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**quack** verb **quacks, quacking, quacked**

When a duck quacks, it makes a noise through its beak.

**quarrel** verb **quarrels, quarrelling, quarrelled**

When people quarrel, they talk angrily and sometimes fight.

**queen** noun **queens**

- 1 A queen is a woman who was born to rule a country.
- 2 A king's wife is also called a queen.



**question** noun **questions**

A question is something you ask when you want to find something out.

**queue** noun **queues**

A queue is a line of people waiting for something.

**quick** adjective **quicker, quickest**

- 1 Something quick is done in a short time. *Let me have a quick look at your comic.*
- 2 To be quick means to move fast. *If we're quick, we'll be able to catch the bus.*

**quiet** adjective **quieter, quietest**

If someone or something is quiet, they make very little noise, or no noise at all.



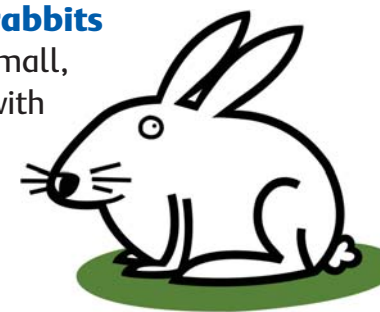
**quiz** noun **quizzes**

A quiz is a kind of game or test. People try to answer questions to show how much they know.



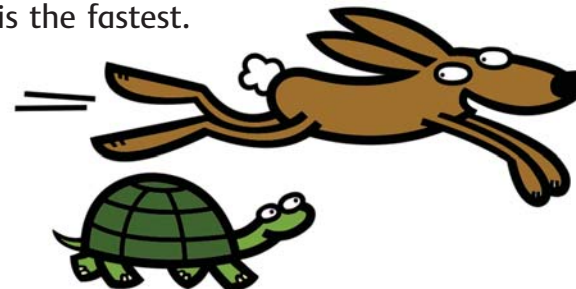
**rabbit** noun **rabbits**

A rabbit is a small, furry animal with long ears. Rabbits live in holes in the ground.



**race** noun **races**

A race is a way of finding out who is the fastest.



**radiator** noun **radiators**

A radiator is made of metal, and is filled with hot water to heat a room.

**radio** noun **radios**

A radio is a machine that receives sounds sent through the air. You can listen to music, programmes, or messages on a radio.

**rail** noun **rails**

- 1 A rail is a bar joined to posts to make something like a fence.
- 2 A rail is also a long metal bar that is part of a railway line.

**railway** noun **railways**

A railway is a set of metal bars for trains to run on.

**rain** noun

Rain is water that falls from the sky in drops.



**rainbow** noun **rainbows**

A rainbow is the band of different colours that you can see in the sky when the sun shines through rain.



**rainforest** noun **rainforests**

A rainforest is a thick forest in a warm part of the world where a lot of rain falls.

**ran** See **run**.

*When it started to rain, we ran home.*

**rang** See **ring** ②.

*Melissa rang the doorbell.*