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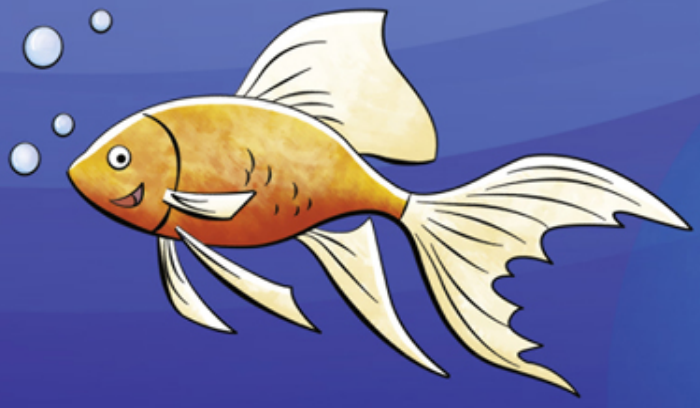
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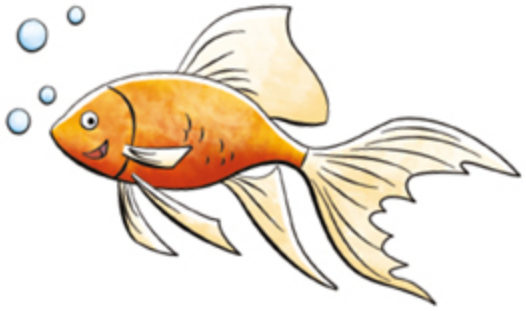




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Using this dictionary

A dictionary tells you what a word means and how to spell it. The words in a dictionary are listed in alphabetical order.

How to find a word Think of the first letter in the word you want to look up. Once you know this, there is more than one way to find your word in the dictionary: • You can use the Index at the back of the ebook which lists all of the dictionary words in alphabetical order. Scroll through the Index until you find the letter your word begins with, then look down the words until you find the one you are looking for. You can then follow the link to the entry in the dictionary.

- You can use the Contents page at the front of the book, which has a link to every letter in the dictionary. Follow the link to the letter your word begins with, then look through the entries in this letter until you find the word you are looking for.

Finding out about a word

headword — **front** **fronts**

part of speech — NOUN **1** The **front** of something is the part that faces forward. ADJECTIVE **2** A **front** room or garden is on the side of a building that faces the street.

in front PHRASE **In front** means ahead or further forward.

phrase — **in front of** PHRASE If you do something **in front of** someone, you do it while they are there. **example sentence** — *They agreed to meet **in front of** the cinema.*

frost **frosts** NOUN

When there is a **frost**, the weather is very cold and the ground becomes covered with tiny ice crystals.

illustration



other forms

frown **frowns, frowning, frowned** VERB

definition — If you **frown**, your eyebrows are drawn together. People frown when they are angry, worried, or thinking hard.

froze VERB

irregular form — **Froze** is the past tense of **freeze**.

1. The **headword** is the word you are looking up.
2. On the same line as the headword, you will see how to spell **other forms** of the word, such as plural nouns, verb tenses or other adjective forms, called comparatives and superlatives.
3. Next you will see the **part of speech**. This tells you what type of word the headword is, such as a noun, verb, adjective, adverb or pronoun.

4. After the part of speech, you will find the **definition**. The definition tells you what the word means. The definitions are numbered if there is more than one. Each definition has its own part of speech.

5. Some words have an **example sentence** in *italics*. This shows you how the word might be used in speech or writing.

6. Some words have a **photo** or other **illustration** to help you read the word and understand its meaning.

7. A **phrase** may also be included. Under the word **front**, you will also find the definition of the phrases **in front** and **in front of**.

8. An **irregular form** of a word is a plural noun or verb tense which does not follow the usual spelling rules. You can find many irregular forms in this dictionary.

Other dictionary features **Pronunciation** is how you say a word. Some words can be spelled the same, but sound different and mean different things – these words are called homographs. This dictionary gives you pronunciation help for some words, including homographs. For example:

tear **tears, tearing, tore, torn** (*rhyme*s *with* **fear**) NOUN **1 Tears** are the drops of liquid that come out of your eyes when you cry.
(*rhymes with* **fair**) VERB **2** If you **tear** something, such as paper or fabric, you pull it apart.

Some definitions include a **label**, such as FORMAL, INFORMAL or TRADEMARK. This tells you a little more about the word or how it is used:

Rollerblade **Rollerblades**
NOUN; TRADEMARK **Rollerblades** are roller skates which have the wheels set in one straight line on the bottom of the boot.

Related words are given at the end of some entries, with their parts of speech. These tell you other forms of the word, such as the noun or adverb form. For example:

blur **blurs** NOUN A **blur** is a shape that you cannot see clearly. *The car went past so fast it was just a* ***blur****.* **blurred** ADJECTIVE **blurry** ADJECTIVE

Some definitions tell you where to look for **more information**, such as another headword, or the pages at the back of the dictionary.

are VERB
Are is a present tense form of **be**. *They **are** both in my class.*
See **be**

Collins Word Wizard **Collins Word Wizard** gives you extra help with vocabulary, grammar and spelling. It has pages to help you understand parts of speech, punctuation, and prefixes and suffixes, as well as handy hints for learning tricky spellings. Look out for the themed picture pages and games to play with the dictionary.

Online resources Explore further at www.collins.co.uk/homeworkhelp for games, activities and extra support for parents and children.

Aa

a or **an** ADJECTIVE

A and **an** are used when you talk about one of something. **A** is used when the next sound is a consonant; **an** is used when the next sound is a vowel (a, e, i, o or u). ***a*** *car…* ***an*** *apple*

abandon **abandons, abandoning, abandoned** VERB **1** If you **abandon** something, you leave it and do not return. *The cub had been* ***abandoned*** *by its mother.*

VERB **2** If you **abandon** a piece of work, you stop doing it before it is finished.

abbreviation **abbreviations** NOUN

An **abbreviation** is a short form of a word or phrase. *The* ***abbreviation*** *for compact disc is CD.*

ability **abilities** NOUN

If you have the **ability** to do something, you are able to do it.

able **abler, ablest** ADJECTIVE

If you are **able** to do something, you can do it.

aboard PREPOSITION

If you are **aboard** a ship or plane, you are on or in it.

about ADVERB **1** You say **about** in front of a number to show it is not exact. *I'll be home at* ***about*** *five o'clock.*

PREPOSITION **2** If you talk or write **about** something, you say things to do with that subject. *He is talking* ***about*** *boats.*

above PREPOSITION

If something is **above** something else, it is over it, or higher up.
He held the ball ***above*** *his head.*



abroad ADVERB
When you go **abroad**, you go to a different country.

absent ADJECTIVE
If someone is **absent**, they are not here.

absolutely ADVERB
You can use **absolutely** to make what you are saying sound stronger. *You must stay **absolutely** still.*

absorb **absorbs, absorbing, absorbed** VERB
If something **absorbs** a liquid, it soaks it up or takes it in.

absurd ADJECTIVE
Something that is **absurd** seems silly, because it is quite different from what you would expect. *It's **absurd** to wear your jumper in this heat.*

abuse NOUN
Abuse is cruel treatment of someone.

accelerate **accelerates, accelerating, accelerated** VERB
When someone **accelerates**, they speed up.

accept **accepts, accepting, accepted** VERB
If you **accept** something you have been offered, you say yes to it.

accident **accidents** NOUN
An **accident** is something nasty that happens by chance. *He broke his leg in a climbing **accident**.*

accidentally ADVERB

account **accounts** NOUN **1** An **account** is something written or spoken that tells you what has happened.
NOUN **2** An **account** is also money that you keep at a bank.

accurate ADJECTIVE
An **accurate** measurement or description is exactly right.

ache **aches** NOUN
An **ache** is a dull, lasting pain.

achieve **achieves, achieving, achieved** VERB
If you **achieve** something, you usually get it by hard work.
achievement NOUN

acid **acids** NOUN
Some **acids** give food a sharp, sour taste. Lemons and vinegar contain acid. Strong acid can burn your skin.

acid rain NOUN
Acid rain is rain that is mixed with dirty gases in the air. It can damage buildings, trees and fish.

acrobat **acrobats** NOUN
An **acrobat** is someone who does difficult and exciting tricks, like balancing on a high wire.



across PREPOSITION
If you go **across** something, you go from one side to the other.

act **acts, acting, acted** VERB **1** When you **act**, you do something. *He had to **act** quickly to put out the fire.*
VERB **2** If you **act** in a play or film, you have a part in it.
NOUN **3** An **act** is something that you do.

action **actions** NOUN
An **action** is a movement of part of your body.

active ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **active** moves about a lot, or is very busy.
ADJECTIVE **2** In grammar, a verb in the **active** voice is one where the subject does the action, rather than having it done to them.
See **voice**

activity **activities** NOUN
Activity is when there are a lot of things happening.

actor **actors** NOUN
An **actor** is a man or woman whose job is to act in plays or films.

actress **actresses** NOUN
A female actor is sometimes called an **actress**.

See **actor**

actual ADJECTIVE
You describe something as **actual** when you mean it is real. *The shop said the paint was red, but the **actual** colour was pink.*
actually ADVERB

adapt **adapts, adapting, adapted** VERB **1** If you **adapt** to something new, you change in some way that helps you.
VERB **2** If you **adapt** something, you change it to suit your needs. *The book was **adapted** to make a film.*

adaptable ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **adaptable** can change to deal with new situations.

add **adds, adding, added** VERB **1** If you **add** something, you put it with whatever you have already. *Put flour in the bowl and **add** an egg.*
VERB **2** If you **add** numbers of things together, you find out how many you have. The sign + means add. 2 + 3 = 5. *I have two marbles in the bag. If I **add** these three, it makes five altogether.*

addition NOUN
Addition is adding numbers or things together.

address **addresses** NOUN
Your **address** is the name or number of your house, and the street and town where you live.

adjective **adjectives** NOUN
An **adjective** is a word that describes someone or something. “Beautiful” and “green” are adjectives.
*See **Adjective** on page 269*

admire **admires, admiring, admired** VERB **1** When you **admire** someone, you think very highly of them.
VERB **2** When you **admire** something, you enjoy looking at it. *They stopped the car to **admire** the view.*

admit **admits, admitting, admitted** VERB **1** If you **admit** something, you agree that it is true.

VERB **2** If people are **admitted** to a place, they are allowed to go in.

adopt **adopts, adopting, adopted** VERB
If a person **adopts** a child, they make the child their own by law.

adore **adores, adoring, adored** VERB
If you **adore** someone, you love them very much.

adult **adults** NOUN
An **adult** is a grown-up person or animal.



advance **advances, advancing, advanced** VERB
If someone **advances**, they move forward. *The army **advanced** nine miles in one day.*

advantage **advantages** NOUN
An **advantage** is something that helps you do better than other people.
*His long legs gave him an **advantage** in the race.*

adventure **adventures** NOUN
If you are having an **adventure**, you are doing something exciting.

adverb **adverbs** NOUN
An **adverb** is a word that answers questions like how, when, where and why. In the sentence “The girl came quietly into the room”, the word “quietly” is an adverb telling you how the girl came in.
See Adverb on page 269

advertise **advertises, advertising, advertised** VERB

If you **advertise** something, you tell people about it through newspapers, posters or TV.

advertisement **advertisements** NOUN

An **advertisement** is a notice in the paper, or on a poster or TV, about a job or things for sale.

advice NOUN

If you give someone **advice**, you say what you think they should do.

advise **advises, advising, advised** VERB

When you **advise** someone, you tell them what you think they should do.

aerial **aerials** NOUN

An **aerial** is a wire that sends or receives radio or television signals.

aeroplane **aeroplanes** NOUN

An **aeroplane** is a flying vehicle with wings and one or more engines.



affect **affects, affecting, affected** VERB

When something **affects** someone or something else, it changes them in some way.

affection NOUN

Affection is a feeling of caring for someone.

afford **affords, affording, afforded** VERB

If you can **afford** something, you have enough money to buy it or do it.

afraid ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **afraid** thinks that something nasty might happen.

after PREPOSITION
If something happens **after** something else, it happens at a later time.
*We'll watch television **after** supper.*

afternoon **afternoons** NOUN
The **afternoon** is the time of day between 12 o'clock (noon) and about six o'clock in the evening.

afterwards ADVERB
If something happens **afterwards**, it happens after another event or time.
*We went swimming, and **afterwards** we had an ice cream.*

again ADVERB
If you do something **again**, you do it once more.

against PREPOSITION **1** If you play **against** someone, you are not on their side.
PREPOSITION **2** If you are **against** something, you are touching it and leaning on it. *She felt tired and leaned **against** the tree.*

age **ages** NOUN **1** Your **age** is how old you are.
NOUN **2** An **age** is a special period in history, like the Stone Age.

ago ADVERB
If something happened four days **ago**, it is four days since it happened.

agree **agrees, agreeing, agreed** VERB **1** If you **agree** with someone, you think the same about something.
VERB **2** If you **agree** to do something, you say you will do it.
agreement NOUN

ahead ADVERB
Something or someone who is **ahead** of you is in front of you.
*My brother ran **ahead** of us.*



aim **aims, aiming, aimed** VERB **1** If you **aim** at something, you point a weapon at it.
VERB **2** If you **aim** to do something, you plan to do it.

air NOUN
Air is the mixture of gases that we breathe.

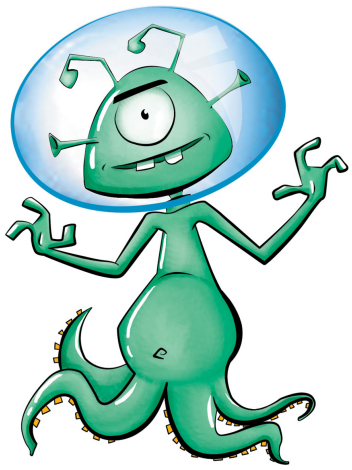
aircraft NOUN
An **aircraft** is a vehicle that flies. Helicopters and aeroplanes are aircraft.

airport **airports** NOUN
An **airport** is a place where aircraft land and take off.

alarm **alarms** NOUN **1** An **alarm** is something like a bell or flashing light that warns you of something.
NOUN **2** **Alarm** is a feeling of fear.
*He looked at the hungry bear in **alarm**.*

album **albums** NOUN
An **album** is a book that you put things like stamps or photographs in.

alien **aliens** NOUN
In science fiction, an **alien** is a creature from outer space.



alight ADJECTIVE
If something is **alight**, it is burning.

alike ADJECTIVE
If two or more things are **alike**, they are the same in some way.

alive ADJECTIVE
If a person, animal or plant is **alive**, they are living now.

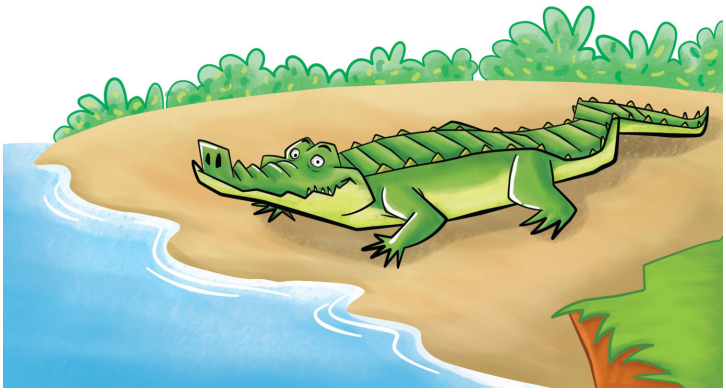
all ADJECTIVE
You say **all** when you mean the whole of a particular group or thing. *Put **all** your toys away.*

Allah NOUN
Allah is the Muslim name for God.

allergy **allergies** NOUN
If you have an **allergy** to something, it makes you ill. *Tom has an **allergy** to nuts, so he must not eat them.*

alley **alleys** NOUN
An **alley** is a narrow path with buildings or walls on both sides.

alligator **alligators** NOUN
An **alligator** is a reptile. It is of the same family as a crocodile, but smaller.
*See **Reptiles** on page 264*



alliteration NOUN

Alliteration is the use of words close together which begin with the same sound, for example “hundreds of huge hairy horses”.

allow **allows, allowing, allowed** VERB

If someone **allows** you to do something, they let you do it.

all right ADJECTIVE **1** If someone is **all right**, they are well or safe. *See if the baby’s **all right**.*

INTERJECTION **2** You say **all right** if you agree to something.

almost ADVERB

Almost means very nearly, but not quite.

*He tripped and **almost** fell.*

alone ADJECTIVE

If you are **alone**, there is nobody with you.

along PREPOSITION

If you go **along** something, you move towards the end of it.

aloud ADVERB

If you read something **aloud**, you read it so that people can hear you.

alphabet **alphabets** NOUN

An **alphabet** is all the letters used to write words, written in a special order.



alphabetical ADJECTIVE

Alphabetical means arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet. *She read out the names on the register in **alphabetical** order.*

already ADVERB

If you have done something **already**, you did it earlier.

also ADVERB

You say **also** when you want to add to something you have just said.

alter **alters, altering, altered** VERB

When you **alter** something, you change it in some way.

alternate **alternates, alternating, alternated** VERB

When two things **alternate**, they regularly happen one after the other. *He **alternates** between being friendly and completely ignoring me.*

although CONJUNCTION

You say **although** when you expected something different. ***Although** my dad was cross, he still gave me my pocket money.*

altogether ADVERB

If you say there are a number of things **altogether**, you are counting all of them. *I've picked four apples and you've picked two, so that's six **altogether**.*

aluminium NOUN

Aluminium is a light, silver-coloured metal. It is used for making rolls of foil and containers like cans and pie dishes.

always ADVERB **1** If you **always** do something, you do it every time. *He **always** puts his things away when he has used them.*

ADVERB **2** If something has **always** been so, it has been that way at all times. *They have **always** been good friends.*

a.m. ADVERB

a.m. is the time between midnight and noon. *I get up at 7* ***a.m.***

See **p.m.**

am VERB

Am is a present tense form of **be** used when you are talking about yourself. *I* ***am*** *six years old.*

See **be**

amaze **amazes, amazing, amazed** VERB

If something **amazes** you, it surprises you very much.

amazement NOUN

amazing ADJECTIVE

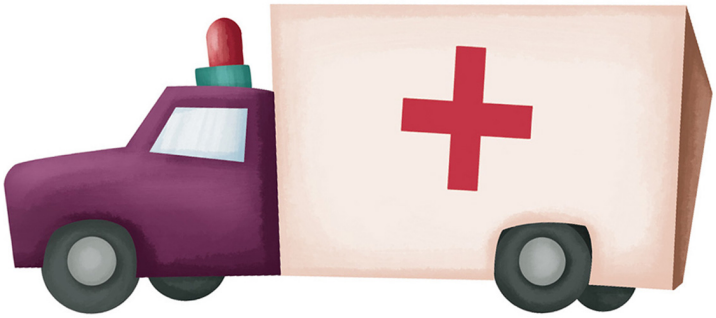
Something that is **amazing** is very surprising or wonderful.

ambition **ambitions** NOUN

If you have an **ambition** to do something, you want to do it very much.

ambulance **ambulances** NOUN

An **ambulance** is a vehicle that is used to take people to hospital.



among PREPOSITION **1** If something is **among** a number of things, it is surrounded by them. *He sat* ***among*** *piles of books.*

PREPOSITION **2** If something is divided **among** several people, they all have a share.

amount **amounts** NOUN

An **amount** of something is how much there is of it.

amphibian **amphibians** NOUN

An **amphibian** is an animal that is able to live on land and in water.

amphibious ADJECTIVE
*See **Amphibians** on page 264*

amuse **amuses, amusing, amused** VERB
If you **amuse** somebody, you make them smile or stop them feeling bored.

an ADJECTIVE
An is a form of “a” used when the next sound is a vowel.
See **a**

analogue ADJECTIVE
An **analogue** watch or clock shows the time with hands that move round a dial.
See **digital**

anchor **anchors** NOUN
An **anchor** is a heavy metal hook on a long chain. It is dropped over the side of a boat to stop it moving.



ancient ADJECTIVE
If something is **ancient**, it is very old.

and CONJUNCTION
You use **and** to join two or more words or phrases together. *I like chocolate, **and** my brother does too.*

angel **angels** NOUN
Angels are beings some people believe act as messengers for God.

anger NOUN
Anger is the strong feeling you have about something that is unfair.

angle **angles** NOUN
An **angle** is the shape that is made when two lines or surfaces join. The size of an angle is measured in degrees.

angry **angrier, angriest** ADJECTIVE
If you feel **angry**, you are very cross.
angrily ADVERB

animal **animals** NOUN
Animals are living things which are not plants. Humans, dogs, birds, fish, reptiles and insects are all animals.

ankle **ankles** NOUN
Your **ankle** is the joint between your foot and your leg.

anniversary **anniversaries** NOUN
An **anniversary** is a day when you remember something special which happened on that date in an earlier year.

announce **announces, announcing, announced** VERB
If you **announce** something important, you tell people about it publicly.
*My sister's engagement was **announced** last week.*

annoy **annoys, annoying, annoyed** VERB
If you do something which **annoys** someone, you make them cross.

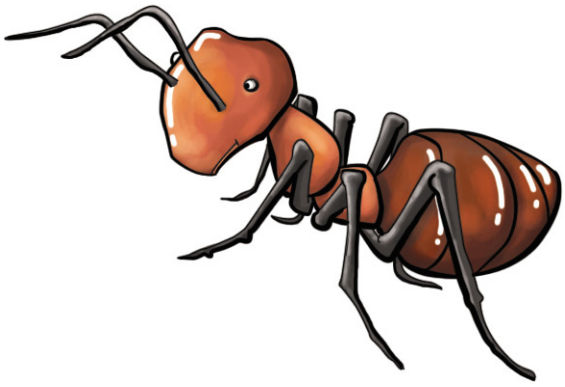
annual **annuals** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **annual** happens once a year, like a birthday.
NOUN **2** An **annual** is a book that comes out once a year.

another ADJECTIVE
Another means one more. *Amy finished her chocolate and took **another** one immediately.*

answer **answers, answering, answered** VERB **1** When you **answer**, you say or write something to someone who has asked you a question. NOUN **2** Your **answer** is what you say or write to a question.

ant **ants** NOUN

Ants are small insects which live in large groups called colonies.
*See **Insects** on page 264*



antelope **antelopes** NOUN

Antelopes are animals that look like deer, but their horns are not branch-shaped. They live in Africa and Asia.

anticlockwise ADVERB

If something goes **anticlockwise**, it moves in the opposite direction to the hands of a clock.

antique **antiques** NOUN

An **antique** is an old object which is valuable because it is beautiful or rare.

antiseptic **antiseptics** NOUN

An **antiseptic** is a substance that prevents infection by killing germs.

antonym **antonyms** NOUN

An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite of another word.
*See **Antonyms** on page 273*

anxious ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **anxious** is nervous or worried about something.

any

ADJECTIVE **1 Any** means one, some, or several. *Do you have **any** milk?*
ADJECTIVE **2 Any** can also mean even the smallest amount. *I mustn't eat **any** nuts.*

anybody PRONOUN

Anybody is any person.

anyone PRONOUN

Anyone is any person.

anything PRONOUN

Anything means any object, event, situation or action.

anywhere ADVERB

Anywhere means in, at or to any place. *Just put it down **anywhere**.*

apart ADJECTIVE

If something is **apart** from something else, there is a space between them. *He stood with his feet **apart**.*

ape **apes** NOUN

Apes are like monkeys but are larger and have no tails. Chimpanzees and gorillas are apes.



apologize **apologizes, apologizing, apologized**; also spelt **apologise**

VERB

When you **apologize**, you say you are sorry for something you have done.

apology **apologies** NOUN

An **apology** is something you say or write to tell someone you are sorry.

apostrophe **apostrophes** NOUN
An **apostrophe** is a punctuation mark (‘) used in contractions and to show belonging.
*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

apparatus NOUN
The **apparatus** for a particular task is the equipment you use for it.

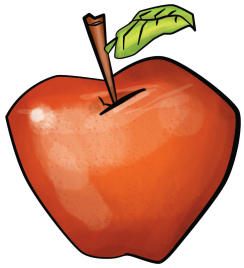
appear **appears, appearing, appeared** VERB **1** When something **appears**, it moves into a place where you can see it.
VERB **2** If something **appears** to be a certain way, that is how it seems.

appearance **appearances** NOUN **1** Someone’s **appearance** in a place is their sudden arrival there.
NOUN **2** Your **appearance** is the way you look to other people.

appetite **appetites** NOUN
If you have an **appetite**, you are looking forward to eating something.

applause NOUN
Applause is clapping your hands to show that you liked something.

apple **apples** NOUN
An **apple** is a round crisp fruit which grows on a tree.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*



apply **applies, applying, applied** VERB
If you **apply** for something, like a job, you usually ask for it in writing.

appreciate **appreciates, appreciating, appreciated** VERB
If you **appreciate** something, you feel grateful for it.

approach **approaches, approaching, approached** VERB
When someone **approaches** you, they get nearer to you.

approve **approves, approving, approved** VERB
If you **approve** of something, you think it is good.
approval NOUN

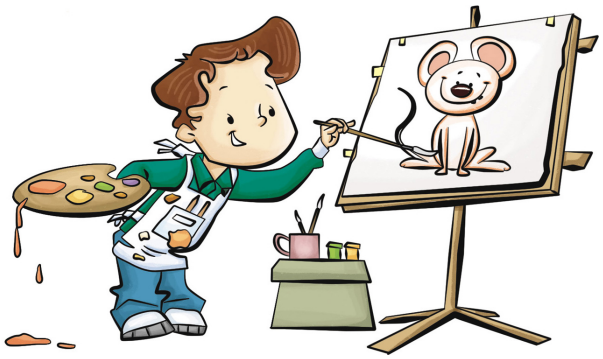
approximate ADJECTIVE
An **approximate** answer may not be exactly right. *What is the **approximate** distance between those trees?*

approximately ADVERB
If you say **approximately**, you mean about. *It is **approximately** 5 metres long.*

apricot **apricots** NOUN
An **apricot** is a small, round yellow-orange fruit with a large stone in the centre.

April NOUN
April is the fourth month of the year. It has 30 days.

apron **aprons** NOUN
An **apron** is a piece of material that you wear to keep your clothes clean.



aquarium **aquaria** or **aquariums** NOUN
An **aquarium** is a glass tank for fish and other underwater animals.

arch **arches** NOUN
An **arch** is a curved part of a bridge, wall or building.

archery NOUN

Archery is a sport in which people shoot at a target with a bow and arrow.

architect **architects** NOUN

An **architect** is a person who designs buildings.

are VERB

Are is a present tense form of **be**. *They **are** both in my class.*
See **be**

area **areas** NOUN **1** The **area** of something is the size of its surface. To find the area of a rectangle, you multiply the length by the breadth.
NOUN **2** You use the word **area** to mean in or around a place. *There are lots of shops in this **area**.*

argue **argues, arguing, argued** VERB

If you **argue** with someone, you say that you do not agree with them, and give your reasons.

argument **arguments** NOUN

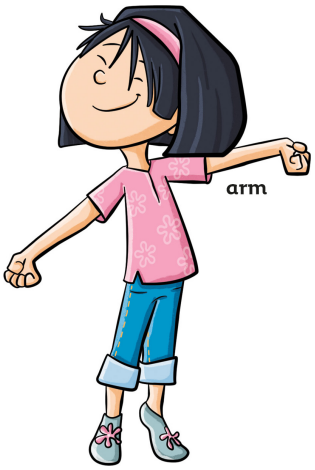
An **argument** is a talk between people who do not agree. In some arguments, people shout angrily.

arithmetic NOUN

Arithmetic is about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers.

arm **arms** NOUN

Your **arm** is the part of your body between the shoulder and the hand.



armchair **armchairs** NOUN

An **armchair** is a chair with a support on each side for your arms.



armour NOUN

Armour is metal clothing that soldiers used to wear in battle.

army **armies** NOUN

An **army** is a large organized group of people who are trained to fight in case of war.

around PREPOSITION **1** You say **around** when things are in various places. *There are lots of cupboards **around** the house.*

PREPOSITION **2** You can use **around** when something is on all sides of something else. *The Earth's atmosphere is the air **around** it.*

arrange **arranges, arranging, arranged** VERB **1** If you **arrange** something like a party, you make plans and organize it.
VERB **2** If you **arrange** things like flowers, you group them in a special way.

array **arrays** NOUN **1** An **array** is a group of things set out neatly in columns and rows.
NOUN **2** An **array** is also a large number of things displayed together.
*Ben's mouth watered at the **array** of cakes.*

arrest **arrests, arresting, arrested** VERB
If the police **arrest** someone, they take them to the police station.

arrive **arrives, arriving, arrived** VERB
When you **arrive** at a place, you reach it at the end of your journey.
arrival NOUN

arrow **arrows** NOUN **1** An **arrow** is a thin stick with a pointed end, which is shot from a bow.
NOUN **2** An **arrow** can also be a sign which shows people which way to go.



art NOUN
Art is something like painting or sculpture, which is beautiful or has a special meaning.

artery **arteries** NOUN
An **artery** is a tube which carries blood from your heart to the rest of your body.

article **articles** NOUN **1** An **article** is a piece of writing in a magazine or newspaper.

NOUN **2** An **article** can also be an object.

*What is this strange **article**?*

artificial ADJECTIVE

Artificial things are made by people. They do not occur naturally.

artist **artists** NOUN

An **artist** is a person who does things like painting or sculpture.

as

CONJUNCTION **1** If one thing happens **as** something else happens, it happens at the same time as the second thing. *We watched television **as** we ate our sandwiches.*

CONJUNCTION **2** You say **as** when you are going to give a reason for something. ***As** I like school I get there early.*

ascend **ascends, ascending, ascended** VERB

When you **ascend**, you move upwards. *He **ascended** the stairs to his room.*

ascending ADJECTIVE

When things are arranged in **ascending** order, each thing is higher than the one before it. *The numbers 21, 37 and 49 are in **ascending** order.*

ash **ashes** NOUN **1** **Ash** is the dust left after a fire.

NOUN **2** An **ash** is a large tree.

ashamed ADJECTIVE

If you are **ashamed**, you feel sorry about something you have done.

ask **asks, asking, asked** VERB **1** If you **ask** someone a question, you are trying to find something out.

VERB **2** If you **ask** someone for something, you want them to give it to you.

asleep ADJECTIVE

If you are **asleep**, your eyes are closed and your body is resting.

aspirin **aspirins** NOUN

Aspirin is a drug which you take to help you if you have a pain, fever or cold. An **aspirin** is a tablet of this drug.

ass **asses** NOUN

An **ass** is an animal like a horse but smaller and with longer ears.



assemble **assembles, assembling, assembled** VERB **1** If you **assemble** something, you fit the parts of it together.
VERB **2** When people **assemble**, they come together in a group.

assembly **assemblies** NOUN
Assembly is a gathering of all the teachers and pupils in a school.

assistant **assistants** NOUN **1** A person's **assistant** is someone whose job is to help them.
NOUN **2** A shop **assistant** is a person who works in a shop selling things.

asthma NOUN
Asthma is a disease of the chest. It causes wheezing and makes it difficult for you to breathe properly.

astonish **astonishes, astonishing, astonished** VERB
If you are **astonished** by something or someone, you are very surprised.

astronaut **astronauts** NOUN
An **astronaut** is a person who travels in space.

astronomer **astronomers** NOUN
An **astronomer** is a scientist who studies the stars and planets.

at

PREPOSITION **1** You use **at** to say where someone or something is. *Rajeev waited for me **at** the bus stop.*

PREPOSITION **2** You use **at** to show the direction something is going in. *I threw the snowball **at** my brother.*

PREPOSITION **3** You use **at** to say when something happens. *The party starts **at** six o'clock.*

ate VERB

Ate is the past tense of **eat**.

atlas **atlases** NOUN

An **atlas** is a book of maps.



atmosphere **atmospheres** NOUN **1** A planet's **atmosphere** is the layer of air or other gas around it.

NOUN **2** You can use **atmosphere** to talk about the general mood of a place. *In the classroom the **atmosphere** was relaxed.*

atom **atoms** NOUN

An **atom** is the smallest part of any substance.

attach **attaches, attaching, attached** VERB

When you **attach** something to an object, you join the two things together.

attachment **attachments** NOUN

An **attachment** is a computer file that is attached to an e-mail or text message.

attack **attacks, attacking, attacked** VERB

If a person **attacks** somebody, they try to hurt them.

attempt **attempts, attempting, attempted** VERB
If you **attempt** something difficult, you try to do it.

attend **attends, attending, attended** VERB
If someone **attends** something like a meeting, they are present at it.

attention NOUN **1** If something attracts your **attention**, you notice it suddenly.
NOUN **2** If you pay **attention** to someone, you listen carefully to them.

attic **attics** NOUN
An **attic** is a room at the top of a house, just under the roof.

attract **attracts, attracting, attracted** VERB **1** If something or somebody **attracts** you, you find them interesting. *Joe was **attracted** to the display by the flashing lights.*
VERB **2** If something like a magnet **attracts** an object, it makes it move towards it.

attractive ADJECTIVE
If something is **attractive**, it is nice to look at.

audience **audiences** NOUN
An **audience** is a group of people watching or listening to something like a play, film, talk or piece of music.

August NOUN
August is the eighth month of the year. It has 31 days.

aunt **aunts** NOUN
Your **aunt** is the sister of one of your parents, or the wife of your uncle.

author **authors** NOUN
The **author** of a book is the person who wrote it.



authority **authorities** NOUN **1 Authority** is a quality that someone has that makes people take notice of what they say.
NOUN **2** The **authorities** are people like the police who have a lot of power.

autograph **autographs** NOUN
An **autograph** is the signature of a famous person.

automatic ADJECTIVE
An **automatic** machine is one that can do things on its own.
automatically ADVERB

autumn **autumns** NOUN
Autumn is the season between summer and winter. The weather cools and many trees lose their leaves.

available ADJECTIVE
If something is **available**, you can get it. *Tickets are **available** now.*

avalanche **avalanches** NOUN
An **avalanche** is a huge mass of snow and ice that falls down a mountain.

avenue **avenues** NOUN
An **avenue** is a wide road with trees on either side.



average **averages** NOUN **1** An **average** is a result obtained by adding several amounts together and then dividing the total by the number of different amounts. *If four children have a total of 36 sweets, the **average** is nine sweets per child.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **average**, it is the standard or usual thing.

avoid **avoids, avoiding, avoided** VERB
If you **avoid** someone or something, you keep away from them.

awake ADJECTIVE
If you are **awake**, you are not sleeping.

award **awards** NOUN
An **award** is a prize that you are given for doing something well.

aware ADJECTIVE
If you are **aware** of something, you know about it.

away

ADVERB **1** If you move **away** from somewhere, you move so that you are further from that place.

ADVERB **2** If you are **away** from somewhere, you are not in that place.

*Katherine is **away** from school today.*

awful ADJECTIVE

Something **awful** is very unpleasant or bad.

awkward ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **awkward**, it is difficult to do or use.

ADJECTIVE **2** If people are **awkward**, they move in a clumsy way.

axe **axes** NOUN

An **axe** is a tool with a long handle and a heavy sharp blade at one end. It is used for chopping wood.



axis **axes** NOUN **1** An **axis** is an imaginary line through the centre of something, around which it moves.

NOUN **2** An **axis** is also one of the two sides of a graph. A graph has a horizontal axis and a vertical axis.

Bb

baby babies NOUN

A **baby** is a very young child.



back backs

NOUN **1** The **back** of something is the part opposite the front.

ADVERB **2** If you go **back** to a place, you go somewhere you have been before.

NOUN **3** Your **back** is the part of your body which is behind you, from your neck to the top of your legs.

NOUN **4** The **back** of an animal is the part on top, between its neck and the beginning of its tail.

back to front PHRASE If you have something on **back to front**, you are wearing it the wrong way round.

background backgrounds NOUN

The **background** of a picture is everything behind the main part.

backwards

ADVERB **1** If you move **backwards**, you move with your back facing in the direction you are going.

ADVERB **2** If you do something **backwards**, you do it in the opposite of the usual way. *Let's try counting **backwards** from one hundred.*

bacon NOUN

Bacon is salted meat from a pig.

bacteria PLURAL NOUN

Bacteria are very tiny living things which break down waste. They can cause diseases.

bad **worse, worst**

ADJECTIVE **1** You say somebody is **bad** if they are naughty or wicked.

ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **bad**, it can hurt or upset you in some way.

badge **badges** NOUN

A **badge** is a sign people wear to show they belong to a school or club.

badger **badgers** NOUN

A **badger** is a strongly built animal with short legs and neck. It has long grey fur and a striped head.

badly ADVERB

If something is done **badly**, it is done in a way that is not successful or effective.

bag **bags** NOUN

A **bag** is a soft container for carrying or holding things.

bait NOUN

Bait is food used to trap animals.

bake **bakes, baking, baked** VERB

When you **bake** food, you cook it in an oven.

baker **bakers** NOUN

A **baker** makes and sells bread, cakes and pies.



balance **balances, balancing, balanced** VERB

When you **balance**, you keep steady. *She tried to **balance** on one leg.*

balcony **balconies** NOUN

A **balcony** is a platform on the outside of a building. Balconies have a railing or wall around them.

bald **balder, baldest** ADJECTIVE

People who are **bald** have no hair on the top of their head.

ball **balls** NOUN

Anything round can be called a **ball**. You need a ball for lots of games, like tennis and football.

ballet **ballets** NOUN

A **ballet** is a sort of play where the story is told with dancing and music.

balloon **balloons** NOUN

A **balloon** is a small rubber bag. If you blow hard into it, it gets bigger and makes a very light toy or decoration.

bamboo NOUN

Bamboo is a kind of grass with strong hollow stems which are useful as garden canes or for making furniture.



ban **bans, banning, banned** VERB

If someone is **banned** from doing something, they are told by people in charge that they must not do it.

banana **bananas** NOUN

A **banana** is a long yellow fruit which grows on trees in hot countries.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

band **bands**

NOUN **1** A **band** is a small number of people, like a gang of robbers or a group of musicians.

NOUN **2** A **band** can also be a strip of material such as iron, cloth or rubber.

bandage **bandages** NOUN

A **bandage** is a strip of cloth used to cover a wound.



bang **bangs, banging, banged**

NOUN **1** A **bang** is a sudden loud noise.
VERB **2** If something **bangs**, or you bang it, it makes a loud noise.

bank **banks**
NOUN **1** A **bank** is a business that looks after people's money.
NOUN **2** The **bank** of a river is the ground either side of the water.

banner **banners** NOUN
A **banner** is a long strip of cloth or paper with a message written on it.

bar **bars**
NOUN **1** A **bar** is a long piece of something hard, like metal or wood.
NOUN **2** A **bar** can also be a counter where people can buy drink.

barbecue **barbecues** NOUN
A **barbecue** is a grill on which food is cooked outdoors over hot charcoal.

barber **barbers** NOUN
A **barber** is someone who cuts men's hair.

bar code **bar codes** NOUN
A **bar code** is a pattern of numbers and lines printed on something that is for sale, so that the price can be read by a machine.

bare **barer, barest**
ADJECTIVE **1** If part of your body is **bare**, it is not covered by clothes.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **bare**, it has nothing in it or on it. *It was winter and the trees were **bare**.*

bargain **bargains** NOUN
A **bargain** is something which is sold at a low price, and which you think is good value.

bark **barks, barking, barked**
VERB **1** When a dog **barks**, it makes a sudden rough, loud noise.
NOUN **2** **Bark** is the outside covering of a tree.

barley NOUN
Barley is a cereal that is grown for food and drink.

bar mitzvah NOUN

A Jewish boy's **bar mitzvah** is a ceremony that takes place on his 13th birthday. After this he is regarded as an adult.

barn **barns** NOUN

A **barn** is a large building where a farmer stores hay and other crops.

barrel **barrels** NOUN

A **barrel** is a large wooden, metal or plastic container for holding liquids.



barrier **barriers** NOUN

A **barrier** is something like a fence or wall, that stops people getting past.

base **bases**

NOUN **1** The **base** is the bottom of something.

NOUN **2** Number **bases** are a whole pattern of counting. A base ten counting system uses units, tens and hundreds.

basement **basements** NOUN

The **basement** of a building is a floor below ground level.

basic

ADJECTIVE **1 Basic** is used to describe things like the food and equipment that people really need in their lives.

ADJECTIVE **2 Basic** also means the simplest things you need to know about a subject. *I'm not good at this yet, but I've got the **basic** idea.*

basically ADVERB

basin basins NOUN

A **basin** is a wide round container which is open at the top.

basket baskets NOUN

A **basket** is used for holding or carrying things. It is usually made from strips of thin wood or cane.

basketball NOUN

Basketball is a game between two teams of five players. Each team tries to score by throwing a ball through a circular net fixed to a high board.

bat bats, batting, batted

NOUN **1** In some games, like table tennis, you use a wooden **bat** to hit the ball.

NOUN **2** A **bat** is also a small animal like a mouse with leathery wings. Bats fly at night, and sleep hanging upside down.

VERB **3** If you are **batting**, you are having a turn at hitting the ball with a bat in cricket, baseball or rounders.

bath baths NOUN

A **bath** is a container for water. It is big enough to sit or lie in, so that you can wash yourself all over.

bathroom bathrooms NOUN

The **bathroom** is the room where the bath or shower is.

battery batteries NOUN

A **battery** is an object which stores electric power. There are tiny batteries for things like watches, and larger batteries for torches.

battle battles NOUN

A **battle** is a fight between enemy forces, on land, at sea or in the air.

bawl **bawls, bawling, bawled** VERB

If a child is **bawling**, it is crying very loudly and angrily.

bay **bays** NOUN

A **bay** is a deep curve in a coastline.

be **am, is, are, being, was, were, been**

VERB **1** You use **be** to say what a person or thing is like. *She **is** very young.*

VERB **2** You also use **be** to say that something is there. *There **is** a tree in the garden.*

beach **beaches** NOUN

The **beach** is the land covered with sand or pebbles that is next to the sea.



bead **beads** NOUN

A **bead** is a small piece of glass or plastic with a hole through it. Beads can be threaded together to make a necklace or bracelet.

beak **beaks** NOUN

A **beak** is the hard outside part of a bird’s mouth.



beam **beams, beaming, beamed**

NOUN **1** A **beam** is a long thick bar of wood, metal or concrete, used to support part of a building.

NOUN **2** A **beam** is also a line of light from an object such as a torch or the sun.

VERB **3** If you **beam**, you give a big smile.

bean **beans** NOUN

A **bean** is a vegetable. Its outer covering is called a pod, and inside it has large seeds, also called beans.

*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

bear **bears, bearing, bore**

NOUN **1** A **bear** is a large, strong animal with thick fur and sharp claws.

VERB **2** If you **bear** something, you put up with it. *I can't **bear** all this homework.*

beard **beards** NOUN

A **beard** is the hair which grows on the lower part of a man's face.

beat **beats, beating, beat, beaten**

VERB **1** If you **beat** someone in a race or competition, you do better than they do.

VERB **2** If someone **beats** another person or an animal, they hit them hard.

VERB **3** If you **beat** eggs, you stir them very fast.

VERB **4** Your heart **beats** with a regular rhythm all the time.

beautiful

ADJECTIVE **1** You say something is **beautiful** if it gives you great pleasure to look at it or listen to it.

ADJECTIVE **2** You say someone is **beautiful** if they are lovely to look at.

beaver **beavers** NOUN

A **beaver** is a furry animal which lives in or near water.

because CONJUNCTION

You say **because** when you are going to give a reason for something. *I left the party **because** they were playing silly games.*

become **becomes, becoming, became, become** VERB

To **become** means to start being different in some way. *The smell **became** stronger.*

bed **beds**

NOUN **1** A **bed** is a piece of furniture to lie down on when you rest or sleep.

NOUN **2** The **bed** of the sea or of a river is the ground beneath it.

bedroom **bedrooms** NOUN

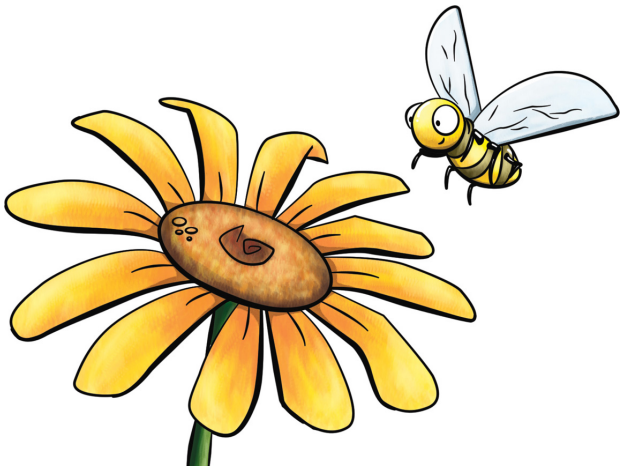
Your **bedroom** is the room where you sleep.

bee **bees** NOUN

A **bee** is a flying insect. People keep bees for the honey that they make.

See **beehive**

*See also **Insects** on page 264*



beech **beeches** NOUN
A **beech** is a large tree.

beef NOUN
Beef is the meat from a cow.

beehive **beehives** NOUN
A **beehive** is a house for bees, where a beekeeper collects the honey.

been VERB
Been is the past participle of **be**. *We have always **been** good friends.*
See **be**

beer **beers** NOUN
Beer is a drink made from grain.

beetle **beetles** NOUN
A **beetle** is an insect with four wings. The front two act as hard covers to the body when the beetle is not flying.
*See **Insects** on page 264*

beetroot **beetroots** NOUN
Beetroot is a dark red root vegetable.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

before

PREPOSITION **1** If something happens **before** something else, it happens earlier. *Can I see you **before** lunch?*

ADVERB **2** If you have done something **before**, it is not the first time.

beg **begs, begging, begged** VERB

If you **beg** someone to do something, you ask them very anxiously to do it. *Krishna **begged** his dad to take him to the football match.*

begin **begins, beginning, began, begun** VERB

When you **begin**, you start. *I **began** school on Thursday.*

beginner **beginners** NOUN

A **beginner** is someone who has just started to learn something.

beginning **beginnings** NOUN

The **beginning** of something is the first part of it.

begun VERB

Begun is the past participle of **begin**.

behave **behaves, behaving, behaved** VERB

The way you **behave** is the way you act.

behaviour NOUN

behind

PREPOSITION **1 Behind** means on the other side of something. *She was **behind** the counter.*

PREPOSITION **2** If you are **behind** someone, you are at the back of them.

beige ADJECTIVE

Something that is **beige** is a pale creamy-brown colour.

*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

believe believes, believing, believed VERB

If you **believe** something or someone, you think what is said is true.

bell bells NOUN

A **bell** is a piece of metal shaped like a cup, which rings when something hits it.

belong belongs, belonging, belonged

VERB **1** If something **belongs** to you, it is your own.

VERB **2** If you **belong** to something, like a club, you are a member of it.

below PREPOSITION

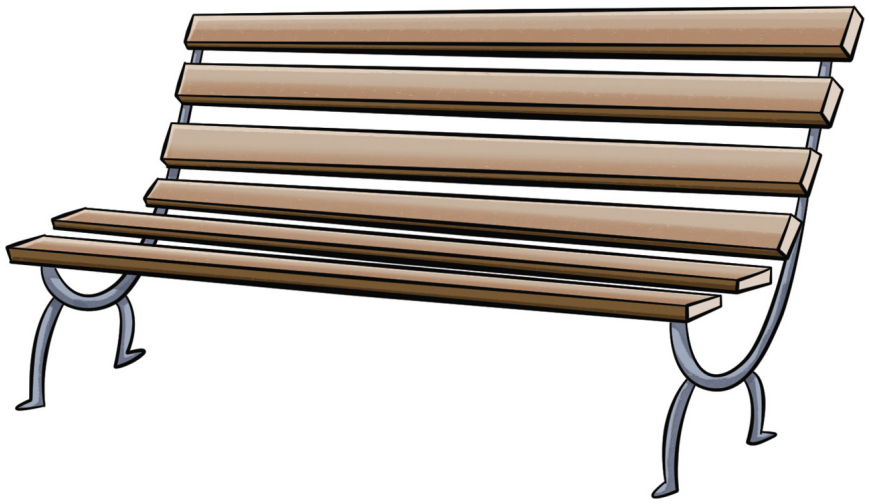
If something is **below** something else, it is underneath it.

belt belts NOUN

A **belt** is a strip of leather or other material that you put round your waist.

bench benches NOUN

A **bench** is a long seat, usually made of wood.



bend **bends, bending, bent** VERB
When something **bends**, it becomes curved or crooked.

beneath PREPOSITION
If something is **beneath** something else, it is below it.

bent ADJECTIVE
If something is **bent**, it has become curved or crooked.
See **bend**

berry **berries** NOUN
A **berry** is a small round soft fruit that grows on a bush or a tree.

beside PREPOSITION
If something is **beside** something else, it is at the side of it.

best ADJECTIVE
Best means the “most good”, or better than anything else. *That’s the **best** programme I’ve seen.*

better

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **better** than something else is of a higher standard or quality. *Your bicycle is **better** than mine.*

ADJECTIVE **2 Better** can also mean more sensible. *It would be **better** to go home.*

ADJECTIVE **3** If you are feeling **better** after an illness, you are not feeling so ill.

between PREPOSITION

If something is **between** two other things, it is in the space or time that separates them. *The toyshop is **between** the bank and the library.*

beware VERB

You tell people to **beware** if there is danger of some kind. ***Beware** of the bull.*

Bible Bibles NOUN

The **Bible** is the sacred book of the Christian religion.

bicycle bicycles NOUN

A **bicycle** is a vehicle with two wheels. You sit on it and turn pedals with your feet to make it go.



big bigger, biggest ADJECTIVE

Something or somebody **big** is large in size or importance.

bike **bikes** NOUN

Bike is an abbreviation of **bicycle**.

bill **bills**

NOUN **1** A **bill** is a piece of paper saying how much money you owe.
*Mum's just had the electricity **bill**.*
NOUN **2** A bird's **bill** is its beak.

bin **bins** NOUN

A **bin** is a container, usually with a lid, for putting rubbish in.

bind **binds, binding, bound** VERB

If you **bind** something, you tie something like string or cloth tightly round it so that it is held in place.

biology NOUN

Biology is the study of living things.

bird **birds** NOUN

A **bird** is an animal with two legs, two wings and feathers.



birth **births** NOUN

The **birth** of a baby is when it comes out of its mother's body.

birthday **birthdays** NOUN

Your **birthday** is a special date that is remembered every year, because it was the day you were born.

biscuit **biscuits** NOUN

A **biscuit** is a small, flat, crisp kind of cake.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*



bit **bits**

NOUN **1** A **bit** of something is a small piece of it.

NOUN **2** A **bit** is a piece of metal that goes in a horse’s mouth.

VERB **3 Bit** is also the past tense of **bite**.

bite **bites, biting, bit, bitten** VERB

If you **bite** something, you use your teeth to hold, cut or tear it.

bitter

ADJECTIVE **1** If something has a **bitter** taste, it tastes sharp and unpleasant.
ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **bitter** feels angry and disappointed.

black **blacker, blackest** ADJECTIVE

If the colour of something is **black**, it is the colour of these letters.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*



blackberry **blackberries** NOUN

Blackberries are small, soft, dark purple fruits that grow on brambles.

blackbird **blackbirds** NOUN

A **blackbird** is a European songbird.

blackboard **blackboards** NOUN

A **blackboard** is a dark board that people can write on in chalk.

blackcurrant **blackcurrants** NOUN

Blackcurrants are very small, dark purple fruits.

blade **blades**

NOUN **1** A **blade** is the sharp edge of a knife or sword.
NOUN **2** A single piece of grass is a **blade**.

blame **blames, blaming, blamed** VERB

If somebody **blames** a person for something bad that happened, they say that person made it happen.

blank **blanker, blankest** ADJECTIVE

If something is **blank**, it has nothing written or drawn on it.

blanket **blankets** NOUN

A **blanket** is a large warm cloth, often used to cover people in bed.



blaze **blazes** NOUN

A **blaze** is a strong bright fire.

blazer **blazers** NOUN

A **blazer** is a kind of jacket, often in the colours of a school or sports team.

bleed **bleeds, bleeding, bled** VERB

If part of your body **bleeds**, blood comes out of it.

blend **blends, blending, blended** VERB

When you **blend** two or more things together, they become a smooth mixture.

blew VERB

Blew is the past tense of **blow**.

blind **blinds**

NOUN **1** A **blind** is rolled material that you pull down to cover a window.

ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **blind** cannot see.
blindness NOUN

blindfold **blindfolds** NOUN
A **blindfold** is a strip of cloth tied over someone's eyes so that they cannot see.

blink **blinks, blinking, blinked** VERB
When you **blink**, you shut your eyes and open them again quickly.

blister **blisters** NOUN
A **blister** is a small bubble on your skin, containing watery liquid. Blisters are caused by a burn or rubbing.

blizzard **blizzards** NOUN
A **blizzard** is a bad snowstorm with strong winds.

block **blocks, blocking, blocked**
NOUN **1** A **block** of flats or offices is a large tall building.
NOUN **2** A **block** of something like stone or wood is a large rectangular piece of it.
VERB **3** To **block** means to get in the way.

blog **blogs** NOUN
A **blog** is a website that describes the daily life of the person who writes it.

blonde or **blond** ADJECTIVE
Blonde hair is pale yellow in colour. The spelling **blond** is used when referring to men.

blood NOUN
Blood is the red liquid that your heart pumps round inside your body.

bloom **blooms, blooming, bloomed** VERB
When a plant **blooms**, its flowers open.

blossom NOUN
Blossom is the flowers that appear on a tree or bush.



blot **blots** NOUN
A **blot** is a mark made by a drop of liquid, especially ink.

blouse **blouses** NOUN
A **blouse** is a kind of shirt worn by a girl or a woman.

blow **blows, blowing, blew, blown**
VERB **1** When the wind **blows**, the air moves faster.
VERB **2** If you **blow**, you send out a stream of air from your mouth.
NOUN **3** A **blow** is a hard hit.

blue **bluer, bluest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **blue** is the colour of the sky on a sunny day.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

bluebell **bluebells** NOUN
A **bluebell** is a flower that often grows wild in woods in Europe.

blunt **blunter, bluntest**
ADJECTIVE **1** A **blunt** knife is not sharp.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **blunt** has a rounded, rather than pointed, end.
*My pencil's **blunt**.*

blur **blurs** NOUN

A **blur** is a shape that you cannot see clearly.
*The car went past so fast it was just a **blur**.*
blurred ADJECTIVE **blurry** ADJECTIVE

blush **blushes, blushing, blushed** VERB
When you **blush** you become red in the face, usually because you are embarrassed.

board **boards** NOUN
A **board** is a flat, thin piece of wood.

boast **boasts, boasting, boasted** VERB
If you **boast**, you talk too proudly about something.

boat **boats** NOUN
A **boat** is a small vessel for travelling on water.
See **ship**

body **bodies**
NOUN **1** Your **body** is every part of you. Some animals, like elephants, have very large bodies.
*See **The body** on page 256*
NOUN **2** You can say **body** when you mean just the main part of a person, not counting head, arms and legs.
NOUN **3** A **body** is a dead person.

bog **bogs** NOUN
A **bog** is an area of land that is always wet and spongy.

boil **boils, boiling, boiled**
VERB **1** When liquid **boils** it gets very hot. It bubbles and steam rises from it.
VERB **2** If you **boil** food, you cook it in boiling water.



NOUN **3** A **boil** is a painful red swelling on the skin.

bold **bolder, boldest**

ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **bold** is not afraid of risk or danger.
ADJECTIVE **2** Letters that are in **bold** type are thicker than ordinary printed letters.

bolt **bolts, bolting, bolted**

NOUN **1** A **bolt** is a long round metal pin with a flat end. It screws into a nut to fasten things.
NOUN **2** A **bolt** is a metal bar that you can slide across to keep a door shut.
VERB **3** If you **bolt** a door or window, you lock it with a bolt.
VERB **4** When a person or animal **bolts**, they suddenly run very fast.

bomb **bombs** NOUN

A **bomb** is a weapon which explodes and damages a large area.

bone **bones** NOUN

Your **bones** are the hard parts inside your body which make up your skeleton.

bonfire **bonfires** NOUN

A **bonfire** is a fire lit outdoors, usually to burn garden rubbish.

bonnet **bonnets**

NOUN **1** A **bonnet** is the metal cover over a car's engine.
NOUN **2** A **bonnet** is also a baby's or woman's hat tied under the chin.

book **books, booking, booked**

NOUN **1** A **book** is a number of pages held together inside a cover.

VERB **2** If you **book** something, you ask someone to keep it for you. *We **booked** seats at the cinema.*

boot **boots**

NOUN **1** **Boots** are strong shoes that cover your ankle and sometimes your calf.

NOUN **2** The **boot** of a car is a space for luggage.

border **borders**

NOUN **1** A **border** is the line dividing two countries.

NOUN **2** A **border** is a strip along the edge of something, usually as a decoration.

bore **bores, boring, bored**

VERB **1** If somebody **bores** you, you do not find them interesting.

VERB **2** If you **bore** a hole in something, you make a hole with a drill.

VERB **3** **Bore** is the past tense of **bear**.

bored ADJECTIVE

When you are **bored**, you feel tired and impatient because you have nothing interesting to do.

boredom NOUN

boring ADJECTIVE

Something **boring** is so dull that you have no interest in it.

born VERB

When a baby is **born**, it comes out of its mother's body.

borrow **borrows, borrowing, borrowed** VERB

When you **borrow** something, someone lets you have it for a while but they expect you to give it back later.

boss **bosses** NOUN

Someone's **boss** is the head of the place where they work.

bossy ADJECTIVE

A **bossy** person likes to tell others what to do.

both ADJECTIVE OR PRONOUN

You use **both** when you are talking about two things or people. *He put **both** books in the drawer.*



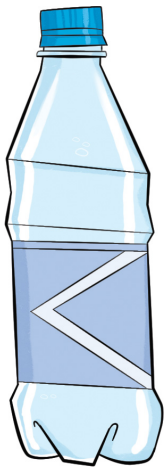
bother **bothers, bothering, bothered**

VERB **1** If something **bothers** you, it annoys you or makes you feel worried.

VERB **2** If you **bother** about something, you care about it and take trouble over it.

bottle **bottles** NOUN

A **bottle** is a container for keeping liquids in. Bottles are usually made of glass or plastic.



bottom **bottoms**

NOUN **1** The **bottom** of something is the lowest part of it.
NOUN **2** Your **bottom** is the part of your body that you sit on.

bought VERB
Bought is the past tense of **buy**.

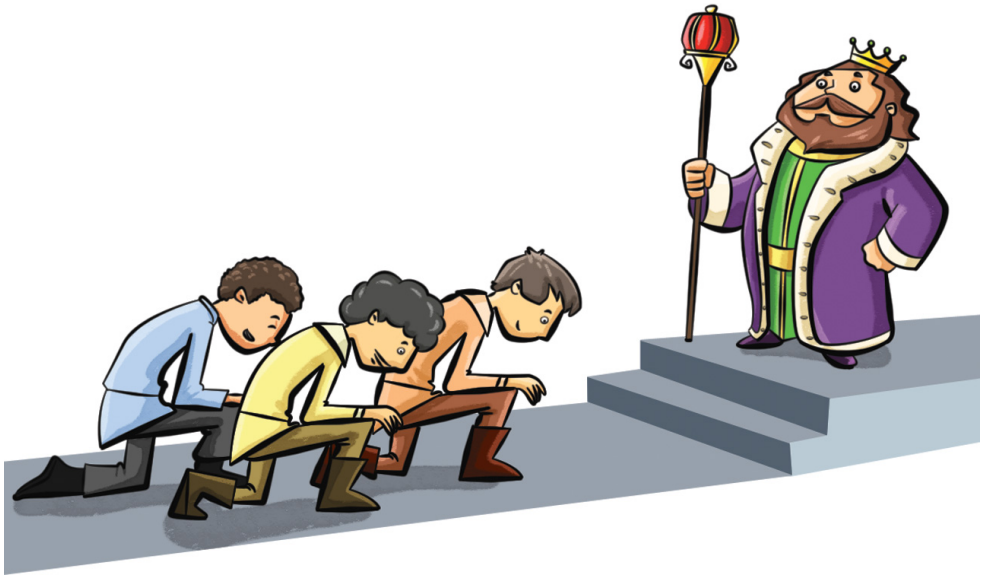
boulder **boulders** NOUN
A **boulder** is a big rounded rock.

bounce **bounces, bouncing, bounced** VERB
When something **bounces**, it springs back in the opposite direction as soon as it hits something hard.

bound **bounds, bounding, bounded**
VERB **1** When animals or people **bound**, they move quickly with large leaps.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **bound to** happen, it is sure to happen.

boundary **boundaries** NOUN
The **boundary** of an area of land is its outer limit.

bow **bows, bowing, bowed**
(*rhymes with* **low**) NOUN **1** A **bow** is a kind of knot with two loops used to tie laces and ribbons.
NOUN **2** A **bow** is also a weapon used for shooting arrows.
NOUN **3** The **bow** for a stringed musical instrument is a long piece of wood with horsehair stretched along it.
(*rhymes with* **now**) VERB **4** When you **bow**, you bend your body forward.



bowl **bowls** NOUN

A **bowl** is an open container used for holding liquid or serving food.

box **boxes** NOUN

A **box** is a container with straight sides, made from something stiff, like cardboard, wood or plastic.

boy **boys** NOUN

A **boy** is a male child.

bracelet **bracelets** NOUN

A **bracelet** is a band or chain which is worn round the wrist or arm as an ornament.

bracket **brackets** NOUN

Brackets are a pair of written marks **( )** placed round words that are not part of the main text.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

Braille NOUN

Braille is a form of writing using raised dots that blind people can read by touching the dots with their fingers.



brain **brains** NOUN

Your **brain** is inside your head and controls your whole body. It lets you think, feel and remember.

brainy **brainier, brainiest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **brainy** is clever and good at learning things.

brake **brakes** NOUN

The **brake** is the part of a vehicle that slows it down or stops it.

bramble **brambles** NOUN

A **bramble** is a wild bush with thorns.
The fruit are called blackberries.

branch **branches** NOUN

A **branch** is part of a tree that grows out from the trunk.

brass NOUN

Brass is a yellow metal made from copper and zinc. It is used for making things like ornaments and some musical instruments.

brave **braver, bravest** ADJECTIVE
If you are **brave**, you show you can do something even if it is frightening.
bravely ADVERB **bravery** NOUN

bread NOUN
Bread is a very common food, made with flour and baked in an oven.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*

breadth NOUN
The **breadth** of something is the distance that it measures from one side to the other.

break **breaks, breaking, broke, broken**
VERB **1** If you **break** something, it splits into pieces or stops working.
VERB **2** If you **break** a rule or a promise, you fail to keep it.

breakdown **breakdowns** NOUN
If someone's car has a **breakdown**, it stops working during a journey.

breakfast **breakfasts** NOUN
Breakfast is the first meal of the day.

breast **breasts** NOUN
Breasts are the two round parts on the front of a woman's body, which can produce milk to feed a baby.

breath NOUN
Your **breath** is the air that you take into and let out of your lungs.

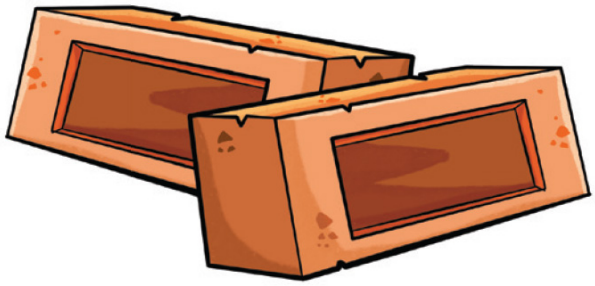
breathe **breathes, breathing, breathed** VERB
When you **breathe**, you take air into your lungs through your nose or mouth, and then let it out again.

breed **breeds** NOUN
A **breed** of an animal is a particular kind. For example, a labrador is a breed of dog.

breeze **breezes** NOUN
A **breeze** is a gentle wind.

brick **bricks** NOUN

A **brick** is a block used for building. It is made of baked clay.

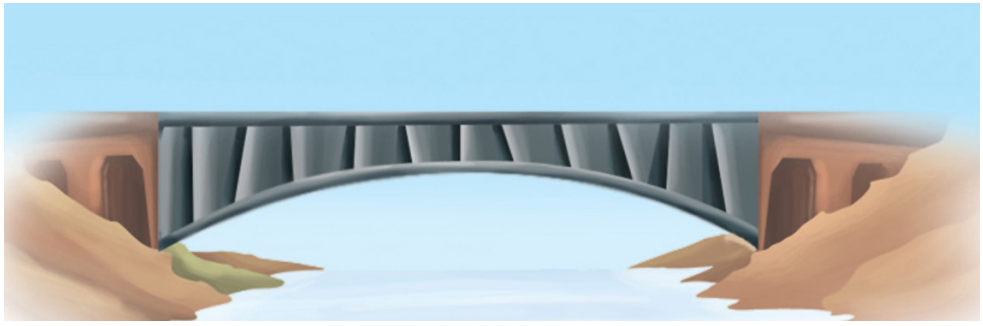


bride **brides** NOUN

A **bride** is a woman on or near her wedding day.

bridge **bridges** NOUN

A **bridge** is something built over things like rivers, railways or roads, so that people or vehicles can get across.



brief **briefer, briefest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **brief** lasts only a short time.

briefly ADVERB

briefcase **briefcases** NOUN

A **briefcase** is a flat case used for carrying papers.

bright **brighter, brightest**

ADJECTIVE **1** **Bright** colours are clear and easy to see.

ADJECTIVE **2** A light that is **bright** shines strongly.

ADJECTIVE **3** Someone who is **bright** is quick at learning or noticing things.

brilliant

ADJECTIVE **1** A **brilliant** colour or light is extremely bright.

ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **brilliant** is extremely clever or skilful.

brim **brims**

NOUN **1** If you fill a cup to the **brim**, you fill it right up to the top.

NOUN **2** The **brim** of a hat is the part that sticks outwards from the head.

bring **brings, bringing, brought**

VERB **1** If you **bring** someone on a visit, they come with you.

VERB **2** If you **bring** something, you have it with you when you arrive.

bristle **bristles** NOUN

The **bristles** of a brush are the thick hairs or thin pieces of plastic which are fixed to the main part of it.

brittle ADJECTIVE

If something is **brittle**, it is hard but easily broken.

broad **broader, broadest** ADJECTIVE

Something such as a road or river that is **broad** is very wide.

broadcast **broadcasts** NOUN

A **broadcast** is a programme or announcement on radio or television.

broke VERB

Broke is the past tense of **break**.

broken VERB

Broken is the past participle of **break**.

brooch **brooches** NOUN

A **brooch** is a small piece of jewellery which is worn pinned to a dress, blouse or coat.

broom **brooms** NOUN

A **broom** is a kind of brush with a long handle.

brother **brothers** NOUN

Someone's **brother** is a boy or man who has the same parents as they have.

brought VERB
Brought is the past tense of **bring**.

brown **browner, brownest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **brown** is the colour of earth or of wood.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

bruise **bruises** NOUN
A **bruise** is a purple mark on your skin where something has hit it.

brush **brushes** NOUN
A **brush** is a lot of bristles fixed to a handle. Different brushes are used for jobs like cleaning your teeth or painting.

bubble **bubbles** NOUN
A **bubble** is a ball of air or gas. You can make bubbles with soapy water. Fizzy lemonade has bubbles, too.

bucket **buckets** NOUN
A **bucket** is a container with a handle, often used for carrying water.

buckle **buckles** NOUN
A **buckle** is a fastening on the end of a belt or strap.

bud **buds** NOUN
A **bud** is a small lump on a plant which will open into a leaf or flower.

Buddhist **Buddhists** NOUN
A **Buddhist** is someone who follows the teachings of Buddha.



budgerigar **budgerigars** NOUN

Budgerigars are small brightly-coloured birds, often kept as pets.

buffalo **buffaloes** NOUN

A **buffalo** is an animal like a large cow with long curved horns.

bug **bugs**

NOUN **1** A **bug** is an insect.

NOUN **2** A **bug** is also an illness, such as a flu bug or a stomach bug.

build **builds, building, built** VERB

If you **build** something, you make it by joining things together.

builder **builders** NOUN

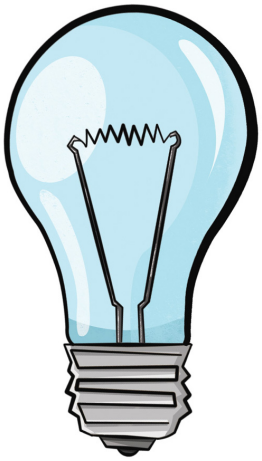
A **builder** is a person whose job is to build houses and other buildings.

building **buildings** NOUN

A **building** is a place like a house that has walls and a roof.

bulb **bulbs**

NOUN **1** A **bulb** is the glass part of a lamp that gives out light.



NOUN **2** A **bulb** is also a root shaped like an onion. Many spring flowers such as daffodils and tulips grow from bulbs.

bulge **bulges, bulging, bulged** VERB
If something **bulges**, it sticks out in a lump.
*His pockets **bulged** with conkers.*

bull **bulls** NOUN
A **bull** is a male cow, elephant or whale.

bulldozer **bulldozers** NOUN
A **bulldozer** is a tractor with a steel blade on the front. It is used for moving large amounts of earth or stone.

bullet **bullets**
NOUN **1** A **bullet** is a small piece of metal fired from a gun.
NOUN **2** A **bullet point** is a heavy dot used to draw attention to a piece of text.

bully **bullies** NOUN
A **bully** is someone who hurts or frightens other people.

bump **bumps, bumping, bumped**
VERB **1** If you **bump** into something, you hit it while you are moving.
NOUN **2** If you hear a **bump**, it sounds like something falling to the ground.
NOUN **3** A **bump** is a raised uneven part on a surface such as a road.

bumper **bumpers** NOUN

Bumpers are bars on the front and back of a vehicle that protect it if there is an accident.

bun **buns** NOUN

A **bun** is a small round cake.

bunch **bunches** NOUN

A **bunch** is a group of things together, like flowers or grapes.

*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

bundle **bundles** NOUN

A **bundle** is a number of small things that have been tied together.

bungalow **bungalows** NOUN

A **bungalow** is a house with all its rooms on one floor.

burger **burgers** NOUN

A **burger** is a flat piece of minced meat. It is often eaten in a bread roll.

burglar **burglars** NOUN

A **burglar** is someone who breaks into buildings to steal things.

burn **burns, burning, burned** or **burnt**

VERB **1** If something is **burning**, it is being spoiled or destroyed by fire.

VERB **2** People often **burn** fuel, such as coal, to keep warm.

NOUN **3** A **burn** is an injury caused by heat or fire.

burrow **burrows** NOUN

A **burrow** is a hole in the ground that an animal lives in.



burst **bursts, bursting, burst** VERB
When something like a balloon or tyre **bursts**, it splits open suddenly.

bury **buries, burying, buried** VERB
If you **bury** something, you put it in a hole in the ground and cover it.

bus **buses** NOUN
A **bus** is a large motor vehicle. People pay to go on buses.

bush **bushes** NOUN
A **bush** is a large woody plant with lots of branches. It is smaller than a tree.

business **businesses**
NOUN **1** **Business** is the work of making, buying and selling things or services.
NOUN **2** A **business** is a group of people who make and sell things.

bus stop **bus stops** NOUN
A **bus stop** is a place where people can get on or off buses.

busy **busier, busiest**
ADJECTIVE **1** When you are **busy**, you are working hard on something.
ADJECTIVE **2** A place that is **busy** is full of people doing things or moving about.

but CONJUNCTION

You use **but** to join two parts of a sentence when the second part is unexpected. *Megan likes most green vegetables, **but** she won't eat broccoli.*

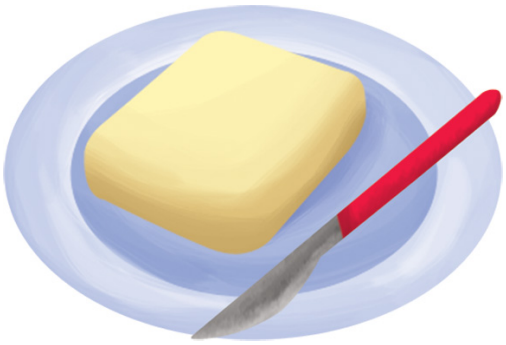
butcher **butchers** NOUN

A **butcher** is a shopkeeper who cuts up meat and sells it.

butter NOUN

Butter is a yellow fat made from cream. You spread it on bread or use it for cooking.

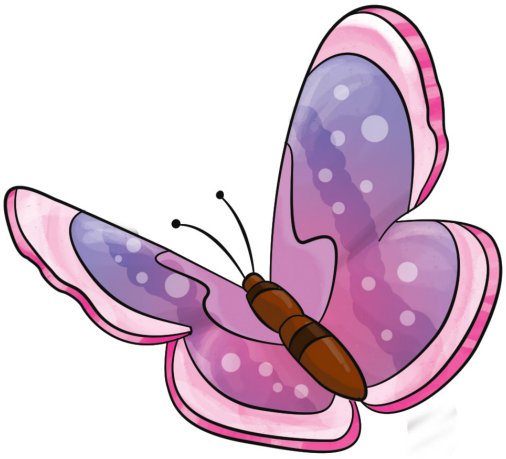
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butterfly **butterflies** NOUN

A **butterfly** is an insect with four large wings which flies during the day.

*See **Insects** on page 264*



button **buttons**

NOUN **1** A **button** is a small disc used to fasten clothes.

NOUN **2** A **button** is also a part of a machine that you press to make it work.

buy **buys, buying, bought** VERB
When you **buy** something, you get it by paying money for it.

buzz **buzzes, buzzing, buzzed** VERB
If something **buzzes**, it makes a “zzz” sound like a bee.

by

PREPOSITION **1** You use **by** to show who or what has done something. *The announcement was made **by** the head teacher.*

PREPOSITION **2** You use **by** to show how something is done. *He cheered us up **by** taking us to the cinema.*

PREPOSITION **3** You use **by** to talk about being next to or near to another thing. *They live **by** the park.*

PREPOSITION **4** If something happens **by** a particular time, it happens before that time. *We should finish **by** tea time.*

PREPOSITION OR ADVERB **5** You use **by** to talk about going past something. *We drove **by** her house.*

Cc

cab **cabs** NOUN **1** The **cab** is the place where the driver sits in a bus, truck or train.
NOUN **2** A **cab** is another word for a taxi.

cabbage **cabbages** NOUN
A **cabbage** is a vegetable that looks like a large ball of leaves.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

cabin **cabins** NOUN **1** A **cabin** is a room in a ship, boat or aeroplane for passengers or crew.
NOUN **2** A **cabin** is also a small house in a wild place such as a forest.

cable **cables** NOUN **1** A **cable** is a thick rope or chain.
NOUN **2** A **cable** is also a bundle of wires with a rubber covering, which carries electricity.
NOUN **3** **Cable television** is a system in which the signals are sent along wires.

cactus **cactuses** or **cacti** NOUN
A **cactus** is a plant with spines. It can grow in hot, dry places like deserts.

café **cafés** NOUN
A **café** is a place with tables and chairs where you buy drinks and snacks.

cage **cages** NOUN
A **cage** is a box or room with bars in which birds or animals are kept.

cake **cakes** NOUN
A **cake** is a sweet food made with flour, sugar, fat and eggs, and baked in an oven.
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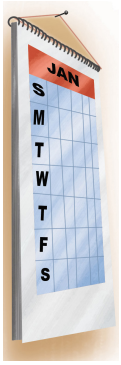


calculate **calculates, calculating, calculated** VERB
If you **calculate** something in maths, you work it out.

calculation **calculations** NOUN
A **calculation** is something you work out in maths.

calculator **calculators** NOUN
A **calculator** is a small electronic machine which you can use to give you the answer to different calculations.

calendar **calendars** NOUN
A **calendar** is a list of the months, weeks and days in a year.



calf **calves** NOUN **1 Calves** are young cows, elephants and whales.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*
NOUN **2** Your **calf** is the part at the back of your leg between the knee and ankle.

call **calls, calling, called** VERB **1** If you **call** someone, you shout for them, or telephone them.
VERB **2** If you **call** someone something, you give them a name.
VERB **3** If an animal or thing is **called** something, that is their name.

calm **calmer, calmest** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **calm**, you do not seem worried or excited.
ADJECTIVE **2** If the sea is **calm**, it is smooth and still because there is no wind.

came VERB
Came is the past tense of **come**.

camel **camels** NOUN
A **camel** is a large animal which carries people and things in the desert.

camera **cameras** NOUN
A **camera** is a piece of equipment you use to take pictures.

camouflage **camouflages, camouflaging, camouflaged** VERB
To **camouflage** something is to hide it by giving it the same colour or appearance as its surroundings.

camp **camps** NOUN
A **camp** is a place where people stay in tents.

can **could; cans** VERB **1** If you **can** do something, you are able to do it. *I **can** swim.*
NOUN **2** A **can** is a metal container for something like food, drink or paint.

canal **canals** NOUN
A **canal** is a narrow stretch of water made for boats to travel along.



cancel **cancels, cancelling, cancelled** VERB
If you **cancel** something that has been planned, you stop it from happening.

candle **candles** NOUN
A **candle** is a wax stick with a string called a wick inside. You light the wick and it burns to give light.

cane **canes** NOUN **1** A **cane** is the long hollow stem of a plant such as bamboo.
NOUN **2** A **cane** is a tall narrow stick used to support things.

cannot VERB
Cannot is the same as **can not**.

canoe **canoes** NOUN
A **canoe** is a small light boat, moved with a paddle.

can't VERB
Can't is a contraction of **cannot**.

canvas NOUN
Canvas is strong cloth, used for making things like tents and sails.

canyon **canyons** NOUN
A **canyon** is a narrow valley with very steep sides, often with a river.

cap **caps** NOUN **1** A **cap** is a soft flat hat with a peak at the front.
NOUN **2** A **cap** is also a small flat lid on a bottle or container.

capable ADJECTIVE

If a person is **capable** of doing something, they are able to do it. *He's **capable** of doing better.*

capacity **capacities** NOUN

The **capacity** of something is the largest amount it can hold, produce or carry.

*The **capacity** of this jug is one litre.*

capital **capitals** NOUN **1** The **capital** is the main city in a country. *Paris is the **capital** of France.*

NOUN **2** A **capital** is a big letter of the alphabet, such as A, B and C. Capital letters are also called upper-case letters.

See **lower-case**

*See also **Punctuation** on page 270*

captain **captains** NOUN **1** A **captain** is the person in charge of a ship or an aeroplane.

NOUN **2** A **captain** is the person who leads a team in sports like football.

caption **captions** NOUN

A **caption** is the words printed underneath a picture which explain what the picture is about.

capture **captures, capturing, captured** VERB

If you **capture** somebody, you take them prisoner.

car **cars** NOUN

A **car** is a road vehicle with wheels and an engine. It needs a driver and has room for passengers.



caravan **caravans** NOUN

A **caravan** is a vehicle pulled by a car in which people live or spend their holidays.

carbon NOUN

Carbon is a chemical found in coal and diamonds. All living things contain carbon.

carbon footprint **carbon footprints** NOUN

Your **carbon footprint** is the amount of pollution released into the atmosphere by the things you do.

card **cards** NOUN **1** **Card** is strong, stiff paper.

NOUN **2** A greetings **card** usually has a picture on the front and is sent to people on special days such as birthdays.

NOUN **3** Playing **cards** are small pieces of card with numbers or pictures on them. They are used for card games.

cardboard NOUN

Cardboard is thick, stiff paper.

cardigan **cardigans** NOUN

A **cardigan** is a knitted jacket. You fasten it at the front with buttons.

care **cares, caring, cared** VERB **1** If you **care** about something or someone, you think they are important.

VERB **2** If you **care** for a person or animal, you look after them.

NOUN **3** If you do something with **care**, you take trouble over it.

career **careers** NOUN

Someone's **career** is the work they do, which they hope to do for a long time. *John wants a **career** in teaching.*

careful ADJECTIVE

If someone is **careful**, they try to do things safely and well.

careless ADJECTIVE

If you are **careless**, you do not pay attention to what you are doing.

caretaker **caretakers** NOUN

A **caretaker** is a person who looks after a large building such as a school.

cargo **cargoes** NOUN

Cargo is the goods carried on a ship or plane.

carnival **carnivals** NOUN

A **carnival** is a sort of party in the streets.
There is usually music and dancing, and people dress up and decorate cars and trucks.

carpenter **carpenters** NOUN

A **carpenter** is a person who works with wood, usually for furniture.

carpet **carpets** NOUN

A **carpet** is a thick covering for a floor, often made of wool.

carriage **carriages** NOUN **1** A **carriage** is one of the vehicles that make up a passenger train.
NOUN **2** A **carriage** is also a vehicle with wheels, pulled by horses.

carrot **carrots** NOUN

A **carrot** is a long thin orange vegetable that grows under the ground.
See Vegetables on page 260



carry **carries, carrying, carried** VERB

When you **carry** something, you pick it up and take it with you.

cart **carts** NOUN

A **cart** is a heavy wooden vehicle pulled by horses or cattle on farms.

carton **cartons** NOUN

A **carton** is a strong cardboard or plastic box for holding food or drink.



cartoon **cartoons** NOUN **1** A **cartoon** is a film where the characters are drawn instead of being real people.
NOUN **2** A **cartoon** is also a funny drawing in a magazine, newspaper or book.

cartwheel **cartwheels** NOUN
A **cartwheel** is a movement. You put your hands on the floor and move your legs round in a circle until you land on your feet again.

carve **carves, carving, carved** VERB **1** If you **carve** an object, you cut it out of something like stone or wood.
VERB **2** If someone **carves** a piece of meat, they cut slices from it.

case **cases** NOUN
A **case** is a box for keeping or carrying things in.

cash NOUN
Cash is coins and paper money.

cast **casts, casting, cast** NOUN **1** The **cast** of a play or film is all the people who act in it.
NOUN **2** A **cast** is an object made by pouring liquid plaster or metal into a container and leaving it to harden.
VERB **3** If something **casts** a shadow onto a place, it makes a shadow fall there.
VERB **4** If someone like a witch **casts** a spell on someone or something, they do magic that affects that person or thing.

castle **castles** NOUN
A **castle** is a large building with thick walls or ditches round it to protect it from attack.

cat **cats** NOUN

A **cat** is a small furry animal, often kept as a pet. There are also larger, wild cats, such as lions and tigers.

catalogue **catalogues** NOUN

A **catalogue** is a list of things for sale or for looking at.

catch **catches, catching, caught** VERB **1** If you **catch** something, you take hold of it while it is moving.

VERB **2** If you **catch** a bus or train, you get on it to go somewhere.

VERB **3** If you **catch** something like measles, you get that illness.

catching ADJECTIVE

An illness that is **catching** can spread very quickly.

category **categories** NOUN

A **category** is a set of things with a particular feature or quality in common.

caterpillar **caterpillars** NOUN

A **caterpillar** is a very small animal like a worm with legs, that will change into a butterfly or moth.

cathedral **cathedrals** NOUN

A **cathedral** is a large, important church.



cattle NOUN

Bulls and cows are called **cattle**.

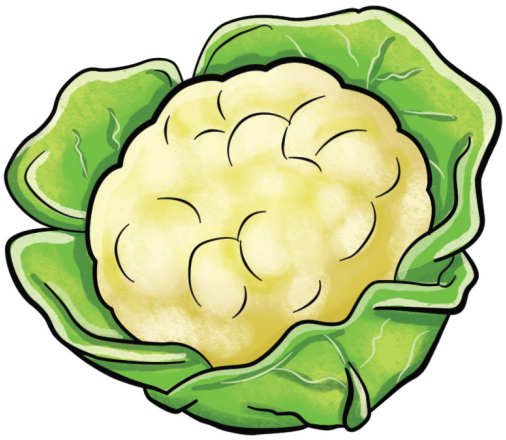
caught VERB

Caught is the past tense of **catch**.

cauliflower **cauliflowers** NOUN

A **cauliflower** is a round white vegetable with green leaves on the outside.

*See **Vegetables** on page 260*



cause **causes, causing, caused** VERB
To **cause** something means to make it happen.

cautious ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **cautious** acts carefully to avoid possible danger.

cave **caves** NOUN
A **cave** is a large hole in the side of a hill or cliff, or under the ground.

CD **CDs** NOUN
CD is an abbreviation of **compact disc**.

CD-ROM **CD-ROMs** NOUN
CD-ROM is an abbreviation of **compact disc read-only memory**. It is a disc which can be played on a computer to show sounds and pictures.

ceiling **ceilings** NOUN
The **ceiling** is the inside roof of a room.

celebrate **celebrates, celebrating, celebrated** VERB
If you **celebrate** something, you do something enjoyable like having a party, to show it is a special occasion.

celebrity **celebrities** NOUN
A **celebrity** is a famous person.

celery NOUN
Celery is a vegetable with long, pale green stalks.
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cell **cells** NOUN **1** Animals and plants are made from tiny parts called **cells**.
NOUN **2** A **cell** is also a small room where a prisoner lives.

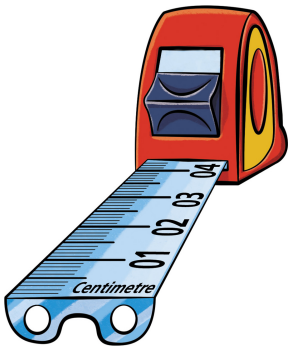
cellar **cellars** NOUN
A **cellar** is a room under a house where you can store things.

cement NOUN
Cement is a grey powder which is mixed with sand and water and used to make bricks stick together.

cemetery **cemeteries** NOUN
A **cemetery** is a place where dead people are buried.



centimetre **centimetres** NOUN
A **centimetre** (cm) is a measure of length. It is the same as 10 millimetres.



centipede **centipedes** NOUN
A **centipede** is a tiny animal like a worm, but with lots of legs.

central ADJECTIVE

Something that is **central** is in the middle of an object or an area.

centre **centres** NOUN **1** The **centre** of anything is the middle of it.
NOUN **2** A **centre** is a place where people can go for a particular purpose, for example sports.

century **centuries** NOUN
A **century** is a period of 100 years. The 21st century is the time between 2000 and 2099.

cereal **cereals** NOUN **1** **Cereal** is a plant which has seeds called grain that can be used for food.
NOUN **2** **Cereal** is also a food made from grain that is often eaten for breakfast.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*

ceremony **ceremonies** NOUN
A **ceremony** is a set of formal actions performed at a special occasion such as a wedding.

certain ADJECTIVE
If you are **certain** of something, you are sure it is true.

certificate **certificates** NOUN
A **certificate** is a piece of paper which says that something important like a birth or marriage took place.

chain **chains** NOUN
A **chain** is made from rings of metal joined together in a line.

chair **chairs** NOUN
A **chair** is a seat with a back, for one person.

chalk NOUN
Chalk is a soft white rock. It can be made into sticks for writing on blackboards.

challenge **challenges, challenging, challenged** NOUN **1** A **challenge** is something new and exciting that needs a lot of effort. *Learning how to cook is a new **challenge** for me.*

VERB **2** If someone **challenges** you, they ask you to have a competition with them.

champion **champions** NOUN
A **champion** is a person who has beaten everyone else in a contest.

chance **chances** NOUN **1** If there is a **chance** that something will happen, it might happen.
NOUN **2** If you are given a **chance** to do something, you are allowed to do it if you want to.
by chance PHRASE If something happens **by chance**, it has not been planned.

change **changes, changing, changed** VERB **1** When something **changes**, it becomes different.
VERB **2** When you **change** your clothes, you put on different ones.
NOUN **3** If there is a **change** in something, it is different in some way.
NOUN **4** **Change** is the money you are given when you pay more than the right amount for something.



channel **channels** NOUN **1** A **channel** is a passage for water or other liquid.

NOUN **2** Television companies use **channels** to broadcast programmes.

chaos NOUN
Chaos is a state of complete confusion, where nothing is organized.

chapter **chapters** NOUN
A **chapter** is a part of a book.

character **characters** NOUN **1** The **characters** of a book, film or play are the people it is about.
NOUN **2** Someone's **character** is the sort of person they are. *She has a kind **character**.*

charge **charges, charging, charged** VERB **1** If someone **charges** you money, they ask you to pay for something.
VERB **2** If something or someone **charges** towards you, they rush forward.
in charge PHRASE If you are **in charge** of something, you are the person looking after it.

charity **charities** NOUN
A **charity** is an organization which raises money for a particular cause, such as people in need.

charm **charms** NOUN **1** A **charm** is a small ornament that is fixed to a bracelet or necklace.
NOUN **2** A **charm** is also a magical spell or an object that is supposed to bring good luck.

chart **charts** NOUN **1** A **chart** is a sheet of paper that shows things like dates or numbers.
NOUN **2** A **chart** can also be a map of the sea or of the stars.

chase **chases, chasing, chased** VERB
If you **chase** someone, you run after them to try and catch them.

chat **chats** NOUN
A **chat** is a friendly talk about things that are not very important.

chatroom **chatrooms** NOUN

A **chatroom** is a site on a computer network where people discuss a particular subject.

chatter **chatters, chattering, chattered** VERB
When people **chatter**, they talk about unimportant things.

cheap **cheaper, cheapest** ADJECTIVE
Something **cheap** costs very little, or less than you might expect.

cheat **cheats, cheating, cheated** VERB
When someone **cheats**, they lie or do unfair things to get what they want.

check **checks, checking, checked** VERB **1** If you **check** something, you make sure it is correct or safe.
NOUN **2** A **check** is a pattern of squares.

checkout **checkouts** NOUN
A **checkout** is the place in a supermarket where you pay.

cheek **cheeks** NOUN
Your **cheeks** are the sides of your face below your eyes.

cheeky **cheekier, cheekiest** ADJECTIVE
Cheeky speech or behaviour is rude and disrespectful.

cheer **cheers, cheering, cheered** VERB
When you **cheer**, you shout to show you are pleased about something or to encourage a person or team.

cheerful ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **cheerful** shows they are feeling happy.

cheese **cheeses** NOUN
Cheese is a food made from milk. Some cheeses have a strong flavour.
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cheetah **cheetahs** NOUN
A **cheetah** is a large wild animal of the cat family, with black spots.

chef **chefs** NOUN
A **chef** is the head cook in a restaurant or hotel.

chemist **chemists** NOUN **1** A **chemist** is a person who makes up medicine.
NOUN **2** The **chemist** is a shop where you can buy medicine and things like soap and toothpaste.
NOUN **3** A **chemist** can be a scientist trained in chemistry.

chemistry NOUN
Chemistry is the scientific study of how substances are made up and how they work together.

cheque **cheques** NOUN
A **cheque** is a piece of paper that people use to pay for things.

cherry **cherries** NOUN
A **cherry** is a small round red or black fruit with a hard seed called a stone in the middle.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

chess NOUN
Chess is a game for two people. It is played on a board marked in black and white squares.

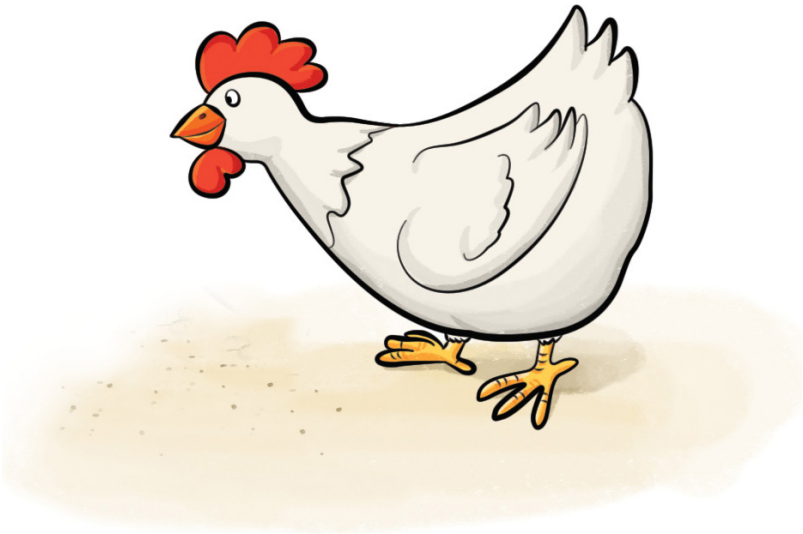
chest **chests** NOUN **1** Your **chest** is the top part of the front of your body, between your neck and your waist.
NOUN **2** A **chest** is a large heavy box, usually made of wood.

chestnut **chestnuts** NOUN **1** A **chestnut** is a large tree.
NOUN **2** A **chestnut** is also a shiny brown nut that grows on a chestnut tree.

chew **chews, chewing, chewed** VERB
When you **chew** food, you bite it several times.

chick **chicks** NOUN
A **chick** is a baby bird.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*

chicken **chickens** NOUN
A **chicken** is a bird kept on a farm for its eggs and meat.



chickenpox NOUN
Chickenpox is an illness that gives you itchy spots.

chief **chiefs** NOUN
A **chief** is a person in charge of other people.

child **children** NOUN
A **child** is a young boy or girl.

childhood NOUN
A person's **childhood** is the time of life when they are a child.

childish ADJECTIVE
You call a person **childish** if they are not acting like an adult is expected to act.

children PLURAL NOUN
Children is the plural of **child**.

chilly **chillier, chilliest** ADJECTIVE
If you feel **chilly**, you are not quite warm enough to be comfortable.

chime **chimes** NOUN
A **chime** is the musical sound made by a bell or a clock.

chimney **chimneys** NOUN
A **chimney** is a pipe which takes smoke from a fire up into the air.

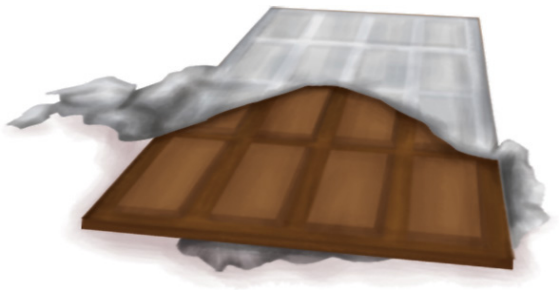
chimpanzee **chimpanzees** NOUN
A **chimpanzee** is a small ape with dark fur that lives in forests in Africa.

chin **chins** NOUN
Your **chin** is the part of your face below your mouth.

chip **chips, chipping, chipped** NOUN **1** A **chip** is a long thin fried piece of potato.
See Other foods on page 261
NOUN **2** A silicon **chip** is a tiny piece of special material used in computers.
VERB **3** When you **chip** something, you break a small piece off it.

chisel **chisels** NOUN
A **chisel** is a tool with a long thin blade and a sharp end, which is used for cutting wood or stone.

chocolate **chocolates** NOUN **1** **Chocolate** is a brown sweet or drink made from cocoa.
NOUN **2** A **chocolate** is a sweet covered with a layer of chocolate.



choice **choices** NOUN **1** A **choice** is the different things that you can choose from.
NOUN **2** A **choice** can also be someone or something that you choose. *If you need a captain, Jessica would be a good **choice**.*

choir **choirs** NOUN
A **choir** is a group of people who sing together.

choke **chokes, choking, choked** VERB
If you **choke**, you cannot breathe because not enough air can get to your lungs. *He **choked** on a chicken bone.*

choose **chooses, choosing, chose, chosen** VERB
To **choose** something is to decide which thing you want to have or do.

chop **chops, chopping, chopped** VERB **1** When someone **chops** something like wood, they cut it with an axe.
NOUN **2** A **chop** is a slice of meat on a bone.

chorus **choruses** NOUN
A **chorus** is a part of a song which is repeated after each verse.

chose VERB
Chose is the past tense of **choose**.

chosen VERB
Chosen is the past participle of **choose**.

Christian **Christians** NOUN
A **Christian** is someone who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Christmas **Christmases** NOUN

Christmas is a Christian festival held on December 25, when the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated.

chuckle **chuckles, chuckling, chuckled** VERB
When you **chuckle**, you laugh quietly.

church **churches** NOUN
A **church** is a building where Christians worship.

cigarette **cigarettes** NOUN
A **cigarette** is a thin roll of paper with tobacco in, which people smoke.

cinema **cinemas** NOUN
A **cinema** is a place where people watch films.

circle **circles** NOUN
A **circle** is a perfect round shape.
circular ADJECTIVE
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

circuit **circuits** NOUN
A **circuit** is the complete path that an electric current flows through. You can make a simple circuit with a battery, a bulb and wires.

circumference **circumferences** NOUN
The **circumference** of a circle is the distance around its edge.

circus **circuses** NOUN
A **circus** is a travelling group of people such as clowns and acrobats.



city **cities** NOUN
A **city** is a large busy town.

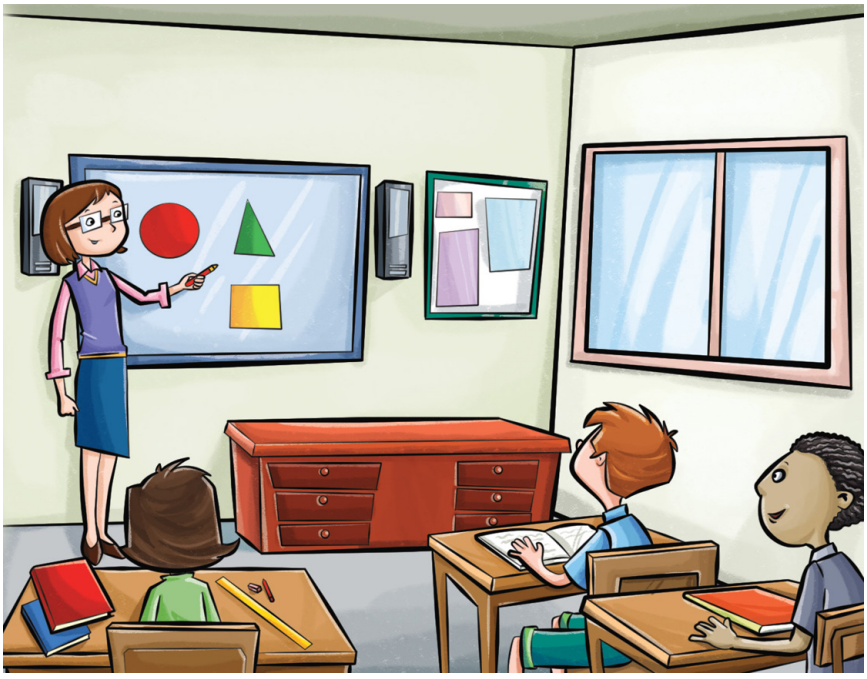
claim **claims, claiming, claimed** VERB **1** If someone **claims** something, they ask for it because it is theirs.
VERB **2** If you **claim** something is the case, you say it is the case. *Amy **claims** she was the first to finish.*

clap **claps, clapping, clapped** VERB
When you **clap**, you make a noise by hitting your hands together.

class **classes** NOUN **1** A **class** is a group of people who are taught together.
NOUN **2** A **class** is also a group of people or things that are alike in some way.

classify **classifies, classifying, classified** VERB
To **classify** things is to arrange them in groups with similar features.
*These books are **classified** as non-fiction.*

classroom **classrooms** NOUN
A **classroom** is a room in a school where children have lessons.



clause **clauses** NOUN

In grammar, a **clause** is a group of words with a subject and a verb. It may be a complete sentence or one part of a sentence. For example, “the girl laughed” is a clause because it has a subject (the girl) and a verb (laughed).

claw **claws** NOUN
The **claws** of a bird or animal are the hard curved nails at the end of its feet.

clay NOUN
Clay is a type of sticky earth that goes hard when it is dry. It is used to make bricks and pots.

clean **cleaner, cleanest** ADJECTIVE
If something is **clean**, it is free from dirt.

clear **clearer, clearest; clears, clearing, cleared** ADJECTIVE **1** If a thing is **clear**, you can see through it.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something you say or write is **clear**, it is easy to understand.
VERB **3** If you **clear** an area, you move things that are not wanted out of the way.

clever **cleverer, cleverest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **clever** is able to learn and understand things easily.

click **clicks, clicking, clicked** VERB
When you **click** something, it makes a short snapping sound.

cliff **cliffs** NOUN
A **cliff** is a steep hill by the sea.

climate **climates** NOUN
The **climate** of a place is the sort of weather it usually has.

climb **climbs, climbing, climbed** VERB
When you **climb** something, you move upwards using your hands and feet.

cling **clings, clinging, clung** VERB

If you **cling** to someone or something, you hold onto them tightly.

clinic **clinics** NOUN
A **clinic** is where people go to get help from a doctor or nurse.

clip **clips, clipping, clipped** NOUN **1** A **clip** is something small and springy which holds things in place.
VERB **2** If you **clip** something like a hedge, you cut small pieces off it.

cloak **cloaks** NOUN
A **cloak** is a loose coat without sleeves that fastens at the neck.

cloakroom **cloakrooms** NOUN
A **cloakroom** is a room where coats can be left.

clock **clocks** NOUN
A **clock** is an instrument that measures and shows the time.



clockwise ADVERB
If something goes **clockwise**, it moves in the same direction as the hands on a clock.

clockwork ADJECTIVE
Clockwork toys move when they are wound up with a key.



close **closer, closest; closes, closing, closed** (*rhymes with* **dose**) ADJECTIVE
1 If something is **close**, it is very near.
(*rhymes with* **doze**) VERB **2** When you **close** something like a door, you shut it.

closed ADJECTIVE
If something is **closed**, it is not open.

cloth **cloths** NOUN **1** **Cloth** is material made from something like cotton or wool.
NOUN **2** A **cloth** is a piece of cloth used for cleaning.

clothes PLURAL NOUN
Clothes are the things people wear, such as shirts, trousers and dresses.
See Clothes on page 257

cloud **clouds** NOUN **1** A **cloud** is a patch of white or grey mist that floats in the sky.
NOUN **2** You can use **cloud** to describe a lot of smoke, steam or dust.
cloudy ADJECTIVE

clover NOUN
Clover is a small wild plant. It has white or purple flowers, and leaves divided into three parts.

clown **clowns** NOUN
A **clown** is someone in a circus who wears funny clothes and does silly things to make people laugh.

club **clubs** NOUN
A **club** is an organization joined by people who are interested in the same thing, such as chess or riding.

clue **clues** NOUN
A **clue** is something that helps to solve a problem or mystery.

clump **clumps** NOUN
A **clump** is a small group of plants growing together.

clumsy **clumsier, clumsiest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **clumsy** moves awkwardly and carelessly.
clumsily ADVERB

clung VERB
Clung is the past tense of **cling**.

cluster **clusters** NOUN
A **cluster** is a number of things close together in a small group.

clutch **clutches, clutching, clutched** VERB
If you **clutch** something, you hold it tightly with your hand.

clutter NOUN
Clutter is an untidy mess.

coach **coaches** NOUN **1** A **coach** is a long motor vehicle used for taking passengers on long journeys.
NOUN **2** A **coach** is also a section of a train that carries passengers.
NOUN **3** A **coach** is someone who trains you for a sport or gives you extra lessons.

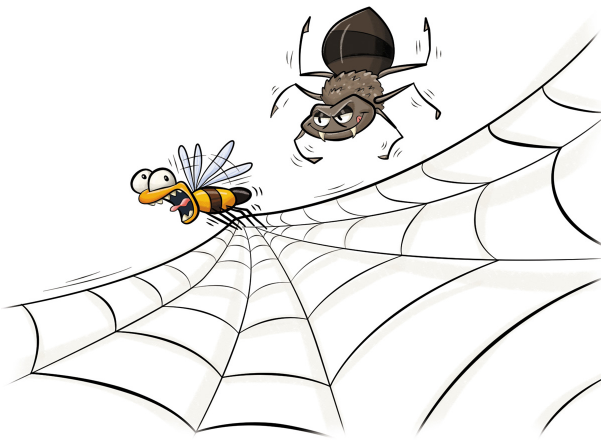
coal NOUN
Coal is a hard black rock which is dug out of the ground and burned to give heat.

coarse **coarser, coarsest** ADJECTIVE
Anything that is **coarse** looks and feels rough.

coast **coasts** NOUN
The **coast** is the place where the land meets the sea.

coat **coats** NOUN **1** A **coat** is a piece of clothing with long sleeves, that you wear over other clothes when you go out.
NOUN **2** An animal's **coat** is its fur.
NOUN **3** A layer of paint is called a **coat**.

cobweb **cobwebs** NOUN
A **cobweb** is a net made by a spider to trap insects.



cock **cocks** NOUN
A **cock** is any male bird.

cocoa NOUN
Cocoa is a brown powder made from the seeds of the cacao tree, and also a hot drink made from this powder.

coconut **coconuts** NOUN
A **coconut** is a large nut with white flesh, milky juice, and a hard hairy shell.

cocoon **cocoons** NOUN
A **cocoon** is a covering of silky threads that some young insects make for themselves before they grow into adults.

cod NOUN

A **cod** is a large sea fish which is caught for food.

code **codes** NOUN **1** A **code** is a system of changing letters in a message for other letters or symbols, so that only people who know the code can read it.

NOUN **2** A **code** is also a group of letters and numbers that identify something. *Do you know the telephone **code** for York?*

NOUN **3** A **code** is also a set of rules.

coffee NOUN

Coffee is a coarse powder made by grinding roasted coffee beans, and also a hot drink made from this powder.

*See **Drinks** on page 261*



cog **cogs** NOUN

A **cog** is a wheel with teeth which turns another part of a machine.

coil **coils** NOUN

A **coil** is a series of loops into which something has been wound.

coin **coins** NOUN

A **coin** is a small piece of metal used as money.

cold **colder, coldest; colds** ADJECTIVE **1** If the weather is **cold**, the temperature outside is low.



NOUN **2** A **cold** is a common illness. You sneeze and your nose feels blocked.

collage **collages** NOUN
A **collage** is a picture made by sticking pieces of paper or cloth onto a surface.

collapse **collapses, collapsing, collapsed** VERB
If someone or something **collapses**, they suddenly fall down.

collar **collars** NOUN **1** The **collar** of a shirt or jacket is the part that fits round your neck.
NOUN **2** A **collar** is also a leather band round the neck of a dog or cat.

collect **collects, collecting, collected** VERB **1** If you **collect** a number of things, you bring them together for a special reason. *She **collected** sticks for firewood.*
VERB **2** If you **collect** someone or something from a place, you call there and take them away. *We had to **collect** her from school.*

collection **collections** NOUN

A **collection** is a group of things brought together over a period of time.
*My dad's got a huge stamp **collection**.*

collective noun **collective nouns** NOUN
In grammar, a **collective noun** refers to a group of things. For example, a group of sheep is called a "flock".
*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

college **colleges** NOUN
A **college** is where people go to study after they have left school.

collide **collides, colliding, collided** VERB
If a moving object **collides** with something, it hits it.
collision NOUN

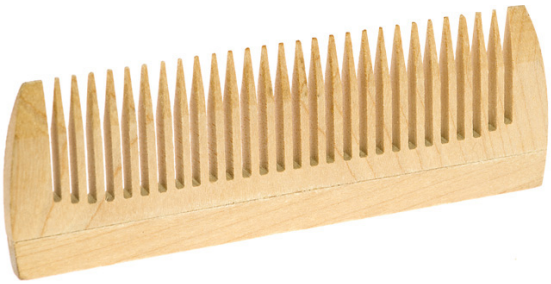
colon **colons** NOUN
The punctuation mark **:** is a **colon**. You can use it in several ways, for example in front of a list of things.
*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

colour **colours** NOUN
The **colour** of something is the way it looks in daylight. *The **colour** of grass is green.*
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

colt **colts** NOUN
A **colt** is a young male horse.

column **columns** NOUN **1** A **column** is a tall stone post which supports part of a building.
NOUN **2** A **column** is also a vertical strip of print in a newspaper or magazine.
NOUN **3** If numbers are arranged in vertical lists, these are called **columns**.

comb **combs** NOUN
A **comb** is a flat piece of plastic or metal with narrow teeth on one edge. You use it to tidy your hair.



combine **combines, combining, combined** VERB
If you **combine** things, you mix them together.

come **comes, coming, came, come** VERB **1** To **come** to a place is to move there or arrive there.
VERB **2** If you **come** from a place, you were born there, or it is your home.

comedy **comedies** NOUN
A **comedy** is a play or film that makes people laugh.

comet **comets** NOUN
A **comet** is an object which travels around the sun, leaving a long bright trail behind it.

comfort **comforts, comforting, comforted** VERB
If you **comfort** someone, you make them feel less worried or unhappy.

comfortable ADJECTIVE
If something is **comfortable**, it is easy to wear or use.

comic **comics** NOUN
A **comic** is a magazine that tells stories in pictures.



comma **commas** NOUN

A **comma** is a punctuation mark (**,**) which is used to separate parts of a sentence or items on a list.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

command **commands, commanding, commanded** VERB

If you **command** someone to do something, you order them to do it.

commercial **commercials** NOUN

A **commercial** is an advertisement on television or radio.

common ADJECTIVE

If something is **common**, you often see it or it often happens.

common noun **common nouns** NOUN

Common nouns name things in general. For example, “boy”, “dog” and “computer” are all common nouns.

*See **Noun** on page 268*

common sense NOUN

If you have **common sense**, you usually act sensibly and do the right thing.

commotion NOUN

A **commotion** is a lot of noise, confusion and excitement.

communicate **communicates, communicating, communicated** VERB

If you **communicate** with someone, you give them information by talking or writing to them.

compact disc **compact discs** NOUN

A **compact disc** is a round flat silver-coloured object which can store information. It is called a **CD** for short.

company **companies** NOUN **1 Company** is being with others so you are not lonely.

NOUN **2** A **company** is a group of people who work together to make or sell things.

comparative **comparatives** NOUN

In grammar, the **comparative** is the form of an adjective which has "more" of that adjective. For example, "happier" is the comparative of "happy".
*See **Adjective** on page 269*

compare **compares, comparing, compared** VERB
When you **compare** two or more things, you look at them to see in what ways they are the same or different.

compass **compasses** NOUN **1** A **compass** is an instrument with a needle that always points to north.



NOUN **2** A **pair of compasses** is an instrument used for drawing circles.

compass point **compass points** NOUN
The main **compass points** are north, south, east and west.

competition **competitions** NOUN
A **competition** is an event to find out who is best at doing something.

complain **complains, complaining, complained** VERB
If you **complain**, you say that you are not happy about something.

complete

ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **complete**, it has been finished.

ADJECTIVE **2** If you talk about a **complete** thing, you mean all of it. *I need a **complete** change of clothes.*

complicated ADJECTIVE

Something **complicated** is made up of so many parts that it is difficult to understand or deal with.

compose **composes, composing, composed** VERB

If you **compose** something, like a poem or a piece of music, you write it.

compound **compounds** NOUN

In language, a **compound** is a word that is made up of two or more words. “Playground”, “armchair” and “toothache” are all compounds.

computer **computers** NOUN

A **computer** is a machine that stores information and works things out according to instructions in a program.



conceal **conceals, concealing, concealed** VERB

If you **conceal** something, you hide it carefully.

concentrate **concentrates, concentrating, concentrated** VERB

If you **concentrate** on something, you give it all your attention.

concerned ADJECTIVE

If you are **concerned** about something, it worries you.

concert **concerts** NOUN

A **concert** is a performance by musicians, usually in a big hall.

conclusion **conclusions** NOUN **1** A **conclusion** is something you decide is true after you have thought carefully.

NOUN **2** The **conclusion** of something is its ending.

concrete NOUN

Concrete is a building material made of cement, sand and water, which goes hard when it is set.

condition **conditions** NOUN **1** The **condition** of something is the state it is in.

NOUN **2** A **condition** is a rule you must agree to before you are allowed to do something. *You can go out on one **condition** – you must be home by five.*

conductor **conductors** NOUN

A **conductor** is someone who controls the way musicians play together.

cone **cones** NOUN

A **cone** is a solid curved shape with a flat circular base and a pointed top.

*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

confess **confesses, confessing, confessed** VERB

If you **confess**, you say that you have done something wrong.

confident

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **confident** about something, you are sure about it.

ADJECTIVE **2** People who are **confident** know that they can do something well.

confuse **confuses, confusing, confused** VERB **1** To **confuse** someone means to make them unsure what to do. *The new road layout **confused** everyone.*

VERB **2** If you **confuse** two things, you mix them up by mistake. *I always **confuse** the twins because they are so alike.*

congratulate **congratulates, congratulating, congratulated** VERB

If you **congratulate** someone, you say you are pleased that something special has happened to them.

conjunction **conjunctions** NOUN

In grammar, a **conjunction** is a word that joins two other words or parts of a sentence. “And”, “but”, “while” and “although” are all conjunctions.

connect **connects, connecting, connected** VERB

If you **connect** two things, you join them together.

connective **connectives** NOUN

In grammar, a **connective** is a word or phrase that joins parts of a text. For example, “and”, “at last” and “because” are connectives.

conquer **conquers, conquering, conquered** VERB

To **conquer** people is to take control of their country by force.

conscious ADJECTIVE

If you are **conscious**, you are awake and know what is happening.

consecutive ADJECTIVE

If things are **consecutive**, they happen one after the other. *October, November and December are **consecutive** months.*

conservation NOUN

Conservation is the protection of the environment.

consider **considers, considering, considered** VERB

If you **consider** something, you think about it carefully.

consist **consists, consisting, consisted** VERB
Something that **consists** of particular things is made up of them. *The book **consists** of an introduction, ten chapters and an index.*

consonant **consonants** NOUN
A **consonant** is any letter of the alphabet except a, e, i, o and u.
See **vowel**

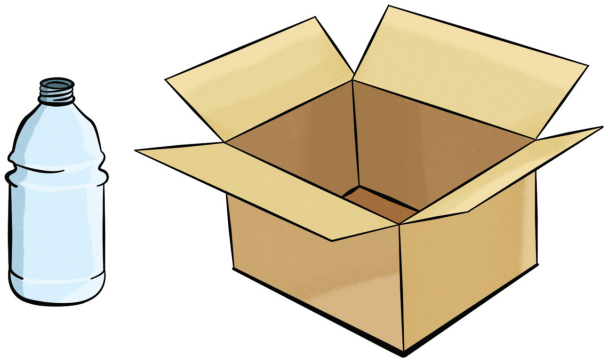
constant ADJECTIVE
Something that is **constant** happens all the time. *My friend Elizabeth complains of a **constant** headache.*

construct **constructs, constructing, constructed** VERB
If you **construct** something, you build it or make it.

consume **consumes, consuming, consumed** VERB
If you **consume** something, you eat or drink it, or use it up.

contain **contains, containing, contained** VERB
The things that something **contains** are the things in it.

container **containers** NOUN
A **container** is something you put things in.



content ADJECTIVE
If you are **content**, you are happy and satisfied with your life.

contents PLURAL NOUN

The **contents** of something like a box or cake are the things in it. The **contents page** of a book tells you what is in it.

contest **contests** NOUN
A **contest** is a competition or game which you try to win.

continent **continents** NOUN
A **continent** is a very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia.

continue **continues, continuing, continued** VERB
If you **continue** to do something, you go on doing it.

continuous ADJECTIVE
Something that is **continuous** goes on without stopping.

contraction **contractions** NOUN
A **contraction** is a shortened form of a word or of words. For example, “I’m” is a contraction of “I am”.

contradict **contradicts, contradicting, contradicted** VERB
If you **contradict** someone, you say the opposite of what they have just said.

control **controls, controlling, controlled** VERB **1** If you **control** something, you make it behave exactly as you want it to.
NOUN **2** The **controls** on a machine are knobs or other things used to work it.

convenient ADJECTIVE
If something is **convenient**, it is easy to use or do.

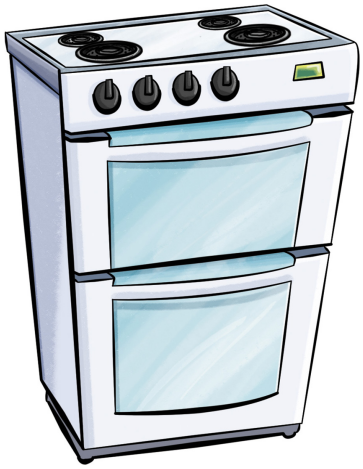
conversation **conversations** NOUN
If you have a **conversation** with someone, you talk to each other.

convince **convinces, convincing, convinced** VERB
If someone or something **convinces** you, they make you believe that something is true.

cook **cooks, cooking, cooked** VERB
When you **cook** food, you prepare it for eating by heating it.

cooker **cookers** NOUN

A **cooker** is a piece of equipment for cooking food.



cookie **cookies** NOUN

A **cookie** is another word for a biscuit.

cool **cooler, coolest** ADJECTIVE

If something is **cool**, its temperature is low but it is not cold.

coordinates NOUN

Coordinates are two numbers or letters which help you find the exact position of something. They are often used on maps, graphs and charts.

cope **copes, coping, coped** VERB

If you **cope** with a task or problem, you deal with it successfully.

copper NOUN

Copper is a reddish-brown metal.



copy **copies, copying, copied** NOUN **1** A **copy** is something made to look exactly like something else.
VERB **2** If you **copy** something, you make a copy of it.
VERB **3** If you **copy** what someone does, you do the same thing.

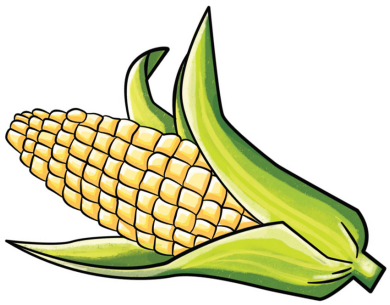
coral **corals** NOUN
Coral is a hard substance that forms in the sea from the skeletons of tiny animals called corals.

cord **cords** NOUN
Cord is thick, strong string.

core **cores** NOUN
The **core** of a fruit is the hard part in the middle that contains seeds.

cork **corks** NOUN **1** **Cork** is the light bark of the cork oak tree.
NOUN **2** A **cork** is a piece of cork used to block the open end of a bottle.

corn NOUN
Corn is a cereal crop, such as wheat or sweet corn.



corner **corners** NOUN

A **corner** is the place where two edges or roads join.

correct **corrects, correcting, corrected** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **correct** is true and has no mistakes.

VERB **2** If you **correct** your work, you put right any mistakes you made.

corridor **corridors** NOUN

A **corridor** is a long passage in a building or train.

cost **costs, costing, cost** VERB

If something **costs** an amount of money, you can buy it for that amount.

costume **costumes** NOUN

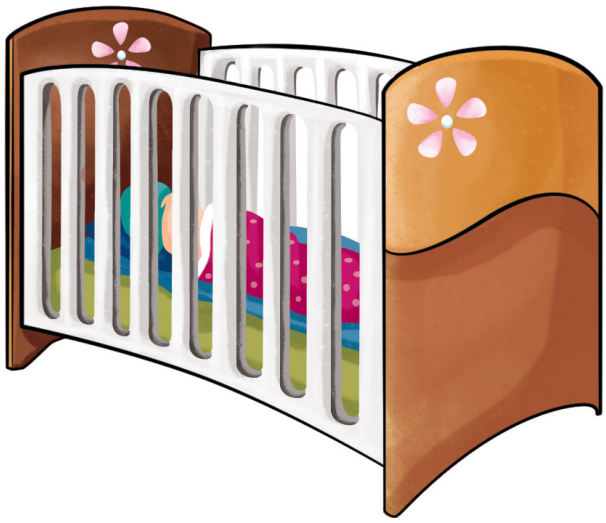
A **costume** is the clothes worn by an actor, or that people wear for special events.

cosy **cosier, cosiest** ADJECTIVE

A house or room that is **cosy** is comfortable and warm, and not too big.

cot **cots** NOUN

A **cot** is a bed with high sides for a baby or a young child.



cottage **cottages** NOUN

A **cottage** is a small house, usually in the country.

cotton

NOUN **1 Cotton** is cloth made from the soft fibres of the cotton plant.
NOUN **2 Cotton** is also a thread used for sewing.
NOUN **3 Cotton wool** is soft fluffy cotton, often used for cleaning the skin.

cough **coughs** NOUN

A **cough** is a noise made by someone forcing air out of their throat.

could

VERB **1** **Could** is part of the verb **can**. You use **could** to say that something might happen. *It **could** rain tomorrow.*

VERB **2** You also say **could** when you are asking for something politely. ***Could** you please tell me the way to the station?*

council **councils** NOUN

The **council** is a group of people who look after the affairs of a town, district or county.

count **counts, counting, counted** VERB **1** When you **count**, you say numbers in order. ***Count** up to a hundred.*

VERB **2** If you **count** a number of things, you are finding out how many there are.

counter **counters** NOUN **1** A **counter** is a long narrow table in a shop, where things are sold.

NOUN **2** A **counter** is also a small round flat object, usually made of plastic, that is used in board games.

country **countries** NOUN **1** A **country** is a land that has its own government and often its own language.

NOUN **2** The **country** is land away from towns and cities.

couple **couples** NOUN **1** A **couple** of things or people means two of them. *It should only take a **couple** of days.*

NOUN **2** Two people are sometimes called a **couple**, especially if they are married or having a relationship.

coupon **coupons** NOUN

A **coupon** is a piece of printed paper that allows you to pay less than usual for something.

courage NOUN

Courage is not showing that you are afraid of something.

course **courses** NOUN **1** A **course** is a series of lessons.

NOUN **2** A **course** can also be one part of a meal.

of course PHRASE You use **of course** to make something you are saying stronger. ***Of course*** *I still want to go.*

court **courts** NOUN **1** A **court** is an area marked out for a game like tennis or badminton.
NOUN **2** A **court** is also a place where things to do with the law are decided.
NOUN **3** The **court** of a king or queen is where they live with their family.

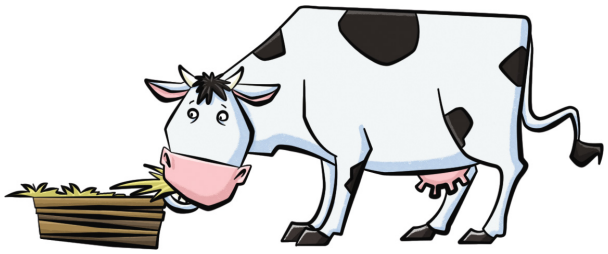
courtyard **courtyards** NOUN
A **courtyard** is an open flat area of ground with walls all round it.



cousin **cousins** NOUN
Your **cousin** is a child of your uncle or aunt.

cover **covers, covering, covered** VERB **1** If you **cover** something, you put something over it to protect or hide it.
NOUN **2** The **covers** on a bed are the blankets or duvet that you have over you to keep you warm.
NOUN **3** The **cover** of a book or magazine is the outside of it.

cow **cows** NOUN
A **cow** is a large farm animal that gives milk.



coward **cowards** NOUN

A **coward** is someone who avoids anything dangerous, painful or difficult.

cowboy **cowboys** NOUN

A **cowboy** is a man whose job is to look after cattle.

crab **crabs** NOUN

A **crab** is a sea animal. It has four pairs of legs, two pincers, and a flat round body covered by a shell.

crack **cracks, cracking, cracked** VERB **1** If you **crack** something, or it cracks, it has a small split in it but does not quite break.

NOUN **2** A **crack** is the line on something that shows it is nearly broken.

NOUN **3** A **crack** is also a sudden loud noise.

cracker **crackers** NOUN **1** A **cracker** is a thin crisp biscuit, often slightly salty.

NOUN **2** A **cracker** can be a cardboard tube covered in coloured paper, that people have at parties. It makes a sharp sound when you pull the ends apart.

cradle **cradles** NOUN

A **cradle** is a small box-shaped bed for a baby.

crane **cranes** NOUN **1** A **crane** is a machine that moves heavy things by lifting them.

NOUN **2** A **crane** is also a large water bird with long legs and a long neck.

crash **crashes, crashing, crashed** NOUN **1** A **crash** is a traffic accident.

NOUN **2** A **crash** is also a sudden loud noise like something breaking.

VERB **3** If something **crashes**, it hits something else and makes a loud noise.

crate **crates** NOUN
A **crate** is a large box used for transporting or storing things.

crawl **crawls, crawling, crawled** VERB
When you **crawl**, you move forward on your hands and knees.

crayon **crayons** NOUN
A **crayon** is a coloured pencil.

craze **crazes** NOUN
A **craze** is something that is very popular for a short time.

crazy **crazier, craziest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone or something **crazy** is very strange or foolish.
ADJECTIVE **2** If you are **crazy** about something, you are very keen on it.

creak **creaks, creaking, creaked** VERB
If something **creaks**, it makes an odd squeaking sound.

cream

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **cream** in colour is yellowish-white.

NOUN **2 Cream** is the pale yellow liquid taken from the top of milk.



crease **creases, creasing, creased** NOUN **1** A **crease** is a line made by folding or wrinkling something.

VERB **2** If you **crease** something, you make lines appear on it.

create **creates, creating, created** VERB

To **create** something means to cause it to happen, or exist.

creature **creatures** NOUN

A **creature** is any animal, such as a bird, fish or insect.

credit card **credit cards** NOUN

A **credit card** is a plastic card that allows someone to buy goods and pay for them later.

creep **creeps, creeping, crept** VERB

If you **creep** somewhere, you move quietly and slowly.

crescent **crescents** NOUN

A **crescent** is a curved shape that is wider in the middle than at the ends, like a new moon.

crew **crews** NOUN

A **crew** is the people who work on a ship, aircraft or spaceship.

cricket **crickets** NOUN **1 Cricket** is an outdoor game between two teams of eleven players.



NOUN **2** A **cricket** is a small jumping insect that makes a chirping sound by rubbing its wings together.

cried VERB
Cried is the past tense of **cry**.

cries VERB
Cries is a present tense form of **cry**.

crime **crimes** NOUN
A **crime** is something which is against the law.

criminal **criminals** NOUN
A **criminal** is someone who has done something that is against the law.

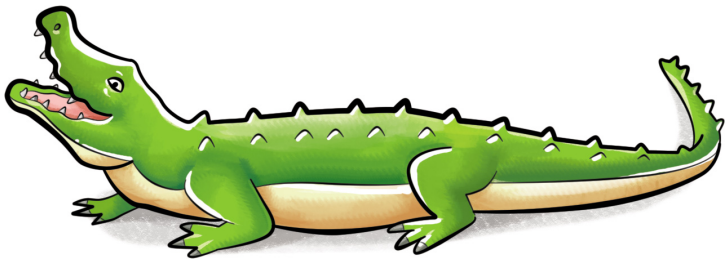
crimson ADJECTIVE
Something that is **crimson** is a dark red colour.

crinkle **crinkles, crinkling, crinkled** VERB
When something **crinkles**, it becomes slightly creased.

crisp **crisper, crispest; crisps** ADJECTIVE **1** Things like fruit and biscuits that are **crisp** are fresh and firm.
NOUN **2** A **crisp** is a crunchy, thinly sliced piece of fried potato.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*

criticize **criticizes, criticizing, criticized**; also spelt **criticise** VERB
If you **criticize** someone, you say what you think is wrong with them.

crocodile **crocodiles** NOUN
A **crocodile** is a large reptile, about five metres long.
*See **Reptiles** on page 264*



crooked ADJECTIVE
Something that is **crooked** is bent or twisted.

crop **crops** NOUN
A **crop** is plants grown for food.

cross **crosser, crossest; crosses, crossing, crossed** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **cross** is angry about something.
NOUN **2** A **cross** is a mark like + or ×.
VERB **3** If you **cross** something like a road, you go from one side to the other.

crossing **crossings** NOUN
A **crossing** is a place where you can cross the road safely.

crouch **crouches, crouching, crouched** VERB
If you **crouch** down, you bend your legs under you so that you are close to the ground.

crow **crows** NOUN
A **crow** is a large black bird.

crowd **crowds** NOUN
A **crowd** is a large number of people together in one place.

crowded ADJECTIVE

A place that is **crowded** is full of people.

crown **crowns** NOUN
A **crown** is an ornament that kings and queens sometimes wear on their heads.

cruel **crueller, cruellest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **cruel** hurts people or animals without caring.

cruise **cruises** NOUN
A **cruise** is a holiday on a ship that travels to different places.

crumb **crumbs** NOUN
A **crumb** is a very small piece of dry food such as bread or biscuit.

crumble **crumbles, crumbling, crumbled** VERB
If you **crumble** something that is soft, it breaks into lots of little pieces.

crunch **crunches, crunching, crunched** VERB
If you **crunch** something, you crush it noisily, for example between your teeth or under your feet.

crush **crushes, crushing, crushed** VERB
To **crush** something is to destroy its shape by squeezing it.

crust **crusts** NOUN
The **crust** is a hard layer on the outside of something such as bread.

cry **cries, crying, cried** VERB **1** When you **cry**, tears come from your eyes.
NOUN **2** A **cry** is a sudden sound that you make when you are surprised or hurt.

crystal **crystals** NOUN
A **crystal** is a mineral that has formed into a regular shape.

cub **cubs** NOUN
A **cub** is a young wild animal such as a lion, fox or bear.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*



cube **cubes** NOUN

A **cube** is a solid shape with six square faces all the same size.

*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

cuckoo **cuckoos** NOUN

A **cuckoo** is a grey bird. Cuckoos lay their eggs in other birds' nests.



cucumber **cucumbers** NOUN

A **cucumber** is a long, thin, dark green vegetable, eaten raw.

*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

cuddle **cuddles, cuddling, cuddled** VERB
When you **cuddle** someone, you put your arms round them.

culprit **culprits** NOUN
A **culprit** is someone who has done something harmful or wrong.

cunning ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **cunning** plans to get what they want, often by tricking other people.

cup **cups** NOUN **1** A **cup** is a small container with a handle, which you drink out of.
NOUN **2** A **cup** is also a prize for the winner of a game or competition.

cupboard **cupboards** NOUN
A **cupboard** is a piece of furniture with doors and shelves.

cure **cures, curing, cured** NOUN **1** A **cure** is something that makes people better when they have been ill.
VERB **2** If someone or something **cures** a person, they make them well again.

curiosity NOUN
Curiosity is wanting to know about things.

curious

ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **curious** wants to know more about something.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **curious** is unusual and hard to explain.

curl **curls, curling, curled** VERB **1** If an animal **curls** up, it makes itself into a rounded shape.

NOUN **2** **Curls** are pieces of hair shaped in curves and circles.

curly ADJECTIVE

currant **currants** NOUN

Currants are small dried grapes.

current **currents** NOUN **1** A **current** is a steady movement of water or air.

NOUN **2** A **current** is also the movement of electricity through a wire.

curriculum **curriculums** or **curricula** NOUN

A **curriculum** is the different courses taught at a school or college.

curry **curries** NOUN

Curry is an Indian dish made with spices.

cursor **cursors** NOUN

A **cursor** is a small sign on a computer screen that shows where the next letter or number will appear.

curtain **curtains** NOUN

A **curtain** is a large piece of material that you pull across a window to cover it.



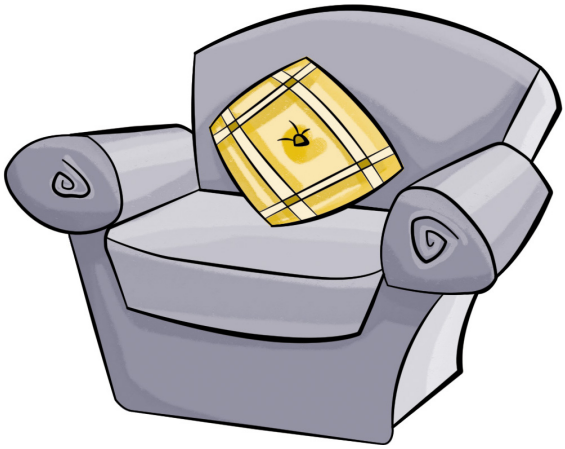
curve **curves** NOUN

A **curve** is a smooth, gradually bending line.

curved ADJECTIVE

cushion **cushions** NOUN

A **cushion** is a soft object put on a seat to make it more comfortable.



custom **customs** NOUN

A **custom** is something that people usually do. *It's his **custom** to take the dog for a walk after supper.*

customer **customers** NOUN

A **customer** is a person who buys something, especially from a shop.

cut **cuts, cutting, cut** VERB **1** If you **cut** yourself, you hurt yourself by accident on something sharp.

VERB **2** If you **cut** something, you use a knife or scissors to remove parts of it.

cutlery NOUN

Cutlery is the knives, forks and spoons that you eat your food with.

cycle **cycles, cycling, cycled** NOUN **1** A **cycle** is a bicycle.

VERB **2** If you **cycle**, you ride a bicycle.

cyclist NOUN

cylinder **cylinders** NOUN

A **cylinder** is a three-dimensional shape like a tube with flat circular ends.

cylindrical ADJECTIVE

*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

Dd

dad **dads** NOUN
Your **dad** is your father.

daddy **daddies** NOUN
INFORMAL Your **daddy** is your father.

daffodil **daffodils** NOUN
A **daffodil** is a yellow trumpet-shaped flower that blooms in the spring.

dagger **daggers** NOUN
A **dagger** is a weapon like a knife.

daily ADJECTIVE
Something that is **daily** happens every day.

dairy **dairies** NOUN
A **dairy** is a shop or company that sells milk and food made from milk, such as butter and cheese.

daisy **daisies** NOUN
A **daisy** is a small wild flower with white petals and a yellow centre.



dam **dams** NOUN
A **dam** is a wall built across a river or stream to hold back water.

damage **damages, damaging, damaged** VERB
To **damage** something means to harm or spoil it.

damp **damper, dampest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **damp** is slightly wet.

dance **dances, dancing, danced** VERB
When you **dance**, you move your body in time to music.

dandelion **dandelions** NOUN
A **dandelion** is a wild plant with bright yellow flowers.

danger **dangers** NOUN
A **danger** is something that could harm you.

dangerous ADJECTIVE
If something is **dangerous**, it is likely to harm you.

dare **dares, daring, dared** VERB
If you **dare** to do something, you are brave enough to do it.

dark **darker, darkest** ADJECTIVE
When it is **dark**, there is not enough light to see properly.
darkness NOUN



dart **darts, darting, darted** VERB **1** If a person or animal **darts**, they move suddenly and quickly.
NOUN **2** A **dart** is a short arrow that you throw in the game of darts.

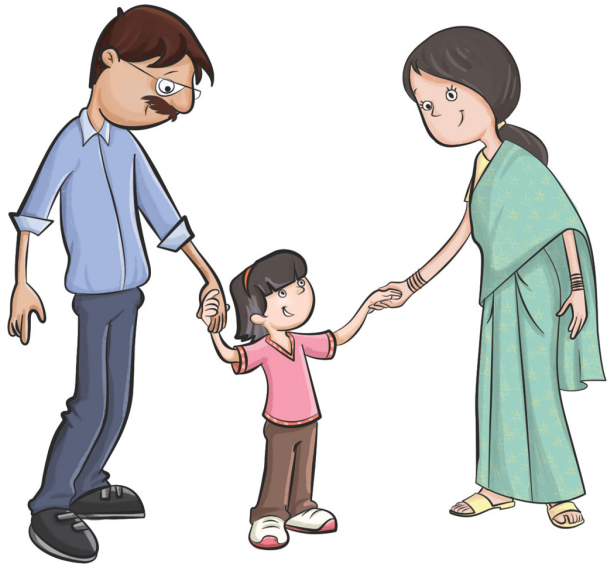
dash **dashes, dashing, dashed** VERB **1** If you **dash** somewhere, you run or go there quickly.
NOUN **2** A **dash** is the punctuation mark (–) which shows a change of subject, or which may be used instead of brackets.
*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

data NOUN
Data is information, usually in the form of facts or figures.

database **databases** NOUN
A **database** is a collection of information, often stored in a computer.

date **dates** NOUN **1** If someone asks you the **date**, you tell them the day and the month.
NOUN **2** A **date** is a small brown sticky fruit which grows on palm trees.

daughter **daughters** NOUN
A girl is the **daughter** of her parents.



dawn NOUN
Dawn is the time of day when it first begins to get light.



day **days** NOUN
A **day** is the 24 hours between one midnight and the next.

daylight NOUN
Daylight is the light that there is during the day before it gets dark.

dazzle **dazzles, dazzling, dazzled** VERB
If a light **dazzles** you, it is so bright that you cannot really see for a while.

dead ADJECTIVE
A person, animal or plant that is **dead** is no longer living.

deaf **deafer, deafest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **deaf** cannot hear very well, or cannot hear at all.

deal **deals, dealing, dealt** VERB **1** When you **deal** in a card game, you give cards to the players.
VERB **2** If you **deal** with something, you do what needs to be done with it.

dear **dearer, dearest** ADJECTIVE **1** You use **Dear** at the beginning of a letter or message before the name of the person you are writing to.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **dear**, it costs a lot of money.

death NOUN
Death is the end of life, when an animal or person dies.

decade **decades** NOUN
A **decade** is a period of ten years.

decay **decays, decaying, decayed** VERB
When something like a plant or piece of meat **decays**, it becomes rotten.

deceive **deceives, deceiving, deceived** VERB
If someone **deceives** you, they make you believe something untrue.

December NOUN
December is the 12th month of the year. It has 31 days.

decide **decides, deciding, decided** VERB
If you **decide** to do something, you make up your mind to do it.

decimal **decimals** ADJECTIVE **1** A **decimal** system involves counting in units of ten.
NOUN **2** A **decimal** or **decimal fraction** is written with a dot followed by numbers, such as 0·2, 8·35. The numbers after the dot represent tenths, hundredths and so on.
NOUN **3** A **decimal point** is the dot that comes between whole numbers and fractions.
NOUN **4** A **decimal place** is the position of a number after a decimal point.

decision **decisions** NOUN
A **decision** is a choice you make about what you think should be done.

deck **decks** NOUN
A **deck** is a floor on a ship or bus.

decorate **decorates, decorating, decorated** VERB **1** If you **decorate** something, you add things to make it more attractive.
VERB **2** If someone **decorates** a room, they paper it or paint it.
decorations PLURAL NOUN



decrease **decreases, decreasing, decreased** VERB
If something **decreases**, or if you decrease it, it becomes less.

deep **deeper, deepest** ADJECTIVE
If something is **deep**, it goes a long way down. *The river is very **deep**.*

deer NOUN
A **deer** is a large hoofed animal. Male deer have horns called antlers.



defeat **defeats, defeating, defeated** VERB
If you **defeat** someone, you beat them in a game or battle.

defend **defends, defending, defended** VERB

If you **defend** someone or something, you do something to protect them against danger.
defence NOUN

define **defines, defining, defined** VERB
If you **define** something, you say what it is or what it means.

definite ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **definite** is unlikely to be changed.
*We have a **definite** date for the outing.*
ADJECTIVE **2** **Definite** can also mean certain or true. *Lots of stories were going round, but they heard nothing **definite**.*
definitely ADVERB

definition **definitions** NOUN
A **definition** explains the meaning of a word.

degree **degrees** NOUN **1** A **degree** is a unit of measurement of temperature, for example, 20°C.
NOUN **2** In maths, a **degree** is a unit of measurement of angles. For example, a right angle is 90°.

delay **delays, delaying, delayed** VERB
If something **delays** you, it causes you to slow down or be late.

delete **deletes, deleting, deleted** VERB
If you **delete** some writing, you cross it out or remove it.

deliberate ADJECTIVE
If you do something that is **deliberate**, you do it on purpose.
deliberately ADVERB

delicate ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **delicate** is small and graceful.
ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **delicate** becomes ill easily.

delicious ADJECTIVE
Food that is **delicious** tastes or smells very nice.

delight **delights, delighting, delighted** VERB
If something **delights** you, it gives you a lot of pleasure.
delighted ADJECTIVE

deliver **delivers, delivering, delivered** VERB
If you **deliver** something, you take it to someone and hand it to them.

demand **demands, demanding, demanded** VERB
If you **demand** something, you say strongly that is what you want.

demonstrate **demonstrates, demonstrating, demonstrated** VERB **1** If someone **demonstrates** something, they show you how to do it.
VERB **2** If people **demonstrate**, they hold a public meeting or march to show they are strongly for or against something.
demonstration NOUN

den **dens** NOUN
A **den** is the home of some wild animals such as lions or foxes.

dense **denser, densest** ADJECTIVE
Something **dense** is hard to see through. *They were in a **dense** forest.*

dent **dents, denting, dented** VERB
If somebody **dents** something, they make a dip in it by hitting it.

dentist **dentists** NOUN
A **dentist** is someone who looks after people's teeth.



deny **denies, denying, denied** VERB
If you **deny** something, you say that it is untrue.

depart **departs, departing, departed** VERB
When someone or something **departs** from a place, they leave it.
departure NOUN

depend **depends, depending, depended** VERB **1** If you **depend** on someone, you need them.
VERB **2** If you can **depend** on someone, you know you can trust them.

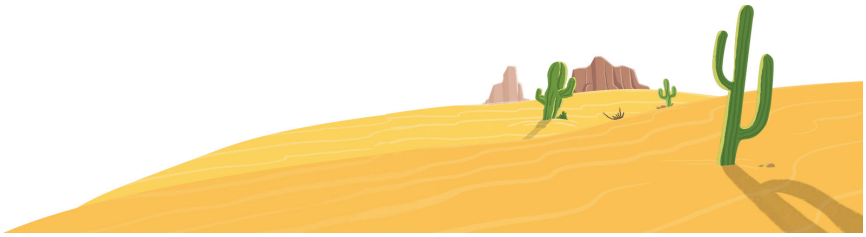
depth NOUN
The **depth** of something is how deep it is.

descend **descends, descending, descended** VERB
To **descend** means to go down.

descending ADJECTIVE
When things are in **descending** order, each thing is lower than the one before it. *The numbers 10, 9, 8 and 7 are in **descending** order.*

describe **describes, describing, described** VERB
If you **describe** a person or thing, you say what they are like.
description NOUN

desert **deserts** NOUN
A **desert** is very dry land with very little plant life.



deserted ADJECTIVE
If a place is **deserted**, there are no people there.

deserve **deserves, deserving, deserved** VERB
If you **deserve** something, you have earned it by what you have done.

design **designs, designing, designed** NOUN **1** A **design** is a pattern that is used to decorate something.
VERB **2** If you **design** something, you plan it and make a drawing of it.

desk **desks** NOUN

A **desk** is a special table that you use for writing or reading.

desktop ADJECTIVE

A **desktop** computer is small enough to be used at a desk.

dessert **desserts** NOUN

A **dessert** is a sweet food served after the main course of a meal.

destroy **destroys, destroying, destroyed** VERB

To **destroy** something means to damage it so much it cannot be mended.

detail **details** NOUN

A **detail** is a small part or thing that you notice when you look at something carefully.

detective **detectives** NOUN

A **detective** is a person whose job is to find out who did a crime.

determined ADJECTIVE

If you are **determined** to do something, nothing will stop you.

develop **develops, developing, developed** VERB

When something **develops**, it grows or becomes more advanced.

dew NOUN

Dew is the small drops of water that form on surfaces outdoors at night.



diagonal ADJECTIVE

A **diagonal** line slants from one corner of something to the opposite corner.

diagram **diagrams** NOUN
A **diagram** is a drawing that explains something.

dial **dials** NOUN
A **dial** is a numbered disc on an instrument like a clock.

dialogue **dialogues** NOUN
In a story, play or film, **dialogue** is conversation.

diameter **diameters** NOUN
A **diameter** is a straight line drawn right through the centre of a circle.

diamond **diamonds** NOUN **1** A **diamond** is a very hard, clear jewel which sparkles.
NOUN **2** A **diamond** is also a shape with four straight sides, like a square but slightly flattened.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

diary **diaries** NOUN
A **diary** is a book in which to write about what you have done.

dice NOUN
Dice are small cubes with spots on each of their six sides.

dictionary **dictionaries** NOUN
A **dictionary** is a book in which words are listed alphabetically and explained.



did VERB
Did is the past tense of **do**.

didn't VERB
Didn't is a contraction of **did not**.

die **dies, dying, died** VERB
When a person, animal or plant **dies**, they stop living.

diesel **diesels** NOUN
A **diesel** is a kind of engine that burns a special oil instead of petrol.

diet **diets** NOUN **1** A **diet** is the food that a person or animal normally eats.
NOUN **2** A **diet** is also a special range of foods that a doctor tells someone to eat if they have a health or weight problem.

difference **differences** NOUN **1** The **difference** between two things is the way in which they are unlike each other.
NOUN **2** In maths, you can work out the **difference** between two numbers by taking the smaller number away from the larger number.

different ADJECTIVE
Something that is **different** from something else is not like it in one or more ways.

difficult ADJECTIVE
Something that is **difficult** is not easy to do or understand.
difficulty NOUN

dig **digs, digging, dug** VERB
When people **dig**, they break up soil or sand with a spade or garden fork.

digest **digests, digesting, digested** VERB
When you **digest** food, your body breaks it down so that it can be used.
digestion NOUN

digit **digits** NOUN
A **digit** is a written symbol for any of the numbers from 0 to 9. For example, 384 is a three-digit number.

digital ADJECTIVE **1 Digital** instruments such as watches have changing numbers instead of a dial with hands.
See **analogue**
NOUN **2 Digital television** is television in which the picture is sent in digital form.

dim **dimmer, dimmest** ADJECTIVE
If the light is **dim**, it is rather dark and it is hard to see things.

din NOUN
A **din** is a loud, annoying noise.

dining room **dining rooms** NOUN
A **dining room** is the room where people have their meals.

dinner **dinners** NOUN
Dinner is the main meal of the day.



dinosaur **dinosaurs** NOUN

A **dinosaur** was a large reptile which lived and became extinct in prehistoric times.

dip **dips, dipping, dipped** VERB

If you **dip** something into a liquid, you put it in quickly.

direct **directs, directing, directed** VERB **1** If you **direct** someone, you show them the way to go.

VERB **2** A person who **directs** something, like a film, is in charge of it.

ADJECTIVE **3** **Direct** means in a straight line without stopping, for example on a journey. *Is there a **direct** flight to Paris?*

direction **directions** NOUN **1** A **direction** is the way in which someone or something is moving or pointing.

NOUN **2** **Directions** are instructions that tell you what to do or which way to go.



dirt NOUN

Dirt is dust, mud or stains on a surface or fabric.

dirty **dirtier, dirtiest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **dirty** is marked or covered with mud or stains.

disabled ADJECTIVE

A **disabled** person has a condition or injury that makes it hard or impossible to do some things.

disability NOUN

disagree **disagrees, disagreeing, disagreed** VERB
If you **disagree** with someone, you think what they are saying is wrong.

disappear **disappears, disappearing, disappeared** VERB
If someone **disappears**, they go out of sight.

disappoint **disappoints, disappointing, disappointed** VERB
If something **disappoints** you, it is not as good as you thought it would be.
disappointment NOUN

disapprove VERB
If you **disapprove** of something, you think it is wrong or bad.

disaster **disasters** NOUN
A **disaster** is something very bad that happens, such as an air crash.
disastrous ADJECTIVE

disc **discs** NOUN
A **disc** is a flat round object.

discover **discovers, discovering, discovered** VERB
When you **discover** something, you find it or find out about it.
discovery NOUN

discuss **discusses, discussing, discussed** VERB
When you **discuss** something, you talk about it with someone else.
discussion NOUN

disease **diseases** NOUN
A **disease** is an illness in people, animals or plants.

disguise **disguises** NOUN
A **disguise** is something that changes the way you look, so that people do not recognize you.

disgust NOUN
Disgust is a feeling of strong dislike for someone or something.

dish **dishes** NOUN

A **dish** is a shallow container for cooking or serving meals in.



dishonest ADJECTIVE

If someone is **dishonest**, they are not to be trusted.

dishwasher **dishwashers** NOUN

A **dishwasher** is a machine that washes things like plates.

disk **disks** NOUN

A **disk** is used for storing information in a computer.



dislike **dislikes, disliking, disliked** VERB

If you **dislike** someone or something, you do not like them.

dismiss **dismisses, dismissing, dismissed** VERB

When someone in authority **dismisses** you, they tell you to leave.

display **displays** NOUN

A **display** is an arrangement of things which is done to show to people.

dissolve **dissolves, dissolving, dissolved** VERB
If something **dissolves** in a liquid, it becomes mixed in with it.
See **solution**

distance **distances** NOUN
The **distance** between two things is the amount of space between them.

distant ADJECTIVE
Distant means far away.

distinct ADJECTIVE
If something is **distinct**, you can hear or see it clearly.

distribute **distributes, distributing, distributed** VERB
If you **distribute** things like leaflets, you hand them out to several people.

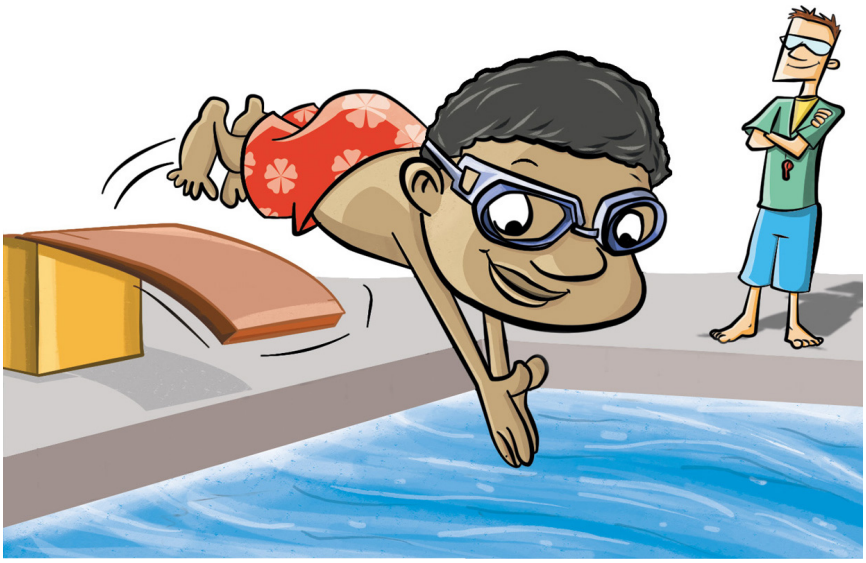
district **districts** NOUN
A **district** is the area around a place. *He's the only doctor in this **district**.*

disturb **disturbs, disturbing, disturbed** VERB
If you **disturb** someone, you interrupt them or spoil their peace and quiet.

disturbance **disturbances** NOUN
A **disturbance** is something that spoils people's peace and quiet.

ditch **ditches** NOUN
A **ditch** is a channel dug at the side of a road or field, to drain water.

dive **dives, diving, dived** VERB
To **dive** is to jump head first into water with your arms above your head.
diver NOUN



divide **divides, dividing, divided** VERB **1** When something is **divided**, it is separated into smaller parts.
VERB **2** When you **divide** numbers, you share them into equal groups. For example, 15 can be divided into 3 groups of 5, or 5 groups of 3. 15 ÷ 3 = 5 or 15 ÷ 5 = 3

division **divisions** NOUN **1** **Division** is separating something into two or more parts.
NOUN **2** In maths, **division** is the process of dividing one number by another. The sign ÷ is used for division.

divorce **divorces** NOUN
A **divorce** is the legal ending of a marriage.

Diwali NOUN
Diwali is a Hindu festival of light that is celebrated in the autumn.

dizzy **dizzier, dizziest** ADJECTIVE
If you feel **dizzy**, your head feels funny, as if you are going to fall over.

do **does, doing, did, done** VERB **1** If you **do** something, you get on and finish it. *Have you **done** your work?*
VERB **2** **Do** can be used with other verbs. ***Do** you want some more?*

doctor **doctors** NOUN
A **doctor** is a person who treats people when they are ill.



document **documents** NOUN **1** A **document** is a piece of paper which is an official record of something.
NOUN **2** A **document** is also a piece of text stored as a file in a computer.

dodge **dodges, dodging, dodged** VERB
If you **dodge**, you move suddenly out of the way.

does VERB
Does is a present tense form of **do**.

doesn't VERB
Doesn't is a contraction of **does not**.

dog **dogs** NOUN
A **dog** is an animal. Dogs bark and are often kept as pets, or used to guard things.

doll **dolls** NOUN
A **doll** is a child's toy that looks like a baby or a small person.

dollar **dollars** NOUN
A **dollar** is a unit of money in countries such as the USA and Australia.

dolphin **dolphins** NOUN
A **dolphin** is a mammal which lives in the sea.

dome **domes** NOUN
A **dome** is a round roof.

done VERB
Done is the past participle of **do**.

donkey **donkeys** NOUN
A **donkey** is an animal like a small horse, with longer ears.

don't VERB
Don't is a contraction of **do not**.

door **doors** NOUN
A **door** swings or slides to open and close the entrance to something.

dose **doses** NOUN
A **dose** is the amount of a medicine that you have to take.

dot **dots** NOUN
A **dot** is a small round mark.

double ADJECTIVE
If something is **double** the size or amount of something else, it is twice as big.

doubt **doubts** NOUN
If you have a **doubt** about something, you are not sure about it.

doubtful ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **doubtful** about something, you are not sure about it.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **doubtful** seems unlikely or uncertain.

dough NOUN
Dough is the floury mixture used to make things like pastry or bread.



doughnut **doughnuts** NOUN
A **doughnut** is a ring of sweet dough cooked in hot fat.

dove **doves** NOUN
A **dove** is a bird like a small pigeon.

down PREPOSITION **1** If you go **down** a hill, you go to a lower level.
ADVERB **2** If you put something **down**, you put it on a surface.
ADVERB **3** If an amount of something goes **down**, it gets less. *My pocket money's gone **down**.*
NOUN **4 Down** is soft feathers.

download **downloads, downloading, downloaded** VERB
When you **download** a program from a disk or from the Internet, you move it into a file on your own computer.

downstairs ADVERB
If you go **downstairs**, you go towards the ground floor.

doze **dozes, dozing, dozed** VERB
When you **doze**, you sleep lightly.

dozen **dozens** NOUN
If you have a **dozen** things, you have 12 of them.

draft **drafts** NOUN
A **draft** is an early rough version of something you are writing.

drag **drags, dragging, dragged** VERB
If you **drag** a heavy object, you pull it along the ground.

dragon **dragons** NOUN
In stories, a **dragon** is a fierce animal like a big lizard. It has wings and claws and breathes fire.



dragonfly **dragonflies** NOUN
A **dragonfly** is a brightly-coloured insect, usually found near water.
*See **Insects** on page 264*

drain **drains, draining, drained** NOUN **1** A **drain** is a pipe that carries water away.
VERB **2** If a liquid **drains** away, it flows slowly to somewhere else.

drake **drakes** NOUN
A **drake** is a male duck.

drama **dramas** NOUN **1** A **drama** is a serious play for the theatre, television or radio.
NOUN **2** **Drama** is exciting and interesting things that happen.

dramatic ADJECTIVE
Something **dramatic** is very exciting and interesting.
dramatically ADVERB

drank VERB
Drank is the past tense of **drink**.

draught **draughts** NOUN **1** A **draught** is a current of cold air coming into a room or vehicle.
PLURAL NOUN **2** **Draughts** is a game played with round pieces on a board.

draw **draws, drawing, drew, drawn** VERB **1** When you **draw**, you use something like a pencil or crayon to make a picture or a pattern.
VERB **2** When you **draw** the curtains, you pull them across a window.
NOUN **3** A **draw** is the result in a game or competition in which nobody wins.

drawer **drawers** NOUN
A **drawer** is a box that slides in and out of a piece of furniture.

drawing **drawings** NOUN
A **drawing** is a picture made with a pencil, pen or crayon.



dread **dreads, dreading, dreaded** VERB
If you **dread** something, you feel worried and frightened about it.

dreadful ADJECTIVE
Something that is **dreadful** is very bad or unpleasant.

dream **dreams, dreaming, dreamed** or **dreamt** VERB **1** When you **dream**, you see events in your mind while you are asleep.

VERB **2** If you **dream** while you are awake, you think about things you would like to happen.

dream NOUN



dress **dresses, dressing, dressed** VERB **1** When you **dress**, you put on your clothes.

NOUN **2** A **dress** is a piece of clothing for women or girls made up of a skirt and top joined together.

drew VERB

Drew is the past tense of **draw**.

dribble **dribbles, dribbling, dribbled** VERB **1** When babies **dribble**, water trickles from their mouth.

VERB **2** When players **dribble** the ball in a game like football, they kick it several times quickly to keep it moving.

drift **drifts, drifting, drifted** VERB **1** When something **drifts**, it is carried along slowly by wind or water.

NOUN **2** A **drift** is a pile of snow heaped up by the wind.

drill **drills** NOUN

A **drill** is a tool for making holes.

drink **drinks, drinking, drank, drunk** VERB **1** When you **drink**, you take liquid into your mouth and swallow it.

NOUN **2** A **drink** is a liquid which you swallow to stop you being thirsty.

drip **drips, dripping, dripped** VERB
When something **drips**, drops of liquid fall from it one after the other.

drive **drives, driving, drove, driven** VERB
If someone **drives** a vehicle, they make it move and control it.

driver **drivers** NOUN
The **driver** of a vehicle is the person who is driving it.

drop **drops, dropping, dropped** VERB **1** If you **drop** something, you let it fall.
NOUN **2** A **drop** is a tiny amount of liquid.

drought **droughts** NOUN
A **drought** is a long period of time when no rain falls.

drove VERB
Drove is the past tense of **drive**.

drown **drowns, drowning, drowned** VERB
If someone **drowns**, they die because they have gone under water and cannot breathe.

drug **drugs** NOUN
A **drug** is a substance that is used to treat or prevent disease, or stop pain. Some drugs can be dangerous.

drum **drums** NOUN
A **drum** is a musical instrument which you hit to make a noise. It has skin stretched tightly over the end.



drunk VERB
Drunk is the past participle of **drink**.

dry **drier** or **dryer, driest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **dry** has no water in it at all.
dry VERB

duck **ducks** NOUN
A **duck** is a common water bird with short legs and webbed feet.

due ADJECTIVE
If something is **due** at a particular time, it should happen then.

dug VERB
Dug is the past tense of **dig**.

dull **duller, dullest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **dull** is not interesting.
ADJECTIVE **2** **Dull** means not bright.
ADJECTIVE **3** A **dull** pain is not sharp.

dumb ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **dumb** is unable to speak.

during PREPOSITION
Something that happens **during** a period of time happens in that period. *I worked **during** the holidays.*

dusk NOUN
Dusk is the part of the day when it is beginning to get dark.

dust NOUN

Dust is dry fine powdery material such as particles of earth, dirt or pollen.

dusty ADJECTIVE



dustbin **dustbins** NOUN

A **dustbin** is a large container with a lid, for rubbish.

duty **duties** NOUN

A **duty** is something you feel you should do. *He only went to see his aunt because he felt it was his **duty**.*

duvet **duvets** NOUN

A **duvet** is a bed cover filled with feathers or other light material.

DVD **DVDs** NOUN

DVD is an abbreviation for **digital video disc**. It is a disc on which a film or music is recorded.

dye **dyes, dyeing, dyed** VERB

If you **dye** something such as hair or cloth, you change its colour by soaking it in a special liquid.

dying VERB

Dying is the present participle of **die**.

Ee

each ADJECTIVE

Each means every one taken separately.
*She gave **each** child a pencil.*

eager ADJECTIVE

If you are **eager**, you very much want to do or have something.

eagle **eagles** NOUN

An **eagle** is a large strong bird with a sharp curved beak and claws.



ear **ears** NOUN

Your **ears** are the parts of your body that you use for hearing.

early **earlier, earliest** ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **1 Early** means near the beginning of a period of time. *We took the **early** train to school.*
ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **2** You also use **early** to mean sooner than expected.
*I arrived at the party **early**.*

earn **earns, earning, earned** VERB

If you **earn** something, such as money, you get it by working for it.

earphones PLURAL NOUN

Earphones are a small piece of equipment which you wear over or inside your ears so that you can listen to music or talking without anyone else hearing.

earring **earrings** NOUN
An **earring** is a piece of jewellery that is fixed to the ear for decoration.

earth NOUN **1** The **Earth** is the planet we live on.
NOUN **2** The soil that plants grow in is also called **earth**.

earthquake **earthquakes** NOUN
An **earthquake** is when the ground shakes because of movement beneath the surface.

east NOUN
East is one of the four main points of the compass. It is the direction in which the sun rises.
See **compass point**
eastern ADJECTIVE

Easter NOUN
Easter is a Christian festival that celebrates Christ's return to life.

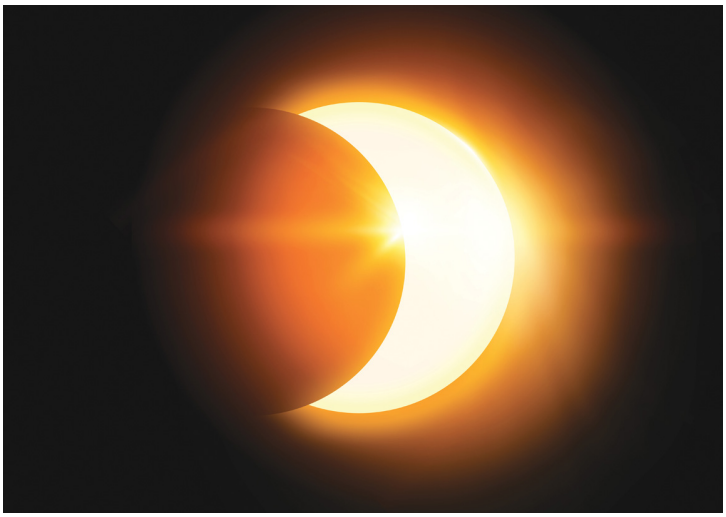
easy **easier, easiest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **easy** can be done without difficulty.
easily ADVERB

eat **eats, eating, ate, eaten** VERB
When you **eat**, you chew and swallow food.

e-book **e-books** NOUN
An **e-book** is a book which is produced for reading on a computer screen.
E-book is an abbreviation of **electronic book**.

echo **echoes** NOUN
An **echo** is a sound that bounces back from something like the walls of a cave or building.

eclipse **eclipses** NOUN An **eclipse** of the sun is when the moon comes in front of the sun and hides it for a short time.



edge **edges** NOUN **1** An **edge** is the end or side of something.
NOUN **2** An **edge** is where two faces of a three-dimensional shape meet. For example, a cuboid has 12 edges.

edible ADJECTIVE
Something that is **edible** is safe to eat.

edit **edits, editing, edited** VERB **1** If you **edit** a piece of writing, you correct it so that it is ready for printing.
VERB **2** When someone **edits** a film or television programme, they select different parts and arrange them in a particular order.

educate **educates, educating, educated** VERB
To **educate** someone means to teach them over a long period, so that they learn about many different things.

education NOUN
Education is the teaching you receive at school, college or university.

eel **eels** NOUN
An **eel** is a long thin fish that looks like a snake.

effect **effects** NOUN
An **effect** is a change made by something. *I'm still suffering from the **effects** of my cold.*

effort **efforts** NOUN

Effort is the physical or mental energy needed to do something.

egg **eggs** NOUN **1** An **egg** is an oval object laid by female birds. Reptiles, fish and insects also lay eggs. A baby animal develops inside the egg until it is ready to be born.



NOUN **2** In a female mammal, an **egg** is a cell produced in its body which can develop into a baby.

Eid NOUN

Eid is a Muslim festival where people exchange gifts and eat a meal together.

eight NOUN

Eight is the number 8.

eighteen NOUN

Eighteen is the number 18.

either ADJECTIVE, PRONOUN OR CONJUNCTION **1** You use **either** to refer to each of two possible things. *You can **either** come with me or stay here.* ADJECTIVE **2** You use **either** to refer to both of two things. *There were fields on **either** side of the road.*

elastic ADJECTIVE **1** Something **elastic** is able to stretch easily. NOUN **2** **Elastic** is a material, like rubber, which stretches and can then return to its original size.

elbow **elbows** NOUN

Your **elbow** is the joint in the middle of your arm where it bends.



electric ADJECTIVE

A machine or other object that is **electric** works by using electricity.

electrical ADJECTIVE

electricity NOUN

Electricity is a form of energy that is used for heating and lighting, and to work machines. It comes along wires.

electronic ADJECTIVE

Something **electronic** has transistors or silicon chips which control an electric current.

electronically ADVERB

elephant **elephants** NOUN

An **elephant** is a large four-legged mammal with a long trunk, large ears, and ivory tusks.

eleven NOUN

Eleven is the number 11.

else ADVERB

You can use **else** to mean other than this or more than this. *Can you think of anything **else**?*

e-mail or **email** NOUN
E-mail is the sending of messages from one computer to another.

embarrass **embarrasses, embarrassing, embarrassed** VERB
To **embarrass** someone means to make them feel shy, ashamed or guilty about something.

emerald **emeralds** NOUN
An **emerald** is a bright green precious stone.

emerge **emerges, emerging, emerged** VERB
If someone **emerges** from a place, they come out so that they can be seen.

emergency **emergencies** NOUN
An **emergency** is an unexpected and serious event which needs immediate action to deal with it.

emotion **emotions** NOUN
Emotion is a strong feeling, such a love or fear.

employ **employs, employing, employed** VERB
If someone **employs** you, they pay you to work for them.

employer **employers** NOUN
Employers are people who pay other people to work for them.

empty **emptier, emptiest; empties, emptying, emptied** ADJECTIVE **1**
Something that is **empty** has no people or things in it.
VERB **2** If you **empty** a container, you pour or take everything out of it.

enchanted ADJECTIVE
In stories, something that is **enchanted** is under a magic spell.

encourage **encourages, encouraging, encouraged** VERB
If you **encourage** someone, you tell them that what they are doing is good and they should go on doing it.

encyclopedia **encyclopedias** NOUN

An **encyclopedia** is a book or set of books giving information about many different subjects.

end **ends, ending, ended** NOUN **1** The **end** of a period of time or an event is the last part.
NOUN **2** The **end** of something is the farthest point of it. *The bathroom is at the **end** of the passage.*
VERB **3** If something **ends**, it finishes.

ending **endings** NOUN
An **ending** is the last part of a word, story, play or film.

enemy **enemies** NOUN
Your **enemy** is someone who fights or works against you.

energetic ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **energetic** is active and lively.
energetically ADVERB

energy NOUN **1 Energy** is the strength you need to do things. You get energy from food.
NOUN **2 Energy** is also the power that makes things heat up, make a sound, give light or move. Electricity is one kind of energy.

engine **engines** NOUN **1** An **engine** is a machine that makes things move.
NOUN **2** An **engine** is also a large vehicle that pulls a railway train.

engineer **engineers** NOUN
An **engineer** is a person who designs or builds things such as machinery, instruments or bridges.



enjoy **enjoys, enjoying, enjoyed** VERB
If you **enjoy** doing something, you like doing it very much.
enjoyable ADJECTIVE **enjoyment** NOUN

enormous ADJECTIVE
Something that is **enormous** is extremely large.

enough ADJECTIVE
Enough means as much as you need.
*Have you had **enough** to eat?*

enter **enters, entering, entered** VERB **1** If you **enter** a place, you go into it.
VERB **2** If you **enter** a competition or examination, you take part in it.

entertain **entertains, entertaining, entertained** VERB
If you **entertain** somebody, you do something that they enjoy and find amusing.

entertainment NOUN
Entertainment is things that people watch for pleasure, such as shows and films.

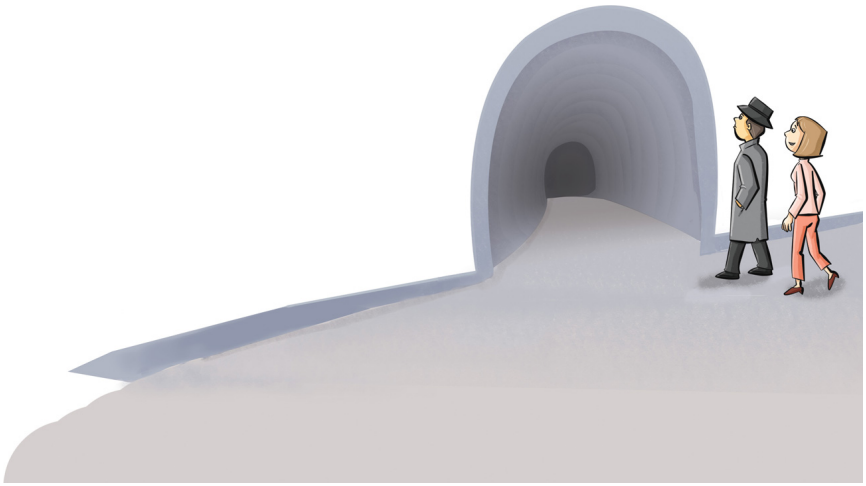
enthusiastic ADJECTIVE
If you are **enthusiastic** about something, you are very interested in it, or excited about it.

entire ADJECTIVE

Entire means the whole of something.
*The **entire** class came to my party.*

entrance **entrances** NOUN

An **entrance** is the way into a place.



entry **entries** NOUN

Entry is the act of entering a place. *No **entry** after 11 p.m.*

envelope **envelopes** NOUN

An **envelope** is a folded paper cover for a letter or card.



envious ADJECTIVE

If you are **envious** of somebody, you wish you could have the same things that they have.

environment **environments** NOUN

The **environment** is the natural world around us.

envy **envies, envying, envied** VERB

If you **envy** somebody, you wish you could have the same things that they have.

episode **episodes** NOUN
An **episode** is one of several parts of a story or drama.

equal ADJECTIVE
If two things are **equal**, they are the same as each other in size, number or amount.

equals VERB
In maths, the symbol = stands for **equals**. The numbers on each side of it have the same value: 2 + 2 = 4

equation **equations** NOUN
Equations are sometimes called number sentences. The numbers on the left equal the numbers on the right. For example, 3 + 3 = 2 × 3 is an equation.

equator NOUN
The **equator** is an imaginary line drawn round the centre of the earth, lying halfway between the North and South Poles.

equipment NOUN
Equipment is the things that you need to do something. *We need some new kitchen **equipment** – especially a fridge.*

error **errors** NOUN
An **error** is a mistake, or something that is wrong.

erupt **erupts, erupting, erupted** VERB
When a volcano **erupts**, it throws out hot molten lava, ash and steam.

escape **escapes, escaping, escaped** VERB
If a person or animal **escapes**, they get away from somebody or something.

especially ADVERB
You say **especially** to mean most of all.
*I like cats, **especially** black ones.*

essay **essays** NOUN
An **essay** is a short piece of writing on a particular subject.

essential ADJECTIVE
Something that is **essential** is absolutely necessary.

estate **estates** NOUN **1** An **estate** is a large area of land in the country, belonging to one person or group.
NOUN **2** An **estate** is also an area of land with lots of houses on it.

estimate **estimates, estimating, estimated** VERB
If you **estimate** something, you guess the size or amount of it.

euro **euros** NOUN
A **euro** is a unit of money used in most countries of the European Union.



European Union NOUN
The **European Union** is an organization of countries in Europe that work together on matters such as trade and agriculture.

even ADVERB **1** You say **even** when something is rather surprising. *I like to play outside **even** when it is raining.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If something like a path is **even**, it is smooth and flat.
ADJECTIVE **3** An **even** number can be divided by two, with no remainder. *2, 18 and 36 are all **even** numbers.*

evening **evenings** NOUN
The **evening** is the part of the day between late afternoon and the time you usually go to bed.

event **events** NOUN

An **event** is something important that happens.

eventually ADVERB

Eventually means in the end, after a lot of delays or problems.

ever ADVERB

Ever means at any time in the past or future. *Have you **ever** seen such a big dog?*

every ADJECTIVE

Every means each one. *I spoke to **every** child in that class.*

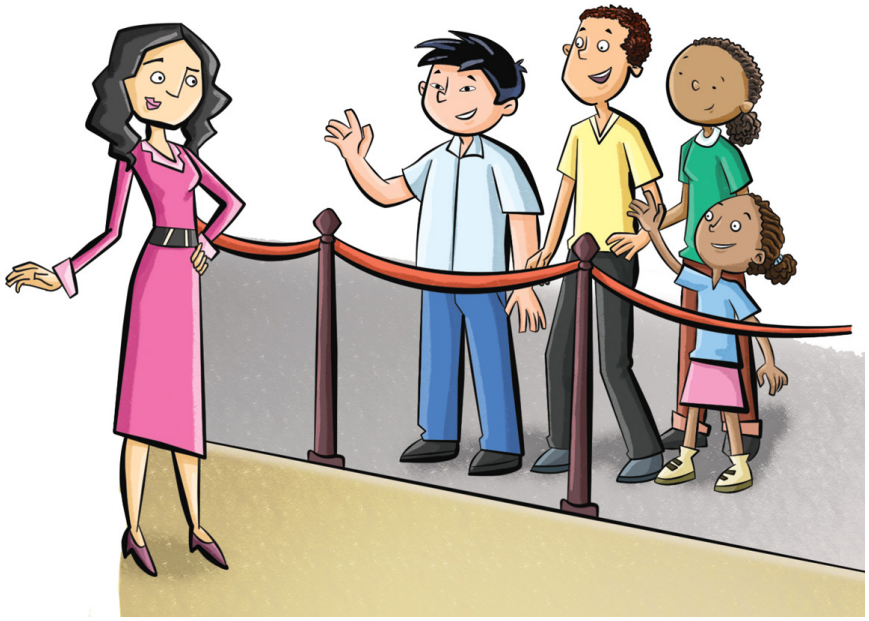
every other PHRASE **Every other** means one in every two. *I see my friend **every other** week.*

everybody PRONOUN

Everybody means every person. ***Everybody** has to eat.*

everyone PRONOUN

You can use **everyone** instead of **everybody**. ***Everyone** knew who she was.*



everything PRONOUN

Everything means all of something.

everywhere ADVERB

Everywhere means in all places. *Children **everywhere** love stories.*

evidence NOUN

Evidence is anything you see, read or are told which gives you reason to believe something.

evil ADJECTIVE

An **evil** person is extremely wicked.

ewe **ewes** NOUN

A **ewe** is a female sheep.

exact ADJECTIVE

Something that is **exact** is accurate in every detail.

exactly ADVERB

You say **exactly** when you mean no more and no less. *My father is **exactly** two metres tall.*

exaggerate **exaggerates, exaggerating, exaggerated** VERB

If you **exaggerate**, you say something is better or worse than it really is.

exam **exams** NOUN

Exam is an abbreviation of **examination**.

examination **examinations** NOUN **1** An **examination** is a test people take to find out how much they have learned.

NOUN **2** A doctor makes a medical **examination** to find out how healthy you are.

examine **examines, examining, examined** VERB

If you **examine** something, you look at it carefully or closely.

example **examples** NOUN

An **example** is one thing which shows what the rest of a set is like. *This is an **example** of my work.*

excellent ADJECTIVE

Something that is **excellent** is extremely good.

except PREPOSITION

Except means apart from. *Everyone went outside **except** David.*

exception **exceptions** NOUN

An **exception** is something that does not fit in with a general rule. *With the **exception** of bats, mammals cannot fly.*

exchange **exchanges, exchanging, exchanged** VERB

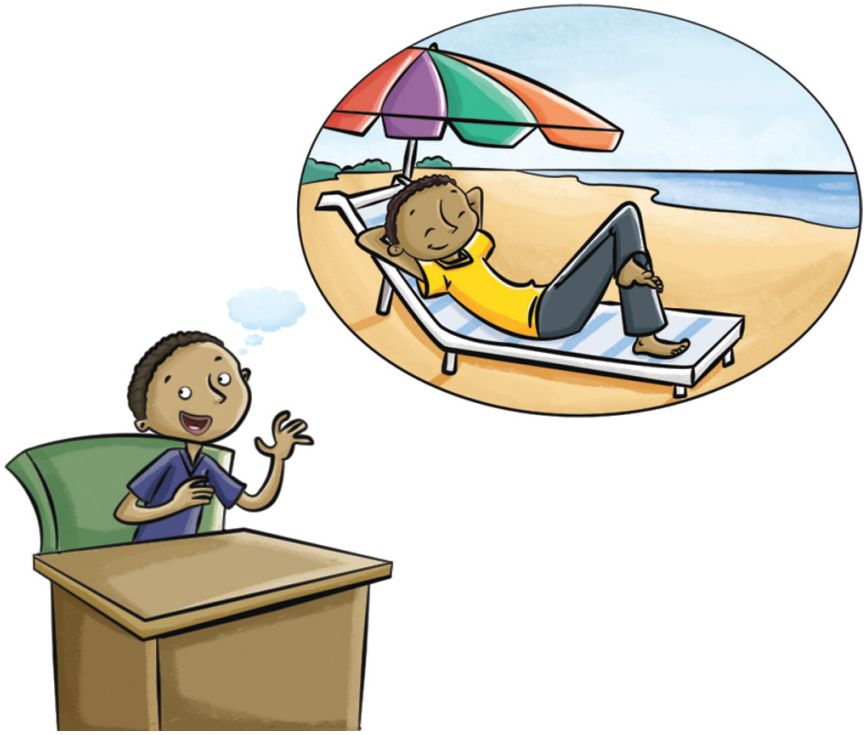
If you **exchange** something, you change it for something else.

excite **excites, exciting, excited** VERB

If something **excites** you, it makes you feel happy and interested.
exciting ADJECTIVE **excitement** NOUN

excited ADJECTIVE

If you feel **excited**, you feel happy and unable to rest. *Sam was **excited** about going on holiday.*



exclaim **exclaims, exclaiming, exclaimed** VERB

When you **exclaim**, you speak suddenly or loudly, because you are excited or angry.
exclamation NOUN

exclamation mark **exclamation marks** NOUN

An **exclamation mark** is a punctuation mark (**!**) used in writing to express a strong feeling.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

excuse **excuses** NOUN

An **excuse** is a reason you give for doing something, or not doing it.

exercise **exercises** NOUN **1 Exercise** is regular movements you make to keep fit.

NOUN **2** An **exercise** is a piece of work that you do to help you learn something.

exhausted ADJECTIVE

When you are **exhausted**, you are so tired you have no energy left.

exhibition **exhibitions** NOUN

An **exhibition** is a collection of pictures or other things in a public place where people can come to see them.

exist **exists, existing, existed** VERB

Things that **exist** are present in the world or universe now.

existence NOUN

exit **exits** NOUN

An **exit** is the way out of a place.



expand **expands, expanding, expanded** VERB

When something **expands**, it gets bigger.

expect **expects, expecting, expected** VERB
If you **expect** something, you think it will happen.

expedition **expeditions** NOUN
An **expedition** is a journey made for a special reason.

expel **expels, expelling, expelled** VERB
If someone is **expelled** from school, they are told not to come back because their behaviour has been so bad.

expensive ADJECTIVE
Something that is **expensive** costs a lot of money.

experience **experiences** NOUN **1** An **experience** is something that happens to you.
NOUN **2** **Experience** is knowing about something because you have been doing it for a long time.

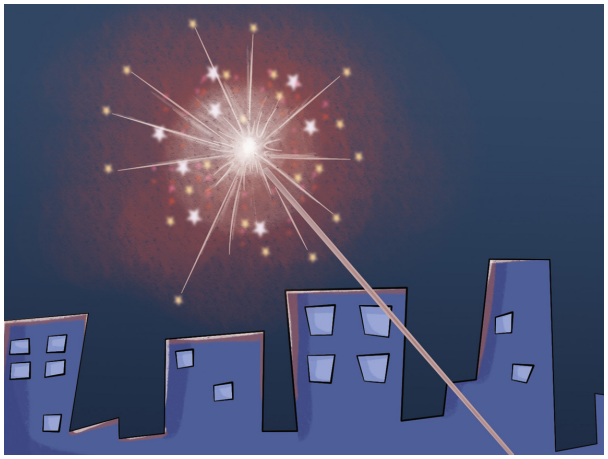
experiment **experiments** NOUN
An **experiment** is the testing of something, either to find out its effect or to prove something.

expert **experts** NOUN
An **expert** is someone who is very skilled at doing something or who knows a lot about something.

explain **explains, explaining, explained** VERB **1** To **explain** means to say things to help people understand.
VERB **2** When you **explain**, you give reasons for something that happened.

explanation **explanations** NOUN **1** An **explanation** is something that helps people understand something. *She gave us a clear **explanation** of the way the machine works.*
NOUN **2** An **explanation** is something that tells you why something happened.

explode **explodes, exploding, exploded** VERB
If something such as a firework **explodes**, it bursts with a loud bang.
explosion NOUN



explore **explores, exploring, explored** VERB
If you **explore** a place, you travel in it to find out what it is like.
exploration NOUN **explorer** NOUN

explosive **explosives** NOUN
An **explosive** is a substance that can explode.

express **expresses, expressing, expressed** VERB
If you **express** an idea or feeling, you put it into words or show it by the way you act. *He could only **express** the way he felt by bursting into tears.*

expression **expressions** NOUN
Your **expression** is the look on your face that lets people know what you are thinking or feeling.

extinct ADJECTIVE
If an animal or plant family is **extinct**, it no longer has any living members. *The dodo has been **extinct** for more than 300 years.*

extra ADJECTIVE
You use **extra** to mean more than usual. *You'd better take an **extra** jumper – it's going to be cold.*

extraordinary ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **extraordinary** is very special or unusual.

extreme ADJECTIVE
Extreme means very great. ***Extreme** cold can cause many problems.*

extremely ADVERB

eye **eyes** NOUN **1** Your **eyes** are the part of your body that you use for seeing.



NOUN **2** The **eye** of a needle is the small hole at one end.

eyesight NOUN

Eyesight is the ability to see.

Ff

fabric **fabrics** NOUN

Fabric is material made in some way such as by weaving or knitting.



face **faces, facing, faced** NOUN **1** Your **face** is the front part of your head from your chin to your forehead.

*See **The body** on page 256*

VERB **2** If you **face** something, you have your face towards it.

NOUN **3** The **face** of a clock or watch is the part with the numbers on it that show the time.

NOUN **4** A **face** is a surface of a three-dimensional shape.

fact **facts** NOUN

A **fact** is something that is true.

factual ADJECTIVE

factor **factors** NOUN

A **factor** is a whole number which will divide exactly into another whole number. For example, 3 is a factor of 12.

factory **factories** NOUN

A **factory** is a large building where a lot of things are made.

fade **fades, fading, faded** VERB **1** If a colour **fades**, it gets paler.

VERB **2** If the light **fades**, it gets darker.

fail **fails, failing, failed** VERB **1** If someone **fails** when they try to do something, they cannot do it.
VERB **2** If something **fails**, it stops working. *The brakes **failed**, and the car hit a wall.*

failure **failures** NOUN
If something is a **failure**, it does not work as planned. *The picnic was a **failure** because it rained all day.*

faint **faints, fainting, fainted; fainter, faintest** VERB **1** If someone **faints**, they become unconscious for a short time.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something like a sound or mark that is **faint** is not easy to hear or see.

fair **fairer, fairest; fairs** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **fair** seems reasonable to most people.
ADJECTIVE **2** People who are **fair** have light-coloured hair.
NOUN **3** A **fair** is a form of entertainment that takes place outside with stalls, sideshows, and machines to ride on.

fairly ADVERB
Fairly means quite or rather.

fairy **fairies** NOUN
In stories, **fairies** are tiny people with wings, who have magical powers.



fairy tale **fairy tales** NOUN

A **fairy tale** is a story in which magical things happen.

faithful ADJECTIVE

If you are **faithful** to someone, you can be trusted and relied on.

fake **fakes** NOUN

A **fake** is a copy of something made to trick people into thinking that it is genuine.

fall **falls, falling, fell, fallen** VERB **1** When someone or something **falls**, they drop towards the ground.

VERB **2** If someone's face **falls**, they suddenly look upset or disappointed.

false

ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **false**, it is not the real thing. *My uncle has a **false** tooth.*

ADJECTIVE **2** If something you say is **false**, it is not true.

familiar ADJECTIVE

Something **familiar** is well-known or easy to recognize. *It was good to see a **familiar** face.*

family **families** NOUN **1** A **family** is a group of people made up of parents and their children.

*See **Family** on page 258*

NOUN **2** A **family** is also a group of animals or plants of the same kind. *Lions and tigers belong to the cat **family**.*

famine **famines** NOUN

A **famine** is a shortage of food which may cause many people to die.

famous ADJECTIVE

Someone or something **famous** is very well known.

fan **fans** NOUN **1** A **fan** is an object which creates a draught of cool air when it moves.

NOUN **2** If you are a **fan** of something or of someone famous, you are very interested in them.

fantastic ADJECTIVE

Something **fantastic** is wonderful and very pleasing.

fantasy **fantasies** NOUN **1** A **fantasy** is a story about things that do not exist in the real world.

NOUN **2** **Fantasy** is imagining things.

far **farther** or **further; farthest** or **furthest** ADVERB **1** **Far** means a long way away. *Are you going **far**?*

ADVERB **2** You use **far** to ask questions about distance. *How **far** is the house from here?*



fare **fares** NOUN
A **fare** is the money that you pay to go on something like a plane or a bus.

farm **farms** NOUN
A **farm** is a large area of land together with buildings, used for growing crops or keeping animals.

farmer **farmers** NOUN
A **farmer** is a person who owns or manages a farm.

fascinate **fascinates, fascinating, fascinated** VERB
If something **fascinates** you, it interests you very much.

fashion **fashions** NOUN
A **fashion** is the style of things like clothes that are popular for a time.
fashionable ADJECTIVE

fast **faster, fastest; fasts, fasting, fasted** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone or something that is **fast** can move very quickly.
ADJECTIVE **2** If a clock is **fast**, it shows a time that is later than the real time.
VERB **3** If someone **fasts**, they eat no food for a period of time.

fasten **fastens, fastening, fastened** VERB
When you **fasten** something, you close it or do it up. *Remember to **fasten** your seat belt.*

fat **fatter, fattest; fats** ADJECTIVE **1** A **fat** person or animal has a heavy body.

NOUN **2 Fat** is a solid or liquid substance used in cooking. It comes from animals or vegetables.

father **fathers** NOUN
Your **father** is your male parent.

fault **faults** NOUN **1** If people say something is your **fault**, they are blaming you for something bad that has happened.
NOUN **2** A **fault** is something wrong with the way something was made.
faulty ADJECTIVE

favour **favours** NOUN
A **favour** is something helpful you do for someone.

favourite **favourites** NOUN
Your **favourite** person or thing is the one you like better than all the others. *This teddy is my **favourite** toy.*

fear **fears, fearing, feared** NOUN **1 Fear** is the nasty feeling you have when you think you are in danger.
VERB **2** If you **fear** someone or something, you are frightened of them.

feast **feasts** NOUN
A **feast** is a large and special meal for many people.



feat **feats** NOUN
A **feat** is a brave or impressive act.

feather **feathers** NOUN

A **feather** is one of the very light pieces that make up a bird's coat.



feature **features** NOUN

A **feature** is a particular part or characteristic of something that is interesting or important.

February NOUN

February is the second month of the year. It has 28 days except in a leap year, when it has 29.

fed VERB

Fed is the past tense of **feed**.

feed **feeds, feeding, fed** VERB

If you **feed** a person or animal, you give them food.

feel **feels, feeling, felt** VERB **1** If you **feel** something, like happy or sad, that is how you are at that time.

VERB **2** If you **feel** an object, you touch it to find out what it is like.

feeling **feelings** NOUN

A **feeling** is something you feel, like anger or happiness.

*See **Feelings** on page 259*

feet PLURAL NOUN

Feet is the plural of **foot**.

felt

VERB **1 Felt** is the past tense of **feel**.

NOUN **2 Felt** is a thick cloth made by pressing short threads together.

female **females** NOUN

A **female** is a person or animal that belongs to the sex that can have babies or young.

female ADJECTIVE

feminine ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **feminine** has the qualities generally expected of a woman, such as gentleness.

fence **fences** NOUN

A **fence** is a wooden or wire barrier between two areas of land.

ferocious ADJECTIVE

A **ferocious** animal or person is violent and fierce.

ferry **ferries** NOUN

A **ferry** is a boat that takes passengers and sometimes vehicles across a short stretch of water.

festival **festivals** NOUN **1** A **festival** is an organized series of events and performances.

NOUN **2** A **festival** can also be a special day or period of religious celebration.

fetch **fetches, fetching, fetched** VERB

If you **fetch** something, you go and get it and bring it back.

fever **fevers** NOUN

If you have a **fever** when you are ill, you have a high temperature.



few **fewer, fewest** ADJECTIVE

Few means a small number of things. *I saw him a **few** minutes ago.*

fibre **fibres** NOUN

A **fibre** is a thin thread of something such as wool or cotton.

fiction NOUN

Fiction is books or stories about people and events which are made up by the author.

See **non-fiction**

fidget **fidgets, fidgeting, fidgeted** VERB

If you **fidget**, you keep moving about because you are nervous or bored.

field **fields** NOUN

A **field** is a piece of land with a fence around, used to grow crops or keep animals in.

fierce **fiercer, fiercest** ADJECTIVE

An animal that is **fierce** is dangerous.

fifteen NOUN

Fifteen is the number 15.

fifty NOUN

Fifty is the number 50.

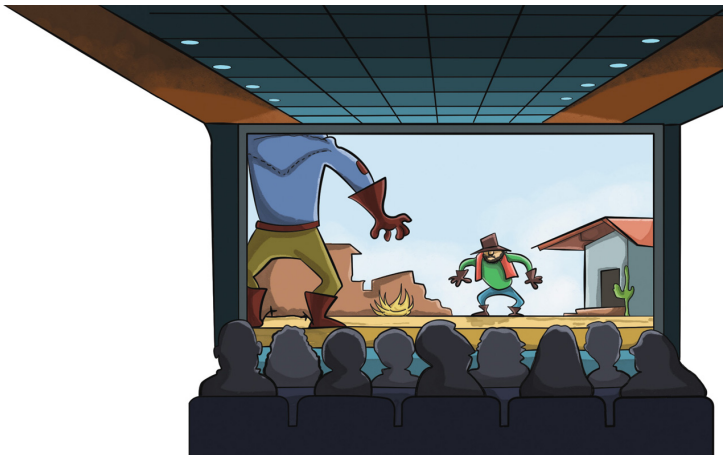
fight **fights, fighting, fought** VERB
If you **fight** someone, you try to hurt them.

figure **figures** NOUN **1** A **figure** is any of the numbers from 0 to 9.
See **digit**
NOUN **2** A **figure** is also the shape of a person. *It was just getting dark when I saw a small **figure** coming towards me.*

file **files** NOUN **1** A **file** is a box or folded piece of card that you keep papers in.
NOUN **2** A **file** is also a set of data in a computer, which is stored under a name.
NOUN **3** A **file** is also a metal tool with rough surfaces which is used to smooth things like wood or metal.

fill **fills, filling, filled** VERB
If you **fill** something, you put so much into it there is no room for any more.

film **films** NOUN **1** A **film** is moving pictures shown on a screen.



NOUN **2** **Film** is a long narrow piece of plastic that is used in a camera to take photographs.

filthy **filthier, filthiest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **filthy** is very dirty.

fin **fins** NOUN

A fish's **fins** are like small wings that stick out of its body. They help the fish to swim and to keep its balance.

final ADJECTIVE
In a series of any kind, the **final** one is the last one.
finally ADVERB

find **finds, finding, found** VERB
When you **find** someone or something, you see the person or thing you have been looking for.

fine **finer, finest; fines** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **fine** is extremely good.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something like a thread or nib that is **fine** is very thin.
ADJECTIVE **3** If you say you are **fine**, you mean you are well and happy.
ADJECTIVE **4** When the weather is **fine**, it is dry and sunny.
NOUN **5** A **fine** is money that is paid as a punishment.

finger **fingers** NOUN
Your **fingers** are the four long jointed parts at the end of your hand.



fingernail **fingernails** NOUN
Your **fingernails** are the thin hard areas that cover the ends of your fingers.

fingerprint **fingerprints** NOUN
A **fingerprint** is a mark that shows the skin pattern at the tip of a finger.

finish **finishes, finishing, finished** VERB

When you **finish** something, like a meal or a book, you reach the end of it.

fir **firs** NOUN
A **fir** is a tall pointed evergreen tree with cones, and leaves like needles.

fire **fires, firing, fired** NOUN **1** **Fire** is the flames produced when something burns.
NOUN **2** A **fire** is also something powered by coal, gas or electricity that gives out heat.
VERB **3** If someone **fires** a gun, a bullet is sent from the gun they are using.

fire engine **fire engines** NOUN
A **fire engine** is a large vehicle that carries firefighters and equipment for putting out fires.

firefighter **firefighters** NOUN
A **firefighter** is a person whose job is to put out fires and rescue trapped people and animals.

fireplace **fireplaces** NOUN
A **fireplace** is the opening beneath a chimney where a fire can be lit.

firework **fireworks** NOUN
A **firework** is a thing that burns with coloured sparks when you light it. Some fireworks make a loud noise.

firm **firmer, firmest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **firm** does not move easily when you press or push it. *This pear isn't ripe – it is too **firm**!*
ADJECTIVE **2** If someone is **firm** with you about something, you know they will not change their mind.

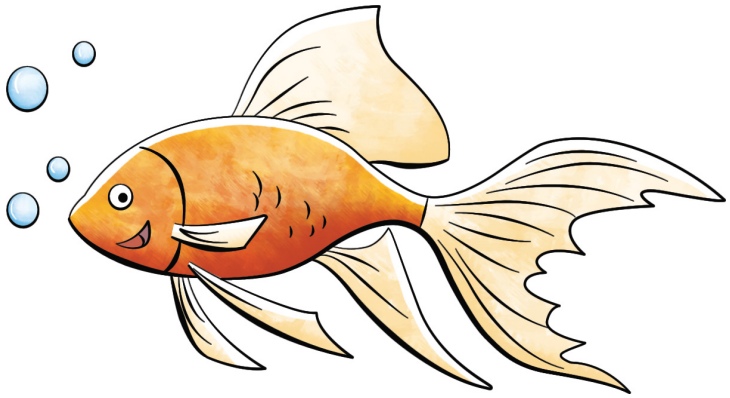
first ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB
If something is **first** or happens first, it is number one and comes before anything else.

first aid NOUN
First aid is simple treatment given as soon as possible to a person who is injured or who suddenly becomes ill.

first person NOUN

The **first person** refers to yourself when you are speaking or writing. It is expressed as “I” or “we”.

fish **fishes, fishing, fished** NOUN **1** A **fish** is an animal that lives in water. It has gills, fins and a scaly skin.



VERB **2** To **fish** is to try and catch fish for food or sport.

fisherman **fishermen** NOUN

A **fisherman** is a person who catches fish as a job or for sport.

fist **fists** NOUN

You make a **fist** by tucking your fingers into the palm of your hand.

fit **fitter, fittest; fits, fitting, fitted** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **fit** is healthy.

VERB **2** If something such as clothing **fits** you, it is the right size for you.

VERB **3** If something **fits** something else, it is the right size to go with it. *This is the lid that **fits** that box.*

five NOUN

Five is the number 5.

fix **fixes, fixing, fixed** VERB **1** If you **fix** something that has broken, you make it work again.

VERB **2** If you **fix** something somewhere, you put it there firmly so that it cannot be moved. *She **fixed** a lamp to the wall.*

fizzy **fizzier, fizziest** ADJECTIVE

A **fizzy** drink is full of little bubbles of gas.

flag **flags** NOUN
A **flag** is a piece of cloth that can be fixed to a pole as a symbol of a nation, or as a signal.



flake **flakes** NOUN
A **flake** is a small thin piece of something.

flame **flames** NOUN
A **flame** is a flickering tongue or blaze of fire.

flannel **flannels** NOUN
A **flannel** is a small square of towelling, used for washing yourself.

flap **flaps, flapping, flapped** NOUN **1** A **flap** is something flat that is fixed along one edge so that the rest of it can move freely.
VERB **2** When a bird **flaps** its wings, it moves them up and down quickly.

flash **flashes, flashing, flashed** NOUN **1** A **flash** is a bright light which comes suddenly and only lasts a moment, like lightning in a storm.
VERB **2** If something **flashes** past, it moves so fast that you cannot see it properly.

flask **flasks** NOUN

A **flask** is a bottle for carrying drinks. It keeps hot drinks hot and cold drinks cold.

flat **flats; flatter, flattest** NOUN **1** A **flat** is a set of rooms, usually on one level, for living in.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **flat** is level and smooth.

ADJECTIVE **3** A battery that is **flat** has lost its electrical power.

ADJECTIVE **4** A **flat** shape is one like a circle, that is two-dimensional.

flavour **flavours** NOUN

The **flavour** of food is its taste.

flea **fleas** NOUN

A **flea** is a small jumping insect that feeds on blood.

fleece **fleeces** NOUN **1** A sheep's **fleece** is its woollen coat.

NOUN **2** A **fleece** is a kind of warm jacket or pullover.

flesh

NOUN **1 Flesh** is the soft part of your body.

NOUN **2** The **flesh** of a fruit or vegetable is the soft inner part that you eat.

flew VERB

Flew is the past tense of **fly**.

flick **flicks, flicking, flicked** VERB

If you **flick** something, you move it sharply with your finger.

flies

VERB **1 Flies** is a present tense form of **fly**.

NOUN **2 Flies** is also the plural of **fly**.

flight **flights** NOUN **1** A **flight** is a journey through the air by a bird or an aircraft.

NOUN **2** A **flight** of stairs is a set that leads from one level to another without changing direction.

flip **flips, flipping, flipped** VERB

If you **flip** something, you turn or move it quickly. *He **flipped** a coin.*

float **floats, floating, floated** VERB **1** Something that **floats** is supported by water and does not sink.

VERB **2** Something that **floats** through the air moves along gently, supported by the air.

flock **flocks** NOUN

A **flock** is a group of birds, sheep or goats.

*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

flood **floods** NOUN

A **flood** is a large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry.



floor **floors** NOUN **1** The **floor** of a room is the flat part that you walk on.

NOUN **2** A **floor** of a building is all the rooms on that level. *Our flat is on the third **floor**.*

flop **flops, flopping, flopped** VERB

If someone or something **flops**, they fall loosely and rather heavily.

flour NOUN

Flour is a powder made by grinding grain such as wheat. It is used to make things like bread and cakes.

flow **flows, flowing, flowed** VERB

If liquid **flows** in a certain direction, it moves there steadily.

flower **flowers** NOUN

A **flower** is the part of a plant that has coloured petals. When the petals fade, fruit or seeds develop.



flown VERB

Flown is the past participle of **fly**.

flu NOUN

Flu is an illness that gives you a fever and makes you ache all over. Flu is an abbreviation of **influenza**.

fluffy **fluffier, fluffiest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **fluffy** is very soft and light.

fluid **fluids** NOUN

Fluid is another word for liquid.

flute **flutes** NOUN

A **flute** is a musical wind instrument consisting of a long tube with holes and keys.

flutter **flutters, fluttering, fluttered** VERB
If something **flutters**, it flaps or waves with small quick movements.

fly **flies, flying, flew, flown** NOUN **1** A **fly** is a small insect with two wings.
*See **Insects** on page 264*
VERB **2** When a bird, insect or aircraft **flies**, it moves through the air.



foam NOUN
Foam is a mass of tiny bubbles.

focus **focuses, focusing, focused** VERB
If you **focus** something like a camera or a telescope, you adjust it so that you can see through it clearly.

fog **fogs** NOUN
Fog is a thick mist of water droplets in the air.
foggy ADJECTIVE

fold **folds, folding, folded** NOUN **1** **Folds** in material are the curves in it when it does not hang flat. *The curtains hung in soft **folds**.*
VERB **2** If you **fold** something, you bend it so that one part lies over another.

folder **folders** NOUN
A **folder** is a piece of folded cardboard for keeping papers in.

folk **folks** NOUN

Folk or folks are people.

follow **follows, following, followed** VERB **1** If you **follow** someone who is moving, you move along behind them.
VERB **2** If one thing **follows** another, it happens after it.
VERB **3** If you **follow** instructions or advice, you do what you are told.

fond **fonder, fondest** ADJECTIVE
If you are **fond** of someone, you like them very much.

font **fonts** NOUN
In printing, a **font** is a complete set of numbers and letters of one style and size.

food NOUN
Food is what people and animals eat to stay alive.

foolish ADJECTIVE
Something or somebody **foolish** is silly or unwise.

foot **feet** NOUN **1** Your **feet** are the parts of your body that touch the ground when you stand or walk.



NOUN **2** A **foot** is a measure of length, equal to about 30 centimetres.

football **footballs** NOUN **1** **Football** is a game between two teams who try to kick a ball into each other's goal.
NOUN **2** A **football** is a large ball used in games of football.



footballer **footballers** NOUN

A **footballer** is a person who plays football.

footprint **footprints** NOUN

A **footprint** is a mark in the shape of a foot that a person or animal leaves on a surface.

footstep **footsteps** NOUN

A **footstep** is the sound made by someone walking.

for

PREPOSITION **1** You use **for** to show that something is to be used by or given to a particular person. *I bought a present **for** my brother.*

PREPOSITION **2** You use **for** to explain the reason, cause or purpose of something. *I'm going shopping **for** a pair of shoes.*

PREPOSITION **3** You use **for** to show a distance, time or quantity. *I have been waiting here **for** ages.*

PREPOSITION **4** If you are **for** something, you support it. *My parents are all **for** the new school.*

forbid **forbids, forbidding, forbade, forbidden** VERB

If someone **forbids** you to do something, they order you not to do it.

force **forces, forcing, forced** VERB **1** If you **force** someone or something, you use your power or strength to make them do what you want. *Dad **forced** me to save half my pocket money.*

NOUN **2** A **force** is a push or a pull.

NOUN **3** The **force** of something is also the powerful effect it has. *The **force** of the storm damaged many trees.*

forecast **forecasts, forecasting, forecast** VERB **1** If someone **forecasts** something, they say what they think is going to happen in the future.

NOUN **2** A weather **forecast** tells you what sort of weather to expect.

forehead **foreheads** NOUN

Your **forehead** is the front of your head, between your hair and eyebrows.

foreign ADJECTIVE

Something that is **foreign** is to do with a country that is not your own.

forest **forests** NOUN

A **forest** is a large area where trees grow close together.



forgave VERB

Forgave is the past tense of **forgive**.

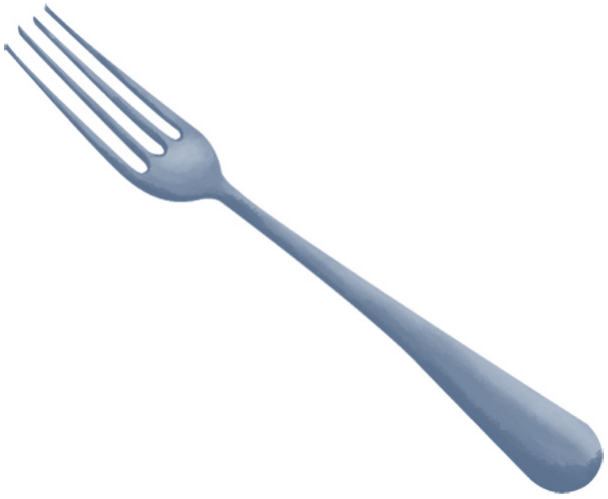
forget **forgets, forgetting, forgot, forgotten** VERB

If you **forget** something, you do not remember or think about it.

forgive **forgives, forgiving, forgave, forgiven** VERB

If you **forgive** someone who has done something bad, you stop being cross with them.

fork **forks** NOUN **1** A **fork** is a tool with three or four prongs on the end of a handle. You use a small fork for eating and a large fork for digging in the garden.



NOUN **2** A **fork** in a road or tree is the point where it divides into two.

form **forms, forming, formed** NOUN **1** A **form** is a piece of paper with questions on it and spaces where you should write the answers.
NOUN **2** A **form** is also a class in school.
VERB **3** When something **forms**, it takes shape.

formal ADJECTIVE
Something **formal** is correct and serious.

fortnight **fortnights** NOUN
A **fortnight** is two weeks.

fortunate ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **fortunate** has good luck.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **fortunate** brings you success or gives you an advantage.

fortune **fortunes** NOUN **1** **Fortune** is good or bad luck.
NOUN **2** A **fortune** is a lot of money.

forty NOUN
Forty is the number 40.

forward ADVERB
If you move **forward** or **forwards**, you move the way you are facing.
look forward PHRASE If you **look forward** to something, you want it to happen.

fossil **fossils** NOUN
A **fossil** is the hardened remains of a prehistoric animal or plant that are found inside a rock.



fought VERB
Fought is the past tense of **fight**.

foul **fouler, foulest** ADJECTIVE
If something is **foul**, it is extremely unpleasant.

found VERB
Found is the past tense of **find**.

foundation **foundations** NOUN
The **foundations** of a building are the solid layers of material put below the ground to support it.

fountain **fountains** NOUN
A **fountain** is a jet or spray of water forced up into the air by a pump.

four NOUN
Four is the number 4.

fourteen NOUN
Fourteen is the number 14.

fox **foxes** NOUN
A **fox** is a wild animal like a dog, with reddish-brown fur and a thick tail.

fraction **fractions** NOUN **1** In maths, a **fraction** is a part of a whole number, for example ¼.

*See **Fractions** on page 278*

NOUN **2** A **fraction** is also a tiny part of something.

fracture **fractures** NOUN

A **fracture** is a crack or break in something, especially a bone.

fragile ADJECTIVE

Something that is **fragile** is easily broken or damaged.

fragment **fragments** NOUN

A **fragment** of something is a small piece or part of it.

frame **frames** NOUN

A **frame** is the part surrounding something like a window or picture, or the lenses of a pair of glasses.

freckle **freckles** NOUN

Freckles are small, light brown spots on someone's skin.



free

ADJECTIVE **1** If a person or animal is **free**, they can go where they want.
*Matthew opened the cage and set the bird **free**.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **free**, it does not cost anything.
freedom NOUN

freeze **freezes, freezing, froze, frozen** VERB **1** If a liquid **freezes**, it becomes solid because the temperature is low.
VERB **2** If you **freeze** something, you store it at a very low temperature.

freezer **freezers** NOUN
A **freezer** is a refrigerator for freezing and storing food.

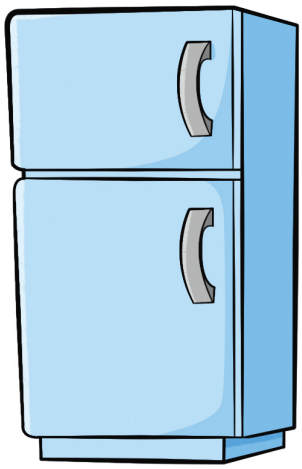
frequent ADJECTIVE
If something is **frequent**, it happens often.
frequency NOUN **frequently** ADVERB

fresh **fresher, freshest** ADJECTIVE **1** If food is **fresh**, it has been picked or made recently.
ADJECTIVE **2** **Fresh** water is water that is not salty.
ADJECTIVE **3** If you feel **fresh**, you feel rested and full of energy.
ADJECTIVE **4** **Fresh** air is the air outside.

friction NOUN
Friction is the force which is produced when two surfaces rub against each other.

Friday **Fridays** NOUN
Friday is the day between Thursday and Saturday.

fridge **fridges** NOUN
A **fridge** is a large metal container. It is kept cool so that the food in it stays fresh longer. Fridge is an abbreviation of **refrigerator**.



friend **friends** NOUN

A **friend** is someone you know well and like very much.

friendly **friendlier, friendliest** ADJECTIVE

If you are **friendly** to someone, you behave in a kind and pleasant way to them.

fright NOUN

Fright is a sudden feeling of fear.

frighten **frightens, frightening, frightened** VERB

If something **frightens** you, it makes you afraid.

frightening ADJECTIVE

Something that is **frightening** makes you feel afraid.

frog **frogs** NOUN

A **frog** is a small amphibious animal with smooth skin, big eyes, and long back legs which it uses for jumping.

*See **Amphibians** on page 264*



from

PREPOSITION **1 From** tells you where someone or something started. *The river flows **from** the north.*

PREPOSITION **2** If you take something **from** an amount, you reduce the amount by that much. *If you take five **from** 20 you are left with 15.*

PREPOSITION **3** You use **from** to state the range of something. *Lunchtime is **from** 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock.*

front fronts NOUN **1** The **front** of something is the part that faces forward.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **front** room or garden is on the side of a building that faces the street.

in front PHRASE **In front** means ahead or further forward.

in front of PHRASE If you do something **in front of** someone, you do it while they are there. *They agreed to meet **in front of** the cinema.*

frost frosts NOUN

When there is a **frost**, the weather is very cold and the ground becomes covered with tiny ice crystals.



frown frowns, frowning, frowned VERB

If you **frown**, your eyebrows are drawn together. People frown when they are angry, worried, or thinking hard.

froze VERB

Froze is the past tense of **freeze**.

frozen

VERB **1 Frozen** is the past participle of **freeze**.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something like a lake or river is **frozen**, its surface has turned to ice.



ADJECTIVE **3** If you say you are **frozen**, you mean you are very cold.

fruit **fruits** NOUN

A **fruit** is the part of a plant that develops from the flower and contains the seeds. Many fruits are good to eat.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

fry **fries, frying, fried** VERB

When you **fry** food, you cook it in a pan that contains hot fat or oil.

fuel **fuels** NOUN

Fuel is something like petrol or coal, that is burned to provide heat or power.

full **fuller, fullest** ADJECTIVE

If something is **full**, there is no room for anything more.

full stop **full stops** NOUN

A **full stop** is the punctuation mark (**.**) which you use at the end of a sentence.
*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

fun NOUN

Fun is something enjoyable that makes you feel happy.

funeral **funerals** NOUN

A **funeral** is a ceremony held when a person has died. The body is buried or burned.

funnel **funnels** NOUN **1** A **funnel** is an open cone which narrows to a tube. You use a funnel to pour liquid into containers.

NOUN **2** A **funnel** is also a metal chimney on a ship or steam engine.

funny **funnier, funniest** ADJECTIVE **1** **Funny** people or things make you laugh.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **funny** is rather strange or surprising.

funnily ADVERB

fur NOUN

Fur is the soft thick body hair of many animals.

furry ADJECTIVE



furious ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **furious** is extremely angry.

furniture NOUN

Furniture is large objects such as tables, beds and chairs, that people have in rooms.



further **furthest** ADJECTIVE **1 Further** is a comparative form of **far**.
ADJECTIVE **2 Further** can mean more. *Write for **further** details.*
ADVERB **3** If someone goes **further** than someone else, they travel a longer way.

fury NOUN
Fury is violent or extreme anger.

fuss **fusses, fussing, fussed** NOUN **1** A **fuss** is worried or anxious behaviour that is unnecessary and often not welcome. *I don't know why you're making such a **fuss** about it.*
VERB **2** If someone **fusses**, they worry about unimportant things.

future **futures** NOUN **1** The **future** is the time that is to come.
ADJECTIVE **2 Future** is to do with time that is to come. *We need to look after the environment for **future** generations.*
NOUN **3** The **future tense** of a verb is the form used to talk about something that will happen in the future. For example, the sentence "Ben will be at school tomorrow" is in the future tense.

Gg

gain **gains, gaining, gained** NOUN **1** A **gain** is an increase in the amount of something.
VERB **2** If you **gain** from something, you get something good out of it.
VERB **3** If a clock or watch **gains**, it moves too fast.

galaxy **galaxies** NOUN **1** A **galaxy** is a large group of stars and planets in space.
NOUN **2** The **galaxy** is the group of stars and planets that the earth belongs to.
galactic ADJECTIVE

gale **gales** NOUN
A **gale** is a strong wind.

gallery **galleries** NOUN **1** A **gallery** is a place that shows paintings or sculptures.
NOUN **2** In a hall or theatre, a **gallery** is a raised area at the back where people can sit and get a good view of what is happening.

gallon **gallons** NOUN
A **gallon** is a measure of volume equal to about four and a half litres.

gallop **gallops, galloping, galloped** VERB
When a horse **gallops**, it runs fast.

game **games** NOUN
A **game** is something you play for sport or fun. Most games have rules.

gang **gangs** NOUN
A **gang** is a group of people who do things together.

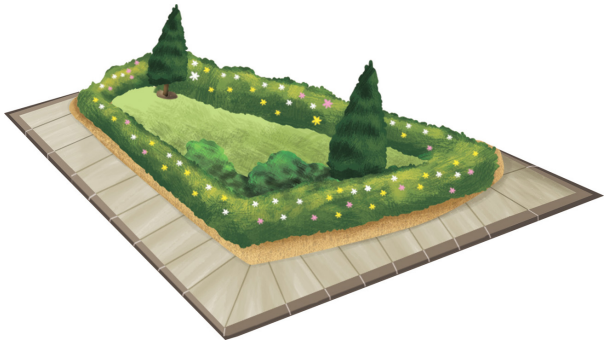
gap **gaps** NOUN
A **gap** is a space between two things, or a hole in something solid.

garage **garages** NOUN **1** A **garage** is a building in which someone can keep a car.

NOUN **2** A **garage** is also a place that sells petrol or repairs cars.

garden **gardens** NOUN

A **garden** is land next to a house where people can grow things like trees, flowers or grass.



garlic NOUN

Garlic is the small white bulb of an onion-like plant which has a strong taste and smell. It is used in cooking.



garment **garments** NOUN

A **garment** is a piece of clothing.

gas **gases** NOUN

Gas is a substance that is not liquid or solid. Air is a mixture of gases. Another type of gas is used as a fuel for cookers and central heating.

gasp **gasps, gasping, gasped** VERB

When you **gasp**, you take a short quick breath through your mouth, especially when you are surprised or in pain.

gate **gates** NOUN

A **gate** is a type of door that is used at the entrance to a garden or field.

gather **gathers, gathering, gathered** VERB **1** If people or animals **gather**, they come together in a group.
VERB **2** If you **gather** things, you collect them from different places. *Early people used to **gather** berries for food.*

gave VERB
Gave is the past tense of **give**.

gaze **gazes, gazing, gazed** VERB
If you **gaze** at something, you look steadily at it for a long time.

general **generals** ADJECTIVE **1** You use **general** when you are talking about most of the people in a group. *There was a **general** rush for the door when the bell rang.*
NOUN **2** A **general** is an army officer of very high rank.
generally ADVERB

generous ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **generous** is kind and willing to help others by giving them money or time.

gentle **gentler, gentlest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **gentle** is kind, calm and sensitive.
gently ADVERB

gentleman **gentlemen** NOUN
A **gentleman** is a polite name for a man.

genuine ADJECTIVE
Something **genuine** is real and not false or pretend.

geography NOUN
Geography is the study of the countries of the world, and of things like their rivers, mountains and people.
geographical ADJECTIVE

germ **germs** NOUN

A **germ** is a tiny living thing that can make people ill. You cannot see germs without using a microscope.

get **gets, getting, got** VERB **1 Get** often means the same as become. *It **gets** dark earlier in winter.*
VERB **2** If you **get** into a particular situation, you put yourself in that situation. *We **got** into a muddle.*
VERB **3** If you **get** something done, you do it or you persuade someone to do it.
VERB **4** If you **get** something, you fetch it or are given it. *I'll **get** us all a cup of tea.*
VERB **5** If you **get** a train, bus or plane, you travel on it.

ghost **ghosts** NOUN
A **ghost** is a shadowy figure of someone no longer living that some people believe they see.

giant **giants** NOUN **1** In fairy stories, a **giant** is someone who is huge and strong.
ADJECTIVE **2** Anything that is much larger than usual can be called **giant**. *A **giant** wave was coming towards us.*

gift **gifts** NOUN
A **gift** is a present.

gigantic ADJECTIVE
Something **gigantic** is extremely large.

giggle **giggles, giggling, giggled** VERB
If you **giggle**, you make quiet little laughing noises.

gill **gills** NOUN
The **gills** of a fish are the organs on its sides which it uses for breathing.

ginger NOUN
Ginger is a plant root with a hot spicy flavour, used in cooking.



giraffe **giraffes** NOUN

A **giraffe** is a large African mammal with a very long neck.

girl **girls** NOUN

A **girl** is a female child.



give **gives, giving, gave, given** VERB

If you **give** someone something, you hand it to them or provide it for them. *Dad **gave** me a job cleaning the car.*

give way PHRASE

If something **gives way**, it collapses.

glacier **glaciers** NOUN

A **glacier** is a huge frozen river of slow-moving ice.

glad **gladder, gladdest** ADJECTIVE

If you are **glad**, you are happy and pleased.

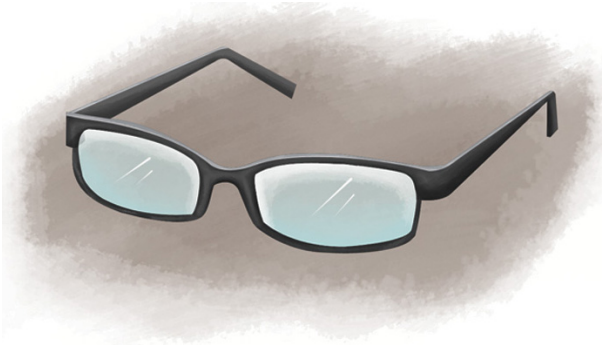
glance **glances, glancing, glanced** VERB **1** If you **glance** at something, you look at it quickly.
NOUN **2** A **glance** is a quick look.

glare **glares, glaring, glared** VERB **1** If you **glare** at someone, you look at them angrily.
VERB **2** If the sun or a light **glares**, it shines with a very bright light.

glass **glasses** NOUN **1** **Glass** is a hard transparent material that is easily broken. It is used to make windows and bottles.
NOUN **2** A **glass** is a container that you can drink from, made of glass.



glasses PLURAL NOUN
Glasses are two lenses in a frame, which some people wear over their eyes to help them see better.



gleam **gleams, gleaming, gleamed** VERB
If something **gleams**, it shines and reflects light.

glide **glides, gliding, glided** VERB
When something **glides**, it moves silently and smoothly.

glider **gliders** NOUN
A **glider** is an aircraft that does not have an engine, but flies by floating on air currents.



glimpse **glimpses, glimpsing, glimpsed** VERB
If you **glimpse** something, you see it very briefly.

glisten **glistens, glistening, glistened** VERB
If something **glistens**, it shines or sparkles. *Her eyes **glistened** with tears.*

glitter **glitters, glittering, glittered** VERB
If something **glitters**, it shines in a sparkling way. *Her diamond necklace **glittered** under the lights.*

globe **globes** NOUN
A **globe** is a round model of the Earth with a map of the world drawn on it.

gloomy **gloomier, gloomiest** ADJECTIVE **1** If a place is **gloomy**, it is dark and dull.
ADJECTIVE **2** If people are **gloomy**, they are unhappy and not at all hopeful.
gloomily ADVERB

glossy **glossier, glossiest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **glossy** is smooth and shiny.

glove **gloves** NOUN

A **glove** is a piece of clothing which covers your hand, with separate places for each finger.

glow **glows, glowing, glowed** VERB
If something **glows**, it shines with a steady dull light.

glue NOUN
Glue is a thick sticky liquid used for joining things together.

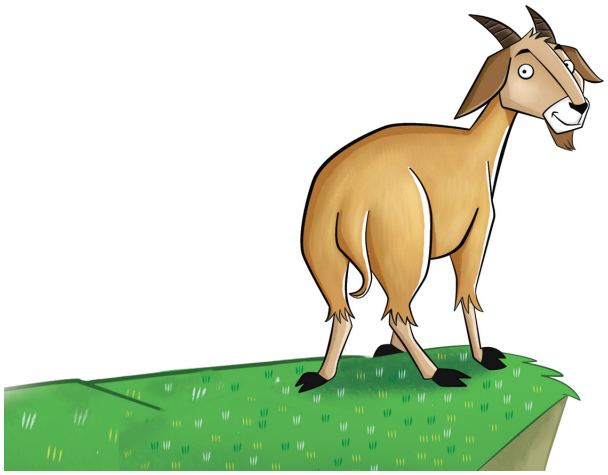
gnat **gnats** NOUN
A **gnat** is a very small flying insect that bites people.

gnaw **gnaws, gnawing, gnawed** VERB
If people or animals **gnaw** something hard, they keep biting on it.

go **goes, going, went, gone** VERB **1** If you **go** somewhere, you move or travel there.
VERB **2** If something **goes** well, it is successful.
VERB **3** If you are **going** to do something, you will do it.
VERB **4** If a clock or watch **goes**, it works.

goal **goals** NOUN **1** A **goal** in games such as football or hockey is the space into which players try to get the ball so that they can score.
NOUN **2** It is also called a **goal** when a player gets the ball into the goal.
NOUN **3** If something is your **goal**, you hope to succeed in doing it one day.

goat **goats** NOUN
A **goat** is an animal with short coarse hair, horns, and a short tail.



god **gods** NOUN **1** A **god** is a person or thing that people worship.
NOUN **2** The name **God** is given to the god who is worshipped by some people, such as Christians or Jews.

goddess **goddesses** NOUN
A **goddess** is a female god.

gold NOUN **1** **Gold** is a valuable, yellow-coloured metal that is used for making things like jewellery.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **gold** in colour is warm yellow.

golden ADJECTIVE
Something that is **golden** is made of gold or is a gold colour.

goldfish NOUN
A **goldfish** is a gold or orange-coloured fish which is often kept as a pet.

golf NOUN
Golf is a game in which players use long sticks called clubs to hit a small ball into special holes.

gone VERB
Gone is the past participle of **go**.

good **better, best** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **good** is kind and caring, and can be trusted.
ADJECTIVE **2** A child or animal that is **good** is well-behaved and obedient.
ADJECTIVE **3** If something like a film or book is **good**, people like it.

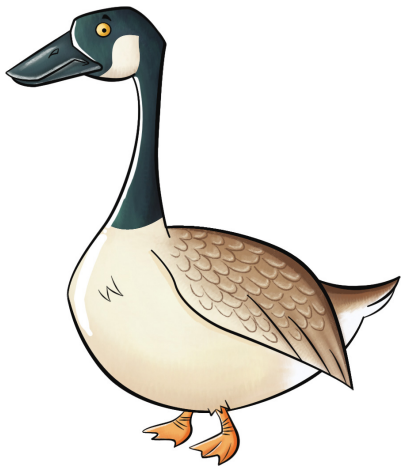
ADJECTIVE **4** Someone who is **good** at something is skilful and successful at it.

goodbye INTERJECTION
You say **goodbye** to someone when you or they are leaving.

good night INTERJECTION
You say **good night** to someone when you or they are going to bed.

goods PLURAL NOUN
Goods are things that can be bought or sold.

goose **geese** NOUN
A **goose** is a large bird with a long neck and webbed feet. Its cry is a loud honking noise.



gorilla **gorillas** NOUN
The **gorilla** is the largest of the apes. It lives in African forests.

got VERB **1** **Got** is the past tense of **get**.
VERB **2** You can use **have got** instead of **have**. *We **have got** a map.*
VERB **3** You can use **have got to** instead of **have to**, when talking about something you must do. *We **have got to** win.*

government **governments** NOUN
A **government** is the group of people who run a country and decide about important things such as medical care and old age pensions.

grab **grabs, grabbing, grabbed** VERB

If you **grab** something, you take hold of it suddenly and roughly.

graceful ADJECTIVE

Someone or something that is **graceful** moves in a smooth way which is pleasant to watch.

gradual ADJECTIVE

Something that is **gradual** happens slowly.

gradually ADVERB

graffiti NOUN

Graffiti is words or pictures that are scribbled on walls in public places.



grain **grains** NOUN **1** **Grain** is the seeds of plants like wheat or corn, that we use for food.

NOUN **2** A **grain** of something such as sand or salt is a tiny hard piece of it.

gram **grams** NOUN

A **gram** (g) is a small unit of mass and weight. One sheet of paper weighs about four grams. There are 1000 grams in a kilogram.

grammar NOUN

Grammar is the rules of a language.

grand **grander, grandest** ADJECTIVE
Buildings that are **grand** are large and look important.

grandad **grandads** NOUN
Your **grandad** is your grandfather.

grandchild **grandchildren** NOUN
Someone's **grandchild** is the child of their son or daughter.

grandfather **grandfathers** NOUN
Your **grandfather** is the father of one of your parents.

grandmother **grandmothers** NOUN
Your **grandmother** is the mother of one of your parents.

grandparent **grandparents** NOUN
Your **grandparents** are your parents' parents.

granny **grannies** NOUN
INFORMAL Your **granny** is your grandmother.

grape **grapes** NOUN
A **grape** is a small green or purple fruit. Grapes grow in bunches on vines. They can be eaten raw, used for making wine, or dried to make raisins, sultanas or currants.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*



grapefruit **grapefruits** NOUN

A **grapefruit** is a large round fruit. It is like an orange but it is larger and has a pale yellow skin.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

graph **graphs** NOUN
A **graph** is a diagram which shows how two sets of information are related.

grasp **grasps, grasping, grasped** VERB **1** If you **grasp** something, you hold it firmly.
VERB **2** If you **grasp** an idea, you understand it.

grass **grasses** NOUN
Grass is a common green plant with long thin leaves. It grows on lawns and in parks.

grasshopper **grasshoppers** NOUN
A **grasshopper** is an insect. It has long back legs and can jump well. The male makes a chirping sound by rubbing its back legs against its wings.
*See **Insects** on page 264*

grate **grates, grating, grated** NOUN **1** A **grate** is a framework of metal bars in a fireplace.
VERB **2** If you **grate** food, you shred it into small pieces.

grateful ADJECTIVE
If you are **grateful** for something nice that someone has done, you have warm feelings towards them and want to thank them.

grave **graver, gravest; graves** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **grave** is important, serious and worrying.
NOUN **2** A **grave** is a place where a dead person is buried.

gravel NOUN
Gravel is small stones used for making roads and paths.

gravity NOUN
Gravity is the force that makes things fall when you drop them.

gravy NOUN

Gravy is a brown sauce made from meat juices.

graze **grazes, grazing, grazed** VERB **1** When animals **graze**, they eat grass.
VERB **2** If you **graze** your skin, you scrape it against something and hurt yourself.

grease NOUN **1** **Grease** is a thick oil which is put on the moving parts of cars and other machines to make them work smoothly.
NOUN **2** **Grease** is also an oily substance produced by your skin and found in your hair.
greasy ADJECTIVE

great **greater, greatest** ADJECTIVE **1** You say something is **great** when it is large in size, number or amount. *The waves threw a **great** shower of pebbles onto the seafront.*
ADJECTIVE **2** **Great** also means important. *I like to hear about **great** scientists.*
ADJECTIVE **3** INFORMAL **Great** can mean wonderful. *Paul had a **great** time.*

greedy **greedier, greediest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **greedy** wants more than they need of something.
greedily ADVERB

green **greener, greenest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **green** is the colour of grass.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*



ADJECTIVE **2 Green** is used to describe people who are interested in protecting the environment.

greenhouse **greenhouses** NOUN
A **greenhouse** is a building which has glass walls and a glass roof. It is used to grow plants in.

greet **greets, greeting, greeted** VERB
When you **greet** someone, you look pleased to see them, and say something friendly.

greeting **greetings** NOUN
A **greeting** is something friendly that you say or do when you meet someone.

grew VERB
Grew is the past tense of **grow**.

grey **greyer, greyest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **grey** is the colour of clouds on a rainy day.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*



grid **grids** NOUN
A **grid** is a pattern of lines crossing each other to form squares.

grief NOUN
Someone who feels **grief** is very sad, often because a person or animal they love has died.

grill **grills, grilling, grilled** VERB
If you **grill** food, you cook it on metal bars under or over heat.

grim **grimmer, grimmest** ADJECTIVE **1** If a situation or piece of news is **grim**, it is unpleasant and worrying.
ADJECTIVE **2** If someone looks **grim**, they are serious because they are worried or angry about something.

grin **grins, grinning, grinned** VERB
If you **grin**, you give a broad smile.



grind **grinds, grinding, ground** VERB **1** If you **grind** something, such as pepper, you crush it into a fine powder.
VERB **2** If you **grind** your teeth, you rub your upper and lower teeth together.

grip **grips, gripping, gripped** VERB **1** If you **grip** something, you take hold of it firmly.
VERB **2** If something **grips** you, you find it very interesting.

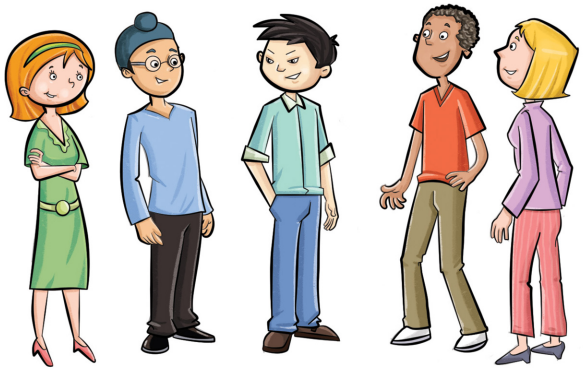
groan **groans, groaning, groaned** VERB
If you **groan**, you make a long low sound of pain or unhappiness.

groove **grooves** NOUN
A **groove** is a deep line cut into a surface.

ground **grounds** NOUN **1** The **ground** is the surface of the earth or the floor of a room.

NOUN **2** A **ground** is an area of land where people play sports such as football or cricket.
PLURAL NOUN **3** The **grounds** of a large house are the land around it which belongs to it.
VERB **4 Ground** is the past tense of **grind**.

group **groups** NOUN
A **group** of things or people is a number of them that are linked together in some way.



grow **grows, growing, grew, grown** VERB **1** When a person **grows**, they get bigger. All living things can grow.
VERB **2** If you **grow** plants, you put seeds or young plants in the ground and look after them.
VERB **3** When someone **grows up**, they gradually change from being a child into being an adult.

growl **growls, growling, growled** VERB
When an animal **growls**, it makes a low rumbling sound, usually because it is angry.

grown VERB
Grown is the past participle of **grow**.

grown-up **grown-ups** NOUN
INFORMAL A **grown-up** is an adult.

growth NOUN
Growth means getting bigger.

grub **grubs** NOUN
A **grub** is a wormlike insect that has just hatched from its egg.

grumble **grumbles, grumbling, grumbled** VERB
If you **grumble**, you complain in a bad-tempered way.

grunt **grunts, grunting, grunted** VERB
When a pig **grunts**, it makes a low rough noise.

guarantee **guarantees, guaranteeing, guaranteed** VERB **1** If someone or something **guarantees** something, they make certain that it will happen.
NOUN **2** A **guarantee** is a written promise that if something you have bought goes wrong it will be replaced or mended free.

guard **guards, guarding, guarded** VERB **1** If you **guard** a person or object, you stay near to them to keep them safe or to make sure they do not escape.
NOUN **2** A **guard** is a person who guards something or somewhere.

guess **guesses, guessing, guessed** VERB
If you **guess** something, you give an answer without knowing if it is right.

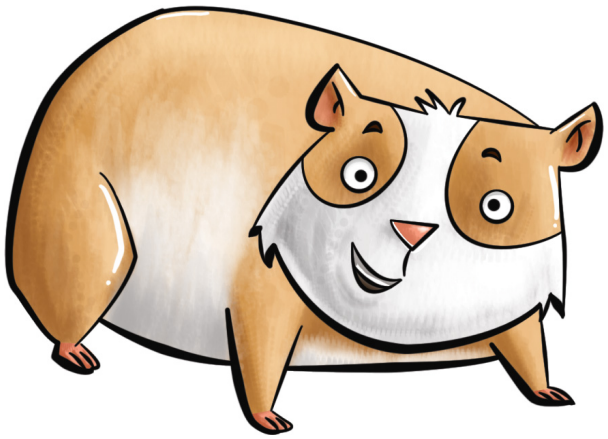
guest **guests** NOUN
A **guest** is someone who stays at your home or who goes to an event because they have been invited.

guide **guides, guiding, guided** VERB **1** If you **guide** someone, you show them where to go or what to do.
NOUN **2** A **guide** is someone who shows you round places.

guidebook **guidebooks** NOUN
A **guidebook** is a book that gives information about a place.

guilty **guiltier, guiltiest** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **guilty** of doing something wrong, you did it.
ADJECTIVE **2** If you feel **guilty**, you are unhappy because you have done something wrong.

guinea pig **guinea pigs** NOUN
A **guinea pig** is a small furry animal without a tail, often kept as a pet.



guitar **guitars** NOUN
A **guitar** is a musical instrument with strings that you play with your fingers.

gulf **gulfs** NOUN
A **gulf** is a large area of sea which stretches a long way into the land.

gulp **gulps, gulping, gulped** VERB **1** If you **gulp** food or drink, you swallow large amounts of it.
VERB **2** If you **gulp**, you swallow air because you are nervous.

gum **gums** NOUN **1** Your **gums** are the firm flesh your teeth are set in.
NOUN **2** **Gum** is a soft sweet that people chew but do not swallow.
NOUN **3** **Gum** is also glue for sticking paper.

gumboot **gumboots** NOUN
Gumboots are long rubber boots that you wear to keep your feet dry.

gun **guns** NOUN
A **gun** is a weapon which fires bullets or shells.

gunpowder NOUN
Gunpowder is a powder that explodes when it is lit. It is used for making things such as fireworks.

gurdwara **gurdwaras** NOUN
A **gurdwara** is a place where Sikhs worship.



gust **gusts** NOUN
A **gust** is a sudden rush of wind.

gutter **gutters** NOUN **1** A **gutter** is the edge of a road next to the pavement, where rain collects and flows away.
NOUN **2** A **gutter** is also an open pipe at the edge of a roof, where rain collects and flows away.

gym **gyms** NOUN **1 Gym** is physical exercises, especially ones using equipment such as bars and ropes. Gym is an abbreviation of **gymnastics**.
NOUN **2** A **gym** is a room with special equipment for physical exercises. Gym here is an abbreviation of **gymnasium**.

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habit **habits** NOUN
A **habit** is something that you do often or regularly, sometimes without thinking about it.

habitat **habitats** NOUN
The **habitat** of an animal or plant is its natural home.

had VERB
Had is the past tense of **have**.

haddock NOUN
A **haddock** is an edible sea fish.

hail **hails, hailing, hailed** NOUN **1 Hail** is frozen rain. It falls in small balls of ice called hailstones.
VERB **2** When it is **hailing**, frozen rain is falling.

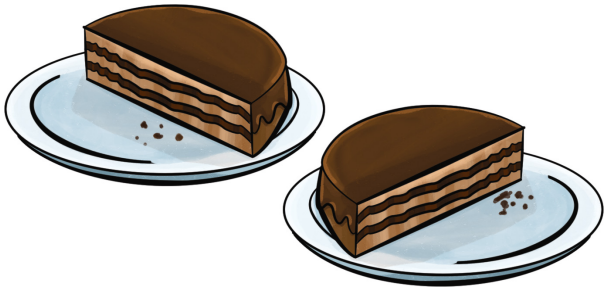
hair **hairs** NOUN
Your **hair** is made up of a large number of fine threads that grow on your head. Hair also grows on other parts of the body and on the bodies of some other animals.

hairdresser **hairdressers** NOUN
A **hairdresser** is trained to cut and style people's hair.

hairy **hairier, hairiest** ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **hairy** is covered with hair.

hajj NOUN
The **hajj** is the journey to Mecca that every Muslim must make at least once in their life if they are healthy and wealthy enough to do so.

half **halves** NOUN **1** A **half** is one of two equal parts of something.
*See **Fractions** on page 278*



ADVERB **2** When you are talking about time, you can use **half** to mean 30 minutes after a particular hour. *She was home by **half** past three.*

halfway ADVERB

Halfway is the middle of the distance between two points. *He stopped **halfway** down the stairs.*

hall **halls** NOUN **1** A **hall** is the room just inside the front door of a home which leads into other rooms.

NOUN **2** A **hall** is also a large room or building used for public events.

Halloween NOUN

Halloween is October 31. Children celebrate it by dressing up, often as ghosts and witches.

halve **halves, halving, halved** VERB

If you **halve** something, you divide it into two equal parts.

ham NOUN

Ham is meat from the back leg of a pig. It is specially treated so that it can be kept for a long time.

hamburger **hamburgers** NOUN

A **hamburger** is a piece of minced meat shaped into a flat disc. Hamburgers are often eaten in a bread roll.

hammer **hammers** NOUN

A **hammer** is a tool that is used for hitting things, such as nails into wood.

hammock **hammocks** NOUN

A **hammock** is a piece of strong cloth or netting which is hung between two supports and used as a bed.

hamster **hamsters** NOUN

A **hamster** is a small furry rodent which is often kept as a pet. Hamsters have very short tails, and large cheek pouches for carrying food.

hand **hands, handing, handed** NOUN **1** Your **hand** is the part of your body which is at the end of your arm. It has four fingers and a thumb.
NOUN **2** The **hands** of a clock point to the numbers to tell you the time.
VERB **3** When you **hand** something to someone, you pass it to them.

handbag **handbags** NOUN

A **handbag** is a small bag that women use to carry things such as money and keys.

handkerchief **handkerchiefs** NOUN

A **handkerchief** is a small square of fabric that you use for wiping your nose.

handle **handles, handling, handled** NOUN **1** The **handle** of an object is the part you hold to pick it up and carry it.
NOUN **2** The **handle** of a door or window is the knob or lever that is used for opening or closing it.
VERB **3** If you **handle** something, you touch or feel it with your hands.

handlebar **handlebars** NOUN

Handlebars are the bar and handles at the front of a bicycle, used for steering.

handsome ADJECTIVE

A **handsome** man has a very attractive face.

handwriting NOUN

Someone's **handwriting** is the way in which they write with a pen or pencil.

handy **handier, handiest** ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **handy**, it is near. *I like to keep my glasses **handy**.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If an object is **handy**, it is easy to handle or use.

hang **hangs, hanging, hung** VERB

If you **hang** something up, you fix it there so that it does not touch the ground. ***Hang*** *your coat on the hook.*

hanger **hangers** NOUN
A **hanger** is a curved piece of metal, wood or plastic that you hang clothes on.

Hanukkah or **Chanukah** NOUN
Hanukkah is the eight-day Jewish festival of lights.

happen **happens, happening, happened** VERB **1** If something **happens**, it takes place. *What* ***happens*** *if I press this button?*
VERB **2** If you **happen** to do something, you do it by chance. *I* ***happened*** *to be near the phone when it rang.*

happiness NOUN
Happiness is a feeling of great pleasure.

happy **happier, happiest** ADJECTIVE
If you are **happy**, you feel good because something nice has happened or because most things are the way you want.
happily ADVERB

harbour **harbours** NOUN
A **harbour** is an area of deep water where boats can stay safely.

hard **harder, hardest** ADJECTIVE **1** An object that is **hard** is very firm and stiff.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **hard** to do, you can only do it with a lot of effort.

harden **hardens, hardening, hardened** VERB
If something **hardens**, it becomes hard or gets harder.

hardly ADVERB
If you can **hardly** do something, you can only just do it. *The box was so heavy I could* ***hardly*** *lift it.*

hardware NOUN **1 Hardware** is tools and equipment made of metal.
NOUN **2 Hardware** is also computer machinery.

hare **hares** NOUN

A **hare** is an animal like a large rabbit, but with longer ears and legs. It does not live in a burrow but rests in grass or in a ploughed field.



harm NOUN

Harm is injury to a person or animal.

harmful ADJECTIVE **harmless** ADJECTIVE

harness **harnesses** NOUN **1** A **harness** is a set of straps which fit round a person's body to hold the person firmly in place.

NOUN **2** A horse's **harness** is a set of straps fastened round its head or body.

harsh **harsher, harshest** ADJECTIVE **1** A person who is **harsh** is unkind.

ADJECTIVE **2** Weather that is **harsh** is cold and unpleasant.

ADJECTIVE **3** A voice or other sound that is **harsh** sounds rough and unpleasant.

harvest **harvests** NOUN

Harvest is the time when farmers cut and gather their ripe crop.

has VERB

Has is a present tense form of **have**.

hat **hats** NOUN

A **hat** is a head covering for wearing outside.

hatch **hatches, hatching, hatched** VERB

When a baby bird, insect or other animal **hatches**, it comes out of its egg by breaking the shell.



hate **hates, hating, hated** VERB
If you **hate** something, you have a strong feeling of dislike for it.

haul **hauls, hauling, hauled** VERB
To **haul** something means to move it with a long steady pull.

haunted ADJECTIVE
A place that is **haunted** is often visited by a ghost.

have **has, having, had** VERB **1 Have** can be used with other verbs to form the past tense. *I **have** already seen that film.*
VERB **2** If you **have** something, you own or possess it. *We **have** two tickets for the football match.*
VERB **3** If you **have** to do something, you must do it.

haven't VERB
Haven't is a contraction of **have not**.

hawk **hawks** NOUN
A **hawk** is a large bird of prey that eats small animals.



hay NOUN

Hay is grass which has been cut and dried to feed animals.

he PRONOUN

He is used to refer to a man, boy or male animal that has already been mentioned.

head **heads, heading, headed** NOUN **1** Your **head** is the part of your body which has your brain, eyes and mouth in it.
NOUN **2** The **head** of something is the top, start or most important end.
*Our teacher sat at the **head** of the table.*
NOUN **3** The **head** of a group or organization is the person in charge.
VERB **4** If you **head** in a particular direction, you move that way.
VERB **5** To **head** a ball means to hit it with your head.

headache **headaches** NOUN

A **headache** is a pain in your head.

heading **headings** NOUN

A **heading** is a title at the top of a piece of writing.

headlight **headlights** NOUN

The **headlights** on a motor vehicle are the large powerful lights at the front.

headline **headlines** NOUN **1** A **headline** is the title of a newspaper article printed in large type.
NOUN **2** The **headlines** are the main points of the radio or television news.

headphones PLURAL NOUN
Headphones are a pair of small speakers that you wear over or in your ears to listen to a recording without other people hearing.

headquarters NOUN
The **headquarters** of an organization is the place where the leaders of the organization work.

head teacher **head teachers** NOUN
The **head teacher** is the teacher who is in charge of a school.

heal **heals, healing, healed** VERB
If something **heals**, it becomes healthy or normal again.

health NOUN
A person's **health** is how their body is, and whether they are well or ill.

healthy **healthier, healthiest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **healthy** is well and not suffering from any illness.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **healthy** is good for your health.

heap **heaps** NOUN
A **heap** is a lot of things piled up, usually rather untidily.

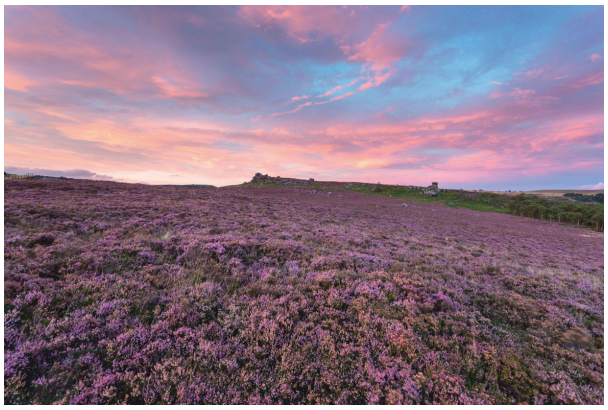
hear **hears, hearing, heard** VERB
When you **hear** sounds, you notice them by using your ears.

hearing NOUN
Hearing is the sense which makes it possible for you to be aware of sounds.

heart **hearts** NOUN **1** Your **heart** is the organ that pumps the blood round inside your body.
NOUN **2** A **heart** is a shape like a heart, used especially as a symbol of love.

heat **heats, heating, heated** NOUN **1 Heat** is warmth.
VERB **2** To **heat** something means to raise its temperature.

heather NOUN
Heather is a plant with small purple or white flowers that grows wild on hills and moorland.

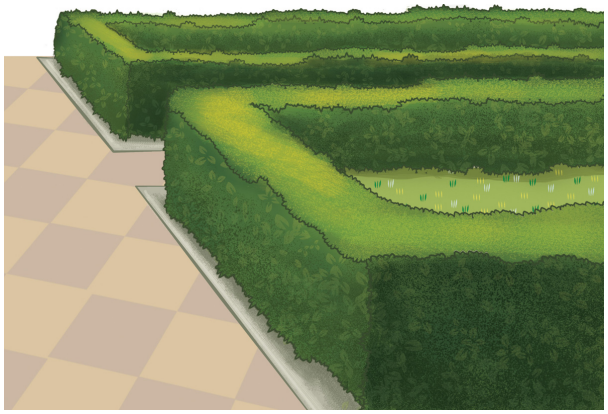


heaven NOUN
Heaven is a place of happiness where God is believed to live.

heavy **heavier, heaviest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **heavy** weighs a lot or weighs more than usual.

Hebrew NOUN
Hebrew is an ancient language now spoken in Israel, where it is the official language.

hedge **hedges** NOUN
A **hedge** is a row of bushes growing close together.



hedgehog **hedgehogs** NOUN
A **hedgehog** is a small animal with sharp spikes all over its back. It defends itself by rolling up into a ball.

heel **heels** NOUN **1** Your **heel** is the back part of your foot.
NOUN **2** The **heel** of a shoe is the raised part underneath, at the back.

height **heights** NOUN **1** The **height** of a person is how tall they are.



NOUN **2** The **height** of an object is its measurement from bottom to top.

held VERB
Held is the past tense of **hold**.

helicopter **helicopters** NOUN
A **helicopter** is an aircraft with large blades which turn very quickly. It can take off vertically, hover and fly.

hello INTERJECTION
You say **hello** to someone when you meet them.

helmet **helmets** NOUN
A **helmet** is a hard hat that you wear to protect your head.

help **helps, helping, helped** VERB **1** To **help** someone means to make something better or easier for them.
VERB **2** If you **help yourself** to something, you take it. ***Help yourself*** *to sandwiches.*
VERB **3** If you can't **help** something, you cannot control it or change it. *I can't* ***help*** *feeling sorry for him.*

helpful ADJECTIVE

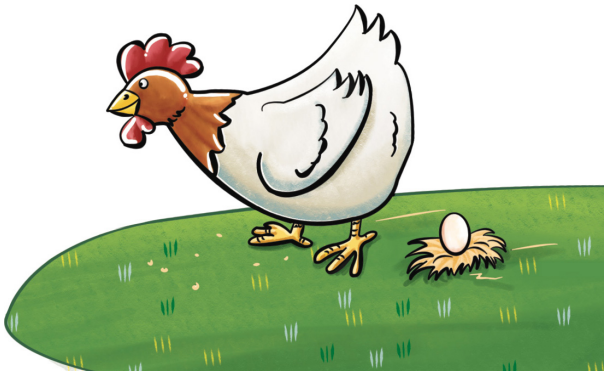
helping **helpings** NOUN
A **helping** of food is the amount of it that you get in a single serving.

helpless ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **helpless** cannot cope on their own.

hem **hems** NOUN
The **hem** of a piece of material is the part that is folded over and sewn.

hemisphere **hemispheres** NOUN
A **hemisphere** is one half of a sphere. It can also be half of the Earth.
*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

hen **hens** NOUN **1** A **hen** is a female chicken.
NOUN **2** A **hen** can also be any female bird.



heptagon **heptagons** NOUN
A **heptagon** is a flat shape with seven straight sides.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

her

PRONOUN **1** You use **her** to refer to a woman, girl or any female animal that has already been mentioned. *I like Nina. I often play with **her**.*
ADJECTIVE **2** You also use **her** to show that something belongs to a particular female. *My little sister won't eat **her** food.*

herb **herbs** NOUN

A **herb** is a plant whose leaves are used as a medicine or to flavour food.

herd **herds** NOUN

A **herd** is a large group of animals of one kind that live together.
*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

here ADVERB

You say **here** to mean the place where you are. *I'll stand **here** and wait.*
here and there PHRASE **Here and there** means in various places. *Bits of paper were lying **here and there** on the floor.*

hero **heroes** NOUN **1** A **hero** is a man or boy who has done something brave and good.
NOUN **2** The **hero** of a story is the man or boy that the story is about.
See **heroine**

heroine **heroines** NOUN **1** A **heroine** is a woman or girl who has done something brave and good.
NOUN **2** The **heroine** of a story is the woman or girl that the story is about.
See **hero**

heron **herons** NOUN

A **heron** is a bird that lives near water and eats fish.

herring **herrings** NOUN

A **herring** is an edible sea fish.

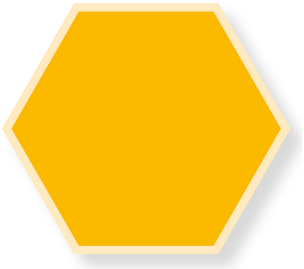
herself PRONOUN

If a girl or woman does something **herself**, no one else does it. *The baby pulled **herself** up.*

hesitate **hesitates, hesitating, hesitated** VERB

If you **hesitate**, you pause while you are doing something, or just before you do it.

hexagon **hexagons** NOUN
A **hexagon** is a flat shape with six straight sides.
hexagonal ADJECTIVE
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*



hibernate **hibernates, hibernating, hibernated** VERB
When certain animals, such as bears, **hibernate**, they spend the winter in a sleep-like state.

hide **hides, hiding, hid, hidden** VERB **1** If you **hide** somewhere, you go where you cannot be seen.
VERB **2** If you **hide** something, you put it in a place where it cannot be seen.
hidden ADJECTIVE

high **higher, highest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **high** is a long way from the bottom to the top. *The wall round the garden is quite **high**.*
ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **2** If something is **high**, it is a long way up. *There was an aeroplane **high** above her.*

hill **hills** NOUN
A **hill** is a rounded area of land which is higher than the land surrounding it.



him PRONOUN

You use **him** to refer to a man, boy or any male animal that has already been mentioned. *James asked me to ring **him** back.*

himself PRONOUN

If a boy or man does something **himself**, no one else does it. *Rahul hurt **himself** quite badly.*

Hindu **Hindus** NOUN

A **Hindu** is a person who believes in Hinduism, an Indian religion which has many gods. Hindus believe that people have another life on earth after death.

hinge **hinges** NOUN

Hinges are pieces of metal, wood or plastic that are used to hold a door or lid so that it can swing freely.

hint **hints, hinting, hinted** NOUN **1** A **hint** is a suggestion, clue or helpful piece of advice.

VERB **2** If you **hint**, or **hint at** something, you suggest it in a way that is not obvious. *I **hinted** that I would like a bicycle for my birthday.*

hip **hips** NOUN

Your **hips** are the two parts at the sides of your body between your waist and your upper legs.

hippopotamus **hippopotamuses** or **hippopotami** NOUN

A **hippopotamus** is a large African animal with thick skin and short legs. It lives in herds on the banks of large rivers, and spends a lot of time in the water. It is often called a **hippo** for short.

hire **hires, hiring, hired** VERB

If you **hire** something, you pay money so that you can use it for a time.

his ADJECTIVE OR PRONOUN

You use **his** to show that something belongs to a man, boy or any male animal. *Robert combed **his** hair.*

hiss **hisses, hissing, hissed** VERB

To **hiss** means to make a long “sss” sound.

historical ADJECTIVE

Historical stories are stories about things that happened in the past.

history **histories** NOUN

History is a study or record of the past.

hit **hits, hitting, hit** VERB

If you **hit** something, you touch it quickly and hard.

hive **hives** NOUN

A **hive** is a house for bees, made so that the beekeeper can collect their honey.

See **beehive**



hoard **hoards, hoarding, hoarded** VERB **1** If you **hoard** things, you save or store them even though they may no longer be useful.

NOUN **2** A **hoard** is a store of things that has been saved or hidden.

hoarse **hoarser, hoarsest** ADJECTIVE

A **hoarse** voice sounds rough.

hobby **hobbies** NOUN
A **hobby** is something you enjoy doing in your spare time, such as collecting stamps or bird-watching.

hockey NOUN
Hockey is a game in which two teams use long sticks with curved ends to try and hit a small ball into the other team's goal.

hold **holds, holding, held** VERB **1** When you **hold** something, you keep it in your hand or arms.
VERB **2** If something **holds** a particular amount of something, it can contain that amount. *This jug **holds** one litre.*

hole **holes** NOUN
A **hole** is an opening or space in something. *The dog buried his bone in a **hole** in the garden.*

Holi NOUN
Holi is a Hindu festival celebrated in spring.

holiday **holidays** NOUN
A **holiday** is time away from school or work.

hollow ADJECTIVE
Something that is **hollow** has a space inside it. *The owl lived in a **hollow** tree trunk.*

holly NOUN
Holly is an evergreen tree with prickly leaves. It often has bright red berries in winter.

home **homes** NOUN
Your **home** is the place where you live and feel you belong.

home page **home pages** NOUN
On the Internet, a person or organization's **home page** is the main page of information about them.

homesick ADJECTIVE
If you are **homesick**, you are sad because you are away from home.

homework NOUN

Homework is school work that children do at home.



honest ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **honest** tells the truth and can be trusted.

honey NOUN

Honey is a sweet sticky food that is made by bees.

hood **hoods** NOUN

A **hood** is a part of a coat or jacket that you can pull over your head.

hoof **hooves** or **hoofs** NOUN

The **hoof** of an animal such as a horse is the hard bony part of its foot.

hook **hooks** NOUN

A **hook** is a curved piece of metal or plastic that is used for catching, holding or hanging things, for example a picture hook.

hoop **hoops** NOUN

A **hoop** is a large ring, often used as a toy.

hoot **hoots, hooting, hooted** VERB **1** To **hoot** means to make a long "oo" sound like an owl.

VERB **2** If a car horn **hoots**, it makes a loud honking noise.

hop **hops, hopping, hopped** VERB **1** If you **hop**, you jump on one foot.

VERB **2** When animals or birds **hop**, they jump with two feet together.

hope **hopes, hoping, hoped** VERB
If you **hope** that something will happen, you want it to happen.

hopeful ADJECTIVE
If you are **hopeful**, you are fairly sure that something you want to happen will happen.

hopeless ADJECTIVE **1** You say a situation is **hopeless** when it is very bad and you do not think it will get better.
ADJECTIVE **2** If somebody is **hopeless** at doing something, they cannot do it well. *I'm **hopeless** at arithmetic.*

horizon **horizons** NOUN
The **horizon** is the line in the far distance where the sky seems to touch the land or the sea.



horizontal ADJECTIVE
Something that is **horizontal** is level, like the horizon.
See **vertical**

horn **horns** NOUN **1** **Horns** are the hard pointed growths on the heads of animals such as goats.
NOUN **2** A **horn** is a musical instrument made of brass.
NOUN **3** On vehicles, a **horn** makes a loud noise as a warning.

horrible ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **horrible** is awful or very unpleasant.
horribly ADVERB

horror NOUN

Horror is a strong feeling of fear or disgust.

horse **horses** NOUN

A **horse** is a large animal which people can ride. Horses are also used for pulling things like carts.

horseshoe **horseshoes** NOUN

A **horseshoe** is a piece of metal shaped like a U. It is fixed under a horse's hoof, to protect it.

hose **hoses** NOUN

A **hose** is a long tube that sprays water.

hospital **hospitals** NOUN

A **hospital** is a place where sick and injured people are cared for.



hot **hotter, hottest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **hot** has a high temperature.

ADJECTIVE **2** If you feel **hot**, you feel too warm to be comfortable.

ADJECTIVE **3** You say food is **hot** if it has a strong taste caused by spices. *This curry is too **hot** for me.*

hotel **hotels** NOUN

A **hotel** is a building where people pay to stay, usually for a few nights.

hour **hours** NOUN

An **hour** is a period of 60 minutes. There are 24 hours in a day.

house **houses** NOUN

A **house** is a building where people live.



hover **hovers, hovering, hovered** VERB

When a bird or aircraft **hovers**, it stays in the same place in the air.

how

ADVERB **1** You can use **how** in questions to ask about the way something is done or known. ***How*** *did you know that?*

ADVERB **2 How** can also be used to ask about a measurement or quantity. ***How*** *much is the fare to the town centre?*

ADVERB **3 How** is often used in greetings. ***How*** *are you?*

however ADVERB

You use **however** when you are adding a comment that is surprising after what you have just said. *I was sure I was going to win the race.* ***However****, a younger girl came first.*

howl **howls, howling, howled** VERB

To **howl** means to make a long, loud cry. *The dog* ***howls*** *when I sing.*

hug **hugs, hugging, hugged** VERB

If you **hug** someone, you put your arms round them and hold them close.

huge ADJECTIVE

Something that is **huge** is extremely big.

hum **hums, humming, hummed** VERB

If you **hum**, you sing with your lips closed.

human **humans** NOUN

A **human** is a person.

humour NOUN **1 Humour** is the quality of being funny.

NOUN **2 Humour** is also the ability to be amused by certain things. *She's got a peculiar sense of* ***humour****.*

hump **humps** NOUN

A **hump** is a large lump on the back of an animal such as a camel, which is used for storing fat and water.

hundred **hundreds** NOUN

A **hundred** is the number 100.

hung VERB

Hung is the past tense of **hang**.

hungry **hungrier, hungriest** ADJECTIVE
When you are **hungry**, you want to eat.
hungrily ADVERB

hunt **hunts, hunting, hunted** VERB **1** To **hunt** means to chase wild animals to kill them for food or sport.
VERB **2** If you **hunt** for something, you look for it.

hurricane **hurricanes** NOUN
A **hurricane** is a storm with very high winds.



hurry **hurries, hurrying, hurried** VERB
If you **hurry** somewhere, you go there as quickly as you can.

hurt **hurts, hurting, hurt** VERB **1** If part of your body **hurts**, you feel pain.
VERB **2** If you have been **hurt**, you have been injured.
ADJECTIVE **3** If someone feels **hurt**, they feel unhappy because someone has been unkind to them.

husband **husbands** NOUN
A woman's **husband** is the man she is married to.

hut **huts** NOUN
A **hut** is a small simple building with one or two rooms.



hutch **hutches** NOUN

A **hutch** is a cage made of wood and wire netting. Pets such as rabbits are kept in hutches.

hygiene NOUN

Hygiene is keeping yourself and your surroundings clean, especially to stop the spread of disease.

hymn **hymns** NOUN

A **hymn** is a Christian song in praise of God.

hyphen **hyphens** NOUN

A **hyphen** is a punctuation mark (-) used to join together words or parts of words, for example “left-handed”.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

Ii

I PRONOUN
You use **I** to talk about yourself. ***I** like ice cream.*

ice **ices, icing, iced** NOUN **1** **Ice** is water that has frozen solid.
VERB **2** If you **ice** cakes, you cover them with icing.

iceberg **icebergs** NOUN
An **iceberg** is a large mass of ice floating in the sea.

ice cream **ice creams** NOUN
Ice cream is a very cold sweet-tasting creamy food.
See Other foods on page 261



ice skate **ice skates** NOUN
An **ice skate** is a boot with a metal blade fixed underneath. You wear it when you skate on ice.

icicle **icicles** NOUN
An **icicle** is a pointed piece of ice which hangs from roofs, or wherever water has been dripping and freezing.



icing NOUN

Icing is a mixture of powdered sugar and water or egg whites. It is used to cover cakes as a decoration.

icon **icons** NOUN

If you describe something or someone as an **icon**, you mean that they are important as a symbol of something.

ICT NOUN

ICT is an abbreviation of **Information and Communication Technology**. It is the use of computers, telephones, television and radio to store, organize and give out information.

icy **icier, iciest** ADJECTIVE

Something which is **icy** has ice on it, or is very cold. *Be careful; the road is **icy**.*



idea **ideas** NOUN **1** If you have an **idea**, you suddenly think of a way of doing something.
NOUN **2** An **idea** is a picture in your mind.

ideal ADJECTIVE
The **ideal** person or thing is the best one possible for the situation.

identical ADJECTIVE
Things that are **identical** are exactly the same in every detail.

idle **idler, idlest** ADJECTIVE
An **idle** person is someone who does not do very much.

if CONJUNCTION
You use **if** to talk about things that might happen, or that might have happened. *You can watch TV **if** you do your homework first.*

igloo **igloos** NOUN
An **igloo** is a dome-shaped house built out of blocks of snow.

ignore **ignores, ignoring, ignored** VERB
If you **ignore** someone, you deliberately take no notice of them.

ill ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **ill** has something wrong with their health.

illness **illnesses** NOUN

An **illness** is something like a cold or measles that people can suffer from.

illustrate **illustrates, illustrating, illustrated** VERB

If you **illustrate** something, you add pictures to it.

illustration **illustrations** NOUN

An **illustration** is a picture or diagram in a book or magazine.

I'm **I'm** is a contraction of **I am**.

imaginary ADJECTIVE

Something that is **imaginary** is not real. It is only in your mind. *She has **imaginary** talks with famous people.*

imagination NOUN

Your **imagination** is your ability to think of ideas, or to form pictures in your mind.

imagine **imagines, imagining, imagined** VERB

When you **imagine** something, you form a picture of it in your mind. *Adam **imagined** being a cat.*



imam **imams** NOUN

An **imam** is a person who leads a group in prayer in a mosque.

imitate **imitates, imitating, imitated** VERB

If you **imitate** someone, you copy the way they speak or behave.

imitation **imitations** NOUN
An **imitation** is a copy of something else.

immediately ADVERB
If something happens **immediately**, it happens right away.

impatient ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **impatient** does not like to be kept waiting.

important ADJECTIVE **1** If someone says something is **important**, they mean it matters a lot.
ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **important** has a lot of power in a particular group.

impossible ADJECTIVE
Something that is **impossible** cannot be done.

impressive ADJECTIVE
If something is **impressive**, people admire it, usually because it is large or important.

imprison **imprisons, imprisoning, imprisoned** VERB
If someone is **imprisoned**, they are locked up, usually in a prison.

improve **improves, improving, improved** VERB
If something **improves**, it gets better.

improvement **improvements** NOUN
An **improvement** is a change in something that makes it better.

in PREPOSITION **1** You use **in** to say where something is, or where it is going.
*Put it **in** the fridge.*



PREPOSITION **2** You also use **in** to say when something should happen. *I'll be home **in** 20 minutes.*
ADVERB **3** You use **in** to mean at home. *Is anybody **in**?*

inch **inches** NOUN
An **inch** is a unit of length equal to about two and a half centimetres. There are 12 inches to a foot.

include **includes, including, included** VERB
If you **include** something in a whole thing, you make it part of the whole thing. *Batteries are **included**.*

increase **increases, increasing, increased** VERB **1** If something **increases**, it becomes greater.
NOUN **2** An **increase** is a rise in the number, level or amount of something.

index **indexes** NOUN
An **index** is an alphabetical list at the back of a book that helps you find the things you want to read about.

individual ADJECTIVE
Individual means to do with one particular person, rather than a whole group.

indoors ADVERB
If you are **indoors**, you are inside a building.

industry NOUN
Industry is the work involved in making things in factories.

infant **infants** NOUN

An **infant** is a baby or young child.



influence **influences** NOUN

An **influence** is the effect that someone or something has on you, that can change the way you think or behave. *That boy is a bad **influence** on you.*

informal ADJECTIVE **1 Informal** means relaxed. You usually speak or behave in this way when you are with people you know well.
ADJECTIVE **2** In a dictionary, a word shown as **informal** is more suitable for everyday talk than it is for writing.

information NOUN

If someone gives you **information** about something, they tell you about it.

infuriate **infuriates, infuriating, infuriated** VERB

If someone or something **infuriates** you, they make you extremely angry.

ingredient **ingredients** NOUN

Ingredients are the things that are used to make something, especially in cookery.

inhabit **inhabits, inhabiting, inhabited** VERB

If you **inhabit** a place, you live there.

inhabitant **inhabitants** NOUN

The **inhabitants** of a place are the people who live there.

initial **initials** NOUN
An **initial** is the first letter of a name. *David Hunt's **initials** are D.H.*

injection **injections** NOUN
If a doctor or nurse gives you an **injection**, they put medicine into your body with a special needle.

injure **injures, injuring, injured** VERB
If something **injures** a person or animal, it damages part of their body.
injury NOUN

ink **inks** NOUN
Ink is the coloured liquid that is used for writing and printing.

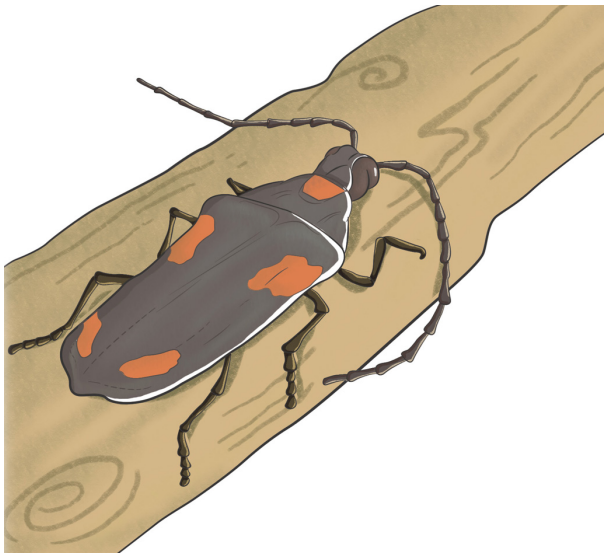


inland ADVERB
If you go **inland**, you go away from the coast towards the middle of a country.

inn **inns** NOUN
An **inn** is a small hotel.

innocent ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **innocent** has not done anything wrong.

insect **insects** NOUN
An **insect** is a small animal with six legs and usually wings. Ants, flies, butterflies and beetles are all insects.
*See **Insects** on page 264*



insert **inserts, inserting, inserted** VERB
If you **insert** an object into something, you put it into it. *She **inserted** the key in the lock.*

inside ADVERB, PREPOSITION OR ADJECTIVE
Inside means in something. *It was raining so they had to play **inside**… It was very cold **inside** the church… He hid his money in an **inside** pocket.*

insist **insists, insisting, insisted** VERB
If you **insist** on doing something, you refuse to give in.

inspect **inspects, inspecting, inspected** VERB
If you **inspect** something, you look at every part of it carefully.

inspire **inspires, inspiring, inspired** VERB
If something **inspires** you, it gives you new ideas and enthusiasm.

instant ADJECTIVE
Something **instant** happens immediately. *The new band was an **instant** success.*

instead ADVERB
Instead means in place of. *Take the stairs **instead** of the lift.*

instruction **instructions** NOUN **1** An **instruction** is something that someone tells you to do.

PLURAL NOUN **2 Instructions** are words that tell you how to do something.

instrument **instruments** NOUN **1** An **instrument** is a tool that is used to do a particular job.
NOUN **2** An **instrument** is also an object such as a piano or guitar, that you play to make music.



insult **insults, insulting, insulted** VERB
If you **insult** someone, you offend them by being rude to them.

intelligent ADJECTIVE
A person who is **intelligent** can understand, learn and think things out quickly and well.

intend **intends, intending, intended** VERB
If you **intend** to do something, you have decided to do it or plan to do it.

interactive ADJECTIVE
If a computer is **interactive**, information can pass in both directions between itself and the person using it.

interest **interests** NOUN
If you have an **interest** in something, you want to learn or hear more about it.

interesting ADJECTIVE
If something is **interesting**, it attracts or keeps your attention.

interfere **interferes, interfering, interfered** VERB

If something **interferes** with something else, it gets in the way. *Don't let TV **interfere** with your homework.*

interjection **interjections** NOUN

An **interjection** is a word you say suddenly to show surprise, pain or anger, such as "Ouch!" or "Wow!".

international ADJECTIVE

If something is **international**, it involves different countries. *This is an important **international** match.*

Internet NOUN

The **Internet** is a worldwide communication system that people use through computers.



interpret **interprets, interpreting, interpreted** VERB

If you **interpret** what someone says or does, you say what it means.

interrupt **interrupts, interrupting, interrupted** VERB **1** If you **interrupt** someone, you start talking before they have finished what they were saying.

VERB **2** If you **interrupt** what someone is doing, you make them stop doing it for a while.

interval **intervals** NOUN

An **interval** is a short break during a play or concert.

interview **interviews, interviewing, interviewed** VERB
If you **interview** someone, you ask them questions about themselves.

into PREPOSITION **1** If you go **into** something, you go inside it. *Come **into** the house.*
PREPOSITION **2** If you bump or crash **into** something, you bump or crash against it.

introduce **introduces, introducing, introduced** VERB
If you **introduce** one person to another, you tell them each other's name so that they can get to know each other.

introduction **introductions** NOUN
An **introduction** is a piece of writing at the beginning of a book, which usually tells you what it is about.

invent **invents, inventing, invented** VERB **1** If you **invent** a story or an excuse, you make it up.
VERB **2** If someone **invents** something, such as a machine or an instrument, they are the first person to think of it.

invention **inventions** NOUN
An **invention** is something that is a completely new idea. *She is working on an **invention** that will help people.*

inventor **inventors** NOUN
An **inventor** is someone who thinks of new ideas and tries them out to see if they will work.

inverse NOUN
If you turn something upside down or back to front, you have its **inverse**. *Subtraction is the **inverse** of addition.*

inverted commas PLURAL NOUN
Inverted commas are punctuation marks (**“ ”**) or (**‘ ’**) used in writing to show where speech begins and ends.

investigate **investigates, investigating, investigated** VERB

If you **investigate** something, you try to find out all the facts about it.

invisible ADJECTIVE

If something is **invisible**, it cannot be seen. For example, germs are invisible unless you use a microscope.

invitation **invitations** NOUN

When you get an **invitation**, someone asks you to come to something such as a party.

invite **invites, inviting, invited** VERB

If you **invite** someone, you ask them to come to your home, or a party.

involve **involves, involving, involved** VERB

If a situation **involves** someone or something, it includes or concerns them. *This project will **involve** a lot of work.*

iron **irons** NOUN **1** **Iron** is a hard metal used to make steel, and things like gates.

NOUN **2** An **iron** is an object with a handle and a flat base. You can heat it and use it to smooth clothes.



irritable ADJECTIVE

If you are feeling **irritable**, you could easily become annoyed.

irritate **irritates, irritating, irritated** VERB **1** If something **irritates** you, it annoys you.

VERB **2** If something **irritates** part of your body, it makes it sore or itchy.

is VERB

Is is a present tense form of **be**. *She **is** six years old.*
See **be**

Islam NOUN
Islam is the Muslim religion, which teaches that there is only one God, Allah. Mohammed is his prophet.
Islamic ADJECTIVE

island islands NOUN
An **island** is a piece of land completely surrounded by water.

ISP ISPs NOUN
An **ISP** is an abbreviation for **Internet service provider**. It is a company that provides access to the Internet.

it PRONOUN
You use **it** to talk about a thing or an animal. *This is a good book – have you read **it**?*

IT NOUN
IT is an abbreviation of **information technology**. It is the use of computers to store and analyse information.

italics PLURAL NOUN
Italics are letters printed in a special sloping way. *This sentence is in **italics**.*

itch itches, itching, itched VERB
When your skin **itches**, it makes you feel that you want to scratch it.

it's **It's** is a contraction of **it is**.

its ADJECTIVE
You use **its** to show that something belongs to something that has already been mentioned. *The lion lifted **its** head.*

itself PRONOUN
If an animal does something **itself**, no one else does it. *The cat washed **itself**.*

ivory NOUN

Ivory is the hard smooth creamy material that comes from the tusks of some animals, such as elephants.

ivy NOUN

Ivy is an evergreen plant which creeps along the ground and up walls.



Jj

jab **jabs** NOUN
A **jab** is an injection to prevent illness.

jacket **jackets** NOUN
A **jacket** is a short coat.

jagged ADJECTIVE
Something **jagged** has an uneven edge with sharp points on it.

jail **jails** NOUN
A **jail** is a building where criminals are locked up.

jam **jams, jamming, jammed**
NOUN **1** **Jam** is a food that is made by cooking fruit with a lot of sugar. You usually spread jam on bread.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*



NOUN **2** A **jam** is when there are so many people or vehicles in a place it is impossible for them to move.
VERB **3** If something **jams**, it becomes fixed and will not move.

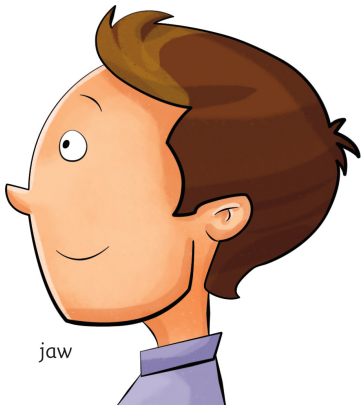
January NOUN
January is the first month of the year. It has 31 days.

jar **jars** NOUN

A **jar** is a glass container with a wide top used for storing food.

jaw **jaws** NOUN

Your **jaw** is the bone in which your teeth are set. Some animals, like crocodiles, have very large jaws.



jealous ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **jealous** feels upset because someone else has what they want.

jeans PLURAL NOUN

Jeans are trousers that are usually made with a strong cotton cloth.

jelly **jellies** NOUN

Jelly is a clear sweet food that wobbles when you move it.

jerk **jerks, jerking, jerked** VERB

If something **jerks**, it moves suddenly and sharply.

jersey **jerseys** NOUN

A **jersey** is a knitted piece of clothing for the upper part of your body.

jet **jets**

NOUN **1** A **jet** is a stream of liquid, gas or flame forced out under pressure.
NOUN **2** A **jet** is also a plane that is able to fly very fast.

Jew **Jews** NOUN

A **Jew** is a person who follows the religion of Judaism.

jewel **jewels** NOUN

A **jewel** is a precious stone, such as a diamond or a ruby, used to make things like rings and necklaces.

jewellery NOUN

Jewellery is the name for ornaments that people can wear, like rings and necklaces. It is often made of valuable metal such as gold or silver and may be decorated with precious stones.

Jewish ADJECTIVE

Jewish means to do with Judaism or Jews.

jigsaw **jigsaws** NOUN

A **jigsaw** is a puzzle consisting of a picture on cardboard. The picture has been cut up into small pieces that have to be put together again.



job **jobs**

NOUN **1** A **job** is the work that someone does to earn money.

NOUN **2** A **job** can also be anything that has to be done. *There are always plenty of **jobs** to do when I get home.*

jog **jogs, jogging, jogged**

VERB **1** To **jog** means to run slowly, often as a form of exercise.



VERB **2** If you **jog** something, you knock it slightly so that it shakes or moves.
VERB **3** If someone or something **jogs** your memory, they remind you of something.

join joins, joining, joined
VERB **1** When two things **join**, they come together.
VERB **2** If you **join** a club or organization, you become a member of it.
NOUN **3** A **join** is a place where two things are fastened together. *Look! You can't see the **join**.*

joint joints
NOUN **1** A **joint** is a part of your body, such as your elbow or knee, where two bones meet and are able to move.
NOUN **2** A **joint** can also be any place where two things are fastened together.
NOUN **3** A **joint** is also a large piece of meat for roasting.

joke jokes NOUN
A **joke** is something that you say or do to make people laugh.

jolt jolts, jolting, jolted
VERB **1** To **jolt** something means to move or shake it roughly and violently.
NOUN **2** A **jolt** is a sudden jerky movement.
NOUN **3** A **jolt** is also an unpleasant shock or surprise.

jot **jots, jotting, jotted** VERB

If you **jot** something down, you write it quickly in the form of a short note.

journal **journals**

NOUN **1** A **journal** is a diary which someone keeps regularly.

NOUN **2** A **journal** is also a magazine that deals with a particular subject, for example a medical journal.

journalist **journalists** NOUN

A **journalist** is a person whose job is to gather news and write about it for a newspaper or magazine, or present it on television or radio.

journey **journeys** NOUN

If you go on a **journey**, you travel from one place to another.

joy NOUN

Joy is a feeling of great happiness.

joyful ADJECTIVE

Judaism NOUN

Judaism is the religion of the Jewish people. It is based on the Old Testament of the Bible, and the Talmud or book of laws and traditions.

judge **judges**

NOUN **1** In law, a **judge** is a person who has the power to decide how the law should be used.

NOUN **2** The **judge** of a competition is a person who has been asked to choose the winner.

jug **jugs** NOUN

A **jug** is a container with a lip or spout used for holding or serving liquids.



juggle **juggles, juggling, juggled** VERB
If you **juggle** with objects, you keep throwing them into the air and catching them one at a time, so that there are several in the air at once.
juggler NOUN

juice NOUN
Juice is the liquid that comes from fruit such as oranges when you squeeze them.

juicy **juicier, juiciest** ADJECTIVE
Juicy food has a lot of juice in it.

July NOUN
July is the seventh month of the year. It has 31 days.

jumble **jumbles, jumbling, jumbled**
NOUN **1** **Jumble** is an untidy muddle of things.
NOUN **2** **Jumble** is also things like clothes and books that people no longer want.
VERB **3** If you **jumble** things, you mix them up untidily.

jump **jumps, jumping, jumped**
VERB **1** When you **jump**, you spring off the ground using your leg muscles.
VERB **2** If you **jump** something, you spring off the ground and move over or across it. *He **jumped** a low wall.*
VERB **3** If something or somebody makes you **jump**, you make a sudden sharp movement of surprise.

jumper **jumpers** NOUN

A **jumper** is a knitted piece of clothing for the top part of the body.



junction **junctions** NOUN

A **junction** is a place where roads or railway lines meet or cross.

June NOUN

June is the sixth month of the year. It has 30 days.

jungle **jungles** NOUN

A **jungle** is a dense tropical forest.

junior ADJECTIVE

Junior means younger, or less important.

junk NOUN

Junk is old or second-hand articles that are sold cheaply or thrown away.

just

ADVERB **1** If you say that something has **just** happened, you mean it happened a short time ago.

ADVERB **2** If you say you are **just** going to do something, you mean you will do it very soon.

justice NOUN

Justice is fairness in the way that people are treated.

justify **justifies, justifying, justified** VERB

If you **justify** an action or idea, you explain why it is reasonable or necessary.

Kk

kangaroo **kangaroos** NOUN

A **kangaroo** is a large Australian animal which moves forward by jumping on its back legs.



keen **keener, keenest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **keen** to do something wants to do it very much.

keep **keeps, keeping, kept**

VERB **1** If you **keep** something for somebody, you save it for them.

VERB **2** If you **keep** doing something, you do it over and over again.

VERB **3** If something **keeps** you a certain way, you stay that way because of it. *That dog is **keeping** me awake.*

kennel **kennels** NOUN

A **kennel** is a small house for a dog.



kept VERB

Kept is the past tense of **keep**.

kerb **kerbs** NOUN

The **kerb** is the edge of the pavement.

ketchup NOUN

Ketchup is a cold tomato sauce.

kettle **kettles** NOUN

A **kettle** is a covered container used to boil water.

key **keys**

NOUN **1** A **key** is a specially shaped piece of metal that fits into a lock.
NOUN **2** The **keys** on something like a computer keyboard or a piano are the buttons that you press to use it.
ADJECTIVE **3** **Key** words or sentences are an important part of a piece of text.

keyboard **keyboards** NOUN

A **keyboard** is a row of buttons called keys on a piano or computer.

kick **kicks, kicking, kicked** VERB

If you **kick** something, you hit it with your foot.

kid **kids**

NOUN **1** A **kid** is a young goat.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*
NOUN **2** INFORMAL A **kid** is a child.

kidnap **kidnaps, kidnapping, kidnapped** VERB
If someone **kidnaps** another person, they take them away by force.

kill **kills, killing, killed** VERB
To **kill** someone or something means to cause them to die.

kilogram **kilograms** NOUN
A **kilogram** (kg) is a unit of mass and weight. One kilogram, or kilo, is equal to 1000 grams.

kilometre **kilometres** NOUN
A **kilometre** is a unit of distance equal to 1000 metres.

kind **kinds; kinder, kindest**
NOUN **1** If you talk about a **kind** of object, you mean a sort of object.
ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **kind** behaves in a gentle, caring way.
kindness NOUN

king **kings** NOUN
A **king** is a man who rules a country. Kings are not chosen by the people, but are born into a royal family.

kingdom **kingdoms**
NOUN **1** A **kingdom** is a country or region that is ruled by a king or queen.
NOUN **2** The animal **kingdom** is all the animals in the world. *This creature is the largest in the animal **kingdom**.*

kiss **kisses, kissing, kissed** VERB
If you **kiss** someone, you touch them with your lips.

kit **kits** NOUN
A **kit** is a set of things that are used for a particular purpose. *Have you seen my first aid **kit**?*

kitchen **kitchens** NOUN
A **kitchen** is a room that is used for cooking and washing-up.

kite **kites**
NOUN **1** A **kite** is a frame covered with paper or cloth which you fly in the sky at the end of a piece of string.

NOUN **2** In maths, a **kite** is a flat shape with four sides, with two pairs of the same length and none of the sides parallel to each other.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

kitten **kittens** NOUN
A **kitten** is a young cat.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*

kiwi **kiwis** NOUN
A **kiwi** is a type of bird found in New Zealand. Kiwis cannot fly.



knee **knees** NOUN
Your **knee** is the joint where your leg bends.

kneel **kneels, kneeling, kneeled** or **knelt** VERB
When you **kneel**, you bend your legs until your knees are touching the ground.

knew VERB
Knew is the past tense of **know**.

knickers PLURAL NOUN
Knickers are pants worn by women and girls.

knife **knives** NOUN
A **knife** is a sharp metal tool that you use to cut things.

knit **knits, knitting, knitted** VERB

If you **knit**, you make something from wool using two long needles.



knob knobs

NOUN **1** A **knob** is a round handle on a door or a drawer.

NOUN **2** A **knob** is also a round button on a piece of equipment such as a radio.

knock knocks, knocking, knocked VERB

If you **knock** on something, you hit it hard.

knot knots NOUN

A **knot** is a tie in something such as string or cloth.

know knows, knowing, knew

VERB **1** If you **know** a fact, you have it in your mind and do not need to learn it.

VERB **2** If you **know** somebody, you have met them before.

knowledge NOUN

Knowledge is all the facts and information that you know.

knuckle knuckles NOUN

Your **knuckles** are the bony parts where your fingers join your hands and where your fingers bend.

koala koalas NOUN

A **koala** is an Australian animal that looks like a small bear with grey fur.

Koran NOUN

The **Koran** is the holy book of Islam.

Ll

label **labels** NOUN
A **label** is a small notice that tells you what something is or gives you information. *Read the **label** on the medicine bottle.*

laboratory **laboratories** NOUN
A **laboratory** is a place where scientists work, using special equipment.

labour NOUN
Labour is hard work.

lace **laces**
NOUN **1 Lace** is a very fine decorated cloth made with a lot of holes in it.
NOUN **2 Laces** are cords that you use to fasten your shoes.

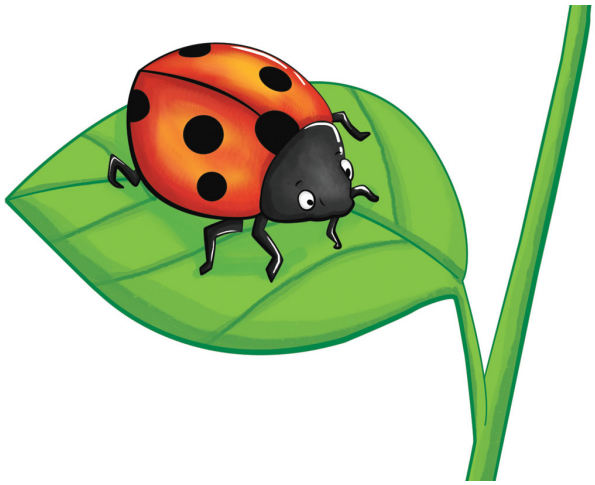
lack **lacks, lacking, lacked** VERB
If you **lack** something, you do not have it when you need it.

ladder **ladders** NOUN
A **ladder** is a wooden or metal frame used for climbing up things like walls or trees.

ladle **ladles** NOUN
A **ladle** is a big deep spoon with a long handle, which is used to serve soup.
ladle VERB

lady **ladies** NOUN
Lady is a polite name for a woman. *I think this **lady** was in front of me.*

ladybird **ladybirds** NOUN
A **ladybird** is a small round flying beetle with spots on its wings.
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laid VERB

Laid is the past tense of **lay**.

lain VERB

Lain is the past participle of **lie**.

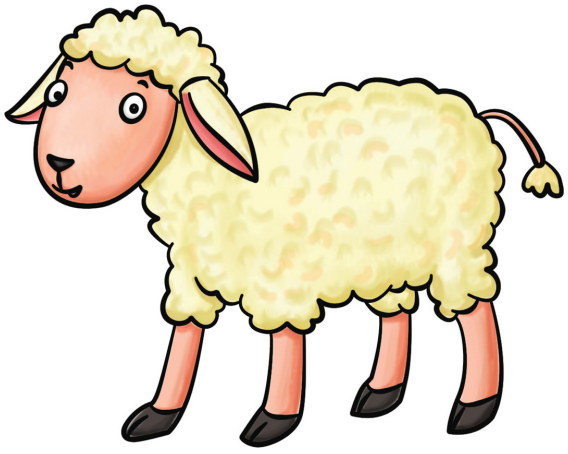
lake **lakes** NOUN

A **lake** is a large area of fresh water with land all round it.

lamb **lambs** NOUN

A **lamb** is a young sheep.

*See **Young animals** on page 265*



lame ADJECTIVE

An animal which is **lame** cannot walk properly.

lamp **lamps** NOUN

A **lamp** is an object that gives light.

lamppost **lampposts** NOUN

A **lamppost** is a tall column in the street, with a lamp at the top.

land **lands, landing, landed**

NOUN **1 Land** is the part of the world that is solid, dry ground.

VERB **2** When an aircraft **lands**, it comes down from the air on to land or water.

landmark **landmarks** NOUN

A **landmark** is a building or a feature of the land that can be used to find out where you are.

landscape **landscapes** NOUN

A **landscape** is everything you can see when you look across an area of land.

lane **lanes**

NOUN **1** A **lane** is a narrow road, especially in the country.



NOUN **2** A **lane** is also part of a main road or motorway. It is marked with lines to guide drivers.

language **languages** NOUN

A **language** is the words that are used by the people of a country when they speak or write to each other.

lantern **lanterns** NOUN

A **lantern** is a lamp in a container. It has sides which the light can shine through but which stop the wind from blowing out the light.

lap **laps, lapping, lapped**

NOUN **1** Your **lap** is the flat area formed by the tops of your legs when you are sitting down.

VERB **2** When an animal **laps** up liquid, it drinks using its tongue to get the liquid into its mouth.

laptop **laptops** NOUN

A **laptop** is a portable computer small enough to fit on your lap.

large **larger, largest** ADJECTIVE

Something **large** is big.

larva **larvae** NOUN

A **larva** is an insect at an early stage of its life. It looks likes a short fat worm.

laser **lasers** NOUN

A **laser** is a machine which produces a narrow beam of light. Lasers are used for many different things, including medical operations.

last **lasts, lasting, lasted**

ADJECTIVE **1** The **last** thing or event is the most recent one. *I saw him **last** week.*

ADVERB **2** If something happens **last**, it happens after everything else. *I came **last** in the race.*

VERB **3** If something **lasts**, it continues to exist or happen. *Her speech **lasted** an hour.*

at last PHRASE If something happens **at last**, it happens after a long time.

late **later, latest**

ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **1** If you are **late** arriving somewhere, you get there after the time you were supposed to.

ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **2 Late** means near the end of a period of time. *We had a picnic in the **late** afternoon.*

lately ADVERB
If something has happened **lately**, it happened not long ago. *Have you seen your cousin **lately**?*

laugh laughs, laughing, laughed VERB
When you **laugh**, you make the sound people make when they are happy or think something is funny.
laughter NOUN

launch launches, launching, launched
VERB **1** When a rocket or satellite is **launched**, it is sent into the sky.
VERB **2** To **launch** a ship means to send it into the water for the first time.

launderette launderettes NOUN
A **launderette** is a shop where people pay to use washing machines.

lava NOUN
Lava is a very hot, liquid rock which comes out of volcanoes.



lavatory lavatories
NOUN **1** A **lavatory** is a toilet.
NOUN **2** A **lavatory** is also the room where the lavatory is.

law laws NOUN
A **law** is a rule that is made by the government.

lawn **lawns** NOUN

A **lawn** is an area of short grass in a garden or park.



lawnmower **lawnmowers** NOUN

A **lawnmower** is a machine for cutting the grass on lawns.

lawyer **lawyers** NOUN

A **lawyer** is a person who understands the law and can advise people about it.

lay **lays, laying, laid**

VERB **1** If you **lay** something somewhere, you put it there carefully.

VERB **2** If you **lay** the table, you put things like knives and forks on the table ready for a meal.

VERB **3** When a bird **lays** an egg, it produces the egg out of its body.

layer **layers** NOUN

A **layer** is a single thickness of something that lies on top of or underneath something else.

layout **layouts** NOUN

The **layout** of something is the way it is arranged.

lazy **lazier, laziest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **lazy** does not want to work or do anything hard.

lazily ADVERB

lead **leads, leading, led**

(*rhymes with* **feed**) VERB **1** If you **lead** someone to a particular place, you go with them to show them the way.

VERB **2** Someone who **leads** a group of people is in charge of them.

VERB **3** If you are **leading** in a race or game, you are winning at that point.

NOUN **4** A dog's **lead** is a long thin piece of leather or a chain. You fix one end to the collar and hold the other end.

(*rhymes with* **fed**) NOUN **5** **Lead** is a grey, heavy metal.

NOUN **6** The **lead** in a pencil is the centre part of it that makes a mark on paper.

leader **leaders** NOUN

The **leader** of a group of people is the person who is in charge.

leaf **leaves** NOUN

A **leaf** is one of the flat green parts of a plant. Different sorts of plant have differently shaped leaves.



leaflet **leaflets** NOUN

A **leaflet** is a piece of paper with information or advertising printed on it.

leak **leaks, leaking, leaked**

VERB **1** If a pipe or container **leaks**, it has a hole which lets gas or liquid escape.

VERB **2** If liquid or gas **leaks**, it escapes from a pipe or container.

lean **leans, leaning, leant** or **leaned; leaner, leanest**

VERB **1** When you **lean** somewhere, you bend your body in that direction.

VERB **2** When you **lean** on something, you rest your body against it for support.

ADJECTIVE **3 Lean** meat has little or no fat.

leap **leaps, leaping, leapt** or **leaped** VERB
If you **leap** somewhere, you jump over a long distance or high in the air.

leap year **leap years** NOUN
A **leap year** is a year with 366 days. There is a leap year every four years.

learn **learns, learning, learnt** or **learned** VERB
When you **learn** something, you get to know it or find out how to do it.

least

NOUN **1** The **least** is the smallest possible amount of something. *That is the **least** of my problems.*

ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **2 Least** is a superlative form of **little**, meaning very small in amount. *We bought the **least** expensive bike… She ate the **least** of all of them.*

leather NOUN

Leather is the specially treated skin of animals. It is used for making things like shoes and furniture.

leave leaves, leaving, left

VERB **1** When you **leave** a place, you go away from it.

VERB **2** If you **leave** someone somewhere, they stay behind after you go away.

VERB **3** In maths, when you take one number from other, it **leaves** a third number.

led VERB

Led is the past tense of **lead**.

ledge ledges NOUN

A **ledge** is a narrow shelf on the side of a cliff or rock face, or on the outside of a building.

leek leeks NOUN

A **leek** is a long white vegetable with green leaves.

*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

left

VERB **1 Left** is the past tense of **leave**.
NOUN **2** The **left** is the side that you begin reading on in English.
ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **3 Left** means on or towards the left side of something. *Turn **left** at the end of the road.*

leg legs

NOUN **1 Legs** are the parts of your body which stretch from the hips to the feet.



NOUN **2** The **legs** of an object such as a table are the parts which rest on the floor and support the object's weight.

legend legends NOUN

A **legend** is an old and popular story which may or may not be true.

leisure NOUN

Leisure is time when you do not have to work and can do things that you enjoy.

lemon lemons NOUN

A **lemon** is a yellow, oval fruit. Lemons are juicy but they taste sour.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

lemonade NOUN

Lemonade is a drink made from lemons, sugar and water.



lend **lends, lending, lent** VERB

If you **lend** something to someone, you let them have it for a while.

length **lengths**

NOUN **1** The **length** of something is the distance that it measures from one end to the other.

NOUN **2** The **length** of something like a holiday is the period of time that it lasts.

lens **lenses** NOUN

A **lens** is a curved piece of glass that makes light go in a certain way. Lenses are used in things like cameras, telescopes and glasses.

lent VERB

Lent is the past tense of **lend**.

leopard **leopards** NOUN

A **leopard** is a large wild cat that lives in the forests of Africa and Asia. It has yellow fur with black spots.

less ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB

Less is a comparative form of **little**, meaning not as much. *A shower uses **less** water than a bath.*

lesson **lessons** NOUN

A **lesson** is a short period of time when you are taught something.

let **lets, letting, let**

VERB **1** If you **let** someone do something, you allow them to do it.
VERB **2** If someone **lets** a house or flat that they own, they rent it out.

letter letters

NOUN **1** A **letter** is a written message to someone, usually sent through the post.



NOUN **2** **Letters** are written symbols which go together to make words.

letter box letter boxes

NOUN **1** A **letter box** is an oblong gap in the front door of a house or flat.
NOUN **2** A **letter box** is also a large metal container where you post letters.

lettuce lettuces NOUN

A **lettuce** is a plant with large green leaves that you eat raw in salads.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

level levels

ADJECTIVE **1** A surface that is **level** is smooth, flat and parallel to the ground.
ADVERB **2** If you are **level** with someone, you are next to them.
NOUN **3** The **level** of a liquid is the height it comes up to. *After heavy rain the river rose to a dangerous **level**.*

lever levers

NOUN **1** A **lever** is a long bar that you put under a heavy object and press down on to make the object move.
NOUN **2** A **lever** is also a handle on a machine that you pull down to make the machine work.

liar **liars** NOUN
A **liar** is a person who tells lies.

library **libraries** NOUN
A **library** is a building where books are kept for people to come and read or borrow.

lick **licks, licking, licked** VERB
If you **lick** something, you move your tongue across it.

lid **lids** NOUN
A **lid** is a cover for a box or other container.

lie **lies, lying, lay, lain; lied**
VERB **1** To **lie** somewhere means to rest there horizontally.
VERB **2** To **lie** means to say something that is not true.

life **lives** NOUN
The **life** of a person or animal is the time between their birth and death.

lifeboat **lifeboats** NOUN
A **lifeboat** is a boat that is used to rescue people in danger at sea.



lifetime NOUN

Your **lifetime** is the period of time during which you are alive.

lift **lifts, lifting, lifted**

VERB **1** If you **lift** something, you move it to a higher position.

NOUN **2** A **lift** is a machine like a small room that carries passengers from one floor to another in a building.

light **lights, lighting, lighted** or **lit; lighter, lightest**

NOUN **1** **Light** is the brightness from the sun, moon, fire or lamps, that lets you see things.

NOUN **2** A **light** is a lamp or other object that gives out brightness.

VERB **3** To **light** something means to cause light to shine on it or in it.

VERB **4** To **light** a fire means to make it start burning.

ADJECTIVE **5** A place that is **light** is bright because of the sun or the use of lamps.

ADJECTIVE **6** A **light** colour is pale.

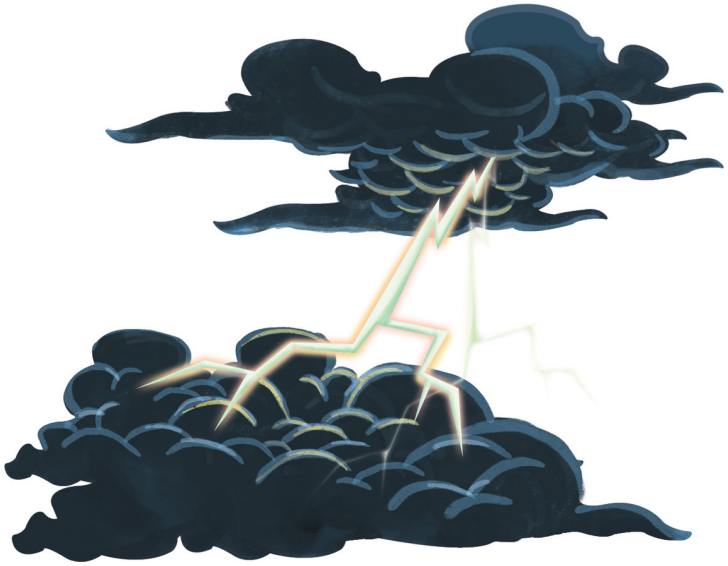
ADJECTIVE **7** A **light** object does not weigh much.

lighthouse **lighthouses** NOUN

A **lighthouse** is a tower with a powerful flashing light at the top, which is used to guide ships or to warn them of danger.

lightning NOUN

Lightning is a bright flash of light in the sky produced by natural electricity during a thunderstorm.



like **likes, liking, liked**

PREPOSITION **1** If one thing is **like** another, it is similar to it.

VERB **2** If you **like** someone or something, you find them pleasant.

likely **likelier, likeliest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **likely** will probably happen or is probably true.

limb **limbs** NOUN

A **limb** is an arm or leg.

limit **limits** NOUN

A **limit** is a line or a point beyond which something cannot go. *There is a speed **limit** on this road.*

limp **limps, limping, limped; limper, limpest**

VERB **1** If you **limp**, you walk unevenly because you have hurt your leg or foot.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **limp** is soft and floppy. *This lettuce is a bit **limp**.*

line **lines**

NOUN **1** A **line** is a long thin mark. Some writing paper has lines on it to show you where to write.

NOUN **2** A **line** of people or things is a number of them in a row.
NOUN **3** In a piece of writing, a **line** is a number of words together. *A limerick has five **lines**.*
NOUN **4** A railway **line** is one of the heavy metal rails that trains run on.

linen NOUN
Linen is a kind of cloth made from a plant called flax. It is used for things like sheets and tablecloths.

liner **liners** NOUN
A **liner** is a large passenger ship that makes long journeys.

link **links**
NOUN **1** A **link** is one of the rings in a chain.
NOUN **2** A **link** is also a connection between two things. *There's a high speed rail **link** between the two main cities.*

lion **lions** NOUN
A **lion** is a large wild cat. Lions live in parts of Africa and Asia, in groups called prides.

lip **lips** NOUN
Your **lips** are the top and bottom outer edges of your mouth.

liquid **liquids** NOUN
A **liquid** is anything which is not a solid or a gas, and which can be poured.

list **lists** NOUN
A **list** is a set of things that are written one below the other.

listen **listens, listening, listened** VERB
If you **listen** to a sound that you can hear, you pay attention to it.
listener NOUN

lit VERB
Lit is the past tense of **light**.

literacy NOUN
Literacy is the ability to read and write.

See **numeracy**

literature NOUN

Novels, plays and poetry are referred to as **literature**.

litre **litres** NOUN

A **litre** is a unit used to measure volume and capacity. A litre is equal to 1000 millilitres.

litter **litters**

NOUN **1 Litter** is rubbish left lying untidily outside.



NOUN **2** A **litter** is a group of animals born to the same mother at the same time.

*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

little **less, lesser, least**

ADJECTIVE **1** Something or someone that is **little** is small in size.

ADVERB **2 Little** can mean not much. *Our lazy cat does very **little**.*

live **lives, living, lived**

(*rhymes with* **give**) VERB **1** If you **live** in a place, that is where your home is.

VERB **2** To **live** means to be alive.

(*rhymes with* **hive**) ADJECTIVE **3** A **live** animal is living.

ADJECTIVE **4 Live** television or radio is broadcast as it happens.

lively **livelier, liveliest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **lively** is cheerful and full of energy.

liver **livers** NOUN

Your **liver** is a large organ in your body. Its job is to clean your blood.

living

ADJECTIVE **1 Living** things are plants, animals and humans that are alive. All living things need food to grow.
NOUN **2** Someone who earns a **living** earns enough money to buy all the things they need. *She earns a **living** as an artist.*

living room **living rooms** NOUN

The **living room** in a house is the room where the family spend most of their time.

lizard **lizards** NOUN

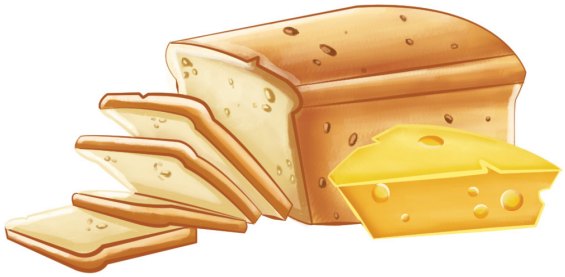
A **lizard** is a small reptile with four short legs and a long tail. It has a rough dry skin. The babies hatch from eggs.
*See **Reptiles** on page 264*

load **loads, loading, loaded**

NOUN **1** A **load** is things which are being carried somewhere.
VERB **2** When you **load** a machine, you put something into it so it will work.

loaf **loaves** NOUN

A **loaf** is bread that has been baked into one shape. You cut a loaf into slices.



lobster **lobsters** NOUN

A **lobster** is a sea animal with a hard shell, two large claws and eight legs.

local ADJECTIVE

Local means belonging to the area where you live or work. *I read about it in the **local** paper.*

locate **locates, locating, located** VERB

To **locate** someone or something is to find out where they are.

location locations NOUN

A **location** is a place, or the position of something. *The school is being moved to a new **location**.*

lock locks, locking, locked

VERB **1** If you **lock** something, you close it and fasten it with a key.
NOUN **2** A **lock** is used to keep something, such as a door or case, closed. You can only open a lock with the right key.

locomotive locomotives NOUN

A **locomotive** is the engine which pulls trains along railway tracks.



loft lofts NOUN

A **loft** is the space under the roof of a house, often used for storing things.

log logs NOUN

A **log** is a piece of a thick branch from a tree.

lollipop lollipops NOUN

A **lollipop** is a hard sweet on a stick.

lolly lollies NOUN

Lolly is an abbreviation of **lollipop**. A **lolly** is also a piece of flavoured ice or ice cream on a stick.

lonely lonelier, loneliest ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **lonely** is sad because they are on their own, or do not have any friends.

long **longer, longest; longs, longing, longed**

ADJECTIVE **1** Something **long** takes up more time than usual. *It was a **long** film.*

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **long** is far from one end to the other. *It's a **long** way from London to New York.*

VERB **3** If you **long** for something, you want it very much.

look **looks, looking, looked**

VERB **1** If you **look** in a particular direction, you turn your eyes that w ay.

VERB **2** If you say how someone **looks**, you tell them how they seem to you.

VERB **3** If you **look after** someone, you care for them.

VERB **4** If you **look for** someone or something, you try to find them.

VERB **5** If you are **looking forward** to something, you want it to happen because you think you will enjoy it.

loop **loops** NOUN

A **loop** is a circular shape in something long and thin. For example, when you tie shoelaces, the bow has two loops in it.

loose **looser, loosest**

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **loose** is not firmly fixed. *I've got a **loose** tooth.*

ADJECTIVE **2** Things that are **loose** are not fixed together. *She had four **loose** sheets of paper in her bag.*

lord **lords** NOUN

Hundreds of years ago, a **lord** was a man who had a lot of power. Now, **Lord** is a title in front of some men's names in Britain.

lorry **lorries** NOUN

A **lorry** is a large road vehicle that is used to carry loads.

lose **loses, losing, lost**

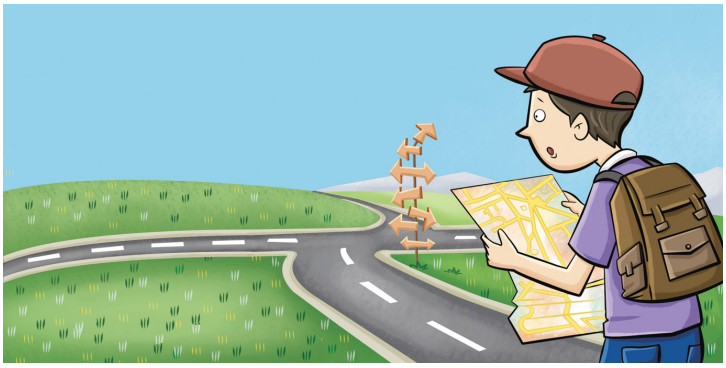
VERB **1** If you **lose** something, you cannot find it.

VERB **2** If someone **loses** weight, they become thinner.

VERB **3** If you **lose** something like a game or a race, someone does better than you.

lost

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **lost**, you cannot find your way or do not know where you are.



VERB **2 Lost** is the past tense of **lose**.

lot **lots** NOUN

A **lot** of something, or **lots** of something, is a large amount of it.

lottery **lotteries** NOUN

A **lottery** is a way of raising money by selling tickets. The winner is chosen by chance.

loud **louder, loudest** ADJECTIVE

A **loud** sound is one that makes a lot of noise. *The firework went off with a **loud** bang.*

loudspeaker **loudspeakers** NOUN

A **loudspeaker** is a piece of equipment that is used so that sounds can be heard. Microphones, radios and CD players all need loudspeakers.

lounge **lounges** NOUN

A **lounge** in a house or hotel is a room where people sit and relax.

love **loves, loving, loved**

VERB **1** If you **love** someone, you have strong feelings of affection for them.

VERB **2** If you **love** something, you like it very much. *I **love** pizza.*

lovely **lovelier, loveliest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **lovely** is very pleasing to look at or listen to.

low **lower, lowest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **low** measures only a short distance from the ground to the top. *He jumped over the **low** wall.*

lower **lowers, lowering, lowered**

VERB **1** If you **lower** something, you move it slowly downwards. *As it was getting dark, she **lowered** the blind.*

VERB **2** If you **lower** your voice, you speak more quietly.

lower-case ADJECTIVE

Lower-case letters are the small letters of the alphabet, such as a, b, c and d. *The letters down the side of this page are **lower-case**.*

See **upper-case**

loyal ADJECTIVE

If you are **loyal** to someone, you always support them.

luck NOUN

Luck is something that seems to happen without any reason. Luck can be good or bad.

lucky **luckier, luckiest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **lucky** seems to have good luck.

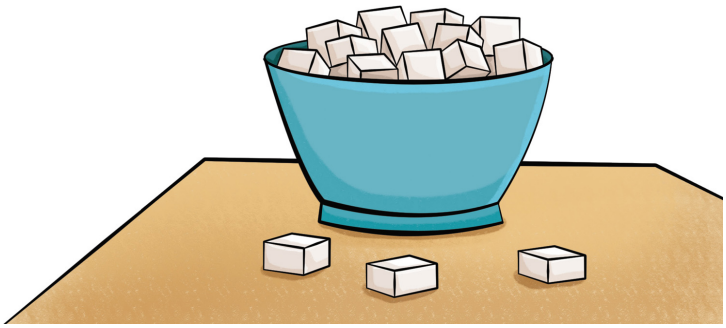
luckily ADVERB

luggage NOUN

Luggage is all the suitcases, bags and things that you take with you when you are travelling.

lump **lumps**

NOUN **1** A lump is a piece of something solid. *She takes one **lump** of sugar in her tea.*



NOUN **2** A **lump** on someone's body is a small swelling.

lunar ADJECTIVE

Lunar is used to describe something that is to do with the moon.

lunch **lunches** NOUN

Lunch is a meal that you have in the middle of the day.



lung **lungs** NOUN

Your **lungs** are the two parts of your body inside your chest that fill with air when you breathe.

luxury **luxuries** NOUN

A **luxury** is something quite expensive to buy, which you like very much but do not need.

luxurious ADJECTIVE

lying VERB

Lying is the present participle of **lie**.

Mm

machine **machines** NOUN

A **machine** is a piece of equipment which does a particular kind of work. It is usually powered by an engine or by electricity.

machinery NOUN

Machinery is machines in general.

mad **madder, maddest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **mad** has an illness in their mind.

ADJECTIVE **2** If you describe someone as **mad**, you mean they are foolish or silly.

ADJECTIVE **3** INFORMAL Someone who is **mad** is angry.

ADJECTIVE **4** INFORMAL If you are **mad** about someone or something, you like them very much.

made VERB

Made is the past tense of **make**.

magazine **magazines** NOUN

A **magazine** is a thin book which comes out regularly, usually once a week or once a month. It has articles, stories and pictures.



maggot **maggots** NOUN

A **maggot** looks like a tiny worm. Maggots change into flies.

magic

NOUN **1** In stories, **magic** is the thing that makes impossible things happen.

ADJECTIVE **2 Magic** tricks entertain and puzzle people.

magical ADJECTIVE

magician **magicians** NOUN **1** In stories, a **magician** is a man who has magic powers.

NOUN **2** A **magician** is also a real person who can do magic tricks.

magnet **magnets** NOUN

A **magnet** is a special piece of metal. It pulls or attracts iron or steel towards it. Magnets can also push other magnets away.

magnetic ADJECTIVE

magnificent ADJECTIVE

Something that is **magnificent** is very grand.

magnifying glass **magnifying glasses** NOUN

A **magnifying glass** is a piece of glass that makes objects appear to be bigger than they really are.

magpie **magpies** NOUN

A **magpie** is a bird of the crow family. It has black and white markings and a long tail.

mail

NOUN **1 Mail** is things like letters and parcels that are sent through the post.

NOUN **2 Mail** is also another name for **e-mail**.

main ADJECTIVE

The **main** part of something is the most important part.

maize NOUN

Maize is a tall plant that produces sweet corn.



major ADJECTIVE

You use **major** to describe something important. *This is a **major** discovery.*

make **makes, making, made** VERB **1** If you **make** something new, you use your skill to shape it or put it together.

VERB **2** To **make** something happen is to cause it. *My new boots **made** a loud squeak.*

VERB **3** If you **make** a mistake, you do something wrong.

VERB **4** If you **make** someone do something, you force them to do it. *My mum **makes** me eat vegetables.*

male **males** NOUN

A **male** is a person or animal that belongs to the sex that cannot have babies.

male ADJECTIVE

mammal **mammals** NOUN
A **mammal** is a warm-blooded animal. Female mammals give birth to live babies. They feed their babies with milk from their own bodies.

man **men** NOUN
A **man** is an adult male human being.
See **woman**

manage **manages, managing, managed** VERB **1** If you **manage** to do something, you succeed in doing it. *He **managed** to get a seat on the bus.* VERB **2** Someone who **manages** an organization is in charge of it.

mane **manes** NOUN
The **mane** of an animal such as a horse or a male lion is the long thick hair that grows from its neck.

mango **mangoes** or **mangos** NOUN
A **mango** is a sweet yellowish fruit which grows in tropical countries.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

manner **manners** NOUN **1** The **manner** in which you do something is how you do it.
NOUN **2** Your **manner** is the way in which you behave and talk. *It is good **manners** to be polite.*

mantelpiece **mantelpieces** NOUN
A **mantelpiece** is a shelf over a fireplace.

manufacture **manufactures, manufacturing, manufactured** VERB
To **manufacture** goods is to make them in a factory.

many

ADJECTIVE **1** If there are **many** people or things, there are a large number of them.

ADJECTIVE **2** You also use **many** to ask how great a quantity is or to give information about it. *How **many** tickets do you want?*

map **maps** NOUN

A **map** is a drawing of a particular area as it would look from above.



marathon **marathons** NOUN

A **marathon** is a race in which people have to run 26 miles (about 42 kilometres) along roads.



marble **marbles** NOUN **1 Marble** is a very hard stone which shines when it is polished. Statues and parts of buildings are sometimes made of marble. NOUN **2 Marbles** is a children's game played with small coloured glass balls. These balls are also called marbles.

march **marches, marching, marched** VERB
When you **march**, you walk with quick regular steps like a soldier.

March NOUN
March is the third month of the year. It has 31 days.

mare **mares** NOUN
A **mare** is an adult female horse.

margarine NOUN
Margarine is a food that looks like butter but is made from vegetable oil and animal fats. You can spread it on bread and use it for cooking.

margin **margins** NOUN
The **margin** is the blank space at each side on a written or printed page.

mark **marks** NOUN **1** A **mark** is a small stain. *I can't get that **mark** off your shirt.*

NOUN **2** A **mark** is also something that has been written or drawn. *He made little **marks** on the paper with his pencil.*
NOUN **3** At school, a **mark** is a letter or number showing how well you have done in homework or in a test.

market **markets** NOUN
A **market** is a place with many small stalls selling different goods.



marmalade NOUN
Marmalade is a jam made from fruit like oranges or lemons. People often eat it spread on toast for breakfast.

marriage **marriages** NOUN
Marriage is the state or relationship of living together in a legal partnership.

married ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **married** has a partner in marriage.

marry **marries, marrying, married** VERB
If you **marry** someone, you take them as your partner in marriage.

marsh **marshes** NOUN
A **marsh** is an area of land which is always very wet and muddy.

marvellous ADJECTIVE

Something that is **marvellous** is wonderful.

masculine ADJECTIVE

Masculine refers to qualities and things that are typical of men.

mask **masks** NOUN

A **mask** is something you wear over your face to protect or disguise you.



mass **masses** NOUN **1** A **mass** of things is a large number of them grouped together.

See **weight**

NOUN **2** The **mass** of something is the amount of matter it contains. Mass is measured in grams and kilograms. People often say “weight” when they mean “mass”. Mass and weight are different. If you were on the moon, you would weigh less than on Earth but your mass would not change.

See **weight**

NOUN **3** In the Roman Catholic church, a **Mass** is a religious service.

massive ADJECTIVE

Something **massive** is extremely large.

mast **masts** NOUN

A **mast** is the tall upright pole that supports the sail of a boat.

mat **mats** NOUN **1** A **mat** is a small piece of carpet.

NOUN **2** A **mat** is also something used to protect a table from plates or glasses.

match **matches, matching, matched** NOUN **1** A **match** is an organized game of something like tennis or football.
NOUN **2** A **match** is also a thin stick of wood that can make a flame.
VERB **3** If you **match** things, you find a connection between them. ***Match*** *the animals with the countries they come from.*

mate **mates** NOUN **1** INFORMAL A **mate** is a friend.
NOUN **2** An animal's **mate** is its partner.

material **materials** NOUN **1** **Material** is cloth.
NOUN **2** A **material** is anything that can be used to make something else. Wood, stone, plastic and water are all materials.

mathematics NOUN
Mathematics is the study of numbers, quantities and shapes.

maths NOUN
Maths is an abbreviation of **mathematics**.



matter **matters, mattering, mattered** VERB **1** If something **matters** to you, you care about it and feel it is important.
NOUN **2** A **matter** is something that you have to deal with or think about. *This is a* ***matter*** *for the police.*

mattress **mattresses** NOUN
A **mattress** is a large flat cushion which is put on a bed to make it comfortable to lie on.

maximum

ADJECTIVE **1** The **maximum** amount is the most that is possible or allowed. *The **maximum** score for this question is five marks.*
NOUN **2** The **maximum** is the most that is possible or allowed. *Pupils are allowed a **maximum** of five pounds to spend.*

may VERB

If someone says you **may** do something, you are allowed to do it.

May NOUN

May is the fifth month of the year. It has 31 days.

maybe ADVERB

You say **maybe** when something is possible but you are not sure about it. ***Maybe** we could go tomorrow.*

mayor **mayors** NOUN

The **mayor** of a town or city is the man or woman who has been chosen to be its head.

maze **mazes** NOUN

A **maze** is a system of paths which is made like a puzzle so that it is difficult to find your way through it.

me PRONOUN

You use **me** when you are talking about yourself. *Can you hear **me**?*

meadow **meadows** NOUN

A **meadow** is a field of grass and wild flowers.



meal **meals** NOUN

A **meal** is food that people eat, usually at set times during the day.

mean **means, meaning, meant; meaner, meanest** VERB **1** If you ask what something **means**, you want it explained to you.

VERB **2** If you **mean** what you say, you are serious about it.

VERB **3** If something **means** a lot to you, it is important to you.

VERB **4** If you **mean** to do something, you intend to do it. *I **meant** to phone you, but I didn't have time.*

ADJECTIVE **5** Someone who is **mean** does not like spending money or sharing.

meaning **meanings** NOUN

The **meaning** of a word or sentence is the thing or idea that it is explaining. *Do you know the **meaning** of the proverb "Look before you leap"?*

meanwhile ADVERB

Meanwhile means while something else is happening.

measles NOUN

Measles is an illness caught especially by children. It gives you a fever and red spots on your skin.



measure **measures, measuring, measured** VERB **1** If you **measure** something, you find out how large or heavy it is.
NOUN **2** A **measure** is a unit in which something such as size or speed is expressed. *Kilometres are a **measure** of distance.*
See Measures on page 278

measurement **measurements** NOUN
A **measurement** is a result that you get by measuring something.

meat **meats** NOUN
Meat is the flesh of animals that is cooked and eaten.

mechanical ADJECTIVE
A **mechanical** object has moving parts and is used to do a physical task.

medal **medals** NOUN
A **medal** is a small metal disc or cross given as an award for bravery or as a prize for sport.

medical ADJECTIVE
Medical means to do with medicine or the care of people's health.

medicine **medicines** NOUN
Medicine is a tablet or liquid given to people who are ill to make them better.

medium ADJECTIVE

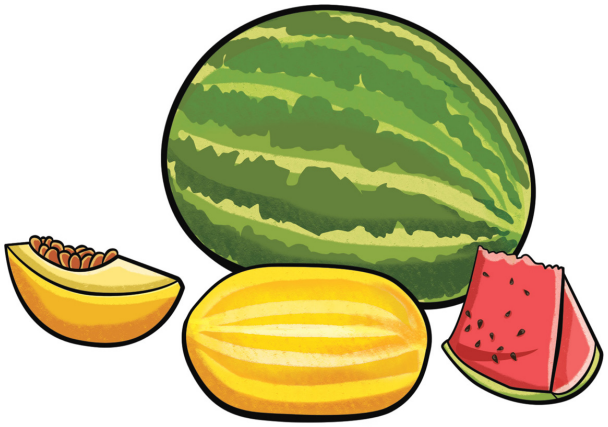
Medium means somewhere in the middle of two extremes. *He's of **medium** height – neither tall nor short.*

meet **meets, meeting, met** VERB
If you **meet** someone, you go to the same place at the same time as they do.

meeting **meetings** NOUN
A **meeting** is when a group of people meet to talk about particular things.

megabyte **megabytes** NOUN
A **megabyte** is a measurement of how much data can be stored on a computer.

melon **melons** NOUN
A **melon** is a large fruit that is sweet and juicy inside. It has a thick, hard green or yellow skin.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*



melt **melts, melting, melted** VERB
When something like ice **melts**, it changes from a solid into a liquid because it has become warmer.

member **members** NOUN
A **member** of a group is one of the people, animals or things belonging to that group.
membership NOUN

memorize **memorizes, memorizing, memorized**; also spelt **memorise**

VERB

If you **memorize** something, you learn it so that you can repeat it exactly using only your memory.

memory **memories** NOUN **1** Your **memory** is what allows you to remember things.

NOUN **2** A **memory** is something you remember from the past.

NOUN **3** The **memory** of a computer is the part where information is stored.

men NOUN

Men is the plural of **man**.

mend **mends, mending, mended** VERB

If you **mend** something that is broken or does not work, you put it right so that it can be used again.

mental ADJECTIVE

Mental means to do with your mind or brain. For example, mental maths is working out the answers to calculations in your head.

mention **mentions, mentioning, mentioned** VERB

If you **mention** something, you talk about it briefly.

menu **menus** NOUN **1** A **menu** is a list of food that you can order in a restaurant.

NOUN **2** A **menu** on a computer is a list of choices.

mercury NOUN

Mercury is a silver-coloured metal. Liquid mercury is used in thermometers.



mercy NOUN

If you show **mercy** to someone, you do not hurt or punish them.

merry **merrier, merriest** ADJECTIVE

Merry means happy and cheerful.

mess **messes** NOUN

If you say something is a **mess**, you mean it is very untidy.

messy ADJECTIVE



message **messages** NOUN

A **message** is words that you send or leave when you cannot speak directly to someone.

messenger **messengers** NOUN

A **messenger** is a person who takes a message to someone.

met VERB

Met is the past tense of **meet**.

metal **metals** NOUN

A **metal** is a hard, strong material that melts when it is heated, such as iron, gold or steel. Metals are used to make things like jewellery, tools, cars and machines.

meteor **meteors** NOUN

A **meteor** is a piece of rock or metal moving through space. Meteors burn very brightly when they enter the earth's atmosphere.

meter **meters** NOUN

A **meter** is an instrument for measuring something, such as the amount of gas that you have used.

method **methods** NOUN

A **method** is a particular way of doing something.

metre **metres** NOUN **1** A **metre** (m) is a measure of length. It is equal to 100 centimetres.

NOUN **2** In poetry, **metre** is the rhythmic arrangement of words and syllables.

miaow NOUN

A **miaow** is the short high-pitched sound that a cat makes.

mice NOUN

Mice is the plural of **mouse**.

microchip **microchips** NOUN

A **microchip** is a small piece of silicon on which electronic circuits for a computer are printed.

microphone **microphones** NOUN

A **microphone** is a piece of equipment that is used to make sounds louder, or to record them.

microscope **microscopes** NOUN

A **microscope** is a piece of equipment which makes small objects appear much larger.

microscopic ADJECTIVE

microwave **microwaves** NOUN

A **microwave** is a type of oven which cooks food very quickly.

midday NOUN

Midday is 12 o’clock (noon) in the middle of the day.

middle **middles** NOUN **1** The **middle** of something is the part furthest from the edges.

ADJECTIVE **2** The **middle** one in a series or a row is the one that has an equal number of people or things on each side of it.

midnight NOUN

Midnight is 12 o’clock at night.

might

VERB **1** If you say something **might** happen, you are not sure if it will.

VERB **2** If you say something **might** be true, you are not sure about it.

migrate **migrates, migrating, migrated** VERB

When birds, fish or animals **migrate**, they move to another place at a particular time of year so that they can find food.

mild **milder, mildest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **mild** is gentle and does no harm. *You need to use a **mild** shampoo.*

ADJECTIVE **2** **Mild** weather in the winter is warmer than usual.

mile **miles** NOUN

A **mile** is a unit of distance equal to about one and a half kilometres.

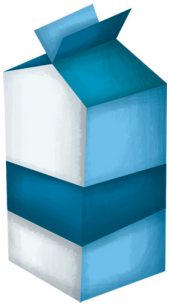
military ADJECTIVE

Military means to do with the armed forces of a country.

milk NOUN

Milk is the white liquid that female mammals make in their bodies to feed their young. People drink milk from cows and use it to make butter, cheese and yogurt.

*See **Drinks** on page 261*



mill **mills** NOUN **1** A **mill** is a building in which grain is crushed to make flour.

NOUN **2** A **mill** is also a factory used for making things such as cotton or paper.

millennium **millennia** or **millenniums** NOUN

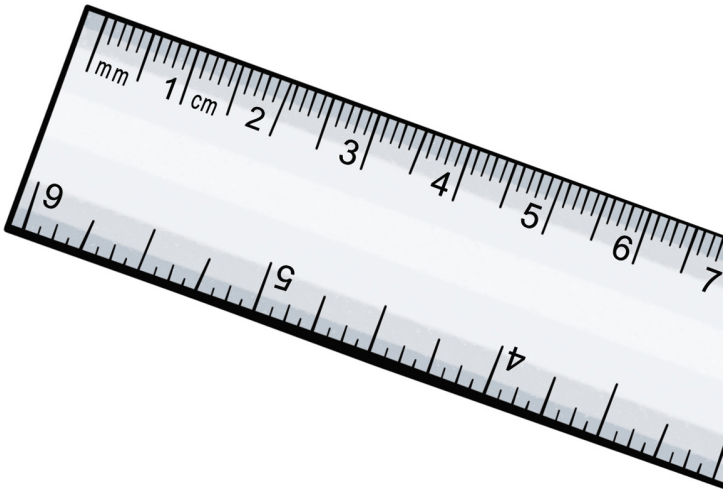
A **millennium** is a period of 1000 years.

millilitre **millilitres** NOUN

A **millilitre** is a measure of volume and capacity. There are 1000 millilitres in a litre.

millimetre **millimetres** NOUN

A **millimetre** (mm) is a measure of length. There are 1000 millimetres in a metre. There are 10 millimetres in a centimetre.



million **millions** NOUN

A **million** is the number 1,000,000.

millionaire **millionaires** NOUN

A **millionaire** is a person who has more than a million pounds or dollars.

mince NOUN

Mince is meat which has been cut into very small pieces.

mincemeat NOUN

Mincemeat is a sticky mixture of dried fruit and other sweet things.

mind **minds, minding, minded** NOUN **1** Your **mind** is your ability to think, together with your memory and all the thoughts you have.
NOUN **2** If you **change your mind**, you change a decision you have made.
VERB **3** If you **mind** about something, it worries you or makes you angry.

mine **mines** PRONOUN **1** **Mine** refers to something belonging to the person who is speaking or writing. *That bag is **mine**.*



NOUN **2** A **mine** is a place under the ground where people dig out things like diamonds, coal or other minerals.
NOUN **3** A **mine** can be a bomb hidden in the ground or underwater, which explodes when people or things touch it.

mineral **minerals** NOUN
Minerals are substances such as tin, salt or coal that are formed naturally in rocks and in the earth.

minibus **minibuses** NOUN
A **minibus** is a van with seats in the back that is used as a small bus.

minimum **minimums** ADJECTIVE **1** A **minimum** amount of something is the smallest amount that is possible, allowed or needed.
NOUN **2** The **minimum** is the smallest amount of something that is possible, allowed or needed.

minister **ministers** NOUN **1** A **minister** is an important member of the government of a country.
NOUN **2** A **minister** is also a person in charge of a church.

minor ADJECTIVE
Something that is **minor** is not very important or serious. *She had a **minor** accident.*

mint **mints** NOUN **1** **Mint** is a small plant. Its leaves have a strong taste and smell, and are used in cooking.

NOUN **2** A **mint** is a kind of sweet.

NOUN **3** A **mint** is also a place where coins are made.

minus

PREPOSITION **1** You use **minus** to show that one number is being subtracted from another. For example, ten minus six equals four (written 10 − 6 = 4).

ADJECTIVE **2** **Minus** is used when talking about temperatures below 0° Celsius. *The temperature is **minus** two degrees.*

minute **minutes** (*said* **min**-nit) NOUN **1** A **minute** is a unit of time equal to 60 seconds.

(*said* my-**nyoot**) ADJECTIVE **2** Something **minute** is extremely small.

miracle **miracles** NOUN **1** A **miracle** is a wonderful event, believed to have been caused by God.

NOUN **2** A **miracle** can also be any very surprising event. *By some **miracle** he got to school early.*

mirror **mirrors** NOUN

A **mirror** is a piece of glass that reflects light. When you look in a mirror you can see yourself.

misbehave **misbehaves, misbehaving, misbehaved** VERB

If a child **misbehaves**, they are naughty or behave badly.

mischief NOUN

Mischief is silly things that some children do to annoy other people.

mischievous ADJECTIVE **1** A **mischievous** person likes to have fun by embarrassing people or playing tricks.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **mischievous** child is often naughty but does not do any real harm.

miserable ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **miserable** is very unhappy.

miserably ADVERB



misery NOUN
Misery is great unhappiness.

misfortune **misfortunes** NOUN
Misfortune is bad luck.

mislay **mislays, mislaying, mislaid** VERB
If you **mislay** something, you forget where you have put it.

mislead **misleads, misleading, misled** VERB
To **mislead** someone is to give them an idea that is not true.

misprint **misprints** NOUN
A **misprint** is a mistake in something that has been printed, for example "cow" instead of "cot".

miss **misses, missing, missed** VERB **1** If you are aiming at something and **miss**, you fail to hit it.
VERB **2** If you **miss** a bus or train, you are too late to get on it.
VERB **3** If you **miss** somebody, you are lonely without them.

Miss NOUN
Miss is used before the name of a girl or an unmarried woman.

missile **missiles** NOUN
A **missile** is a weapon that goes through the air and explodes when it reaches its target.

missing ADJECTIVE
If something is **missing**, it is not in its usual place and you cannot find it.

misspell **misspells, misspelling, misspelt** or **misspelled** VERB

If you **misspell** a word, you spell it wrongly.

mist **mists** NOUN

A **mist** is a large number of tiny drops of water in the air. When there is a mist, you cannot see very far.

misty ADJECTIVE

mistake **mistakes** NOUN

A **mistake** is something that is done wrong.

misunderstand **misunderstands, misunderstanding, misunderstood** VERB

If you **misunderstand** someone, you do not understand them properly.

mix **mixes, mixing, mixed** VERB

If you **mix** things, you stir them or put them together. *The children made paste by **mixing** flour and water.*

mixture **mixtures** NOUN

A **mixture** is several different things mixed up.

moan **moans, moaning, moaned** VERB

If you **moan**, you make a low sad sound because you are in pain or trouble.

moat **moats** NOUN

A **moat** is a wide water-filled ditch around a building such as a castle.



mobile **mobiles** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **mobile**, you are able to travel or move to another place.
NOUN **2** **Mobile** is an abbreviation of **mobile phone**.
NOUN **3** A **mobile** is a decoration that you hang up so that it moves around when a breeze blows.

mobile phone **mobile phones** NOUN
A **mobile phone** is a telephone you can carry about.

model **models** NOUN **1** A **model** is a small copy of something. It shows what it looks like or how it works.
NOUN **2** A **model** is also someone who shows clothes to people by wearing them.

modern ADJECTIVE
Modern is to do with new ideas and equipment. *We live in a **modern** house.*

modest ADJECTIVE
People who are **modest** do not boast about themselves.

moist **moister, moistest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **moist** is slightly wet.
moisten VERB

moisture NOUN

Moisture is tiny drops of water in the air or on a surface.

mole **moles** NOUN **1** A **mole** is a small burrowing animal with tiny eyes and dark silky fur.



NOUN **2** A **mole** is also a small dark lump on someone's skin.

moment **moments** NOUN **1** A **moment** is a very short time.

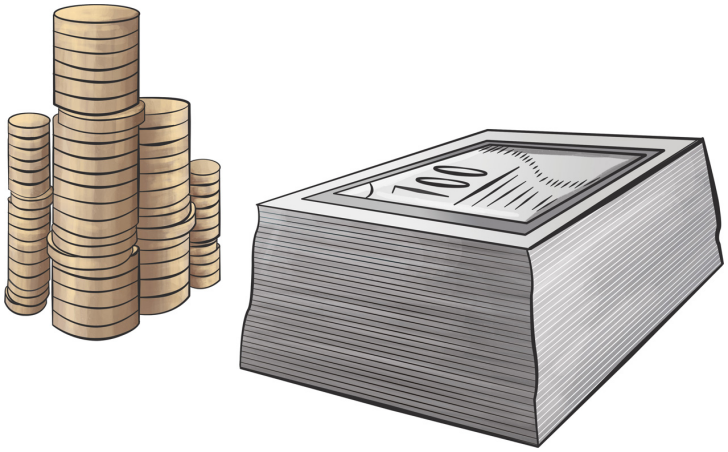
NOUN **2** A **moment** is also a point in time when something happens. *At that **moment**, the teacher came into the room.*

Monday **Mondays** NOUN

Monday is the day between Sunday and Tuesday.

money NOUN

Money is the coins or banknotes you use to buy something.



monitor **monitors** NOUN

A **monitor** is the part of a computer that contains the screen.

monkey **monkeys** NOUN

A **monkey** is an animal that lives in hot countries. It has a long tail and climbs trees.

monster **monsters** NOUN

A **monster** is an imaginary creature that is large and terrifying.

month **months** NOUN

A **month** is a measure of time. There are 12 months in a year.

mood **moods** NOUN

Your **mood** is the way you are feeling about things at a particular time, such as how cheerful or angry you are.

moon **moons** NOUN

The **moon** is a satellite that moves round the Earth. It shines in the sky at night. You can only see it because the moon's surface reflects sunlight.

moonlight NOUN

Moonlight is the light that comes from the moon at night.

moor **moors** NOUN

A **moor** is an open area of land covered mainly with grass and heather.

moose NOUN

A **moose** is a large North American deer. Moose have very flat, branch-shaped horns called antlers.

mop **mops** NOUN

A **mop** is a tool for washing floors. It has a long handle with sponge or pieces of string fixed to the end.

more ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB

More means a greater number or amount of something. It is the comparative of "many" or "much". *Tanya thinks football is **more** fun than maths… He's got **more** chips than me.*

morning **mornings** NOUN

Morning is the part of the day before noon.

mosque **mosques** NOUN

A **mosque** is a building where Muslims worship.



mosquito **mosquitoes** or **mosquitos** NOUN

A **mosquito** is a small flying insect that lives in damp places. The female bites people and other animals to suck their blood.

*See **Insects** on page 264*

moss **mosses** NOUN

Moss is a small green plant without roots. It grows in flat clumps on trees, rocks and damp ground.

most ADJECTIVE, ADVERB OR NOUN

Most means the greatest number or amount of something. It is the superlative of "many" or "much". *I saw the **most** fantastic film… **Most** children like sweets… The **most** I can give you is three pieces.*

moth **moths** NOUN

A **moth** is an insect like a butterfly that usually flies at night.

mother **mothers** NOUN

A **mother** is a woman who has a child or children of her own.

motion **motions** NOUN

A **motion** is a movement.

motive **motives** NOUN

A **motive** is a reason for doing something. *There was no **motive** for the attack.*

motor **motors** NOUN
A **motor** is part of a vehicle or machine. The motor uses fuel to make the vehicle or machine work.

motorbike **motorbikes** NOUN
A **motorbike** is a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine.



motorway **motorways** NOUN
A **motorway** is a wide road built for fast travel over long distances.

mould **moulds** NOUN **1** **Mould** is a soft grey or green substance that can form on old food.
NOUN **2** A **mould** is a container used to make something into a particular shape, for example a jelly mould.

moult **moults, moulting, moulted** VERB
When an animal **moults**, it loses its hair or feathers so that new ones can grow.

mount **mounts, mounting, mounted** VERB
If you **mount** a horse, you climb on its back.

mountain **mountains** NOUN
A **mountain** is a very high piece of land with steep sides.

mouse **mice** NOUN **1** A **mouse** is a small rodent with a long tail.

NOUN **2** A **mouse** is also a small object that you use to move the cursor on a computer screen.

moustache **moustaches** NOUN
A man's **moustache** is hair growing on his upper lip.

mouth **mouths** NOUN **1** Your **mouth** is your lips, or the space behind them where your tongue and teeth are.
NOUN **2** The **mouth** of a cave or hole is the entrance to it.
NOUN **3** The **mouth** of a river is the place where it flows into the sea.

move **moves, moving, moved** VERB **1** To **move** means to go to a different place or position.
VERB **2** To **move** something means to change its place or position.
movement NOUN

movie **movies** NOUN
A **movie** is a film made for the cinema or TV.

mow **mows, mowing, mowed** VERB
If a person **mows** an area of grass, they cut it with a lawnmower.

MP_3 player **MP_3 players** NOUN
An **MP_3 player** is a machine on which you can play music downloaded from the Internet.

Mr (*said* **miss**-ter) **Mr** is used before a man's name.

Mrs (*said* **miss**-iz) **Mrs** is used before the name of a married woman.

Ms (*said* **miz**) **Ms** can be used before a woman's name. Some women choose to be called Ms because it says nothing about whether they are married or not.

much

ADVERB **1** You use **much** to show that something is true to a great extent. *I feel **much** better now.*

ADVERB **2** If something does not happen **much**, it does not happen very often.

ADJECTIVE **3** You use **much** to ask questions or give information about the size or amount of something. *How **much** money do you need?*

mud NOUN

Mud is wet sticky earth.

muddy ADJECTIVE

muddle **muddles** NOUN

If things such as papers are in a **muddle**, they are all mixed up.

mug **mugs** NOUN

A **mug** is a large deep cup, usually with straight sides and a handle.



multiple **multiples** NOUN

The **multiples** of a number are other numbers that it will divide into exactly. For example, 6, 9 and 12 are multiples of 3.

multiplication NOUN

Multiplication is when you multiply one number by another. The sign you use for multiplication is ×.

multiply **multiplies, multiplying, multiplied** VERB **1** When something **multiplies**, it increases greatly in number. *Fleas **multiply** very fast.*

VERB **2** When you **multiply** a number, you make it bigger by a number of times. For example, two multiplied by three (two plus two plus two) equals six. 2 × 3 = 6 or 2 + 2 + 2 = 6

mum **mums** NOUN
Your **mum** is your mother.

mumble **mumbles, mumbling, mumbled** VERB
If you **mumble**, you speak very quietly and not clearly.

mummy **mummies** NOUN
INFORMAL Your **mummy** is your mother.

mumps NOUN
Mumps is an illness caught especially by children. Your neck swells and your throat hurts.

munch **munches, munching, munched** VERB
If you **munch** something, you chew it steadily and thoroughly.

murder **murders** NOUN
Murder is the deliberate killing of a person.

murmur **murmurs, murmuring, murmured** VERB
If you **murmur**, you say something very softly.

muscle **muscles** NOUN
Muscles are the parts inside your body that you use when you move.



museum **museums** NOUN

A **museum** is a building where many interesting or valuable objects are kept and displayed.

mushroom **mushrooms** NOUN

A **mushroom** is a small fungus with a short thick stem and a round top. You can eat some kinds of mushroom, but others are poisonous.

music

NOUN **1 Music** is a pattern of sounds made by people singing or playing instruments.

NOUN **2 Music** is also the written symbols that stand for musical sounds.

musical ADJECTIVE

Musical means relating to playing or studying music. *He wants to learn to play a **musical** instrument.*



musician **musicians** NOUN

A **musician** is a person who plays a musical instrument well.

Muslim **Muslims**; also spelt **Moslem** NOUN

A **Muslim** is a person who follows the religion of Islam.

must VERB

If something **must** happen, it is important or necessary that it happens. *You **must** be home by 5 p.m.*

mustard NOUN

Mustard is a hot spicy yellow paste made from mustard seeds.



my ADJECTIVE

My refers to something belonging or relating to the person speaking or writing. *I held **my** breath.*

myself PRONOUN

Myself is used when the person speaking does something and no one else does it. *I hung the picture **myself**.*

mysterious ADJECTIVE

Something that is **mysterious** is strange and puzzling.

mystery **mysteries** NOUN **1** A **mystery** is something strange that cannot be explained.

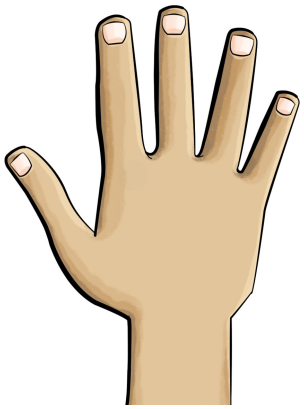
NOUN **2** A **mystery** is also a story in which strange things happen.

myth **myths** NOUN

A **myth** is a story which was made up long ago to explain natural events and religious beliefs.

Nn

nail **nails** NOUN **1** A **nail** is a small piece of metal with a sharp point at one end, which you hammer into objects to hold them together.
NOUN **2** Your **nails** are the thin hard areas at the ends of your fingers and toes.



naked ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **naked** is not wearing any clothes.

name **names** NOUN
A **name** is what someone or something is called.

nappy **nappies** NOUN
A **nappy** is a thick piece of soft material wrapped round a baby's bottom to help keep it dry and clean.

narrative **narratives** NOUN
A **narrative** is a story or an account of events.

narrow **narrower, narrowest** ADJECTIVE
Something **narrow** is a short distance from one side to the other. *The stream was **narrow** enough to jump across.*

nasty **nastier, nastiest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **nasty** is very unpleasant.
ADJECTIVE **2** Someone who is **nasty** is very unkind.

nastily ADVERB

nation **nations** NOUN
A **nation** is a country with its own laws.

national ADJECTIVE
Something that is **national** is to do with the whole of a country. *The* Observer *is a* ***national*** *newspaper.*

native ADJECTIVE **1** Your **native** country is the country where you were born.
ADJECTIVE **2** Your **native** language is the language that you first learned to speak.
ADJECTIVE **3** Animals or plants that are **native** to a place live there naturally. They have not been brought there by people.

natural ADJECTIVE **1** **Natural** means existing or happening in nature. For example, an earthquake is a natural disaster.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **natural** is normal and to be expected.

nature **natures** NOUN **1** **Nature** is animals, plants and all the other things in the world not made by people.
NOUN **2** The **nature** of a person or thing is their basic character.

naughty **naughtier, naughtiest** ADJECTIVE
A child who is **naughty** behaves badly.

navigate **navigates, navigating, navigated** VERB
When someone **navigates**, they work out the direction in which a ship, plane or car should go, using maps and sometimes instruments.

navy **navies** NOUN **1** A **navy** is the part of a country's armed forces that fights at sea.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **navy** is a very dark blue.
See ***Colours and shapes*** *on page 266*

near **nearer, nearest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **near** is not far away. *Where is the* ***nearest*** *garage?*
ADVERB **2** If you are **near** something or somewhere, you are not far away from it. *We must be getting* ***nearer****.*



nearly ADVERB
Nearly means almost but not quite. *I **nearly** caught him but he ran off.*

neat **neater, neatest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **neat** is very tidy and clean.

necessary ADJECTIVE
Something that is **necessary** is needed or must be done.
necessarily ADVERB

neck **necks** NOUN
Your **neck** is the part of your body that joins your head to the rest of your body.

necklace **necklaces** NOUN
A **necklace** is a piece of jewellery that you wear around your neck.

need **needs, needing, needed** VERB **1** If you **need** something, you must have it in order to live and be healthy.
VERB **2** Sometimes you **need** something to help you do a particular job. *Now I **need** a paintbrush.*
VERB **3** If you **need** to do something, you have to do it.

needle **needles** NOUN **1** A **needle** is a small thin piece of metal used for sewing. It has a hole in one end and a sharp point at the other. You put thread through the hole.

NOUN **2** A **needle** is also a thin metal tube with a sharp point, that people like doctors use to give injections.
NOUN **3** **Needles** are long thin pieces of metal or plastic used for knitting.
NOUN **4** The thin leaves on pine trees are called **needles**.

negative ADJECTIVE **1** A **negative** sentence is one that has the word "no" or "not" in it.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **negative** number is less than zero.

neglect **neglects, neglecting, neglected** NOUN
If you **neglect** something, you do not look after it.

neighbour **neighbours** NOUN
Your **neighbour** is someone who lives near you.



neighbourhood **neighbourhoods** NOUN
A **neighbourhood** is a district where people live. *This is a friendly **neighbourhood.***

nephew **nephews** NOUN
Someone's **nephew** is a son of their sister or brother.
See **niece**

nerve **nerves** NOUN **1** Your **nerves** are the long thin threads in your body that carry messages between your brain and the other parts of your body.
NOUN **2** **Nerve** is courage. *I wanted to go on the ride but I hadn't got the **nerve.***

nervous ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **nervous**, you are worried about doing something.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **nervous** person is easily frightened.

nest **nests** NOUN

A **nest** is a place that a bird or other animal makes for its babies.

net **nets** NOUN **1** **Net** is material made from threads woven together with small spaces in between.

NOUN **2** The **net** is the same as the Internet.

NOUN **3** In maths, the **net** of a three-dimensional shape is the flat shape that you could fold to make the three-dimensional shape.

ADJECTIVE **4** The **net** weight of something is its weight without its wrapping.

netball NOUN

Netball is a game played by two teams of seven players. Each team tries to score goals by throwing a ball through a net at the top of a pole.

nettle **nettles** NOUN

A **nettle** is a wild plant covered with little hairs that sting.



network **networks** NOUN **1** A **network** is a large number of lines or roads that cross each other at many points.

NOUN **2** A **network** is also a group of computers that are connected to each other.

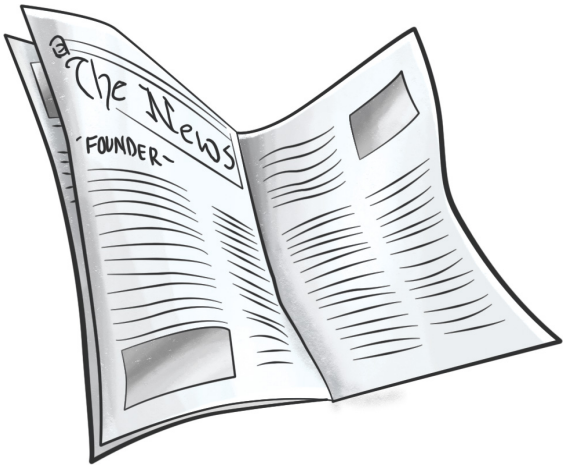
never ADVERB

Never means at no time in the past or future. *You must **never** cross the road without looking carefully.*

new **newer, newest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **new** has just been made or bought. *They have built some **new** houses close to us.*
ADJECTIVE **2** **New** can mean different. *We've got a **new** car – it's only a year old.*

news NOUN
News is information about something that has just happened.

newspaper **newspapers** NOUN
A **newspaper** is sheets of paper that are printed and sold regularly. Newspapers contain news and articles.



newt **newts** NOUN
A **newt** is a small animal that looks like a lizard. It lives near water.
*See **Amphibians** on page 264*

next ADJECTIVE **1** The **next** period or thing is the one that comes immediately after this one. *The **next** programme will follow after the break.*
ADJECTIVE **2** The **next** place is the one nearest to you. *She's in the **next** room.*

nib **nibs** NOUN
A **nib** is a small pointed piece of metal at the end of a pen. Ink comes out of the nib as you write.

nibble **nibbles, nibbling, nibbled** VERB
If you **nibble** something, you eat it slowly by taking small bites out of it.

nice **nicer, nicest** ADJECTIVE **1** You say something is **nice** when you like it. *This cake is **nice.***
ADJECTIVE **2** If you say the weather is **nice**, it is warm and pleasant.
ADJECTIVE **3** If you are **nice** to people, you are friendly and kind.

nickname **nicknames** NOUN
A **nickname** is a name that is given to a person by friends or family. *The baby's name is Sam but his **nickname** is Dribbler.*

niece **nieces** NOUN
Someone's **niece** is a daughter of their sister or brother.
See **nephew**

night **nights** NOUN
The **night** is the time between evening and morning when it is dark.

nightmare **nightmares** NOUN
A **nightmare** is a frightening dream.

nil NOUN
Nil is zero or nothing, especially in sports scores. *At half-time the score was still **nil–nil.***

nine NOUN
Nine is the number 9.

nineteen NOUN
Nineteen is the number 19.

ninety NOUN
Ninety is the number 90.

no INTERJECTION **1** You say **no** when you do not want something or do not agree. *"More tea?" "**No**, thank you."*
ADJECTIVE **2** You can use **no** to mean not any. *I had **no** help at all.*
ADVERB **3** You can use **no** to mean not. *Competition entries must be in **no** later than Friday.*

nobody PRONOUN

Nobody means not a single person.

nod **nods, nodding, nodded** VERB

If you **nod**, you move your head quickly down and up to answer yes to a question, or to show that you agree.

noise **noises** NOUN **1** A **noise** is a sound that someone or something makes.
NOUN **2 Noise** is loud or unpleasant sounds.

noisy **noisier, noisiest** ADJECTIVE

A **noisy** person or thing makes a lot of loud noise. *It was a very **noisy** party.*

none PRONOUN

None means not any, or not one. ***None** of us wanted to go.*

non-fiction NOUN

Non-fiction is writing that is based on fact. For example, dictionaries are non-fiction.
See **fiction**

nonsense NOUN

Nonsense is words that do not make sense.

noon NOUN

Noon is 12 o'clock in the middle of the day.



no one or **no-one** PRONOUN

No one means not a single person.

normal ADJECTIVE

Something that is **normal** is what you would expect.

north NOUN

North is one of the four main points of the compass. If you face the point where the sun rises, north is on your left.

See **compass point**

northern ADJECTIVE

north-east NOUN

North-east is halfway between north and east.

north-west NOUN

North-west is halfway between north and west.

nose **noses** NOUN

Your **nose** is the part of your face that sticks out above your mouth. It is used for smelling and breathing.

nostril **nostrils** NOUN

Your **nostrils** are the two openings at the end of your nose. You breathe through your nostrils.



not ADVERB

Not is used to make a sentence mean the opposite. *I am **not** very happy.*

note **notes** NOUN **1** A **note** is a short written message.

NOUN **2** You take **notes** to help you remember what has been said.
NOUN **3** A **note** is also a single sound in music.
NOUN **4** A bank **note** is a printed piece of paper that is used as money.

nothing PRONOUN
Nothing means not anything.

notice **notices, noticing, noticed** VERB **1** If you **notice** something, you pay attention to it. *She **noticed** that it was raining.*
NOUN **2** A **notice** is a sign that tells people something. *The **notice** said, "Cameras are not allowed in the museum".*

nought NOUN
Nought is the number 0, or zero.

noun **nouns** NOUN
In grammar, a **noun** is a word which names a person, a thing or an idea. "James", "newt", and "success" are all nouns.
See Noun on page 268

nourishment NOUN
Nourishment is the food that you need in order to grow and stay healthy.
nourishing ADJECTIVE

novel **novels** NOUN
A **novel** is a long written story that has been made up by the author. Novels are fiction.

November NOUN
November is the 11th month of the year. It has 30 days.

now ADVERB
Now means at the present time.

nowhere ADVERB
Nowhere means not anywhere.

nude ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **nude** is not wearing any clothes.

nudge **nudges, nudging, nudged** VERB

If you **nudge** somebody, you push them gently, usually with your elbow.

nuisance **nuisances** NOUN

If you say that someone or something is a **nuisance**, you mean they annoy you.

numb ADJECTIVE

If something is **numb**, it does not feel anything. *My foot is so cold it is **numb.***

number **numbers** NOUN

A **number** is a word or sign that tells you how many of something there are.

*See **Numbers** on page 278*



numeracy NOUN

Numeracy is the ability to understand and work with numbers.

numerous ADJECTIVE

If there are **numerous** things or people, there are a lot of them.

nurse **nurses** NOUN

A **nurse** is a person whose job is to care for people who are ill or injured.



nursery **nurseries** NOUN **1** A **nursery** is a place where young children can be looked after during the day.
NOUN **2** A **nursery** can also be a place where plants are grown and sold.

nut **nuts** NOUN **1** A **nut** is the hard fruit of certain trees such as walnuts and chestnuts.
NOUN **2** A **nut** is also a small piece of metal with a hole in it. It screws onto a bolt to fasten things together.

nylon NOUN
Nylon is a strong artificial material.

Oo

oak **oaks** NOUN
An **oak** is a large tree with nuts called acorns. The wood of oak trees is often used to make furniture.

oar **oars** NOUN
An **oar** is a wooden pole with a wide flat end, used for rowing a boat.

oasis **oases** NOUN
An **oasis** is a place in a desert where water and plants are found.



oats PLURAL NOUN
Oats are the grains of a cereal. They are used especially for making porridge or for feeding animals.

obedient ADJECTIVE
If you are **obedient**, you do what you are told to do.

obey **obeys, obeying, obeyed** VERB
If you **obey** someone, you do as they say.

object **objects** NOUN **1** An **object** is anything that you can touch or see, and that is not alive.
NOUN **2** In grammar, the **object** of a verb or preposition is the word or phrase which describes the person or thing affected. In the sentence “She fed the cat”, “cat” is the object.

oblong **oblongs** NOUN
An **oblong** is a four-sided shape with two parallel short sides and two parallel long sides.
See **rectangle**
*See also **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

observe **observes, observing, observed** VERB
If you **observe** something or somebody, you watch them carefully.

obstinate ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **obstinate** is determined to do what they want and will not change their mind.

obvious ADJECTIVE
Something that is **obvious** is easy to see or understand.

occasion **occasions** NOUN
An **occasion** is an important event or celebration.

occasional ADJECTIVE
Occasional means happening sometimes, but not regularly or often.
occasionally ADVERB

occupant **occupants** NOUN
The **occupant** of a place is the person who lives or works there.

occupy **occupies, occupying, occupied** VERB **1** To **occupy** a place means to live, stay or work in it.
VERB **2** If something **occupies** you, you are busy doing it or thinking about it.
ADJECTIVE **3** If something like a chair is **occupied**, someone is using it.

occur **occurs, occurring, occurred** VERB **1** When something **occurs**, it happens.
VERB **2** If something **occurs** to you, you suddenly think of it or realize it.

ocean **oceans** NOUN
An **ocean** is one of the five large seas on the earth’s surface.



o’clock ADVERB

You say **o’clock** after numbers when you say a time that is exactly on the hour.

octagon **octagons** NOUN

An **octagon** is a flat shape with eight straight sides.

octagonal ADJECTIVE

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October NOUN

October is the 10th month of the year. It has 31 days.

octopus **octopuses** NOUN

An **octopus** is a sea animal with eight long arms called tentacles.



odd **odder, oddest** ADJECTIVE **1** If you say something is **odd**, you mean it is strange or unusual.
ADJECTIVE **2 Odd** numbers are those which cannot be divided exactly by two. 13, 25 and 79 are odd numbers.
ADJECTIVE **3 Odd** things are those which do not belong in a pair or a set. *You can't go out wearing **odd** socks.*
odds and ends PHRASE **Odds and ends** are small unimportant things. *His pockets were full of **odds and ends**.*

odour **odours** NOUN
An **odour** is a particular smell.

of PREPOSITION
You use **of** to show that one thing belongs to another. *Police searched the homes **of** the criminals.*

off PREPOSITION **1 Off** can show movement away from or out of a place. *They stepped **off** the plane.*
ADVERB **2 Off** can mean not switched on. *He turned the radio **off**.*
ADVERB **3 Off** can also mean time spent away from work. *He took the afternoon **off**.*
ADVERB **4** People use **off** to show a reduction. *All right, I'll take ten per cent **off**.*
ADJECTIVE **5** If food is **off**, it is going bad.

offend **offends, offending, offended** VERB
If you **offend** someone, you upset them by doing or saying something rude.
offensive ADJECTIVE

offer **offers, offering, offered** VERB **1** If you **offer** something to someone, you ask them if they would like to have it.
VERB **2** If you **offer** to do something, you say you will do it without being asked.

office **offices** NOUN
An **office** is a room where people work at desks.

officer **officers** NOUN **1** An **officer** is a member of the police, or of a government organization.
NOUN **2** An **officer** is also a person in the army, navy or air force who gives orders to other people.

official ADJECTIVE
Something that is **official** is written or done by the government or by someone else in charge.

often ADVERB
If something happens **often**, it happens many times.

oil **oils** NOUN **1** **Oil** is a smooth thick liquid that is found under the ground. It is used to keep machines running smoothly, and also for fuel.
NOUN **2** **Oil** can also be made from plants or animals. This oil can sometimes be used for cooking.

OK or **okay** INTERJECTION **1** You can say **OK** to show that you agree to something.
ADJECTIVE **2** If someone is **OK**, they are safe and well.

old **older, oldest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone or something **old** has been in the world for many years.
ADJECTIVE **2** You say something is **old** if it has been used a lot, or you have had it for a long time. *These are my **old** shoes.*
ADJECTIVE **3** If you ask how **old** someone is, you want to know how long they have lived. *How **old** is your baby?*

old-fashioned ADJECTIVE
Something **old-fashioned** belongs to the past and has been replaced by something more modern.

olive **olives** NOUN
An **olive** is a small green or black fruit. Olives are eaten as a snack, or used to make oil for cooking.

omelette **omelettes** NOUN
An **omelette** is a food made by beating eggs and cooking them.



on PREPOSITION **1** If someone or something is **on** a surface, it is resting there.
*There was a large box **on** the table.*
ADJECTIVE **2** When something that uses electricity is **on**, it is using electricity. *The television is **on**.*

once ADVERB **1** If something happens **once**, it happens one time only.
ADVERB **2 Once** means at some time in the past. ***Once**, the Romans ruled in Britain.*
at once PHRASE If you do something **at once**, you do it straight away.

one NOUN **1 One** is the number 1.



PRONOUN **2 One** refers to a particular thing or person. *I think Tim's idea is the best **one**.*

onion **onions** NOUN
An **onion** is a small round vegetable with a brown papery skin and a very strong taste.

online ADJECTIVE
If you are **online**, your computer is connected to the Internet.

only ADJECTIVE **1 Only** means one and no more. *She was the **only** girl in the group.*
ADJECTIVE **2** An **only** child is someone who has no brothers or sisters.
ADVERB **3** You say **only** when you mean one person or thing and not others. *He's **only** interested in football.*
ADVERB **4** You can say **only** when something is not very important. *It was **only** a sparrow.*
ADVERB **5 Only** can be used when something was less than you expected. *It **only** took me ten minutes.*

onto PREPOSITION
If something moves **onto** a surface, it moves to a place on that surface. *The cat climbed **onto** her lap.*

open **opens, opening, opened** VERB **1** If you **open** a door, you move it so that people can go through it.
VERB **2** If you **open** a box or a bottle, you take the lid off or unfasten it.
VERB **3** When flowers **open**, you can see their petals.
ADJECTIVE **4** When a place such as a shop or library is **open**, you can use it.

opening **openings** NOUN
An **opening** is a hole or space that things or people can go through.

opera **operas** NOUN
An **opera** is a musical play in which most of the words are sung.

operate **operates, operating, operated** VERB **1** When someone **operates** a machine, they make it work.
VERB **2** When doctors **operate**, they cut open a patient's body to remove or repair a damaged part.

operation **operations** NOUN
An **operation** is when doctors cut open a patient's body to remove or repair a damaged part.

opinion **opinions** NOUN
An **opinion** is what someone thinks about something.

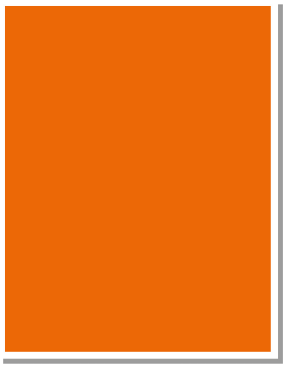
opponent **opponents** NOUN
An **opponent** is someone who is against you in an argument or a contest.

opposite **opposites** NOUN **1** The **opposite** of something is the thing that is most different from it. *Hot is the **opposite** of cold.*
PREPOSITION **2** If one person or thing is **opposite** another, they are on the other side of something. *In the train I sat **opposite** a small boy.*

optician **opticians** NOUN
An **optician** is someone who tests people's eyes, and sells glasses and contact lenses.

or CONJUNCTION
Or is used to link two alternatives or choices. *You need to decide whether to stay **or** leave.*

orange **oranges** NOUN **1** An **orange** is a round fruit with a thick skin. Oranges are juicy and sometimes sweet.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **orange** has a colour between red and yellow.
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orbit **orbits, orbiting, orbited** VERB
If something **orbits** a planet or the Sun, it goes round and round it.

orchard **orchards** NOUN
An **orchard** is an area of land where fruit trees are grown.



orchestra **orchestras** NOUN

An **orchestra** is a large group of musicians who play different instruments together.

order **orders, ordering, ordered** NOUN **1** An **order** is something you are told to do.

VERB **2** If you **order** something, for example in a restaurant, you ask for it to be brought to you.

NOUN **3** **Order** is the way a set of things is organized. A dictionary is written in alphabetical order.

ordinary ADJECTIVE

Something that is **ordinary** is not special in any way.

organ **organs** NOUN **1** An **organ** is a part of your body that does a special job, for example your heart, lungs or stomach.

NOUN **2** An **organ** is also a large musical instrument like a piano. It has pipes that air is forced through to make the sounds.

organic ADJECTIVE

Food that is **organic** has been produced without the use of chemicals.

organization **organizations**; also spelt **organisation** NOUN

An **organization** is a large group of people who work together. For example, the police force is an organization.

organize **organizes, organizing, organized**; also spelt **organise** VERB **1** If you **organize** an event, you plan and arrange it.
VERB **2** If you **organize** things, you arrange them in a sensible order.

origin **origins** NOUN **1** The **origin** of something is how and why it started.
NOUN **2** You can refer to where someone comes from as their **origin**. *She was of Swedish **origin**.*

original ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **original** is new and not a copy.
ADJECTIVE **2** If you say someone's ideas are **original**, you mean they are clever at thinking of new ways of doing things.

ornament **ornaments** NOUN
An **ornament** is an object that you put somewhere because you think it is nice to look at.

orphan **orphans** NOUN
An **orphan** is a child whose parents are dead.

ostrich **ostriches** NOUN
An **ostrich** is the largest living bird. It cannot fly, but it can run very fast. Ostriches live in sandy places in Africa. Their eggs are large, weighing more than a kilo each.

other ADJECTIVE **1** When you say **other** things or other people, you can mean more of the same kind. *He found it hard to make friends with **other** children.*
ADJECTIVE **2** You can also use **other** to mean different. *We got lost last time. I think we'll try some **other** way.*
every other PHRASE **Every other** means one in every two. *We meet **every other** week.*

otherwise ADVERB
You say **otherwise** to explain what will happen if you do not do something. *I'd better take an umbrella, **otherwise** I'll get soaked.*

otter **otters** NOUN
An **otter** is an animal with brown fur, short legs and a long tail. Otters swim well and eat fish.



ought VERB

If you **ought** to do something, you should do it. *I **ought** to leave early.*

our ADJECTIVE

Our refers to something belonging or relating to the speaker or writer and one or more other people. *We recently sold **our** house.*

ours PRONOUN

You use **ours** when you are talking about something that belongs to you and one or more other people. *That car is **ours**.*

ourselves PRONOUN

Ourselves is used when the people speaking do something and no one else does it. *We made the beds **ourselves**.*

out ADVERB **1 Out** means towards the outside of a place. *Two dogs rushed **out** of the house.*

ADVERB **2 Out** can also mean not at home. *She was **out** when I rang last night.*

ADVERB **3 Out** can mean no longer shining or burning. *The lights went **out**.*

outdoors ADVERB

If you are **outdoors**, you are not inside a building.

outer ADJECTIVE

The **outer** parts of something are the parts furthest from the centre. *The **outer** layer of an onion is brown and papery.*

outing **outings** NOUN

An **outing** is a short trip somewhere to enjoy yourself.

outline **outlines** NOUN

An **outline** is the shape of something, especially when you cannot see any details.

outside NOUN **1** The **outside** of something is the part which surrounds the rest of it. *They painted the **outside** of the building.*



ADVERB **2** You can use **outside** with a verb to mean out of a building. *Let's go **outside.***

PREPOSITION **3** If something is **outside** a place or a container, it is next to it but not in it. *The bicycle was chained up **outside** the church.*

oval **ovals** NOUN **1** An **oval** is a shape like an egg.

ADJECTIVE **2** **Oval** describes something shaped like an egg, such as an oval mirror or oval frame.

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oven **ovens** NOUN

The **oven** is the part of a cooker that you use for baking or roasting food.



over PREPOSITION **1 Over** something means directly above it or covering it. *He put his hands **over** his eyes.*
PREPOSITION **2** A view **over** an area is a view across that area. *The front windows look out **over** the sea.*
PREPOSITION **3** Something that is **over** a particular amount is more than that amount.
PREPOSITION **4** If something happens **over** a period of time, it happens during that period. *I went skiing **over** Christmas.*
ADVERB **5** If you lean **over**, you bend your body in a particular direction.
ADVERB **6** You can use **over** to show movement from one place to another. *She went **over** to the door.*

overalls PLURAL NOUN
Overalls are a piece of clothing with trousers and jacket in one. You wear overalls to protect your other clothes when you are working.

overboard ADVERB
If someone falls **overboard**, they fall over the side of a ship into the water.

overcoat **overcoats** NOUN
An **overcoat** is a thick warm coat that people wear in winter.



overdue ADJECTIVE

If someone or something is **overdue**, they are late. *My library book is **overdue**.*

overflow **overflows, overflowing, overflowed** VERB **1** If a liquid **overflows**, it spills over the edges of its container.
VERB **2** If a river **overflows**, it flows over its banks.

overgrown ADJECTIVE

If a place is **overgrown**, it is thickly covered with plants and weeds, usually because it has not been looked after for a long time.

overhead ADVERB

Overhead means above you. *Seagulls were flying **overhead**.*

overhear **overhears, overhearing, overheard** VERB

If you **overhear** someone's conversation, you hear what they are saying to someone else.

overlap **overlaps, overlapping, overlapped** VERB

If one thing **overlaps** another, one part of it covers part of the other thing.

overseas ADVERB

If you go **overseas**, you go to a country which is on the other side of a sea or ocean.

oversleep **oversleeps, oversleeping, overslept** VERB

If you **oversleep**, you sleep longer than you meant to, and wake up late.

overtake **overtakes, overtaking, overtook, overtaken** VERB
If you **overtake** someone, you pass them because you are moving faster than they are.

owe **owes, owing, owed** VERB **1** If you **owe** someone money, they have lent it to you and you have not yet paid it back.
VERB **2** If you **owe** someone something, such as thanks, you need to give it to them.

owl **owls** NOUN
An **owl** is a bird with a flat face and large eyes. Usually owls hunt at night for small animals.



own **owns, owning, owned** VERB **1** If you **own** something, it belongs to you.
VERB **2** If you **own up** to something wrong, you say that you did it.
on your own PHRASE If you are **on your own**, you are alone. If you do something **on your own**, you do it without any help.

owner **owners** NOUN
The **owner** of something is the person it belongs to.

ox **oxen** NOUN
Oxen are cattle which are used for carrying or pulling things.



oxygen NOUN

Oxygen is a gas that forms part of the air we breathe. Other animals and plants also need oxygen to live, and things will not burn without it.

oyster **oysters** NOUN

An **oyster** is a large flat shellfish. Some oysters produce pearls.
See **pearl**

ozone NOUN

Ozone is a form of oxygen.
ozone layer PHRASE The **ozone layer** is the part of the Earth’s atmosphere that protects living things from the dangerous rays of the Sun.

Pp

pace **paces**
NOUN **1** The **pace** of something is the speed at which it happens.
NOUN **2** A **pace** is a step that you take when you walk.

pack **packs, packing, packed**
VERB **1** When you **pack**, you put your clothes in a case or bag.
NOUN **2** A **pack** is a set of playing cards.
NOUN **3** A **pack** of wolves or other animals is a group that hunts together.
*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

package **packages** NOUN
A **package** is a small parcel.

packaging NOUN
Packaging is the container that something is sold or sent in.

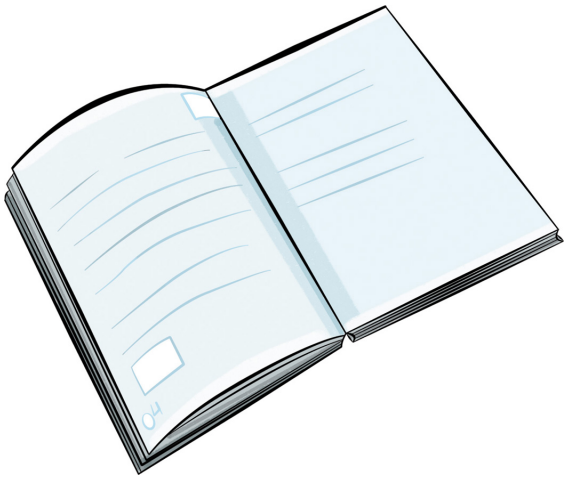
packet **packets** NOUN
A **packet** is a thin cardboard box or paper container.

pad **pads**
NOUN **1** A **pad** is a number of pieces of paper fixed together on one side.
NOUN **2** An animal's **pads** are the soft parts under its paws.

paddle **paddles, paddling, paddled**
VERB **1** If you **paddle** in the sea, you stand or walk in the shallow water.
VERB **2** If you **paddle** a small boat such as a canoe, you use a special type of oar called a paddle to move the boat along.

padlock **padlocks** NOUN
A **padlock** is a special kind of lock. You can use it to lock gates and bicycles.

page **pages** NOUN
A **page** is one side of a piece of paper in a book or newspaper.



paid VERB

Paid is the past tense of **pay**.

pail **pails** NOUN

A **pail** is a bucket.

pain **pains** NOUN

A **pain** is an unpleasant feeling that you have in part of your body if you have been hurt or are ill.

painful ADJECTIVE

If you say that something is **painful**, you mean it is hurting you.

painfully ADVERB

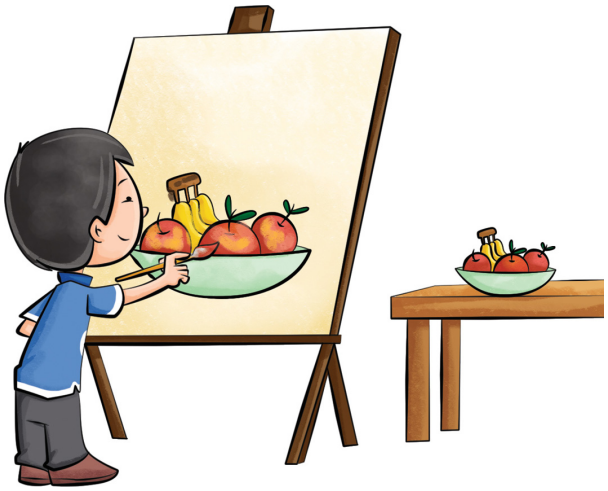
paint **paints, painting, painted**

NOUN **1 Paint** is a coloured liquid that you put onto a surface to make it look fresh.

VERB **2** When you **paint** a picture, you use paint to make a picture on paper or canvas.

painting **paintings** NOUN

A **painting** is a picture that has been painted.



pair **pairs**

NOUN **1** A **pair** is a set of two things that go together. *I need a new **pair** of shoes.*

NOUN **2** Some objects, such as trousers and scissors, have two main parts which are the same size and shape. This sort of object is also called a **pair**.

palace **palaces** NOUN

A **palace** is a large important house, especially one which is the home of a king, queen or president.



pale **paler, palest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **pale** is light in colour, and not strong or bright.

palm **palms**

NOUN **1** The **palm** of your hand is the inside surface of it. Your fingers and thumb are not part of your palm.

NOUN **2** A **palm** is a tree which grows in hot countries. It has long pointed leaves that grow out of the top of a tall trunk.

pan **pans** NOUN

A **pan** is a container with a long handle that is used for cooking.

pancake **pancakes** NOUN

A **pancake** is a thin flat cake made of flour, eggs and milk, which is fried.

panda **pandas** NOUN

A **panda** is an animal like a black and white bear that lives in the bamboo forests of China.

pane **panes** NOUN

A **pane** is a sheet of glass in a window or door.

panic **panics, panicking, panicked** VERB

If you **panic**, you suddenly get so worried you cannot act sensibly.

pant **pants, panting, panted** VERB

If you **pant**, you breathe quickly with your mouth open. You usually pant when you have been running fast.

panther **panthers** NOUN

Panther is another name for a black leopard.

pantomime **pantomimes** NOUN

A **pantomime** is a funny musical play for children.

pants PLURAL NOUN

Pants are a piece of clothing that you wear under your other clothes. They have two holes for your legs and elastic round the waist.

paper **papers**

NOUN **1** **Paper** is the material that you write on or wrap things in.

NOUN **2** A newspaper is also called a **paper**.

parachute **parachutes** NOUN

A **parachute** is a large piece of thin cloth. It has strings fixed to it so that a person attached to it can float down to the ground from an aircraft.



parade **parades** NOUN

A **parade** is a lot of people marching in the road on a special day.

paragraph **paragraphs** NOUN

A **paragraph** is a section of a piece of writing. Paragraphs begin on a new line.

parallel ADJECTIVE

Two lines or other things that are **parallel** are the same distance apart all the way along.

*The road along the sea front is **parallel** with the sea.*

paralysed ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **paralysed** cannot move or feel some or all of their body.

parcel **parcels** NOUN

A **parcel** is one or more objects wrapped in paper. This is usually done so that it can be sent by post.

parent **parents** NOUN

Your **parents** are your mother and father.

park **parks, parking, parked**

NOUN **1** A **park** is an area of land with grass and trees, usually in a town. People go there to walk or play.

VERB **2** When someone **parks** a vehicle, they put it somewhere until they need it again.

parliament **parliaments** NOUN

The **parliament** of a country is the people who make the country's laws.

parrot **parrots** NOUN

A **parrot** is a brightly-coloured bird with a curved beak.



parsnip **parsnips** NOUN

A **parsnip** is a long, pointed, cream-coloured root vegetable.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

part **parts**

NOUN **1** A **part** of something is one of the pieces that it is made from. *We need a new **part** for the washing machine.*
NOUN **2** A **part** is also a particular bit of something such as an area or a body. *This **part** of the park is for young children only.*
NOUN **3** If you have a **part** in a play, you are one of the people in it.

particular ADJECTIVE

When you talk about a **particular** person or thing, you mean just that person or thing and not others of the same kind.

partly ADVERB

Partly means not completely. *The table was **partly** covered with a cloth.*

partner **partners** NOUN

Your **partner** is the person you are doing something with, for example when dancing or playing games.

part of speech **parts of speech** NOUN

A **part of speech** is one of the groups that words are divided into in grammar, such as a noun or an adjective.

*See **Parts of speech** on page 268*

party **parties** NOUN

A **party** is a group of people having fun together.



pass **passes, passing, passed**

VERB **1** If you **pass** someone, you go past them without stopping.

VERB **2** If you **pass** something to someone, you hand it to them.

VERB **3** If you **pass** a test or an exam, you are successful in it.

passage **passages**

NOUN **1** A **passage** is a long narrow space with walls on both sides.

NOUN **2** A **passage** is also a section in a piece of writing. *There's a wonderful **passage** in the book that describes their arrival at the castle.*

passenger **passengers** NOUN

A **passenger** is a person who travels in a vehicle but is not the driver.

passive NOUN

In grammar, the **passive** or **passive voice** is the form of the verb in which the person or thing to which an action is being done is the subject of the sentence. For example, the sentence "The ball was hit by the boy" is in the passive.

See **voice**

Passover NOUN

Passover is a Jewish festival held in spring.

passport **passports** NOUN

A **passport** is a book with your name and photograph in it, that you need when you leave your own country.

password **passwords** NOUN

A **password** is a secret word or phrase that you must say to be allowed into a particular place.

past

NOUN **1** The **past** is the period of time before the present.

ADVERB **2** If you go **past** something, you move towards it and continue until you are on the other side.

PREPOSITION **3** You use **past** when you are telling the time. *It's ten **past** three.*

NOUN **4** In grammar, the **past tense** of a verb is the form used to show that something happened in the past.

pasta NOUN

Pasta is a type of food made from flour, eggs and water, which is formed into different shapes. Spaghetti, macaroni and noodles are types of pasta.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*



paste pastes NOUN

Paste is a thick wet mixture that is easy to spread.

pastime pastimes NOUN

A **pastime** is something you like to do in your free time.

pastry NOUN

Pastry is a food made of flour, fat and water, rolled flat and used for making pies.



pasture **pastures** NOUN

Pasture is land that is used for farm animals to graze on.

pat **pats, patting, patted** VERB

If you **pat** something, you hit it gently, usually with your open hand.

patch **patches** NOUN

A **patch** is a piece of material you put over a hole in something to mend it.

path **paths** NOUN

A **path** is a strip of ground that people walk on.

patience NOUN

Patience is being able to wait calmly for something, or to do something difficult without giving up.

patient **patients**

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **patient**, you are able to wait calmly for something, or to do something difficult without giving up.

NOUN **2** A **patient** is someone who is being treated by a doctor.

patrol **patrols, patrolling, patrolled** VERB

When people like the police **patrol** a particular area, they go round it to make sure there is no trouble or danger.

pattern **patterns** NOUN

A **pattern** is a regular way something is organized. For example, lines and shapes can make patterns.

pause **pauses, pausing, paused** VERB

If you **pause** while you are doing something, you stop for a moment.

pavement **pavements** NOUN

A **pavement** is a path with a hard surface beside a road, so that people can walk in safety.

paw **paws** NOUN

A **paw** is the foot of some animals. Paws have claws at the front and soft pads underneath.

pay **pays, paying, paid** VERB

When a person **pays** someone, they give them money in exchange for work or for things that they have bought.

payment NOUN

PC **PCs**

NOUN **1** A **PC** is a personal computer.

NOUN **2** In Britain, a **PC** is also a police constable.

PE NOUN

PE is an abbreviation of **physical education**.

pea **peas** NOUN

Peas are round green seeds which are eaten as a vegetable. They grow inside a covering called a pod.

*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

peace

NOUN **1** **Peace** is a feeling of quiet and calm.

NOUN **2** When a country has **peace** or is **at peace**, it is not fighting a war.

peaceful ADJECTIVE

A **peaceful** place is quiet and calm.

peach **peaches** NOUN

A **peach** is a round juicy fruit with a large stone in the middle. It has sweet yellow flesh and a yellow and red skin.

*See **Fruit** on page 260*

peacock **peacocks** NOUN

A **peacock** is a large male bird with bright blue and green feathers, and long tail feathers which it spreads in a fan. The female is called a peahen.

peak **peaks**

NOUN **1** The **peak** of a mountain is the pointed top of it.

NOUN **2** The **peak** of a cap is the part that sticks out at the front.

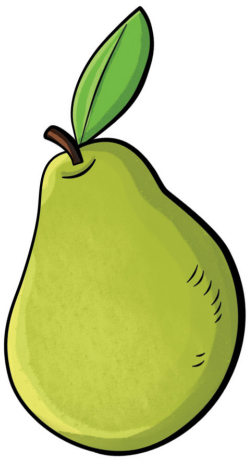
peanut **peanuts** NOUN

Peanuts are small hard seeds which grow under the ground. You can buy roasted and salted peanuts to eat.

pear **pears** NOUN

A **pear** is a sweet juicy fruit which grows on trees. It is narrow near its stalk, and wider and rounded at the bottom.

*See **Fruit** on page 260*



pearl **pearls** NOUN
A **pearl** is a hard round object which grows inside the shell of an oyster. It is creamy-white in colour. Pearls are used to make valuable jewellery.

pebble **pebbles** NOUN
A **pebble** is a small smooth stone found on seashores and river beds.

peck **pecks, pecking, pecked** VERB
When a bird **pecks**, it bites at something with its beak.

peculiar ADJECTIVE
Something that is **peculiar** is strange or unusual.

pedal **pedals** NOUN
The **pedals** on a cycle are the two parts that you push with your feet to make it move.

pedestrian **pedestrians** NOUN
A **pedestrian** is a person who is walking.

peek **peeks, peeking, peeked** VERB
If you **peek** at something, you have a quick look at it.

peel **peels, peeling, peeled** VERB
If you **peel** fruit or vegetables, you remove the skin.

peep **peeps, peeping, peeped** VERB
If you **peep** at something, you look at it very quickly, and usually secretly.

peg **pegs**

NOUN **1** A **peg** is a thin piece of metal or plastic that is used to hang things on.

NOUN **2** A **peg** is also a small clip that is used to hold washing on a line.

pelican **pelicans** NOUN

A **pelican** is a water bird. Its large beak has a soft lower part like a pouch.

pen **pens** NOUN

A **pen** is a long thin tool that you use to write in ink.



pence NOUN

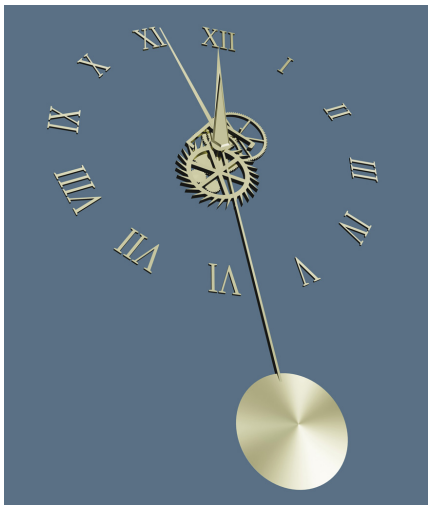
Pence is a plural form of **penny**.

pencil **pencils** NOUN

A **pencil** is a long thin piece of wood with a dark material called graphite in the middle. It is used for writing or drawing.

pendulum **pendulums** NOUN

A **pendulum** is a large weight which hangs from a clock. It swings from side to side to keep the clock going at the right speed.



penguin **penguins** NOUN

A **penguin** is a large black and white bird found in the Antarctic. Penguins cannot fly. They use their wings for swimming in the water.

penny **pennies** or **pence** NOUN

A **penny** is a small British coin. A hundred pence are worth one pound. The abbreviation for pence is p.

pentagon **pentagons** NOUN

A **pentagon** is a flat shape that has five straight sides.

pentagonal ADJECTIVE

*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

people PLURAL NOUN

People are men, women and children.

pepper **peppers**

NOUN **1 Pepper** is a hot-tasting powder which is used to flavour food.



NOUN **2** A **pepper** is a red, green or yellow vegetable. It can be cooked or eaten raw in salads.
*See **Food and drink** on pages 260 and 261*

per cent PHRASE
You use **per cent** to talk about amounts as a proportion of 100. For example, ten per cent (10%) means 10 out of every 100.

perch **perches** NOUN
A **perch** is a short piece of wood for a bird to stand on.

percussion ADJECTIVE
Percussion instruments are instruments that you play by hitting them. Drums and cymbals are percussion instruments.

perfect

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **perfect** is done so well it could not be done better.

ADJECTIVE **2** If you say something is **perfect**, you mean it is wonderful.

perfectly ADVERB

perform **performs, performing, performed** VERB

If someone **performs**, they do something to entertain an audience.

performance **performances** NOUN

A **performance** is something done in front of people, like acting or dancing.

perfume **perfumes**

NOUN **1** A **perfume** is a pleasant smell.

NOUN **2** **Perfume** is a liquid that you put on your body so that you smell nice.

perhaps

ADVERB **1** If you say **perhaps** something will happen, you mean it might happen but you are not sure.

ADVERB **2** You can also say **perhaps** when you are suggesting something. *He's late – **perhaps** he missed the train.*

perimeter **perimeters** NOUN

The **perimeter** of a shape is the distance all round it.

period **periods** NOUN

A **period** is a particular length of time. *Mrs Smith will be away for a **period** of six months.*

periscope **periscopes** NOUN

A **periscope** is a tube with mirrors. When you look in one end, you can see what would otherwise be out of sight.

permanent ADJECTIVE

Something that is **permanent** lasts for ever, or for a very long time.

permission NOUN

If you have **permission** to do something, you are allowed to do it.

permit **permits, permitting, permitted** VERB

If someone **permits** you to do something, they allow you to do it.

persist **persists, persisting, persisted** VERB

If you **persist**, you go on doing something even when it is difficult or other people have told you to stop.

person **people** NOUN

A **person** is a man, woman or child.

personal ADJECTIVE

Personal matters relate to your feelings, relationships and health, which you may not want to talk about with other people.

personality **personalities** NOUN

Your **personality** is your character and nature. *She's got a very lively **personality**.*

persuade **persuades, persuading, persuaded** VERB

If someone **persuades** you to do something you did not want to do, you agree because they gave you a good reason.

persuasion NOUN

persuasive

ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **persuasive** is good at persuading others to believe or do a particular thing.

ADJECTIVE **2 Persuasive** text aims to persuade the reader of something.

pest **pests** NOUN

A **pest** is an insect, rat or other small animal that causes damage.

pester **pesters, pestering, pestered** VERB

If you **pester** someone, you keep bothering them.

pet **pets** NOUN

A **pet** is a tame animal that you keep and look after in your home.

petal **petals** NOUN

A **petal** is part of a flower. Petals may have bright colours or scents to attract insects.

petrol NOUN

Petrol is a liquid used as fuel in motor vehicles.

phantom **phantoms** NOUN

A **phantom** is a ghost.

phone **phones** NOUN

Phone is an abbreviation of **telephone**.



photo **photos** NOUN

Photo is an abbreviation of **photograph**.

photocopy **photocopies** NOUN

A **photocopy** is a copy of a document produced by a photocopier.

photograph **photographs** NOUN

A **photograph** is a picture that is made using a camera.

phrase **phrases** NOUN

A **phrase** is a short group of words used together.

physical

ADJECTIVE **1 Physical** means to do with things that can be touched or seen.

ADJECTIVE **2 Physical** also means to do with a person's body, rather than their mind.

physically ADVERB

piano **pianos** NOUN

A **piano** is a large musical instrument with black and white keys that you press with your fingers.



pick **picks, picking, picked**

VERB **1** To **pick** means to choose. *We need to **pick** three more people for our team.*

VERB **2** When you **pick** flowers or fruit, you take them off the plant.

VERB **3** If you **pick** something **up**, you lift it up from where it is.

pickle **pickles** NOUN

Pickles are vegetables or fruit that have been kept in vinegar or salt water.

picnic **picnics** NOUN

A **picnic** is a meal that you take with you and eat out of doors.

picture **pictures** NOUN

A **picture** is a drawing, painting or photograph.

pie **pies** NOUN
A **pie** is fruit, vegetables, meat or fish baked in pastry.

piece **pieces** NOUN
A **piece** is a part of something.

pier **piers** NOUN
A **pier** is a long platform which sticks out over the sea. Piers often have some kind of entertainment on them.



pierce **pierces, piercing, pierced** VERB
If a sharp object **pierces** something, it goes through it and makes a hole in it.

pig **pigs** NOUN
A **pig** is a farm animal kept for its meat. It has pinkish skin and short legs.

pigeon **pigeons** NOUN
A **pigeon** is a large bird with grey feathers, often seen in towns.

piglet **piglets** NOUN
A **piglet** is a young pig.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*

pile **piles** NOUN
A **pile** is a lot of things, such as books, which have been put one on top of the other.

pill **pills** NOUN
A **pill** is medicine made into a small round object that you swallow.

pillar **pillars** NOUN

A **pillar** is a tall post made of something such as stone or brick. It usually helps to hold up a building.

pillow **pillows** NOUN

A **pillow** is a bag filled with soft material to rest your head on in bed.

pilot **pilots** NOUN

A **pilot** is a person who is trained to fly an aircraft.

pimple **pimples** NOUN

A **pimple** is a small red spot, especially on your face.

pin **pins** NOUN

A **pin** is a small thin piece of metal with a point at one end. Pins can be pushed through things such as pieces of paper or cloth, to hold them together.

pincers

PLURAL NOUN **1** The **pincers** of a crab or lobster are its front claws.
PLURAL NOUN **2 Pincers** are also a tool used for gripping and pulling things.

pinch **pinches, pinching, pinched** VERB

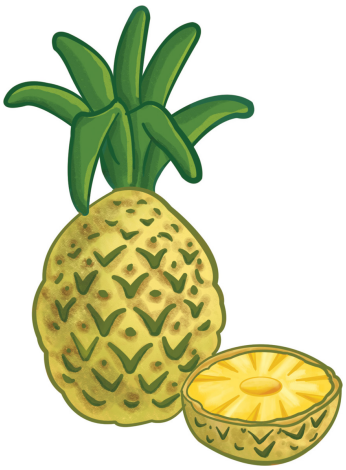
If someone **pinches** you, they squeeze part of you quickly between their thumb and first finger.

pine **pines** NOUN

A **pine** is a tall evergreen tree with sharp thin leaves called needles.

pineapple **pineapples** NOUN

A **pineapple** is a large oval fruit with yellow flesh and a thick, lumpy skin. Pineapples grow in hot countries.



pink **pinker, pinkest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **pink** has a colour between white and red.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

pint **pints** NOUN

A **pint** is a measure for liquids. A pint is equal to just over half a litre.

pipe **pipes** NOUN

A **pipe** is a long hollow tube, usually made of metal or plastic. Pipes are used to carry liquid or gas.

pirate **pirates** NOUN

In the past, a **pirate** was a robber who stole from ships.

pistol **pistols** NOUN
A **pistol** is a small gun.

pit **pits**
NOUN **1** A **pit** is a large hole that has been dug in the ground.
NOUN **2** A **pit** is also a coal mine.

pitch **pitches, pitching, pitched**
NOUN **1** A **pitch** is an area of ground where a game such as hockey or football is played.
NOUN **2** The **pitch** of a sound is how high or low it is.
VERB **3** When you **pitch** a tent, you put it up so that you can use it.

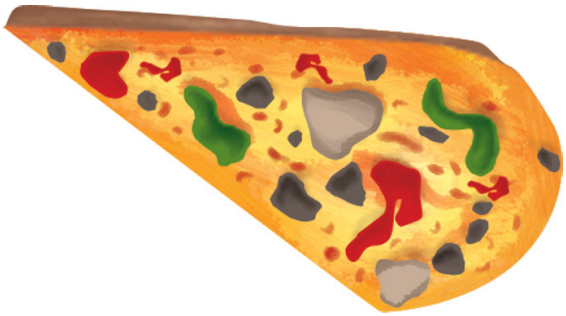
pity

NOUN **1** If you feel **pity** for someone, you feel sorry for them.

NOUN **2** If you say something is a **pity**, you mean it is disappointing. *What a **pity** Mark isn't coming.*

pizza **pizzas** NOUN

A **pizza** is a flat round piece of dough covered with cheese, tomato and other savoury food.



place **places**

NOUN **1** A **place** is any building or area.

NOUN **2** A **place** is also the position where something belongs. *Please put the tools back in their right **place**.*

plague **plagues** NOUN

A **plague** is a disease that spreads quickly and kills many people.

plaice NOUN

A **plaice** is a flat sea fish.

plain **plainer, plainest; plains**

ADJECTIVE **1** A **plain** object has no pattern on it. *She wore a **plain** skirt.*

ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **plain**, it is clear and easy to see.

NOUN **3** A **plain** is a large, flat area of land with very few trees on it.

plait **plaits, plaiting, plaited**

VERB **1** If you **plait** three lengths of hair or rope together, you twist them over each other in turn.

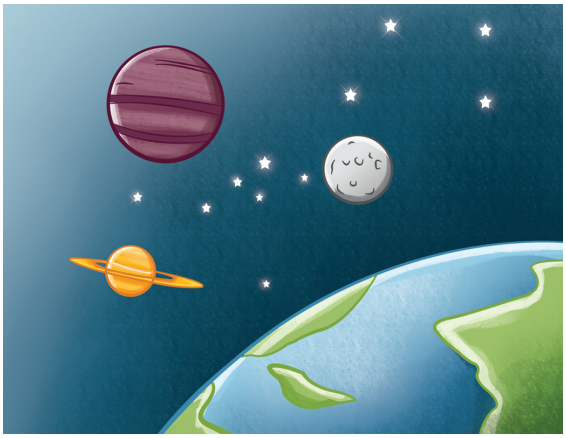
NOUN **2** A **plait** is a length of hair that has been plaited.

plan **plans, planning, planned**

NOUN **1** If you have a **plan**, you have thought of a way of doing something.
NOUN **2** A **plan** is a drawing that shows what something looks like from above.
VERB **3** If you **plan** what you are going to do, you decide exactly how to do it.

plane planes
NOUN **1** A **plane** is a flying vehicle. It has wings and one or more engines. Plane is an abbreviation of **aeroplane**.
NOUN **2** A **plane** is also a tool used for smoothing wood.

planet planets NOUN
A **planet** is a large round object in space that moves around a star. Earth is one of the nine planets that go round the sun.



plank planks NOUN
A **plank** is a long flat piece of wood.

plant plants, planting, planted
NOUN **1** A **plant** is any living thing that is not an animal. Plants can make their own food.
VERB **2** When you **plant** things, such as seeds, flowers or trees, you put them in the ground so that they will grow.

plaster plasters
NOUN **1** A **plaster** is a strip of sticky material used for covering small cuts.

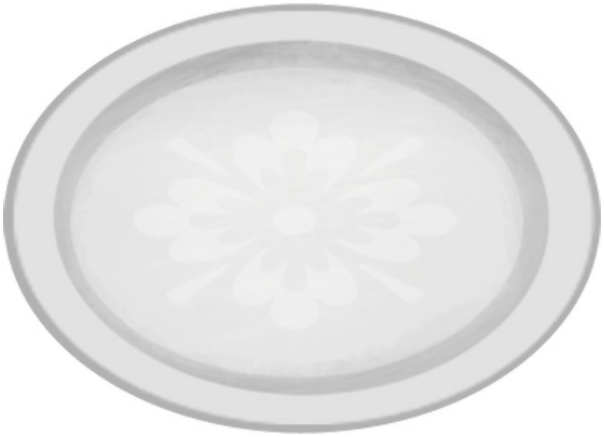
NOUN **2 Plaster** is a smooth paste that dries and forms a hard layer. It is used to cover walls and ceilings inside buildings.

plastic

NOUN **1 Plastic** is a light artificial material that does not break easily. It is used to make all sorts of things, such as buckets, bowls and plates.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **plastic** is made of plastic.

plate plates NOUN

A **plate** is a flat dish for food.



platform platforms

NOUN **1** A **platform** is the area in a station where you wait for the train.
NOUN **2** A **platform** is also a raised area for people to stand on so that they can be seen more easily.

play plays, playing, played

VERB **1** When you **play**, you spend time doing things you enjoy.
VERB **2** When one person or team **plays** another, they take part in a game and each side tries to win.
VERB **3** If you **play** a musical instrument, you make musical sounds with it.
NOUN **4** A **play** is a story which is acted on the stage, or on radio or television.

player players NOUN

A **player** is a person who takes part in a sport or game.

playground playgrounds NOUN

A **playground** is a piece of land for children to play on.

playtime NOUN

Playtime is a break in the school day when you can play.

pleasant ADJECTIVE

If something is **pleasant**, you enjoy it or like it.

please **pleases, pleasing, pleased** VERB

If you **please** someone, you make them feel happy.

pleasure NOUN

Pleasure is a feeling of happiness or enjoyment.

pleat **pleats** NOUN

A **pleat** is a permanent fold in fabric.

pleated ADJECTIVE

plenty NOUN

If there is **plenty** of something, there is more than enough of it.

pliers PLURAL NOUN

Pliers are a tool used for pulling out small things like nails, or for bending or cutting wire.

plot **plots, plotting, plotted**

NOUN **1** A **plot** is a secret plan.

NOUN **2** The **plot** of a film, novel or play is the story and the way it develops.

NOUN **3** A **plot** of land is a small piece that has been marked out for a special purpose such as building houses or growing vegetables.

VERB **4** If people **plot** something, they plan secretly to do it.

plough **ploughs** NOUN

A **plough** is a farming tool that is pulled across a field to turn the soil over.



pluck **plucks, plucking, plucked**

VERB **1** When someone **plucks** a musical instrument, such as a guitar, they pull the strings and let them go quickly.

VERB **2** When you **pluck** a feather, flower or fruit, you pull it from where it is growing.

plug **plugs, plugging, plugged**

NOUN **1** A **plug** is a thick piece of rubber or plastic that fits in the drain hole of a bath or washbasin.

NOUN **2** A **plug** is also a small object that joins pieces of equipment to the electricity supply.

VERB **3** If someone **plugs** a hole, they block it with something.

plum **plums** NOUN

A **plum** is a small fruit with a thin, dark red or yellow skin and juicy flesh. It has a large stone in the middle.

*See **Fruit** on page 260*

plumber **plumbers** NOUN

A **plumber** is a person who fits and mends water pipes.

plump **plumper, plumpest** ADJECTIVE

Someone or something that is **plump** is rather fat.

plunge **plunges, plunging, plunged** VERB

If someone **plunges** into the water, they dive or throw themselves into it.

plural **plurals** NOUN

Plural means more than one. *The **plural** of "boy" is "boys"… The **plural** of "box" is "boxes".*
See **singular**
*See also **Plurals** on page 277*

plus

PREPOSITION **1** You use **plus** (+) to show that one number is being added to another. *Two **plus** two equals four.*

PREPOSITION **2** You can use **plus** when you mention an additional item. *You get a television **plus** a free radio.*

p.m. ADVERB

p.m. is the time between 12 noon and 12 midnight.

See **a.m.**

poach **poaches, poaching, poached** VERB

If you **poach** an egg, you remove its shell and cook the egg gently in boiling water.

pocket **pockets** NOUN

A **pocket** is a small bag that is sewn into clothing.



pod **pods** NOUN

A **pod** is a seed cover. Peas and beans grow inside pods.

See **pea**

podcast **podcasts** NOUN

A **podcast** is a computer file containing sound that can be downloaded and listened to on a computer or MP3 player.

poem **poems** NOUN

A **poem** is a piece of writing in short lines, which sometimes rhyme. The lines usually have a particular rhythm.

poet **poets** NOUN

A **poet** is a person who writes poems.

poetry NOUN

Poetry is writing in which the lines have a rhythm and sometimes rhyme.

point **points, pointing, pointed**

NOUN **1** The **point** of something such as a pin is the sharp end of it.

NOUN **2** A **point** is a position or time. *I'll call you at some **point** during the day.*

NOUN **3** The **point** of doing something is the reason for doing it. *The **point** of playing is to have fun.*

NOUN **4** In a game or sport, a **point** is part of the score.

NOUN **5** The decimal **point** in a number is the dot separating the whole number from the fraction.

VERB **6** If you **point** at something, you show where it is by using your finger.

VERB **7** If something **points** in a particular direction, it faces that way.

pointed ADJECTIVE

Something that is **pointed** has a point at one end.

poison **poisons** NOUN

Poison is something that harms or kills people or animals if it gets into their body.

poisonous ADJECTIVE

poke **pokes, poking, poked** VERB

If you **poke** something, you push it hard with your finger.

polar bear **polar bears** NOUN

A **polar bear** is a large white bear that lives near the North Pole.



pole **poles**

NOUN **1** A **pole** is a long round post, used especially for holding things up.

NOUN **2** A **pole** is also one of the two points on the Earth that are the furthest from the equator. They are known as the North Pole and the South Pole.

police PLURAL NOUN

The **police** are an organization whose job is to protect people and their belongings, and to make sure that people obey the law.

policeman NOUN **policewoman** NOUN

police officer **police officers** NOUN

A **police officer** is a policeman or policewoman.

polish **polishes, polishing, polished**

NOUN **1** **Polish** is a substance that you put on an object to clean and shine it.

VERB **2** If you **polish** something, you put polish on it or rub it with a cloth to make it shine.

polite ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **polite** is well-behaved and thinks about other people's feelings.

politician **politicians** NOUN

A **politician** is a person involved in the government of a country.

politics NOUN

Politics is the study of the way in which a country is governed.

pollen NOUN

Pollen is a fine, yellow powder in flowers that the wind or insects carry to other flowers to make seeds.

pollution NOUN

Pollution is making things like the air and water dirty and dangerous to live in or use.

polyester NOUN

Polyester is an artificial fibre used especially to make clothes.

polygon **polygons** NOUN

A **polygon** is a flat shape with three or more straight sides.

polythene NOUN

Polythene is a thin plastic material that is often made into bags.

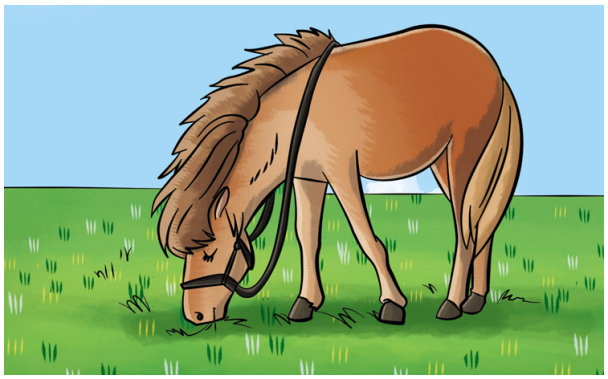
pond **ponds** NOUN

A **pond** is a small lake.



pony **ponies** NOUN

A **pony** is a kind of horse which is smaller than an ordinary horse.



ponytail **ponytails** NOUN

A **ponytail** is long hair which is tied behind the head and hangs down like a tail.

pool **pools** NOUN

A **pool** is a small area of still or slow-moving water.

poor **poorer, poorest**

ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **poor** has very little money and few belongings.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **poor** is not good. *If my work is **poor**, I have to do it again.*

pop **pops**

NOUN **1** **Pop** is modern music played and enjoyed especially by young people.

NOUN **2** A **pop** is a short sharp sound.

popcorn NOUN

Popcorn is a snack made from a type of corn that pops open when heated.

poppy **poppies** NOUN

A **poppy** is a plant with a large red flower on a hairy stem.



popular ADJECTIVE

If someone or something is **popular**, they are liked by a lot of people.

population

NOUN **1** The **population** of a country or area is all the people who live in it.

NOUN **2** The **population** of a place is also the number of people who live there.

porch **porches** NOUN

A **porch** is a sheltered place at the entrance to a building.

porcupine **porcupines** NOUN

A **porcupine** is an animal with lots of stiff hairs called quills on its back.

pork NOUN

Pork is meat from a pig.

porridge NOUN

Porridge is a thick sticky food made from oats cooked in water or milk.

port **ports** NOUN

A **port** is a place where boats come to load and unload.

portable ADJECTIVE

Something that is **portable** is made to be easily carried, for example a portable television.

porter **porters** NOUN

A **porter** is a person whose job is to look after the entrance of a building, greeting and directing visitors.

portion **portions** NOUN

A **portion** of food is the amount that is given to one person at a meal.

portrait **portraits** NOUN

A **portrait** is a picture of a person.

position **positions**

NOUN **1** The **position** of someone or something is the place where they are.

NOUN **2** Someone's **position** can also be the way they are sitting or standing. *Try to stay in that **position** while I draw you.*

positive

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **positive** about something, you are very sure about it.

ADJECTIVE **2 Positive** numbers are those which are greater than zero.

possess **possesses, possessing, possessed** VERB

If you **possess** something, you have it or own it.

possession NOUN

possible

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **possible** can be done.

ADJECTIVE **2** You can also use **possible** to talk about something that may happen but is not certain. *It's **possible** we might go abroad next year.*

possibly ADVERB

post **posts, posting, posted**

NOUN **1** **Post** is letters or parcels that are collected and delivered.

NOUN **2** A **post** is a strong piece of wood or metal fixed upright in the ground.

VERB **3** If you **post** a letter, you send it to someone by putting it in a postbox.

postcard **postcards** NOUN

A **postcard** is a piece of thin card, often with a picture on one side, that you can use to send a message to someone.

postcode **postcodes** NOUN

A **postcode** is the letters and numbers at the end of an address to help the sorting of mail.

poster **posters** NOUN

A **poster** is a large notice or picture that is put on a wall or notice board.



postman **postmen** NOUN

A **postman** is a man whose job is to deliver letters and parcels sent by post.

post office **post offices** NOUN

A **post office** is a building where you can take things to be posted.

postpone **postpones, postponing, postponed** VERB

If you **postpone** something, you put it off until later. *We had to **postpone** the picnic because the weather was so bad.*

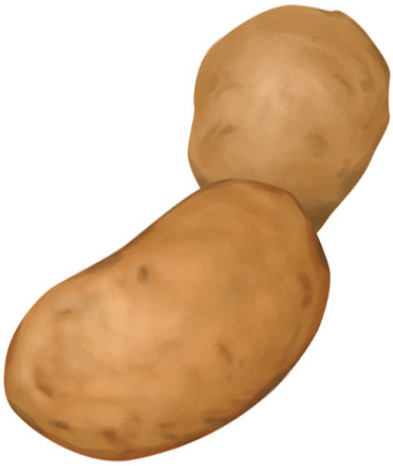
pot **pots** NOUN

A **pot** is a round container for things like paint or jam, or for growing plants in.

potato **potatoes** NOUN

A **potato** is a round vegetable that grows under the ground. Potatoes can be boiled, baked or fried.

*See **Vegetables** on page 260*



pottery NOUN

Pottery is objects such as dishes and ornaments that are made from clay.

pouch **pouches**

NOUN **1** A **pouch** is a small bag for keeping things in.

NOUN **2** A **pouch** can also be a pocket of skin on an animal. Female kangaroos and other marsupials have a pouch on their stomach. Their babies grow in this pouch. Hamsters have pouches in their cheeks for storing food.

pounce **pounces, pouncing, pounced** VERB

When an animal **pounces** on something, it leaps on it and grabs it.

pound **pounds**

NOUN **1** The **pound** (£) is a unit of money in Britain and in some other countries.

NOUN **2** A **pound** is also a unit of weight equal to just under half a kilogram.

pour **pours, pouring, poured**

VERB **1** If you **pour** a liquid out of a container, you make it flow out by tipping the container.

VERB **2** When it is raining heavily, you can say that it is **pouring**.

powder NOUN

Powder is something that has been ground into tiny pieces.

power **powers**

NOUN **1** If someone or something has **power**, they have control over other people.

NOUN **2** The **power** of something, such as the wind or the sea, is its strength.

powerful ADJECTIVE

If someone or something is **powerful**, they are very strong.

practical

ADJECTIVE **1 Practical** people are good at working with their hands.
ADJECTIVE **2 Practical** ideas are ones that are likely to work.

practice NOUN

Practice is doing something many times so that you get better at it.

practise practises, practising, practised VERB

If you **practise**, you do something again and again, in order to get better at it. *She has been **practising** this piece of music for months.*

praise praises, praising, praised VERB

If someone **praises** you for something you have done, they say how well you have done it.

pram prams NOUN

A **pram** is a small carriage that a baby can be pushed around in.



prawn prawns NOUN

A **prawn** is a small edible shellfish with a long tail.

pray prays, praying, prayed VERB

When someone **prays**, they speak to the god they believe in, to give thanks or to ask for help.

prayer prayers NOUN

A **prayer** is the words someone says when they are praying.

precious ADJECTIVE
Something that is **precious** is worth a lot of money.

precise ADJECTIVE
Something that is **precise** is exact and accurate in every detail. *Take **precise** measurements of the room.*
precisely ADVERB

predator **predators** NOUN
A **predator** is an animal that kills and eats other animals.

predict **predicts, predicting, predicted** VERB
If someone **predicts** an event, they say that it will happen in the future.

prefer **prefers, preferring, preferred** VERB
If you **prefer** someone or something, you like that person or thing better than another.

prefix **prefixes** NOUN
A **prefix** is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a new word, for example “dis-”, “pre-” and “un-”.
*See **Prefixes** on page 270*

pregnant ADJECTIVE
A woman who is **pregnant** is expecting a baby.

prehistoric ADJECTIVE
Something that is **prehistoric** belongs to the time before history was written down.

preparations PLURAL NOUN
Preparations are all the things that have to be done before an event. *The children were busy with **preparations** for the school play.*

prepare **prepares, preparing, prepared**
VERB **1** If you **prepare** for something that is going to happen, you get ready for it.
VERB **2** If you **prepare** someone or something, you get them ready.

preposition **prepositions** NOUN

In grammar, a **preposition** is a word such as “by”, “for” or “with”, that goes in front of a noun group. In the sentence “She fell into the pond”, “into” is a preposition and “the pond” is a noun group.

present **presents, presenting, presented**

NOUN **1** A **present** is something that you give to someone for them to keep.



ADJECTIVE **2** If someone is **present** somewhere, they are there.

NOUN **3** The **present** is the time now.

VERB **4** If someone **presents** you with something, they give it to you. *The mayor **presented** her with a certificate.*

VERB **5** The person who **presents** a show introduces each part or each guest.

NOUN **6** The **present tense** of a verb is the form used to show something is happening now.

preserve **preserves, preserving, preserved**

VERB **1** If you **preserve** something, you do something to keep it the way it is.

VERB **2** To **preserve** food means to stop it from going bad.

president **presidents** NOUN

The **president** of a country or an organization is the head of it.

press **presses, pressing, pressed**

VERB **1** If you **press** something against something else, you hold it there firmly.
*He **pressed** the phone against his ear.*
NOUN **2** Newspapers and the journalists who work for them are called the **press**.

pressure NOUN
Pressure is the force of one thing pressing or pushing on another.

pretend **pretends, pretending, pretended** VERB
If you **pretend**, you act as though something is true although it is not.
*Let's **pretend** to be working.*

pretty **prettier, prettiest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **pretty** is nice to look at.

prevent **prevents, preventing, prevented** VERB
If you **prevent** someone from doing something, you stop them doing it.

prey NOUN
The **prey** of an animal is the creatures that it hunts for food.
bird of prey PHRASE A **bird of prey** is a bird such as an eagle or a hawk, that kills and eats smaller birds and animals.

price **prices** NOUN
The **price** of something is the amount of money that you must pay to buy it.



prick **pricks, pricking, pricked** VERB
To **prick** something means to make a tiny hole with something sharp.

prickle **prickles** NOUN

Prickles are small sharp points or thorns on plants.

pride

NOUN **1 Pride** is the good feeling you have when you have done something well.

NOUN **2** A **pride** of lions is a group of lions that live together.

*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

prime minister **prime ministers** NOUN

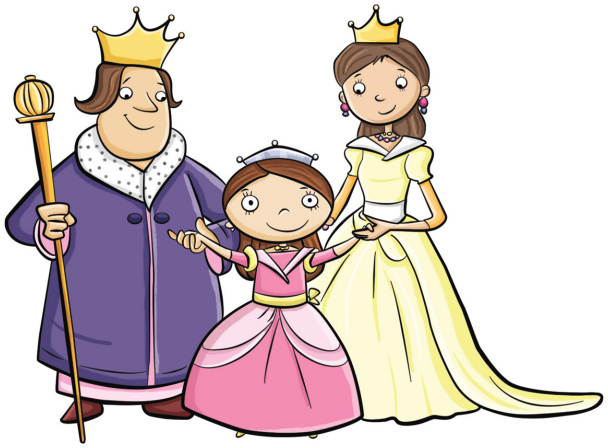
The **prime minister** of a country is the leader of that country's government.

prince **princes** NOUN

A **prince** is the son of a king or queen.

princess **princesses** NOUN

A **princess** is the daughter of a king or queen, or the wife of a prince.



print **prints, printing, printed**

VERB **1** When someone **prints** something such as a poster or a newspaper, they use a machine to make lots of copies of it.

VERB **2** If you **print** words, you write in letters that are not joined together.

printer **printers**

NOUN **1** A **printer** is a machine that is linked to a computer to print information on paper.

NOUN **2** A **printer** is also a person who prints things like books and magazines.

print-out **print-outs** NOUN

A **print-out** is a printed copy of information from a computer.

prism **prisms**

NOUN **1** A **prism** is an object made of clear glass with many flat sides. It separates light passing through it into the colours of the rainbow.

NOUN **2** A **prism** is also any three-dimensional shape that has the same size and shape of face at each end.

prison **prisons** NOUN

A **prison** is a building where people are kept when they have broken the law.

prisoner **prisoners**

NOUN **1** A **prisoner** is someone who is kept in prison as a punishment.

NOUN **2** A **prisoner** is also someone who has been captured by an enemy.

private ADJECTIVE

If something is **private**, it is for one person or group only. *All the rooms have a **private** bath.*

in private PHRASE If you do something **in private**, you do it without other people being there.

prize **prizes** NOUN

A **prize** is something that is given to someone as a reward.



probable ADJECTIVE

Something that is **probable** is likely to be true, or likely to happen.
probably ADVERB

problem **problems**
NOUN **1** A **problem** is something that is difficult.
NOUN **2** A **problem** is also something, like a puzzle, that you have to work out.

process **processes** NOUN
A **process** is a series of actions for doing or making something.

procession **processions** NOUN
A **procession** is a line of people walking or riding through the streets on a special occasion.

prod **prods, prodding, prodded** VERB
If you **prod** something, you push it with your finger.

produce **produces, producing, produced**
VERB **1** To **produce** something means to make it.
VERB **2** If you **produce** an object from somewhere such as a pocket, you bring it out so that it can be seen.
VERB **3** Someone who **produces** a play, film or television programme gets it ready to show to the public.

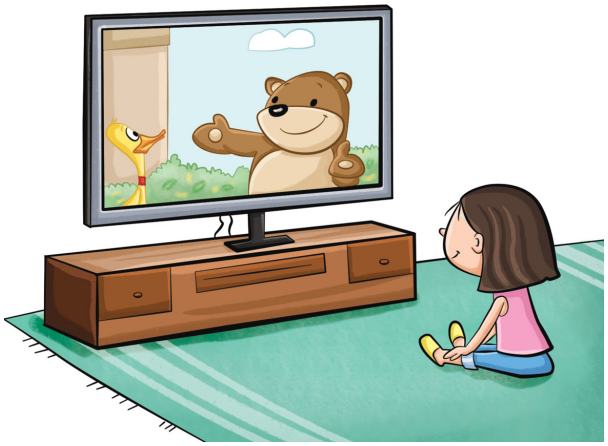
product **products**
NOUN **1** A **product** is something that is made to be sold.
NOUN **2** In maths, the **product** of two numbers is the answer you get when you multiply them together. For example, the product of four and two is eight.

profit **profits** NOUN
A **profit** is the money you gain when you sell something for more than it cost you to make or buy.

program **programs** NOUN
A **program** is a set of instructions that a computer uses in order to do particular things.

programme **programmes**

NOUN **1** A radio or television **programme** is the thing that is being broadcast.



NOUN **2** A **programme** is a plan of things that will take place.

progress **progresses, progressing, progressed**

NOUN **1 Progress** is moving forward or getting better at something. *I'm making **progress** with my spelling.*

VERB **2** If you **progress**, you get better at something.

project **projects** NOUN

A **project** is work that you do to learn about something and then write about it.

promise **promises, promising, promised** VERB

If you **promise** to do something, you mean you really will do it.

pronoun **pronouns**

NOUN **1** In grammar, a **pronoun** is a word that is used to replace a noun.

NOUN **2 Personal pronouns** replace the subject or object of a sentence. In the sentence "She caught a fish", "she" is a personal pronoun.

NOUN **3 Possessive pronouns** replace the subject or object when you want to show who owns it. In the sentence "This book is mine", "mine" is a possessive pronoun.

*See **Pronoun** on page 269*

pronounce **pronounces, pronouncing, pronounced** VERB

To **pronounce** a word means to say it in a particular way.

pronunciation NOUN

Pronunciation is the way a word is usually said.

proof NOUN

Proof of something is the facts that show that it is true or that it exists.

prop **props, propping, propped** VERB

If you **prop** an object somewhere, you support it against something.

propeller **propellers** NOUN

A **propeller** is the blades that turn to drive an aircraft or ship.



proper

ADJECTIVE **1 Proper** means right. *Put those things back in the **proper** place.*

ADJECTIVE **2** You can also use **proper** to mean real. *You need a **proper** screwdriver for that job.*

properly ADVERB

If something is done **properly**, it is done correctly.

proper noun **proper nouns** NOUN

A **proper noun** is the name of a particular person or place. It starts with a capital letter. “Ben” and “London” are both proper nouns.

*See **Noun** on page 268*

property **properties**

NOUN **1** Someone’s **property** is the things that belong to them.

NOUN **2** A **property** is a building and the land belonging to it.

prophet **prophets** NOUN

A **prophet** is a person who predicts what will happen in the future.

proportion **proportions** NOUN

The **proportion** of one amount to another is its size in comparison with the other amount. *There was a large **proportion** of boys in the class.*

prose NOUN

Prose is written language that is not poetry or a play.

protect **protects, protecting, protected** VERB

To **protect** someone or something is to prevent them from being harmed.

protection NOUN

protein **proteins** NOUN

Protein is a substance found in meat, eggs and milk that is needed by bodies for growth.

protest **protests** NOUN

A **protest** is something you say or do to show that you disagree with something.

proud **prouder, proudest** ADJECTIVE
If you feel **proud**, you feel glad about something you have done, or about something that belongs to you. *She was **proud** of her new bike.*

prove **proves, proving, proved** VERB
When you **prove** something, you show that it is definitely true.

proverb **proverbs** NOUN
A **proverb** is a short sentence that people say which gives advice about life. For example, the proverb "Look before you leap" means that you should think carefully before you do something.

provide **provides, providing, provided** VERB
If you **provide** something for someone, you give it to them so that they have it when they need it.

prune **prunes, pruning, pruned**
VERB **1** When someone **prunes** a tree, they cut off some of the branches so that it will grow better.
NOUN **2** A **prune** is a dried plum.

pub **pubs** NOUN
A **pub** is a building where people go to drink and talk with their friends.

public ADJECTIVE
Something that is **public** can be used by anyone. For example, anyone can pay to travel on public transport, such as trains and buses.

publish **publishes, publishing, published** VERB
When a company **publishes** a book, newspaper or magazine, they print copies of it and sell them.
publisher NOUN

pudding **puddings** NOUN
A **pudding** is a sweet food which is usually eaten after the main part of a meal.



puddle **puddles** NOUN

A **puddle** is a small shallow pool of liquid.

pull **pulls, pulling, pulled**

VERB **1** When you **pull** something, you hold it firmly and move it towards you.

VERB **2** When you **pull** a curtain, you move it across a window.

VERB **3** When a vehicle **pulls away, pulls out** or **pulls in**, it moves in that direction.

pulley **pulleys** NOUN

A **pulley** is for lifting heavy weights. The weight is attached to a rope or a chain which passes over a wheel.

pullover **pullovers** NOUN

A **pullover** is a jumper.

pulse NOUN

Your **pulse** is the regular beating of blood through your body. You can feel your pulse in your neck or wrist.

pump **pumps, pumping, pumped**

NOUN **1** A **pump** is a machine that is used to force gas or liquid to move the way it is wanted.

VERB **2** To **pump** is to force gas or liquid somewhere using a pump. *I must **pump** up these balloons.*

pumpkin **pumpkins** NOUN

A **pumpkin** is a very large, orange-coloured vegetable with a thick skin. It is soft inside, with a lot of seeds.

pun **puns** NOUN

A **pun** is a joke using a word which has two different meanings. For example, the sentence “My dog’s a champion boxer” has a pun on the word “boxer”.

punch **punches, punching, punched** VERB

If you **punch** someone, you hit them hard with your fist.

punctual ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **punctual** arrives somewhere or does something at exactly the right time.

punctuation NOUN

Punctuation is the marks such as full stops and commas that you use in writing.

punctuate VERB

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

puncture **punctures** NOUN

A **puncture** is a small hole in a tyre. When a tyre has a puncture, the air inside escapes and the tyre goes flat.

punish **punishes, punishing, punished** VERB

To **punish** someone means to make them suffer because they have done something wrong.

punishment NOUN

pupil **pupils**

NOUN **1** The **pupils** at a school are the children who go there.



NOUN **2** Your **pupils** are the small round black holes in the centre of your eyes.

puppet **puppets** NOUN
A **puppet** is a kind of doll that you can move. Some puppets have strings which you can pull. Others are made so that you can put your hand inside.

puppy **puppies** NOUN
A **puppy** is a young dog.
*See **Young animals** on page 265*



purchase **purchases, purchasing, purchased** VERB
When you **purchase** something, you buy it.

pure **purer, purest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **pure** is not mixed with anything else.

purple ADJECTIVE
Something that is **purple** is of a reddish-blue colour.

*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

purpose **purposes** NOUN
A **purpose** is the reason for doing something.
on purpose PHRASE If you do something **on purpose**, you mean to do it. It does not happen by accident.

purr **purrs, purring, purred** VERB
When a cat **purrs**, it keeps making a low sound that shows it is happy.

purse **purses** NOUN
A **purse** is a small bag that people keep their money in.

push **pushes, pushing, pushed** VERB
When you **push** something, you press it hard.

pushchair **pushchairs** NOUN
A **pushchair** is a small folding chair on wheels in which a baby or toddler can be wheeled around.

put **puts, putting, put**
VERB **1** When you **put** something somewhere, you move it there.
VERB **2** If you **put** something **off**, you delay doing it.
VERB **3** If you **put** a light **out**, you make it stop shining.

puzzle **puzzles, puzzling, puzzled**
VERB **1** If something **puzzles** you, you do not understand it.
NOUN **2** A **puzzle** is a game or question that needs a lot of thought to solve it.

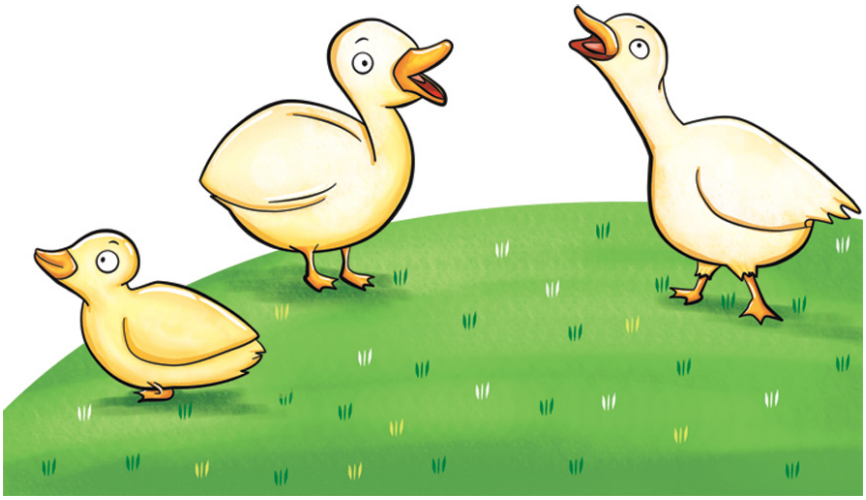
pyjamas PLURAL NOUN
Pyjamas are loose trousers and a top that people wear in bed.

pyramid **pyramids**
NOUN **1** A **pyramid** is a solid shape with a flat base and flat triangular faces that meet at the top in a point.
*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*
PLURAL NOUN **2** The **Pyramids** are ancient stone structures built over the bodies of Egyptian kings and queens.



Qq

quack **quacks, quacking, quacked** VERB
When a duck **quacks**, it makes a loud harsh sound.



quadrilateral **quadrilaterals** NOUN
A **quadrilateral** is a flat shape with four straight sides.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

quaint **quainter, quaintest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **quaint** is unusual and rather pretty.

qualify **qualifies, qualifying, qualified** VERB **1** When someone **qualifies**, they pass the examination they need to do a particular job.
VERB **2** You **qualify** if you get enough points in a competition to go on to the next stage.

quality **qualities** NOUN
The **quality** of something is how good or bad it is, compared with other things of the same kind.

quantity **quantities** NOUN
A **quantity** is an amount you can measure or count. *We shall need a huge **quantity** of food for the weekend.*

quarrel **quarrels** NOUN
A **quarrel** is an angry argument.

quarry **quarries** NOUN
A **quarry** is a deep hole that has been dug in a piece of land. Quarries are dug to provide materials such as stone for building and other work.

quarter **quarters** NOUN
A **quarter** is one of four equal parts of something.
*See **Fractions** on page 278*

quay **quays** (*said* **kee**) NOUN
A **quay** is a place where boats are tied up to be loaded or unloaded.

queen **queens** NOUN **1** A **queen** is a woman who rules a country. Queens are not chosen by the people. They are born into a royal family.



NOUN **2** The wife of a king is also called a **queen**.
NOUN **3** In the insect world, a **queen** is a large female bee, ant or wasp which can lay eggs.

query **queries, querying, queried** NOUN **1** A **query** is a question.
VERB **2** If you **query** something, you ask about it because you think it might not be right.

question **questions** NOUN

A **question** is words you say or write when you want to ask something.

question mark **question marks** NOUN

A **question mark** is the punctuation mark (**?**) which you use in writing at the end of a question.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

questionnaire **questionnaires** NOUN

A **questionnaire** is a list of questions which asks for information for a survey.

queue **queues** NOUN

A **queue** is a line of people or vehicles waiting for something.



quick **quicker, quickest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone or something that is **quick** moves very fast.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **quick** lasts only a short time. *I'll have a **quick** look at it.*

quickly ADVERB

Things that happen **quickly** happen very fast.

quiet **quieter, quietest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone or something that is **quiet** makes only a little noise or no noise at all.

ADJECTIVE **2 Quiet** also means peaceful. *Let's have a **quiet** evening at home.*

quilt **quilts** NOUN

A **quilt** is a soft cover for a bed.



quit **quits, quitting, quit** VERB **1** If you **quit** something, you stop doing it. ***Quit** teasing me!*

VERB **2** If you **quit**, you leave. *My dad has just **quit** his job.*

quite ADVERB **1 Quite** means rather. *I think he's **quite** nice.*

ADVERB **2 Quite** can also mean completely. *The work is now **quite** finished.*

quiver **quivers, quivering, quivered** VERB **1** If something **quivers**, it trembles.

NOUN **2** A **quiver** is a container for carrying arrows.

quiz **quizzes** NOUN

A **quiz** is a game or test. Someone tries to find out how much you know by asking you questions.

quotation **quotations** NOUN

A **quotation** is an extract from a book or speech that you use in your own work.

quotation marks PLURAL NOUN

Quotation marks are punctuation marks (**“ ”**) or (**‘ ’**) used in writing to show where speech begins and ends.

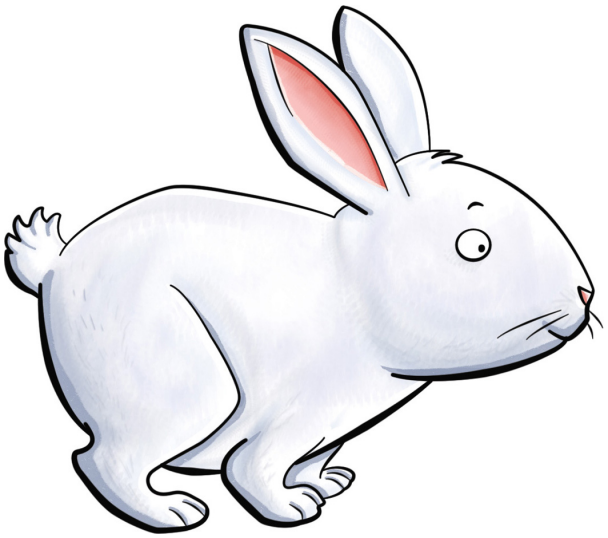
quote **quotes, quoting, quoted** VERB **1** If you **quote** something that someone has written or said, you repeat their exact words.
NOUN **2** A **quote** is a piece out of a book or speech.

quotient **quotients** NOUN
In maths, a **quotient** is a whole number you get when you divide one number into another. For example, if you divide eight by two, the quotient is four.

Rr

rabbi **rabbis** NOUN

A **rabbi** is a Jewish religious leader.



rabbit **rabbits** NOUN

A **rabbit** is a small furry animal with long ears.

race **races, racing, raced**

NOUN **1** A **race** is a competition to see who is the fastest.

NOUN **2** A **race** is also a large group of people who look alike in some way. For example, different races have different skin colour, or differently shaped eyes.

VERB **3** If you **race** someone, you try to beat them in a race.

racist **racists** NOUN

If someone is a **racist**, they believe that some people are better than others because they belong to a particular race.

rack **racks** NOUN

A **rack** is a frame that is used for holding things or for hanging things on.

racket **rackets**

NOUN **1** A **racket** is a bat with an oval frame and strings across and down it. It is used in tennis and similar games.
NOUN **2** If someone makes a **racket**, they make a loud unpleasant noise.

radar NOUN
Radar is a way of showing the position and speed of ships and aircraft when they cannot be seen. Radio signals give the information on a screen.

radiator **radiators**
NOUN **1** A **radiator** is a hollow metal object that can be filled with liquid in order to heat a room.
NOUN **2** In a car, the **radiator** holds the water that is used to cool the engine.

radio **radios** NOUN
A **radio** is a piece of equipment which receives sounds through the air. You can use a radio to listen to programmes that are broadcast.



radish **radishes** NOUN
A **radish** is a small salad vegetable with a red skin and white flesh.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

radius **radii** NOUN
The **radius** of a circle is the length of a straight line drawn from its centre to any point on its edge.

raffle **raffles** NOUN

A **raffle** is a competition. You buy a numbered ticket and win a prize if your number is chosen.

raft **rafts** NOUN

A **raft** is a floating platform. Rafts are often made of large pieces of wood fixed together.

rag **rags**

NOUN **1** A **rag** is a piece of old cloth that you can use to clean or wipe things.

NOUN **2** **Rags** are old torn clothes.

rage NOUN

Rage is great anger. *Dad's face showed his **rage**.*

ragged ADJECTIVE

Clothes that are **ragged** are old and torn.

raid **raids** NOUN

A **raid** is a sudden attack against an enemy.

rail **rails**

NOUN **1** A **rail** is a horizontal bar that is firmly fixed to posts. Rails are used as fences, or for people to lean on.

NOUN **2** **Rails** are the heavy metal bars that trains run on.

railing **railings** NOUN

A **railing** is a kind of fence made from metal bars.

railway **railways** NOUN

A **railway** is a route along which trains travel on metal rails.

rain **rains, raining, rained**

NOUN **1** **Rain** is water that falls from the clouds in small drops.

VERB **2** When it is **raining**, rain is falling.

rainbow **rainbows** NOUN

A **rainbow** is an arch of different colours that sometimes appears in the sky when the sun shines through rain.

rainforest **rainforests** NOUN

A **rainforest** is a dense forest in a tropical area where there is a lot of rain.



raise **raises, raising, raised**

VERB **1** If you **raise** something, you move it so that it is higher.

VERB **2** If you **raise** your voice, you speak more loudly.

VERB **3** To **raise** money for a cause means to get people to give money towards it.

raisin **raisins** NOUN

A **raisin** is a dried grape.

rake **rakes** NOUN

A **rake** is a garden tool with a row of metal teeth fixed to a long handle.

ram **rams, ramming, rammed**

VERB **1** If one vehicle **rams** another, it crashes into it.

NOUN **2** A **ram** is an adult male sheep.

Ramadan NOUN

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim year, when Muslims eat and drink nothing from sunrise to sunset.

ramp **ramps** NOUN

A **ramp** is a sloping surface between two places at different levels.

ran VERB

Ran is the past tense of **run**.

ranch **ranches** NOUN

In the United States, a **ranch** is a large farm for raising cattle, sheep or horses.

rang VERB

Rang is the past tense of **ring**.

range **ranges**

NOUN **1** The **range** of something is the area or distance over which it can be used.

NOUN **2** A **range** is a row of hills or mountains.

rank **ranks** NOUN

A **rank** is a position that a person holds in an organization. The higher the rank, the more important they are.

rap **raps, rapping, rapped**

VERB **1** If you **rap** something, you hit it with a series of quick blows.

NOUN **2** **Rap** is a style of poetry spoken to music with a strong beat.

rapid ADJECTIVE

Something that is **rapid** is very quick.

rare **rarer, rarest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **rare** is not often seen, or does not happen very often.

rash **rashes** NOUN

A **rash** is a lot of spots that appear on your skin in certain illnesses.

raspberry **raspberries** NOUN

A **raspberry** is a small red fruit which is soft and juicy, with a lot of small seeds called pips.

*See **Fruit** on page 260*

rat **rats** NOUN

A **rat** is a rodent with a long tail.



rate **rates** NOUN

The **rate** that something happens is how quickly or slowly, or how often it happens.

rather

ADVERB **1 Rather** means quite. *I'm **rather** angry about that.*

ADVERB **2** You can say **rather** if there is something else you want to do. *I don't want to go out. I'd **rather** watch television.*

rattle rattles, rattling, rattled

VERB **1** When something **rattles**, it makes short rapid knocking sounds. *Can you stop that window **rattling**?*

NOUN **2** A baby's **rattle** is a toy that makes a noise when it is shaken.

raw ADJECTIVE

Food that is **raw** is not cooked.

ray rays NOUN

A **ray** is a line of light.

razor razors NOUN

A **razor** is a tool that people use for shaving.

reach reaches, reaching, reached

VERB **1** When you **reach** a place, you arrive there.

VERB **2** If you **reach** somewhere, you stretch out your hand. *He **reached** across the table for the salt.*

react reacts, reacting, reacted VERB

When you **react** to something, you behave in a particular way because of it. *He **reacted** badly to the news.*

reaction NOUN

read reads, reading, read

VERB **1** When you **read**, you look at words and understand what they mean.

VERB **2** When you **read aloud**, you say the words that are written.



reading **readings** NOUN

Reading is the activity of reading books or other written material.

ready ADJECTIVE

If someone or something is **ready**, they are properly prepared for doing something.

real

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **real** is true. It is not imaginary. *I've seen a **real** princess.*

ADJECTIVE **2** You also say **real** when you mean the thing itself and not a copy. *I've got a lovely toy pony. But Jenny's got a **real** one.*

realize **realizes, realizing, realized**; also spelt **realise** VERB

If you **realize** something, you work it out or notice it. *I've just **realized** you must be Tara's sister.*

really ADVERB

You can use **really** to make something you are saying stronger. *I **really** don't like that boy.*

rear NOUN

The **rear** of something is the part that is at the back of it.

rearrange **rearranges, rearranging, rearranged** VERB

To **rearrange** something means to organize or arrange it in a different way.

reason **reasons** NOUN

The **reason** for something is why it happens. *I'm sorry I'm late, but there is a good **reason**.*

reasonable

ADJECTIVE **1** People who are **reasonable** behave in a fair and sensible way.

ADJECTIVE **2** A price that is **reasonable** seems fair and not too high.

reasonably ADVERB

rebel **rebels, rebelling, rebelled** VERB

To **rebel** means to fight against authority.

rebellious ADJECTIVE

receive **receives, receiving, received** VERB

When you **receive** something, you get it after it has been given or sent to you.

recent ADJECTIVE

Something that is **recent** happened only a short time ago.

recently ADVERB

recipe **recipes** NOUN

A **recipe** is a list of ingredients and instructions for cooking something.



recite **recites, reciting, recited** VERB

When you **recite** something like a poem, you say it aloud from memory.

reckon **reckons, reckoning, reckoned** VERB

If you **reckon** that something is true, you think it is true.

recognize **recognizes, recognizing, recognized**; also spelt **recognise**
VERB
If you **recognize** someone, you realize that you know who they are.

recommend **recommends, recommending, recommended** VERB
If you **recommend** something to someone, you tell them it is good.

record **records, recording, recorded**
(*said* **rek**-ord) NOUN **1** If you keep a **record** of something, you keep a written account or store information in a computer.
NOUN **2** A **record** is also the best that has been done so far.
NOUN **3** A **record** is also a piece of music that has been put on a tape or compact disc.
(*said* ri-**kord**) VERB **4** If someone **records** information, they write it down, put it onto tape or film, or into a computer.
VERB **5** To **record** sound means to put it on tape or compact disc.

recorder **recorders** NOUN
A **recorder** is a small musical instrument which you play by blowing into one end and putting your fingers over the holes.

recover **recovers, recovering, recovered** VERB
When you **recover** from something such as an illness, you become well again.

recreation NOUN
Recreation is all the things that you like doing in your spare time.
recreational ADJECTIVE

rectangle **rectangles** NOUN
A **rectangle** is a flat shape with four straight sides and four right angles.
rectangular ADJECTIVE
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

recycle **recycles, recycling, recycled** VERB
To **recycle** used products means to process them so they can be used again.

red **redder, reddest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **red** is the colour of a ripe tomato.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

redraft **redrafts, redrafting, redrafted** VERB
If you **redraft** a piece of text, you make another draft.

reduce **reduces, reducing, reduced** VERB
To **reduce** something means to make it smaller in size or amount.

reed **reeds** NOUN
A **reed** is a plant with a tall hollow stem. Reeds grow in or near water.

reef **reefs** NOUN
A **reef** is a long line of rocks that is just below the surface of the sea.



reel **reels** NOUN
A **reel** is a round object that you wrap thread, wire or film around.

refer **refers, referring, referred** VERB
If you **refer** to someone or something, you mention them.

referee **referees** NOUN
A **referee** is a person whose job is to make sure that the players in a game follow the rules properly.

refill **refills, refilling, refilled**

NOUN **1** A **refill** is a full container that replaces an empty one. *Have you got a **refill** for this pen?*
VERB **2** If you **refill** something, you fill it again after it has been emptied.

reflect reflects, reflecting, reflected
VERB **1** When a surface **reflects** rays of something like light or heat, the rays bounce back from the surface.
VERB **2** When a mirror **reflects** a person or thing, it shows what they look like.

reflection reflections NOUN
A **reflection** is what you see when you look in a mirror or shiny surface.



refreshing ADJECTIVE
Something that is **refreshing** makes you feel energetic or cool again after you have been tired or hot.

refreshments PLURAL NOUN
Refreshments are drinks and snacks.

refrigerator refrigerators NOUN
A **refrigerator** is a large cooled container in which you store food to keep it fresh. A refrigerator is often called a **fridge** for short.

refugee **refugees** NOUN

A **refugee** is a person who has been forced to leave their country and live elsewhere, for example because of a war.

refuse **refuses, refusing, refused**

(*said* rif-**yooz**) VERB **1** If you **refuse** to do something, you say you will not do it.

(*said* **ref**-yoos) NOUN **2 Refuse** is rubbish or waste.

region **regions** NOUN

A **region** is a large area of land.

register **registers, registering, registered**

NOUN **1** A **register** is an official list or record of things.

VERB **2** When something is **registered**, it is recorded on an official list.

*The car was **registered** in my mother's name.*

regret **regrets, regretting, regretted** VERB

If you **regret** something, you wish it had not happened.

regular

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **regular** does not change its pattern, for example a regular heartbeat.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **regular** polygon has all its angles and sides equal.

rehearsal **rehearsals** NOUN

A **rehearsal** is a practice of a play, dance or piece of music, to prepare for a public performance.

reign **reigns, reigning, reigned**

VERB **1** When a king or queen **reigns**, they rule a country.

NOUN **2** The **reign** of a king or queen is the period during which they reign.

rein **reins** NOUN

A **rein** is one of the leather straps that are used to control a horse.

reindeer NOUN

A **reindeer** is a large deer that lives in cold northern countries.



relate **relates, relating, related** VERB

If something **relates** to something else, it is connected or concerned with it.

related
ADJECTIVE **1** People who are **related** belong to the same family.
ADJECTIVE **2** If one thing is **related** to another, there is a connection between them. *A graph shows how two sets of numbers are **related**.*

relation **relations** NOUN
If someone is your **relation**, they belong to the same family as you.

relative **relatives** NOUN
If someone is your **relative**, they belong to the same family as you.

relax **relaxes, relaxing, relaxed** VERB
When you **relax**, you stop worrying and feel more calm.

release **releases, releasing, released** VERB
If someone **releases** a person or animal that has been trapped or held in some way, they set them free.

reliable ADJECTIVE
If something or someone is **reliable**, you can depend on them.

relief NOUN
Relief is the feeling you have if you do not need to worry about something any more.

relieved ADJECTIVE
If you are **relieved**, you are glad because you can stop worrying about something.

religion **religions** NOUN
A **religion** is a set of beliefs about a god, or about several gods.
religious ADJECTIVE

reluctant ADJECTIVE
If you are **reluctant** to do something, you do not want to do it.
reluctantly ADVERB

rely **relies, relying, relied**
VERB **1** If you **rely** on someone, you need them and depend on them.

VERB **2** If you can **rely** on someone to do something, you can trust them to do it.

remain remains, remaining, remained

VERB **1** If you **remain** in a place, you stay there and do not go away.

PLURAL NOUN **2** The **remains** of something are the parts that are left after most of it has been destroyed. *They found the **remains** of an ancient pyramid.*

remainder

NOUN **1** The **remainder** of something is the part that is left. *He gulped down the **remainder** of his coffee.*

NOUN **2** In maths, the **remainder** is the amount left over when one number cannot be exactly divided by another. For example, if nine is divided by four, the answer is two remainder one.

remark **remarks, remarking, remarked** VERB

If you **remark** on something, you mention it. *The teacher **remarked** on his strange haircut.*

remarkable ADJECTIVE

Someone or something that is **remarkable** is unusual in some way so that people notice them and feel surprised.

remember **remembers, remembering, remembered** VERB

If you can **remember** something, you can bring it back into your mind. *Can you **remember** that actor's name?*

remind **reminds, reminding, reminded**

VERB **1** If someone or something **reminds** you to do something, they make you remember it. *That **reminds** me – I must get a card for Leah.*

VERB **2** If someone **reminds** you of someone else, something about them makes you think of the other person.

remote **remoter, remotest** ADJECTIVE

Remote areas are far away from places where most people live.

remote control NOUN

Remote control is a system of controlling a machine from a distance, using radio or electronic signals.

removal **removals**

NOUN **1** The **removal** of something is the act of taking it away or getting rid of it.

NOUN **2** A **removal company** takes furniture from one building to another when people move house.

remove **removes, removing, removed** VERB

If you **remove** something from somewhere, you take it off or away.

renewable ADJECTIVE

Renewable resources are ones such as wind, water, and sunlight, which are constantly replacing themselves and therefore do not become used up.

rent **rents** NOUN

Rent is the amount of money you pay regularly for a house or flat.

repair **repairs, repairing, repaired** VERB

If you **repair** something that is broken or not working, you mend it.



repeat **repeats, repeating, repeated** VERB

If you **repeat** something, you say it or do it again.

repetition NOUN

replace **replaces, replacing, replaced**

VERB **1** If you **replace** something, you put it back where it was before.

VERB **2** If you **replace** something that is old, lost or broken, you get a new one.

reply **replies, replying, replied** VERB

When you **reply**, you answer someone.

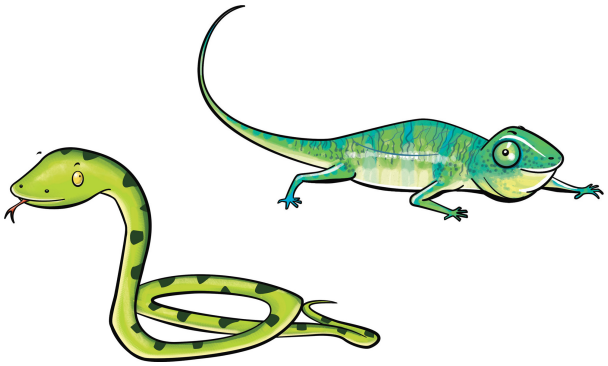
report **reports, reporting, reported**

VERB **1** If you **report** that something has happened, you tell someone about it. *He **reported** the theft to the police.*
NOUN **2** A **report** is an account of an event or situation.

reporter **reporters** NOUN
A **reporter** is someone who works for a newspaper, radio or television. Their job is to find out what is happening in the world so that their report can be printed or broadcast.

represent **represents, representing, represented**
VERB **1** If you **represent** someone, you act for them. *The class chose Meena to **represent** them.*
VERB **2** If a sign or symbol **represents** something, it stands for it.

reptile **reptiles** NOUN
A **reptile** is a cold-blooded animal with a scaly skin. Female reptiles lay eggs. Snakes and crocodiles are reptiles.
*See **Reptiles** on page 264*



request **requests, requesting, requested**
VERB **1** If you **request** something, you ask for it politely.
NOUN **2** A **request** is a polite demand for something.

require **requires, requiring, required** VERB
If you **require** something, you need it.

rescue **rescues, rescuing, rescued** VERB
If you **rescue** someone, you save them from danger.

research **researches, researching, researched**

NOUN **1 Research** is studying something and trying to find out facts about it.
VERB **2** If you **research** something, you try to discover facts about it.

resent **resents, resenting, resented** VERB
If you **resent** something, you feel angry about it.

reserve **reserves, reserving, reserved** VERB
If you **reserve** something, like a book at the library, you arrange for it to be kept for you.

resign **resigns, resigning, resigned** VERB
If someone **resigns** from a job, they say they want to leave it.

resist **resists, resisting, resisted** VERB
If you **resist** something, you fight against it and do not give up.

resource **resources** NOUN
The **resources** of a country, organization or person are the materials, money or skills they have.

respect **respects, respecting, respected** VERB
If you **respect** someone, you look up to them and think their opinions are important.

respectable ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **respectable** behaves in a way that other people think is right.

respond **responds, responding, responded** VERB
When you **respond** to someone, you react to them by doing or saying something.
response NOUN

responsible

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **responsible** for something, it is your job to deal with it, and you are to blame if it goes wrong.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **responsible** person behaves properly and sensibly.

rest **rests, resting, rested**

VERB **1** When you **rest**, you sit or lie down and keep still for a while.



NOUN **2** A **rest** is a period of time when you do not work.

NOUN **3** The **rest** is all the things in a group that are left. *I've done some of the washing-up. I'll do the **rest** tomorrow.*

restaurant **restaurants** NOUN

A **restaurant** is a place where meals are served.



restless ADJECTIVE

If you feel **restless**, you find it hard to relax.

result **results**

NOUN **1** A **result** is something that happens because of something else.
*The milk boiled over and the **result** was a real mess.*
NOUN **2** A **result** is also the score at the end of a game.

retire **retires, retiring, retired** VERB

When someone **retires**, they stop doing their job, usually because they are getting old.

retreat **retreats, retreating, retreated** VERB

If you **retreat** from something difficult or dangerous, you move backwards away from it.
*The army **retreated** from the enemy.*

return **returns, returning, returned**

VERB **1** When you **return** to a place, you go back there after you have been away.
VERB **2** If you **return** something to someone, you give it back to them.
NOUN **3** A **return** is a ticket for the journey to a place and back again.

reveal **reveals, revealing, revealed** VERB

If you **reveal** something that has been secret or hidden, you tell people about it or show it to them.

revenge NOUN

Revenge is something a person does to hurt someone who has hurt them.

reverse **reverses, reversing, reversed**

VERB **1** If a car **reverses**, it goes backwards.

VERB **2** If you **reverse** the order of things, you put them in the opposite order.

revise **revises, revising, revised**

VERB **1** If you **revise** something, you alter it or correct it.

VERB **2** When you **revise**, you read something again so that you can learn it for a test.

revision NOUN

revolting ADJECTIVE

Something that is **revolting** is horrible and disgusting.

reward **rewards** NOUN

A **reward** is something you are given for doing well.

rhinoceros **rhinoceroses** NOUN

A **rhinoceros** is a large African or Asian animal with a thick skin and one or two horns on its nose. Rhinoceroses are often called **rhinos** for short.



rhyme **rhymes, rhyming, rhymed** VERB

If two words **rhyme**, they have a similar sound. For example, “dog” rhymes with “log”.

rhythm **rhythms** NOUN

Rhythm is a regular pattern of sound or movement. Music and dancing have rhythm.

rib **ribs** NOUN

Your **ribs** are the curved bones that go from your backbone to your chest.

ribbon **ribbons** NOUN

A **ribbon** is a long narrow piece of fine cloth. It is used for tying things together, or as a decoration.

rice NOUN

Rice is white or pale brown grains which are boiled and eaten.
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rich **richer, richest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **rich** has a lot of money or valuable things.

rid PHRASE

When you **get rid of** something that you do not want, you remove it or throw it away.

riddle **riddles** NOUN

A **riddle** is a kind of puzzle. You ask a question which has a funny answer.

ride **rides, riding, rode, ridden**

NOUN **1** A **ride** is a journey using a bus, car, train, horse or bicycle.

VERB **2** When a person **rides** a horse or a bicycle, they sit on it and control it.

VERB **3** When you **ride** in a vehicle such as a car, you travel in it.

ridiculous ADJECTIVE

If you say something is **ridiculous**, you mean it is foolish.

right

ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **right**, it is correct.

ADJECTIVE OR ADVERB **2 Right** means on or towards the right side of something. Most people write with their right hand.

right angle **right angles** NOUN

A **right angle** is an angle or turn of 90 degrees.

rigid ADJECTIVE

Something that is **rigid** is very stiff and does not bend or stretch.

rim **rims**

NOUN **1** The **rim** of a container, such as a cup, is the edge round the top.

NOUN **2** The **rim** of a round object, such as a wheel, is the outside edge of it.

rind **rinds** NOUN

The **rind** of a fruit such as an orange or a lemon is its thick outer skin.

ring **rings, ringing, rang, rung**

NOUN **1** A **ring** is an ornament that people wear on a finger.



NOUN **2** Anything in the shape of a circle can be called a **ring**.

VERB **3** If you **ring** someone, you phone them.

VERB **4** When a bell **rings**, it makes a loud clear sound.

rinse **rinses, rinsing, rinsed** VERB

When you **rinse** something, you wash it in clean water with no soap.

rip **rips, ripping, ripped** VERB

If someone **rips** something, they tear it violently.

ripe **riper, ripest** ADJECTIVE
When fruit or grain is **ripe**, it is ready to be eaten or harvested.

ripple **ripples** NOUN
A **ripple** is a little wave on the surface of water.

rise **rises, rising, rose, risen**
VERB **1** If something **rises**, it moves upwards.
VERB **2** When the sun or the moon **rises**, it appears above the horizon.

risk **risks** NOUN
A **risk** is a danger that something bad might happen.
take a risk PHRASE If someone **takes a risk**, they do something knowing that it could be dangerous.
risky ADJECTIVE

rival **rivals** NOUN
Your **rival** is someone who is trying to win the same things as you are.

river **rivers** NOUN
A **river** is a large amount of fresh water flowing towards the sea.

road **roads** NOUN
A **road** is a long piece of hard ground, specially treated so that people and vehicles can travel along it easily.



roam **roams, roaming, roamed** VERB

If you **roam**, you wander around without any particular purpose.

roar **roars, roaring, roared** VERB

If something **roars**, it makes a very loud noise like a lion. *The car **roared** off down the road.*

roast **roasts, roasting, roasted** VERB

When someone **roasts** meat or other food, they cook it in an oven or over a fire.

rob **robs, robbing, robbed** VERB

If someone **robs** you, they steal something from you.

robber NOUN **robbery** NOUN

robin **robins** NOUN

A **robin** is a small brown bird with a red neck and chest.

robot **robots** NOUN

A **robot** is a machine which is programmed to move and perform tasks automatically.

rock **rocks, rocking, rocked**

NOUN **1** **Rock** is the very hard material that is in the earth. Cliffs and mountains are made of rock.

NOUN **2** A **rock** is a large piece of rock.

VERB **3** When something **rocks**, it moves slowly backwards and forwards, or from side to side.

NOUN **4** **Rock** or **rock music** is music with a very strong beat.

NOUN **5** **Rock** is also a sweet shaped into long hard sticks.

rocky ADJECTIVE

rocket **rockets**

NOUN **1** A **rocket** is a space vehicle, usually shaped like a long pointed tube.



NOUN **2 Rockets** are fireworks that explode when they are high in the air.

rod **rods** NOUN

A **rod** is a long thin pole or bar, usually made of wood or metal. *His uncle gave him a new fishing **rod**.*

rode VERB

Rode is the past tense of **ride**.

rodent **rodents** NOUN

A **rodent** is a small mammal with sharp front teeth for gnawing. Rats, mice, squirrels and hamsters are rodents.

roll **rolls, rolling, rolled**

VERB **1** When something **rolls**, or when you roll it, it moves along a surface, turning over and over.

NOUN **2** A **roll** of something like paper is a long piece of it that has been rolled into a tube.

NOUN **3** A **roll** is a small loaf of bread for one person.

Rollerblade **Rollerblades** NOUN

TRADEMARK **Rollerblades** are roller skates which have the wheels set in one straight line on the bottom of the boot.

roller skate roller skates NOUN

Roller skates are shoes with four small wheels underneath.

ROM NOUN

ROM is an abbreviation for **read-only memory**. It is the permanent part of a computer's memory. The information stored there can be read but not changed.

roof roofs

NOUN **1** The **roof** of a building or car is the covering on top of it.



NOUN **2** The **roof** of your mouth or of a cave is the highest part.

room rooms

NOUN **1** A **room** is a section in a building, divided from other rooms by walls.

NOUN **2** If there is plenty of **room**, there is a lot of space.

root roots

NOUN **1** A **root** is the part of a plant that grows underground.



NOUN **2** The **root** of a hair, tooth or nail is the part that you cannot see because it is covered with skin.

rope **ropes** NOUN
Rope is thick strong string.

rose **roses**
NOUN **1** A **rose** is a flower. Most roses grow on thorny stems.
VERB **2** **Rose** is also the past tense of **rise**.

rot **rots, rotting, rotted**
VERB **1** When vegetables and other foods **rot**, they go bad.
VERB **2** When wood **rots**, it goes soft and can easily be pulled to pieces.

rotate **rotates, rotating, rotated** VERB
When something **rotates**, it turns with a circular movement.

rotten ADJECTIVE
Something that is **rotten** has gone bad or soft so that it cannot be used.

rough **rougher, roughest**
ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **rough**, the surface is uneven and not smooth.
ADJECTIVE **2** If someone is being **rough**, they are not being gentle.
ADJECTIVE **3** A **rough** estimate is not meant to be exact.
ADJECTIVE **4** A **rough** draft is an early version of something you are writing.

roughly

ADVERB **1** If you say **roughly**, you mean approximately. *There are **roughly** twice as many boys as girls in this club.*

ADVERB **2** If someone speaks **roughly** to you, they sound angry and aggressive.

round **rounder, roundest**

ADJECTIVE **1** Something **round** is shaped like a ball or a circle.

PREPOSITION **2** If something is **round** something else, it surrounds it. *There was a wall **round** the garden.*

PREPOSITION **3** If something moves **round** you, it keeps moving in a circle with you in the centre.

ADVERB **4** If you turn or look **round**, you turn so you are facing a different way.

round up PHRASE or round down PHRASE

If you **round a number**, you raise it up or lower it down to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. *If you **round** 34 to the nearest ten, it would be 30… 675 **rounded up** to the nearest hundred is 700.*

roundabout **roundabouts**

NOUN **1** A **roundabout** is a place where several roads meet, with a circle in the centre which vehicles have to go round.

NOUN **2** A **roundabout** is also a large machine at a fair that children can sit on and go round and round.

rounders NOUN

Rounders is a game in which players run between posts after hitting the ball.

route **routes** NOUN

A **route** is a way from one place to another.
*Aryan took his usual **route** to school.*

routine **routines**

ADJECTIVE **1 Routine** things happen regularly.

NOUN **2** Your **routine** is the usual way that you do things.

row **rows, rowing, rowed**

(*rhymes with* **snow**) NOUN **1** A **row** of people or things is several of them arranged in a line.

VERB **2** When you **row** a boat, you use oars to make it move through the water.

(*rhymes with* **now**) NOUN **3** A **row** is a noisy argument.

royal

ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **royal** belongs to the family of a king or queen.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **royal** is connected with a royal family.

rub **rubs, rubbing, rubbed** VERB

When you **rub** something, you wipe it hard.

rubber **rubbers**

NOUN **1 Rubber** is a strong stretchy material that is made from the sap of a tree. It is used to make things like tyres.

NOUN **2** A **rubber** is a small piece of rubber used to get rid of pencil marks.



rubbish

NOUN **1 Rubbish** is waste material, such as used paper or empty tins.
NOUN **2** If you say something is **rubbish**, you think it is of very poor quality. *This new television programme is **rubbish**.*

ruby **rubies** NOUN

A **ruby** is a dark red jewel.

rude **ruder, rudest** ADJECTIVE

If someone is **rude**, they behave badly and are not polite. *It's **rude** to stare at people.*

rug **rugs** NOUN

A **rug** is a piece of thick material like a small carpet.

rugby NOUN

Rugby is a game played with an oval ball. Two teams try to score points by carrying the ball across a line, or by kicking the ball over a bar.

ruin **ruins, ruining, ruined**

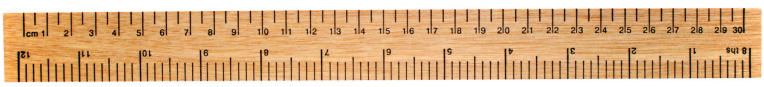
VERB **1** To **ruin** something means to spoil it completely. *Mark and Joe **ruined** my party by fighting.*
NOUN **2** The **ruins** of a building are the parts of it that are left after it has fallen down or been badly damaged.

rule **rules, ruling, ruled**

VERB **1** To **rule** a country means to be in charge of the way the country works.
NOUN **2 Rules** tell you what you are allowed to do and what you are not allowed to do. They are used in games, and in places such as schools.

ruler **rulers**

NOUN **1** A **ruler** is a person who rules a country.
NOUN **2** A **ruler** is also a long flat piece of wood or plastic with straight edges, used for measuring or drawing straight lines.



rumour **rumours** NOUN

A **rumour** is a story or piece of information which a lot of people are talking about, but which may not be true.

run **runs, running, ran, run**

VERB **1** When you **run**, you move quickly, leaving the ground during each stride.

VERB **2** When liquid **runs**, it flows. *Don't leave the hot water* ***running***.

VERB **3** Someone who **runs** something, like a school or country, is in charge of it.

VERB **4** When a vehicle such as a train or bus **runs** somewhere, it travels at set times. *The bus* ***runs*** *every 20 minutes.*

VERB **5** If you **run** out of something, you have no more of it left.

rung **rungs**

NOUN **1** A **rung** is a wooden or metal step on a ladder.

VERB **2** **Rung** is the past participle of **ring**.

running

NOUN **1 Running** is the activity of running, especially as a sport.
ADJECTIVE **2 Running** water is flowing rather than standing still.

runway **runways** NOUN

A **runway** is a long narrow strip of ground at an airport which planes use when they take off or land.



rush **rushes, rushing, rushed** VERB

If you **rush** somewhere, you go there quickly.

rust **rusts, rusting, rusted**

NOUN **1 Rust** is a reddish-brown substance that forms on iron or steel which has been in contact with water.
VERB **2** When something **rusts**, rust forms on it.
rusty ADJECTIVE

rustle **rustles, rustling, rustled** VERB

When something **rustles**, it makes soft sounds as it moves. *Dry leaves **rustled** underfoot.*

rut **ruts** NOUN

A **rut** is a deep groove in the ground made by the wheels of a vehicle.

Ss

sack **sacks** NOUN
A **sack** is a large strong bag made of cloth or plastic.

sad **sadder, saddest** ADJECTIVE
If you are **sad**, you are unhappy because something has happened that you do not like.

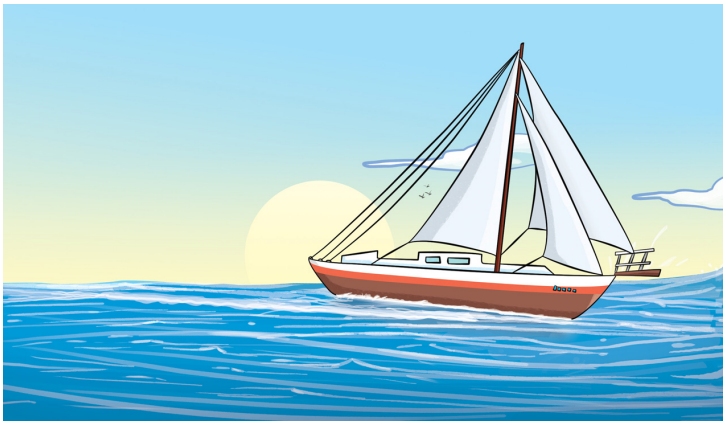
saddle **saddles** NOUN
A **saddle** is a seat for a rider on a horse or bicycle.

safari **safaris** NOUN
A **safari** is a journey to see wild animals.

safe **safer, safest; safes** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **safe**, you are not in any danger.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is in a **safe** place, it cannot be lost or stolen.
NOUN **3** A **safe** is a strong metal cupboard with special locks. People keep money or valuable things in a safe.
safety NOUN

said VERB
Said is the past tense of **say**.

sail **sails, sailing, sailed** NOUN **1** A **sail** is a large piece of material fixed to a boat. The wind blows against the sail and pushes the boat along.
NOUN **2** A **sail** is also one of the flat pieces of wood on the top of a windmill.
VERB **3** To **sail** a boat means to make it move across water using its sails.



sailor **sailors** NOUN

A **sailor** is a person who works on a ship as a member of the crew.

salad **salads** NOUN

A **salad** is a mixture of raw vegetables, for example lettuce, cucumber and tomatoes.

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sale **sales** NOUN **1** The **sale** of anything is the selling of it for money.

NOUN **2** A **sale** is a time when a shop sells things at less than their usual price.

saliva NOUN

Saliva is the liquid in your mouth that helps you eat food.

salmon NOUN

A **salmon** is a large silvery fish. Salmon live in the sea, but they swim up rivers to lay their eggs.

salt NOUN

Salt is a white powder or crystal with a bitter taste. Salt is found in the earth and in sea water. It is used to flavour or preserve food.
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salute **salutes, saluting, saluted** NOUN **1** A **salute** is a sign of respect used especially in the armed forces.

VERB **2** If you **salute** someone, you give them a salute.

same

ADJECTIVE **1** If two things are the **same**, they are exactly like each other in some way. *Look! Your dress is the **same** as mine.*

ADJECTIVE **2 Same** means one shared thing and not two different ones. *Amy and I are in the **same** class.*

sample **samples** NOUN

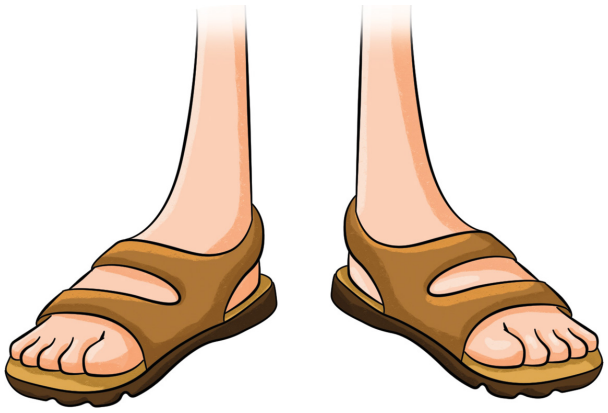
A **sample** of something is a small quantity of it that you can try.

sand NOUN

Sand is tiny grains of rock, shells and other material. Most deserts and beaches are made of sand.

sandal **sandals** NOUN

Sandals are light shoes for warm weather. The soles are held on by straps which go over your foot.



sandwich **sandwiches** NOUN

A **sandwich** is two slices of bread with a layer of food in between.

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sang VERB

Sang is the past tense of **sing**.

sank VERB

Sank is the past tense of **sink**.

sap NOUN

Sap is the liquid that carries food through plants and trees.

sardine **sardines** NOUN

A **sardine** is a small sea fish.

sari **saris** NOUN

A **sari** is a piece of clothing worn especially by Asian women.

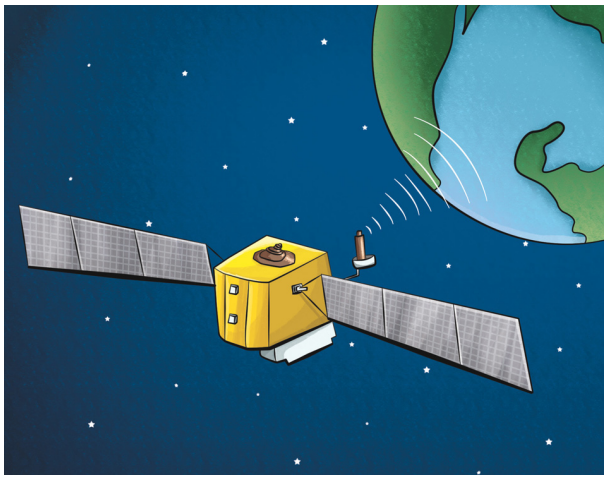
sat VERB

Sat is the past tense of **sit**.

satchel **satchels** NOUN

A **satchel** is a leather or cloth bag with a long strap.

satellite **satellites** NOUN **1** A **satellite** is a natural object in space that moves around a larger object. The moon is a satellite of the Earth. NOUN **2** A **satellite** is also an object sent into space to send signals back to Earth.



satellite dish **satellite dishes** NOUN

A **satellite dish** is an aerial which receives signals from an artificial satellite.

satisfactory ADJECTIVE

Something that is **satisfactory** is good enough for its purpose.

satisfy **satisfies, satisfying, satisfied** VERB

To **satisfy** someone means to give them enough of something to make them pleased or contented.

Saturday **Saturdays** NOUN
Saturday is the day between Friday and Sunday.

sauce **sauces** NOUN
A **sauce** is a thick liquid served with other food to add to the taste.

saucepan **saucepans** NOUN
A **saucepan** is a deep metal cooking pot, usually with a long handle. Most saucepans have lids.

saucer **saucers** NOUN
A **saucer** is a small plate on which you stand a cup.

sausage **sausages** NOUN
A **sausage** is a finely minced meat mixture put into a skin.

savage ADJECTIVE
A **savage** animal is wild and fierce.

save **saves, saving, saved** VERB **1** If you **save** someone or something, you help them to escape from harm or danger. *He fell in the river and his father dived in to **save** him.*
VERB **2** If you **save** money, you gradually collect it by not spending it all.

savings PLURAL NOUN
Your **savings** are the money you have saved.

saw **saws, sawing, sawed, sawn** VERB **1** **Saw** is the past tense of **see**.
NOUN **2** A **saw** is a tool for cutting wood and other materials. It has a blade with sharp teeth along one edge.
VERB **3** If you **saw** something, you cut it with a saw.

sawdust NOUN
Sawdust is the dust and small bits of wood made when wood is sawn.

say **says, saying, said** VERB
When you **say** something, you speak words.

scald **scalds, scalding, scalded** VERB
If you **scald** yourself, you burn yourself with very hot liquid or steam.

scale **scales** NOUN **1** The **scale** of a map is how its size relates to the place in the real world.
NOUN **2** The **scales** of a fish or reptile are the small pieces of hard skin covering its body.

scales PLURAL NOUN
Scales are a piece of equipment you use for weighing things.

scamper **scampers, scampering, scampered** VERB
When people or small animals **scamper**, they move quickly and lightly.

scan **scans, scanning, scanned** VERB **1** If you **scan** a piece of writing, you look through it quickly.
VERB **2** If a machine **scans** something, it examines it using a beam of light, X-rays or sound waves.

scar **scars** NOUN
A **scar** is a mark that is left on the skin after a wound has healed.

scarce **scarcer, scarcest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **scarce** is not often found.

scare **scares, scaring, scared** VERB
Someone or something that **scares** you makes you feel frightened.

scarecrow **scarecrows** NOUN
A **scarecrow** is an object in the shape of a person, put in a field of crops to frighten birds away.



scared ADJECTIVE
If you are **scared**, you are frightened.

scarf **scarves** NOUN
A **scarf** is a piece of cloth that you wear round your neck to keep you warm.

scarlet ADJECTIVE
Something **scarlet** is a bright red colour.

scatter **scatters, scattering, scattered** VERB **1** If you **scatter** things, you throw or drop a lot of them all over an area.
VERB **2** If people **scatter**, they suddenly move away in different directions.

scene **scenes** NOUN **1** The **scene** of an event is the place where it happened.
*The police went to the **scene** of the crime.*
NOUN **2** A **scene** is part of a play or film in which things happen in one place.

scenery

NOUN **1 Scenery** is what you can see when you are out in the country.

NOUN **2 Scenery** is also all the cloths and boards that are used as a background for the stage in a theatre.

scent **scents** NOUN

A **scent** is a pleasant smell.

scheme **schemes, scheming, schemed** NOUN **1** A **scheme** is a plan for doing something.

VERB **2** When people **scheme**, they make secret plans.

school **schools** NOUN **1** A **school** is a place for teaching and learning.

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NOUN **2** You can refer to a large group of dolphins or fish as a **school**.

*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

science NOUN

Science is the study of plants and animals, materials, and things like electricity, forces, light and sound.

science fiction NOUN

Science fiction is stories about events happening in the future or in other parts of the universe.

scientist **scientists** NOUN

A **scientist** is a person who finds out why things happen by doing tests and by careful study.

scissors PLURAL NOUN

Scissors are a cutting tool with two sharp blades.



scoop **scoops, scooping, scooped** VERB **1** If you **scoop** something up, you pick it up using a spoon or the palm of your hand.
NOUN **2** A **scoop** is an object like a large spoon which is used for picking up food such as ice cream.

score **scores, scoring, scored** VERB **1** If someone **scores**, they get a goal or other point in a game.
NOUN **2** The **score** in a game is the total number of points made by the two teams or players.

scowl **scowls, scowling, scowled** VERB
If you **scowl**, you look very cross.

scramble **scrambles, scrambling, scrambled** VERB
If you **scramble** over rough or difficult ground, you move over it quickly, using your hands to help you.

scrap **scraps** NOUN
A **scrap** of something is a small piece of it. *I need a **scrap** of paper.*

scrapbook **scrapbooks** NOUN
A **scrapbook** is a book in which you stick things such as pictures or newspaper articles.

scrape **scrapes, scraping, scraped** VERB
If you **scrape** something, you take off its surface by pulling a rough or sharp object over it.

scratch **scratches, scratching, scratched** VERB **1** If you **scratch** your skin, you rub your fingernails against it.



VERB **2** If you **scratch** something, you damage it by making small cuts on it. *I fell into the hedge and **scratched** my bike.*
NOUN **3** A **scratch** is a small cut.

scream **screams, screaming, screamed** VERB
If you **scream**, you shout or cry in a loud high-pitched voice.

screech **screeches, screeching, screeched** VERB
To **screech** means to make an unpleasant high-pitched noise. *The car wheels **screeched**.*

screen **screens** NOUN
A **screen** is a flat surface on which pictures or words are shown, for example a television or computer screen.

screw **screws, screwing, screwed** NOUN **1** A **screw** is a small sharp piece of metal used for fixing things together.
VERB **2** If you **screw** things together, you fix them together using screws.
VERB **3** If you **screw** something onto something else, you fix it there by twisting it round and round. *He **screwed** the top back onto the bottle of water.*

screwdriver **screwdrivers** NOUN
A **screwdriver** is a tool used for turning screws.

scribble **scribbles, scribbling, scribbled** VERB
If you **scribble**, you write quickly and roughly.

script **scripts** NOUN
The **script** of a play or film is the written version of it.

scroll **scrolls, scrolling, scrolled** VERB
If you **scroll** through text on a computer screen, you move the text up or down to find the information that you need. *I **scrolled** down to find the name.*

scrub **scrubs, scrubbing, scrubbed** VERB
If you **scrub** something, you rub it hard with a stiff brush and water.

sculptor **sculptors** NOUN
A **sculptor** is someone who makes sculptures.

sculpture **sculptures** NOUN **1** A **sculpture** is a statue or model made by shaping stone, clay or other materials.



NOUN **2 Sculpture** is the art of making sculptures.

sea **seas** NOUN
The **sea** is the salty water that covers about three-quarters of the earth.

seagull **seagulls** NOUN
Seagulls are common white, grey and black birds that live near the sea.

seahorse **seahorses** NOUN

A **seahorse** is a small fish which swims upright, with a head that looks like a horse's head.

seal **seals, sealing, sealed** NOUN **1** A **seal** is a large mammal with flippers that lives partly on land and partly in the sea.
VERB **2** If you **seal** an envelope, you stick down the flap.

seam **seams** NOUN
A **seam** is the line where two pieces of material are sewn together.

search **searches, searching, searched** VERB
If you **search** for something, you try to find it by looking carefully.

search engine **search engines** NOUN
A **search engine** is a computer program that searches for documents on the Internet.

seaside NOUN
The **seaside** is a place by the sea, especially one where people go for their holidays.

season **seasons** NOUN
A **season** is one of the four parts of a year: spring, summer, autumn and winter.
*See **Weather and seasons** on page 263*

seat **seats** NOUN
A **seat** is a place where you can sit, for example a chair or a stool.



seat belt **seat belts** NOUN

A **seat belt** is a strap that you fasten across your body for safety when travelling in a car, coach or aircraft.

seaweed NOUN

Seaweed is a plant that grows in the sea.

second **seconds** ADJECTIVE **1** The **second** item in a series is the one counted as number two.

NOUN **2** A **second** is a short period of time. There are 60 seconds in a minute.

second person NOUN

In grammar, the **second person** is the person who is addressed in speech or writing. It is expressed as “you”.

secret **secrets** NOUN

A **secret** is something that only a few people know and that they are not to tell other people.

secretary **secretaries** NOUN

A **secretary** is a person who is employed by an organization to keep records, write letters and do office work.

section **sections** NOUN

A **section** of something is one of the separate parts it is divided into.

secure

ADJECTIVE **1** If you feel **secure**, you feel safe and confident.

ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **secure**, it is fixed firmly in position.

security NOUN

see **sees, seeing, saw, seen** VERB **1** If you **see** something, you are looking at it or you notice it.

VERB **2** To **see** something also means to understand it. *I **see** what you mean.*

VERB **3** If you **see** someone, you visit them or meet them. *I went to **see** the doctor.*

seed **seeds** NOUN

The **seeds** of a plant are the small hard parts from which new plants grow.



seek **seeks, seeking, sought** VERB

If you **seek** someone or something, you try to find them.

seem **seems, seeming, seemed** VERB **1** If you say that someone **seems**, for example, to be happy or sad, you mean that is the way they look. *Tim **seems** to be a bit upset today.*

VERB **2** If something **seems** a certain way, that is the way it feels to you. *I only waited for ten minutes but it **seemed** like hours.*

seen VERB

Seen is the past participle of **see**.

seesaw **seesaws** NOUN

A **seesaw** is a long plank. A child sits on each end and they move up and down in turn.

segment **segments** NOUN
A **segment** of something is a small part of it.

seize **seizes, seizing, seized** VERB
If you **seize** something, you grab it firmly.

select **selects, selecting, selected** VERB
When you **select** someone or something, you choose them.

selfish ADJECTIVE
People who are **selfish** only think about themselves. They do not care about other people.

sell **sells, selling, sold** VERB
When someone **sells** something, they give it in exchange for money.

Sellotape NOUN
TRADEMARK **Sellotape** is a transparent sticky tape.

semicircle **semicircles** NOUN
A **semicircle** is half of a circle. *The children stood in a **semicircle.***
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*



semicolon **semicolons** NOUN
A **semicolon** is the punctuation mark (**;**) which is used in writing to separate different parts of a sentence or list, or to show a pause.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

semifinal **semifinals** NOUN
The **semifinals** are the two matches in a competition played to decide who plays in the final.

send **sends, sending, sent** VERB **1** When you **send** something to someone, you arrange for it to be delivered to them.
VERB **2** If someone **sends** someone somewhere, they tell them to go there. *She was **sent** home because she was ill.*
VERB **3** If someone **sends** for you, you get a message to go and see them.

senior ADJECTIVE
People who are **senior** are older or more important.

sensation **sensations** NOUN
A **sensation** is a physical feeling.

sense **senses** NOUN **1** Your **senses** are your power to see, hear, smell, touch and taste.
NOUN **2** **Sense** is knowing the right thing to do. *You should have had more **sense**.*
NOUN **3** If something makes **sense**, you can understand it.

sensible ADJECTIVE
People who are **sensible** know what is the right thing to do.
sensibly ADVERB

sensitive

ADJECTIVE **1** If someone or something is **sensitive**, they are easily hurt. *He is very **sensitive** about his big ears.*

ADJECTIVE **2** If you are **sensitive** to other people's feelings, you understand them.

sent VERB

Sent is the past tense of **send**.

sentence **sentences** NOUN

A **sentence** is a group of words that mean something.

separate **separates, separating, separated** ADJECTIVE **1** If two things are **separate**, they are not connected.

VERB **2** To **separate** people or things means to part them. ***Separate** the yolk from the white.*

September NOUN

September is the ninth month of the year. It has 30 days.

sequel **sequels** NOUN

A **sequel** to a book or film is another book or film which continues the story.

sequence **sequences** NOUN

A **sequence** of events is a number of them coming one after the other.

series

NOUN **1** A **series** is a number of things of the same kind that follow each other.

NOUN **2** A radio or television **series** is a set of programmes about the same thing.

serious

ADJECTIVE **1** People who are **serious** are often quiet and do not laugh very much.

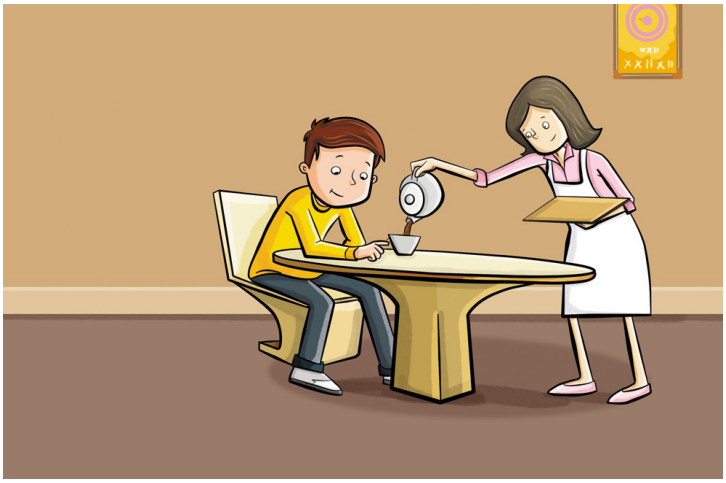
ADJECTIVE **2** Things that are **serious** are important and need careful thought.

ADJECTIVE **3** A **serious** problem or situation is very bad and worrying.

servant **servants** NOUN

A **servant** is someone paid to work in another person's house.

serve **serves, serving, served** VERB **1** If you **serve** food or drink to people, you give it to them.



VERB **2** To **serve** customers in a shop means to help them to buy what they want.

service **services** NOUN

A **service** is something useful that a person or company does for people.

serviette **serviettes** NOUN

A **serviette** is a small piece of cloth or paper that you use to wipe your hands and mouth when you are eating.

set **sets, setting, set** NOUN **1** A **set** is a number of things of the same kind that belong together, for example a set of golf clubs or a set of tools.

VERB **2** When something such as jelly or concrete **sets**, it becomes firm or hard.

VERB **3** When the sun **sets**, it goes down behind the horizon.
VERB **4** When you **set** a clock or control, you adjust it to a particular position.

settee **settees** NOUN
A **settee** is a long, comfortable seat for two or more people.

setting **settings** NOUN
The **setting** of a story or play is where it takes place. *That old castle would make a great **setting** for a creepy story.*

settle **settles, settling, settled** VERB **1** If you **settle**, you sit or make yourself comfortable.
VERB **2** If something such as dust or snow **settles**, it sinks slowly and becomes still.
VERB **3** If you **settle** something, you decide it.

seven NOUN
Seven is the number 7.

seventeen NOUN
Seventeen is the number 17.

seventy NOUN
Seventy is the number 70.

several ADJECTIVE
Several people or things means a number of them. *He was gone for **several** hours.*

severe ADJECTIVE
Severe is used to describe something extremely bad or unpleasant. *She woke with **severe** toothache.*

sew **sews, sewing, sewed** VERB
When someone **sews**, they join pieces of cloth together by using a needle and thread.

sewer **sewers** NOUN

A **sewer** is a large underground pipe that carries rainwater and waste away from houses and other buildings.

sex **sexes** NOUN

The two **sexes** are the two groups that people and other living things are divided into. One sex is male and the other is female. Only female animals can have babies.

shabby **shabbier, shabbiest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **shabby** looks old and nearly worn out.

shade **shades, shading, shaded** NOUN **1 Shade** is the darkness in a place where the sun cannot reach. *She sat in the **shade** of an apple tree.*
NOUN **2** A **shade** is something that covers a light to stop it shining in your eyes.
VERB **3** If you **shade** something, you stop the sun from shining on it.
NOUN **4 Shade** is how dark or light a colour is. *I love this **shade** of blue.*

shadow **shadows** NOUN

A **shadow** is a dark shape. It is formed when something opaque blocks the light coming from a lamp, a torch or the sun.

shake **shakes, shaking, shook, shaken** VERB **1** If you **shake** something, or it shakes, it moves quickly from side to side or up and down.
VERB **2** If your voice **shakes**, it trembles because you are nervous or angry.

shaky **shakier, shakiest** ADJECTIVE

If someone or something is **shaky**, they are weak and unsteady.
shakily ADVERB

shall **should** VERB

Shall is used with "I" and "we" to refer to the future. *I **shall** go shopping tomorrow… I **should** wait till next week to open my present.*

shallow **shallower, shallowest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **shallow**, such as a hole, a container or water, measures only a short distance from top to bottom.



shame

NOUN **1 Shame** is an unhappy feeling that people have when they have done something wrong or foolish.
NOUN **2** If you say something is a **shame**, you mean you are sorry about it. *It's a **shame** you can't come round.*

shampoo **shampoos** NOUN

Shampoo is a soapy liquid that you use for washing your hair.

shape **shapes** NOUN **1** The **shape** of something is the form of its outline, for example whether it is round or square.
NOUN **2** A **shape** is something that has its outside edges joining in a particular way. Shapes can be flat (two-dimensional), like a circle or a triangle, or solid (three-dimensional), like a cube or sphere.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

share **shares, sharing, shared** VERB **1** If you **share** something with another person, you both use it. *She **shared** a bedroom with her sister.*
VERB **2** If you **share** something among a group of people, you divide it so that everyone gets some.
NOUN **3** A **share** of something is a portion of it.

shark **sharks** NOUN

Sharks are large powerful fish with sharp teeth.



sharp **sharper, sharpest** ADJECTIVE **1** A **sharp** object has a fine edge or point that is good for cutting or piercing things.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **sharp** person is quick to notice or understand things.

ADJECTIVE **3** A **sharp** pain is sudden and hurts a lot.

sharpen **sharpens, sharpening, sharpened** VERB
If you **sharpen** something, you make its edge or point sharper.

shatter **shatters, shattering, shattered** VERB
If something **shatters**, it breaks into a lot of small pieces.

shave **shaves, shaving, shaved** VERB
When a man **shaves**, he removes hair from his face with a razor.



shawl **shawls** NOUN
A **shawl** is a large piece of woollen cloth. Shawls are worn by women over their shoulders or head. They are also used to wrap babies in.

she PRONOUN
She is used to refer to a woman or girl who has already been mentioned.

shear **shears, shearing, sheared** VERB
To **shear** a sheep means to cut the wool off it.

shed **sheds, shedding, shed** NOUN **1** A **shed** is a small building used for storing things.
VERB **2** When a tree **sheds** its leaves, they fall off.

sheep NOUN
A **sheep** is a farm animal with a thick woolly coat. Sheep are kept for meat or wool.

sheet **sheets** NOUN **1** A **sheet** is a large piece of thin cloth which is put on a bed.
NOUN **2** A **sheet** of something, such as paper or glass, is a thin flat piece.

shelf **shelves** NOUN
A **shelf** is something flat which is fixed to a wall or inside a cupboard. It is for putting things on.

shell **shells** NOUN **1** The **shell** of an egg or nut is the hard covering round it.
NOUN **2** The **shell** of an animal such as a tortoise is the hard covering on its back.

shelter **shelters, sheltering, sheltered** NOUN **1** A **shelter** is a small building or covered place where people or animals can be safe from bad weather or danger.
VERB **2** If you **shelter** in a place, you stay there and are safe.

shepherd **shepherds** NOUN
A **shepherd** is a person who looks after sheep.



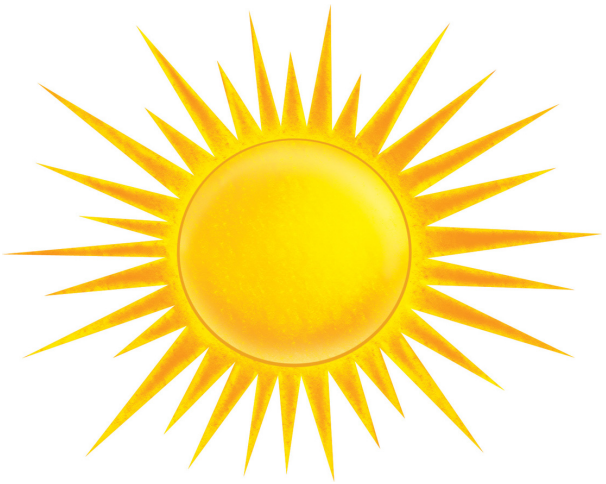
sheriff **sheriffs** NOUN
In America, a **sheriff** is a person who keeps the law in a county.

shield **shields, shielding, shielded** NOUN **1** A **shield** is a large piece of strong material like metal or plastic which soldiers or policemen carry to protect themselves.
VERB **2** To **shield** someone means to protect them from something.

shift **shifts, shifting, shifted** VERB **1** If you **shift** something, you move it.
VERB **2** If something **shifts**, it moves.
NOUN **3** A **shift** is a set period during which people work in a factory or hospital. *My dad works the night **shift**.*

shin **shins** NOUN
Your **shin** is the front part of your leg, between your knee and your ankle.

shine **shines, shining, shone** VERB **1** When something **shines**, it gives out a bright light.



VERB **2** If you make an object **shine**, you make it bright by polishing it.
shiny ADJECTIVE

ship **ships** NOUN
A **ship** is a large boat which carries passengers or cargo.

shirt **shirts** NOUN
A **shirt** is a light piece of clothing for the top part of your body, with a collar, sleeves, and buttons down the front.

shiver **shivers, shivering, shivered** VERB
When you **shiver**, your body shakes slightly, usually because you are cold or frightened.

shock **shocks, shocking, shocked** NOUN **1** If you have a **shock**, something happens suddenly which upsets you.
VERB **2** If you **shock** someone, you give them an unpleasant surprise.

shocking ADJECTIVE

shoe **shoes, shoeing, shod** NOUN **1** **Shoes** are strong coverings for your feet.

VERB **2** To **shoe** a horse means to fix horseshoes onto its hooves.

shone VERB

Shone is the past tense of **shine**.

shook VERB

Shook is the past tense of **shake**.

shoot **shoots, shooting, shot** NOUN **1** A **shoot** is a new part growing from a plant or tree.

VERB **2** To **shoot** means to fire a bullet from a gun, or an arrow from a bow.

VERB **3** If someone **shoots** in a game such as football, they try to score a goal.

VERB **4** When a film is **shot**, it is filmed.

shop **shops, shopping, shopped** NOUN **1** A **shop** is a place where things are sold.



VERB **2** When you **shop**, you go to the shops to buy things.

shopping NOUN

shopkeeper **shopkeepers** NOUN

A **shopkeeper** is a person who owns or looks after a small shop.

shopping NOUN

Your **shopping** is the goods you have bought in a shop.

shore **shores** NOUN
The **shore** of a sea or lake is the land along the edge of it.

short **shorter, shortest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **short** is not as tall as most other people.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **short** is not very long.
PHRASE **3** If one word is **short for** another, it is a quick way of saying it.
*Phone is **short for** telephone.*

shorts PLURAL NOUN
Shorts are trousers with short legs.

shot **shots** VERB **1** **Shot** is the past tense of **shoot**.
NOUN **2** A **shot** is when a gun is fired.
NOUN **3** In football and tennis, a **shot** is the act of kicking or hitting the ball.

should

VERB **1** You use **should** to say that something ought to happen. *You **should** write a thank-you letter.*

VERB **2** You also use **should** to say that you expect something to happen. *We **should** have heard by now.*

shoulder **shoulders** NOUN

Your **shoulders** are the parts of your body between your neck and the tops of your arms.

shout **shouts, shouting, shouted** VERB

If you **shout** something, you say it very loudly.

shove **shoves, shoving, shoved** VERB

If you **shove** someone or something, you push them roughly.

shovel **shovels, shovelling, shovelled** NOUN **1** A **shovel** is a tool like a spade with a rounded blade.

VERB **2** If you **shovel** earth or snow, you move it with a shovel.

show **shows, showing, showed, shown** VERB **1** If you **show** someone something, you let them see it. ***Show** me your passport.*

VERB **2** If you **show** someone how to do something, you do it yourself so that they can watch you.

VERB **3** If something **shows**, people can see it. *Do you think that mark will **show**?*

VERB **4** If you **show** your feelings, you let people see them.

NOUN **5** A **show** is something that you watch at the theatre or on television.

shower **showers** NOUN **1** A **shower** is a piece of equipment which sprays you with water so that you can wash yourself.



NOUN **2** A **shower** is also a short period of rain or snow.

shrank VERB
Shrank is the past tense of **shrink**.

shred **shreds, shredding, shredded** NOUN **1** A **shred** of paper or material is a small narrow piece of it. *He tore the paper into **shreds**.*
VERB **2** If you **shred** something, you cut or tear it into small pieces.

shriek **shrieks, shrieking, shrieked** VERB
If you **shriek**, you give a sudden sharp scream.

shrill **shriller, shrillest** ADJECTIVE
A **shrill** sound is loud and high-pitched, like a whistle.

shrimp **shrimps** NOUN
A **shrimp** is a small edible shellfish with a long tail and many legs.

shrink **shrinks, shrinking, shrank, shrunk** VERB
If something **shrinks**, it becomes smaller.

shrivel **shrivels, shrivelling, shrivelled** VERB
When something **shrivels**, it becomes dry and curled up.

shrug **shrugs, shrugging, shrugged** VERB
If you **shrug** your shoulders, you raise them slightly to show that you are not interested in something.

shrunk VERB

Shrunk is the past participle of **shrink**.

shudder **shudders, shuddering, shuddered** VERB

If you **shudder**, you tremble with fear or horror.

shuffle **shuffles, shuffling, shuffled** VERB **1** If you **shuffle**, you walk without lifting your feet properly off the ground.

VERB **2** If you **shuffle** a pack of cards, you mix them up before you begin a game.

shut **shuts, shutting, shut** VERB **1** If you **shut** something, such as a door, you move it so that it fills a gap.



VERB **2** When a shop **shuts** you can no longer go into it.

ADJECTIVE **3** If something is **shut**, it is closed.

shy **shier, shiest** ADJECTIVE

A **shy** person is nervous with people they do not know well.

sick **sicker, sickest** ADJECTIVE

If you are **sick**, you are ill.

side **sides** NOUN **1** The **side** of something is to the left or right of it. *He parted his hair on the left **side**.*

NOUN **2** The **side** of something can be the edge of it. *A triangle has three **sides**.*

NOUN **3** The **sides** of a river are its banks.

NOUN **4** The **sides** of a piece of paper are its front and back.

NOUN **5** The two **sides** in a game are the teams playing against each other.
ADJECTIVE **6** A **side** road is a small road leading off a larger one.

sideways ADVERB

Sideways means moving or facing towards one side. *She had to squeeze **sideways** through the gap.*

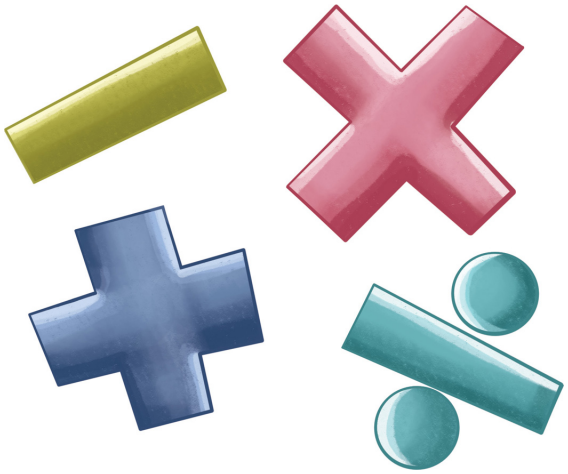
sigh **sighs, sighing, sighed** VERB

When you **sigh**, you breathe out heavily. People usually sigh when they are tired, sad or bored.

sight NOUN

Sight is being able to see.

sign **signs, signing, signed** VERB **1** If you **sign** something, you write your name on it.
NOUN **2** A **sign** is a mark that means something, for example a plus sign (+).



NOUN **3** **Signs** can be words, pictures or symbols that tell you something.
NOUN **4** You can make a **sign** with your body that means something to other people. For example, if you shake your head it is a sign that you mean “No”.

signal **signals, signalling, signalled** NOUN **1** A **signal** is a message that is given by signs. For example, a flashing light is a signal that a driver is turning left or right.

VERB **2** If you **signal** to someone, you do something to give them a message.

signature **signatures** NOUN
Your **signature** is the way you write your own name.

sign language NOUN
Sign language is a way of communicating using your hands. It is often used by deaf people.

Sikh **Sikhs** NOUN
A **Sikh** is a person who believes in Sikhism, an Indian religion which teaches that there is only one God.

silence NOUN
Silence is when there is no noise.

silent

ADJECTIVE **1** If someone or something is **silent**, they are not saying anything or making any noise.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **silent** letter is one that is written but not pronounced, for example, the “g” in the word “gnat”.

*See **Silent letters** on page 267*

silhouette **silhouettes** NOUN

A **silhouette** is the outline of a dark shape against a light background.

silk **silks** NOUN

Silk is a fine soft cloth. It is made from threads produced by a kind of caterpillar called a silkworm.

silky ADJECTIVE

silly **sillier, silliest** ADJECTIVE

If someone says you are **silly**, they mean you are behaving in a foolish or childish way.

silver NOUN

Silver is a greyish-white metal used for making jewellery.

similar ADJECTIVE

If things are **similar**, they are rather alike.

simile **similes** NOUN

A **simile** is an expression in which a person or thing is described as being similar to someone or something else. “She went as red as a beetroot” is a simile.

simple **simpler, simplest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **simple** is easy to do or understand.

simply ADVERB

simplify **simplifies, simplifying, simplified** VERB

To **simplify** something means to make it easier to do or understand.

since

PREPOSITION **1 Since** means from a particular time until now. *I've been waiting **since** half past three.*

CONJUNCTION **2 Since** also means because. *I had a drink, **since** I was feeling thirsty.*

sincere ADJECTIVE

If you are **sincere**, you say things that you really mean.

sincerely ADVERB

sing **sings, singing, sang, sung** VERB **1** If you **sing** a song, you make music with your voice.



VERB **2** When birds **sing**, they make pleasant sounds.

single

ADJECTIVE **1 Single** means one of something. *We can't park here. It's a **single** yellow line.*

ADJECTIVE **2** People who are **single** are not married.

ADJECTIVE **3** A **single** bed or bedroom is for one person.

ADJECTIVE **4** A **single** ticket only allows you to travel one way.

singular NOUN

Singular means one. *The **singular** of "girls" is "girl"… The **singular** of "children" is "child".*

See **plural**

sink **sinks, sinking, sank, sunk** NOUN **1** A **sink** is a large basin with water taps and a drain.

VERB **2** If something **sinks**, it moves slowly down until it disappears, especially below the surface of water.

VERB **3** To **sink** something sharp into an object means to make it go deeply into it. *The tiger **sank** its teeth into his leg.*

sip **sips, sipping, sipped** VERB

If you **sip** a drink, you drink it a little at a time.

sir NOUN

Sir is a polite way of addressing a man. *Please **sir**, can I leave early?*

siren **sirens** NOUN

A **siren** is something that makes a loud wailing noise as a warning. Fire engines, police cars and ambulances have sirens.

sister **sisters** NOUN

Your **sister** is a girl or woman who has the same parents as you.

sit **sits, sitting, sat** VERB **1** When you **sit**, you put your bottom on something such as a chair or the floor.

VERB **2** When a bird **sits** on its eggs, it covers them with its body to hatch them.

site **sites** NOUN

A **site** is a piece of ground that is used for a particular purpose. *Let's stop at the next camp **site**.*

situation **situations** NOUN **1** A **situation** is the place where something is. *Our hotel was in a lovely **situation**.*
NOUN **2** A **situation** is the things that are happening to you. *You have put me in a difficult **situation**.*

six NOUN
Six is the number 6.

sixteen NOUN
Sixteen is the number 16.

sixty NOUN
Sixty is the number 60.

size **sizes** NOUN
The **size** of something is how big or small it is.

sizzle **sizzles, sizzling, sizzled** VERB
If something **sizzles**, it makes a hissing sound. *The meat **sizzled** in the frying pan.*

skate **skates** NOUN **1** **Skates** are ice skates or roller skates.



NOUN **2** A **skate** is an edible flat sea fish.

skateboard **skateboards** NOUN

A **skateboard** is a narrow board on wheels which you stand on and ride for fun.

skeleton **skeletons** NOUN
Your **skeleton** is all the bones in your body joined together. It supports your body and protects your organs.

sketch **sketches** NOUN
A **sketch** is a quick drawing.

ski **skis** NOUN
Skis are long pieces of wood, metal or plastic that you fasten to special boots so that you can move easily on snow.

skid **skids, skidding, skidded** VERB
If a vehicle **skids**, it slides out of control, for example because the road is wet or icy.

skill **skills** NOUN
Skill is the ability to do something well.
skilful ADJECTIVE

skim **skims, skimming, skimmed** VERB **1** If you **skim** something from the surface of a liquid, you remove it.
VERB **2** If you **skim** a piece of writing, you read it to get a general idea of what it is about.

skin **skins** NOUN **1** Your **skin** is the natural covering of your body.



NOUN **2** The **skin** of a fruit or vegetable is its outer covering.

skinny **skinnier, skinniest** ADJECTIVE
Someone **skinny** is very thin.

skip **skips, skipping, skipped** VERB **1** When you **skip**, you move along almost as though you were dancing, with little jumps.
VERB **2** If you **skip** with a rope, you swing the rope over your head and under your feet while jumping.
VERB **3** If you **skip** something, you miss it out. *I'm going to **skip** lunch.*
NOUN **4** A **skip** is a large metal container for holding rubbish and rubble.

skirt **skirts** NOUN
A **skirt** is a piece of clothing worn by women and girls. It hangs from the waist.



skull **skulls** NOUN

Your **skull** is the bony part of your head. It protects your brain, which is inside it.

sky **skies** NOUN

The **sky** is the space around the earth which you can see when you stand outside and look upwards.

skyscraper **skyscrapers** NOUN

A **skyscraper** is a very tall building.



slab **slabs** NOUN

A **slab** is a thick flat piece of something such as stone or concrete.

slack **slacker, slackest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **slack** is loose, and not firmly stretched.

slam **slams, slamming, slammed** VERB

If you **slam** a door, you shut it hard so that it makes a loud noise.

slang NOUN

Slang is words that you use in everyday talk but not when you are writing or being polite.

slant **slants, slanting, slanted** VERB

If something **slants**, it is not straight but lies at an angle.

slap **slaps, slapping, slapped** VERB

If you **slap** someone, you hit them with the palm of your hand.

slate **slates** NOUN
Slate is a dark grey rock that can be split into thin layers. It is often used for roofs.

sledge **sledges** NOUN
A **sledge** is a vehicle on runners used for travelling over snow.

sleek **sleeker, sleekest** ADJECTIVE
Hair or fur that is **sleek** is smooth and shiny.

sleep **sleeps, sleeping, slept** VERB
When you **sleep**, you close your eyes and your whole body rests.
sleepy ADJECTIVE

sleet NOUN
Sleet is a mixture of snow and rain.

sleeve **sleeves** NOUN
The **sleeves** of a coat or jumper are the parts that cover your arms.

sleigh **sleighs** NOUN
A **sleigh** is a sledge pulled by animals.

slept VERB
Slept is the past tense of **sleep**.

slice **slices, slicing, sliced** NOUN **1** A **slice** is a thin piece of food that has been cut from a larger piece.
VERB **2** If you **slice** food, you cut it into thin pieces.

slide **slides, sliding, slid** VERB **1** When something **slides**, it moves smoothly over a surface.
NOUN **2** A **slide** is a piece of playground equipment for sliding down.

slight **slighter, slightest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **slight** is small. *She has a **slight** cut.*
slightly ADVERB

slim **slimmer, slimmest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **slim** has a body that is thin but not too thin.

slime NOUN
Slime is a thick slippery substance which covers a surface and which looks unpleasant. *The pond was covered in green **slime**.*
slimy ADJECTIVE

sling **slings, slinging, slung** NOUN **1** A **sling** is a piece of cloth which you hang from your neck to support a broken or injured arm.
VERB **2** If you **sling** something somewhere, you throw it carelessly.

slip **slips, slipping, slipped** VERB **1** If you **slip**, you accidentally slide and lose your balance.
VERB **2** If you **slip** somewhere, you go there quickly and quietly. *She **slipped** out of the house.*
NOUN **3** A **slip** of paper is a small piece of paper.

slipper **slippers** NOUN
Slippers are soft loose shoes that people wear in the house.



slippery ADJECTIVE
Something that is **slippery** is smooth, wet or greasy. It is difficult to keep hold of or to walk on.

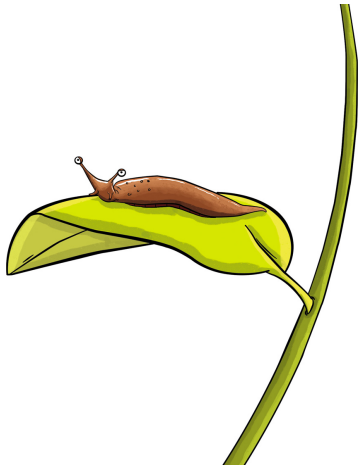
slit **slits, slitting, slit** VERB **1** If you **slit** something, you make a long narrow cut in it. *He **slit** open the envelope.*
NOUN **2** A **slit** is a long narrow opening in something.

slope **slopes** NOUN
A **slope** is a flat surface which has one end higher than the other.

slot **slots** NOUN
A **slot** is a narrow opening in something, usually for putting coins in.

slow **slower, slowest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **slow** moves along without much speed.
ADJECTIVE **2** If a watch or clock is **slow**, it shows a time that is earlier than the correct time.
slowly ADVERB

slug **slugs** NOUN
A **slug** is a small slow-moving animal with a long slimy body, like a snail but without a shell.



sly **slyer, slyest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **sly** is good at tricking people in a not very nice way.

smack **smacks, smacking, smacked** VERB
If a person **smacks** someone, they hit them with an open hand.

small **smaller, smallest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **small** is not as large as other things of the same kind.

smart **smarter, smartest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **smart** looks neat and clean.

smash **smashes, smashing, smashed** VERB **1** If something **smashes**, it falls and hits the ground. It makes a loud noise and breaks into lots of pieces. *The cup **smashed** when she dropped it.*
VERB **2** If someone or something **smashes** an object, they drop it or hit it so that it breaks into lots of pieces.

smell **smells, smelling, smelled** or **smelt** VERB **1** When you **smell** something, you notice it with your nose.
VERB **2** If something **smells** nice or nasty, people's noses tell them about it.
NOUN **3** Your sense of **smell** is your ability to smell things.

smile **smiles, smiling, smiled** VERB
When you **smile**, the corners of your mouth move upwards and you look happy.

smoke **smokes, smoking, smoked** NOUN **1** **Smoke** is a mixture of gas and small particles sent into the air when something burns.
VERB **2** If something is **smoking**, smoke is coming from it.

smooth **smoother, smoothest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something which is **smooth** has no roughness, lumps or holes in it.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **smooth** ride is one that is comfortable because there are no bumps.

smother **smothers, smothering, smothered** VERB **1** If someone **smothers** a fire, they cover it with something in order to put it out.
VERB **2** If a lot of things **smother** something, they cover it all over. *The grass was **smothered** in daisies.*

smudge **smudges, smudging, smudged** NOUN **1** A **smudge** is a dirty mark left on something.
VERB **2** If you **smudge** something, you make it dirty by touching it.

smug **smugger, smuggest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **smug** is too pleased with how good or clever they are.

smuggle **smuggles, smuggling, smuggled** VERB

To **smuggle** things or people into or out of a place means to take them there secretly, or against the law.

snack **snacks** NOUN

A **snack** is a small amount of food that you eat quickly. *I had some yoghurt and crackers for a* ***snack****.*



snag **snags** NOUN

A **snag** is a small problem.

snail **snails** NOUN

A **snail** is a small slow-moving animal with a shell on its back.

snake **snakes** NOUN

A **snake** is a long thin reptile with scales on its skin and no legs.

See ***Reptiles*** *on page 264*



snap **snaps, snapping, snapped** VERB **1** If something **snaps**, it breaks suddenly with a sharp cracking noise.
VERB **2** If a dog **snaps** at you, it tries to bite you.
VERB **3** If someone **snaps** at you, they speak crossly.
NOUN **4 Snap** is a children's card game.

snarl **snarls, snarling, snarled** VERB
When an animal **snarls**, it makes a fierce sound in its throat while showing its teeth.

snatch **snatches, snatching, snatched** VERB
If you **snatch** something, you take it quickly and suddenly.

sneak **sneaks, sneaking, sneaked** VERB
If you **sneak** somewhere, you go there very quietly, being careful that other people do not see or hear you.

sneer **sneers, sneering, sneered** VERB
If a person **sneers** at something, they show that they don't like it much.

sneeze **sneezes, sneezing, sneezed** VERB
When you **sneeze**, you blow out suddenly through your nose, making a loud noise.

sniff **sniffs, sniffing, sniffed** VERB
If you **sniff**, you breathe in through your nose hard enough to make a sound.

snooze **snoozes, snoozing, snoozed** VERB
If you **snooze**, you sleep lightly for a short time, especially during the day.

snore **snores, snoring, snored** VERB
When people **snore**, they breathe very noisily while they are sleeping.

snow **snows, snowing, snowed** NOUN **1 Snow** is flakes of ice crystals which fall from the sky in cold weather.
VERB **2** When it **snows**, snow falls from the sky.



snowball **snowballs** NOUN
A **snowball** is a ball of snow for throwing.

snowboard **snowboards** NOUN
A **snowboard** is a narrow board that you stand on in order to slide quickly through snow.

snowflake **snowflakes** NOUN
A **snowflake** is a soft piece of falling snow.

snowman **snowmen** NOUN
A **snowman** is a pile of snow that is made to look like a person.

snug **snugger, snuggest** ADJECTIVE
If you feel **snug**, you are warm and comfortable.

snuggle **snuggles, snuggling, snuggled** VERB
If you **snuggle** somewhere, you cuddle up to something or someone.

so

ADVERB **1** You use **so** to talk about something without repeating the same words. *She laughed, and **so** did the teacher.*

ADVERB **2** You can use **so** in front of adjectives and adverbs to make them stronger. *You are **so** funny.*

CONJUNCTION **3** You use **so** to talk about the reason for doing something. *I was cold, **so** I put on a coat.*

soak **soaks, soaking, soaked** VERB **1** When liquid **soaks** something, it makes it very wet.

VERB **2** When something **soaks** up a liquid, the liquid is drawn up into it.

soap **soaps** NOUN

Soap is a substance made of natural oils and fats, used for washing yourself.

soar **soars, soaring, soared** VERB

If something **soars** into the air, it goes quickly up into it.

sob **sobs, sobbing, sobbed** VERB

When someone **sobs**, they cry in a noisy way, breathing in short breaths.

soccer NOUN

Soccer is another word for the game of football.

society **societies** NOUN **1** **Society** is people in general.

NOUN **2** A **society** is an organization for people who have the same interests.

sock **socks** NOUN

A **sock** is a soft piece of clothing which covers your foot and ankle.



socket **sockets** NOUN

A **socket** is a place on a wall or on a piece of electrical equipment into which you can put a plug or bulb.

sofa **sofas** NOUN

A **sofa** is a long comfortable seat for more than one person. Sofas have a back, and usually arms.

soft **softer, softest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **soft** changes shape easily when you touch it.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **soft** sound or voice is quiet and gentle.

ADJECTIVE **3** A **soft** light or colour is not too bright.

software NOUN

Software is computer programs.

soggy **soggier, soggiest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **soggy** is wet and often heavy.

soil NOUN

Soil is the top layer of earth, which plants can grow in.



solar

ADJECTIVE **1 Solar** is used to describe something that is to do with the sun.

ADJECTIVE **2 Solar** power uses the sun's energy to provide light and heat.

sold VERB

Sold is the past tense of **sell**.

soldier **soldiers** NOUN

A **soldier** is a person in an army.

sole **soles** NOUN **1** The **sole** of your foot, shoe or sock is the underneath surface of it.

NOUN **2** A **sole** is also a flat sea fish.

solemn ADJECTIVE

Someone or something that is **solemn** is serious, rather than cheerful.

solid

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **solid** is firm and always keeps its shape. Metal, wood and rock are all solid.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something **solid** is not hollow.

ADJECTIVE **3** A **solid** shape is a three-dimensional shape such as a cylinder or a cone.

*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

solo **solos** NOUN **1** A **solo** is a piece of music played or sung by one person alone.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **solo** performance or activity is done by one person alone.

solution **solutions** NOUN **1** A **solution** is the answer to a problem.

NOUN **2** A **solution** can also be a liquid in which something, like a powder, has been dissolved.

solve **solves, solving, solved** VERB

If you **solve** a problem, you find an answer to it.

some ADJECTIVE

You use **some** to talk about an amount when you are not saying how much there is. *There's **some** money on the table.*

somebody PRONOUN

You use **somebody** to talk about a person without saying exactly who you mean.

somehow ADVERB

You use **somehow** to talk about a way of doing something when you do not know exactly how.

someone PRONOUN

You use **someone** to talk about a person without saying exactly who you mean.

somersault **somersaults** NOUN

A **somersault** is a forwards or backwards roll in which you place your head on the ground and bring your body over it. You can also do a somersault in the air using a trampoline.



something PRONOUN

You use **something** to talk about a thing without saying exactly what you mean. *We need **something** to hold the door open.*

sometimes ADVERB

Sometimes means occasionally, rather than always or never.

somewhere

ADVERB **1 Somewhere** is used to talk about a place without saying exactly where it is. *It must be around **somewhere**.*

ADVERB **2 Somewhere** can be used to give an approximate amount, number or time. *It was **somewhere** between 11 o'clock and midnight.*

son **sons** NOUN

A boy is the **son** of his parents.



song **songs** NOUN

A **song** is a piece of music with words.

soon **sooner, soonest** ADVERB

Soon means in the near future.

soot NOUN

Soot is a black powder that comes from burning coal or wood.

sore **sorer, sorest** ADJECTIVE

If part of your body is **sore**, it hurts. *Her throat was so **sore** she couldn't talk.*

sorrow **sorrows** NOUN

Sorrow is feeling very sad.

sorry **sorrier, sorriest** ADJECTIVE **1** If you feel **sorry** about something, you feel disappointed or sad. *I was **sorry** to leave all my friends.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If you feel **sorry** for someone, you feel sad for them.

sort **sorts, sorting, sorted** NOUN **1** The different **sorts** of something are the different types of it.
VERB **2** If you **sort** things, you put them into groups. ***Sort** your socks into pairs.*
all sorts PHRASE **All sorts** of things means lots of different things.

sought VERB
Sought is the past tense of **seek**.

sound **sounds** NOUN
A **sound** is something that you hear.

soup **soups** NOUN
Soup is liquid food made by boiling meat, fish or vegetables in water.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*



sour **sourer, sourest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **sour** tastes sharp.
ADJECTIVE **2** **Sour** milk is no longer fresh.

source **sources** NOUN **1** The **source** of something is the place that it has come from.
NOUN **2** The **source** of a river or stream is the place where it begins.

south NOUN

South is one of the four main points of the compass. If you face the point where the sun rises, south is on your right.
See **compass point**

southern ADJECTIVE

south-east NOUN
South-east is halfway between south and east.

south-west NOUN
South-west is halfway between south and west.

souvenir **souvenirs** NOUN
A **souvenir** is something you keep to remind you of a person or place.

sow **sows, sowing, sowed** (*rhymes with* **no**) VERB **1** To **sow** seeds means to plant them in the ground.
(*rhymes with* **now**) NOUN **2** A **sow** is an adult female pig.

space **spaces** NOUN **1 Space** is the area that is empty in a place, building or container. *There's enough **space** for a bigger chair in my room.*
NOUN **2 Space** is also the place far above the Earth where there is no air.

spaceship **spaceships** NOUN
A **spaceship** is a vehicle that carries people through space.

spacesuit **spacesuits** NOUN
A **spacesuit** is a special suit that is worn by an astronaut, which covers the whole body.

spade **spades** NOUN
A **spade** is a tool for digging, with a flat metal blade and a long handle.

spaghetti NOUN
Spaghetti is long thin pieces of pasta.

span **spans** NOUN
The **span** of something is the total length of it from end to end. For example, when a bird stretches its wings, the distance from wing tip to wing tip is called its "wing span".

spanner **spanners** NOUN

A **spanner** is a tool with a specially shaped end that fits round a nut to turn it.

spare **spares, sparing, spared** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **spare** is extra to what is needed. *Do you have a **spare** pencil you can lend me?*
VERB **2** If you **spare** something, you make it available. *Can you **spare** me some time?*

spark **sparks** NOUN
A **spark** is a tiny piece of fire. It can fly up from something burning, or it can be caused by electricity.

sparkle **sparkles, sparkling, sparkled** VERB
If something **sparkles**, it shines with a lot of small bright points of light.

sparrow **sparrows** NOUN
A **sparrow** is a small bird with brown and grey feathers.



speak **speaks, speaking, spoke, spoken** VERB **1** When you **speak**, you use your voice to say words.
VERB **2** If you **speak** a foreign language, you know it and can use it.

speaker **speakers** NOUN
A **speaker** is a person who is speaking or making a speech.

spear **spears, spearing, speared** NOUN **1** A **spear** is a weapon consisting of a long pole with a sharp point.

VERB **2** To **spear** something means to push or throw a pointed object into it. *He **speared** a potato with his fork.*

special

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **special** is more important or better than other things of its kind.

ADJECTIVE **2 Special** can also mean that something is for a particular use. *You need a **special** tool for this job.*

speck **specks** NOUN

A **speck** is a tiny piece of something. *There wasn't a **speck** of dust anywhere.*

spectator **spectators** NOUN

A **spectator** is a person who is watching something.

speech **speeches** NOUN **1 Speech** is the ability to speak or the act of speaking.

NOUN **2** A **speech** is a formal talk given to an audience.

NOUN **3** In a play, a **speech** is a group of lines spoken by one of the characters.

speechless ADJECTIVE

If you are **speechless**, you cannot speak for a short time, usually because something has amazed you.

speech marks PLURAL NOUN

Speech marks are punctuation marks (**“ ”**) or (**‘ ’**) used in writing to show where speech begins and ends.

*See **Punctuation** on page 270*

speed **speeds, speeding, sped** or **speeded** NOUN **1** The **speed** of something is how fast it moves.

VERB **2** Someone who is **speeding** is moving very fast, or too fast.

spell **spells, spelling, spelt** or **spelled** VERB **1** When you **spell** a word, you name or write its letters in order.

NOUN **2** A **spell** is a short time. *We're in for a **spell** of bad weather.*

NOUN **3** A **spell** is also the words used to perform magic.

spellcheck **spellchecks, spellchecking, spellchecked** VERB

If you **spellcheck** something you have written on a computer, you use a program to check whether you have made any spelling mistakes.

spelling NOUN
The **spelling** of a word is the correct order of letters in it.

spend **spends, spending, spent** VERB **1** When you **spend** money, you buy things with it.
VERB **2** To **spend** time or energy means to use it.

sphere NOUN
A **sphere** is an object or shape that is like a ball.
spherical ADJECTIVE
*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

spice **spices** NOUN
A **spice** is the powder or seeds from a particular plant which people put in food to give it flavour.
spicy ADJECTIVE

spider **spiders** NOUN
A **spider** is a small animal with eight legs. Some spiders make webs that they use to catch insects for food.



spike **spikes** NOUN
A **spike** is a long piece of metal with a sharp point at one end.

spill **spills, spilling, spilled** or **spilt** VERB
If you **spill** a liquid, you let it flow out of a container by mistake.

spin **spins, spinning, spun** VERB **1** If something **spins**, it turns round and round quickly.
VERB **2** When someone **spins**, they make thread by twisting together pieces of fibre using a machine.
VERB **3** When spiders **spin**, they give out a sticky thread and make it into a web.

spinach NOUN
Spinach is a vegetable with large green leaves.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

spine **spines** NOUN **1** Your **spine** is your backbone.
NOUN **2** **Spines** are long sharp points on an animal's body or on a plant.

spiral **spirals** NOUN

A **spiral** is a continuous curve which winds round and round, with each curve above or outside the previous one.

spire **spires** NOUN

The **spire** of a church is the tall cone-shaped structure on top.



spite **spites, spiting, spited** VERB

If you do something to **spite** someone, you do it deliberately to hurt or annoy them.

in spite of PHRASE When you say that you are doing something **in spite of** something else, you mean that you are not going to let it stop you. ***In spite of*** *the rain, I'm still going out.*

spiteful ADJECTIVE

A **spiteful** person does or says nasty things to people to hurt them.

spitefully ADVERB

splash **splashes, splashing, splashed** VERB **1** If you **splash** around in water, you disturb the water in a noisy way.

VERB **2** If liquid **splashes** something, it scatters over it in a lot of small drops.

NOUN **3** A **splash** is the sound made when something hits or falls into water.

splendid ADJECTIVE

Splendid means extremely good.

splinter **splinters, splintering, splintered** NOUN **1** A **splinter** is a thin sharp piece of wood or glass which has broken off a larger piece.
VERB **2** If something **splinters**, it breaks into thin sharp pieces.

split **splits, splitting, split** VERB **1** If something is **split**, it divides into two or more. *The village was **split** in two by the new road.*
VERB **2** If people **split** something between them, they share it.

spoil **spoils, spoiling, spoiled** or **spoilt** VERB **1** If you **spoil** something, you damage it, or make it less good than it was.
VERB **2** To **spoil** children means to give them everything they want, so that they become selfish.

spoke **spokes** VERB **1** **Spoke** is the past tense of **speak**.
NOUN **2** The **spokes** of a wheel are the bars which connect the hub to the rim.

spoken VERB
Spoken is the past participle of **speak**.

sponge **sponges** NOUN **1** A **sponge** is a soft thing with holes in it. It soaks up water and you use it for washing things.
NOUN **2** A **sponge** or **sponge cake** is a very light cake.

sponsor **sponsors, sponsoring, sponsored** VERB **1** If an organization **sponsors** something, such as an event or someone's training, it gives money to pay for it.
VERB **2** If you **sponsor** someone who is doing something for charity, you agree to give them a sum of money for the charity if they manage to do it.

spoon **spoons** NOUN
A **spoon** is a tool like a small shallow bowl with a long handle. It is used for eating, mixing or serving food.



sport **sports** NOUN

Sports are games that you play which exercise your body.

spot **spots, spotting, spotted** NOUN **1** **Spots** are small round marks on a surface. Some fabrics have a pattern of spots.

NOUN **2** A **spot** can be a particular place. *This would be a nice **spot** for a picnic.*

NOUN **3** A **spot** can also be a small raised mark on a person's skin.

VERB **4** If you **spot** something, you notice it.

spotless ADJECTIVE

Something that is **spotless** is perfectly clean.

spout **spouts** NOUN

A **spout** is a tube with an end like a lip, for pouring liquid. *Teapots have a **spout**.*



sprang VERB

Sprang is the past tense of **spring**.

sprawl **sprawls, sprawling, sprawled** VERB
If you **sprawl**, you sit or lie with your legs and arms spread out.

spray **sprays, spraying, sprayed** NOUN **1 Spray** is lots of small drops of liquid splashed or forced into the air.
VERB **2** To **spray** a liquid over something means to cover it with small drops of the liquid.

spread **spreads, spreading, spread** VERB **1** If you **spread** something, you arrange it over a surface. *They **spread** their wet clothes out to dry.*
VERB **2** If you **spread** something, such as butter, you put a thin layer of it onto something.
VERB **3** If you **spread** parts of your body, such as your arms, you stretch them out until they are far apart.

spring **springs, springing, sprang, sprung** NOUN **1 Spring** is the season between winter and summer.
NOUN **2** A **spring** is a coil of wire which returns to its shape after being pressed or pulled.
NOUN **3** A **spring** is also a place where water comes up through the ground.
VERB **4** To **spring** means to jump. *The leopard **sprang** on its prey.*

sprinkle **sprinkles, sprinkling, sprinkled** VERB
If you **sprinkle** a liquid or powder over something, you scatter it over it.

sprint **sprints, sprinting, sprinted** VERB
To **sprint** means to run fast over a short distance.

sprout **sprouts, sprouting, sprouted** VERB **1** When something **sprouts**, it starts to grow.
NOUN **2 Sprouts** are small round green vegetables.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*



sprung VERB

Sprung is the past participle of **spring**.

spun VERB

Spun is the past tense of **spin**.

spurt **spurts, spurting, spurted** VERB

When a liquid or flame **spurts** out, it comes out quickly in a powerful stream. *Blood **spurted** from his arm.*

spy **spies, spying, spied** NOUN **1** A **spy** is a person sent to find out secret information about a country or organization.

VERB **2** If you **spy** on someone, you watch them secretly.

square **squares** NOUN **1** A **square** is a shape with four equal sides and four right angles.

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NOUN **2** The **square** of a number is the number multiplied by itself. For example, the square of 3, written 3^2, is 3×3.

ADJECTIVE **3** **Square** is used before units of length when talking about the area of something. *The room measures 25 **square** metres.*

squash **squashes, squashing, squashed** VERB **1** If you **squash** something, you press it so that it loses its shape.

NOUN **2** If there is a **squash** in a place, there are a lot of people pressed against each other.

NOUN **3** **Squash** is a drink made from fruit juice, sugar and water.

squat **squats, squatting, squatted** VERB
If you **squat**, you crouch down, balancing on your feet with your legs bent.

squawk **squawks, squawking, squawked** VERB
When a bird **squawks**, it makes a loud harsh noise.

squeak **squeaks, squeaking, squeaked** VERB
If something **squeaks**, it makes a short high-pitched sound.

squeal **squeals, squealing, squealed** VERB
When things or people **squeal**, they make a long high-pitched sound.

squeeze **squeezes, squeezing, squeezed** VERB **1** When you **squeeze** something, you press it firmly from two sides.
VERB **2** When you **squeeze** something into a small amount of time or space, you manage to fit it in.

squirrel **squirrels** NOUN
A **squirrel** is a small furry animal with a long bushy tail.



squirt **squirts, squirting, squirted** VERB
If a liquid **squirts**, it comes out of a narrow opening in a thin fast stream.

stable **stables** NOUN
A **stable** is a building in which horses are kept.

stack **stacks, stacking, stacked** NOUN **1** A **stack** of things is a pile of them, one on top of the other.

VERB **2** If you **stack** things, you arrange them one on top of the other in a pile.

stadium **stadiums** NOUN
A **stadium** is a large place where you go to watch games.

staff NOUN
The **staff** of an organization are the people who work for it.

stag **stags** NOUN
A **stag** is an adult male deer.

stage **stages** NOUN **1** A **stage** is a part of a process that lasts for a period of time. *The final **stage** is really difficult.*
NOUN **2** In a theatre, the **stage** is a raised platform where the actors perform.

stagger **staggers, staggering, staggered** VERB **1** If someone **staggers**, they walk unsteadily.
VERB **2** If something **staggers** you, it amazes you.

stain **stains** NOUN
A **stain** is a mark on something that is difficult to remove.

stair **stairs** NOUN
A **stair** is one of a set of steps in a building going from one floor to another.



staircase **staircases** NOUN
A **staircase** is a set of stairs.

stake **stakes** NOUN
A **stake** is a pointed wooden post that can be hammered into the ground and used as a support.

stale **staler, stalest** ADJECTIVE
Stale food or air is not fresh.

stalk **stalks, stalking, stalked** NOUN **1** A **stalk** is the main stem of a plant.
VERB **2** To **stalk** a person or animal means to follow them slowly and quietly.

stall **stalls** NOUN **1** A **stall** is a large table on which there are goods for sale.
PLURAL NOUN **2** In a theatre, the **stalls** are the seats at the lowest level, in front of the stage.

stallion **stallions** NOUN
A **stallion** is an adult male horse.

stammer **stammers, stammering, stammered** VERB
When someone **stammers**, they hesitate and repeat some sounds when they speak.

stamp **stamps, stamping, stamped** NOUN **1** A **stamp** is a small piece of gummed paper which you stick on a letter or parcel before posting it.
VERB **2** If you **stamp**, you lift your foot and put it down hard on the ground.

stand **stands, standing, stood** VERB **1** When you **stand**, your body is upright and you are on your feet.
VERB **2** If a letter **stands for** a particular word, it is an abbreviation of that word. *So you're J Smith. What does J **stand for**?*
VERB **3** If you cannot **stand** something, you cannot bear it. *I can't **stand** that boy.*

standard **standards** NOUN **1** A **standard** is how good something is. *This is not up to your usual **standard**.*

ADJECTIVE **2** Something which is **standard** is usual, and not special or extra. *Power steering is now a **standard** feature on this car.*

stank VERB

Stank is the past tense of **stink**.

star **stars, starring, starred** NOUN **1** A **star** is a large ball of burning gas in space that appears as a point of light in the sky at night.

NOUN **2** A **star** is also a shape with four, five or more points sticking out in a regular pattern.

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NOUN **3** A **star** is also a famous person in entertainment or sport.

VERB **4** If an actor or actress **stars** in a film, they have one of the most important parts in it.

starch NOUN

Starch is a substance that gives you energy. It is found in foods such as bread and potatoes.

stare **stares, staring, stared** VERB

If you **stare** at something, you look at it for a long time.

starfish **starfishes** or **starfish** NOUN

A **starfish** is a flat, star-shaped sea animal with five limbs.

starling **starlings** NOUN

A **starling** is a common European bird with shiny dark feathers.

start **starts, starting, started** VERB **1** To **start** means to begin.

VERB **2** If someone **starts** a machine or car, they use the controls to make it work.

startle **startles, startling, startled** VERB

If something **startles** you, it frightens you by making a sudden movement or noise.

starve **starves, starving, starved** VERB
When people or animals **starve**, they suffer a great deal from lack of food and sometimes die.

state **states, stating, stated** NOUN **1** The **state** of someone or something is how they are.
*Have you seen the **state** of the garden?*
NOUN **2** A **state** is a country, or a part of a country making some of its own laws.
VERB **3** If you **state** something, you say it clearly and formally.
in a state PHRASE If you are **in a state**, you are nervous or upset.

statement **statements** NOUN
A **statement** is something you say or write when you give facts or information in a formal way.

station **stations** NOUN **1** A **station** is a building where trains or buses stop for passengers.
NOUN **2** A **station** is also a building for people such as the police or fire brigade.

stationary ADJECTIVE
If something like a vehicle is **stationary**, it is not moving.

stationery NOUN
Stationery is paper, pens, envelopes and other equipment used for writing.



statue **statues** NOUN
A **statue** is a large sculpture of a person or animal.

stay **stays, staying, stayed** VERB **1** If you **stay** in a place, you do not move away from it.
VERB **2** If you **stay** with someone, you live in their house for a while.

steady **steadier, steadiest** ADJECTIVE **1** If something such as a ladder is **steady**, it is firm and does not shake or move about.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **steady** look or voice is calm and controlled.
steadily ADVERB

steak **steaks** NOUN
A **steak** is a thick slice of meat or fish.

steal **steals, stealing, stole, stolen** VERB
To **steal** means to take something which does not belong to you, and keep it.

steam NOUN
Steam is the hot vapour formed when water boils.



steel NOUN
Steel is a strong metal made mostly from iron.

steep **steeper, steepest** ADJECTIVE
Something such as a road or hill that is **steep** slopes sharply.

steeple **steeples** NOUN
A **steeple** is a church tower with a high pointed top.

steer **steers, steering, steered** VERB
When someone **steers** something like a car or cycle, they make it go in the direction they want.

stem **stems** NOUN
The **stem** of a plant is the long thin centre part.

stencil **stencils** NOUN
A **stencil** is a thin sheet with a cut-out pattern. Ink or paint passes through the stencil to form a pattern on the surface below.

step **steps** NOUN **1** A **step** is the movement you make when you lift your foot and put it down in a different place.
NOUN **2** A **step** is also a raised flat surface which you use to move from one level to another.

stepbrother **stepbrothers** NOUN
Your **stepbrother** is the son of your stepmother or stepfather.

stepfather **stepfathers** NOUN

Your **stepfather** is a man who is married to your mother but who is not your natural father.

stepmother **stepmothers** NOUN

Your **stepmother** is a woman who is married to your father but who is not your natural mother.

stepsister **stepsisters** NOUN

Your **stepsister** is the daughter of your stepmother or stepfather.

stern **sterner, sternest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **stern** is serious and expects to be obeyed.

stew **stews** NOUN

A **stew** is a meal which you make by cooking meat, fish or vegetables slowly for a long time.

stick **sticks, sticking, stuck** NOUN **1** A **stick** is a long thin piece of wood.



VERB **2** If you **stick** a pointed object, such as a drawing pin, into something, you push it in.

VERB **3** If you **stick** two things together, you fix them with something like glue.

VERB **4** If something like a drawer **sticks**, it cannot be moved.

sticker **stickers** NOUN

A **sticker** is a small piece of paper that you can stick on to a surface. It has writing or a picture on one side.

sticky **stickier, stickiest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **sticky**, like jam or glue, can stick to other things.

stiff **stiffer, stiffest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **stiff** is quite hard or firm. *Use a **stiff** broom to sweep up the leaves.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If a person is **stiff**, their muscles or joints hurt when they move.

stile **stiles** NOUN
A **stile** is a kind of fixed gate with a step on each side. It is made so that people can get into a field without letting animals out.

still **stiller, stillest** ADVERB **1** You say **still** when something is the same as it was before. *I've **still** got a headache.*
ADVERB OR ADJECTIVE **2 Still** means staying in the same position without moving. *He wouldn't sit **still**.*

stilt **stilts** NOUN
Stilts are two long pieces of wood or metal on which people walk.

sting **stings, stinging, stung** VERB
If a creature or plant **stings** you, it pricks your skin and hurts you.



stink **stinks, stinking, stank, stunk** VERB

Something that **stinks** smells bad.

stir **stirs, stirring, stirred** VERB
If you **stir** a liquid, you move it around with a spoon or a stick.

stitch **stitches, stitching, stitched** VERB
If you **stitch** fabric, you push a needle and thread in and out through it.

stocking **stockings** NOUN
Stockings are long pieces of thin clothing that cover a woman's legs and feet.

stole VERB
Stole is the past tense of **steal**.

stolen

VERB **1 Stolen** is the past participle of **steal**.

ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **stolen**, it has been taken away from its owner.
*The police found the **stolen** bike.*

stomach **stomachs** NOUN

Your **stomach** is the part of your body that holds food when you have eaten it.

stone **stones** NOUN **1 Stone** is a hard dry material that is dug out of the ground. It is often used for building houses and walls.

NOUN **2** A **stone** is a small piece of rock.

NOUN **3** The **stone** in a fruit such as a plum is the large seed in the centre.

NOUN **4** A **stone** is a unit of weight equal to just over six kilograms.

stony **stonier, stoniest** ADJECTIVE

Stony ground is rough and contains a lot of stones.

stood VERB

Stood is the past tense of **stand**.

stool **stools** NOUN

A **stool** is a seat with legs but no back.

stoop **stoops, stooping, stooped** VERB

If you **stoop**, you bend your body down from the waist, usually so that you can pick something up.

stop **stops, stopping, stopped** VERB **1** If you **stop** what you are doing, you no longer do it.

VERB **2** If you **stop** somewhere, you stay there for a short while.

store **stores, storing, stored** VERB **1** When you **store** things, you put them away and keep them until they are wanted.

NOUN **2** A **store** is a large shop.

storey **storeys** NOUN

A **storey** is all the rooms on one floor of a building.

stork **storks** NOUN

A **stork** is a large bird with a long beak and long legs.



storm **storms** NOUN

A **storm** is bad weather with heavy rain and strong winds. Often there is thunder and lightning.

stormy ADJECTIVE

story **stories** NOUN

A **story** tells you about things that have happened. It can be about something real or something made up.



stout **stouter, stoutest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone **stout** is rather fat.

ADJECTIVE **2** Things such as branches that are **stout** are thick and strong.

stove **stoves** NOUN
A **stove** is a piece of equipment for heating a room or for cooking.

straight **straighter, straightest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something which is **straight** does not bend or curve. You use a ruler to draw a straight line.
ADVERB **2** **Straight** can mean immediately and directly. *We promised to go **straight** to school.*

straighten **straightens, straightening, straightened** VERB
If you **straighten** something, you make it straight, or neat and tidy.

strain **strains, straining, strained** VERB **1** If you **strain** to do something, you try too hard.
VERB **2** To **strain** food means to pour away the liquid from it.
VERB **3** If you **strain** a muscle, you injure it by moving awkwardly.

strange **stranger, strangest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **strange** is odd or unexpected.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **strange** place is one you have never been to before.

stranger **strangers** NOUN
A **stranger** is a person you do not know.

strap **straps** NOUN
A **strap** is a strip of something like leather which is used to carry something around, or to fasten things together.

straw **straws** NOUN **1** **Straw** is dried stalks of cereal such as wheat.
NOUN **2** A **straw** is a thin tube of paper or plastic, which you drink through.



strawberry **strawberries** NOUN
A **strawberry** is a small red fruit. It is soft and juicy and has tiny yellow seeds on its skin.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

stray **strays, straying, strayed** VERB **1** If people or animals **stray**, they wander away from where they are supposed to be.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **stray** dog or cat is one that has wandered away from home.

stream **streams** NOUN **1** A **stream** is a small river.
NOUN **2** A **stream** is also a steady flow of something like liquid or traffic.

street **streets** NOUN
A **street** is a road in a town or village, usually with buildings along it.

strength NOUN
Strength is how strong something is.

stretch **stretches, stretching, stretched** VERB **1** If you **stretch**, you hold out part of your body as far as you can.



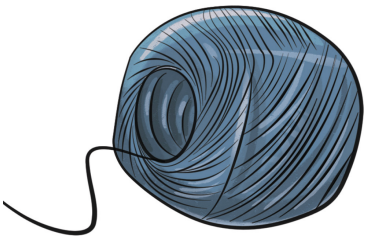
VERB **2** If you **stretch** something, you pull it so that it becomes longer or wider.
NOUN **3** A **stretch** of land or water is an area of it.

strict **stricter, strictest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **strict** makes you behave well.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **strict** rule or law is one that must be obeyed.

stride **strides, striding, strode** VERB **1** To **stride** along means to walk quickly with long steps.
NOUN **2** A **stride** is a long step.

strike **strikes, striking, struck** VERB **1** To **strike** someone or something means to hit them.
VERB **2** When a clock **strikes**, it rings a bell to show what the time is.
VERB **3** If someone **strikes** a match, they make a flame or sparks with it.
NOUN **4** A **strike** is when workers refuse to go on working.

string **strings** NOUN **1** **String** is thin rope.



NOUN **2** On a musical instrument like a guitar, the **strings** are the parts that you touch to make the sounds.

strip **strips, stripping, stripped** NOUN **1** A **strip** of paper, cloth or other material is a long narrow piece of it.
VERB **2** If you **strip**, you take off all your clothes.

stripe **stripes** NOUN
A **stripe** is a coloured line on something.

strode VERB
Strode is the past tense of **stride**.

stroke **strokes, stroking, stroked** VERB
If you **stroke** something, you move your hand gently over it.

stroll **strolls, strolling, strolled** VERB
To **stroll** means to walk along slowly in a relaxed way.

strong **stronger, strongest** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **strong**, you can work hard and carry heavy things.
ADJECTIVE **2** Objects or materials that are **strong** will not break easily.
ADJECTIVE **3** Wind or water currents that are **strong** move very fast.
ADJECTIVE **4** Smells and flavours that are **strong** are easily noticed.

struck VERB
Struck is the past tense of **strike**.

structure **structures** NOUN
A **structure** is something that has been built.

struggle **struggles, struggling, struggled** VERB **1** If you **struggle** to do something, you try hard to do it but find it difficult.
VERB **2** If you **struggle** when you are being held by something or someone, you twist and kick to try and get free.

stubborn ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **stubborn** is determined to do what they want.

stuck

VERB **1 Stuck** is the past tense of **stick**.

ADJECTIVE **2** If you are **stuck**, you cannot carry on because it is too difficult.

student **students** NOUN

A **student** is a person who is studying at a university or college.

studio **studios** NOUN **1** A **studio** is a room where a photographer or artist works.



NOUN **2** A **studio** is also a place where films, television programmes or other recordings are made.

study **studies, studying, studied** VERB **1** If you **study** a subject, you spend time learning about it.

VERB **2** If you **study** something, you look at it carefully.

NOUN **3** A **study** is a room for writing and studying.

stuff **stuffs, stuffing, stuffed** NOUN **1** You can talk about a substance or group of things as **stuff**.

VERB **2** If you **stuff** something with objects, you fill it with them.

stumble **stumbles, stumbling, stumbled** VERB

If you **stumble** when you are walking, you trip and almost fall.

stump **stumps** NOUN

A **stump** is the small part of something, such as a tree, that remains when most of it has been removed.

stun **stuns, stunning, stunned** VERB **1** If you are **stunned** by something, you are very surprised by it.
VERB **2** To **stun** a person or animal means to knock them unconscious by hitting them on the head.

stung VERB
Stung is the past tense of **sting**.

stunk VERB
Stunk is the past participle of **stink**.

stupid **stupider, stupidest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **stupid** does things that are not at all sensible.
stupidly ADVERB

sturdy **sturdier, sturdiest** ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **sturdy** is strong and firm.

stutter **stutters** NOUN
Someone who has a **stutter** finds it difficult to speak smoothly and often repeats sounds.

sty **sties** NOUN
A **sty** is a hut with a yard where pigs are kept.

style **styles** NOUN
The **style** of something is its design. *I'd like shoes in a different **style**.*

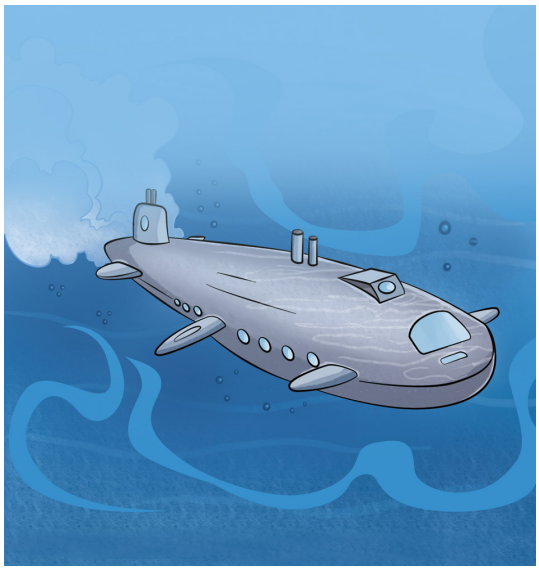
subheading **subheadings** NOUN
A **subheading** is a heading which is less important than the main heading. *We'll have "animals" as a main heading, and "mammals" as a **subheading**.*

subject **subjects** NOUN **1** A **subject** is a particular thing that people study at school or college, for example science or drawing.
NOUN **2** The **subject** of a piece of writing or a conversation is the thing or person being talked about.

NOUN **3** In grammar, the **subject** is the word or words representing a person or thing doing the action. For example, in the sentence “My cat caught a bird”, “my cat” is the subject.

submarine **submarines** NOUN

A **submarine** is a ship that can travel under water.



substance **substances** NOUN

Any solid, powder, liquid or paste can be called a **substance**.

subtract **subtracts, subtracting, subtracted** VERB

If you **subtract** one number from another, you take away the first number from the second. The symbol you use for subtract is −.

subtraction NOUN

Subtraction is taking one number away from another.

suburb **suburbs** NOUN

A **suburb** is an area of a town or city that is away from its centre.

subway **subways** NOUN

A **subway** is a footpath that goes underneath a road.

succeed **succeeds, succeeding, succeeded** VERB

If you **succeed**, you manage to do what you set out to do.

success NOUN

Success is managing to do something that you set out to do.

successful ADJECTIVE
If you are **successful**, you achieve what you wanted to achieve.

such ADVERB
You can use **such** to emphasize something. *She's **such** a nice girl.*
such as PHRASE You can use **such as** to introduce examples of something. *I like team games **such as** football and rounders.*

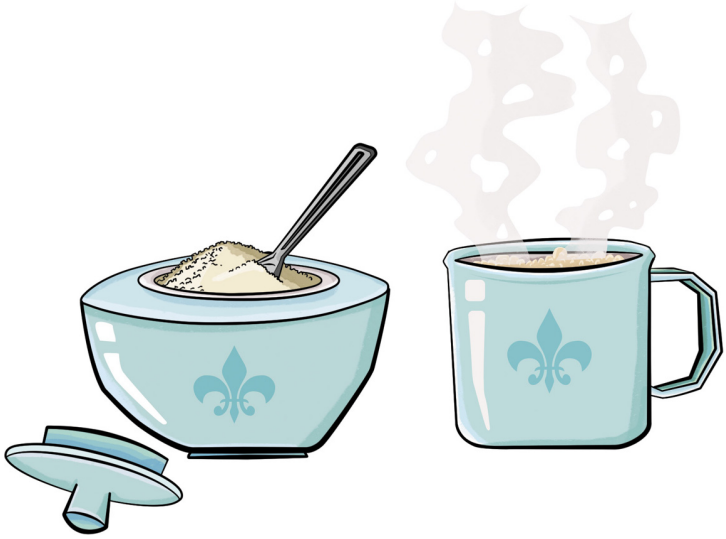
suck **sucks, sucking, sucked** VERB
If you **suck** something, you hold it in your mouth and pull at it with your cheeks and tongue, usually to get liquid out of it.

sudden ADJECTIVE
Something that is **sudden** happens quickly and unexpectedly.
suddenly ADVERB

suffer **suffers, suffering, suffered** VERB
If someone is **suffering**, they feel pain or sadness.

suffix **suffixes** NOUN
A **suffix** is a group of letters which is added to the end of a word to form a new word, for example "-able" or "-ful".
*See **Suffixes** on page 271*

sugar NOUN
Sugar is a sweet substance used to sweeten food and drinks.



suggest **suggests, suggesting, suggested** VERB
If you **suggest** something to someone, you give a plan or an idea for them to think about.
suggestion NOUN

suit **suits, suiting, suited** NOUN **1** A **suit** is a matching jacket and trousers or skirt.
VERB **2** If something **suits** you, it is right for you.

suitable ADJECTIVE
Something that is **suitable** for a particular purpose is right for it. *Are these shoes **suitable** for running?*

suitcase **suitcases** NOUN
A **suitcase** is a case that you carry clothes in when you are travelling.

sulk **sulks, sulking, sulked** VERB
If you **sulk**, you are silent and bad-tempered for a while because you are annoyed about something.

sultana **sultanas** NOUN
A **sultana** is a dried white grape.

sum **sums** NOUN **1** A **sum** is an amount of money.
NOUN **2** In maths, the **sum** is the answer or total that you get when you add numbers. *The **sum** of 2 and 3 is 5.*

summarize **summarizes, summarizing, summarized**; also spelt **summarise** VERB

To **summarize** something means to give a short account of its main points.

summary **summaries** NOUN

If you give a **summary** of something, you give the main points.

summer **summers** NOUN

Summer is the season between spring and autumn.

summit **summits** NOUN

The **summit** of a mountain is its top.

sun **suns** NOUN

The **sun** is the star that gives us heat and light.



sunburn NOUN

Sunburn is sore skin on someone's body when they have been in the sun for too long.

Sunday **Sundays** NOUN

Sunday is the day between Saturday and Monday.

sunflower **sunflowers** NOUN

A **sunflower** is a tall plant with large yellow flowers.



sung VERB

Sung is the past participle of **sing**.

sunglasses PLURAL NOUN

Sunglasses are glasses with dark lenses that you wear to protect your eyes from the sun.

sunk VERB

Sunk is the past participle of **sink**.

sunlight NOUN

Sunlight is the bright light produced when the sun is shining.

sunlit ADJECTIVE

sunny **sunnier, sunniest** ADJECTIVE

When the weather is **sunny**, the sun is shining brightly.

sunrise **sunrises** NOUN

Sunrise is the time in the morning when the sun comes up.

sunset **sunsets** NOUN

Sunset is the time in the evening when the sun goes down.

sunshine NOUN

Sunshine is the bright light produced when the sun is shining.

super ADJECTIVE

Super means very nice or very good. *We've just seen a **super** film.*

superlative **superlatives** NOUN

In grammar, the **superlative** is the form of an adjective which has "the most" of that adjective. For example, "fattest" is the superlative of "fat".
*See **Adjective** on page 269*

supermarket **supermarkets** NOUN

A **supermarket** is a large shop which sells all kinds of food and things for the house.



supersonic ADJECTIVE

A **supersonic** aircraft can travel faster than the speed of sound.

superstitious ADJECTIVE

People who are **superstitious** believe in things like magic and powers that bring good or bad luck.

supper **suppers** NOUN

Supper is a meal or snack eaten in the evening.

supply **supplies, supplying, supplied** VERB **1** If someone **supplies** you with something, they provide you with it.

NOUN **2** A **supply** of something is the amount of it which someone has.

*The water **supply** is getting very low.*

support **supports, supporting, supported** VERB **1** If you **support** someone, you want them to do well.

VERB **2** If something **supports** an object, it holds it up firmly.

suppose **supposes, supposing, supposed** VERB **1** If you **suppose** that something is true, you think that it is likely to be true.
CONJUNCTION **2** You can use **suppose** or **supposing** when you are thinking about doing something. ***Supposing*** *we just left without saying anything, what do you think would happen?*
I suppose PHRASE You can say **I suppose** when you are not certain about something. *Yes,* ***I suppose*** *he could come.*

sure

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **sure** something is true, you believe it is true.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **sure** to happen, it will definitely happen.
ADJECTIVE **3** If you are **sure** of yourself, you are very confident.
make sure PHRASE If you **make sure** of something, you check it. *Can you **make sure** we locked up properly?*

surf **surfs, surfing, surfed** NOUN **1 Surf** is the white foam that forms on the top of waves when they break.
VERB **2** When you **surf**, you ride towards the shore on top of a large wave while standing on a special board.
VERB **3** When you **surf** the Internet, you go from website to website.

surface **surfaces** NOUN
The **surface** of something is the top or outside area of it.

surgeon **surgeons** NOUN
A **surgeon** is a doctor who performs operations.



surgery **surgeries** NOUN **1 Surgery** is medical treatment in which part of the patient's body is cut open.
NOUN **2** A **surgery** is a room or building where a doctor or dentist works.

surname **surnames** NOUN
Your **surname** is the name you share with other members of your family.

surprise **surprises** NOUN
A **surprise** is something unexpected.

surrender **surrenders, surrendering, surrendered** VERB
If someone **surrenders**, they stop fighting and agree that they have lost.

surround **surrounds, surrounding, surrounded** VERB
If something **surrounds** something else, it is all round it.

surroundings PLURAL NOUN
Your **surroundings** are the area around you.

survey **surveys** NOUN **1** A **survey** of something is a detailed examination of it, often in the form of a report.
VERB **2** A **survey** is also a set of questions to find out what people think about things.

survive **survives, surviving, survived** VERB
If someone **survives**, they continue to live after being close to death.

suspect **suspects, suspecting, suspected** VERB
If you **suspect** someone of doing something wrong, you think they have done it.

suspense NOUN
Suspense is excitement or worry caused by having to wait for something.

suspicious

ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **suspicious** of someone, you do not trust them.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **suspicious**, it makes you feel something is wrong.

swallow **swallows, swallowing, swallowed** VERB

1 When you **swallow** food or drink, it goes down your throat.
NOUN **2** A **swallow** is a small bird with pointed wings and a long forked tail.

swam VERB

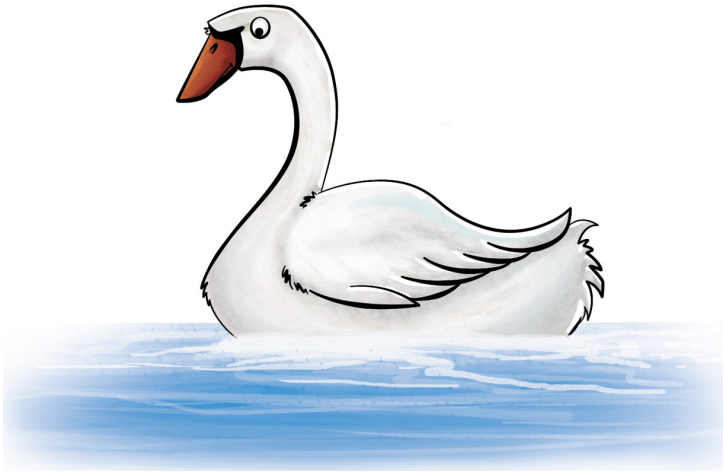
Swam is the past tense of **swim**.

swamp **swamps** NOUN

A **swamp** is an area of extremely wet land.

swan **swans** NOUN

A **swan** is a large white bird with a long neck that lives on rivers and lakes.



swap **swaps, swapping, swapped** VERB

If you **swap** something, you give it to someone and receive something else from them in exchange.

swarm **swarms** NOUN

A **swarm** is a large group of bees or other insects flying together.
*See **Collective nouns** on page 268*

sway **sways, swaying, swayed** VERB

When people or things **sway**, they lean or swing slowly from side to side.

sweat NOUN

Sweat is the salty liquid which comes from your skin when you are hot.

sweater **sweaters** NOUN

A **sweater** is a knitted piece of clothing covering your upper body and arms.

sweatshirt **sweatshirts** NOUN

A **sweatshirt** is a piece of clothing made of thick cotton. It covers your upper body and arms.

sweep **sweeps, sweeping, swept** VERB

If you **sweep** a floor or a path, you clean it by pushing a broom over it.



sweet **sweeter, sweetest; sweets** ADJECTIVE **1** Food or drink that is **sweet** has a taste of sugar.

PLURAL NOUN **2 Sweets** are things such as chocolates and toffees.

NOUN **3** A **sweet** can be something that is eaten after the main part of a meal.

sweet corn NOUN

Sweet corn is a long stalk covered with juicy yellow seeds that can be eaten as a vegetable.

See Vegetables on page 260

swell **swells, swelling, swelled** or **swollen** VERB
If something **swells**, it becomes larger and rounder than usual.

swept VERB
Swept is the past tense of **sweep**.

swerve **swerves, swerving, swerved** VERB
If something that is moving **swerves**, it suddenly changes direction.

swift **swifter, swiftest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **swift** can move very quickly.

swim **swims, swimming, swam, swum** VERB
When you **swim**, you use your arms and legs to move through water.

swimming NOUN
Swimming is the activity of moving yourself through water.

swimming costume **swimming costumes** NOUN
A **swimming costume** is the clothing worn by a woman or girl when she goes swimming.

swimming pool **swimming pools** NOUN
A **swimming pool** is a place made for people to swim in.

swimming trunks PLURAL NOUN
Swimming trunks are shorts worn by a man or boy when they go swimming.

swing **swings, swinging, swung** VERB **1** If something **swings**, it keeps moving backwards and forwards, or from side to side, while it is hanging.
NOUN **2** A **swing** is a seat that hangs from a frame and moves backwards and forwards when you sit on it.

switch **switches, switching, switched** NOUN **1** A **switch** is a small control for a piece of equipment such as a light or radio.
VERB **2** To **switch** is to change one thing for another. *I **switched** to another school when I moved house.*

swollen ADJECTIVE

Something that is **swollen** has swelled up.

swoop **swoops, swooping, swooped** VERB
When a bird **swoops**, it suddenly flies downwards in a smooth curve.

swop VERB
Swop is another spelling of **swap**.

sword **swords** NOUN
A **sword** is a weapon with a long blade and a short handle.

swum VERB
Swum is the past participle of **swim**.

swung VERB
Swung is the past tense of **swing**.

sycamore **sycamores** NOUN
A **sycamore** is a tree that has large five-pointed leaves.



syllable **syllables** NOUN
Each beat in a word is a **syllable**. For example, “cat” has one syllable, and “cattle” has two.

symbol **symbols** NOUN
A **symbol** is a sign or mark that stands for something else. For example, the symbol + stands for “plus”.

symmetrical ADJECTIVE

If something is **symmetrical**, it has two halves that are exactly the same, except that one half is like a reflection of the other half.

symmetry

NOUN **1 Symmetry** is when one half of something is exactly like a mirror image of the other half.

NOUN **2** The **line of symmetry** is the dividing line between two symmetrical halves.

sympathy NOUN

If you feel **sympathy** for someone who is unhappy, you are sorry for them.

synagogue **synagogues** NOUN

A **synagogue** is a building where Jewish people pray.



synonym **synonyms** NOUN

Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meaning. The words "nice" and "pleasant" are synonyms.

See Synonyms on page 272

syrup NOUN

Syrup is a thick sweet liquid made by boiling sugar with water.

system **systems** NOUN **1** A **system** is a way of doing something. *I've got a new **system** for organizing my toys.*

NOUN **2** You can refer to a set of equipment as a **system**, for example a central heating system.

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table **tables** NOUN **1** A **table** is a piece of furniture with a flat top for putting things on.
NOUN **2** A **table** is also a set of facts or figures arranged in rows or columns.

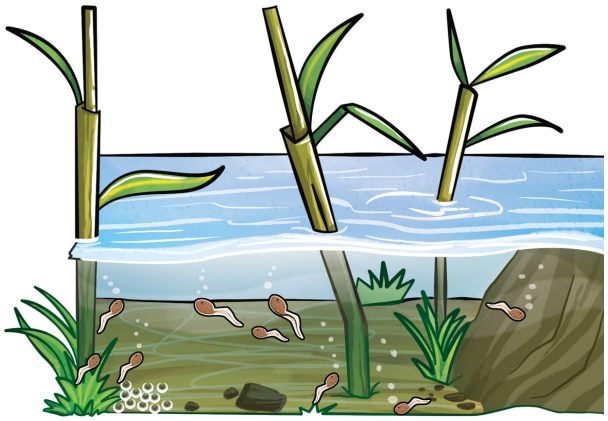
tablet **tablets** NOUN **1** A **tablet** is a small round pill made of powdered medicine.
NOUN **2** A **tablet** is also a small portable computer.

table tennis NOUN
Table tennis is a game for two or four people. You use bats to hit a small hollow ball over a low net across a table.

tackle **tackles, tackling, tackled** VERB **1** If you **tackle** a difficult task, you deal with it in a determined way.
VERB **2** If you **tackle** someone in a game such as football, you try to get the ball away from them.

tactful ADJECTIVE
A **tactful** person is careful not to hurt someone else's feelings.
tactfully ADVERB

tadpole **tadpoles** NOUN
Tadpoles are small water animals that grow into frogs or toads. They have long tails and round black heads.



tail **tails** NOUN **1** A **tail** is the part of an animal, bird or fish that grows out of the end of its body.
NOUN **2** The back part of a plane is called the **tail**.

take **takes, taking, took, taken** VERB **1** If you **take** something, you put your hand round it and carry it. *Let me **take** your coat.*
VERB **2** If someone **takes** you somewhere, you go there with them.
VERB **3** If a person **takes** something that does not belong to them, they steal it.
VERB **4** If you **take away** one number or amount from another, you find out how much is left.

takeaway **takeaways** NOUN
A **takeaway** is a hot cooked meal bought from a shop or restaurant and eaten elsewhere. The shop or restaurant is also called a **takeaway**.

talcum powder NOUN
Talcum powder, or **talc**, is a soft powder which you put on your skin to help dry it and make it smell nice.

tale **tales** NOUN
A **tale** is a story.

talent **talents** NOUN
Talent is the natural ability a person has to do something well.

talk **talks, talking, talked** VERB
When you **talk**, you say things to someone.

talkative ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **talkative** talks a lot.

tall **taller, tallest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **tall** is higher than a lot of other people.
ADJECTIVE **2** You use **tall** to say how high somebody or something is. *My little brother is only one metre **tall**.*

tally **tallies** NOUN
A **tally** is a record of amounts which you add to as you go along.

Talmud NOUN
The **Talmud** is a collection of books explaining the ancient Jewish ceremonies and laws.

tame **tamer, tamest** ADJECTIVE
A **tame** animal is not afraid of humans and will not hurt them.

tan **tans** NOUN
If someone has a **tan**, their skin has become darker than it usually is because they have been in the sun.

tangle **tangles, tangling, tangled** NOUN **1** A **tangle** is a mass of things such as hairs or fibres that are knotted or coiled together and are hard to separate.
VERB **2** If something is **tangled**, it is twisted in knots.

tank **tanks** NOUN **1** A **tank** is a large container for liquid or gas.
NOUN **2** A **tank** is also a vehicle for soldiers which moves on tracks. Tanks are covered with strong metal armour, and have guns or rockets.

tanker **tankers** NOUN
A **tanker** is a ship, truck or railway vehicle for carrying gas or liquid.

tap **taps, tapping, tapped** NOUN **1** A **tap** is a handle which controls the flow of gas or liquid from a pipe.
VERB **2** If you **tap** something, you hit it lightly.

tape **tapes** NOUN **1** **Tape** is a strip of sticky material which you use to stick things together.



NOUN **2** A **tape** is a long thin magnetic strip that you can record sounds or pictures on.

tar NOUN

Tar is a thick black substance that is used for making roads.

target **targets** NOUN

A **target** is something that people aim at and try to hit.

tart **tarts** NOUN

A **tart** is a piece of pastry filled with jam or fruit.

task **tasks** NOUN

A **task** is a piece of work which has to be done.

tassel **tassels** NOUN

A **tassel** is a tuft of loose threads tied by a knot and used for decoration.

taste **tastes, tasting, tasted** NOUN **1** Your sense of **taste** is your ability to recognize the flavour of things in your mouth.

VERB **2** When you **taste** food, you take a little bit to see what it is like.

tasty **tastier, tastiest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **tasty** has a pleasant flavour.

taught VERB

Taught is the past tense of **teach**.

tax **taxes** NOUN

Tax is money that people have to pay to the government.

taxi **taxis** NOUN

A **taxi** is a car that people pay to be driven somewhere in.

tea **teas** NOUN **1 Tea** is a drink made by pouring boiling water onto the dried leaves of the tea plant.

*See **Drinks** on page 261*



NOUN **2 Tea** is also an afternoon meal.

tea bag **tea bags** NOUN

A **tea bag** is a small paper bag with tea leaves in it which is put in boiling water to make tea.

teach **teaches, teaching, taught** VERB

If someone **teaches** you something, they tell or show you how to do it.

teacher **teachers** NOUN

A **teacher** is a person whose job is to help people learn.

team **teams** NOUN

A **team** is a number of people working or playing together.

teapot **teapots** NOUN

A **teapot** is a container for making tea. It has a lid, a handle and a spout.

tear **tears, tearing, tore, torn** (*rhymes with* **fear**) NOUN **1 Tears** are the drops of liquid that come out of your eyes when you cry.
(*rhymes with* **fair**) VERB **2** If you **tear** something, such as paper or fabric, you pull it apart.

tease **teases, teasing, teased** VERB
If someone **teases** you, they make fun of you.

teaspoon **teaspoons** NOUN
A **teaspoon** is a small spoon used for stirring drinks.

technology NOUN
Technology is the practical use of science in areas such as industry, farming or medicine.

teddy bear **teddy bears** NOUN
A **teddy bear** is a child's soft toy which looks like a friendly bear.

teenager **teenagers** NOUN
A **teenager** is someone from 13 to 19 years of age.

teeth NOUN
Teeth is the plural of **tooth**.

telephone **telephones** NOUN
A **telephone**, or **phone**, is an instrument for talking to someone else who is in another place.

telescope **telescopes** NOUN
A **telescope** is an instrument for making objects that are far away look nearer and larger.



television **televisions** NOUN

A **television** is a machine that receives signals through the air or on cable and changes them into pictures and sounds.

tell **tells, telling, told** VERB **1** If you **tell** someone something, you let them know about it.

VERB **2** If someone **tells** you to do something, they say you must do it.

VERB **3** If you **tell** the time, you find out what the time is by looking at a clock.

temper

NOUN **1** Someone's **temper** is how cheerful or how angry they are feeling.

NOUN **2** If you lose your **temper**, you become angry.

temperature **temperatures** NOUN

The **temperature** of something is how hot or cold it is.

temple **temples** NOUN

A **temple** is a building used for the worship of a god in various religions.

temporary ADJECTIVE

Something that is **temporary** only lasts for a short time.

tempt **tempts, tempting, tempted** VERB

If something **tempts** you, you want to do it but you think it might be wrong.

tempting ADJECTIVE

tender

ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **tender** shows gentle and caring feelings.
ADJECTIVE **2** Meat or other food which is **tender** is very easy to cut or chew.

tennis NOUN

Tennis is a game for two or four players in which a ball is hit over a net.

tense **tenser, tensest; tenses** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **tense**, you are nervous and cannot relax.
NOUN **2** The **tense** of a verb is the form which shows whether you are talking about the past, present or future.

tent **tents** NOUN

A **tent** is a shelter made of canvas or nylon, held up by poles and ropes.



tentacle **tentacles** NOUN

The **tentacles** of an animal, such as an octopus, are its long thin arms.

term **terms** NOUN

A **term** is one of the periods that each year is divided into at school.

terrace **terraces** NOUN

A **terrace** is a row of houses joined together.

terrible ADJECTIVE

Something **terrible** is serious and unpleasant.
terribly ADVERB

terrify **terrifies, terrifying, terrified** VERB
If something **terrifies** you, it makes you feel extremely frightened.

territory **territories** NOUN **1** The **territory** of a country is the land that it controls.
NOUN **2** An animal's **territory** is an area that it considers its own and defends when other animals try to enter it.

terror NOUN
Terror is great fear or panic.

test **tests, testing, tested** VERB **1** If someone **tests** something, they try to find out whether it works properly.
NOUN **2** A **test** is something you have to do to show how much you know.

text **texts** NOUN
Text is any written material.

textbook **textbooks** NOUN
A **textbook** is a book about a particular subject for students to use.

texting NOUN
Texting is sending written messages using a mobile phone.

text message **text messages** NOUN
A **text message** is a written message that you send using a mobile phone.

than PREPOSITION OR CONJUNCTION
You use **than** to link two things that you are comparing. *She's older **than** me.*

thank **thanks, thanking, thanked** VERB
You **thank** people when you are grateful for something they have done.

thank you INTERJECTION
You say **thank you** to someone to show you are pleased or grateful for something that they have done for you.

that **those** ADJECTIVE **1** You use **that** or **those** to describe something which is not the nearest one. *Give me **that** book, please.*
PRONOUN **2** You can use **that** or **those** to refer to people or things which have already been mentioned. *What about going by bus? Is **that** a good idea?*

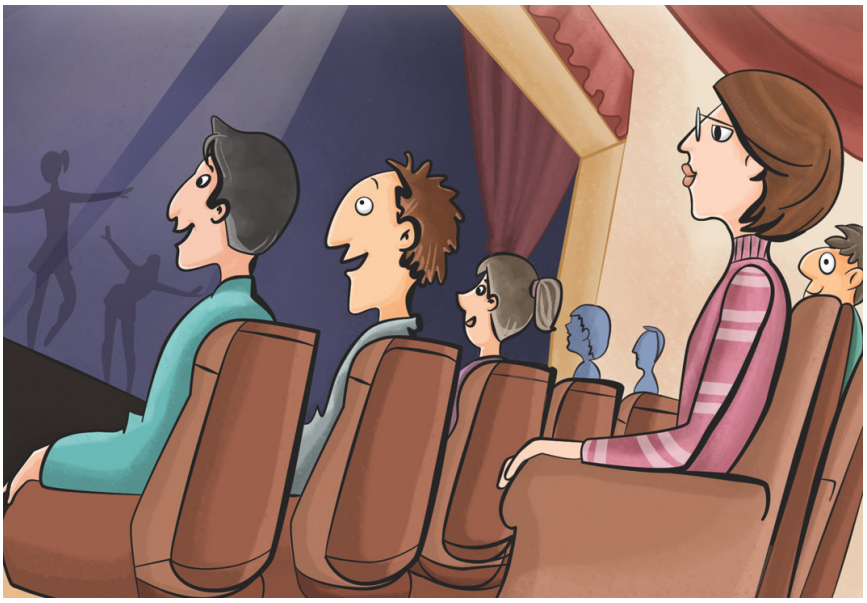
thatched ADJECTIVE
A **thatched** roof is one made of straw or reeds.



thaw **thaws, thawing, thawed** VERB
When something that is frozen **thaws**, it melts.

the ADJECTIVE
You use **the** in front of a noun when you are referring to something in particular. *That's **the** chair I bought yesterday.*

theatre **theatres** NOUN
A **theatre** is a building where you go to see a play or show.



their ADJECTIVE

Their refers to something belonging or relating to people or things that have already been mentioned. *Leave it to Sam and Joe. It's **their** problem.*

them PRONOUN

Them refers to people or things which have already been mentioned. *I don't want any sprouts. I don't like **them**.*

theme **themes** NOUN

A **theme** is the main idea in a piece of writing, painting, film or music.

themselves PRONOUN

If people do something **themselves**, no one else does it. *My parents had to educate **themselves**.*

then ADVERB

Then refers to a particular time in the past or future. *I left the room **then**.*

there

ADVERB **1 There** means in, at, or to that place. *He's sitting over **there**.*
PRONOUN **2 There** is used to say that something exists or does not exist. *Are **there** any more crisps?*

therefore ADVERB

Therefore means as a result. *It was raining, **therefore** we stayed indoors.*

thermometer **thermometers** NOUN

A **thermometer** is an instrument that measures temperature.

thesaurus **thesauruses** NOUN

A **thesaurus** is a book in which words with similar meanings are grouped together.

these ADJECTIVE OR PRONOUN

These is the plural of **this**.

they PRONOUN

You use **they** when you are talking about more than one person, animal or thing. ***They** are all in the same class.*

thick **thicker, thickest** ADJECTIVE **1** An object that is **thick** is deeper through than other things of the same kind. *I'll have a **thick** slice, please.*
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **thick** is made up of a lot of things growing closely together. *She has long **thick** hair.*
ADJECTIVE **3 Thick** liquids do not flow easily.

thief **thieves** NOUN

A **thief** is a person who steals something.

thigh **thighs** NOUN

Your **thighs** are the top parts of your legs above your knees.

thin **thinner, thinnest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **thin** is much narrower than it is long. *The witch's nose was long and **thin**.*
ADJECTIVE **2** A **thin** person weighs less than most people of the same height.

ADJECTIVE **3** Something such as paper or cloth that is **thin** has only a small distance between front and back.
ADJECTIVE **4** **Thin** liquids are watery.

thing **things** NOUN **1** A **thing** is an object, rather than an animal or human being.
PLURAL NOUN **2** Your **things** are your clothes or possessions.

think **thinks, thinking, thought** VERB **1** When you **think**, you use your mind to consider ideas or problems.
VERB **2** If you say you **think** something is true, you mean you believe it is true but you are not sure.

third **thirds** ADJECTIVE **1** The **third** thing in a series is the one after the second, counted as number three.
NOUN **2** A **third** is one of three equal parts into which something can be divided.

third person NOUN
In grammar, the **third person** refers to a person, thing or group. It is expressed as “he”, “she”, “it”, or “they”.

thirsty ADJECTIVE
If you are **thirsty**, you feel that you need to drink something.
thirstily ADVERB

thirteen NOUN
Thirteen is the number 13.

thirty NOUN
Thirty is the number 30.

this **these** ADJECTIVE **1** **This** is used to refer to someone or something that is nearby. *Would you like to borrow **this** book?*
PRONOUN **2** You can use **this** to introduce someone. ***This** is Ranjit.*

thistle **thistles** NOUN
A **thistle** is a wild plant with prickly leaves and purple flowers.



thorn **thorns** NOUN

A **thorn** is one of the sharp points on the stem of a plant such as a rose.

thorough ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **thorough** is always careful in their work.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **thorough** action is one that is done carefully and completely. *The doctor gave him a **thorough** examination.*

thoroughly ADVERB

those ADJECTIVE OR PRONOUN

Those is the plural of **that**.

though

CONJUNCTION **1** You say **though** before something that makes another part of the sentence rather surprising. *She didn't take a coat, **though** it was raining.*

CONJUNCTION **2** You can use **though** to mean if. *It looks as **though** you were right.*

thought **thoughts** VERB **1** **Thought** is the past tense of **think**.

NOUN **2** A **thought** is an idea that you have in your mind.

NOUN **3** **Thought** is the action of thinking carefully about something.

thoughtful ADJECTIVE **1** If someone is **thoughtful**, they are thinking a lot.

ADJECTIVE **2** A **thoughtful** person remembers what other people want or need, and tries to be kind to them.

thoughtfully ADVERB

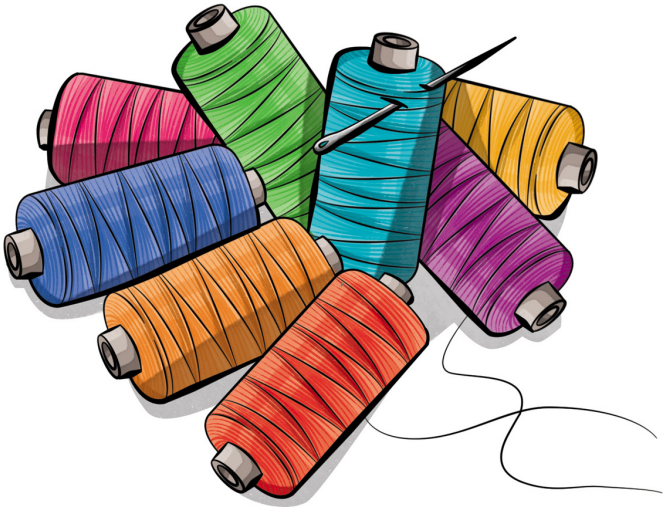
thoughtless ADJECTIVE

If you are **thoughtless**, you do not think about what other people feel.

thousand NOUN

A **thousand** is the number 1000.

thread **threads, threading, threaded** NOUN **1** A **thread** is a long fine piece of cotton, silk, nylon or wool.



VERB **2** When you **thread** a needle, you put thread through the hole in the top.

threat **threats** NOUN
A **threat** is a warning that something unpleasant may happen.

threaten **threatens, threatening, threatened** VERB
If someone **threatens** you, they say that something unpleasant may happen if you do not do what they want.

three NOUN
Three is the number 3.

three-dimensional ADJECTIVE
A **three-dimensional** or **3D** object or shape is not flat. It has height or depth as well as length and width.
*See **Solid shapes** on page 266*

threw VERB
Threw is the past tense of **throw**.

thrill **thrills** NOUN
A **thrill** is a sudden feeling of great excitement or pleasure.
thrilling ADJECTIVE

throat **throats** NOUN **1** Your **throat** is the back of your mouth and the top part of the passages inside your neck.
NOUN **2** The front part of your neck is also called your **throat**.

throb **throbs, throbbing, throbbed** VERB **1** If a part of your body **throbs**, you feel a series of strong beats or dull pains.
VERB **2** If something **throbs**, it vibrates and makes a loud rhythmic noise.

throne **thrones** NOUN
A **throne** is a special chair used by kings and queens on important occasions.

through PREPOSITION
Through means moving from one side of something to the other. *We found a path **through** the woods.*

throw **throws, throwing, threw, thrown** VERB
If you **throw** an object that you are holding, you send it through the air.



thrush **thrushes** NOUN

A **thrush** is a songbird with a brown back and a pale spotted chest.

thrust **thrusts, thrusting, thrust** VERB

If you **thrust** something somewhere, you push or move it there quickly with a lot of force.

thud **thuds** NOUN

A **thud** is a dull sound, such as a heavy object makes when it falls onto a carpet.

thumb **thumbs** NOUN

Your **thumb** is the short thick finger on the side of your hand.

thump **thumps, thumping, thumped** VERB

If you **thump** something, you hit it hard, usually with your fist. *He shouted and **thumped** the table.*

thunder NOUN

Thunder is the loud noise that you hear after a flash of lightning in a storm.

thunderstorm **thunderstorms** NOUN

A **thunderstorm** is a storm with thunder, lightning and heavy rain.

Thursday **Thursdays** NOUN
Thursday is the day between Wednesday and Friday.

tick **ticks** NOUN
A **tick** is a sign to show that something is correct.

ticket **tickets** NOUN
A **ticket** is a small piece of card or paper that shows that you have paid for something such as a train ride.

tickle **tickles, tickling, tickled** VERB
When you **tickle** someone, you move your fingers lightly over their body to make them laugh.

tide **tides** NOUN
The **tide** is the regular change in the level of the sea on the shore.

tidy **tidier, tidiest; tidies, tidying, tidied** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **tidy** is neat and well arranged.
VERB **2** When you **tidy** a room, you put things away in their proper place.
tidily ADVERB

tie **ties, tying, tied** NOUN **1** A **tie** is a long narrow piece of cloth that is worn round the neck.



NOUN **2** A **tie** in a race or competition is when two people have the same result.

VERB **3** If you **tie** an object to something, you fasten it with something such as string.

tiger **tigers** NOUN
A **tiger** is a large wild cat that lives in Asia. Its fur is usually orange with black stripes.

tight **tighter, tightest** ADJECTIVE **1** Clothes that are **tight** fit too closely to your body.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **tight** is firmly fastened and difficult to move.

tights PLURAL NOUN
Tights are a piece of clothing made of thin material that fit closely over your hips, legs and feet.

tile **tiles** NOUN
A **tile** is a small thin piece of something such as slate or carpet, that is used to cover surfaces.

till **tills** PREPOSITION OR CONJUNCTION **1** **Till** means the same as until. *Wait **till** morning… Wait **till** I get back.*
NOUN **2** A **till** is a drawer or box in a shop or bank where money is kept.

tilt **tilts, tilting, tilted** VERB
If you **tilt** something, you make it slope.

timber NOUN
Timber is wood used for building, and making furniture.

time

NOUN **1 Time** is what is measured in seconds, minutes, hours, days and years.

*See **Time** on page 279*

NOUN **2** If it is **time** to do something, that thing ought to be done now.

times

NOUN **1 Times** is used after numbers to say how often something happens.
NOUN **2** In maths, **times** is used to link numbers that are multiplied together. *Four **times** three is twelve.*

timetable **timetables** NOUN

A **timetable** is a list of the times when things happen, or when trains and buses go.

timid ADJECTIVE

A **timid** person is not brave.

tin **tins** NOUN **1 Tin** is a soft silvery-white metal.
NOUN **2** A **tin** is a metal container with a lid, for storing food.



tingle **tingles, tingling, tingled** VERB

When part of your body **tingles**, you feel a slight prickling or stinging.

tinkle **tinkles, tinkling, tinkled** VERB

If something **tinkles**, it makes a sound like a small bell ringing.

tinned ADJECTIVE

Tinned food has been preserved by being sealed in a tin.

tin opener **tin openers** NOUN

A **tin opener** is something you use for opening tins of food.

tiny **tinier, tiniest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **tiny** is very small.

tip **tips, tipping, tipped** VERB **1** If you **tip** an object, you move it so that it is no longer straight. *She **tipped** her chair back and almost fell over.* NOUN **2** The **tip** of something long and narrow is the end of it.

tiptoe **tiptoes, tiptoeing, tiptoed** VERB
If you **tiptoe** somewhere, you walk there very quietly on your toes.

tired ADJECTIVE
If you are **tired**, you feel that you want to rest or sleep.

tissue **tissues** NOUN
A **tissue** is a piece of soft paper that you can use as a handkerchief.

title **titles** NOUN **1** A **title** is the name of something such as a book or film. NOUN **2** Someone's **title** is a name such as Mr, Mrs or Sir, that goes in front of their own name.

to

PREPOSITION **1** You use **to** indicate a direction in which something is going. *She went **to** the window and looked out.*

PREPOSITION **2** You use **to** when you are comparing two things. *I prefer fruit **to** chocolate.*

toad **toads** NOUN

A **toad** is an amphibian. It looks like a frog but it has a drier skin and lives mostly on land.

*See **Amphibians** on page 264*



toadstool **toadstools** NOUN

A **toadstool** is a type of poisonous fungus.

toast NOUN

Toast is a slice of bread made brown and crisp by heating.

today ADVERB

Today is the day that is happening now.

toddler **toddlers** NOUN

A **toddler** is a small child who has only just learned to walk.

toe **toes** NOUN

Your **toes** are the five parts at the end of your foot which you can move.

toffee **toffees** NOUN

A **toffee** is a sticky, chewy sweet made from butter and sugar.

together ADVERB **1** If two people do something **together**, they both do it.
ADVERB **2** If two things happen **together**, they happen at the same time.

toilet **toilets** NOUN **1** A **toilet** is a bowl connected to a drain and fitted with a seat. You use it to get rid of waste matter from your body.
NOUN **2** A **toilet** is also a small room containing a toilet.

told VERB
Told is the past tense of **tell**.

tomato **tomatoes** NOUN
A **tomato** is a soft, small red fruit. It can be cooked or eaten raw in salads.
*See **Fruit** on page 260*

tomorrow ADVERB
Tomorrow is the day after today.

ton **tons** NOUN
A **ton** is a unit of weight equal to about 1000 kilograms.

tongue **tongues** NOUN
Your **tongue** is the soft, moving part inside your mouth. You use your tongue for tasting, eating and speaking.



tongue twister **tongue twisters** NOUN
A **tongue twister** is a sentence or expression which is difficult to say properly. For example, “She sells seashells on the seashore” is a tongue

twister.

tonight ADVERB

Tonight is the evening of today or the night that follows today.

tonne **tonnes** NOUN

A **tonne** is a metric measure of weight. It is equal to 1000 kilograms.

too

ADVERB **1** **Too** means also, or as well. *I was there **too**.*

ADVERB **2** **Too** also means more than is needed. *I've had **too** much to eat.*

took VERB

Took is the past tense of **take**.

tool **tools** NOUN

A **tool** is anything that you use to help you do something, such as a hammer.

tooth **teeth** NOUN **1** A **tooth** is one of the hard white objects in your mouth. You use your teeth for biting and chewing food.



NOUN **2** The **teeth** of a comb, saw or zip are the parts that stick out in a row.

toothbrush **toothbrushes** NOUN

A **toothbrush** is a small brush that you use for cleaning your teeth.

toothpaste NOUN

Toothpaste is a substance which you use to clean your teeth.

top **tops** NOUN **1** The **top** of something is its highest point, part or surface.

NOUN **2** The **top** of a bottle, jar or tube is its cap or lid.

topic **topics** NOUN

A **topic** is a particular subject that you write or talk about.

torch **torches** NOUN

A **torch** is a small electric lamp which you can carry in your hand.

tore VERB

Tore is the past tense of **tear**.

torn VERB

Torn is the past participle of **tear**.

tornado **tornadoes** or **tornados** NOUN

A **tornado** is a very strong wind that moves round in a circle and can cause a lot of damage.



tortoise **tortoises** NOUN

A **tortoise** is a slow-moving reptile with a hard thick shell.
*See **Reptiles** on page 264*

toss **tosses, tossing, tossed** VERB **1** If you **toss** something, you throw it lightly and carelessly.

VERB **2** If something **tosses**, it keeps moving from side to side.

total **totals** NOUN **1** A **total** is the number you get when you add several numbers together.

ADJECTIVE **2** **Total** means complete. *The party was a **total** success.*

touch **touches, touching, touched** VERB **1** If you **touch** something, you feel it with your hand.

VERB **2** If two things are **touching**, there is no space between them.

tough **tougher, toughest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **tough** is strong and difficult to cut, tear or break.

tour **tours** NOUN

A **tour** is a journey to visit interesting places.

tourist **tourists** NOUN

A **tourist** is a person who visits places for pleasure and interest.

tournament **tournaments** NOUN

A **tournament** is a competition in which lots of matches are played, until just one person or team is left.

tow **tows, towing, towed** VERB

If a vehicle **tows** another vehicle, it pulls it along behind.

towards
PREPOSITION **1** If you move **towards** something, you go in that direction.
PREPOSITION **2** If you give money **towards** something, you help pay for it.

towel **towels** NOUN
A **towel** is a piece of soft thick cloth that you use to dry yourself with.

tower **towers** NOUN
A **tower** is a tall narrow building or a tall part of a building.

town **towns** NOUN
A **town** is a place with a lot of streets and buildings where people live and work.

toy **toys** NOUN
A **toy** is something you play with, such as a doll or a model car.



trace **traces, tracing, traced** VERB **1** If you **trace** something such as a map, you copy it by covering it with a piece of thin paper and drawing over the lines underneath.
VERB **2** If you **trace** something, you find it after looking for it.

track **tracks** NOUN **1** A **track** is a rough narrow road or path.
NOUN **2** A **track** is also a special road or path that is used for racing.
NOUN **3** A railway **track** is a strip of ground with rails that trains travel on.

tracksuit **tracksuits** NOUN
A **tracksuit** is a loose warm suit of trousers and a top, worn for outdoor sports.

tractor **tractors** NOUN

A **tractor** is a vehicle with large rear wheels. Tractors are used on farms for pulling or lifting things.

trade **trades** NOUN
Trade is the buying and selling of goods or services. Trade can be between people, companies or countries.

trademark **trademarks** NOUN
A **trademark** is a name or symbol that a manufacturer always uses on its products. It is usually protected by law so that nobody else can use it.

tradition **traditions** NOUN
A **tradition** is something that people have done or believed in for a long time.
traditional ADJECTIVE **traditionally** ADVERB

traffic NOUN
Traffic is the movement of vehicles on the road, in the air or on water.

traffic light **traffic lights** NOUN
Traffic lights are special signals to control the flow of traffic. Red lights mean stop and green lights mean go.

tragedy **tragedies** NOUN **1** A **tragedy** is an event or situation that is very sad.
NOUN **2** A **tragedy** is also a serious play, that usually ends with the death of the main character.
tragic ADJECTIVE

trail **trails, trailing, trailed** NOUN **1** A **trail** is a rough path across open country or through forests.
NOUN **2** A **trail** is also the scent, footprints and other signs that people and animals leave behind them.
VERB **3** If you **trail** something or it **trails**, it drags along behind you.

trailer **trailers** NOUN **1** A **trailer** is a vehicle pulled by a car, used for carrying things.
NOUN **2** A **trailer** can also be a series of short pieces from a film or television programme in order to advertise it.

train **trains, training, trained** NOUN **1** A **train** is a number of carriages or trucks which are joined together and pulled by an engine along a railway.
VERB **2** If someone **trains** you to do a job, they teach you the skills you need.
VERB **3** If you **train** a dog, you teach it to behave properly.

trainer **trainers** NOUN **1** A **trainer** is a person who coaches people in sports such as boxing.
NOUN **2** **Trainers** are special shoes people wear for running or jogging.

tram **trams** NOUN
A **tram** is a vehicle which runs on rails along the street.

trampoline **trampolines** NOUN
A **trampoline** is something that is used for jumping on. It is made of strong cloth held into a frame by springs.

transfer **transfers, transferring, transferred** VERB
If you **transfer** something, you move it to a different place or position.

translate **translates, translating, translated** VERB
If you **translate** something, you put the words into a different language.
translation NOUN

translucent ADJECTIVE
If something is **translucent**, light passes through it so that it glows.

transparent ADJECTIVE
If something is **transparent**, it lets light through and you can see through it.

transplant **transplants** NOUN
A **transplant** is an operation to put part of one person’s body into another person.

transport NOUN
Transport is using vehicles to move people and things from one place to another.

trap **traps, trapping, trapped** NOUN **1** A **trap** is something that is specially made to catch animals.
VERB **2** If a person is **trapped**, they cannot escape.

trap door **trap doors** NOUN
A **trap door** is a small door in a floor or ceiling.

trapeze **trapezes** NOUN
A **trapeze** is a bar hung from a high place by ropes. People swing from trapezes in circuses.

travel **travels, travelling, travelled** VERB
If you **travel**, you go from one place to another.
traveller NOUN

tray **trays** NOUN
A **tray** is a flat object with raised edges, used for carrying food or drinks.



treacherous ADJECTIVE **1** A person who is **treacherous** cannot be trusted.
ADJECTIVE **2** If something like the sea is **treacherous**, it is dangerous.

treacle NOUN
Treacle is a thick sweet sticky liquid made from sugar.

tread **treads, treading, trod, trodden** VERB
If you **tread** on something, you walk on it or step on it.

treasure **treasures** NOUN

Treasure is valuable things such as jewels or paintings.

treat **treats, treating, treated** VERB **1** If you **treat** someone in a certain way, you behave that way towards them. *My uncle **treats** me as if I'm five.* VERB **2** If someone **treats** a person who is ill, they help them get well again.

NOUN **3** A **treat** is something enjoyable.

tree **trees** NOUN

A **tree** is a large plant with a hard woody trunk, branches and leaves.



tremble **trembles, trembling, trembled** VERB

If you **tremble**, you shake slightly, because you are frightened or cold.

trespass **trespasses, trespassing, trespassed** VERB

To **trespass** means to go on someone else's land without asking.

trial **trials** NOUN **1** A **trial** is when you try something out to see if it works.

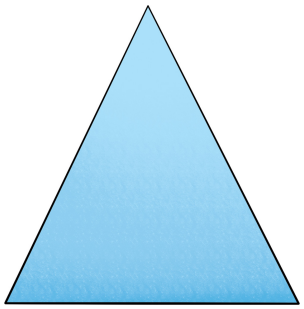
NOUN **2** In law, a **trial** is a time in court. People decide whether a person is guilty of a crime.

triangle **triangles** NOUN

A **triangle** is a flat shape with three straight sides and three angles.

triangular ADJECTIVE

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tribe **tribes** NOUN
A **tribe** is a group of people of the same race, customs and language, who are ruled by one chief.

trick **tricks, tricking, tricked** NOUN **1** A **trick** is a clever or skilful act that someone does to entertain people.
VERB **2** If a person **tricks** someone, they deceive them.

trickle **trickles, trickling, trickled** VERB
When a liquid **trickles**, it flows slowly in small amounts.

tricycle **tricycles** NOUN
A **tricycle** is a vehicle similar to a bicycle, but with three wheels.

tried VERB
Tried is the past tense of **try**.

tries VERB
Tries is a present tense form of **try**.

trifle **trifles** NOUN
Trifle is a cold pudding made of layers of sponge, fruit, jelly and custard.

trigger **triggers** NOUN
A **trigger** is a small lever on a gun, which is pulled to fire the gun.

trim **trims, trimming, trimmed** VERB
If a person **trims** something, such as a hedge or your hair, they cut off small amounts of it to make it neat.



trip **trips, tripping, tripped** NOUN **1** A **trip** is a journey to a place and back again.
VERB **2** If you **trip**, you catch your foot on something and fall over.

triumph **triumphs** NOUN
A **triumph** is a great success.

triumphant ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **triumphant** feels extremely happy because they have been very successful.

trod VERB
Trod is the past tense of **tread**.

trolley **trolleys** NOUN
A **trolley** is a small cart on wheels used for carrying heavy objects.

troops PLURAL NOUN
Troops are soldiers.

trophy **trophies** NOUN
A **trophy** is a cup or shield given to the winner of a competition.

tropical ADJECTIVE
Tropical means to do with the tropics, which are the hottest part of the world, near the equator.

trot **trots, trotting, trotted** VERB

When a horse **trots**, it moves at a speed a little faster than a walk.

trouble **troubles** NOUN

Trouble is something that worries or bothers you.

trough **troughs** NOUN

A **trough** is a long narrow container which holds food or drink for farm animals.

trousers PLURAL NOUN

Trousers are a piece of clothing for the body from the waist down, with a separate part for each leg.



trout NOUN

A **trout** is a fish that lives in lakes and rivers.

trowel **trowels** NOUN

A **trowel** is a small garden tool with a curved and pointed blade used for planting or weeding.

truant **truants** NOUN

A **truant** is a child who stays away from school without permission.

truce **truces** NOUN

A **truce** is an agreement between two people or groups to stop fighting or quarrelling for a time.

truck **trucks** NOUN **1** A **truck** is a large motor vehicle which is open at the back. Trucks are used for carrying heavy loads.
NOUN **2** A **truck** is also an open vehicle used for carrying things on a railway.

true **truer, truest** ADJECTIVE **1** A **true** story or statement is based on facts and is not made up.
ADJECTIVE **2** **True** feelings are sincere.
truly ADVERB

trumpet **trumpets** NOUN
A **trumpet** is a brass musical instrument that you blow into.

trunk **trunks** NOUN **1** The **trunk** of a tree is its main stem, from which the branches grow.
NOUN **2** An elephant's **trunk** is its long flexible nose.
NOUN **3** A **trunk** is also a large box with a lid used for storing things.



trust **trusts, trusting, trusted** VERB
If you **trust** someone, you believe that they are honest and will not do anything to hurt you.

truth NOUN
The **truth** is the facts about something or someone, rather than things that are imagined or made up.

truthful ADJECTIVE
A **truthful** person is honest and tells the truth.
truthfully ADVERB

try **tries, trying, tried** VERB **1** If you **try** to do something, you do your best to do it.
VERB **2** If you **try** something, you test it to see what it is like.

T-shirt **T-shirts** NOUN
A **T-shirt** is a simple short-sleeved cotton shirt with no collar.

tub **tubs** NOUN
A **tub** is a round container for food.

tube **tubes** NOUN **1** A **tube** is a round hollow pipe.
NOUN **2** A **tube** is also a container with a cap at one end that you squeeze to get the contents out.

tuck **tucks, tucking, tucked** VERB
If you **tuck** something, you put the end of it under or into something else.
*He **tucked** his shirt into his trousers.*

Tuesday **Tuesdays** NOUN
Tuesday is the day after Monday and before Wednesday.

tuft **tufts** NOUN
A **tuft** of something, such as hair, is a bunch of it growing closely together.

tug **tugs, tugging, tugged** VERB
If you **tug** something, you give it a quick strong pull.

tug-of-war NOUN
A **tug-of-war** is a sport in which two teams pull against each other on opposite ends of a rope.

tulip **tulips** NOUN
A **tulip** is a spring flower shaped like an upside-down bell.

tumble **tumbles, tumbling, tumbled** VERB

If you **tumble**, you fall over and over.

tuna NOUN
Tuna are large edible fish that live in warm seas.

tune **tunes** NOUN
A **tune** is a series of musical notes that are nice to listen to.

tunnel **tunnels** NOUN
A **tunnel** is a long passage under the ground or through a hill.



turkey **turkeys** NOUN
A **turkey** is a large bird that is kept on a farm for its meat.

turn **turns, turning, turned** VERB **1** When you **turn**, you move so that you are facing a different way.
VERB **2** When you **turn** something, you move it round.
VERB **3** When something **turns into** something else, it becomes that thing.
*When water freezes, it **turns into** ice.*
NOUN **4** If people take **turns** to do something, they do it one after the other.

turnip **turnips** NOUN
A **turnip** is a round root vegetable with a white or yellow skin.
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turquoise ADJECTIVE

Something **turquoise** is a blue-green colour.

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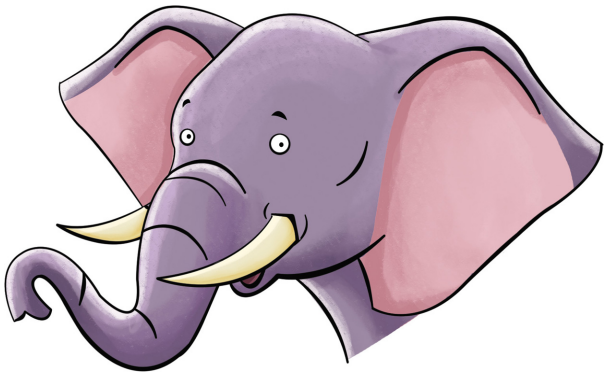
turtle **turtles** NOUN

A **turtle** is a large reptile with a thick shell. It lives mostly in the sea.

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tusk **tusks** NOUN

Tusks are long pointed teeth that some animals have. For example, elephants and walruses have tusks.



TV **TVs** NOUN

TV is an abbreviation of **television**.

twelve NOUN

Twelve is the number 12.

twenty NOUN

Twenty is the number 20.

twice ADVERB

Twice means two times.

twig **twigs** NOUN

A **twig** is a small thin branch of a tree or bush.

twilight NOUN

Twilight is the time after sunset when it is just getting dark.



twin **twins** NOUN
If two people are **twins**, they have the same mother and were born on the same day.

twinkle **twinkles, twinkling, twinkled** VERB
If something **twinkles**, it shines with little flashes.

twirl **twirls, twirling, twirled** VERB
If something **twirls**, or if you twirl it, it spins round and round.

twist **twists, twisting, twisted** VERB **1** When you **twist** something, you turn one end in the opposite direction to the other.
VERB **2** When something **twists**, it moves or bends into a strange shape.

two NOUN
Two is the number 2.

two-dimensional ADJECTIVE
Something that is **two-dimensional**, or **2D**, is a flat shape. For example, a circle is two-dimensional.

tying VERB
Tying is the present participle of **tie**.

type **types, typing, typed** NOUN **1** **Type** means kind or sort. *What **type** of plant is it?*

VERB **2** If you **type** words, you use a computer or typewriter.



typhoon **typhoons** NOUN

A **typhoon** is a storm with extremely strong winds.

typical ADJECTIVE

Something that is **typical** is what you would expect.

tyre **tyres** NOUN

A **tyre** is a thick ring of rubber fitted round each wheel of a vehicle.

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ugly **uglier, ugliest** ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **ugly** is not pleasant to look at.

umbrella **umbrellas** NOUN
An **umbrella** is a shelter from the rain. It consists of a folding frame covered in thin cloth, attached to a long stick.



unable ADJECTIVE
If you are **unable** to do something, you cannot do it.

unaware ADJECTIVE
If you are **unaware** of something, you do not know about it.

unbearable ADJECTIVE
Something **unbearable** is so unpleasant, painful or upsetting you feel you cannot stand it.

unbelievable ADJECTIVE **1** Something **unbelievable** is extremely great or surprising. *She showed **unbelievable** courage.*
ADJECTIVE **2 Unbelievable** can also be used to describe something that is so unlikely you cannot believe it.

uncertain ADJECTIVE

If you are **uncertain**, you are not sure what to do.

uncle **uncles** NOUN
Your **uncle** is the brother of one of your parents, or your aunt's husband.

uncomfortable ADJECTIVE
If you are **uncomfortable**, you do not feel easy.

uncommon ADJECTIVE
Something **uncommon** does not often happen, or is not often seen.

unconscious ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **unconscious** is unable to see, hear or feel anything that is going on. This is usually because they have fainted or have been badly injured.

under PREPOSITION **1 Under** means below or beneath.
PREPOSITION **2 Under** can also mean less than. *Children **under** five can go in free.*

underground ADJECTIVE **1** Something **underground** is below the surface of the ground.
NOUN **2** The **underground** is a railway that runs in tunnels under some cities.



undergrowth NOUN
Undergrowth is bushes or plants growing together under the trees in a forest or jungle.

underline **underlines, underlining, underlined** VERB
If you **underline** a word or sentence, you draw a line under it.

underneath PREPOSITION OR ADVERB
Underneath means below or beneath. *They found the missing card **underneath** the table… They couldn't move the car because their cat was **underneath**.*

understand **understands, understanding, understood** VERB
If you **understand** something, you know what it means.

underwear NOUN
Your **underwear** is the clothing that you wear next to your skin under your other clothes.

undo **undoes, undoing, undid, undone** VERB
If you **undo** something that is tied up, you untie it.

undress **undresses, undressing, undressed** VERB
When you **undress**, you take off your clothes.

uneasy ADJECTIVE
If you are **uneasy**, you are worried that something is wrong.

unemployed ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **unemployed** does not have a job.

uneven ADJECTIVE
Something that is **uneven** does not have a flat, smooth surface.

unexpected ADJECTIVE
Something that is **unexpected** surprises you.
unexpectedly ADVERB

unfair ADJECTIVE
If you think that something is **unfair**, it does not seem right or reasonable to you.
unfairly ADVERB

unfortunate ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **unfortunate** is unlucky.

ADJECTIVE **2** If you say something is **unfortunate**, you mean you wish it had not happened.
unfortunately ADVERB

unfriendly ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **unfriendly** is not kind to you.

ungrateful ADJECTIVE
If someone is **ungrateful**, they are not thankful for something that has been given to them or done for them.

unhappy **unhappier, unhappiest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **unhappy** is sad or miserable.
unhappily ADVERB

unhealthy **unhealthier, unhealthiest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **unhealthy** is often ill.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **unhealthy** is likely to cause illness.

uniform **uniforms** NOUN
A **uniform** is a special set of clothes that is worn by people to show that they belong to the same group.



unique ADJECTIVE
If something is **unique**, it is the only one of its kind.

unit **units** NOUN **1** A **unit** is an amount that is used for measuring things. For example, a second is a unit of time.

NOUN **2** In maths, the number of ones is the number of **units**. *The number 37 has 3 tens and 7* ***units****.*

unite **unites, uniting, united** VERB

If people **unite**, they work as a group.

united ADJECTIVE

universe NOUN

The **universe** is the whole of space including all the stars and planets.

university **universities** NOUN

A **university** is a place where people can carry on their education when they have left school.



unkind ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **unkind** is rather cruel and unpleasant.

unleaded ADJECTIVE

Unleaded petrol has a smaller amount of lead in it, in order to reduce the pollution from vehicles.

unless CONJUNCTION

You use **unless** to introduce a condition which is necessary for something else to happen. *I won't come* ***unless*** *you invite me.*

unlike PREPOSITION

If one thing is **unlike** another, the two things are different.

unlikely ADJECTIVE

If something is **unlikely**, it is probably not true or probably will not happen.

unload **unloads, unloading, unloaded** VERB
If people **unload** something, such as a lorry, they take the load off it.

unlock **unlocks, unlocking, unlocked** VERB
If you **unlock** something, such as a door, you open it with a key.



unlucky ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **unlucky** has bad luck.
unluckily ADVERB

unnatural ADJECTIVE
Something **unnatural** is strange because it is not usual. *There was an **unnatural** stillness.*
unnaturally ADVERB

unnecessary ADJECTIVE
Something that is **unnecessary** is not needed.

unpack **unpacks, unpacking, unpacked** VERB
When you **unpack**, you take everything out of a suitcase, bag or box.

unpleasant ADJECTIVE
Something that is **unpleasant** is rather nasty and not enjoyable.

unpopular ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **unpopular** is disliked by most people.

unsafe ADJECTIVE

If something like a building or a machine is **unsafe**, it is dangerous.

unselfish ADJECTIVE
People who are **unselfish** care more about other people than they do about themselves.

untidy **untidier, untidiest** ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **untidy** does not care whether things are neat and well arranged.
ADJECTIVE **2** An **untidy** place is not neat or well arranged.

untie **unties, untying, untied** VERB
If you **untie** something, you undo the knots in the string around it.

until PREPOSITION OR CONJUNCTION
Until means up to a certain time. *The shop was open **until** midnight… He waited **until** the dog was asleep.*

untrue ADJECTIVE
Something that is **untrue** is false and not based on facts.

unusual ADJECTIVE
Someone or something that is **unusual** is different from the ordinary.

up PREPOSITION OR ADVERB **1** **Up** means towards or in a higher place. *She ran **up** the stairs… It was high **up** in the mountains.*
ADVERB **2** If an amount of something goes **up**, it increases. *The price of butter has gone **up**.*

upload **uploads, uploading, uploaded** VERB
When you **upload** a computer file, you move it from your own computer to the Internet.

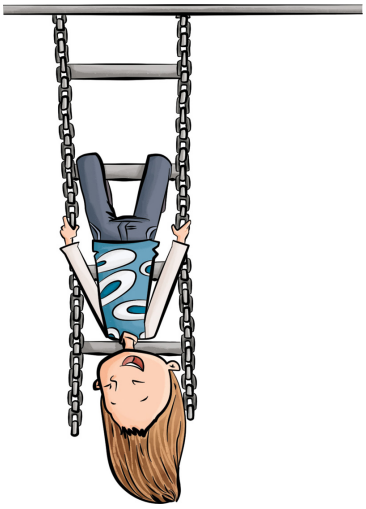
upper-case ADJECTIVE
Upper-case letters are capital letters.
See **lower-case**

upright ADJECTIVE
If you are **upright**, you are standing up straight.

uproar **uproars** NOUN
An **uproar** is a lot of noise and shouting.

upset **upsets, upsetting, upset** VERB **1** If someone **upsets** something, they turn it over by accident. *He **upset** a tin of paint on the carpet.*
ADJECTIVE **2** If you are **upset**, you are unhappy or disappointed.

upside down ADJECTIVE
Something that is **upside down** has been turned so that the part that should be at the top is at the bottom.



upstairs ADVERB **1** If you go **upstairs** in a building, you go up to a higher floor.
ADVERB **2** Someone or something that is **upstairs** is on a higher floor than you.

up-to-date ADJECTIVE
Something that is **up-to-date** is new or modern.

upwards ADVERB
If something moves **upwards** it is going towards a higher place.



urgent ADJECTIVE
Something that is **urgent** needs to be done at once.

us PRONOUN
A speaker or writer uses **us** to mean himself or herself and one or more other people.

use **uses, using, used** VERB
If you **use** something, you do something with it that helps you.

used VERB
Something that **used** to be done was done in the past.
used to PHRASE If you are **used to** something, you are familiar with it and have often experienced it.

useful ADJECTIVE
If something is **useful**, it helps you in some way.

useless ADJECTIVE
If something is **useless**, you cannot use it.

user-friendly ADJECTIVE
If you describe a machine or system as **user-friendly**, you mean that it is well designed and easy to use.

usual ADJECTIVE
Something that is **usual** happens, or is done or used, most often.

usually ADVERB
If something **usually** happens, it happens most often.

Vv

vacant ADJECTIVE
Somewhere that is **vacant** has nobody in it.

vaccination **vaccinations** NOUN
A **vaccination** is an injection that stops you getting an illness.

vacuum cleaner **vacuum cleaners** NOUN
A **vacuum cleaner** is an electric machine which cleans by sucking up dirt.

vague **vaguer, vaguest** ADJECTIVE
Things that are **vague** are not definite or clear. *He had a **vague** feeling he should be doing something.*

vain ADJECTIVE
A **vain** person is too proud of how they look or what they can do.

valley **valleys** NOUN
A **valley** is a low piece of land between hills. Valleys often have rivers flowing through them.



valuable ADJECTIVE **1** Things that are **valuable** are worth a lot of money.
ADJECTIVE **2** Help or advice that is **valuable** is very useful.

value NOUN **1** The **value** of something is its importance or usefulness.
NOUN **2** The **value** of something such as jewellery is the amount of money that it is worth.

vampire **vampires** NOUN

In horror stories, **vampires** are creatures that suck the blood of living people.

van **vans** NOUN

A **van** is a vehicle larger than a car but smaller than a lorry. Vans are used for carrying goods.

vandal **vandals** NOUN

A **vandal** is someone who damages something useful or beautiful on purpose and for no good reason.

vanilla NOUN

Vanilla is a flavouring for food. It comes from the pods of a tropical plant.



vanish **vanishes, vanishing, vanished** VERB

If something **vanishes**, it disappears suddenly.

vapour **vapours** NOUN

Vapour is a mass of tiny drops of water or other liquids in the air, which appear as clouds, mist or fumes.

variety **variety** NOUN

A **variety** of things is lots of different types.

various ADJECTIVE

You say **various** to mean several different things of one kind. *There were **various** questions she wanted to ask.*

vase **vases** NOUN

A **vase** is a kind of jar used as an ornament, or to hold cut flowers.

vast ADJECTIVE

Something that is **vast** is extremely large.

vegetable **vegetables** NOUN

Vegetables are plants, or parts of plants such as leaves, that can be eaten.
*See **Vegetables** on page 260*

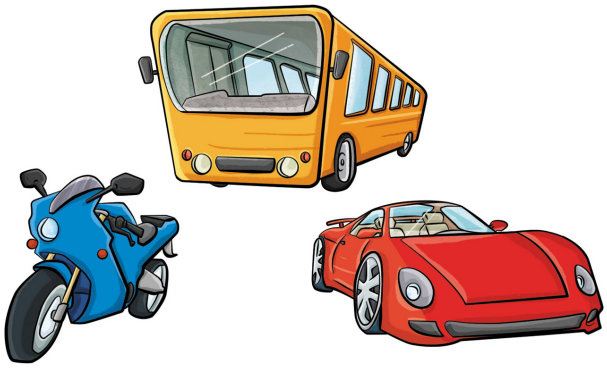


vegetarian **vegetarians** NOUN

A **vegetarian** is a person who does not eat meat or fish.

vehicle **vehicles** NOUN

A **vehicle** is a machine such as a car or bus that carries people or things from place to place.



veil **veils** NOUN

A **veil** is a piece of thin soft cloth that some women wear over their face or head.

vein **veins** NOUN
A **vein** is a tube inside the body which carries blood to the heart.

velvet NOUN
Velvet is a material which has soft short threads on one side.

verb **verbs** NOUN
In grammar, a **verb** is a word that expresses actions and states, for example “take” and “run”.
See Verb on page 269

verdict **verdicts** NOUN
In a law court, a **verdict** is whether a prisoner is guilty or not guilty.

verse **verses** NOUN **1** **Verse** is another word for poetry.
NOUN **2** A **verse** is one of the parts that a poem or song is divided into.

version **versions** NOUN
A **version** of something is a form of it in which some details are different from earlier or later forms. *This is a different **version** of my story.*

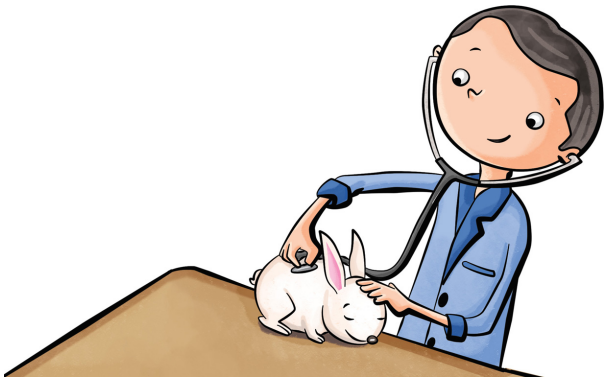
vertical ADJECTIVE
Something that is **vertical** stands straight up from a flat surface.
See **horizontal**

very ADVERB
Very is used before words to make them stronger. *He had **very** bad dreams.*

vessel **vessels** NOUN
A **vessel** is a ship or boat.

vest **vests** NOUN
A **vest** is a piece of underwear for the top half of the body.

vet **vets** NOUN
A **vet** is a person whose job is to look after sick and injured animals. Vet is an abbreviation of **veterinary surgeon**.



via PREPOSITION

If you go **via** a particular place, you go through it to get to somewhere else. *We go to school **via** the park.*

viaduct **viaducts** NOUN

A **viaduct** is a long high bridge that carries a road or railway across a valley.



vibrate **vibrates, vibrating, vibrated** VERB

If something **vibrates**, it shakes with a very slight, very quick movement.

vicious ADJECTIVE

Someone or something that is **vicious** is cruel and violent.

victim **victims** NOUN

A **victim** is someone who has been harmed or injured by someone or something.

victory **victories** NOUN

A **victory** is a success in a battle or competition.

video **videos, videoing, videoed** NOUN

A **video** is a recorded film that you can watch on a computer or television set.

video game **video games** NOUN

A **video game** is a game that can be played on the screen of a computer or television.

view **views** NOUN

The **view** from a window or a high place is everything that can be seen from there.



village **villages** NOUN

A **village** is a small group of houses and other buildings in a country area.

vine **vines** NOUN

A **vine** is a climbing plant that produces grapes.

vinegar NOUN

Vinegar is a sharp-tasting liquid that is used to add taste to some foods, and is also used for pickling.

violence NOUN

Violence is behaviour that is meant to hurt or kill people.

violent ADJECTIVE **1** Someone who is **violent** uses force to hurt or kill people.
ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **violent** happens suddenly and with great force. *A **violent** earthquake shook the city.*
violently ADVERB

violet **violets** NOUN
A **violet** is a small plant with purple or white flowers.

violin **violins** NOUN
A **violin** is a musical instrument with four strings. It is held under the chin and played with a bow.

virtual ADJECTIVE
Virtual means something that is very like a real thing but is not actually the same. *What he said was a **virtual** lie.*

virtual reality NOUN
Virtual reality is an image created by a computer that looks real to the person using it.

virus **viruses** NOUN **1** A **virus** is a tiny germ which you cannot see without a microscope. Viruses can cause diseases.
NOUN **2** A disease caused by a virus can also be called a **virus**.

visible ADJECTIVE
Something that is **visible** can be seen.
visibly ADVERB

vision **visions** NOUN **1** **Vision** is the ability to see clearly. *Your **vision** will be better if you wear glasses.*
NOUN **2** A **vision** is a picture in your mind.

visit **visits, visiting, visited** VERB
If you **visit** a person or a place, you go to see them.

visitor **visitors** NOUN
A **visitor** is someone who is visiting a person or place.

vital ADJECTIVE

If something is **vital** when you are doing something, you will not succeed without it. *It is **vital** to get the measurements exactly right.*

vitamin **vitamins** NOUN

A **vitamin** is one of the substances which you need to stay healthy. There are vitamins in many kinds of food.

vivid ADJECTIVE **1** A **vivid** colour is very bright.

ADJECTIVE **2** Memories or descriptions that are **vivid** are clear and remain firmly fixed in your mind.

vividly ADVERB

vixen **vixens** NOUN

A **vixen** is a female fox.

vocabulary NOUN

Someone's **vocabulary** is the total number of words in a language that they know.

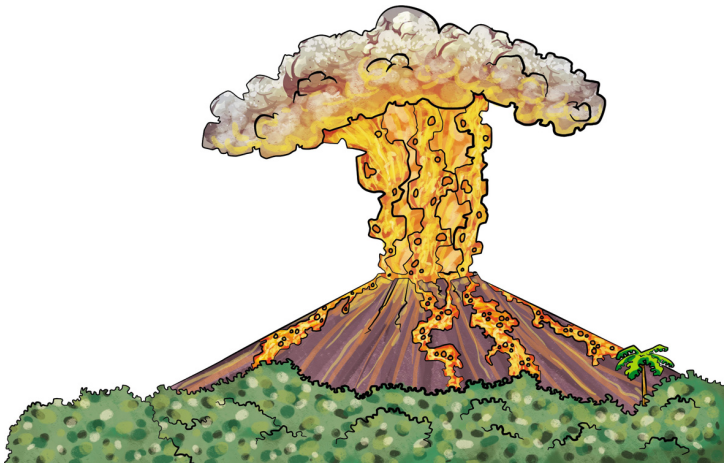
voice **voices** NOUN **1** Someone's **voice** is the sound they make when they speak or sing.

NOUN **2** In grammar, the active **voice** and the passive voice refer to the relation between a verb and its subject. For example, the sentence "Brian hit the ball" is in the active voice, and "The ball was hit by Brian" is in the passive voice.

See **active**

volcano **volcanoes** NOUN

A **volcano** is a mountain with a hole called a crater in the top. Sometimes hot melted rock, gas, steam and ash burst from the crater.



volume **volumes** NOUN **1** A **volume** is a book.
NOUN **2** The **volume** of something is the amount of space that it takes up.
NOUN **3** The **volume** of something, such as a radio or television, is how loud or quiet its sound is. *He played his radio at full **volume**.*

voluntary ADJECTIVE **1** **Voluntary** actions are ones that you offer to do, rather than being asked to or made to.
ADJECTIVE **2** **Voluntary** work is done by people who are not paid for what they do.
voluntarily ADVERB

volunteer **volunteers, volunteering, volunteered** VERB **1** If you **volunteer** to do something, you offer to do it without expecting any reward.
NOUN **2** A **volunteer** is someone who does work for which they are not paid.

vote **votes, voting, voted** VERB **1** If you **vote**, you make a choice, usually by raising your hand or writing on a piece of paper. *We **voted** for Tim as group leader.*
VERB **2** If you **vote** that a particular thing should happen, that is what you suggest.
*I **vote** we all go swimming.*

voucher **vouchers** NOUN
A **voucher** is a ticket or piece of paper that can be used instead of money.

vowel **vowels** NOUN

In the English language, the letters a, e, i, o and u are **vowels**.

See **consonant**

voyage **voyages** NOUN

A **voyage** is a long journey on a ship or in a spacecraft.

vulture **vultures** NOUN

A **vulture** is a large bird which feeds on dead animals. Vultures live in hot countries.



Ww

wade **wades, wading, waded** VERB
To **wade** means to walk through fairly shallow water.

wafer **wafers** NOUN
A **wafer** is a thin crisp biscuit.

wag **wags, wagging, wagged** VERB
When a dog **wags** its tail, it waves it from side to side because it is happy.

wagon **wagons** NOUN **1** A **wagon** is a strong cart for carrying heavy loads. Wagons are usually pulled by a horse or tractor.
VERB **2** A **wagon** is also a railway truck.

wail **wails, wailing, wailed** VERB
If someone **wails**, they make a long crying noise.

waist **waists** NOUN
Your **waist** is the narrow middle part of your body, just below your chest.

wait **waits, waiting, waited** VERB
If you **wait**, you spend time before something happens.

wake **wakes, waking, woke, woken** VERB
When you **wake**, you stop sleeping.

walk **walks, walking, walked** VERB
When you **walk**, you move along by putting one foot in front of the other.

wall **walls** NOUN **1** A **wall** is one of the vertical sides of a building or a room.
NOUN **2** A **wall** can also be used to divide or go round an area of land.



wallet **wallets** NOUN

A **wallet** is a small flat case that fits in a pocket. It is used to hold things such as paper money and credit cards.

wallpaper **wallpapers** NOUN

Wallpaper is thick coloured or patterned paper that is used for covering and decorating the walls of a room.

walnut **walnuts** NOUN

A **walnut** is a nut with a wrinkled shape and a light brown shell.

walrus **walruses** NOUN

A **walrus** is a mammal that lives in the sea and looks like a large seal. It has coarse whiskers and two long tusks.

wand **wands** NOUN

A **wand** is a long thin rod that magicians wave when they are performing tricks and magic.

wander **wanders, wandering, wandered** VERB

If you **wander**, you walk around without going in any particular direction.

want **wants, wanting, wanted** VERB

If you **want** something, you wish for it or need it.

war **wars** NOUN

A **war** is a period of fighting between countries.

wardrobe **wardrobes** NOUN

A **wardrobe** is a tall cupboard where you can hang your clothes.



warehouse **warehouses** NOUN
A **warehouse** is a large building which is used to store things.

warm **warmer, warmest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **warm** has some heat but not enough to be hot.
ADJECTIVE **2** Clothes and blankets that are **warm** are made of a material that stops you feeling cold.

warmth NOUN
Warmth is a comfortable amount of heat.

warn **warns, warning, warned** VERB
If you **warn** someone, you tell them about a danger or problem that they might meet.

warning **warnings** NOUN
A **warning** is something that tells you about a possible problem or danger.

warren **warrens** NOUN
A **warren** is a group of holes in the ground which rabbits live in. The holes are connected by tunnels.

wary **warier, wariest** ADJECTIVE
If you are **wary** about something, you are careful because you are not sure about it.

warily ADVERB

was VERB
Was is a past tense form of **be**. *It **was** my birthday yesterday.*
See **be**

wash **washes, washing, washed** VERB
If you **wash** something, you clean it with soap and water.



washable ADJECTIVE
Clothes or materials that are **washable** can be washed in water without being damaged.

washing NOUN
Washing is clothes, towels and bedding that need to be washed.

washing machine **washing machines** NOUN
A **washing machine** is a machine for washing clothes in.

washing-up NOUN
If you do the **washing-up**, you wash things such as plates, pans and knives after a meal.

wasp **wasps** NOUN
A **wasp** is a flying insect with yellow and black stripes across its body. Wasps can sting.

waste **wastes, wasting, wasted** VERB **1** If you **waste** something, such as time or money, you use too much of it on something that is not important. NOUN **2 Waste** is material that is no longer wanted. This is often because the useful part of it has been taken out.

watch **watches, watching, watched** NOUN **1** A **watch** is a small clock that you can wear on your wrist.
VERB **2** If you **watch** something, you look at it carefully to see what happens.

water **waters, watering, watered** NOUN **1 Water** is a clear liquid that all living things need in order to live.
VERB **2** If you **water** a plant or animal, you give it water to drink.

waterfall **waterfalls** NOUN
A **waterfall** is water that flows over the edge of a cliff to the ground below.



waterlogged ADJECTIVE
Land that is **waterlogged** is so wet the soil cannot contain any more water.

waterproof ADJECTIVE
A material that is **waterproof** does not let water pass through it.

watertight ADJECTIVE
Something that is **watertight** is closed so tightly that it does not allow water to pass through.

wave **waves, waving, waved** VERB **1** If you **wave**, you move your hand in the air, to say hello or goodbye.

VERB **2** If something **waves**, it moves gently up and down or from side to side. *The flags **waved** in the wind.*
NOUN **3** A **wave** is a raised line of water on the surface of the sea caused by wind or tides.



NOUN **4** A **wave** is also a gentle curving shape in someone's hair.

wax NOUN
Wax is a solid, slightly shiny substance, made of fat or oil. It is used to make candles and polish.

way **ways** NOUN **1** A **way** of doing something is how it can be done.
NOUN **2** The **way** to a particular place is the direction you have to go to get there.

weak **weaker, weakest** ADJECTIVE **1** People or animals that are **weak** do not have much strength or energy.
ADJECTIVE **2** If an object or part of an object is **weak**, it could break easily.
ADJECTIVE **3** Drinks, such as tea or coffee, that are **weak** do not have a strong taste.

wealthy **wealthier, wealthiest** ADJECTIVE
Someone who is **wealthy** has a lot of money.

weapon **weapons** NOUN
A **weapon** is an object such as a gun or missile which is used to hurt or kill people in a fight or war.

wear **wears, wearing, wore, worn** VERB **1** When you **wear** things, such as clothes, you have them on your body.
VERB **2** When something **wears out**, it has been used so much that it cannot be used any more.

weary **wearier, weariest** ADJECTIVE

If you are **weary**, you are tired.
wearily ADVERB

weather NOUN
The **weather** is what it is like outside, for example raining, sunny or windy.
*See **Weather and seasons** on page 263*

weave **weaves, weaving, wove, woven** VERB
When someone **weaves** cloth, they make it by crossing threads over and under each other, using a machine called a loom.

web **webs** NOUN **1** A **web** is a fine net made by a spider to catch flies.
NOUN **2** The **web** is short for the **world wide web**.

webbed ADJECTIVE
Webbed feet have the toes connected by a piece of skin.

webcam **webcams** NOUN
A **webcam** is a camera that takes pictures which can be viewed on a website.

website **websites** NOUN
A **website** is a group of pages on the Internet which contain information about a particular subject.



wedding **weddings** NOUN
A **wedding** is when two people get married.

Wednesday **Wednesdays** NOUN

Wednesday is the day between Tuesday and Thursday.

weed **weeds** NOUN
A **weed** is any wild plant that grows where it is not wanted. Weeds grow strongly and stop other plants growing properly.

week **weeks** NOUN
A **week** is a period of seven days.

weekend **weekends** NOUN
A **weekend** is Saturday and Sunday.

weekly ADJECTIVE
Something that is **weekly** happens or appears once every week.

weep **weeps, weeping, wept** VERB
If someone **weeps**, they cry.

weigh **weighs, weighing, weighed** VERB **1** If something **weighs** a particular amount, that is how heavy it is.
VERB **2** If you **weigh** something, you use scales to measure how heavy it is.

weight NOUN
The **weight** of something is its heaviness. Weight and mass are connected. Weight is usually measured in grams and kilograms.
See **mass**



weird **weirder, weirdest** ADJECTIVE
Something that is **weird** seems strange and peculiar.

welcome **welcomes, welcoming, welcomed** VERB
If you **welcome** someone, you speak to them in a friendly way when they arrive.

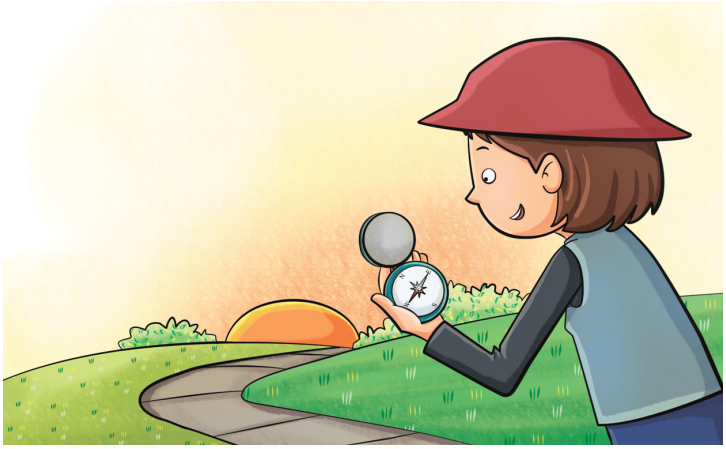
well **better, best; wells** ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **well**, you are healthy.
ADVERB **2** If you do something **well**, you do it to a high standard.
NOUN **3** A **well** is a deep hole in the ground that has been dug to reach water or oil.

went VERB
Went is the past tense of **go**.

wept VERB
Wept is the past tense of **weep**.

were VERB
Were is a past tense form of **be**.
*They **were** at home yesterday.*
See **be**

west NOUN
The **west** is one of the four main points of the compass. It is the direction in which you look to see the sun set.
See **compass point**
western ADJECTIVE



wet **wetter, wettest** ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **wet**, it is covered in water or some other liquid.

ADJECTIVE **2** If the weather is **wet**, it is raining.

ADJECTIVE **3** If something such as ink or cement is **wet**, it has not yet dried.

whale **whales** NOUN

A **whale** is a huge mammal that lives in the sea. Whales breathe through an opening in the top of their head.

what

ADJECTIVE OR PRONOUN **1 What** is used in questions. ***What*** *time is it?* ***What*** *is your name?*

PRONOUN **2** You can use **what** to refer to information about something. *I don't know* ***what*** *you mean.*

what about PHRASE You say **what about** at the beginning of a question when you are making a suggestion or offer. ***What about*** *a sandwich?*

wheat NOUN

Wheat is a cereal plant grown for its grain, which is used to make flour.

wheel **wheels** NOUN

A **wheel** is a circular object which turns round on a rod fixed to its centre. Wheels are fitted under things such as cars, bicycles and prams so that they can move along.

wheelbarrow **wheelbarrows** NOUN

A **wheelbarrow** is a small cart with a single wheel at the front.

wheelchair **wheelchairs** NOUN

A **wheelchair** is a chair with large wheels for use by people who find walking difficult or impossible.

when

ADVERB **1** You use **when** to ask what time something happened or will happen. ***When*** *are you leaving?*

CONJUNCTION **2** You use **when** to refer to a certain time. *I met him* ***when*** *we were at school together.*

where

ADVERB **1** You use **where** to ask questions about place. ***Where*** *is my book?*

CONJUNCTION **2** You use **where** to talk about the place in which something is situated or happening. *I don't know* ***where*** *we are.*

whether CONJUNCTION

You can use **whether** instead of **if**. *I don't know* ***whether*** *I can go.*

which

ADJECTIVE **1** You use **which** to ask for information about something when there are two or more possibilities. ***Which*** *room are you in?*
PRONOUN **2** You also use **which** when you are going to say more about something you have already mentioned. *We have a car* ***which*** *is dropping to bits.*

while

CONJUNCTION **1** If something happens **while** something else is happening, the two things happen at the same time.

NOUN **2** A **while** is a period of time. *She had to wait a little **while**.*

whimper **whimpers, whimpering, whimpered** VERB

When children or animals **whimper**, they make soft unhappy sounds, as if they are about to cry.

whine **whines, whining, whined** VERB

To **whine** is to make a long high-pitched noise because you are unhappy about something.

whip **whips, whipping, whipped** VERB

If you **whip** cream or eggs, you beat them until they are thick and frothy or stiff.

whirl **whirls, whirling, whirled** VERB

When something **whirls**, it turns round very fast.

whirlpool **whirlpools** NOUN

A **whirlpool** is a small place in a river or the sea where the water is moving quickly round and round, so that anything floating near it is pulled into its centre.

whirlwind **whirlwinds** NOUN

A **whirlwind** is a tall column of air which spins round and round very quickly.

whirr **whirrs, whirring, whirred** VERB

When something like a machine **whirrs**, it makes a series of low sounds so fast that it seems like one sound.

whisk **whisks, whisking, whisked** VERB

If you **whisk** something like cream, you stir it very fast.

whisker **whiskers** NOUN

The **whiskers** of an animal such as a cat or mouse are the long stiff hairs near its mouth.

whisper **whispers, whispering, whispered** VERB

When you **whisper**, you talk very quietly, using your breath and not your voice.



whistle **whistles, whistling, whistled** NOUN **1** A **whistle** is a small metal tube which makes a loud sound when you blow it.

VERB **2** When you **whistle**, you make a loud high noise by using a whistle or by forcing your breath out between your lips.

white **whiter, whitest; whites** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **white** is the colour of milk.

*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*

ADJECTIVE **2** If someone goes **white**, their face becomes very pale because they are afraid, shocked or ill.

NOUN **3** The **white** of an egg is the transparent liquid surrounding the yolk.

whiteboard **whiteboards** NOUN

A **whiteboard** is a shiny white board on which people draw or write using special pens.



who

PRONOUN **1** You use **who** when you are asking about someone. ***Who*** *told you?*

PRONOUN **2** You use **who** at the beginning of a clause when you want to say more about someone you have just mentioned. *I've got a brother* ***who*** *wants to be a vet.*

whole **wholes** NOUN **1** The **whole** of something is all of it. *It was the only pair in the* ***whole*** *of the country.*

ADJECTIVE **2** You use **whole** to describe all of something. *Take the* ***whole*** *cake.*

ADJECTIVE **3 Whole** means in one piece.

whose

PRONOUN **1** You use **whose** to ask who something belongs to. ***Whose*** *book is this?*

PRONOUN **2** You use **whose** in front of information relating to a person or thing you have just mentioned. *That's the girl* ***whose*** *mother is a lawyer.*

why

ADVERB **1** You use **why** in questions when you ask about the reason for something. ***Why*** *did you do that?*

ADVERB **2** You also use **why** to talk about the reasons for something. *She wondered* ***why*** *he was there.*

wicked ADJECTIVE

Someone or something **wicked** is very bad.

wide **wider, widest** ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **wide** measures a lot from one side to the other.

ADVERB **2** If you open something **wide**, you open it a long way.

widow **widows** NOUN

A **widow** is a woman whose husband has died.

See **widower**

widower **widowers** NOUN

A **widower** is a man whose wife has died.

See **widow**

width **widths** NOUN

The **width** of something is the distance from one side to the other.

wife **wives** NOUN

A man's **wife** is the woman he is married to.

wig **wigs** NOUN

A **wig** is a false head of hair. People wear wigs because they are bald, or to cover their own hair.

wild **wilder, wildest** ADJECTIVE **1 Wild** animals, birds and plants live in natural surroundings and are not looked after by people.



ADJECTIVE **2 Wild** behaviour is excited and not controlled.

wildlife NOUN

Wildlife means wild animals and plants.

will

VERB **1** You use **will** to form the future tense. *Robin **will** be quite annoyed.*
VERB **2** You use **will** when asking or telling someone to do something. ***Will** you do me a favour?*

willing ADJECTIVE **1** If you are **willing** to do something, you are ready and happy to do it if someone wants you to.
ADJECTIVE **2** A **willing** person is someone who does things cheerfully.

willow **willows** NOUN
A **willow** is a tree with long thin branches and narrow leaves that likes to grow near water.

win **wins, winning, won** VERB **1** If you **win** a race or game, you do better than the others taking part.
VERB **2** If you **win** a prize, you get it as a reward for doing something well.

wind **winds, winding, wound** (*rhymes with* **tinned**) NOUN **1** A **wind** is a current of air that moves across the earth's surface.
(*rhymes with* **mind**) VERB **2** If a road or river **winds**, it has lots of bends in it.
VERB **3** When you **wind** something round something else, you wrap it round several times.

windmill **windmills** NOUN
A **windmill** is a building with large sails on the outside, which turn as the wind blows. This works a machine that grinds corn to make flour.

window **windows** NOUN
A **window** is a space in a wall or vehicle. It has glass in it so that light can come in and you can see through.



windscreen **windscreens** NOUN
The **windscreen** of a vehicle is the glass window at the front.

windy **windier, windiest** ADJECTIVE
If it is **windy**, the wind is blowing hard.

wine **wines** NOUN
Wine is a strong drink usually made from the juice of grapes.

wing **wings** NOUN **1** The **wings** of a bird or insect are the two limbs on its body that it uses for flying.
NOUN **2** The **wings** of an aeroplane are the long flat parts sticking out of its sides, which support it in the air.

wink **winks, winking, winked** VERB
When you **wink**, you close one eye for a moment. *She **winked** to show that she was joking.*

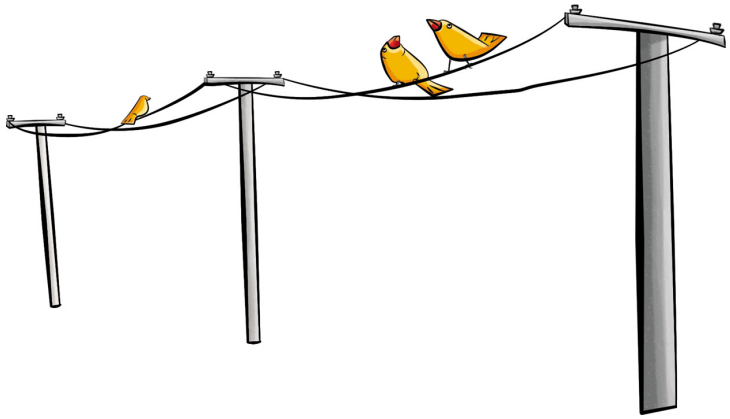
winner **winners** NOUN
If someone or something wins a prize, race or competition, they are the **winner**.

winter **winters** NOUN
Winter is the season between autumn and spring.

wipe **wipes, wiping, wiped** VERB
If you **wipe** something, you rub its surface lightly to remove dirt or liquid.

wire **wires** NOUN

Wire is a long, thin, flexible piece of metal which can be used to make or fasten things or to carry an electric current.



wireless ADJECTIVE

Wireless technology uses radio waves rather than electricity and therefore does not require any wires.

wise **wiser, wisest** ADJECTIVE

Someone who is **wise** can use their experience and knowledge to make sensible decisions.

wisdom NOUN

wish **wishes, wishing, wished** VERB **1** If you **wish** that something would happen, you would like it to happen.

NOUN **2** A **wish** is the act of wishing for something you would like to happen.

witch **witches** NOUN

In fairy stories, a **witch** is a woman who has magic powers.

See **wizard**

with

PREPOSITION **1** If you are **with** someone, you are in their company. *I was there **with** Mum and Dad.*

PREPOSITION **2 With** can mean using or having. *She worked **with** a big brush.*

wither **withers, withering, withered** VERB

If a plant **withers**, it shrivels up and dies.



within

PREPOSITION **1 Within** means not going outside certain limits. *Stay **within** the school grounds.*

PREPOSITION **2 Within** can also mean before a period of time has passed. *You must write back **within** ten days.*

without PREPOSITION **1 Without** means not having or using. *You can't get in **without** a key.*

PREPOSITION **2 Without** can mean not in someone's company. *He went **without** me.*

PREPOSITION **3 Without** can also mean that something does not happen. *She rang three times **without** an answer.*

witness **witnesses, witnessing, witnessed** NOUN **1** A **witness** is someone who has seen an event such as an accident and can describe what happened.

VERB **2** If you **witness** an event, you see it happen.

wizard **wizards** NOUN

In fairy stories, a **wizard** is a man who has magic powers.

See **witch**



wobble **wobbles, wobbling, wobbled** VERB

If something **wobbles**, it makes small movements from side to side.

woke VERB

Woke is the past tense of **wake**.

woken VERB
Woken is the past participle of **wake**.

wolf **wolves** NOUN
A **wolf** is a wild animal that looks like a large dog. Wolves live in a group called a pack.

woman **women** NOUN
A **woman** is an adult female human being.
See **man**

won VERB
Won is the past tense of **win**.

wonder **wonders, wondering, wondered** VERB **1** If you **wonder** about something, you wish you knew more about it.
VERB **2** If you **wonder** what to do about something, you are not sure what to do about it.
NOUN **3** **Wonder** is a feeling of great and pleasant surprise.

wonderful ADJECTIVE
If something is **wonderful**, it makes you feel very happy.

won't VERB
Won't is a contraction of **will not**.

wood **woods** NOUN **1** **Wood** is the substance which forms the trunks and branches of trees.
NOUN **2** A **wood** is a large area of trees growing near each other.



wooden ADJECTIVE

Something that is **wooden** is made of wood.

woodpecker **woodpeckers** NOUN

A **woodpecker** is a bird with a long sharp beak. It drills holes in trees to find insects.

woodwork NOUN **1** The **woodwork** in a house is all the parts that are made of wood, such as the doors and window frames.

NOUN **2** **Woodwork** is making things out of wood.

woof **woofs** NOUN

Woof is the noise that a dog makes when it barks.

wool

NOUN **1 Wool** is the hair that grows on sheep and on some other animals.

NOUN **2 Wool** is also the yarn spun from the wool of animals which is used to knit, weave, and make things like clothes, blankets and carpets.

woollen ADJECTIVE

Something that is **woollen** is made from wool.

woolly **woollier, woolliest** ADJECTIVE

Something that is **woolly** is made of wool, or looks like wool.

word **words** NOUN

A **word** is a set of sounds or letters that has a meaning. A word can be written or spoken. When it is written, there are no spaces between the letters.

wore VERB

Wore is the past tense of **wear**.

work **works, working, worked** VERB **1** When you **work**, you spend time and energy doing something useful.

VERB **2** People who **work** have a job that they are paid to do.

VERB **3** If something **works**, it does what it is supposed to do.

work out **works out, working out, worked out** VERB **1** If you **work out** the answer to a problem, you find the answer.

VERB **2** If you **work out**, you do exercises to make your body fit and strong.

world **worlds** NOUN

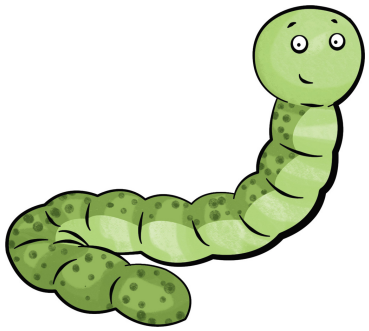
The **world** is the planet we live on.

world wide web NOUN

The **world wide web** is a very large number of websites all joined together. You can use it to search for information.

worm **worms** NOUN

A **worm** is a small animal with a long thin body. Worms have no bones and no legs. They live in the soil.



worn

VERB **1 Worn** is the past participle of **wear**.

ADJECTIVE **2** Something that is **worn** is damaged or thin because it is old and has been used a lot.

worry **worries, worrying, worried** VERB

If you **worry**, you keep thinking about problems or about unpleasant things that might happen.

worse

ADJECTIVE **1 Worse** is the comparative form of **bad**.

ADJECTIVE **2** If someone who is ill gets **worse**, they are more ill than before.

worship **worships, worshipping, worshipped** VERB

If you **worship** a god, you show your respect by praying and singing hymns.

worst ADJECTIVE

Worst is the superlative form of **bad**.

worth

ADJECTIVE **1** If something is **worth** a particular amount of money, it could be sold for that amount.

ADJECTIVE **2** If something is **worth** doing, it is enjoyable or useful. *That film is **worth** seeing.*

would

VERB **1** You use **would** to say what someone thought was going to happen. *We were sure it **would** rain.*

VERB **2** You also use **would** to say you want something to happen. *I **would** like to know how they do that.*

wound **wounds** (*rhymes with* **round**) VERB **1 Wound** is the past tense of **wind**.

(*said* **woond**) NOUN **2** A **wound** is an injury to your body, especially a cut in your skin.

wove VERB

Wove is the past tense of **weave**.

woven VERB

Woven is the past participle of **weave**.

wrap **wraps, wrapping, wrapped** VERB

When you **wrap** something, you cover it tightly with something like paper.

wrapping **wrappings** NOUN

Wrapping is the material used to cover and protect something.

wreath **wreaths** NOUN

A **wreath** is an arrangement of flowers and leaves, often in the shape of a circle.

wreck **wrecks, wrecking, wrecked** VERB **1** If someone or something **wrecks** something, they destroy it completely.

VERB **2** If a ship is **wrecked**, it is so badly damaged that it can no longer sail.

NOUN **3** A **wreck** is a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident.

wren **wrens** NOUN

A **wren** is a tiny brown bird.

wrestle **wrestles, wrestling, wrestled** VERB

If you **wrestle** with someone, you fight them by holding or throwing them, but not hitting them.

wriggle **wriggles, wriggling, wriggled** VERB
When you **wriggle**, you twist and turn your body with quick movements.

wring **wrings, wringing, wrung** VERB
If you **wring** a wet piece of cloth, you squeeze the water out of it by twisting it.

wrinkle **wrinkles** NOUN **1** A **wrinkle** is a line in someone's skin, especially on their face, that forms as they grow old.
NOUN **2** A **wrinkle** is also a raised fold in something like cloth or thin paper.

wrinkled ADJECTIVE
If something is **wrinkled**, it has folds or lines in it.

wrist **wrists** NOUN
Your **wrist** is the part of your body between your hand and your arm, which bends when you move your hand.

write **writes, writing, wrote, written** VERB **1** When you **write**, you use a pen or pencil to make words, letters or numbers.



VERB **2** If you **write** something such as a poem or a story, you create it.
VERB **3** When you **write** to someone, you tell them about something in a letter.

writing NOUN **1 Writing** is something that has been written or printed.
NOUN **2** Your **writing** is the way you write with a pen or pencil.

written VERB
Written is the past participle of **write**.

wrong

ADJECTIVE **1** Something that is **wrong** is not correct.

ADJECTIVE **2** If there is something **wrong** with a machine, vehicle, or piece of equipment, it is not working properly.

ADJECTIVE **3** If a person does something **wrong**, they do something bad.

wrote VERB

Wrote is the past tense of **write**.

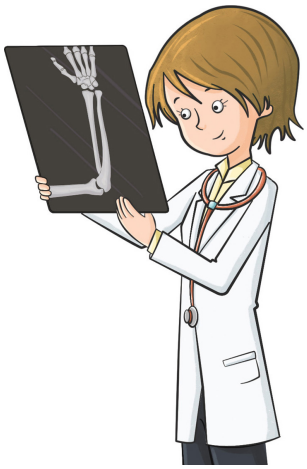
wrung VERB

Wrung is the past tense of **wring**.

Xx

X-ray **X-rays** NOUN

An **X-ray** is a ray that can pass through some solid materials. X-rays are used by doctors to examine bones or organs inside people's bodies.



xylophone **xylophones** NOUN

A **xylophone** is a musical instrument made of wooden bars of different lengths which are arranged in a row. You play a xylophone by hitting the bars with special hammers.

Yy

yacht **yachts** NOUN

A **yacht** is a large boat with sails or a motor. Yachts are used for racing or for pleasure trips.

yam **yams** NOUN

A **yam** is a root vegetable which grows in tropical regions.

yard **yards**

NOUN **1** A **yard** is a unit of length equal to just under one metre.

NOUN **2** A **yard** is also an enclosed area that is usually next to a building.

yarn **yarns** NOUN

Yarn is thread made from something such as wool or cotton. It is used for knitting or making cloth.

yawn **yawns, yawning, yawned** VERB

When you **yawn**, you open your mouth wide and take in more air than usual. You often yawn when you are tired or bored.



year **years** NOUN

A **year** is a period of time. It is equal to 12 months, or 52 weeks, or 365 days.

yeast NOUN

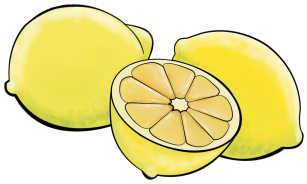
Yeast is a kind of fungus that is used to make bread rise. It is also used in making drinks such as beer.

yell **yells, yelling, yelled** VERB

If you **yell**, you shout loudly. People sometimes yell if they are excited, angry, or in pain.

yellow ADJECTIVE

Something that is **yellow** is the colour of lemons or egg yolks.
*See **Colours and shapes** on page 266*



yelp **yelps, yelping, yelped** VERB

If people or animals **yelp**, they give a sudden short cry. This is often because they are frightened or in pain.

yes INTERJECTION

You say **yes** to agree with someone, to say that something is true, or to accept something.

yesterday ADVERB

Yesterday is the day before today.

yet

ADVERB **1** You say **yet** when you mean up till now. *She hasn't come **yet**.*
ADVERB **2** If something should not be done **yet**, it should be done later. *Don't switch it off **yet**.*
CONJUNCTION **3** You can use **yet** to introduce something which is rather surprising. *He doesn't like maths, **yet** he always does well.*

yew **yews** NOUN

A **yew** is an evergreen tree with thin, dark green leaves. Some yew trees have red berries.

yogurt **yogurts**; also spelt **yoghurt** NOUN

Yogurt is a slightly sour, thick liquid food made from milk.
*See **Other foods** on page 261*

yolk **yolks** NOUN

A **yolk** is the yellow part in the middle of an egg.

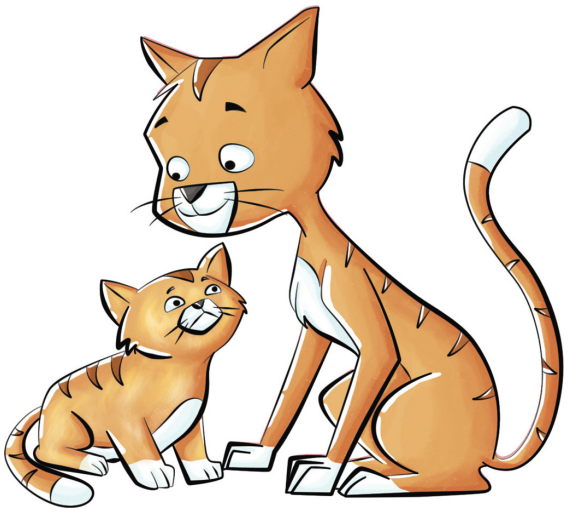


you PRONOUN

You means the person or people that someone is talking or writing to. *Can I help **you**?*

young **younger, youngest**

ADJECTIVE **1** A **young** person, animal or plant has not been alive for very long.
NOUN **2** The **young** of an animal are its babies.



your ADJECTIVE

Your means belonging or relating to the person or group of people that someone is speaking to. ***Your*** *teacher seems nice.*

yourself **yourselves** PRONOUN

If you do something **yourself**, no one else does it. *If you do that, you'll hurt* ***yourself****.*

by yourself PHRASE If you are **by yourself**, you are on your own. *What are you doing here all* ***by yourself****?*

youth **youths**

NOUN **1** A **youth** is a boy or young man.

NOUN **2** Your **youth** is the time in your life when you are young.

yo-yo **yo-yos** NOUN

A **yo-yo** is a round wooden or plastic toy attached to a piece of string. You play by making the yo-yo rise and fall on the string.

Zz

zap **zaps, zapping, zapped**

VERB **1** If you **zap** something or somebody in a computer game, you get rid of them.

VERB **2** To **zap** also means to keep changing channels on the television.

zebra **zebras** NOUN

A **zebra** is a type of African wild horse with black and white stripes over its body.

zebra crossing **zebra crossings** NOUN

A **zebra crossing** is a place where you can cross the road safely. The road is marked with black and white stripes.

zero **zeros**

NOUN **1** **Zero** is the number 0.

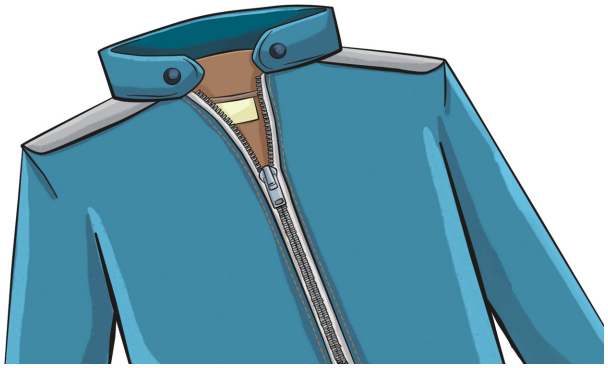
NOUN **2** **Zero** is also the freezing point of water, 0°C.

zigzag **zigzags** NOUN

A **zigzag** is a line which keeps changing direction sharply.

zip **zips** NOUN

A **zip** is a long narrow fastener with two rows of teeth that are closed or opened by a small clip pulled between them.



zone **zones** NOUN

A **zone** is an area of land or sea that is considered to be different from the areas around it. *My dad wants to turn the garden into a cat-free **zone**.*

zoo **zoos** NOUN

A **zoo** is a park where wild animals are kept so that people can look at them or study them.



zoom **zooms, zooming, zoomed**

VERB **1** To **zoom** somewhere means to go there very quickly.

VERB **2** If a camera **zooms** in on a person or thing being photographed, it gives a close-up picture of them.

Word Wizard

The body
Clothes
Family
Feelings
Food and drink
School and study
Weather and seasons
Insects
Amphibians
Reptiles
Young animals
Colours and shapes
Solid shapes (3D)
Words we use a lot
Silent letters
Confusable words
Parts of speech
Punctuation
Prefixes
Suffixes
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Where words come from
Top tips for tricky words
Plurals
Measures
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Fractions
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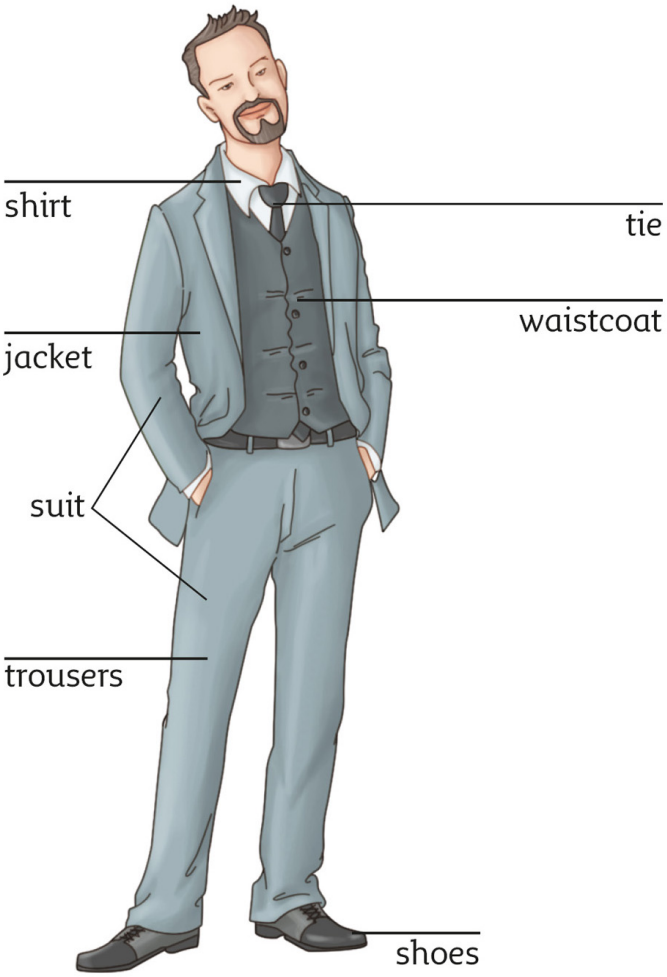
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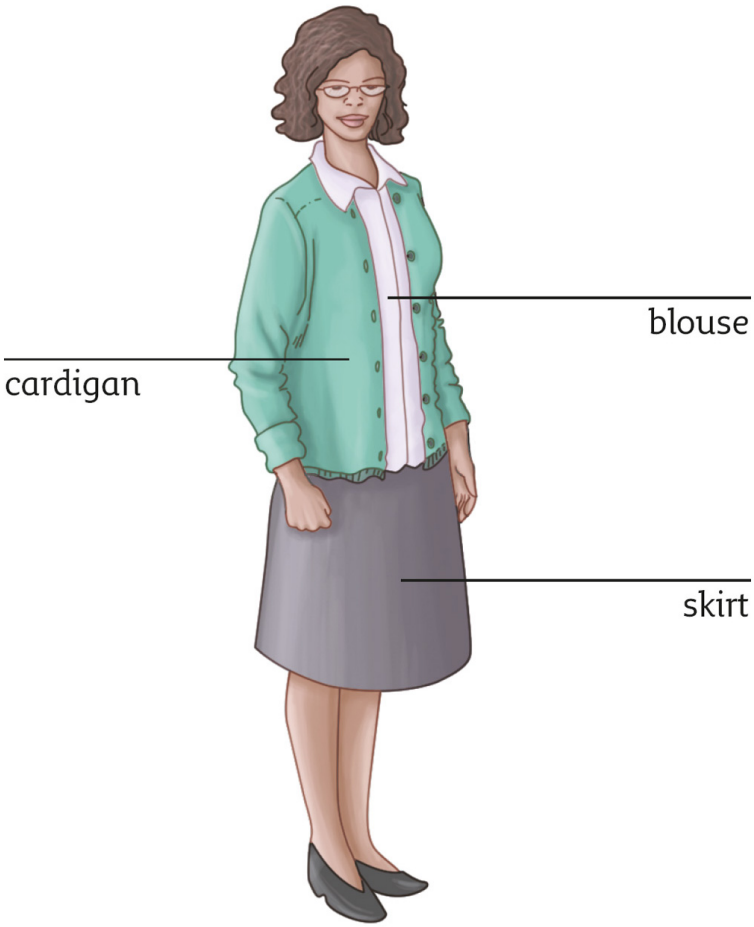


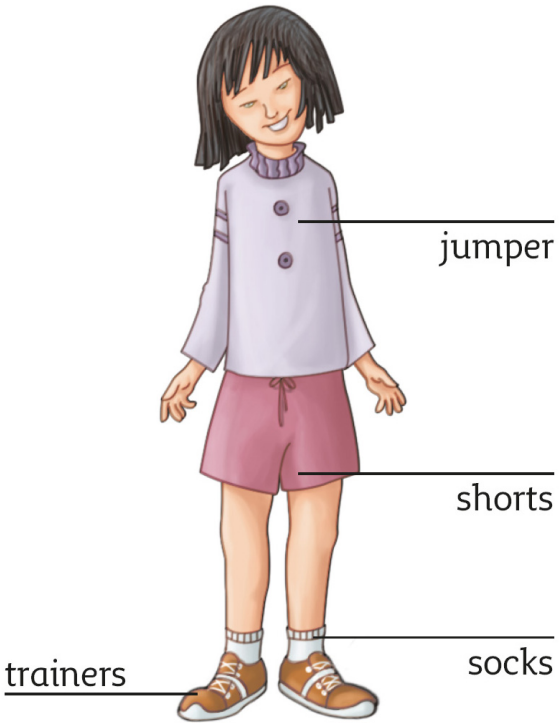

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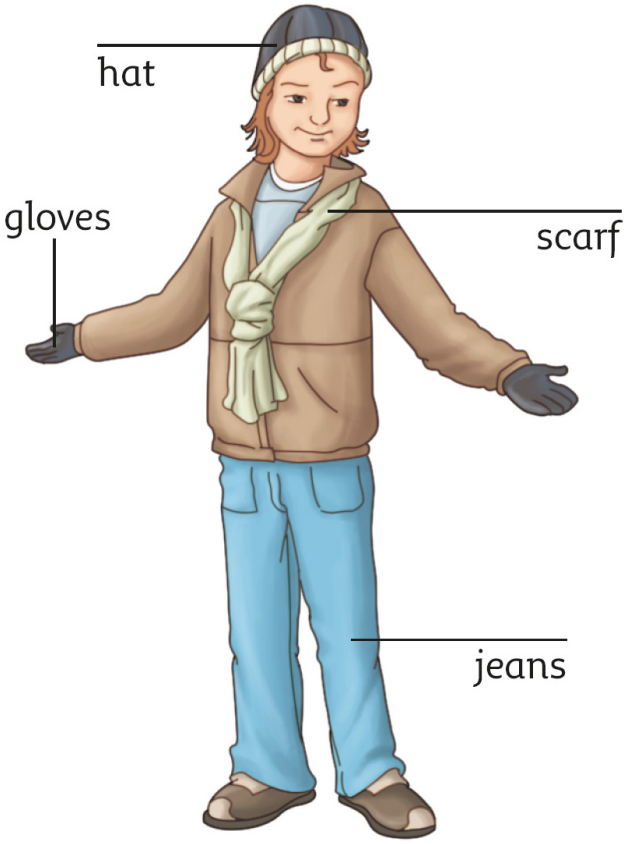

The face
head
eyebrow
eyelash
eye
nose
ear
mouth
lip
tooth
neck

Clothes


shirt
tie
waistcoat
jacket
suit
trousers
shoes


blouse
cardigan
skirt


jumper
shorts
socks
trainers


hat
gloves
scarf
jeans



dress



coat



jacket



T-shirt



sweatshirt



pyjamas

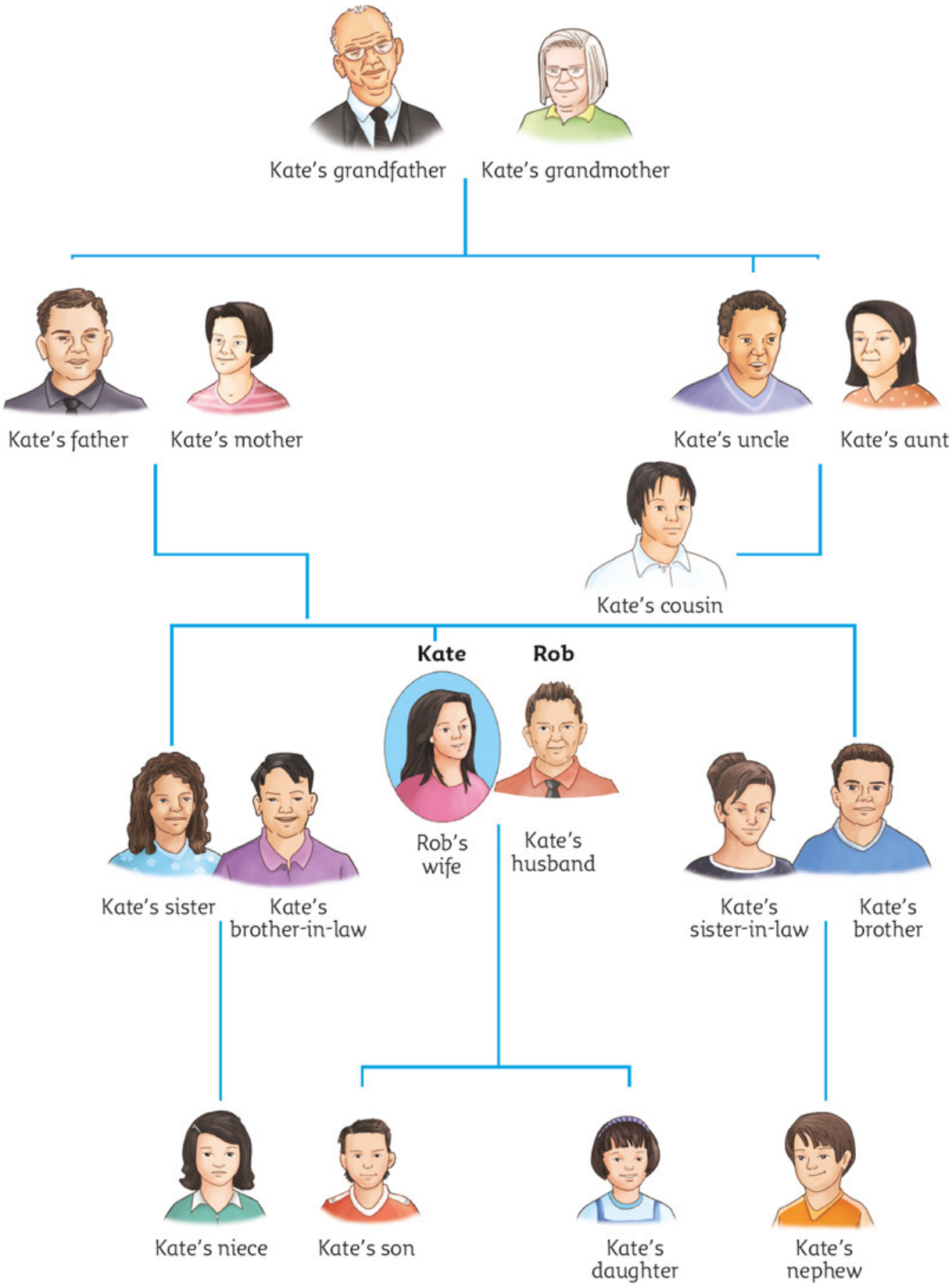


nightdress



slippers

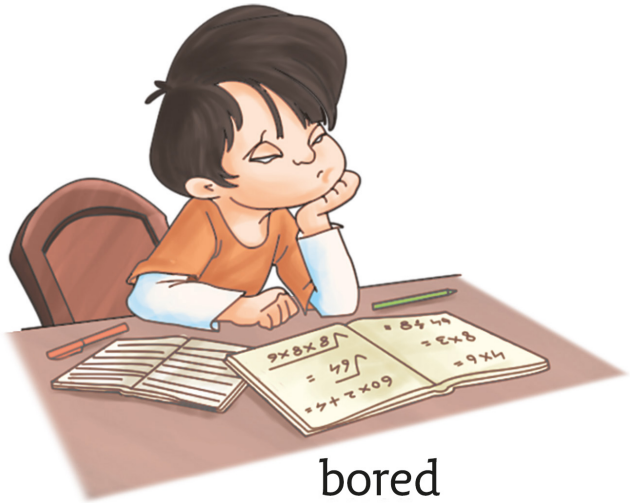
Family


Kate's grandfather
Kate's grandmother
Kate's father
Kate's mother
Kate's uncle
Kate's aunt
Kate's cousin
Kate
Rob
Rob's wife
Kate's husband
Kate's sister
Kate's brother-in-law
Kate's sister-in-law
Kate's brother
Kate's niece
Kate's son
Kate's daughter
Kate's nephew

Feelings



angry



bored



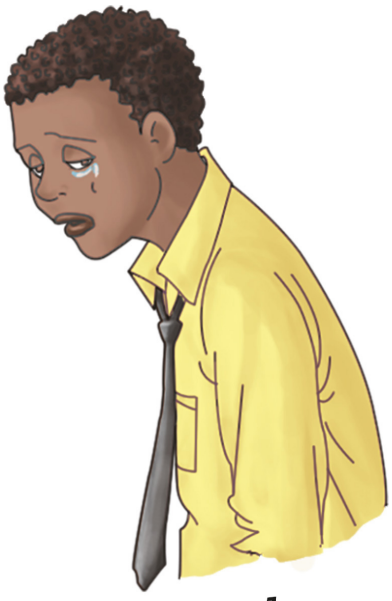
happy



frightened



excited



sad



surprised



tired



shocked



confused

Food and drink

Fruit



apple



banana



cherries



grapes



mango



pineapple



peach



pear



melon



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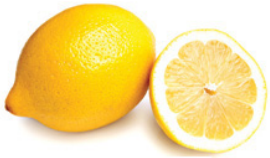
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strawberry



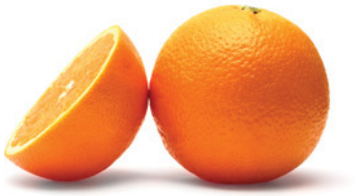
grapefruit



lemon



lime



orange

Vegetables



beans



broccoli



cabbage



carrot



garlic



cauliflower



leek



chilli pepper



cucumber



mushrooms



onion



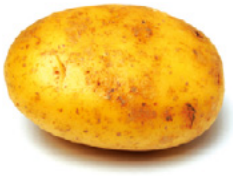
pepper



lettuce



spring onions



potato



tomato

Other foods



biscuit



cheese



crisps



chips



egg



ice cream



jam



pasta



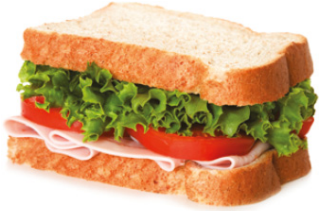
salt and pepper



cake



salad



sandwich



soup



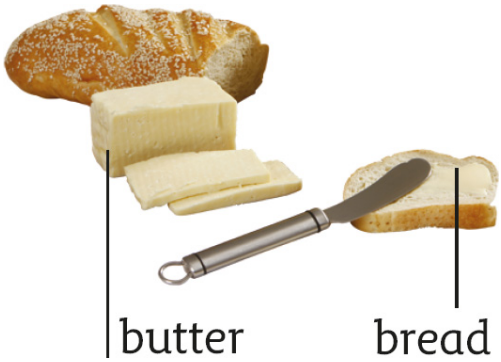
rice



cereal



yogurt



Drinks



coffee



orange juice

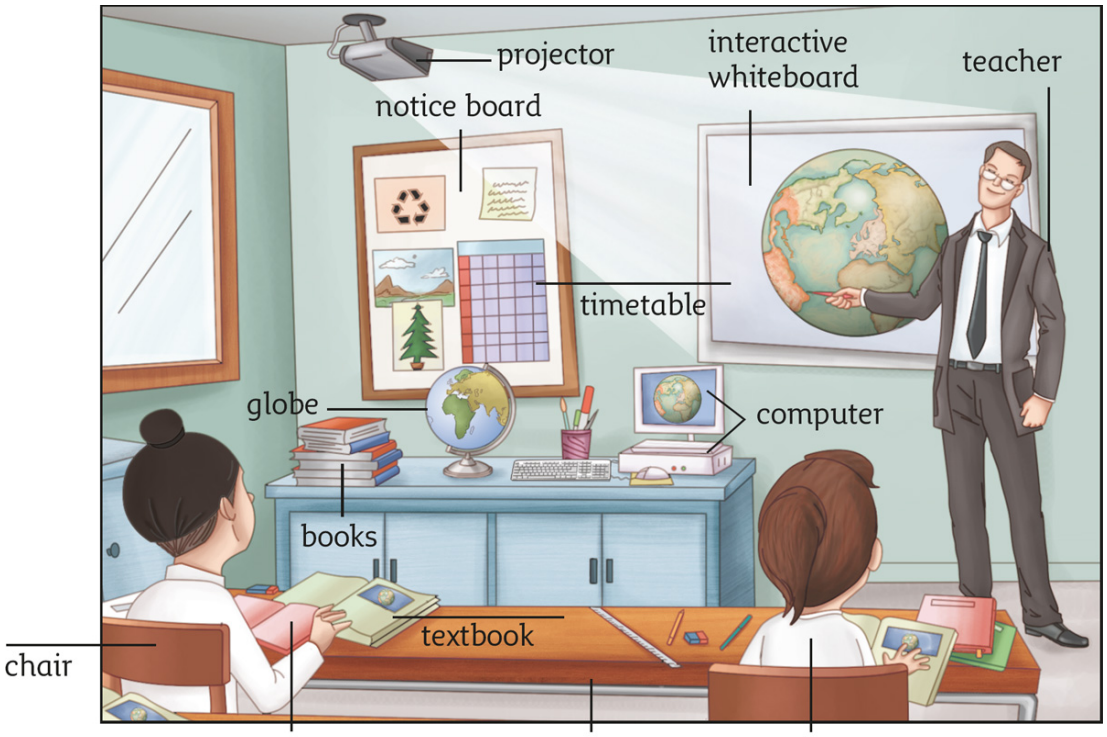


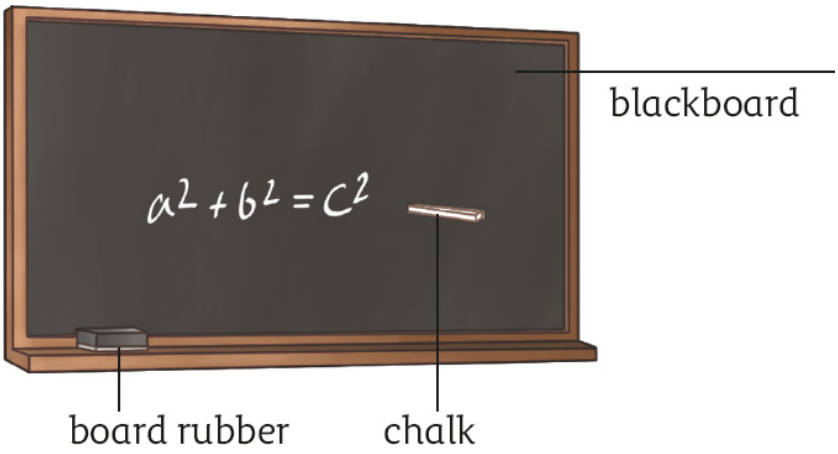
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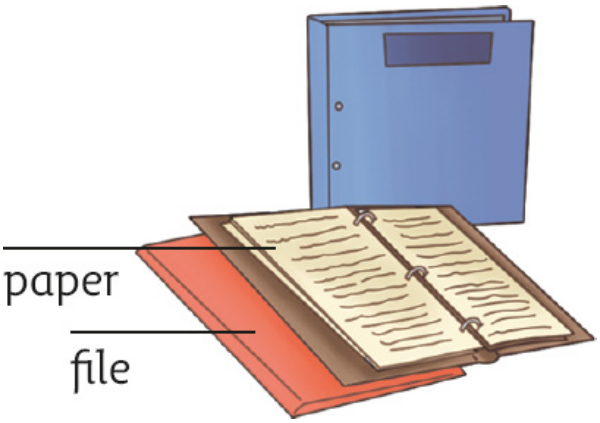


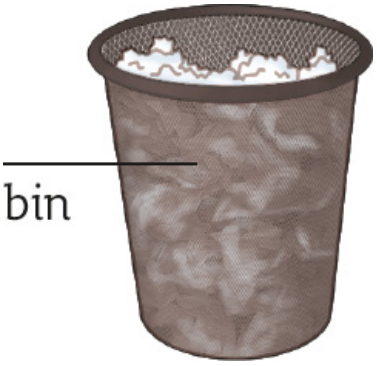
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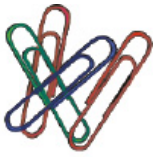
School and study


projector
interactive whiteboard
teacher
notice board
timetable
globe
computer
books
textbook
chair
exercise book
desk
student/pupil

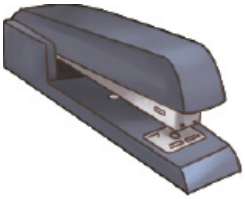

blackboard
$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
board rubber
chalk







paper clips



stapler



scissors



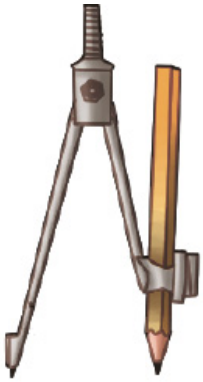
ballpoint pen



felt-tip pen



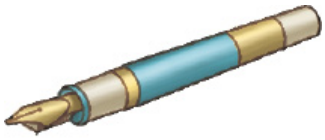
calculator



compasses



ruler



fountain pen



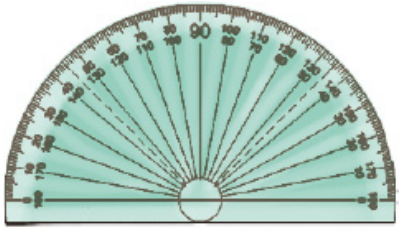
colouring
pencils



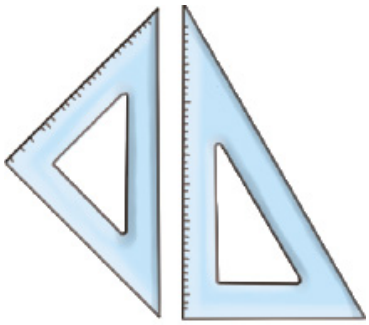
sharpener



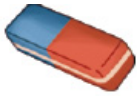
pencil



protractor



set square



rubber



pencil case

Weather



It’s rainy



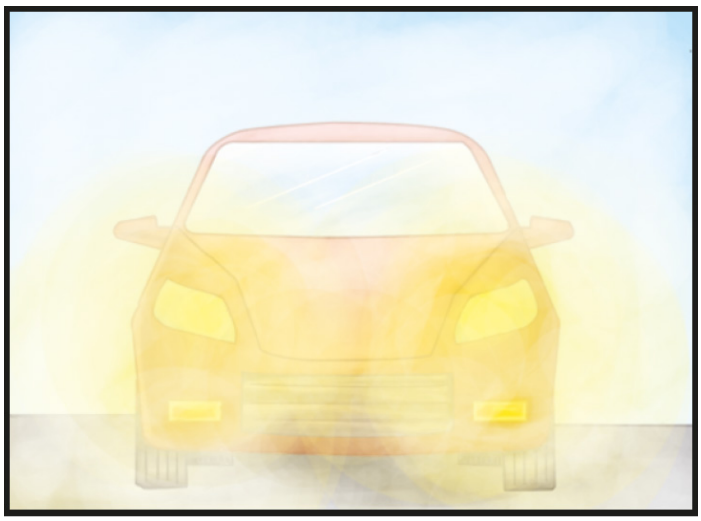
It’s sunny



It’s cloudy



It’s windy



It’s foggy



It’s snowy



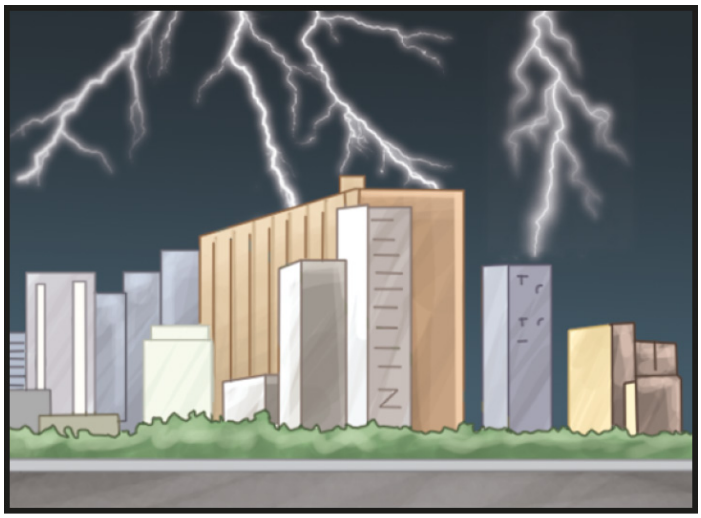
It’s stormy



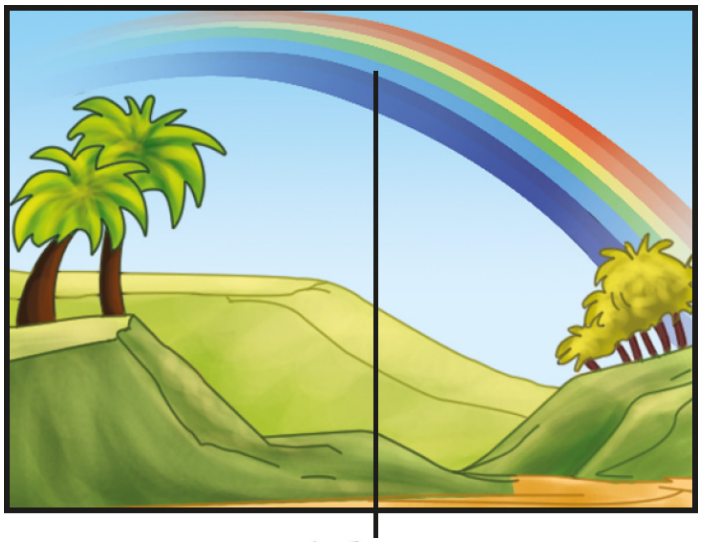
It’s icy



flood



lightning

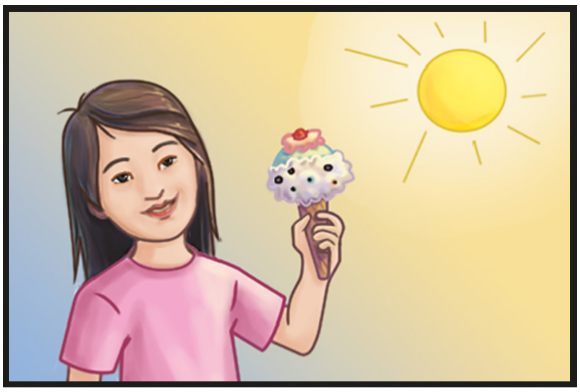


rainbow

Seasons



spring



summer



autumn



winter

Insects



ant



bee



beetle



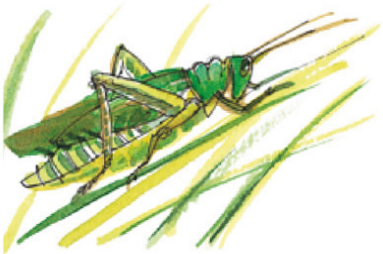
fly



butterfly



dragonfly



grasshopper



ladybird



mosquito

Amphibians



frog

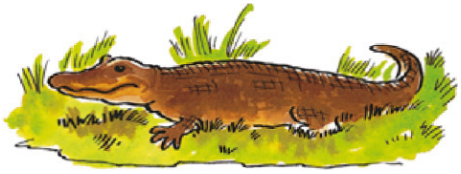


toad



newt

Reptiles



alligator



crocodile



lizard



snake



tortoise



turtle

Young animals



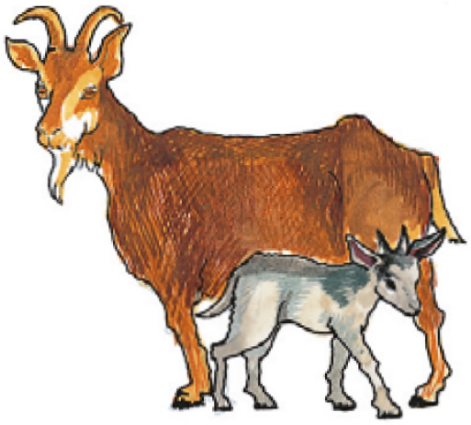
bear and **cub**



cat and **kitten**



deer and **fawn**



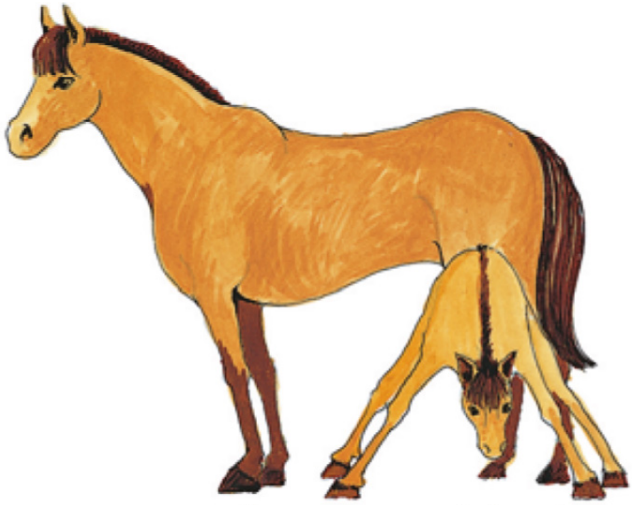
goat and **kid**



goose and **gosling**



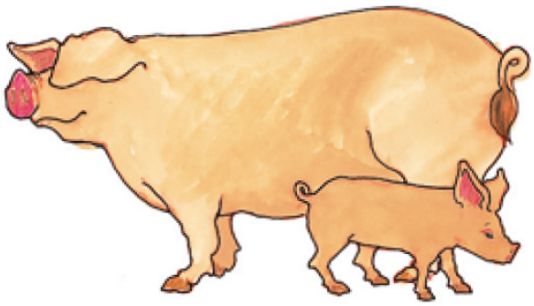
hare and **leveret**



horse and **foal**



kangaroo and **joey**



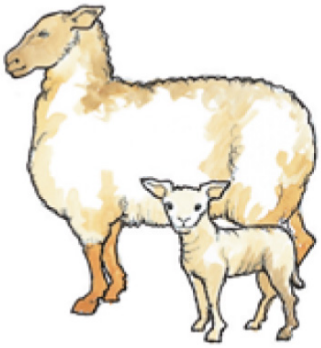
pig and **piglet**



rabbit and **kitten**



seal and **calf**
or **pup**



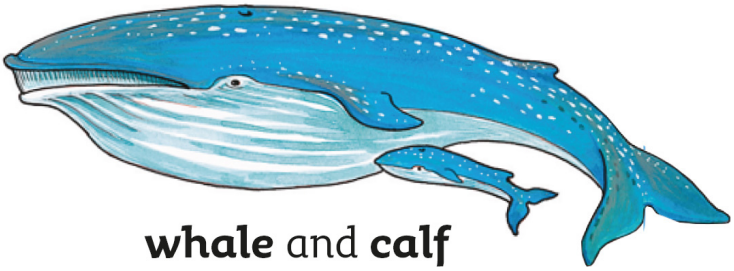
sheep and **lamb**



tiger and **cub**



swan and **cygnet**



whale and **calf**

More young animals

bird and **chick chicken** and **chick cow** and **calf dog** and **puppy duck** and **duckling elephant** and **calf fox** and **cub lion** and **cub wolf** and **cub horse** and **foal seal** and **calf** or **pup goat** and **kid**

Colours and shapes

black



oval

grey



circle

green



star

yellow



square

white



rectangle

blue



pentagon

brown



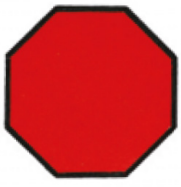
hexagon

purple



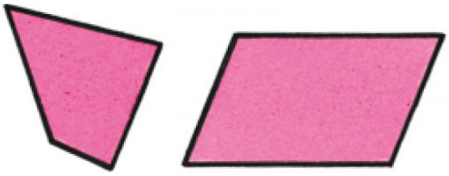
heptagon

red



octagon

pink



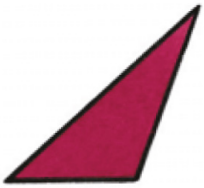
quadrilaterals

orange



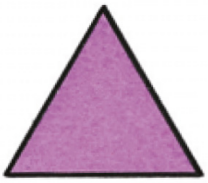
diamond *or*
rhombus

maroon



triangle

lilac



equilateral
triangle

turquoise



isosceles
triangle

indigo



kite

beige



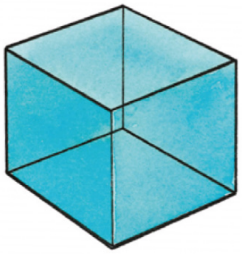
oblong

navy

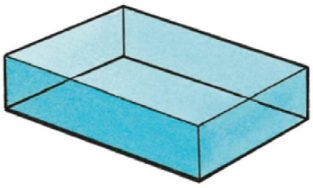


semicircle

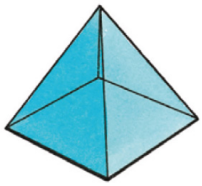
Solid shapes (3D)



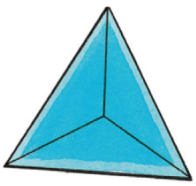
cube



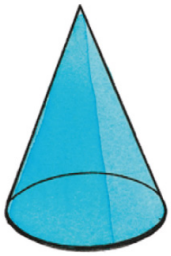
cuboid



square pyramid



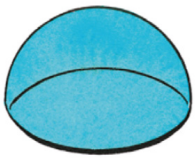
regular tetrahedron *or*
triangular pyramid



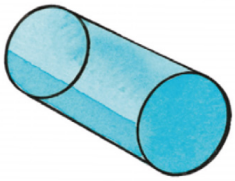
cone



sphere



hemisphere



cylinder

Words we use a lot

a
about
after
again
all
along
am
an
and
another
are
aren’t
as
at
away
back
be
because
been
began
being
but
by
came
can
can’t
come
coming
could
couldn’t
did
didn’t
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does
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every
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one
or
our
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over
people
put
said
saw
say
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she
should
so
some
suddenly
take
than
that
the

their
them
then
there
these
they
this
three
to
too
took
two
up
upon
us
very
want
was
wasn’t
way
we
went
were
weren’t
what
when
where
which
who
why
will
with
woman
would
wouldn’t
yes

you
your

Silent letters

Each of these words has a silent letter. Can you think of any other words like these?

climb
column
comb
doubt
ghost
gnat
gnaw
hour
knee
knife
knit
knock
knot
know
lamb
scissors
sword
wrap
wriggle
write

Confusable words

These words have different meanings but are easy to mix up.

its (belongs to it)
The dog wagged its tail.

it's (it is)
It's not funny.

loose
My tooth's loose.

lose
Don't lose your pen.

passed
I passed my test.

past
It's ten past three.

their (belongs to them)
The girls counted their money.

they're (they are)
They're going to the shop.

there
There are 26 chairs in this room.
Put your bag down there.

than
I am shorter than you.

then (at that time)
Then I heard footsteps.

too
Can I come too? This is too hard.

two
I'd like two cakes.

to
I want to swim. Let's go to the beach.

whose (belongs to whom)
Whose bag is this?

who's (who is *or* who has) *Who's that?*

I know who's been sending you notes.

Parts of speech

Noun

A **noun** is a person, place, thing or idea. There are different types of noun.

A noun can be **singular**, which means one …



cat

… or **plural**, which means more than one.



cats

Common nouns name people, places, things, or ideas in general. For example, “boy”, “dog”, “school”, “computer” and “happiness” are common nouns.

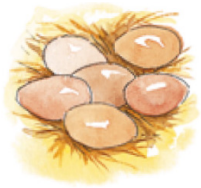
Proper nouns are the names of particular people, places or things. They start with a capital letter. For example, “Ben”, “France” and “Buckingham Palace” are proper nouns.

Collective nouns

A **collective noun** names a group of things.



a **flock** of sheep



a **clutch** of eggs



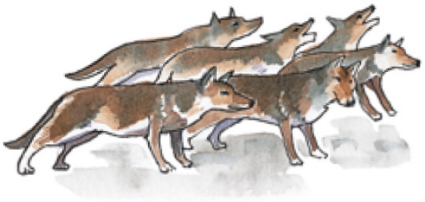
a **bunch** of grape



a **litter** of puppies



a **herd** of cows



a **pack** of wolves



a **pride** of lions



a **school** of dolphins



a **shoal** of fish



a **swarm** of bees

Pronoun

A **pronoun** is used to replace a noun.

I	me	my	mine	myself
you	you	your	yours	yourself, yourselves
he, she, it	him, her, it	his, her, its	his, hers, its	himself, herself, itself
we	us	our	ours	ourselves
they	them	their	theirs	themselves

Personal pronouns are used for a person or thing that has already been named, for example “me”, “her”, “you”, “it”.
John jumped for the ball. He caught it!

Possessive pronouns show that a noun belongs to a person or thing that has already been named, for example, “my”, “their”, “his”, “our”.
The bird flapped its wings.

Adjective

An **adjective** describes a noun. For example, “tall”, “happy” and “lucky” are all adjectives.

Some adjectives have a **comparative** and a **superlative** form. In most cases, these forms are made by adding **-er** or **-est** to the adjective.

adjective	**comparative** (more)	**superlative** (most)
tall	taller	tallest
hot	hotter	hottest
good	better	best
lucky	luckier	luckiest

Verb

A **verb** is an action word. It tells you what people and things do. For example, “sleep”, “think” and “play” are all verbs.

Verbs have different forms called **tenses**. A tense shows whether you are talking about the past, present or future.

past	**present**	**future**
I played	*I play* *I am playing*	*I will play*

Adverb

An **adverb** tells you more about a verb. For example, “shyly”, “brightly” and “happily” are all adverbs. Many adverbs end in the suffix **-ly**.

How did Mary and Brian talk?
They talked loudly.

Other adverbs tell you where, when, or how often something happens.

where: outside, inside, here, there **when:** today, soon, immediately
how often: never, frequently, often, always

Punctuation

ABC A **capital letter** is used at the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns.
My brother Jim lives in New Zealand.

. You put a **full stop** at the end of a sentence.
This is a sentence.

? You put a **question mark** at the end of a question.
Can you come to my party?

, You use a **comma** to separate parts of a sentence or items on a list.
She brought sandwiches, crisps, apples and juice to the picnic.

! You use an **exclamation mark** at the end of a sentence to show a strong feeling.
Wow!

’ An **apostrophe** is used in contractions and to show belonging.
I didn’t mean to break my brother’s toy.

“ ” **‘ ’** **Speech marks** show where speech begins and ends.
“I like your hair,” she said.

- You use a **hyphen** to join together words or parts of words.
I’m left-handed.

( ) **Brackets** are used to show that something is not part of the main text.

My cousin (the one from America) is coming to stay.

– A **dash** can be used instead of brackets, or to show a change of subject.
My best friend – besides you – is George.

: You can use a **colon** for several things, for example in front of a list.
You will need the following: strong walking boots, a map and a compass.

; A **semicolon** is used to separate different parts of a sentence or list, or to show a pause.
The pizza choices are: cheese; onions, peppers and mushrooms; ham and pineapple; pepperoni; or sausage.

Prefixes

A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a new word.

prefix	**meaning**	**example**
anti-	opposite of, against	*anticlockwise*
co-	together	*copilot*
de-	take away	*decode*
dis-	opposite of	*disappear*
ex-	former	*ex-husband*
micro-	very small	*microscope*
mid-	middle	*midnight*
mini-	smaller	*minibus*
mis-	wrong	*misspell*
non-	not	*non-fiction*
over-	too much	*oversleep*
poly-	many	*polygon*

pre-	before	*prehistoric*
re-	again	*rearrange*
semi-	half	*semicircle*
sub-	under, part of	*subheading*
super-	larger, more than	*supersonic*
un-	not	*unlucky*
under-	under or not enough	*underground*

Suffixes

A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters added to the end of a word to make a new word.

Some suffixes can change nouns into other nouns:

-hood	child → child**hood**
-ist	art → art**ist**
	science → scient**ist**
-ship	friend → friend**ship**

Some suffixes can make nouns feminine:

-ess	lion → lion**ess**
	prince → princ**ess**

Some suffixes can form a diminutive (a small word):

-ette	disk → disk**ette**

Some suffixes can change nouns or verbs into adjectives:

-able	comfort → comfort**able**
	enjoy → enjoy**able**

-al	music → music**al**
-ary	imagine → imagin**ary**
-ful	help → help**ful**
-ible	sense → sens**ible**
-ic	angel → angel**ic**
	drama → dramat**ic**
-ish	child → child**ish**
-ive	act → act**ive**
	persuade → persuas**ive**
-less	care → care**less**
-like	life → life**like**
-ous	poison → poison**ous**
-worthy	trust → trust**worthy**
-y	health → health**y**

Some suffixes can change adjectives into adverbs:

-ally	automatic → automatic**ally**
-ly	slow → slow**ly**
	happy → happi**ly**

Some suffixes can change verbs or adjectives into nouns:

-ment	advertise → advertise**ment**
	enjoy → enjoy**ment**
-ness	ill → ill**ness**
	happy → happi**ness**
-sion	divide → divi**sion**
-tion	add → addi**tion**
	invite → invita**tion**

Some suffixes can change nouns into verbs:

-ate	illustration → illustr**ate**

Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have the same, or almost the same, meaning. Here are some useful synonyms for everyday words:

angry
furious, mad, annoyed, outraged, indignant

bad
a bad person – wicked, nasty
a bad child – naughty, spiteful, defiant
bad food – rotten, decayed
a bad pain – severe
bad news – distressing, grave, terrible

big
huge, large, enormous, gigantic, vast, colossal

good
a good dog – well-behaved
a good painting – fine
a good film – enjoyable
a good worker – able, clever

happy
cheerful, content, delighted, glad, pleased, thrilled

kind
kind of person or thing – type, class, group

level
grade, position, stage

lots or **a lot** plenty, a great deal, heaps, loads, many, a large amount, masses, piles

lovely

a lovely day – pleasant, glorious, sunny, splendid
a lovely meal – tasty, scrumptious, delicious
a lovely person – warm, kind, helpful, friendly
a lovely time – enjoyable, great, fantastic, wonderful, fabulous

nasty

a nasty person – unkind, rude, unpleasant
a nasty taste – horrible, foul, disgusting, awful

nice

nice food – delicious
a nice person – kind, helpful, pleasant
a nice view – lovely

rough

a rough road – bumpy, stony
a rough sea – choppy, stormy

small

a small problem – unimportant, trivial
a small child – little, tiny, young
a small room – cramped, cosy, modest

What else can you say?

The word “said” is useful, but here are some more interesting words that you can use to describe speech:

answer

reply, respond, retort, admit, agree

ask

enquire, demand, beg, query, wonder

said
announced, whispered, shouted,
stammered, mumbled, yelled,
shrieked, screamed, cried,
murmured, remarked, declared,
groaned, snarled, whimpered, admitted

Antonyms

Antonyms are words that have the opposite meaning.

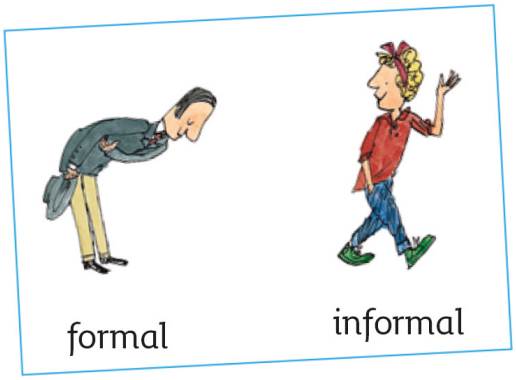


cold hot

old young

wide narrow

up down



formal informal

empty full

fiction non-fiction

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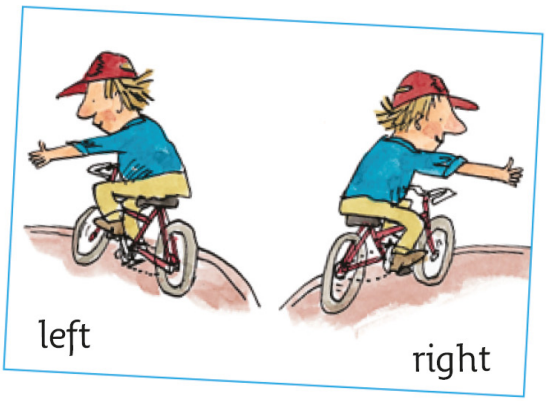
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short tall

ascend descend

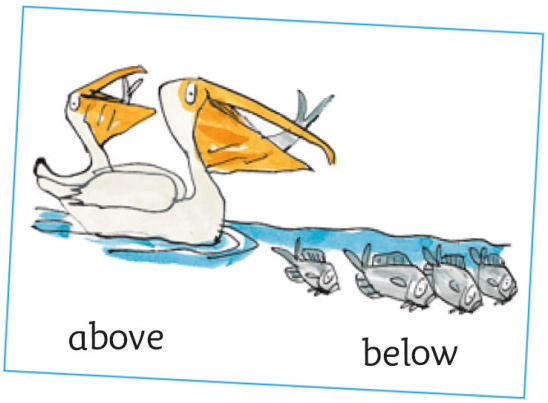


left right

old new

digital analogue

right wrong

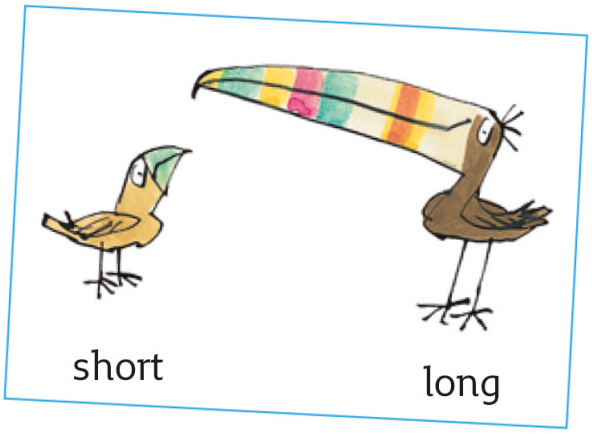


above below

deep shallow

rough smooth

in out



beginning end

hollow solid

Where words come from

Days of the week

Most of the days of the week were named by the Saxons. The Saxons came from Denmark and Germany to live in Britain over 1500 years ago.

Sunday is named after the **sun**.



Monday is named after the **moon**.

Tuesday is named after **Tiu**, the Saxon god of war and of the sky.

Wednesday is named after **Woden**, leader of the Viking gods.

Thursday is named after **Thor**, the Saxon god of thunder and lightning.



Friday was named after **Frigga**. She was goddess of love, and sat on a throne beside her husband, Woden.

Saturday is named after **Saturn**, the Roman god of farmers and farming.

Months of the year The months of the year were given their names by the Romans.

January is named after **Janus**, the Roman god of doorways and beginnings.

February is named after **Februa**, a Roman festival when people were purified.

March is named after **Mars**, the Roman god of war.

April's name comes from the Latin word **aperire**, meaning "to open". Spring is when the year "opens".

May is named after **Maiestas**, Roman goddess of honour and reverence.

June is named after the Roman goddess **Juno**, queen of heaven.

July was named after **Julius Caesar**, army general and ruler of Ancient Rome.

August was named after the Roman emperor **Augustus**.

September comes from the Latin word **septem**, meaning "seven". The Roman year used to begin in March, so September was their seventh month.

October comes from the Latin word **octo**, meaning "eight". October was once the eighth month.

November comes from the Latin word **novem**, meaning “nine”. November was once the ninth month.

December comes from the Latin word **decem**, meaning “ten”. December was once the tenth month.



Words from the world Lots of the words we use in the English language today come from other parts of the world. Here are some examples:

alphabet

This word comes from Greece. **Alpha** was the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and **beta** was the second. The two words together give us alphabet.

amphibian

This is another word from Greece. It comes from the Greek word **amphibios**, which means “living a double life”. Amphibians are animals that can live on land or in water – so they live a double life!



bungalow

This word, which means “a low house”, comes from India. The Hindi word for house is **bangla**.

bus

This word comes from Italy. It is short for **omnibus**, the Latin word for “everybody”. Buses carry lots of people.

dandelion

This word comes from the French words **dent de lion**, meaning “a lion’s tooth”. This is because people thought the petals of the dandelion looked like a lion’s teeth!



fete

This is another French word. It means “feast” in French. In English it means an outdoor event with competitions and stalls which sell things.



jungle

Jungle is a word from India. The Hindi word for jungle is **jangal**.

muscle

This word comes from the Latin word **musculus**, meaning “little mouse”, because people thought muscles looked like mice beneath the skin!



porcupine

This comes from the Old French words **porc-espin**, meaning “pig with spines”.

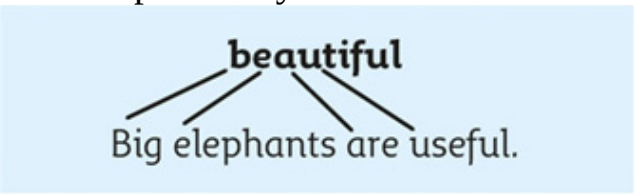


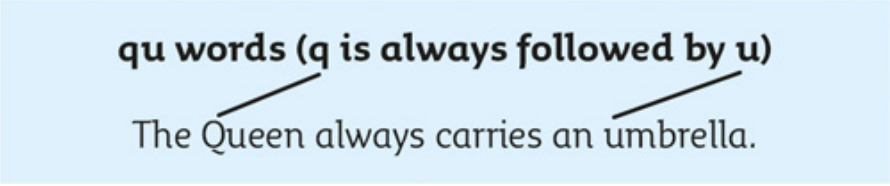
pyjamas

This word comes from Iran (which used to be called Persia). In Persia, **pay jama** meant “leg clothes”.

Top tips for tricky words

Sometimes thinking of a silly phrase or sentence can help you remember how to spell tricky words. Here are some examples:





See how many of these you can remember. Then see if you can think up some of your own!

all right
It's either all right or all wrong.

believe
Believe has a lie in it.

hear
You hear with your ear.

February
You say "br" in February because it's cold.

different
One thing differs from another.

piece
Have a piece of pie.

friend
I'm seeing my friend on Friday, which comes at the end of the week.

library
Look into books. Reach and read yours.

because
Ben eats cake and uses six eggs.

necessary
Necessary has one collar and two socks (one **c** and two **s**'s!).

receive
R-e-c-e is very easy.

separate
Separate has a rat in it.

there
There is a place like here.

weather
We eat in all kinds of weather.

whose
Whose hose is that?

Sound it out!

Another good way to remember the spelling of some words is to sound out their different parts. Try these!

answer
ans-wer

cupboard
cup-board

Wednesday
Wed-nes-day

together
to-get-her

Top tips for learning to spell a tricky word

- **Look** at the word in the dictionary and point to it.
- **Say** the word out loud, then spell it out.
- **Cover** the word up, remembering what it looks like.
- **Write** the word down on a piece of paper and say it out loud again.
- **Check** your spelling against the dictionary.
- If you got it wrong, cover the page again and **try again!**

Tricky words to learn

The words on this list are tricky, so learn all of them to be a top speller!

address
among
autumn
awful
beginning
breakfast
build
careful
certain
course
definite
does
everybody
exciting
exercise
guess
interest
necessary
people
really
remember
rhyme
scissors
sentence
straight
through
trouble
until
usually
whole

Plurals

A plural word is what we use when there is more than one of something. It is often made by adding **s** to a word, like this:

singular **day**
plural **days**

Sometimes plurals are made by taking away the **y** at the end of the word and adding **ies**, like this:

singular **pony**
plural **ponies**

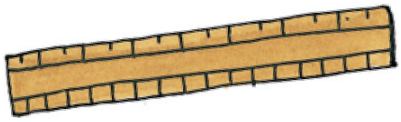
Now use the dictionary to find the plural of these words. See how many ways you can find to make a word plural.

horse	**volcano**
thief	**child**
party	**fly**
class	**monkey**
torch	**woman**

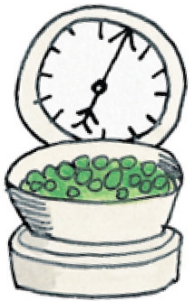


Measures

Length
millimetre (mm)
centimetre (cm)
metre (m)
kilometre (km)
mile



Mass or weight
gram (g)
half-kilogram
kilogram (kg)



Capacity
millilitre (ml)
half-litre
litre (l)
pint (pt)



Numbers

0	zero
1	one
2	two
3	three
4	four
5	five
6	six
7	seven
8	eight
9	nine
10	ten
11	eleven
12	twelve
13	thirteen
14	fourteen
15	fifteen
16	sixteen
17	seventeen
18	eighteen
19	nineteen
20	twenty
21	twenty-one
30	thirty
31	thirty-one
40	forty

41	forty-one
50	fifty
51	fifty-one
60	sixty
61	sixty-one
70	seventy
71	seventy-one
80	eighty
81	eighty-one
90	ninety
91	ninety-one
100	one hundred
101	one hundred and one
150	one hundred and fifty
200	two hundred
1000	one thousand

10 000	ten thousand
100 000	one hundred thousand
1 000 000	one million

1st	first
2nd	second
3rd	third

4th	fourth
5th	fifth
6th	sixth
7th	seventh
8th	eighth
9th	ninth
10th	tenth
11th	eleventh
12th	twelfth
13th	thirteenth
14th	fourteenth
15th	fifteenth
16th	sixteenth
17th	seventeenth
18th	eighteenth
19th	nineteenth
20th	twentieth
21st	twenty-first

Fractions



$\frac{1}{2}$ half



$\frac{1}{6}$ sixth



$\frac{1}{4}$ quarter



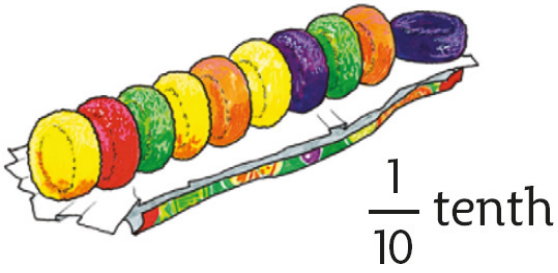
$\frac{1}{5}$ fifth



$\frac{1}{8}$ eighth



$\frac{1}{3}$ third



Time



9:50 a.m.

10 minutes to 10



7:25 p.m.

25 minutes past 7

Telling time

a.m.
p.m.
o’clock
half past
quarter past
quarter to
analogue
digital
clock
watch
timer

More time words

yesterday
today
tomorrow

calendar
date
weekend
holiday
birthday

second
minute
hour
day
week
fortnight
month
year
leap year
decade
century
millennium

dawn
morning
midday
noon
afternoon
dusk
evening
night
midnight

bedtime
daytime
dinnertime
playtime



How often?
never
once
twice
sometimes
often
usually
always

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