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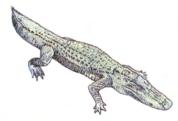
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alligator noun (plural **alligators**) a large reptile like a crocodile, found mainly in America



- allotment noun (plural allotments) a small piece of ground which someone rents and uses for growing vegetables, fruit, or flowers
- allow verb (allows, allowing, allowed) 1 to let someone do something 2 to provide an amount of money for some reason ▶ They only allowed £5 for bus fares and it wasn't enough.
- allowance noun (plural allowances)
 a sum of money that is given regularly to
 someone ► Kate's Mum gave her a
 monthly allowance for clothes.
- **alloy** *noun* (*plural* **alloys**) a metal formed by mixing other metals ► *Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.*
- all right adjective satisfactory; in good condition ► He put his hand on her arm and asked her if she was all right. ► All right, I'll sit on the floor over here.
- **all-rounder** *noun* someone who is good at different things
- **ally** *noun* (*plural* **allies**) (*pronounced* **al**-l) a person or country that helps or supports another
- almighty adjective 1 having total power
 2 (informal) very great or loud ► The door crashed against the wall with an almighty bang.
- almond noun (plural almonds)
 (pronounced ah-mond) a flat oval nut that
 you can eat
- almost adverb very nearly but not quite

 ▶ Jane jumped forward and almost banged
 her head on the glass.

- alone adjective and adverb without any other people or things, on your own ► As soon as Mark opened the door he knew he was not alone.
- along preposition and adverb 1 from one end of something to the other ► The nurse was pushing a trolley along the corridor.
 2 going somewhere with someone ► Our friends enjoyed the outing and were glad we had taken them along.
- **alongside** *preposition* and *adverb* beside something and close to it
- **aloud** *adverb* in an ordinary voice that people can hear
- alphabet noun (plural alphabets) the letters used in a language arranged in a special order alphabetical adjective alphabetically adverb
- **already** adverb by or before now **b** When the phone rang, Claire had already left the house.
- Alsatian noun (plural Alsatians)
 (pronounced al-say-shan) a large strong
 dog with a thick coat and a long pointed
 nose
- **also** *adverb* as an extra, besides ► We also need some bread.
- altar noun (plural altars) a table or raised surface in a church or temple, used in religious ceremonies or to perform sacrifices
- alter verb (alters, altering, altered) to change something slightly to make it more suitable ► The dress was too long and her mother had to alter it. alteration noun
- alternate adjective (pronounced ol-ternat) every other one ► I visit my grandparents on alternate weekends. alternately adverb one after the other in turn
- alternative noun (plural alternatives)
 (pronounced ol-ter-na-tiv) something you
 can choose or use instead of something
 else ► Blinds are a good alternative to
 curtains in kitchens and work-rooms.

- alternative adjective for you to choose instead of something else ► There is an alternative route if you don't want to go through London.
- although conjunction even though

 ► Although the sun was shining, it was still cold.
- **altitude** *noun* (*plural* **altitudes**) the height of something above sea level
- altogether adverb 1 completely ► The excuse was not altogether convincing. 2 as a total, in all ► We made £50 altogether at the cake sale.
- **aluminium** *noun* a silver-coloured metal that is light in weight
- always adverb 1 all the time, at all times 2 often, constantly ► The family always go for a long walk on Sundays. 3 whatever happens ► I could always sleep on the floor.
- am a form of the verb be used when the person speaking is referring to himself or herself
- a.m. short for Latin ante meridiem, which means 'before midday'. You use it to show the time in the morning. ► Wake me at 7 a.m.
- amalgamate verb (amalgamates, amalgamating, amalgamated) to join things together to form one thing
- amateur noun (plural amateurs)
 (pronounced am-a-ter) someone who does
 something because they enjoy it, and not
 for money ► The orchestra was a mixture
 of amateur and professional musicians.
 amateur adjective done by amateurs
- amaze verb (amazes, amazing, amazed) to surprise or astonish someone very much ► We were amazed that our phone bill was so low. amazement noun
- ambassador noun (plural ambassadors) an official who is sent to represent a country in another country

amber noun 1 a hard clear dark yellow substance often containing fossils of insects and used for jewellery 2 a yellowish colour



ambiguous adjective having more than one possible meaning, uncertain ► The words of the song were rather ambiguous. ambiguity noun

ambition noun (plural ambitions)

- 1 a strong desire to be successful in life 2 something you want to do very much ▶ Polly's ambition was to become a doctor like her mother. ambitious adjective having a lot of ambition
- amble verb (ambles, ambling, ambled) to walk along gently without hurrying
- ambulance noun (plural ambulances) a special vehicle for carrying sick or injured people
- ambush noun (plural ambushes) a surprise attack from a hidden place ambush verb (ambushes, ambushing, ambushed) to attack someone in an ambush
- amend verb (amends, amending, amended) to change a piece of writing so that it is better or more accurate amendment noun
- **amiable** *adjective* friendly, good-tempered amiability *noun* amiably *adverb*
- **amicable** adjective friendly **amicably** adverb
- amid or amidst preposition in the middle
 of, among
- ammonia noun a gas or liquid with a sharp smell, used to make cleaning liquids
- **ammunition** *noun* bullets, shells, and other objects fired from guns
- amnesty noun (plural amnesties)
 a promise to free prisoners or to pardon people who have broken the law