remedy, right, emend, redress**

## correction

*noun* the act of making something right » *We made a correction to our design project.*  
**adjustment, amendment, righting, rectification**



*We made a correction to our design project.*

## correspond

*verb* to be similar or connected to something else » *The two maps correspond – they both show the old tower at the top of the hill.*

**agree, be related, coincide, correlate, fit, match, tally**

## corrupt <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* acting dishonestly or illegally » *Her scheme was unfair and showed her to be corrupt.*

**crooked, dishonest, fraudulent, shady (informal), unscrupulous, unethical, unprincipled, venal**  
antonym: **honest**

## corrupt <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to change a computer file by introducing errors  
» *I should take a backup copy in case the original is corrupted.*  
**alter, contaminate, falsify, manipulate, doctor**

## corruption

*noun* dishonest and illegal behaviour » *The police arrested him on charges of corruption.*  
**bribery, dishonesty, fraud, extortion, profiteering, venality**

## cost <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the amount of money needed » *The cost of chocolate has gone up.*  
**charge, expense, outlay, payment, price, rate**

## cost <sup>2</sup>

*noun* loss or damage  
» *They extended the house but at the cost of the garden.*  
**detriment, expense, penalty**

## cost <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to involve a cost of  
» *The airfares were going to cost a lot of money.*  
**come to, sell at, set someone back (informal)**

## cosy <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* warm and comfortable  
» *Guests can relax in the cosy lounge.*  
**comfortable, snug, warm**

## cosy <sup>2</sup>

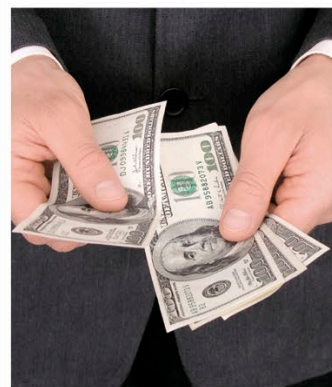
*adjective* pleasant and friendly » *She enjoyed the cosy chat with her friends.*  
**friendly, informal, intimate, relaxed**

## council

*noun* a governing group of people » *The city council had ordered the road closure.*  
**assembly, board, committee, panel, conclave, convocation**

## count <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to add up  
» *I counted the money.*  
**add up, calculate, tally, compute, enumerate, tot up**



*I counted the money.*

## count <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to be important  
» *Your opinions count.*  
**carry weight, matter, rate, signify, weigh**

## count <sup>3</sup>

*noun* a counting or number counted » *The count revealed that our group had the most votes.*  
**calculation, reckoning, sum, tally, computation, enumeration**

**counteract**

*verb* to reduce the effect of something » *Water the plants to counteract the drying effect of the sun.*

**act against, offset, counterbalance, countervail, negate, neutralize**

**countless**

*adjective* too many to count » *She was the star of countless films.*

**infinite, innumerable, myriad, untold, incalculable, limitless, measureless, multitudinous**

**country** 1

*noun* a political area » *He drove over the border between the two countries.*  
**kingdom, land, state**

**country** 2

*noun* land away from towns and cities » *My friend lives right out in the country.*

**bush** (New Zealand and South Africa), **countryside, outback** (Australia and New Zealand), **outdoors**  
related words:  
*adjectives* **pastoral, rural**



*My friend lives right out in the country.*

**courage**

*noun* lack of fear

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**course** 1

*noun* a policy of action » *Jed took the only course left open to him.*  
**plan, policy, procedure**



*She taught a course on algebra.*

**course** 2

*noun* a series of lessons » *She taught a course on algebra.*  
**classes, curriculum**

**course** 3

*noun* a way taken to get somewhere » *The sailor changed the yacht's course to avoid the rocks.*  
**direction, line, path, route, trajectory, way**

**court** 1

*noun* a place where legal matters are decided » *He ended up in court for theft.*  
**bench, law court, tribunal**

**court** 2

*verb* (old-fashioned) to hope to marry » *Grandpa said he courted Grandma for years before she agreed to marry him.*  
**go steady, woo**

**courtesy**

*noun* polite and considerate behaviour » *He showed courtesy to other drivers, giving way to them on the busy road.*  
**civility, courteousness, gallantry, good manners, grace, graciousness, politeness**

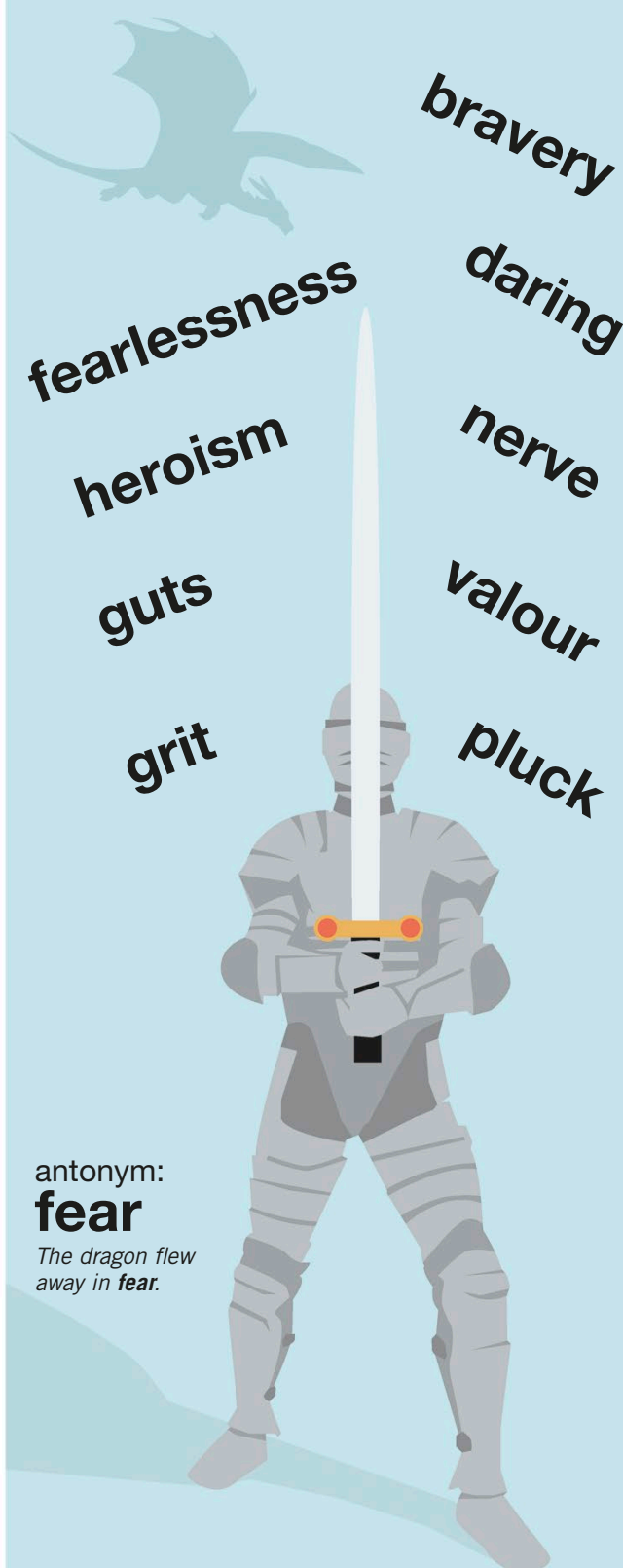
**cover** 1

*verb* to protect or hide » *He covered his face.*  
**cloak, conceal, cover up, hide, mask, obscure, screen, shade**  
antonym: **reveal**

# courage

*noun* lack of fear

» *The knight showed great courage fighting the dragon.*



antonym:

**fear**

*The dragon flew away in fear.*

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## cover <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to form a layer over  
» *The fish was covered with breadcrumbs.*  
**coat, overlay**

## cover <sup>3</sup>

*noun* something which protects or hides » *They snuggled down under the covers.*  
**case, coating, covering, jacket, mask, screen, wrapper**



*They snuggled down under the covers.*

## cow

*noun* a farm animal kept for milk or meat » *A herd of dairy cows stood in the field.*  
**bovine, cattle**

## coward

*noun* someone who is easily scared » *I'm a coward when it comes to the dark so Dad leaves the landing light on.*  
**chicken** (slang), **wimp** (informal)

## cowardly

*adjective* easily scared  
» *She was too cowardly to get the spider out of the bath.*  
**chicken** (slang), **faint-hearted, gutless** (informal), **sookie** (New Zealand), **craven, lily-livered, pusillanimous, spineless, timorous**  
antonym: **brave**

## cower

*verb* to bend down with fear  
» *The dog cowered before the cat.*  
**cringe, quail, shrink**

## crack <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to become damaged, with lines on the surface  
» *The road surface cracked in the heat.*  
**break, fracture, snap**

## crack <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to find the answer to something » *We've managed to crack the problem.*  
**decipher, solve, work out**

## crack <sup>3</sup>

*noun* a line or gap caused by damage » *There was a large crack in the wall.*  
**break, cleft, crevice, fracture, fissure, interstice**

## crafty

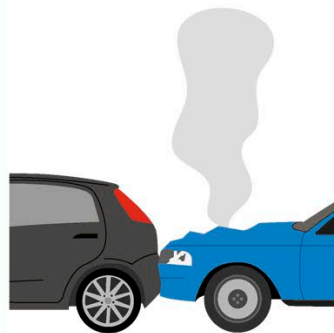
*adjective* clever and rather dishonest » *The crafty kid managed to get both his parents to give him his pocket money that week.*  
**artful, cunning, devious, scheming, slippery, sly, wily**

## cram

*verb* to stuff something into a container or place » *Minnie crammed chips into her mouth.*  
**jam, pack, squeeze, stuff**

## crash <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an accident involving a moving vehicle » *No one was hurt in the car crash.*  
**accident, bump, collision, pile-up** (informal), **smash**



*No one was hurt in the car crash.*

## crash <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a loud noise » *I heard a crash coming from outside.*  
**bang, clash, din, smash**

## crash <sup>3</sup>

*noun* the failure of a business  
» *There was a stock market crash overnight.*  
**bankruptcy, collapse, depression, failure, ruin**

## crash <sup>4</sup>

*verb* to have an accident  
» *His car crashed into the back of a van.*  
**bump, collide, drive into, have an accident, hurtle into, plough into, wreck**

## crawl <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to move slowly on hands and knees or near the ground  
» *The ladybird crawled through the grass.*  
**creep, drag, edge, inch, slither, on hands and knees**

## crawl <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to be full of » *The branch was crawling with red ants.*  
**be alive with, be full of, be overrun** (slang), **swarm, teem**



*The branch was crawling with red ants.*

## craze

*noun* a brief enthusiasm for something » *Yoga is Jasmine's latest fitness craze.*  
**fad, fashion, trend, vogue**

## crazy <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* (informal) very strange or foolish » *People thought our plans were crazy.*  
**foolish, insane, mad, ridiculous, wild, zany**  
antonym: **sensible**

## crazy <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* (informal) very keen on something » *Gavin's crazy about football.*  
**fanatical, mad, obsessed, passionate, smitten, wild, enamoured, zealous**

## create <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to make something happen » *The band coming on stage created a buzz of excitement around the room.*  
**bring about, cause, lead to, occasion**

## create <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to invent something  
» *He created a new type of kite.*  
**coin, compose, devise, formulate, invent, originate**

## creative

*adjective* able to invent  
» *Sheila is so creative – she's writing and illustrating a graphic novel in her spare time.*  
**fertile, imaginative, inspired, inventive**

## credit

*noun* praise for something  
» *Luca took all the credit for my idea.*  
**commendation, glory, praise, recognition, thanks, acclaim, Brownie points, kudos**  
antonym: **disgrace**

## creepy

*adjective* (informal) strange and frightening » *The old house is really creepy at night.*  
**disturbing, eerie, macabre, scary** (informal), **sinister, spooky, unnatural**

## crime

*noun* an act that breaks the law  
» *Shoplifting is a crime.*  
**misdeemeanour, offence, violation, wrong, felony, malfeasance, misdeed, transgression**

## criminal <sup>1</sup>

*noun* someone who has committed a crime  
» *The criminal spent 10 years in prison.*  
**crook** (informal), **culprit, delinquent, offender, villain, evildoer, felon, lawbreaker, malefactor**

## criminal 2

adjective involving crime  
» *Stealing is a criminal offence.*

**corrupt, crooked, illegal, illicit, unlawful, culpable, felonious, indictable, iniquitous, nefarious**  
antonym: **legal**

## cripple 1

verb to injure severely  
» *He was crippled for months after the accident.*

**disable, lame, maim, paralyse**

## cripple 2

verb to prevent from working  
» *Snow crippled the bus network and we got the day off.*  
**bring to a standstill, impair, put out of action**

## critical 1

adjective very important  
» *It is critical to add the ingredients in the right order.*  
**crucial, deciding, decisive, momentous, pivotal, vital**  
antonym: **unimportant**

## critical 2

adjective very serious  
» *Her car was in critical need of a new battery.*  
**grave, precarious, serious**

## critical 3

adjective finding fault with something or someone  
» *The boy thought his teacher was too critical and had marked his essay down.*  
**carping, derogatory, disapproving, disparaging, scathing, captious, cavilling, censorious, fault-finding**  
antonym: **complimentary**

## criticism

noun expression of disapproval  
» *His criticism of the play was harsh.*  
**censure, disapproval, disparagement, fault-finding, flak** (informal), **panning** (informal), **denigration, stricture**  
antonym: **praise**

## criticize

verb to find fault » *The bus driver was criticized for not being on time.*  
**censure, condemn, find fault with, knock** (informal), **pan** (informal), **put down, disparage, excoriate, lambast, lambaste**  
antonym: **praise**

## crook

noun (informal) a criminal  
» *The man is a crook and a liar.*  
**cheat, rogue, scoundrel** (old-fashioned), **shark, swindler, thief, villain**

## crooked 1

adjective bent or twisted  
» *The nails were crooked after Dad's attempts to hammer them into the hard wall.*  
**bent, deformed, distorted, irregular, out of shape, twisted, warped**  
antonym: **straight**

## crooked 2

adjective dishonest or illegal  
» *My parents hoped the salesman wasn't crooked.*  
**corrupt, criminal, dishonest, fraudulent, illegal, shady** (informal), **dishonourable, nefarious, unprincipled**  
antonym: **honest**

## CROSS 1

verb to go across  
» *The bridge crosses the river.*  
**ford, go across, span, traverse**



The bridge **crosses** the river.

## CROSS 2

verb to meet and go across  
» *The bus stop is near the traffic lights where the roads cross.*  
**crisscross, intersect**

## cross 3

noun a mixture of two things  
» *The dog was a cross between a collie and a retriever.*  
**blend, combination, mixture**

## cross 4

adjective angry » *I'm very cross with him.*  
**angry, annoyed, fractious, fretful, grumpy, in a bad mood, irritable, irascible, peevish, testy, tetchy**

## crouch

verb to squat down  
» *We all crouched in the grass.*  
**bend down, squat**



We all **crouched** in the grass.

## crowd 1

noun a large group of people  
» *A huge crowd gathered in the square.*  
**horde, host, mass, mob, multitude, swarm, throng**

## crowd 2

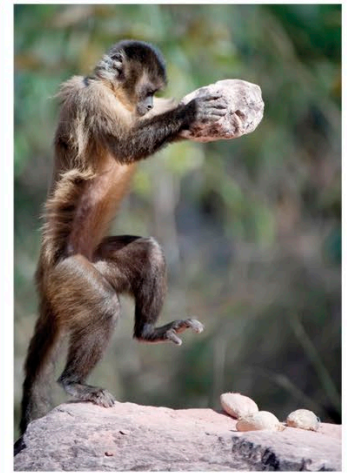
verb to gather close together  
» *Hundreds of fans crowded into the hall.*  
**congregate, gather, swarm, throng**

## crowded

adjective full of people  
» *It was a crowded room.*  
**congested, full, overflowing, packed**

## crucial

adjective very important  
» *He held his nerve at the crucial moment and won the game.*  
**central, critical, decisive, momentous, pivotal, vital**



The monkey used the stone as a **crude** tool to open the nuts.

## crude 1

adjective rough and simple  
» *The monkey used the stone as a crude tool to open the nuts.*  
**primitive, rough, rudimentary, simple**

## crude 2

adjective rude and offensive  
» *He had a crude and embarrassing sense of humour.*  
**coarse, tasteless, vulgar, boorish, crass**  
antonym: **refined**

## cruel

adjective deliberately causing hurt » *Her words were cruel.*  
**barbarous, brutal, callous, cold-blooded, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, vicious**  
antonyms: **compassionate, kind**

## cruelty

noun cruel behaviour  
» *Leaving Maz out of the final match was an act of cruelty.*  
**barbarity, brutality, callousness, inhumanity, savagery, viciousness**  
antonyms: **compassion, kindness**

## crumple

verb to squash and wrinkle  
» *She crumpled the paper in her hand.*  
**crease, crush, screw up, wrinkle**



My little brother loves to **crush** the garlic.

## crush 1

verb to destroy the shape of by squeezing

» My little brother loves to **crush** the garlic.

**crumble, crumple, mash, squash**

## crush 2

verb to defeat completely

» His football team was **crushed** with a 6–0 defeat.

**overcome, put down, quell, stamp out, vanquish**

## cry 1

verb to have tears coming from your eyes » The film made her **cry**.

**bawl, blubber, howl, sob, weep, whimper, wail**

## cry 2

verb to call out loudly

» “See you soon!” they **cried**.

**call, exclaim, shout, yell**

## cry 3

noun a loud or high shout

» The fans in the stadium gave a **cry** of disappointment when the striker missed the goal.

**call, exclamation, shout, yell**

## cunning 1

adjective clever and deceitful

» The boy had a **cunning** plan.

**artful, crafty, devious, sly, wily, foxy, Machiavellian**

antonym: **open**

## cunning 2

noun cleverness and deceit

» The goats showed **cunning** in finding food.

**deviousness, guile**

## curb 1

verb to keep something within limits » Owen must learn to **curb** his temper.

**check, contain, control, limit, restrain, suppress**

## curb 2

noun an attempt to keep something within limits

» Parents called for stricter **curbs** on who could be invited to the school party.

**brake, control, limit, limitation, restraint**

## cure 1

verb to make well » The ointment **cured** the rash.

**heal, remedy**

## cure 2

noun something that makes an illness better » The medicine was a **cure**.

**medicine, remedy, treatment**

## curiosity 1

noun the desire to know

» The man showed **curiosity** in his family tree.

**inquisitiveness, interest**

## curiosity 2

noun something unusual

» The museum was full of relics and **curiosities**.

**freak, marvel, novelty, oddity, rarity**



The museum was full of relics and **curiosities**.

## curious 1

adjective wanting to know

» He was **curious** about the new neighbours.

**inquiring, inquisitive, interested, nosy** (informal)

antonym: **incurious**

## curious 2

adjective strange and unusual

» The shop was full of **curious** trinkets.

**bizarre, extraordinary, odd, peculiar, singular, strange, unusual**

antonym: **ordinary**

## current 1

noun a strong continuous movement of water

» She was almost swept away by the **current** of water.

**flow, tide, undertow**

## current 2

adjective happening, being done, or being used now

» His **current** car goes much faster than his last one.

**contemporary, fashionable, ongoing, present, present-day, today's, up-to-the-minute**

antonym: **past**

## curve 1

noun a bending line » There was a **curve** in the road.

**arc, bend, trajectory, turn**

related word: adjective **sinuous**

## curve 2

verb to move in a curve

» The road **curved** sharply to the left.

**arc, arch, bend, swerve**

## custom 1

noun a traditional activity

» The tea-drinking ceremony is an ancient Chinese **custom**.

**convention, practice, ritual, tradition**

## custom 2

noun something a person

always does » It was her **custom** to get up at 7 o'clock every morning.

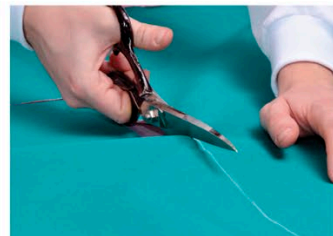
**habit, practice, routine, wont**

## customer

noun someone who buys

something » The shop was filled with **customers**.

**buyer, client, consumer, patron, purchaser, shopper**



The tailor **cut** the cloth with a sharp pair of scissors.

## cut 1

verb to mark, injure, or remove part of (something or someone) with something sharp

» The tailor **cut** the cloth with a sharp pair of scissors.

**chop, clip, nick, score, slice, slit, trim**

## cut 2

verb to reduce something

» Dad **cut** the amount of TV we watched.

**cut back, decrease, lower, reduce, slash, abridge, downsize, rationalize**

antonym: **increase**

## cut 3

noun a mark or injury made by cutting » Sofia had a **cut** on her finger.

**gash, incision, slash, slit**

## cut 4

noun a reduction in something

» There was a **cut** in the number of books in the library.

**cutback, decrease, lowering, reduction, saving**

antonym: **increase**

## cute

adjective pretty or attractive

» You were such a **cute** baby!

**appealing, attractive, charming, dear, good-looking, gorgeous, pretty**

antonym: **ugly**

## cynical

adjective always thinking the worst of people

» Alistair had a **cynical** attitude that made him seem world-weary.

**distrustful, sceptical**

# Dd

## daft

*adjective* extremely silly

» *Wearing shorts in snowy weather is a daft idea.*

**crazy, foolish, ludicrous, preposterous, ridiculous, silly, stupid**

antonym: **sensible**

## damage

*verb* to cause harm to something » *Hail damaged the corn crop.*

**harm, hurt, injure**



Hail **damaged** the corn crop.

## damage

*noun* harm that is done to something » *The storm caused damage to the town, flattening several houses.*

**harm, injury**

## damp

*adjective* slightly wet

» *The towel was damp once he had used it after swimming.*

**clammy, dank, humid, moist, sodden, soggy, wet**

## damp

*noun* slight wetness

» *The damp all over the walls left a dark stain.*

**dampness, humidity, moisture, clamminess, dankness**

## danger

*noun* the possibility of harm

» *A stampeding hippo is a great danger in Africa.*

**hazard, jeopardy, menace, peril, risk, threat**

antonym: **safety**



The ocean can be **dangerous** during a storm.

## dangerous

*adjective* likely to cause harm

» *The ocean can be dangerous during a storm.*

**hazardous, perilous, risky, treacherous**

antonym: **safe**

## dare

*verb* to challenge someone to do something » *I dare you to jump off the top diving board.*

**challenge, defy, throw down the gauntlet**

## dare

*verb* to have the courage to do something » *Nobody dared to complain to the angry man.*

**risk, venture**

## daring

*adjective* willing to take risks » *They made a daring escape by helicopter.*

**adventurous, audacious, bold, brave, fearless, intrepid, valiant**

antonym: **cautious**

## daring

*noun* the courage to take risks » *Ben showed his daring when he spoke in assembly for five minutes without notes.*

**audacity, boldness, bravery, courage, guts (informal), nerve (informal), fearlessness, intrepidity, temerity**

antonym: **caution**

## dark

*adjective* lacking light

» *It was too dark to see what was happening.*

**black, cloudy, dim, dingy, murky, overcast, shadowy, swarthy**

antonym: **light**

## dark

*noun* lack of light

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## dash

*verb* to rush somewhere

» *Madison dashed towards the finish line.*

**bolt, fly, race, run, rush, sprint, tear, make haste, hasten**

## dash

*verb* to throw or be thrown violently against something

» *The huge waves dashed against the rocks.*

**break, crash, hurl, slam, smash**

# dark

**2** *noun* lack of light » *It is difficult to see in the dark.*

## dimness

*I'm squinting to adjust to the dimness.*

## darkness

*The room was plunged into darkness.*

## gloom

*Can you see in the gloom?*

## dusk

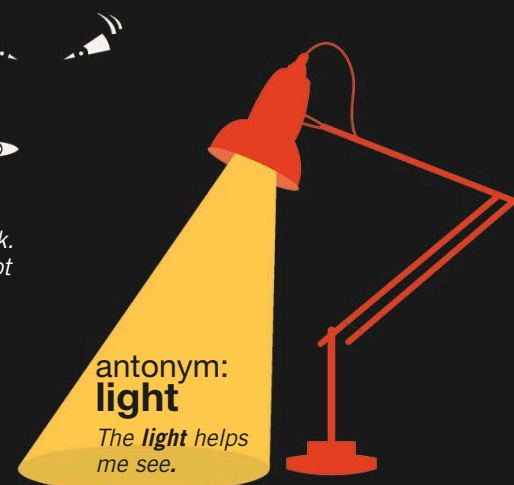
*It's only 6 o'clock. It's dusk – it's not pitch dark yet.*

## murk

*I can't make much out in this murk.*

antonym:  
**light**

*The light helps me see.*



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## dash ③

**verb** to ruin or frustrate someone's hopes or ambitions  
» *The children's hopes of a picnic were dashed by the rain.*  
**crush, destroy, disappoint, foil, frustrate, shatter, thwart, confound, quash**

## dash ④

**noun** a sudden movement or rush » *Harper made a dash for the door.*  
**bolt, race, run, rush, sprint, stampede**

## dash ⑤

**noun** a small quantity of something » *He added a dash of salt to his meal.*  
**drop, pinch, splash, sprinkling**

## daydream ①

**noun** a series of pleasant thoughts » *His mind often drifted into a daydream.*  
**dream, fantasy, pipe dream, reverie**



*His mind often drifted into a daydream.*

## daydream ②

**verb** to think about pleasant things » *Noah daydreams of being famous.*  
**dream, fantasize**

## dazed

**adjective** unable to think clearly  
» *At the end of the interview I felt dazed and exhausted.*  
**bewildered, confused, dizzy, light-headed, numbed, stunned, disorientated, punch-drunk, stupefied**

## dead ①

**adjective** no longer alive  
» *He found a dead jellyfish washed up on the beach.*  
**deceased, departed, extinct, late**  
antonym: **alive**

## dead ②

**adjective** no longer functioning  
» *The radio is dead.*  
**defunct, not working**

## deadly

**adjective** causing death  
» *The Brazilian wandering spider is the world's most deadly arachnid.*  
**destructive, fatal, lethal, mortal**

## deal

**verb** to cope successfully with something » *Ethan deals with stress by doing yoga.*  
**attend to, cope with, handle, manage, see to, take care of**

## dear ①

**noun** a person for whom you have affection  
» *Happy Valentine's Day, dear.*  
**angel, beloved** (old-fashioned), **darling, love, sweetheart, treasure** (informal)



*Happy Valentine's Day, dear.*

## dear ②

**adjective** much loved  
» *He was a dear friend of mine and I miss him.*  
**beloved, cherished, darling, esteemed, precious, prized, treasured**



*She didn't buy the handbag because it was too dear.*

## dear ③

**adjective** costing a lot  
» *She didn't buy the handbag because it was too dear.*  
**costly, expensive, pricey** (informal)

## deceive

**verb** to make someone believe something that is untrue  
» *The advert deceived the public by claiming the product would make them look younger.*  
**con** (informal), **double-cross, dupe, fool, mislead, take in, trick, bamboozle, beguile, hoodwink**

## decent ①

**adjective** of an acceptable standard » *The pay was decent although not generous.*  
**adequate, passable, reasonable, respectable, satisfactory, tolerable**

## decent ②

**adjective** correct and respectable » *She was a decent person who always tried to do the right thing.*  
**proper, respectable**  
antonym: **improper**

## deceptive

**adjective** likely to make people believe something untrue  
» *The deceptive honey badger looks cute, but it can give a painful scratch.*  
**false, fraudulent, illusory, misleading, unreliable, delusive, specious**

## decide

**verb** to choose to do something  
» *She decided to sign up for swimming lessons.*  
**choose, come to a decision, determine** (formal), **elect** (formal), **make up your mind, reach a decision, resolve** (formal)

## decision

**noun** a judgment about something » *The judges came to a decision about who the winner was.*  
**conclusion, finding, judgment, resolution, ruling, verdict**

## declaration

**noun** a forceful or official announcement » *She made her declaration in public for all to hear.*  
**affirmation, protestation** (formal), **statement, testimony, assertion, avowal**



*She made her declaration in public for all to hear.*

## declare

**verb** to state something forcefully or officially  
» *Rohan declared that he was going to sail round the world.*  
**affirm, announce, assert, certify, proclaim, profess** (formal), **pronounce, state, attest, aver, avow**

## decline ①

**verb** to become smaller or weaker » *The plants in the garden declined during winter.*  
**decrease, diminish, drop, fall, go down, plummet, reduce, dwindle, wane**  
antonym: **increase**

**decline** ②

*verb* to refuse politely to accept or do something  
 » He declined their invitation as he didn't want to go out.  
**abstain, excuse yourself, refuse, turn down**  
 antonym: **accept**

**decline** ③

*noun* a gradual weakening or decrease » There was a decline in the number of bees visiting the hive this year.  
**decrease, downturn, drop, fall, recession, shrinkage, slump**  
 antonym: **increase**

**decorate** ①

*verb* to make more attractive  
 » She decorated her room with posters and pictures.  
**adorn, deck, ornament, beautify, bedeck, embellish, festoon**



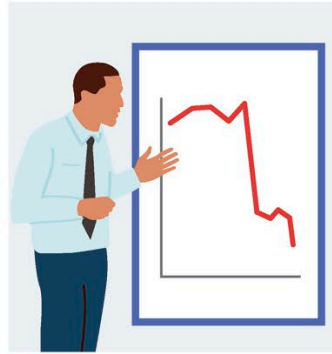
She decorated her room with posters and pictures.

**decorate** ②

*verb* to put paint or wallpaper on » They decided to decorate the house and paint her bedroom walls yellow.  
**do up** (informal), **renovate**

**decrease** ①

*verb* to become or make less  
 » The dentist said we should decrease the amount of sugar we eat.  
**cut down, decline, diminish, drop, dwindle, lessen, lower, reduce, shrink, abate, curtail, subside, wane**  
 antonym: **increase**



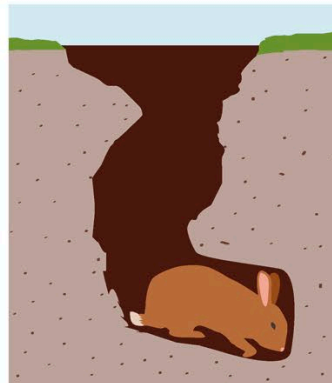
The sudden decrease in sales was a shock.

**decrease** ②

*noun* a lessening in the amount of something » The sudden decrease in sales was a shock.  
**decline, drop, lessening, reduction, abatement, curtailment, cutback, diminution**  
 antonym: **increase**

**deep** ①

*adjective* having a long way to the bottom » The rabbit dug a deep hole.  
**bottomless, yawning**  
 antonym: **shallow**



The rabbit dug a deep hole.

**deep** ②

*adjective* great or intense  
 » Joe had a deep love of sport and played in many teams.  
**extreme, grave, great, intense, profound, serious**

**deep** ③

*adjective* low in sound  
 » The man had a deep voice and sang bass in choir.  
**bass, low, resonant, sonorous**  
 antonym: **high**

**defeat** ①

*verb* to win a victory over someone » I defeated last year's arm-wrestling champion.  
**beat, conquer, crush, rout, trounce, vanquish** (formal)

**defeat** ②

*noun* a failure to win  
 » His basketball team suffered a crushing defeat.  
**conquest, debacle** (formal), **rout, trouncing**  
 antonym: **victory**

**defect**

*noun* a fault or flaw  
 » A software defect made the phone unusable.  
**deficiency, failing, fault, flaw, imperfection, shortcoming, weakness**

**defence** ①

*noun* action to protect something » Many plant-eating dinosaurs had spikes and weapons on their tails as a form of defence.  
**cover, protection, resistance, safeguard, security**

**defence** ②

*noun* an argument in support of something » Jason's only defence for taking the chocolate without asking was that he was hungry.  
**argument, excuse, explanation, justification, plea**

**defend** ①

*verb* to protect from harm  
 » The cat defended her kittens from the dog next door.  
**cover, guard, protect, safeguard, shelter, shield**

**defend** ②

*verb* to argue in support of  
 » I defended his silence, explaining he was shy not rude.  
**endorse, justify, stick up for** (informal), **support, uphold**

**defender**

*noun* a person who argues in support of something  
 » The man was a committed defender of human rights.  
**advocate, champion, supporter**

**deficiency**

*noun* a lack of something  
 » The disease scurvy is caused by a deficiency of vitamin C.  
**deficit, deprivation, inadequacy, lack, want** (formal)  
 antonym: **abundance**

**deficient**

*adjective* lacking in something  
 » The bald, muddy lawn was deficient in grass.  
**inadequate, lacking, poor, short, wanting**

**definite** ①

*adjective* unlikely to be changed » Dad set a definite limit to my holiday money.  
**assured, certain, decided, fixed, guaranteed, settled**

**definite** ②

*adjective* certainly true  
 » Hot cocoa was a definite help in getting to sleep.  
**clear, positive, black-and-white, clear-cut, cut-and-dried**

**deformed**

*adjective* abnormally shaped  
 » The deformed carrot looked as if it had two legs.  
**disfigured, distorted**



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## degrade

**verb** to humiliate someone  
» *Ava was sorry that her mean remark had degraded her friend.*  
**demean, humiliate**

## delay

**verb** to put something off until later » *Lunch was delayed by an hour as our guests were late.*  
**defer, postpone, put off, shelve, suspend**

## delay

**verb** to slow or hinder something » *Fallen trees on the road delayed her journey.*  
**hinder, impede, obstruct, set back, hold up, retard**

## delay

**noun** a time when something is delayed » *The fog grounded planes, causing flight delays.*  
**interruption, obstruction, setback**

## delete

**verb** to remove something written » *She deleted the final paragraph because it repeated an earlier one.*  
**cross out, erase, rub out, blue-pencil, edit out, strike out**

## deliberate

**adjective** done on purpose  
» *When I found the textbook under Doug's desk, I realized it was part of a deliberate attempt to cheat in the exam.*  
**calculated, conscious, intentional, premeditated, studied**  
antonym: **accidental**

## deliberate

**adjective** careful and not hurried » *The vet's movements were gentle and deliberate as he felt the cat's leg for bruising.*  
**careful, cautious, measured, methodical**  
antonym: **casual**



The girl **deliberated** over what to eat.

## deliberate

**verb** to think carefully about a choice  
» *The girl deliberated over what to eat.*  
**debate, meditate, mull over, ponder, reflect**

## delicious

**adjective** tasting very nice  
» **SEE RIGHT**

## delight

**noun** great pleasure or joy  
» *It gives me great delight to welcome you to our new home.*  
**glee, happiness, joy, pleasure, rapture, satisfaction**

## delight

**verb** to give someone great pleasure » *The squeaky toy delighted the baby.*  
**amuse, captivate, charm, enchant, please, thrill**

## demand

**verb** to need or require something » *Running the obstacle course demanded strength and coordination.*  
**involve, need, require, take, want, call for, entail, necessitate**

## deny

**verb** to say that something is untrue » *He denied he broke the ornament on purpose.*  
**contradict, refute, abjure, disavow, disclaim, gainsay, rebut, repudiate**  
antonym: **admit**

## deny

**verb** to refuse to believe something » *She denied the existence of ghosts.*  
**reject, renounce**

## deny

**verb** to refuse to give something » *Pamela's mum denied her any more snacks before dinner.*  
**refuse, withhold**

## department

**noun** a section of an organization » *The shop's sock department was always busier than swimwear in winter.*  
**division, office, section, unit**

## depend on

**verb** to rely on  
» *You can depend on me to help you in an emergency.*  
**bank on, count on, rely on, trust**

## depend on

**verb** to be affected by  
» *The taste depends on the quality of the ingredients.*  
**be determined by, hinge on, be subject to, hang on, rest on**

## deposit

**verb** to put down or leave somewhere » *She deposited the coin in the piggy bank.*  
**drop, lay, leave, place, put down**



She **deposited** the coin in the piggy bank.



No one knew who owned the **derelict** building with the broken window.

## derelict

**adjective** abandoned and in poor condition » *No one knew who owned the derelict building with the broken window.*  
**abandoned, dilapidated, neglected, ruined**

## descend

**verb** to move downwards  
» *We descended the stairs.*  
**dip, dive, fall, go down, plummet, sink**  
antonym: **ascend**

## describe

**verb** to give an account of something » *The teacher asked Amy to describe what she did in her spare time.*  
**define, depict, portray, characterize, detail**

## deserve

**verb** to have a right to something » *Mum works hard, so she deserves a rest.*  
**be entitled to, be worthy of, earn, justify, merit, warrant**

## design

**verb** to make a plan of something » *She couldn't wait to design her new bedroom herself.*  
**draft, draw up, plan**

## design

**noun** a plan or drawing  
» *Brad showed us his design for a vegetable patch.*  
**model, plan, blueprint, schema**

## design

**noun** the shape or style of something » *Mel had a funky new design for a clock.*  
**form, pattern, shape, style**



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## desire 1

verb to want something  
» *We can stay longer at the fair if you desire.*  
**crave, fancy, long for, want, wish, yearn,**  
ache for, covet

## desire 2

noun a feeling of wanting something  
» *I have a strong desire to help people.*  
**appetite, craving, hankering, longing, wish, yearning, yen** (informal)

## despair 1

noun a loss of hope  
» *Emma felt despair at the thought of yet another long car journey.*  
**dejection, despondency, gloom, hopelessness**

## despair 2

verb to lose hope  
» *I despair at this rain – will it ever stop?*  
**feel dejected, feel despondent, lose heart, lose hope**

## despite

preposition in spite of  
» *He gave a great talk despite his fear of public speaking.*  
**in spite of, notwithstanding** (formal), **regardless of**

## destroy

verb to ruin something completely  
» *The fire destroyed the building.*  
**annihilate, demolish, devastate, obliterate, raze, ruin, wreck**



The fire **destroyed** the building.



The **destruction** of the rainforest left many animals homeless.

## destruction

noun the act of destroying something  
» *The destruction of the rainforest left many animals homeless.*  
**annihilation, demolition, devastation, obliteration**

## detail

noun an individual feature of something  
» *We discussed every detail of the play.*  
**aspect, element, particular, point, respect, fine point, nicety**

## determination

noun a firm decision to do something  
» *Adam showed determination in his training for the Olympics.*  
**perseverance, persistence, resolution, resolve** (formal), **tenacity, doggedness, single-mindedness, steadfastness, willpower**

## determine 1

verb to cause or control a situation or result  
» *The size of the chicken determines the cooking time.*  
**control, decide, dictate, govern, shape**

## determine 2

verb to decide or settle something firmly  
» *The date of the match had not yet been determined.*  
**arrange, choose, decide, fix, resolve, settle**

## determine 3

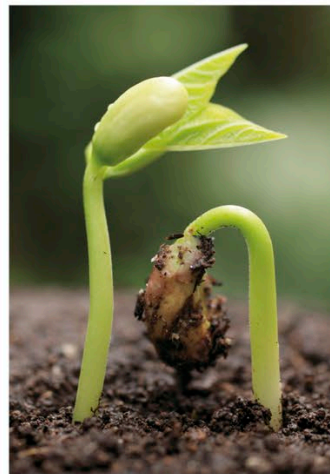
verb to find out the facts about something  
» *The X-ray will determine if there are any broken bones.*  
**ascertain** (formal), **confirm, discover, establish, find out, verify**

## determined

adjective firmly decided  
» *Mia was determined to finish the race, however long it took her.*  
**bent on, dogged, intent on, persistent, purposeful, resolute** (formal), **single-minded, tenacious, steadfast, unflinching, unwavering**

## develop 1

verb to grow or become more advanced  
» *The seedling developed new leaves.*  
**advance, evolve, grow, mature, progress, result, spring**



The seedling **developed** new leaves.

## develop 2

verb to become affected by an illness or fault  
» *He developed pneumonia.*  
**catch, contract** (formal), **fall ill, get, go down with, pick up, succumb**

## devious

adjective achieving your goal by sly methods  
» *He got another turn by being devious, claiming he'd missed out last time.*  
**calculating, scheming, underhand, wily**

## devoted

adjective very loving and loyal  
» *He was a devoted father.*  
**constant, dedicated, doting, faithful, loving, loyal, true**

## die 1

verb to stop living  
» *The flowers had drooped and died.*  
**cark it** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **expire** (formal), **pass away, pass on, perish** (formal)

## die 2

verb to fade away  
» *Liam reassured her that the worry she felt would soon die.*  
**fade away, fade out, peter out**

## die out

verb to cease to exist  
» *Many ancient customs have died out.*  
**disappear, fade, vanish**

## difference 1

noun a lack of similarity between things  
» *There is a huge difference between the size of a Yorkshire Terrier and a Great Dane.*  
**contrast, discrepancy, disparity, distinction, divergence, variation**  
antonym: **similarity**



There is a huge **difference** between the size of a Yorkshire Terrier and a Great Dane.

## difference 2

noun the amount by which two quantities differ  
» *The difference between 17 and 19 is two.*  
**balance, remainder**

# difficult

**1** adjective not easy to do or solve  
» The puzzle was **difficult** to finish.

## arduous

It was a long, **arduous** journey from one end of the country to the other.

## challenging

He found it **challenging** to finish all his homework before football practice started.

## demanding

She had a **demanding** schedule.

## hard

It was **hard** to find a subject she enjoyed more than art.

## knotty

Would the detective ever solve the **knotty** problem?

## intractable (formal)

The company had an **intractable** problem.

## laborious

Checking the entire database was a **laborious** task.

## thorny

It was a **thorny** issue to work out who should sit where.

## problematic

It could be **problematic** trying to fit everyone into one car.

## tough

She found the practical exam really **tough**.

## uphill

It was an **uphill** battle getting her son to tidy his room.

## antonym: easy

This jigsaw is so **easy**!

## different **1**

adjective unlike something else  
» His shiny green shoes were different to everyone else's.

**contrasting, disparate** (formal), **dissimilar, opposed, unlike, at odds, at variance, divergent** (formal)

antonym: **similar**

## different **2**

adjective unusual and out of the ordinary  
» Jane's hairstyle was different, shaved at the front and long at the back.  
**special, unique**

## different **3**

adjective distinct and separate  
» The school supports a different charity every year.

**another, discrete** (formal), **distinct, individual, separate**

## difficult **1**

adjective not easy to do or solve

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## difficult **2**

adjective not easy to deal with  
» He was difficult to deal with because of his mood swings.

**demanding, troublesome, trying, obstreperous, refractory, unmanageable**

## difficulty **1**

noun a problem  
» The main difficulty was that her car wouldn't start.

**complication, hassle** (informal), **hurdle, obstacle, pitfall, problem, snag, trouble, impediment, stumbling block**

## difficulty **2**

noun the quality of being difficult  
» Getting on and off the bus on crutches was a difficulty she had to overcome.  
**hardship, strain, tribulation** (formal), **arduousness, laboriousness**

## dig **1**

verb to break up soil or sand  
» The dog used its front paws to dig a hole in the ground.  
**burrow, excavate, gouge, hollow out, quarry, till, tunnel**

## dig 2

verb to push something in  
» She could feel the tight bracelet digging into her arm.

**jab, poke, thrust**

## dig 3

noun a push or poke  
» Daisy silenced Matt with a dig in the arm.

**jab, poke, prod, thrust**



Daisy silenced Matt with a dig in the arm.

## dim 1

adjective not bright or well-lit  
» The light from the lamp was dim, and he couldn't see well enough to read his book.

**dark, dull, grey, murky, poorly lit, shadowy**

## dim 2

adjective vague or unclear  
» She had a dim memory of seeing the girl somewhere before.

**faint, hazy, indistinct, obscure, shadowy, vague, fuzzy, ill-defined, indistinguishable**

antonym: **clear**

## dim 3

adjective (informal) slow to understand  
» He is rather dim, but don't offend him by saying so!

**dumb** (informal), **obtuse, slow, stupid, thick** (informal)

antonym: **bright**

## diminish

verb to reduce or become reduced  
» The biscuit stash diminished throughout the day.

**contract, decrease, lessen, lower, reduce, shrink, weaken**

## direct 1

adjective in a straight line or with nothing in between  
» Dad took the most direct route to the airport.

**immediate, personal, straight, uninterrupted**

antonym: **indirect**

## direct 2

adjective clear and honest  
» He gave a direct answer to her rambling question: "No".

**blunt, candid, forthright, frank, straight, straightforward**  
antonym: **devious**

## direct 3

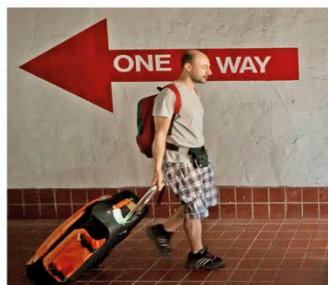
verb to control and guide something  
» Christopher is captain and directs the team on the field.

**control, guide, lead, manage, oversee, run, supervise**

## direction 1

noun the line in which something is moving  
» He walked for an hour in the wrong direction.

**course, path, route, way**



He walked for an hour in the wrong direction.

## direction 2

noun control and guidance of something  
» He chopped vegetables under the chef's direction.

**charge, command, control, guidance, leadership, management**

## dirt 1

noun dust or mud  
» The bike was covered in dirt.

**dust, filth, grime, muck, mud**

## dirt 2

noun earth or soil  
» He drew a circle in the dirt with a stick.

**earth, soil**

## dirty 1

adjective marked with dirt

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## dirty 2

adjective unfair or dishonest

» It was a dirty deal that tricked Joe into doing his brother's chores as well as his own.

**corrupt, crooked**  
antonym: **honest**

# dirty

**1** adjective marked with dirt  
» He was always getting his clothes **dirty**.

## filthy

What a **filthy** T-shirt!

## grimy

Her boots were **grimy** from the grass and mud.

## mucky

Don't put your **mucky** clothes on the carpet.

## grubby

The team were told to wash their **grubby** hands before eating.



**disable**

*verb* to stop something working » *You need to disable the alarm before you enter.*

**deactivate, defuse, immobilize**

**disadvantage**

*noun* an unfavourable circumstance » *They considered the advantages and disadvantages of moving house.*

**drawback, handicap, minus, weakness, downside, hindrance**  
antonym: **advantage**

**disagree** 1

*verb* to have a different opinion » *She disagreed with everything he said.*

**differ, dispute, dissent**  
antonym: **agree**



She **disagreed** with everything he said.

**disagree** 2

*verb* to think that something is wrong » *I disagree with your statement that cats are boring because they sleep all the time.*  
**object, oppose, take issue with**

**disagreeable**

*adjective* unpleasant in some way » *The smell of old cabbage was disagreeable.*

**horrible, horrid, nasty, objectionable, obnoxious, unfriendly, unpleasant**  
antonym: **agreeable**

**disagreement** 1

*noun* a dispute about something » *My friend and I had a disagreement about which pop group was the best.*

**altercation** (formal), **argument, difference, dispute, quarrel, row, squabble, tiff**

antonym: **agreement**

**disagreement** 2

*noun* an objection to something » *There was disagreement over the head insisting we wore our school tie on the bus home.*

**dissent, objection, opposition**

**disappear** 1

*verb* to go out of sight » *The aircraft disappeared off the radar.*

**be lost to view, drop out of sight, fade, recede, vanish**  
antonym: **appear**

**disappear** 2

*verb* to stop existing » *The snow disappeared when the sun came out.*

**cease** (formal), **die out, go away, melt away, pass, vanish**

**disappointed**

*adjective* sad because hopes have not been fulfilled

» *I was disappointed that we didn't go swimming.*

**dejected, despondent, disenchanted, disillusioned, downcast, saddened, disheartened, let down**  
antonym: **satisfied**

**disappointment** 1

*noun* sadness because hopes have not been fulfilled » *Book early to avoid disappointment.*

**dejection, despondency, regret, disenchantment, disillusionment**

**disappointment** 2

*noun* something that does not meet your expectations » *The film was a disappointment; it was really boring.*

**blow, setback**

**disapproval**

*noun* the belief that something is wrong » *John's mum expressed disapproval when he wore ripped jeans to school.*

**censure, condemnation, criticism**  
antonym: **approval**

**disapprove**

*verb* to think that something is wrong » *Everyone disapproved of the stickers all over Maria's precious violin.*  
**condemn, deplore** (formal), **dislike, find unacceptable, take a dim view of, frown on, take exception to**  
antonym: **approve**

**disaster**

*noun* a very bad accident » *The flood was a disaster.*  
**calamity** (formal), **catastrophe, misfortune, tragedy**

**discard**

*verb* to get rid of something » *She discarded the piece of paper with her old notes on.*  
**cast aside, dispose of, dump** (informal), **jettison, shed, throw away, throw out**



She **discarded** the piece of paper with her old notes on.

**discern**

*verb* (formal) to notice or understand something with difficulty » *Abigail discerned someone walking towards her through the mist.*

**detect, make out, notice, observe, perceive, see, spot**

**discharge** 1

*verb* to send something out » *The cleaned water will be discharged into the sea.*  
**emit, empty, expel, flush, give off, release**

**discharge** 2

*verb* to allow someone to leave hospital or prison » *He has a broken arm but was discharged from the hospital yesterday.*  
**free, let go, liberate, release, set free**

**discharge** 3

*verb* to dismiss someone from a job » *He was discharged for shouting at his boss.*  
**dismiss, eject, fire** (informal), **sack** (informal)

**stained**

His shorts were **stained** from the grass.

**unclean**

The **unclean** kit will go straight into the washing machine.



antonym: **clean**

The substitute didn't play and so his kit remained **clean**.

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# discover

verb to find something or find out about something

» She **discovered** a shell in the rock pool.

## come across

The children **came across** the pool when exploring the beach.

## find

She didn't know what she would **find** in the water.

## find out

He wanted to **find out** more about hermit crabs.

## learn

He went to the library to **learn** about rock pools.

## realize

They **realized** that the tide was coming in.

## unearth

He **unearthed** a shell hidden in the mud.

## stumble on or stumble across

**Stumbling across** the rock pool was the highlight of their day at the beach.



**discharge** ④

*noun* a sending away from a job or institution  
 » A broken leg led to her discharge from the team for the rest of the season.  
**dismissal, ejection, expulsion, the sack** (informal)

**discourage**

*verb* to make someone lose enthusiasm » Don't let these problems discourage you.  
**daunt, deter, dissuade, put off, demoralize, dishearten**  
 antonym: **encourage**

**discover**

*verb* to find something or find out about something  
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**discuss**

*verb* to talk about something  
 » We discussed what we should do tomorrow.  
**debate, exchange views on, go into, talk about**

**discussion**

*noun* a talk about something  
 » The teachers sat in another room to have a discussion.  
**consultation, conversation, debate, dialogue, discourse, talk**



The teachers sat in another room to have a **discussion**.

**disgrace** ①

*noun* loss of respect because of a dishonourable action  
 » By refusing to shake hands after the match, he has brought disgrace upon the whole team.  
**scandal, shame, discredit, dishonour**  
 antonym: **credit**

**disgrace** ②

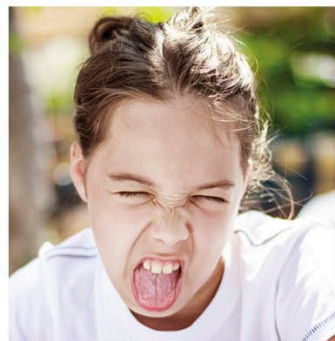
*verb* to bring shame upon  
 » The dog disgraced itself by ripping the cushions.  
**discredit, shame**

**disgraceful**

*adjective* deserving of shame  
 » Grace had wasted a disgraceful amount of paper while trying to write the letter.  
**scandalous, shameful, shocking, discreditable, dishonourable**

**disgust** ①

*noun* a strong feeling of dislike  
 » Leah felt disgust at the thought of eating a worm.  
**nausea, repulsion, revulsion**



Leah felt **disgust** at the thought of eating a worm.

**disgust** ②

*verb* to cause someone to feel disgust » The foul smell disgusted him.  
**repel, revolt, sicken, nauseate, turn your stomach**

**disgusting**

*adjective* very unpleasant or unacceptable » That rubbish dump is one of the most disgusting things I've ever seen.  
**foul, gross, obnoxious, repellent, revolting, sickening, vile, nauseating, repugnant**

**dishonest**

*adjective* not truthful » It is dishonest to mislead people.  
**corrupt, crooked, deceitful, fraudulent, lying, mendacious, untruthful**  
 antonym: **honest**

**dishonesty**

*noun* dishonest behaviour  
 » Her lies and dishonesty had annoyed people.  
**cheating, corruption, deceit, trickery, duplicity, fraudulence, mendacity**  
 antonym: **honesty**

**disintegrate**

*verb* to break into many pieces » The sandcastle disintegrated when the tide came in.  
**break up, crumble, fall apart, fall to pieces, fragment**



The sandcastle **disintegrated** when the tide came in.

**dislike** ①

*verb* to consider something unpleasant » We don't always have liver on the menu because lots of people dislike it.  
**abhor** (formal), **be averse to, detest, hate, loathe, not be able to abide, not be able to stand**  
 antonym: **like**

**dislike** ②

*noun* a feeling of not liking something » Mum looked at the weeds in the garden with dislike.  
**animosity, antipathy, aversion, distaste, hatred, hostility, loathing**  
 antonym: **liking**

**disobey**

*verb* to deliberately refuse to follow instructions » He was forever disobeying rules.  
**break, defy, flout, infringe, violate, contravene** (formal), **transgress**  
 antonym: **obey**



Her drawer was in **disorder**, and it was impossible to find an eraser.

**disorder** ①

*noun* a state of untidiness  
 » Her drawer was in disorder, and it was impossible to find an eraser.  
**clutter, disarray, muddle**  
 antonym: **order**

**disorder** ②

*noun* a lack of organization  
 » The play ended in disorder when they all forgot their lines and shuffled off the stage.  
**chaos, confusion, disarray, turmoil**

**disorder** ③

*noun* a disease or illness  
 » It was a rare nerve disorder.  
**affliction, complaint, condition, disease, illness**

**dispose of**

*verb* to get rid of something  
 » Tie the bag and dispose of it.  
**discard, dispense with, dump, get rid of, throw away**

**disprove**

*verb* to show that something is not true » The science experiment will either prove or disprove the theory.  
**discredit, give the lie to, invalidate, prove false, refute**  
 antonym: **prove**

**dispute** ①

*noun* an argument  
 » The dispute between them is now settled.  
**argument, clash, conflict, disagreement, feud, row, wrangle**

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# drag

verb to pull something along the ground  
» He **dragged** the sled across the snow.

## lug

Nobody else wanted to **lug** the sled up the hill.

## draw

**Draw** up your sled and join us!

## haul

It was a heavy load to **haul**.

## trail

His scarf **trailed** on the ground behind him.

## tow

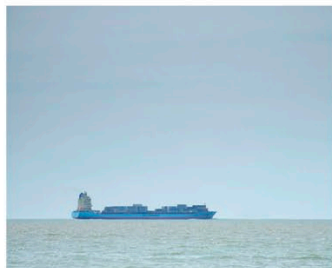
His arm ached from **towing** his friends.

## dispute 2

verb to question something's truth or wisdom  
» Tim **disputed** the claim that he hadn't even tried to win.  
**challenge, contest, contradict, deny, query, question**  
antonym: **accept**

## distant 1

adjective far away in space or time » A **distant** ship appeared on the horizon.  
**far, outlying, out-of-the-way, remote, faraway, far-flung, far-off**  
antonym: **close**



A **distant** ship appeared on the horizon.

## distant 2

adjective cold and unfriendly  
» He is **polite** but **distant**.  
**aloof, detached, reserved, withdrawn, standoffish, unapproachable**  
antonym: **friendly**

## distinguish 1

verb to see the difference between things » A pet can't **distinguish** right from wrong.  
**differentiate, discriminate, tell, tell apart, tell the difference**

## distinguish 2

verb to just recognize something » I heard shouting but was unable to **distinguish** the words.  
**discern, make out, pick out, recognize**

## distract

verb to stop someone from concentrating » Playing computer games **distracted** John from his homework.  
**divert, draw away, sidetrack, turn aside**

## distress 1

noun great suffering » The pain from her broken arm was causing her **distress**.  
**heartache, pain, sorrow, suffering**

## distress 2

noun the state of needing help  
» The ship sent out a signal that it was in **distress**.  
**difficulty, need, straits, trouble**

## distress 3

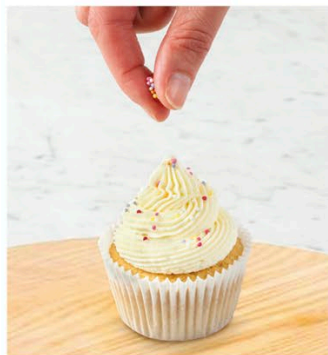
verb to cause someone unhappiness » It **distressed** Gran that the cousins left without saying goodbye.  
**bother, disturb, grieve, pain, sadden, trouble, upset, worry**

## distribute 1

verb to hand something out  
» The head teacher **distributed** the prizes to the winners.  
**circulate, hand out, pass around, pass round**

## distribute 2

verb to spread something through an area  
» **Distribute** the sprinkles evenly over the cupcake.  
**diffuse, disperse, scatter, spread**



**Distribute** the sprinkles evenly over the cupcake.

## distribute 3

verb to divide and share something » Chores were evenly **distributed** among all family members.  
**allocate, allot, dispense (formal), divide, dole out, share out, apportion, mete out**

## disturb 1

verb to intrude on someone's peace » She **crept** past her sleeping father so as not to **disturb** him.  
**bother, disrupt, intrude on**

## disturb 2

verb to upset or worry someone  
» The scenes on the news **disturbed** him.  
**agitate, distress, shake, trouble, unsettle, upset, worry**

## dive

verb to go head first into water  
» Sharon **dived** into the pool.  
**jump, leap, submerge**

## divide 1

verb to split something up  
» He **divided** the tin of food between the two cats.  
**cut up, partition, segregate, separate, split, split up**  
antonym: **join**



A fence **divides** the field between the sheep and the cows.

## divide 2

**verb** to form a barrier between things » *A fence divides the field between the sheep and the cows.*

**bisect, separate**

## divide 3

**verb** to cause people to disagree » *My parents were divided over which colour to paint the walls.*

**come between, set against one another, split**

## division 1

**noun** separation into parts » *The city's division into two parts was caused by the railway line that ran through its centre.*

**partition, separation**

## division 2

**noun** a disagreement » *There were divisions in the community over where the carnival should be held.*

**breach, difference of opinion, rupture, split**

## division 3

**noun** a section of something » *The costume division was easier to find than the props.*

**department, section, sector**

## dizzy

**adjective** about to lose your balance » *Manuel had a dizzy spell and almost fell over.*

**giddy, light-headed**

## do 1

**verb** to carry out a task » *He just didn't want to do any work.*

**carry out, execute** (formal), **perform, undertake**

## do 2

**verb** to be sufficient » *It is best to send a birthday card, but an email will do.*

**be adequate, be sufficient, suffice** (formal)

## do 3

**verb** to perform at a certain level » *Connie did well at tap.*

**fare, get on, manage**

## dodge 1

**verb** to move out of the way » *The player in white dodged the tackle.*

**duck, swerve**



The player in white **dodged** the tackle.

## dodge 2

**verb** to avoid doing something » *He dodged the question by talking about something else.*

**avoid, elude, evade, get out of, shirk, sidestep**

## dog

**noun** an animal often kept as a pet » *The dog is a loyal pet.*

**canine, mongrel, mutt** (slang), **pooch** (slang)

related words:

**adjective canine; female bitch;**

**young pup, puppy**

## doomed

**adjective** certain to fail » *It was a doomed attempt to retrieve the ball – they would never be able to reach it up in the tree.*

**condemned, hopeless, ill-fated**

## double 1

**adjective** twice the usual size » *Bad traffic meant it took double the time to get home.*

**twice, twofold**

## double 2

**adjective** consisting of two parts » *A double pram was needed for the twin babies.*

**dual, twin, twofold**

## doubt 1

**noun** a feeling of uncertainty » *She had doubts about travelling in rainy weather.*

**misgiving, qualm, scepticism, uncertainty**

antonym: **certainty**

## doubt 2

**verb** to feel uncertain about something » *Sam doubted his ability to play a concerto.*

**be dubious, be sceptical, query, question**

antonym: **believe**

## doubtful

**adjective** unlikely or uncertain » *It's doubtful he'll do another tour as he wants a change.*

**debatable, dubious, questionable, uncertain**

antonym: **certain**

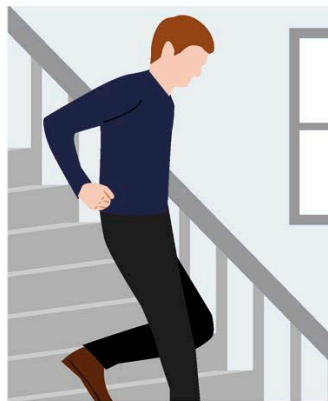
## down 1

**adverb** towards the ground, or in a lower place

» *He walked down the stairs.*

**downwards, downstairs**

antonym: **up**



He walked **down** the stairs.

## down 2

**adjective** depressed » *He felt down when his team lost.*

**dejected, depressed, dispirited, fed up** (informal), **glum, melancholy, miserable, sad, despondent, morose, pessimistic**

## downfall

**noun** the failure of a person or thing » *The king's greed had been his downfall.*

**collapse, fall, ruin**

## drab

**adjective** dull and lacking brightness » *The army truck was painted in drab colours.*

**dingy, dismal, dreary, dull, gloomy, grey, sombre, cheerless, lacklustre**

antonym: **bright**



The army truck was painted in **drab** colours.

## drag

**verb** to pull something along the ground

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## drain 1

**verb** to cause a liquid to flow somewhere » *Kevin pulled out the plug to drain water from the bath.*

**draw off, pump**

## drain 2

**verb** to flow somewhere » *Some rivers drain into lakes.*

**discharge, empty, flow, seep**

## drain 3

**verb** to use something up » *The long day of travelling drained her of energy.*

**consume, exhaust, sap, tax, use up**

## drastic

**adjective** severe and urgent » *Now is the time for drastic action if we are going to save the day.*

**extreme, harsh, radical, severe**

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## draw 1

verb to make a picture  
» *Lucas decided to draw the view through the window.*  
**paint, sketch, trace**

## draw 2

verb to move somewhere  
» *The car drew away from the kerb.*  
**move, pull**

## draw 3

verb to pull something » *Max drew his chair nearer to the fire.*  
**drag, haul, pull**

## drawback

noun a problem that makes something less than perfect  
» *The only drawback was that the apartment was too small.*  
**difficulty, hitch, problem, snag, trouble**

## dreadful

adjective extremely bad » *She thought the play was dreadful: poor acting and no plot.*  
**appalling, atrocious, awful, frightful, ghastly, horrendous, terrible**  
antonym: **wonderful**

## dream 1

noun mental pictures while sleeping » *Ahmed had a dream that his rabbit could fly.*  
**hallucination, trance, vision, delusion, reverie**

## dream 2

noun something that you want very much  
» *His father's dream was to be promoted in the next year.*  
**ambition, aspiration, daydream, fantasy, Holy Grail, pipe dream**



*His father's dream was to be promoted in the next year.*

## dreary

adjective dull or boring  
» *It was a dreary, rainy day.*  
**boring, drab, dull, humdrum, monotonous, tedious, uneventful**  
antonym: **exciting**

## dress 1

noun a piece of clothing  
» *It was a hot day so she wore a summer dress.*  
**frock, gown, robe**



*It was a hot day so she wore a summer dress.*

## dress 2

noun clothing in general » *The invitation said "casual dress".*  
**attire (formal), clothes, clothing, costume, garb (formal), apparel, raiment**

## dress 3

verb to put on clothes  
» *The little boy had dressed himself and put his trousers on back to front.*  
**attire (formal), clothe, garb (formal)**  
antonym: **undress**

## drink

verb to swallow liquid  
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## drip 1

verb to fall in small drops  
» *Rain dripped from the brim of his cap.*  
**dribble, splash, trickle**

## drip 2

noun a small amount of a liquid » *There were drips of paint on the carpet when Dad finished painting the wall.*  
**bead, drop, droplet, dribble, globule**

## drive 1

verb to operate or power a machine or vehicle » *He liked to drive the car on empty roads.*  
**operate, pilot, power, propel, run, steer, work**

## drive 2

verb to force someone to do something » *Ambition drove Jim to work harder.*  
**compel, force, lead, motivate, prompt, push, spur**

## drive 3

verb to force something pointed into a surface » *Rick used a sledgehammer to drive the pegs into the ground.*  
**hammer, knock, ram, sink, thrust**



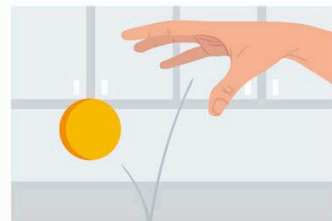
*Rick used a sledgehammer to drive the pegs into the ground.*

## drive 4

noun a journey in a vehicle  
» *We decided to go for a drive in the car.*  
**excursion, jaunt, journey, ride, run, spin, trip**

## drive 5

noun energy and determination  
» *Justin had the drive to succeed against all odds.*  
**ambition, determination, energy, enterprise, initiative, motivation, vigour**



*The ball dropped and bounced on the ground.*

## drop 1

verb to fall downwards  
» *The ball dropped and bounced on the ground.*  
**descend, fall, plummet, sink, tumble**

## drop 2

verb to become less  
» *Temperatures can drop to freezing at night.*  
**decline, decrease, fall, plummet, sink, slump, tumble**  
antonym: **rise**

## drop 3

noun a small amount of a liquid » *A drop of ink splashed from the end of the pen.*  
**bead, drip, droplet, dribble, globule**

## drowsy

adjective tired and sleepy  
» *It had been an exhausting day and he felt drowsy.*  
**lethargic, sluggish**

## drug 1

noun a treatment for disease  
» *The drug was a type of antibiotic.*  
**medication, medicine**

## dry 1

adjective without any liquid  
» *The path was dry after several days of sunshine.*  
**arid, dried-up, parched**  
antonym: **wet**

## dry 2

verb to remove liquid from something » *You wash up and I'll dry the pots.*  
**drain, dehumidify, dehydrate, desiccate**  
antonym: **moisten**

## dubious 1

**adjective** not entirely honest or reliable » *Rachel didn't believe his dubious answer that his bus had broken down.*  
**crooked, dishonest, questionable, suspect, suspicious, unreliable**

## dubious 2

**adjective** doubtful about something » *My parents were dubious about the number of friends I'd invited for a sleepover.*  
**doubtful, nervous, sceptical, suspicious, unconvinced, undecided, unsure**

## dull 1

**adjective** not interesting » *I found the chess game dull as Millie took so long between moves.*  
**boring, drab, humdrum, monotonous, tedious, uninteresting**  
 antonym: **interesting**

## dull 2

**adjective** not bright or clear » *Brown is a dull colour, unlike bright, cheerful yellow.*  
**drab, gloomy, muted, sombre, subdued**  
 antonym: **bright**

## dull 3

**adjective** covered with clouds » *The weather is always dull and foggy.*  
**cloudy, leaden, murky, overcast**  
 antonym: **bright**

## dumb 1

**adjective** unable to speak » *We were all struck dumb with surprise.*  
**mute, silent, speechless**

## dumb 2

**adjective** (informal) slow to understand » *She called him dumb for not understanding what the teacher said, and the teacher scolded her for being rude.*  
**dim, obtuse** (formal), **stupid, thick** (informal)  
 antonym: **smart**



*They **dumped** the extra sand back at the quarry.*

## dump 1

**verb** to get rid of something » *They dumped the extra sand back at the quarry.*  
**discharge, dispose of, get rid of, jettison, throw away, throw out**

## dump 2

**verb** (informal) to put something down » *We dumped our coats and ran off.*  
**deposit, drop**

## dupe

**verb** to trick someone » *She realized he'd duped her when he pulled a rabbit from her hat.*  
**cheat, con** (informal), **deceive, delude, fool, play a trick on, trick**

## duty 1

**noun** something that you ought to do » *We have a duty to look after the environment.*  
**obligation, responsibility**

## duty 2

**noun** a task associated with a job » *My main duty as a chauffeur is to drive people from one place to another.*  
**assignment, job, responsibility, role**

## duty 3

**noun** tax paid to the government » *There's no duty to pay on perfume at the airport.*  
**excise, levy** (formal), **tariff, tax**

**dying: be dying for**  
**verb** to want something very much » *I'm dying for a pizza.*  
**ache for, hunger for, long for, pine for, yearn for**

## gulp

*Gulping the water gave him hiccups.*

## imbibe

*The bride's father **imbibed** rather too much alcohol at the wedding.*

## quaff

*He **quaffed** huge cups of water after the race.*

## guzzle

*Don't **guzzle** all the juice!*

## sup

*She **supped** her soup straight from the mug.*

## swig

*He **swigged** the lemonade straight from the bottle.*

## sip

*She **sipped** tea from a china cup.*

# drink

**verb** to swallow liquid » *He **drank** hot chocolate from his favourite mug.*

# Ee

## eager

*adjective* wanting very much to do or have something

» Robert was **eager** to earn some extra money and took on a paper round.

**anxious, ardent, avid, enthusiastic, keen, raring to go** (informal), **fervent, hungry, zealous**

## early <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* before the arranged or expected time

» Kate was **early**; none of her friends had arrived yet.

**advance, premature, untimely**

antonym: **late**

## early <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* near the beginning of a period of time

» The Battle of Waterloo took place in the **early** 19th century.

**primeval, primitive**

## early <sup>3</sup>

*adverb* before the arranged or expected time

» We arrived **early** at the cinema so that we wouldn't have to queue.

**ahead of time, beforehand, in advance, in good time, prematurely**

## earn <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to get money in return for doing work

» John **earns** a good wage.

**bring in, draw, get, make, obtain, net, procure, reap**

## earn <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to receive something that you deserve » Tina **earned** her scholarship through hard work and determination.

**acquire, attain** (formal), **win**

## Earth <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the planet on which we live » Most of **Earth's** surface is covered with water.

**globe, planet, world**

related word:

*adjective* **terrestrial**



Most of **Earth's** surface is covered with water.



Lynn planted the flower and filled the pot with **earth**.

## earth <sup>2</sup>

*noun* soil from the ground

» Lynn planted the flower and filled the pot with **earth**.

**clay, dirt, ground, soil, loam, topsoil, turf**

## ease <sup>1</sup>

*noun* lack of difficulty or worry

» After weeks of practice, Len passed his test with **ease**.

**leisure, relaxation, simplicity**

## ease <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to make or become less severe or intense

» The doctor gave him some medicines to **ease** the pain.

**abate, calm, relax, relieve, slacken, allay, alleviate, assuage**

# eat

<sup>1</sup> *verb* to chew and swallow food

» There's never any food left when the dogs have finished **eating**.



**ease** 3

*verb* to move slowly or carefully  
» *He eased open the heavy door and peered outside.*

**creep, edge, guide, inch, lower, manoeuvre, squeeze**

**easy** 1

*adjective* able to be done without difficulty  
» *This is an easy puzzle with lots of clues.*

**light, painless, simple, smooth, straightforward**  
antonym: **hard**

**easy** 2

*adjective* comfortable and without worries  
» *We had an easy, relaxed day at the beach.*

**carefree, comfortable, leisurely, quiet, relaxed**

**eat** 1

*verb* to chew and swallow food  
▼ SEE BELOW

**eat** 2

*verb* to have a meal  
» *We like to eat dinner early.*  
**breakfast** (formal), **dine**, **feed, have a meal, lunch** (formal), **picnic**



*The body of the van had been eaten away by rust.*

**eat away**

*verb* to destroy something slowly  
» *The body of the van had been eaten away by rust.*

**corrode, destroy, dissolve, erode, rot, wear away**

**eccentric** 1

*adjective* regarded as odd or peculiar  
» *My friend wears eccentric hats with bells on.*

**bizarre, outlandish, quirky, strange, weird, whimsical**

**eccentric** 2

*noun* someone who is regarded as odd or peculiar  
» *Gran is a bit of an eccentric with her strange views on life.*  
**character, crank**

**economic** 1

*adjective* concerning the way money is managed  
» *It is hard to start a business when the economic situation is bad.*

**budgetary, commercial, financial, fiscal, monetary**

**economic** 2

*adjective* making a profit  
» *Bananas are an economic crop to grow.*

**productive, profitable, viable, money-making, profit-making, remunerative**

**economical** 1

*adjective* cheap to use and saving you money  
» *Our car may not be fast, but it's very economical to run.*

**cheap, cost-effective, economic, inexpensive**

**economical** 2

*adjective* careful and sensible with money or materials  
» *It is more economical for us to make hot chocolate at home than to buy it from the café.*

**careful, frugal, prudent, thrifty**

**economy**

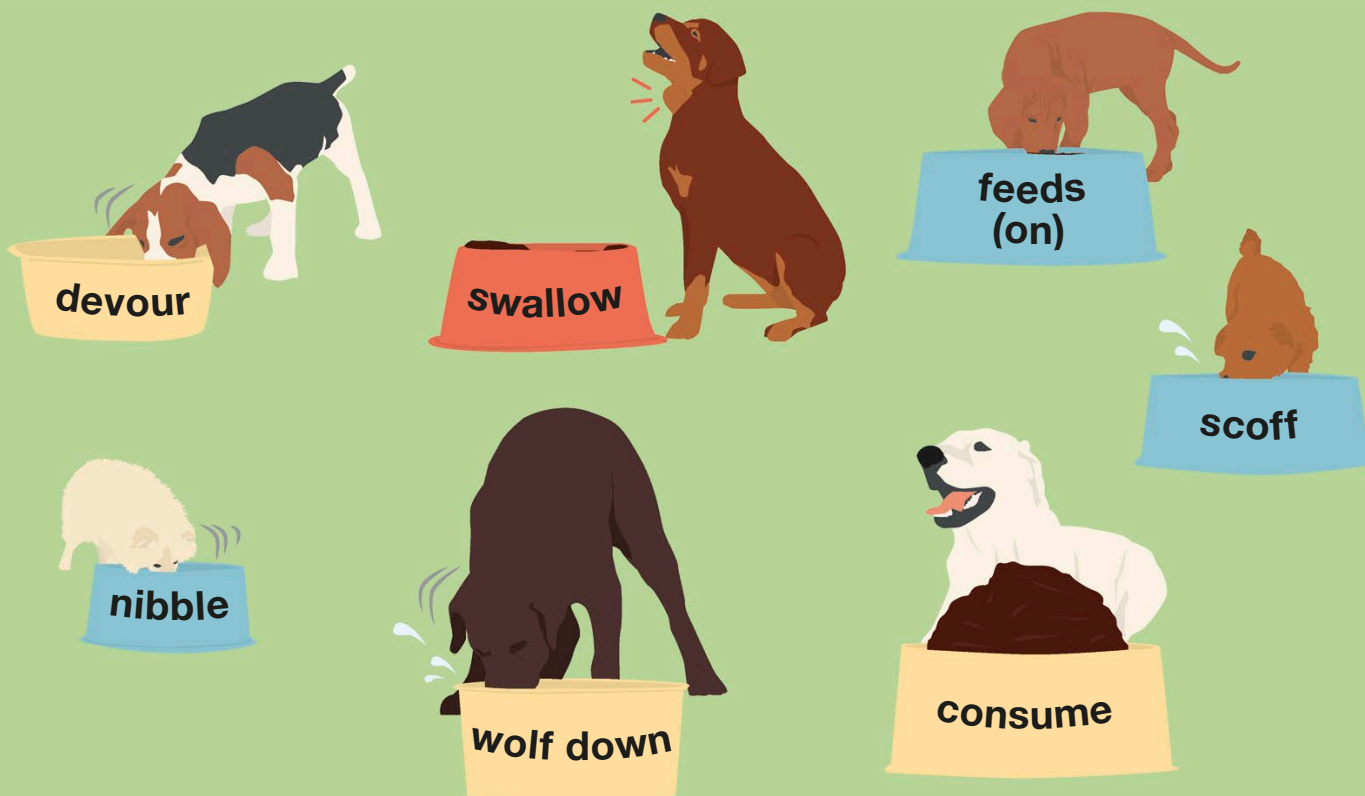
*noun* the careful use of things to save money  
» *Ben always spent too much; he needed to start shopping with economy.*  
**frugality** (formal), **prudence, restraint, thrift**

**ecstasy**

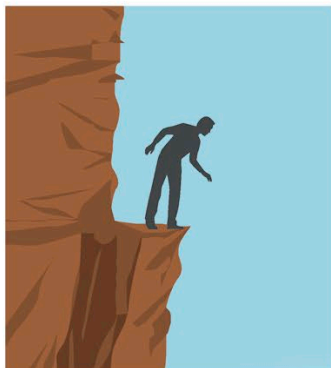
*noun* extreme happiness  
» *Winning the gold medal was total ecstasy!*  
**bliss, delight, elation, euphoria, exaltation, joy, rapture**



*Winning the gold medal was total ecstasy!*



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Don't go near the **edge** of the cliff!

## edge 1

**noun** the place where something ends or meets something else » *Don't go near the edge of the cliff!*

**border, boundary, brim, fringe, lip, margin, rim, perimeter, periphery**  
antonym: **centre**

## edge 2

**verb** to move somewhere slowly » *The cat edged towards the mouse, but it saw him and scampered away.*

**creep, inch, sidle**

## educated

**adjective** having a high standard of learning » *Our head teacher is an educated and wise lady.*

**cultivated, cultured, intellectual, learned, erudite, well-educated**

## education

**noun** the process of learning or teaching » *A good education is essential for success in life.*

**coaching, e-learning, instruction, schooling, training, tuition**

## effect

**noun** a direct result of something » *Regular piano practice had a real effect on my playing.*

**consequence, end result, fruit, result, upshot**

## efficient

**adjective** able to work well without wasting time or energy » *Kit's an efficient worker who helps us get things done quickly.*

**businesslike, competent, economic, effective, organized, productive**  
antonym: **inefficient**

## effort 1

**noun** physical or mental energy » *It took a lot of effort to move the heavy box.*

**application, energy, exertion, trouble, work**

## effort 2

**noun** an attempt or struggle » *Mum's cake-making efforts are greatly appreciated by her hungry family.*

**attempt, bid, stab** (informal), **struggle**

## elaborate 1

**adjective** having many different parts » *She threw an elaborate party with lots of entertainment and music, and huge amounts of food.*

**complex, complicated, detailed, intricate, involved**  
antonym: **simple**

## elaborate 2

**adjective** highly decorated » *The wooden box had elaborate carvings.*

**fancy, fussy, ornate**



The wooden box had **elaborate** carvings.

## elaborate 3

**verb** to add more information about something » *He promised to elaborate on the plan by giving more details.*

**develop, enlarge, expand**

## eliminate 1

**verb** to get rid of someone or something » *My lactose-intolerant friend has to eliminate dairy foods from her diet.*

**cut out, do away with, eradicate, get rid of, remove, stamp out**

## eliminate 2

**verb** to beat someone in a competition » *Dan's team was eliminated in the first round.*

**knock out, put out**

## embarrass

**verb** to make someone feel ashamed or awkward » *My dad likes to embarrass me in front of my friends!*

**disconcert, fluster, humiliate, shame, discomfit, faze, mortify**

## embarrassed

**adjective** ashamed and awkward » *She was easily embarrassed and turned red when anyone looked at her.*

**ashamed, awkward, humiliated, red-faced, self-conscious, sheepish, abashed, bashful, discomfited, mortified**

## embarrassment

**noun** shame and awkwardness » *I laughed loudly to cover my embarrassment at falling over.*

**awkwardness, bashfulness, humiliation, self-consciousness, shame, chagrin, discomfiture, mortification**

## emergency

**noun** an unexpected and difficult situation » *It was an emergency: she was lost and couldn't find her way home.*

**crisis, pinch**

## emit

**verb** to give out or release something » *The alarm emitted a loud, shrill ring.*

**exude, give off, give out, release, send out, utter, produce, radiate, send forth**

## emphasis

**noun** special or extra importance » *The book placed more emphasis on the characters than the plot.*

**accent, importance, prominence, weight**

## emphasize

**verb** to make something seem especially important or obvious » *He emphasized the need for everyone to stay quiet while they visited the reptile house.*

**accent, accentuate, highlight, play up, stress, underline, foreground, prioritize, underscore**

## employ 1

**verb** to pay someone to work for you » *The family next door employs me to babysit.*

**appoint, commission, engage** (formal), **hire, take on**

## employ 2

**verb** to use something » *When his parents said no, Kieran employed a new strategy to get what he wanted.*

**bring to bear, make use of, use, utilize**

## employee

**noun** someone who is paid to work for someone else » *Hannah was one of eight employees on the farm.*

**hand, worker, workman**

## employer

**noun** someone that other people work for » *The new office assistant thanked her employer for giving her the job.*

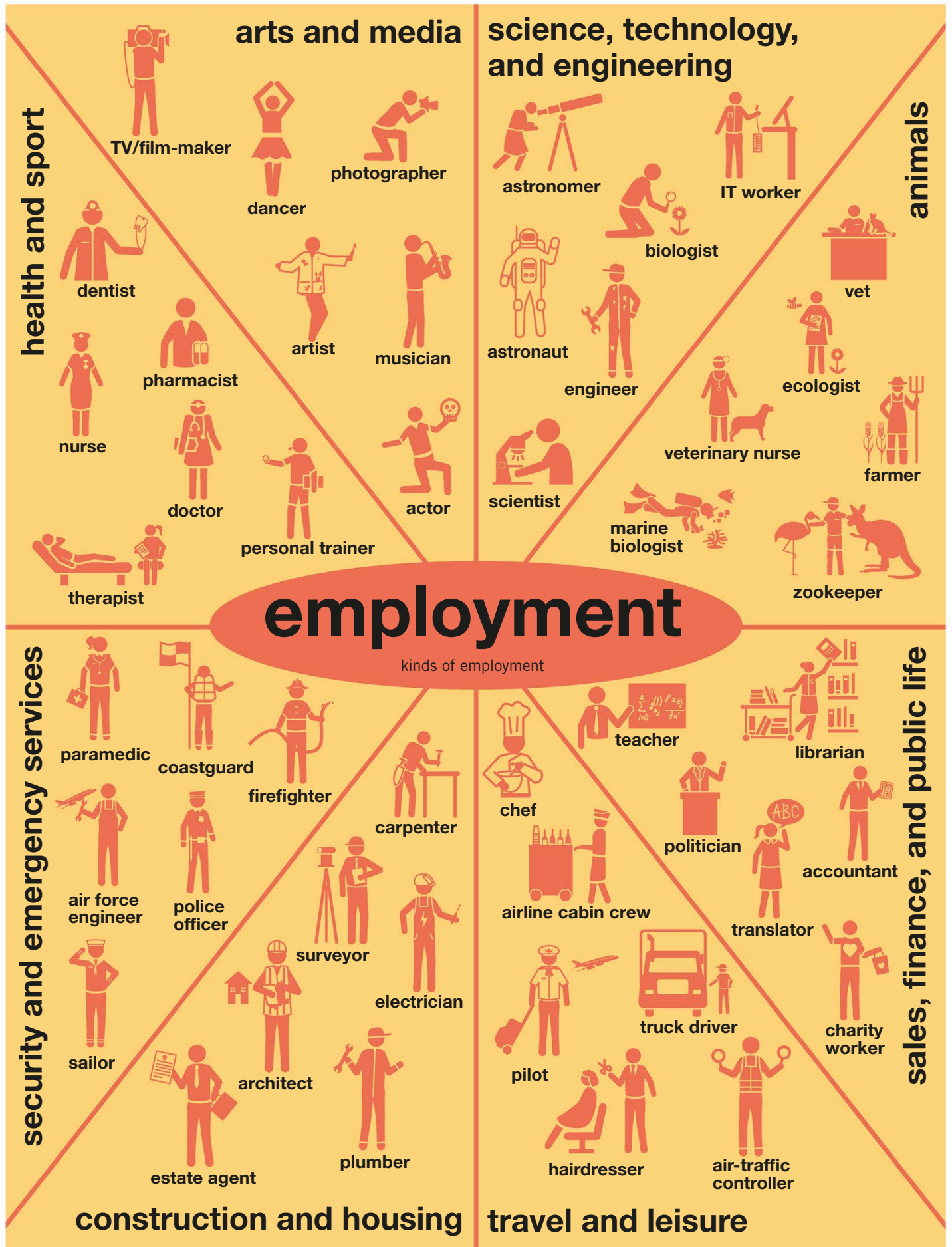
**boss, gaffer** (informal)

## employment

**noun** giving someone paid work or having paid work » *Will you stay in education or seek employment?*

**engagement, enlistment, hiring, recruitment**

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# end

**1** *noun* the last part of a period or event » *The curtains closed at the **end** of the play.*

antonym:  
**beginning**

*The curtains will open at the **beginning** of tomorrow's performance.*

## empty **1**

*adjective* having no people or things in it » *There was no food in the house; the cupboards were empty.*

**bare, blank, clear, deserted, unfurnished, uninhabited, vacant**

antonym: **full**

## empty **2**

*adjective* boring or without value or meaning » *The offer to go on holiday together was an empty promise.*

**inane, meaningless, worthless**

## empty **3**

*verb* to remove people or things » *Danny sat down and emptied the water that had got into his boots.*

**clear, drain, evacuate, unload**

antonym: **fill**



*Danny sat down and **emptied** the water that had got into his boots.*

## enclose

*verb* to surround a thing or place completely » *The book arrived enclosed in a protective plastic bag.*

**encircle, fence off, hem in, surround, wrap**

## encourage **1**

*verb* to give someone confidence » *She was encouraged by the teacher's praise for her essay.*

**cheer, hearten, reassure**  
antonym: **discourage**

## encourage **2**

*verb* to support a person or activity » *Her family's cheers encouraged Zoe to run faster.*

**aid, boost, favour, help, incite, support, foster, further, promote, strengthen**

## end **1**

*noun* the last part of a period or event

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## end **2**

*noun* the furthest point of something » *I was staying in a room at the end of the corridor.*

**boundary, bounds, edge, extremity, limits, margin**

## end **3**

*noun* the purpose for which something is done » *By studying for our exams, we're all working towards the same end, which is to pass!*

**aim, goal, intention, object, objective, purpose, reason**

## end **4**

*verb* to come or bring to a finish » *Jim waited for the film to end before going home.*

**bring to an end, cease, conclude, finish, stop, terminate**

antonym: **begin**

## endanger

*verb* to put someone or something in danger

» *The lack of rain has endangered the plants in my garden.*

**compromise, jeopardize, put at risk, risk, threaten**

## endure **1**

*verb* to experience something difficult » *The students endured a three-hour exam.*

**cope with, experience, go through, stand, suffer**

## endure **2**

*verb* to continue to exist

» *Phil's jeans endured despite years of wear and tear.*

**last, live on, remain, survive**

**enemy**

*noun* someone who is against you » *The knight fought a duel against his enemy.*  
**adversary, antagonist, foe, opponent**  
 antonym: **friend**

**energetic**

*adjective* full of energy  
 » *The energetic kitten climbed the curtains.*  
**animated, dynamic, indefatigable, spirited, tireless, vigorous**

**energy**

*noun* the ability and strength to do things » *I've not got the energy to go swimming.*  
**drive, life, spirit, strength, vigour, vitality, élan, verve, zeal, zest**

**enjoy**

*verb* to find pleasure in something » *I haven't enjoyed a film as much as that in ages!*  
**appreciate, delight in, like, love, relish, revel in, take pleasure from, take pleasure in**

**enlarge**

*verb* to make something larger  
 » *The team became so successful that they had to enlarge the stadium.*  
**add to, expand, extend, increase, magnify, augment, broaden, distend, elongate, lengthen, widen**

**enlarge on**

*verb* to give more information about something  
 » *The teacher told Paul to enlarge on his answers to get more marks in the test.*  
**develop, elaborate on, expand on**

**enormous**

*adjective* very large in size or amount » *The enormous monument dominated the skyline.*  
**colossal, gigantic, huge, immense, massive, tremendous, vast**  
 antonym: **tiny**

**ensure**

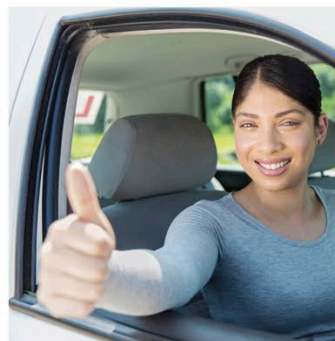
*verb* to make sure about something » *Fran tried the door again to ensure it was securely locked.*  
**guarantee, make certain, make sure**

**enterprise** ①

*noun* a business or company  
 » *The grocery store was a small family enterprise.*  
**business, company, concern, establishment, firm, operation**

**enterprise** ②

*noun* a project or task  
 » *Lara's latest enterprise was to learn how to drive.*  
**effort, endeavour, operation, project, undertaking, venture**



Lara's latest **enterprise** was to learn how to drive.

**entertain**

*verb* to keep someone amused or interested » *The puppy entertained the whole family.*  
**amuse, charm, delight, enthrall, please**

**entertainment**

*noun* enjoyable activities  
 » *The television provided the entertainment for the evening.*  
**amusement, enjoyment, fun, pleasure, recreation**

**enthusiasm**

*noun* eagerness and enjoyment in something » *Alice showed great enthusiasm for the piano and practised daily.*  
**eagerness, excitement, interest, keenness, warmth, ardour, fervour, relish, zeal**



Some of the volunteers were more **enthusiastic** than others.

**enthusiastic**

*adjective* showing great excitement and eagerness for something » *Some of the volunteers were more enthusiastic than others.*  
**ardent, avid, devoted, eager, excited, keen, passionate, fervent, wholehearted, zealous**  
 antonym: **apathetic**

**entrance** ①

*noun* the way into a particular place » *I met Barry at the entrance to the station.*  
**door, doorway, entry, gate, way in**

**entrance** ②

*noun* a person's arrival somewhere » *The celebrity made a dramatic entrance.*  
**appearance, arrival, entry**

**entrance** ③

*noun* the right to enter somewhere » *If you buy a special pass, you can gain early entrance to the theme park.*  
**access, admission, entry**

**entrance** ④

*verb* to amaze and delight someone » *The audience was entranced by the singer's voice.*  
**bewitch, captivate, charm, delight, enthrall, fascinate, enchant, enrapture, spellbind**

**entry** ①

*noun* a person's arrival somewhere » *The audience fell silent when the hero made his entry onto the stage.*  
**appearance, arrival, entrance**

**entry** ②

*noun* the way into a particular place » *The main entry to the house is around the side.*  
**door, doorway, entrance, gate, way in**

**entry** ③

*noun* something that has been written down » *Writing about the flight home was Liz's final entry in her travel journal.*  
**item, note, record**

**envy** ①

*noun* a feeling of resentment about what someone else has  
 » *He felt envy at the sight of his friend's large garden.*  
**jealousy, resentment**

**envy** ②

*verb* to want something that someone else has » *James envied Peter's new bike.*  
**be envious, begrudge, be jealous, covet, resent**



James **envied** Peter's new bike.

**equal** ①

*adjective* the same in size, amount, or value » *Everyone at the party had an equal number of jelly beans.*  
**equivalent, identical, the same**

**equal** ②: equal to

*adjective* having the necessary ability for something  
 » *Rhett was equal to the task and could do it with ease.*  
**capable of, up to**

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## equal <sup>3</sup>

**verb** to be as good as something else » *Mike's swim time equalled his previous best.*  
**be equal to, match**

## equip

**verb** to supply someone with something » *The orienteering teams were equipped with a compass and map.*  
**arm, endow, fit out, provide, supply**

## equipment

**noun** the things you need for a particular job  
» SEE RIGHT

## erode

**verb** to wear something away and destroy it » *The cliffs were being eroded by the constant pounding of the sea.*  
**corrode, destroy, deteriorate, disintegrate**



The cliffs were being **eroded** by the constant pounding of the sea.

## err

**verb** to make a mistake  
» *Sophie had erred in her timings and arrived far too late.*  
**blunder, go wrong, make a mistake, miscalculate**

## error

**noun** a mistake  
» *The error was easy to fix.*  
**blunder, fault, lapse, mistake, slip**

## escape <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to manage to get away  
» *The dog escaped from the garden.*  
**break free, break out, get away, make your escape, run away, run off, abscond, bolt**

## escape <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to manage to avoid something » *Sid was lucky to escape injury when he fell over.*  
**avoid, dodge, duck, elude, evade**

## escape <sup>3</sup>

**noun** something that distracts you from something unpleasant  
» *Listening to music provided Kate with an escape from her hard day.*  
**distraction, diversion, relief**



Listening to music provided Kate with an **escape** from her hard day.

## essence <sup>1</sup>

**noun** the most basic and important part of something  
» *The essence of the story could be summed up in a few words.*  
**core, heart, nature, soul, spirit, crux, kernel, substance**

## essence <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a concentrated liquid  
» *Sheryl added a teaspoon of vanilla essence to the chocolate brownies.*  
**concentrate, extract**

## essential <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** extremely important  
» *A battery is essential for making a phone work.*  
**crucial, indispensable, vital**

## essential <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** basic and important  
» *Flour is an essential ingredient for any baker.*  
**basic, cardinal, fundamental, key, main, principal**

## essentials

**plural noun** the things that are most important  
» *We had enough money to buy only the essentials.*  
**basics, fundamentals, necessities, prerequisites, rudiments**

## esteem

**noun** admiration and respect for another person  
» *Our teacher is popular and held in high esteem by the rest of the staff.*  
**admiration, estimation, regard, respect, reverence, honour, veneration (formal)**

## estimate

**noun** a guess at an amount, quantity, or outcome » *The final fee was five times higher than the original estimate.*  
**appraisal, assessment, estimation, guess, quote, reckoning, valuation**

## eternal

**adjective** lasting forever  
» *The baddie in the film was seeking the secret to eternal life.*  
**everlasting, immortal, unchanging**

## even <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** flat and level  
» *Dad used a spirit level to make sure the shelf was even.*  
**flat, horizontal, level, smooth**  
antonym: **uneven**



Dad used a spirit level to make sure the shelf was **even**.

## even <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** without changing or varying » *The dam let through an even flow of water.*  
**constant, regular, smooth, steady, uniform**

## even <sup>3</sup>

**adjective** the same  
» *At half-time, the scores were even.*  
**equal, identical, level, neck and neck**

## event <sup>1</sup>

**noun** something that happens  
» *He was still amazed by the events of last week.*  
**affair, business, circumstance, episode, experience, incident, matter**

## event <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a competition  
» *The next event is the long jump.*  
**bout, competition, contest**

## everyday

**adjective** usual or ordinary  
» *Getting up early was part of Liam's everyday life.*  
**common, daily, day-to-day, mundane, ordinary, routine, banal, unexceptional**

## evident

**adjective** easily noticed or understood » *Claire's happiness was evident from the smile on her face.*  
**apparent, clear, noticeable, obvious, palpable, plain, visible, conspicuous, manifest, patent**

## evil <sup>1</sup>

**noun** the force that causes bad things to happen  
» *Most film plots are based around the conflict between good and evil.*  
**badness, immorality, sin, vice, wickedness, baseness, depravity, sinfulness**  
antonym: **good**

## evil <sup>2</sup>

**noun** something unpleasant or harmful » *The dentist lectured the class on the evils of sugary foods.*  
**affliction, ill, misery, sorrow**

### evil ③

*adjective* morally wrong or bad  
 » *The evil deeds of the superhero's enemy are too many to count.*  
**bad, depraved, malevolent, sinful, vile, wicked**  
 antonym: **good**

### exact ①

*adjective* correct in every detail  
 » *Alf built an exact replica of the first steam engine.*  
**accurate, authentic, faithful, faultless, precise, true**  
 antonym: **approximate**

### exact ②

*verb* (formal) to demand and obtain something  
 » *Vicky wanted to exact a positive response from the school for her statement on recycling.*  
**command, extract, impose, insist on, insist upon, wring**

### exactly ①

*adverb* with complete accuracy and precision  
 » *The train arrived exactly at five o'clock.*  
**accurately, faithfully, just, on the dot, precisely, quite**  
 antonym: **approximately**

### exactly ②

*interjection* an expression implying total agreement  
 » *"We'll never know the answer." "Exactly! So let's stop guessing."*  
**absolutely, indeed, precisely, quite**

### exaggerate

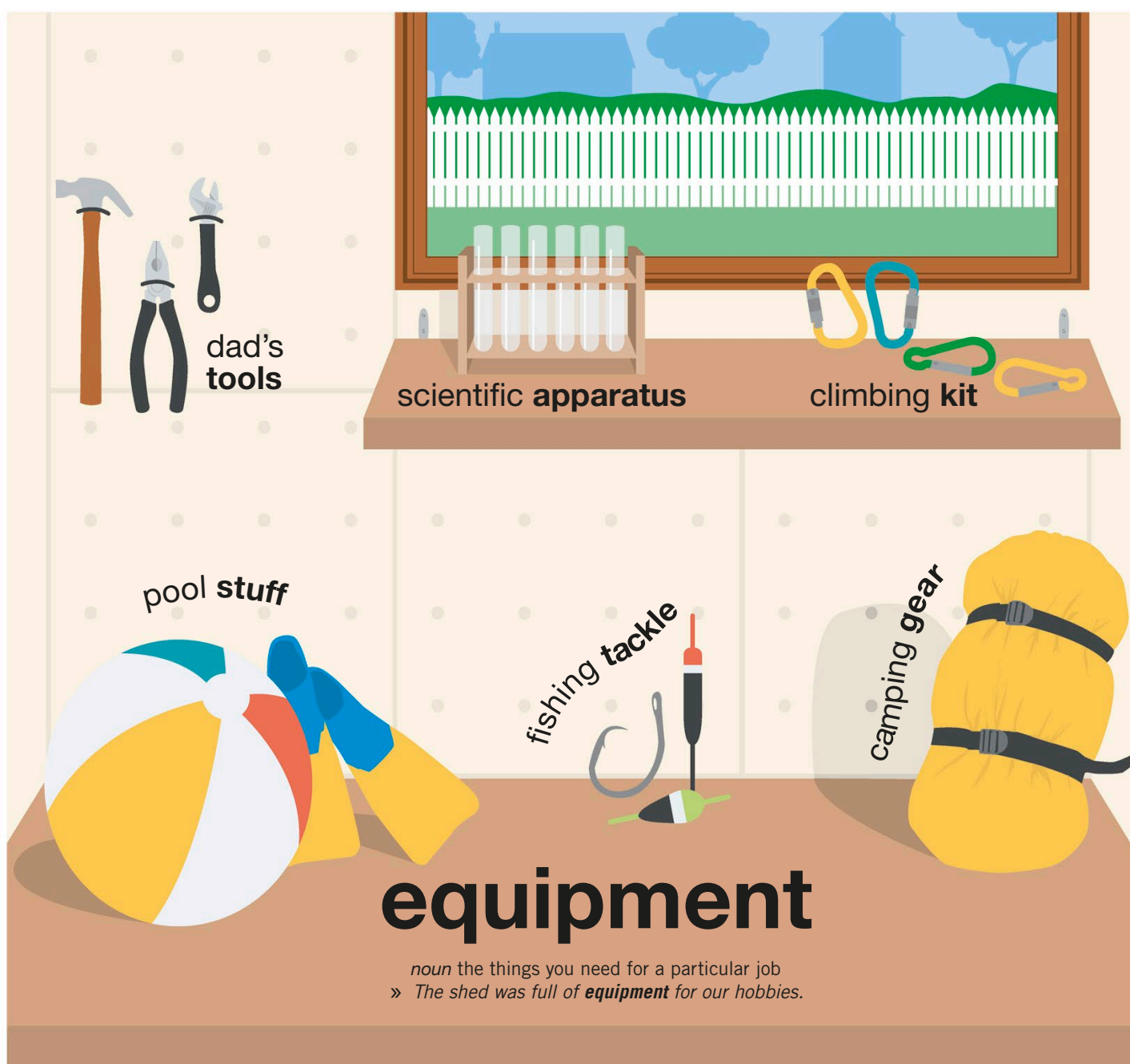
*verb* to suggest something is more, better, or worse than it really is  
 » *Lionel exaggerated the size of the hens he claimed to keep in his garden.*  
**overdo, overestimate, overstate**

### exam

*noun* a test to find out how much you know  
 » *The maths exam was three hours long.*  
**examination, oral, test**

### examination ①

*noun* a careful inspection of something  
 » *The divers carried out an examination of the shipwreck to find out where the ship had come from.*  
**analysis, inspection, study**





The doctor made an **examination** of the patient's chest.

## examination ②

**noun** a check carried out on someone by a doctor » *The doctor made an examination of the patient's chest.*

**check, checkup, medical**

## examine ①

**verb** to look at something very carefully » *Experts examined the frozen remains of a woolly mammoth.*

**analyse, go over, go through, inspect, look over, study, peruse, scrutinize**

## examine ②

**verb** to give someone a medical examination » *The patient was examined by several specialists.*

**check, inspect, look at, test**

## example ①

**noun** something that represents a group of things

» *The museum held several examples of Roman swords.*  
**illustration, sample, specimen**

## example ②

**noun** something that people can imitate » *The respect that Gran showed people is an example to us all.*

**ideal, model, paragon, prototype, archetype, exemplar, paradigm**

## excellent

**adjective** extremely good » *It's an excellent book, one of my favourites.*

**beaut** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **brilliant, cracking** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **fine, first-class, great, outstanding, superb**  
antonym: **terrible**

## except

**preposition** apart from » *Chris always gets the 8.10 train, except when he's running late.*

**apart from, but, other than, save** (formal), **with the exception of**

## exceptional ①

**adjective** unusually excellent, talented, or clever » *Lee's piano playing is exceptional, he should be on the stage.*

**excellent, extraordinary, outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable, talented**  
antonym: **mediocre**

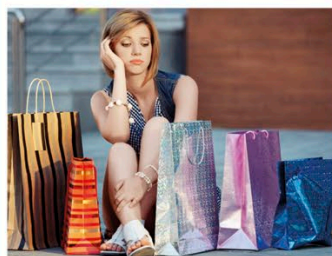
## exceptional ②

**adjective** unusual and likely to happen very rarely » *Having two people win first place was an exceptional event in sport history and had never happened before.*

**isolated, out of the ordinary, rare, special, unheard-of, unusual, unprecedented** (formal)  
antonym: **common**

## excess ①

**noun** behaviour that goes beyond what is acceptable » *Stacey shopped to excess and regretted her purchases.*  
**extravagance, indulgence, intemperance, overindulgence**



Stacey shopped to **excess** and regretted her purchases.

## excess ②

**noun** a larger amount than necessary » *An excess of houseplants made the room look like a jungle.*

**glut, overdose, surfeit, surplus, overabundance, plethora, superfluity**  
antonym: **shortage**

## excess ③

**adjective** more than is needed » *The airline charged us an additional fee for our excess baggage.*  
**extra, superfluous, surplus**

## excessive

**adjective** too great » *We never travel first class because the cost is excessive.*

**enormous, exaggerated, needless, undue, unreasonable, disproportionate, exorbitant, immoderate, inordinate, profligate**

## exchange ①

**verb** to give something in return for something else » *We exchanged phone numbers.*

**barter, change, swap, switch, trade**



We **exchanged** phone numbers.

## exchange ②

**noun** the act of giving something for something else » *There was a useful exchange of ideas in the classroom.*  
**interchange, swap, switch, trade**

## excite ①

**verb** to make someone feel enthusiastic or nervous » *Zara was extremely excited about her upcoming holiday.*  
**agitate, animate, thrill, titillate**

## excite ②

**verb** to cause a particular feeling or reaction » *The dull film failed to excite anyone.*  
**arouse, elicit, evoke, incite, inspire, provoke, stir up, fire, foment, inflame, kindle, rouse**



The children were very **excited** to get a dog.

## excited

**adjective** happy and enthusiastic » *The children were very excited to get a dog.*  
**agitated, enthusiastic, feverish, high** (informal), **thrilled**  
antonym: **bored**

## excitement

**noun** interest and enthusiasm » *The release of his latest song has caused great excitement.*  
**activity, adventure, agitation, commotion, enthusiasm, thrill, animation, elation, furore, tumult**

## exciting

**adjective** making you feel happy and enthusiastic » *It was the most exciting race I've ever seen, no one could predict who would win.*  
**dramatic, electrifying, exhilarating, rousing, stimulating, thrilling, intoxicating, sensational, stirring**  
antonym: **boring**

## exclude ①

**verb** to decide not to include something » *The teacher excluded the easy words from the spelling test.*  
**eliminate, ignore, leave out, omit, rule out**  
antonym: **include**

## exclude ②

**verb** to stop someone going somewhere or doing something » *The cat was excluded from the lounge to stop it scratching the furniture.*  
**ban, bar, forbid, keep out, blackball, debar**

## exclusive

**adjective** available only to a few rich people » *The restaurant was so exclusive, you could only get in by invitation.*  
**chic, classy, posh** (informal), **select, up-market**

## excuse

**noun** a reason or explanation » *Stop making excuses and get on with your work!*  
**explanation, justification, pretext, reason**

## excuse

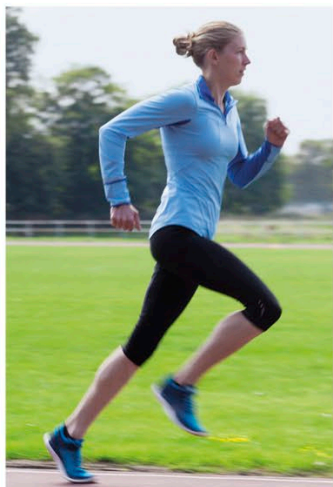
**verb** to forgive someone or someone's behaviour » *Please excuse my late arrival.*  
**forgive, overlook, pardon, turn a blind eye to**

## exempt

**adjective** excused from a duty or rule » *Ann was exempt from singing in the choir due to her sore throat.*  
**excused, immune, not liable**

## exercise

**noun** activity that keeps you fit » *Half an hour of exercise is the best way to start the day.*  
**activity, exertion, training, work, workout**



Half an hour of **exercise** is the best way to start the day.

## exhaust

**verb** to make very tired » *The marathon exhausted her and she felt ready to go to bed.*  
**drain, fatigue, tire out, wear out**

## exhaust

**verb** to use something up completely » *Stuart drank so much tea, he exhausted the supply of tea bags.*  
**consume, deplete, run through, use up**

## expand

**verb** to make or become larger » *The balloon expanded when it was filled with air.*  
**develop, enlarge, extend, fill out, grow, increase, swell**  
antonym: **contract**



The balloon **expanded** when it was filled with air.

## expand on

**verb** to give more information about something » *Please expand on your story, I want to hear more details.*  
**develop, elaborate on, enlarge on**

## expect

**verb** to believe that something is going to happen » *The vet expects the baby elephant will be born in the next 12 hours.*  
**anticipate, assume, believe, imagine, presume, reckon, think, envisage, forecast, foresee, predict**

## expect

**verb** to believe that something is your right » *I expect to be given a pay rise.*  
**demand, rely on, require**

## expensive

**adjective** costing a lot of money » *The trainers were very expensive, and it took Charles a long time to save up for them.*  
**costly, dear, pricey, exorbitant, overpriced**  
antonym: **cheap**



We chose the dancers with the most **experience** to take on the leading roles in the ballet.

## experience

**noun** knowledge or skill in a particular activity » *We chose the dancers with the most experience to take on the leading roles in the ballet.*  
**expertise, know-how, knowledge, training, understanding**

## experience

**noun** something that happens to you » *Mark's round-the-world trip was an experience that he'd never forget.*  
**adventure, affair, encounter, episode, incident, ordeal**

## experience

**verb** to have something happen to you » *We're experiencing a few technical problems.*  
**encounter, have, meet, undergo**

## experienced

**adjective** very skilful as a result of practice » *After 20 dives, Naomi considered herself an experienced diver.*  
**expert, knowledgeable, practised, seasoned, well-versed**  
antonym: **inexperienced**

## expert

**noun** a skilled or knowledgeable person » *Nigel is an expert on cheetahs.*  
**ace** (informal), **authority, buff** (informal), **geek, guru, master, professional, specialist, wizard**  
antonym: **novice**

## expert

**adjective** skilled and knowledgeable » *Becky's expert performance on the guitar impressed everyone.*  
**able, adept, experienced, knowledgeable, proficient, skilful, skilled, adroit, dexterous, masterly, practised**

## explain

**verb** to make clear by providing extra information » *The teacher explained how the machine worked.*  
**define, describe, illustrate, elucidate, expound**

## explanation

**noun** a helpful or clear description » *The headmaster wanted an explanation for why the children were late to class.*  
**clarification, definition, description, exposition**

## explode

**verb** to burst or cause to burst loudly » *The party balloons exploded and made them all jump.*  
**blow up, burst, detonate, go off, set off**

## explode

**verb** to become angry suddenly » *I asked him if he'd move up a seat and he just exploded.*  
**blow up, go berserk, go mad**

## explode

**verb** to increase suddenly and rapidly » *Sales of computer games have exploded in recent years.*  
**rocket, shoot up, soar**



Sales of computer games have **exploded** in recent years.

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## explosion

**noun** a violent burst of energy  
» *There was an explosion as the fireworks lit up the sky.*  
**bang, blast**

## expose ①

**verb** to make something visible  
» *The dog's digging exposed the buried treasure.*  
**reveal, show, uncover**

## expose ②

**verb** to tell the truth about someone or something  
» *Sonny's real reason for wanting his pocket money early was exposed when he appeared wearing a brand new jacket.*  
**bring to light, reveal, show up, uncover, unearth**

## express ①

**verb** to say what you think  
» *Sonia expressed a desire to take part in a foreign language exchange group.*  
**communicate, phrase, put, put across, utter, voice, articulate, couch, enunciate, verbalize**

## express ②

**adjective** very fast  
» *The express train was the quickest way to get to the city.*  
**direct, fast, high-speed, nonstop**



The **express** train was the quickest way to get to the city.

## expression ①

**noun** a look that shows your feelings  
» *The expression on Dad's face was one of relief when we told him he hadn't missed Mum's birthday.*  
**countenance, face, aspect, mien**

## expression ②

**noun** a word or phrase used to communicate  
» *Helen hadn't heard that particular expression before, but she understood its meaning.*  
**idiom, phrase, remark, term**

## extend ①

**verb** to have a particular size or position  
» *The caves extend for miles beneath the hills.*  
**continue, hang, reach, stretch**

## extend ②

**verb** to stick out  
» *A large rock extended from the cliffs.*  
**jut out, project, protrude (formal), stick out**



A large rock **extended** from the cliffs.

## extend ③

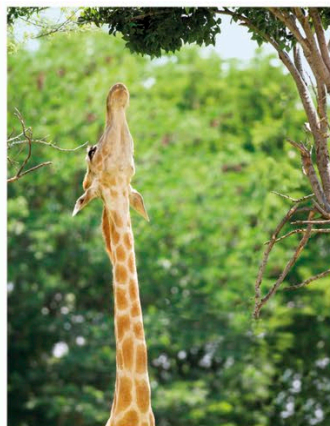
**verb** to make something larger  
» *Mum wants to extend the house and build a conservatory.*  
**add to, develop, enlarge, expand, widen, augment, broaden, supplement**

## extensive ①

**adjective** covering a large area  
» *It took several hours to cross the extensive forest.*  
**broad, expansive, large, spacious, sweeping, vast, wide**

## extensive ②

**adjective** very great in effect  
» *The flood caused extensive damage across the whole area.*  
**comprehensive, considerable, far-reaching, great, pervasive, untold, widespread**



The giraffe stretched its neck to its full **extent** to reach the leaves.

## extent

**noun** the length, area, or size of something  
» *The giraffe stretched its neck to its full extent to reach the leaves.*  
**degree, level, measure, scale, size, expanse, magnitude**

## extra ①

**adjective** more than is usual or expected  
» *Neha placed an extra blanket on the bed because it was very cold that night.*  
**added, additional, excess, further, more, new, spare, ancillary, auxiliary, supplementary**

## extra ②

**noun** something that is not included with other things  
» *The parents had to pay extra for private riding lessons.*  
**addition, bonus**

## extract ①

**verb** to take or get something out of somewhere  
» *Citric acid can be extracted from orange juice.*  
**draw, mine, obtain, pull out, remove, take out**

## extract ②

**verb** to get information from someone  
» *The police interviewed the suspect in an attempt to extract information from him.*  
**draw, elicit (formal), get, glean, obtain**

## extract ③

**noun** a small section of music or writing  
» *Joanne read an extract from her story.*  
**excerpt, passage, reading, section, snatch, snippet**

## extraordinary

**adjective** unusual or surprising  
» *Seeing a shooting star is an extraordinary experience.*  
**amazing, bizarre, odd, singular, strange, surprising, unusual**  
antonym: **ordinary**

## extreme ①

**adjective** very great in degree or intensity  
» *He felt extreme pain in his knee while jogging.*  
**acute, deep, dire, great, intense, profound, severe**



He felt **extreme** pain in his knee while jogging.

## extreme ②

**adjective** unusual or unreasonable  
» *Flora's angry reaction was extreme and she regretted it once she'd calmed down.*  
**drastic, exceptional, excessive, extravagant, radical, unreasonable**

## extreme ③

**noun** the highest, lowest, or furthest degree or point  
» *We ran right the length of the park, from one extreme to the other.*  
**boundary, depth, end, height, limit, ultimate, acme, apex, nadir, pinnacle, zenith**

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## face 1

**noun** the front part of the head  
» *A strong wind was blowing in my face, making my eyes water.*  
**countenance, features, mug** (slang), **physiognomy**

## face 2

**verb** to look towards something or someone » *Her room faced onto the street.*  
**be opposite, look at, overlook**

## face 3

**noun** a surface or side of something » *The explorers approached the mountain's summit via its north face.*  
**aspect, exterior, front, side, surface**



The explorers approached the mountain's summit via its north **face**.

## fact

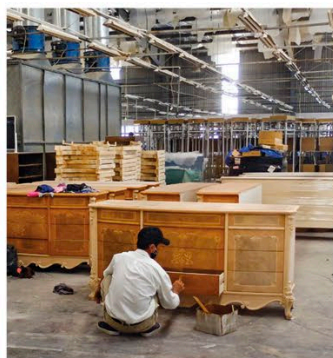
**noun** a piece of information that is true » *The fact is that only male lions have manes.*  
**certainty, reality, truth**  
antonym: **lie**

## factor

**noun** something that helps to cause a result  
» *A key factor in ice-skating is good balance.*  
**aspect, cause, consideration, element, influence, part, circumstance, determinant**

## factory

**noun** a building where goods are made » *The workers made desks in the furniture factory.*  
**mill, plant, works**



The workers made desks in the furniture **factory**.

## fade

**verb** to make or become less intense » *The fabric had faded in the bright sunlight.*  
**die away, dim, discolour, dull, wash out**

## fail 1

**verb** to be unsuccessful  
» *Claire tried to fix her bike but failed, so she had to walk.*  
**be defeated, be in vain, be unsuccessful, come to grief, fall through, flunk** (informal)  
antonym: **succeed**

## fail 2

**verb** to omit to do something  
» *Jamie failed to phone, even though he said he would.*  
**neglect, omit**

## fail 3

**verb** to become less effective  
» *When Dad's eyesight began to fail, he went for an eye test.*  
**cease, decline, give out, stop working, crash, sink**

## failure 1

**noun** a lack of success  
» *She tried her best, but it ended in failure.*  
**breakdown, defeat, downfall, fiasco, miscarriage**  
antonym: **success**

## failure 2

**noun** an unsuccessful person or thing » *The storm made the barbecue a complete failure.*  
**disappointment, flop** (informal), **loser, no-hoper** (Australia and New Zealand), **incompetent, ne'er-do-well**

## failure 3

**noun** a weakness in something  
» *A failure in the electrical system stopped the doorbell working.*  
**deficiency, shortcoming**

## faint 1

**adjective** lacking in intensity  
» *Rick tried to rub out the picture, but it left a faint outline behind.*  
**dim, faded, indistinct, low, muted, vague**  
antonym: **strong**



Rick tried to rub out the picture, but it left a **faint** outline behind.

## faint 2

**adjective** feeling dizzy and unsteady » *Mira felt a bit faint after rushing around so much.*  
**dizzy, giddy, light-headed, enervated, vertiginous**

## faint 3

**verb** to lose consciousness temporarily » *The soldiers had to stand for hours in the heat and one fainted.*  
**black out, collapse, pass out, swoon** (literary)

## fair 1

**adjective** reasonable and just  
» *To keep things fair, they all took turns on the zip wire.*  
**equal, equitable, impartial, legitimate, proper, upright, disinterested, dispassionate, unbiased**  
antonym: **unfair**

## fair 2

**adjective** having light-coloured hair or pale skin » *She had long, fair hair.*  
**blond or blonde, light**  
antonym: **dark**



She had long, **fair** hair.

## fair 3

**noun** an outdoor entertainment  
» *Tom had made cakes for the school fair.*  
**bazaar, carnival, exhibition, festival, fete, show**

## faith 1

**noun** trust in a thing or a person » *I have faith in you to succeed in whatever you do.*  
**confidence, trust**

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## faith 2

*noun* a person's or community's religion » *Charles followed the Christian faith.*

**belief, creed, persuasion, religion**

## faithful 1

*adjective* loyal to someone or something » *The dog was my uncle's faithful companion.*

**devoted, loyal, staunch, true, steadfast, unwavering**  
antonym: **unfaithful**

## faithful 2

*adjective* accurate and truthful » *The film was faithful to the novel.*

**accurate, exact, strict, true**

## fake 1

*noun* a deceitful imitation of a thing or person » *These paintings are fakes.*  
**copy, forgery, fraud, imitation, reproduction, sham**

## fake 2

*adjective* imitation and not genuine » *Alice wore a fake moustache as part of her costume.*

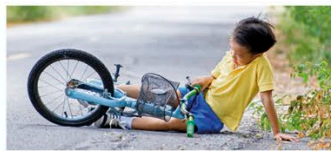
**artificial, counterfeit, false, imitation, phoney or phony (informal), assumed**  
antonym: **real**  
related words: *prefix* **pseudo-**



Alice wore a **fake** moustache as part of her costume.

## fake 3

*verb* to pretend to experience something » *She faked a tummy ache so she wouldn't have to eat the school dinner.*  
**feign, pretend, simulate**



Nicky **fell** from his bike onto the path.

## fall 1

*verb* to descend towards the ground » *Nicky fell from his bike onto the path.*

**collapse, drop, plunge, topple, trip**  
antonym: **rise**

## fall 2

*verb* to become lower or less » *The number of fish in the sea has fallen due to overfishing.*  
**decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle, plummet, subside, abate, depreciate, ebb**  
antonym: **increase**

## fall 3

*noun* a reduction in amount » *There has been a fall in ice-cream sales now that summer is over.*  
**decline, decrease, drop, reduction, slump**  
antonym: **rise**

## false 1

*adjective* not true or correct » *Ellen was accused of spreading false rumours.*  
**erroneous, fictitious, incorrect, mistaken, untrue**  
antonym: **true**

## false 2

*adjective* not genuine but intended to seem so » *The woman was wearing false eyelashes.*  
**artificial, bogus, fake, forged, simulated, ersatz, spurious**  
antonym: **genuine**  
related word: *prefix* **pseudo-**

## false 3

*adjective* unfaithful and deceitful » *Ivy was a false friend, betraying Belinda to their teacher.*  
**deceitful, disloyal, insincere, unfaithful, duplicitous, perfidious**

## fame

*noun* the state of being very well-known » *The film brought him international fame.*  
**eminence, glory, prominence, renown, reputation**

## familiar

*adjective* knowing something well » *Most children are familiar with nursery rhymes.*  
**acquainted with, aware of, knowledgeable about, versed in**  
antonym: **unfamiliar**

## family 1

*noun* a group of relatives » *My family always gets together for dinner.*  
**descendants, relations, relatives**  
related word: *adjective* **familial**



My **family** always gets together for dinner.

## family 2

*noun* a group of related species » *Tigers are members of the cat family.*  
**class, classification, kind**

## famous

*adjective* very well-known » *The chef's TV show made him famous.*  
**celebrated, distinguished, illustrious, legendary, noted, renowned, lionized**  
antonym: **unknown**

## fan

*noun* an enthusiast about something or someone » *George was the band's biggest fan.*  
**adherent, admirer, devotee, geek (slang), lover, supporter, zealot, aficionado, buff, enthusiast**



Joao and Carla were football **fanatics** and went to every match.

## fanatic

*noun* someone who is extremely enthusiastic about something » *Joao and Carla were football fanatics and went to every match.*  
**activist, devotee, extremist, militant, zealot**

## fanatical

*adjective* showing extreme support for something » *Lisa was fanatical about animal conservation.*  
**fervent, obsessive, passionate, rabid, wild, immoderate, zealous**

## fancy 1

*verb* to want to have or do something » *Liam fancied a pizza.*  
**be attracted to, hanker after, have a yen for, would like**

## fancy 2

*adjective* special and elaborate » *She was wearing a fancy hat, full of feathers.*  
**decorated, elaborate, extravagant, intricate, ornate, baroque, embellished, ornamented**  
antonym: **plain**

## far 1

*adverb* at a great distance from something » *The top of the mountain was far above us.*  
**afar, a great distance, a long way, deep, miles**

## far 2

*adverb* to a great extent or degree » *The computer he bought was far better than the other options.*  
**considerably, incomparably, much, very much**

**far** ③

adjective very distant

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**fascinate**

verb to be of intense interest to someone » *He was fascinated by the fossil collection.*

**absorb, bewitch, captivate, enthrall, intrigue, beguile, enchant, spellbind, transfix**

**fashion** ①

noun a popular style of dress or behaviour » *Diana dressed according to the latest fashion.*

**craze, fad, style, trend, vogue**

**fashion** ②

noun a manner or way of doing something » *Paul thanked my mother for the lift in his usual polite fashion.*

**manner, method, mode, way**

**fashion** ③

verb to make and shape something » *The child fashioned a doll from playdough.*

**construct, create, make, mould, shape, work**



The child **fashioned** a doll from playdough.

**fashionable**

adjective very popular » *The fashionable restaurant was a favourite of the rich and famous.*

**current, in** (informal), **latest, popular, prevailing, chic, in vogue, trendsetting**

antonym: **old-fashioned**

**fast** ①

adjective moving at great speed » *The fast train sped along the tracks.*

**accelerated, hurried, quick, rapid, speedy, swift, fleet, mercurial, winged**  
antonym: **slow**

**fast** ②

adverb quickly and without delay » *You'll have to get there fast to make the start of the film.*

**hastily, hurriedly, quickly, rapidly, swiftly**  
antonym: **slowly**

**fast** ③

adverb firmly and strongly » *Alex held fast to the swing.*



Alex held **fast** to the swing.

**fasten**

verb to close or attach something » *Fasten your seat belts.*

**attach, fix, join, lock, secure, tie**

**fat**

adjective weighing too much » *The dog had become rather fat in its old age.*

**chubby, fleshy, gross, obese, overweight, plump, podgy** (informal), **roly-poly** (informal), **tubby** (informal), **stout**  
antonym: **thin**

**fatal** ①

adjective causing death » *A bite from a funnel web spider can be fatal to humans.*  
**deadly, incurable, lethal, mortal, terminal**

**far**

③ adjective very distant  
» *The cottage was in the far south of the country.*

**outlying**

The **outlying** areas are only accessible by car.

**faraway**

He wanted to travel to **faraway** locations.

**long**

It is a **long** way to walk on foot.

**remote**

She had a cottage in a **remote** village.

**removed**

Her life in the country was so far **removed** from her life in the city.

**distant**

He watched the **distant** horizon.

antonym:  
**near**

The station was very **near** his house.

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## fatal <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* having an undesirable effect » *There was a fatal flaw in the plan and the plot failed.*  
**calamitous, catastrophic, disastrous, lethal**

## fate

*noun* a power believed to control events » *Fate would decide who won the lottery.*  
**chance, destiny, fortune, providence, kismet, nemesis, predestination**

## fault <sup>1</sup>

*noun* something for which someone is responsible  
» *It was Eva's fault that the man had fallen over; she'd left her bag in his way.*  
**blame, liability, responsibility**

## fault <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a defective quality in something » *There was a fault with the vending machine and no drinks would come out.*  
**blemish, defect, deficiency, drawback, failing, flaw, imperfection, weakness**  
antonym: **strength**

## fault <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to find reasons to be critical of someone  
» *Lydia's conduct cannot be faulted – she behaves beautifully.*  
**blame, censure, criticize**

## faulty

*adjective* containing flaws or errors » *The sound system was faulty and kept giving out ear-piercing squawks.*  
**defective, flawed, imperfect, invalid, unsound, fallacious, imprecise, malfunctioning**

## favour <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a liking or approval of something » *Everyone was in favour of the new plans; no one argued against them.*  
**approval, esteem, grace, support**  
antonym: **disapproval**

## favour <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a kind and helpful action  
» *Can you do me a favour?*  
**courtesy, good turn, kindness, service**  
antonym: **wrong**

## favour <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to prefer something or someone » *James favoured the brown boots over the black.*  
**prefer, single out**



James favoured the brown boots over the black.

## favourable <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* of advantage to someone » *The wind was favourable for sailing and we set out to sea.*  
**advantageous, beneficial, good, opportune, suitable, auspicious, propitious, timely**  
antonym: **unfavourable**

## favourable <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* positive and expressing approval  
» *Jake received a favourable review, which really boosted his confidence.*  
**affirmative, amicable, approving, friendly, positive, sympathetic, welcoming**  
antonym: **unfavourable**

## favourite <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* being someone's best-liked person or thing  
» *Mia's favourite food is toast.*  
**best-loved, dearest, favoured, preferred**

## favourite <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the thing or person someone likes best  
» *Tracey was the teacher's favourite and was always asked to hand out the books.*  
**darling, idol, pet, pick**

## favouritism

*noun* unfair favour shown to a person or group » *The head boy showed favouritism in picking his friend to help him.*  
**bias, one-sidedness, nepotism, partiality, partisanship**  
antonym: **impartiality**

## fear <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an unpleasant feeling of danger » *Julie suffered from a fear of heights.*  
**alarm, awe, dread, fright, panic, terror, apprehensiveness, cravenness, trepidation**

## fear <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to feel frightened of something » *There is no need to fear my dog – she won't bite.*  
**be afraid, be frightened, be scared, dread, take fright**

## feature <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a particular characteristic of something » *The fireplace was an original feature of the old house.*  
**aspect, attribute, characteristic, mark, property, quality**

## feature <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a special article or programme » *The magazine included a feature on the season's latest trends.*  
**article, column, item, piece, report, story**



The magazine included a feature on the season's latest trends.

## feature <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to include and draw attention to something  
» *The TV programme featured an interview with the film's star.*  
**emphasize, give prominence to, spotlight, star**



Elsa was feeling left out.

## feel <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to experience emotionally  
» *Elsa was feeling left out.*  
**experience, suffer, undergo**

## feel <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to believe that something is the case » *Grace felt that telling the teacher was the right thing to do.*  
**believe, consider, deem, judge, think**

## feel <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to touch something physically » *Daisy felt the rabbit's soft fur.*  
**finger, fondle, stroke, touch**

## feeling <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the experiencing of an emotion » *Max couldn't hide his feelings of jealousy.*  
**emotion, fervour, heat, passion, sentiment**

## feeling <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a physical sensation  
» *Zoe had an uneasy feeling and the hair stood up on the back of her neck.*  
**sensation, sense**

## feeling <sup>3</sup>

*noun* an opinion on something  
» *Brett had strong feelings about global warming and its effects on the environment.*  
**inclination, opinion, point of view, view**

## fellowship <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a feeling of friendliness within a group » *Lydia felt a sense of fellowship with the new people she'd met on the course.*  
**brotherhood, camaraderie, companionship**

**fellowship** 2

*noun* a group of people with a common interest  
 » *The fellowship of writers met once a month.*  
**association, brotherhood, club, league, society**

**female** 1

*noun* a person or animal that can have babies » *The baby chimpanzees were cared for by the females in the group.*  
**girl, lady, woman**  
 antonym: **male**

**female** 2

*adjective* relating to females  
 » *She was the world's fastest female distance runner.*  
**feminine, girlish, womanly**  
 antonym: **male**

**fertile**

*adjective* capable of producing plants or offspring  
 » *The fertile soil produced healthy plants with lots of fruit.*  
**fruitful, productive, prolific, rich, fecund**  
 antonym: **barren**

**fervent**

*adjective* showing sincere and enthusiastic feeling  
 » *Mum is a fervent admirer of this artist and buys his paintings whenever she can.*  
**ardent, committed, devout, enthusiastic, impassioned, passionate, zealous**

**festival** 1

*noun* a time of religious celebration » *Easter, Passover, and Holi are springtime festivals in different religions.*  
**anniversary, holiday**



*The music festival was lively.*

**festival** 2

*noun* an organized series of events » *The music festival was lively.*  
**carnival, entertainment, fair, fete, gala**

**few**

*adjective* small in number  
 » *There were few seats left on the bus so we had to stand.*  
**infrequent, meagre, not many, scanty, scarce, sparse**  
 antonym: **many**

**fidget**

*verb* to move and change position restlessly » *Stop fidgeting and sit still!*  
**fiddle** (informal), **jiggle, squirm, twitch**

**field** 1

*noun* an area of farmland  
 » *The field was full of sheep.*  
**green, meadow, pasture**

**field** 2

*noun* a particular subject or interest » *The discovery was a breakthrough in the field of physics.*  
**area, department, domain, province, speciality, territory, discipline, metier**

**fierce** 1

*adjective* wild and aggressive  
 » *The fierce lion chased the antelope.*  
**aggressive, dangerous, ferocious, murderous, barbarous, fell, feral**  
 antonym: **gentle**

**fierce** 2

*adjective* very intense  
 » *There was a fierce contest between the two teams.*  
**intense, keen, relentless, strong**

**fight** 1

*verb* to take part in a battle or contest » *The boxer fought hard to win the final round.*  
**battle, brawl, grapple, struggle**

**fight** 2

*noun* an aggressive struggle  
 » *The kittens would have play fights.*  
**action, battle, bout, combat, duel, skirmish**



*The kittens would have play fights.*

**fight** 3

*noun* an angry disagreement  
 » *Steve felt bad after his fight with Aaron, so he went back to say sorry.*  
**argument, dispute, row, squabble**

**fighter**

*noun* someone who physically fights another person  
 » *Soldiers are trained fighters.*  
**soldier, warrior**

**figure** 1

*noun* a number, or an amount represented by a number  
 » *Jim was happy with the figure he paid for the new car.*  
**amount, digit, number, numeral, statistic, total**

**figure** 2

*noun* a shape, or the shape of someone's body » *The ballerina has an elegant figure.*  
**body, build, form, physique, shape, silhouette**



*The ballerina has an elegant figure.*

**figure** 3

*noun* a person » *Gandhi was an inspirational figure for so many people.*  
**character, dignitary, person, personality, player**

**figure** 4

*verb* (informal) to guess or conclude something » *I figure I'll get it right eventually if I try enough times.*  
**expect, guess, reckon** (informal), **suppose**

**fill**

*verb* to make something full  
 ▼ SEE BELOW

**fill**

*verb* to make something full  
 » *The hamster filled its cheek pouches with food.*

**cram**

His cheeks were **crammed** with sunflower seeds.

**gorge**

He **gorges** on food until there's no room for any more.

**pack**

All hamsters **pack** food into their cheeks.

**stuff**

Can he **stuff** any more in there?

**stock**

We **stock** the cupboards with plenty of pet food.

antonym:  
**empty**

*The hamster completely emptied the food bowl.*

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## final 1

*adjective* being the last one in a series » *Today is the fifth and final day of the cricket Test match.*  
**closing, concluding, eventual, last, ultimate**  
antonym: **first**

## final 2

*adjective* unable to be changed or questioned » *The umpire's decision is final.*  
**absolute, conclusive, definite, definitive**

## finally 1

*adverb* happening after a long time » *After waiting a week, the package finally arrived.*  
**at last, at the last moment, eventually, in the end, in the long run**

## finally 2

*adverb* in conclusion of something » *And finally, before I finish, I'd like to talk to you about my favourite book.*  
**in conclusion, in summary, lastly**

## finance 1

*verb* to provide the money for something » *The school fete raised enough money to finance the new science labs.*  
**back, fund, pay for, support**

## finance 2

*noun* the managing of money and investments » *Banks play a leading role in the world of finance.*  
**banking, budgeting, commerce, economics, investment**

## financial

*adjective* relating to money » *Simon solved his financial problems by dogsitting to supplement his pocket money.*  
**economic, fiscal, money, budgetary, monetary, pecuniary**

## find 1

*verb* to discover something » *I can't find my notes.*  
**come across, discover, locate, track down, turn up, unearth, descry, espy, ferret out**  
antonym: **lose**

## find 2

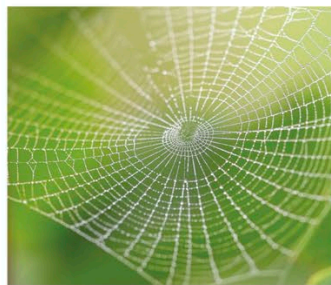
*verb* to realize or learn something » *We found that we got on well.*  
**become aware, detect, discover, learn, realize**

## fine 1

*adjective* good and admirable » *Loretta wears fine clothes – unlike my shabby outfits.*  
**admirable, beautiful, excellent, magnificent, outstanding, splendid**

## fine 2

*adjective* small in size or thickness » *A spider's web is made up of fine threads of silk.*  
**delicate, lightweight, powdery, sheer, small, diaphanous, gauzy, gossamer**



A spider's web is made up of fine threads of silk.

## fine 3

*adjective* subtle and precise » *We had a general plan but needed to sort out the fine details.*  
**fastidious, keen, precise, refined, sensitive, subtle**

## finish 1

*verb* to complete something » *Tom finished his homework in time to watch TV before bed.*  
**close, complete, conclude, end, finalize**  
antonym: **start**

## finish 2

*noun* the last part of something » *Naomi tried to stay awake to see the film through to the finish.*  
**close, completion, conclusion, end, ending, finale, culmination, denouement, termination**  
antonym: **start**

## finish 3

*noun* the surface appearance of something » *Would you like a matt or gloss finish on your photos?*  
**grain, lustre, polish, shine, surface, texture**

## fire 1

*noun* the flames produced when something burns » *A fire flickered in the fireplace.*  
**blaze, combustion, flames, inferno**



A fire flickered in the fireplace.

## fire 2

*verb* to shoot or detonate something » *Jerry fired the pistol to start the race.*  
**detonate, explode, launch, set off, shoot**

## fire 3

*verb* (informal) to dismiss someone from a job » *She was fired from her job.*  
**discharge, dismiss, make redundant, sack** (informal)

## firm 1

*adjective* solid and not soft » *Put the jelly in the fridge until it is completely firm.*  
**compressed, congealed, hard, rigid, set, solid, stiff**  
antonym: **soft**

## firm 2

*adjective* resolute and determined » *The teacher was firm in her decision to keep the class in detention.*  
**adamant, determined, inflexible, resolute, staunch, unshakable, obdurate, steadfast, unwavering**

## firm 3

*noun* a commercial organization » *We employed a local firm to decorate the house.*  
**business, company, corporation, enterprise, organization**

## first 1

*adjective* done or in existence before anything else » *Neil Armstrong was the first human to set foot on the Moon.*  
**earliest, initial, opening, original, primeval**  
antonym: **last**

## first 2

*adverb* done or occurring before anything else » *First wash your hands, then you can eat.*  
**beforehand, earlier, initially, to begin with**

## first 3

*adjective* more important than anything else » *Your safety is our first priority.*  
**chief, foremost, leading, prime, principal**

## first-rate

*adjective* excellent » *Ellis was a first-rate cellist.*  
**excellent, exceptional, first-class, marvellous, outstanding, splendid, superb, superlative** (formal), **unparalleled**

## fissure

*noun* a deep crack in rock or the ground » *There was a deep fissure in the rock that was too dangerous for the climbers to cross.*  
**cleft, crack, crevice, fault, rift, split**



The plug **fits** the socket exactly.

### fit 1

**verb** to be the right shape or size » *The plug fits the socket exactly.*

**belong, correspond, dovetail, go, match**

### fit 2

**verb** to place something in position » *Chris fitted the new stereo into the car.*

**adapt, arrange, place, position**

### fit 3

**adjective** in good physical condition » *The doctor said I was fit and healthy.*

**healthy, in good condition, robust, trim, well**

antonym: **unfit**

### fitting 1

**adjective** appropriate and suitable for something » *The fireworks were a fitting end to a great day.*

**appropriate, correct, proper, right, suitable, apposite, decorous, seemly**

### fitting 2

**noun** a part attached to something else » *The bathroom fittings were chrome.*

**accessory, attachment, component, part, unit**

### fix 1

**verb** to attach or secure something » *Mum fixed the shelves to the wall.*

**attach, bind, fasten, secure, stick**

### fix 2

**verb** to repair something broken » *Dad fixed the leaky tap.*

**correct, mend, patch up, repair**

### fix 3

**noun** (informal) a difficult situation » *He was in a fix and wasn't sure what to do.*

**difficulty, mess, predicament, quandary**

### flabby

**adjective** fat and with loose flesh » *Doing sit-ups can help tone a flabby tummy.*

**sagging, slack, flaccid, pendulous**

antonym: **taut**

### flash 1

**noun** a sudden short burst of light » *There was a flash of lightning.*

**burst, flare, sparkle**

### flash 2

**verb** to shine briefly and often repeatedly

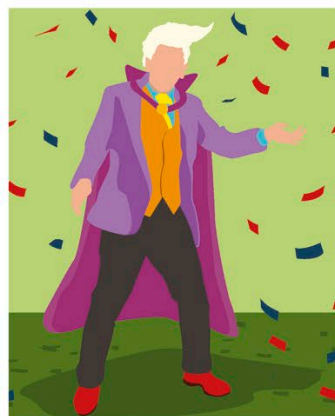
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### flashy

**adjective** showy in a vulgar way » *Ricky wore flashy clothes.*

**flamboyant, garish, showy, tacky** (informal), **tasteless, ostentatious**

antonym: **modest**



Ricky wore **flashy** clothes.

### flat 1

**noun** a set of rooms for living in » *Alice and Lily lived in a two-bedroomed flat.*

**apartment, rooms**

# flash

**2 verb** to shine briefly and often repeatedly

» *The lighthouse's light flashed in the distance.*

## twinkle

*The stars twinkled in the night sky.*

## flare

*The beam of light flared.*

## glint

*Light glinted on the waves.*

## glitter

*The sea glittered in the moonlight.*

## sparkle

*The reflected light sparkled like a diamond.*

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Lisa and Jude upgraded their TV to one with a **flat** screen.

## flat 2

**adjective** level and smooth  
» Lisa and Jude upgraded their TV to one with a **flat** screen.  
**horizontal, level, levelled, smooth, unbroken**  
antonym: **uneven**

## flat 3

**adjective** without emotion or interest » The disappointing musical performance left the audience feeling **flat**.  
**boring, dull, insipid, monotonous, weak**

## flatter 1

**verb** to praise someone, often insincerely  
» Nigel flattered Felix about his violin playing but secretly thought some of the notes were wrong.  
**compliment, fawn**

## flatter 2

**verb** to make more attractive  
» Those clothes really flatter your figure.  
**enhance, set off, suit**

## flattery

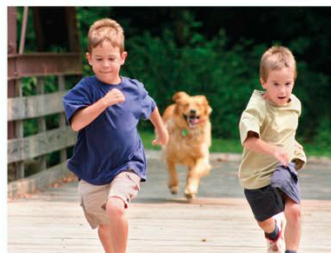
**noun** flattering words and behaviour » Vicky was suspicious of Dan's flattery – what did he really want?  
**adulation, fawning, blandishment, obsequiousness, sycophancy**

## flaw

**noun** an imperfection in something » There was a crucial flaw in their plan.  
**blemish, defect, fault, imperfection**

## flee

**verb** to run away from something » The boys fled the park pursued by a dog.  
**bolt, escape, fly, leave, run away, take flight**



The boys **fled** the park pursued by a dog.



Ben practised yoga and had a **flexible** body.

## flexible 1

**adjective** able to bend or be bent easily » Ben practised yoga and had a **flexible** body.  
**elastic, lithe, pliable, supple, ductile, lissom, lissome, pliant**

## flexible 2

**adjective** able to adapt or change » My time is **flexible**, so let's meet whenever is best for you.  
**adaptable, discretionary, open**

## flinch

**verb** to move suddenly with fear or pain » A sharp pain in her knee made Laura **flinch**.  
**cringe, shrink, start, wince**

## float 1

**verb** to be supported by water or air  
» SEE BELOW

## float 2

**verb** to be carried on the air  
» The smell of freshly baked bread floated past my window.  
**drift, glide, hang, hover**

## flood 1

**noun** a large amount of water coming suddenly » Many houses and cars were damaged in the **flood**.  
**deluge, downpour, spate, torrent**



Many houses and cars were damaged in the **flood**.

## flood 2

**noun** a sudden large amount of something » A flood of people entered the shop all at once.  
**rush, stream, torrent**

# float

1 **verb** to be supported by water or air  
» Many boats were **floating** on the water.

be on the surface

lie on the surface

drift

stay afloat

bob

**flood** 3

verb to overflow with water  
 » The river flooded its banks.  
**deluge, drown, overflow, submerge, swamp**

**flourish** 1

verb to develop or function successfully or healthily  
 » The strawberries were flourishing in the garden.  
**bloom, boom, come on, do well, prosper, succeed, thrive**  
 antonym: **fail**

**flourish** 2

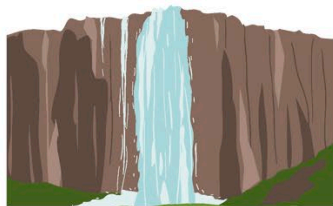
verb to wave or display something  
 » The conductor flourished his baton wildly, lost in the music.  
**brandish** (literary), **display, hold aloft, wave**

**flourish** 3

noun a bold sweeping or waving movement  
 » Linda gave a flourish as she tried on the coat.  
**flick, sweep, wave**



Linda gave a **flourish** as she tried on the coat.



The waterfall **flowed** down the steep drop.

**flow** 1

verb to move or happen in a continuous stream  
 » The waterfall flowed down the steep drop.  
**circulate, glide, roll, run, slide**

**flow** 2

noun a continuous movement of something  
 » The flow of busy traffic prevented him from crossing the road.  
**current, drift, flood, stream, tide**

**fluent**

adjective expressing yourself easily and without hesitation  
 » The girl was fluent in three languages.  
**articulate, easy, effortless, flowing, ready**  
 antonym: **hesitant**

**fly** 1

verb to move through the air  
 » The child chased the birds, and they flew high out of reach.  
**flit, flutter, sail, soar**

**fly** 2

verb to move very quickly  
 » Debbie flew down the stairs; she was terribly late.  
**dart, dash, hurry, race, rush, speed, tear**

**foam** 1

verb to swell and form bubbles  
 » The soap foamed as I washed my hands.  
**bubble, fizz, froth**



The soap **foamed** as I washed my hands.

**foam** 2

noun a mass of tiny bubbles  
 » There was a lot of foam on top of my hot chocolate.  
**bubbles, froth, head, lather**

**focus** 1

verb to concentrate your vision on something  
 » The optician told Ron to focus on the red dot on the screen.  
**aim, concentrate, direct, fix**

**focus** 2

noun the centre of attention  
 » The celebrity guest was the main focus of the gala dinner.  
**centre, focal point, hub, target**

**foil** 1

verb to prevent something from happening  
 » "Foiled again!" the baddie exclaimed as the sheriff arrested him.  
**check, counter, defeat, frustrate, thwart, circumvent, nullify**

**foil** 2

noun a contrast to something  
 » Luke is very serious and made the perfect foil for the comedian's jokes.  
**antithesis, background, complement, contrast**

**fold** 1

verb to bend something  
 » To make an origami boat, fold the paper as shown.  
**bend, crease, crumple, tuck, turn under**



To make an origami boat, fold the paper as shown.

**waft****sail****wash****glide****swim**
 antonym:  
**sink**

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# forest

*noun* a wooded area of trees and dense vegetation

» Harry spotted a deer in the **forest**.

## coppice

The oaks in the **coppice** were cut back to encourage growth.

## copse

The **copse** behind the house was too small to shade the garden.

## grove

There was no undergrowth in the olive **grove**.

## jungle

The **jungle** was dense and swampy.

## spinney

The bushes were thorny in the **spinney**.

## rainforest

The **rainforest** was hot and steamy.

## thicket

The **thicket** was thick with brambles.

## wood

Tina and Hugo picnicked under a shady tree in the **wood**.

## woodland

Tom left the **woodland** and walked across a field.

**fold** ②

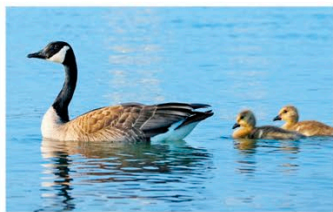
*noun* a crease in something  
 » *The fabric of Martha's dress hung in folds.*  
**bend, crease, pleat, wrinkle**

**follow** ①

*verb* to come after someone or something  
 » *Night follows day.*  
**come after, succeed, supersede**  
 antonym: **precede**

**follow** ②

*verb* to pursue someone » *The goslings followed their mother.*  
**hound, pursue, stalk, track**



The goslings **followed** their mother.

**follow** ③

*verb* to act in accordance with something » *Follow the instructions carefully.*  
**comply, conform, obey, observe**

**follower**

*noun* a supporter of a person or belief » *Steve's blog had thousands of followers.*  
**believer, disciple, fan, henchman, supporter, adherent, protagonist**  
 antonym: **leader**

**fond** ①

*adjective* feeling affection or liking » *My sister had become very fond of her new hamster.*  
**adoring, affectionate, devoted, doting, having a liking for, loving**

**fond** ②

*adjective* unlikely to happen or be fulfilled » *Amy had fond hopes of becoming an actress one day.*  
**deluded, empty, foolish, naive, vain, delusory, overoptimistic**



The refrigerator was full of **food** for the week ahead.

**food**

*noun* things eaten to provide nourishment » *The refrigerator was full of food for the week ahead.*  
**diet, fare, foodstuffs, nourishment, provisions, refreshment, provender, subsistence, victuals**  
 related word:  
*noun* **gastronomy**

**fool** ①

*noun* an unintelligent person  
 » *Ben is clever, but he likes to play the fool.*  
**dope** (informal), **dunce, idiot, ignoramus**

**fool** ②

*verb* to trick someone  
 » *Don't let Gus fool you with his charm.*  
**con** (informal), **deceive, dupe, mislead, trick, bamboozle, hoodwink**

**foolish**

*adjective* silly and unwise  
 » *Emma felt foolish when she wore her shirt inside out.*  
**inane, nonsensical, senseless, silly, unintelligent, unwise**  
 antonym: **wise**

**forbid**

*verb* to order someone not to do something  
 » *Mary was forbidden from watching TV after 9pm.*  
**ban, exclude, outlaw, prohibit, veto**  
 antonym: **allow**

**force** ①

*verb* to compel someone to do something » *The snow forced us to abandon the car and walk.*  
**compel, drive, make, oblige, pressurize, coerce, impel, obligate**

**force** ②

*noun* a pressure to do something » *The rebels took the building by force.*  
**compulsion, duress, pressure**

**force** ③

*noun* the strength of something  
 » *The force of gravity is what causes an apple to fall to the ground.*  
**impact, might, power, pressure, strength**

**foreign**

*adjective* relating to other countries » *Jack's passport contained stamps from all the foreign countries he'd visited.*  
**distant, exotic, overseas**

**foremost**

*adjective* most important or best » *Nadia is the school's foremost football player.*  
**best, chief, first, greatest, leading, most important, prime, principal, top**



Nadia is the school's **foremost** football player.

**forest**

*noun* a wooded area of trees and dense vegetation  
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**forget**

*verb* to fail to remember something » *I forgot my house keys; now I'm locked out.*  
**fail to remember, omit, overlook**  
 antonym: **remember**

**forgive**

*verb* to stop blaming someone for something » *Will you ever forgive me for forgetting your birthday?*  
**absolve, condone, excuse, pardon**  
 antonym: **blame**

**forgiveness**

*noun* the act of forgiving  
 » *I ask for your forgiveness.*  
**acquittal, mercy, pardon, remission, absolution, exoneration**

**form** ①

*noun* a type or kind  
 » *Sam spoke a form of Chinese that Anna couldn't understand.*  
**class, kind, sort, type, variant, variety**

**form** ②

*noun* the shape or pattern of something » *The 3D jigsaw had the form of a globe.*  
**contours, layout, outline, shape, structure**

**form** ③

*verb* to be the elements that something consists of  
 » *Rachel's childhood formed the basis of her novel.*  
**compose, constitute, make up, serve as**

**form** ④

*verb* to organize, create, or come into existence » *Paul formed a bowl from clay.*  
**assemble, create, develop, draw up, establish, fashion, make**



Paul **formed** a bowl from clay.



## formal 1

adjective in accordance with convention  
» We attended a **formal** dinner at the hotel.  
**conventional, correct, precise, stiff**  
antonym: **informal**

## formal 2

adjective official and publicly recognized » No **formal** announcement has been made.  
**approved, legal, official, prescribed, regular**

## former

adjective existing in the past  
» The **former** Olympic champion congratulated this year's winners.  
**ancient, bygone, old, past**

## formidable

adjective difficult to overcome  
» Climbing the cliff was going to be a **formidable** challenge.  
**challenging, daunting, difficult, intimidating, mammoth, onerous**



Climbing the cliff was going to be a **formidable** challenge.



The old **fort** was built to defend the harbour from attack.

## fort

noun a building for defence and shelter » The old **fort** was built to defend the harbour from attack.  
**castle, citadel, fortification, fortress**

## fragile

adjective easily broken or damaged » The antique china plate was extremely **fragile**.  
**breakable, dainty, delicate, flimsy, frail, frangible, infirm**  
antonym: **tough**

## fragrance

noun a pleasant smell  
» The flowers had a sweet **fragrance**.  
**aroma, perfume, scent, smell**



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**fragrant**

*adjective* having a pleasant smell » *The lemongrass and ginger made the curry wonderfully fragrant.*  
**aromatic, perfumed, sweet-smelling**

**frank**

*adjective* open and straightforward » *Ryan and his mum had a frank discussion about his poor exam results.*  
**blunt, candid, honest, open, plain, straightforward**

**fraud** ①

*noun* the act of deceiving someone » *Sid committed fraud by taking on someone else's identity.*  
**deceit, deception, guile, hoax, trickery, chicanery, duplicity, spuriousness**

**fraud** ②

*noun* someone or something that deceives you  
 » *Don't believe what that man says – he's a fraud.*  
**charlatan, cheat, fake, forgery, imposter, quack**

**free** ①

*adjective* not being held prisoner » *The chicks escaped from their cage and were found running free in the garden.*  
**at large, at liberty, liberated, loose**  
 antonym: **captive**



The chicks escaped from their cage and were found running free in the garden.

**free** ②

*adjective* available without payment » *Tom was giving away free magazines at the local shop.*  
**complimentary, gratis, unpaid, without charge**

**free** ③

*verb* to release from captivity  
 » *Nathan's friends helped him to free his foot from beneath the rock.*  
**discharge, liberate, release, set at liberty, set loose, emancipate, unfetter**  
 antonym: **imprison**

**freedom** ①

*noun* the ability to choose  
 » *Sara had the freedom to decide for herself what to wear.*  
**discretion, latitude, leeway, licence, scope**

**freedom** ②

*noun* the state of being free or being set free » *Lydia felt an amazing sense of freedom now that the holidays were here.*  
**emancipation, liberty, release, deliverance**  
 antonym: **captivity**

**freedom** ③:

**freedom from**  
*noun* the absence of something unpleasant » *She enjoyed freedom from pain for the first time that day when she took off her tight shoes.*  
**exemption, immunity**

**frenzy**

*noun* wild and uncontrolled behaviour » *The fish darted around in a feeding frenzy.*  
**agitation, fury, hysteria, madness, rage, delirium, paroxysm**

**frequent** ①

*adjective* happening often  
 » *Alex walked the dog on a frequent basis.*  
**common, continual, everyday, habitual, recurrent, repeated**  
 antonym: **rare**

**frequent** ②

*verb* to go somewhere often  
 » *When they had nothing else to do, the boys frequented the local park.*  
**attend, haunt, patronize, visit**  
 antonym: **avoid**

**friend**

*noun* a person you know and like  
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**friendly**

*adjective* kind and pleasant  
 » *Peter had a friendly relationship with his neighbour.*  
**affectionate, amiable, close, cordial, genial, welcoming, companionable, comradely, convivial**  
 antonym: **unfriendly**



Peter had a friendly relationship with his neighbour.

**friendship**

*noun* a state of being friendly with someone  
 » *Their friendship was important to him.*  
**affection, attachment, closeness, goodwill**  
 antonym: **hostility**

**frighten**

*verb* to make someone afraid  
 » *The dog tried to frighten the others away by barking fiercely.*  
**alarm, intimidate, scare, startle, terrify, terrorize, unnerve**

**frightened**

*adjective* having feelings of fear about something » *The cat was frightened by the noise of the fireworks.*  
**afraid, alarmed, petrified, scared, startled, terrified, cowed, panicky, terror-stricken**

**frightening**

*adjective* causing someone to feel fear » *Thunder and lightning can be quite frightening.*  
**alarming, hair-raising, intimidating, menacing, terrifying**

**frivolous**

*adjective* not serious or sensible  
 » *She knew buying another party dress was frivolous.*  
**flippant, foolish, juvenile, puerile, silly**  
 antonym: **serious**

**front** ①

*noun* the part that faces forward » *The front wall of the house was painted blue.*  
**face, frontage**  
 antonym: **back**

**front** ②

*noun* the outward appearance of something » *Despite feeling nervous, Jo put on a brave front.*  
**appearance, exterior, face, show**

**front** ③: in front

*preposition* further forward  
 » *The car in front stopped suddenly so Mum slammed on the brakes.*  
**ahead, before, leading**

**frown**

*verb* to draw the eyebrows together » *Ann frowned at the naughty child.*  
**glare, growler, knit your brows, scowl**

**frozen**

*adjective* extremely cold  
 » *Neil felt frozen, despite his big winter jacket.*  
**arctic, chilled, frigid, icy, numb**



Neil felt frozen, despite his big winter jacket.

**frustrate**

*verb* to prevent something from happening » *Jon's efforts to start a fire were frustrated by the rain.*  
**block, check, foil, thwart, forestall, nullify**

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## fulfil

**verb** to carry out or achieve something » *Sam knew he would fulfil his dream and travel the world one day.*  
**accomplish, achieve, carry out, perform, realize, satisfy**

## full 1

**adjective** filled with something » *The suitcase was so full of clothes, we couldn't close it.*  
**filled, loaded, packed, saturated**  
antonym: **empty**



*The suitcase was so full of clothes, we couldn't close it.*

## full 2

**adjective** missing nothing out » *I want to hear the full story of what happened.*  
**comprehensive, detailed, exhaustive, extensive, maximum, thorough**

## full 3

**adjective** loose-fitting » *Her full skirt was made of a lot of material.*  
**baggy, loose, voluminous**

## fun 1

**noun** an enjoyable activity  
» SEE RIGHT

## fun 2: make fun of

**verb** to tease someone » *Don't make fun of him.*  
**deride, laugh at, mock, ridicule, taunt, lampoon, rib, satirize**

## function 1

**noun** the useful thing that something or someone does » *The function of an oven is to heat food.*  
**duty, job, purpose, remit, responsibility, role**

## function 2

**noun** a large formal dinner, reception, or party » *Her parents were going to a function in the city.*  
**dinner, gathering, party, reception**

## function 3

**verb** to operate or work » *The heater was not functioning properly – it was stone cold.*  
**go, operate, perform, run, work**

## fund 1

**noun** an amount of money » *Ali needed to find a way to add to his savings fund.*  
**capital, foundation, pool, reserve, supply**

## fund 2

**noun** a large amount of something » *She had a fund of knowledge about dinosaurs.*  
**hoard, mine, reserve, reservoir, store**

## fund 3

**verb** to provide the money for something » *Helen was raising money to fund a local charity.*  
**finance, pay for, subsidize, support**

## funny 1

**adjective** being strange or odd » *Chris heard a funny noise.*  
**mysterious, odd, peculiar, puzzling, strange, unusual**

## funny 2

**adjective** causing amusement » *Jessica laughed at her sister's funny story.*  
**amusing, comic, comical, hilarious, humorous, witty, droll, jocular, risible**  
antonym: **serious**



*Jessica laughed at her sister's funny story.*

## furious 1

**adjective** extremely angry » *The man was furious that my ball had broken his window.*  
**enraged, fuming, infuriated, livid, mad, raging, frenzied, incensed, tumultuous**

## furious 2

**adjective** involving great energy, effort, or speed » *There was a furious contest between the two racing drivers.*  
**breakneck, fierce, frantic, frenzied, intense, manic, frenetic**

## fuss 1

**noun** anxious or excited behaviour » *What's all the fuss about?*  
**agitation, bother, commotion, confusion, stir, to-do, ado, fluster, palaver**

## fuss 2

**verb** to behave in a nervous or restless way » *Waiters fussed around the table.*  
**bustle, fidget, fret**

## fussy

**adjective** difficult to please » *The toddler was a fussy eater and refused to eat pasta.*  
**choosy (informal), discriminating, exacting, fastidious, particular, faddish, finicky, pernickety**

## futile

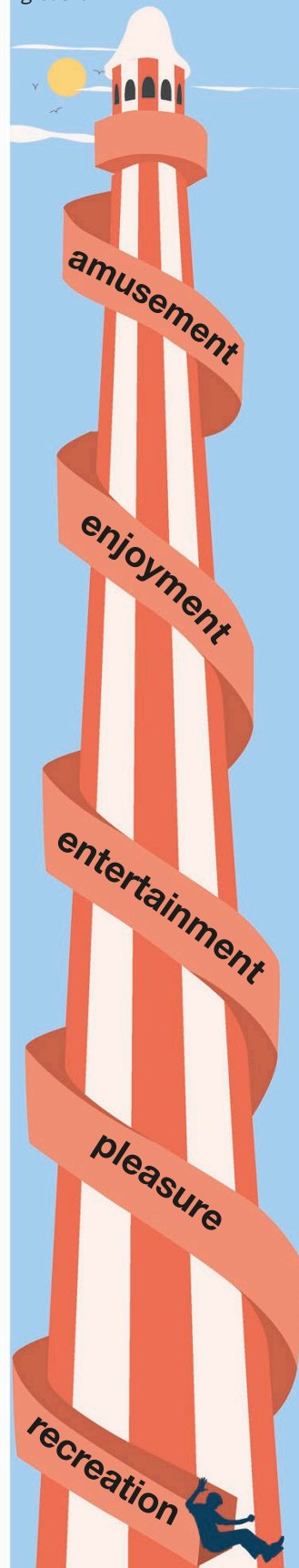
**adjective** having no chance of success » *Kelly made a futile effort to catch the fish, but it slipped through her fingers.*  
**abortive, forlorn, unsuccessful, useless, vain**  
antonym: **successful**

## future

**adjective** relating to a time after the present » *Future generations may one day live on the Moon.*  
**approaching, coming, forthcoming, impending, later, prospective**  
antonym: **past**

# fun

**1 noun** an enjoyable activity » *The theme park was great fun.*



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## gadget

**noun** a small machine or tool » *The kitchen was full of **gadgets** to make cooking easier.*  
**appliance, device, machine, tool, implement, instrument, utensil**



*The kitchen was full of **gadgets** to make cooking easier.*

## gain 1

**verb** to get something gradually  
» *The motorbike **gained** speed.*  
**achieve, acquire, earn, obtain, secure, win, attain, capture, reap**

## gain 2

**verb** to obtain an advantage  
» *I did my training in an office to **gain** work experience.*  
**benefit, profit**

## gain 3

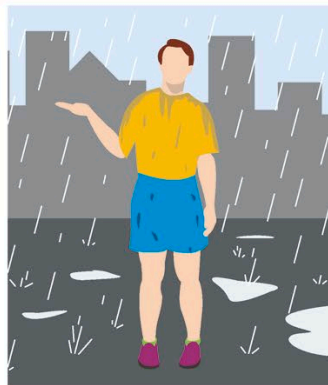
**noun** an increase or improvement in something  
» *Jon's financial **gains** were down to good work and determination.*  
**advance, growth, improvement, increase, rise**

## gamble 1

**verb** to bet money on something » *Louis **gambled** on the lottery once a year, on his birthday.*  
**back, bet, wager**

## gamble 2

**verb** to take a risk  
» *He had **gambled** on it being a hot day and wore his shorts.*  
**chance, risk, stake, hazard, take a chance, venture**



*He had **gambled** on it being a hot day and wore his shorts.*

## gamble 3

**noun** a risk that someone takes  
» *We are **taking a gamble** on a young player.*  
**chance, lottery, risk**



*The atmosphere was great for the first **game** of the season.*

## game

**noun** an occasion on which people compete  
» *The atmosphere was great for the first **game** of the season.*  
**clash, contest, match**

## gap 1

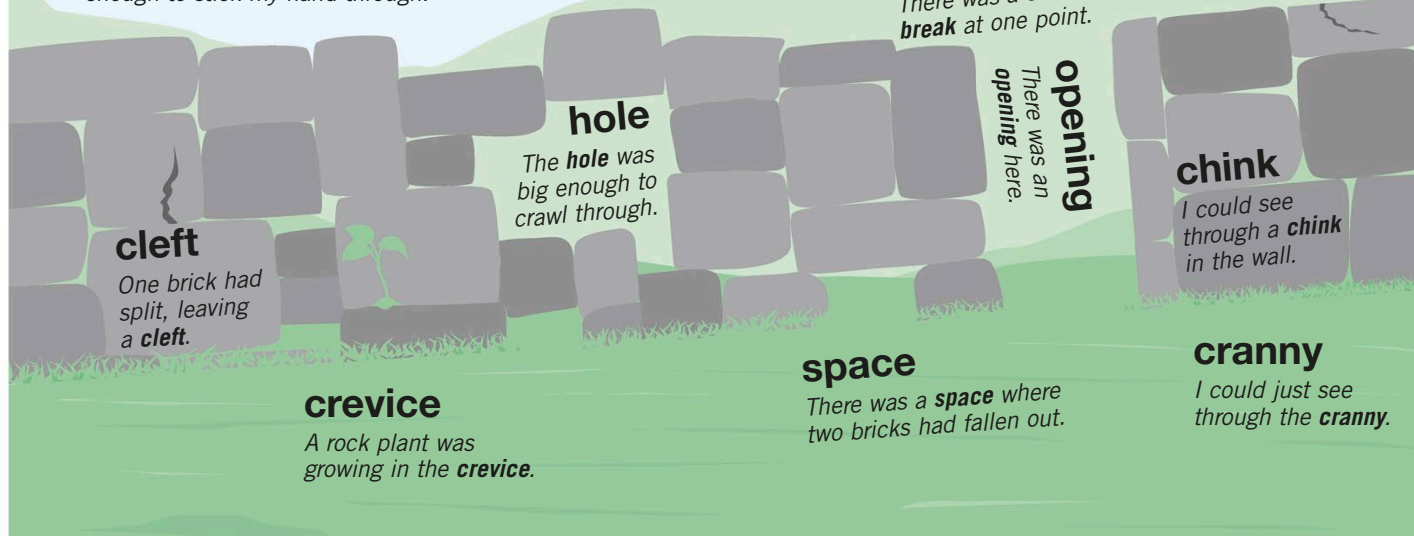
**noun** a space or a hole in something  
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## gap 2

**noun** a period of time  
» *After a two-year **gap**, the fair came back to town.*  
**hiatus (formal), interlude, interval, lull, pause**

# gap

**1** **noun** a space or a hole in something » *I found a **gap** big enough to stick my hand through.*



## cleft

*One brick had split, leaving a **cleft**.*

## crevice

*A rock plant was growing in the **crevice**.*

## hole

*The **hole** was big enough to crawl through.*

## break

*There was a clean **break** at one point.*

*There was an **opening** here.*

## crack

*One part had a **crack**.*

## chink

*I could see through a **chink** in the wall.*

## space

*There was a **space** where two bricks had fallen out.*

## cranny

*I could just see through the **cranny**.*

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## gap ①

**noun** a difference between people or things  
» *There was a gap between what they hoped for and what they got.*

**difference, disparity** (formal), **inconsistency**

## garbage ①

**noun** things that people do not want » *Garbage was piled on the street, ready to be collected.*

**debris, junk** (informal), **litter, refuse** (formal), **rubbish, trash, waste**

## garbage ②

**noun** (informal) ideas and opinions that are untrue or unimportant » *I personally think that this is garbage.*

**drivel, gibberish, nonsense, rubbish**

## garbled

**adjective** confused or incorrect  
» *Anita couldn't understand the garbled voicemail message.*

**confused, distorted, incomprehensible, jumbled, unintelligible**

## gasp ①

**verb** to breathe in quickly through your mouth  
» *Beth gasped for air after running so fast.*

**choke, gulp, pant, puff, catch your breath, fight for breath**



Beth **gasp**ed for air after running so fast.

## gasp ②

**noun** a short quick breath of air  
» *The audience gave a gasp as the actor walked on stage.*

**gulp, pant, puff**

## gather ①

**verb** to come together in a group

» SEE RIGHT

## gather ②

**verb** to bring things together  
» *The squirrel gathered the nuts into a pile.*

**accumulate, amass, collect, hoard, stockpile**



The squirrel **gather**ed the nuts into a pile.

## gather ③

**verb** to learn or believe something » *Listening to the headlines, I gathered that the band had fallen out over money problems.*

**assume, conclude, hear, learn, understand**

## gathering

**noun** a meeting with a purpose  
» *Luca had been nervous about the hockey team gathering, but it had ended up being fun.*

**assembly, congregation, get-together** (informal), **meeting, rally, conference, congress, convention**

## gaudy

**adjective** colourful in a vulgar way » *The fake gems in the jewellery were gaudy.*  
**bright, flashy, garish, loud, showy, tacky** (informal), **vulgar, jazzy, ostentatious, tasteless, tawdry**

## general ①

**adjective** relating to the whole of something » *There was a general increase in student numbers across all subjects.*

**broad, comprehensive, overall, generic, indiscriminate, panoramic, sweeping**  
antonym: **specific**

## general ②

**adjective** widely true, suitable, or relevant » *The campaign should raise general awareness about bullying.*

**broad, common, universal, widespread, accepted**  
antonym: **special**

## generosity

**noun** willingness to give money, time, or help » *Elsa is well known for her generosity in sharing her sweets.*

**benevolence, charity, kindness, bounty, liberality, munificence, open-handedness**  
antonym: **meanness**

## generous ①

**adjective** very large » *Amir donated a generous amount of clothes to charity.*

**abundant, ample, plentiful**  
antonym: **meagre**



Amir donated a **generous** amount of clothes to charity.

## generous ②

**adjective** willing to give money, time, or help » *The offer to make all the invitations was very generous.*  
**charitable, hospitable, kind, lavish, liberal, munificent, open-handed, prodigal, unstinting**  
antonym: **mean**

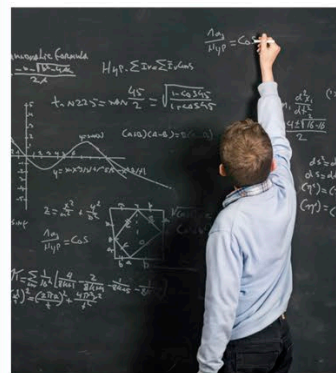
## genius ①

**noun** a very clever or talented person » *Lena was a mathematical genius.*

**brain, master, mastermind, virtuoso**

## genius ②

**noun** extraordinary ability or talent » *Bradley is a mathematician of pure genius.*  
**brains, brilliance, intellect**



Bradley is a mathematician of pure **genius**.

## gentle

**adjective** not violent or rough  
» *The mother reminded her children to be gentle with the toys.*

**benign, kind, kindly, meek, mild, placid, soft, tender, compassionate, humane, lenient, sweet-tempered**  
antonym: **cruel**

## genuine

**adjective** not false or pretend  
» *Experts are convinced that the painting is a genuine work by the artist Monet.*

**authentic, bona fide, dinkum** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **honest, real, true**  
antonym: **fake**

**get** 1

verb to fetch or receive something » *I'll get us some drinks for the picnic.*  
**acquire, fetch, obtain, procure** (formal), **receive, secure** (formal)

**get** 2

verb to change from one state to another » *Once it gets dark, people draw the curtains and put on the lights.*  
**become, grow, turn**

**get on**

verb to enjoy someone's company » *The two friends always did get on very well.*  
**be compatible, hit it off** (informal)

**ghost**

noun the spirit of a dead person » *Lots of children dressed up as ghosts on Halloween.*  
**apparition, phantom, spectre, spirit**  
 related word:  
 adjective **spectral**



Ann bought the **gift** for her friend.

**gift** 1

noun something you give someone » *Ann bought the gift for her friend.*  
**bequest** (formal), **contribution, donation, legacy, present**

**gift** 2

noun a natural skill or ability » *Huan had a gift for music.*  
**ability, aptitude, flair, talent**

**give** 1

verb to provide someone with something » *I gave her a glass of orange juice.*  
**award, deliver, donate, grant, hand, present, provide, supply, accord, administer, bestow, confer**  
 antonym: **take**

**give** 2

verb to collapse or break under pressure » *The bookcase was likely to give if any more books were placed on it.*  
**buckle, cave in, collapse, give way, yield**

**give in**

verb to admit that you are defeated » *The kids kept whining until their dad gave in and took them to the park.*  
**capitulate, concede, submit, succumb, surrender, yield**

**glad**

adjective happy about something » *I'm so glad you could make it, I haven't seen you in ages!*  
**delighted, happy, joyful, overjoyed, pleased**  
 antonym: **sorry**

**glance** 1

noun a brief look at something » *They exchanged glances when the teacher's back was turned, as they knew they were about to get homework.*  
**glimpse, look, peek, peep**

**glance** 2

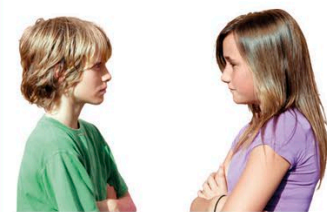
verb to look at something quickly » *Wyatt glanced at his watch.*  
**glimpse, look, peek, peep, scan**

**glance** 3

verb to hit something quickly and bounce away » *The ball glanced off the goal post.*  
**bounce, brush, skim, rebound, ricochet**

**glare** 1

verb to look angrily at someone » *Joe glared at his sister.*  
**frown, glower, scowl**



Joe **glared** at his sister.

**glare** 2

noun an angry look » *When the teacher gave them a glare, the class settled down.*  
**frown, scowl**

**gather**

1 verb to come together in a group » *The cowboys gathered the herd from the ranch.*

**muster**

Horses were **mustered** at the ranch for inspection.

**congregate**

The cows had **congregated** in the next pasture.

**mass**

The cows needed to be **massed** together before herding back to the ranch.

**convene**

All the cowboys in the area **convened** for a meal after work.

**marshal**

The ranch owner **marshalled** the cowboys for a quick meeting.

**round up**

The aim was to **round up** all the cattle before midday.

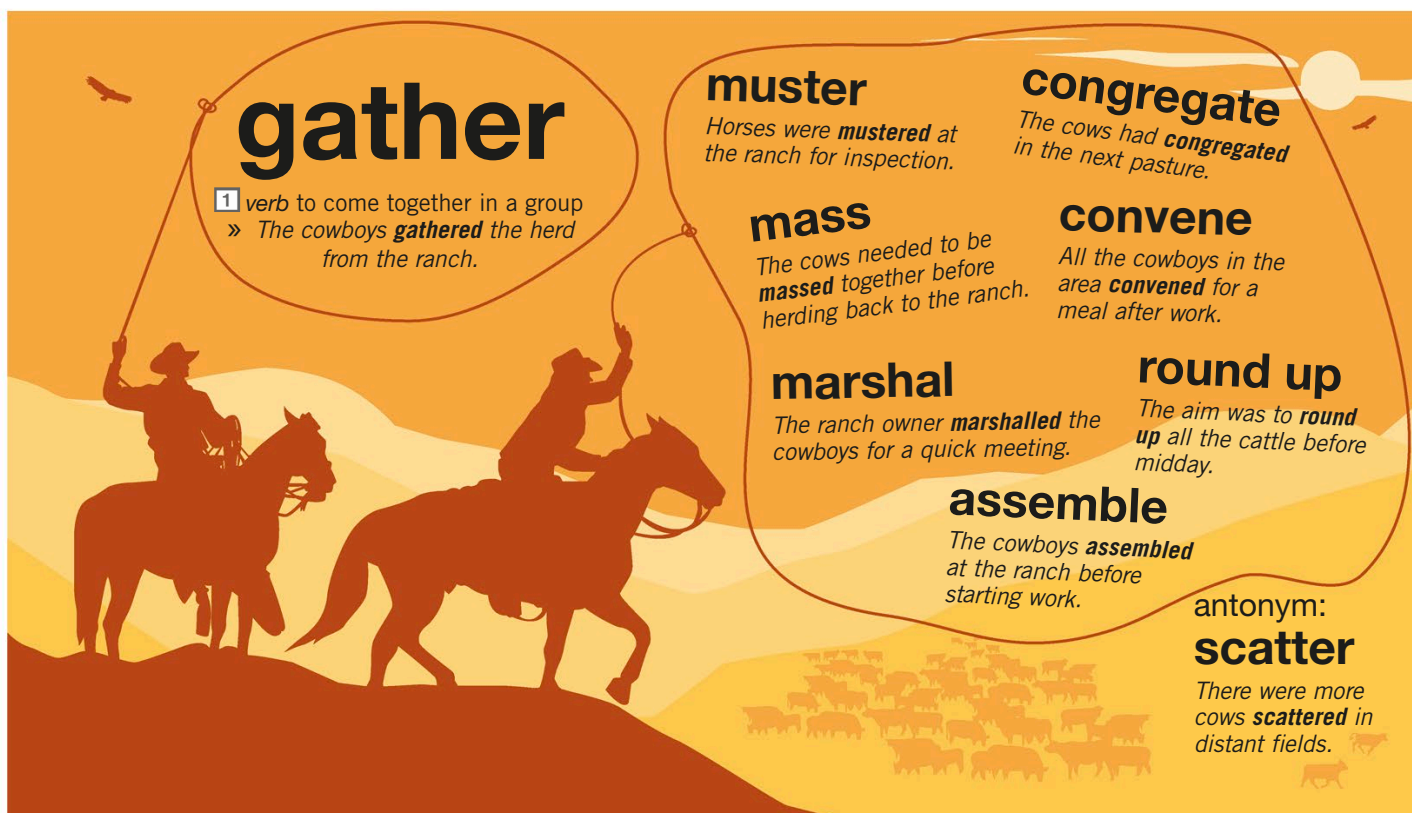
**assemble**

The cowboys **assembled** at the ranch before starting work.

antonym:

**scatter**

There were more cows **scattered** in distant fields.



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# good

**1** adjective pleasant, acceptable, or satisfactory » The film was very **good**.

**superb**  
She thought the ballet was **superb**.

**excellent**  
She thought it was an **excellent** meal.

**splendid**  
What a **splendid** concert.

**first-class**  
This is a **first-class** laboratory report.

**great**  
I think that is a **great** idea!

**delightful**  
What a **delightful** evening!

**first-rate**  
He stayed at a **first-rate** hotel.

**enjoyable**  
It was an **enjoyable** vacation.

**agreeable**  
It was an **agreeable** morning.

**fine**  
He thought it was a **fine** day for a walk.

**acceptable**  
The essay was written to an **acceptable** standard.

antonym: **bad**  
It was a **bad** day for cycling.



## glare **3**

noun very bright light  
» Vicky tilted her rear-view mirror to avoid the glare of the headlights from the car behind.  
**blaze, glow**

## gloomy **1**

adjective feeling very sad  
» Carla felt gloomy at the prospect of leaving her old house.  
**dejected, down, glum, miserable, sad, blue, despondent, downhearted**  
antonym: **cheerful**

## gloomy **2**

adjective dark and depressing  
» The room was gloomy with all the curtains closed.  
**dark, dismal, dreary, dull**  
antonym: **sunny**



The room was **gloomy** with all the curtains closed.

## glory **1**

noun fame and admiration that someone gets  
» Winning the competition was her moment of glory.  
**fame, honour, immortality, praise, prestige, acclaim, eminence, renown**  
antonym: **disgrace**

## glory **2**

noun something impressive or beautiful » Spring arrived in all its glory.  
**grandeur, magnificence, majesty, splendour**

## glory **3**

verb to enjoy something very much » The schoolchildren were glorying in the freedom of the holidays.  
**gloat, relish, revel**



Use polish to give your shoes a **gloss**.

## gloss

noun a bright shine on a surface » Use polish to give your shoes a **gloss**.  
**brilliance, gleam, polish, sheen, shine**

## glossy

adjective smooth and shiny  
» The leaves were dark and **glossy**.  
**bright, brilliant, polished, shiny, sleek**

## glow **1**

noun a steady light  
» Madison felt soothed by the glow of the fire.  
**gleam, glimmer, light**

## glow **2**

verb to shine with a dull steady light » The sun **glowed** through the trees.  
**gleam, glimmer, shine, smoulder**

## glue

verb to stick things together  
» Glue the two halves together.  
**fix, paste, seal, stick**

## go **1**

verb to move or travel somewhere » I usually **go** into town on the weekends.  
**advance, drive, fly, journey** (formal), **leave, proceed** (formal), **set off, travel**

## go **2**

verb to work properly  
» The car won't **go**.  
**function, work**

**go** ③

*noun* an attempt to do something » *I always wanted to have a go at waterskiing.*  
**attempt, shot** (informal),  
**stab** (informal), **try**

**goal**

*noun* something that a person hopes to achieve » *The goal is to finish the race as fast as you can without dropping the egg from the spoon.*

**aim, end, intention, object, objective, purpose, target**

**gobble**

*verb* to eat food very quickly » *Pete gobbled the pasta as if he hadn't eaten for a week.*  
**bolt, devour, wolf**



Pete **gobbled** the pasta as if he hadn't eaten for a week.

**good** ①

*adjective* pleasant, acceptable, or satisfactory  
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**good** ②

*adjective* skilful or successful » *Miguel was really good at art.*

**accomplished, adept, clever, competent, proficient, skilled, talented**  
 antonym: **incompetent**

**good** ③

*adjective* kind, thoughtful, and loving » *You are so good to me, bringing me flowers.*  
**benevolent, considerate, generous, kind-hearted, obliging, thoughtful**



As service was unusually slow, the waiter gave her a free drink as a gesture of **goodwill**.

**goodwill**

*noun* kindness and helpfulness towards other people  
 » *As service was unusually slow, the waiter gave her a free drink as a gesture of goodwill.*  
**benevolence, favour, friendliness, friendship**

**gossip**

*noun* informal conversation about other people » *The friends met once a week for a coffee and a gossip.*  
**dirt, hearsay, chitchat, prattle, scandal, tittle-tattle**

**go through**

*verb* to experience an unpleasant event  
 » *I was going through a very difficult time at school.*  
**endure, experience, undergo**

**grab**

*verb* to take hold of something roughly » *He grabbed her hand to stop her falling.*  
**clutch, grasp, seize, snatch**



He **grabbed** her hand to stop her falling.

**grace**

*noun* an elegant way of moving  
 » *The swans on the river swim with such grace.*  
**elegance, poise**  
 antonym: **clumsiness**

**grade**

*verb* to arrange things according to quality  
 » *Chillies are graded according to how hot they taste.*  
**class, classify, group, rate, sort, evaluate, sequence**

**gradual**

*adjective* happening or changing slowly » *There was a gradual introduction of new school rules.*  
**continuous, progressive, slow, steady**  
 antonym: **sudden**

**grand** ①

*adjective* very impressive in size or appearance  
 » *The grand building in the town centre is the palace.*  
**imposing, impressive, magnificent, majestic, monumental, splendid, glorious, grandiose, palatial**



The **grand** building in the town centre is the palace.

**grand** ②

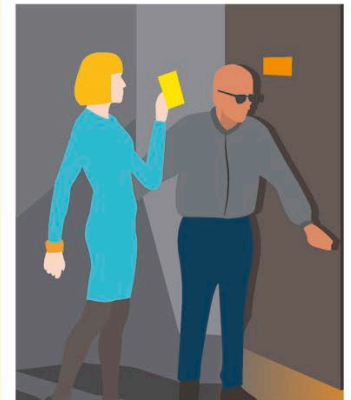
*adjective* (informal) pleasant or enjoyable » *It was a grand day out at the beach.*  
**brilliant** (informal), **great** (informal), **marvellous** (informal), **terrific** (informal), **wonderful**

**grant** ①

*noun* a money award given for a particular purpose  
 » *My application for a music grant has been accepted.*  
**allocation, allowance, award, handout, subsidy**

**grant** ②

*verb* to allow someone to have something » *Chloe was granted access to the backstage area.*  
**allocate, allow, award, give, permit, accord, bestow**  
 antonym: **deny**



Chloe was **granted** access to the backstage area.

**grant** ③

*verb* to admit that something is true » *I grant that the chair was wobbly before you broke it.*  
**accept, acknowledge, admit, allow, concede**  
 antonym: **deny**

**grasp** ①

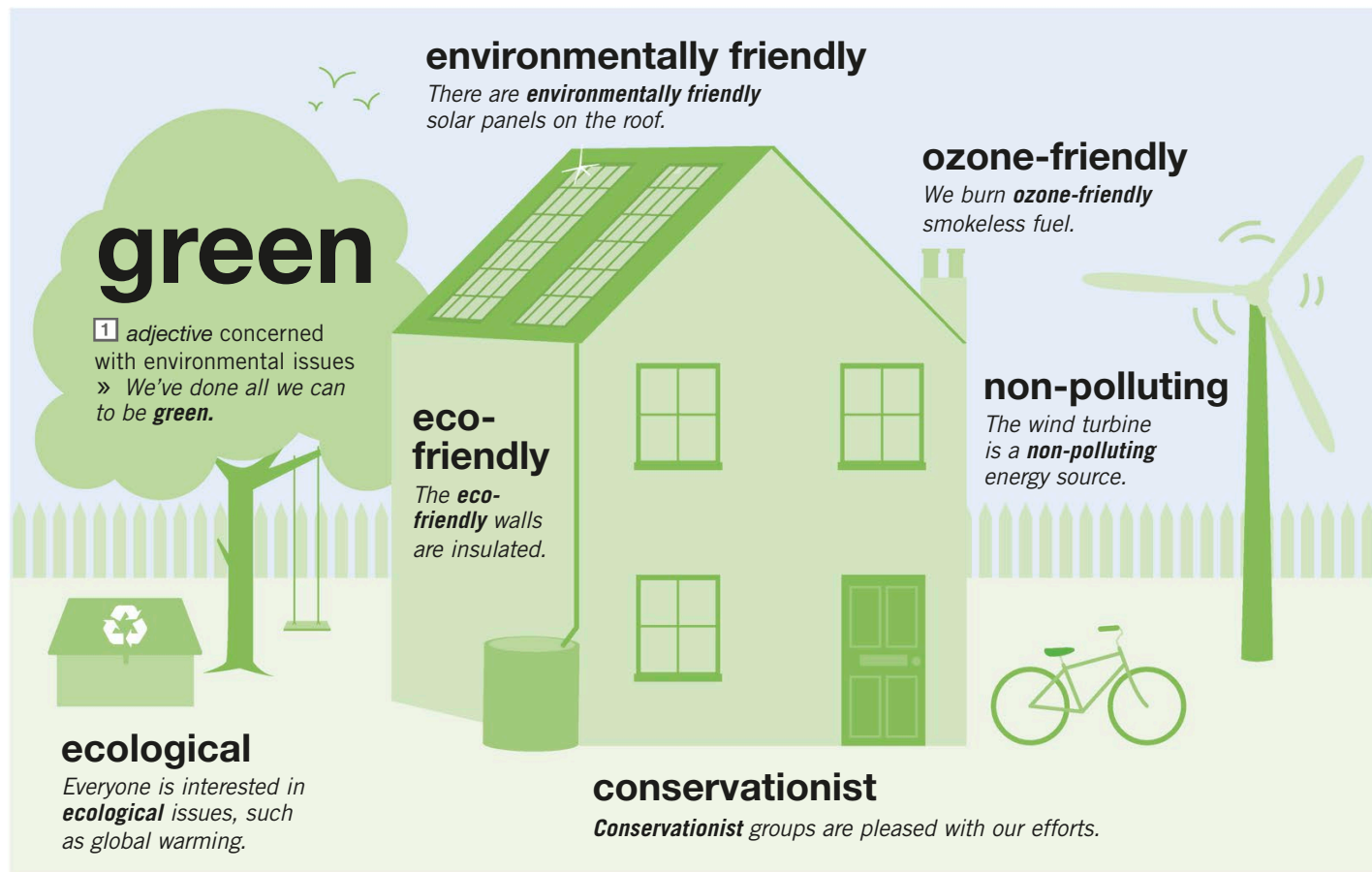
*verb* to hold something firmly  
 » *Rohan grasped the branch to steady himself.*  
**clutch, grab, grip, hold, seize, snatch**

**grasp** ②

*verb* to understand an idea  
 » *She failed to grasp the urgency of the situation.*  
**absorb, appreciate, assimilate, realize, take in, understand**

**grasp** ③

*noun* a firm hold  
 » *Logan loosened his grasp on the camera.*  
**clasp, embrace, grip, hold**



## grasp 4

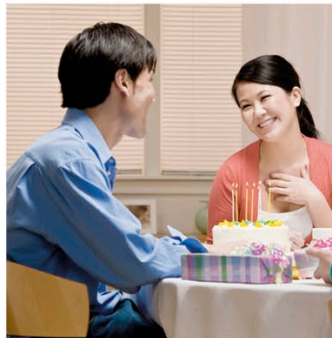
**noun** a person's understanding of something » My brother has a good **grasp** of foreign languages.

**awareness, comprehension** (formal), **grip, knowledge, understanding**

## grateful

**adjective** pleased and wanting to thank someone  
» Grace was **grateful** for the wonderful birthday party.

**appreciative, indebted, thankful**  
antonym: **ungrateful**



Grace was **grateful** for the wonderful birthday party.

## gratitude

**noun** the feeling of being grateful » After the walk, the dog wagged its tail in **gratitude**.

**appreciation, recognition, thanks**

antonym: **ingratitude**

## grave 1

**noun** a place where someone is buried when they die  
» They visited her **grave** twice a year.

**mausoleum, pit, sepulchre, tomb, burial chamber, catacomb**

## grave 2

**adjective** (formal) very serious  
» The students looked **grave** as they filed into the hall for assembly.

**acute, critical, heavy** (informal), **serious, sober, solemn, sombre**

## graze 1

**verb** to slightly injure your skin  
» Anton fell over and **grazed** his left arm.

**scrape, scratch, skin**

## graze 2

**noun** a slight injury to your skin  
» Oskar just has a **graze**, not a major cut.

**abrasion** (formal), **scrape, scratch**

## great 1

**adjective** very large in size  
» There are **great** glaciers in the Arctic Ocean.

**big, colossal, huge, large, enormous, extensive, gigantic, immense, stupendous, tremendous, vast**  
antonym: **small**



There are **great** glaciers in the Arctic Ocean.



They erected a statue to honour the **great** leader.

## great 2

**adjective** important or famous  
» They erected a statue to honour the **great** leader.

**celebrated, chief, distinguished, eminent, famed, famous, illustrious, important, main, major, momentous, notable, principal, prominent, renowned, serious, significant**

**great** ③

*adjective* (informal) very good  
» *Fran thought the surprise birthday party was a great idea and joined in with the planning.*

**beauty** (Australia and New Zealand), **excellent**, **fantastic** (informal), **fine**, **first-rate**, **marvellous** (informal), **outstanding**, **superb**, **terrific** (informal), **tremendous** (informal), **wonderful**

antonym: **terrible**

**greedy**

*adjective* wanting more than you need » *The greedy cat ate more than it needed.*

**materialistic**, **acquisitive**, **avaricious**, **grasping**, **ravenous**, **voracious**



The **greedy** cat ate more than it needed.

**green** ①

*adjective* concerned with environmental issues

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**green** ②

*noun or adjective*  
Shades of green:

**apple green**, **avocado**, **bottle green**, **chartreuse**, **emerald**, **grass green**, **jade**, **khaki**, **lime**, **Lincoln green**, **olive**, **pea green**, **pistachio**, **sage**, **sea green**, **turquoise**

related word:  
*adjective* **verdant**



The president was **greeted** by local political leaders.

**greet**

*verb* to say hello to someone when they arrive » *The president was greeted by local political leaders.*

**meet**, **receive** (formal), **welcome**, **hail**, **salute**

**grey** ①

*adjective* being dull and dismal » *The rush hour crowds looked fed-up and grey.*

**colourless**, **dull**, **nondescript**, **unremarkable**

**grey** ②

*noun or adjective*  
Shades of grey:

**ash**, **charcoal**, **gunmetal**, **hoary**, **leaden**, **pewter**, **platinum**, **silver**, **silvery**, **slate**, **steel grey**, **stone**, **taupe**, **whitish**

**grief**

*noun* a feeling of extreme sadness » *She felt a sense of grief when her best friend moved abroad.*

**distress**, **heartache**, **misery**, **sadness**, **sorrow**, **unhappiness**, **anguish**, **dejection**, **heartbreak**, **woe**  
antonym: **happiness**

**grieve** ①

*verb* to feel extremely sad  
» *The nation grieved for the loss of their much-loved president at the state funeral.*  
**lament**, **mourn**

**grieve** ②

*verb* to make someone feel extremely sad » *It grieved Elaine to be away from her pets when she was on holiday.*

**distress**, **pain**, **sadden**, **upset**  
antonym: **cheer**

**grim**

*adjective* looking very serious  
» *Her face was grim upon hearing the bad news.*

**grave**, **severe**, **solemn**, **stern**

**grip** ①

*noun* a firm hold on something  
» *Aiden's grip on the bag was strong and fast.*

**clasp**, **grasp**, **hold**

**grip** ②

*noun* someone's control over something » *The head teacher kept a tight grip on the school budget.*

**clutches**, **control**, **influence**, **power**

**grip** ③

*verb* to hold something firmly  
» *The girl gripped the rope and began to climb.*

**clutch**, **grasp**, **hold**



The girl **gripped** the rope and began to climb.

**ground**

*noun* the surface of the Earth  
» *We sat on the ground and had a picnic.*

**dirt**, **earth**, **land**, **soil**, **terrain**



The school's **grounds** were used for sporting activities.

**grounds** ①

*plural noun* the land surrounding a building  
» *The school's grounds were used for sporting activities.*  
**estate**, **gardens**, **land**

**grounds** ②

*plural noun* the reason for doing or thinking something  
» *Owen was against buying a new car on the grounds of expense.*

**basis**, **cause**, **excuse**, **justification**, **reason**, **foundation**, **pretext**, **rationale**

**group** ①

*noun* a number of people or things » *The group of football supporters sang in unison.*

**band**, **bunch**, **collection**, **crowd**, **gang**, **pack**, **party**, **set**, **aggregation**, **assemblage**, **coterie**

**group** ②

*verb* to link people or things together » *The pupils were grouped into four teams.*

**arrange**, **class**, **classify**, **organize**, **sort**, **assort**, **marshal**

**grow** ①

*verb* to increase in size or amount » *The girl's hair grew very long.*

**develop**, **expand**, **increase**, **multiply**  
antonym: **shrink**

**grow** ②

*verb* to pass gradually into a particular state » *I grew more tired as the day went on.*  
**become**, **get**, **turn**

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## grow <sup>3</sup>

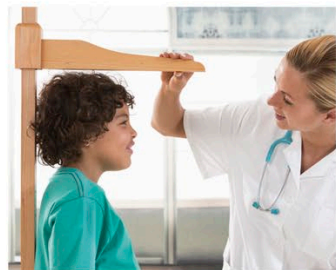
verb to be alive or exist

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## growth

noun the act of getting bigger  
» The doctor measured the child's growth.

**development, enlargement, expansion, increase**



The doctor measured the child's growth.

## grumble <sup>1</sup>

verb to complain in a bad-tempered way » "This is very inconvenient," he grumbled.

**carp, complain, groan, moan, mutter, whine, whinge**

## grumble <sup>2</sup>

noun a bad-tempered complaint » I didn't hear any grumbles when we were first planning what food should be served at the party.

**complaint, moan, murmur, objection, protest, whinge**

## grumpy

adjective bad-tempered and annoyed » Alex was grumpy because he had forgotten his homework.

**irritable, sulky, sullen, surly, bad-tempered, cantankerous, ill-tempered**

## guarantee <sup>1</sup>

noun something that makes another thing certain

» The digital radio came with a guarantee that it would be replaced or fixed if anything was wrong with it.

**assurance, pledge, promise, undertaking, word**

## guarantee <sup>2</sup>

verb to make it certain that something will happen

» The free cupcakes were guaranteed to attract customers to the stall.

**ensure, pledge, promise**

## guard <sup>1</sup>

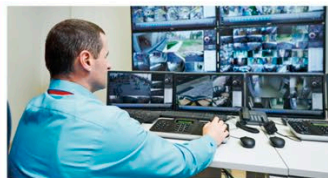
verb to protect someone or something » The dog guarded the house, barking at any intruders.

**defend, protect, safeguard, shelter, shield, watch over**

## guard <sup>2</sup>

verb to stop someone making trouble or escaping » Police guarded the angry crowds as they marched through the town.

**patrol, police, supervise**



The security guard kept watch on the shop's car park.

## guard <sup>3</sup>

noun someone who guards people or places

» The security guard kept watch on the shop's car park.

**sentry, warden, sentinel, warder, watchman**

## guess <sup>1</sup>

verb to form an idea or opinion about something  
» I guess I'll have the cake for dessert.

**estimate, imagine, reckon, speculate, suppose, suspect, think, conjecture, hazard, surmise**

## guess <sup>2</sup>

noun an attempt to give the right answer » Stefan made a guess that the time was three o'clock.

**feeling, reckoning, speculation, conjecture, hypothesis**

## guide <sup>1</sup>

verb to lead someone somewhere » Ella took Elliott by the arm and guided him out.

**accompany, direct, escort, lead, conduct, convoy, shepherd, usher**

## guide <sup>2</sup>

verb to influence someone

» Guided by her father's advice, Priya bought the red bicycle.

**counsel** (formal), **govern, influence**

## guilty <sup>1</sup>

adjective having done something wrong

» The dog was guilty of eating all the biscuits.

**convicted, criminal, blameworthy, culpable, felonious**

antonym: **innocent**

## guilty <sup>2</sup>

adjective unhappy because you have done something bad » Sadie felt guilty for spilling tea on the carpet.

**ashamed, regretful, remorseful** (formal), **sorry, conscience-stricken, contrite, shamefaced**

## gullible

adjective easily tricked

» Ivan was very gullible and believed everything the other boy said.

**naive, trusting, credulous, unsuspecting**

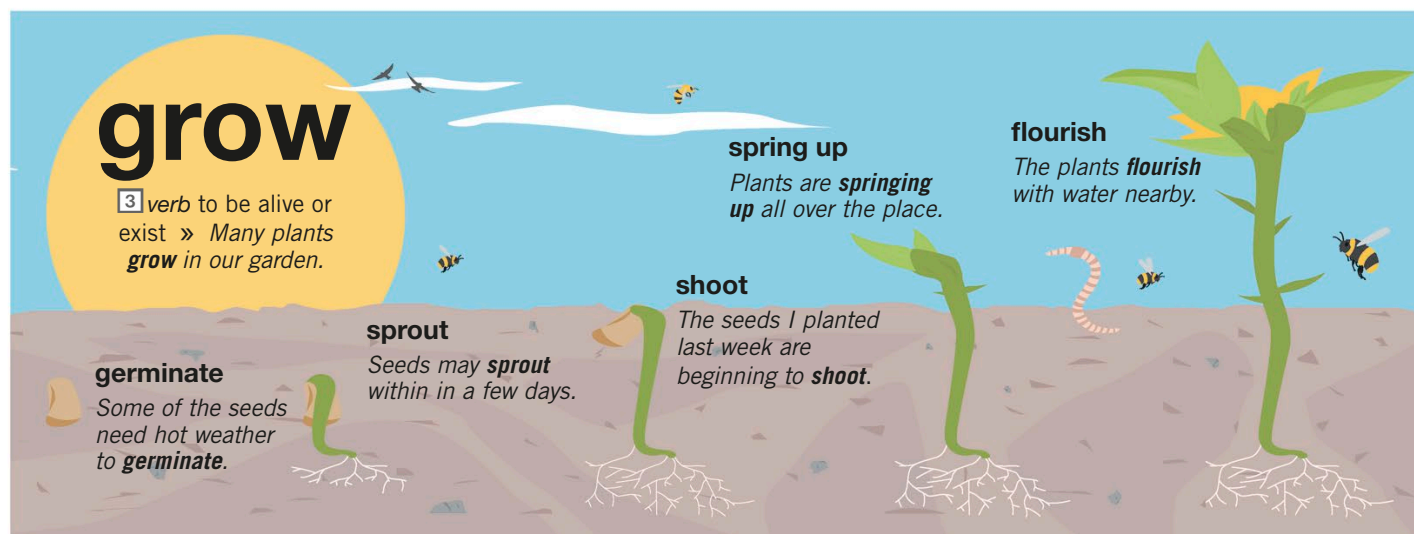
antonym: **suspicious**

## gush

verb to flow in large quantities

» Water gushed from the tap.

**flow, pour, spurt, stream, cascade, issue, jet**



# Hh

## habit 1

*noun* something that is done regularly » *Jonathan has an annoying habit of leaving the top off the toothpaste.*

**convention, custom, practice, routine, tradition**

## habit 2

*noun* an addiction to something » *Jess has a chocolate habit, and she eats one small bar every day.*

**addiction, dependence**

## habitat

*noun* the natural home of a plant or animal » *Crocodiles live in tropical habitats.*

**environment, territory**

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## hackneyed

*adjective* used too often to be meaningful » *Diego could only find hackneyed postcards of palm trees and sun loungers when he went to Ibiza.*

**banal, clichéd, stale, tired, trite, run-of-the-mill, threadbare, timeworn**

antonym: **original**

## hail

*verb* to attract someone's attention » *Hannah hailed me from across the street.*

**call, signal to, wave down**

## halt 1

*verb* to bring something to an end » *The barbecue was finally halted by a rainstorm.*

**cease, check, curb, cut short, end, terminate**

antonym: **begin**

## halt 2

*verb* to come or bring to a stop » *She held her hand out and halted the cars.*

**draw up, pull up, stop**



*She held her hand out and halted the cars.*

## halt 3

*noun* an interruption or end to something » *When the bell rang for lunch, she brought the class to a halt.*

**close, end, pause, standstill, stop, stoppage, impasse, termination**

## hamper

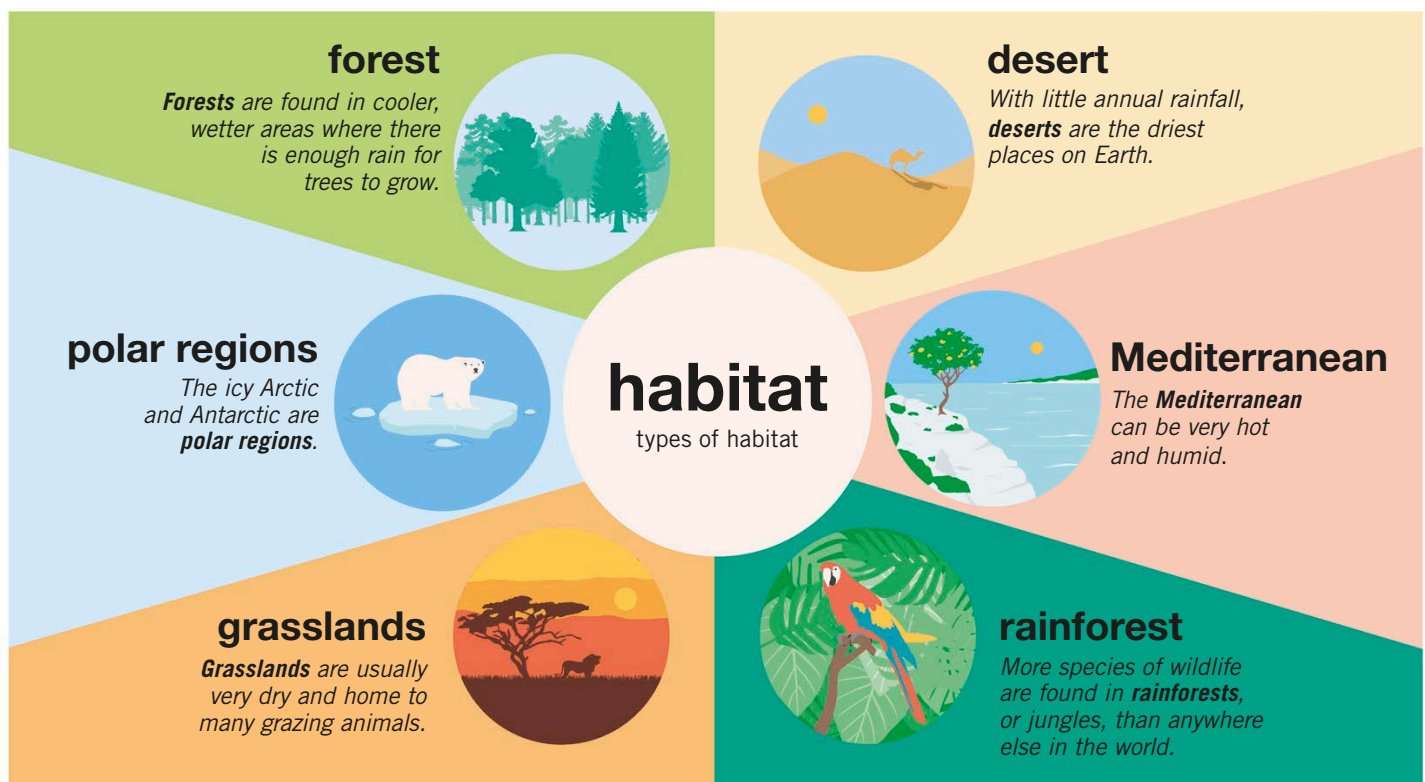
*verb* to make movement or progress difficult for someone » *I was hampered by a lack of information.*

**frustrate, hinder, impede, obstruct, restrict, encumber, fetter**

## hand down

*verb* to pass from one generation to another » *Recipes are handed down from parents to their children.*

**bequeath, give, pass down, pass on, bestow, will**



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# happy

**1** adjective feeling or causing joy  
» The children were so **happy** when dessert arrived.

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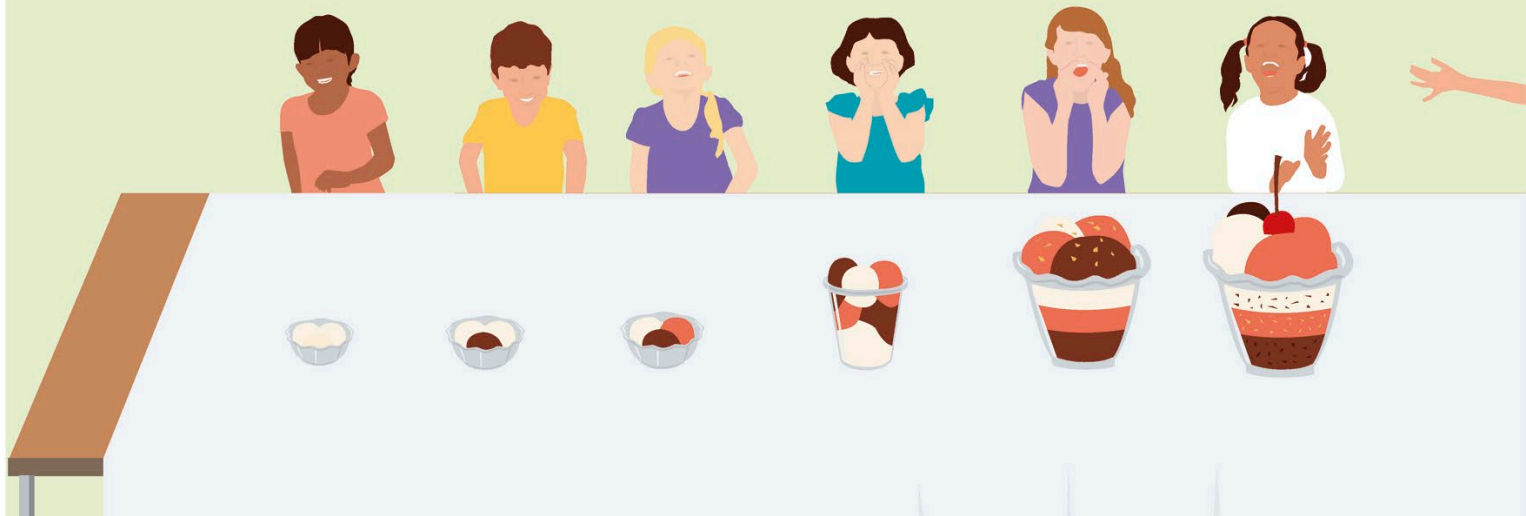
pleased

joyful

delighted

jubilant

elated



## handicap **1**

**noun** something that makes progress difficult  
» Not speaking the same language was a real **handicap**.  
**barrier, disadvantage, drawback, hindrance, impediment, obstacle**

## handicap **2**

**verb** to make something difficult for someone » Lack of proper tools **handicapped** my father's attempt to build a wardrobe.  
**burden, hamper, hinder, impede, restrict**

## handle **1**

**noun** the part of an object by which it is held » The broom **handle** suddenly broke.  
**grip, hilt**



The broom **handle** suddenly broke.

## handle **2**

**verb** to hold or move with the hands » Please remember to wear gloves when **handling** cleaning products.  
**feel, finger, grasp, hold, touch**

## handle **3**

**verb** to deal with or control something  
» Thalía **handled** the travel arrangements.  
**administer, conduct, deal with, manage, supervise, take care of**

## handsome **1**

**adjective** very attractive in appearance » The main actor was **talented and very handsome**.  
**attractive, good-looking**  
antonym: **ugly**

## handsome **2**

**adjective** large and generous  
» They made a **handsome** profit from the cake sale.  
**ample, considerable, generous, liberal, plentiful, sizable or sizeable**  
antonym: **small**



Keep a pencil and paper **handy** so you can take notes during the telephone call.

## handy **1**

**adjective** conveniently near  
» Keep a pencil and paper **handy** so you can take notes during the telephone call.  
**at hand, at your fingertips, close, convenient, nearby, on hand**

## handy **2**

**adjective** easy to handle or use » Paul gave me some **handy** hints on how to look after indoor plants.  
**convenient, easy to use, helpful, neat, practical, useful, user-friendly**

## hang **1**

**verb** to be attached at the top with the lower part free  
» Miguel's jacket **hung** from a hook behind the door.  
**dangle, droop**

## hang **2**

**verb** to fasten something to another thing at the top  
» Sara **hung** clothes on the line.  
**attach, drape, fasten, fix, suspend**



Sara **hung** clothes on the line.

## happen

**verb** to take place  
» Laura and Claire **happened** to be in the same shop, at the same time.  
**come about, follow, occur, result, take place, ensue, materialize**

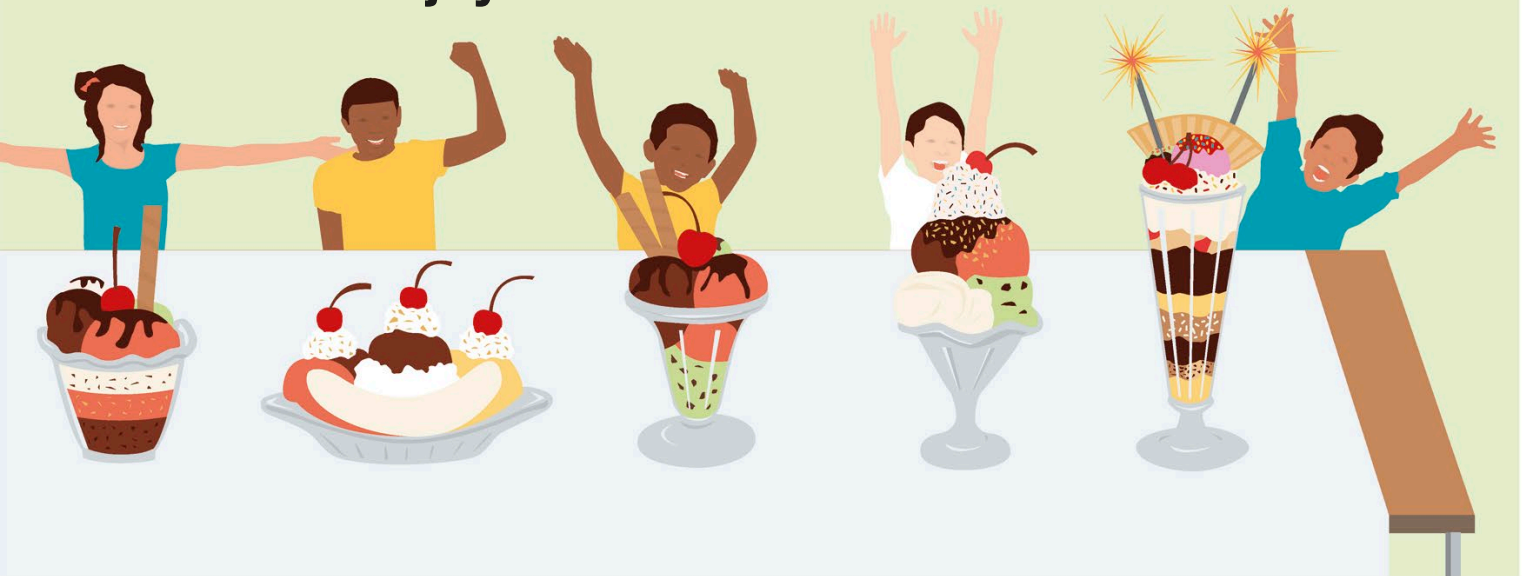
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**happiness**

*noun* a feeling of great pleasure  
» Shreya was overwhelmed with happiness.

**delight, ecstasy, elation, joy, pleasure, satisfaction, exuberance, felicity, merriment**

antonym: **sadness**

**happy** ①

*adjective* feeling or causing joy

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**happy** ②

*adjective* fortunate or lucky

» By happy coincidence, Joe bumped into an old friend on the train.

**auspicious, convenient, favourable, fortunate, lucky, opportune, timely**  
antonym: **unlucky**

**hard** ①

*adjective* firm, solid, or rigid

» The cheese was so hard he struggled to cut it.

**firm, rigid, solid, stiff, strong, tough**  
antonym: **soft**

**hard** ②

*adjective* requiring a lot of effort » Clearing out the garage was hard work, so he always put it at the bottom of his to-do list.

**arduous, exhausting, laborious, rigorous, strenuous, tough**

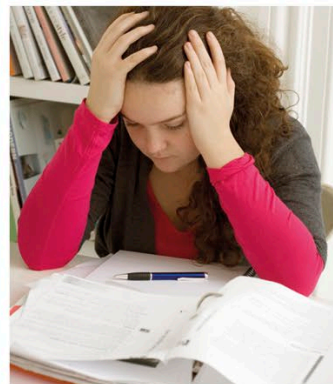
antonym: **easy**

**hard** ③

*adjective* difficult to understand  
» Ava found her algebra homework very hard.

**baffling, complex, complicated, difficult, puzzling**

antonym: **simple**



Ava found her algebra homework very **hard**.

**harden**

*verb* to make or become stiff or firm » Kat put the frosting in the fridge to harden it.

**bake, cake, freeze, set, solidify, stiffen**

antonym: **soften**

**hardly**

*adverb* almost not or not quite » There is hardly any drink left in the bottle.

**barely, just, only just, scarcely**



There is **hardly** any drink left in the bottle.

**hardship**

*noun* difficult circumstances  
» There are many countries suffering financial hardship.

**adversity, destitution, difficulty, misfortune, want, oppression, privation, tribulation**

**harm** ①

*verb* to injure someone or damage something

» The bear ate our supplies, but didn't harm anyone.

**abuse, damage, hurt, ill-treat, ruin, wound**

**harm** ②

*noun* injury or damage

» She accidentally trod on his toe but didn't mean to cause him harm.

**abuse, damage, hurt, injury**

**harmful**

*adjective* having a bad effect on something » Eating chocolate is harmful to dogs.

**damaging, destructive, detrimental, hurtful, pernicious, baleful, baneful, deleterious, injurious**  
antonym: **harmless**

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**catch**

He **caught** a snatch of conversation from people down the carriage.

**overhear**

He couldn't avoid **overhearing** someone else's music.

**heed**

He **heeded** the warning to look both ways when crossing the road.

**listen in**

He **listened in** on the businessman's phone call.

**eavesdrop**

He **eavesdropped** on two teenagers gossiping.

**listen to**

He tried to **listen to** the announcements.

# hear

**1** verb to listen to something

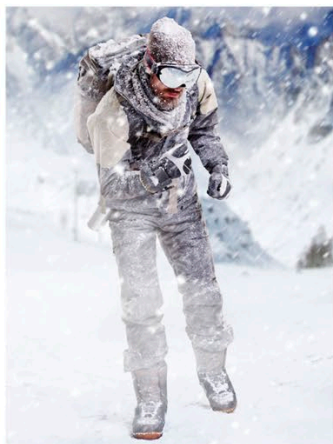
» He could **hear** so many noises in the train.

**harmless**

*adjective* safe to use or be near » *This experiment is harmless to plants.*  
**innocuous, nontoxic, not dangerous, safe**  
 antonym: **harmful**

**harsh**

*adjective* severe, difficult, and unpleasant » *The weather conditions were harsh in the mountains.*  
**austere, cruel, hard, ruthless, severe, stern, draconian, spartan**  
 antonym: **mild**



*The weather conditions were harsh in the mountains.*

**hassle** 1

*noun* (informal) something that is difficult or causes trouble » *I wouldn't bring in the heavy history textbook, it's not worth the hassle.*  
**bother, effort, inconvenience, trouble, upheaval**

**hassle** 2

*verb* (informal) to annoy someone by nagging or making demands » *My sister started hassling me to go to the cinema with her.*  
**badger, bother, go on at, harass, nag, pester**

**hasty**

*adjective* done or happening suddenly and quickly » *Saul made a hasty exit just before the train door closed.*  
**brisk, hurried, prompt, rapid, swift**

**hate** 1

*verb* to have a strong dislike for something or someone » *I really hate mustard.*  
**abhor, be sick of, despise, detest, dislike, loathe**  
 antonym: **love**

**hate** 2

*noun* a strong dislike » *Bullies are people who are full of hate.*  
**animosity, aversion, dislike, hatred, hostility, loathing, animus, detestation, enmity, odium**  
 antonym: **love**

**hateful**

*adjective* extremely unpleasant » *It was a hateful thing to say.*  
**abhorrent, despicable, horrible, loathsome, obnoxious, offensive**

**hatred**

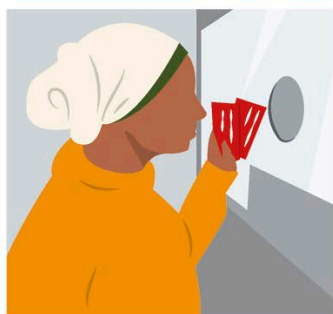
*noun* an extremely strong feeling of dislike » *The bully made her feel full of hatred.*  
**animosity, antipathy, aversion, dislike, hate, revulsion**  
 antonym: **love**

**haughty**

*adjective* showing excessive pride » *Ben was self-important and spoke to them in a haughty tone.*  
**arrogant, conceited, disdainful, proud, snobbish, stuck-up** (informal)  
 antonym: **humble**

**have** 1

*verb* to own something » *Riley has two tickets for the concert.*  
**hold, keep, own, possess**



*Riley has two tickets for the concert.*

**have** 2

*verb* to experience something » *Alex had a marvellous time.*  
**endure, enjoy, experience, feel, sustain, undergo**

**head** 1

*noun* a person's mind and mental abilities » *I don't have a head for languages.*  
**aptitude, brain, common sense, intelligence, mind, wits, intellect, rationality**

**head** 2

*noun* the top, front, or start of something » *We finally reached the head of the queue.*  
**beginning, front, source, start, top**  
 antonym: **tail**

**head** 3

*noun* the person in charge of something » *The school has a new head of the music programme.*  
**boss, chief, director, leader, manager, president, principal**

**head** 4

*verb* to be in charge of something » *Our teacher heads the department.*  
**be in charge of, control, direct, lead, manage, run**

**health** 1

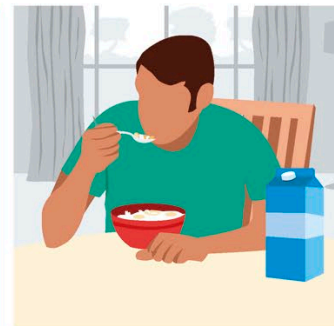
*noun* the condition of your body » *Exercise is good for your health.*  
**condition, constitution, shape**

**health** 2

*noun* a state in which a person is feeling well » *In hospital they nursed me back to health.*  
**fitness, good condition, wellbeing**  
 antonym: **illness**

**healthy** 1

*adjective* having good health » *Zoe was a very healthy child.*  
**active, fit, in good shape** (informal), **robust, strong, well**  
 antonym: **ill**



*I always eat a healthy breakfast.*

**healthy** 2

*adjective* producing good health » *I always eat a healthy breakfast.*  
**beneficial, bracing, good for you, nourishing, nutritious, wholesome, invigorating, salubrious, salutary**  
 antonym: **unhealthy**

**heap** 1

*noun* a pile of things » *As the bulldozers worked, the heap of rubble grew.*  
**hoard, mass, mound, pile, stack**

**heap** 2

*verb* to pile things up » *Cora heaped potatoes onto Tom's plate.*  
**pile, stack**

**heaps**

*plural noun* (informal) plenty of something » *Ivan always seems to have heaps of cash.*  
**loads** (informal), **lots** (informal), **plenty, stacks, tons** (informal)

**hear** 1

*verb* to listen to something  
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**hear** 2

*verb* to learn about something » *I heard that they didn't enjoy their holiday, which is a shame.*  
**ascertain, discover, find out, gather, learn, understand**

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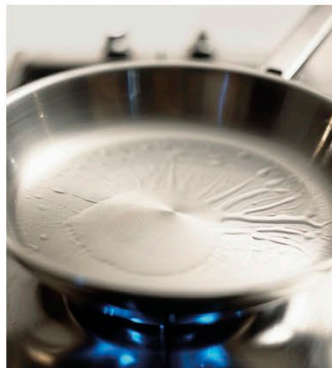
*noun* the quality of being warm or hot » *The heat of the midday sun was intense.*  
**high temperature, warmth**  
antonym: **cold**  
related word: *adjective* **thermal**

## heat 2

*noun* a state of strong emotion  
» *In the heat of the argument, he said things he didn't mean.*  
**excitement, fervour, intensity, passion, vehemence**

## heat 3

*verb* to raise the temperature of something » *Heat the oil in a frying pan.*  
**reheat, warm up**  
antonym: **cool**



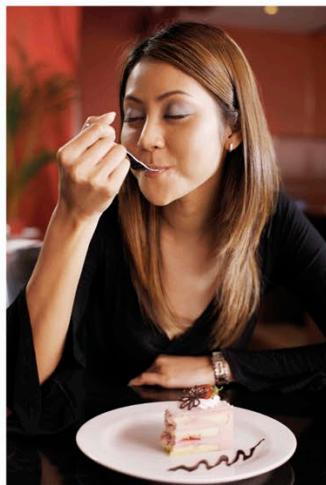
Heat the oil in a frying pan.

## heaven 1

*noun* the place where good people are believed to go when they die » *She told them that he was now in heaven.*  
**next world, paradise, Elysium** (Greek), **happy hunting ground** (Native American legend), **nirvana** (Buddhism and Hinduism), **Valhalla** (Norse)  
antonym: **hell**

## heaven 2

*noun* a place or situation liked very much » *Martin was in musical heaven listening to the orchestra.*  
**bliss, ecstasy, paradise, rapture**



The strawberry birthday cake was heavenly.

## heavenly

*adjective* delightful or blissful  
» *The strawberry birthday cake was heavenly.*  
**blissful, delightful, excellent, glorious, superb**

## heavy 1

*adjective* great in weight or force » *The bag was very heavy, I had to carry it using both hands.*  
**bulky, massive**  
antonym: **light**

## heavy 2

*adjective* serious or important  
» *The mood was heavy following the sad news.*  
**deep, grave, profound, serious, solemn, weighty**  
antonym: **trivial**

## heed 1

*verb* to pay attention to someone's advice  
» *No one heeded my warning about the spicy food.*  
**follow, listen to, pay attention to, take notice of**

## heed 2

*noun* careful attention  
» *He pays too much heed to her.*  
**attention, notice**

## hell 1

*noun* the place where souls of evil people are believed to go after death » *Some people believe that hell is where the devil lives.*  
**abyss, inferno, fire and brimstone, Hades** (Greek), **hellfire, underworld**  
antonym: **heaven**

## hell 2

*noun* (informal) an unpleasant situation or place  
» *Cancelled trains can make your journey hell.*  
**agony, anguish, misery, nightmare, ordeal**

## hello

*interjection* a greeting  
» *I stopped by to say hello.*  
**g'day** or **giddyay** (Australia and New Zealand), **good afternoon** (formal), **good evening** (formal), **good morning** (formal), **hi** (informal), **how do you do?** (formal)  
antonym: **goodbye**

## help 1

*verb* to make something easier or better for someone  
» *Dan began to help with the chores.*  
**aid, assist, lend a hand, support**



Dan began to help with the chores.

## help 2

*noun* assistance or support  
» *The books she had borrowed were not much help for the exams.*  
**advice, aid, assistance, guidance, helping hand, support**

## helper

*noun* a person who gives assistance » *There is an adult helper for every two children on the school trip.*  
**aide, assistant, deputy, right-hand man, supporter, henchman**

## helpful 1

*adjective* giving assistance or advice » *The staff in the office are very helpful.*  
**accommodating, cooperative, kind, supportive**  
antonym: **unhelpful**

## helpful 2

*adjective* making a situation better » *Having the right equipment is always helpful.*  
**advantageous, beneficial, constructive, profitable, useful**

## helpless

*adjective* weak or unable to cope » *The newborn kittens were helpless.*  
**defenceless, powerless, unprotected, vulnerable, weak**

## hesitant

*adjective* uncertain about something » *At first Isaac was hesitant to accept the role.*  
**diffident, doubtful, reluctant, unsure, wavering, irresolute, vacillating**

## hesitate

*verb* to pause or show uncertainty » *Sue hesitated before replying to the question.*  
**dither, pause, waver**

## hide 1

*verb* to put something where it cannot be seen » *The kitten hid under the basket.*  
**cache, conceal, secrete, stash** (informal)



The kitten hid under the basket.

**hide** ①

*noun* the skin of a large animal  
 » *They wrapped themselves in animal hides to keep warm.*  
**pelt, skin**

**high** ①

*adjective* tall or a long way above the ground  
 » *The Burj Khalifa is so high it towers over neighbouring buildings.*  
**elevated, lofty, soaring, steep, tall, towering**  
 antonym: **low**



The Burj Khalifa is so **high** it towers over neighbouring buildings.

**high** ②

*adjective* great in degree, quantity, or intensity  
 » *There is a high risk of sunstroke on beach holidays.*  
**acute, excessive, extraordinary, extreme, great, severe**  
 antonym: **low**

**hill**

*noun* an area of high ground  
 » *There is a large hill behind our house.*  
**brae** (Scotland), **down, dune, elevation, fell, foothill, height, hillock, hummock, hump, knoll, mound, prominence, tor**

**hinder**

*verb* to get in the way of someone or something  
 » *A thigh injury hindered her ability to run.*  
**block, check, delay, frustrate, hamper, impede, encumber, stymie**

**hint** ①

*noun* an indirect suggestion  
 » *Victor gave a strong hint that we might go out to eat later.*  
**clue, indication, intimation, suggestion**

**hint** ②

*noun* a helpful piece of advice  
 » *I hope my cousin will give me some fashion hints.*  
**advice, pointer, suggestion, tip**

**hint** ③

*verb* to suggest something indirectly  
 » *My mother hinted at her disapproval of the TV programme.*  
**imply, indicate, insinuate, intimate, suggest**

**hire** ①

*verb* to employ the services of someone  
 » *They are hiring staff to work in the shop on Saturdays.*  
**appoint, commission, employ, engage, sign up**

**hire** ②

*verb* to pay money to use something  
 » *She hired the witch costume for the party.*  
**charter, lease, rent**



She **hired** the witch costume for the party.

**hit** ①

*verb* to strike someone or something forcefully  
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**hit**

① *verb* to strike someone or something forcefully  
 » *He hit the machine with a big mallet.*

**hammer****batter****pound****wallop****belt****beat****strike****whack****bash****punch****thump****smack****slap****bang****knock****swat****rap****tap****pat**

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## scalding

Be careful, the water in the pan is **scalding**.

## boiling

It's **boiling** in here; let's open a window.

## scorching

I like to go swimming on a **scorching** day.

# hot

**1** adjective having a high temperature » The pan was too **hot** to touch.

## warm

The water in the bath is **warm**.

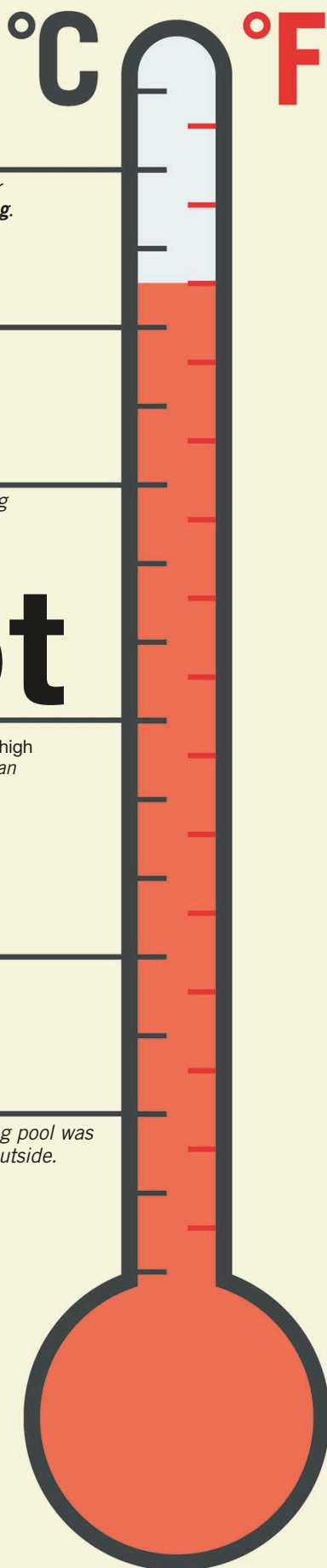
## heated

The **heated** swimming pool was perfect after being outside.



antonym:  
**cold**

It's so **cold** where I live.



## hit

verb to collide with something  
» The car **hit** a traffic sign.  
**bang into, bump, collide with, meet head-on, run into, smash into**

## hit

noun the action of hitting something » Give it a good **hard hit** with a hammer.  
**blow, knock, rap, slap, smack, stroke**

## hoard

verb to store for future use  
» People began to **hoard** tins of food after the flood warning.  
**save, stockpile, store**



People began to **hoard** tins of food after the flood warning.

## hoard

noun a store of things  
» Mia found a **hoard** of Roman silver buried in the field.  
**cache, fund, reserve, stockpile, store, supply**

## hoarse

adjective rough and unclear  
» Nick's voice was **hoarse** with screaming.  
**croaky, gruff, husky, rasping**  
antonym: **clear**

## hobby

noun an enjoyable activity pursued in your spare time  
» My **hobbies** are music and photography.  
**diversion, leisure activity, leisure pursuit, pastime**



Ellie **held** her bag up so her friend could see what she had bought.

## hold

verb to carry or support something » Ellie **held** her bag up so her friend could see what she had bought.  
**carry, clasp, clutch, embrace, grasp, grip**

## hold

noun power or control over someone or something  
» The teacher has a considerable **hold** over her pupils.  
**control, dominance, sway**

## hold

noun the act or a way of holding something  
» Ethan **tightened** his **hold** on the rope so he didn't fall.  
**grasp, grip**

## hole

noun an opening or hollow in something » The builders cut **holes** into the stone.  
**gap, hollow, opening, pit, split, tear**

## hole

noun a weakness in a idea or argument » There are some **holes** in that idea.  
**defect, error, fault, flaw, loophole**

## hole

noun (informal) a difficult situation » Due to the crisis, he admitted the government were in a **hole**.  
**fix** (informal), **hot water** (informal), **mess, predicament, tight spot**

## holiday

*noun* time spent away from school, work, or home for rest or enjoyment » *Roshni couldn't wait to go on holiday.*  
**break, leave, recess, time off, vacation**

## holy

*adjective* relating to God or a particular religion » *The Bible is a holy book for Christians.*  
**blessed, consecrated, hallowed, sacred, sacrosanct, venerated**

## holy

*adjective* religious and leading a good life » *Monks are holy men.*  
**devout, pious, religious, saintly, virtuous, god-fearing, godly**  
 antonym: **wicked**

## home

*noun* the building in which someone lives » *Her parents stayed at home to watch a movie.*  
**abode, dwelling, house, residence**

## home

*adjective* involving your own home or region » *The home team won the match easily.*  
**domestic, internal, local, national, native**  
 antonym: **foreign**

## homely

*adjective* simple, ordinary, and comfortable » *The room was small and homely.*  
**comfortable, cosy, modest, simple, welcoming**  
 antonym: **grand**

## honest

*adjective* truthful and trustworthy » *He is a very honest, decent man.*  
**law-abiding, reputable, trustworthy, truthful, virtuous**  
 antonym: **dishonest**

## honour

*noun* personal integrity » *It was an honour to be part of a team that worked so hard.*  
**decency, goodness, honesty, integrity**  
 antonym: **dishonour**

## honour

*noun* an award or mark of respect » *The star was showered with honours, including the top trophy.*  
**accolade, commendation, homage, praise, recognition, tribute, acclaim, kudos**



*The star was showered with honours, including the top trophy.*

## honour

*verb* to give someone special praise » *The soloist was honoured by the conductor.*  
**commemorate, commend, decorate, glorify, praise**

## hooligan

*noun* a destructive and violent young person » *The hooligans damaged two buses.*  
**delinquent, hoon** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **lout, tough, vandal, yob** (Britain and Australia; slang)

## hope

*noun* a wish or feeling of desire and expectation » *Sam had high hopes that the weather would improve before his camping trip.*  
**ambition, dream, expectation**

## hopeless

*adjective* certain to fail or be unsuccessful » *Marooned on the desert island, our situation seemed hopeless.*  
**forlorn, futile, impossible, pointless, useless, vain**

## hopeless

*adjective* bad or inadequate » *The buses on a morning are hopeless, so it is difficult to get to school.*  
**inadequate, pathetic, poor, useless** (informal)

## horrible

*adjective* disagreeable or unpleasant » *The burger from the canteen was horrible.*  
**awful, disagreeable, horrid, mean, nasty, unpleasant**

## horrible

*adjective* causing shock, fear, or disgust » *A horrible crime was committed last night.*  
**appalling, dreadful, grim, gruesome, terrifying**

## horrify

*verb* to cause to feel horror or shock » *This latest robbery will horrify homeowners.*  
**appal, disgust, dismay, outrage, shock, sicken**

## horror

*noun* a strong feeling of alarm or disgust » *Mila gazed in horror at the mess the dog had made in the kitchen.*  
**alarm, dread, fear, fright, panic, terror**

## horror

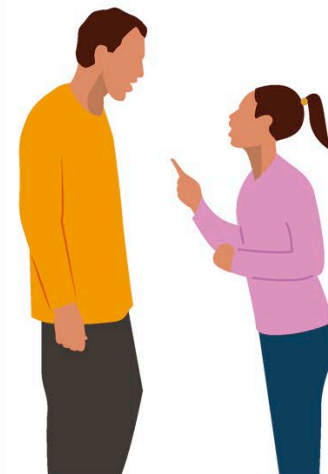
*noun* a strong fear of something » *Felix had a horror of deep water and avoided it whenever he could.*  
**abhorrence, aversion, disgust, hatred, loathing, revulsion, abomination, odium, repugnance**

## horse

*noun* an animal domesticated for riding » *Maria rode her horse daily so that she was ready for the competition.*  
**bronco, equine, nag** (informal), **pony, mount, steed**  
 related words:  
*adjectives* **equestrian, equine, horsey**; *noun* **equitation**; *male* **stallion**; *female* **mare**; *young* **colt, filly, foal**

## hostile

*adjective* unfriendly, aggressive, and unpleasant » *His suggestion received a hostile response.*  
**antagonistic, belligerent, malevolent, unkind**  
 antonym: **friendly**



*His suggestion received a hostile response.*

## hostility

*noun* aggressive or unfriendly behaviour towards someone or something » *The fans showed hostility to the opposing team.*  
**animosity, antagonism, hatred, ill will, malice, resentment, animus, detestation, enmity**  
 antonym: **friendship**

## hot

*adjective* having a high temperature  
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## hot 2

*adjective* very spicy  
» *The curry was so hot, it stung his mouth.*  
**peppery, spicy**  
antonym: **bland**

## house

*noun* a building in which people live » *They live in a large house with eight rooms.*  
**abode, building, dwelling, home, residence**

## hug 1

*verb* to hold someone close to you » *Lynn and I hugged each other.*  
**clasp, cuddle, embrace, squeeze**



Lynn and I **hugged** each other.

## hug 2

*noun* the act of holding someone close to you  
» *Deeksha gave him a hug.*  
**clinch** (slang), **embrace**

## huge

*adjective* extremely large in amount, size, or degree  
» *A huge crowd gathered to watch the match.*  
**colossal, enormous, giant, immense, massive, vast, gargantuan, prodigious**  
antonym: **tiny**

## humane

*adjective* showing kindness and sympathy towards others  
» *They hoped to create a fairer, more humane society.*  
**benevolent, caring, charitable, compassionate, kind, merciful, thoughtful, altruistic, humanitarian**

## humble 1

*adjective* not vain or boastful  
» *The musician gave a great performance, but he was humble and wouldn't accept the praise.*  
**meek, modest, unassuming**  
antonym: **haughty**

## humble 2

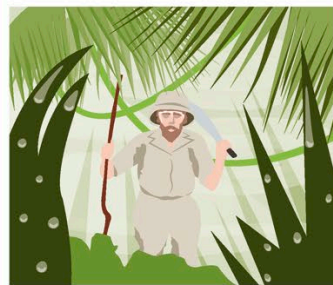
*adjective* ordinary or unimportant » *A few herbs will transform a humble stew into a dish fit for a king.*  
**lowly, modest, ordinary, simple**

## humble 3

*verb* to make someone feel humiliated » *The young chess player humbled his experienced opponent.*  
**chasten, deflate, disgrace, humiliate**

## humid

*adjective* damp and hot  
» *It was hot and humid in the jungle, making the journey hard.*  
**clammy, muggy, steamy, sticky**



It was hot and **humid** in the jungle, making the journey hard.

## humiliate

*verb* to hurt someone's pride  
» *I was upset that he humiliated me in front of all my friends.*  
**disgrace, embarrass, humble, put down, shame**

## humour 1

*noun* something that is thought to be funny  
» *The film's humour contains a serious message.*  
**comedy, wit, drollery, jocularity**



John agreed to wear the blue top, but with bad **humour**.

## humour 2

*noun* the mood someone is in » *John agreed to wear the blue top, but with bad humour.*  
**frame of mind, mood, spirits, temper**

## humour 3

*verb* to please someone so that they will not become upset  
» *As he ranted, she nodded, partly to humour him.*  
**flatter, indulge, mollify, pander to**

## hungry

*adjective* wanting to eat  
» *I didn't have any lunch, so I'm really hungry.*  
**famished, ravenous, starving**

## hurry 1

*verb* to move or do something as quickly as possible  
» *Emma hurried through the train station to get to her platform on time.*  
**dash, fly, get a move on** (informal), **rush, scurry**

## hurry 2

*verb* to make something happen more quickly  
» *Nina tried to hurry Gemma, so they wouldn't miss the bus.*  
**accelerate, hasten, quicken, speed up**  
antonym: **slow down**

## hurt 1

*verb* to cause someone to feel pain » *I didn't mean to hurt her, but she fell over when I gave her a playful push.*  
**harm, injure, wound**

## hurt 2

*verb* to upset someone or something » *That lie you told really hurt me.*  
**distress, sadden, upset, wound**

## hurt 3

*adjective* upset or offended  
» *He felt hurt by all the lies.*  
**aggrieved, offended, upset, wounded, piqued, rueful**

## hygiene

*noun* the principles and practice of health and cleanliness » *Kristina cared about her personal hygiene, so showered every day.*  
**cleanliness, sanitation**

## hypnotize

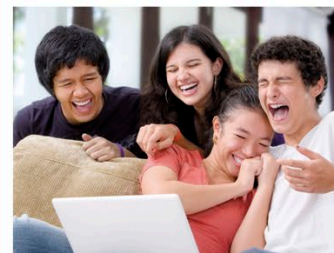
*verb* to put someone into a state in which they seem to be asleep but can respond to suggestions  
» *He will hypnotize you and stop you from biting your nails.*  
**put in a trance, put to sleep, entrance, mesmerize**

## hysterical 1

*adjective* in a state of uncontrolled excitement or panic » *Calm down. Don't get hysterical.*  
**frantic, frenzied, overwrought, raving**

## hysterical 2

*adjective* (informal) extremely funny » *We loved listening to his stand-up routine, it was always hysterical.*  
**comical, hilarious**



We loved listening to his stand-up routine, it was always **hysterical**.



## icon

**noun** a picture that represents a person or thing » *The tablet screen is full of app icons.*  
**avatar, representation, thumbnail**



*The tablet screen is full of app icons.*

## idea 1

**noun** what you know about something » *I think we're lost – I have no idea where we are.*

**clue, guess, hint, inkling, notion, suspicion**

## idea 2

**noun** an opinion or belief about something » *My grandmother has old-fashioned ideas about clothes and refuses to leave the house without her hat.*  
**belief, conviction, impression, notion, opinion, view**

## idea 3

**noun** a plan or suggestion for something  
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## ideal 1

**noun** a principle or idea you try to achieve » *My father has high ideals and always tries to live up to them.*  
**principle, standard, value**

## ideal 2

**noun** the best example of something » *She's my ideal of what a best friend should be.*  
**epitome, example, model, paragon, prototype, standard, archetype, criterion, paradigm**

## ideal 3

**adjective** being the best example of something » *He was the ideal person for the Saturday job as he already had lots of experience.*  
**classic, complete, consummate, model, perfect, supreme**

## identify 1

**verb** to recognize or name someone or something » *Joe tried to identify the handwriting on the letter, as the sender hadn't signed their name.*

**diagnose, label, name, pinpoint, place, recognize**

## identify 2:

### identify with

**verb** to understand someone's feelings » *I can't identify with the book's main character.*

**associate with, empathize with, feel for, relate to, respond to**

## idiot

**noun** a stupid person » *You're an idiot for carrying too much at once!*  
**fool, imbecile, nitwit, oaf, twit** (informal)

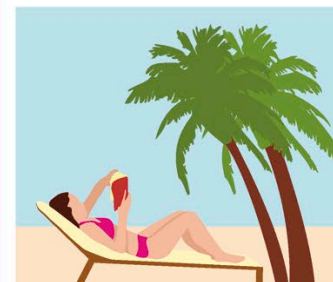
## idiotic

**adjective** extremely foolish or silly » *Sending the letter to the wrong person was an idiotic thing to do.*

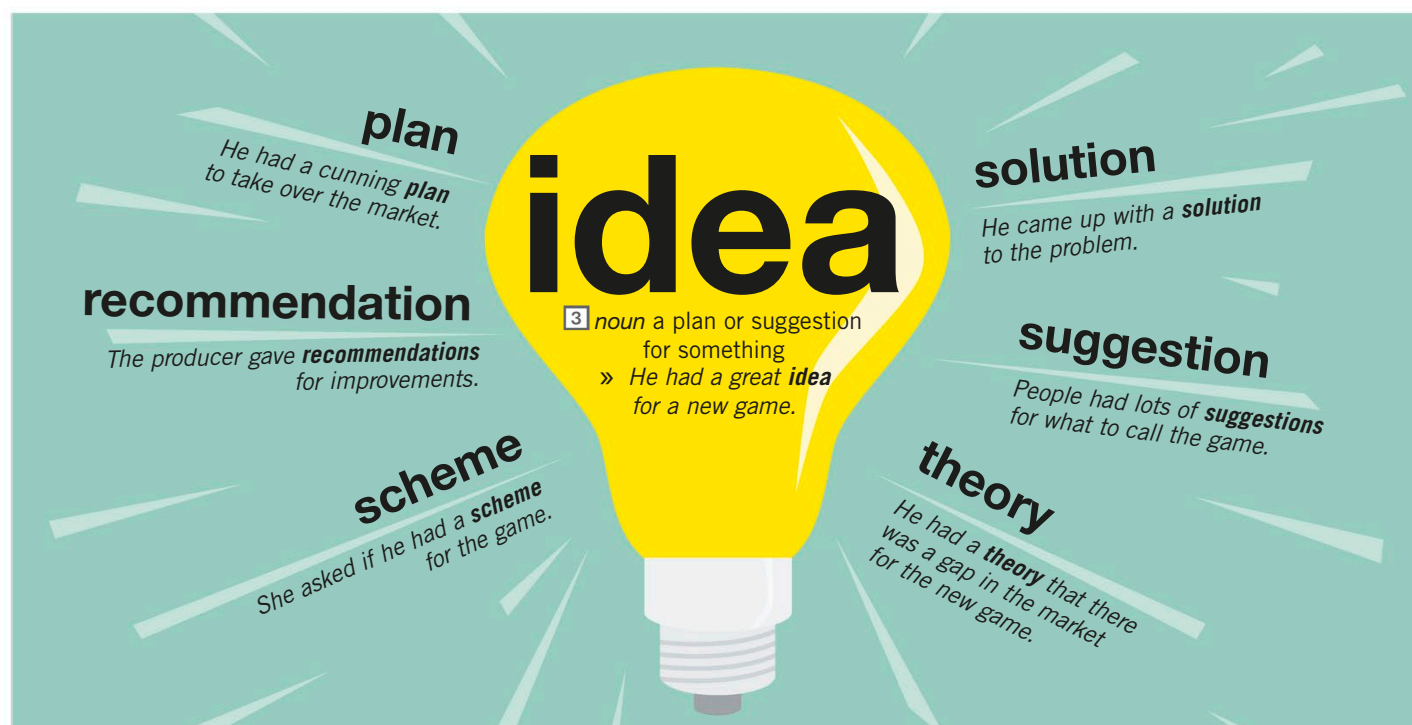
**daft** (informal), **dumb** (informal), **foolish, senseless, silly, stupid, foolhardy, insane**

## idle

**adjective** doing nothing » *I was idle that holiday, and simply read books and relaxed.*  
**jobless, redundant, unemployed, unproductive, inactive, stationary**  
 antonym: **busy**



*I was idle that holiday, and simply read books and relaxed.*



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# imaginary

adjective existing in your mind but not in real life  
» Kevin's little sister, Karina, had an **imaginary** friend.



Kevin's little sister, Karina, had an **imaginary** friend, who lived in a **fictional** place called Wonderland and had the **fictitious** name of Elsanna. They rode on **mythical** unicorns and acted out all sorts of **hypothetical** scenarios. In an **ideal** world, they would be best friends forever. Karina knew her friend was **illusory**, but still liked to play her **invented** games.

**fictional**  
**fictitious**  
**mythical**  
**hypothetical**  
**illusory**      **ideal**  
**invented**



antonym: **real**

In the **real** world, Karina's brother could be grumpy.

**ignorant** ①

*adjective* not knowing about something » *He was ignorant of the rules so didn't have a tie on the first day.*

**inexperienced, innocent, oblivious, unaware, unconscious**

**ignorant** ②

*adjective* not knowledgeable about things » *Elijah was determined not to be ignorant, so he read the news every day.*

**green, naive, unaware, uneducated, unlearned, untutored**

**ignore**

*verb* to take no notice of someone or something » *Julia ignored Huan when he came into the room.*

**blank** (slang), **discount, disregard, neglect, overlook**

**ill**

*adjective* unhealthy or sick » *Patricia was ill with the flu.*  
**ailing, crook** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **poorly** (Britain; informal), **queasy, sick, unhealthy, unwell, indisposed, infirm, under the weather**  
 antonym: **healthy**



Patricia was ill with the flu.

**illegal**

*adjective* forbidden by the law » *Shoplifting is an illegal activity.*  
**banned, criminal, illicit, outlawed, prohibited, unlawful, proscribed, unauthorized, wrongful**  
 antonym: **legal**

**illness**

*noun* a particular disease » *His illness was a mystery – no one knew what was wrong.*  
**affliction, ailment, bug** (informal), **complaint, disease, disorder, lurgy** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **malady, sickness**

**illusion** ①

*noun* a false belief » *Pedro is under the illusion that he is very important.*  
**delusion, fallacy, fancy, misconception**

**illusion** ②

*noun* a thing that you think you can see » *Seeing its reflection gave the fox the illusion of another fox.*  
**hallucination, mirage, semblance, chimera, phantasm**



Seeing its reflection gave the fox the illusion of another fox.

**imaginary**

*adjective* existing in your mind but not in real life  
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**imagination**

*noun* the ability to form new ideas » *Harry is clever, but lacks imagination, and just copied the project.*  
**creativity, ingenuity, inventiveness, originality, vision**

**imagine** ①

*verb* to have an idea of something » *Clara could not imagine a more peaceful scene.*  
**conceive, envisage, fantasize, picture, visualize**

**imagine** ②

*verb* to believe that something is the case » *I imagine you're talking about my brother.*  
**assume, believe, gather, guess** (informal), **suppose, suspect, fancy, surmise**

**imitate**

*verb* to copy someone or something » *My son imitates everything I do.*  
**ape, copy, emulate, impersonate, mimic, simulate, mirror, mock, parody**



My son imitates everything I do.

**immediate** ①

*adjective* happening or done without delay » *Mia's immediate reaction was to laugh.*  
**instant, instantaneous**

**immediate** ②

*adjective* most closely connected to you » *I live with my immediate family.*  
**close, direct, near**

**immediately** ①

*adverb* right away » *Logan replied to my message immediately.*  
**at once, directly, instantly, now, promptly, right away, straight away, forthwith, posthaste**

**immediately** ②

*adverb* very near in time or position » *The playing field was immediately behind the school.*  
**closely, directly, right**



An immense cloud turned the sky black.

**immense**

*adjective* very large or huge » *An immense cloud turned the sky black.*  
**colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, massive, vast**  
 antonym: **tiny**

**imminent**

*adjective* going to happen very soon » *I was excited about my sister's imminent arrival.*  
**close, coming, forthcoming, impending, looming, near**

**immune**

*adjective* not subject to or affected by something » *He seems immune to the cold.*  
**exempt, free, protected, resistant, safe, unaffected, insusceptible, invulnerable**

**impatient** ①

*adjective* easily annoyed » *You are too impatient with others.*  
**brusque, curt, irritable, intolerant, snappy**  
 antonym: **patient**

**impatient** ②

*adjective* eager to do something » *Maya was impatient to leave.*  
**eager, restless**

**impede**

*verb* to make someone's or something's progress difficult » *Fallen trees impeded our walk to school this morning.*  
**block, delay, disrupt, get in the way, hamper, hinder, obstruct**

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## imperfect

*adjective* having faults or problems » *We live in an imperfect world.*

**broken, damaged, defective, faulty, flawed, deficient, impaired, rudimentary**  
antonym: **perfect**

## impersonal

*adjective* not concerned with people and their feelings » *She found him strangely distant and impersonal.*

**aloof, cold, detached, formal, neutral, remote, bureaucratic, businesslike, dispassionate**

## implore

*verb* to beg someone to do something » *"Tell me what to do!" Stefan implored Sara.*  
**beg, beseech** (literary), **plead with**

## important <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* necessary or significant » *Her friends are the most important people in her life.*

**momentous, serious, significant, weighty, salient, seminal**  
antonym: **unimportant**

## important <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* having great influence or power » *The head teacher is the most important person in the school.*

**eminent, foremost, influential, leading, notable, powerful, pre-eminent, prominent**

## impose <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to force something on someone » *Fines were imposed on the culprits.*  
**dictate, enforce, inflict, levy, ordain**

## impose <sup>2</sup>: impose on

*verb* to take advantage of someone » *I should stop imposing on your hospitality.*  
**abuse, take advantage of, use**

## impossible

*adjective* unable to happen or be believed » *Finishing the race seemed impossible.*

**absurd, hopeless, inconceivable, ludicrous, out of the question, unthinkable, outrageous, unattainable, unworkable**  
antonym: **possible**

## impression <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the way someone or something seems to you » *Conor's first impressions of the hotel were good.*  
**feeling, hunch, idea, notion, sense**

## impression <sup>2</sup>: make an impression

*verb* to have a strong effect on people » *He certainly made a good impression on his teachers, as he presented his work perfectly.*  
**cause a stir, influence, make an impact**

## impressionable

*adjective* easy to influence » *Parents were worried about the effect the film might have on impressionable teenagers.*  
**gullible, open, receptive, sensitive, susceptible, vulnerable, ingenuous, suggestible**

## impressive

*adjective* tending to impress » *Winning so many medals was an impressive achievement.*  
**awesome, exciting, grand, powerful, stirring, striking, dramatic, moving**



Winning so many medals was an impressive achievement.



He was imprisoned for fraud.

## imprison

*verb* to lock someone up » *He was imprisoned for fraud.*  
**confine, detain, incarcerate, jail, lock up, send to prison, constrain, immure, intern**  
antonym: **free**

## improbable

*adjective* unlikely or unbelievable » *Helen told an improbable story about the dog eating her homework.*  
**doubtful, dubious, far-fetched, implausible, unbelievable, unlikely**  
antonym: **probable**

## improve

*verb* to get or make better » *My grades have definitely improved since the summer.*  
**advance, better, enhance, look up** (informal), **progress, upgrade, ameliorate, develop, reform**  
antonym: **worsen**

## improvement

*noun* the fact or process of getting better » *There was a dramatic improvement in the food since he'd been on the cookery course.*  
**advance, development, enhancement, progress, upturn**

## impudence

*noun* disrespectful talk or behaviour towards someone » *Have you ever heard such impudence?*  
**audacity, boldness, cheek** (informal), **chutzpah** (informal), **gall, impertinence, insolence, nerve**

## inability

*noun* a lack of ability to do something » *Ava's inability to run was due to her injured left knee.*  
**impotence, inadequacy, incompetence, ineptitude**  
antonym: **ability**

## inadequate <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* not enough in quantity » *Our supplies of popcorn were inadequate for the long film.*  
**insufficient, lacking, poor, scarce, short**  
antonym: **adequate**

## inadequate <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not good enough » *He had no idea what he was supposed to be doing and felt inadequate to the task.*  
**deficient, incapable, incompetent, inept, pathetic, useless**



He had no idea what he was supposed to be doing and felt inadequate to the task.

## inappropriate

*adjective* not suitable for a purpose or occasion » *Running around is inappropriate behaviour for the classroom.*  
**improper, incongruous, unfit, unseemly, unsuitable, untimely, wrong**  
antonym: **appropriate**

## incentive

*noun* something that encourages you to do something » *Luca had an incentive to study now the holiday was booked.*  
**bait, encouragement, inducement, motivation, stimulus, lure, motive, spur**

## incident

**noun** an event » *This morning's incident of calling the teacher "Dad" was rather embarrassing.*  
**circumstance, episode, event, happening, occasion, occurrence**

## incite

**verb** to excite someone into doing something » *The campaigners incited a protest.*  
**agitate for, goad, instigate, provoke, whip up**

## include

**verb** to have as a part » *A cake recipe usually includes eggs, flour, and sugar.*  
**contain, cover, embrace, encompass, incorporate, involve**  
 antonym: **exclude**

## income

**noun** the money someone or something earns » *Jake was thrilled – he had an income at last.*  
**earnings, pay, profits, salary, takings, wages, proceeds, receipts, revenue**



*Jake was thrilled – he had an income at last.*

## incomparable

**adjective** too good to be compared with anything else » *The view from the peak was one of incomparable beauty.*  
**inimitable, peerless (literary), superlative, supreme, unparalleled, unrivalled, matchless, unequalled**



*John was an incompetent carpenter.*

## incompetent

**adjective** lacking the ability to do something properly » *John was an incompetent carpenter.*  
**bungling, incapable, inept, unable, unfit, useless, ineffectual, inexperienced, unskilful**  
 antonym: **competent**

## incomplete

**adjective** not finished or whole » *An incomplete letter lay on the desk.*  
**deficient, half-pie (New Zealand; informal), insufficient, partial, imperfect, undeveloped, unfinished**  
 antonym: **complete**

## increase 1

**verb** to make or become larger in amount » *The population continues to increase.*  
**enlarge, expand, extend, grow, multiply, swell, augment, escalate**  
 antonym: **decrease**

## increase 2

**noun** a rise in the amount of something » *Valeria asked for a pay increase.*  
**gain, growth, increment, rise, upsurge**  
 antonym: **decrease**

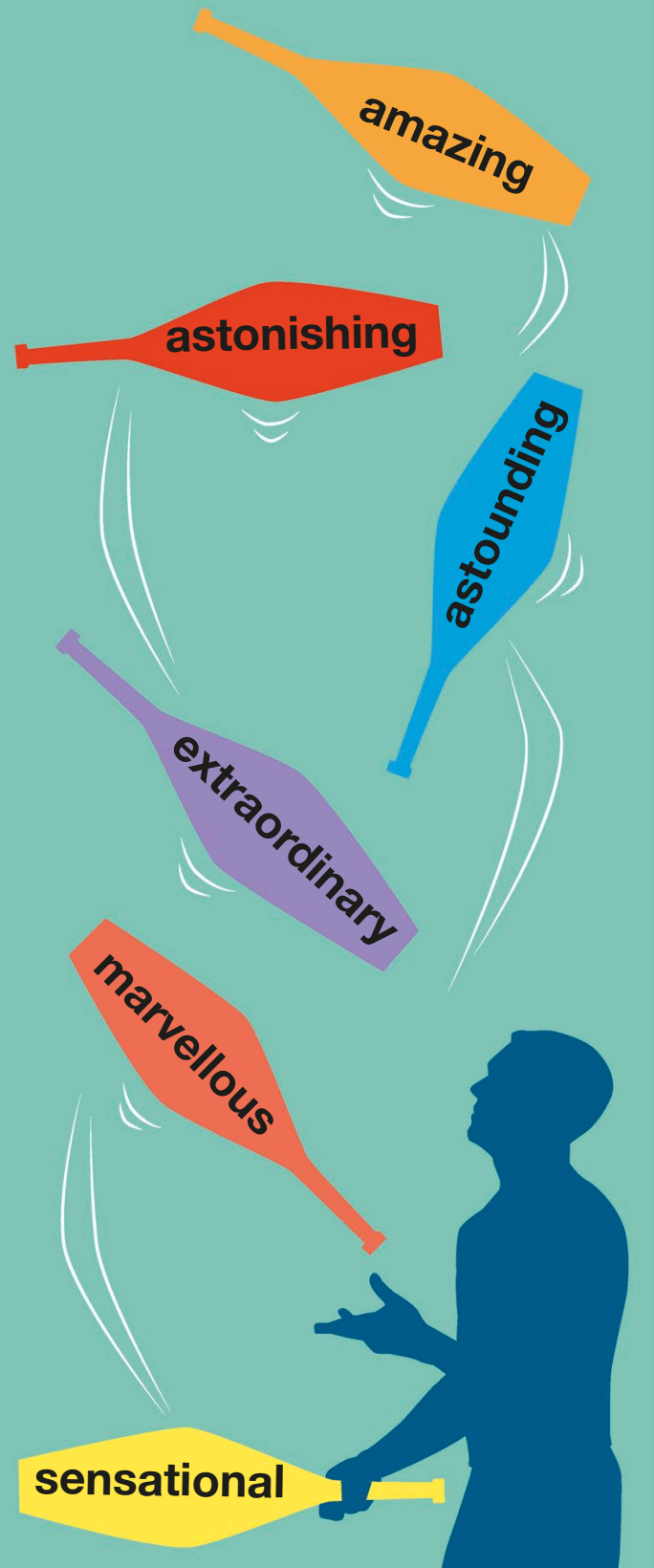
## incredible 1

**adjective** totally amazing  
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# incredible

**1 adjective** totally amazing

» *The juggler at the fair had incredible skill.*



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## incredible <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* impossible to believe  
» *Sofia told an incredible story about a dragon trapped in a mountain cave.*  
**absurd, far-fetched, improbable, unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable, implausible, inconceivable, preposterous**

## indecent

*adjective* shocking or rude  
» *Carter refused to play the song because its lyrics were indecent.*  
**crude, improper, rude, vulgar**

## independent <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* separate from other people or things » *Each hiker had their independent tent in the clearing.*  
**autonomous, free, separate, unrelated**



Each hiker had their *independent* tent in the clearing.

## independent <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not needing other people's help » *Zoe is a fiercely independent child.*  
**individualistic, liberated, self-sufficient, unaided**

## indicate

*verb* to show something » *He smiled to indicate his relief.*  
**denote, reveal, show, signal, signify, imply, manifest, point to**

## indication

*noun* a sign of something  
» *Rohan gave no indication that he had heard me.*  
**clue, hint, sign, signal, suggestion, warning, intimation**

## indirect

*adjective* not done or going directly but by another way  
» *We took an indirect route to avoid the traffic jam.*  
**meandering, oblique, rambling, roundabout, tortuous, wandering**  
antonym: **direct**

## individual <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* relating to separate people or things  
» *Maria made individual chocolate cakes for the twins' birthday celebration.*  
**discrete** (formal), **independent, separate, single**

## individual <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* different and unusual  
» *I have developed my own individual writing style.*  
**characteristic, distinctive, idiosyncratic, original, personal, special, unique**

## individual <sup>3</sup>

*noun* a person, different from any other person  
» *Tim took part in the competition as an individual.*  
**character, party, person, soul, personage**

## industrious

*adjective* tending to work hard  
» *The industrious bees were making honey in their hive.*  
**busy, conscientious, diligent, hard-working, tireless**  
antonym: **lazy**



The *industrious* bees were making honey in their hive.

## inefficient

*adjective* badly organized and slow » *We live in the countryside and have an inefficient bus service.*  
**disorganized, incapable, incompetent, inept, sloppy, ineffectual, inexpert, slipshod**  
antonym: **efficient**

## inexperienced

*adjective* lacking experience of a situation or activity  
» *Inexperienced drivers should avoid roads in big cities.*  
**green** (informal), **naive, new, raw, unaccustomed**  
antonym: **experienced**

## infect

*verb* to cause disease in something » *One mosquito can infect many people.*  
**affect, blight, contaminate, taint**

## infectious

*adjective* spreading from one person to another » *My cold was infectious – my whole family caught it.*  
**catching, contagious, spreading, communicable, virulent**



My cold was *infectious* – my whole family caught it.

## inferior <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* having a lower position than something or someone else » *The status of a prince is inferior to that of a king.*  
**lesser, lower, minor, secondary, second-class, subordinate**  
antonym: **superior**

## inferior <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* of low quality  
» *Ruben gave an inferior performance because he was feeling unwell.*  
**mediocre, poor, second-class, second-rate, shoddy**  
antonym: **superior**

## inferior <sup>3</sup>

*noun* a person in a lower position than another  
» *You must be polite to your inferiors.*  
**junior, menial, subordinate, underling**  
antonym: **superior**

## infinite

*adjective* without any limit or end » *The start of the school holidays presented an infinite number of possibilities.*  
**boundless, eternal, everlasting, inexhaustible, perpetual, untold, bottomless, interminable, limitless**

## influence <sup>1</sup>

*noun* power over other people  
» *Ethan has quite a lot of influence over his classmates.*  
**authority, control, importance, power, sway, ascendancy, domination**

## influence <sup>2</sup>

*noun* an effect that someone or something has » *Lily stayed up late, under the influence of her friend.*  
**effect, hold, magnetism, spell, weight**

## influence <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to have an effect on someone or something  
» *Older siblings can influence their younger siblings.*  
**affect, control, direct, guide, manipulate, sway**

## inform

*verb* to tell someone about something » *Please inform me of any delays.*  
**advise** (formal), **brief, enlighten, notify, tell, apprise, communicate**



The party was **informal** so they wore shorts.

## informal

**adjective** relaxed and casual  
» The party was **informal** so they wore shorts.

**casual, colloquial, easy, familiar, natural, relaxed**  
antonym: **formal**

## information

**noun** the details you know about something

» Our teacher would not give us any **information** about the exam questions.

**data, drum** (Australia; informal), **facts, info** (slang), **knowledge, material, news, notice, word**

## inform on

**verb** to tell the police about someone who has committed a crime  
» Somebody must have **informed on** the vandals.

**betray, denounce, grass on** (Britain; slang), **snitch** (slang), **tell on** (informal)

## ingredient

**noun** a thing that something is made from  
» Lisa bought the **necessary ingredients** to bake a cake.

**component, constituent, element**



Lisa bought the **necessary ingredients** to bake a cake.

## inhabit

**verb** to live in a place  
» The people who **inhabit** these islands are used to the cold.

**dwelt, live, lodge, occupy, populate, reside** (formal)

## inhabitant

**noun** someone who lives in a place  
» I am an **inhabitant** of Norway.

**citizen, inmate, native, occupant, resident**

## inheritance

**noun** something that is passed on  
» The house will be his son's **inheritance**.

**bequest, heritage, legacy**

## injure

**verb** to damage part of someone's body  
» The dog had **injured** its leg.



The dog had **injured** its leg.

## injury

**noun** damage to part of the body  
» Although the cat fell from quite high up, it had suffered no **injuries**.

**damage, harm, wound**

## injustice

**noun** unfairness and lack of justice  
» The players complained about the **injustice** of the referee.

**bias, discrimination, inequality, prejudice, unfairness, wrong**  
antonym: **justice**

## innocence

**noun** inexperience of evil or unpleasant things  
» The baby's face was a picture of **innocence**.

**gullibility, inexperience, naivety, simplicity, artlessness, ingenuousness, unworldliness**

## innocent 1

**adjective** not guilty of a crime  
» The man had an **alibi** and was clearly **innocent**.

**blameless, clear, not guilty**  
antonym: **guilty**

## innocent 2

**adjective** without experience of evil or unpleasant things  
» They were so young and **innocent**.

**childlike, guileless, naive, pure, spotless, artless, ingenuous, unworldly**

## insane

**adjective** mad  
» I would go **insane** if I stayed indoors every day.

**crazy, deranged, mad, mentally ill, out of your mind, unhinged**

## insert

**verb** to put something into something else  
» Emil **inserted** the key into the lock.

**enter, implant, introduce, place, put, set**



Emil **inserted** the key into the lock.

## inside

**adjective** surrounded by the main part and often hidden  
» On the ship we had an **inside** cabin with no window.  
**inner, innermost, interior, internal**  
antonym: **outside**

## insides

**plural noun** (informal) the parts inside your body  
» My **insides** ached from eating too much.  
**entrails, guts, innards, internal organs, viscera, vitals**



My **insides** ached from eating too much.

## insignificant

**adjective** small and unimportant  
» I grew up in a small, **insignificant** village.  
**irrelevant, little, minor, petty, trifling, trivial, unimportant,**

**inconsequential**  
antonym: **significant**

## insincere

**adjective** saying things you do not mean  
» Eric told Ida what she wanted to hear, but his words were **insincere**.  
**deceitful, dishonest, false, two-faced**  
antonym: **sincere**

## insist

**verb** to demand something forcefully  
» My mother always **insists** that I eat everything on my plate.  
**demand, press, urge**

## inspect

**verb** to examine something carefully  
» Alice **inspected** her salad for caterpillars.  
**check, examine, eye, investigate, scan, survey, audit, scrutinize, vet**

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## instant 1

*noun* a short period of time  
» *The rain stopped in an instant.*  
**flash, minute, moment, second, split second, trice**

## instant 2

*adjective* immediate and without delay » *He took an instant liking to her.*  
**immediate, instantaneous, prompt**

## instinct

*noun* a natural tendency to do something » *My dog has a strong instinct to chase rabbits.*  
**feeling, impulse, intuition, sixth sense, urge**

## instruct 1

*verb* to tell someone to do something » *The teacher instructed the class to be quiet.*  
**command, direct, order, tell**  
antonym: **forbid**

## instruct 2

*verb* to teach someone about a subject or skill  
» *Liam instructs budding sailors on how to raise the sail.*  
**coach, educate, school, teach, train, tutor**



Liam **instructs** budding sailors on how to raise the sail.

## insufficient

*adjective* not enough for a particular purpose » *There were insufficient refreshments for the hungry players.*  
**deficient, inadequate, lacking, scant, short**  
antonym: **sufficient**

## insult 1

*verb* to offend someone by being rude to them » *I did not mean to insult you.*  
**abuse, affront, offend, put down, slander, slight, snub**  
antonym: **compliment**

## insult 2

*noun* a rude remark that offends someone » *The two men exchanged insults.*  
**abuse, affront, offence, put-down, slight, snub**  
antonym: **compliment**



The two men exchanged **insults**.

## intelligence

*noun* the ability to understand and learn things » *The tricky quiz really tested the teams' intelligence.*  
**cleverness, comprehension, intellect, perception, sense, understanding, wit, acumen, capacity, nous**

## intelligent

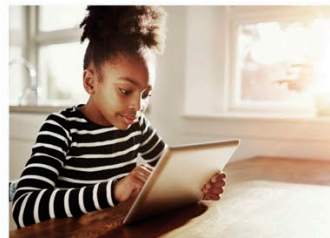
*adjective* able to understand and learn things » *Dolphins are an intelligent species.*  
**acute, brainy** (informal), **bright, clever, quick, sharp, smart**  
antonym: **stupid**

## intend 1

*verb* to decide or plan to do something » *Harper intended to stay for lunch.*  
**aim, be determined, mean, plan, propose, resolve**

## intend 2

*verb* to mean for a certain use  
» *This book is intended for younger children.*  
**aim, design, earmark, mean**



Michaela watched the screen with **intense** concentration.

## intense 1

*adjective* very great in strength or amount » *Michaela watched the screen with intense concentration.*  
**acute, deep, extreme, fierce, great, powerful, profound, severe**

## intense 2

*adjective* tending to have strong feelings » *The actor's intense performance was gripping.*  
**ardent, earnest, fervent, fierce, impassioned, passionate, vehement**

## intention

*noun* a plan to do something  
» *Layla announced her intention of going to the party.*  
**aim, goal, idea, object, objective, purpose**

## interest 1

*noun* a feeling of wanting to know about something  
» *I have a great interest in that period of history.*  
**attention, concern, curiosity, fascination**

## interest 2

*noun* a hobby » *Of her many interests, Nora enjoyed knitting the most.*  
**activity, hobby, pastime, pursuit**



Of her many **interests**, Nora enjoyed knitting the most.

## interest 3

*verb* to attract someone's attention and curiosity  
» *This picture interests me most, I love the colours.*  
**appeal, captivate, fascinate, intrigue, stimulate**  
antonym: **bore**

## interesting

*adjective* making you want to know, learn, or hear more  
» *We had an interesting conversation about bats in the car this morning.*  
**absorbing, compelling, entertaining, gripping, intriguing, stimulating**  
antonym: **boring**

## interfere 1

*verb* to try to influence a situation » *Stop interfering and leave her alone.*  
**butt in, intervene, intrude, meddle, tamper**

## interfere 2

*verb* to have a damaging effect on a situation » *The loud music interfered with her sleep.*  
**conflict, disrupt**

## internet

*noun* a worldwide network of computers » *Hazel used the internet to book her holiday.*  
**blogosphere, cloud, cyberspace, net, web, world wide web**



Hazel used the **internet** to book her holiday.

## interrogate

*verb* to question someone thoroughly » *I interrogated everyone involved.*  
**examine, grill** (informal), **question, quiz, cross-examine, cross-question**

**interrupt** 1

*verb* to start talking when someone else is talking  
 » *He tried to speak, but she interrupted him.*  
**butt in, heckle**

**interrupt** 2

*verb* to stop a process or activity for a time » *The match was interrupted by rain.*  
**break, discontinue, suspend**

**interval**

*noun* a period of time between two moments or dates  
 » *Maria ate an ice cream in the interval between the first and second acts of the play.*  
**break, gap, hiatus, interlude, intermission, pause**



*Piper had agreed to intervene when things got heated.*

**intervene**

*verb* to step in to prevent conflict » *Piper had agreed to intervene when things got heated.*  
**arbitrate, mediate**

**introduction** 1

*noun* the act of presenting someone or something new  
 » *The introduction of a new uniform was discussed.*  
**establishment, inauguration, initiation, institution, launch**

**introduction** 2

*noun* a piece of writing at the beginning of a book  
 » *The book contains a new introduction by the author.*  
**foreword, preface, prologue**

**intrude**

*verb* to disturb someone or something » *I don't want to intrude on your privacy.*  
**butt in, encroach, infringe, interrupt, trespass, violate**

**invade**

*verb* to enter a country by force  
 » *The Vikings invaded much of Europe.*  
**attack, enter, occupy, violate**

**invent** 1

*verb* to be the first person to think of a device or idea  
 ▼ SEE BELOW

**invent** 2

*verb* to make up a story or excuse » *I tried to invent a plausible excuse for why I was late.*  
**concoct, fabricate, make up, manufacture**

**investigate**

*verb* to find out all the facts about something » *Police are still investigating the incident.*  
**examine, explore, probe, research, sift, study**

**invent**

1 *verb* to be the first person to think of a device or idea » *The busy professor invented a Walkomatic robot to walk his dog for him.*

**conceive**

*The professor conceived the idea when his dog whined for a walk.*

**coin**

*He coined the name "Walkomatic".*

**come up with**

*He was the first person to come up with the idea of a dog-walking robot.*

**design**

*The professor designed several models.*

**formulate**

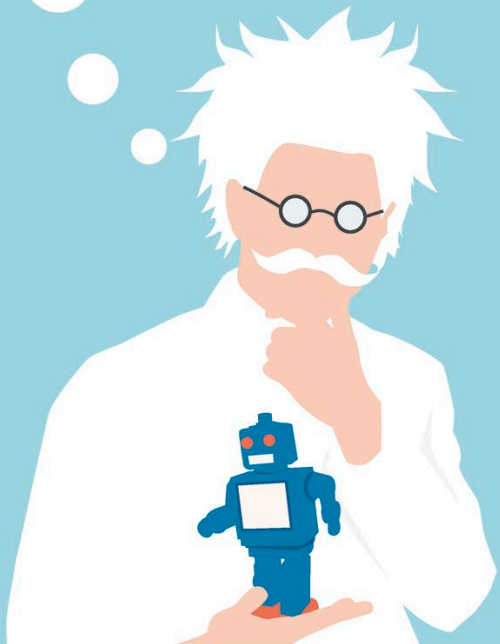
*He formulated plans to make the robot move.*

**improvise**

*He improvised by using empty tins to make the robot's body.*

**originate**

*He wanted to be famous as the person who originated the Walkomatic.*



# irregular

**1** adjective not smooth or even » The gingerbread men came out of the oven in **irregular** shapes.



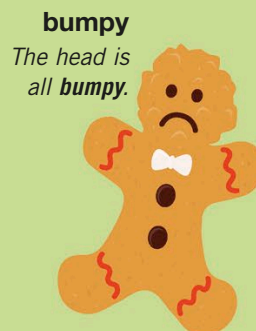
**uneven**  
This one is **uneven** in colour; it's burned in places.



**lumpy**  
This looks all **lumpy**.



**jagged**  
The broken arm has a **jagged** edge.



**bumpy**  
The head is all **bumpy**.



**asymmetrical**  
The arms are **asymmetrical**.

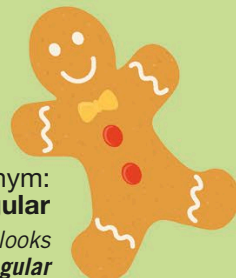
**ragged**  
The **ragged** edges were stuck to the tin.



**lopsided**  
This one is **lopsided** with one short arm and leg.



**antonym: regular**  
But this one looks just like a **regular** gingerbread man!



## invincible

adjective unable to be defeated  
» When the defending champion is playing well, he is **invincible**.

**impregnable, indomitable, unbeatable, indestructible, insurmountable, unassailable**

## invisible

adjective unable to be seen  
» Hugo's face was **invisible** beneath his hat.

**concealed, disguised, hidden, inconspicuous, unseen, imperceptible, indiscernible**  
antonym: **visible**

## involve

verb to have as a necessary part » Preparing for an exam **involves** a great deal of discipline.  
**incorporate, require, take or take in, entail, necessitate**

## irrational

adjective not based on logical reasons » Her fear of ghosts is **irrational** – they don't exist.  
**absurd, crazy, illogical, nonsensical, unsound, silly, unreasonable**

## irregular **1**

adjective not smooth or even  
▲ SEE ABOVE

## irregular **2**

adjective not forming a regular pattern » Stephen worked **irregular** hours.

**erratic, haphazard, occasional, patchy, random, variable, fitful, sporadic**  
antonym: **regular**

## irresponsible

adjective not concerned with the consequences of your actions » His **irresponsible** attitude often got him into trouble with his parents.  
**careless, reckless, thoughtless, wild**  
antonym: **responsible**

## irritable

adjective easily annoyed  
» My mother had slept badly and was tense and **irritable**.  
**bad-tempered, cantankerous, petulant, ratty** (Britain and New Zealand; informal), **touchy, irascible, tetchy**

## irritate

verb to annoy someone  
» Nathan's tuneless whistling always **irritates** me.  
**anger, annoy, bother, exasperate, irk, needle** (informal), **ruffle, wind up** (informal), **gall, provoke**

## issue **1**

noun a subject that people are talking about » There were several **issues** to be discussed at the teacher-parent meeting.  
**concern, matter, problem, question, subject, topic**

## issue **2**

noun a particular edition of a newspaper or magazine  
» Jade bought the latest **issue** of her favourite magazine.  
**copy, edition, instalment**



Jade bought the latest **issue** of her favourite magazine.

## issue **3**

verb to make a formal statement » They have **issued** a statement explaining what really happened.  
**deliver, give, make, pronounce, read out, release**  
antonym: **withdraw**

## issue **4**

verb to give something officially  
» Teachers will be **issued** with passes to get into the staff room.  
**equip, furnish** (formal), **give out, provide, supply**

## item **1**

noun one of a collection or list of things » When Chloe opened her suitcase, several **items** were missing.  
**article, matter, point, thing**

## item **2**

noun a newspaper or magazine article » There was an **item** in the paper about his daring rescue of the cat.  
**article, feature, notice, piece, report**

# Jj

## jagged

**adjective** sharp and spiky  
 » *The waves broke against the jagged rocks.*  
**barbed, craggy, rough, serrated, sharp**  
 antonym: **smooth**

## jail <sup>1</sup>

**noun** a place where prisoners are held » *Chris was sentenced to 18 months in jail.*  
**clink** (slang), **nick** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; slang), **prison, lockup, penal institution, penitentiary**

## jail <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to put in prison  
 » *He was jailed for 20 years.*  
**detain, imprison, incarcerate**

## jam <sup>1</sup>

**noun** a crowded mass of people or things » *Nora was late because she was stuck in a traffic jam.*  
**crowd, crush, mass, mob, multitude, throng**



*Nora was late because she was stuck in a traffic jam.*

## jam <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a difficult situation  
 » *We're in a real jam now.*  
**bind, dilemma, fix** (informal), **hole** (slang), **hot water** (informal), **pickle** (informal), **plight, predicament, quandary, trouble**

## jam <sup>3</sup>

**verb** to push something somewhere roughly  
 » *Martin jammed his hat on to his head.*  
**cram, force, ram, stuff**

## jam <sup>4</sup>

**verb** to become stuck  
 » *She tried to leave the room, but the door jammed.*  
**stall, stick**

## jealous

**adjective** wanting to have something that someone else has » *I was jealous of my friend's new shoes.*  
**envious, resentful, covetous**

## job <sup>1</sup>

**noun** the work someone does to earn money » *I'm looking for a job on a farm.*  
**employment, occupation, position, post, profession, trade**

## job <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a duty or responsibility  
 » *It's your job to do the washing up.*  
**concern, duty, function, responsibility, role, task**

## join <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to become a member of something » *Adam joined a band as the lead singer.*  
**enlist, enrol, sign up**  
 antonym: **resign**

## join <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to fasten two things together  
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# join

<sup>2</sup> **verb** to fasten two things together » *The paper dolls were **joined** at their hands and feet.*

## attach

*She **attached** a strap to her bag.*

## connect

*The two rooms were **connected** by a passage.*

## couple

*An engine is **coupled** to a gearbox.*

## fasten

*The bench was **fastened** to the floor.*

## link

*He **linked** a clip to the chain.*

## splice

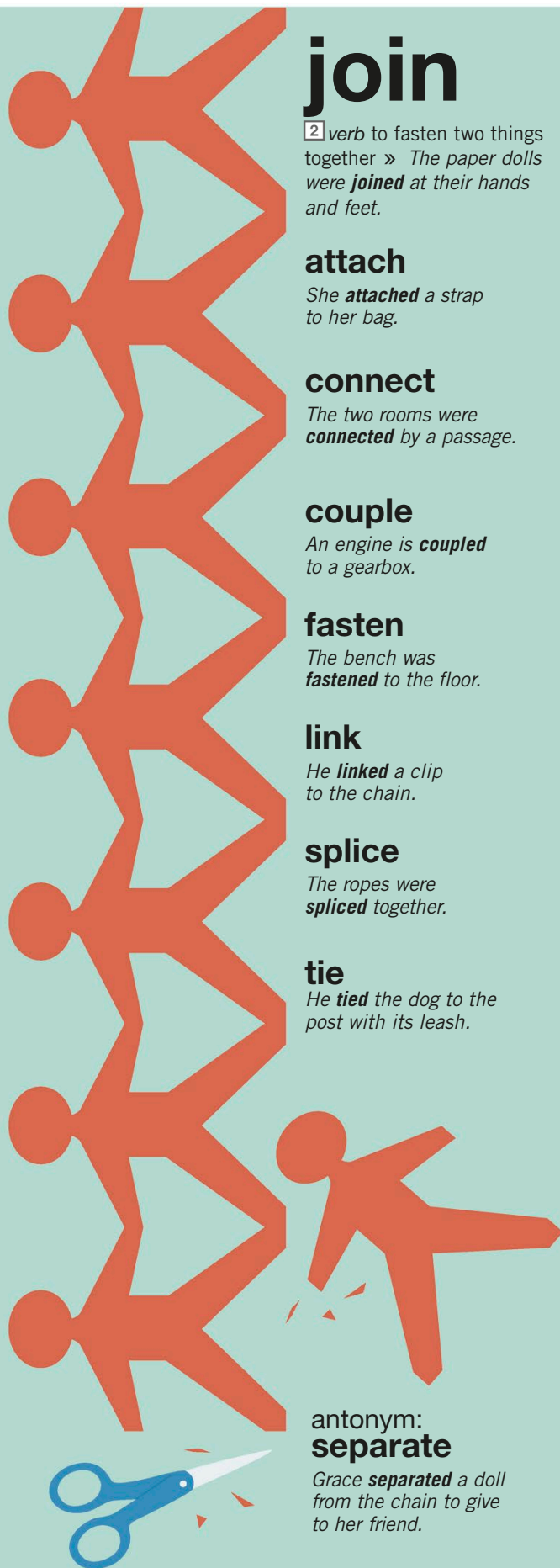
*The ropes were **spliced** together.*

## tie

*He **tied** the dog to the post with its leash.*

## antonym: separate

*Grace **separated** a doll from the chain to give to her friend.*



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That **joke** was so funny.

## joke 1

**noun** something that makes people laugh » *That joke was so funny.*

**gag** (informal), **jest**, **lark**, **prank**, **quip**, **wisecrack** (informal), **witticism**, **jape**

## joke 2

**verb** to say something funny » *Alex was always joking about her appearance.*

**banter**, **chaff**, **jest**, **kid** (informal), **quip**, **tease**

## journey 1

**noun** the act of travelling from one place to another » *We took a train journey through the mountains.*

**excursion**, **expedition**, **passage**, **tour**, **trek**, **trip**, **voyage**



We took a train **journey** through the mountains.

## journey 2

**verb** to travel from one place to another » *We journeyed through France to reach Spain.*  
**go**, **proceed**, **tour**, **travel**, **trek**, **voyage**

## joy

**noun** great happiness  
» *Her face shone with joy.*  
**bliss**, **delight**, **ecstasy**, **elation**, **rapture**, **exaltation**, **exultation**, **felicity**  
antonym: **misery**

## joyful

**adjective** extremely happy  
» *My father gave a joyful smile when he saw me.*  
**delighted**, **elated**, **jubilant**, **over the Moon** (informal), **cock-a-hoop**, **enraptured**

## judge 1

**noun** the person in charge of a law court » *The judge called for order in court.*  
**adjudicator**, **beak** (Britain; slang), **justice**, **magistrate**  
related word: **adjective** **judicial**



The **judge** called for order in court.

## judge 2

**noun** someone who picks the winner or keeps control of a competition » *The judges inspected each dog carefully before selecting the finalists.*  
**adjudicator**, **referee**, **umpire**

## judge 3

**verb** to form an opinion about someone or something  
» *Don't judge me for having another slice of cake.*  
**appraise**, **assess**, **consider**, **estimate**, **evaluate**, **rate**

## judge 4

**verb** to pick the winner or keep control in a competition  
» *Entrants will be judged in two age categories.*  
**referee**, **umpire**, **adjudge**, **adjudicate**

## judgment

**noun** an opinion or decision based on evidence » *It's hard to form a judgment without all the facts.*  
**appraisal**, **assessment**, **conclusion**, **opinion**, **ruling**, **verdict**, **view**

## jump 1

**verb** to leap up or over something » *I jumped over the fence.*  
**bound**, **clear**, **hurdle**, **leap**, **spring**, **vault**



I **jumped** over the fence.

## jump 2

**verb** to increase suddenly  
» *Sales of coats jumped when the temperature dropped below zero.*  
**escalate**, **increase**, **rise**, **surge**

## jump 3

**noun** a leap into the air  
» *Ryan misjudged his jump and landed in the stream.*  
**bound**, **leap**, **vault**

## junior

**adjective** having a relatively low position compared to others  
» *I started as a junior waitress, but now I run the restaurant.*  
**inferior**, **lesser**, **lower**, **subordinate**  
antonym: **senior**



What are you going to do with all that **junk**?

## junk

**noun** old articles that people usually throw away  
» *What are you going to do with all that junk?*  
**clutter**, **odds and ends**, **refuse**, **rubbish**, **scrap**, **trash**

## justice 1

**noun** fairness in the way that people are treated  
» *He had been treated unfairly and wanted justice.*  
**equity**, **fairness**, **impartiality**  
antonym: **injustice**

## justice 2

**noun** the person in charge of a law court » *Oliver was sworn in as a Justice of the High Court.*  
**judge**, **magistrate**

## justify

**verb** to show that something is reasonable or necessary  
» *Tina justified eating a large lunch by going for a long walk afterwards.*  
**defend**, **excuse**, **explain**, **vindicate**, **warrant**

# Kk



Hugo was a **keen** amateur wildlife photographer.

## keen 1

**adjective** showing eagerness and enthusiasm for something » *Hugo was a keen amateur wildlife photographer.*  
**ardent, avid, eager, enthusiastic, fond of, into** (informal)

## keen 2

**adjective** quick to notice or understand things » *She has a keen eye for a bargain.*  
**astute, brilliant, perceptive, quick, shrewd**

## keep 1

**verb** to have and look after something » *His father keeps sheep and pigs.*  
**care for, maintain, preserve**

## keep 2

**verb** to store something » *Zoe kept her toys in a box.*  
**deposit, hold, store**

## keep 3

**verb** to do what you said you would do » *I always keep my promises.*  
**carry out, fulfil, honour**

## kidnap

**verb** to take someone away by force » *Lisa's brother kidnapped her teddy bear.*  
**abduct, capture, seize**

## kill

**verb** to make someone or something die » *The terrier killed a rat.*  
**assassinate, destroy, execute, exterminate, massacre, murder, slaughter, slay, annihilate, dispatch**

## kin

**plural noun** the people who are related to you » *She has gone to live with her husband's kin.*  
**family, kindred, people, relations, relatives**

## kind 1

**noun** a particular type of person or thing » *That's my favourite kind of cheese.*  
**brand, breed, category, class, classification, genre, grade, sort, species, type, variety**

## kind 2

**adjective** considerate towards other people » *Thank you for being so kind to me.*  
**benevolent, benign, charitable, compassionate, considerate, good, humane, kind-hearted, kindly, thoughtful, unselfish, lenient, philanthropic**  
 antonym: **cruel**



Thank you for being so **kind** to me.

## kindness

**noun** the quality of being considerate towards other people » *Everyone has treated me with great kindness.*  
**benevolence, charity, compassion, gentleness, humanity, kindness, magnanimity, philanthropy, tenderness**  
 antonym: **cruelty**



He wore a crown and robe to play the **king** in the school show.

## king

**noun** a man who is the head of a royal family » *He wore a crown and robe to play the king in the school show.*  
**monarch, sovereign**  
 related words: **adjectives** royal, regal, monarchical

## know 1

**verb** to understand or be aware of something » *I don't know anything about cars.*  
**apprehend, be aware of, comprehend, perceive, see, understand**

## know 2

**verb** to be familiar with a person or thing » *I believe you two already know each other.*  
**be acquainted with, be familiar with, recognize**

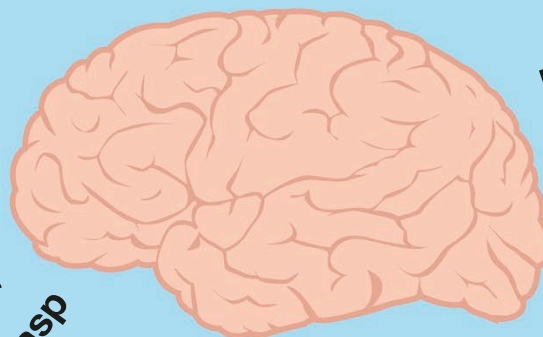
## knowledge

**noun** all you know about something  
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# knowledge

**noun** all you know about something  
 » *She had no knowledge of French.*

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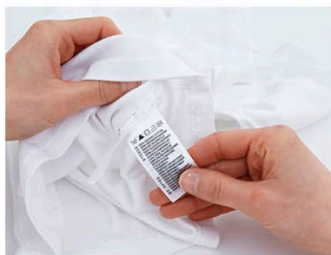


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# LI

## label 1

**noun** a piece of paper or plastic attached to something for information » *The label said the shirt was made of cotton.*  
**sticker, tag, ticket**



*The label said the shirt was made of cotton.*

## label 2

**verb** to put a label on something » *The toy was labelled "Made in China".*  
**flag, sticker, tag**

## labour 1

**noun** very hard work » *Fred soon discovered that weeding and digging the garden was hard labour.*  
**effort, exertion, industry, toil, work**

## labour 2

**noun** the workforce of a country or industry » *Some businesses take on extra labour to help at busy times.*  
**employees, workers, workforce**

## labour 3

**verb** to work very hard » *The farm workers laboured all night to finish the harvest.*  
**slave, toil, work**  
antonym: **relax**



*She couldn't buy new clothes due to a lack of money.*

## lack 1

**noun** the shortage or absence of something that is needed » *She couldn't buy new clothes due to a lack of money.*  
**absence, deficiency, scarcity, shortage, want, dearth, insufficiency**  
antonym: **abundance**

## lack 2

**verb** to be without something that is needed » *Katie was a good baker, but didn't enter any competitions because she lacked confidence.*  
**be deficient in, be short of, miss**

## lag

**verb** to make slower progress than other people or things » *The runner-up is lagging 10 points behind the champion.*  
**fall behind, trail**

## lake

**noun** a large area of water surrounded by land » *Jay went for a swim in the lake.*  
**lagoon, loch** (Scotland), **mere, reservoir, tarn**

## lame 1

**adjective** unable to walk properly because of an injured leg » *The old soldier was lame in one leg.*  
**crippled, hobbling, limping**

## lame 2

**adjective** weak or unconvincing » *No one believed Sam's lame excuse for arriving late.*  
**feeble, flimsy, pathetic, poor, unconvincing, weak**

## lament 1

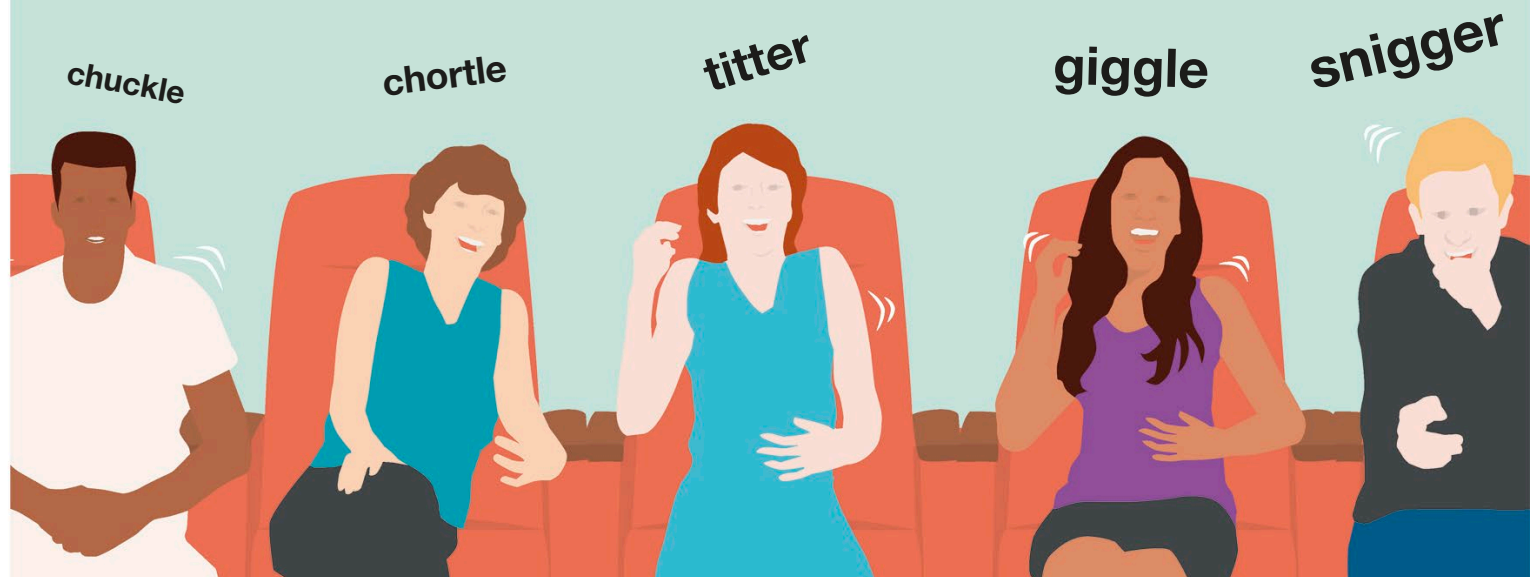
**verb** to express sorrow or regret over something » *Freya lamented the loss of her favourite jumper.*  
**grieve, mourn, wail, weep, bemoan, bewail, whine**

## lament 2

**noun** something you say to express sorrow or regret » *The old man sang a lament for his lost youth.*  
**moan, wail, gripe, lamentation, plaint**

# laugh

**1 verb** to make a noise that shows you are amused or happy » *The comedian told such a funny joke that we all laughed.*



**land** ①

*noun* an area of ground that someone owns » *My parents keep horses on their land.*  
**estate, grounds, property**

**land** ②

*noun* a region or country  
 » *America is known as the land of opportunity.*  
**country, nation, province, region, territory**

**land** ③

*verb* to arrive on the ground after flying or sailing  
 » *The plane landed in New York at noon.*  
**alight, dock, touch down**



The plane **landed** in New York at noon.

**language** ①

*noun* the system of words people use to communicate  
 » *She speaks four languages.*  
**dialect, idiom, jargon, lingo** (informal), **tongue, vernacular, vocabulary, argot, cant, lingua franca, patois**

**language** ②

*noun* the style in which you speak or write » *The poem was written in flowery language.*  
**phrasing, style, wording, phraseology, terminology**

**large**

*adjective* of a greater size or amount than usual  
 » *We have a large kitchen with lots of cupboards.*  
**big, colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, great, huge, immense, massive, vast, gargantuan, sizable or sizeable**  
 antonym: **small**

**last** ①

*adjective* the most recent  
 » *Our last holiday was a year ago.*  
**latest, most recent, preceding, previous**  
 antonym: **first**

**last** ②

*adjective* happening or remaining after all the others of its kind » *She read the last page and closed the book.*  
**closing, concluding, final, ultimate**  
 antonym: **first**

**last** ③

*verb* to continue to exist or happen » *The film lasted for two and a half hours.*  
**carry on, continue, endure, persist, remain, survive**

**late** ①

*adjective* after the expected time » *The train was nearly an hour late.*  
**behind, behind time, belated, delayed, last-minute, overdue, tardy, unpunctual**  
 antonym: **early**

**late** ②

*adjective* dead, especially recently » *My late husband would have loved this place.*  
**dead, deceased, departed, defunct, perished**

**laugh** ①

*verb* to make a noise that shows you are amused or happy  
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**laugh** ②

*noun* the noise you make when amused or happy » *He let out a loud laugh at the joke.*  
**chortle, chuckle, giggle, guffaw, snigger, titter**

**law** ①

*noun* a country's system of rules » *Vandalism is against the law.*  
**charter, code, constitution**  
 related words: *adjectives* **legal, judicial**

**law** ②

*noun* one of the rules of a country » *The government introduced a new law to help reduce crime rates.*  
**act, code, decree, regulation, rule, statute, edict, ordinance**

**lawyer**

*noun* someone who advises people about the law  
 » *The lawyer spoke in court.*  
**advocate, attorney, barrister, counsel, solicitor**



The lawyer **spoke** in court.

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## lay 1

**verb** to put something somewhere » *Lay a sheet of newspaper on the floor.*  
**place, put, set, set down, settle, spread**

## lay 2

**verb** to arrange or set something out » *A man came to lay the carpet.*  
**arrange, set out**

## layer

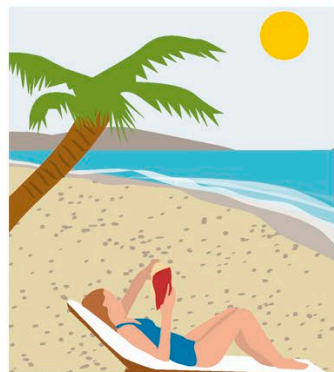
**noun** something that covers a surface or comes between two other things » *A fresh layer of snow covered the street.*  
**blanket, coat, coating, covering, film, sheet, stratum**

## layout

**noun** the way in which something is arranged » *The hotel layout was so confusing, it was hard to find our rooms.*  
**arrangement, design, format, plan**

## laze

**verb** to relax and do no work » *Tanya spent a few days lazing on the beach.*  
**idle, loaf, lounge**  
antonym: **work**



*Tanya spent a few days lazing on the beach.*

## lazy

**adjective** not willing to work or move » *Our lazy dog refused to come out for a walk.*  
**idle, slack, good-for-nothing, indolent, shiftless, slothful, torpid, workshy**  
antonym: **industrious**

## lead 1

**verb** to guide or take someone somewhere » *She led him towards the door.*  
**conduct, escort, guide, steer, usher**

## lead 2

**verb** to be in charge of » *The captain led his side to a convincing victory.*  
**command, direct, govern, head, manage, supervise**



*The captain led his side to a convincing victory.*

## lead 3

**noun** a clue that may help solve a crime » *The police are following up several leads.*  
**clue, indication, trace**

## leader

**noun** the person in charge of something » *Sophie was the expedition leader.*  
**boss (informal), captain, chief, commander, director, head, principal, ringleader**  
antonym: **follower**

## leading

**adjective** particularly important, respected, or advanced » *He was a leading authority on modern art.*  
**chief, eminent, key, main, major, principal, prominent, top, foremost, pre-eminent**

## lead to

**verb** to cause something to happen » *Regular exercise leads to a healthier life.*  
**cause, contribute to, produce, bring on, conduce to, result in**



*The hotel lobby had leaflets of nearby tourist attractions.*

## leaflet

**noun** a piece of paper with information about a subject » *The hotel lobby had leaflets of nearby tourist attractions.*  
**booklet, brochure, circular, pamphlet, handbill, mailshot**

## leak 1

**verb** to escape from a container or other object » *The bottle of lemonade had leaked all over the sandwiches.*  
**escape, ooze, seep, spill**

## leak 2

**noun** a hole that lets gas or liquid escape » *The plumber plugged the leaks in the pipe.*  
**chink, crack, fissure, hole, puncture**

## leap 1

**verb** to jump a great distance or height » *The deer leapt into the air.*  
**bounce, bound, jump, spring, vault**

## leap 2

**noun** a jump of great distance or height » *He made a huge leap right over the river.*  
**bound, jump, spring**

## learn 1

**verb** to gain knowledge by studying or training » *I am trying to learn French.*  
**grasp, master, pick up**

## learn 2

**verb** to find out about something » *On learning who she was, I asked to meet her.*  
**ascertain, determine, discover, find out, gather, hear, understand**

## learned

**adjective** having gained a lot of knowledge by studying » *My father is a very learned man in the field of history.*  
**academic, erudite, intellectual, literate, scholarly, lettered, well-read**

## least

**adjective** as small or few as possible » *Which cheese contains the least fat?*  
**fewest, lowest, minimum, slightest, smallest**  
antonym: **most**

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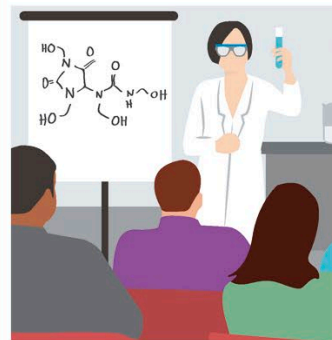
**verb** to go away from a person or place  
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## leave 2

**noun** a period of time off work » *Why don't you take a few days' leave?*  
**holiday, time off, vacation, furlough, sabbatical**

## lecture 1

**noun** a formal talk about a particular subject » *The professor gave a lecture on the basics of chemistry.*  
**address, discourse, presentation, sermon, speech, talk, exposition, oration**



*The professor gave a lecture on the basics of chemistry.*

**abandon**

The late passenger **abandoned** his tea to rush for the train.

**abscond**

One sneaky passenger **absconded** when the guard came through to check the tickets.

**decamp**

A person **decamped** quickly after realising they were on the wrong train!

**depart**

The crowd cheered as the train **departed**.

**leave**

**1** verb to go away from a person or place » The train **left** the platform on time.

**desert**

The crowd **deserted** the platform after the train had gone.

**forsake**

He decided to **forsake** his window seat for a trip to the dining cart.

**go**

There was an announcement that the train was about to **go**.

**quit**

Tom decided to **quit** his job as a train guard.

**withdraw**

The crowd **withdrew** from the platform edge as the train moved away.

**lecture** **2**

**noun** a talk intended to tell someone off » The police gave us a stern lecture on personal safety.

**reprimand, scolding, ticking-off** (informal), **warning**

**lecture** **3**

**verb** to teach by giving formal talks to audiences » The eminent scientist lectures all over the world.

**give a talk, speak, talk, teach**

**left-wing**

**adjective** believing in reforming, socialist policies » People said Mary had left-wing views. **leftist, liberal, radical, socialist**

**legacy**

**noun** objects or money someone leaves you when he or she dies » Lord Brown left his sons a generous legacy. **bequest, estate, heirloom, inheritance**

**legal** **1**

**adjective** relating to the law » Each country has its own legal system.

**forensic, judicial, judiciary**

**legal** **2**

**adjective** allowed by the law » My parents are the legal owners of our house.

**authorized, lawful, legitimate, permissible, rightful, valid, constitutional, sanctioned** **antonym: illegal**

**leisure**

**noun** time when you can relax » A long holiday meant plenty of time for leisure.

**free time, recreation, relaxation, time off** **antonym: work**



A long holiday meant plenty of time for **leisure**.

**leisurely**

**adjective** unhurried or calm » We enjoyed a leisurely walk along the beach. **comfortable, easy, gentle, relaxed, unhurried** **antonym: hasty**

**length** **1**

**noun** the distance from one end of something to the other » The fish was about a metre in length. **distance, extent, span**

**length** **2**

**noun** the amount of time something lasts for » The film is two hours in length. **duration, period, space, span, term**

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# like

**2** verb to find someone or something pleasant  
» I really **like** this music.

## adore

She **adored** her pug.

## appreciate

I **appreciate** good food.

## be fond of

Are you **fond of** him?

## be keen on

He **was** really **keen on** the band's latest song.

## be partial to

I **am partial to** action films.

## enjoy

She **enjoyed** swimming in the sea.

## go for

What kind of music do you **go for**?

## have a soft spot for

I **have a soft spot for** people with red hair.

## have a weakness for

He **had a weakness for** chocolate.

## love

She **loved** getting presents.

## relish

He **relished** the idea of celebrating his birthday.

antonym: **dislike**

I **dislike** playing hockey.

## lengthen

verb to make something longer  
» My trousers **had to be lengthened** because I'd grown.  
**extend, make longer, prolong, stretch, elongate, protract**  
antonym: **shorten**

## lessen

verb to decrease in size or amount » Andy put on an extra jumper to **lessen** the risk of getting cold.  
**abate, decrease, diminish, dwindle, lower, minimize, reduce, shrink, de-escalate, downsize**  
antonym: **increase**

## lesson

noun a period of time for being taught » Johanna took piano **lessons** once a week.  
**class, coaching, lecture, period, tutoring**

## let **1**

verb to allow someone to do something » Leah's parents **wouldn't let** her go to the party.  
**allow, give permission, permit, sanction**  
antonym: **forbid**

## let **2**

verb to give someone use of your property in return for money » My aunt **lets** her house for the summer.  
**hire out, lease, rent**

## level **1**

adjective completely flat  
» An ice rink should have a perfectly **level** surface.  
**flat, horizontal**  
antonym: **uneven**

## level **2**

verb to make something flat  
» We **levelled** the ground.  
**flatten, plane, smooth**

## level **3**

noun a point on a scale that measures something » Crime **levels** have started to decline.  
**grade, rank, stage, standard, status**

## lie **1**

verb to rest somewhere horizontally » He **was lying** on his back, reading a book.  
**loll, lounge, recline, sprawl, be prostrate, be recumbent, be supine, repose**

## lie **2**

verb to say something that is not true » The actor **lied** about his age and told the reporter he was much younger.  
**be dishonest, fib, perjure yourself, tell a lie, forswear yourself**

## lie **3**

noun something you say that is not true » His whole story **was a lie**, none of it was true.  
**deceit, fabrication, falsehood, fib, fiction**

## life

noun the time during which you are alive » My grandmother **has had a long and active life**.  
**existence, life span, lifetime, time**  
related words:  
adjectives **animate, vital**

## lift **1**

verb to move something to a higher position » Ria **strained to lift** the heavy pile of books.  
**elevate, hoist, pick up, raise**  
antonym: **lower**

## lift **2**

verb to remove something such as a ban or law » They **wore earrings to school when the ban on jewellery was lifted**.  
**cancel, end, relax, remove, rescind, revoke**

## light **1**

noun brightness that enables you to see things  
» The sun's **light** filtered through the shutters.  
**brightness, brilliance, glare, glow, illumination, radiance, incandescence, luminescence, luminosity, phosphorescence**  
antonym: **dark**  
related word: **prefix photo-**

**light** 2

*adjective* pale in colour  
 » *Steve wore a light blue shirt.*  
**bleached, fair, pale, pastel, blonde or blond**  
 antonym: **dark**

**light** 3

*adjective* not weighing much  
 » *Now it was empty, the cardboard box was light.*  
**flimsy, lightweight, portable, slight**  
 antonym: **heavy**

**light** 4

*verb* to make a place bright  
 » *The dining room was lit by a single candle.*  
**brighten, illuminate, light up**  
 antonym: **darken**

**light** 5

*verb* to make a fire start burning  
 » *It's time to light the barbecue.*  
**ignite, kindle**  
 antonym: **extinguish**

**like** 1

*preposition* similar to  
 » *He looks just like his father.*  
**akin, analogous, parallel, similar**  
 antonym: **unlike**

**like** 2

*verb* to find someone or something pleasant  
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**likely**

*adjective* having a good chance of happening  
 » *It's likely my brother will have a mushroom pizza as usual.*  
**anticipated, expected, liable, possible, probable**  
 antonym: **unlikely**

**limit** 1

*noun* a point beyond which something cannot go  
 » *My father never drives above the speed limit.*  
**bounds, deadline, maximum, ultimate, utmost**

**limit** 2

*verb* to prevent something from going any further  
 » *Don't limit yourself to one activity.*  
**confine, curb, fix, ration, restrict, circumscribe, delimit, demarcate**

**limp**

*adjective* not stiff or firm  
 » *The week-old lettuce had limp leaves.*  
**drooping, flabby, floppy, slack, soft, flaccid, pliable**  
 antonym: **stiff**

**line** 1

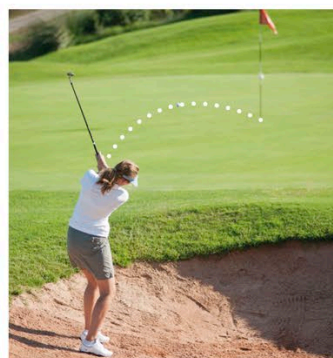
*noun* a long thin mark on something  
 » *Use a ruler to draw a line down the centre of the page.*  
**rule, score, streak, stripe**

**line** 2

*noun* a row of people or things  
 » *A long line of fans waited to get a glimpse of the singer.*  
**column, file, queue, rank, row**

**line** 3

*noun* the route along which something moves  
 » *The golfer studied the ball's line of flight.*  
**course, path, route, track, trajectory**



*The golfer studied the ball's line of flight.*

**link** 1

*noun* a connection between two things  
 » *The wedding guest had links to both the bride's and groom's families.*  
**affiliation, association, attachment, bond, connection, relationship, tie, affinity, liaison**



*The friends linked hands as they ran across the field.*

**link** 2

*verb* to connect two things  
 » *The friends linked hands as they ran across the field.*  
**attach, connect, couple, fasten, join, tie**  
 antonym: **separate**

**liquid** 1

*noun* a substance that is not solid and can be poured  
 » *Make sure you drink enough liquids, particularly water.*  
**fluid, liquor, solution**

**liquid** 2

*adjective* in the form of a liquid  
 » *Liquid detergent comes in a bottle, not a box.*  
**fluid, molten, runny**

**list** 1

*noun* a set of things written down one below the other  
 » *There were six names on the list.*  
**catalogue, directory, index, inventory, listing, record, register**

**list** 2

*verb* to set things down in a list  
 » *The cookies' ingredients are listed on the packet.*  
**catalogue, index, record, register, enumerate, itemize, tabulate**

**listen**

*verb* to hear and pay attention to something  
 » *I'll repeat that for those of you who weren't listening.*  
**attend, hark, hear, pay attention**

**little** 1

*adjective* small in size or amount  
 » *The girl was too little to ride on the rollercoaster.*  
**dainty, dwarf, mini, miniature, minute, pygmy, small, tiny, wee**  
 antonym: **large**

**little** 2

*noun* a small amount or degree  
 » *We offered her plenty to eat but she would only take a little.*  
**hardly any, meagre, measly, not much, paltry, scant**

**live** 1

*verb* to have your home somewhere  
 » *Carrie has lived in Boston for 20 years.*  
**dwelt, inhabit, reside, stay** (Scotland and South Africa)

**live** 2

*verb* to be alive  
 » *The tortoise has lived for over 100 years.*  
**be alive, exist**

**live** 3

*adjective* not dead or artificial  
 » *I was horrified to find a live mouse sitting in my shoe.*  
**alive, animate, living**

**lively**

*adjective* full of life and enthusiasm  
 » *My sister has a lively personality.*  
**active, animated, energetic, perky, sparkling, sprightly, vivacious**  
 antonym: **dull**

**load** 1

*noun* something being carried  
 » *The crane can lift huge, heavy loads.*  
**cargo, consignment, freight, shipment**



*The crane can lift huge, heavy loads.*

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## load <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to put a lot of things on or into » *We loaded the car with supplies for the camping trip.*  
**fill, pack, pile, stack**

## loan <sup>1</sup>

**noun** a sum of money that you borrow » *He asked his father for a loan so he could buy a new bicycle.*  
**advance, credit, mortgage**

## loan <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to lend something to someone » *She loaned me her best coat to wear to the party.*  
**advance, lend**

## local <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** belonging to the area where you live » *The local shop is on the corner of the next road.*  
**community, district, neighbourhood, parish, regional**

## local <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a person who lives in a particular area » *Every week, the locals met at the café at the end of the street.*  
**inhabitant, native, resident**

## locate

**verb** to find out where someone or something is » *We located our missing friend in the café.*  
**find, pinpoint, track down**



*We located our missing friend in the café.*

## locate: be located

**verb** being in a particular place » *The restaurant is located near the cinema.*  
**be placed, be sited, be situated**



*The castle has a beautiful hilltop location.*

## location

**noun** a place or position » *The castle has a beautiful hilltop location.*  
**place, point, position, site, situation, spot, whereabouts, locale, locus**

## lock <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to close and fasten something with a key » *Lock the door when you leave the house.*  
**latch, padlock**  
antonym: **unlock**

## lock <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a device used to fasten something » *No one could open the door because the lock was stiff.*  
**latch, padlock**

## logical <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** using logic to work something out » *His argument was logical and made sense.*  
**consistent, rational, reasoned, sound, valid, cogent, coherent**  
antonym: **illogical**

## logical <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** sensible in the circumstances » *There has to be a logical explanation for the mysterious noise we heard.*  
**judicious, obvious, plausible, reasonable, sensible, wise**  
antonym: **illogical**

## lonely <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** unhappy because of being alone » *The old lady was lonely and wished for visitors.*  
**alone, forlorn, forsaken, lonesome**

## lonely <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** isolated and not visited by many people » *A lonely tree blew in the wind on the bleak hillside.*  
**deserted, desolate, isolated, remote, secluded, uninhabited, godforsaken, out-of-the-way, unfrequented**

## long <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** continuing for a great amount of time » *A long and awkward silence followed her shocking announcement.*  
**extended, interminable, lengthy, lingering, long-drawn-out, prolonged, protracted, slow, sustained**  
antonym: **short**

## long <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** great in length or distance » *There was a long queue to enter the building.*  
**elongated, extensive, lengthy**  
antonym: **short**



*There was a long queue to enter the building.*

## long <sup>3</sup>

**verb** to want something very much » *He longed for a relaxing holiday.*  
**ache, covet, crave, hunger, lust, pine, yearn**

## longing

**noun** a strong wish for something » *She had a real longing for a hot drink.*  
**craving, desire, hankering, hunger, thirst, yearning**

## look <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to turn your eyes towards something and see it

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## look <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to appear or seem to be » *He looked younger than his age.*  
**appear, look like, seem, seem to be**

## look <sup>3</sup>

**noun** the action of turning your eyes towards something » *Lucy took a look at her reflection in the mirror.*  
**gaze, glance, glimpse, peek**

## look <sup>4</sup>

**noun** the way someone or something appears » *He had the look of a happy man.*  
**air, appearance, bearing, expression, face, semblance**

## look after

**verb** to take care of someone or something » *Will you look after my cats next week?*  
**care for, mind, nurse, take care of, tend, watch**

## lookalike

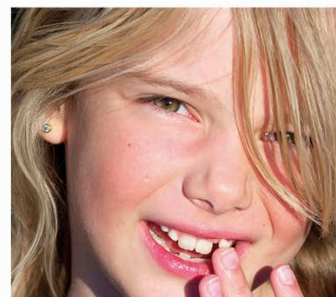
**noun** a person who looks like someone else » *He makes a living as an Elvis lookalike.*  
**dead ringer** (informal), **double, spitting image** (informal)

## look for

**verb** to try to find a person or thing » *I'm looking for my bag, have you seen it?*  
**forage, hunt, search, seek**

## loose <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** not firmly held or fixed » *The little girl had a loose tooth.*  
**free, unsecured, wobbly**  
antonym: **secure**



*The little girl had a loose tooth.*



Chris wore his shirt **loose** to cool off.

## loose <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** not fitting closely  
» Chris wore his shirt **loose** to cool off.

**baggy, slack, sloppy**  
antonym: **tight**

## loosen

**verb** to make something looser  
» Harry **loosened** the knot in his tie.

**slacken, undo, untie**  
antonym: **tighten**

## loot <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to steal from a place during a riot or battle  
» Gangs began **breaking** windows and **looting** shops.

**pillage, plunder, raid, ransack**

## loot <sup>2</sup>

**noun** stolen or illegal money or goods » Sadly, the **loot** was never recovered.

**booty, haul, plunder, spoils, swag** (slang)

## lose <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to be unable to find  
» I've **lost** my keys.

**drop, mislay, misplace**  
antonym: **find**

## lose <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to be beaten  
» We **lost** the match.

**be beaten, be defeated**  
antonym: **win**

## lost <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** not knowing where you are » I think we're **lost**.

**adrift, astray, off-course**

## lost <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** unable to be found » She **missed** her **lost** toy.

**mislaid, misplaced, missing, vanished**

## lot <sup>1</sup>: a lot or lots

**noun** a large amount of something » Remember to drink **lots** of water.  
**abundance, a great deal, masses** (informal),  
**piles** (informal), **plenty, quantities, scores**

## lot <sup>2</sup>

**noun** an amount or number  
» My mum said my friends were a **noisy lot**.  
**batch, bunch** (informal),  
**crowd, group, quantity, set**

## loud <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** having a high level of sound » We heard a **loud** bang from downstairs.  
**blaring, deafening, noisy, resounding, strident, thunderous, clamorous, sonorous, stentorian**  
antonym: **quiet**

## loud <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** too brightly coloured  
» He wore a **loud** tie to the costume party.  
**flamboyant, flashy, garish, gaudy, lurid**  
antonym: **dull**

## lovable

**adjective** easy to love  
» I find puppies cute and **lovable** but my friend doesn't like them biting her ankles.  
**adorable, charming, enchanting, endearing, sweet, captivating, engaging, winsome**  
antonym: **hateful**

## love <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to feel strong affection for someone » I **love** my family so much.  
**adore, cherish, worship, be in love with, dote on, hold dear, idolize**  
antonym: **hate**



## peek

She **peeked** at him through the curtains.



## regard

He **regarded** me curiously.



## observe

He **observed** the scene before him.



## scrutinize

She **scrutinized** the essay.

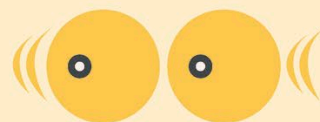


## squint

She **squinted** at the writing on the blackboard.

# look

<sup>1</sup> **verb** to turn your eyes towards something and see it » She **looked** out of the window.



## scan

He **scanned** the article in the newspaper.



## stare

She **stared** out toward the horizon.



## survey

He stood up and **surveyed** the crowd.



## glare

He **glared** at her for eating the last slice.



## gape

She **gaped** at the price of the dress.

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## love 2

*verb* to like something very much » *We both love fishing and go every weekend.*

**appreciate, enjoy, like, relish, delight in, have a weakness for, take pleasure in**  
antonym: **hate**

## love 3

*noun* a strong feeling of affection » *There is nothing like a mother's love for her children.*

**adoration, affection, ardour, devotion, infatuation, passion**  
antonym: **hatred**



*There is nothing like a mother's love for her children.*

## love 4

*noun* a strong liking for something » *Her love of animals has inspired her to become a vet.*

**devotion, fondness, liking, weakness, partiality, penchant**  
antonym: **hatred**

## lovely

*adjective* very attractive and pleasant » *You look lovely in that outfit.*

**attractive, beautiful, delightful, enjoyable, pleasant, pretty**  
antonym: **horrible**

## loving

*adjective* feeling or showing love » *He is a loving husband and father.*

**affectionate, devoted, doting, fond, tender, warm, demonstrative, solicitous, warm-hearted**  
antonym: **cold**

## low 1

*adjective* short or not far above the ground » *The sun was low in the sky.*

**little, short, small, squat, stunted, sunken**  
antonym: **high**

## low 2

*adjective* small in degree or quantity » *The prices were low so we bought more clothes.*

**minimal, modest, poor, reduced, scant, small**  
antonym: **high**

## lower 1

*verb* to move something downwards » *Sara lowered herself into the bath.*

**drop, let down, take down**  
antonym: **raise**

## lower 2

*verb* to make something less in amount » *The government promised to lower taxes.*

**cut, decrease, diminish, lessen, minimize, reduce, slash**  
antonym: **increase**

## loyal

*adjective* firm in your friendship or support » *Kim was a loyal friend, visiting Ted every day while he was unwell.*

**constant, dependable, faithful, staunch, true, trusty, steadfast, true-hearted, unswerving, unwavering**

antonym: **treacherous**



*Kim was a loyal friend, visiting Ted every day while he was unwell.*

## luck

*noun* something that happens by chance » *It was just luck that we happened to meet.*

**accident, chance, destiny, fate, fortune, fortuity, predestination**

## lucky 1

*adjective* having a lot of good luck » *Colin has always been lucky at games, winning every time.*

**blessed, charmed, fortunate**  
antonym: **unlucky**

## lucky 2

*adjective* happening by chance with good consequences » *Suhel was lucky to be dealt such a good hand of cards that he easily won the game.*

**fortuitous, fortunate, opportune, timely, adventitious, propitious, providential**  
antonym: **unlucky**

## lump 1

*noun* a solid piece of something » *Jane kneaded the big lump of dough.*

**ball, cake, chunk, hunk, piece, wedge**



*Jane kneaded the big lump of dough.*

## lump 2

*noun* a bump on the surface of something » *I've got a big lump on my head from when I walked into the shelf.*

**bulge, bump, hump, swelling, protrusion, protuberance**

## lure 1

*verb* to attract someone somewhere or into doing something » *We lured the ducks out of the water with breadcrumbs.*

**attract, beckon, draw, entice, tempt**

## lure 2

*noun* something that you find very attractive » *It was a hot day, and the lure of the swimming pool was strong.*  
**attraction, bait, magnet, pull, temptation**

## lurk

*verb* to wait hidden for someone or something » *He thought he saw someone lurking in the doorway.*

**lie in wait, loiter, skulk**

## luxurious

*adjective* expensive and full of luxury » *We stayed in a luxurious hotel; it had the biggest pool I've ever seen.*

**de luxe or deluxe, lavish, opulent, plush (informal), posh (informal), sumptuous, upscale (informal)**  
antonym: **plain**

## luxury 1

*noun* comfort in expensive surroundings » *We led a life of luxury on holiday and didn't care how much it cost.*

**affluence, opulence, sumptuousness**

## luxury 2

*noun* something enjoyable that you do not have often » *Hiring a sports car was a real luxury for my dad.*

**extra, extravagance, indulgence, treat**

## lying 1

*noun* the action of telling lies » *I've had enough of his lying; why can't he just tell the truth for once?*

**deceit, dishonesty, fabrication, fibbing, perjury, dissimulation, duplicity, mendacity**

## lying 2

*adjective* telling lies

» *Don't trust him, he is a lying cheat.*  
**deceitful, dishonest, false, untruthful, dissembling, mendacious**  
antonym: **honest**

# Mm

## machine

*noun* a piece of equipment  
» *The sailors used a machine to pump the water from the bottom of the ship.*  
**apparatus, appliance, contraption, device, instrument, mechanism**

## mad <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* very foolish or insane » *Craig would be mad to refuse such a generous offer.*  
**barmy** (slang), **batty** (slang), **crazy** (informal), **daft** (informal), **deranged, foolhardy, foolish, insane, loony** (slang), **stupid**  
antonym: **sane**

## mad <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* (informal) angry about something » *My friends got mad at me for interfering.*  
**angry, enraged, fuming, furious, incensed, infuriated, irate, livid** (informal)

## magic

*noun* a special power  
» *Do you believe in magic?*  
**sorcery, witchcraft, occultism**

## magical

*adjective* wonderful and exciting » *I've heard that Rome is a magical city.*  
**bewitching, enchanting, entrancing, spellbinding**

## main

*adjective* most important  
» *Our main reason for going to Paris is to see the Eiffel Tower.*  
**cardinal, chief, foremost, leading, major, predominant, primary, prime, principal**

## mainly

*adverb* true in most cases » *The kittens were mainly tabbies.*  
**chiefly, generally, largely, mostly, predominantly, primarily, principally, for the most part, in general, on the whole**



*The kittens were mainly tabbies.*

## major

*adjective* very important or serious » *There's a major problem with your car's engine – it won't start.*  
**critical, crucial, leading, outstanding, significant**  
antonym: **minor**

## majority

*noun* more than half  
» *The majority of our basketball team are girls.*  
**best part, better part, bulk, mass, most, lion's share, preponderance**



*The majority of our basketball team are girls.*

## make <sup>1</sup>

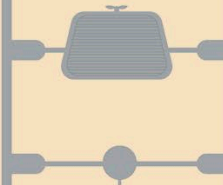
*verb* to construct something  
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# make

<sup>1</sup> *verb* to construct something » *Tom liked to make models from kits.*

## assemble

*He assembled the body first.*



## form

*Not many parts were needed to form the car.*



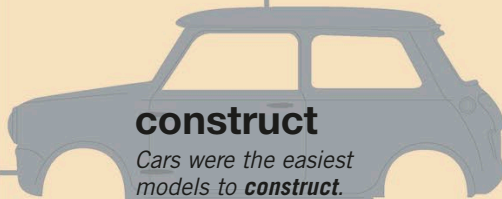
## build

*Building the model took less than an hour.*



## construct

*Cars were the easiest models to construct.*



## fabricate

*The parts were fabricated from plastic.*



## create

*Tom enjoyed creating planes and ships as well as cars.*



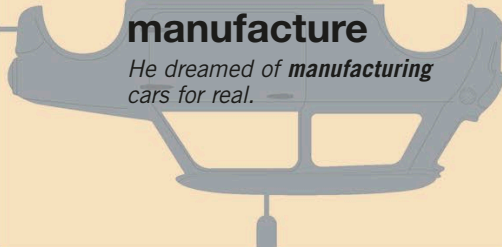
## fashion

*The largest pieces were fashioned into the sides of the car.*



## manufacture

*He dreamed of manufacturing cars for real.*





Cassie's mother **made** her finish her homework.

## make 2

**verb** to force someone to do something » *Cassie's mother made her finish her homework.*  
**compel, drive, force, oblige, coerce, impel**

## make 3

**noun** a particular type » *My uncle always wears a certain make of wristwatch.*  
**brand, model**

## make up 1

**verb** to form the parts of something » *Boys make up more than half of our history class.*  
**compose, comprise, constitute, form**

## make up 2

**verb** to invent a story » *Tessa made up a story about why she was late – she didn't admit she'd just overslept.*  
**concoct, fabricate, invent, formulate, manufacture**

## making 1

**noun** the act of creating something » *More than 100 people were involved in the making of this movie.*  
**assembly, building, construction, creation, fabrication, manufacture, production**

## making 2:

**in the making**  
**adjective** about to become something » *The new recruit was a soldier in the making.*  
**budding, emergent, potential, up-and-coming**

## male

**adjective** relating to men » *I knew my father was at the door as soon as I heard the deep male voice.*  
**manly, masculine**  
antonym: **female**

## malicious

**adjective** having the intention of hurting someone » *Pete was accused of spreading malicious rumours about Rita.*  
**cruel, malevolent (formal), mean, spiteful, vicious, malignant, rancorous (formal)**

## man 1

**noun** an adult male human being » *Mario is a charming young man.*  
**bloke (informal), chap (informal), fellow, gentleman, guy (informal), male**  
antonym: **woman**

## man 2

**noun** people in general » *All men are equal.*  
**humanity, human race, mankind, Homo sapiens, humankind**

## manage 1

**verb** to succeed in doing something » *The crew managed to stop the fire from spreading any further.*  
**cope with, succeed in**



The crew **managed** to stop the fire from spreading any further.

## manage 2

**verb** to be in charge of something » *Within two years Joe was managing the store.*  
**be in charge of, command, control, direct, run**

## management 1

**noun** the act of running an organization » *The zoo needed better management to reduce the entrance queues.*  
**control, direction, running**

## management 2

**noun** the people who run an organization » *The management is investing more in research.*  
**administration, board, bosses (informal), directors, employers**

## manager

**noun** a person in charge of running an organization » *We welcomed our new manager in the morning meeting.*  
**boss (informal), director, executive**



We welcomed our new **manager** in the morning meeting.

## manifest

**adjective (formal)** obvious or easily seen » *His manifest failure to notice the puddle resulted in Len getting wet feet.*  
**blatant, clear, conspicuous, glaring, obvious, patent, plain**

## manner 1

**noun** the way that you do something » *She smiled again in a friendly manner.*  
**fashion, mode, style, way**

## manner 2

**noun** the way someone behaves » *Kim's kind manner made him feel at ease.*  
**bearing, behaviour, conduct, demeanour, comportment, deportment**

## manoeuvre 1

**verb** to move something skilfully » *It took expertise to manoeuvre the boat so close to the shore.*  
**guide, navigate, negotiate, steer**

## manoeuvre 2

**noun** a clever action » *With a series of cunning manoeuvres, Sam won the game of chess.*  
**dodge, ploy, ruse, tactic, machination, stratagem, subterfuge**

## manufacture 1

**verb** to make goods in a factory » *Several models of TV are manufactured at the factory.*  
**assemble, fabricate, make, mass-produce, process, produce**

## manufacture 2

**noun** the making of goods in a factory » *His job is to supervise the manufacture of cars.*  
**assembly, fabrication, making, mass production, production**



His job is to supervise the **manufacture** of cars.

## many 1

**adjective** a large number » *Sue has many friends.*  
**countless, innumerable, myriad, numerous, umpteen (informal), multifarious, multitudinous**  
antonym: **few**

**many** <sup>2</sup>: many of  
*pronoun* a large number of people or things » *I'd read many of my books already so I went to the library to take out more.*  
**a lot, a mass, a multitude, large numbers, lots** (informal), **plenty, scores**  
*antonym:* **few**

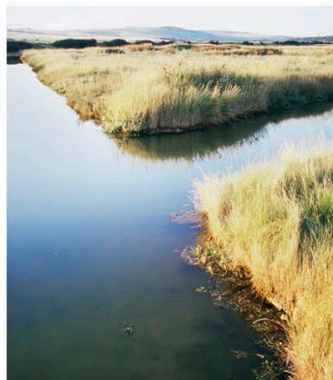
**mark** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* a small stain  
 » *I can't get this mark off the curtain and it's spoiling the pattern.*  
**blot, line, smudge, spot, stain, streak**

**mark** <sup>2</sup>  
*verb* to stain something  
 » *The pen in Marianna's pocket leaked and marked her trousers.*  
**smudge, stain, streak**

**market**  
*noun* a place to buy or sell things » *We bought fresh fish at the market today.*  
**bazaar, fair**

**marriage** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* the formal union of two people who live together  
 » *We have a happy marriage – we've been together for 20 years.*  
**matrimony** (formal), **wedlock** (formal)  
*related words:*  
*adjectives* **conjugal, connubial, marital, nuptial**

**marriage** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* a union » *The dessert was a perfect marriage of biscuit and chocolate.*  
**alliance, association, coupling, link, match, merger, union**



*Tall grasses grew in the marsh.*

**marsh**  
*noun* an area of low-lying, poorly drained land that is sometimes flooded » *Tall grasses grew in the marsh.*  
**bog, fen, mire, morass, mudflats, quagmire, quicksands, saltmarsh, slough, swamp, wetland**

**marvellous**  
*adjective* wonderful or excellent  
 » *The class had a marvellous time at the zoo.*  
**brilliant, excellent, first-rate, magnificent, remarkable, splendid, superb, wonderful**  
*antonym:* **terrible**

**mass** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* a large number or amount  
 » *Marek had masses of homework to get through.*  
**crowd, heap, load, lump, mob, pile, throng**

**mass** <sup>2</sup>  
*adjective* involving a large number of people » *There were mass protests about the school holidays being reduced.*  
**general, popular, universal, widespread**

**mass** <sup>3</sup>  
*verb* to gather in a large group  
 » *The sheep massed in the middle of the road.*  
**assemble, congregate, gather, group**

**master** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* a male schoolteacher  
 » *He is a retired maths master.*  
**instructor, teacher, tutor**

**master** <sup>2</sup>  
*verb* to learn how to do something » *Eloise found it easy to master the recorder.*  
**become proficient in, get the hang of** (informal), **grasp, learn**

**match** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* an organized game  
 » *Ken was looking forward to the football match.*  
**competition, contest, game**

**match** <sup>2</sup>  
*verb* to be similar to » *The shoes matched her dress.*  
**agree, correspond, fit, go with, suit, tally, accord, harmonize**

**material** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* any type of cloth  
 » *Sara's skirt was made of thick material.*  
**cloth, fabric**

**material** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* a solid substance  
 » *He gathered the materials needed for repairing the wall.*  
**matter, stuff, substance**



*He gathered the materials needed for repairing the wall.*

**matter** <sup>1</sup>  
*noun* something that you have to deal with » *Rachel found business matters rather dull.*  
**affair, business, issue, question, situation, subject**

**matter** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* any substance  
 » *The atom is the smallest particle of matter.*  
**material, stuff, substance**

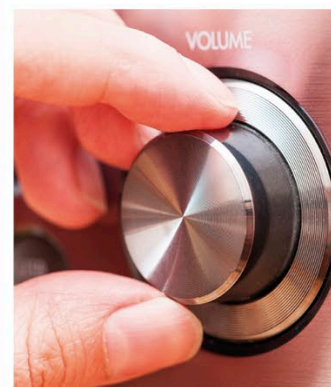
**matter** <sup>3</sup>  
*verb* to be important » *It does not matter what you wear for the party.*  
**be of consequence, count, make a difference**

**mature** <sup>1</sup>  
*verb* to become fully developed  
 » *Children seem to mature earlier these days.*  
**come of age, grow up, reach adulthood**

**mature** <sup>2</sup>  
*adjective* fully developed  
 » *He's very mature for his age.*  
**adult, full-grown, fully fledged, grown, grown-up**

**maximum** <sup>1</sup>  
*adjective* being the most that is possible » *The maximum number of books that will fit on a shelf is 20.*  
**top, utmost**  
*antonym:* **minimum**

**maximum** <sup>2</sup>  
*noun* the most that is possible  
 » *Matt turned the volume of the radio up to the maximum.*  
**ceiling, height, most, upper limit, utmost**  
*antonym:* **minimum**



*Matt turned the volume of the radio up to the maximum.*

**maybe**  
*adverb* it is possible that  
 » *Maybe it would have been quicker to take the bus.*  
**conceivably, it could be, perhaps, possibly, perchance**

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The restaurant served such **meagre** portions we went home hungry.

## meagre

**adjective** very small and inadequate » *The restaurant served such meagre portions we went home hungry.*  
**inadequate, measly** (informal), **paltry, scant, sparse, exiguous, insubstantial, scanty, skimpy**

## meal

**noun** an occasion when people eat » *My mother cooked a special meal for my birthday.*  
**banquet, dinner, feast, repast, spread**

## mean

**verb** to convey a message » *A red traffic light means that you have to stop.*  
**denote, indicate, signify**

## mean

**verb** to intend to do something » *I meant to phone you, but didn't have time.*  
**aim, intend, plan**

## mean

**adjective** unwilling to spend money » *Don't be mean: leave the waiter a good tip.*  
**miserly, tight** (informal), **parsimonious, penny-pinching, stingy, tight-fisted**  
antonym: **generous**

## meaning

**noun** the idea expressed by something » *Tom had to look up the meaning of the word in the dictionary.*  
**drift, gist, message, significance, connotation, import**

## measure

**verb** to check the size of something » *We measured how tall our little brother was.*  
**gauge, survey, calibrate, quantify**

## measure

**noun** an amount of something » *There was a measure of silence after the actor's shocking announcement.*  
**amount, degree, portion, proportion**

## measure

**noun** an action to achieve something » *Tough measures are needed to maintain order.*  
**act, action, deed, expedient, manoeuvre, means, procedure, step**

## medicine

**noun** something you take to make you better » *The doctor prescribed some medicine for my sore throat.*  
**cure, drug, medication, pill, tablet, remedy**

## medium

**adjective** average in size » *Ella was of medium height.*  
**average, medium-sized, middling**



Ella was of **medium** height.

## medium

**noun** a means of communication » *TV is a useful medium for relaying important news to the nation.*  
**channel, vehicle, agency, instrument**

## meek

**adjective** quiet and timid » *Janet was a meek girl, always agreeing with whatever her friends said.*  
**deferential, docile, mild, submissive, timid, unassuming, acquiescent, compliant, mild-mannered**  
antonym: **bold**

## meet

**verb** to be in the same place as someone » *I met my cousin quite by chance.*  
**bump into** (informal), **come across, come upon, encounter, run across, run into**

## meet

**verb** to gather in a group » *We meet for lunch at a café once a week.*  
**assemble, congregate, convene, gather, get together**



We **meet** for lunch at a café once a week.

## meet

**verb** to fulfil a need » *Meals must meet the needs of growing children.*  
**answer, fulfil, satisfy**

## meeting

**noun** an event at which people come together for a purpose » *All the parents went to a meeting about the new playground.*  
**audience, conference, congress, convention, gathering, get-together** (informal), **reunion, conclave, convocation**

## meeting

**noun** an occasion when you meet someone » *I had a chance meeting with an old friend while I was shopping.*  
**assignation** (literary), **encounter, rendezvous, tryst**

## melodramatic

**adjective** behaving in an exaggerated way » *Elodie was so melodramatic, flouncing out of the café because she didn't like the table they gave her.*  
**histrionic, sensational, theatrical**

## melt

**verb** to become liquid » *The ice cream started to melt on the floor.*  
**dissolve, thaw, liquefy**



The ice cream started to **melt** on the floor.

## melt

**verb** to disappear » *Isabella's anger melted when she saw what Leo had brought her.*  
**disappear, disperse, dissolve, evaporate, vanish**

## memorable

**adjective** likely to be remembered » *The cup final was a memorable victory over the league champions.*  
**catchy, historic, notable, striking, unforgettable**

## memory

**noun** the ability to remember » *I have an excellent memory for phone numbers.*  
**recall, remembrance** (formal), **recollection, retention**

# mend

verb to repair something broken  
» He **mended** the bicycle.

## patch

He **patched** the roof where the rain came in.

## renovate

They **renovated** the old ship.

## restore

She liked to **restore** antique furniture.

## fix

She **fixed** the leak in the car engine.

## darn

She **darned** the hole in her sock.



## mend

verb to repair something broken

▲ SEE ABOVE

## mention

verb to talk about something briefly » I **mentioned** the party to Lisa, but I don't know if she'll come.

**allude to, bring up, broach, hint, intimate, refer to, touch on, touch upon**

## mention

noun a brief comment about something » There was no **mention** in the programme of my role in the show.

**allusion, reference**

## merciful

adjective showing kindness  
» The **merciful** king treated his subjects with kindness.  
**compassionate, humane, kind**

antonym: **merciless**

## merciful

adjective showing forgiveness  
» The **merciful** teacher gave us no homework over the holidays.

**forgiving, lenient**  
antonym: **merciless**

## merciless

adjective showing no kindness or forgiveness  
» The airport staff were **merciless** when I forgot my passport and wouldn't let me on the plane.  
**callous, cruel, heartless, implacable, ruthless, hard-hearted, pitiless, unforgiving**

antonym: **merciful**

## mercy

noun the quality of kindness  
» The wrestler showed no **mercy** to his opponent.

**compassion, kindness, pity, benevolence, charity**

## mercy

noun the quality of forgiveness  
» The criminal threw himself upon the **mercy** of the court.

**forgiveness, leniency, clemency, forbearance**

## merit

noun worth or value  
» Our PE teacher said that a keen attitude had as much **merit** as natural talent.  
**excellence, value, virtue, worth**

## merit

noun a good quality that something has  
» They discussed the **merits** of the different cakes on offer.  
**advantage, asset, strength, strong point, virtue**

## merit

verb to deserve something  
» Buying a new camera **merits** careful consideration.  
**be entitled to, be worthy of, deserve, earn, warrant**

## mess

noun a state of untidiness  
» The room was in a **mess** after the party.  
**chaos, disarray, disorder**



The room was in a **mess** after the party.

## mess

noun a situation that is full of problems  
» How are we going to get out of this **mess**?  
**fix** (informal), **jam** (informal), **muddle, turmoil**

## mess

verb to spoil something  
» He **messed up** his career.  
**botch, bungle, make a hash of** (informal), **muck up** (slang), **ruin, screw up** (slang), **spoil**

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## message <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a piece of information for someone

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## message <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to send information to  
» Fred **messaged** his friends to tell them about the match.

**email** or **e-mail**, **IM**,  
**instant message**, **text**

## messenger

*noun* someone who carries a message » We will send a messenger to the airport to collect the photographs.  
**courier**, **envoy**, **runner**, **emissary**, **go-between**, **herald**

## method

*noun* a way of doing something  
» Emily used a traditional method to make jam.  
**approach**, **mode**, **procedure**, **technique**, **way**

## middle <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the part furthest from the edges » There was a large table in the middle of the room.  
**centre**, **halfway point**, **midst**, **midpoint**, **midsection**

## middle <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* furthest from the edges » Carl sat down on the middle seat, between his parents.  
**central**, **halfway**

## mild <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* not strong or powerful  
» Flo used a mild shampoo to wash her hair.  
**insipid**, **weak**  
antonym: **strong**

## mild <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* gentle and good-tempered » My uncle is a mild man who is very good with animals.  
**affable**, **gentle**, **meek**, **placid**, **easy-going**, **equable**, **pacific**, **peaceable**

## mild <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* warmer than usual  
» The area is famous for its mild winter climate.  
**balmy**, **temperate**

## mind <sup>1</sup>

*noun* your ability to think  
» Our teacher is really clever and has a sharp mind.  
**brain**, **head**, **imagination**, **intellect**, **psyche**  
related word: *adjective* **mental**

## mind <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to be annoyed by something » I don't mind what you get me for my birthday.  
**be bothered**, **care**, **object**

## mind <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to look after something  
» I'm minding my younger brother while my mother is out.  
**keep an eye on**, **look after**, **take care of**, **watch**

## minimum

*adjective* being the least possible » My little sister was just tall enough to be the minimum height for the fairground ride.  
**least possible**, **minimal**  
antonym: **maximum**

## minor

*adjective* less important  
» Henry fell off his bike but sustained only minor injuries.  
**lesser**, **petty**, **secondary**, **slight**, **trifling**, **trivial**  
antonym: **major**

**message**

<sup>1</sup> *noun* a piece of information for someone  
» He left a **message** on her voicemail.

**communication**  
She brought a **communication** from the headmaster.

**missive**  
The editor's **missive** was four pages long.

**despatch or dispatch**  
The **despatch** came from the African news correspondent.

**bulletin**  
The news **bulletin** was at 6pm.

**memo**  
He sent a **memo** around the office about turning off lights.

**memorandum**  
The **memorandum** came from the ministry.

**note**  
I'll just leave a **note** for Kate.

**word**  
There is no further **word** on the reported zoo escape.

**communiqué**  
The **communiqué** from the conference explained their decision.

**minute** 1

*noun* a short period of time  
 » I'll be with you in a minute.  
**flash, instant, moment, second, trice**

**minute** 2

*adjective* extremely small  
 » The insect was so minute that Kayla needed a magnifying glass to see it clearly.  
**microscopic, negligible, slender, small, tiny, diminutive, minuscule**  
 antonym: **vast**



The insect was so **minute** that Kayla needed a magnifying glass to see it clearly.

**miracle**

*noun* a surprising and fortunate event  
 » It was a miracle that everyone escaped unharmed.  
**marvel, wonder**

**miserable** 1

*adjective* very unhappy  
 » All this rain makes me miserable.  
**dejected, depressed, down, downcast, low, melancholy, mournful, sad, unhappy, wretched, disconsolate, sorrowful**  
 antonym: **cheerful**

**miserable** 2

*adjective* causing unhappiness  
 » Damp, dark, and poky – it was a miserable flat.  
**gloomy, pathetic, sorry, wretched**

**misery**

*noun* unhappiness  
 » He felt such misery when his pet died.  
**depression, despair, grief, melancholy, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness, woe**  
 antonym: **joy**

**misfortune**

*noun* an unfortunate event  
 » I had the misfortune to fall off my bike.  
**adversity, bad luck**

**misrepresent**

*verb* to give a false account of something  
 » My brother deliberately misrepresented what happened when we argued earlier.  
**distort, falsify, twist**

**miss** 1

*verb* to fail to notice  
 » Go to the first floor. You can't miss it.  
**fail to notice, mistake, overlook**

**miss** 2

*verb* to feel the loss of  
 » I miss my family when I'm away.  
**long for, pine for, yearn for**

**mistake** 1

*noun* something that is wrong  
 » There were a lot of spelling mistakes in his work.  
**blunder, error, gaffe, oversight, slip, inaccuracy, miscalculation**



There were a lot of spelling mistakes in his work.

**mistake** 2

*verb* to think one thing is another thing  
 » I mistook him for the owner of the house.  
**confuse with, misinterpret as, mix up with, take for**

**mistreat**

*verb* to treat someone badly  
 » The dog had been mistreated, so we gave it a new home.  
**abuse, ill-treat**

**mix**

*verb* to combine things  
 » Mix the ingredients together slowly.  
**amalgamate, blend, combine, merge, mingle, intermingle, interweave**

**mixture**

*noun* a combination of things  
 » We used a mixture of flour and water to make dough.  
**alloy, amalgamation, blend, combination, compound, fusion, medley, amalgam, composite, conglomeration, mix**



We used a **mixture** of flour and water to make dough.

**mix up**

*verb* to confuse two things  
 » People often mix us up because we both wear glasses.  
**confuse, muddle**

**mix-up**

*noun* a mistake in something planned  
 » There has been a mix-up with the bookings.  
**mistake, misunderstanding, muddle**

**moan** 1

*verb* to make a low sound  
 » Laura moaned in her sleep.  
**groan, grunt**

**moan** 2

*verb* to complain about something  
 » Carol is always moaning about her job.  
**complain, groan, grumble, whine, whinge** (informal), **bleat, carp**

**moan** 3

*noun* a low sound  
 » She let out a moan of pain.  
**groan, grunt**

**mock** 1

*verb* to make fun of someone  
 » My sister mocked my haircut.  
**deride** (formal), **laugh at, make fun of, poke fun at, ridicule, scoff at**

**mock** 2

*adjective* not genuine  
 » The adults acted mock surprise when the children performed the same old magic tricks.  
**artificial, bogus, counterfeit, dummy, fake, false, feigned, imitation, phoney or phony** (informal), **pretended, sham, ersatz, pseudo**

**mockery**

*noun* the act of mocking someone  
 » Was there a glint of mockery in his eyes when he said he liked her new trainers?  
**derision, jeering, ridicule**

**model** 1

*noun* a copy of something  
 » We saw a model of what this building used to look like.  
**dummy, replica, representation, facsimile, mock-up**

**model** 2

*noun* a perfect example of something  
 » My obedient dog is a model of good behaviour.  
**epitome, example, ideal, paragon, archetype, exemplar**

**model** 3

*verb* to make something into a shape  
 » Jo modelled the clay into an animal.  
**carve, fashion, form, mould, sculpt, shape**



Jo modelled the clay into an animal.

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## moderate <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* neither too much nor too little » *Moderate exercise is good for the health.*  
**average, fair, medium, middling, reasonable**

## moderate <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to become or make less extreme » *The children persuaded their father to moderate his views on pets in bedrooms.*  
**abate, curb, ease, relax, soften, temper, tone down**

## modern <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* relating to the present time » *The modern world increasingly relies on the internet.*  
**contemporary, current, present, present-day, recent**

## modern <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* new and involving the latest ideas » *The house was full of modern technology.*  
**latest, new, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute**  
antonym: **old-fashioned**

## modest <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* small in size or amount » *Olivia made a modest donation to charity each month.*  
**limited, middling, moderate, small**

## modest <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not boastful » *The famous athlete was modest about his achievements.*  
**humble, unassuming, self-effacing, unpretentious**  
antonym: **conceited**

## moment <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a short period of time » *Ted paused for a moment to get his breath back.*  
**instant, minute, second, split second, flash, trice**

## moment <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a point in time » *The phone rang at the exact moment I stepped into the bath.*  
**instant, point, time**



*Sue played at being grown-up and counting the money she had earned.*

## money

*noun* coins or banknotes  
» *Sue played at being grown-up and counting the money she had earned.*  
**capital, cash, dosh** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand), **dough** (informal), **funds**

## mood

*noun* a state of mind » *Liz has been in a really cheerful mood since getting a kitten.*  
**frame of mind, humour, spirits, state of mind, temper**

## moody <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* depressed or unhappy  
» *Tony was moody because his father had woken him up.*  
**irritable, morose, sulky, sullen, huffy, ill-tempered, testy, tetchy, touchy**

## moody <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* liable to change your mood » *We were nervous of visiting the moody old man.*  
**temperamental, volatile, capricious, mercurial**

## more

*adjective* greater than something else » *Belle has more books than Peter.*  
**added, additional, extra, further**  
antonym: **less**



*Belle has more books than Peter.*

# move

<sup>1</sup> *verb* to change position  
» *The race started and the competitors began to move.*

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**wriggle**

**creep**

**scurry**

**inch**

**slither**

**crawl**

**scuttle**

**scamper**

**edge**



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**run**

**bolt**

**stampede**

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**shoot**

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**jog**

**hasten**

**gallop**

**dart**

**sprint**

**rush**

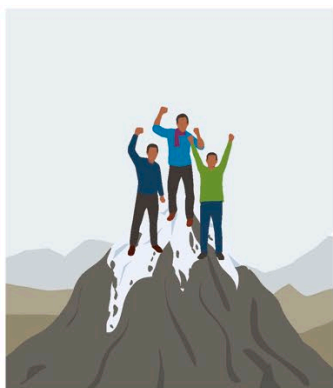
## motivate

**verb** to cause a particular behaviour » *The teacher used a star chart to motivate the children to work hard.*  
**drive, inspire, lead, move, prompt, provoke**

## mountain

**noun** an area of high ground that is higher and steeper than a hill » *After hours of climbing, we finally reached the top of the mountain.*

**alp, ben** (Scotland), **elevation, height, mount, peak, precipice, range, ridge**



After hours of climbing, we finally reached the top of the **mountain**.

## move 1

**verb** to change position

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## move 2

**verb** to change residence

» *Lori moved from Cambridge to London.*

**migrate, move house, relocate**

## move 3

**verb** to cause a deep emotion

» *We were moved to tears.*

**affect, touch**

## movement 1

**noun** a change of position

» *The cameras monitor the movement of fish in the river.*

**flow, motion**

## movement 2

**noun** a group of people with similar aims » *Vicky joined the peace movement.*

**campaign, faction, group, organization**

## moving

**adjective** causing deep emotion

» *The father of the bride gave a moving speech.*

**affecting, emotional, poignant, stirring, touching**

## muddle 1

**noun** a state of disorder

» *The drawer is in a muddle; I can't find what I want.*

**chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, jumble, mess, tangle**

## muddle 2

**verb** to mix things up » *Gran muddles me and my sister.*

**confuse, jumble, mix up**

## multiply

**verb** to increase in number

» *The number of children in the park multiplied in summer.*

**increase, proliferate, spread**

## mumble

**verb** to speak quietly

» *Speak up, don't mumble!*

**murmur, mutter**

## mysterious 1

**adjective** strange and not well understood » *My favourite socks went missing under mysterious circumstances.*

**arcane** (formal), **baffling, cryptic, enigmatic, mystifying, abstruse, obscure, recondite**

## mysterious 2

**adjective** secretive about something » *Stop being so mysterious and tell me where you've hidden the keys.*

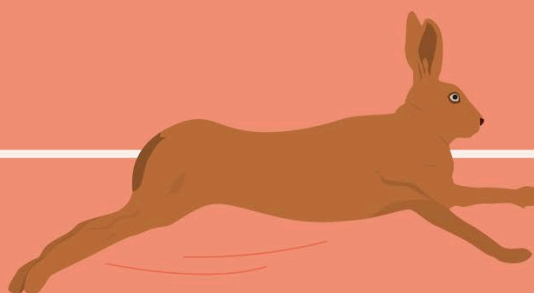
**furtive, secretive**

## mystery

**noun** something that is not understood » *There is a mystery surrounding our tortoise's disappearance.*

**conundrum, enigma, puzzle, riddle**

**tear**  
**hurry** **race**



# Nn

## nag

**verb** to keep complaining about something to someone  
» *My dad nagged me to keep the bathroom clean.*  
**badger, bother, go on at, pester**

## naked <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** not wearing any clothes » *Anna's most famous painting was of a naked woman.*  
**bare, nude, stark-naked, unclothed, undressed**  
antonym: **clothed**

## naked <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** openly displayed or shown » *His naked ambition was evident in his hard work.*  
**blatant, evident, manifest, open, unmistakable, overt, patent, stark**  
antonym: **secret**

## name <sup>1</sup>

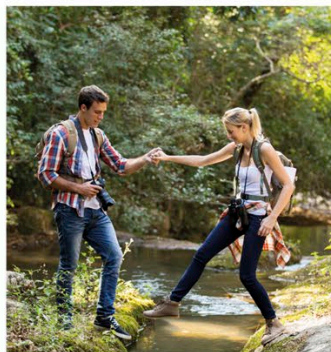
**noun** a word that identifies a person or thing  
» *My name is Joe.*  
**designation, epithet, nickname, term, title, appellation, denomination, sobriquet**  
related words:  
**adjective nominal**

## name <sup>2</sup>

**noun** the opinion people have about someone » *He lied to protect Janet's good name.*  
**character, reputation**

## name <sup>3</sup>

**verb** to give a name to someone  
» *She named her daughter Kit, after her grandmother.*  
**baptize, call, christen, dub, style, term**



*We crossed a narrow stream.*

## narrow

**adjective** having a small distance from side to side  
» *We crossed a narrow stream.*  
**fine, slender, slim, thin**  
antonym: **wide**

## narrow-minded

**adjective** unwilling to consider new ideas or other people's opinions » *My friend is rather narrow-minded and doesn't like exploring new ideas.*  
**biased, bigoted, insular, opinionated, prejudiced, parochial, reactionary**  
antonym: **tolerant**

## nasty

**adjective** very unpleasant  
» *The rotten apple left a nasty taste in my mouth.*  
**disagreeable, disgusting, foul, horrible, repellent, unpleasant, vile**  
antonym: **pleasant**

## natural <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** normal and to be expected » *Her natural reaction was to laugh at jokes.*  
**common, everyday, normal, ordinary, typical, usual**  
antonym: **unnatural**

## natural <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** not trying to pretend  
» *The new babysitter was so natural with the children.*  
**candid, frank, genuine, real, unaffected, artless, ingenuous**  
antonym: **false**

## natural <sup>3</sup>

**adjective** existing from birth and not learned » *I'm a terrible dancer – I have no natural rhythm.*  
**inborn, inherent, innate, instinctive, intuitive, native, immanent, indigenous**

## nature

**noun** someone's character  
» *It's not in my nature to sit still for long.*  
**character, make-up, personality**

## naughty

**adjective** tending to behave badly » *The teacher told Tony off for being naughty.*  
**bad, disobedient, impish, mischievous, wayward**  
antonym: **well-behaved**

## navigate

**verb** to work out the direction in which a ship, plane, or car should go » *Sam navigated the plane through the fog.*  
**guide, pilot, steer**

## near <sup>1</sup>

**preposition** not far from » *The cat curled up near the fire.*  
**adjacent to, alongside, close to, next to, not far from**



*The cat curled up near the fire.*

## near <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** not far away in distance » *The restaurant we're going to is very near.*  
**adjacent, adjoining, close, nearby**  
antonym: **far**

## near <sup>3</sup>

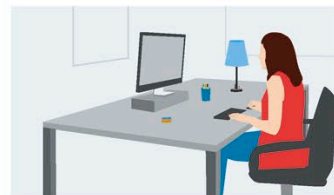
**adjective** not far away in time  
» *Our final exams are near.*  
**approaching, forthcoming, imminent, looming, near at hand, nigh, upcoming**

## nearly

**adverb** not completely but almost » *The beach was nearly empty after the storm.*  
**almost, as good as, just about, practically, virtually**

## neat

**adjective** having everything arranged in a tidy way » *Anna liked to keep her desk neat.*  
**orderly, smart, spruce, tidy, trim**  
antonym: **untidy**



*Anna liked to keep her desk neat.*

## necessary <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** needed so that something can happen  
» *Juan made the necessary arrangements for his holiday.*  
**essential, imperative, indispensable, required, vital, de rigueur, requisite**  
antonym: **unnecessary**

## necessary <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** (formal) certain to happen or exist » *Wrinkles are a necessary result of getting old.*  
**certain, inevitable, inexorable, unavoidable**

## need

**verb** to require something or be required to do something  
» *You need a ticket to enter.*  
**demand, require, want**

**neglect** 1

verb to fail to look after someone or something  
 » *My toast burnt because I had neglected it.*  
**ignore, overlook, turn your back on**

**neglect** 2

verb (formal) to fail to do something  
 » *Alex neglected to give me his address, so I don't know where to send the card.*  
**fail, forget, omit**

**neglect** 3

noun lack of care  
 » *Most of her plants died from neglect.*  
**disregard, indifference, unconcern**

**nervous**

adjective worried about something  
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**neutral**

adjective not supporting either side  
 » *I stayed neutral during my friends' argument.*  
**disinterested, dispassionate, impartial, nonaligned, nonpartisan, unbiased, unprejudiced**  
 antonym: **biased**

**never**

adverb at no time at all  
 » *I never said I was leaving.*  
**at no time, not ever**

**new**

adjective recently created or discovered  
 » *A new hotel has opened in our town.*  
**advanced, current, fresh, ground-breaking, latest, modern, recent, ultra-modern, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute**  
 antonym: **old**

**news**

noun information about things that have happened  
 » *Jackie waited for news of his arrival.*  
**bulletin, disclosure, dispatch, information, intelligence, latest** (informal), **tidings** (formal), **word**

antonym: **calm**

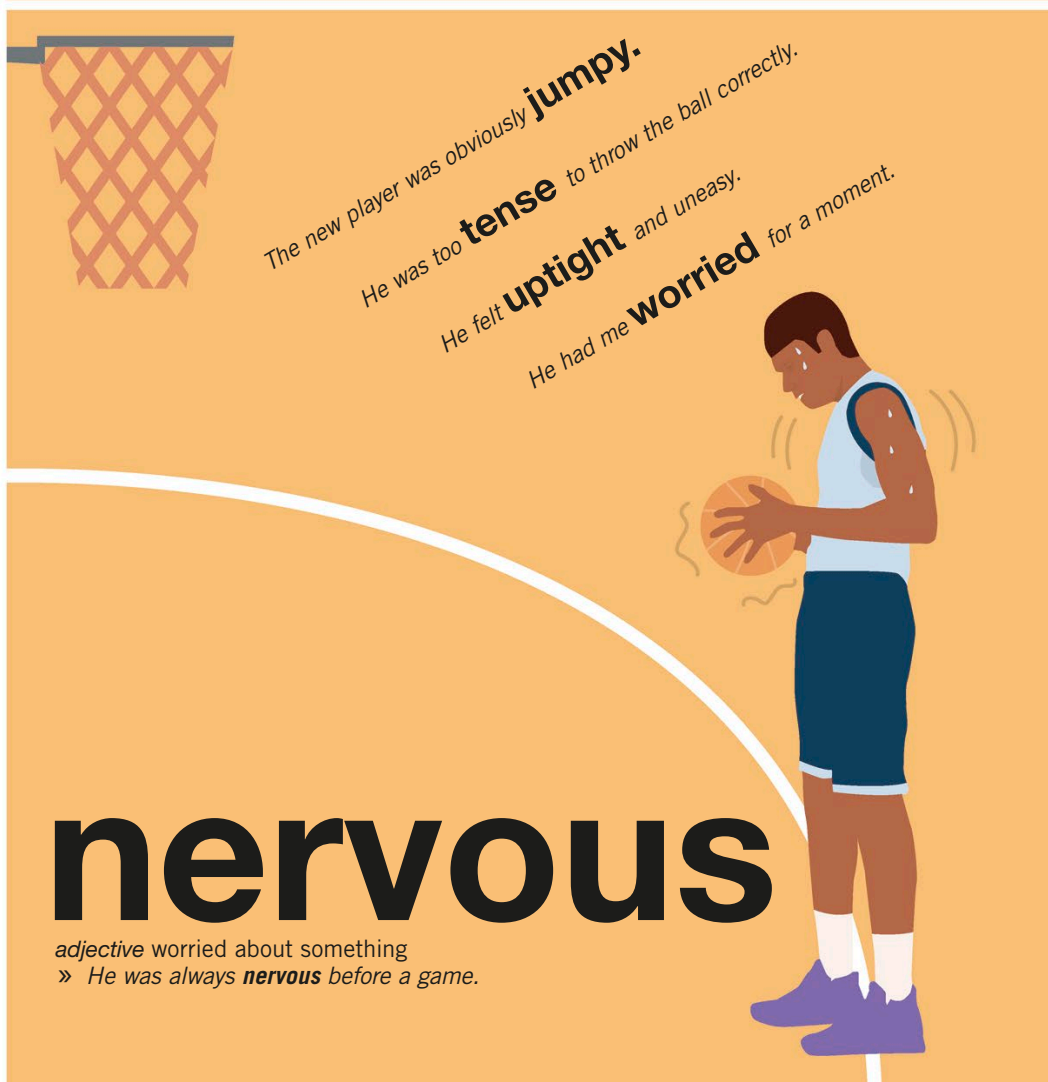
*The coach was **calm** and helped them to relax.*

He was **anxious** to play well.

He felt **apprehensive** until he started to play.

Nerves made his performance **edgy**.

He was still feeling **jittery** when he scored a basket.



The new player was obviously **jumpy**.

He was too **tense** to throw the ball correctly.

He felt **uptight** and uneasy.

He had me **worried** for a moment.

# nervous

adjective worried about something  
 » *He was always **nervous** before a game.*

# nice

**1** adjective attractive or enjoyable

Did you have a **nice** time at the wedding?

Yes, it was really **good**, and the party afterwards was **enjoyable** too. A **delightful** day in which a **pleasurable** time was had by all.

I heard they got married at a **beautiful** old church in a **lovely** little village.

The bride looked so **pretty** and her husband so **handsome**. They make a **gorgeous** couple.

Her parents are **pleasant** people too, they're such an **agreeable** family.

And the food they laid on was **delicious**, with a **mouthwatering** dessert.

## next **1**

adjective coming immediately after something else  
» *Their next child was a girl.*  
**ensuing, following, subsequent, succeeding**

## next **2**

adverb coming immediately after something else  
» *After Sue and Dan, Steve arrived next at the party.*  
**afterwards, subsequently**

## next **3**

adjective in a position nearest to something » *I shut the dog in the next room.*  
**adjacent, adjoining, closest, nearest, neighbouring**

## nice **1**

adjective attractive or enjoyable  
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## nice **2**

adjective kind or friendly  
» *Sending flowers was a nice gesture.*  
**amiable, charming, considerate, engaging, friendly, good-natured, kind, kindly, likeable, thoughtful**

## nice **3**

adjective good or satisfactory  
» *The builder made a nice job of the new garden wall.*  
**fine, neat, tidy, trim**

## no

interjection not at all  
» "Any problems?"  
"No, everything is fine, thanks."  
**absolutely not, certainly not, definitely not, not at all, of course not**  
antonym: **yes**

## noble **1**

adjective deserving admiration because of honesty, bravery, and unselfishness » *Giving his prize money away was noble.*  
**generous, honourable, magnanimous, upright, virtuous, worthy**  
antonym: **ignoble**

## noble **2**

noun someone from the highest social rank » *The old castle belonged to a family of nobles.*  
**aristocrat, lord, nobleman, peer**  
antonym: **peasant**

## noise

noun a loud or unpleasant sound » *Bill wore headphones while using the jackhammer to muffle the noise.*  
**commotion, din, hubbub, pandemonium, racket, row, uproar, clamour, rumpus, tumult**  
antonym: **silence**



Bill wore headphones while using the jackhammer to muffle the noise.

## noisy

adjective making a lot of noise » *The bus was full of noisy schoolchildren shrieking with excitement.*  
**deafening, loud, piercing, strident, tumultuous, vociferous, clamorous, riotous, uproarious**  
antonym: **quiet**

## nominate

verb to suggest someone for a position or role  
» *My head teacher nominated me for the award.*  
**name, propose, recommend, select, submit, suggest**

## nonsense

noun foolish words or behaviour  
» *Stop talking such nonsense!*  
**drivel, garbage** (informal), **inanity, rot, rubbish, waffle** (Britain; informal)

## normal

*adjective* usual and ordinary  
» A normal journey to school takes 20 minutes.

**average, conventional, habitual, ordinary, regular, routine, standard, typical, usual**

antonym: **unusual**

## nosy

*adjective* trying to find out about other people's business  
» Our nosy neighbour is always watching us through the curtains.

**curious, eavesdropping, inquisitive, prying**

## note 1

*noun* a short letter » I wrote a note asking him to come round.

**communication** (formal), **letter, memo, memorandum, message, reminder, epistle, missive** (old-fashioned)

## note 2

*noun* a written record that helps you remember something  
» The secretary made a note of the rescheduled meeting.

**account, jotting, record, register**



The secretary made a **note** of the rescheduled meeting.

## note 3

*noun* an atmosphere, feeling, or quality » I detected a note of envy in Reg's voice when he talked about his cousin's designer trainers.

**hint, tone, touch, trace**

## note 4

*verb* to become aware of or mention a fact » Paul noted that the rain had stopped and went outside.

**mention, notice, observe** (formal), **perceive, register, remark, see**

## notice 1

*verb* to become aware of something » I noticed that Billy was the only person who wasn't laughing.

**detect, discern, note, observe, perceive, see, spot**

## notice 2

*noun* a written announcement  
» The students looked at the notice on the board.

**advertisement, bill, poster, sign**



The students looked at the **notice** on the board.

## notice 3

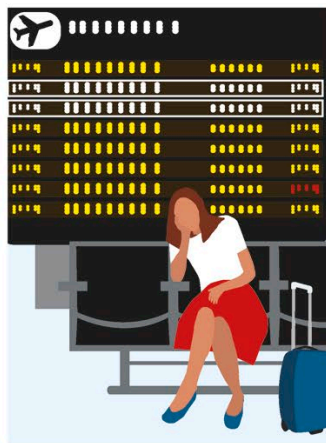
*noun* warning that something is going to happen » She was transferred to another group without notice.

**advance warning, intimation, notification, warning**

## noticeable

*adjective* obvious and easy to see » There has been a noticeable improvement in Sam's piano playing since he started practising.

**conspicuous, evident, obvious, perceptible, unmistakable, manifest, salient**



The airport display board **notified** the passengers of the delay.

## notify

*verb* to inform someone officially of something  
» The airport display board notified the passengers of the delay.

**advise** (formal), **inform, tell, warn**

## notorious

*adjective* well-known for something bad » The district was notorious for crime.

**disreputable, infamous, scandalous**

## now

*adverb* at the present time or moment » I need to see Gary now, before he leaves.

**at once, currently, immediately, nowadays, right now, straightaway, without delay**

## nuisance

*noun* someone or something that is annoying » Dom was a nuisance, always teasing her.

**annoyance, bother, hassle** (informal), **inconvenience, irritation, pain** (informal), **pest, plague, vexation**



Dom was a **nuisance**, always teasing her.

## numb 1

*adjective* unable to feel anything » My leg went numb after I sat on it too long.  
**dead, frozen, insensitive, paralysed, benumbed, insensible**

## numb 2

*verb* to make you unable to feel anything » The cold numbed my fingers, and I wished I was wearing gloves.

**dull, freeze, paralyse, stun, benumb, deaden, immobilize**

## number 1

*noun* a word or symbol used for counting » Pick a number between one and ten.

**digit, figure, numeral, character, integer**

## number 2

*noun* a quantity of things or people » A large number of people attended the carnival.

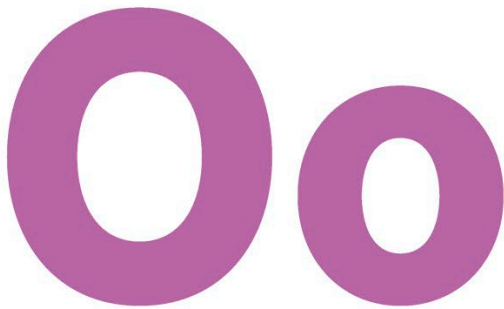
**collection, crowd, horde, multitude**



A large **number** of people attended the carnival.

## numerous

*adjective* existing or happening in large numbers » We've met before on numerous occasions.  
**lots of, many, several**



## oaf

**noun** a clumsy or aggressive person » *My brother can be such an oaf, always knocking things over.*  
**brute, lout**

## oath

**noun** a formal promise » *When you join the Scouts, you take an oath.*  
**pledge, promise, vow**

## obedient

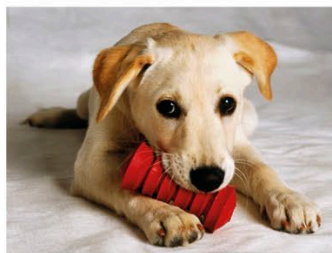
**adjective** tending to do what you are told » *The horse was calm and obedient – perfect for young riders.*  
**law-abiding, submissive, subservient, biddable, compliant**  
antonym: **disobedient**

## obey

**verb** to do what you are told » *Everyone should obey the law.*  
**abide by, adhere to, comply with, follow, observe**  
antonym: **disobey**

## object

**noun** anything solid and non-living » *My dog likes to chew on all sorts of objects.*  
**article, thing**



*My dog likes to chew on all sorts of **objects**.*

## object

**noun** an aim or purpose » *The object of the exercise is to raise money for the charity.*  
**aim, goal, idea, intention, objective, purpose**

## object

**verb** to express disapproval » *Al objected to seeing the film because it was too long.*  
**oppose, protest, demur, expostulate**  
antonym: **approve**

## objection

**noun** disapproval of something » *Despite objections from her father, Jacqui wore shorts and trainers.*  
**opposition, protest**  
antonym: **support**

## obligatory

**adjective** required by a rule or law » *He said that attendance was obligatory; no one was allowed to miss the class.*  
**compulsory, forced, mandatory, required, requisite**

## obscure

**verb** to make something difficult to see  
» SEE RIGHT

## obscure

**adjective** known by only a few people » *We went to an obscure restaurant in a side street, away from the crowds.*  
**little-known, unknown**  
antonym: **famous**

## obscure

**adjective** difficult to understand » *The author used such obscure language in his book, Ciara needed to look up some of the words in a dictionary to understand them.*  
**arcane, cryptic, opaque, abstruse, esoteric**  
antonym: **simple**

## observant

**adjective** good at noticing things » *The artist was very observant and captured every detail of the flowers in his painting.*  
**attentive, perceptive, vigilant, watchful, eagle-eyed, sharp-eyed**



*The artist was very **observant** and captured every detail of the flowers in his painting.*

## observe

**verb** to watch something carefully » *The zoologists spent years observing the behaviour of chimpanzees.*  
**monitor, scrutinize, study, survey, view, watch**

## observe

**verb** to notice something » *The teacher took the class for a walk in the woods and asked them to write down what wildlife they observed.*  
**discover, note, notice, see, spot, witness**

## observe

**verb** to make a comment about something » *"You've had your hair cut," Dad observed.*  
**comment, mention, remark, say, state**

## obsession

**noun** a compulsion to think about something » *Wayne had always had an obsession with trains.*  
**complex, fixation, mania, preoccupation, thing** (informal)

## obstacle

**noun** something that makes it difficult to go forward » *The main obstacle to cleaning my bedroom is the broken vacuum cleaner.*  
**barrier, difficulty, hindrance, hurdle, impediment, obstruction, bar, stumbling block**

## obstinate

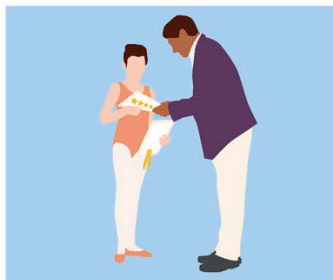
**adjective** unwilling to change your mind » *He is obstinate and will not give up.*  
**dogged, headstrong, inflexible, intractable, stubborn, wilful, intransigent, recalcitrant**  
antonym: **flexible**

## obstruct

**verb** to block a road or path » *The fallen tree obstructed the road.*  
**bar, block, choke, clog**



*The fallen tree **obstructed** the road.*



My elder sister **obtained** a distinction in her ballet exam.

## obtain

verb to get something  
» My elder sister **obtained** a distinction in her ballet exam.  
**acquire, get, get hold of, get your hands on** (informal), **procure** (formal), **secure** (formal)

## obvious

adjective easy to see or understand » It was **obvious** that Jessica was trying to impress the teacher as she was always the first to put up her hand when a volunteer was asked for.  
**apparent, blatant, clear, evident, overt, palpable, plain, self-evident, conspicuous, manifest, patent**

## occasion 1

noun an important event  
» The launch of a ship is a grand **occasion**.  
**affair, event**

## occasion 2

noun an opportunity to do something  
» The family meal was the perfect **occasion** for telling everyone about his travel plans.  
**chance, opportunity, time**

## occasional

adjective happening sometimes » We look forward to our **occasional** trips to the beach, they are always a lot of fun!  
**intermittent, odd, periodic, sporadic**  
antonym: **frequent**

## occur 1

verb to happen or exist  
» Thunderstorms often **occur** in late summer.  
**appear, arise, be present, exist, happen, take place**

## occur 2

verb to come into your mind  
» It didn't **occur** to me to check the calendar and I turned up on the wrong day.  
**cross your mind, dawn on, strike**

## odd

adjective strange or unusual  
» He looked **odd**, wearing sunglasses at night.  
**bizarre, curious, funny, peculiar, queer** (old-fashioned), **singular** (formal), **strange, weird**  
antonym: **ordinary**

## offend

verb to upset or embarrass someone » I didn't mean to **offend** you when I commented on your hat.  
**affront, insult, outrage**  
antonym: **please**

## offensive

adjective rude and upsetting  
» Some people found the words of the song **offensive**.  
**abusive, insulting, objectionable**



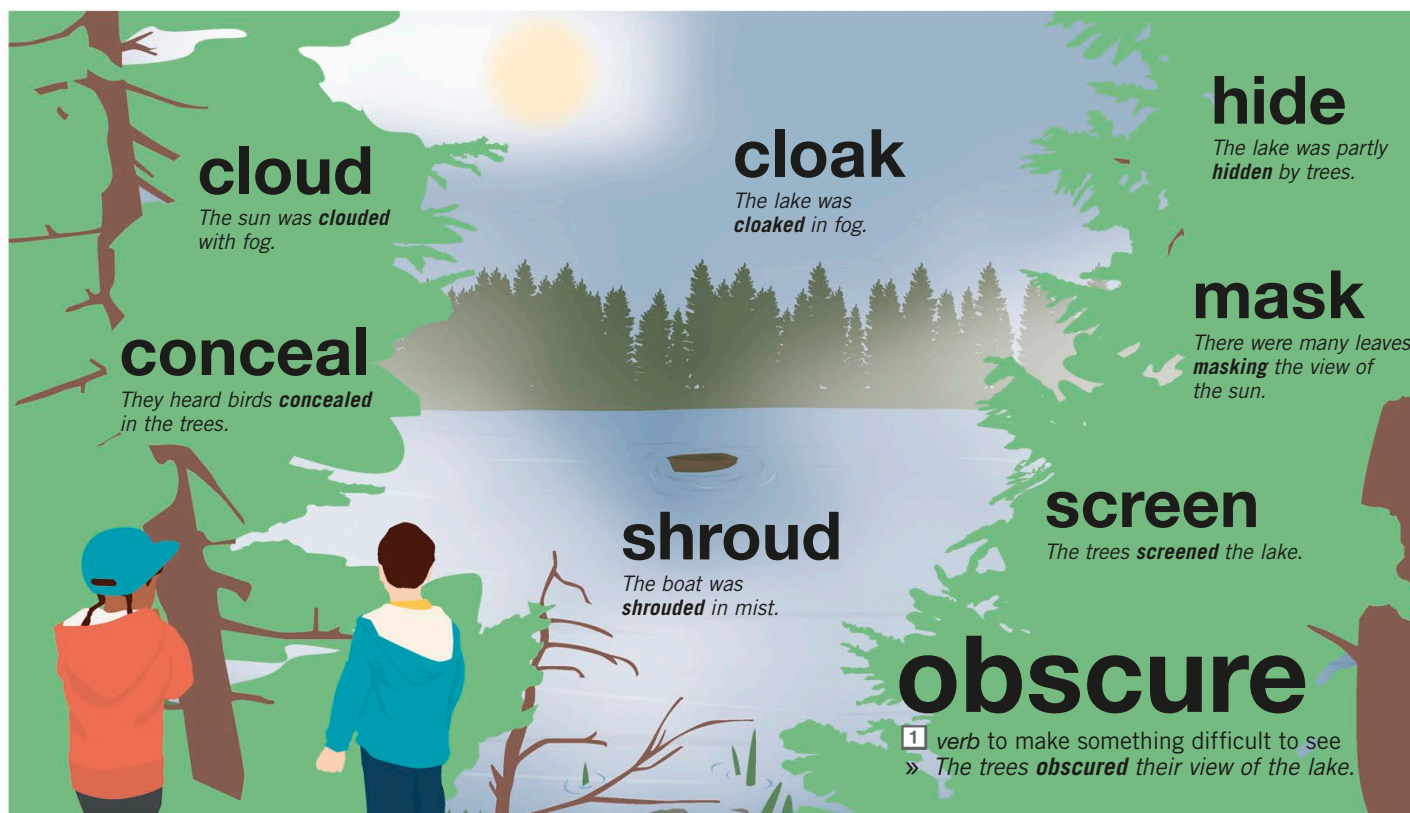
Catherine **offered** us one of the cakes she'd baked.

## offer 1

verb to make something available for someone to take  
» Catherine **offered** us one of the cakes she'd baked.  
**give, hold out, make available, propose, put forward, suggest, tender, extend, proffer, submit**

## offer 2

noun something that someone offers you » Sue had refused several job **offers** because they were too far away.  
**proposition, tender**



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# old

**[2] adjective** something in the past  
» In the **old** days, knights went into battle to defend their king.

## ancient

In **ancient** times, the Romans conquered much of Europe.

## bygone

Archaeology can tell us about **bygone** eras.

## earlier

The painter's **earlier** work is more colourful.

## early

In the **early** days of television, programmes were in black and white.

## ex

He felt awkward seeing his **ex**-wife.

## former

She always greeted her **former** teacher with a hug.

## olden

It's fun to dress up in costumes from **olden** times.

## one time

The **one-time** president of the club argued against the latest rules.

## past

She was hired because of her **past** experience.

## previous

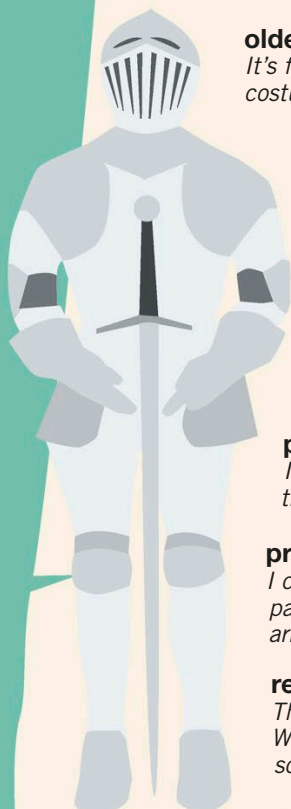
In **previous** episodes, the bad guy always lost.

## prior

I can't come to the party, I have **prior** arrangements.

## remote

The days of the Wild West are so **remote**.



## official <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** approved by someone in authority » *Official figures show that more people use the pool in summer than winter.*  
**authorized, certified, formal, licensed**  
antonym: **unofficial**

## official <sup>2</sup>

**noun** someone in authority  
» *We asked an official for directions to our seats.*  
**executive, officer, representative, bureaucrat, functionary**

## often

**adverb** happening many times  
» *My parents often go to Italy on holiday.*  
**frequently, repeatedly**

## okay or OK

**adjective** (informal) acceptable or satisfactory » *Is it okay if I bring a friend to your party?*  
**acceptable, all right**

## old <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** having lived for a long time » *Gareth helped the old lady with her shopping.*  
**aged, ancient, elderly, venerable**  
antonym: **young**

## old <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** something in the past  
◀ SEE LEFT

## old-fashioned

**adjective** no longer fashionable  
» *Granny has an old-fashioned record player.*  
**antiquated, archaic, dated, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, out of date, passé, behind the times, obsolescent, old-time**  
antonym: **fashionable**



Granny has an **old-fashioned** record player.

## omen

**noun** a sign of what will happen  
» *There is a proverb that says a black cat crossing your path is an omen of disaster.*  
**sign, warning, augury, portent**

## ominous

**adjective** suggesting that something bad will happen  
» *There was an ominous silence in the shop after Tom broke the expensive vase.*  
**sinister, threatening, inauspicious, portentous, unpropitious**

## omit

**verb** to not include something  
» *Omit the ham to make the pie suitable for vegetarians.*  
**exclude, leave out, miss out, skip**

## only <sup>1</sup>

**adverb** involving one person or thing » *Only Keith knows whether or not he'll be well enough to play.*  
**just, merely, purely, simply, solely**

## only <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** having no other examples » *The only tree in the field is an oak.*  
**one, sole**



The **only** tree in the field is an oak.

## open <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to cause something not to be closed » *Mum opened the door to let us in.*  
**uncover, undo, unlock, unfasten, unseal**  
antonym: **shut**



I left an **open** box of chocolates on the table and my sister ate them.

## open 2

**adjective** not closed » I left an open box of chocolates on the table and my sister ate them.

**ajar, uncovered, undone, unlocked, unfastened, unsealed**

antonym: **shut**

## open 3

**adjective** not trying to deceive someone » Ashwin had always been open with his mother and had no secrets from her.

**candid, frank, honest**

## opening 1

**adjective** coming first » We've got tickets for the opening game of the season.

**first, inaugural, initial, introductory**

## opening 2

**noun** the first part of something » Lots of people went to the opening of the store.

**beginning, commencement (formal), start**

antonym: **conclusion**



Lots of people went to the **opening** of the store.

## opening 3

**noun** a hole or gap » A fox came into our garden through a narrow opening in the fence.

**chink, cleft, crack, gap, hole, slot, space, vent, aperture, fissure, orifice**

## opinion

**noun** a belief or view » Please tell me what you think about my book, I value your opinion.

**assessment, belief, estimation, judgment, point of view, view, viewpoint**

## oppose

**verb** to disagree with something » The workers opposed the proposed pay cut.

**fight against, resist, speak out against, take a stand against, take issue with**

antonym: **support**

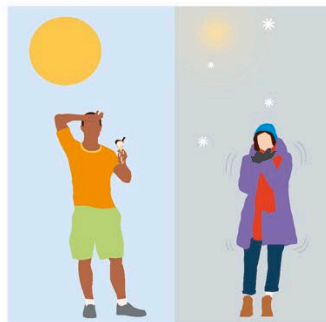


The workers **opposed** the proposed pay cut.

## opposite 1

**adjective** completely different from something » We had opposite views: she wanted to go out and I wanted to stay home.

**conflicting, contrary, contrasting, opposed, reverse, antithetical, diametrically opposed**



Hot is the **opposite** of cold.

## opposite 2

**noun** a completely different person or thing » Hot is the opposite of cold.

**antithesis (formal), contrary, converse, reverse, inverse, obverse**

## opposition

**noun** disagreement about something » Much of the opposition to the school's plan for a new canteen came from the pupils.

**disapproval, hostility, resistance**

antonym: **support**

## oppressed

**adjective** treated cruelly or unfairly » The oppressed villagers led a revolt against the king.

**abused, downtrodden, enslaved, tyrannized**

## oppression

**noun** cruel or unfair treatment

» The townspeople's fight against oppression became a famous story of bravery.

**persecution, tyranny, subjection, subjugation**

## optimistic

**adjective** hopeful about the future » David woke in an optimistic mood: it was going to be a good day.

**buoyant, confident, hopeful, positive, sanguine**

antonym: **pessimistic**

## oral

**adjective** spoken rather than written » Marie did well in her French oral test.

**spoken, verbal**

## orange

**noun or adjective**  
Shades of orange:

**amber, apricot, carrot, ochre, peach, tangerine**

## ordeal

**noun** a difficult and unpleasant experience » Putting up the tent in the rain was an ordeal.

**hardship, nightmare, torture, trial, tribulation (formal)**

## order 1

**noun** a command by someone in authority » The crew must follow the orders of the captain.

**command, decree, dictate, directive, instruction**

## order 2

**noun** a well-organized situation » The kitchen was a mess – it took hours to restore order.

**harmony, regularity, symmetry**

antonym: **disorder**

## order 3

**verb** to tell someone to do something » The policeman ordered the driver to stop.

**command, decree, direct, instruct, ordain**

antonym: **forbid**

## orderly

**adjective** well-organized or well-arranged » The vehicles were parked in orderly rows.

**neat, regular, tidy**

antonym: **disorderly**



The vehicles were parked in **orderly** rows.

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## ordinary

**adjective** not special or different » *Fred lived in an ordinary house in the suburbs.*  
**conventional, normal, regular, routine, standard, usual, run-of-the-mill, unexceptional, unremarkable**  
antonym: **special**

## organization <sup>1</sup>

**noun** a group or business  
» *My mother volunteers at many charitable organizations, and is well known in the community.*  
**association, body, company, confederation, group, institution, outfit** (informal)

## organization <sup>2</sup>

**noun** the planning and arranging of something  
» *Emma was involved in the organization of the party.*  
**organizing, planning, structuring**

## organize

**verb** to plan and arrange something » *Organizing a concert takes a lot of time and effort.*  
**arrange, establish, plan, set up**

## origin <sup>1</sup>

**noun** the beginning or cause of something » *The origins of television date back to the 1920s.*  
**derivation, root, source, genesis, provenance**

## origin <sup>2</sup>

**noun** someone's family background » *Elsa was of Swedish origin.*  
**ancestry, descent, extraction, lineage, stock**  
**original <sup>1</sup>**  
**adjective** being the first example of something  
» *The original owner of our house lived in it all his life.*  
**first, initial**

## original <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** imaginative and clever  
» *Adam had a stunningly original idea for the school play – no one had ever seen anything like it before.*  
**fresh, new, novel, innovative, innovative**  
antonym: **unoriginal**

## ornament

**noun** an object that you display  
» *The shelves were crammed with ornaments.*  
**adornment, bauble, decoration, knick-knack, trinket**

## ostentatious

**adjective** intended to impress people with appearances  
» *You couldn't miss his ostentatious car – it's large and shiny gold!*  
**extravagant, flamboyant, flashy, grandiose, pretentious, showy**



You couldn't miss his **ostentatious** car – it's large and shiny gold!



**outbreak**

*noun* a sudden occurrence of something » *An outbreak of influenza led to the school being closed for a few days.*  
**eruption, explosion**

**outdo**

*verb* to do something better than another person » *She was very competitive and always tried to outdo her sister.*  
**go one better than, outshine, surpass, top, best, eclipse**

**outline 1**

*verb* to describe something in a general way » *The mayor outlined his plans to clean up the town.*  
**sketch, summarize, delineate**

**outline 2**

*noun* a general description of something » *Peter gave an outline of his presentation to the teacher for review.*  
**rundown** (informal), **summary, synopsis, résumé, thumbnail sketch**

**outline 3**

*noun* the shape of something » *Helena traced around the outline of the rabbit.*  
**contours, figure, form, shape, silhouette**



*Helena traced around the outline of the rabbit.*

**outlook 1**

*noun* your general attitude towards life » *I adopted a positive outlook on life.*  
**attitude, perspective, view**

**outlook 2**

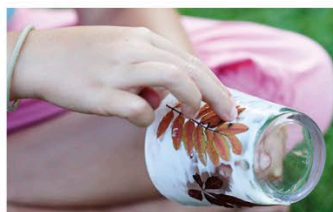
*noun* the future prospects of something » *The weather outlook for our holiday next week looks promising.*  
**future, prospects**

**out of date**

*adjective* no longer useful » *The information on last week's chart is out of date.*  
**antiquated, archaic, obsolete, old-fashioned, outdated, outmoded**  
 antonym: **modern**

**outside 1**

*noun* the outer part of something » *She stuck leaves on the outside of the glass to decorate it.*  
**exterior, facade, face, surface**  
 antonym: **inside**



*She stuck leaves on the outside of the glass to decorate it.*

**outside 2**

*adjective* not inside » *We had to use outside showers at the campsite.*  
**exterior, external, outdoor, outer, outward, surface**  
 antonym: **inside**

**outskirts**

*plural noun* the edges of an area » *We live in the outskirts of the city, far from the centre.*  
**edge, perimeter, periphery, environs**

**outstanding 1**

*adjective* extremely good  
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**outstanding 2**

*adjective* still owed » *I have an outstanding debt to my mum, but I'm paying it off slowly.*  
**due, overdue, owing, payable, unpaid**

**over**

*adjective* completely finished » *I am glad my exams are finally over.*  
**at an end, complete, done, finished, gone, past, up**

**overcome**

*verb* to manage to deal with something » *Molly had overcome her fear of flying and happily boarded the plane.*  
**conquer, get the better of, master, surmount, triumph over, vanquish** (literary)

**overlook**

*verb* to ignore or fail to notice something » *Mum overlooked the road sign and missed the turning.*  
**disregard, forget, ignore, miss, neglect, turn a blind eye to**

**overrule**

*verb* to reject a decision officially » *The referee's decision was overruled.*  
**overturn, reverse, countermand, override**

**oversee**

*verb* to make sure a job is done properly » *The teacher oversaw the pupils' experiment.*  
**be in charge of, coordinate, direct, manage, preside, supervise**



*The teacher oversaw the pupils' experiment.*

**overthrow**

*verb* to remove someone from power by force » *The government was overthrown in a military coup.*  
**bring down, depose, oust, topple**



*Fred's fast ball easily overturned the skittles.*

**overturn 1**

*verb* to knock something over » *Fred's fast ball easily overturned the skittles.*  
**capsize, knock down, knock over, tip over, topple, upset, upend, upturn**

**overturn 2**

*verb* to reject a decision officially » *The school governors overturned the head teacher's decision.*  
**overrule, reverse, countermand, override**

**overweight**

*adjective* too fat, and therefore unhealthy » *Being overweight increases your risk of health problems.*  
**fat, hefty, obese, stout, corpulent, rotund**

**own 1**

*adjective* belonging to a particular person or thing » *Use your own pencils and stop taking mine!*  
**personal, private**

**own 2**

*verb* to have something that belongs to you » *My aunt owns the local shop.*  
**have, keep, possess**

**OWN 3: on your own**

*adverb* without other people » *I work best on my own with no one to disturb me.*  
**alone, by yourself, independently, unaided**

**owner**

*noun* the person to whom something belongs » *I tried to find the owner of the lost dog.*  
**possessor, proprietor**

# Pp

## pacify

**verb** to calm down someone who is angry » *She shrieked again, refusing to be pacified.*  
**appease, calm, mollify, placate, soothe, assuage, propitiate**

## pain

**noun** an unpleasant feeling of physical hurt » *I felt a sharp pain in my neck.*  
**ache, discomfort, irritation, soreness, trouble, twinge**



*I felt a sharp pain in my neck.*

## pain

**noun** a feeling of deep unhappiness » *He felt the pain of rejection when he wasn't picked for the team.*  
**agony, anguish, distress, grief, misery**

## painful

**adjective** causing emotional pain » *Driving past our old home brings back painful memories.*  
**distressing, grievous, saddening, unpleasant**

## painful

**adjective** causing physical pain » *She fell off her bike, taking a painful knock to the knee.*  
**aching, excruciating, sore, tender**

## pale

**adjective** rather white or without much colour » *Migrating birds filled the pale, misty sky.*  
**ashen, colourless, faded, sallow, wan, white**

## panic

**noun** a very strong feeling of fear or anxiety  
» *The power cut caused panic among shoppers, who were plunged into darkness.*  
**alarm, dismay, fear, fright, hysteria, terror**

## panic

**verb** to become afraid or anxious » *The walkers panicked when the cows began to charge.*  
**become hysterical, go to pieces, lose your nerve**



*The walkers panicked when the cows began to charge.*

## parade

**noun** a line of people moving as a display » *A military parade marched through the streets.*  
**cavalcade, march, pageant, procession, tattoo**

## paralyse

**verb** to make someone lose feeling and movement  
» *She was paralysed with fear at the sight of the spider.*  
**cripple, disable**

## parent

**noun** your father or your mother  
» *I told my parents that I was going out.*  
**father, folks, mother**

## parody

**noun** an amusing imitation of someone else's style  
» *Our new play is a parody of a well-known film.*  
**imitation, satire, spoof (informal), takeoff (informal), lampoon, skit**

## part

**verb** to do something with other people » *Thousands took part in this year's marathon.*  
**be instrumental in, be involved in, have a hand in, join in, participate in, play a part in**



*Thousands took part in this year's marathon.*

## part

**noun** a person's involvement in something  
» *He tried to conceal his part in the accident.*  
**capacity, duty, function, involvement, role**

# pass

**1 verb** to exceed or go past something  
» *Brandon gave a triumphant wave as he passed the winning line.*



## go beyond

*Wright's speed that day went beyond any of his past records.*



## outdo

*Erikson outdid Wright.*



### part ③

*noun* a piece or section of something » *I like that part of town.*

**bit, fraction, fragment, piece, portion, section**

### participate

*verb* to take part in an activity » *Everyone participates in the school quiz.*

**be involved in, engage in, enter into, join in, take part**

### particular ①

*adjective* relating to only one thing or person » *That particular place is dangerous.*

**distinct, exact, express, peculiar, precise, specific**

### particular ②

*adjective* especially great or intense » *He took particular care to wash the back of his neck, which was very dirty.*

**exceptional, marked, notable, singular, special, uncommon, especial, noteworthy**

### particular ③

*adjective* not easily satisfied » *Ted was particular about the colours he used when decorating the room.*

**choosy (informal), exacting, fastidious, fussy, meticulous**

### partly

*adverb* to some extent but not completely » *This is partly my fault.*

**in part (formal), in some measure (formal), partially, to some degree, to some extent**

### partner ①

*noun* either member of a couple in a relationship » *My uncle is very happy with his new partner.*

**husband, mate, spouse, wife**

### partner ②

*noun* the person someone is doing something with » *I have a new tennis partner.*

**companion, team-mate**

### party ①

*noun* an enjoyable social event » *I like to have a party for my birthday every year.*

**celebration, function, gathering, get-together (informal), hooley or hoolie (New Zealand, Scotland, and Ireland), reception**



*I like to have a party for my birthday every year.*

### party ②

*noun* an organization for people with the same political beliefs » *Ray joined the party in order to meet like-minded people.*

**alliance, clique, coalition, faction, grouping**

### party ③

*noun* a group who are doing something together » *The landing party crossed the water to the research station.*

**band, crew, gang, squad, team, unit**



*The landing party crossed the water to the research station.*

### pass ①

*verb* to exceed or go past something.

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### pass ②

*verb* to be successful in a test » *Wendy has just passed her cycling proficiency test.*

**get through, graduate, qualify, succeed**

antonym: **fail**

### pass ③

*noun* a document that allows you to go somewhere » *You'll need your pass to get into the building.*

**identification, passport, ticket**

### passage ①

*noun* a narrow, empty space that connects places » *He cleared a passage for himself through the crammed streets.*

**channel, course, path, road, route, way**

### passage ②

*noun* a narrow, built space that connects one place with another » *The passage leads to the courtyard of the old building.*

**aisle, corridor, hall, lobby**



*The passage leads to the courtyard of the old building.*

### passage ③

*noun* a section of a book or piece of music » *My flute teacher makes this difficult passage look easy.*

**excerpt, extract, quotation, section**



### exceed

*Blake came seventh, exceeding his past performance.*



### overtake

*Khan overtook Blake at the last moment.*



### surpass

*Booth surpassed his personal best.*



### outstrip

*Abraham tried hard to outstrip Booth.*

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## passing

**adjective** lasting only for a short time » *She hoped her son's pink hair was a passing phase.*  
**fleeting, momentary, short-lived, transitory**

## passion

**noun** any strong emotion  
» *His voice trembled with passion as he spoke of her.*  
**emotion, excitement, fire, intensity, warmth, zeal**

## passionate

**adjective** expressing very strong feelings about something  
» *I'm passionate about art – I see every exhibition that's on.*  
**ardent, emotional, heartfelt, impassioned, intense, strong**

## passive

**adjective** submissive or not playing an active part  
» *His passive attitude made it easier for me to take charge.*  
**docile, receptive, resigned, submissive, acquiescent, compliant, inactive, quiescent**

## past 1: the past

**noun** the period of time before the present » *We would like to put the past behind us.*  
**antiquity, days gone by, former times, long ago**

## past 2

**adjective** happening or existing before the present » *We have wonderful pictures of past generations of our family.*  
**ancient, bygone, former, olden, previous, erstwhile, quondam**  
antonym: **future**



*We have wonderful pictures of past generations of our family.*

## past 3

**preposition** situated on the other side of somewhere  
» *My house is just past the shop on the right.*  
**beyond, by, over**

## pastime

**noun** a hobby or something done for pleasure  
» *My favourite pastime is reading.*  
**activity, diversion, hobby, recreation**



*My favourite pastime is reading.*

## path 1

**noun** a strip of ground for people to walk on  
» *We followed the path along the clifftops.*  
**footpath, pathway, towpath, track, trail, way**

## path 2

**noun** the space ahead of someone as they move along  
» *A group of reporters stood in the actor's path.*  
**course, direction, passage, route, way**

## pathetic 1

**adjective** causing someone to feel pity » *The shivering dog looked rather pathetic.*  
**heartbreaking, sad, pitiable, plaintive**

## pathetic 2

**adjective** very poor or unsuccessful » *She gave me a pathetic excuse – homework – for not coming to the party.*  
**feeble, lamentable, pitiful, poor, sorry**

## patience

**noun** the ability to stay calm in a difficult situation » *Dealing with four tired, hungry children required all his patience.*  
**calmness, composure, cool (slang), restraint, tolerance, equanimity, forbearance, imperturbability**

## patient 1

**adjective** staying calm in a difficult situation  
» *Please be patient – we are very busy today.*  
**calm, composed, long-suffering, philosophical, serene**  
antonym: **impatient**

## patient 2

**noun** a person receiving medical treatment  
» *She enjoyed the company of other patients during her stay in hospital.*  
**case, invalid, sick person, sufferer**

## pattern 1

**noun** a decorative design of repeated shapes  
» *The cushions have a pattern of colourful stripes.*  
**design, motif**



*The cushions have a pattern of colourful stripes.*

## pattern 2

**noun** a diagram or shape used as a guide for making something » *I can knit, but only if I follow a pattern.*  
**design, diagram, plan, stencil, template**

## pause 1

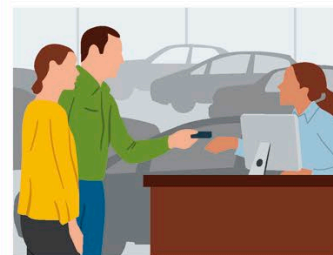
**verb** to stop doing something for a short time » *On leaving, Mel paused at the door to say goodbye again.*  
**break, delay, halt, rest, take a break, wait**

## pause 2

**noun** a short period when activity stops » *There was a pause in conversation while the waiter set down two plates.*  
**break, gap, halt, interruption, interval, rest, stoppage, hiatus**

## pay 1

**verb** to give money to someone to settle a debt » *You can pay with cash or a card.*  
**compensate, honour, settle, recompense, reimburse, remunerate**



*You can pay with cash or a card.*

## pay 2

**verb** to give someone a benefit  
» *It pays to be honest.*  
**be advantageous, be worthwhile**

## pay 3

**noun** money paid to someone for work done » *The factory workers went on strike over pay and conditions.*  
**earnings, fee, income, payment, salary, wages, emolument, recompense, reimbursement, remuneration, stipend**

## payment

**noun** an amount of money that is paid to someone » *Mum made the initial payment for my new computer over the telephone.*  
**advance, deposit, instalment, premium, remittance**

## peace 1

*noun* a state of undisturbed calm and quiet » *Hanna left me in peace to finish my book.*  
**calm, quiet, silence, stillness, tranquillity, quietude, repose**

## peace 2

*noun* freedom from war » *The government is trying to establish peace in the region.*  
**armistice, cessation of hostilities, truce**  
antonym: **war**

## peaceful

*adjective* quiet and calm » *The house was peaceful once the children had left for school.*  
**calm, placid, quiet, serene, still, tranquil**

## peak 1

*noun* the point at which something is at its greatest or best » *Madison was at the peak of her career as a golfer when she won the gold medal.*  
**climax, culmination, high point, zenith, acme, apogee**

## peak 2

*noun* the pointed top of a mountain » *We flew over snow-covered peaks.*  
**brow, crest, height, pinnacle, summit, top, apex**



*We flew over snow-covered peaks.*

## peak 3

*verb* to reach the highest point or greatest level » *The band's fame peaked some years ago.*  
**be at its height, climax, come to a head, culminate, reach its highest point**

## peculiar 1

*adjective* strange and perhaps unpleasant » *Lee has a peculiar sense of humour.*  
**bizarre, curious, funny, odd, queer, strange, weird**

## peculiar 2

*adjective* associated with one particular person or thing » *My uncle has his own peculiar way of doing things.*  
**distinctive, distinguishing, individual, personal, special, unique, idiosyncratic**

## peek 1

*verb* to have a quick look at something » *The squirrel peeked at me through a hole in the tree trunk.*  
**glance, peep, snatch a glimpse, sneak a look**



*The squirrel peeked at me through a hole in the tree trunk.*

## peek 2

*noun* a quick look at something » *Jon took a peek at the presents hidden in the drawer.*  
**glance, glimpse, look, peep**

## pent-up

*adjective* held back for a long time without release » *She had a lot of pent-up anger, which suddenly erupted.*  
**inhibited, repressed, suppressed**

## people 1

*plural noun* men, women, and children » *Hundreds of people visit the palace every day.*  
**folk, human beings, humanity, humans, mankind**

## people 2

*plural noun* all the men, women, and children of a particular place » *It's a triumph for the American people.*  
**citizens, inhabitants, population, public**

## perceptive

*adjective* good at noticing or realizing things » *I was impressed by her perceptive account of the poet's life.*  
**acute, astute, aware, penetrating, sharp, insightful, percipient, perspicacious**

## perfect 1

*adjective* of the highest standard and without fault » *Paolo's English was perfect.*  
**expert, faultless, flawless, masterly, polished, skilled**  
antonym: **imperfect**

## perfect 2

*adjective* complete or absolute » *You have a perfect right to say so, even though I disagree.*  
**absolute, complete, consummate, sheer, unmitigated, utter**

## perfect 3

*verb* to make something as good as it can be » *She perfected her back flip before the competition.*  
**hone, improve, polish, refine**



*She perfected her back flip before the competition.*

## perform 1

*verb* to carry out a task or action » *The scouts who had performed acts of bravery were awarded medals.*  
**carry out, complete, do, execute, fulfil**

## perform 2

*verb* to act, dance, or play music in public » *This year, our students are performing a musical.*  
**act, do, play, present, put on, stage**



*This year, our students are performing a musical.*

## perhaps

*adverb* maybe » *Perhaps you're right.*  
**conceivably, it could be, maybe, possibly**

## period

*noun* a particular length of time » *Imogen will be away for a period of a few months, so she has a lot to organize.*  
**interval, spell, stretch, term, time, while**

## permanent

*adjective* lasting for ever or present all the time » *The farmer built a permanent fence to stop the sheep escaping.*  
**abiding, constant, enduring, eternal, lasting, perpetual, immutable, imperishable, steadfast**  
antonym: **temporary**

## permission

*noun* authorization to do something » *I asked permission to leave the table.*  
**approval, assent, authorization, consent, go-ahead, licence**  
antonym: **ban**

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## permit 1

*verb* to allow something or make it possible » *The guards permitted me to take photographs in the museum when I explained they were for a school project.*

**allow, authorize, enable, give the green light to, grant, sanction**  
antonym: **ban**

## permit 2

*noun* an official document allowing someone to do something » *Mum needed a parking permit to use that car park.*

**authorization, licence, pass, passport, permission, warrant**

## persecute

*verb* to treat someone with continual cruelty and unfairness » *As we trudged through the swamp we were persecuted by mosquitoes.*  
**hound, ill-treat, oppress, pick on, torment, torture**

## person

*noun* a man, woman, or child » *The amount of sleep we need varies from person to person.*

**human, human being, individual, living soul, soul**

## personal

*adjective* belonging to a particular person or thing » *Jake put his personal belongings into a locker for safekeeping.*  
**individual, own, particular, peculiar, private, special**

## personality 1

*noun* a person's character and nature » *Shreya has such a kind, friendly personality.*  
**character, identity, individuality, makeup, nature, psyche**

## personality 2

*noun* a famous person in entertainment or sport » *A well-known television personality came to open our new sports hall.*

**big name, celebrity, famous name, household name, star**

## persuade

*verb* to make someone do something by reason or charm » *Cy persuaded his mother to let him stay up late.*  
**bring round (informal), coax, entice, induce, sway, talk into, win over, impel, inveigle**

## persuasive

*adjective* convincing » *Leah gave a persuasive argument against playing computer games.*  
**compelling, conclusive, effective, plausible, powerful, winning, cogent, incontrovertible**  
antonym: **unconvincing**

## pessimistic

*adjective* believing that bad things will happen » *He has a pessimistic view of life.*  
**despondent, gloomy, glum, hopeless**  
antonym: **optimistic**

## pest 1

*noun* an insect or animal that damages crops or livestock » *The farmer was dismayed to see that half of the crop had been lost to pests.*  
**blight, scourge**

## drawing

*I used pencils to make a drawing of my cat.*

## photograph

*I took a photograph of the boat.*

## portrait

*Wilf's portrait really looks like him.*

# picture

**1** *noun* a drawing, painting, or photograph  
» *What a lovely picture of our house!*

## illustration

*I think the illustrations in that book bring the story to life.*

## painting

*We went to the art gallery to look at the painting by Van Gogh.*

## selfie (informal)

*My friend puts on silly expressions when she takes selfies.*

## sketch

*I made a series of sketches of the dog playing with the ball.*



My friend's little brother is a pest.

## pest 2

**verb** to annoy a person  
» My friend's little brother is a pest.

**bane, bore, nuisance, pain** (informal),  
**pain in the neck** (informal)

## pester

**verb** to bother someone continually  
» Our father gets annoyed when we pester him for sweets.

**annoy, badger, bother, bug** (informal), **drive someone up the wall** (slang),  
**get on someone's nerves** (informal), **bedevil, chivvy**

## petty 1

**adjective** small and unimportant  
» The competition organizers have to abide by endless rules and petty regulations.

**insignificant, measly** (informal), **trifling, trivial, unimportant**

## petty 2

**adjective** selfish and small-minded  
» I think that attitude is a bit petty.  
**cheap, mean, small-minded**

## phone 1

**noun** a device that allows you to speak to someone in another place  
» Will you please answer the phone?  
**blower** (Britain; informal), **cellphone, mobile, mobile phone, smartphone, telephone**

## phone 2

**verb** to contact a person by phone  
» Phone me when you get home.

**call, contact, ring, telephone**

## phoney

**adjective** (informal) false and intended to deceive  
» We found out later that his account of events was phoney.

**bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, forged, sham, feigned, spurious**  
antonym: **genuine**

## pick 1

**verb** to choose something  
» Mum picked the biggest, juiciest oranges that she could find.

**choose, decide upon, hand-pick, opt for, select, settle on**



Mum picked the biggest, juiciest oranges that she could find.

## pick 2

**verb** to remove a flower or fruit with your fingers  
» Gareth helps his mother pick apples.  
**gather, harvest, pluck**

## pick 3

**noun** the best  
» Only the pick of the school's athletes are chosen to go to the national championships.

**best, elite, flower, pride**

## pick on

**verb** to criticize someone unfairly or treat them unkindly  
» The teacher always picks on me to answer the question.  
**bait, tease, torment**

## picture 1

**noun** a drawing, painting, or photograph

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## picture 2

**verb** to imagine something clearly  
» Sam pictured her with long black hair.

**conceive of, imagine, see, visualize, envision, see in the mind's eye**

## piece 1

**noun** a portion or part of something  
» He helped himself to the biggest piece of cake.

**bit, chunk, fragment, part, portion, slice**



He helped himself to the biggest piece of cake.

## piece 2

**noun** something that has been written, created, or composed  
» Our music teacher composed this piece for the school choir.  
**article, composition, creation, study, work**

## piece together

**verb** to assemble things or parts to make something complete  
» Archaeologists painstakingly pieced together the fragments of bone.

**assemble, join, mend, patch together, repair, restore**

## pierce

**verb** to make a hole in something with a sharp instrument  
» She pierced the potatoes with a fork so they wouldn't explode in the oven.  
**bore, drill, lance, penetrate, puncture**

## pig

**noun** a farm animal kept for meat  
» The pigs wallowed gleefully in the thick mud.  
**hog, piggy** (informal), **porker, swine**  
related words:  
**adjective** **porcine**; **male** **boar**; **female** **sow**; **young** **piglet**;  
**collective noun** **litter**;  
**habitation** **sty**

## pile 1

**noun** a quantity of things lying one on top of another  
» Piles of books covered the floor.  
**heap, hoard, mound, mountain, stack**

## pile 2

**noun** the raised fibres of a soft surface  
» My feet sank into the carpet's luxurious pile.  
**down, fur, nap**

## pile 3

**verb** to put things one on top of another  
» He piled his plate with sandwiches.  
**heap, hoard, stack**



He piled his plate with sandwiches.

## pink

**noun or adjective**  
» Shades of pink:  
**coral, flesh, fuchsia, oyster pink, rose, salmon, shell pink, shocking pink**



Tim carefully crawled away from the edge of the **pit**.

## pit

**noun** a large hole in something  
» Tim carefully crawled away from the edge of the **pit**.  
**chasm, hole, pothole**

## pity

**verb** to feel sorry for someone  
» I pitied Austin for not being allowed out to the fair.  
**feel for, feel sorry for, sympathize with**

## pity

**noun** sympathy for other people's suffering » She saw no **pity** in their stony faces.  
**charity, compassion, kindness, mercy, sympathy, understanding, clemency, forbearance**

## pity

**noun** a regrettable fact  
» It's a **pity** we can't all have the same opportunities.  
**crying shame, shame**

## place

**noun** any point or area  
» We meet in the same **place** every week.  
**area, location, point, position, site, spot**

## place

**verb** to happen » The meeting took **place** on Thursday.  
**come about, go on, happen, occur**

## place

**verb** to put something somewhere » Chairs were **placed** in rows for the parents.  
**deposit, locate, plant, position, put, situate**

## plain

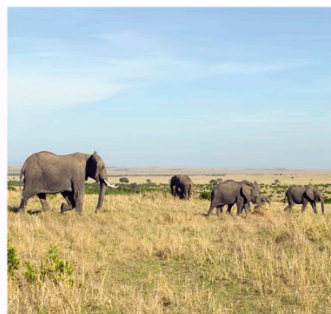
**adjective** very simple in style with no decoration » It was a **plain**, grey stone house.  
**austere, bare, spartan, stark**  
antonym: **fancy**

## plain

**adjective** obvious and easy to recognize or understand  
» It was **plain** to me that we were lost.  
**clear, comprehensible, distinct, evident, obvious, unmistakable**

## plain

**noun** a level, often treeless, extent of land » The **plain** stretched as far as the horizon.  
**flat, flatland, grassland, llano, lowland, mesa, plateau, prairie, savannah, steppe, tableland**



The **plain** stretched as far as the horizon.

## plan

**noun** a way thought out to do something » We made a **plan** of what to do on holiday.  
**method, proposal, scheme, strategy, system**

## plan

**noun** a detailed diagram of something » The receptionist gave us a **plan** of the hotel.  
**blueprint, diagram, layout, scale drawing**

## plan

**verb** to decide in detail what is to be done » I always **plan** my birthday party months in advance.  
**arrange, design, devise, draft, formulate**

## play

**verb** to take part in games or use toys » Polly was **playing** with her teddy bear.  
**amuse yourself, entertain yourself, frolic, have fun**

## play

**verb** to take part in a sport or game » Alan was **playing** cards with his friends.  
**compete, participate, take on, take part, vie with**

## play

**noun** a piece of drama performed on stage, radio, or television » The school took us to see a **play** by Shakespeare.  
**comedy, drama, pantomime, show, tragedy**

## plead

**verb** to beg someone for something » She **pleaded** with her mother to let her go on the ride.  
**appeal, ask, beg, beseech (literary), implore**

## pleasant

**adjective** enjoyable or attractive  
» We have a **pleasant** garden full of flowers.  
**agreeable, delightful, enjoyable, lovely, nice, pleasurable**  
antonym: **unpleasant**



We have a **pleasant** garden full of flowers.

## pleasant

**adjective** friendly or charming  
» The hotel staff were **pleasant** and helpful.  
**affable, amiable, charming, friendly, likable or likeable, nice**  
antonym: **unpleasant**

## please

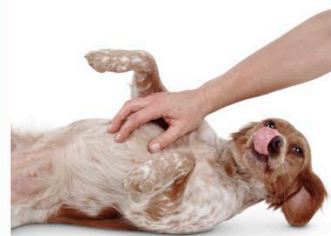
**verb** to give pleasure to  
» I tidied my bedroom to **please** my mother.  
**amuse, charm, delight, entertain**

## pleased

**adjective** happy or satisfied  
» I'm **pleased** my best friend is coming on holiday with us.  
**contented, delighted, glad, happy, satisfied**

## pleasure

**noun** a feeling of happiness and satisfaction » The dog takes **pleasure** in having its chest scratched.  
**amusement, enjoyment, happiness, joy, satisfaction**



The dog takes **pleasure** in having its chest scratched.

## plentiful

**adjective** existing in large amounts » We have a **plentiful** supply of food for our expedition.  
**abundant, ample, bountiful, copious, infinite, lavish, profuse**  
antonym: **scarce**

## plenty

**noun** a lot of something  
» Our pet hamster has **plenty** of energy and loves to run in its wheel.  
**enough, a great deal, heaps (informal), lots (informal), plethora**

## plot

**noun** a secret plan made by a group of people » The boys made a **plot** to ambush their little sister.  
**conspiracy, intrigue, plan, scheme, cabal, machination, stratagem**

# polite

**1** *adjective* having good manners  
» He is always **polite**  
and always remembers  
to say thank you.

## civil

He is **civil** to his parents  
except when he's tired  
and hungry.

## courteous

He is **courteous** and gives  
up his seat on the bus.

## respectful

He is **respectful** of his  
grandparents' views.

## well behaved

He is **well behaved** in  
front of the teachers.

## well mannered

He is **well mannered** and  
thinks of other people.

## antonym: rude

She is **rude** and  
always interrupts.

## plot **2**

*noun* the story of a novel  
or play » The film has a  
ludicrously complicated **plot**.  
**narrative, scenario, story,**  
**story line**

## plot **3**

*verb* to plan something secretly  
with others » The students  
plotted to leave school early  
so they didn't have to play  
hockey in the rain.

**conspire, hatch, plan,**  
**scheme, cabal, collude,**  
**machinate**

## plug **1**

*noun* a small, round object  
for blocking a hole  
» She pulled the **plug** out  
and the water flowed away.  
**bung, cork, stopper**



She pulled the **plug** out and the  
water flowed away.

## plug **2**

*verb* to block a hole with  
something » The plumber  
worked all night to **plug**  
the leak.  
**block, fill, seal**

## plump

*adjective* rather fat » That cat  
is starting to look **plump**.  
**beefy** (informal), **burly,**  
**chubby, fat, stout, tubby**

## point **1**

*noun* the purpose or meaning  
something has » The **point**  
of wearing a coat is to be warm.  
**aim, goal, intention, object,**  
**purpose**

## point **2**

*noun* a quality or feature  
» Tact was never her  
strong **point**.  
**attribute, characteristic,**  
**feature, quality, side, trait**

## point **3**

*noun* the thin sharp end  
of something » He pricked his  
finger on the **point** of a needle.  
**nib, prong, tip**

## poison

*noun* a substance that can  
harm or kill people or animals  
» Mercury is a known **poison**.  
**toxin, venom**  
related word: *adjective* **toxic**

## poisonous

*adjective* containing something  
that causes death or illness  
» A few plants are **poisonous**.  
**noxious, toxic, venomous**

## poke **1**

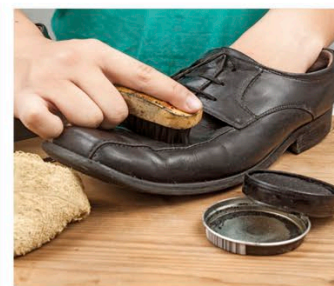
*verb* to jab or prod someone  
or something » She **poked**  
a knife into the cake to see  
if it was cooked.  
**dig, elbow, jab, nudge,**  
**prod, stab**

## poke **2**

*noun* a jab or prod » She gave  
Richard a playful **poke**.  
**dig, jab, nudge, prod**

## polish **1**

*verb* to improve a skill or  
technique » I need to **polish**  
my writing skills.  
**brush up, improve,**  
**perfect, refine**



Every morning, he **polished**  
his shoes until they shone.

## polish **2**

*verb* to make smooth and shiny  
by rubbing » Every morning,  
he **polished** his shoes until  
they shone.  
**buff, shine, wax**

## polish **3**

*noun* elegance or refinement  
» The lyrics lack the **polish**  
of his later songs.  
**class** (informal), **elegance,**  
**finesse, grace, refinement,**  
**style, politesse, suavity,**  
**urbanity**

## polite **1**

*adjective* having good manners  
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# ponder

verb to think about something deeply

» He **pondered** which course of action to take.

**contemplate**

He sat and **contemplated** his plans.

**consider**

He **considered** what was the right thing to do.

**think**

He **thought** about what to do next.

**mull over**

He **mulled over** what options to choose.

**brood**

He **brooded** over the meaning of life.

**reflect**

He **reflected** on the dream he'd had last night.



**polite** 2

*adjective* cultivated or refined  
» *Certain words are not acceptable in polite society.*  
**cultured, genteel, refined, sophisticated, urbane**

**politeness**

*noun* the quality of being civil to someone » *She listened to him, but only out of politeness.*  
**civility, courtesy, decency, etiquette**

**pollute**

*verb* to contaminate with something harmful  
» *Heavy industry pollutes our rivers with nasty chemicals.*  
**contaminate, infect, poison, taint, adulterate, befoul, smirch**



Heavy industry **pollutes** our rivers with nasty chemicals.

**pompous**

*adjective* behaving in a way that is too serious and self-important » *Cecil is a pompous man with a high opinion of himself.*  
**arrogant, grandiose, ostentatious, pretentious, puffed up, pontifical, portentous, vainglorious**

**ponder**

*verb* to think about something deeply

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**poor** 1

*adjective* having little money  
» *He was poor until he took a well-paid job.*  
**broke** (informal), **destitute, hard up** (informal), **impooverished, penniless, poverty-stricken**  
antonym: **rich**

**poor** 2

*adjective* of a low quality or standard » *The lead character was a poor actor.*  
**feeble, inferior, mediocre, second-rate, shoddy, unsatisfactory**

**popular** 1

*adjective* liked or approved of by a lot of people » *These delicious pastries are popular.*  
**fashionable, favourite, in demand, in favour, sought-after, well-liked**  
antonym: **unpopular**

**popular** 2

*adjective* involving or intended for ordinary people » *The down-to-earth politician was hoping to win the popular vote.*  
**common, conventional, general, universal**

**portion**

*noun* a part or amount of something » *I have spent a large portion of my life here.*  
**bit, chunk, helping, part, piece, segment, serving**

**pose** 1

*verb* to ask a question » *When I finally posed the question "Why?" she merely shrugged.*  
**ask, put, submit, propound**



When I finally **posed** the question "Why?" she merely shrugged.

**pose** 2

*verb* to pretend to be someone else » *Gadi posed as a singer to gain backstage access.*  
**impersonate, masquerade as, pass yourself off as, pretend to be**

**posh** 1

*adjective* (informal) smart, fashionable, and expensive  
» *We stayed in a posh hotel.*  
**classy** (informal), **elegant, exclusive, fashionable, smart, stylish, up-market**

**posh** 2

*adjective* upper-class  
» *He sounded very posh on the phone.*  
**aristocratic, genteel, upper-class, blue-blooded, patrician** (formal)  
antonym: **common**

**position** 1

*verb* to put something somewhere » *Plants were positioned on either side of our front door.*  
**arrange, lay out, locate, place, put**



Plants were **positioned** on either side of our front door.

**position** 2

*noun* the place where someone or something is » *The ship's name and position were reported to the coastguard.*  
**location, place, point, whereabouts**

**positive** 1

*adjective* completely sure about something » *I was positive I'd been there before.*  
**certain, confident, convinced, sure**

**positive** 2

*adjective* providing definite proof of the truth or identity of something » *We found positive evidence that the cupboard raider was a mouse.*  
**clear, clear-cut, conclusive, concrete, firm, incontrovertible, indisputable, unequivocal**

**positive** 3

*adjective* tending to emphasize what is good » *I'm hoping for a positive response.*  
**constructive, helpful**  
antonym: **negative**

**possess** 1

*verb* to have something as a quality » *The athlete possesses both stamina and great technique.*  
**be blessed with, be born with, enjoy, have**

**possess** 2

*verb* to own something  
» *He was said to possess a huge fortune.*  
**control, hold, occupy, own**

**possession**

*noun* ownership of something  
» *Carl had possession of the ball.*  
**control, custody, ownership, tenure**



Carl had **possession** of the ball.

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We packed up our **possessions** ready for moving house.

## possessions

**plural noun** the things owned by someone » We packed up our possessions ready for moving house.

**assets, belongings, effects, estate, property, things**

## possibility

**noun** something that might be true or might happen

» Daisy cheered up at the possibility of an ice cream.

**chance, hope, likelihood, odds, prospect, risk**

## possible

**adjective** likely to happen or able to be done

» She was grateful to her music teacher for making the concert possible.

**attainable, feasible, practicable, viable, workable**

antonym: **impossible**

## possible

**adjective** likely or capable of being true or correct

» It's possible there's an explanation for the delay.

**conceivable, imaginable, likely, potential**

## postpone

**verb** to put off to a later time

» The visit has been postponed until tomorrow.

**adjourn, defer, delay, put back, put off, shelve**

## potential

**adjective** possible but not yet actual » Suhel was looking for potential sponsors for his marathon bid.

**likely, possible, probable**

## potential

**noun** ability to achieve future success » The tennis coach recognized the potential of the young player.

**ability, aptitude, capability, capacity, power, wherewithal**

## pour

**verb** to flow quickly and in large quantities

» She put her umbrella up as it was pouring with rain.

**course, flow, gush, run, spout, stream**



She put her umbrella up as it was pouring with rain.

## poverty

**noun** the state of being very poor » I'm raising money for a charity that aims to tackle poverty in developing countries.

**destitution, hardship, insolvency, want, beggary, indigence, penury, privation**

## power

**noun** control over people and activities » A president has great power and influence.

**ascendancy, control, dominion, sovereignty, supremacy**

## power

**noun** authority to do something » The police have the power of arrest.

**authority, authorization, licence, privilege, right**

## power

**noun** physical strength » Power and bulk are vital to success in rugby.

**brawn, might, strength, vigour**

## powerful

**adjective** able to control people and events » The USA is one of the world's most powerful countries.

**commanding, dominant, influential**

## powerful

**adjective** physically strong

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## powerful

**adjective** having a strong effect » It was a powerful argument, but I remained unconvinced.

**compelling, convincing, effective, forceful, persuasive, telling**

## powerless

**adjective** unable to control or influence events

» I was powerless to stop her.

**helpless, impotent, incapable**

## practical

**adjective** involving experience rather than theory » The book is full of practical suggestions for healthy eating.

**applied, pragmatic, sensible**

## practical

**adjective** likely to be effective » The clothes are lightweight and practical for holidays.

**functional, sensible**  
antonym: **impractical**

## practical

**adjective** able to deal effectively with problems » She has the practical common sense essential in a team leader.

**accomplished, experienced, proficient, seasoned, skilled, veteran**

## practice

**noun** something that people do regularly » We've been getting to know the local practices since moving to the village.

**custom, habit, method, routine, way**

## practice

**noun** regular training or exercise » I need more practice to improve my skills.  
**drill, exercise, preparation, rehearsal, training**

## practise

**verb** to do something repeatedly so as to gain skill » Louis practises cycling for half an hour every day.

**polish, rehearse, train**



Louis **practises** cycling for half an hour every day.

## practise

**verb** to take part in the activities of a religion, craft, or custom » Acupuncture has been practised in China for thousands of years.

**do, follow, observe**

## praise

**verb** to express strong approval of someone » The teacher praised Rob for his test results.

**admire, applaud, approve, congratulate, pay tribute to, acclaim, eulogize, extol, laud**

antonym: **criticize**

## praise

**noun** something said or written to show approval » She is full of praise for her students.

**accolade, approval, commendation, congratulation, tribute, eulogy, panegyric**

antonym: **criticism**

## precaution

**noun** an action intended to prevent something from happening » When on a boat, wearing a life jacket is an essential precaution.

**insurance, preventative measure, protection, provision, safeguard**

# powerful

<sup>2</sup> adjective physically strong

» The weightlifter had **powerful** muscles.

## mighty

He was as **mighty** as a giant.

## strapping

He was a **strapping** lad.

## strong

He was as **strong** as an ox.

## sturdy

He had a **sturdy** build.

## vigorous

He was young and **vigorous**.



antonym: **weak**

After his illness, he was too **weak** to lift anything.

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My mother keeps her **precious** ring in a small case.

## precious

**adjective** of great value and importance » My mother keeps her precious ring in a small case.  
**expensive, invaluable, priceless, prized, valuable**  
antonym: **worthless**

## precise

**adjective** exact and accurate  
» Millie gave such precise answers that she got full marks.  
**accurate, actual, correct, exact, particular, specific, very**  
antonym: **vague**

## predicament

**noun** a difficult situation  
» The decision to go will leave my aunt in a predicament.  
**fix** (informal), **hot water** (informal), **jam** (informal), **scrape** (informal), **tight spot**

## predict

**verb** to say that something will happen in the future  
» The judges are predicting a close contest.  
**forecast, foresee, foretell, prophesy, forebode, portend, presage, soothsay**

## prediction

**noun** something that is forecast in advance » His prediction that it would rain turned out to be true.  
**forecast, prophecy**

## prefer

**verb** to like one thing more than another thing  
» Does he prefer a particular sort of music?  
**be partial to, favour, go for, incline towards, like better**

## prejudice 1

**noun** an unreasonable or unfair dislike or preference  
» Edie complained that the company had shown prejudice against her because of her age.  
**bias, partiality, preconception**

## prejudice 2

**noun** intolerance towards certain people or groups  
» As outsiders, we experienced some prejudice when we first moved to the area, but that has gone now people know us.  
**bigotry, chauvinism, discrimination, racism, sexism**

## premonition

**noun** a feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen  
» He had a premonition that there would be an earthquake.  
**foreboding, funny feeling** (informal), **omen, sign, portent, presage, presentiment**

## preoccupied

**adjective** totally involved with something or deep in thought  
» I am preoccupied with the book I'm writing.  
**absorbed, engrossed, immersed, oblivious, wrapped up**

## present 1

**adjective** being at a place or event » Dad was present when Simon received his prize.  
**at hand, here, in attendance, there, to hand**  
antonym: **absent**

## present 2

**noun** something given to someone » Vicky gave me a birthday present.  
**donation, gift, offering**

## present 3

**verb** to give something to someone » The mayor presented the prizes.  
**award, bestow, donate, give, grant, hand out**

## press 1

**verb** to apply force or weight to something » Press the blue button.  
**compress, crush, mash, push, squeeze**

## press 2

**verb** to try hard to persuade someone to do something  
» My parents are pressing me to invite more people to my birthday party.  
**beg, implore, petition, plead, pressurize, urge, entreat, exhort, importune**

## pretend

**verb** to claim or give the appearance of something untrue » Vince pretended to be asleep, but I knew better.  
**counterfeit, fake, falsify, feign, pass yourself off as**

## pretentious

**adjective** making unjustified claims to importance » Many critics thought her work and ideas pretentious and empty.  
**affected, conceited, ostentatious, pompous, snobbish, bombastic, vainglorious**

## pretty 1

**adjective** attractive in a delicate way » The bouquet of colourful flowers looked pretty.  
**attractive, beautiful, cute, lovely**



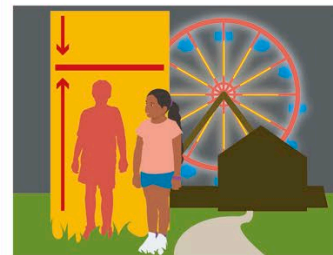
The bouquet of colourful flowers looked **pretty**.

## pretty 2

**adverb** (informal) quite or rather » He spoke English pretty well.  
**fairly, kind of** (informal), **quite, rather**

## prevent

**verb** to stop something from happening » Loella was prevented from going on the fairground ride because she wasn't tall enough.  
**avert, foil, hinder, impede, stop, thwart**



Loella was **prevented** from going on the fairground ride because she wasn't tall enough.

## previous

**adjective** happening or existing before something else  
» Zac had won the competition the previous year.  
**earlier, former, one-time, past, preceding, prior**

## price 1

**noun** the amount of money paid for something  
» The price of milk has gone up recently.  
**amount, charge, cost, fee, figure, value**

## price 2

**verb** to fix the price or value of something » I don't know why it has been priced so high.  
**cost, estimate, put a price on, value**

## pride 1

**noun** satisfaction about your achievements » The chef took pride in the dish he'd made.  
**delight, pleasure, satisfaction**

## pride 2

**noun** an excessively high opinion of yourself » His pride made him unpopular.  
**arrogance, conceit, egotism, smugness, snobbery, vanity, haughtiness, hauteur, hubris, superciliousness**  
antonym: **humility**

**prim**

**adjective** behaving very correctly and easily shocked by anything rude » *My great grandmother's generation were all rather prim and proper.*

**proper, prudish, puritanical, strait-laced, uptight** (informal)

**prime** 1

**adjective** main or most important » *Our prime reason for wanting to visit Italy is to eat a lot of pasta.*

**chief, leading, main, principal**

**prime** 2

**adjective** of the best quality » *He bought a prime cut of meat for the barbecue.*

**best, choice, first-rate, select, superior**

**primitive**

**adjective** very simple or basic » *She made a primitive shelter in the garden.*

**crude, rough, rude, rudimentary, simple**



She made a **primitive** shelter in the garden.

**principal**

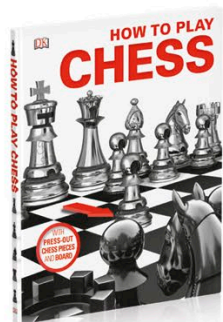
**adjective** main or most important » *Jay's principal concern is winning the race.*

**chief, first, foremost, main, major, primary, prime**

**principle** 1

**noun** a set of moral rules guiding personal conduct » *She resigned from her job out of principle.*

**conscience, integrity, morals, scruples, sense of duty**



The book explains the **principles** of chess.

**principle** 2

**noun** a general rule or scientific law » *The book explains the principles of chess.*

**axiom, canon, doctrine, fundamental, law, dictum, precept, verity**

**prison**

**noun** a building where criminals are kept in captivity » *The prison had high fences and security cameras everywhere.*

**dungeon, jail, nick** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; slang), **penal institution**

**prisoner**

**noun** someone kept in prison or captivity » *Prisoners are allowed out for an hour's exercise each day.*

**captive, convict, hostage**

**private** 1

**adjective** for few people rather than people in general » *We hired a private room for the party.*

**exclusive, individual, personal, special**

**private** 2

**adjective** taking place among a small number of people » *They were married in a private ceremony.*

**clandestine, confidential, secret**

antonym: **public**

**prize** 1

**noun** a reward given to the winner of something

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# prize

1 **noun** a reward given to the winner of something » *He won first prize in the piano competition.*

**accolade**

*She received the ultimate accolade of a scholarship.*

*She was showered with honours, among them the swimming shield.*

*He won the award for creative writing.*



*The cup was a reward for winning the school quiz.*



*She won the trophy for athletics.*



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# promise

**1** verb to say that you will definitely do or not do something  
» *I **promise** I'll come back.*

**give your word**  
I give my word I'll be here.

**assure**  
I assure you I'll return.

**pledge**  
I pledge to return.

**guarantee**  
I guarantee you'll see me soon.

**vow**  
I vow that I will be back.

## prize **2**

adjective of the highest quality or standard » *The farmer led his prize bull into the ring.*  
**award-winning, first-rate, outstanding, top**



The farmer led his **prize** bull into the ring.

## prize **3**

verb to value highly » *These vases are prized by collectors.*  
**cherish, esteem, treasure, value**

## probability

noun the likelihood of something happening  
» *There's a probability that we'll miss the train.*  
**chances, likelihood, odds, prospect**

## probable

adjective likely to be true or to happen » *The probable cost of our holiday to the Bahamas will be high.*  
**apparent, feasible, likely, on the cards, plausible, credible, ostensible**  
antonym: **improbable**

## probably

adverb in all likelihood  
» *The party is probably going to be in late August.*  
**doubtless, in all probability, likely, presumably**

## problem **1**

noun an unsatisfactory situation causing difficulties  
» *The teacher asked the unruly student what the problem was.*  
**difficulty, predicament, quandary, trouble**



Flora worked out the maths problem on the board.

## problem **2**

noun a puzzle that needs to be solved » *Flora worked out the maths problem on the board.*  
**conundrum, puzzle, riddle**

## procedure

noun the correct or usual way of doing something » *He did not follow the correct procedure in booking his ticket.*  
**method, policy, practice, process, strategy, system**

## proceed **1**

verb to start doing or continue to do something » *I had no idea how to proceed.*  
**begin, carry on, continue, get under way, go on, start**

## proceed **2**

verb (formal) to move in a particular direction » *She proceeded along the hallway.*  
**advance, continue, go on, make your way, progress, travel**

## process **1**

noun a method of doing or producing something  
» *The building process would take three years.*  
**course of action, means, method, procedure, system**

## process **2**

verb to deal with or treat something » *Your application is being processed.*  
**deal with, dispose of, handle, take care of**

## produce **1**

verb to make something  
» *Chocolate is produced from cocoa beans.*  
**construct, create, invent, make, manufacture**

## produce <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to bring out something so it can be seen or discussed  
 » *To hire a car, you must produce a driving licence.*  
**advance, bring forward, bring to light, put forward**

## product

**noun** something that is made to be sold » *All of our products are made with natural ingredients.*  
**commodity, goods, merchandise, produce**

## productive <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** producing a large number of things  
 » *Our apple trees are very productive this year.*  
**fertile, fruitful, prolific, fecund, generative**  
 antonym: **unproductive**



Our apple trees are very **productive** this year.

## productive <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** bringing favourable results » *I hope that all this extra work will be productive.*  
**constructive, useful, valuable, worthwhile**  
 antonym: **unproductive**

## profession

**noun** a job that requires advanced education or training  
 » *Harper was a doctor by profession.*  
**business, career, occupation**

## proficient

**adjective** able to do something well » *Erin is proficient in several languages.*  
**able, accomplished, adept, capable, competent, efficient, skilful, skilled**  
 antonym: **incompetent**

## profit <sup>1</sup>

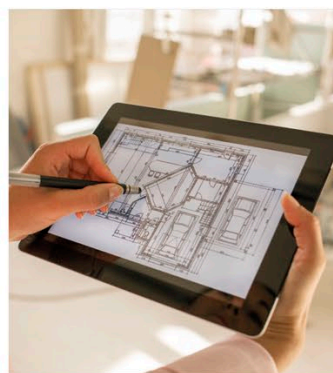
**noun** money gained in business or trade  
 » *The new business made a huge profit in its first year.*  
**earnings, proceeds, revenue, surplus, takings**  
 antonym: **loss**

## profit <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to gain or benefit from something » *We profited from the low turnout – there was a lot of leftover food.*  
**capitalize on, exploit, make the most of, take advantage of**

## program

**noun** a set of instructions that a computer follows to perform a task » *The architect used a computer program to draw up his plans for the house.*  
**app, application, software**



The architect used a computer **program** to draw up his plans for the house.

## programme <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to make a plan or plot out instructions  
 » *Diana programmed the TV to record the Saturday show.*  
**compile, formulate, line up, list, map out, set up**

## programme <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a planned series of events  
 » *The orchestra has a programme of 12 concerts over the next few months.*  
**agenda, schedule, timetable**

## programme <sup>3</sup>

**noun** a broadcast on radio or television » *He enjoys watching programmes about space travel.*  
**broadcast, show**



He enjoys watching **programmes** about space travel.

## progress <sup>1</sup>

**noun** improvement or development » *Lou is making progress in writing her novel.*  
**advance, breakthrough, headway, improvement**

## progress <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to become more advanced or skilful » *My little brother is progressing – he can count to 10 now and he knows colours.*  
**advance, blossom, develop, improve**

## prohibit

**verb** to forbid something or make it illegal » *Dropping litter is prohibited.*  
**ban, forbid, outlaw, prevent**  
 antonym: **allow**

## prominent <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** important  
 » *A prominent scientist gave us an inspiring lecture.*  
**eminent, famous, important, notable, noted, renowned, well-known**



The castle stood in a **prominent** position at the top of a steep hill.

## prominent <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** very noticeable, or sticking out a long way  
 » *The castle stood in a prominent position at the top of a steep hill.*  
**conspicuous, eye-catching, jutting, noticeable, obvious, pronounced, striking, blatant, salient**

## promise <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to say that you will definitely do or not do something  
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## promise <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to show signs of » *This promises to be a great book.*  
**hint at, indicate, show signs of, augur, bespeak, betoken**

## promise <sup>3</sup>

**noun** an undertaking to do or not do something  
 » *If you make a promise, you should keep it.*  
**assurance, guarantee, pledge, undertaking, vow**

## promising

**adjective** seeming likely to be good or successful » *He was a promising young athlete.*  
**gifted, rising, talented, up-and-coming**

## promote <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to encourage the progress or success of something  
 » *My parents have always promoted healthy eating.*  
**back, support**

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## promote <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to encourage the sale of a product by advertising  
» *She's in Europe promoting her new film.*  
**advertise, plug** (informal), **publicize**

## promote <sup>3</sup>

**verb** to raise someone to a higher rank or position  
» *Mum has been promoted twice in two years.*  
**elevate, upgrade**

## prompt <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to make someone decide to do something  
» *Rising bus fares have prompted people to walk more.*  
**cause, induce, inspire, motivate, spur**

## prompt <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to encourage someone to say something » *"What was that you were saying about a guided tour?" he prompted her.*  
**coax, remind**

## prompt <sup>3</sup>

**adjective** done without any delay » *The road needs prompt repairs following the storm.*  
**immediate, instant, instantaneous, quick, rapid, swift**

## prompt <sup>4</sup>

**adverb** exactly at the time mentioned » *The invitation specifies eight o'clock prompt.*  
**exactly, on the dot, precisely, promptly, sharp**



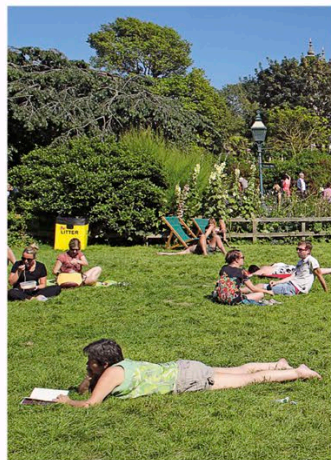
*The invitation specifies eight o'clock **prompt**.*

## prone <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** having a tendency to be affected by or to do something » *Lucy is prone to forgetfulness.*  
**disposed, given, inclined, liable, susceptible**

## prone <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** lying flat and face downwards » *She lay prone on the grass.*  
**face down, prostrate**



*She lay **prone** on the grass.*

## proof

**noun** evidence that confirms that something is true or exists  
» *At last, we had proof that rabbits were eating our lettuces.*  
**confirmation, evidence, testimony, verification, authentication, certification, corroboration, substantiation**

## proper <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** correct or most suitable » *Mick decided that the proper course of action would be to say nothing.*  
**appropriate, apt, correct, fitting, right, suitable**  
antonym: **improper**

## proper <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** accepted or conventional » *Jess wanted a proper, white wedding.*  
**accepted, conventional, orthodox**

## property <sup>1</sup>

**noun** the things that belong to someone » *Mark was protective of his personal property, and rarely let anyone borrow anything.*  
**assets, belongings, effects, estate, possessions**

## property <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a characteristic or quality  
» *Peppermint leaves have powerful healing properties when drunk as an infusion or eaten as a herb.*  
**attribute, characteristic, feature, hallmark, quality, trait**

## proportion

**noun** part of an amount or group » *A small proportion of the class chose to study a second language.*  
**percentage, quota, segment, share**

## prospect

**noun** expectation or something anticipated » *Mia was excited by the prospect of arriving back home as she had been away for a long time.*  
**expectation, hope, outlook, promise**

## protect

**verb** to prevent someone or something from being harmed  
» *The traffic cones protected the man while he was mending the road.*  
**defend, guard, safeguard, shelter, shield**



*The traffic cones **protected** the man while he was mending the road.*



*He wears plenty of layers for **protection** against the cold.*

## protection

**noun** something that protects  
» *He wears plenty of layers for protection against the cold.*  
**barrier, buffer, cover, safeguard, shelter**

## protest <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to disagree with someone or object to something  
» *Bethany protested that she was innocent.*  
**complain, disagree, disapprove, object, oppose, demur, expostulate, remonstrate**

## protest <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a strong objection  
» *The teacher ignored their protests and sent them out for a run in the rain.*  
**complaint, objection, outcry**

## proud

**adjective** feeling pleasure or satisfaction » *I was proud of our players today.*  
**gratified by, honoured, pleased**

## prove

**verb** to provide evidence that something is definitely true  
» *This proves that you were right all along.*  
**ascertain, confirm, demonstrate, establish, verify, authenticate, corroborate, evince, substantiate**  
antonym: **disprove**

**provide**

*verb* to make something available to someone  
 » *We'll provide refreshments after the game.*  
**contribute, equip, furnish, outfit, supply**

**provoke** ①

*verb* to try to make someone angry » *I didn't want to do anything to provoke the bulldog.*  
**anger, annoy, enrage, goad, insult, irritate, tease**

**provoke** ②

*verb* to cause an unpleasant reaction » *His sister's teasing finally provoked the little boy to hit her.*  
**cause, evoke, produce, prompt, rouse, set off, spark off**

**pry**

*verb* to try to find out about someone else's private business » *Our neighbour is always prying into our business.*  
**interfere, intrude, poke your nose in** (informal), **poke your nose into** (informal), **snoop** (informal)



*Our neighbour is always prying into our business.*

**public** ①

*noun* people in general  
 » *Members of the public were picked at random to appear on the TV show.*  
**masses, nation, people, populace, society**

**public** ②

*adjective* relating to people in general » *There was a lot of public support for the new sports centre.*  
**civic, general, popular, universal**

**public** ③

*adjective* provided for everyone to use or open to anyone  
 » *Public swimming pools can be very busy.*  
**communal, community, open to the public, universal**  
 antonym: **private**



*Public swimming pools can be very busy.*

**publicity**

*noun* information or advertisements about an item or event » *The actor gave several interviews as part of the publicity campaign for his new film.*

**advertising, plug** (informal), **promotion**

**publicize**

*verb* to advertise something or make it widely known  
 » *The author appeared on TV to publicize her book.*  
**advertise, plug** (informal), **promote**

**publish**

*verb* to make a piece of writing available for reading  
 » *We publish a range of titles.*  
**bring out, print, put out**



*He had been running so hard that he was puffing.*

**puff**

*verb* to breathe loudly and quickly with your mouth open  
 » *He had been running so hard that he was puffing.*  
**breathe heavily, gasp, pant, wheeze**

**pull** ①

*verb* to draw an object towards you » *We saw the sights of the city from an open carriage pulled by two white horses.*  
**drag, draw, haul, tow, tug, yank**  
 antonym: **push**

**pull** ②

*noun* the attraction or influence of something » *The pull of the bakery was too strong, and she went in and bought fresh bread.*  
**attraction, lure, magnetism**

**punctual**

*adjective* arriving or leaving at the correct time » *Our first flight was punctual, so we easily caught our connection.*  
**in good time, on time, prompt**

**punish**

*verb* to make someone suffer a penalty for some misbehaviour  
 » *I was punished for insolence, though I didn't mean to sound rude.*  
**discipline, penalize, rap knuckles, sentence, throw the book at**

**punishment**

*noun* a penalty for a crime or offence » *The punishment must always fit the crime.*  
**penalty, retribution, chastening, chastisement, just deserts or just desserts**

**puny**

*adjective* very small and weak  
 » *The newborn kittens were puny and helpless.*  
**feeble, frail, sickly, skinny, weak**

**pupil**

*noun* a student taught at a school » *Our school has 500 pupils.*  
**scholar** (South Africa), **schoolboy, schoolchild, schoolgirl, student**

**pure** ①

*adjective* clean and free from harmful substances  
 » *The water from the spring is pure enough to drink.*  
**clean, germ-free, pasteurized, spotless, sterilized, unadulterated, unblemished, uncontaminated, unpolluted, untainted**  
 antonym: **impure**



*The water from the spring is pure enough to drink.*

**pure** ②

*adjective* complete and total  
 » *Anita won the prize through pure luck.*  
**absolute, complete, outright, sheer, unmitigated, utter**

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# push

**1** verb to apply force to something in order to move it » *He **pushed** his friend on the swing.*

## press

He **pressed** his hands against his friend's back to help her swing.

## ram

He **rammed** his shoulder against the playground gate to open it.

## shove

He **shoved** the roundabout to make it whizz round.

## thrust

She was **thrust** forward on the swing.

antonym: **pull**

She **pulled** her legs back to swing higher.

## purple

noun or adjective

Shades of purple:

**amethyst, aubergine, gentian, heather, heliotrope, indigo, lavender, lilac, magenta, mauve, mulberry, plum, puce, royal purple, violet**

## purpose **1**

noun the reason for something

» *The **purpose** of Fleur's shopping trip was to buy a new winter coat.*

**aim, function, intention, object, point, reason**

## purpose **2**:

**on purpose**

adverb deliberately

» *Did you do that **on purpose**?*

**by design, deliberately, intentionally, knowingly, purposely**

## push **1**

verb to apply force to something in order to move it

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## push **2**

verb to persuade someone into doing something » *His mother **pushed** him into auditioning for a part in the play.*

**encourage, persuade, press, urge**

## pushy

adjective (informal)

unpleasantly forceful and determined

» *Our new swimming coach can be rather **pushy**.*

**aggressive, ambitious, assertive, bossy, forceful, obtrusive**

## put **1**

verb to place something somewhere » *Angela **put** the photograph on her desk.*

**deposit, lay, place, position, rest**

## put **2**

verb to express something » *I think you **put** that very well.*

**phrase, word**

## put down **1**

verb to criticize someone and make them appear foolish

» *My big sister is always **putting me down**.*

**belittle, criticize, find fault with, humiliate**

## put down **2**

verb to kill an animal that is ill or dangerous » *The dog was so ill that it had to be **put down**.*

**destroy, euthanize, kill, put out of its misery, put to sleep**

## put off

verb to delay something

» *We have **put off** making a decision about where to go until next week.*

**defer, delay, postpone, put back, put on ice, reschedule**

## put up with

verb to tolerate something disagreeable » *He **put up with** his daughter's loud music for an hour before asking her to turn it down.*

**abide, bear, stand, stand for, stomach, tolerate, brook, countenance**

## puzzle **1**

verb to perplex and confuse

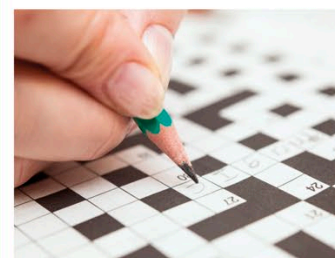
» *There was something about Renata that **puzzled** me.*

**baffle, bewilder, confuse, mystify, stump, confound, flummox, nonplus, perplex**

## puzzle **2**

noun a game or question that requires a lot of thought to solve » *I enjoy doing **crossword puzzles**.*

**brain-teaser** (informal), **poser, problem, riddle**



*I enjoy doing crossword **puzzles**.*

# Qq

## qualification <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a skill or achievement  
» Sam's **qualification** means he can fly an aeroplane.  
**ability, accomplishment, achievement, capability, quality, skill, attribute**

## qualification <sup>2</sup>

*noun* something added to modify, limit, or restrict  
» The governors accepted the head's changes to the school with a couple of **qualifications**.  
**condition, exception, modification, reservation**

## qualify

*verb* to pass the tests necessary for an activity  
» My mum **qualified** as a doctor 30 years ago.  
**become licensed, gain qualifications, get certified, graduate**

## quality <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the measure of how good something is » The head chef always makes sure that the food is of the highest **quality**.  
**calibre, distinction, grade, merit, value, worth**



The head chef always makes sure that the food is of the highest **quality**.

## quality <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a characteristic of something » His best **quality** is his kindness.  
**aspect, characteristic, feature, mark, property, trait, attribute, peculiarity**

## quantity <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an amount you can measure or count  
» Petra made a large **quantity** of cupcakes for the hockey club.  
**amount, number, part, sum, portion, quota**

## quantity <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the amount of something that there is » Our teacher likes to emphasize the importance of **quality** over **quantity** when it comes to creative writing.  
**extent, measure, size, volume, bulk, expanse, magnitude**

## quarrel <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an angry argument  
» I had a terrible **quarrel** with my brother.  
**argument, disagreement, dispute, feud, fight, row, squabble, altercation, fracas, fray**

## quarrel <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to have an angry argument  
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## queasy

*adjective* feeling slightly sick  
» Freya felt **queasy** so her mum comforted her.  
**ill, nauseous, queer, sick, unwell**



Freya felt **queasy** so her mum comforted her.

## query <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a question » If you have any **queries**, please contact us.  
**inquiry, question**  
antonym: **response**

# quarrel

<sup>2</sup> *verb* to have an angry argument  
» My sister **quarrelled** with my brother.

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## argue

She **argued** with her mother about bedtime.

## fall out

She **fell out** with her best friend.

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## bicker

They **bickered** endlessly over whose turn it was to let the dog out.

## fight

They often **fought** about who was right.

## clash

They had **clashed** before as they just didn't get on.

## row

She had a **row** with her friend but they made up.

## squabble

They **squabbled** over the remote control.

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## query ①

**verb** to question something because it seems wrong  
» Gary queried the referee's decision to disallow the goal.  
**challenge, dispute, object to, question**

## question ①

**noun** a problem that needs to be discussed » Can we get back to the question of who's organizing the party?  
**issue, motion, point, subject, topic**

## question ②

**verb** to ask someone questions  
» A man is being questioned by the police.  
**examine, interrogate, probe, quiz, cross-examine, interview, investigate**  
antonym: **answer**

## question ③

**verb** to express doubts about something » I'm fed up with my parents always questioning my decisions.  
**challenge, dispute, distrust, doubt, query, suspect**

## quick ①

**adjective** moving with great speed » The students made a quick exit from the classroom when the bell rang.  
**brisk, express, fast, hasty, hurtle, rapid, speedy, swift**  
antonym: **slow**

## quick ②

**adjective** lasting only a short time » We only had time for a quick chat.  
**brief, cursory, hasty, hurried, perfunctory**  
antonym: **long**

## quick ③

**adjective** happening without any delay » I received a quick response to my email.  
**hasty, prompt, sudden**

## quickly

**adverb** with great speed  
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## quiet ①

**adjective** making very little noise » The radio was so quiet, we couldn't hear it.  
**hushed, inaudible, low, silent, soft, noiseless, soundless**  
antonym: **noisy**

## quiet ②

**adjective** peaceful and calm  
» We had a quiet day at home.  
**calm, mild, peaceful, restful, serene, tranquil, motionless, placid, untroubled**

## quiet ③

**noun** silence or lack of noise  
» The teacher called for quiet.  
**calmness, peace, serenity, silence, stillness, tranquillity**  
antonym: **noise**



The teacher called for quiet.

## quit

**verb** to leave a place or stop doing something » Keira quit her job and went travelling.  
**discontinue, give up, leave, resign, retire, stop, abandon, cease**

## quite ①

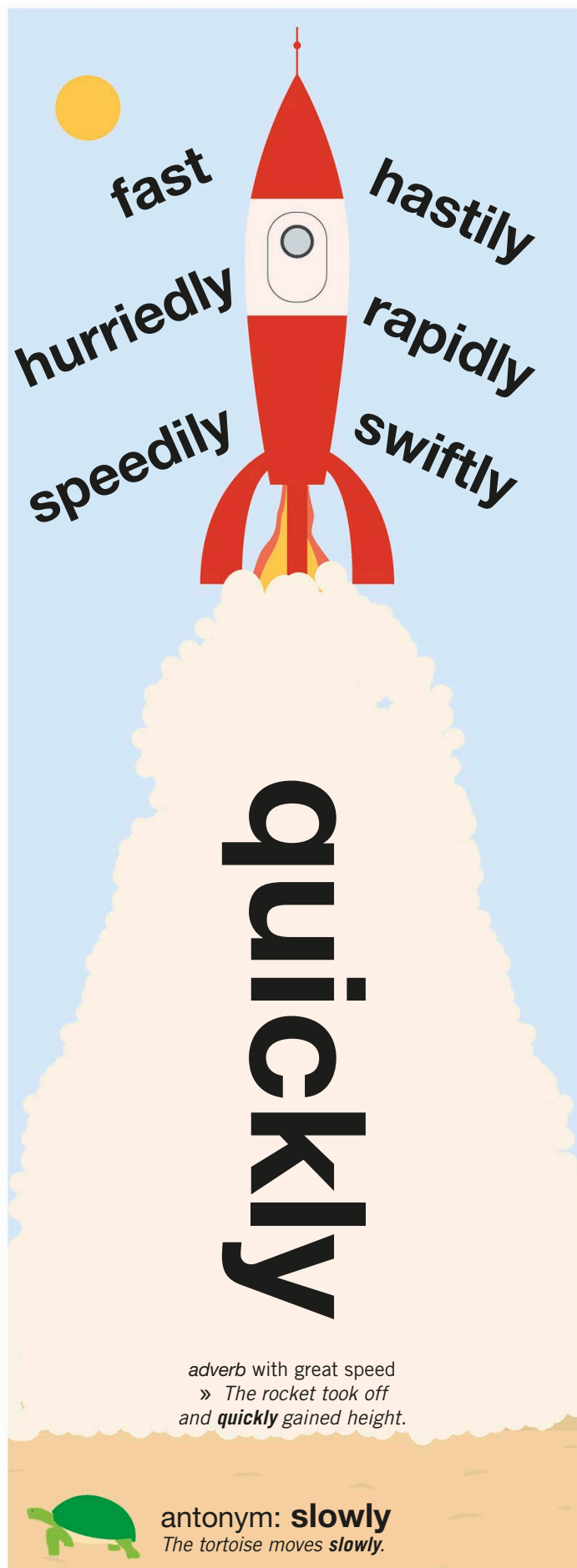
**adverb** fairly but not very  
» My uncle is quite old.  
**fairly, moderately, rather, reasonably, somewhat**

## quite ②

**adverb** completely and totally  
» The doctor asked John to lie quite still during the X-ray.  
**absolutely, completely, entirely, fully, perfectly, totally, precisely, wholly**

## quote

**verb** to repeat the exact words someone has said » Naz always quotes from TV shows.  
**cite, extract, recite, repeat**



**adverb** with great speed  
» The rocket took off and quickly gained height.

**antonym: slowly**  
The tortoise moves slowly.

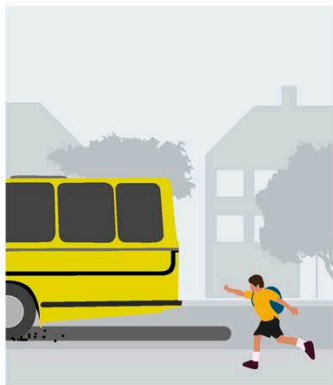
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## race 1

**noun** a group of human beings with shared physical or genetic characteristics  
» *People of different races live side by side in this city.*  
**ethnic group, nation, people**

## race 2

**verb** to move very quickly  
» *Dan raced to catch the bus, but he was too late.*  
**dash, fly, hurry, run, speed, tear**



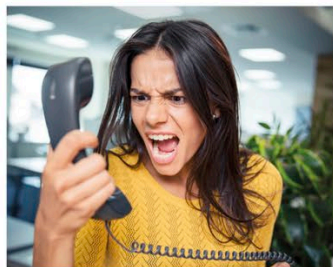
*Dan raced to catch the bus, but he was too late.*

## racket

**noun** a lot of noise  
» *The builders' drills made such a racket.*  
**clamour, commotion, din, hubbub, noise, row, rumpus, cacophony, tumult**

## rage 1

**noun** a feeling of extremely strong anger  
» *She was trembling with rage.*  
**anger, frenzy, fury, wrath**



*Mariana was raging at the fact that she was number 12 in the queue.*

## rage 2

**verb** to be angry or speak angrily  
» *Mariana was raging at the fact that she was number 12 in the queue.*  
**be furious, fume, lose your temper, rave, storm**

## rage 3

**verb** to continue with great force  
» *The storm raged all night.*  
**be at its height, rampage, storm, surge**

## raid 1

**verb** to attack suddenly  
» *Oliver came home hungry and raided the fridge.*  
**assault, attack, break into, invade, plunder, pillage, rifle, sack**

## raid 2

**noun** an attack on something  
» *The street was closed following the bank raid.*  
**attack, break-in, foray, incursion, sortie**

## rain 1

**noun** water falling from the clouds  
» *The rain came as a relief after the drought.*  
**deluge, downpour, drizzle, rainfall, showers**



*It rained as Caroline was on her way to meet a friend.*

## rain 2

**verb** to fall from the sky in drops of water  
» *It rained as Caroline was on her way to meet a friend.*  
**drizzle, pour, teem**

## raise 1

**verb** to make something higher  
» *Flags were raised to signal the start of the national holiday.*  
**elevate, heave, hoist, lift**  
antonym: **lower**

## raise 2

**verb** to look after children until they are grown up  
» *Natasha was raised in a large house in the country.*  
**bring up, nurture, rear**

## raise 3

**verb** to mention or suggest something  
» *He had raised no objections at the time.*  
**advance, bring up, broach, introduce, moot, suggest**

## ramble 1

**noun** a long walk in the countryside  
» *Rory went for a ramble through the woods.*  
**excursion, hike, stroll, walk**

## ramble 2

**verb** to go for a long walk  
» *We rambled across the moors, taking care to avoid any bogs.*  
**amble, stray, stroll, walk, wander, perambulate, rove**

## ramble 3

**verb** to talk in a confused way  
» *Garth started rambling and repeating himself.*  
**babble, chatter**

## rampage 1

**verb** to rush about wildly or out of control  
» *The children rampaged around the garden dressed as cowboys.*  
**go berserk, rage, run amok, run riot**

## rampage 2: on the rampage

**adjective** rushing about in a wild and uncontrolled way  
» *The bull escaped from the field and went on the rampage through the village.*  
**amok, berserk, wild**

## random 1

**adjective** not based on a definite plan  
» *Melissa came to the sleepover in a random selection of clothes – a coat, skirt, and pyjamas!*  
**aimless, arbitrary, haphazard, indiscriminate, spot, desultory, fortuitous, unpremeditated**



*Melissa came to the sleepover in a random selection of clothes – a coat, skirt, and pyjamas!*

## random 2: at random

**adverb** without any definite plan  
» *Children will be chosen at random to represent the school in the parade.*  
**aimlessly, arbitrarily, haphazardly, indiscriminately, randomly, unsystematically, willy-nilly**

## range 1

**noun** the maximum limits of something  
» *I tried to phone but was not in range of a signal.*  
**bounds, extent, field, limits, province, scope**

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# range

**range** <sup>2</sup> *noun* a number of different things of the same kind  
» The sunglasses are available in a **range** of colours.

**assortment**  
There is an  
assortment of shapes.

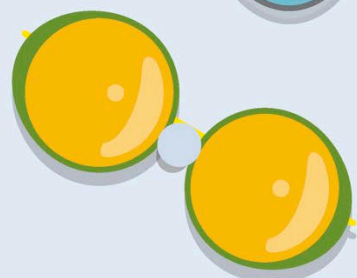
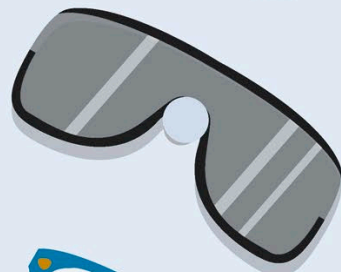
**class**  
The designer **class**  
is more expensive.

**gamut**  
Stock covers the  
whole **gamut** of  
shapes and sizes.

**selection**  
There is a  
wide **selection**.

**series**  
This style comes  
in a **series** of sizes.

**variety**  
There is a **variety**  
of styles.



## range <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a number of different things of the same kind

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## range <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to vary between two extremes » The shelves were filled with goods ranging from the everyday to the exotic.  
**extend, go, run, stretch, vary**

## rank <sup>1</sup>

*noun* someone's level in a group » Franklin rose to the rank of captain.  
**class, echelon, grade, level, standing, station, status**

## rank <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a row of people or things » Ranks of Mounted Police participated in the parade.  
**column, file, line, row**



Ranks of Mounted Police participated in the parade.

## rank <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* complete and absolute » Going hiking without a map and compass is rank stupidity.  
**absolute, complete, downright, sheer, unmitigated, utter, arrant, egregious**

## rare

*adjective* not common or frequent » We saw a rare species of bird that hardly ever appears in London.  
**exceptional, few, scarce, sparse, sporadic, uncommon, unusual**  
antonym: **common**

## rash <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* acting in a hasty and foolish way » Sven made a rash decision to go swimming in the freezing sea.

**foolhardy, hasty, impetuous, impulsive, reckless, heedless, injudicious, unthinking**

## rash <sup>2</sup>

*noun* an irritated area on your skin » The rash on my leg is really itchy.  
**eruption, outbreak**



The rash on my leg is really itchy.

## rash <sup>3</sup>

*noun* a large number of events happening together » A rash of bookings followed the television programme about the resort.  
**epidemic, flood, plague, spate, wave**

## rate <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the speed or frequency of something » Our hen lays eggs at the rate of one a day.  
**frequency, pace, speed, tempo, velocity**

## rate <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the cost or charge for something » We were offered phone calls at cheap rates as part of the package.  
**charge, cost, fee, price, tariff**

## rate <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to give an opinion of someone's or something's qualities » The app was rated very highly by its users.  
**appraise, class, consider, appraise, rank, regard, adjudge, esteem, evaluate**

**rather**

**adverb** to a certain extent  
 » *We got along rather well.*  
**fairly, pretty** (informal),  
**quite, relatively, slightly,**  
**somewhat**

**rational**

**adjective** using reason rather than emotion  
 » *There must be a rational explanation for the lights going out.*  
**enlightened, logical, reasonable, sensible**

**rave** 1

**verb** to talk in an uncontrolled way  
 » *Ed started raving about being treated badly.*  
**babble, rage, rant**

**rave** 2

**verb** (informal) to be enthusiastic about something  
 » *She raved about how good the facilities were at the hotel.*  
**be wild about** (informal),  
**enthuse, gush**

**reach** 1

**verb** to arrive somewhere  
 » *Len did not stop until he reached the end of the trail.*  
**arrive at, attain, get as far as, get to, make**

**reach** 2

**verb** to extend as far as something  
 » *Annabel used a ladder to reach the book she wanted.*  
**extend to, go as far as, touch**



Annabel used a ladder to **reach** the book she wanted.

**reach** 3

**verb** to arrive at a certain stage or level  
 » *Exam results have reached record highs.*  
**arrive at, attain, climb to, fall to, rise to**

**reaction** 1

**noun** a person's response to something  
 » *When she spotted the spider, Louise's reaction was one of horror.*  
**acknowledgment, answer, feedback, response**



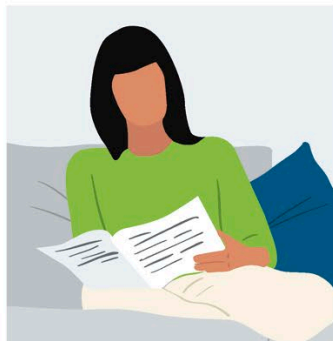
When she spotted the spider, Louise's **reaction** was one of horror.

**reaction** 2

**noun** a response to something unpopular  
 » *There has been a fierce reaction to the suggestion that the school day be made longer.*  
**backlash, counterbalance**

**read** 1

**verb** to look at and absorb something written  
 » *Nancy read the article with interest.*  
**glance at, look at, pore over, scan, study**



Nancy **read** the article with interest.

**read** 2

**verb** to understand the true nature or mood  
 » *Rob wished he could read her thoughts.*  
**comprehend, decipher, interpret**



We were packed and **ready** to go on holiday.

**ready** 1

**adjective** prepared for action or use  
 » *We were packed and ready to go on holiday.*  
**organized, prepared, primed, ripe, set**

**ready** 2

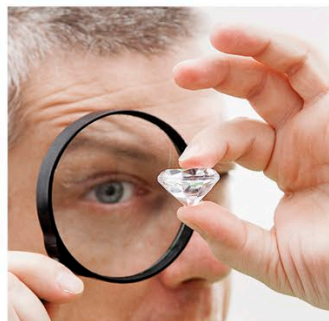
**adjective** willing to do something  
 » *Kyle was always ready to help with the dishes.*  
**agreeable, eager, happy, keen, willing, minded, predisposed**

**ready** 3

**adjective** easily produced or obtained  
 » *Lily took a ready meal out of the freezer.*  
**accessible, available, convenient, handy**

**real** 1

**adjective** genuine and not imitation  
 » *The jeweller inspected the gem to see if it was real or a fake.*  
**authentic, bona fide, genuine, honest, legitimate, rightful, sincere, true, unaffected**  
 antonym: **fake**



The jeweller inspected the gem to see if it was **real** or a fake.

**real** 2

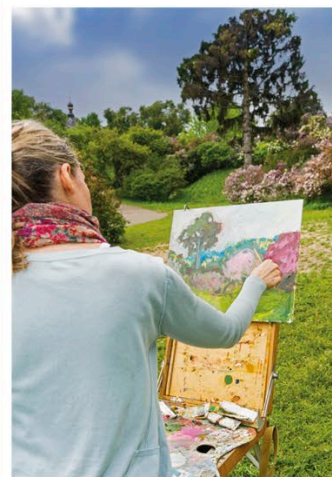
**adjective** actually existing and not imagined  
 » *The film is based on the real story of a famous scientist.*  
**actual, authentic, concrete, factual, genuine, legitimate, tangible, true**  
 antonym: **imaginary**

**realistic** 1

**adjective** accepting the true situation  
 » *She was realistic that her chances of winning the lottery were virtually nil.*  
**down-to-earth, level-headed, matter-of-fact, practical, sensible, sober**

**realistic** 2

**adjective** true to real life  
 » *My sister's paintings are very realistic.*  
**authentic, faithful, lifelike, true, naturalistic, representational**



My sister's paintings are very **realistic**.

**reality**

**noun** something that is true and not imagined  
 » *The reality of the situation is that we are lost.*  
**authenticity, fact, realism, truth**

**realize**

**verb** to become aware of something  
 » *Nicole hadn't realized how difficult the recipe was.*  
**appreciate, comprehend, grasp, recognize, understand**

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# really

<sup>1</sup> adverb very or certainly

» The friends had a **really** good time at the party.

I'm **absolutely**  
*delighted to see everyone.*

I'm **certainly**  
*enjoying myself.*

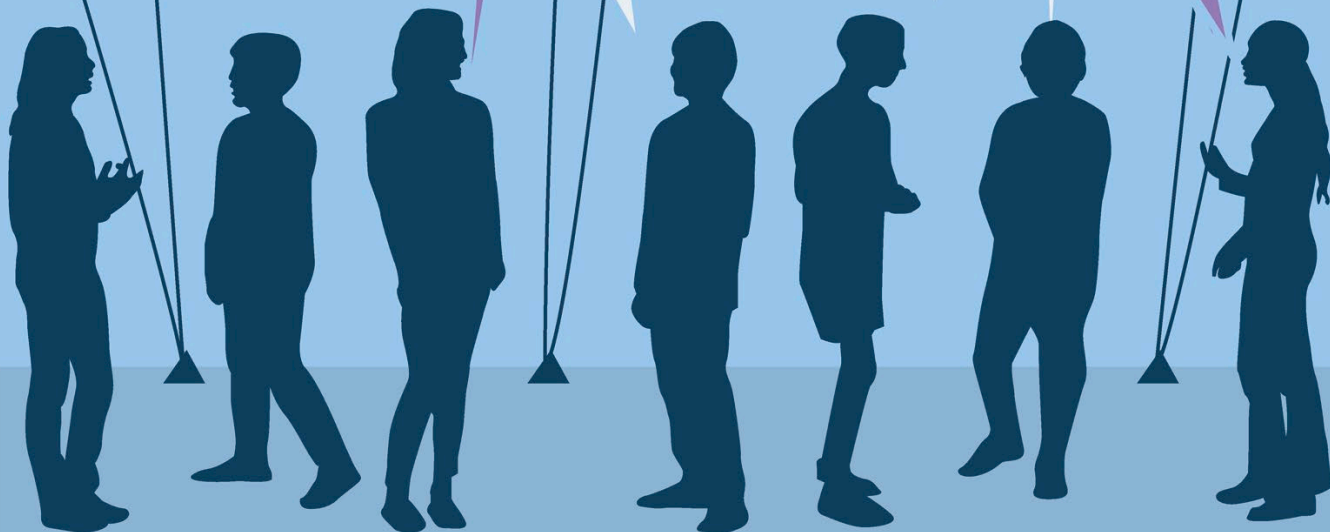
The food is  
**extremely**  
*tasty.*

You must be  
**terribly** *tired*  
*after all that dancing.*

They organized it in a  
**remarkably**  
*short time.*

I'm having a  
**truly**  
*wonderful time.*

I'm **very**  
*glad I came.*



**really** 1

adverb very or certainly

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**really** 2

adverb in fact

» Simon really is asleep, he's not pretending.

**actually, in fact, in reality, truly****reason** 1

noun the cause of something that happens » I had no reason to go out, so stayed at home.

**cause, grounds, incentive, motive, purpose****reason** 2

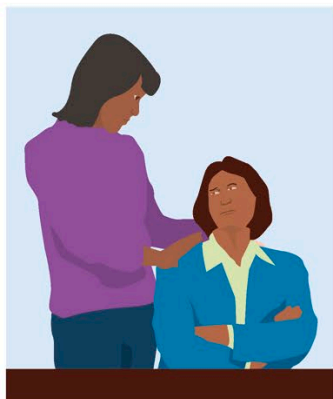
noun the ability to think

» Ivy desperately wanted the bag, but reason told her not to buy it because it was too small.

**intellect, judgment, rationality, reasoning, sense****reason** 3

verb to try to persuade someone of something

» I tried to reason with my mother, but she wouldn't listen.

**bring round (informal), persuade, win over**I tried to **reason** with my mother, but she wouldn't listen.**reasonable** 1

adjective fair and sensible

» It was only reasonable to share the chores between us.

**fair, moderate, rational, sane, sensible, sober, steady, wise, judicious, plausible****reasonable** 2

adjective based on good reasoning » Ali had a reasonable argument based on the facts.

**justifiable, legitimate, logical, sensible, sound, understandable****reasonable** 3

adjective not too expensive

» The cost of my haircut was reasonable, I'd go there again.

**cheap, competitive, fair, inexpensive, low, modest****reassure**

verb to put someone's mind at ease » Sonia reassured me that everything was fine.

**bolster, cheer up, comfort, encourage, buoy up, hearten, inspire****rebel**

verb to fight against authority and accepted values

» Amy rebelled against school policy and dyed her hair pink.

**defy, mutiny, resist, revolt**Amy **rebelled** against school policy and dyed her hair pink.**rebellion**noun an organized opposition to authority » Fed up with extra work every night, the students staged a rebellion.  
**insurrection, mutiny, revolt, revolution, uprising****receive** 1

verb to accept something from someone » Did you receive my letter?

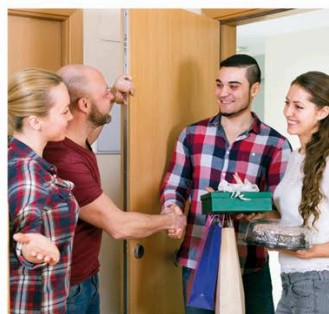
**accept, be given, get, pick up, take****receive** 2

verb to experience something » We received a very warm welcome.

**encounter, suffer, sustain, undergo****receive** 3

verb to welcome visitors

» Jim and Marie were there to receive the guests when they arrived for the party.

**entertain, greet, meet, take in, welcome**Jim and Marie were there to **receive** the guests when they arrived for the party.**recent**

adjective happening a short time ago » Our most recent holiday was to Chile.

**current, fresh, new, present-day, up-to-date, contemporary, latter-day****reckon** 1

verb (informal) to think or believe something is the case

» I reckon they'll be here soon, I told them to come at 3 pm.

**assume, believe (formal), consider, judge, suppose, think, deem (formal), hold to be, surmise (formal)****reckon** 2

verb to calculate an amount

» The figure is now reckoned to be 15 per cent.

**calculate, count, estimate, figure out, work out****recognize** 1

verb to know who or what someone or something is

» I recognized Darren from his ginger hair.

**identify, know, place, spot****recognize** 2

verb to accept or acknowledge something » William was recognized as an outstanding pilot by the academy.

**acknowledge, appreciate, honour, salute****reconstruct** 1

verb to rebuild something that has been damaged » The old city centre was falling down and has been reconstructed.

**rebuild, recreate, regenerate, renovate, restore, reassemble, remodel****reconstruct** 2

verb to build up from small details » Archaeologists reconstruct the past from the evidence they find.

**build up, deduce, piece together****record** 1

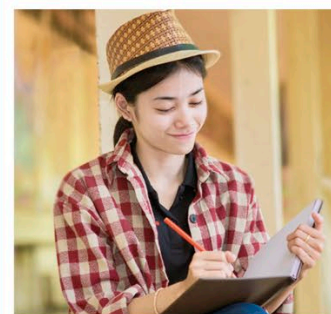
noun a stored account of something » The shelves were bulging with medical records.

**account, archives, file, journal, minute, register****record** 2

noun what someone has done in the past » The interviewer asked for a record of my previous work experience.

**background, career, curriculum vitae, track record (informal)****record** 3

verb to note and store information » Julia records her daily life in her diary.

**blog, document, enter, log, note, register, write down**Julia **records** her daily life in her diary.

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## recover <sup>1</sup>

verb to get better again  
» *Pete has still not fully recovered from a nasty cold.*  
**convalesce, get better, get well, improve, recuperate, revive**

## recover <sup>2</sup>

verb to get something back again » *Lynn's father managed to recover the lost book from behind the shelves.*  
**get back, recapture, recoup, regain, retrieve**

## recovery <sup>1</sup>

noun the act of getting better again » *He made a remarkable recovery after his operation.*  
**healing, improvement, recuperation, revival, convalescence, rally**

## recovery <sup>2</sup>

noun the act of getting something back » *The art gallery offered a reward for the recovery of the stolen painting.*  
**recapture, reclamation, restoration, retrieval**

## recruit <sup>1</sup>

verb to persuade people to join a group » *Ali helped to recruit volunteers for picking up litter.*  
**draft, enlist, enrol, muster**

## recruit <sup>2</sup>

noun someone who has recently joined a group  
» *The army recruits were given their new uniforms.*  
**beginner, convert, novice, trainee, tyro**



The army **recruits** were given their new uniforms.



I gave my daughter a **red** apple.

## red

noun or adjective  
Shades of red:  
**burgundy, cardinal, carmine, cherry, claret, coral, crimson, flame, maroon, poppy, rose, ruby, scarlet, vermilion, wine**  
related words:  
adjective **rubicund, ruddy**

## reduce <sup>1</sup>

verb to make something smaller in size or amount  
» *Mum reduced her hours at work so she could spend more time at home.*  
**curtail, cut, cut down, decrease, diminish, lessen, lower, shorten**  
antonym: **increase**

## reduce <sup>2</sup>

verb to bring to a weaker or inferior state » *The village was reduced to rubble in the earthquake.*  
**degrade, demote, downgrade, drive, force**

## refer <sup>1</sup>

verb to mention something  
» *In his speech, Len referred to a recent trip to Canada.*  
**allude, bring up, cite, mention**

## refer <sup>2</sup>

verb to look at something to find something out » *We had to refer to the recipe to make the sauce.*  
**consult, look up**



We had to **refer** to the recipe to make the sauce.

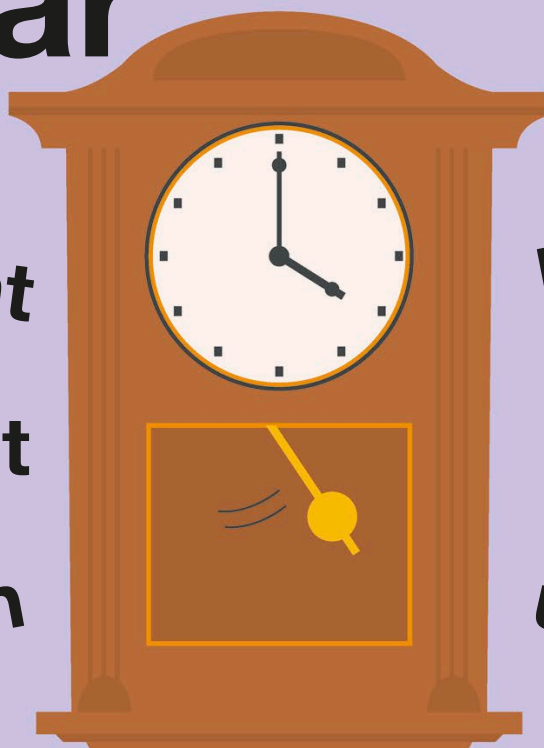
# regular

<sup>1</sup> adjective even or equally spaced  
» *A clock pendulum has **regular** movement.*

**consistent**

**constant**

**even**



**periodic**

**rhythmic**

**uniform**



He was a **refined** gentleman with impeccable manners.

## refined 1

**adjective** well-mannered and polite » *He was a refined gentleman with impeccable manners.*  
**civilized, genteel, gentlemanly, ladylike, polite**  
 antonym: **common**

## refined 2

**adjective** processed to remove impurities » *White sugar is refined from raw sugar cane.*  
**distilled, filtered, processed, pure, purified**

## reform 1

**noun** a major change or improvement » *The new head teacher is planning a reform of the school timetable.*  
**amendment, correction, improvement, rehabilitation, amelioration, betterment, rectification**

## reform 2

**verb** to make major changes or improvements to something » *He reformed the athletics team to improve results.*  
**amend, better, correct, rectify, rehabilitate, ameliorate, emend, revolutionize**

## refresh

**verb** to make you feel more energetic » *A glass of fruit juice will refresh you.*  
**brace, enliven, rejuvenate, revive, stimulate, freshen, invigorate, revitalize, revivify**

## refuge

**noun** a place where you go for safety » *We hid from the storm in a tiny mountain refuge.*  
**asylum, harbour, haven, sanctuary, shelter**

## refuse 1

**verb** to say you will not do something » *He refused to talk about the contents of the letter.*  
**abstain, decline, withhold**

## refuse 2

**verb** to say you will not allow or accept something » *I politely refused the offer of a drink as I wasn't thirsty.*  
**decline, reject, spurn, turn down**  
 antonym: **accept**

## refuse 3

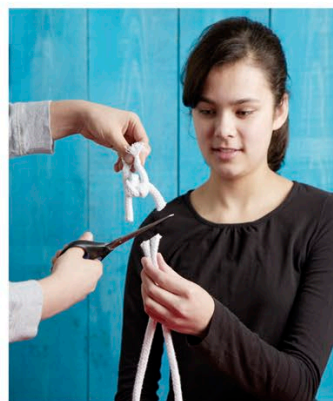
**noun** rubbish or waste » *Our household refuse is collected weekly.*  
**garbage, junk** (informal), **litter, rubbish, trash, waste**

## regard 1

**verb** to think of someone or something in a particular way » *I regard Isabella as my best friend.*  
**consider, judge, look on, see, think of, view**

## regard 2

**verb** (literary) to look at someone in a particular way » *Janine regarded the magician's trick with interest.*  
**contemplate, eye, gaze, look, scrutinize, watch**



Janine **regarded** the magician's trick with interest.

## region

**noun** a large area of land » *We live in a mountainous region.*  
**area, district, land, locality, quarter, sector, territory, tract, zone**

## regret 1

**verb** to be sorry something has happened » *Michael regretted forgetting his girlfriend's birthday again.*  
**be sorry, grieve, lament, mourn, repent, bemoan, bewail, rue**



Michael **regretted** forgetting his girlfriend's birthday again.

## regret 2

**noun** the feeling of being sorry about something » *He expressed regret that he had caused offence.*  
**grief, pang of conscience, penitence, remorse, repentance, sorrow, compunction, contrition, ruefulness, self-reproach**

## regular 1

**adjective** even or equally spaced  
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## regular 2

**adjective** usual or normal » *Tom was filling in for the regular shop assistant.*  
**customary, everyday, habitual, normal, ordinary, routine, typical, usual**

## reject

**verb** to refuse to accept or agree to something » *Dad rejected the job offer because the office was too far away.*  
**decline, deny, rebuff, refuse, renounce, say no to, spurn, turn down, disallow, repudiate**  
 antonym: **accept**

## rejoice

**verb** to be very happy about something » *Today we can rejoice in our success.*  
**be overjoyed, celebrate, delight, glory, exult, revel**

## relation 1

**noun** a connection between two things » *The film bears no relation whatsoever to the book.*  
**bearing, bond, connection, correlation, link, relationship**

## relation 2

**noun** a member of your family » *I stayed with my relations while I was in Germany.*  
**kin, kinsman, kinswoman, relative**

## relationship 1

**noun** the way people act towards each other » *Valerie has a friendly relationship with her customers.*  
**affinity, association, bond, connection, rapport**



Valerie has a friendly **relationship** with her customers.

## relationship 2

**noun** the connection between two things » *There is a clear relationship between happiness and good health.*  
**connection, correlation, link, parallel**

## relax

**verb** to be calm and become less worried » *You can relax in the holidays after working hard all term.*  
**laze, rest, take it easy, unwind**

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I spent a **relaxed** evening listening to music.

## relaxed 1

adjective calm and peaceful

» I spent a **relaxed** evening listening to music.

**calm, casual, comfortable, informal, peaceful**

antonym: **tense**

## relaxed 2

adjective calm and not worried or tense » My parents have a **relaxed** attitude and often let my friends stay over.

**at ease, calm, comfortable, cool, easy, serene, unflustered**

antonym: **tense**

## relay

verb to give information to someone else » Ariana **relayed** your message to me.  
**communicate, convey, impart**

## release 1

verb to set someone or something free  
» Our teacher finally **released** us from the lesson.

**deliver, discharge, extricate, free, let go, liberate, set free, emancipate, unfetter**

## release 2

verb to make something available » The new album will be **released** next week.

**issue, launch, publish, put out**

## release 3

noun the setting free of someone or something  
» The charity's aim was the **release** of animals in captivity back into the wild.

**discharge, emancipation, freedom, liberation, liberty, deliverance, manumission**

## relentless

adjective never stopping or becoming less intense  
» The rain was **relentless** and did not let up the whole week.

**incessant, nonstop, persistent, sustained, unrelenting, unremitting**

## relevant

adjective connected with what is being discussed » Please **stick to the point** and just talk about what's **relevant**.

**applicable, apposite, appropriate, apt, pertinent, germane, material**  
antonym: **irrelevant**

## reliable

adjective able to be trusted  
» Mike was **reliable** and turned up on time every day.

**dependable, faithful, safe, sound, staunch, sure, true, trustworthy**  
antonym: **unreliable**

## religious 1

adjective connected with religion » We joined in the **religious** worship.  
**devotional, divine, doctrinal, holy, sacred, scriptural, spiritual, theological**

## religious 2

adjective having a strong belief in a god or gods » Paul is very **religious** and goes to church every week.  
**devout, God-fearing, godly, pious, righteous**

## reluctant

adjective unwilling to do something » Dad was **reluctant** to ask for help.

**averse, disinclined, hesitant, loath, slow, unwilling**  
antonym: **eager**

## remain 1

verb to stay somewhere  
» My friends went out while I **remained** at home.

**be left, linger, stay behind, wait**



My friends went out while I **remained** at home.

## remain 2

verb to stay the same  
» No matter how much she tried to curl her hair, it **remained** straight.  
**continue, endure, go on, last, stay, survive**



# remember

verb to bring to mind something from the past  
» **Remember** to feed the cat.

## retain

I must **retain** all those geography facts.

## recall

Try to **recall** the words of that poem.



## recognize

Do you **recognize** this name?



## remainder

*noun* the part that is left  
» After six weeks of French, we studied Spanish for the remainder of the term.  
**balance, last, others, remains, remnants, rest**

## remains

*plural noun* the parts left over  
» We put the remains of lunch in the fridge.

**debris, dregs, leftovers, relics, remnants, residue, scraps, vestiges, detritus, leavings**

## remark ①

*verb* to mention or comment on something » She remarked that my hair was looking nice.  
**comment, mention, observe, say, state**

## remark ②

*noun* something you say  
» Trudy's remark about my new coat pleased me.  
**comment, observation, statement, utterance, word**

## remember

*verb* to bring to mind something from the past  
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## remind

*verb* to make someone remember something  
» Please remind me to water the plants before we go out.  
**bring back to, jog someone's memory, make someone remember, put in mind, refresh someone's memory**

## remote ①

*adjective* far off in distance  
» We stayed for a week on a remote farm in the hills.  
**distant, far-off, inaccessible, isolated, lonely, outlying**



We stayed for a week on a remote farm in the hills.

## remote ②

*adjective* far away in time  
» The days of knights in armour riding into battle are from the remote past.  
**distant, far-off**

## remote ③

*adjective* not wanting to be friendly » I tried to talk to her, but she was very remote.  
**aloof, cold, detached, distant, reserved, withdrawn**

## remote ④

*adjective* not very great  
» The chances of us winning the lottery are pretty remote.  
**poor, slender, slight, slim, small**

## remove

*verb* to take something off or away » Sue had already bought milk, so she removed it from the shopping list.  
**delete, detach, eject, eliminate, erase, extract, get rid of, take away, take off, take out, withdraw, efface, excise, expunge**



Sue had already bought milk, so she removed it from the shopping list.

## renew

*verb* to begin something again » Dawn renewed her subscription to the magazine.  
**begin again, recommence, re-establish, reopen, resume**

## renounce

*verb* (formal) to reject something or give it up  
» Tina renounced all fast food.  
**disown, give up, reject, relinquish, eschew** (formal)



Tina renounced all fast food.

## renovate

*verb* to repair an old building or machine  
» My aunt bought a rundown house and renovated it.  
**do up, modernize, recondition, refurbish, repair, restore, revamp**

# call to mind

Can you **call to mind** where the keys are?

# reminisce

**Reminisce** with Grandpa about the past.

# recollect

Do you **recollect** what we did last Tuesday?

antonym: **forget**  
Don't **forget** to do your homework!



*My dad carried out the repairs on the car himself.*

## repair 1

**noun** something you do to mend something that is damaged » *My dad carried out the repairs on the car himself.*

**darn, mend, patch, restoration**

## repair 2

**verb** to mend something that is damaged » *The money will be used to repair the faulty TV.*

**fix, mend, patch, patch up, renovate, restore**

## repay

**verb** to give back money that is owed » *It will take me years to repay the loan.*

**pay back, refund, settle up, make restitution, recompense, reimburse, remunerate, square**

## repeat

**verb** to say or write something again » *Since you didn't listen, I'll repeat that.*

**echo, reiterate, say again, iterate, recapitulate, restate**

## repel 1

**verb** to horrify and disgust » *The thought of eating snails repels me.*

**disgust, offend, revolt, sicken**

antonym: **attract**

## repel 2

**verb** to fight and drive back enemy forces » *Troops positioned along the border are ready to repel an enemy attack.*

**drive off, repulse, resist**

## replace

**verb** to take the place of something else » *He replaced his car with a bicycle.*

**succeed, supersede, supplant, take over from, take the place of**

## replacement

**noun** a person or thing that takes the place of another » *Glen has nominated Adam to be his replacement.*

**proxy, stand-in, substitute, successor, surrogate**

## reply 1

**verb** to give someone an answer » *She quickly replied to my email.*

**answer, counter, respond, retort, return, reciprocate, rejoin, riposte**

## reply 2

**noun** an answer given to someone » *He gave a sharp reply to her endless questions.*

**answer, response, retort, rejoinder, riposte**

## report 1

**verb** to tell about or give an official account of something » *Owen reported the theft to the police.*

**cover, describe, inform of, notify, state**

## report 2

**noun** an account of an event or situation » *The news report suggested it was a very exciting match.*

**account, description, statement**



*The news report suggested it was a very exciting match.*

## represent 1

**verb** to stand for something else » *In algebra, letters are used to represent numbers.*

**mean, stand for, symbolize, betoken, equate with**

## represent 2

**verb** to describe something in a particular way » *The newspapers represent him as a hero.*

**depict, describe, picture, portray, show**

## representative 1

**noun** a person who acts on behalf of another or others » *We elected a school representative.*

**agent, delegate, deputy, proxy, spokesman, spokeswoman**

## representative 2

**adjective** typical of the group to which it belongs » *This building is representative of Gaudi's style of architecture.*

**characteristic, illustrative, typical, archetypal, emblematic, indicative**



*This building is representative of Gaudi's style of architecture.*

## reputation

**noun** the opinion that people have of a person or thing » *The college has a reputation for getting good grades.*

**character, name, renown, repute, standing, stature**

## request 1

**verb** to ask for something politely or formally » *Alana requested that the door be left open.*

**ask, beg, seek, entreat, solicit**

## request 2

**noun** the action of asking for something politely or formally » *The examiner refused the boy's request for more time.*

**appeal, application, call, plea, entreaty, petition**

## require 1

**verb** to need something » *A plant requires light, water, and nutrients in order to grow.*

**demand, depend on, be in need of, need, want** (informal)

## require 2

**verb** to say that someone must do something » *The rules require employers to provide safety training.*

**compel, demand, direct, instruct, oblige, order**

## requirement

**noun** something that you must have or do » *There is a legal requirement for children to attend school.*

**demand, essential, necessity, need, specification, prerequisite** (formal), **stipulation** (formal)

## research 1

**noun** the act of studying and finding out about something » *I've been doing some research for my project.*

**analysis, examination, exploration, investigation, study**



*I've been doing some research for my project.*

## research 2

**verb** to study and find out about something » *She researched good places to visit while they were on holiday.*

**analyse, examine, explore, google, investigate, study**

**resemblance**

*noun* a similarity between two things » *I can see a resemblance between you two.*  
**analogy, correspondence, likeness, parallel, similarity, comparability, parity, semblance, similitude**

**resemble**

*verb* to be similar to something else » *Limes resemble green lemons and they both taste sour, too.*

**bear a resemblance to, be like, be similar to, look like, parallel, take after**



Limes **resemble** green lemons and they both taste sour, too.

**resent**

*verb* to feel bitter and angry about something » *I resent being treated like an idiot.*

**be angry about, be offended by, dislike, object to, take offence at**

**resentful**

*adjective* bitter about something that has happened » *The boys were resentful that they weren't allowed to go to the park.*

**aggrieved, angry, bitter, embittered, huffy, indignant, offended, in high dudgeon, peeved, piqued**

**resentment**

*noun* a feeling of anger and bitterness » *Resentment is growing among students at what they claim is unfair treatment by some teachers.*  
**anger, animosity, bitterness, grudge, huff, indignation, rancour, pique, umbrage**



A table has been **reserved** for us at the restaurant.

**reserve** 1

*verb* to keep for a particular person or purpose » *A table has been reserved for us at the restaurant.*

**hoard, hold, keep, put by, save, set aside, stockpile, store**

**reserve** 2

*noun* a supply kept for future use » *We have plenty of food reserves if we get snowed in.*

**cache, fund, hoard, stock, stockpile, store, supply**

**resign** 1

*verb* to leave a job » *Scott resigned from the firm to take another job elsewhere.*

**abdicate, hand in your notice, leave, quit, step down** (informal)

**resign** 2:

**resign oneself**  
*verb* to accept an unpleasant situation » *After playing badly, Samantha had resigned herself to losing her place on the team.*  
**accept, reconcile yourself, bow**

**resist**

*verb* to refuse to accept something and try to prevent it » *She resisted her mother's attempts to get her to clean her bedroom.*

**defy, fight, oppose, refuse, struggle against**  
 antonym: **accept**

**resolve** 1

*verb* to decide firmly to do something » *Miguel resolved to do more exercise.*

**decide, determine, intend, make up your mind**

**resolve** 2

*verb* to find a solution to a problem » *We must find a way to resolve this problem.*  
**clear up, find a solution to, overcome, solve, sort out, work out**

**resolve** 3

*noun* absolute determination » *Nothing could weaken Laura's resolve to get fit.*  
**determination, resolution, tenacity, doggedness, single-mindedness, willpower**



Nothing could weaken Laura's **resolve** to get fit.

**respect** 1

*verb* to have a good opinion of someone » *The new teacher wanted his pupils to respect him.*

**admire, have a good opinion of, have a high opinion of, honour, look up to, think highly of, venerate, esteem, revere, reverence, set store by**  
 antonym: **disrespect**

**respect** 2

*noun* a good opinion of someone » *The football team had a lot of respect for their old manager.*

**admiration, esteem, regard, reverence**  
 antonym: **disrespect**

**respectable** 1

*adjective* considered to be acceptable and correct » *Timothy comes from a respectable family.*  
**decent, good, honourable, proper, reputable, upright, worthy**

**respectable** 2

*adjective* adequate or reasonable » *His grades were respectable, but not amazing.*  
**appreciable, considerable, decent, fair, reasonable**

**responsibility** 1

*noun* the duty to deal with or take care of something » *Mum took care of the house while the garden was my responsibility.*  
**duty, obligation, onus**

**responsibility** 2

*noun* the blame for something which has happened » *We must all accept responsibility for our mistakes.*  
**blame, fault, guilt, liability, accountability, culpability**

**responsible** 1

*adjective* being the person in charge of something » *I am responsible for making the sandwiches for the picnic.*  
**in charge, in control**

**responsible** 2

*adjective* being to blame for something » *I wonder who is responsible for this mess!*  
**at fault, guilty, to blame**



I wonder who is **responsible** for this mess!

**responsible** 3

*adjective* sensible and dependable » *Patrick had to show that he would be a responsible pet owner.*  
**dependable, level-headed, reliable, sensible, sound, trustworthy**  
 antonym: **irresponsible**

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Greg took one slice of cake and left the **rest**.

### rest 1

**noun** the remaining parts of something » *Greg took one slice of cake and left the **rest**.*  
**balance, others, remainder, surplus**

### rest 2

**noun** a period when you relax and do nothing » *I could do with a **rest** from all this work.*  
**break, holiday, leisure, relaxation, respite**

### rest 3

**verb** to relax and do nothing for a while » *Gary **rested** on the sofa all evening.*  
**have a break, idle, laze, put your feet up, relax, sit down, take it easy**

### restless

**adjective** unable to sit still or relax » *She had been **restless** and irritable all day.*  
**edgy, fidgety, fretful, jumpy, on edge, unsettled**

### restore 1

**verb** to cause something to return to its previous state » *The restaurant was **anxious** to **restore** its reputation after the poor review.*  
**re-establish, reinstate, reintroduce, return**

### restore 2

**verb** to clean and repair something » *He specializes in **restoring** ancient parchments.*  
**fix up, mend, rebuild, reconstruct, refurbish, renovate, repair, recondition, retouch**

### restrain

**verb** to hold someone or something back » *Noah had to be **restrained** by his friends.*  
**contain, control, curb, hamper, hinder, hold back, inhibit, constrain, rein, straiten**

### restrict

**verb** to limit the movement or actions of someone or something » *I **restricted** the dog to the ground floor of the house.*  
**confine, contain, hamper, handicap, impede, inhibit, limit, restrain, circumscribe, demarcate, straiten**

### restriction

**noun** a rule or situation that limits what you can do » *There is a **parking restriction** outside the hospital entrance.*  
**constraint, control, curb, limitation, regulation, restraint, stipulation**



There is a **parking restriction** outside the hospital entrance.

### result 1

**noun** the situation that is caused by something » *He was eager to hear the **result** of the match.*  
**consequence, effect, outcome, product, upshot**

### result 2

**verb** to be caused by something » *Sarah's gold medal **resulted** from a lot of training and hard work.*  
**arise, derive, develop, ensue, follow, happen, stem**

### result in

**verb** to cause something to happen » *Thorough revision **results in** better grades.*  
**bring about, cause, lead to**

### retaliate

**verb** to do something to someone in return for what they did » *Tara **retaliated** by hiding her sister's favourite book.*

**get back at, get even with (informal), get your own back (informal), hit back, pay someone back, take revenge**

### retreat 1

**verb** to move away from someone or something » *The sunbathers on the beach **retreated** as the tide came in.*  
**back away, back off, draw back, pull back, withdraw**  
antonym: **advance**

### retreat 2

**noun** the action of moving away from someone or something » *We made a **hasty retreat** when the hotel fire alarm went off.*  
**departure, evacuation, flight, withdrawal**  
antonym: **advance**

### retreat 3

**noun** a quiet place you can go to » *Ben's favourite **retreat** was his tree house, where he could relax.*  
**haven, refuge, sanctuary**



Ben's favourite **retreat** was his tree house, where he could relax.



Peter called for the dog and it **returned** carrying a stick.

### return 1

**verb** to go back to a place » *Peter called for the dog and it **returned** carrying a stick.*  
**come back, go back, reappear, turn back**

### return 2

**verb** to give something back » *The company guaranteed to **return** our money if we didn't like the product.*  
**give back, pay back, refund, repay, recompense, reimburse**

### reveal 1

**verb** to tell people about something » *The article **revealed** all the details about the celebrity's life.*  
**announce, disclose, divulge, get off your chest (informal), let on**

### reveal 2

**verb** to uncover something that is hidden  
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### revenge

**noun** vengeance for wrongs or injury received » *Chris plotted his **revenge** for the trick his friends had played on him earlier.*  
**reprisal, retaliation, retribution, vengeance**

### reverse 1

**verb** to change into something different or contrary » *The store won't **reverse** their decision to increase prices.*  
**change, invalidate, overrule, overturn, retract, countermand, negate, rescind, revoke**

# reveal

**2** verb to uncover something that is hidden

» Curtis pulled aside the curtain to **reveal** dazzling treasure.

## uncover

He **uncovered** a royal crown.

## unveil

He **unveiled** a priceless sculpture.

## bring to light

He **brought to light** the lost pearl necklace.

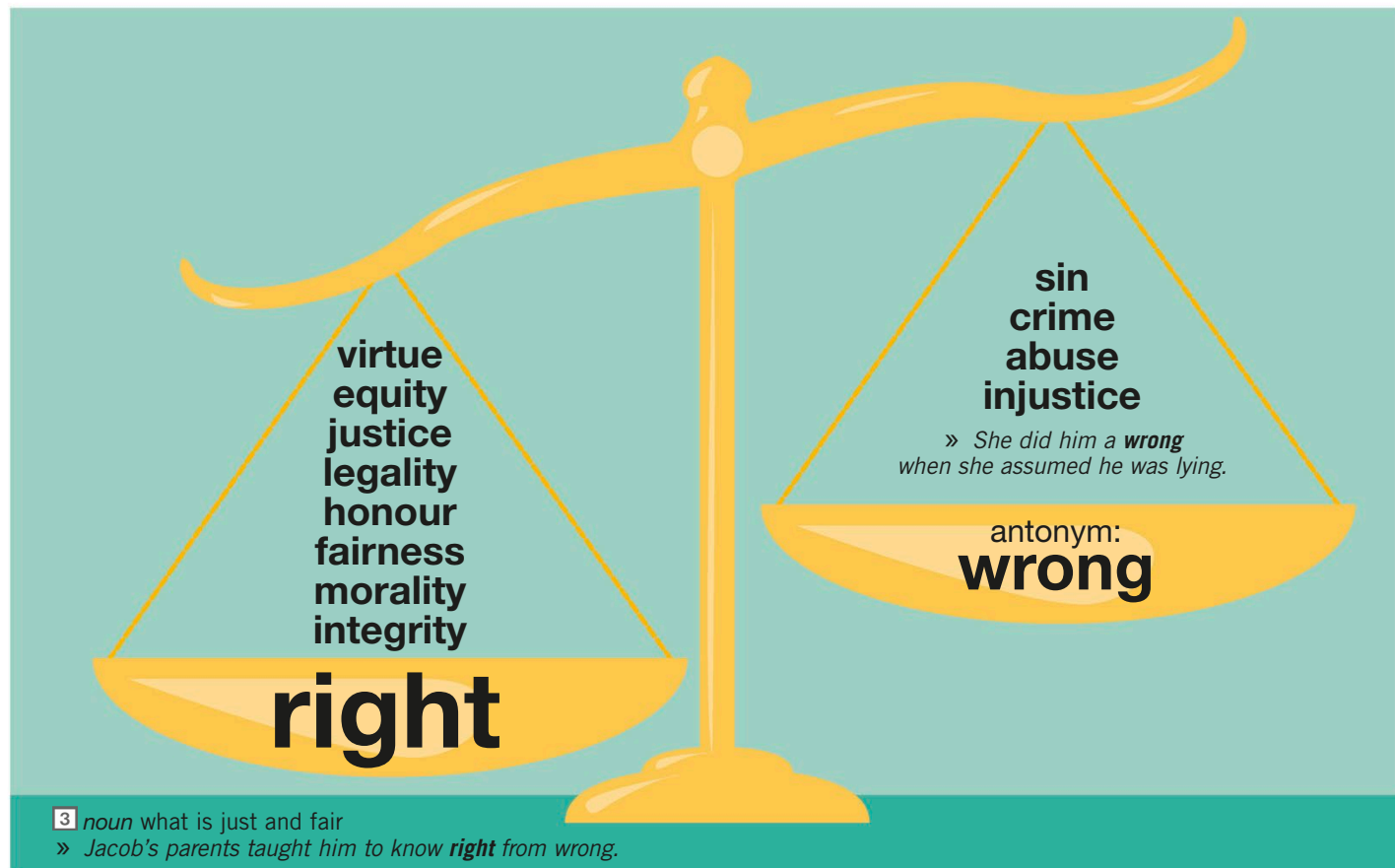
## unearth

He **unearthed** a heap of ancient coins.

## lay bare

He **laid bare** an emerald necklace.

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## reverse 2

**noun** the opposite of what has just been said or done  
» *That's not right – in fact, the reverse is true.*

**contrary, converse, opposite**

## review 1

**noun** a critical assessment of a book or performance  
» *The film got good reviews in Andy's blog.*

**commentary, criticism, notice**



*The film got good reviews in Andy's blog.*

## review 2

**noun** a general survey or report  
» *Our class project was to do a review of pupils' opinions on school dinners.*

**analysis, examination, report, study, survey**

## revise

**verb** to alter or correct something  
» *Carlos revised his opinion when he heard Stefan's point of view.*

**amend, correct, edit, refresh, revamp, update**

## revive

**verb** to make or become lively or active again  
» *The concert revived my love of rock music.*

**rally, resuscitate, invigorate, reanimate, rekindle, revitalize**

## reward

**noun** something given in return for a service  
» *My mother bought me a new bike as a reward for good behaviour.*

**bonus, bounty, payment, prize**

## rhythm

**noun** a regular movement or beat  
» *The dancers swayed to the rhythm of the music.*  
**beat, pulse, tempo, time**

## rich 1

**adjective** having a lot of money and possessions  
» *He was a rich young man with lots of money.*

**affluent, loaded** (slang), **opulent, prosperous, wealthy, well off**  
antonym: **poor**



*He was a rich young man with lots of money.*

## rich 2

**adjective** abundant in something  
» *Bananas are rich in vitamin A.*  
**abundant, fertile, plentiful, copious, fecund, plenteous**

## rid: get rid of

**verb** to remove or destroy something  
» *Arnold got rid of the spider in the bath.*

**dispose of, dump, eject, jettison, remove, weed out**

## ridiculous

**adjective** very foolish  
» *Josh made the ridiculous claim of having met the queen.*

**absurd, laughable, ludicrous, preposterous**

## right 1

**adjective** in accordance with the facts  
» *She had all the right answers and got full marks in the test.*

**accurate, correct, exact, factual, genuine, precise, strict, true, valid, unerring**  
antonym: **wrong**

## right 2

**adjective** most suitable  
» *The right time to sleep is at night.*  
**acceptable, appropriate, desirable, done, fit, fitting, okay or OK** (informal), **proper, seemly, suitable**

**right** ③

*noun* what is just and fair

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**right-wing**

*adjective* believing in capitalist policies » *Steve agreed with some of the party's right-wing policies, especially lower taxes for the rich.*

**conservative, reactionary, Tory** (Britain)

**rigid** ①

*adjective* not easy to bend » *The rigid metal of the chair was uncomfortable to sit on.*

**firm, hard, solid, stiff**  
antonym: **flexible**

**rigid** ②

*adjective* unchangeable and often considered severe » *The school has a rigid timetable that cannot be altered.*

**fixed, inflexible, set, strict, stringent**

**ring** ①

*verb* to make a loud clear sound » *Skye heard the school bell ring.*

**chime, clang, peal, resonate, toll**

**ring** ②

*noun* an object or group of things in the shape of a circle » *My little brother floated on an inflatable rubber ring.*

**band, circle, hoop, loop, round**



*My little brother floated on an inflatable rubber ring.*

**ring** ③

*noun* a group of people who help each other, often secretly » *The twist in the film's plot was that Jimmy was part of a spy ring.*

**band, cell, clique, syndicate**

**riot** ①

*noun* a disturbance made by an unruly mob » *Large numbers of fans were involved in a riot after the match.*

**anarchy, disorder, disturbance, mob violence, strife**

**riot** ②

*verb* to take part in a riot » *Some people rioted in protests against the new laws.*

**go on the rampage, rampage, run riot, take to the streets**

**rise** ①

*verb* to move upward » *Smoke rose from the campfire.*

**ascend, climb, go up, move up**



*Smoke rose from the campfire.*

**rise** ②

*verb* to increase » *Customers were warned that the prices would rise next year.*

**go up, grow, increase, intensify, mount**  
antonym: **fall**

**rise** ③

*noun* an increase in something » *The glowing review led to a rise in sales of the game.*

**improvement, increase, upsurge**  
antonym: **fall**

**risk** ①

*noun* a chance that something unpleasant might happen » *If I go out now, there's a risk I'll miss my parcel being delivered.*

**danger, gamble, peril, pitfall**

**risk** ②

*verb* to do something knowing that something unpleasant might happen » *If he misses this game, he risks losing his place in the team.*

**chance, dare, gamble, jeopardize, put in jeopardy**

**rival** ①

*noun* the person someone is competing with » *The race winner was well ahead of his nearest rival.*

**adversary, antagonist, challenger, opponent**

**rival** ②

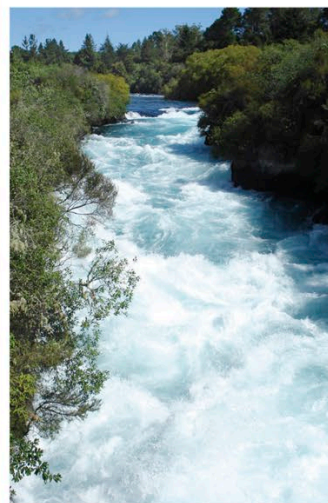
*verb* to be the equal or near equal of » *As a holiday destination, South Africa rivals Kenya for weather.*

**be a match for, equal, match**

**river**

*noun* a natural stream of fresh water flowing along a definite course, usually into the sea » *A fast-flowing river runs through the national park.*

**beck, brook, burn** (Scotland), **creek, estuary, rivulet, stream, tributary, watercourse, waterway**



*A fast-flowing river runs through the national park.*



*There was no traffic at all on the road through the mountains.*

**road**

*noun* a route used by travellers and vehicles » *There was no traffic at all on the road through the mountains.*

**motorway, route, street, track**

**rob**

*verb* to take something from a person illegally » *He was robbed of his money.*

**burgle, con** (informal), **defraud, loot, steal from, swindle**

**romantic**

*adjective* connected with love » *Andy was very romantic and often bought Grace flowers.*

**amorous, loving, tender**

**room** ①

*noun* a separate section in a building » *You can stay in my spare room.*

**chamber, office**

**room** ②

*noun* unoccupied space » *There wasn't enough room for all his belongings.*

**capacity, elbow room, space**

**rot** ①

*verb* to become rotten » *The food in the broken fridge started to rot.*

**decay, decompose, fester, spoil**

related words: *adjective* putrid

## rot 2

**noun** the condition that affects things when they rot  
» *Dad varnished the timber frame to protect against rot.*  
**decay, deterioration, mould, putrefaction, putrescence**

## rotten 1

**adjective** decayed and no longer of use  
» *The strawberries I bought last week are rotten.*  
**bad, decayed, decomposed, mouldy, sour**



The strawberries I bought last week are **rotten**.

## rotten 2

**adjective** (informal) of very poor quality  
» *Whose rotten idea was it to go for a picnic in the rain?*  
**inferior, lousy (slang), poor, unsatisfactory**

## rough 1

**adjective** uneven and not smooth  
» *My bicycle bumped along on the rough ground.*  
**bumpy, craggy, rocky, rugged, uneven**  
antonym: **smooth**

## rough 2

**adjective** difficult or unpleasant  
» *She had a rough time on the ship, feeling seasick all day.*  
**difficult, hard, tough, unpleasant**

## rough 3

**adjective** only approximately correct  
» *At a rough guess, I'd say there were 1,000 students in my school.*  
**approximate, estimated, sketchy, vague, imprecise, inexact**

## round 1

**adjective** shaped like a ball or a circle  
» *Not all balls are round – rugby balls are oval.*  
**circular, cylindrical, rounded, spherical**

## round 2

**noun** one of a series of events  
» *After round three, the red team are in the lead by three points to two.*  
**lap, period, session, stage**



Tom couldn't remember the **route**, so he got out his map.

## route

**noun** a way from one place to another  
» *Tom couldn't remember the route, so he got out his map.*  
**channel, course, itinerary, path, road, way**

## routine 1

**adjective** ordinary and done regularly  
» *Dylan underwent a series of routine medical tests.*  
**everyday, normal, ordinary, regular, standard, typical, usual**

## routine 2

**noun** the usual way or order someone does things  
» *My morning routine is always to shower before breakfast.*  
**order, pattern, practice, procedure, programme, schedule, system**

## row 1

**noun** several things arranged in a line  
» *There were rows of empty seats in the theatre.*  
**bank, column, line, queue, rank**

## row 2

**noun** a serious disagreement  
» *I had a row with my brother about who broke the laptop.*  
**altercation, argument, quarrel, squabble**

## rowdy

**adjective** rough and noisy  
» *Nasir complained about being disturbed by his neighbours' rowdy parties.*  
**boisterous, noisy, unruly, wild, obstreperous, uproarious**

## royal

**adjective** concerning a king or a queen or their family  
» *We saw the royal yacht moored in the harbour.*  
**imperial, regal, sovereign**

## rubbish 1

**noun** unwanted things or waste material  
» *Rubbish was piled up at the side of the road, waiting to be removed.*  
**garbage, litter, refuse, trash, waste**



**rubbish** [2]

*noun* foolish words or speech

» *Don't talk rubbish!*

**drivel, garbage, hot air**  
(informal), **nonsense, rot**

**rude** [1]

*adjective* not polite

» *Ignoring your friends is rude.*

**disrespectful, impertinent, impudent, insolent, churlish, discourteous, peremptory**  
antonym: **polite**

**rude** [2]

*adjective* unexpected and unpleasant » *The campers had a rude awakening when a goat ran into their tent.*

**abrupt, unpleasant, violent**

**ruin** [1]

*verb* to destroy or spoil something » *The crops have been ruined by pests.*

**break, damage, destroy, devastate, impair, mar, mess up, spoil, undo, wreck**

**ruin** [2]

*noun* the state of being destroyed or spoiled » *The castle was falling into ruin.*

**decay, destruction, devastation, disrepair, downfall, fall**



*Sheep grazed near the ruins of the ancient temple.*

**ruin** [3]

*noun* the remaining parts of a severely damaged thing » *Sheep grazed near the ruins of the ancient temple.*

**remains, shell, wreck**

**rule** [1]

*noun* a statement of what is allowed » *Coming in late was against the rules.*

**decree, guideline, law, order, regulation, dictum, ordinance, precept**

**rule** [2]: as a rule

*adverb* usually or generally » *As a rule, I eat my meals at the kitchen table.*

**generally, mainly, normally, on the whole, usually**

**rule** [3]

*verb* to govern people

» *Queen Elizabeth II has ruled the UK longer than any other monarch.*

**administer, be in power, govern, lead, reign**

**ruler**

*noun* a person who rules or commands » *Augustus was a decisive ruler of ancient Rome.*

**commander, governor, head of state, leader, monarch, sovereign**

**rumour**

*noun* a story which may or may not be true » *I heard a rumour that our trip might be cancelled.*

**gossip, hearsay, whisper, word**

**run** [1]

*verb* to move on foot at a rapid pace, never having both or all the feet on the ground at the same time

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**run** [2]

*verb* to manage

» *Sean ran a small hotel.*  
**administer, be in charge of, control, direct, look after, manage**

**rush** [1]

*verb* to move fast or do something quickly » *The plumber unblocked the pipe and the water rushed out.*  
**dash, fly, gush, hasten, hurry, race, run, scurry, shoot**

**rush** [2]

*verb* to force into immediate action without sufficient preparation » *I don't want to rush you, but I need to know soon if you're coming tonight.*

**hurry, hustle, press, pressurize, push**

**rush** [3]

*noun* a state of hurrying » *Fred was in a rush to catch the last train.*  
**bustle, dash, hurry, race, scramble, stampede**



*Fred was in a rush to catch the last train.*

# run

[1] *verb* to move on foot at a rapid pace, never having both or all the feet on the ground at the same time  
» *The children **ran** down the hill after their dog.*

**scurry**

*The dog **scurried** away when it was chased.*

**scamper**

*The dog grabbed the pie from the picnic and **scampered** off.*

# Ss

## sack 1

**verb** (informal) to dismiss from a job » *Kevin was sacked from his paper round because of his constant lateness.*  
**discharge, dismiss, fire** (informal)

## sack 2: the sack

**noun** (informal) dismissal from a job » *He got the sack after three months.*  
**discharge, dismissal, termination of employment**

## sacrifice 1

**verb** to give something up » *Betsy sacrificed her lunch hour to distribute leaflets for charity.*  
**forego, forfeit, give up, surrender**



Betsy **sacrificed** her lunch hour to distribute leaflets for charity.

## sacrifice 2

**noun** the action of giving something up » *Louise made many sacrifices in order to save money for her round-the-world trip.*  
**renunciation, self-denial**



I'm **sad** because my best friend's moved away.

## sad 1

**adjective** feeling unhappy about something » *I'm sad because my best friend's moved away.*  
**dejected, depressed, dismal, down, downcast, gloomy, glum, grief-stricken, low, melancholy, mournful, unhappy, wistful, blue, disconsolate, doleful, heavy-hearted, low-spirited, lugubrious, woebegone**  
antonym: **happy**

## sad 2

**adjective** making you feel unhappy » *She sang a sad song of love and loss.*  
**depressing, dismal, gloomy, harrowing, heart-rending, melancholy, mournful, moving, pathetic, poignant, tragic, upsetting**

## sadness

**noun** the feeling of being unhappy » *I said goodbye with a mixture of sadness and joy.*  
**dejection, depression, despondency, melancholy, unhappiness, cheerlessness, dolefulness, dolor**  
antonym: **happiness**

## safe 1

**adjective** not causing harm or danger » *The coastguard's green flag showed that the sea was safe for swimming.*  
**harmless, innocuous, wholesome**  
antonym: **dangerous**

## safe 2

**adjective** not in any danger » *Everyone was safe from the storm in the shelter.*  
**all right, in safe hands, okay or OK** (informal), **out of danger, out of harm's way, protected, safe and sound, secure**

## safeguard 1

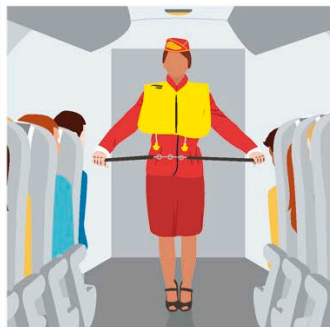
**verb** to protect something » *A plan was in place to safeguard the park from developers who wanted to build on it.*  
**defend, guard, look after, preserve, protect, save, shield**

## safeguard 2

**noun** something that protects people or things » *The charity puts safeguards in place to protect endangered species.*  
**barrier, cover, defence, protection**

## safety

**noun** the state of being safe from harm or danger » *For everyone's safety, the air hostess ran through the emergency procedure.*  
**immunity, protection, security**  
antonym: **danger**



For everyone's **safety**, the air hostess ran through the emergency procedure.



Mounds of salt were harvested from the **salty** water.

## salty

**adjective** tasting of or containing salt » *Mounds of salt were harvested from the salty water.*  
**briny, saline, salted**

## same

**adjective** exactly like one another  
» SEE RIGHT

## sanction 1

**verb** to officially approve of or allow something » *The school has sanctioned the selling of cakes on the premises to raise money for charity.*  
**allow, approve, authorize, back, endorse, permit, support**  
antonym: **veto**

## sanction 2

**noun** official approval of something » *The teacher required the sanction of each pupil's parent for the school trip to go ahead.*  
**approval, authorization, backing, blessing, permission, support, assent, mandate, ratification** (formal)

## sanctions

**plural noun** penalties for countries that break the law » *Trade sanctions were imposed for four years.*  
**ban, boycott, embargo, penalties**

## sane <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* having a normal healthy mind » *As the dog ran around in circles, Audrey wondered if it was sane.*

**lucid, normal, rational, compos mentis, in your right mind, of sound mind**  
antonym: **mad**

## sane <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* showing good sense » *We respected her sane decision to stay at home.*

**judicious, level-headed, rational, reasonable, sensible, sound**

## sarcastic

*adjective* saying the opposite of what you mean to make fun of someone » *A sarcastic remark about missing the ball was on the tip of her tongue.*

**caustic, ironic, sardonic, satirical, derisive, mordacious, mordant**

## satisfactory

*adjective* acceptable or adequate » *The restaurant's food was satisfactory, but nothing special.*

**acceptable, adequate, all right, good enough, passable, sufficient**  
antonym: **unsatisfactory**

## satisfied

*adjective* happy because you have got what you want » *The satisfied customers left the sale, loaded with bargains.*

**content, contented, happy, pleased**  
antonym: **disappointed**

## satisfy <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to give someone something they want » *By giving each of the team a particular task, Liam found a solution to satisfy everyone.*  
**gratify, indulge, please, assuage, pander to, sate, satiate, slake**

## satisfy <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to convince of something » *Ethan had to satisfy the coach that he was fit to play.*  
**convince, persuade, put someone's mind at rest, reassure**

## satisfy <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to fulfil a requirement » *Pupils must satisfy the grade requirements to get in to college.*  
**fulfil, meet**

## savage <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a violent and uncivilized person or thing » *My mum was cross and accused us of eating like savages.*  
**barbarian, beast, brute, lout, monster**

## savage <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to attack and bite someone or something » *The pup savaged the toy rattle.*  
**attack, bite, maul**



The **savage** lion let out an unexpected roar.

## savage <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* cruel and violent » *The savage lion let out an unexpected roar.*  
**barbaric, barbarous, brutal, cruel, ferocious, inhuman, vicious, violent**

## save <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to rescue someone or something » *Eli saved my life.*  
**come to someone's rescue, deliver, redeem, rescue, salvage**

## equal

They are **equal** in height.

## alike

The girls are **alike**.



## indistinguishable

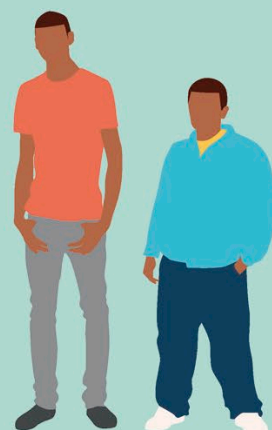
Their hairstyles are **indistinguishable**.

## identical

Their bags are **identical**.

## equivalent

The girls attained **equivalent** grades in school.



antonym:

## different

The boys look totally **different** from each other.

# same

*adjective* exactly like one another  
» *They look the **same**.*

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"I really enjoyed the show," she **remarked**.

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"I like cats, dogs, fish, everything!" he **babbled**.

croak gasp  
pant rasp  
"I need to do more exercise," he **wheezed**.

murmur  
mutter whisper  
"I hate getting the bus," he **mumbled**.

converse  
chat gossip  
natter  
"It was just like when we were little," she **chattered**.

growl hiss  
retort snarl  
"Keep quiet!" she **snapped**.

interrupt  
mention note point out  
"I thought the book was good, too," he **added**.

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**say**  
1 verb to speak words  
» "I love going to the cinema," she **said**.  
speak  
express

answer  
respond  
"I'm fine, thank you," he **replied**.

inquire  
question query  
"How are you today?" she **asked**.



## save 2

verb to keep someone or something safe  
» Fences around playgrounds save children from running onto busy roads.  
**keep safe, preserve, protect, safeguard**

## save 3

verb to keep something for later use » Chen was saving his pocket money to buy a new bike.  
**hoard, keep, put by, reserve, set aside, economize, husband, retrench**  
antonym: **waste**



Chen was **saving** his pocket money to buy a new bike.

## say 1

verb to speak words  
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## say 2

noun a chance to express your opinion » Our teacher called a meeting so everyone could have a say.  
**voice, vote**

## saying

noun a well-known sentence or phrase » "Look before you leap" is a well-known saying.  
**adage, axiom, maxim, proverb, aphorism, dictum, saw**

## scarce

adjective rare or uncommon  
» Strawberries are summer fruit, and scarce in the shops in winter.  
**few, rare, uncommon, unusual**  
antonym: **common**

## scare 1

verb to frighten someone  
» Mike jumped out and scared Clare.  
**alarm, frighten, give someone a fright, intimidate, startle, terrify, terrorize, unnerve**

## scare 2

noun a short period of feeling very frightened » Caleb gave me a scare when he shrieked.  
**fright, shock, start**

## scare 3

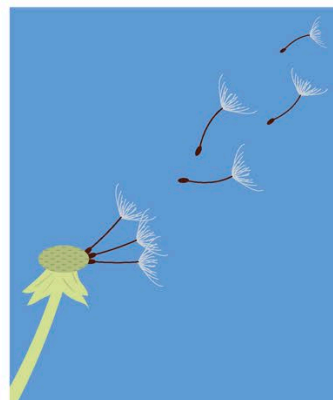
noun a situation where people worry about something  
» The bird flu scare is now over.  
**alert, hysteria, panic**

## scary

adjective (informal) frightening  
» We watched a scary film about ghosts.  
**alarming, chilling, creepy (informal), eerie, frightening, hair-raising, spooky, terrifying, unnerving**

## scatter

verb to throw or drop things all over an area » The wind scattered the dandelion seeds.  
**shower, sow, sprinkle, throw about, broadcast, disseminate, strew**  
antonym: **gather**



The wind **scattered** the dandelion seeds.

## scene 1

noun a picture or view of something » The scene in the painting was a house on a hill.  
**landscape, panorama, view, outlook, vista**



The police were first on the **scene**.

## scene 2

noun the place where something happens  
» The police were first on the scene.  
**location, place, setting, site, spot**

## scene 3

noun an area of activity  
» He is a well-known guitarist on the music scene.  
**arena, business, environment, world**

## scenery

noun the things you see in the countryside » We drove through the national park, admiring the scenery.  
**landscape, panorama, surroundings, terrain, view, outlook, vista**

## scold

verb to tell someone off  
» The teacher scolded the class for being too rowdy.  
**chide, lecture, rebuke, reprimand, tell off (informal), tick off (informal), berate, castigate, reprove, upbraid**

## scorn 1

noun great contempt felt for something » Tom thought his idea was a good one, and ignored the scorn shown by his friends.  
**contempt, derision, disdain, mockery**

## scorn 2

verb to treat with great contempt » Eleanor scorned my offer of help.  
**despise, disdain, look down on, slight, condemn, hold in contempt**

## scornful

adjective showing contempt  
» Peter is scornful of his rivals and sure that he will win.  
**contemptuous, disdainful, scathing, sneering, supercilious, withering**

## scrape 1

verb to rub a rough or sharp object against something  
» We had to scrape the frost from the windscreen.  
**graze, scour, scratch, scuff, skin**



We had to **scrape** the frost from the windscreen.

## scrape 2

verb to make a harsh noise by rubbing » Sarah scraped her chair across the floor.  
**grate, grind, rasp, scratch**

## scream 1

verb to shout or cry in a high-pitched voice  
» Cameron screamed as his bike sped down the hill.  
**cry, howl, screech, shout, shriek, squeal, yell**

## scream 2

noun a loud, high-pitched cry  
» Hilda let out a scream of joy when she opened her present.  
**cry, howl, screech, shriek, squeal, yell**

## scrounge

verb (informal) to get something by asking rather than working for it » Harry tried to scrounge a lift.  
**beg, bum (informal), cadge, freeloader (informal), sponge (informal)**

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Sadie and Ryan wore their **scruffy** clothes for painting.

## scruffy

**adjective** dirty and untidy  
» Sadie and Ryan wore their scruffy clothes for painting.  
**ragged, seedy, shabby, tatty, unkempt, disreputable, slovenly, ungroomed**  
antonym: **smart**

## scrutinize

**verb** to examine something very carefully » Arianna scrutinized the chess board before she made her move.  
**examine, inspect, pore over, scan, search, study**

## search

**verb** to look for something  
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## search

**noun** the action of looking for something » Kit began a search for a different type of skateboard.  
**hunt, quest**

## secret

**adjective** known about by only a few people » The movie stars got married at a secret location on a Pacific island.  
**closet** (informal), **confidential, covert, furtive, hidden, undercover, underground, cloak-and-dagger, conspiratorial, undisclosed**  
related word: **adjective cryptic**

## secretive

**adjective** hiding your feelings and intentions » Skylar was secretive about her longing for a pony in case people laughed.  
**cagey** (informal), **reserved, reticent, tight-lipped, uncommunicative, unforthcoming**

## section

**noun** one of the parts into which something is divided  
» The dog is allowed only in this section of the house.  
**division, instalment, part, piece, portion, segment**

## secure

**verb** (formal) to manage to get something » Julian's good exam marks helped him to secure a place at university.  
**acquire, gain, get, obtain, procure** (formal)

## secure

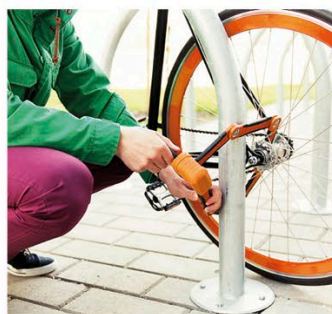
**verb** to make something safe  
» The mighty stone walls secured the town against attack.  
**fortify, make impregnable, make safe, strengthen**

## secure

**verb** to fasten or attach something firmly » The train carriages were secured to the engine before it left the station.  
**attach, bind, fasten, fix, lock, moor, tie up**  
antonym: **release**

## secure

**adjective** tightly locked or well protected » The bike was secure, padlocked to the rail.  
**fortified, impregnable, protected, safe, shielded**



The bike was **secure**, padlocked to the rail.

## secure

**adjective** firmly fixed in place  
» She finally made the child's safety seat secure in the back of the car.  
**fastened, firm, fixed, locked, solid, stable, tight**

## secure

**adjective** feeling safe and happy » The baby was sound asleep, secure in its mother's arms.  
**confident, protected, reassured, relaxed, safe**  
antonym: **insecure**



The baby was sound asleep, **secure** in its mother's arms.

## see

**verb** to look at or notice something » I can see a herd of elephants.  
**behold, discern, glimpse, look, notice, observe, perceive, sight, spot, catch sight of, espy**

## see

**verb** to realize or understand something » I see exactly what you mean.  
**appreciate, comprehend, follow, get, grasp, realize, understand**

## see

**verb** to find something out  
» I'll see what's happening outside the gates.  
**ascertain, determine, discover, find out**

## seek

**verb** to try to find something  
» Becky was seeking a book on bonsai trees from her library.  
**be after, hunt, look for, search for**

## seek

**verb** to try to do something  
» I seek to raise as much money as possible for charity.  
**aim, aspire to, attempt, endeavour, strive, try**

## seem

**verb** to appear to be  
» Lucas seemed shy at first because he was very quiet.  
**appear, give the impression of, look, look like**

## seize

**verb** to grab something firmly  
» Jim seized the phone from my hand.  
**grab, grasp, snatch**

## seize

**verb** to take control of something » The knights seized the castle.  
**ambush, annex, appropriate, capture, confiscate, hijack, impound, take over, commandeer, take possession of**

## select

**verb** to choose something  
» The guests each selected a differently decorated cupcake.  
**choose, decide on, opt for, pick, settle on, single out, take**



The guests each **selected** a differently decorated cupcake.

## select

**adjective** of good quality  
» The team was a select group of the best players.  
**choice, exclusive, first-class, first-rate, hand-picked, prime, special, superior**

**selfish**

*adjective* caring only about yourself » *Ella knew it was selfish not to share her sweets.*

**egoistic** or **egoistical**,  
**egotistic** or **egotistical**,  
**greedy**, **self-centred**,  
**self-interested**,  
**self-seeking**, **ungenerous**

**sell** 1

*verb* to let someone have something in return for money » *I decided to sell my bike.*

**deal in**, **hawk**, **peddle**,  
**trade in**

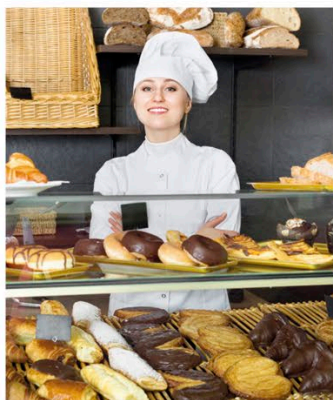
antonym: **buy**

**sell** 2

*verb* to have available for people to buy » *The shop sells doughnuts.*

**deal in**, **stock**, **trade in**

antonym: **buy**



The shop **sells** doughnuts.

**send** 1

*verb* to arrange for something to be delivered » *We sent mum flowers for Mother's Day.*

**dispatch**, **forward**, **remit**

**send** 2

*verb* to transmit a signal or message » *Satellites send and receive signals to and from Earth.*

**broadcast**, **stream**, **transmit**

**senior**

*adjective* the highest and most important in an organization » *The senior officer trained the new recruits.*

**best**, **better**, **high-ranking**,  
**superior**

antonym: **junior**

**sense** 1

*noun* a feeling you have about something » *Zoe had a sense that everything was going well.*

**consciousness**, **feeling**,  
**impression**

**sense** 2

*noun* the ability to think and behave sensibly » *Oliver had the sense to call me when he got lost.*

**brains** (informal),  
**common sense**,  
**intelligence**, **judgment**,  
**reason**, **wisdom**,  
**nous**, **sagacity**, **wit**, **wits**

**sense** 3

*verb* to become aware of something » *Chloe sensed that Jayden wasn't telling her the whole story.*

**be aware of**, **feel**,  
**get the impression**,  
**have a hunch**, **realize**

**sensible**

*adjective* showing good sense and judgment » *We panicked when the dog got stuck but Ted was sensible and calmly freed it.*

**down-to-earth**, **judicious**,  
**practical**, **prudent**, **rational**,  
**sound**, **wise**

antonym: **foolish**



We panicked when the dog got stuck but Ted was **sensible** and calmly freed it.

**sensitive**

*adjective* easily upset about something » *The little boy was sensitive about other children playing with his toys.*

**easily offended**, **easily upset**, **thin-skinned**, **touchy**

**Comb**

They **combed** the area.

**hunt**

They **hunted** for evidence.

**look for**

They **looked for** things left behind.

**scour**

They **scoured** the ground.

**seek out**

They **sought out** clues.

**sift through**

Then they **sifted through** the evidence.

**search**

1 *verb* to look for something

» They used a helicopter to **search** the place.

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Isabella had a **sentimental** attachment to her old teddy bear.

## sentimental

**adjective** expressing exaggerated sadness or tenderness » *Isabella had a sentimental attachment to her old teddy bear.*

**maudlin, mushy** (informal), **nostalgic, sloppy** (informal), **slushy** (informal), **dewy-eyed, mawkish, overemotional**

## separate 1

**adjective** not connected to something else » *The house stood in a field, separate from the other houses.*

**detached, disconnected, discrete, divorced, isolated, unconnected**

antonym: **connected**

## separate 2

**verb** to end a connection between people or things

» *The two train carriages separated, taking the passengers to different destinations.*

**detach, disconnect, divide,**

**sunder, uncouple**

antonym: **connect**

## sequence 1

**noun** a number of events coming one after another

» *The team enjoyed a sequence of wins.*

**chain, course, cycle, series, string, succession**

## sequence 2

**noun** a particular order

in which things are arranged » *The sequence of each day's TV programmes is decided in advance.*

**arrangement, order, progression, structure**

## series

**noun** a number of things coming one after the other » *Logan read a series of books about the same character.*  
**chain, run, sequence, string, succession**

## serious 1

**adjective** very bad and worrying » *Appendicitis is a serious but treatable illness.*

**acute, alarming, bad, critical, dangerous, extreme, grave, grievous, grim, intense, precarious, severe, worrying**

## serious 2

**adjective** important, deserving careful thought » *Getting a dog is a serious responsibility.*

**crucial, deep, difficult, far-reaching, grave, important, momentous, pressing, profound, significant, urgent, weighty**  
antonym: **funny**

## serious 3

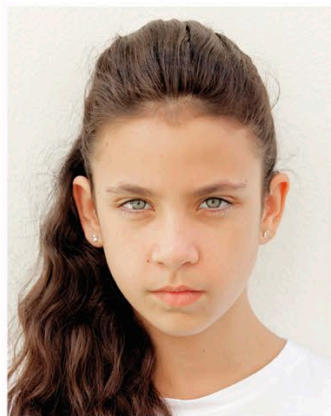
**adjective** sincere about something » *I thought Craig was joking, but he was serious.*

**earnest, genuine, heartfelt, honest, in earnest, resolute, resolved, sincere**

## serious 4

**adjective** quiet and not laughing » *Keira put on a serious expression for her passport photograph.*

**earnest, grave, humourless, pensive, sober, solemn, staid, stern**



Keira put on a **serious** expression for her passport photograph.

## set 1

**noun** a group of things that belong together » *The set of tools belonged in the shed.*  
**batch, bunch, bundle, collection, kit, outfit, series, assemblage, compendium, ensemble**

## set 2

**verb** to put or place something somewhere » *Eloise set her bag down on the ground.*

**deposit, lay, locate, place, position, put, rest, stick**



Eloise **set** her bag down on the ground.

## set 3

**adjective** fixed and not varying » *We arrived at the set time.*

**arranged, established, firm, fixed, predetermined, scheduled**

## set on

**adjective** determined to do something » *Josie was set on holidaying at the beach.*

**bent on, determined, intent on**

## settle 1

**verb** to put an end to an argument or problem

» *The dispute was finally settled.*

**clear up, decide, dispose of, put an end to, reconcile, resolve, straighten out**

## settle 2

**verb** to decide or arrange something » *My friends and I settled on going to the cinema.*

**agree, arrange, decide on, determine, fix**

## settle 3

**verb** to make your home in a place » *We settled in a new part of town.*

**make your home, move to, put down roots, take up residence**

## set up

**verb** to make arrangements for something » *My sister set up a couple of interviews for part-time jobs.*

**arrange, establish, install, institute, organize**

## sever

**verb** to cut something off » *The flowers had been severed from their stems during the storm.*

**chop off, hack off, lop off**

## several

**adjective** indicating a small number » *Clive won several medals in the competition.*

**assorted, some, sundry, various**



Clive won **several** medals in the competition.

## severe 1

**adjective** extremely bad or unpleasant » *The hurricane caused severe damage.*

**acute, critical, dire, extreme, grave, intense, serious, terrible**

antonym: **mild**

## severe 2

**adjective** stern and harsh

» *Janet gave Lee a severe look when he dropped the vase.*

**disapproving, grim, hard, harsh, stern, strict**

**shabby** <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* ragged and worn in appearance » *Dad's favourite coat was now old and shabby.*  
**dilapidated, ragged, scruffy, seedy, tatty, threadbare, worn, down at heel, run-down, the worse for wear**

**shabby** <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* behaving meanly and unfairly » *My aunt complained to the manager about the family's shabby treatment by the waiter.*  
**contemptible, despicable, dirty, mean, rotten** (informal), **dishonourable, ignoble, scurvy**

**shake** <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to move something from side to side or up and down » *Shake the bottle before opening it.*  
**agitate, brandish, flourish, wave**

**shake** <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to move from side to side or up and down » *The earthquake caused the ground to shake.*  
**jolt, quake, quiver, shiver, shudder, tremble, vibrate, joggle, oscillate**

**shake** <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to shock and upset someone » *The news shook me and I had to lie down.*  
**distress, disturb, rattle** (informal), **shock, unnerve, upset, discompose, traumatize**

**shaky**

*adjective* weak and unsteady » *The rope bridge was shaky.*  
**rickety, tottering, trembling, unstable, unsteady, wobbly**



The rope bridge was **shaky**.

**shame** <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a feeling of guilt or embarrassment » *The shame Ryan felt over his rushed homework made him determined to do well next time.*  
**embarrassment, humiliation, ignominy, abashment, loss of face, mortification**

**shame** <sup>2</sup>

*noun* something that makes people lose respect for you » *Bullies bring shame on a school.*  
**discredit, disgrace, dishonour, scandal**

**shame** <sup>3</sup>

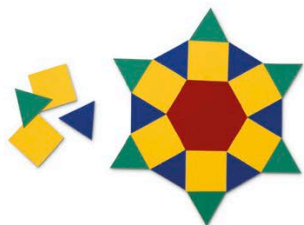
*verb* to make someone feel ashamed » *My mum was so upset about the state of my bedroom that she shamed me into tidying it.*  
**disgrace, embarrass, humiliate, abash, mortify**

**shameless**

*adjective* behaving badly without showing any shame » *Greg complimented the teacher in a shameless attempt to get better grades.*  
**barefaced, brazen, flagrant, unabashed, unashamed**

**shape** <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the outline of something » *The geometric shapes formed a starlike pattern.*  
**contours, figure, form, lines, outline**



The geometric **shapes** formed a starlike pattern.

**shape** <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to make something in a particular form » *Shape the dough into a loaf.*  
**fashion, form, make, model, mould**



The friends **shared** the pizza.

**share** <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to divide something between two or more people » *The friends shared the pizza.*  
**divide, split**

**share** <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a portion of something » *I took my share of popcorn.*  
**allotment, portion, quota, ration**

**sharp** <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* having a fine cutting edge or point » *Ian used the sharp knife to cut up an apple.*  
**jagged, keen, pointed, razor-sharp**  
 antonym: **blunt**

**sharp** <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* quick to notice or understand things » *The mouse was sharp enough to leave the cheese on the mousetrap.*  
**alert, astute, bright, observant, perceptive, quick, quick-witted**

**sharp** <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* sudden and significant » *Josie made a sharp turn into the car park.*  
**abrupt, marked, sudden**

**sheer** <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* complete and total » *The nursery rhyme was sheer nonsense.*  
**absolute, complete, pure, total, unqualified, utter, unadulterated, unmitigated** (formal)

**sheer** <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* vertical » *The climbing wall was on the sheer face of a building.*  
**perpendicular, steep, vertical**

**sheer** <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* very light and delicate » *Molly wore a sheer black scarf.*  
**delicate, fine, lightweight, thin**  
 antonym: **thick**

**shelter** <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a place providing protection » *We all met at the bus shelter.*  
**hostel, refuge, sanctuary**

**shelter** <sup>2</sup>

*noun* protection from the weather or danger » *The hut provided shelter from the snowy mountainside.*  
**asylum, cover, harbour, haven, protection, refuge, safety, sanctuary**



The hut provided **shelter** from the snowy mountainside.

**shelter** <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to stay somewhere in order to be safe » *Luca sheltered in the doorway until the rain stopped.*  
**hide, huddle, take cover**

**shelter** <sup>4</sup>

*verb* to hide or protect someone or something » *The mother bird sheltered the chicks until they could fly.*  
**harbour, hide, protect, shield**

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## shine

**verb** to give out a bright light  
» *The stars shone brightly in the night sky.*  
**beam, gleam, glow, radiate, shimmer, sparkle**

## shining

**adjective** giving out or reflecting light  
» *Eleanor put sunglasses on to protect her eyes from the shining sunlight.*  
**bright, brilliant, gleaming, luminous, radiant, shimmering, sparkling, incandescent**

## shock 1

**noun** a sudden upsetting experience  
» *It was a shock to discover that the screen on her phone had shattered.*  
**blow, bombshell, distress, trauma**

## shock 2

**verb** to make you feel upset  
» *He was shocked when his exam was cancelled at the very last minute.*  
**numb, paralyse, shake, stagger, stun, traumatize**

## shock 3

**verb** to offend because of being rude or immoral  
» *Nana is easily shocked by my jokes.*  
**appal, disgust, offend, outrage, nauseate, scandalize**

## shop

**noun** a place where things are sold  
▼ SEE BELOW

## shore

**noun** land that borders a body of water  
» *The sandy shore was littered with shells.*  
**bank, beach, coast, foreshore, front, lakefront, lakeside, sands, seaboard, seashore, shingle, strand, waterside**



The sandy **shore** was littered with shells.

## short 1

**adjective** not lasting very long  
» *We enjoyed a short break in the countryside.*  
**brief, fleeting, momentary, short-lived**  
antonym: **long**



Naomi arranged the Russian dolls from **short** to tall.

## short 2

**adjective** small in height  
» *Naomi arranged the Russian dolls from short to tall.*  
**little, small, diminutive, tiny, petite, squat**  
antonym: **tall**

## short 3

**adjective** not using many words  
» *Kevin's speech was short and to the point.*  
**brief, concise, succinct, terse, abridged, laconic, pithy**

## shortage

**noun** a lack of something  
» *There was a shortage of bananas in the shops.*  
**dearth, deficiency, lack, scarcity, shortfall, want, insufficiency, paucity**  
antonym: **abundance**

## shorten

**verb** to make something shorter  
» *Alexander shortened his name to Alex.*  
**abbreviate, cut, trim, abridge, downsize, truncate**  
antonym: **lengthen**

## shout 1

**noun** a loud call or cry  
» *I heard a distant shout and ran to see what the matter was.*  
**bellow, cry, roar, scream, yell**

## shout 2

**verb** to call or cry loudly  
» *Paul shouted downstairs to his brother.*  
**bawl, bellow, call, cry, roar, scream, yell**

## show 1

**verb** to prove something  
» *The experiment showed that oil is less dense than water.*  
**demonstrate, prove**

## show 2

**verb** to display a quality or characteristic  
» *Savannah's sketches showed real skill.*  
**demonstrate, display, indicate, manifest, reveal, evince, testify to**

# shop

**noun** a place where things are sold  
» *I went to the coffee shop.*



## boutique

*I bought smart clothes in the boutique.*



## store

*I browsed in the store.*

## show 3

*noun* a public exhibition  
» *Our class went to see a show at the local theatre.*

**display, exhibition, presentation**

## show 4

*noun* a display of a feeling or quality » *Granny gave all of us hugs and kisses in a big show of affection.*  
**air, display, pose, pretence, semblance**

## show 5: show how

*verb* to do something to teach someone else » *Dad showed me how to play the game.*  
**demonstrate, instruct, teach**



*Dad showed me how to play the game.*

## shrewd

*adjective* showing intelligence and good judgment  
» *She was shrewd with money and saved most of it.*  
**astute, canny, crafty, perceptive, sharp, smart, perspicacious, sagacious**

## shrill

*adjective* high-pitched and piercing » *The bird's call was shrill and loud.*  
**penetrating, piercing, sharp**

## shrink

*verb* to become smaller  
» *Chay's sweater had shrunk in the wash.*  
**contract, diminish, dwindle, get smaller, narrow**  
antonym: **grow**



*Chay's sweater had shrunk in the wash.*

## shut 1

*verb* to close something  
» *Someone had forgotten to shut the door.*  
**close, fasten, slam**  
antonym: **open**

## shut 2

*adjective* closed or fastened  
» *Eva heard a sound coming from behind the shut door.*  
**closed, fastened, sealed**  
antonym: **open**



*Pete was shy and found it hard to make friends at school.*

## shy

*adjective* nervous in the company of other people  
» *Pete was shy and found it hard to make friends at school.*  
**bashful, retiring, self-conscious, timid, diffident, self-effacing**  
antonym: **bold**

## sick 1

*adjective* unwell or ill  
» *The doctor's waiting room was full of sick people.*  
**ailing, ill, poorly** (informal), **run down, under par** (informal), **under the weather, unwell**  
antonym: **well**

## sick 2

*adjective* feeling as if you are going to vomit » *The stomach bug made Lily feel sick.*  
**ill, nauseous, queasy**

## sick 3: sick of

*adjective* (informal) tired of something » *Cora was sick of listening to the same music over and over again.*  
**bored of, fed up with, tired of, weary of**

## side 1

*noun* the edge of something  
» *Tyler sat up and dangled his legs over the side of the bed.*  
**border, edge, verge**  
related word: *adjective lateral*

## side 2

*noun* one of two groups involved in a dispute or contest  
» *Both sides had won the competition before.*  
**camp, faction, party, team**

## side with

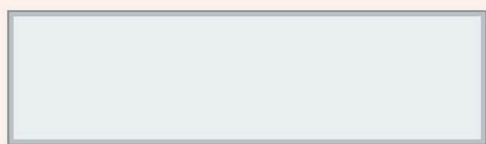
*verb* to support someone in an argument » *Louise always sided with her sister when anyone was mean to her.*  
**agree with, stand up for, support, take the part of**

## sight 1

*noun* the ability to see  
» *My sight is so much better now that I wear glasses.*  
**eyesight, visibility, vision**  
related words: *adjectives optical, visual*

# supermarket

*I stocked up on cereal at the supermarket.*

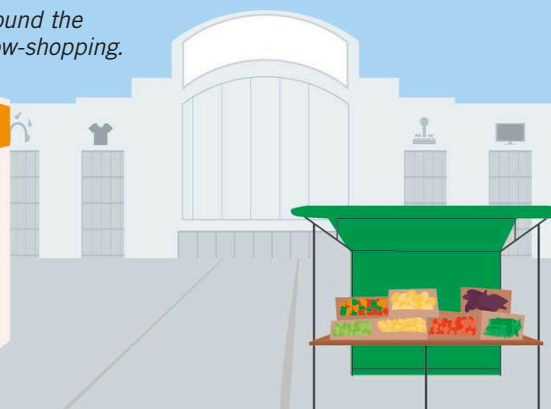


# hypermarket

*I spent a long time deciding what to buy in the vast aisles of the hypermarket.*

# mall

*I walked round the mall window-shopping.*



# market

*I bought fruit from a stall at the market.*

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## sight 2

*noun* something you see  
» *The fields of wild flowers were a beautiful sight.*  
**display, scene, spectacle**

## sight 3

*verb* to see something or someone » *We sighted a rare red squirrel on our walk in the woods.*  
**see, spot**

## sign 1

*noun* a mark or symbol  
» *A tick is a sign to show good work.*  
**character, emblem, logo, mark, symbol**

## sign 2

*noun* a notice put up to give a warning or information  
» *The sign warned that the floor was wet and slippery.*  
**board, billboard, notice, placard, poster**



The sign warned that the floor was wet and slippery.

## sign 3

*noun* evidence of something  
» *The green shoots of plants and flowers were a sign that spring was on its way.*  
**clue, evidence, hint, indication, omen, symptom, token, trace**

## signal 1

*noun* something that is intended to give a message  
» *The signal lights flashed to warn that the bridge was opening.*  
**beacon, cue, gesture, sign**



Hayley signalled for a taxi.

## signal 2

*verb* to make a sign as a message to someone  
» *Hayley signalled for a taxi.*  
**beckon, gesticulate, gesture, motion, nod, sign, wave**

## significant

*adjective* large or important  
» *The medicine had a significant effect on Evan's stomach bug, and he was feeling better in no time.*  
**considerable, important, impressive, marked, notable, pronounced, striking**  
antonym: **insignificant**

## silence 1

*noun* an absence of sound  
» *There was total silence in the room while the class took the exam.*  
**calm, hush, lull, peace, quiet, stillness**  
antonym: **noise**

## silence 2

*noun* an inability or refusal to talk » *Mary maintained a respectful silence, keeping her thoughts to herself.*  
**dumbness, muteness, reticence, speechlessness, taciturnity, uncommunicativeness, voicelessness**

## silence 3

*verb* to make someone or something quiet » *The crying baby was silenced by the arrival of his mother with some milk.*  
**deaden, gag, muffle, quiet, quieten, stifle, still, suppress**

## silent 1

*adjective* not saying anything  
» *The class fell silent when the teacher entered the room.*  
**dumb, mute, speechless, taciturn, wordless, tongue-tied, uncommunicative**

## silent 2

*adjective* making no noise  
» *The clock was silent as its battery needed replacing.*  
**hushed, quiet, soundless, still**  
antonym: **noisy**

## silly

*adjective* foolish or ridiculous  
» *The dog wore a silly hat.*  
**absurd, crazy, daft, foolish, frivolous, idiotic, inane, ridiculous, stupid, asinine, fatuous, puerile, witless**



The dog wore a silly hat.

## similar

*adjective* like something else  
» *Our red dresses were similar.*  
**alike, analogous, comparable, like, uniform**  
antonym: **different**

## similarity

*noun* the quality of being like something else  
» *The similarity between the two paintings is striking.*  
**analogy, likeness, resemblance, sameness, comparability, congruence, similitude**  
antonym: **difference**

## simple 1

*adjective* easy to understand or do » *The recipe had three simple steps, so easy to make.*  
**easy, elementary, straightforward, uncomplicated, understandable**  
antonym: **complicated**

## simple 2

*adjective* plain in style  
» *Sarah wore a simple but stylish outfit.*  
**classic, clean, plain, severe**  
antonym: **elaborate**

## simplify

*verb* to make something easier to do or understand  
» *The teacher had to simplify her instructions as some of the students didn't understand them.*  
**make simpler, streamline**

## sin 1

*noun* wicked and immoral behaviour » *The man asked for forgiveness for his sins.*  
**crime, evil, offence, wickedness, wrong, iniquity, misdeed, transgression, trespass**

## sin 2

*verb* to do something wicked and immoral » *I didn't mean to lie – I'm sorry I sinned.*  
**cheat, do wrong, go astray, misbehave, transgress**

## sincere

*adjective* saying things that you really mean  
» *Ashley gave her sincere thanks for the thoughtful gifts.*  
**genuine, heartfelt, real, wholehearted**  
antonym: **insincere**

## single 1

*adjective* only one » *Ruby kept the single sock in case the matching one turned up.*  
**lone, one, only, sole, solitary**



Ruby kept the single sock in case the matching one turned up.

## single <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not married  
» *Barry was single and enjoyed living on his own.*  
**unattached, unmarried**

## single <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* for one person only  
» *Mum booked a single room at the hotel as Dad couldn't go.*  
**individual, separate**

## singular

*adjective* (formal) unusual and remarkable » *Mary had a singular smile – it lit up her whole face.*  
**exceptional, extraordinary, rare, remarkable, uncommon, unique, unusual**

## sinister

*adjective* seeming harmful or evil » *The bad guy in the book was a sinister character.*  
**evil, forbidding, menacing, ominous, threatening, baleful, bodeful, disquieting**

## situation

*noun* what is happening  
» *Mr Lee mistaking me for my brother was a funny situation.*  
**case, circumstances, plight, scenario, state of affairs**



*The bears came in various sizes.*

## size <sup>1</sup>

*noun* how big or small something is » *The bears came in various sizes.*

**dimensions, extent, proportions**

## size <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the fact of something being very large » *The sheer size of the island meant that it would take weeks to travel its entire coastline.*

**bulk, immensity, magnitude, vastness**

## skilful

*adjective* able to do something very well » *Kate had regular tennis coaching and was a skilful player.*

**able, accomplished, adept, competent, expert, masterly, proficient, skilled, adroit, dexterous**  
antonym: **incompetent**

## skill

*noun* the ability to do something well  
» *Completing such a complex task requires skill.*  
**ability, competence, dexterity, expertise, facility, knack, proficiency**

## skilled

*adjective* having the knowledge to do something well  
» *The model was made by a highly skilled carpenter.*  
**able, accomplished, competent, experienced, expert, masterly, professional, proficient, skilful, trained**  
antonym: **incompetent**

## skinny

*adjective* extremely thin  
» *The boy ate like a horse but was naturally skinny.*  
**bony, emaciated, lean, scrawny, thin, underfed, undernourished**  
antonym: **plump**

## slander <sup>1</sup>

*noun* something untrue and malicious said about someone  
» *It was a slander to say that someone else wrote her books.*  
**libel, scandal, slur, smear, aspersion, calumny, defamation**

## slander <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to say untrue and malicious things about someone » *She apologized for slandering the President.*  
**libel, malign, smear, defame, traduce, vilify**

## sleep <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the natural state of rest in which you are unconscious  
» *Heather woke up feeling rested after a good sleep.*  
**doze, forty winks** (slang), **hibernation, kip** (Britain; slang), **nap, slumber, snooze** (informal), **dormancy, repose, siesta**

## sleep <sup>2</sup>

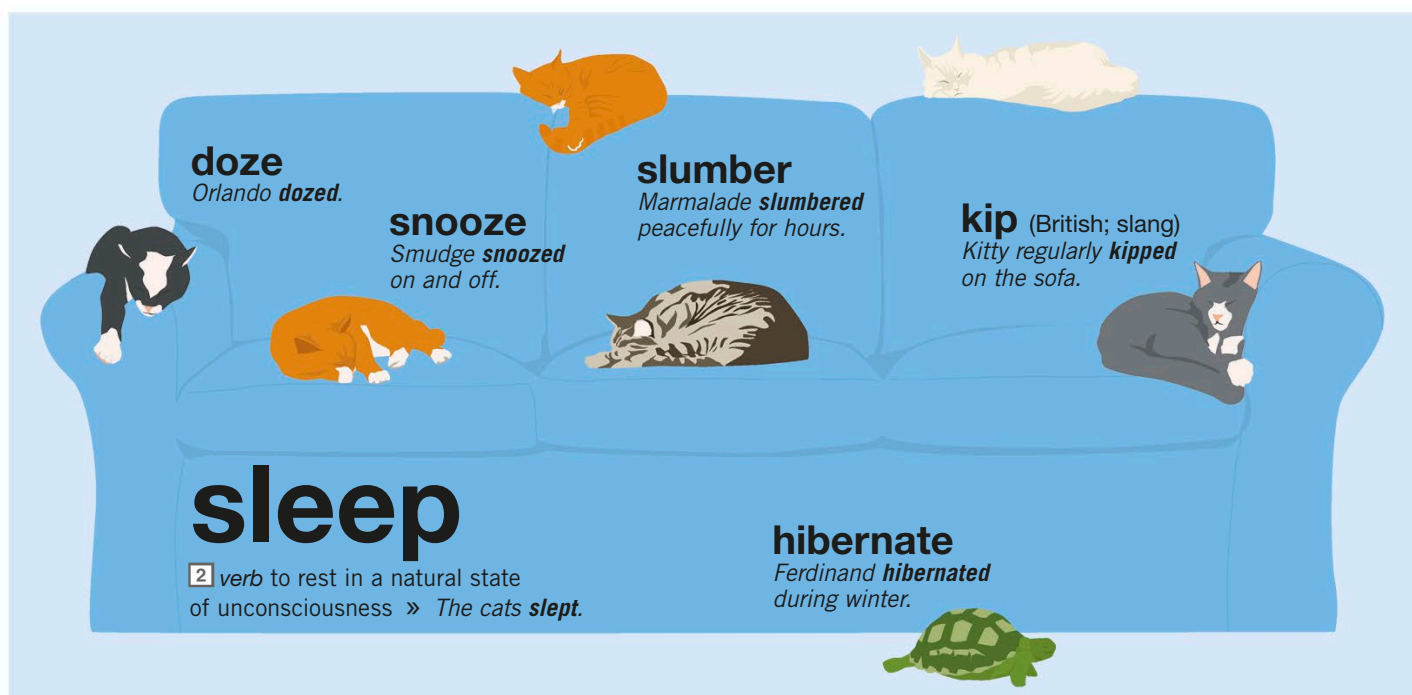
*verb* to rest in a natural state of unconsciousness  
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## sleepy <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* tired and ready to go to sleep » *The cat was sleepy and curled up on the rug.*  
**drowsy, lethargic, sluggish, somnolent, torpid**

## sleepy <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not having much activity or excitement » *We live in a sleepy little village.*  
**dull, peaceful, quiet**



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The woman was tall and slender.

### slender 1

**adjective** thin and lean, not muscular » *The woman was tall and slender.*

**lean, slight, slim, svelte, sylphlike, willowy**

### slender 2

**adjective** small in amount or degree » *The politician won the vote by a slender margin.*

**faint, remote, slight, slim, small, inconsiderable, tenuous**

### slight

**adjective** small in amount or degree » *Tallulah found a slight dent on her phone.*

**insignificant, minor, negligible, small, trivial, inconsiderable, paltry, scanty**

antonym: **large**

### slip 1

**verb** to lose your footing and slide unintentionally

» *Gavin slipped on the ice.*

**skid, slide, slither, glide, skate**

### slip 2

**verb** to go somewhere quickly and quietly » *Amy slipped away to her room while the others watched TV.*

**creep, sneak, steal**

### slip 3

**noun** a small mistake

» *Levi worked hard to ensure there were no slips in the calculations.*

**blunder, error, mistake, slip-up, faux pas, imprudence, indiscretion**

### slogan

**noun** a short, easily remembered phrase » *"Your country needs you," was a slogan used to enlist men into the army during World War I.*

**jingle, motto**

### slope 1

**noun** a flat surface with one end higher than the other » *The slope was so steep it was for advanced skiers only.*

**gradient, incline, ramp, declination, declivity, inclination**



The slope was so steep it was for advanced skiers only.

### slope 2

**verb** to be at an angle

» *The bank sloped sharply down to the river.*

**fall, rise, slant**

### slouch

**verb** to stand or sit with your shoulders and head drooping forwards » *Dom slouched, so his dad told him to sit straight.*

**bow, droop, loaf, loll, lounge, slump, stoop**

### slow

**adjective** moving or happening with little speed » *We made slow progress climbing the hill.*

**gradual, leisurely, lingering, ponderous, sluggish, unhurried**

antonym: **fast**

### slow: slow down

**verb** to go or cause to go more slowly » *The car slowed down and then stopped.*

**check, decelerate**

### slowly

**adverb** not quickly or hurriedly » *A tortoise walks very slowly.*

**by degrees, gradually, unhurriedly**

antonym: **quickly**

### sly

**adjective** cunning and deceptive » *The sly fox is known for its crafty hunting techniques.*

**crafty, cunning, devious, scheming, underhand, wily**

### small 1

**adjective** not large in size, number, or amount

» *Everything in the dolls' house was on a small scale.*

**little, miniature, minuscule, minute, restricted, tiny**

antonym: **large**



Everything in the dolls' house was on a small scale.

### small 2

**adjective** not important or significant » *Mum made small changes to the seating plan.*

**inconsequential, insignificant, little, minor, negligible, petty, slight, trifling, trivial, unimportant**

### smart 1

**adjective** clean and neat in appearance » *My brother looked smart in his new school uniform.*

**chic, dashing, elegant, neat, spruce, stylish, modish, natty, snappy**

antonym: **scruffy**

### smart 2

**adjective** clever and intelligent » *Eliza was smart and always got high marks at school.*

**astute, bright, canny, clever, ingenious, intelligent, shrewd**

antonym: **dumb**

### smell 1

**noun** the quality of something that you sense through your nose

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### smell 2

**verb** to have an unpleasant smell » *Do my feet smell?*

**pong** (Britain and Australia; informal), **reek, stink**

### smell 3

**verb** to become aware of the smell of something » *Connie could smell the flowers as soon as she walked into the room.*

**get a whiff** (informal), **scent, sniff**

### smelly

**adjective** having a strong unpleasant smell » *Something in the bin was extremely smelly.*

**foul, reeking, stinking, fetid, malodorous**

antonym: **fragrant**

### smile 1

**verb** to move the corners of your mouth upwards because you are pleased » *When Jon saw me, he smiled and waved.*

**beam, grin, smirk**

### smile 2

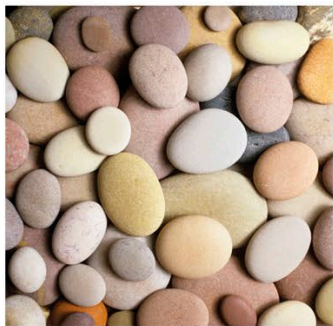
**noun** the expression you have when you smile » *Using an emoticon of a smile is a way of flagging up a joke.*

**beam, grin, smirk**



Using an emoticon of a smile is a way of flagging up a joke.

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Pebbles have a **smooth** surface, worn down by the sea.

## smooth

*adjective* not rough or bumpy  
» *Pebbles have a smooth surface, worn down by the sea.*  
**glassy, glossy, polished, silky, sleek**  
antonym: **rough**

## smug

*adjective* pleased with yourself  
» *Rory felt smug after he scored the winning goal.*  
**complacent, conceited, self-satisfied, superior**

## snag

*noun* a small problem or disadvantage » *The snag was that I had no way to get home.*  
**catch, difficulty, disadvantage, drawback, glitch, problem, downside, stumbling block**

## sneak <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to go somewhere quietly  
» *I like to sneak up on my brother and surprise him.*  
**creep, lurk, sidle, slip, steal, skulk, slink**

## sneak <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to put or take something somewhere secretly  
» *I sometimes sneak an extra banana from the fruit bowl.*  
**slip, smuggle, spirit**

## sneaky

*adjective* doing things secretly or things being done secretly  
» *My cat took a sneaky mouthful of our tuna salad.*  
**crafty, deceitful, devious, dishonest, mean, slippery, sly, underhand, untrustworthy**

## snoop <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a person who interferes in other people's business  
» *The guy was a snoop and kept asking lots of questions.*  
**busybody, detective, eavesdropper, meddler, private detective, snooper, stickybeak** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **busybody, nosy parker**

## snoop <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to interfere in other people's business » *She snooped into my private locker.*  
**interfere, intrude, meddle, nose around, peek, peep, pry, spy**

## soak

*verb* to make something very wet » *The spray soaked us.*  
**bathe, permeate, steep, wet, drench, saturate**



The spray soaked us.

## sociable

*adjective* enjoying the company of other people » *The girl was sociable and liked to spend time with her friends.*  
**friendly, gregarious, outgoing, companionable, convivial**

## society <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the people in a particular country or region » *She comes from a traditional society.*  
**civilization, culture**

## society <sup>2</sup>

*noun* an organization for people with the same interest or aim  
» *He signed up to the school debating society to improve his public speaking skills.*  
**association, circle, club, fellowship, group, guild, institute, league, organization, union**

## soft <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* not hard, stiff, or firm  
» *Eric quickly fell asleep on the soft, comfy bed.*  
**flexible, pliable, squashy, supple, yielding, bendable, ductile, gelatinous, malleable, tensile**  
antonym: **hard**

## soft <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* quiet and not harsh  
» *Oscar could just about hear the soft tapping at the door.*  
**gentle, low, mellow, muted, quiet, subdued, dulcet, mellifluous**

## software

*noun* computer programs used on a particular system  
» *The computer's software needed updating.*  
**app, application, code, program**

## soil <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the surface of the earth  
» *The soil is full of nutrients that plants use as food.*  
**clay, dirt, earth, ground**

## soil <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to make something dirty  
» *The towel was soiled after he dried the muddy dog with it.*  
**dirty, foul, pollute, smear, spatter, stain, befoul, begrime, defile, sully**  
antonym: **clean**

## solemn

*adjective* not cheerful or humorous » *Angela's speech was solemn and thoughtful.*  
**earnest, grave, serious, sober, sombre, staid**

## solid <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* hard and firm  
» *The sculpture was carved from a block of solid ice.*  
**firm, hard**

## solid <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not likely to fall down  
» *The solid tower had stood for hundreds of years.*  
**stable, strong, sturdy, substantial**

## solitude

*noun* the state of being alone  
» *Jem needed solitude so she could finish writing her story.*  
**isolation, loneliness, privacy, seclusion**

## solve

*verb* to find the answer to a problem or question  
» *We solved the big mystery.*  
**clear up, crack, decipher, get to the bottom of, resolve, work out**

## sometimes

*adverb* now and then  
» *Stefan sometimes felt like bouncing on the trampoline.*  
**at times, every now and then, every so often, from time to time, now and again, now and then, occasionally, once in a while**

## soon

*adverb* in a very short time  
» *I'll see you soon.*  
**any minute now, before long, in a minute, in the near future, presently, shortly**  
antonym: **later**

## sophisticated <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* having refined tastes  
» *The new restaurant was fashionable and sophisticated.*  
**cosmopolitan, cultivated, cultured, refined, urbane**

## sophisticated <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* advanced and complicated » *The airport had sophisticated eye-scanning security equipment.*  
**advanced, complex, complicated, elaborate, intricate, refined**  
antonym: **simple**

## sore

*adjective* causing pain and discomfort » *The cut on Stephanie's finger was sore.*  
**inflamed, painful, raw, sensitive, smarting, tender**

**sorrow** 1

*noun* deep sadness or regret  
 » *The story was about a boy who overcame sorrow and lived happily ever after.*  
**grief, heartache, melancholy, misery, mourning, pain, regret, sadness, unhappiness, woe** (formal)  
 antonym: **joy**

**sorrow** 2

*noun* things that cause sadness and regret » *Jim remembered with nostalgia both the joys and sorrows of his time at sea.*  
**hardship, heartache, misfortune, trouble, woe** (written), **worry, affliction, tribulation** (formal)  
 antonym: **joy**

**sorry** 1

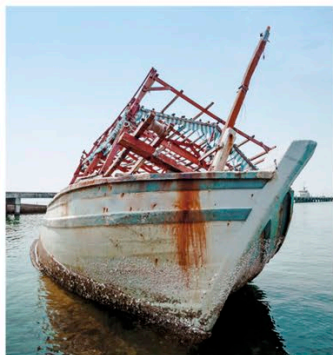
*adjective* feeling sadness or regret » *I'm sorry to bother you.*  
**apologetic, penitent, regretful, remorseful, repentant, conscience-stricken, contrite, guilt-ridden, shamefaced**

**sorry** 2

*adjective* feeling sympathy for someone » *Renata felt sorry for the injured girl.*  
**moved, sympathetic**

**sorry** 3

*adjective* in a bad condition  
 » *The boat was in a sorry state after the storm.*  
**deplorable, miserable, pathetic, pitiful, poor, sad, wretched, piteous, pitiable**



The boat was in a **sorry** state after the storm.

**sort** 1

*noun* one of the different kinds of something » *In the forest grew many sorts of tree.*  
**brand, category, class, group, kind, make, species, style, type, variety, ilk, stamp**

**sort** 2

*verb* to arrange things into different kinds » *Jay sorted his notes and put them into three folders.*  
**arrange, categorize, classify, divide, grade, group, separate**

**sound** 1

*noun* something that can be heard » *The sound of thunder rumbled in the distance.*  
**din, hubbub, noise, racket, tone**  
 antonym: **silence**  
 related words: *adjectives*  
**acoustic, sonic**

**sound** 2

*verb* to produce or cause to produce a noise » *The teacher sounded the bell to mark the end of lunch.*  
**blow, chime, clang, peal, ring, set off, toll**

**sound** 3

*adjective* healthy, or in good condition » *Everyone is safe and sound, thank goodness.*  
**all right, fine, fit, healthy, in good condition, intact, robust**

**sound** 4

*adjective* reliable and sensible  
 » *The teacher gave Alice sound advice about entering the poetry competition.*  
**down-to-earth, good, reasonable, reliable, sensible, solid, valid**

**sour** 1

*adjective* having a sharp taste  
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**sour**  
 1 adjective having a sharp taste  
 » The lemon tasted **sour**.

**acidic**  
 I'm **acidic**.

**bitter**  
 I'm a **bitter** lemon.

**pungent**  
 I give off a **pungent** smell.

**sharp**  
 I have a **sharp** flavour.

**tart**  
 I have a **tart** taste.

**acerbic**  
 I'm **acerbic** on the tongue.

**acetic**  
 I'm as **acetic** as vinegar.

antonym:  
**sweet**  
 The strawberry tasted **sweet**.

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## sour <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* unpleasant in taste because no longer fresh  
» *Yuck, the milk's gone sour.*  
**curdled, off, rancid**

## sour <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* bad-tempered and unfriendly » *The teacher wore a sour expression, which meant we were in trouble.*  
**disagreeable, embittered, jaundiced, tart, churlish, peevish, waspish**

## source

*noun* the place where something comes from  
» *The source of the river is in the mountains.*  
**beginning, cause, derivation, origin, originator, fount, fountainhead, wellspring**

## souvenir

*noun* something you keep as a reminder » *I bought a snow globe from the market as a souvenir.*  
**keepsake, memento, relic, reminder, token**



*I bought a snow globe from the market as a souvenir.*

## space <sup>1</sup>

*noun* an area that is empty or available » *The garden has plenty of space for a slide and swings.*  
**accommodation, capacity, room**  
related word: *adjective* **spatial**

## space <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the gap between two things » *Fay squeezed into the small space between the table and chair.*  
**blank, distance, gap, interval**

## space <sup>3</sup>

*noun* a period of time  
» *Max and Josh received two lots of good news in the space of a week.*  
**interval, period, span, time, while**

## spacious

*adjective* having or providing a lot of space » *The car was spacious enough for seven people to fit in.*  
**ample, broad, expansive, extensive, huge, large, vast, capacious, commodious, roomy, sizable or sizeable**

## spare <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* in addition to what is needed » *Liz kept a spare pair of glasses in her bag.*  
**extra, free, superfluous, surplus, leftover, supernumerary**

## spare <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to make something available » *Please could you spare us some bread?*  
**afford, give, let someone have**

## spare <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to save someone from an unpleasant experience  
» *The teacher told us off but spared us the full lecture.*  
**let off (informal), pardon, relieve of, save from**

## sparkle

*verb* to shine with small bright points of light » *The water sparkled in the sunshine.*  
**gleam, glisten, glitter, shimmer, twinkle, coruscate, scintillate**



*The water sparkled in the sunshine.*



*Jim wanted to speak to his best friend so he could tell her all about the trip.*

## speak

*verb* to use your voice to say words » *Jim wanted to speak to his best friend so he could tell her all about the trip.*  
**articulate, comment, converse, declare, explain, observe, pronounce, state, tell, affirm, assert, utter**

## special <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* more important or better than others of its kind  
» *They were celebrating a special occasion – it was his sister's 16th birthday.*  
**exceptional, important, significant, unique**  
antonym: **ordinary**

## special <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* relating to one person or group in particular  
» *You will have to wear special gloves when you work with chemicals in the laboratory.*  
**characteristic, distinctive, individual, particular, peculiar, specific**  
antonym: **general**

## specify

*verb* to state or describe something precisely  
» *To avoid disappointment, please specify which size and colour you would like the coat in.*  
**be specific about, indicate, name, spell out, state, stipulate**

## spectator

*noun* a person who watches something » *Spectators lined the route of the parade.*  
**bystander, eyewitness, observer, onlooker, witness, fan, viewer, watcher**

## speech

*noun* a formal talk given to an audience » *He delivered his speech in three languages.*  
**address, discourse, lecture, talk, disquisition, harangue, homily, oration**

## speed <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the rate at which something moves or happens  
» *The Formula One drivers increased their speed.*  
**haste, momentum, pace, rapidity, swiftness, velocity**



*The Formula One drivers increased their speed.*

## speed <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to move quickly » *The motorbike sped along the road.*  
**career, flash, fly, gallop, hurry, race, run, rush, tear, hasten**

## spin

*verb* to turn quickly around a central point » *The wheels span round as the bicycle gathered speed.*  
**pirouette, revolve, rotate, turn, whirl**

## spirit <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the part of you that is not physical » *Leo had a strong spirit and was determined to complete the race.*  
**essence, life force, soul**

**spirit** 2

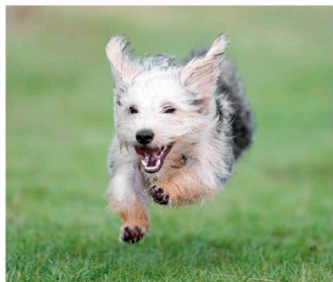
*noun* a ghost or supernatural being » *In the film, a spirit haunted the house.*

**apparition, ghost, phantom, spectre, sprite**

**spirit** 3

*noun* liveliness and energy » *The young dog had so much spirit.*

**animation, energy, enthusiasm, fire, force, vigour, zest, brio, mettle**



*The young dog had so much spirit.*

**spite** 1: in spite of  
*preposition* even though something is the case

» *In spite of the power cut, Fi did her homework on time.*

**despite, even though, notwithstanding, regardless of, though**

**spite** 2

*noun* a desire to hurt someone » *Liam swatted the fly out of spite.*

**ill will, malevolence, malice, spitefulness, venom, malignity, rancour**

**spiteful**

*adjective* saying or doing nasty things to hurt people » *It was spiteful to snigger.*

**catty** (informal), **cruel, malevolent, malicious, nasty, snide, venomous, vindictive**

**splendid** 1

*adjective* very good indeed » *I've had a splendid time.*

**cracking** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **excellent, fantastic** (informal), **fine, glorious, great** (informal), **marvellous, superb, wonderful**



*The Taj Mahal looks splendid.*

**splendid** 2

*adjective* beautiful and impressive » *The Taj Mahal looks splendid.*

**gorgeous, grand, imposing, impressive, magnificent, superb**

**split** 1

*verb* to divide into two or more parts » *The team decided to split the prize money equally among all its members.*

**diverge, fork, part, separate, bifurcate, cleave, disunite**

**split** 2

*verb* to have a crack or tear » *Oh dear, my trousers have split and there's a gaping hole.*  
**burst, come apart, crack, rip, slit, tear**

**split** 3

*noun* a crack or tear in something » *I can see through the split in the curtain.*  
**crack, fissure, rip, tear**

**split** 4

*noun* a division between two things » *There's a split between those who want to go outdoors and those who want to stay in and draw.*  
**breach, breakup, divergence, division, rift, schism**

**spoil** 1

*verb* to damage or destroy something » *She tried to keep the party a secret so as not to spoil the surprise.*

**damage, destroy, harm, impair, mar, mess up, ruin, wreck**

**spoil** 2

*verb* to give someone everything they want » *Grandpa spoils us with more sweets than we can eat.*  
**cosset, indulge, pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, overindulge**

**spoilsport**

*noun* a person who spoils other people's fun » *I felt like a spoilsport for not joining in the game.*

**downer, drag, killjoy, misery** (Britain; informal), **sourpuss** (US; slang)

**spooky**

*adjective* eerie and frightening » *The old ruin was spooky.*

**creepy** (informal), **eerie, frightening, ghostly, haunted, scary, supernatural, uncanny**

**spot** 1

*noun* a small round mark on something » *Dalmatians have a white coat with black spots.*  
**blemish, blot, blotch, mark, smudge, speck**



*Dalmatians have a white coat with black spots.*

**spot** 2

*noun* a location or place » *It was the perfect spot for a picnic.*

**location, place, point, position, scene, site**

**spot** 3

*verb* to see or notice something » *Belinda spotted an owl in the tree.*

**catch sight of, detect, discern, observe, see, sight, descry, espy**

**spread** 1

*verb* to open out or extend over an area » *He spread the picnic blanket on the grass for everyone to sit on.*  
**extend, fan out, open, sprawl, unfold, unfurl, unroll**

**spread** 2

*verb* to put a thin layer on a surface » *Melissa spread icing on the cake.*

**apply, coat, cover, overlay, plaster, smear, smother**



*Melissa spread icing on the cake.*

**spread** 3

*verb* to reach or affect more people gradually » *Excitement is spreading through the school as the holidays draw near.*

**circulate, grow, expand, increase, proliferate, travel**

**spread** 4

*noun* the extent or growth of something » *The spread of interest in the zoo brought new visitors each week.*

**diffusion, expansion, extent, growth, increase, progression, proliferation, upsurge**

**squabble** 1

*verb* to quarrel about something trivial » *My brother and sister squabble about who gets to sit in the front seat of the car.*  
**argue, bicker, fall out, feud, fight, quarrel, row, wrangle**

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## squabble ②

*noun* a minor quarrel » *We keep having squabbles about whose turn it is to wash up.*  
**altercation, argument, barney** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **disagreement, dispute, fight, quarrel, row, spat, tiff**

## staff

*noun* the people who work for an organization » *The company's senior staff went to a meeting about new research.*  
**employees, personnel, team, workers, workforce**



*The company's senior staff went to a meeting about new research.*

## stage ①

*noun* a part of a process » *Cycling is the second stage of a triathlon race.*  
**lap, period, phase, point, step**

## stage ②

*verb* to organize something » *School pupils have staged a fun run to help raise money for a new sports centre.*  
**arrange, engineer, mount, orchestrate, organize**

## stain ①

*noun* a mark on something » *His T-shirt was covered in grass stains.*  
**blot, mark, spot**

## stain ②

*verb* to make a mark on something » *The spilt drink stained the carpet.*  
**dirty, mark, soil, spot, discolour, smirch**

## stale

*adjective* no longer fresh » *We fed the stale bread to the ducks and ate the fresh bread ourselves.*  
**flat, old, sour, stagnant, fusty, musty**  
antonym: **fresh**

## standard ①

*noun* a particular level of quality or achievement » *To join the club you had to play tennis to a high standard.*  
**calibre, criterion, guideline, level, norm, quality, requirement**

## standard ②

*adjective* usual, normal, and correct » *It is standard practice for schools to hold a teacher-parent evening every year.*  
**accepted, correct, customary, normal, orthodox, regular, usual**

## standards

*plural noun* principles of behaviour » *The head teacher has high standards.*  
**ethics, ideals, morals, principles, rules, scruples, values**

## star

*noun* a famous person » *The film stars walked down the red carpet.*  
**celebrity, idol, luminary** (literary)



*The film stars walked down the red carpet.*

## stare

*verb* to look at something for a long time » *Ed stared out of the window at the rain.*  
**gaze, look, gawp, goggle, ogle**

## start ①

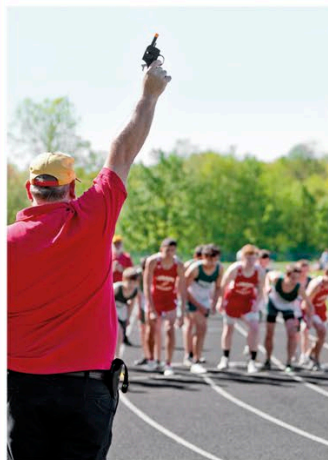
*verb* to begin to take place » *School starts again next week.*  
**arise, begin, come into being, come into existence, commence, get under way, originate**  
antonym: **finish**

## start ②

*verb* to begin to do something » *Susie started to read the book Judy had recommended.*  
**begin, commence, embark upon, proceed, set about**  
antonym: **stop**

## start ③

*verb* to cause something to begin » *The official started the race by firing the pistol.*  
**begin, create, establish, get going, inaugurate** (formal), **initiate, instigate, institute, introduce, launch, open, pioneer, set in motion, set up**  
antonym: **stop**



*The official started the race by firing the pistol.*

## start ④

*noun* the beginning of something » *It was the start of a new era in the country's history.*  
**beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, foundation, inauguration, inception** (formal), **initiation, onset, opening, outset**  
antonym: **finish**

## state ①

*noun* the condition or circumstances of something » *The garden was in a better state now that all the building work was finished.*  
**circumstances, condition, plight, position, predicament, shape, situation**

## state ②

*noun* a country, especially in political terms » *The European Union is made up of a number of European states.*  
**country, kingdom, land, nation, republic, body politic, commonwealth, federation**

## state ③

*verb* to say something, especially in a formal way » *Please state your name and age.*  
**affirm, articulate, assert, declare, express, say, specify, aver, expound, propound**

## statement

*noun* a short written or spoken piece giving information » *The school released a statement expressing delight over its pupils' achievements.*  
**account, announcement, bulletin, declaration, explanation, proclamation, report, testimony**

## status

*noun* a person's social position » *Felix was congratulated on his new status as captain.*  
**position, prestige, rank, standing**



*Felix was congratulated on his new status as captain.*

**stay**

*verb* to remain somewhere  
» *Would you like to stay for dinner?*

**hang around** (informal),  
**linger, loiter, remain,**  
**tarry, wait**

**steadfast**

*adjective* refusing to change or give up » *Jill was a steadfast supporter of animal rights and went on every march.*

**constant, faithful, firm,**  
**immovable, resolute,**  
**staunch, steady,**  
**unshakeable**

**steady 1**

*adjective* continuing without interruptions » *There was a steady rise in temperature throughout the morning.*

**consistent, constant,**  
**continuous, even, nonstop,**  
**regular, uninterrupted**

**steady 2**

*adjective* not shaky or wobbling  
» *Tom has a steady hand and can draw very neatly.*  
**firm, secure, stable**



The surfers **steadied** themselves on the surf boards.

**steady 3**

*verb* to prevent something from shaking or wobbling  
» *The surfers steadied themselves on the surf boards.*

**brace, secure, stabilize,**  
**support**

**steal 1**

*verb* to take something without permission » *Did Elsa steal that apple from the fruit bowl or did she ask permission?*

**appropriate, nick** (British, Australia, and New Zealand; slang), **pilfer, pinch** (informal), **swipe** (slang), **take, embezzle, filch, misappropriate, purloin, thief**

**steal 2**

*verb* to move somewhere quietly and secretly  
» *Greg stole out of the class without the teacher noticing.*  
**creep, slip, sneak, tiptoe**

**steep 1**

*adjective* rising sharply and abruptly » *The steep hill was difficult to climb.*

**sheer, vertical**  
antonym: **gradual**

**steep 2**

*adjective* larger than is reasonable » *We noticed a steep rise in the price of bananas.*

**excessive, extortionate,**  
**high, unreasonable,**  
**exorbitant, overpriced**

**steep 3**

*verb* to soak something in a liquid » *Steep the vegetables in water to keep them fresh.*  
**immerse, soak, marinate**

**sterile**

*adjective* free from germs  
» *Ted bandaged the cut with a sterile dressing.*  
**antiseptic, germ-free,**  
**sterilized**

**stick 1**

*noun* a long, thin piece of wood  
» *William threw a stick for the dog to fetch.*  
**bat, cane, mace, pole, rod, truncheon, twig, wand**

**stick 2**

*verb* to thrust something somewhere » *Christine stuck her arm through the fence to pick flowers from the other side.*

**insert, jab, poke, push, put, ram, shove, stuff, thrust**



Christine **stuck** her arm through the fence to pick flowers from the other side.

**stick 3**

*verb* to attach  
▼ SEE BELOW

**attach**

*Attach it with tape.*

**bond**

*Bond the two paper surfaces.*

**stick**

**3** *verb* to attach  
» *Stick the pictures into your scrapbook.*

**fix**

*Fix the picture to the page.*

**glue**

*Glue the picture down.*

**paste**

*Paste the picture in.*



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## stick <sup>4</sup>

*verb* to become attached  
» *Mud was stuck to the bottom of my trainers.*  
**adhere, bond, cling, fuse**

## stick <sup>5</sup>

*verb* to jam or become jammed  
» *The cat was stuck in her cat flap but we finally got her out.*  
**catch, jam, lodge, snag**

## sticky

*adjective* covered with a substance that sticks to other things » *The bottom of Vi's shoe was sticky with chewing gum.*  
**adhesive, tacky, glutinous, viscid, viscous**



*The bottom of Vi's shoe was sticky with chewing gum.*

## stiff <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* firm and not easily bent » *The cardboard was stiff.*  
**firm, hard, rigid, solid, taut**  
antonym: **limp**

## stiff <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not friendly or relaxed  
» *The lady was stiff and uncomfortable.*  
**cold, forced, formal, stilted, unnatural, wooden, constrained, prim, standoffish**

## stiff <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* difficult or severe  
» *The stiff training was not for the faint hearted.*  
**arduous, difficult, exacting, formidable, hard, rigorous, tough**



*The water on the lake was still.*

## still

*adjective* not moving  
» *The water on the lake was still.*  
**calm, inert, motionless, stationary, tranquil**

## stink <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to smell very bad  
» *My breath stinks of garlic.*  
**pong** (Britain and Australia; informal), **reek**

## stink <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a very bad smell  
» *The stink of smelly cheese filled the house.*  
**pong** (Britain and Australia; informal), **stench, fetor, malodour**

## stock <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the total amount of goods for sale in a shop » *The shop counted how much stock it had in its storeroom.*  
**goods, merchandise** (formal)

## stock <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a supply of something  
» *The shop had a large stock of electrical equipment.*  
**reserve, reservoir, stockpile, store, supply**

## stock <sup>3</sup>

*noun* shares bought in an investment company  
» *The reporter said stocks in the company were increasing.*  
**bonds, investments, shares**

## stock <sup>4</sup>

*noun* an animal or person's ancestors » *My family is of European stock.*  
**ancestry, descent, extraction, lineage, origin, parentage**

## stock <sup>5</sup>

*verb* to keep a supply of goods to sell » *The shop stocks a wide range of paint and other artists' materials.*  
**deal in, sell, supply, trade in**

## stock <sup>6</sup>

*adjective* commonly used  
» *Dad's stock answer to every question was "Ask your mother".*  
**hackneyed, overused, routine, standard, typical, usual**

## stockpile <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to store large quantities  
» *My neighbour stockpiled tins of food when he heard there was a blizzard on the way.*  
**accumulate, amass, collect, gather, hoard, save, stash** (informal), **store up**

## stockpile <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a large store of something  
» *Chris and Bill used the planks from the stockpile outside to make the new shed.*  
**cache, hoard, reserve, stash** (informal), **stock, store**



*Chris and Bill used the planks from the stockpile outside to make the new shed.*

## stocky

*adjective* short but solid-looking  
» *The pygmy hippo is small but stocky.*  
**chunky, solid, sturdy, stubby, thickset**

## stomach

*noun* the front part of the body around the waist » *David's T-shirt was too short and showed his stomach.*  
**belly, gut, paunch, tummy** (informal)

## stop <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to cease doing something  
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## stop <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to prevent something  
» *The sudden downpour stopped the barbecue.*  
**arrest, check, prevent, forestall, nip something in the bud**

## stop <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to come to an end  
» *Elsie hoped that the rain would stop so she could ride her new bike outside.*  
**cease, come to an end, conclude, end, finish, halt**  
antonym: **start**

## store <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a supply kept for future use » *The chipmunk added to its store of nuts.*  
**cache, fund, hoard, reserve, reservoir, stock, stockpile, supply**



*The chipmunk added to its store of nuts.*

## store <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a place where things are kept » *The farmer took the harvested wheat to the grain store.*  
**depot, storeroom, warehouse, depository, repository, storehouse**

# stop

**1** verb to cease doing something  
» He **stopped** playing the piano when the doorbell rang.

**cease**

The baby **ceased** crying when she was fed.

**cut out**

*Cut out that racket!*

**desist**

Kindly **desist** from giggling when the head is talking.

**discontinue**

They **discontinued** selling his favourite pens.

**end**



The conductor **ended** with a flourish.

**quit**

She **quit** playing the flute.

**start**

antonym:

Turn the key to **start** the car.

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# story

**noun** a tale told or written to entertain people  
» We read a funny **story** together.

**account** The book included a true **account** of Scott's expedition to the Antarctic.

**anecdote** The actor had a store of entertaining **anecdotes** about his life in the theatre.

**legend** The teacher told us the **legend** of King Arthur.

**narrative** The **narrative** moved swiftly from one event to the next in the heroine's life.

**tale** My favourite fairy **tale** is Hansel and Gretel.

**yarn** My uncle told us an extraordinary **yarn** about his days as a student.



## store 3

**verb** to keep something for future use » The photos are stored on your computer.  
**hoard, keep, save, stash** (informal), **stockpile**

## story

**noun** a tale told or written to entertain people  
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## straight 1

**adjective** upright or level, not curved » Hold your arms straight out to the side.  
**erect, even, level, perpendicular, upright**  
antonym: **crooked**



Hold your arms **straight** out to the side.

## straight 2

**adjective** honest, frank, and direct » Andy's answer was straight and to the point.  
**blunt, candid, forthright, frank, honest, outright, plain, point-blank**

## straightforward 1

**adjective** easy and involving no problems » The question seemed straightforward.  
**basic, easy, elementary, routine, simple, uncomplicated**  
antonym: **complicated**

## straightforward 2

**adjective** honest, open, and frank » I liked his straightforward manner.  
**candid, direct, forthright, frank, honest, open, plain, straight**  
antonym: **devious**

## strain 1

**noun** worry and nervous tension » The strain that Nadine had felt during her exams was now gone.  
**anxiety, pressure, stress, tension**

## strain 2

**verb** to make something do more than it is able to do  
» The men strained to lift the bench.  
**overwork, tax, overexert, overtax, push to the limit**



The men **strained** to lift the bench.

## strange 1

**adjective** unusual or unexpected » It was strange to bump into my old classmate.  
**abnormal, bizarre, curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, peculiar, queer, uncommon, weird, out-of-the-way, outré, unaccountable**

## strange 2

**adjective** new or unfamiliar  
» We found it exciting to be on holiday in a strange country.  
**alien, exotic, foreign, new, novel, unfamiliar**

## strength 1

**noun** physical energy and power » The bear pushed over a tree in an astonishing display of strength.  
**brawn, might, muscle, stamina, brawniness, lustiness, sinew**  
antonym: **weakness**

## strength 2

**noun** the degree of intensity  
» The cheering and loud applause revealed the strength of feeling in the room.  
**force, intensity, potency, power, vehemence, vigour**  
antonym: **weakness**

**strengthen** 1

*verb* to give something more power » *The lateness of the trains strengthens the case for an improved railway system.*

**encourage, fortify, harden, toughen, hearten, invigorate**

antonym: **weaken**

**strengthen** 2

*verb* to support the structure of something » *Dad strengthened the treehouse with some timber beams.*

**bolster, brace, fortify, reinforce, support**

antonym: **weaken**

**stress** 1

*noun* worry and nervous tension » *Louis didn't like the stress that came with taking tests every term.*

**anxiety, hassle** (informal), **pressure, strain, tension, worry**

**stress** 2

*verb* to emphasize something » *The teacher stressed the importance of doing your best.*

**accentuate, emphasize, repeat, underline, belabour, dwell on, point up, underscore**

**stretch** 1

*verb* to extend over an area or time » *The boy stretched the elastic to shoot the catapult.*



The boy **stretched** the elastic to shoot the catapult.

**stretch** 2

*verb* to reach out with part of your body » *Megan stretched out her hand.*

**extend, reach, straighten**  
antonym: **bend**

**stretch** 3

*noun* an area of land or water » *We travelled along a smooth stretch of road.*

**area, expanse, extent, sweep, tract**



We travelled along a smooth **stretch** of road.

**stretch** 4

*noun* a period of time » *My father often worked for eight-hour stretches.*

**period, run, space, spell, stint, term, time**

**strict** 1

*adjective* very firm in demanding obedience

» *The teacher was strict and we didn't dare talk in class.*

**authoritarian, firm, rigid, rigorous, stern, stringent**

**strict** 2

*adjective* precise and accurate » *The referee had a strict interpretation of the rules.*

**accurate, exact, meticulous, particular, precise, true**

**strive**

*verb* to make a great effort to achieve something » *Mason strives to keep himself fit by running every day.*  
**attempt, do your best, do your utmost, endeavour** (formal), **make an effort, seek, try**

**strong** 1

*adjective* having powerful muscles » *Gorillas are terrifically strong.*

**athletic, brawny, burly, muscular, powerful, strapping, well-built**  
antonym: **weak**

**strong** 2

*adjective* able to withstand rough treatment

» *Strong armour kept the knight safe during battle.*

**durable, hard-wearing, heavy-duty, reinforced, sturdy, substantial, tough, well-built**

antonym: **fragile**



**Strong** armour kept the knight safe during battle.

**strong** 3

*adjective* great in degree or intensity » *Caroline had a strong following of supporters.*

**acute, ardent, deep, fervent, fierce, intense, keen, passionate, profound, vehement, violent, zealous**  
antonym: **faint**

**structure** 1

*noun* the way something is made or organized

» *The science class learned all about the structure of a plant.*

**arrangement, construction, design, make-up, organization, configuration, conformation**



The museum building is an imposing **structure**.

**structure** 2

*noun* something that has been built » *The museum building is an imposing structure.*

**building, construction, edifice**

**struggle** 1

*verb* to try hard to do something » *We struggled up to the top of the mountain.*

**strain, strive, toil, work**

**struggle** 2

*noun* something that is hard to achieve » *The marathon was a struggle, but Josh felt proud when he crossed the finish line.*  
**effort, labour, toil, work**

**stubborn**

*adjective* determined not to change or give in

» *Helen's stubborn refusal to give up is an inspiration.*

**dogged, inflexible, obstinate, tenacious, wilful, intractable, obdurate, recalcitrant, refractory**

**stuck-up**

*adjective* (informal) arrogant and conceited » *She was famous but not stuck-up.*

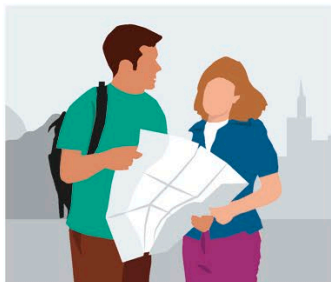
**arrogant, conceited, disdainful, haughty, proud, snobbish**

**study** 1

*verb* to spend time learning about something » *Billy enjoyed studying history.*

**learn, read up, swot** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal)

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The tourists **studied** the map to work out their best route.

## study ②

**verb** to look at something carefully » *The tourists studied the map to work out their best route.*

**contemplate, examine, pore over, peruse, scrutinize**

## study ③

**noun** the activity of learning about a subject » *Mary threw herself into the study of ancient Egypt as she was going to see the pyramids.*

**lessons, research, school work, swotting** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal)

## stuff ①

**noun** a substance or group of things » *"That's my stuff," Luke said, pointing to a bag.*  
**apparatus, belongings, equipment, gear, kit, material, substance, tackle, things, paraphernalia, trappings**

## stuff ②

**verb** to push something somewhere quickly and roughly » *Martin stuffed the paper into the recycling bin.*

**cram, force, jam, push, ram, shove, squeeze, thrust**

## stuff ③

**verb** to fill something with a substance or objects » *The jar was stuffed with sweets.*

**cram, fill, load, pack**



The jar was **stuffed** with sweets.

## stuffy ①

**adjective** formal and old-fashioned » *At first I found Auntie Jane rather stuffy, but we soon became great friends.*  
**dull, formal, old-fashioned, staid, strait-laced, fusty, old-fogeyish, priggish, stodgy**

## stuffy ②

**adjective** not containing enough fresh air » *It was hot and stuffy in the classroom as the windows wouldn't open.*

**close, heavy, muggy, oppressive, stale, stifling, fetid, sultry, unventilated**

## stupid

**adjective** lacking intelligence or good judgment » *Mum told me off for making stupid jokes while she was talking to the new neighbours.*

**absurd, daft** (informal), **dim, foolish, idiotic, inane, obtuse, asinine, crass, fatuous**

antonym: **clever**

## stupidity

**noun** lack of intelligence or good judgment

» *Robert wondered at the bird's stupidity as it flew into the window for the third time.*  
**absurdity, folly, foolishness, inanity, silliness, asininity, fatuity, imbecility, obtuseness**

## sturdy

**adjective** strong and unlikely to be damaged » *My sturdy boots protect the feet during long hiking trips.*

**durable, hardy, robust, solid, substantial, stout, strong, well-built**

antonym: **fragile**

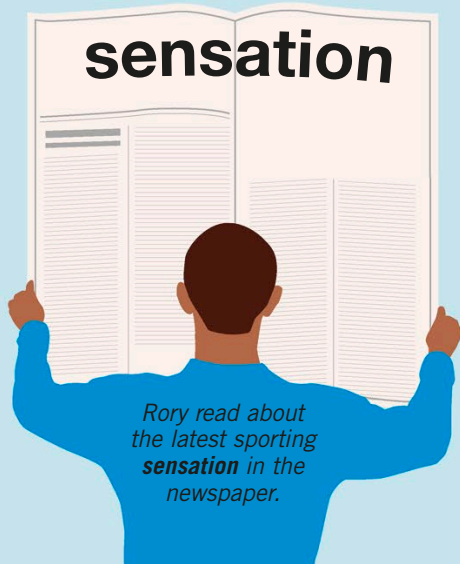


My **sturdy** boots protect the feet during long hiking trips.

# success

② **noun** a person or thing achieving popularity or greatness  
» *You're a school **success**!*

## sensation



Rory read about the latest sporting **sensation** in the newspaper.

## celebrity



The children were hailed as **celebrities** after appearing on TV.

## hit

Stanley was an online **hit** with his blog.



## style 1

**noun** the way in which something is done  
» Mr Preston's style of teaching made every subject seem interesting.  
**approach, manner, method, mode, technique, way**

## style 2

**noun** smartness and elegance  
» Leonie has such style, especially when she wears that evening dress.  
**chic, elegance, flair, sophistication, taste, élan, panache, savoir-faire**

## subdue

**verb** to bring under control by force » Police were called in to subdue the protesters.  
**crush, defeat, overcome, overpower, quell, vanquish**

## subject 1

**noun** the thing or person being discussed » Maryam was able to talk about a range of subjects, from pet care to philosophy and painting.  
**issue, matter, object, point, question, theme, topic**

## subject 2

**verb** to make someone experience something  
» Chris was subjected to continual questions from his classmates, who were eager to hear more detail.  
**expose, put through, submit**

## submit 1

**verb** to accept or agree to something unwillingly  
» I eventually submitted to my sister's nagging to borrow my dress, even though I knew she'd get it dirty.  
**bow, capitulate, comply, give in, surrender, yield**  
antonym: **resist**

## submit 2

**verb** to formally present a document or proposal  
» Jeff submitted his short story for publication in the school magazine.  
**hand in, present, propose, put forward, send in, table, tender**  
antonym: **withdraw**



Poisonous **substances** are labelled with a warning sticker.

## substance

**noun** a solid, powder, liquid, or gas » Poisonous substances are labelled with a warning sticker.  
**element, material, stuff**

## substitute 1

**verb** to use one thing in place of another » You can substitute honey for sugar.  
**exchange, interchange, replace, swap, switch**

## substitute 2

**noun** someone or something used in place of another  
» Nylon is sometimes used as a substitute for silk.  
**deputy, proxy, replacement, representative, surrogate, locum, makeshift, stopgap**

## subtract

**verb** to take one number away from another » Subtracting 3 from 5 leaves 2.  
**deduct, take away, take from**  
antonym: **add**

## succeed

**verb** to achieve the result you intend » Lina succeeded as a professional musician.  
**be successful, do well, flourish, make it** (informal), **prosper, thrive, triumph, work**  
antonym: **fail**

## success 1

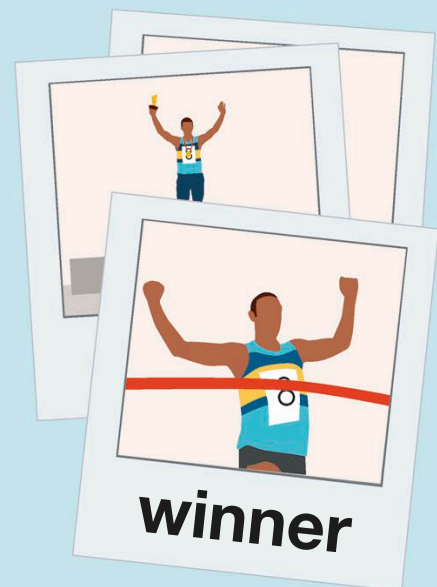
**noun** the achievement of a goal, fame, or wealth  
» Liv's success was unparalleled: no one had more awards than her.  
**celebrity, eminence, fame, prosperity, triumph, victory, wealth, ascendancy** (formal)  
antonym: **failure**

## success 2

**noun** a person or thing achieving popularity or greatness  
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The posters declared the film a **triumph**.



Nathan was a real **winner**, excelling in every sport he tried.

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## successful

*adjective* having achieved what you intended to do  
» Carol was a highly successful artist.  
**flourishing, lucrative, profitable, rewarding, thriving, top**

## sudden

*adjective* happening quickly and unexpectedly  
» The sudden opening of the jack-in-the-box gave us all a shock.  
**abrupt, hasty, quick, swift, unexpected**  
antonym: **gradual**



The sudden opening of the jack-in-the-box gave us all a shock.

## suffer

*verb* to be affected by pain or something unpleasant  
» Milo suffered an injury while playing ice hockey.  
**bear, endure, experience, go through, sustain, undergo**

## sufficient

*adjective* being enough for a purpose  
» Rick had sufficient time to write a good essay.  
**adequate, ample, enough**  
antonym: **insufficient**

## suggest 1

*verb* to mention something as a possibility or recommendation  
» Clive suggested going out for ice cream.  
**advise, advocate, propose, recommend**

## suggest 2

*verb* to hint that something is the case  
» The girls' smiling faces suggested they had done well in the test.  
**hint, imply, indicate, insinuate, intimate**

## suggestion 1

*noun* an idea mentioned as a possibility  
» May I offer a suggestion for what to do next?  
**plan, proposal, proposition, recommendation**

## suggestion 2

*noun* a slight indication of something  
» There was a suggestion of a smile on Carl's face as they waited for the winner to be announced.  
**hint, indication, insinuation, intimation, trace**

## suit

*verb* to be acceptable  
» The house suits our needs.  
**be acceptable to, do, please, satisfy**

## suitable

*adjective* right or acceptable for a particular purpose  
» Rita's slip-on sandals were not suitable for running in.  
**acceptable, appropriate, apt, fit, fitting, proper, right, apposite, befitting, pertinent, seemly**  
antonym: **unsuitable**

## sulky

*adjective* showing annoyance by being silent and moody  
» Kim was sulky because she hadn't been invited to the party.  
**huffy, moody, petulant, resentful, sullen**



Kim was sulky because she hadn't been invited to the party.

## summary

*noun* a short account of something's main points  
» Peter ended his essay with a three-point summary.  
**outline, review, rundown, summing-up, synopsis, abridgment, digest, précis, recapitulation, résumé**

## sum up

*verb* to describe briefly  
» Rudi summed up his week in one word: "Brilliant".  
**recapitulate, summarize**

## superb

*adjective* very good indeed  
» The pilot had a superb flight with a perfect landing.  
**brehtaking, excellent, exquisite, magnificent, marvellous, outstanding, splendid, superior, unrivalled, wonderful, superlative**

## superior 1

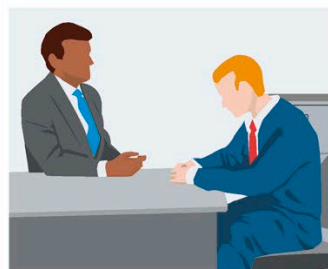
*adjective* better than other similar things  
» The new software is superior to the old – much faster and with more functions.  
**better, choice, de luxe, exceptional, first-rate, surpassing, unrivalled**  
antonym: **inferior**

## superior 2

*adjective* showing pride and self-importance  
» The wealthy people in the mansion felt superior to their neighbours.  
**condescending, disdainful, haughty, lofty, patronizing, snobbish, stuck-up (informal), supercilious**

## superior 3

*noun* a person in a higher position than you  
» The trainee had to report to his superior.  
**big cheese (informal), boss (informal), chief, controller, director, employer, head, leader, manager, senior, supervisor**  
antonym: **inferior**



The trainee had to report to his superior.

## supervise

*verb* to oversee a person or activity  
» Wendy supervised more than 400 volunteers.  
**be in charge of, direct, handle, keep an eye on, look after, manage, oversee, run, preside over, superintend**

## supplement 1

*verb* to add to something to improve it  
» Mum supplemented the main course with a salad.  
**add to, augment, complement, reinforce, top up**



Mum supplemented the main course with a salad.

## supplement 2

*noun* something added to something else  
» The magazine was a free supplement with the newspaper.  
**addition, appendix, complement, extra**

## supplies

*plural noun* food or equipment for a particular purpose  
» Leila carried her supplies for the hike in a rucksack.  
**equipment, provisions, rations, stores**

## supply 1

*verb* to provide someone with something  
» The company will supply all the equipment for the scuba dive.  
**equip, furnish, give, provide, endow, purvey**

**supply** 2

*noun* an amount of something available for use » *Our fridge contained a plentiful supply of food for the week.*  
**cache, fund, hoard, reserve, stock, stockpile, store**

**support** 1

*verb* to agree with someone's ideas or aims » *I support your idea for creating more bicycle lanes.*

**back, champion, defend, promote, second, side with, uphold**  
 antonym: **oppose**

**support** 2

*verb* to help someone in difficulties » *You should support your friends when they are feeling down.*  
**assist, encourage, help**

**support** 3

*verb* to hold something up from underneath » *The pillars support the cathedral roof.*  
**bolster, brace, hold up, prop up, reinforce, buttress, shore up**



The pillars **support** the cathedral roof.

**support** 4

*noun* an object that holds something up » *The metal supports will hold up the tent.*  
**brace, foundation, pillar, post, prop, abutment, stanchion**



The **supporters** wore team colours to cheer on their team.

**supporter**

*noun* a person who agrees with or helps someone  
 » *The supporters wore team colours to cheer on their team.*  
**adherent, advocate, ally, champion, fan, follower, sponsor, patron, protagonist**

**suppose**

*verb* to think that something is probably the case » *I suppose Jon will have an apple as usual.*  
**assume, believe, expect, guess, imagine, presume, think, conjecture, surmise** (formal)

**supposed** 1

*adjective* planned, expected, or required to do something  
 » *You're supposed to ride your bike in the bicycle lane rather than on the footpath.*  
**expected, meant, obliged, required**

**supposed** 2

*adjective* generally believed or thought to be the case  
 » *What is it that Melissa is supposed to have said?*  
**alleged, assumed, believed, meant, presumed, reputed, rumoured**

**suppress** 1

*verb* to prevent people from doing something » *The teachers aimed to suppress bullying among the students.*  
**crack down on** (informal), **crush, quash, quell, stamp out, stop**

**suppress** 2

*verb* to stop yourself from expressing a feeling or reaction  
 » *Vikram suppressed a cry by turning it into a cough.*  
**conceal, contain, curb, repress, restrain, smother, stifle**

**supreme**

*adjective* of the highest degree or rank » *The prime minister has supreme authority over the country.*  
**chief, foremost, greatest, highest, leading, paramount, pre-eminent, principal, top, ultimate**

**sure** 1

*adjective* having no doubts  
 » *Jonathan was sure that he was right.*  
**certain, clear, convinced, definite, positive, satisfied**  
 antonym: **unsure**

**sure** 2

*adjective* reliable or definite  
 » *The dark clouds were a sure sign that it was going to rain.*  
**definite, dependable, foolproof, infallible, reliable, trustworthy, undeniable**

**surprise** 1

*noun* something unexpected  
 » *Danny's gift to the teacher came as a delightful surprise.*  
**bombshell, revelation, shock, start**



Danny's gift to the teacher came as a delightful **surprise**.

**surprise** 2

*noun* the feeling caused by something unexpected  
 » *He let out a gasp of surprise.*  
**amazement, astonishment, incredulity, wonder**

**surprise** 3

*verb* to give someone a feeling of surprise » *I was surprised by how many people came to the party.*

**amaze, astonish, astound, jolt, stagger, stun, take aback, flabbergast, nonplus**

**surrender** 1

*verb* to agree that the other side has won » *I surrender! You have won the game.*  
**capitulate, give in, submit, succumb, yield**

**surrender** 2

*verb* to give something up to someone else  
 » *Marcus surrendered the ball to the puppy.*  
**cede, give up, relinquish, renounce, yield**

**surrender** 3

*noun* a situation in which one side gives in to the other  
 » *The blue team waved a white flag in surrender.*  
**capitulation, submission**

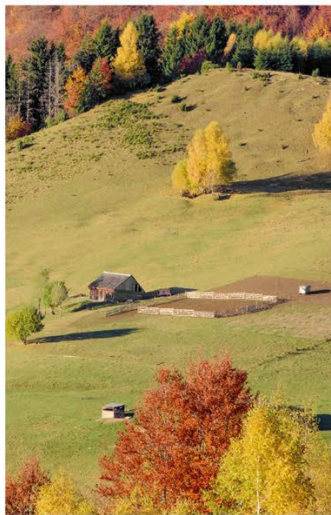


The blue team waved a white flag in **surrender**.

**surround**

*verb* to be all around a person or thing » *The calf was surrounded by cows.*  
**encircle, enclose, encompass, envelop, hem in**

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The farm's **surroundings** were stunning.

## surroundings

**plural noun** the area and environment around a person or place » *The farm's surroundings were stunning.*  
**background, environment, location, neighbourhood, setting, environs, milieu**

## survive

**verb** to live or exist in spite of difficulties » *We survived the intense heat by sitting in an air-conditioned café.*  
**endure, last, live, outlive, pull through**

## suspect 1

**verb** to think something is likely » *I suspect we'll have more to do after lunch.*  
**believe, feel, guess, suppose**

## suspect 2

**verb** to have doubts about something » *Troy suspected something was wrong when he saw Dylan had walked away.*  
**distrust, doubt, mistrust**

## suspect 3

**adjective** not to be trusted » *Peter's claims to be related to royalty were highly suspect.*  
**dodgy** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **doubtful, dubious, fishy** (informal), **questionable, suspicious**

## suspicion 1

**noun** a feeling of mistrust » *Having been bitten before, Cara regarded the parrot with suspicion.*  
**distrust, doubt, misgiving, mistrust, scepticism, qualm**

## suspicion 2

**noun** a feeling something is true » *I have a suspicion this route is the long way round.*  
**hunch, idea, impression**

## suspicious 1

**adjective** feeling distrustful of someone or something » *Jez was highly suspicious as the fox approached the chicken coop.*  
**apprehensive, distrustful, doubtful, sceptical, wary**



Jez was highly **suspicious** as the fox approached the chicken coop.

## suspicious 2

**adjective** causing feelings of distrust » *Brenda wondered why the lights were off – there was something suspicious going on.*  
**dodgy** (Britain, Australia, and New Zealand; informal), **doubtful, dubious, fishy** (informal), **funny, questionable, shady** (informal), **suspect**

## swap

**verb** to replace one thing for another » *The girls decided to swap coats for the day.*  
**barter, exchange, interchange, switch, trade**



After her dinner, Kate loves to eat something **sweet**.

## sweet 1

**adjective** containing a lot of sugar » *After her dinner, Kate loves to eat something sweet.*  
**cloying, sugary, sweetened**  
antonym: **sour**

## sweet 2

**adjective** having a pleasant smell » *The air was filled with the sweet smell of roses.*  
**aromatic, fragrant, perfumed, sweet-smelling**

## sweet 3

**adjective** pleasant-sounding and tuneful » *The audience listened to the sweet sound of the children singing.*  
**harmonious, mellow, melodious, musical, tuneful, dulcet**

## sweet 4

**noun** a sweet-tasting thing such as a toffee » *We were each allowed some sweets as a treat.*  
**bonbon, candy** (US), **confectionery, sweetie**



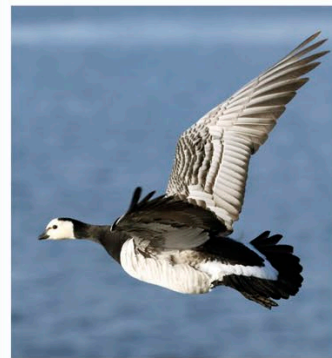
We were each allowed some **sweets** as a treat.

## swerve

**verb** to change direction suddenly to avoid hitting something » *The girl on the bike swerved around the trees.*  
**swing, turn, veer**

## swift

**adjective** happening or moving very quickly » *The bird was swift in flight.*  
**brisk, express, fast, hurried, prompt, quick, rapid, speedy**  
antonym: **slow**



The bird was **swift** in flight.

## symbol

**noun** a design or idea used to represent something  
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## sympathy

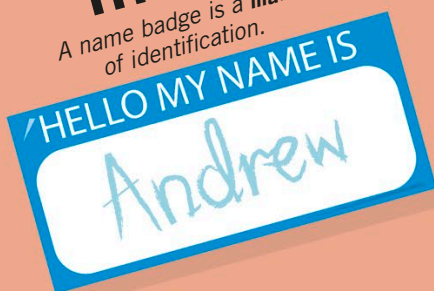
**noun** kindness and understanding towards someone in trouble  
» *When Alan's friend broke his leg, he looked after him with great sympathy.*  
**compassion, empathy, pity, understanding**

## system

**noun** an organized way of doing or arranging something  
» *The new system is much more efficient than the old way of doing things.*  
**arrangement, method, procedure, routine, structure, technique, methodology, modus operandi**

## mark

A name badge is a **mark** of identification.



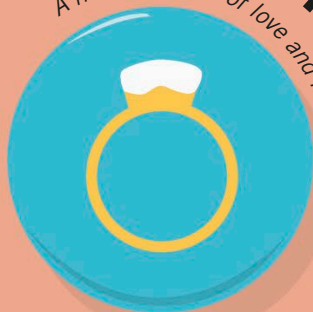
## sign

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$2 \times 4 = 8$  uses **signs** for multiplication and equals.

## token

A ring is a **token** of love and marriage.



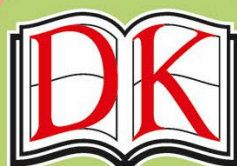
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The **figure** of a dove with an olive branch in its beak stands for peace.



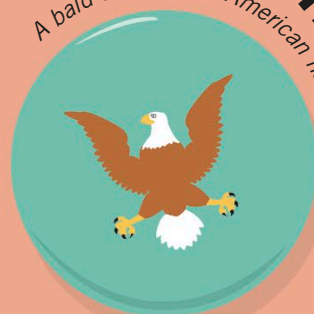
## logo

Companies use **logos** to make them instantly recognizable.



## emblem

A bald eagle is the American national **emblem**.



# symbol

**noun** a design or idea used to represent something  
» The chemical **symbol** for the element oxygen is O.

## emoticon

He signed off with a happy-face **emoticon**.



## representation

In Egyptian hieroglyphics, a lion is the **representation** for the letter "L".



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## T t

**tact**

*noun* the ability not to offend people » *The teacher corrected Ed's mistakes with great tact.*  
**delicacy, diplomacy, discretion, sensitivity**

**tactful**

*adjective* careful not to offend » *Jon's questions were always tactfully worded.*  
**diplomatic, discreet, sensitive**  
antonym: **tactless**

**take** ①

*verb* to require something » *My sister takes three hours to get ready.*  
**demand, require, need**

**take** ②

*verb* to carry something » *I'll take your bag for you.*  
**bear** (formal), **bring, carry, convey** (formal), **ferry, fetch, transport**



*I'll take your bag for you.*

**take** ③

*verb* to lead someone somewhere » *She took John to the bus stop to make sure he didn't get lost.*  
**bring, conduct** (formal), **escort, guide, lead, usher**

**take care of** ①

*verb* to look after someone or something » *Abigail was asked to take care of the baby for the day.*  
**care for, look after, mind, nurse, protect, tend, watch**  
antonym: **neglect**



*Abigail was asked to take care of the baby for the day.*

**take care of** ②

*verb* to deal with a problem, task, or situation » *Darcy took care of tidying the house.*  
**attend to, cope with, deal with, handle, manage, see to**

**take in** ①

*verb* to deceive someone » *I was taken in by the girl at the market; the apples she sold me were old and nasty.*  
**con** (informal), **deceive, dupe, fool, mislead, trick**

**take in** ②

*verb* to understand something » *Tara took in everything the coach said, and her technique soon improved.*  
**absorb, appreciate, assimilate, comprehend, digest, get, grasp, understand**

**talent**

*noun* a natural ability » *Jess had a talent for ballet.*  
**ability, aptitude, capacity, flair, genius, gift, knack**

**talk** ①

*verb* to say things » *My parents talked about the holiday they were planning.*  
**chat, converse, natter, ramble, gossip, say, state, mention**

**talk** ②

*noun* a conversation » *The students had a long talk about the new teacher.*  
**chat, chatter, conversation**

**talk** ③

*noun* an informal speech » *The visitor gave a talk about volunteering for charity.*  
**address, discourse, lecture, sermon, speech, disquisition, oration**

**talkative**

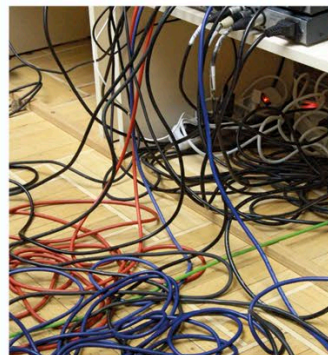
*adjective* talking a lot » *The boy was so talkative; he never stopped!*  
**chatty, communicative, long-winded**

**tall**

*adjective* higher than average  
» SEE RIGHT

**tangle** ①

*noun* a mass of long things knotted together » *There was a tangle of wires behind the television.*  
**jumble, knot, mass, mat, muddle, web**



*There was a tangle of wires behind the television.*

**tangle** ②

*verb* to twist together or catch someone or something » *The kite became tangled in the tree's branches.*  
**catch, jumble, knot, twist**

**task**

*noun* a job that you have to do » *Emily had the task of walking the dog.*  
**assignment, chore, duty, job, mission, undertaking**

**taste** ①

*noun* the flavour of something » *I like the taste of fresh strawberries.*  
**flavour, tang**

**taste** ②

*noun* a small amount of food or drink » *The chef had a taste of the sauce before it was served.*  
**bite, mouthful, sip**



*The chef had a taste of the sauce before it was served.*

**taste** ③

*noun* a liking for something » *My Aunt Flo has a real taste for adventure.*  
**appetite, fondness, liking, penchant** (formal), **partiality, predilection**

**tasteless** ①

*adjective* having little flavour » *The vegetables were overcooked and tasteless.*  
**bland, insipid**  
antonym: **tasty**

**tasteless** ②

*adjective* vulgar and unattractive » *Decorating your bathroom gold is rather tasteless.*  
**flashy, garish, gaudy, tacky** (informal), **tawdry, vulgar**  
antonym: **tasteful**

**tasty**

*adjective* having a pleasant flavour » *The soup was extremely tasty.*

**appetizing, delicious, luscious, palatable, flavourful, flavoursome, delectable, scrumptious, yummy**

antonym: **tasteless**

**tax** 1

*noun* money paid to the government » *The amount of tax paid by each person was reduced this year.*

**duty, excise, levy (formal), tariff**

**tax** 2

*verb* to make heavy demands on someone

» *The difficult jigsaw puzzle taxed Norah's patience.*

**drain, exhaust, sap, strain, stretch**



*The difficult jigsaw puzzle taxed Norah's patience.*

**teach**

*verb* to instruct someone how to do something » *Emma decided to teach the class the rules of the game.*

**coach, drill, educate, instruct, school, train, tutor**

**teacher**

*noun* someone who teaches something » *My English teacher inspired me to become a writer.*

**coach, don, guru, instructor, lecturer, professor, tutor, educator, pedagogue**



*The girls' basketball team won the championship again last year.*

**team** 1

*noun* a group of people » *The girls' basketball team won the championship again last year.*

**band, crew, gang, group, side, squad, troupe**

**team** 2 or team up

*verb* to work together » *The teacher said we could team up with a classmate to work on the project.*

**collaborate, cooperate, join forces, link up, pair up, unite, work together**

**tear** 1

*noun* a hole or rip in something » *I found a tear in my jeans.*

**hole, ladder, rip, rupture, scratch, split**

**tear** 2

*verb* to make a hole or rip in something » *The cat tore a hole in the curtains.*

**ladder, rip, rupture, scratch, shred, split, rend, sunder**

**tear** 3

*verb* to go somewhere in a hurry » *Mike tore along the road on his bike.*

**charge, dart, dash, fly, race, shoot, speed, zoom, bolt, career**

**tease**

*verb* to make fun of someone » *I teased my elder sister about her new boyfriend.*

**make fun of, mock, needle (informal), taunt**

**tall**

*adjective* higher than average » *The skyscraper was an extremely tall building.*

**soaring**

*The soaring tower reached high into the sky.*

**high**

*The walls are high.*

**lofty**

*Inside, the ceilings are lofty.*

**towering**

*The building is so towering it's making my neck ache to look up at it.*

antonym: **short**

*That building looks short by comparison.*

**lanky**

*Even the builder is tall – he's six foot four, all leggy and lanky.*



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# thin

<sup>2</sup> adjective not carrying a lot of fat » *The **thin** cat crept through the fence.*

underweight

emaciated

spare

bony

lanky

scrawny

scraggy

slight

skinny



lean

slender

slim

light

## telephone <sup>1</sup>

**noun** a device that allows you to speak to someone in another place » *Will you please answer the telephone?*

**cellphone, mobile, mobile phone, phone**

## telephone <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to contact a person by telephone » *Telephone me when you get home.*

**call, contact, phone, ring, Skype®**

## tell <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to let someone know something » *Vanessa told us she was expecting twins.*

**inform, notify, acquaint, apprise**

## tell <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to give someone an order » *The police officer told Jan to stop driving so fast in the town centre.*

**command, direct (formal), instruct, order, call upon, enjoin**



*The police officer **told** Jan to stop driving so fast in the town centre.*

## tell <sup>3</sup>

**verb** to judge something correctly » *I could tell by her smile that my aunt was pleased to see me.*

**discern, see**

## temporary

**adjective** lasting a short time » *Fred took a temporary job for the summer holidays.*

**ephemeral, fleeting, interim, momentary, passing, provisional, transient, transitory, impermanent, short-lived**  
antonym: **permanent**



*Joe was **tempted** to eat lots of the cookies.*

## tempt: be tempted by

**verb** to have an urge to do something » *Joe was tempted to eat lots of the cookies.*

**entice, lure, seduce**

## tend <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to happen usually or often » *I tend to dress in jeans at the weekend.*

**be apt, be inclined, be liable, be prone, have a tendency**

## tend <sup>2</sup>

**verb** to look after someone or something » *The farmer tended the lambs.*

**care for, look after, nurse, take care of**

## tendency

**noun** behaviour that happens often » *Dad has a tendency to talk too fast.*

**inclination, leaning, propensity, predisposition, proclivity, proneness**

## tender <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** showing gentle and caring feelings

» *My niece is a naturally tender and loving person.*

**affectionate, caring, compassionate, gentle, kind, loving, sensitive, warm**

antonym: **tough**

## tender <sup>2</sup>

**adjective** painful and sore

» *My ribs felt tender for days after the fall.*

**aching, bruised, inflamed, painful, raw, sensitive, sore**



Al **tendered** his resignation after being offered a new job.

### tender 3

**verb** to offer something such as an apology or resignation  
» Al **tendered** his resignation after being offered a new job.  
**hand in, offer**

### tender 4

**noun** a proposal to provide something at a price  
» The builders submitted a **tender** for building a garden wall.  
**bid, estimate, package, submission**

### tense 1

**adjective** nervous and unable to relax  
» Anthony felt **tense** as he entered the hall to take his exam.  
**anxious, edgy, jittery** (informal), **jumpy, nervous, uptight** (informal)  
antonym: **calm**

### tense 2

**adjective** causing anxiety  
» There was a **tense** silence as the judges prepared to reveal the winner.  
**anxious, nerve-racking, stressful**

### tense 3

**adjective** having tight muscles  
» The doctor recommended a massage to help relax Fleur's **tense** shoulders.  
**rigid, strained, taut, tight**  
antonym: **relaxed**

### term 1

**noun** a fixed period of time  
» Cas took the job for a **term** of six weeks.  
**period, session, spell, stretch, time, duration, incumbency**

### term 2

**noun** a name or word for a particular thing  
» The scientific **term** for birds is **aves**.  
**designation, expression, name, word**

### terms

**plural noun** conditions that have been agreed  
» The **terms** of the deal were clear.  
**conditions, provisions, proviso, stipulations**

### terrible 1

**adjective** serious and unpleasant  
» Dan suffered from **terrible** headaches.  
**appalling, awful, desperate, dreadful, frightful** (old-fashioned), **horrendous, horrible, horrid** (old-fashioned), **rotten**

### terrible 2

**adjective** of very poor quality  
» Pat liked his haircut, but his mum thought it was **terrible**.  
**abysmal, appalling, awful, dire, dreadful, horrible, rotten**  
antonym: **excellent**

### territory

**noun** the land that a person or country controls  
» The map showed the **territory** belonging to each country.  
**area, country, district, domain, dominion, land, province, state**



The map showed the **territory** belonging to each country.

### test 1

**verb** to find out what something is like  
» Stu went for a ride across the lake to **test** the boat.  
**assess, check, try, try out**

### test 2

**noun** an attempt to check or assess something  
» He had routine eye **tests**.  
**assessment, check, trial**

### texture

**noun** the way that something feels  
» The rabbit's fur has a **soft, smooth texture**.  
**consistency, feel**



The rabbit's fur has a **soft, smooth texture**.

### theft

**noun** the crime of stealing  
» The squirrel's **theft** of the nuts meant there was none left for the birds.  
**robbery, stealing, thieving, larceny, pilfering**

### theory

**noun** an idea that explains something  
» The class performed an experiment to **test the theory**.  
**conjecture, hypothesis, supposition, surmise** (formal)

### therefore

**adverb** as a result  
» Sweets contain sugar and are **therefore** bad for your teeth.  
**as a result, consequently, for that reason, hence** (formal), **so, thus**

### thick 1

**adjective** measuring a large distance from side to side  
» It took Clarissa a couple of months to finish reading the **thick** book.  
**fat, wide**  
antonym: **thin**

### thick 2

**adjective** containing little water  
» The **thick** vegetable soup was delicious and filling.  
**clotted, concentrated, condensed**  
antonym: **watery**

### thick 3

**adjective** grouped closely together  
» The **thick** undergrowth in the forest was difficult to walk through.  
**bristling, dense, close, crowded, impenetrable**  
antonym: **sparse**

### thicken

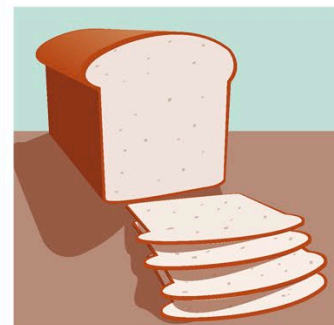
**verb** to become thicker  
» The fog **thickened**, making it hard to see.  
**clot, condense, congeal, set, coagulate, jelly**  
antonym: **thin**

### thief

**noun** someone who steals something  
» The security cameras in the shop were there to deter thieves.  
**burglar, crook** (informal), **mugger** (informal), **pickpocket, robber, shoplifter, housebreaker, pilferer**

### thin 1

**adjective** measuring a small distance from side to side  
» My gran cut the bread into **thin** slices.  
**fine, narrow, slim**  
antonym: **thick**



My gran cut the bread into **thin** slices.

### thin 2

**adjective** not carrying a lot of fat  
◀◀ SEE LEFT



Mary added more water to the gravy and now it was too **thin**.

### thin ③

**adjective** containing a lot of water » Mary added more water to the gravy and now it was too **thin**.

**dilute or diluted, runny, watery, weak**  
antonym: **thick**

### thing

**noun** a physical object  
» What do you call that **thing** on the shelf?  
**article, object**

### things

**plural noun** someone's clothes or belongings » Mum looked in despair at Peter's **things** lying on the bedroom floor.  
**belongings, effects, gear, possessions, stuff, chattels, gear, wares**

### think ①

**verb** to consider something  
» Chris sat down to **think** about what she should do.  
**consider, contemplate, deliberate, meditate, mull over, muse (literary), ponder, reflect, cogitate, ruminate**

### think ②

**verb** to believe something  
» I **think** he goes to the same school as me.  
**believe, consider, deem (formal), hold, imagine, judge, reckon**

### thorough

**adjective** careful and complete  
» The vet gave the guinea pig a **thorough** examination.  
**complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full, intensive, meticulous, painstaking, scrupulous, all-embracing, in-depth**

### thought ①

**noun** an idea or opinion  
» What are your **thoughts** on the subject?  
**idea, notion, opinion, view**

### thought ②

**noun** the activity of thinking  
» The girl was lost in **thought** and didn't hear the phone ring.  
**consideration, contemplation, deliberation, meditation, reflection, thinking, cogitation, introspection, rumination**

### thoughtful ①

**adjective** quiet and serious  
» Sam looked **thoughtful** as he tried to answer the question.  
**contemplative, pensive, reflective, introspective, meditative, ruminative**



Sam looked **thoughtful** as he tried to answer the question.

### thoughtful ②

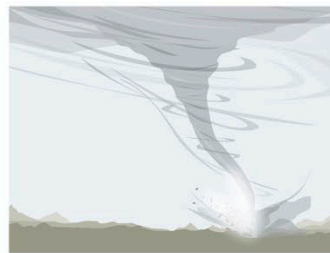
**adjective** showing consideration for others » Liam was a **thoughtful** and caring man.  
**attentive, caring, considerate, kind, solicitous, unselfish**  
antonym: **thoughtless**

### thoughtless

**adjective** showing a lack of consideration » Ava was **thoughtless** and always rang very early in the morning.  
**insensitive, tactless, inconsiderate, undiplomatic**  
antonym: **thoughtful**

### threat ①

**noun** a statement that someone will harm you » David said he was going to tell the teacher, but it was just an empty **threat**.  
**menace, threatening remark**



The approaching tornado posed a **threat** to the crops.

### threat ②

**noun** something that seems likely to harm you » The approaching tornado posed a **threat** to the crops.  
**hazard, menace, risk**

### threaten ①

**verb** to promise to do something bad » The teacher **threatened** to give a detention if the class didn't settle down.  
**make threats to, menace**

### threaten ②

**verb** to be likely to cause harm  
» The new supermarket **threatened** to bring more traffic to the area.  
**endanger, jeopardize, put at risk, put in jeopardy**

### thrifty

**adjective** careful not to waste money or resources » Kirsty was **thrifty** with money and always found the best bargains.  
**careful, economical, frugal, prudent**

### thrill ①

**noun** a feeling of excitement  
» The children enjoyed the **thrill** of waking up on Christmas morning.  
**high (informal), kick (informal)**

### thrill ②

**verb** to cause a feeling of excitement » I was **thrilled** to see everyone at the party.  
**excite, give a kick (informal)**

### thrive

**verb** to be successful  
» The children are **thriving** at their new school and getting top marks.  
**do well, flourish, prosper**

### throw

**verb** to make something move through the air  
» SEE RIGHT

### thug

**noun** a very violent person  
» Joe may look a bit like a **thug**, but he is very gentle.  
**bandit, hooligan, tough**

### tidy ①

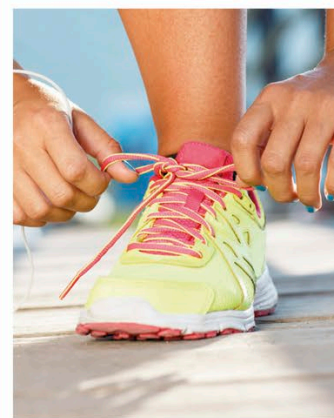
**adjective** arranged in an orderly way » The head teacher's desk was always extremely **tidy**.  
**neat, orderly, shipshape, spick-and-span**  
antonym: **untidy**

### tidy ②

**verb** to make something neat  
» Krishnan **tidied** his room.  
**spruce up, straighten**  
antonym: **mess up**

### tie ①

**verb** to fasten something  
» Mel **tied** her shoelaces.  
**bind, fasten, knot, lash, rope, secure, tether, truss**  
antonym: **untie**



Mel **tied** her shoelaces.

### tie ②

**verb** to have the same score  
» The two teams **tied** in the semi-final.  
**be level, draw**

### tie ③

**noun** a connection with something » My family has close **ties** to the village.  
**affiliation, affinity, bond, connection, relationship**

**tight** ①

*adjective* fitting closely  
» *My shoes are too tight and squash my toes.*

**constricted, cramped, snug**  
antonym: **loose**

**tight** ②

*adjective* firmly fastened  
» *There was a tight knot in the string.*

**firm, secure**



There was a **tight** knot in the string.

**tight** ③

*adjective* not slack or relaxed  
» *Pull the string tight.*

**rigid, taut, tense**  
antonym: **slack**

**tilt** ①

*verb* to raise one end of something  
» *Leonard tilted his chair back on two legs.*

**incline, lean, slant, slope, tip**

**tilt** ②

*noun* a raised position  
» *The tilt of the boat on the choppy sea made Max feel nauseous.*

**angle, gradient, incline, slant, slope, camber, list, pitch**

**time** ①

*noun* a particular period  
» *We enjoyed our time on holiday.*

**interval, period, spell, stretch, while**

**time** ②

*verb* to plan when something will happen  
» *We timed our visit to coincide with the school holidays.*

**schedule, set**



The **timid** kitten hid from us.

**timid**

*adjective* lacking courage or confidence  
» *The timid kitten hid from us.*

**bashful, cowardly, nervous, shy, faint-hearted**

antonym: **bold**

**tiny**

*adjective* very small  
» *We found a tiny frog in the garden.*

**diminutive, microscopic, miniature, minute, negligible, wee** (Scotland), **infinitesimal, Lilliputian**

antonym: **huge**

**tire**

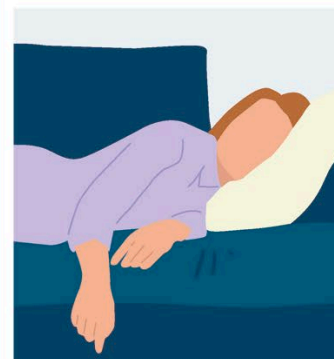
*verb* to use a lot of energy  
» *You'll tire yourself out in no time if you keep bouncing on the trampoline.*

**drain, exhaust, fatigue, enervate, wear out, weary**

**tired**

*adjective* having little energy  
» *I feel tired after my long day.*

**drained, drowsy, exhausted, fatigued, sleepy, weary, worn out**



I feel **tired** after my long day.

# throw

*verb* to make something move through the air  
» *He went to throw the ball.*

He **pitched** the ball to the batter.

He **cast** the ball to the ground.

He **slung** the ball into the distance.

He **chucked** the ball in the bucket. (informal)

He **lobbed** the ball high in the air.

He **flung** the ball across the field.

He **hurled** the ball towards the fielder.

He **tossed** the ball to his little brother.



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We went on long bicycle rides **together**.

## together 1

**adverb** with other people  
» We went on long bicycle rides **together**.

**collectively, en masse, in unison, jointly, shoulder to shoulder, side by side**

## together 2

**adverb** at the same time  
» Three horses crossed the finish line **together**.

**as one, at once, concurrently, simultaneously, with one accord**

## tolerable 1

**adjective** able to be put up with  
» The accommodation was simple but **tolerable**.

**acceptable, bearable**  
antonym: **unbearable**

## tolerable 2

**adjective** fairly satisfactory  
» Mo is making **tolerable** headway with his essay and will finish it before the deadline.

**acceptable, adequate, okay** or **OK** (informal), **passable, reasonable, so-so** (informal)

## tolerant

**adjective** accepting of different views and behaviour  
» Our teacher is **tolerant** of unruly behaviour in the playground, but not in the classroom.

**liberal, broad-minded, open-minded, understanding, easygoing, forbearing, forgiving, lenient, permissive**  
antonym: **narrow-minded**

## tolerate 1

**verb** to accept something you disagree with  
» Jen **tolerates** her children's laziness as long as they get their chores done.  
**accept, put up with**

## tolerate 2

**verb** to accept something unpleasant  
» Henry **tolerated** his brother's messiness in the room they shared.  
**bear, endure, stand**

## tomb

**noun** a burial chamber  
» The pyramids in Egypt are ancient **tombs**.  
**grave, mausoleum, sarcophagus, sepulchre** (literary), **vault**

## too 1

**adverb** also or as well  
» It wasn't just me. You were there, **too**.

**as well, besides, in addition, into the bargain, likewise, moreover**

## too 2

**adverb** more than a desirable or acceptable amount  
» Ben had a tummy ache after eating **too many** sweets.

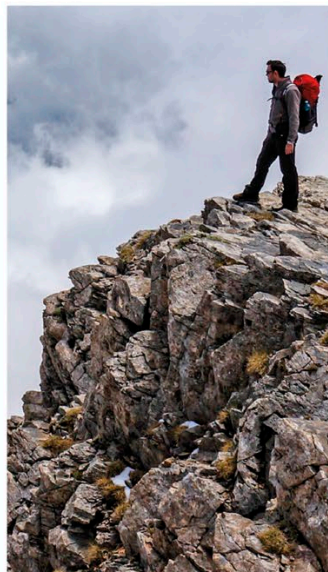
**excessively, over-, overly, unduly, unreasonably**

## tool

**noun** a hand-held instrument for doing a job  
» They had a shed full of gardening **tools**.  
**implement, instrument, utensil**



They had a shed full of gardening **tools**.



I waited at the **top** of the cliff.

## top 1

**noun** the highest part of something  
» I waited at the **top** of the cliff.

**apex, brow, crest, crown, culmination, head, height, high point, peak, pinnacle, ridge, summit, zenith** (literary), **acme, apex, apogee**  
antonym: **bottom**

## top 2

**noun** the lid of a container  
» Marie put the **top** back on the bottle.  
**cap, lid, stopper**

## top 3

**adjective** being the best of its kind  
» Ivan was the team's **top** goal scorer.  
**best, chief, elite, foremost, head, highest, lead, leading, pre-eminent, premier, prime, principal**

## top 4

**verb** to be greater than something  
» The temperature **topped** 40 degrees celsius.  
**cap, exceed, go beyond, outstrip, surpass**

## top 5

**verb** to be better than someone or something  
» The world record was going to be quite difficult to **top**.  
**beat, better, eclipse, improve on, outdo, surpass**

## total 1

**noun** several things added together  
» The school has a **total** of 1,776 pupils.  
**aggregate, sum, whole**

## total 2

**adjective** complete in all its parts  
» There was **total** mayhem after the animals escaped from the zoo.  
**absolute, complete, outright, unconditional, undivided, unmitigated, unqualified, all-out, thoroughgoing**

## total 3

**verb** to reach the sum of  
» The money they raised for charity **totalled** £300,000.  
**add up to, amount to, come to**

## touch 1

**verb** to put your hand on something  
» Please do not **touch** anything in the museum.  
**feel, finger, handle**

## touch 2

**verb** to come into contact with  
» Annie lowered herself down until her feet **touch**ed the floor.  
**brush, graze, meet**  
related word: **adjective tactile**

## touch 3

**verb** to emotionally affect someone  
» I was **touch**ed by the stranger's kindness.  
**affect, move, stir**

## touching

**adjective** causing sadness or sympathy  
» The **touching** tale moved Anika to tears.  
**affecting** (literary), **moving, poignant**



The **touching** tale moved Anika to tears.

**touchy**

*adjective* easily upset  
 » Elle was always touchy after an argument with her parents.  
**easily offended, sensitive, oversensitive, thin-skinned**

**tough** 1

*adjective* able to put up with hardship » Marian is a tough and ambitious woman.  
**hardened, hardy, resilient, robust, rugged, strong**

**tough** 2

*adjective* difficult to break or damage » The lid was too tough for Mark to unscrew.  
**durable, hard-wearing, leathery, resilient, robust, rugged, solid, strong, sturdy**  
 antonym: **fragile**



The lid was too **tough** for Mark to unscrew.

**tough** 3

*adjective* full of hardship  
 » The obstacle course was tough but fun.  
**arduous, difficult, exacting, hard**  
 antonym: **easy**

**trace** 1

*verb* to look for and find something » Chloe was trying to trace her family tree.  
**locate, track down**

**trace** 2

*noun* a sign of something  
 » Derek's keys had disappeared without a trace.  
**evidence, hint, indication, record, sign, suggestion, whiff**

**trace** 3

*noun* a small amount of something » There was a trace of cinnamon in the iced bun.  
**dash, drop, remnant, suspicion, tinge, touch, vestige, iota, jot, soupçon**

**trade** 1

*noun* the buying and selling of goods » The country relies heavily on foreign trade.  
**business, commerce**

**trade** 2

*noun* the kind of work someone does » Ed learnt his trade while working as an apprentice.  
**business, line, line of work, occupation, profession**

**trade** 3

*verb* to buy and sell goods  
 » My parents have years of experience in trading clothes.  
**deal, do business, traffic**

**trader**

*noun* someone who trades in goods » The bicycle trader helped me find the right bike.  
**broker, dealer, merchant**

**tradition**

*noun* a long-standing custom  
 » The tradition in the town was to hold a Christmas market every winter.  
**convention, custom**

**traditional**

*adjective* existing for a long time » The family wore traditional Indian dress.  
**conventional, established**  
 antonym: **unconventional**



The family wore **traditional** Indian dress.

**tragic**

*adjective* very sad » The book had a tragic ending; the hero dies.  
**distressing, heartbreaking, heart-rending**

**train**

*verb* to teach someone how to do something » We train our volunteers in first aid.  
**coach, drill, educate, instruct, school, teach, tutor**



We **train** our volunteers in first aid.

**transfer**

*verb* to move something from one place to another » It was easy to transfer the photos from the camera to the computer.  
**carry, download, move, upload**

**transform**

*verb* to change something completely » The run-down building was transformed into a trendy café.

**alter, change, convert, reform, revolutionize**

**transparent**

*adjective* able to be seen through » Glass is transparent.

**clear, crystalline** (literary), **sheer, translucent, diaphanous, see-through**  
 antonym: **opaque**

**transport** 1

*noun* the moving of goods and people » Danny booked an all-inclusive holiday that included transport to the hotel.  
**removal, shipment, transportation**

**transport** 2

*verb* to move people or goods somewhere » A bus transported passengers from the terminal to the plane.  
**carry, convey** (formal), **ship, transfer**

**trap** 1

*noun* a device for catching animals » The net acted as a trap for catching fish.  
**net, snare**

**trap** 2

*verb* to catch animals  
 » Clara tried to trap the butterfly.  
**catch, corner, snare**



Clara tried to **trap** the butterfly.

**trap** 3

*verb* to trick someone » She knew Kelly was trying to trap her into agreeing to swap shoes, but she kept refusing.  
**dupe, trick, ensnare, entrap**

**trash** 1

*noun* waste material  
 » The trash was collected every Monday.  
**garbage, refuse, rubbish, waste**

**trash** 2

*noun* something of poor quality  
 » The magazine was trash, but Jo still liked reading it.  
**garbage** (informal), **rubbish**

**travel**

*verb* to make a journey somewhere » Ben travelled through Europe by train.  
**go, journey** (formal), **make your way, take a trip, proceed, voyage**

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# trip

**1** noun a journey to a place  
» Guy was saving up for his **trip** around the world.

# excursion

We're going on an **excursion** to the old town.

# jaunt

We're off on a **jaunt** to the seaside.

# journey

It's a long car **journey** across the country.

# outing

We're having a class **outing** to the castle.

# voyage

We're going on a **voyage** across the sea.

# tour

The best way to see everything is to take a **tour**.

# expedition

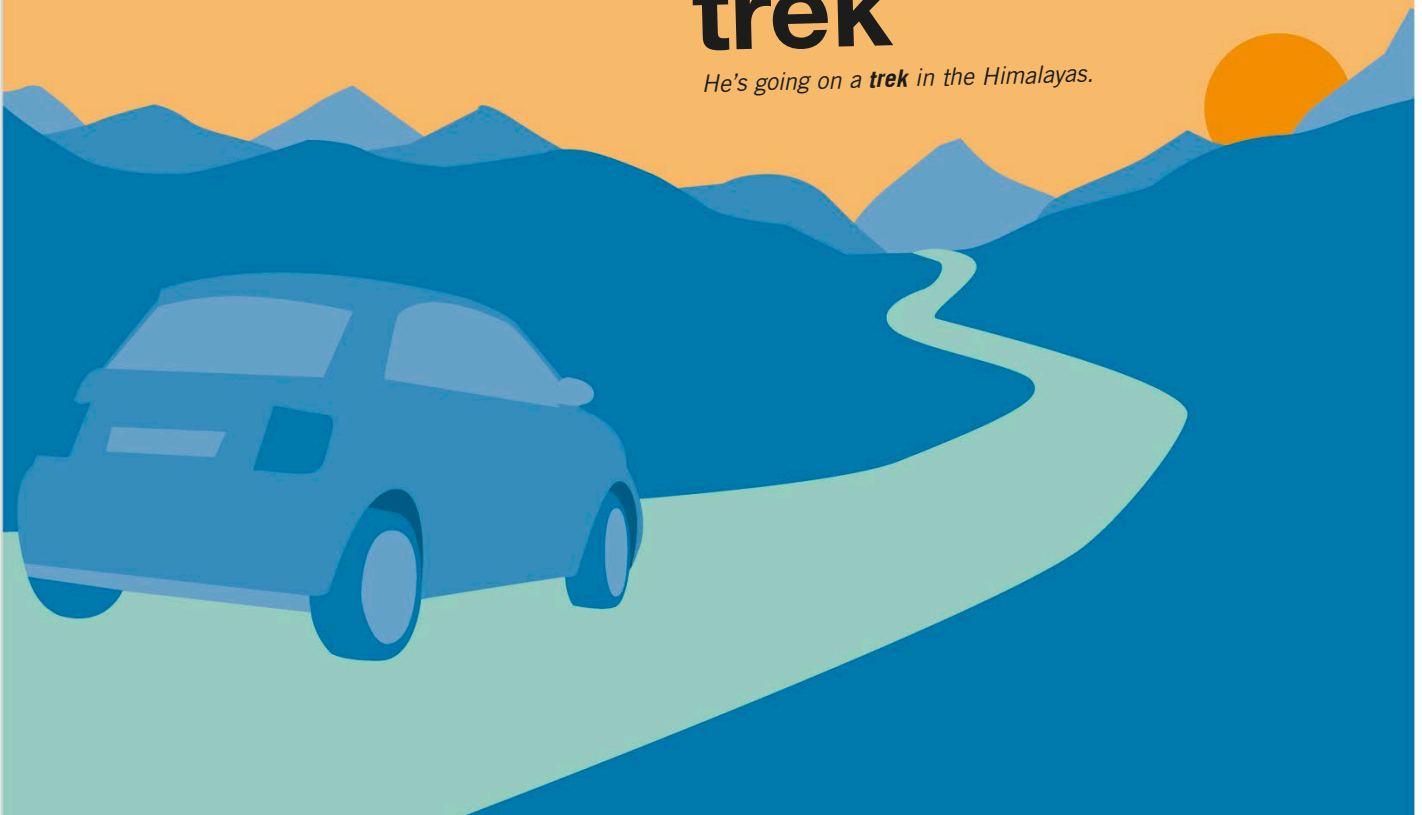
I'm excited about our **expedition** to the countryside.

# day out

We're having a **day out** to the forest.

# trek

He's going on a **trek** in the Himalayas.



**treacherous** ①

*adjective* likely to betray someone » *He was a treacherous character, betraying the hero's hideout to the enemy.*  
**disloyal, faithless, unfaithful, untrustworthy, traitorous**  
 antonym: **loyal**

**treacherous** ②

*adjective* dangerous or unreliable » *The vehicle travelled slowly along the treacherous mountain roads.*  
**dangerous, hazardous, perilous** (literary)



The vehicle travelled slowly along the **treacherous** mountain roads.

**treasure**

*verb* to consider something very precious » *Friendship is something to treasure.*  
**cherish, hold dear, prize, value, revere, venerate**

**treat** ①

*verb* to behave towards someone in a certain way » *The manager treated all the players fairly.*  
**act towards, behave towards, deal with**

**treat** ②

*verb* to give someone medical care » *The doctor who treated me was kind and caring.*  
**care for, nurse**

**trendy**

*adjective* (informal) fashionable » *I took my friend for smoothies at a trendy café.*  
**fashionable, in** (slang), **in fashion, in vogue, latest, stylish**

**tribute**

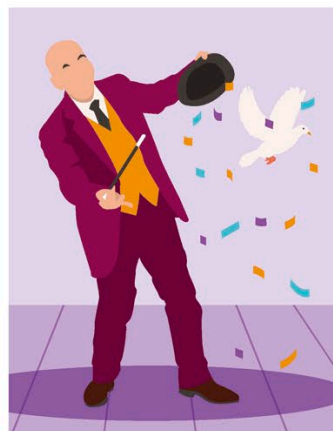
*noun* something that shows admiration » *The statue was a tribute to the former president.*  
**accolade** (formal), **compliment, honour, praise, testimony**

**trick** ①

*noun* something that deceives someone » *Joshua liked to play tricks on his family.*  
**con** (informal), **deception, hoax, ploy, ruse, stratagem, subterfuge**

**trick** ②

*verb* to deceive someone » *A magician tricks the audience into believing the unbelievable.*  
**con** (informal), **deceive, dupe, fool, take in** (informal), **hoax, hoodwink**



A magician **tricks** the audience into believing the unbelievable.

**tricky**

*adjective* difficult to do or to deal with » *The family sat down to figure out the tricky problem together.*  
**complex, complicated, delicate, difficult, hard, problematic, puzzling, sensitive**

**trip** ①

*noun* a journey to a place  
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**trip** ②

*verb* to fall over » *I tripped on the stairs.*  
**fall over, lose your footing, stumble**

**triumph** ①

*noun* a great success » *The band's final concert was a triumph, delighting their fans.*  
**success, victory, accomplishment, achievement, coup, hit, tour de force**  
 antonym: **failure**

**triumph** ②

*verb* to be successful » *The host country won the most medals and triumphed at the Olympics.*  
**come out on top** (informal), **prevail, succeed, win**  
 antonym: **fail**

**trivial**

*adjective* not important » *The problem was trivial and could wait to be dealt with.*  
**insignificant, minor, negligible, paltry, petty, slight, trifling, unimportant, frivolous, inconsequential**  
 antonym: **important**

**trouble** ①

*noun* a difficulty or problem » *Finn was having some trouble with his maths homework.*  
**bother, difficulty, hassle** (informal), **problem**

**trouble** ②

*verb* to make someone feel worried » *The missing bag troubled Janet, as her keys were in there.*  
**agitate, bother, disturb, worry**

**trouble** ③

*verb* to cause someone inconvenience » *Can I trouble you for some milk?*  
**bother, disturb, impose upon, inconvenience, put out**

**true** ①

*adjective* not invented » *The new action film is based on a true story.*  
**accurate, correct, factual**  
 antonym: **inaccurate**

**true** ②

*adjective* real or genuine » *Alicia was a true friend, always there for me.*  
**authentic, bona fide, genuine, real**  
 antonym: **false**

**trust**

*verb* to believe that someone will do something » *My parents trust me to do the right thing.*  
**count on, depend on, have confidence in, have faith in, place your trust in, rely upon**

**trusty**

*adjective* considered to be reliable » *I bought my trusty old bike years ago, but it's still going strong.*  
**dependable, faithful, firm, reliable, solid, staunch, true, trustworthy**

**truth**

*noun* the facts about something » *The documents revealed the truth about the mystery.*  
**fact, reality**  
 related words: *adjectives*  
**veritable, veracious**

**try** ①

*verb* to make an effort to do something » *I tried my best in the test and received a satisfactory grade.*  
**attempt, endeavour** (formal), **make an attempt, make an effort, seek, strive**

**try** ②

*verb* to test the quality of something » *Howard tried the soup to see how hot it was.*  
**check out, sample, test, try out**



Howard **tried** the soup to see how hot it was.

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## try

**noun** an attempt to do something » *After only a few tries, Mario played the piece of music perfectly.*  
**attempt, effort, endeavour** (formal), **go** (informal), **shot** (informal)

## tug

**verb** to give something a quick, hard pull » *The climber tugged hard on the rope to test it was secure.*  
**drag, draw, haul, heave, jerk, pluck, pull, wrench, yank**



The climber **tugged** hard on the rope to test it was secure.

## tug

**noun** a quick, hard pull » *Sam felt a tug at his arm.*  
**heave, jerk, pull, wrench, yank**

## tune

**noun** a series of musical notes » *Betty hummed a tune that had been stuck in her head for days.*  
**melody, strains, air, theme**

## turn

**verb** to change the direction or position of something » *Dan turned the car around so that they were facing the right direction.*  
**rotate, spin, swivel, twirl, twist**

## turn

**verb** to become or make something different » *Your body turns food into energy.*  
**change, convert, mutate, transform, metamorphose, transfigure, transmute**

## turn

**noun** someone's right or duty to do something » *Tonight, it's my turn to cook.*  
**chance, go, opportunity**

## twist

**verb** to turn something round » *Dad twisted the strands of dough to make a loaf.*  
**bend, curl, twine, weave, wring, entwine, wreath**



Dad **twisted** the strands of dough to make a loaf.

## twist

**verb** to bend into a new shape » *The bike was twisted out of shape in the accident.*  
**distort, mangle, screw up, contort, warp**

## twist

**verb** to injure a part of your body » *I've twisted my ankle.*  
**sprain, wrench, rick, turn**

## two-faced

**adjective** not honest in dealing with other people » *Bev is so two-faced. She talks about her friends behind their backs.*  
**deceitful, dishonest, disloyal, false, hypocritical, insincere, treacherous**

## type

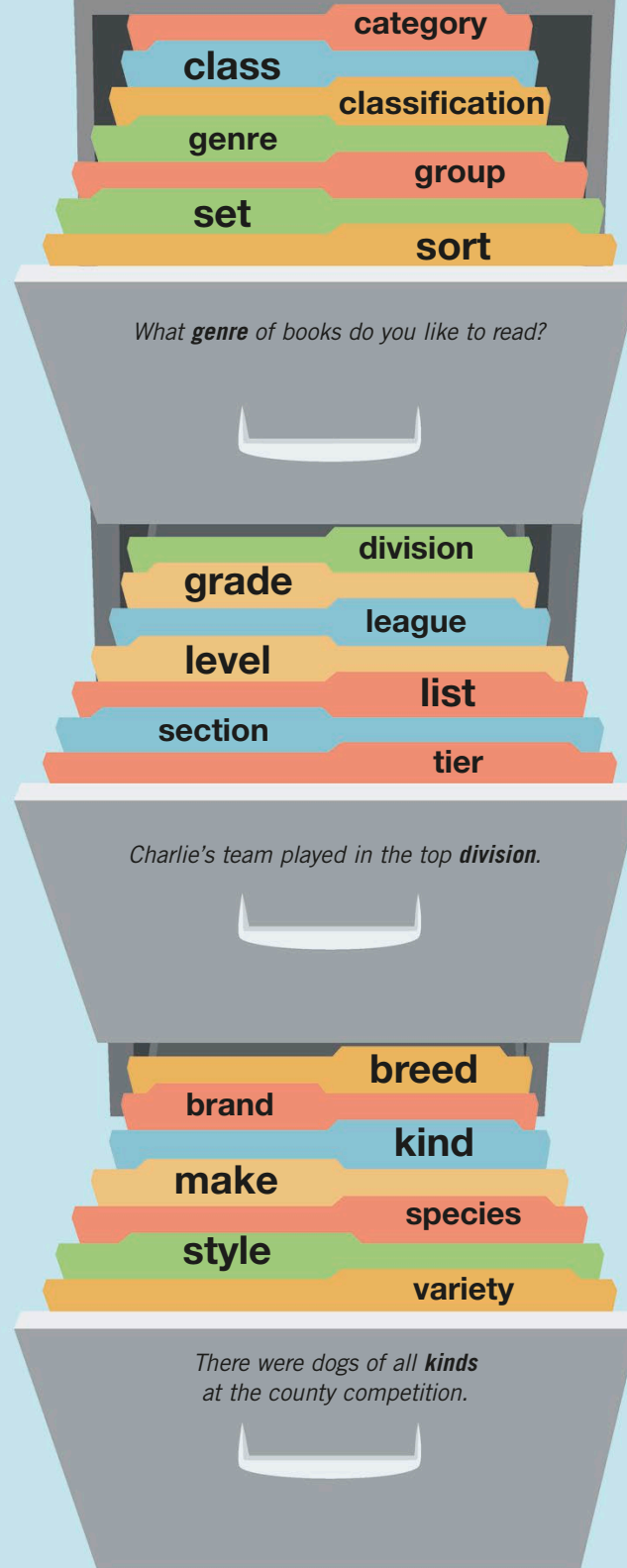
**noun** a group of things that have features in common  
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## typical

**adjective** having the usual characteristics of something » *Today was just another typical day at school.*  
**average, characteristic, normal, regular, representative, standard, stock, usual, archetypal, archetypical, stereotypical**  
antonym: **uncharacteristic**

# type

**noun** a group of things that have features in common » *You can organize the papers by their type.*



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## ugly

*adjective* having a very unattractive appearance  
» *The fish was very ugly, with goggly eyes.*  
**plain, unattractive, unsightly, unlovely, unprepossessing**  
antonym: **beautiful**

## ultimate <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* being the final one of a series » *It is not possible to predict the ultimate winner of the talent show.*  
**eventual, final, last**

## ultimate <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* the most important or powerful » *The ultimate goal of any tennis professional is to win a Grand Slam.*  
**greatest, paramount, supreme, utmost**

## ultimate <sup>3</sup>

*noun* the finest example of something » *The fancy hotel is the ultimate in luxury.*  
**epitome, extreme, height, peak**

## unaware

*adjective* not knowing about something » *She was unaware of the large spider dangling beside her.*  
**ignorant, oblivious, unconscious, unsuspecting**  
antonym: **aware**

## unbearable

*adjective* too unpleasant to be tolerated » *The midday heat was unbearable.*  
**intolerable, oppressive, unacceptable, insufferable, unendurable**  
antonym: **tolerable**

## unbelievable <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* extremely great or surprising » *Hugh showed unbelievable courage.*  
**colossal, incredible, stupendous**

## unbelievable <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* so unlikely it cannot be believed  
▼ SEE BELOW

## uncertain <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* not knowing what to do » *Jim looked uncertain after hearing Sal's insane plan.*  
**doubtful, dubious, unclear, undecided, irresolute, vacillating**  
antonym: **certain**

## uncertain <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not definite  
» *The injured player was facing an uncertain future.*  
**ambiguous, doubtful, indefinite, indeterminate, conjectural, undetermined**  
antonym: **certain**

## unclear

*adjective* confusing and not obvious » *It is unclear exactly how much support Tia has for the new design.*  
**ambiguous, confused, vague**  
antonym: **clear**

## uncomfortable <sup>1</sup>

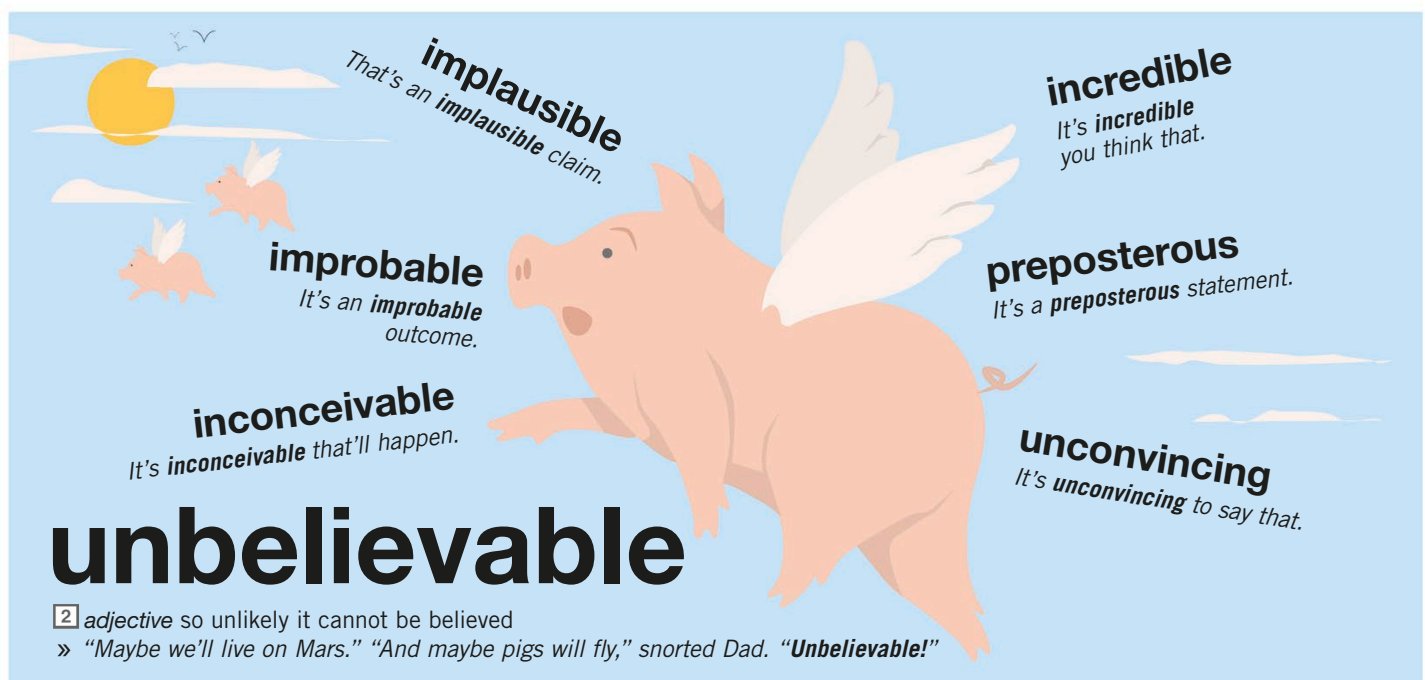
*adjective* feeling or causing discomfort » *Sarah slept badly because her bed was uncomfortable.*  
**awkward, cramped, disagreeable, ill-fitting, painful**  
antonym: **comfortable**

## uncomfortable <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* not relaxed or confident » *Talking about money made Mick uncomfortable.*  
**awkward, embarrassed, ill at ease, self-conscious, uneasy**  
antonym: **comfortable**

## uncommon <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* not happening or seen often » *A lynx is an uncommon sight round here.*  
**exceptional, extraordinary, few, infrequent, out of the ordinary, rare, scarce, sparse, unusual, unprecedented**  
antonym: **common**



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## uncommon 2

adjective unusually great  
» Sue read Cecilia's letter with uncommon interest.

**acute, exceptional, extraordinary, extreme, great, intense, remarkable, unparalleled**

## unconscious 1

adjective in a state similar to sleep » Frank banged his head and knocked himself unconscious.

**asleep, senseless, stunned, comatose, insensible**  
antonym: **conscious**

## unconscious 2

adjective not aware of what is happening » The fox was quite unconscious of their presence.

**oblivious, unaware, unknowing, unsuspecting**  
antonym: **aware**

## uncover 1

verb to find something out  
» The journalist uncovered the truth behind the scandal.  
**bring to light, expose, reveal, show up, unearth**

## uncover 2

verb to remove the lid or cover from something » When the seedlings sprout, lift the plastic to uncover the tray.  
**expose, lay bare, open, reveal, unearth, unveil, unwrap**



When the seedlings sprout, lift the plastic to **uncover** the tray.



The young children played with their toys **under** the table.

## under

preposition at a lower level than something » The young children played with their toys under the table.

**below, beneath, underneath**  
antonym: **above**

## undergo

verb to have something happen to you » My uncle had to undergo major surgery.  
**be subjected to, endure, experience, go through, suffer**

## undermine

verb to make something less secure or strong » I won't let you undermine me – I know I'm right.  
**impair, sap, subvert, weaken**  
antonym: **strengthen**

## understand 1

verb to know what someone means » Do you understand what I'm saying?  
**catch on (informal), comprehend, follow, get, grasp, see, take in**

## understand 2

verb to know why or how something is happening  
» Ria was too young to understand what was happening.  
**appreciate, comprehend, fathom, grasp, realize, conceive, discern**

## understand 3

verb to hear of something  
» I understand your cousin hasn't been well.  
**believe, gather, hear, learn**

## understanding 1

noun a knowledge of something  
» Kai has a good understanding of computers.  
**appreciation, comprehension, grasp, knowledge, perception**

## understanding 2

noun an informal agreement  
» They came to an understanding that worked for both of them.  
**accord, agreement, pact**



They came to an **understanding** that worked for both of them.

## understanding 3

adjective having a sympathetic nature » My parents are very understanding.  
**compassionate, considerate, sensitive, sympathetic**

## undertaking

noun a task which you have agreed to do » Organizing the show has been a massive undertaking.  
**affair, business, endeavour, enterprise, job, operation, project, task, venture**

## uneasy

adjective worried that something may be wrong  
» I was very uneasy about the plans to close the library.  
**agitated, anxious, nervous, perturbed, worried, apprehensive, discomposed, restive**  
antonym: **comfortable**

## unemployed

adjective not having a job  
» Henry is unemployed and looking for work.  
**idle, jobless, redundant**  
antonym: **employed**

## uneven 1

adjective not the same or consistent » Brooke drew six lines of uneven length.  
**fluctuating, inconsistent, irregular, patchy, variable**  
antonym: **even**

## uneven 2

adjective having an unlevel or rough surface » The bikers raced over the uneven terrain with ease.  
**bumpy, not level, not smooth, rough**  
antonym: **level**



The bikers raced over the **uneven** terrain with ease.

## unexpected

adjective not considered likely to happen » Raj's win was completely unexpected – he was last in the semi-finals.  
**astonishing, chance, surprising, unforeseen, fortuitous, unanticipated**

## unfailing

adjective continuous and not weakening as time passes  
» I admire Jan's unfailing cheerfulness, even in the most stressful times.  
**constant, endless, unremitting**

## unfair

*adjective* without right or justice » *Joe said it was unfair that he wasn't allowed to go to the party.*

**unjust, wrong, wrongful, inequitable, iniquitous**  
antonym: **fair**

## unfamiliar

*adjective* not having been seen or heard of before » *Amber grew many plants that were unfamiliar to me.*

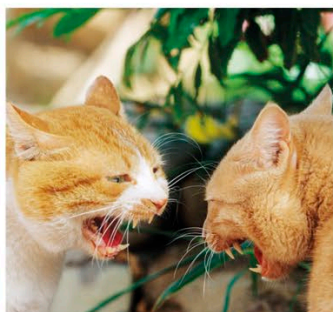
**alien, exotic, foreign, new, novel, strange, unknown**

## unfriendly

*adjective* not showing any warmth or kindness  
» *The cats were unfriendly and hissed at each other.*

**aloof, antagonistic, cold, disagreeable, hostile, unkind, ill-disposed, uncongenial**

antonym: **friendly**



*The cats were **unfriendly** and hissed at each other.*

## ungrateful

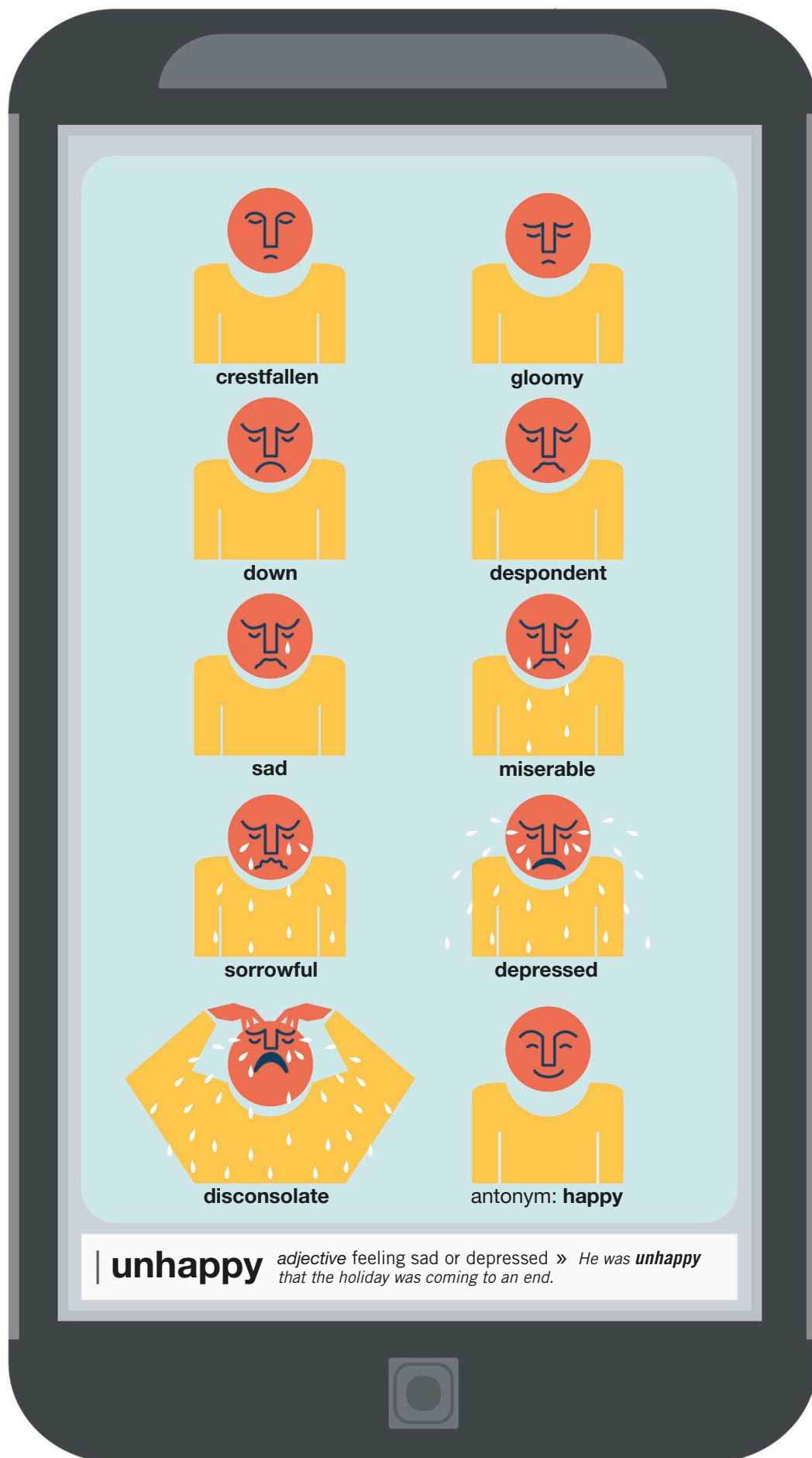
*adjective* not appreciating the things you have  
» *The guests were ungrateful and didn't thank us when they left.*

**unappreciative, unthankful**  
antonym: **grateful**

## unhappy

*adjective* feeling sad or depressed

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Dennis eats too much **unhealthy** food.

## unhealthy 1

*adjective* likely to cause illness  
» *Dennis eats too much unhealthy food.*

**bad for you, harmful, insanitary, noxious, unwholesome**  
antonym: **healthy**

## unhealthy 2

*adjective* not well » *Ross looks rather pale and unhealthy.*  
**ailing, crook** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **ill, not well, poorly** (Britain; informal), **sick, unwell**  
antonym: **healthy**

## unimportant

*adjective* having little significance or importance  
» *The difference in their ages is unimportant and doesn't affect their friendship.*  
**insignificant, minor, paltry, slight, trivial**  
antonym: **important**

## uninterested

*adjective* not interested in something » *I'm completely uninterested in politics.*  
**apathetic, bored, impassive, indifferent, nonchalant, passive, unconcerned**  
antonym: **interested**

## union 1

*noun* an organization of people or groups with mutual interests  
» *Julie belongs to several different unions.*  
**association, coalition, confederation, federation, league**

## union 2

*noun* the joining together of two or more things  
» *We formed a union with another dance troupe.*  
**amalgamation, blend, combination, fusion, mixture, amalgam, conjunction, synthesis**



We formed a **union** with another dance troupe.

## unite

*verb* to join together and act as a group » *The rival bands united to perform a charity concert.*  
**collaborate, combine, join, join forces, link up, merge, pull together, work together**  
antonym: **divide**

## universal

*adjective* relating to everyone or to the whole universe  
» *The programmes have a universal appeal and are suitable for the whole family.*  
**common, general, unlimited, widespread, worldwide, omnipresent, overarching**

## unkind

*adjective* lacking in kindness and consideration  
» *It's very unkind to call anyone names.*  
**cruel, malicious, mean, nasty, spiteful, thoughtless**  
antonym: **kind**

## unknown

*adjective* not familiar or famous  
» *Tim was an unknown writer before he won the book prize.*  
**humble, obscure, unfamiliar, unsung**  
antonym: **famous**



The two butterflies looked completely **unlike** one another.

## unlike

*preposition* different from  
» *The two butterflies looked completely unlike one another.*  
**different from, dissimilar to, distinct from, divergent from** (formal), **far from**  
antonym: **like**

## unlikely

*adjective* probably not true or likely to happen » *Sofia blamed her lateness on the unlikely excuse that there were no buses.*  
**implausible, incredible, unbelievable, unconvincing**  
antonym: **likely**

# unsteady

*adjective* not held or fixed securely and likely to fall over  
» *That bridge looks decidedly unsteady to me.*



**precarious**  
The planks were strung together in a **precarious** way.

**rickety**  
The **rickety** bridge had gaps between the planks.

**shaky**  
The bridge felt **shaky** as soon as she stepped on it.

**tottering**  
He laughed at her **tottering** steps across the bridge.

## unlucky

*adjective* having bad luck  
» *Elias was unlucky not to score in the first half.*  
**cursed, hapless, luckless, unfortunate, wretched**  
antonym: **lucky**

## unnecessary

*adjective* completely needless  
» *My father considers taxis to be an unnecessary expense so we always take the bus.*  
**needless, pointless, uncalled-for**  
antonym: **necessary**

## unpleasant 1

*adjective* causing feelings of discomfort or dislike  
» *Dirty socks have a very unpleasant smell!*  
**bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, repulsive, unpalatable**  
antonym: **pleasant**

## unpleasant 2

*adjective* rude or unfriendly  
» *He was thoroughly unpleasant to me earlier.*  
**disagreeable, horrid, objectionable, obnoxious, rude, unfriendly**  
antonym: **pleasant**



*The ginger biscuits were unpopular, and everyone wanted the chocolate ones.*

## unpopular

*adjective* disliked by most people  
» *The ginger biscuits were unpopular, and everyone wanted the chocolate ones.*  
**detested, disliked, shunned, undesirable**  
antonym: **popular**

## unpredictable

*adjective* unable to be foreseen  
» *The weather in the mountains is unpredictable, one minute it's sunny and the next it's raining.*  
**chance, doubtful, hit and miss (informal), unforeseeable**  
antonym: **predictable**

## unsatisfactory

*adjective* not good enough  
» *Emma's work was judged unsatisfactory by the teacher.*  
**disappointing, inadequate, mediocre, poor, unacceptable**  
antonym: **satisfactory**

## unsteady

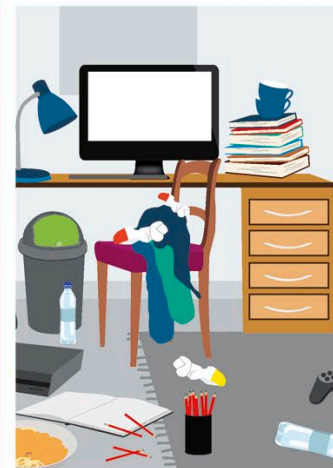
*adjective* not held or fixed securely and likely to fall over  
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## unsuitable

*adjective* not appropriate for a purpose  
» *Tom's attire was unsuitable for running.*  
**improper, inappropriate, unacceptable, unfit, inapposite, unseemly**  
antonym: **suitable**



*Tom's attire was unsuitable for running.*



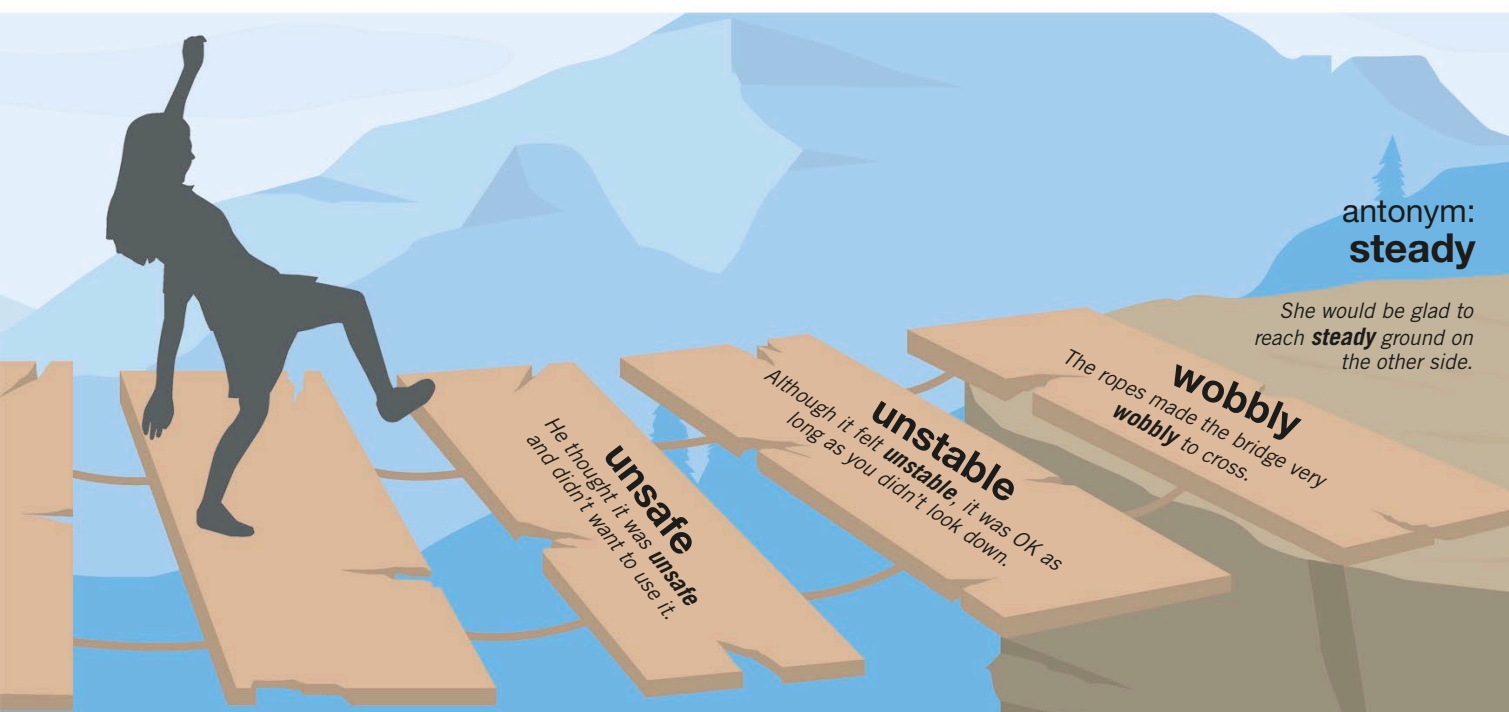
*My bedroom is very untidy.*

## untidy

*adjective* not neatly arranged  
» *My bedroom is very untidy.*  
**bedraggled, chaotic, cluttered, jumbled, messy, unkempt, disordered, shambolic**  
antonym: **tidy**

## untrue

*adjective* not true  
» *The allegations that he lied were completely untrue.*  
**erroneous, false, fictitious, inaccurate, incorrect, misleading, mistaken**  
antonym: **true**



antonym:  
**steady**

*She would be glad to reach **steady** ground on the other side.*

**unsafe**  
*He thought it was unsafe and didn't want to use it.*

**unstable**  
*Although it felt unstable, it was OK as long as you didn't look down.*

**wobbly**  
*The ropes made the bridge very wobbly to cross.*



Baobabs are **unusual** trees with thick trunks and few leaves.

## unusual

**adjective** not occurring very often » Baobabs are **unusual** trees with thick trunks and few leaves.

**curious, exceptional, extraordinary, rare, uncommon, unconventional, atypical, unwonted**  
antonym: **common**

## unwell

**adjective** ill or sick  
» Noah felt **unwell** and had to go home early.  
**ailing, crook** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **ill, poorly** (Britain; informal), **queasy, sick, indisposed, under the weather**  
antonym: **well**

## unwilling

**adjective** not wanting to do something » Amelia was **unwilling** to get too involved in school politics.  
**averse, grudging, loath, reluctant**  
antonym: **willing**

## unwise

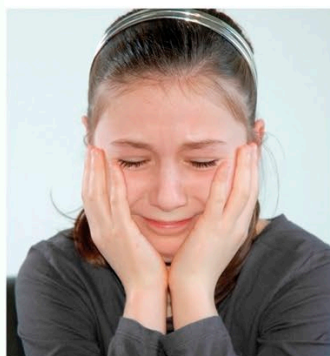
**adjective** foolish or not sensible  
» It's very **unwise** to go out in the sunshine without wearing sunscreen.  
**daft, foolish, idiotic, irresponsible, rash, senseless, silly, stupid, imprudent, injudicious**  
antonym: **wise**

## upkeep

**noun** the process and cost of maintaining something  
» The school is raising money for the **upkeep** of the grounds.  
**keep, maintenance, overheads, preservation, running**

## upset

**adjective** feeling unhappy about something » Chloe was very **upset** when she heard the bad news.  
**agitated, distressed, frantic, hurt, troubled, unhappy**



Chloe was very **upset** when she heard the bad news.

## upset

**verb** to make someone worried or unhappy » The news about the missing dog **upset** me terribly.  
**agitate, bother, distress, disturb, grieve, ruffle, discompose, faze, perturb**

## upset

**verb** to turn something over accidentally » Aiden **upset** the coffee cup.  
**capsize, knock over, overturn, spill**



Aiden **upset** the coffee cup.

## urge

**noun** a strong wish to do something » Evelyn stifled the **urge** to laugh at her friend's singing.  
**compulsion, desire, drive, impulse, longing, wish**

## urge

**verb** to try hard to persuade someone » Suhel left early, despite being **urged** to stay.  
**beg, beseech, implore, plead, press, entreat, exhort, solicit**

## urgent

**adjective** needing to be dealt with quickly » The rescued sailors had an **urgent** need for food and water.  
**compelling, immediate, imperative, pressing**

## use

**verb** to perform a task with something » Use a sharp knife to cut into the lemon.  
**apply, employ, operate, utilize, avail oneself of, ply**



Use a sharp knife to cut into the lemon.

## use

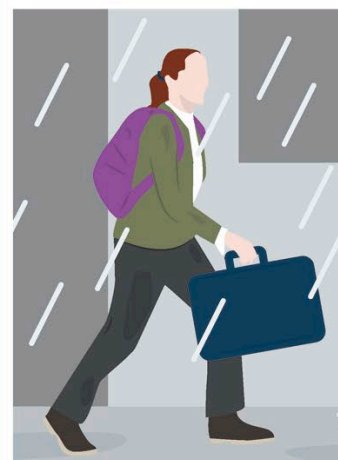
**noun** the act of using something » There is rarely any need for the **use** of force.  
**application, employment, operation, usage**

## useful

**adjective** something that helps or makes things easier » This booklet contains a great deal of **useful** information.  
**beneficial, effective, helpful, practical, valuable, worthwhile**  
antonym: **useless**

## useless

**adjective** not suitable or useful  
» My jacket was **useless** in the rain because it wasn't waterproof.  
**futile, impractical, unproductive, unsuitable, worthless, disadvantageous, ineffectual, unavailing**  
antonym: **useful**



My jacket was **useless** in the rain because it wasn't waterproof.

## usual

**adjective** done or happening most often » You'll find Enzo sitting at his **usual** table, he's always there.  
**accustomed, common, customary, habitual, normal, regular, standard**

## utter

**adjective** complete or total  
» The teacher walked into the classroom to find a scene of **utter** chaos, with children running riot.  
**absolute, complete, consummate, out-and-out, outright, perfect, pure, sheer, thorough, total, unconditional, unmitigated, unqualified**

# Vv

## vague

*adjective* not clearly expressed or clearly visible » *Uncle Bill was very vague about his job, so we didn't know what he did.*

**hazy, indefinite, indistinct, loose, uncertain, unclear, ill-defined, indeterminate, nebulous**

antonym: **definite**

## vain

*adjective* very proud of your looks or qualities » *Sarah is so vain – she's always looking at herself in the mirror.*

**conceited, egotistical, ostentatious, proud, stuck-up** (informal), **narcissistic, swaggering**

## vain

*adjective* not successful in achieving what was intended » *Danny made a vain attempt to stop the baby crying.*

**abortive, fruitless, futile, unproductive, useless**  
antonym: **successful**

## vain

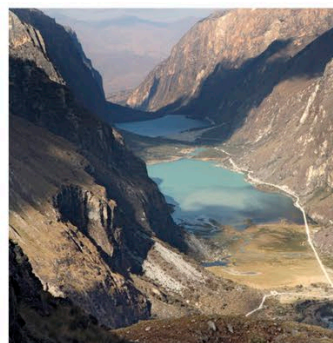
*adjective* unsuccessful in achieving what was intended » *Sally tried in vain to open the locked door.*

**fruitless, to no avail, unsuccessful, wasted**

## valley

*noun* an area of low-lying land between hills, often with a river or stream flowing through it » *On the floor of the valley lay a beautiful lake.*

**dale, glen, hollow, vale**



*On the floor of the valley lay a beautiful lake.*

## valuable

*adjective* having great importance or usefulness » *Tim's experience as a mechanic was very valuable when the car wouldn't start.*

**beneficial, helpful, important, prized, useful, worthwhile, cherished, esteemed, treasured**

antonym: **useless**

## valuable

*adjective* worth a lot of money » *Diamonds are valuable gems.*

**costly, expensive, precious**  
antonym: **worthless**

## valuables

*plural noun* the things you own that cost a lot of money » *Keep your valuables in a safe place.*

**heirlooms, treasures**

## value

*noun* the importance or usefulness of something » *The fact that Maria spoke Spanish was of great value.*

**advantage, benefit, effectiveness, importance, merit, use, usefulness, virtue, worth**

## value

*noun* the amount of money that something is worth » *The value of my stamp collection has risen by 50 per cent.*

**cost, market price, price, selling price, worth**

## value

*verb* to appreciate something and think it is important » *I really value all the help that Ashley gave me.*

**appreciate, cherish, have a high opinion of, prize, rate highly, respect, treasure**

## value

*verb* to decide how much money something is worth » *Gran had her jewellery valued for insurance purposes.*

**appraise, assess, cost, estimate, evaluate, price**

## vanish

*verb* to disappear » *The Moon vanished behind a cloud.*

**become invisible, be lost to view, disappear, fade, recede**

antonym: **appear**

## vanish

*verb* to cease to exist  
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## vanquish

*verb* to defeat someone completely » *I read a gripping story about a knight who vanquished his enemies.*

**beat, conquer, crush, defeat, overcome, rout, trounce**



**vanish** <sup>2</sup> *verb* to cease to exist » *Dinosaurs **vanished** from Earth millions of years ago.*

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# view

**[2]** *noun* the things you can see from a particular place  
» *What a beautiful **view**!*

## landscape

*The **landscape** is stunning.*

## aspect

*Such a sunny **aspect**!*

## perspective

*I've got a good **perspective** from here.*

## spectacle

*Yes, all that sparkling water is quite a **spectacle**.*

## variation

*noun* a change from the normal or usual pattern  
» *There was no **variation** in Jim's mood from one day to the next – he was always grumpy.*  
**alteration, change, departure, deviation, difference, diversion**

## variety **[1]**

*noun* a number of different kinds of things  
» *An encyclopedia contains a wide **variety** of subjects.*  
**array, assortment, collection, medley, mixture, range, cross section, miscellany, multiplicity**

## variety **[2]**

*noun* a particular type of something » *The café owner asked Carlos which **variety** of coffee he wanted.*  
**category, class, kind, sort, strain, type**



*Various sorts of trees grow in the local park.*

## various

*adjective* of several different types » *Various sorts of trees grow in the local park.*  
**assorted, different, disparate, diverse, miscellaneous, sundry, manifold**

## vary **[1]**

*verb* to change to something different » *The weather here varies greatly from day to day.*  
**alter, alternate, change, fluctuate**

## vary **[2]**

*verb* to introduce changes in something » *I try to vary my diet as much as possible.*  
**alternate, diversify, modify, permute, reorder**

## vast

*adjective* extremely large » *We gazed at the Milky Way, one small part of our vast Universe.*  
**colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, great, huge, immense, massive**  
antonym: **tiny**



*We gazed at the Milky Way, one small part of our **vast** Universe.*



*The jury delivered their **verdict**: he was innocent.*

## verdict

*noun* a decision or opinion on something » *The jury delivered their **verdict**: he was innocent.*  
**conclusion, decision, finding, judgment, opinion**

## very

*adverb* to a great degree  
» *I know Chloe **very** well.*  
**deeply, extremely, greatly, highly, really, terribly, exceedingly, profoundly, remarkably**

## veto **[1]**

*verb* to forbid something  
» *The government authorities vetoed the building plans.*  
**ban, forbid, prohibit**

# vista

*I never expected a **vista** like this to open up.*

# panorama

*I can see the **panorama** from east to west.*

# prospect

*There is a lovely **prospect** from here.*

# scene

*I must take a photo of this **scene**.*

## veto 2

**noun** the act of forbidding or power to forbid something  
» *The head teacher issued a veto on the school council's proposal to stop homework.*  
**ban, prohibition**

## victory

**noun** a success in a battle or competition  
» *The team celebrated its fifth consecutive victory in the tournament.*  
**laurels, success, superiority, triumph, win**  
antonym: **defeat**



*The team celebrated its fifth consecutive **victory** in the tournament.*



*Ian told me his **views** on sport and I could hardly get a word in.*

## view 1

**noun** a personal opinion  
» *Ian told me his views on sport and I could hardly get a word in.*  
**attitude, belief, conviction, feeling, opinion, point of view**

## view 2

**noun** the things you can see from a particular place

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## view 3

**verb** to think of something in a particular way  
» *Tina viewed the noisy kids as troublemakers.*  
**consider, deem (formal), judge, regard**

## viewpoint

**noun** an attitude towards something  
» *The parents had differing viewpoints on the new teacher.*  
**attitude, belief, conviction, feeling, opinion, point of view**

## violence 1

**noun** behaviour which is intended to hurt people  
» *Nina absolutely hates seeing violence on television.*  
**bloodshed, brutality, cruelty, force, savagery**

## violence 2

**noun** force and energy  
» *Amy was furious and slammed the door with great violence.*  
**fervour, force, harshness, intensity, severity, vehemence**

## violent 1

**adjective** intending to hurt or kill people  
» *The violent criminals were sent to prison.*  
**bloodthirsty, brutal, cruel, murderous, savage, vicious**  
antonym: **gentle**

## violent 2

**adjective** happening with great force  
» *Violent waves crashed against the rocks.*  
**powerful, raging, rough, strong, turbulent, wild, tempestuous, tumultuous**



***Violent** waves crashed against the rocks.*

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## violent <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* said, felt, or done with great force » *Jake was not expecting his chemistry experiment to give such a violent reaction.*

**acute, furious, intense, powerful, severe, strong, forcible, passionate, vehement**

## virtue <sup>1</sup>

*noun* the quality of doing what is morally right

» *My grandmother reminded me that patience is a virtue.*

**goodness, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness**

## virtue <sup>2</sup>

*noun* an advantage something has » *The players discussed the virtues of various hockey teams.*

**advantage, asset, attribute, merit, plus, strength**

## virtue <sup>3</sup>: by virtue of

*preposition* because of

» *Ben succeeds at school by virtue of hard work.*

**as a result of, because of, by dint of, on account of, thanks to**

## visible <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* able to be seen

» *Wait until the green man becomes visible before crossing the road.*

**clear, conspicuous, distinguishable, in sight, observable, perceptible**

antonym: **invisible**



*Wait until the green man becomes visible before crossing the road.*



*Jude ate the ice lolly with visible enjoyment.*

## visible <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* noticeable or evident

» *Jude ate the ice lolly with visible enjoyment.*

**apparent, evident, manifest, noticeable, obvious, plain, conspicuous, discernible, patent**

## vision <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a mental picture in which you imagine things

» *My vision of the future includes flying cars.*

**conception, daydream, dream, fantasy, ideal, image**



*My vision of the future includes flying cars.*

## vision <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the ability to imagine future developments

» *Lisa had a vision for her science project – it was going to be amazing!*

**foresight, imagination, insight, intuition**

## vision <sup>3</sup>

*noun* an experience in which you see things others cannot

» *Lily was convinced her visions of fairies were real.*

**apparition, hallucination, illusion, mirage, phantom, spectre, chimera, phantasm, wraith**

## visit <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to go to see and spend time with someone » *Simon visited his brother in Boston.*

**call on, go to see, look up**

## visit <sup>2</sup>

*noun* a trip to see a person or place » *Helen had recently paid her aunt a visit.*

**call, stay, stop**

## vital <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* necessary or very important » *As the goal-scorer, Sam played a vital role in winning the match.*

**central, critical, crucial, essential, important, indispensable, necessary, pivotal**

## vital <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* energetic and full of life » *The dog was old, but it was vital and full of energy.*

**active, dynamic, energetic, lively, spirited, sprightly, vivacious**

antonym: **dull**



*The dog was old, but it was vital and full of energy.*

## vomit

*verb* to have food and drink come back up through the mouth » *Any product made from milk made Andrea vomit.*

**be sick, bring up, regurgitate**



*The staff took a vote on whether to move offices.*

## vote <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a decision made by allowing people to state their preference » *The staff took a vote on whether to move offices.*

**ballot, plebiscite (formal), polls, referendum**

## vote <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to indicate a choice or opinion » *Many people voted for the new candidate in this year's election.*

**cast a vote, go to the polls, opt, return**

## vote <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to suggest that something should happen » *I vote that we go to the theme park.*

**propose, recommend, suggest**

## vulgar <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* socially unacceptable or offensive » *Adam was told off for using vulgar language in front of his little brother.*

**coarse, rude, uncouth, improper, unrefined**

antonym: **refined**

## vulgar <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* showing a lack of taste or quality » *My mum says it's vulgar to boast about how much money you have.*

**common, flashy, gaudy, tasteless, tawdry**

antonym: **sophisticated**

## vulnerable

*adjective* weak and without protection » *In the wild, newborn animals are especially vulnerable to predators.*

**exposed, sensitive, susceptible, weak, assailable, defenceless, unprotected**



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# watch

<sup>2</sup> *verb* to look at something for some time » *He liked to **watch** distant objects through his binoculars.*

## gaze at

*A clear night is the best time to **gaze at** the stars.*

## observe

*Scientists **observed** the experiment.*

## look at

*Come and **look at** what's going on in the garden!*

## pay attention to

*The teacher told her class to **pay attention to** the board.*

## view

*He **viewed** the latest videos online.*

## see

*We went to **see** his latest film.*

## warning

*noun* something that tells people of possible danger  
» *We had **warning** of the flood, so were able to protect our house.*

**alarm, alert, caution, notice, premonition, augury, caveat, presage**

## wary

*adjective* showing lack of trust in something » *Deer are usually **wary** of people.*

**cautious, distrustful, guarded, suspicious, vigilant, chary, circumspect, heedful**



*Deer are usually **wary** of people.*

## wash <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to clean something with water » *Pete got a job **washing** dishes.*

**bathe, cleanse, launder, rinse, scrub, shampoo**

## wash <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to carry something by the force of water  
» *Large clumps of seaweed were **washed** ashore by the waves.*

**carry off, erode, sweep away**

## waste <sup>1</sup>

*verb* to use too much of something unnecessarily  
» *I wouldn't **waste** my money on junk like that.*  
**fritter away, squander, throw away**

antonym: **save**

## waste <sup>2</sup>

*noun* using something excessively or unnecessarily  
» *What a complete **waste** of money!*

**extravagance, misuse, squandering, dissipation, misapplication**

## waste <sup>3</sup>

*adjective* not needed or wanted

» *The floor was covered in **waste** paper by the time she finally decided what to write.*

**leftover, superfluous, unused**

## wasteful

*adjective* using something in a careless or extravagant way  
» *He has a **wasteful** habit of leaving all the lights on.*

**extravagant, uneconomical, improvident, profligate, spendthrift**  
antonym: **thrifty**

## watch <sup>1</sup>

*noun* a period of time when a guard is kept on something  
» *Keep a close **watch** on the cake so the dog doesn't eat it.*  
**observation, supervision, surveillance, vigilance, watchfulness**

## watch <sup>2</sup>

*verb* to look at something for some time

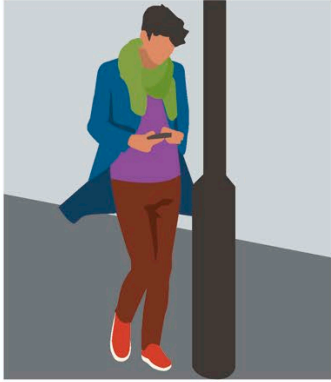
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## watch <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to look after something  
» *You must **watch** the baby carefully.*  
**guard, look after, mind, take care of**



*You must **watch** the baby carefully.*



Watch out for the lamp post!

## watch out

**verb** to be careful or alert for something » *Watch out for the lamp post!*

**be alert, be watchful, keep your eyes open, look out**

## waterfall

**noun** a place where a river falls over a steep cliff » *The noise of the waterfall was deafening.*

**cascade, cataract, chute, fall, linn** (Scotland)

## wave 1

**verb** to move or flap to and fro » *The supporters waved their scarves in the air.*

**brandish, flap, flourish, flutter, shake, oscillate, undulate**

## wave 2

**noun** a ridge of water on the surface of the sea » *The surfer paddled frantically to catch the wave.*

**breaker, ripple, swell**

## wave 3

**noun** an increase in a type of activity » *He felt a sudden wave of panic at the thought of the exam the next day that he had not prepared for.*

**flood, movement, rush, surge, trend, upsurge**

## way 1

**noun** a manner of doing something » *Freezing is an excellent way to preserve food.*

**approach, manner, means, method, procedure, technique**

## way 2

**noun** the customs or behaviour of a person or group » *I'll never get used to these strange foreign ways.*

**conduct, custom, manner, practice, style, idiosyncrasy, wont**

## way 3

**noun** a route taken to a particular place » *I can't remember the way.*

**channel, course, lane, path, road, route**

## weak 1

**adjective** lacking in strength » *Carol felt weak after her illness.*

**delicate, faint, feeble, frail, puny, sickly, wasted, debilitated, decrepit, enervated, infirm**

antonym: **strong**



Carol felt weak after her illness.

## weak 2

**adjective** likely to break or fail » *The loft had a weak floor, so we had to tread carefully.*

**deficient, faulty, inadequate**

## weak 3

**adjective** easily influenced by other people » *He is a weak man who can't say no to those around him.*

**powerless, spineless, indecisive, irresolute**

antonym: **resolute**

## weaken

**verb** to make or become less strong » *Dad's difficulty in keeping a straight face weakened his authority.*

**diminish, fail, flag, lessen, reduce, sap, undermine, wane, debilitate, enervate, mitigate**

antonym: **strengthen**

## weakness 1

**noun** a lack of physical or moral strength » *His main weakness is his bad temper.*

**defect, flaw, fragility, frailty, imperfection, vulnerability, Achilles' heel, debility, infirmity**

antonym: **strength**

## weakness 2

**noun** a great liking for something » *Jess has a weakness for chocolate.*

**fondness, liking, passion, penchant, partiality, predilection**

antonym: **dislike**

## wealth 1

**noun** a large amount of money » *Mr Brown used his wealth to build several new schools.*

**affluence, fortune, means, money, prosperity, riches, substance**

## wealth 2

**noun** a lot of something » *She found a wealth of information about the artist.*

**abundance, bounty, plenty, store, copiousness, cornucopia, plenitude, profusion**

antonym: **shortage**

## wealthy

**adjective** having plenty of money » *Isabella came from a very wealthy background.*

**affluent, comfortable, opulent, prosperous, rich, well-to-do**

antonym: **poor**



The guard was wearing a blue uniform.

## wear 1

**verb** to be dressed in something » *The guard was wearing a blue uniform.*

**be clothed in, be dressed in, don, have on, put on, sport** (informal)

## wear 2

**verb** to become worse in condition with use or age » *The walls of the old building were worn in places.*

**corrode, erode, fray, rub, wash away, abrade, deteriorate**



The walls of the old building were worn in places.

## wear 3

**noun** the type of use which causes something to be damaged » *The old tyres showed signs of wear.*

**corrosion, deterioration, erosion, use, abrasion, attrition**

## wear out

**verb** to make someone tired » *The past few days have really worn me out.*

**exhaust, tire, weary**

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## weary

*adjective* very tired » *She sank to the ground, too weary to walk another step.*

**drained, exhausted, fatigued, tired, tuckered out** (Australia and New Zealand; informal), **worn out**

## weather

*noun* the condition of the atmosphere at a certain place and time » *What's the weather like today?*

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## weird

*adjective* strange or odd » *I dreamt I could fly; it was really weird.*

**bizarre, curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, peculiar, singular** (formal), **strange**

antonym: **ordinary**

## well <sup>1</sup>

*adverb* in a satisfactory way » *The interview went well, so I hope I get in.*  
**satisfactorily, smoothly, splendidly, successfully**

## well <sup>2</sup>

*adverb* with skill and ability » *She draws well – I wish I had her talent and dedication.*  
**ably, adequately, admirably, competently, effectively, efficiently, expertly, professionally, skilfully, adeptly, proficiently**  
antonym: **badly**



She draws **well** – I wish I had her talent and dedication.

## well <sup>3</sup>

*adverb* fully and with thoroughness » *She washed her hands well to get rid of the paint.*  
**amply, closely, completely, fully, highly, meticulously, rigorously, thoroughly**

## well <sup>4</sup>

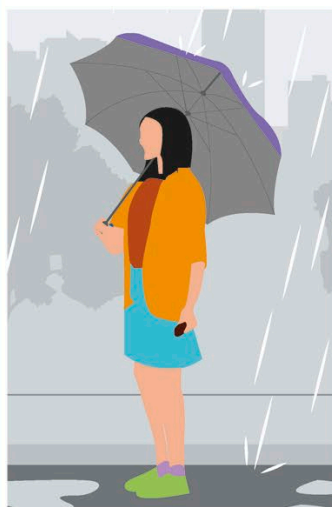
*adverb* in a kind way » *My boss is a good man and treats his employees well.*  
**compassionately, considerably, favourably, humanely, kindly, with consideration**

## well <sup>5</sup>

*adjective* having good health » *I'm feeling very well today.*  
**blooming, fit, healthy, in good condition, in good health, robust, sound, strong, able-bodied, hale, in fine fettle**  
antonym: **sick**

## wet <sup>1</sup>

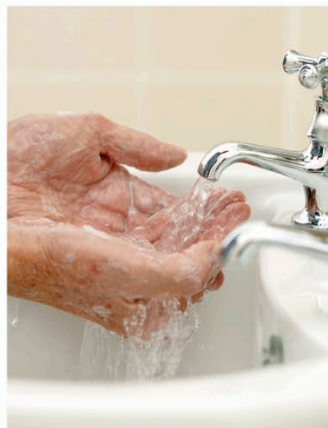
*adjective* in rainy weather conditions » *It was a miserable wet day.*  
**humid, misty, rainy, showery**  
antonym: **dry**



It was a miserable **wet** day.

## wet <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* covered in liquid » *Keep that wet dog away!*  
**damp, drenched, moist, saturated, soaked, sodden, waterlogged**  
antonym: **dry**



*Wet your hands before applying soap.*

## wet <sup>3</sup>

*verb* to put liquid on to something » *Wet your hands before applying soap.*  
**dampen, irrigate, moisten, soak, spray, water, drench, humidify, saturate**  
antonym: **dry**

## whim

*noun* a sudden fancy for something » *At the very last minute, we decided on a whim to go to the zoo.*  
**craze, fad** (informal), **fancy, impulse, urge, caprice, vagary, whimsy**

## white

*noun or adjective*  
Shades of white:  
**alabaster, bleached, chalky, ivory, milky, pearly, snowy**

## whole <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* indicating all of something » *We spent the whole summer abroad.*  
**complete, entire, full, total, uncut, undivided**

## whole <sup>2</sup>

*noun* the full amount of something » *I would love to explore the whole of Asia.*  
**aggregate, all, everything, lot, sum total, total**

## wicked <sup>1</sup>

*adjective* very bad or evil » *Stealing that watch was a wicked thing to do.*  
**atrocious, bad, depraved, evil, sinful, vicious, egregious, iniquitous, nefarious**

## wicked <sup>2</sup>

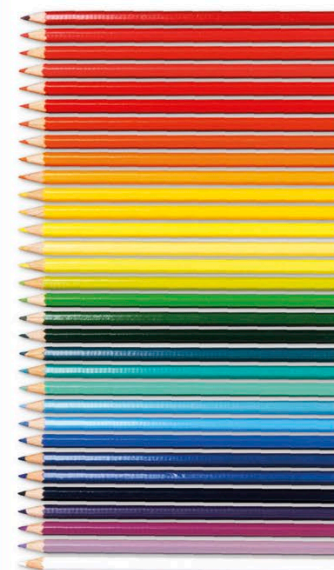
*adjective* mischievous in an amusing or attractive way » *She always felt wicked when eating chocolate in bed.*  
**impish, mischievous, naughty**

## wide <sup>1</sup>

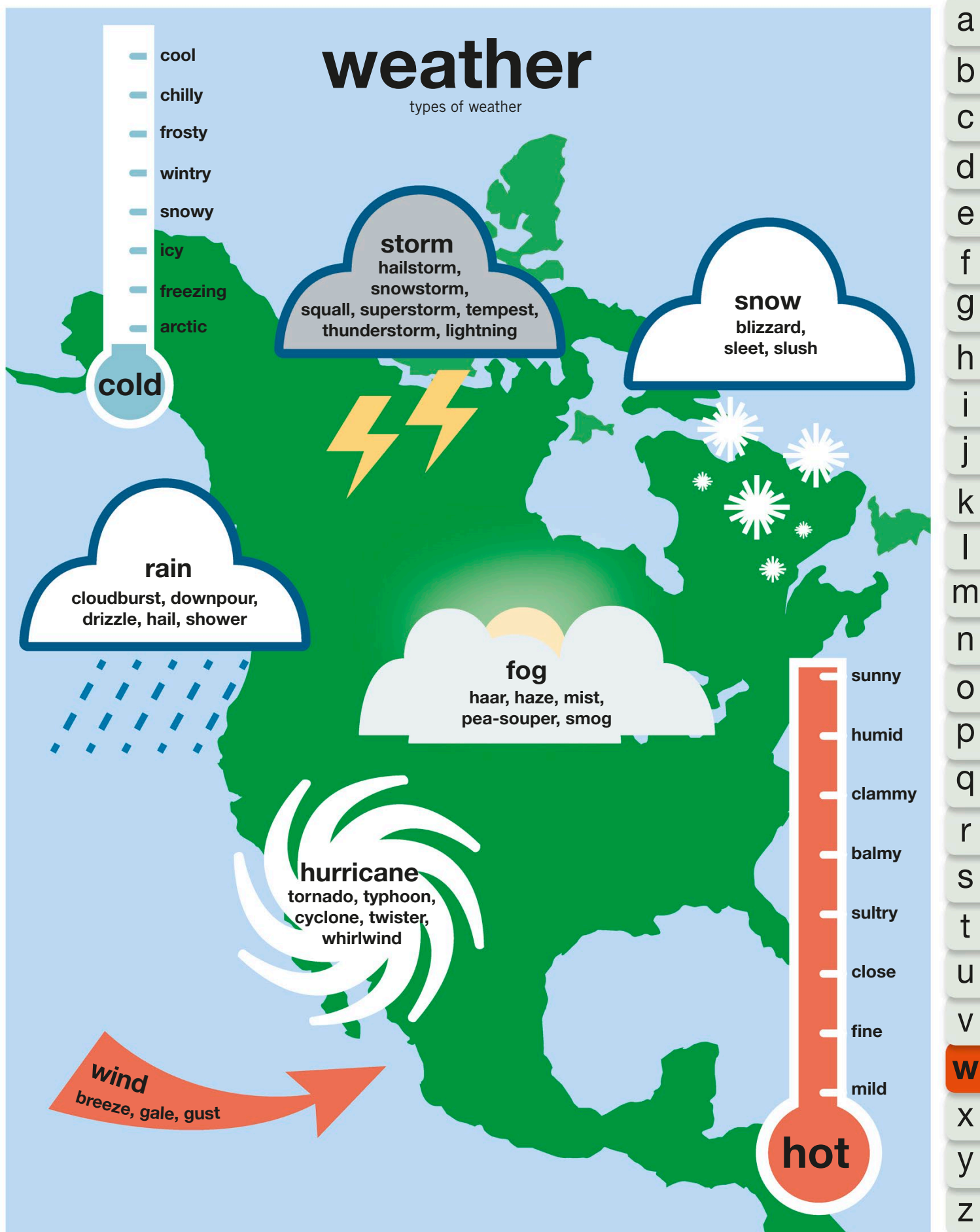
*adjective* measuring a large distance from side to side » *The river was too wide to cross.*  
**ample, baggy, broad, expansive, extensive, full, immense, large, roomy, spacious, sweeping, vast, voluminous**  
antonym: **narrow**

## wide <sup>2</sup>

*adjective* extensive in scope » *The pencils came in a wide range of colours.*  
**ample, broad, catholic, comprehensive, encyclopedic, exhaustive, extensive, far-ranging, immense, inclusive, large, vast, wide-ranging**  
antonym: **narrow**



The pencils came in a **wide** range of colours.



# wonderful

**2** adjective very impressive

» The sunset was a truly **wonderful** sight.

## incredible

The colours had **incredible** intensity.

## amazing

It was **amazing** to be there at the exact moment the sun disappeared.

## remarkable

It was a **remarkable** achievement to capture the whole sunset on camera.

## phenomenal

They would remember the **phenomenal** scene for years to come.

## magnificent

There were **magnificent** views across the valley.

## astounding

The view was **astounding**.

## wondrous

The sky was decorated in **wondrous** colours.

## wide **3**

adverb as far as possible

» The dentist asked Sal to open her mouth **wide**.

**completely, fully, right out**

## widespread

adjective existing over a large area » Food shortages were **widespread** during the war.

**broad, common, extensive, pervasive, prevalent, rife**

## wild **1**

adjective not cultivated or domesticated » Michelle walked through a beautiful meadow of **wild** flowers.

**fierce, free, natural, uncultivated, undomesticated, untamed**



The boat held its course despite the **wild** weather.

## wild **2**

adjective in stormy conditions

» The boat held its course despite the **wild** weather.

**howling, raging, rough, stormy, violent**

## wild **3**

adjective without control or restraint » The birthday girl was **wild** with excitement.

**boisterous, rowdy, turbulent, uncontrolled, wayward, disorderly, riotous, uproarious**

## will **1**

noun the strong determination to achieve something

» His **will** to win was stronger than the pain in his leg.

**determination, purpose, resolution, resolve, willpower**

## will **2**

noun what someone wants

» Against her mother's **will**, she went out.

**choice, inclination, mind, volition, wish**

related word: adjective **voluntary**

## will **3**

verb to leave something to someone when you die

» He had **willed** his fortune to his daughter.

**bequeath, leave, pass on**

## willing

adjective ready and eager to do something » The children were **willing** to learn.

**agreeable, eager, game** (informal), **happy, prepared, ready, amenable, compliant, desirous**

antonym: **unwilling**



The children were **willing** to learn.



She **won** the tournament after defeating her closest rival.

### win 1

**verb** to defeat your opponents  
» She **won** the tournament after defeating her closest rival.  
**be victorious, come first, prevail, succeed, triumph**  
antonym: **lose**

### win 2

**verb** to succeed in obtaining something  
» Her wonderful **cooking** **won** her a prize.  
**achieve, attain, gain, get, secure**

### win 3

**noun** a victory in a contest  
» He has now suffered a run of seven games without a **win**.  
**success, triumph, victory**  
antonym: **defeat**

### winner

**noun** a person who wins something  
» The competition **winners** all received prizes.  
**champion, conqueror, victor**  
antonym: **loser**

### wisdom

**noun** judgment used to make sensible decisions  
» Grandparents have **wisdom** that comes from experience.  
**discernment, insight, judgment, knowledge, reason, astuteness, erudition, sagacity**  
antonym: **foolishness**

### wise

**adjective** able to make use of experience and judgment  
» The professor is a **wise** old man.  
**informed, judicious, perceptive, rational, sensible, shrewd**  
antonym: **foolish**

### wish 1

**noun** a desire for something  
» Val's **wish** was to become an actress.  
**desire, hankering, hunger, longing, urge, want**

### wish 2

**verb** to want something  
» Colin was bored and **wished** he could go home.  
**desire, hunger, long, thirst, want, yearn**

### withdraw 1

**verb** to take something out  
» Si **withdrew** some money from the bank.  
**draw out, extract, remove, take out**



Si **withdrew** some money from the bank.

### withdraw 2

**verb** to back out of an activity  
» He **withdrew** from the team.  
**back out, leave, pull out, retire, retreat, disengage, secede**

### wither 1

**verb** to become weaker and fade away  
» Support for the government has **withered** since they shut the libraries.  
**decline, fade**



The sunflower **withered** from lack of water.

### wither 2

**verb** to shrivel up and die  
» The sunflower **withered** from lack of water.  
**droop, shrivel, wilt**

### witness 1

**noun** someone who has seen something happen  
» The police **appealed** for **witnesses** to come forward.  
**bystander, eyewitness, observer, onlooker, spectator**

### witness 2

**verb** to see something happening  
» Anyone who **witnessed** the incident should call the police.  
**be present at, observe, see, watch**

### witty

**adjective** amusing in a clever way  
» He's so **witty**, I could listen to him for hours.  
**amusing, brilliant, clever, funny, humorous, sparkling**

### woman

**noun** an adult female human being  
» The audience was made up mostly of **women**.  
**dame** (slang), **female, girl, lady, lass**  
antonym: **man**

### wonder 1

**verb** to think about something with curiosity  
» I **wondered** what the strange noise was.  
**ask yourself, ponder, puzzle, speculate**

### wonder 2

**verb** to be surprised and amazed  
» He **wondered** at her great confidence on stage.  
**be amazed, be astonished, boggle, marvel**

### wonder 3

**noun** something that amazes people  
» The migration of monarch butterflies is one of the **wonders** of nature.  
**marvel, miracle, phenomenon, spectacle**

### wonderful 1

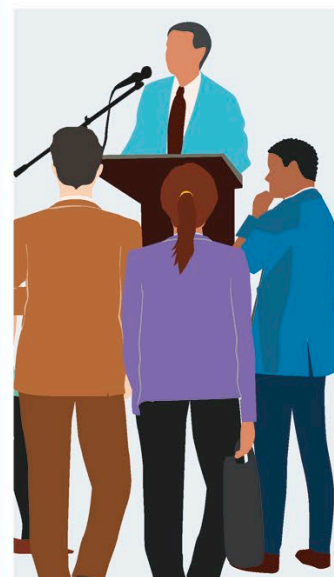
**adjective** extremely good  
» It's **wonderful** to see you.  
**excellent, great** (informal), **marvellous, superb, tremendous**

### wonderful 2

**adjective** very impressive  
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### word 1

**noun** a remark  
» I'd like to say a **word** of thanks to everyone who helped me.  
**comment, remark, statement, utterance**



I'd like to say a **word** of thanks to everyone who helped me.

### word 2

**noun** a brief conversation  
» James, could I have a quick **word** with you?  
**chat, conversation, discussion, talk**

### word 3

*noun* a message » *We've had no word from our neighbours since they went abroad.*

**announcement, bulletin, communication, information, intelligence, message, news**

### word 4

*noun* a promise or guarantee » *Phil gave me his word that he would be there.*

**assurance, oath, pledge, promise, word of honour**

### work 1

*verb* to do the tasks required of you » *I work 12 hours a day.*

**labour, slave, slog away, toil**  
antonym: **laze**

### work 2

*noun* someone's job » *Vicky's work involves travelling abroad each week.*

**business, craft, employment, job, livelihood, occupation, profession, calling, métier, pursuit**

### work 3

*noun* the tasks that have to be done » *Sometimes George had to take work home.*

**assignment, chore, duty, job, task, yakka** (Australia and New Zealand; informal)



*Sometimes George had to take work home.*

### worker

*noun* a person who works

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### work out 1

*verb* to find the solution to something » *It took us some time to work out the answer to the puzzle.*

**calculate, figure out, resolve, solve**

### work out 2

*verb* to happen in a certain way » *It worked out that we could get to the cinema after all.*

**develop, go, happen, turn out**

### worn-out 1

*adjective* no longer usable because of extreme wear » *The marathon runner threw away her worn-out trainers.*

**broken-down, tattered, threadbare, worn**

### worn out 2

*adjective* extremely tired » *You must be worn out after the long journey.*

**exhausted, fatigued, prostrate, tired, weary**



*Rebecca was worried about her presentation the next day.*

### worried

*adjective* being anxious about something » *Rebecca was worried about her presentation the next day.*

**anxious, bothered, concerned, nervous, troubled, uneasy, overwrought, perturbed, unquiet**

antonym: **unconcerned**

## worker

*noun* a person who works » *He got a job as a farm worker for the summer.*



### businesswoman

*The businesswoman ran a successful company.*



### employee

*The shop's employees had a competition to see who could serve the most customers.*



### artisan

*Local artisans displayed their hand-made goods, from bread to pots.*



### craftswoman

*The craftswoman created bespoke kitchens and furniture.*

**worry** 1

*verb* to feel anxious about something » *Don't worry, I'll help you with your work.*

**be anxious, brood, feel uneasy, fret**

**worry** 2

*verb* to disturb someone with a problem » *I didn't want to worry you with my homework.*

**bother, hassle** (informal), **pester, plague, trouble, harry, importune, perturb**

**worry** 3

*noun* a feeling of anxiety » *Lack of money was a worry.*

**anxiety, apprehension, concern, fear, misgiving, unease**

**worsen**

*verb* to become more difficult » *My dog's behaviour has worsened – now he's chewing the furniture.*

**decline, degenerate, deteriorate, go downhill** (informal)  
antonym: **improve**

**worship** 1

*verb* to praise and revere something » *The ancient Egyptians worshipped many gods.*

**glorify, honour, praise, pray to, venerate, deify, exalt, revere**

antonym: **dishonour**

**worship** 2

*verb* to love and admire someone » *Your little sister worships you.*

**adore, idolize, love**  
antonym: **despise**

**worship** 3

*noun* a feeling of love and admiration for something » *The emperor was used to the worship of his subjects.*

**admiration, adoration, adulation, devotion, homage, praise, deification, exaltation**

**worthless**

*adjective* having no real value or worth » *Why did you buy that worthless piece of junk?*

**meaningless, paltry, poor, trifling, trivial, useless, valueless, negligible**  
antonym: **valuable**

**write**

*verb* to record something in writing » *Write your answers in pencil on the page.*

**inscribe, record, take down**



*Write your answers in pencil on the page.*

**wrong** 1

*adjective* not correct or truthful » *The girl on the game show gave the wrong answer and was knocked out.*

**false, faulty, incorrect, mistaken, unsound, untrue, erroneous, fallacious**  
antonym: **right**

**wrong** 2

*adjective* morally unacceptable » *It's wrong to hurt people.*

**bad, crooked, evil, illegal, immoral, unfair, unjust, felonious, iniquitous, reprehensible, unethical**  
antonym: **right**

**wrong** 3

*noun* an unjust action » *A great wrong has been done to him in the past.*

**abuse, crime, grievance, injustice, sin**

**labourer**

*There were at least 10 labourers on the building site.*

**hand**

*The farm employed extra hands when it was time to harvest the vegetables.*

**operative**

*The production line would break down without good machine operatives.*

**workman**

*The workman came to fix the pipe.*

# Yy

## yell <sup>1</sup>

**verb** to shout loudly, usually because you are excited, angry, or in pain » *Tom yelled in delight on winning the handpainting competition.*  
**bellow, cheer, cry, cry out, roar, shout, scream, yell out**



Tom **yelled** in delight on winning the handpainting competition.

## yell <sup>2</sup>

**noun** a loud, piercing cry of fear, anger, or pain » *She let out a yell as something brushed past her in the haunted house.*  
**cry, howl, scream, screech, shriek, whoop**

## yellow

**noun or adjective**  
Shades of yellow:  
**amber, canary yellow, citrus yellow, daffodil, gold, lemon, mustard, primrose, saffron, sand, straw, topaz**

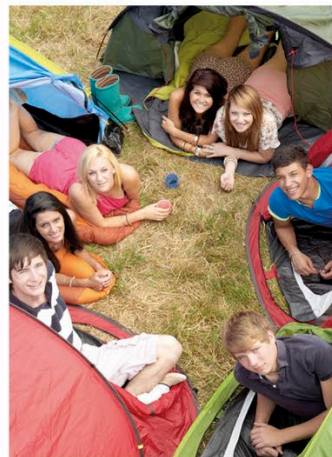
## yes

**interjection** an expression used to agree with something or say it is true

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## young <sup>1</sup>

**adjective** not yet mature  
» *The campsite was full of young people.*  
**adolescent, immature, infant, junior, juvenile, little, youthful**  
antonym: **old**



The campsite was full of **young** people.



Cats carry their **young** by the scruff of their neck.

## young <sup>2</sup>

**plural noun** the babies an animal has » *Cats carry their young by the scruff of their neck.*  
**babies, brood, family, litter, little ones, offspring**



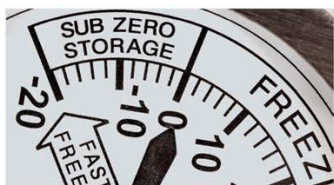
**interjection** an expression used to agree with something or say it is true

# Zz

## zero

*noun* nothing or the number 0

» The temperature in the freezer was precisely zero.  
nil, nothing, nought

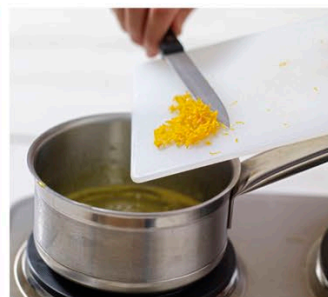


The temperature in the freezer was precisely zero.

## zest 1

*noun* enthusiasm and energy

» Grandma had great zest for life.  
appetite, eagerness, enjoyment, enthusiasm, excitement, gusto, joy, passion, relish



The added orange gave zest to the sauce.

## zest 2

*noun* flavour » The added orange gave zest to the sauce.

flavour, piquancy, pungency, spice, tang, taste

## zone

*noun* an area separated off for a purpose » If you park in the free-parking zone you don't have to pay.

area, district, locality, neighbourhood, region

## ZOO

*noun* a large place where different types of wild animals are kept, usually enclosed, for people to see them

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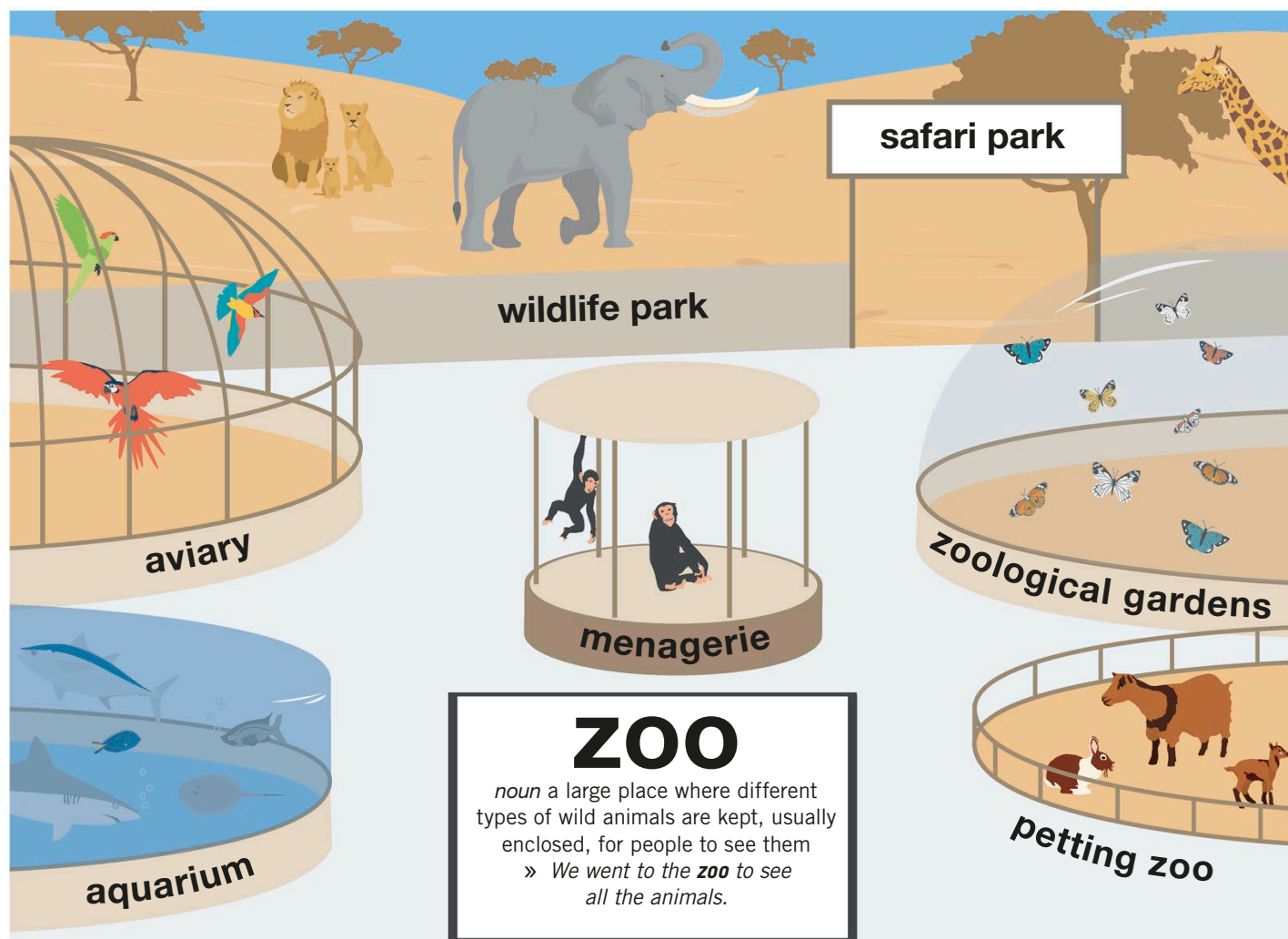
## zoom

*verb* to move very fast

» The car zoomed past before I could see who was driving it.  
bolt, dart, dash, flash, hurry, race, rocket, rush, sail, scoot, soar, speed, streak, zip



The car zoomed past before I could see who was driving it.



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