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abandon verb

1 The robbers **abandoned** the stolen car.

leave, desert, forsake, leave behind, strand (informal) dump, ditch

2 We **abandoned** our picnic because of the rain.

cancel, give up, scrap, drop, abort, discard

ability noun

Skin has a natural **ability** to heal itself.

capability, competence, aptitude, talent, expertise, skill

able adjective

1 Will you be **able** to come to my party?

allowed, permitted, free, willing

OPPOSITE unable

2 Penguins are very **able** swimmers.

competent, capable, accomplished, expert, skilful, proficient, talented, gifted

OPPOSITE incompetent

abolish verb

I wish someone would **abolish** homework!

get rid of, do away with, put an end to, eliminate

OPPOSITE create

about preposition

There are **about** two hundred children in the school.

approximately, roughly, close to, around

to be about something

The film is **about** a dog called Scruff.

concern, deal with, involve

abrupt adjective

1 The book came to a very **abrupt** end.

sudden, hurried, hasty, quick, unexpected

OPPOSITE gradual

2 The sales assistant had a very **abrupt** manner.

blunt, curt, sharp, rude, gruff, impolite, tactless, unfriendly

OPPOSITE polite

absent adjective

Why were you **absent** from school yesterday?

away, missing

To be absent from school without a good reason is to **play truant**.

OPPOSITE present

absolute adjective

The hypnotist asked for **absolute** silence.

complete, total, utter, perfect

absolutely adverb

This floor is **absolutely** filthy! completely, thoroughly, totally, utterly, wholly, entirely

abuse verb

1 The rescued dog had been **abused** by its owners.

mistreat, maltreat, hurt, injure, damage, harm, misuse

2 The referee was **abused** by players from both teams.

be rude to, insult, swear at (informal) call someone names

abuse noun

1 They campaigned against the **abuse** of animals.

mistreatment, misuse, damage, harm, injury

2 A spectator yelled **abuse** at the referee.

insults, name-calling, swear words

accelerate verb

The bus **accelerated** when it reached the motorway.

go faster, speed up, pick up speed

OPPOSITE slow down

accept verb

1 I **accepted** the offer of a lift to the station.

take, receive, welcome

OPPOSITE reject

2 The club **accepted** my application for membership.

approve, agree to, consent to

OPPOSITE deny

3 Do you **accept** responsibility for the damage?

admit, acknowledge, recognize, face up to

OPPOSITE deny

4 They had to **accept** the umpire's decision.

agree to, go along with, tolerate, put up with, resign yourself to

acceptable adjective

1 Would a pound be **acceptable** as a tip?

welcome, agreeable, appreciated, pleasant, pleasing, worthwhile

2 She said my handwriting was not **acceptable**.

satisfactory, adequate, appropriate, permissible, suitable, tolerable, passable

OPPOSITE unacceptable

accident noun

1 There has been an **accident** at a fireworks display.

misfortune, mishap, disaster, calamity, catastrophe

A person who is always having accidents is **accident-prone**.

2 A motorway **accident** is causing traffic delays.

collision, crash, smash

An accident involving a lot of vehicles is a **pile-up**.

A railway accident may involve a **derailment**.

3 It was pure **accident** that led us to the secret passage.

chance, luck, a fluke

accidental adjective

1 The damage to the building was **accidental**.

unintentional, unfortunate, unlucky

2 The professor made an **accidental** discovery.

unexpected, unforeseen, unplanned, fortunate, lucky, chance

OPPOSITE deliberate

account noun

1 I wrote an **account** of our camping trip in my diary.

report, record, description, history, narrative, story, chronicle, log

(informal) write-up

2 Money was of no **account** to him.

importance, significance, consequence, interest, value

accurate adjective

1 The detective took **accurate** measurements of the room.

careful, correct, exact, meticulous, minute, precise

OPPOSITE inexact, rough

2 Is this an **accurate** account of what happened?

faithful, true, reliable, truthful, factual

OPPOSITE inaccurate, false

accuse verb**accuse of**

Miss Sharp **accused** her opponent of cheating.

charge with, blame for, condemn for, denounce for

OPPOSITE defend

ache noun

The **ache** in my tooth is getting worse.

pain, soreness, throbbing, discomfort, pang, twinge

achieve verb

1 He **achieved** his ambition to play rugby for Wales.

accomplish, attain, succeed in, carry out, fulfil

2 The singer **achieved** success with her first CD.

acquire, win, gain, earn, get, score

achievement noun

To climb Mount Everest would be an **achievement**.

accomplishment, attainment, success, feat, triumph

act noun

1 Rescuing the boy from the river was a brave **act**.

action, deed, feat, exploit, operation

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2 The best **act** at the circus involved three clowns.
performance, sketch, item, turn

act verb
1 We must **act** as soon as we hear the signal.
do something, take action
2 Give the medicine **time to act**.
work, take effect, have an effect, function
3 Stop **acting** like a baby!
behave, carry on
4 I **acted** the part of a pirate in the play.
perform, play, portray, represent, appear as

action noun
1 The driver's **action** prevented an accident.
act, deed, effort, measure, feat
2 The fruit ripens through the **action** of the sun.
working, effect, mechanism
3 The film was packed with **action**.
drama, excitement, activity, liveliness, energy, vigour, vitality

active adjective
1 Mr Aziz is very **active** for his age.
energetic, lively, dynamic, vigorous, busy
2 My uncle is an **active** member of the football club.
enthusiastic, devoted, committed, dedicated, hard-working
OPPOSITE inactive

activity noun
1 The town centre was full of **activity**.
action, life, busyness, liveliness, excitement, movement, animation
2 My mum's favourite **activity** is gardening.
hobby, interest, pastime, pursuit, job, occupation, task

actual adjective
 Did you see the **actual** crime?
real, true, genuine, authentic
OPPOSITE imaginary, supposed

actually adverb
 What did the teacher **actually** say to you?
really, truly, definitely, certainly, genuinely, in fact

adapt verb
1 I'll **adapt** the goggles so that they fit you.
alter, change, modify, convert, reorganize, transform
2 Our family **adapted** quickly to life in the country.
become accustomed, adjust, acclimatize

add verb
 The poet **added** an extra line in the last verse.
join on, attach, append, insert

to add to

The herbs **add to** the flavour of the stew.
improve, enhance, increase

add up
1 Can you **add up** these figures for me?
count up, find the sum of, find the total of (informal) tot up
2 (informal) Her story just doesn't **add up**.
be convincing, make sense

additional adjective
 There are **additional** toilets downstairs.
extra, further, more, supplementary

adequate adjective
1 A sandwich will be **adequate**, thank you.
enough, sufficient, ample
2 Your work is **adequate**, but I'm sure you can do better.
satisfactory, acceptable, tolerable, competent, passable, respectable

adjust verb
1 You need to **adjust** the TV picture.
correct, modify, put right, improve, tune
2 She **adjusted** the central heating thermostat.
alter, change, set, vary, regulate

admire verb
1 I **admire** her skill with words.
think highly of, look up to, value, have a high opinion of, respect, applaud, approve of, esteem
OPPOSITE despise
2 The travellers stopped to **admire** the view.
enjoy, appreciate, be delighted by

admit verb
 Did he **admit** that he told a lie?
acknowledge, agree, accept, confess, grant, own up
OPPOSITE deny

adopt verb
1 Our school has **adopted** a healthy eating policy.
take up, accept, choose, follow, embrace
2 We have **adopted** a stray kitten.
foster, take in

adore verb
1 Rosie **adores** her big sister.
love, worship, idolize, dote on
2 (informal) I **adore** chocolate milk shakes!
love, like, enjoy
OPPOSITE hate, detest

adult adjective
 An **adult** zebra can run at 80km an hour.
grown-up, mature, full-size, fully grown
OPPOSITE young, immature

advance verb
1 As the army **advanced**, the enemy fled.
move forward, go forward, proceed, approach, come near, press on, progress, forge ahead, gain ground, make headway, make progress
OPPOSITE retreat
2 Mobile phones have **advanced** in the last few years.
develop, grow, improve, evolve, progress

advantage noun
 We had the **advantage** of the wind behind us.
assistance, benefit, help, aid, asset
OPPOSITE disadvantage, drawback

adventure noun
1 He told us about his latest **adventure**.
enterprise, exploit, venture, escapade
2 They travelled the world in search of **adventure**.
excitement, danger, risk, thrills

advertise verb
 We made a poster to **advertise** the cake sale.
publicize, promote, announce, make known (informal) plug

advice noun
 The website gives **advice** on building a bird table.
guidance, help, directions, recommendations, suggestions, tips, pointers

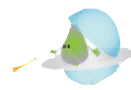
advise verb
1 What did the doctor **advise**?
recommend, suggest, advocate, prescribe
2 He **advised** me to rest.
counsel, encourage, urge

affect verb
1 Global warming will **affect** our climate.
have an effect or impact on, influence, change, modify, alter
2 The bad news **affected** us deeply.
disturb, upset, concern, trouble, worry

afford verb
 I can't **afford** a new bike just now.
have enough money for, pay for, manage, spare

afraid adjective
1 We felt **afraid** as we approached the haunted house.
frightened, scared, terrified, petrified, alarmed, fearful, anxious, apprehensive
OPPOSITE brave
2 Don't be **afraid** to ask questions.
hesitant, reluctant, shy

age noun
 The book is set in the **age** of the Vikings.
period, time, era, epoch, days



aggressive adjective
 Bats are not **aggressive** creatures.
hostile, violent, provocative, quarrelsome, bullying, warlike
OPPOSITE friendly

agile adjective
 Mountain goats are extremely **agile**.
nimble, graceful, sure-footed, sprightly, acrobatic, supple, swift
OPPOSITE clumsy, stiff

agony noun
 He screamed in **agony** when he broke his leg.
pain, suffering, torture, torment, anguish, distress

agree verb
1 I'm glad that we **agree**.
be united, think the same, concur
OPPOSITE disagree
2 I **agree** that you are right.
accept, acknowledge, admit, grant, allow
OPPOSITE disagree
3 I **agree** to pay my share.
consent, promise, be willing, undertake
OPPOSITE refuse

agreement noun
1 There was **agreement** on the need for longer holidays.
consensus, unanimity, unity, consent, harmony, sympathy, conformity
OPPOSITE disagreement
2 The two sides signed an **agreement**.
alliance, treaty
 An agreement to end fighting is an **armistice** or **truce**.
A business agreement is a **bargain**, **contract**, or **deal**.

aid noun
1 We can climb out with the **aid** of this rope.
help, support, assistance, backing, cooperation
2 They agreed to send more **aid** to the poorer countries.
donations, subsidies, contributions

aid verb
 The local people **aided** the police in their investigation.
help, assist, support, back, collaborate with, cooperate with, contribute to, lend a hand to, further, promote, subsidize

aim noun
 What was the **aim** of the experiment?
ambition, desire, dream, goal, hope, intention, objective, purpose, target, wish

aim verb
1 She **aims** to be a professional dancer.
intend, mean, plan, propose, want, wish, seek
2 He **aimed** his bow and arrow at the target.
point, direct, take aim with, line up, level, train, focus



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aircraft noun
SOME TYPES OF AIRCRAFT
 aeroplane, airliner, airship, biplane, bomber, fighter, glider, helicopter, hot-air balloon, jet, jumbo jet, seaplane
PARTS OF AIRCRAFT
 cabin, cargo hold, cockpit, engine, fin, flap, flight deck, fuselage, joystick, passenger cabin, propeller, rotor, rudder, tail, tailplane, undercarriage, wing
PLACES WHERE AIRCRAFT TAKE OFF AND LAND
 aerodrome, airfield, airport, airstrip, helipad, heliport, landing strip, runway
PEOPLE WHO FLY IN AIRCRAFT
 pilot, aviator, balloonist, co-pilot, cabin crew, flight attendant, passengers

air noun
1 We shouldn't pollute the **air** we breathe.
atmosphere
2 This room needs some **air**.
fresh air, ventilation
3 There was an **air** of mystery about the place.
feeling, mood, look, appearance, sense

aircraft noun
alarm verb
 The barking dog **alarmed** the sheep.
frighten, startle, scare, panic, agitate, distress, shock, surprise, upset, worry
OPPOSITE reassure

alarm noun
1 Did you hear the **alarm**?
signal, alert, warning, siren
2 The sudden noise filled me with **alarm**.
fright, fear, panic, anxiety, apprehension, distress, nervousness, terror, uneasiness

alien adjective
1 The desert landscape looked **alien** to us.
strange, foreign, unfamiliar,

WORD WEB

alien noun
 I wrote a story about **aliens** from Mars.
extraterrestrial, alien life-form, spaceman or spacewoman, starman or starwoman

AN ALIEN FROM ANOTHER PLANET MIGHT BE
 humanoid, insect-like, lizard-like, reptilian, intelligent, primitive, super-intelligent, telepathic
BODY PARTS AN ALIEN MIGHT HAVE
 antenna, blotches, scales, slime, sucker, tentacle, webbing
TRANSPORT AN ALIEN MIGHT USE
 alien vessel, flying saucer, mothership, pod, spacecraft, spaceship, starship, time-machine, transporter beam

An alien might call someone from Earth an **Earthling**.



alive adjective
 Fortunately, my goldfish was still **alive**.
 living, live, existing, in existence, surviving, breathing, flourishing
 OPPOSITE dead

allow verb
 1 They don't **allow** skateboards in the playground.
 permit, let, authorize, approve of, agree to, consent to, give permission for, license, put up with, stand, support, tolerate
 OPPOSITE forbid

2 Have you **allowed** enough time for the journey?
 allocate, set aside, assign, grant, earmark

all right adjective
 1 The survivors **appeared to be all right**.
 well, unhurt, unharmed, uninjured, safe

2 The food in the hotel was **all right**.
 satisfactory, acceptable, adequate, reasonable, passable

3 Is it **all right** to play music in here?
 acceptable, permissible

almost adverb
 1 I have **almost** finished the crossword.
 nearly, practically, just about, virtually, all but, as good as, not quite

2 **Almost** a hundred people came to the concert.
 about, approximately, around

alone adjective, adverb
 1 Did you go to the party **alone**?
 on your own, by yourself, unaccompanied

2 Zoe had no friends and felt very **alone**.
 lonely, friendless, isolated, solitary, lonesome, desolate

also adverb
 We need **some bread, and also** more butter.
 in addition, besides, additionally, too, furthermore, moreover

alter verb
 They have **altered** the route for the cycle race.
 change, adjust, adapt, modify, transform, amend, make different, revise, vary

always adverb
 1 The sea is **always** in motion.
 constantly, continuously, endlessly, eternally, for ever, perpetually, unceasingly

2 This bus is **always** late.
 consistently, continually, invariably, persistently, regularly, repeatedly

amaze verb
 It **amazes** me to think that the

Earth is billions of years old.
 astonish, astound, startle, surprise, stun, shock, stagger, dumbfound
 (informal) flabbergast

amazed adjective
 I was **amazed** by the number of emails I received.
 astonished, astounded, stunned, surprised, dumbfounded, speechless, staggered
 (informal) flabbergasted

amazing adjective
 The Northern Lights are an **amazing** sight.
 astonishing, astounding, staggering, remarkable, surprising, extraordinary, incredible, breathtaking, phenomenal, sensational, stupendous, tremendous, wonderful, mind-boggling

ambition noun
 1 She had great **ambition** when she was young.
 drive, enthusiasm, enterprise, push, zeal

2 My **ambition** is to play tennis at Wimbledon.
 goal, aim, intention, objective, target, desire, dream, wish, hope, aspiration

ambitious adjective
 1 If you're **ambitious**, you will probably succeed.
 enterprising, enthusiastic, committed, go-ahead, keen
 OPPOSITE unambitious

2 I think your plan is too **ambitious**.
 grand, big, large-scale

amount noun
 1 Mum wrote a cheque for the correct **amount**.
 sum, total, whole

2 There's a large **amount** of paper in the cupboard.
 quantity, measure, supply, volume, mass, bulk

amuse verb
 I think this joke will **amuse** you.
 make you laugh, entertain, cheer up, divert
 (informal) tickle

amusing adjective
 I didn't find his jokes very **amusing**.
 funny, witty, humorous, comic, comical, hilarious, diverting, entertaining
 OPPOSITE unamusing, serious

ancient adjective
 1 Does that **ancient** car still go?
 old, old-fashioned, antiquated, out of date, obsolete

2 In **ancient** times, our ancestors were hunters.
 early, primitive, prehistoric, remote, long past, olden

The times before written records were kept are **prehistoric** times. The ancient Greeks and Romans lived in **classical** times.
 OPPOSITE modern

anger noun
 I was filled with **anger** when I read her letter.
 rage, fury, indignation (old use) wrath, ire
 An outburst of anger is a **tantrum** or a **temper**.

anger verb
 His cruelty towards his dog **angered** me.
 enrage, infuriate, incense, madden, annoy, irritate, exasperate, antagonize, provoke (informal) make your blood boil, make you see red
 OPPOSITE pacify

angry adjective
 Miss Potts turns purple when she gets **angry**.
 cross, furious, enraged, infuriated, irate, livid, annoyed, incensed, exasperated, fuming, indignant, raging, seething (informal) mad
 To become angry is to **lose your temper**.
 OPPOSITE calm

animal noun
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announce verb
 1 The head **announced** that sports day was cancelled.
 declare, state, proclaim, report

2 The DJ **announced** the next record.
 present, introduce, lead into

announcement noun
 1 The head reads the **announcements** in assembly.
 notice

2 The prime minister issued an **announcement**.
 statement, declaration, proclamation, pronouncement

3 I heard the **announcement** on TV.
 report, bulletin, news flash

annoy verb
 1 I was **annoyed** that I missed the bus.
 irritate, bother, displease, exasperate, anger, upset, vex, trouble, worry
 OPPOSITE please

2 Please don't **annoy** me while I'm working.
 pester, bother, harass, badger, nag, plague, trouble, try (informal) bug

annoying adjective
 My brother has a lot of **annoying** habits.
 irritating, exasperating, maddening, provoking, tiresome, trying, vexing, troublesome



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animal noun
 Wild animals roam freely in the safari park.
 creature, beast, brute
 A word for wild animals in general is **wildlife**.
 A scientific word for animals is **fauna**.

VARIOUS KINDS OF ANIMAL
 amphibian, arachnid, bird, fish, insect, invertebrate, mammal, marsupial, mollusc, reptile, rodent, vertebrate

An animal that eats meat is a **carnivore**.
 An animal that eats plants is a **herbivore**.
 An animal that eats many things is an **omnivore**.
 Animals that sleep most of the winter are **hibernating animals**.
 Animals that are active at night are **nocturnal animals**.

SOME ANIMALS THAT LIVE ON LAND
 aardvark, antelope, ape, armadillo, baboon, badger, bat, bear, beaver, bison, buffalo, camel, cheetah, chimpanzee, chinchilla, chipmunk, deer, dormouse, elephant, elk, fox, gazelle, gibbon, giraffe, gnu, gorilla, hippopotamus, hyena, jackal, jaguar, kangaroo, koala, lemming, lemur, leopard, lion, llama, lynx, mongoose, monkey, moose, mouse, ocelot, opossum, orang-utan, otter, panda, panther, platypus, polar bear, porcupine, rabbit, rat, reindeer, rhinoceros, skunk, squirrel, stoat, tapir, tiger, vole, wallaby, weasel, wildebeest, wolf, wolverine, wombat, yak, zebra

SOME ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN THE SEA
 dolphin, porpoise, seal, sea lion, walrus, whale

SOME EXTINCT ANIMALS
 dinosaur, dodo, quagga



PARTS OF AN ANIMAL'S BODY
 antler, claw, fang, foreleg, hindleg, hoof, horn, jaws, mane, muzzle, paw, snout, tail, trotter, tusk, whisker, fur, coat, fleece, hide, pelt

MALE AND FEMALE ANIMALS
 A male elephant or whale is a **bull** and a female is a **cow**.
 A male fox is a **dog** and a female is a **vixen**.
 A male goat is a **billy goat** and a female is a **nanny goat**.
 A male hare or rabbit is a **buck** and a female is a **doe**.
 A male horse is a **stallion** and a female is a **mare**.
 A female lion is a **lioness**.
 A female pig is a **sow**.
 A male sheep is a **ram** and a female is a **ewe**.
 A female tiger is a **tigress**.

WRITING TIPS

You can use these words to describe an **animal**.

1 TO DESCRIBE how an animal moves:
 bound, creep, crouch, dart, gallop, gambol, leap, lumber, nuzzle, pad, paw, pounce, roam, scuttle, skip, slink, slither, spring, stamp, stampede, trot, waddle
The jaguar padded along silently.

2 TO DESCRIBE an animal's body:
 agile, nimble, sinewy, wiry; lumbering, majestic, mighty, muscular, powerful
The cheetah stretched its long, sinewy body.

3 TO DESCRIBE an animal's skin OR coat:
 coarse, fluffy, furry, glistening, glossy, hairy, leathery, matted, prickly, scaly, shaggy, shiny, silky, sleek, slimy, slippery, smooth, spiky, thick, thorny, tough, wiry, woolly; mottled, piebald, spotted, striped
The otters' coats were smooth and silky.

A male wolf is a **dog** and a female is a **bitch**.

YOUNG ANIMALS
 A young beaver is a **kit**.
 A young fox or lion is a **cub**.
 A young goat is a **kid**.
 A young hare is a **leveret**.
 A young horse is a **foal, colt** (male), or **filly** (female).
 A young pig is a **piglet**.
 A young otter or seal is a **pup**.
 A young sheep is a **lamb**.

HOMES OF WILD ANIMALS
 den, lair

A badger lives in a **sett**.
 A beaver or otter lives in a **lodge**.
 A fox lives in an **earth**.
 A rabbit lives in a **burrow** or **warren**.
 A squirrel lives in a **drey**.

SOUNDS MADE BY ANIMALS
 bark, bay, bellow, buzz, gnash, growl, grunt, hiss, howl, jabber, purr, roar, snap, snarl, snort, snuffle, squeak, trumpet, whimper, whine, yap, yelp, yowl

A sheep **bleats**.
 A donkey **brays**.
 A frog **croaks**.
 Cattle **low** or **moo**.
 A cat **mews** or **miaows**.
 A horse **neighs** or **whinnies**.

zebra

giraffe

gorilla

lion

tortoise

skunk

answer *noun*
 1 Did you get an **answer** to your letter?
 reply, response, acknowledgement, reaction
 A quick or angry answer is a **retort**
 2 The **answers** to the quiz are on the next page.
 solution, explanation

answer *verb*
 1 You haven't **answered** my question.
 give an answer to, reply to, respond to, react to, acknowledge
 2 'I'm quite well,' I **answered**.
 reply, respond, return
 To answer quickly or angrily is to **retort**.

anxious *adjective*
 1 Are you **anxious** about your exams?
 nervous, worried, apprehensive, concerned, uneasy, fearful, edgy, fraught, tense, troubled
 (informal) uptight, jittery
 OPPOSITE calm
 2 I'm **anxious** to do my best.
 eager, keen, impatient, enthusiastic, willing

apologize *verb*
 The ogre **apologized** for being rude.
 make an apology, say sorry, express regret, repent, be penitent

apparent *adjective*
 There was no **apparent** reason for the crash.
 obvious, evident, clear, noticeable, detectable, perceptible, recognizable, conspicuous, visible
 OPPOSITE concealed

appeal *verb*
to appeal for
 The prisoners **appealed** for our help.
 request, beg for, plead for, cry out for, entreat, ask earnestly for, pray for **to appeal to**
 That kind of music doesn't **appeal to** me.
 attract, interest, fascinate, tempt

appear *verb*
 1 Snowdrops **appear** in the spring.
 come out, emerge, become visible, come into view, develop, occur, show, crop up, spring up, surface
 2 Our visitors didn't **appear** until midnight.
 arrive, come, turn up (informal) show up
 3 It **appears** that the baby is asleep.
 seem, look

4 I once **appeared** in a musical.
 act, perform, take part, feature

appearance *noun*
 1 They were startled by the **appearance** of the ghost.
 approach, arrival, entrance, entry
 2 Mr Hogweed had a grim **appearance**.
 air, aspect, bearing, look

appetite *noun*
 1 When I was ill, I completely lost my **appetite**.
 hunger
 2 Explorers have a great **appetite** for adventure.
 desire, eagerness, enthusiasm, passion, keenness, wish, urge, taste, thirst, longing, yearning, craving, lust, zest

apply *verb*
 1 The nurse told me to **apply** the ointment generously.
 administer, put on, lay on, spread
 2 My brother has **applied** for a new job.
 make an application for, ask for, request
 3 The rules **apply** to all our members.
 be relevant, relate, refer
 4 The vet **applied** all her skill to save the animal's life.
 use, employ, exercise, utilize

appreciate *verb*
 1 He **appreciates** good music.
 enjoy, like, love
 2 I **appreciate** her good qualities.
 admire, respect, regard highly, approve of, value, esteem
 OPPOSITE despise
 3 I **appreciate** that you can't afford much.
 realize, recognize, understand, comprehend, know, see
 4 Dad hopes that the value of our house will **appreciate**.
 grow, increase, go up, mount, rise

approach *verb*
 1 The lioness **approached** her prey.
 draw near to, move towards, come near to, advance on
 2 I **approached** the head to ask if we could have a party.
 speak to, contact, go to
 3 The volunteers **approached** their work cheerfully.
 begin, undertake, embark on, set about

approach *noun*
 1 We could hear the **approach** of heavy footsteps.
 arrival, advance, coming
 2 Dad made an **approach** to the bank manager for a loan.
 application, appeal, proposal

3 I like her positive **approach**.
 attitude, manner, style, way

4 The easiest **approach** to the castle is from the west.
 access, entry, entrance, way in

appropriate *adjective*
 It's not **appropriate** to wear jeans to a wedding.
 suitable, proper, fitting, apt, right, tactful, tasteful, well-judged
 OPPOSITE inappropriate

approval *noun*
 1 We cheered to show our **approval**.
 appreciation, admiration, praise, high regard, acclaim, respect, support
 OPPOSITE disapproval
 2 The head gave her **approval** to our plan.
 agreement, consent, authorization, assent, go-ahead, permission, support, blessing
 OPPOSITE refusal

approve *verb*
 The head **approved** my request for a day off school.
 agree to, consent to, authorize, allow, accept, pass, permit, support, back
 OPPOSITE refuse

approximate *adjective*
 What is the **approximate** length of the journey?
 estimated, rough, inexact, near
 OPPOSITE exact

approximately *adverb*
 The film will finish at **approximately** five o'clock.
 roughly, about, around, round about, close to, nearly, more or less

area *noun*
 1 From the plane we saw a big **area** of desert.
 expanse, stretch, tract
 A small area is a **patch**.
 An area of water or ice is a **sheet**.
 2 I live in an **urban area**.
 district, locality, neighbourhood, region, zone, vicinity

argue *verb*
 1 You two are always **arguing** over something.
 quarrel, disagree, differ, fall out, fight, have an argument, squabble, wrangle, bicker
 OPPOSITE agree
 2 We **argued** over the price of the cloth.
 bargain, haggle
 3 He **argued** that it was my turn to walk the dog.
 claim, assert, try to prove, maintain, reason, suggest

argument *noun*
 1 They was an **argument** over who should pay for the meal.
 disagreement, quarrel, dispute, row, clash, controversy, debate, difference, fight, squabble, altercation

armour *noun*

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PARTS OF A MEDIEVAL KNIGHT'S ARMOUR
 breastplate, cuirass (breast and back plate), gauntlet, greave (shin guard), habergeon (sleeveless coat), helmet, visor



Armour made of linked rings is **chain mail**.
 An outfit of armour is a **suit of armour**.

arrange *verb*
 1 The books are **arranged** in alphabetical order.
 sort, order, put in order, group, organize, categorize, classify, collate, display, sort out, set out, lay out, line up
 2 Do you need any help **arranging** the party?
 plan, organize, prepare, set up, see to

arrangement *noun*
 1 They have improved the **arrangement** of the garden.
 layout, organization, design, planning
 2 Did you change the **arrangement** of my CDs?
 order, grouping, display, distribution, spacing
 3 We have an **arrangement** to use the swimming pool.
 agreement, deal, bargain, contract, scheme

arrive *verb*
 When is the train due to **arrive**?
 appear, come, turn up, show up, get in
 When a plane arrives it **lands** or **touches down**.
to arrive at
 We **arrived at** the castle before midnight.
 get to, reach

arrogant *adjective*
 His **arrogant** manner annoys me.
 boastful, conceited, proud, haughty, self-important, bumptious, pompous, snobbish, superior, vain
 (informal) cocky, snooty, stuck-up
 OPPOSITE modest

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article *noun*
 1 Have you any **articles** for the jumble sale?
 item, object, thing
 2 Did you read my **article** in the magazine?
 essay, report, piece of writing

artificial *adjective*
 1 Organic gardeners don't use **artificial** fertilizers.
 man-made, synthetic, unnatural, manufactured
 OPPOSITE natural
 2 She had an **artificial** flower in her buttonhole.
 fake, false, imitation, unreal,

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artist *noun*
SOME ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE
 animator, blacksmith, carpenter, cartoonist, designer, draughtsman, draughtswoman, embroiderer, engraver, goldsmith, graphic designer, illustrator, knitter, mason, painter, photographer, potter, printer, quilter, sculptor, silversmith, weaver



potter



photographer



embroidery

bogus, counterfeit
 OPPOSITE genuine, real

ashamed *adjective*
 He was **ashamed** because of what he had done.
 sorry, remorseful, repentant, embarrassed, shamefaced, abashed, mortified apologetic, penitent
 (informal) red-faced
 OPPOSITE unashamed, unrepentant

ask *verb*
 1 I **asked** them to be careful with the parcel.
 beg, entreat, appeal to, implore, plead with
 2 'Are you ready?' I **asked**.
 demand, enquire, inquire, query, question
 3 I'm going to **ask** you to my party.
 invite
 (formal) request the pleasure of your company

asleep *adjective*
 I didn't hear the phone because I was **asleep**.

painting



artistic *adjective*
 Mum's flower arrangements are very **artistic**.
 creative, imaginative, aesthetic, attractive, beautiful, tasteful
 OPPOSITE ugly

sleeping, dozing, having a nap, napping
(*formal*) slumbering
A patient asleep for an operation is **anaesthetized** or **under sedation**.
An animal asleep for the winter is **hibernating**.
OPPOSITE awake
to fall asleep
We waited until the giant fell asleep.
drop off, doze, nod off
To fall asleep quickly is **to go out like a light**.

assemble verb

1 A crowd **assembled** to watch the rescue.
gather, come together, converge, accumulate, crowd together, flock together, meet, convene
OPPOSITE disperse
2 We **assembled** our luggage at the front door.
collect, gather, bring together, pile up, put together
3 The general **assembled** his troops.
round up, rally, muster

assembly noun

There was a large **assembly** of people in the market square.
gathering, meeting, crowd, throng
An assembly for worship is a **service**.

A large assembly to show support for something, often out of doors, is a **rally**.
An assembly to discuss political matters is a **council** or **parliament**.

An assembly to discuss and learn about a particular topic is a **conference** or **congress**.

assistance noun

1 Do you need **assistance** with your luggage?
help, aid, support, encouragement
2 We bought new sports equipment with the **assistance** of a local firm.
backing, collaboration, cooperation, sponsorship, subsidy, support

assistant noun

The magician was training a new **assistant**.
helper, partner, colleague, associate, supporter

assorted adjective

I bought a bag of sweets with **assorted** flavours.
various, different, mixed, diverse
miscellaneous, several

assortment noun

There was an **assortment** of sandwiches to choose from.

variety, mixture, selection, array, choice, collection, diversity

assume verb

1 I **assume** you'd like some chocolate.
suppose, presume, imagine, believe, guess, expect, gather, suspect, think
2 The bandit **assumed** a disguise.
put on, adopt, dress up in, wear

assure verb

I **assure** you that I will take care of your dog.
promise, give your word to

astonish verb

It **astonished** us to learn that the house was haunted.
amaze, astound, surprise, stagger, shock, dumbfound, leave speechless, startle, stun, take aback, take by surprise
(*informal*) flabbergast, take your breath away

astonishing adjective

The volcano was an **astonishing** sight.
amazing, astounding, staggering, remarkable, surprising, extraordinary, incredible, breathtaking, phenomenal, sensational, stupendous, tremendous, wonderful

astronaut noun

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The **astronauts** climbed aboard the space shuttle.
spacesman or spacewoman

THINGS AN ASTRONAUT MIGHT USE OR WEAR

spacesuit, jet pack, oxygen tank, gloves, helmet, moonboots or spaceboots, visor

PLACES AN ASTRONAUT MIGHT VISIT

alien planet, moonbase, spacelab, space shuttle, space station, starbase

athletic adjective

You need to be **athletic** to run in a marathon.

fit, active, energetic, strong, muscular, powerful, robust, sturdy, vigorous, well-built
(*informal*) sporty

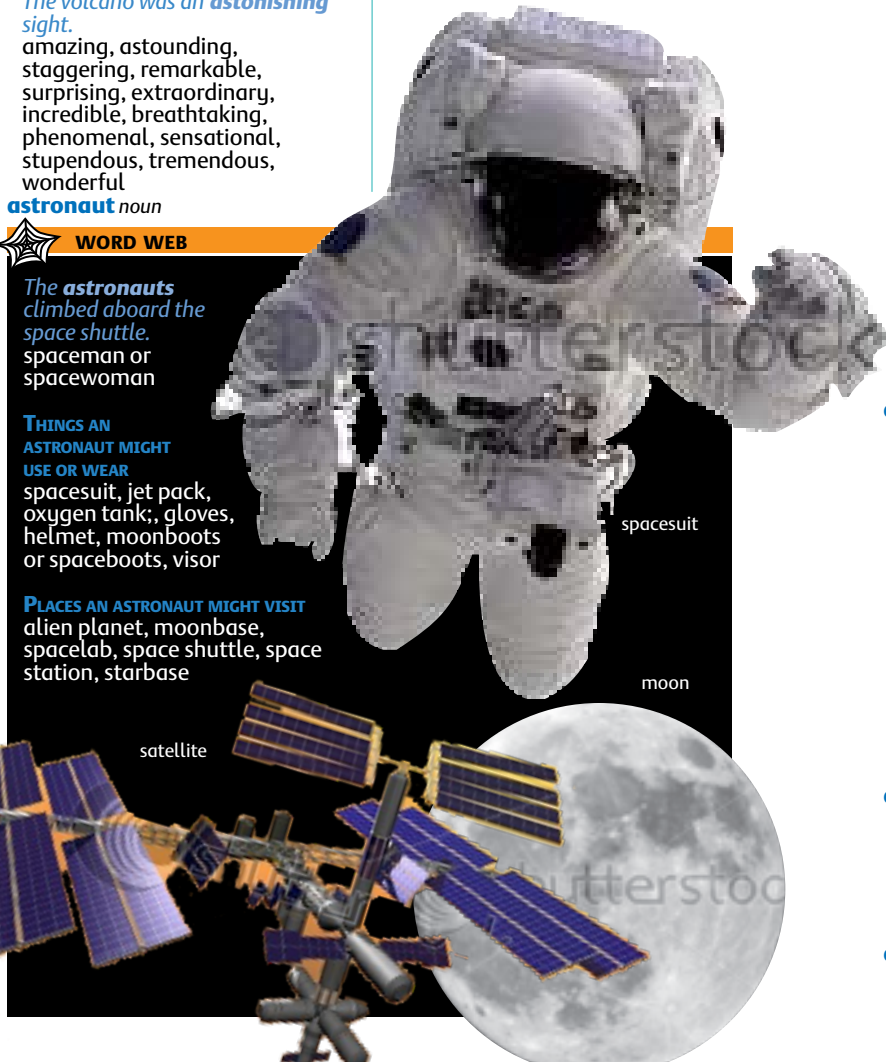
OPPOSITE feeble, puny

atrocious adjective

Everyone was shocked by the **atrocious** crime.
wicked, terrible, dreadful, abominable, brutal, savage, barbaric, bloodthirsty, callous, cruel, diabolical, evil, fiendish, horrifying, merciless, outrageous, sadistic, terrible, vicious, villainous

attach verb

Attach this label to the parcel.
fasten, fix, join, tie, bind, secure, connect, link, couple, stick, affix, add, append
OPPOSITE detach



attack noun

1 The pirates' **attack** took us by surprise.
assault, strike, charge, rush, raid, ambush, invasion, onslaught

An attack with big guns or bombs is a **blitz** or **bombardment**.

An attack by planes is an **air raid**.
2 The newspaper published an **attack** on his character.
criticism, outburst, abuse, tirade

3 I had a **sneezing attack** in assembly.
bout, fit, spasm
(*informal*) turn

attack verb

1 The travellers were **attacked** by highlanders.
assault, beat up, mug, set on, assail

To attack someone else's territory is to **invade** or **raid** it.
To attack someone from a hidden place is to **ambush** them.
To attack the enemy with bombs or heavy guns is to **bombard** them.

To attack by rushing at the enemy is to **charge**.

To attack a place suddenly is to **storm** it.
If an animal attacks you, it might **save** you.

2 He **attacked** her reputation.
abuse, criticize, denounce
OPPOSITE defend

attempt verb

They will **attempt** to reconstruct a Viking ship.
try, endeavour, strive, seek, aim, make an effort

attend verb

Are you going to **attend** the end-of-term concert?
go to, appear at, be present at
to attend to

1 Please **attend** carefully to my instructions.
listen to, pay attention to, follow carefully, heed, mark, mind, note, notice, observe, think about

2 Who will **attend** to the washing up?
deal with, see to

3 The nurses **attended** to the wounded.
take care of, care for, look after, help, mind, tend

attitude noun

I'm trying to take a more positive **attitude** to life.
outlook, approach, behaviour, stance, frame of mind, disposition, view, position, manner, mood

attract verb

1 Do you think our exhibition will **attract** people?

interest, appeal to, fascinate, tempt, entice
2 Baby animals **attract** big crowds at the zoo.
draw, pull in

attractive adjective

1 Miranda was a very **attractive** young woman.
beautiful, pretty, good-looking, handsome, gorgeous, glamorous, striking, fetching, charming, lovely, delightful, pleasing, fascinating, captivating, enchanting

OPPOSITE unattractive, repulsive
2 There are some **attractive** bargains in the sale.
appealing, agreeable, interesting, desirable, tempting, irresistible

authority noun

1 I have the head's **authority** to go home early.
permission, consent, approval

2 The king had the **authority** to execute the prisoners.
power, right, influence

3 My uncle is an **authority** on steam trains.
expert, specialist

automatic adjective

1 We took our car through the **automatic** car wash.
automated, mechanical, programmed, computerized

2 My sneezing was an **automatic** response to the pepper.
instinctive, involuntary, impulsive, spontaneous, reflex, natural, unconscious, unthinking

available adjective
1 There are no more seats **available**.
obtainable, free

2 Is there a phone **available** in the library?
accessible, ready, usable, at hand, handy, within reach, convenient

average adjective

It was an **average** kind of day at school.
everyday, ordinary, normal, typical, usual, regular, commonplace, familiar

OPPOSITE unusual, extraordinary
avoid verb

1 The driver tried hard to **avoid** the collision.
get out of the way of, avert, dodge, keep clear of, steer clear of, fend off, shun

2 The outlaws **avoided** capture for months.
elude, evade, run away from, escape from

3 How did you manage to **avoid** the washing up?
get out of, shirk

awake adjective

Hester lay **awake** all night worrying.
wide awake, restless, sleepless, conscious, astir
Not being able to sleep is to be suffering from **insomnia**.

OPPOSITE asleep

award noun

Kirsty got a national **award** for gymnastics.
prize, trophy, medal

aware adjective

aware of
The spy was **aware of** the dangers of the mission.
acquainted with, conscious of, familiar with, informed about

OPPOSITE ignorant of

awful adjective

1 The weather was **awful** last weekend.
bad, dreadful, terrible, appalling, dire, abysmal
(*informal*) rubbish, lousy

2 The teacher complained about our **awful** behaviour.
disgraceful, shameful, disobedient, naughty

3 Cinderella's stepmother was an **awful** woman.
unpleasant, disagreeable, nasty, horrid, detestable, unkind, unfriendly

4 The country was shocked by the **awful** crime.
horrifying, shocking, atrocious, abominable, outrageous

5 I feel **awful** about forgetting your birthday.
sorry, ashamed, embarrassed, guilty, remorseful

awkward adjective

1 The parcel was an **awkward** shape.
bulky, inconvenient, unmanageable, unwieldy
OPPOSITE convenient

2 The giant was very **awkward** with his knife and fork.
clumsy, unskilful, bungling
OPPOSITE skilful

3 We found ourselves in a very **awkward** situation.
difficult, troublesome, trying, perplexing, tough
OPPOSITE straightforward, easy

4 Are you trying to be **awkward**?
obstinate, stubborn, uncooperative, unhelpful, exasperating

OPPOSITE cooperative
5 I felt **awkward** as I didn't know anyone at the party.
embarrassed, uncomfortable, uneasy, out of place

OPPOSITE comfortable, at ease

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Bb

baby *noun*
infant, child
A baby who has just been born is a **new-born**.
A baby just learning to walk is a **toddler**.
The time when someone is a baby is their **babyhood**.

babyish *adjective*
My brother thinks that dolls are **babyish**.
childish, immature, infantile
OPPOSITE grown-up, mature

back *noun*
We always sit at the **back** of the bus.
end, rear, tail end
OPPOSITE front

back *adjective*
The **back** door of the cabin was locked.

end, rear, tail
The back legs of an animal are its **hind** legs.
OPPOSITE front

back *verb*
1 A big lorry was **backing** into our driveway.
go backwards, reverse
2 I'm **backing** the blue team to win the race.

bet on, put money on
3 The council is **backing** the plan to build a skate park.

support, sponsor, endorse
background *noun*
1 I drew a mermaid with the sea in the **background**.
OPPOSITE foreground
2 The first chapter deals with the **background** to the war.
circumstances of, history of, lead-up to
3 My mother's family has a Swedish **background**.

tradition, upbringing, ancestry
bad *adjective*

This has been a **bad** week for all of us.
awful, horrible, terrible
OPPOSITE good, fine, excellent

OVERUSED WORDS

bad *adjective*
Try to vary the words you use for **bad**. Here are some other words you could use.

FOR A bad person: wicked, evil, cruel, malevolent, malicious, vicious, villainous, mean, nasty, beastly, monstrous, corrupt, deplorable, detestable, immoral, infamous, shameful, sinful
Gobo was a detestable king who was loathed by his subjects.

A bad person is a **scoundrel**, **rogue**, or **rascal**.
A bad character in a story or film is a **villain** or (informal) **baddy**.
OPPOSITE good, virtuous

FOR A bad accident or bad illness: serious, severe, grave, distressing, acute
Ingrid has a severe case of chickenpox.
OPPOSITE minor

FOR bad behaviour: naughty, mischievous, disobedient, disgraceful, wrong
That mischievous kitten drank my milk!

OPPOSITE exemplary, angelic
FOR A bad experience or bad news: unpleasant, unwelcome, disagreeable, horrible, awful, terrible, dreadful, horrific, appalling, shocking, hideous, disastrous, ghastly, frightful, abominable, diabolical
The letter contained disagreeable news.

Another word for a bad experience is an **ordeal**.
OPPOSITE good, excellent
FOR A bad habit OR SOMETHING THAT IS bad for you: harmful, damaging, dangerous, undesirable, detrimental, injurious
Fizzy drinks can be harmful to your teeth.

FOR bad weather: harsh, hostile, unfavourable, adverse, miserable
(informal) Lousy Penguins face hostile weather in the Antarctic.
OPPOSITE fine, favourable
FOR FOOD THAT HAS gone bad: mouldy, rotten, off, decayed, sour, spoiled, rancid
The strawberries have started to go mouldy.
OPPOSITE fresh

TO feel bad ABOUT SOMETHING: guilty, ashamed, sorry, remorseful, repentant
Scrooge feels repentant by the end of the story.
OPPOSITE unashamed, unrepentant

bad-tempered *adjective*
Trolls are always bad-tempered before breakfast.
cross, grumpy, irritable, moody, quarrelsome, fractious, ill-tempered, short-tempered, cantankerous, crotchety, snappy, testy, sullen
OPPOSITE good-tempered, cheerful



Miss Crabbit **banged** her fist on the desk and scowled.
hit, thump, strike, bash, slam, wham

banish *verb*
The king's brother was **banished** forever.
exile, expel, deport, send away, eject

bank *noun*
1 The temple was built on the **banks** of the River Nile.
edge, side, shore, margin, brink
2 We rolled our Easter eggs down a grassy **bank**.
slope, mound, ridge, embankment

banquet *noun*
There was a **banquet** on the queen's birthday.
dinner, feast

bar *noun*
1 Did you eat the whole **bar** of chocolate?
block, slab, chunk, wedge
A bar of gold or silver is an **ingot**.
A bar of soap is a **cake**.
2 The window had iron **bars** across it.

rod, pole, rail, stake, beam, girder
bar *verb*
1 Two athletes were **barred** from competing in the race.
ban, prohibit, exclude, keep out
2 A fallen tree **barred** our way.
block, hinder, impede, obstruct, stop, check

bare *adjective*
1 I put sunscreen on my **bare** arms and legs.
naked, nude, exposed, uncovered, unclothed, undressed
2 The wolf had a **bare** patch on its back.
bald, hairless
3 We slept outside on the **bare** mountain.

barren, bleak, treeless
4 Inside, the dungeon was cold and **bare**.
empty, unfurnished, vacant
5 There wasn't a **bare** patch of wall left.
blank, plain, clear, empty

6 There is only room to pack the **bare** essentials.
basic, minimum

barely *adverb*
We **barely** had time to get dressed.
hardly, scarcely, only just

bargain *noun*
1 We made a **bargain** with the captain to take us ashore.
deal, agreement, promise, pact
2 That camera you bought was a **bargain**.

good buy, special offer (informal) snip, steal
bargain *verb*
He refused to **bargain** with the pirates for his life.
argue, do a deal, haggle, negotiate

bark *verb*
The guard dog began to **bark** fiercely.
woof, yap, yelp, growl

barrel *noun*
The smugglers carried **barrels** of gunpowder.
cask, drum, tub, keg, butt

barrier *noun*
1 Spectators were asked to stay behind the **barrier**.
wall, fence, railing, barricade
A barrier across a road is a **roadblock**.

2 His shyness was a **barrier** to making friends.
obstacle, hurdle, drawback, handicap, hindrance, stumbling block

base *noun*
1 The footprints stop at the **base** of the pyramid.
bottom, foot
2 The dolls' house comes with a wooden **base**.
foundation, support
A base under a statue is a **pedestal** or **plinth**.

3 The mountaineers returned to their **base**.
headquarters, camp, depot
basic *adjective*
1 These are the **basic** moves in ice-skating.
main, chief, principal, key, central, essential, fundamental, crucial
2 My knowledge of French is very **basic**.
elementary, simple
OPPOSITE advanced

bathe *verb*
1 It was too cold to **bathe** in the sea.
swim, go swimming, splash about, take a dip
To walk about in shallow water is to **paddle**.

To walk through deep water is to **wade**.
2 The nurse gently **bathed** the wound.
clean, cleanse, wash, rinse

battle *noun*
The **battle** between our countries raged for many years.
fight, clash, conflict, action, engagement, hostilities, struggle



beach *noun*
We found these shells on the **beach**.
sands, seashore, seaside, shore

beam *noun*
1 Wooden **beams** ran across the ceiling.
bar, timber, joist, plank, post, rafter, boom, spar, strut, support
2 A **beam** of sunlight entered the cave.

ray, shaft, stream, gleam
A strong narrow beam of light used in various devices is a **laser**.

bear *verb*
1 The rope won't **bear** my weight.
carry, support, hold, take
2 The messenger **bore** a letter from the king.

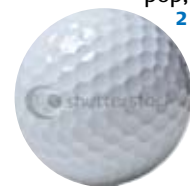
3 The gravestone **bears** an old inscription.
display, show, have
4 The stench in the cave was too much to **bear**.
put up with, cope with, stand, suffer, tolerate, endure, abide
5 The lioness has **borne** three cubs.
give birth to

beast *noun*
In the darkness, they heard a wild **beast** howl.
animal, creature
You might call a large or frightening beast a **brute** or **monster**.

beat *verb*
1 It's cruel to **beat** an animal with a stick.
hit, strike, thrash, batter, whip, lash, flog (informal) whack, wallop
2 I **beat** my brother at chess for the first time.
defeat, conquer, vanquish, win against, get the better of, overcome, overwhelm, rout, thrash, trounce (informal) hammer

3 **Beat** the eggs, milk, and sugar together.
whisk, whip, blend, mix, stir
4 Can you feel your heart **beating**?
pound, thump, palpitate

to beat someone up
The bully threatened to **beat me up**.
assault, attack



bag *noun*
I put my wet clothes in a plastic **bag**.
sack, carrier, holdall, satchel, handbag, shoulder bag
A bag you carry on your back is a **backpack** or **rucksack**.

ball *noun*
Wind the string into a **ball**.
sphere, globe, orb
A small ball of something is a **pellet** or **globule**.
ban *verb*
Rollerblades are **banned** from the playground.
forbid, prohibit, bar, exclude, outlaw
OPPOSITE allow,

band *noun*
1 The king was surrounded by a **band** of courtiers.
company, group, gang, party, troop, crew
2 I play piano in the junior jazz **band**.
group, ensemble, orchestra
3 The team captain wears a red arm **band**.
strip, stripe, ring, line, belt, hoop

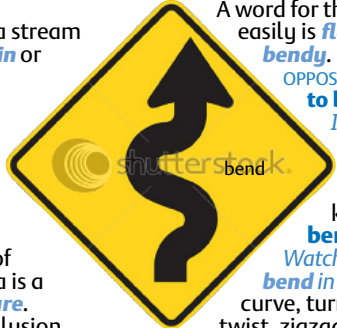
bang *noun*
1 There was a loud **bang** as the balloon burst.
blast, boom, crash, thud, thump, pop, explosion, report
2 He got a **bang** on the head from the low ceiling.
bump, blow, hit, knock, thump, punch, smack, whack, clout (informal) wallop
bang *verb*



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beat *noun*
 1 Can you feel the **beat** of your heart?
 pulse, throb
 2 *Reggae music has a strong **beat**.*
 rhythm, accent, stress
beautiful *adjective*
*The fairy queen looked **beautiful** by moonlight.*
 attractive, good-looking, pretty, gorgeous, glamorous, radiant, elegant, enchanting, dazzling, stunning, magnificent, resplendent
 A man who is pleasing to look at is *good-looking* or *handsome*.
 OPPOSITE ugly, unattractive
*It was a **beautiful** day for a bicycle trip.*
 fine, excellent, glorious, marvellous, sunny, superb, splendid, wonderful
 OPPOSITE dull, gloomy, drab
*The Northern Lights are a **beautiful** sight.*
 glorious, magnificent, picturesque, scenic, spectacular, splendid
*The nightingale has a **beautiful** song.*
 harmonious, mellifluous, melodious, sweet-sounding
 OPPOSITE grating
beckon *verb*
*The guard was **beckoning** me to approach.*
 signal, gesture, motion, gesticulate
become *verb*
 1 I soon **became** frustrated with the video game.
 begin to be, turn, get
 2 *Eventually, the tadpoles will **become** frogs.*
 grow into, change into, develop into, turn into
 3 *That style of hat **becomes** you.*
 look good on, suit, flatter
bed *noun*
 1 *The children slept on hard, wooden **beds**.*
 bunk, mattress
 A bed for a baby is a *cot*, *cradle*, or *crib*.
 Two single beds one above the other are *bunk beds*.
 A bed on a ship or train is a *berth*.
 A bed made of net or cloth hung up above the ground is a *hammock*.
 2 *We planted daffodils in the flower **beds**.*
 plot, patch, border
 3 *These creatures feed on the **bed** of the ocean.*
 bottom, floor
 OPPOSITE surface
beg *verb*
*He **begged** me not to let go of the rope.*

ask, plead with, entreat, implore, beseech
begin *verb*
 1 *The hunters **began** their search at dawn.*
 start, commence, embark on, set about
 OPPOSITE end, finish, conclude
 2 *When did the trouble **begin**?*
 start, commence, arise, emerge, appear, originate, spring up
 OPPOSITE end, stop, cease
beginning *noun*
*The house was built at the **beginning** of last century.*
 start, opening, commencement, introduction, establishment, foundation, initiation, launch, dawn
 The beginning of the day is *dawn* or *daybreak*.
 The beginning of a journey is the *starting point*.
 The beginning of a stream or river is the *origin* or *source*.
 A piece of writing at the beginning of a book is an *introduction*, *preface*, or *prologue*.
 A piece of music at the beginning of a musical or opera is a *prelude* or *overture*.
 OPPOSITE end, conclusion
behave *verb*
 1 *Our neighbour is **behaving** very strangely.*
 act, react, perform
to behave yourself
*We promised to **behave** ourselves in the car.*
 be good, be on your best behaviour
behaviour *noun*
*I give my puppy treats for good **behaviour**.*
 actions, conduct, manners, attitude
belief *noun*
 1 *She was a woman of strong religious **beliefs**.*
 faith, principle, creed, doctrine
 2 *It is my **belief** that he stole the money.*
 opinion, view, conviction, feeling, notion, theory
believable *adjective*
*None of the characters in the book are **believable**.*
 credible, plausible
 OPPOSITE unbelievable, implausible
believe *verb*
 1 *I don't **believe** anything he says.*
 accept, have faith in, rely on, trust
 OPPOSITE disbelieve, doubt



2 *I **believe** they used to live in Canada.*
 assume, feel, know, presume, reckon, suppose, think
belong *verb*
 1 *This ring **belonged** to my grandmother.*
 be owned by
 2 *Do you **belong** to the sports club?*
 be a member of, be connected with
belongings *plural noun*
*Don't leave any **belongings** on the bus.*
 possessions, property, goods, things
bend *verb*
*This drinking straw **bends** in the middle.*
 curve, turn, twist, curl, coil, loop, arch, warp, wind
 A word for things which bend easily is *flexible* or (*informal*) *bendy*.
 OPPOSITE straighten
to bend down
*I **bent** down to tie my shoelaces.*
 stoop, bow, crouch, duck, kneel
bend *noun*
*Watch out for the sharp **bend** in the road.*
 curve, turn, angle, corner, twist, zigzag
best *adjective*
 1 *After the crash, the car was a mass of **best** metal.*
 curved, twisted, coiled, looped, buckled, crooked, arched, folded, warped
 (*informal*) wonky
 2 *The witch had a **best** back and walked with a stick.*
 crooked, hunched, curved, arched, bowed
best *adjective*
 1 *She is our **best** goalkeeper.*
 top, leading, finest, foremost, supreme, star, outstanding, unequalled, unrivalled
 OPPOSITE worst
 2 *We did what we thought was **best**.*
 most suitable, most appropriate
betray *verb*
 1 *He **betrayed** us by telling the enemy our plan.*
 be disloyal to, be a traitor to, cheat, conspire against, double-cross
 Someone who betrays you is a *traitor*.
 To betray your country is to commit *treason*.

2 *The look in her eyes **betrayed** her true feelings.*
 reveal, show, indicate, disclose, divulge, expose, tell
better *adjective*
 1 *Which of these songs do you think is **better**?*
 superior, finer, preferable
 2 *I had a cold, but I'm **better** now.*
 recovered, cured, healed, improved, well
beware *verb*
Beware! There are thieves about.
 be careful! watch out! look out! take care! be on your guard!
beware of
Beware of the bull.
 watch out for, avoid, mind, heed, keep clear of
biased *adjective*
*A referee should not make a **biased** decision.*
 prejudiced, partial, one-sided, partisan, unfair
 OPPOSITE impartial
big *adjective*
*The giant owned three pairs of **big** boots.*
 large, huge, great, massive, enormous, gigantic, colossal, mammoth
 (*informal*) whopping, ginormous, humungous
 OPPOSITE small, little, tiny

OVERUSED WORDS
big *adjective*
 Try to vary the words you use for **big**. Here are some other words you could use.
FOR A big person or big creature:
 burly, giant, hefty, hulking, mighty, monstrous, towering
The mighty robot clanked as it moved.
FOR A big object:
 bulky, heavy, hefty, weighty
What could be inside that bulky envelope?
FOR A big room or big box:
 roomy, sizeable, spacious
Inside, the spaceship was surprisingly roomy.
 OPPOSITE cramped
FOR A big distance:
 immense, infinite, vast
A vast stretch of ocean lay before them.
FOR A big amount or big helping:
 ample, considerable, substantial
We each got an ample helping of porridge.
 OPPOSITE meagre, paltry
FOR A big decision or big moment:
 grave, important, serious, significant
Yesterday was the most significant day in my short life.
 OPPOSITE unimportant, minor



WORD WEB

bird *noun*
 A female bird is a *hen*.
 A male bird is a *cock*.
 A young bird is a *chick*, *fledgling*, or *nestling*.
 A family of chicks is a *brood*.
 A group of birds is a *colony* or *flock*.
 A group of flying birds is a *flight* or *skein*.
 A person who studies birds is an *ornithologist*.

SOME COMMON BRITISH BIRDS
 blackbird, bluetit, bullfinch, bunting, chaffinch, crow, cuckoo, dove, greenfinch, jackdaw, jay, linnets, magpie, martin, nightingale, pigeon, raven, robin, rook, skylark, sparrow, starling, swallow, swift, thrush, tit, wagtail, waxwing, woodpecker, wren, yellowhammer

BIRDS OF PREY
 buzzard, eagle, falcon, hawk, kestrel, kite, merlin, osprey, owl, sparrowhawk, vulture

FARM AND GAME BIRDS
 chicken, duck, goose, grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, turkey

SEA AND WATER BIRDS
 albatross, auk, bittern, coot, cormorant, crane, curlew, duck, gannet, goose, guillemot, gull, heron, kingfisher, kittiwake, lapwing, mallard, moorhen, oystercatcher, peewit, pelican, penguin, puffin, seagull, snipe, stork, swan, teal

BIRDS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES
 bird of paradise, budgerigar, canary, cockatoo, flamingo, hummingbird, ibis, kookaburra, macaw, mynah bird, parakeet, parrot, toucan



BIRDS WHICH CANNOT FLY
 emu, kiwi, ostrich, peacock, penguin

PARTS OF A BIRD'S BODY
 beak, bill, claw, talon, breast, crown, throat, crest, feather, down, plumage, plume, wing

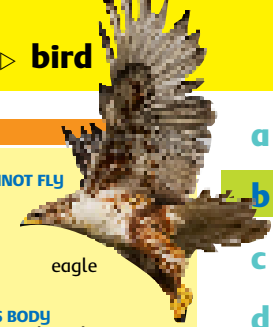
SOME TYPES OF BIRD HOME
 nest, nesting box, aviary, coop, roost

SOUNDS MADE BY BIRDS
 cackle, caw, cheep, chirp, chirrup, cluck, coo, crow, gabble, honk, peep, pipe, quack, screech, squawk, trill, tweet, twitter, warble

A turkey *gobbles*.
 An owl *hoots*.

SPECIAL NAMES
 A female peacock is a *peahen*.
 A young duck is a *duckling*.
 A young goose is a *gosling*.
 A young swan is a *cygnet*.
 An eagle's nest is an *eyrie*.
 A place where rooks nest is a *rookery*.

OVERUSED WORDS
 You can use these words to describe a **bird**.
1 TO DESCRIBE how a bird moves:
 circle, dart, flit, flutter, fly, glide, hop, hover, peck, perch, preen, skim, soar, swoop, waddle, wheel
A pair of swallows flitted among the rooftops.
2 TO DESCRIBE a bird's feathers:
 bedraggled, downy, drab, fluffy, gleaming, iridescent, ruffled, smooth, speckled
The peacock displayed its iridescent tail.



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bit *noun*
1 Mum divided the cake into eight **bits**.
 piece, portion, part, section, segment, share, slice
2 These jeans are a **bit** long for me.
 a little, slightly, rather, fairly, somewhat, quite

bite *verb*
1 I **bite** a chunk out of my apple.
 munch, nibble, chew, crunch, gnaw
(informal) chomp
2 Take care. These animals can **bite**.
 nip, pinch, pierce, wound
 When an animal tries to bite you it **snaps** at you.
 When an insect bites you it **stings** you.
 A fierce animal **mauls** or **savages** its prey.

bitter *adjective*
1 The medicine had a **bitter** taste.
 sour, sharp, acid, acrid, tart
OPPOSITE sweet
2 His brother was still **bitter** about the quarrel.
 resentful, embittered, disgruntled, aggrieved
OPPOSITE contented
3 The wind blowing in from the sea was **bitter**.
 biting, cold, freezing, icy, piercing, raw, wintry
(informal) perishing
OPPOSITE mild

black *adjective, noun*
 The pony had a shiny **black** coat.
 coal-black, jet-black, pitch-black, ebony, raven
 You can also describe a black night as **pitch-dark**.
 Someone in a bad mood is said to look **as black as thunder**.
 Common similes are **as black as coal** and **as black as night**.

blame *verb*
 Don't **blame** me if you miss the bus.
 accuse, criticize, condemn, reproach, scold

blank *adjective*
1 There are no **blank** pages left in my jotter.
 empty, bare, clean, plain, unmarked, unused
2 The old woman gave us a **blank** look.
 expressionless, faceless, vacant

blaze *noun*
 Firefighters fought the **blaze** for hours.
 fire, flames, inferno

blaze *verb*
 Within a few minutes the campfire was **blazing**.
 burn brightly, flare up

bleak *adjective*
1 The countryside was **bleak** and barren.

bare, barren, desolate, empty, exposed, stark
2 The future looks **bleak** for the club.
 gloomy, hopeless, depressing, dismal, grim, miserable
OPPOSITE promising

blend *verb*
1 Blend the flour with a tablespoon of water.
 beat together, mix, stir together, whip, whisk
2 The paint colours **blend** well with each other.
 go together, match, fit, harmonize
OPPOSITE clash

blind *adjective*
 Polar bear cubs are born **blind**.
 sightless, unsighted, unseeing
 A common simile is **as blind as a bat**.
OPPOSITE sighted, seeing
blind to
 The captain was **blind to** his own faults.
 ignorant of, unaware of, oblivious to
OPPOSITE aware of

bliss *noun*
 Having a whole day off school was sheer **bliss**.
 joy, delight, pleasure, happiness, heaven, ecstasy
OPPOSITE misery

blob *noun*
 The alien left **blobs** of green slime on the carpet.
 drop, lump, spot, dollop, daub, globule

block *noun*
1 A **block** of ice fell from the glacier.
 chunk, hunk, lump, piece
2 There must be a **block** in the drainpipe.
 blockage, jam, obstacle, obstruction

block *verb*
1 A tall hedge **blocked** our view of the house.
 obstruct, hamper, hinder, interfere with
2 A mass of leaves had **blocked** the drain.
 clog, choke, jam, plug, stop up, congest
(informal) bung up

bloodthirsty *adjective*
 The **bloodthirsty** pirates rattled their swords.
 brutal, cruel, barbaric, murderous, inhuman, pitiless, ruthless, savage, vicious

bloom *noun*
 The pear tree was covered in white **blooms**.
 flower, blossom, bud

bloom *verb*
 The daffodils **bloomed** early this year.

blossom, flower, open
OPPOSITE fade

blot *noun*
 The old map was covered with ink **blots**.
 spot, blotch, mark, blob, splodge, smudge, smear, stain

blot *verb*
to blot something out
 The new tower block **blots out** the view.
 conceal, hide, mask, obliterate, obscure

blow *noun*
1 He was **knocked out** by a **blow** on the head.
 knock, bang, bash, hit, punch, clout, slap, smack, swipe, thump
(informal) wallop, whack
2 Losing the hockey match was a terrible **blow**.
 shock, upset, setback, disappointment, catastrophe, misfortune, disaster, calamity

blow *verb*
 The wind was **blowing** from the east.
 blast, gust, puff, fan
 To make a shrill sound by blowing is **to whistle**.

blunder *noun*
 Forgetting her birthday was a terrible **blunder**.
 mistake, error, fault, slip, slip-up, gaffe
(informal) howler

blunt *adjective*
1 This pencil is **blunt**.
 dull, worn, unsharpened
OPPOSITE sharp, pointed
2 Her reply to my question was very **blunt**.
 abrupt, frank, direct, outspoken, plain, tactless
OPPOSITE tactful

blurred *adjective*
 The background of the photograph is all **blurred**.
 indistinct, vague, blurry, fuzzy, hazy, out of focus
OPPOSITE clear, distinct

blush *verb*
 The actor **blushed** with embarrassment.
 flush, go red, colour

boast *verb*
 The knight was always **boasting** about his fencing skills.
 brag, show off, crow, gloat, swagger
(informal) blow your own trumpet

boastful *adjective*
 Giants are **boastful** creatures and brag about everything.
 arrogant, big-headed, conceited, vain, bumptious
(informal) cocky, swanky
OPPOSITE modest, humble



WORD WEB

boat *noun*
 Several fishing **boats** were moored in the harbour.
 ship, craft, vessel

SOME TYPES OF BOAT OR SHIP
 barge, canoe, catamaran, cruise liner, dhow, dinghy, dugout, ferry, freighter, gondola, hovercraft, hydrofoil, junk, launch, lifeboat, motor boat, oil tanker, paper boat, punt, raft, rowing boat, schooner, skiff, speedboat, steamship, tanker, trawler, tug, yacht

MILITARY BOATS OR SHIPS
 aircraft carrier, battleship, destroyer, frigate, gunboat, minesweeper, submarine, warship

SOME BOATS USED IN THE PAST
 brigantine, clipper, coracle, cutter, galleon, galley, man-of-war, paddle steamer, schooner, trireme, windjammer



kayaking

The left-hand side of a boat is called **port**.

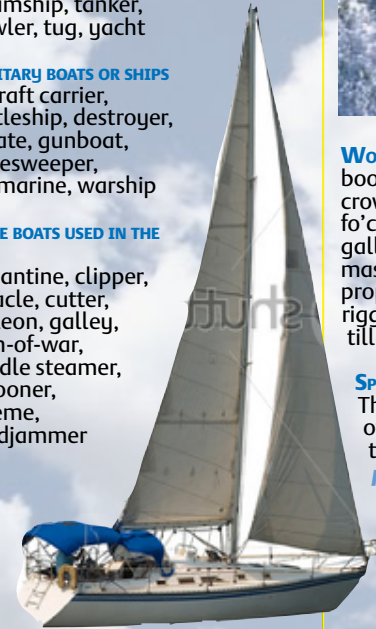
The right-hand side of a boat is called **starboard**.
 A shed where boats are stored is a **boathouse**.

canoe

lifeboat

WORDS FOR PARTS OF A BOAT OR SHIP
 boom, bridge, bulwark, cabin, crow's nest, deck, engine room, fo'c'sle or forecastle, funnel, galley, helm, hull, keel, mast, poop, porthole, propeller, quarterdeck, rigging, rudder, sail, tiller

SPECIAL NAMES
 The front part of a boat is the **bow** or **pro**.
 The back part of a boat is the **stern**.



yacht



cruiseline



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body *noun*
WORD WEB

The study of the human body is *anatomy*.
The main part of your body except your head, arms, and legs is your *trunk* or *torso*.
The shape of your body is your *build*, *figure*, or *physique*.
A person's dead body is a *corpse*.
The dead body of an animal is a *carcass*.

OUTER PARTS OF THE HUMAN BODY
abdomen, ankle, arm, armpit, breast, buttocks, calf, cheek, chest, chin, ear, elbow, eye, finger, foot, forehead, genitals, groin, hand, head, heel, hip, instep, jaw, knee, kneecap, knuckle, leg, lip, mouth, navel, neck, nipple, nose, pores, shin, shoulder, skin, stomach, temple, thigh, throat, waist, wrist

INNER PARTS OF THE HUMAN BODY
arteries, bladder, bowels, brain, eardrum, glands, gullet, gums, guts, heart, intestines, kidneys, larynx, liver, lung, muscles, nerves, ovaries, pancreas, prostate, sinews, stomach, tendons, tongue, tonsil, tooth, uterus, veins, windpipe, womb

bog *noun*
We felt our boots sinking into the *bog*.
swamp, quagmire, quicksand, fen

boisterous *adjective*
Baby dragons can be loud and *boisterous*.
lively, noisy, rowdy, unruly, wild, disorderly
OPPOSITE restrained, calm

bold *adjective*
1 It was a *bold* move to attack the fortress.
brave, courageous, daring, adventurous, audacious, confident, enterprising, fearless, heroic, valiant, intrepid, plucky
OPPOSITE cowardly

bolt *verb*
1 Did you remember to *bolt* the door?
fasten, latch, lock, secure, bar
2 The horses *bolted* when they heard the thunder.
dash away, dart, flee, sprint, run away, rush off

3 Don't *bolt* your food.
gobble, gulp, guzzle, wolf down
book *verb*
1 Have you *booked* a seat on the train?
order, reserve
2 I've *booked* the disco for the party.

border *noun*
1 The town is on the *border* between France and Germany.
boundary, frontier
2 I drew a thin line around the *border* of the picture.

border *verb*
1 arrange, engage, organize
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edge, margin, perimeter
A decorative border round the top of a wall is a *frieze*.
A border round the bottom of a skirt is a *hem*.
A decorative border on fabric is a *frill*, *fringe*, or *trimming*.

boring *adjective*
The film was so *boring* I fell asleep.
dull, dreary, tedious, tiresome, unexciting, uninteresting, dry, monotonous, uninspiring, insipid, unimaginative, uneventful, humdrum
OPPOSITE interesting, exciting

bossy *adjective*
Stop being so *bossy* towards your sister.
domineering, bullying, dictatorial, officious, tyrannical
An informal name for a bossy person is *bossy boots*.

bother *verb*
1 Would it *bother* you if I played some music?
disturb, trouble, upset, annoy, irritate, pester, worry, vex, exasperate
(informal) bug, hassle
2 Don't *bother* to phone tonight.
make an effort, take trouble, concern yourself, care, mind

bother *noun*
It's such a *bother* to remember the password.
nuisance, annoyance, irritation, inconvenience, pest, trouble, difficulty, problem
(informal) hassle

bottom *noun*
1 We camped at the *bottom* of the mountain.
foot, base
OPPOSITE top, peak
2 The wreck sank to the *bottom* of the sea.

bottom *verb*
1 The puppys *bottomed* across the lawn.
leap, bounce, jump, spring, skip, gambol, caper, frisk
box *noun*
case, chest, crate, carton, packet
A small box for jewellery or treasure is a *casquet*.
A large box for luggage is a *trunk*.

boy *noun*
lad, youngster, youth
(informal) kid
brain *noun*
You'll need to use your *brain* to solve this riddle.
intelligence, intellect, mind, reason, sense, wit
branch *noun*
1 A robin perched on a *branch* of the tree.
bough, limb
2 I've joined the local *branch* of the Kennel Club.
section, division, department, wing
branch *verb*
Follow the track until it *branches* into two.
divide, fork

brand *noun*
Which *brand* of ice cream do you like?
make, kind, sort, type, variety, label
The sign of a particular brand of goods is a *trademark*.

brave *adjective*
It was *brave* of you to save the cat from drowning.
courageous, heroic, valiant, fearless, daring, gallant, intrepid, plucky
A common simile is *as brave as a lion*.
OPPOSITE cowardly

bravery *noun*
The police dog was awarded a medal for *bravery*.
courage, heroism, valour, fearlessness, daring, nerve, gallantry, grit, pluck
(informal) guts, bottle
OPPOSITE cowardice

break *noun*
1 Can you see any *breaks* in the chain?
breach, crack, hole, gap, opening, split, rift, puncture, rupture, fracture, fissure
2 Let's take a *break* for coffee.

breach *verb*
1 The ball *breached* twice before it reached the net.
rebound, ricochet, spring, leap
bound *verb*
The puppies *bounded* across the lawn.

breed *verb*
1 Salmon swim upstream to *breed* every year.
reproduce, have young, multiply, procreate, spawn
2 Bad hygiene *breeds* disease.
cause, produce, generate, encourage, promote, cultivate, induce

breed *noun*
What *breed* of dog is that?
kind, sort, type, variety
The evidence of how a dog has been bred is its *pedigree*.

breazy *adjective*
This morning the weather was *bright and breazy*.
windy, blowy, blustery, gusty, fresh, draughty

bridge *noun*
A bridge you can walk over is a *footbridge*.
A bridge to carry water is an *aqueduct*.
A long bridge carrying a road or railway is a *viaduct*.

brief *adjective*
1 We paid a *brief* visit to our cousins on the way home.
short, quick, hasty, fleeting, temporary
2 Give me a *brief* account of what happened.
short, concise, abbreviated, condensed, compact, succinct

bright *adjective*
1 We saw the *bright* lights of the town in the distance.
shining, brilliant, blazing, dazzling, glaring, gleaming
OPPOSITE dull, dim, weak
2 *Bright* colours will make the poster stand out.
strong, intense, vivid

interval, pause, rest, lull, time-out
(informal) breather
break *verb*
1 The vase fell off the shelf and *broke*.
smash, shatter, fracture, chip, crack, split, snap, splinter
(informal) bust
2 The burglar was arrested for *breaking* the law.
disobey, disregard, violate, flout
3 In her last race, she *broke* the world record.
beat, better, exceed, surpass, outdo

breathe *verb*
To breathe in is to *inhale*.
To breathe out is to *exhale*.
To breathe heavily when you have been running is to *pant* or *puff*.
The formal word for breathing is *respiration*.

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OPPOSITE dim, dull
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clever, exceptional, outstanding, gifted, talented
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excellent, marvellous, outstanding, wonderful, superb
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bring *verb*
1 Can you *bring* the shopping in from the car?
carry, fetch, deliver, bear, transport
2 You can *bring* a friend to the party.
invite, conduct, escort, guide, lead
3 The war has *brought* great sorrow to our people.
cause, produce, lead to, result in, generate
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cause, effect, create, introduce, be responsible for **to bring someone up**
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rear, raise, care for, foster, look after, nurture, educate, train **to bring something up**
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mention, talk about, raise, broach

brisk *adjective*
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Colours that shine in the dark are *luminous* colours.
OPPOSITE dull, faded, muted
3 Her teachers thought she was very *bright*.
clever, intelligent, gifted, sharp, quick-witted
(informal) brainy
A common simile is *as bright as a button*.
OPPOSITE stupid, dull-witted
4 Miranda gave me a *bright* smile.
cheerful, happy, lively, merry, jolly, radiant
OPPOSITE sad, gloomy
5 The day was cold, but *bright*.
sunny, fine, fair, clear, cloudless
OPPOSITE dull, cloudy, overcast

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2 The flower shop does a *brisk* trade around Easter.
busy, lively, bustling, hectic
OPPOSITE quiet, slack, slow
broad *adjective*
1 The streets in the city were *broad* and straight.
wide, open, large, roomy, spacious, vast, extensive
OPPOSITE narrow
2 Just give me a *broad* outline of what happened.
general, rough, vague, loose, indefinite, imprecise
OPPOSITE specific, detailed

broken *adjective*
1 Don't use that computer—it's *broken*.
faulty, defective, damaged, out of order
OPPOSITE working
2 After losing all his money, Forbes was a *broken* man.
crushed, defeated, beaten, spiritless

brush *verb*
1 Jill spent ages *brushing* her hair for the party.
groom, comb, tidy
2 A bird *brushed* against my cheek as it flew past.
touch, contact, rub, scrape

brutal *adjective*
The bandits launched a *brutal* attack.
savage, vicious, cruel, barbaric, bloodthirsty, callous, ferocious, inhuman, merciless, pitiless, ruthless, sadistic
OPPOSITE gentle, humane

bubble *verb*
A green liquid *bubbled* in the witch's cauldron.
boil, seethe, gurgle, froth, foam
bubbly *adjective*
1 *Bubbly* drinks get up my nose.
fizzy, sparkling, effervescent
2 Sophie has a *bright and bubbly* personality.
cheerful, lively, vivacious, spirited, animated

buckle *noun*
The pirate wore a belt with a large silver *buckle*.
clasp, fastener, fastening, clip, catch

buckle *verb*
1 Please *buckle* your seat belts.
fasten, secure, clasp, clip, do up, hook up
2 The bridge *buckled* when the giant stepped onto it.
bend, warp, twist, crumple, cave in, collapse

budge *verb*
The window was stuck and wouldn't *budge*.
give way, move, shift, stir

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bug *noun*
1 Birds help to control **bugs** in the garden.
2 (informal) I can't get rid of this stomach **bug**.
infection, virus, germ, disease, illness
3 There are a few **bugs** in the computer program.
fault, error, defect, flaw (informal) gremlin
build *verb*
Dad is going to **build** a shed in the garden.
construct, erect, put together, put up, set up, assemble
to build up
1 I'm **building up** a collection of DVDs.
2 We felt the tension **building up** in the crowd.
increase, intensify, rise, grow, mount up, escalate
build *noun*
Charlotte was a girl of slender **build**.
body, form, frame, figure, physique

bulge *noun*
There was a large **bulge** in the robber's sack.
bump, hump, lump, swelling, protuberance
bulge *verb*
The creature had eyes which **bulged out** of its head.
stick out, swell, puff out, protrude
bulky *adjective*
The parcel is too **bulky** to go through the letterbox.
big, large, hefty, substantial, sizeable, cumbersome, unwieldy
OPPOSITE small, compact
bully *verb*
Some of the children were afraid of being **bullied**.
persecute, torment, intimidate, terrorize, push around
bump *verb*
1 The baby **bumped** his head on the table.
hit, strike, knock, bang
2 My bicycle **bumped up** and down over the cobbles.
bounce, shake, jerk, jolt
to bump into
1 The taxi **bumped into** the car in front of it.
collide with, bang into, run into, crash into

2 I **bumped into** one of my friends in the bookshop.
meet, come across, run into
bump *noun*
1 We felt a **bump** as the plane landed.
thud, thump, bang, blow, knock
2 How did you get that **bump** on your head?
lump, swelling, bulge
bumpy *adjective*
1 The car jolted up and down on the **bumpy** road.
rough, uneven, irregular, lumpy
OPPOSITE smooth, even
2 We had a **bumpy** ride in a jeep over muddy tracks.
bouncy, jerky, jolting, lurching, choppy
bunch *noun*
1 The jailer jangled a **bunch** of keys.
bundle, cluster, collection, set
2 She picked a **bunch** of flowers.
bouquet, posy, spray
3 (informal) They're a friendly **bunch** of people.
group, set, circle, band, gang, crowd
bundle *noun*
I found a **bundle** of old newspapers.
bunch, batch, pile, stack, collection, pack, bale
burn *verb*
1 We could see the campfire **burning** in the distance.
be alight, be on fire, blaze, flame, flare, flicker
To burn without flames is to **glow** or **smoulder**.
2 The captain ordered them to **burn** the enemy ship.
set fire to, incinerate, reduce to ashes
To start something burning is to **ignite**, **kindle**, or **light** it.
To burn something slightly is to **char**, **scorch**, or **singe** it.
To hurt someone with boiling liquid or steam is to **scald** them.
To burn a dead body is to **cremate** it.
To burn a mark on an animal is to **brand** it.
burst *verb*
The balloon **burst** when my brother sat on it.
puncture, rupture, break, give way, split, tear
bury *verb*
1 The document was **buried** under a pile of old letters.
cover, conceal, hide, secrete



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WORD WEB

building *noun*
The new **building** will have seven storeys.
construction, structure, dwelling
A person who designs buildings is an **architect**.



lighthouse

PARTS YOU MIGHT FIND INSIDE A BUILDING
balcony, basement, cellar, conservatory, corridor, courtyard, crypt, dungeon, foyer, gallery, lobby, porch, quadrangle, room, staircase, veranda

PARTS YOU MIGHT FIND OUTSIDE A BUILDING
arch, balustrade, bay window, bow window, buttress, chimney, colonnade, column, dome, dormer window, drainpipe, eaves, foundations, gable, gutter, masonry, parapet, pediment, pillar, pipes, roof, tower, turret, vault, wall, window, windowsill

CASTLES AND FORTIFIED BUILDINGS
château, citadel, fort, fortress, motte and bailey, palace, stronghold, tower

PARTS OF A CASTLE
bailey, barbican, battlement, buttress, courtyard, donjon, drawbridge, dungeon, gate, gateway, keep, magazine, moat, motte, parapet, portcullis, postern, rampart, tower, turret, wall, watchtower

skyscraper



2 They say the old witch was **buried** in that graveyard.
inter, entomb
bushy *adjective*
The troll had **bushy** green eyebrows.
hairy, thick, dense, shaggy, bristly
business *noun*
1 My uncle runs a restaurant **business**.
company, firm, organization
2 The new bookshop does a lot of **business**.
trade, trading, buying and selling, commerce
3 What sort of **business** do you want to go into?
work, job, career, employment, industry, occupation, profession, trade
4 He left early to attend to some urgent **business**.
matter, issue, affair, problem, point, concern, question
bustle *verb*
Miss Flyte **bustled** about the kitchen making tea.
rush, dash, hurry, scurry, scuttle, fuss
busy *adjective*
1 Mum is **busy** making my birthday cake just now.
occupied, engaged, employed, working, slaving away, beavering away (informal) hard at it, up to your eyes
A common simile is **as busy as a bee**.
OPPOSITE idle
2 Christmas is a very **busy** time for shops.
active, hectic, frantic, lively
OPPOSITE quiet, restful
3 Is the town always this **busy** on Saturdays?
crowded, bustling, hectic, lively, teeming
OPPOSITE quiet, peaceful
buy *verb*
I'm saving up to **buy** a skateboard.
get, pay for, purchase, acquire
OPPOSITE sell

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cabin *noun*
The outlaws hid in a **cabin** in the woods.
hut, shack, shed, lodge, chalet, shelter
cafe *noun*
We had lunch in a **cafe** overlooking the river.
cafeteria, coffee shop, tearoom,

snack bar, buffet, canteen, bistro, brasserie
cafe *noun*
A large cage or enclosure for birds is an **aviary**.
A cage or enclosure for poultry is a **coop**.
A cage or enclosure for animals is a **pen**.
A cage or box for a pet rabbit is a **hutch**.
calculate *verb*
I **calculated** that it would take an hour to walk home.
work out, compute, figure out, reckon, add up, count, total
To calculate something roughly is to **estimate**.
call *noun*
1 We heard a **call** for help from inside the cave.
cry, exclamation, scream, shout, yell
2 Grandad made an unexpected **call**.
visit, stop, stay
3 There's not much **call** for sunscreen in winter.
demand, need
call *verb*
1 'Stop that racket!' **called** the janitor.
cry out, exclaim, shout, yell
2 It was too late at night to **call** my friends.
phone, ring, telephone
3 The headteacher **called** me to her office.
summon, invite, send for, order
4 The doctor **called** to see if I was feeling better.
visit, pay a visit, drop in, drop by
5 They **called** the baby Jessica.
name, baptize, christen, dub
6 What is your new book going to be **called**?
name, title, entitle
calm *adjective*
1 The weather was too **calm** to fly our kites.
still, quiet, peaceful, tranquil, serene, windless
OPPOSITE stormy, windy
2 The sea was **calm**, and we had a pleasant voyage.
smooth, still, flat, motionless, tranquil
OPPOSITE rough, choppy
3 I tried to stay **calm** before my judo exam.
cool, level-headed, patient, relaxed, sedate, unemotional, unexcitable, untroubled
OPPOSITE anxious, nervous
cancel *verb*
We had to **cancel** the race because of the weather.
abandon, call off, scrap, drop (informal) scrub, ditch, axe

To cancel something after it has already begun is to **abort** it.
To put something off until later is to **postpone** it.
To cancel items on a list is to **cross out**, **delete**, or **erase** them.
capture *verb*
1 The bank robbers were **captured** by police this morning.
catch, arrest, apprehend, seize, take prisoner (informal) nab, nick
2 The castle has never been **captured** by enemy forces.
occupy, seize, take, take over, win
care *noun*
1 The old wizard's face was full of **care**.
worry, anxiety, trouble, concern, burden, responsibility, sorrow, stress
2 I took great **care** with my handwriting.
attention, concentration, thoroughness, thought, meticulousness
OPPOSITE carelessness
3 Jake left his pet hamster in my **care**.
charge, keeping, protection, safe keeping, supervision
to take care
Please **take care** crossing the road.
be careful, be on your guard, look out, watch out **to take care of someone or something**
My granny **takes care of** me after school.
care for, look after, mind, watch over, attend to, tend
care *verb*
Do you **care** which team wins the World Cup?
mind, bother, worry, be interested, be troubled, be bothered, be worried
to care for someone or something
1 The veterinary hospital **cares for** sick animals.
take care of, look after, attend to, tend, nurse
2 I don't really **care for** broccoli.
like, be fond of, be keen on, love
career *noun*
Max had a successful **career** as a racing driver.
job, occupation, profession, trade, business, employment, calling
careful *adjective*
1 You must be more **careful** with your spelling.
accurate, conscientious, thorough, thoughtful, meticulous, painstaking, precise
OPPOSITE careless, inaccurate
2 Dad kept a **careful** watch on the bonfire.
attentive, cautious, watchful, alert, wary, vigilant

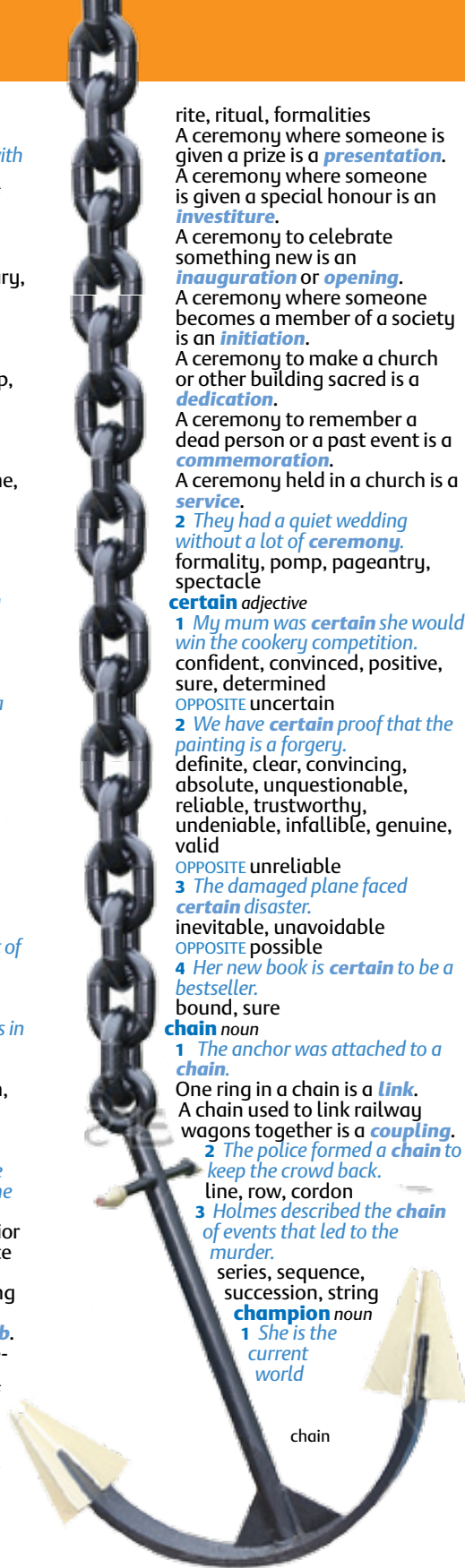
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OPPOSITE careless, inattentive
to be careful
 Please **be careful** with those scissors.
 take care, be on your guard, look out, watch out
careless adjective
 1 This is a very **careless** piece of work.
 messy, untidy, thoughtless, inaccurate, slapdash, shoddy, scrappy, sloppy, slovenly
OPPOSITE careful, accurate
 2 I was **careless** and cut my finger.
 inattentive, thoughtless, absent-minded, heedless, irresponsible, negligent, reckless
OPPOSITE careful, attentive
carnival noun
 The whole village comes out for the annual **carnival**.
 fair, festival, fA^te, gala, parade, procession, show, celebration, pageant
carry verb
 1 I helped Mum to **carry** the shopping to the car.
 take, transfer, lift, fetch, bring, lug
 2 Aircraft **carry** passengers and goods.
 transport, convey
 3 The rear axle **carries** the greatest weight.
 bear, support, hold up
to carry on
 We **carried on** in spite of the rain.
 continue, go on, persevere, persist, keep on, remain, stay, survive **to carry something out**
 The soldiers **carried out** the captain's orders.
 perform, do, execute, accomplish, achieve, complete, finish
carve verb
 1 The statue was **carved** out of stone.
 sculpt, chisel, hew
 2 Mum **carved** the chicken for Sunday dinner.
 cut, slice
case noun
 1 I loaded my **case** into the boot of the car.
 suitcase, trunk
 A number of suitcases that you take on holiday is your **baggage** or **luggage**.
 2 What's in those **cases** in the attic?
 box, chest, crate, carton, casket
 3 This has been a clear **case** of mistaken identity.
 instance, occurrence, example, illustration
 4 It was one of Sherlock Holmes's most famous **cases**.
 inquiry, investigation
 5 She presented a good **case** for abolishing hunting.
 argument, line of reasoning

casual adjective
 1 It was just a **casual** remark, so don't take it too seriously.
 accidental, chance, unexpected, unintentional, unplanned
OPPOSITE deliberate
 2 The restaurant had a **casual** atmosphere.
 easy-going, informal, relaxed
OPPOSITE formal
 3 The teacher complained about our **casual** attitude.
 apathetic, careless, slack, unenthusiastic
OPPOSITE enthusiastic
catastrophe noun
 The drought is a **catastrophe** for the farmers.
 disaster, calamity, misfortune, mishap, tragedy
catch verb
 1 My friends yelled at me to **catch** the ball.
 clutch, grab, grasp, grip, hang on to, hold, seize, snatch, take
 2 One of the anglers **caught** a fish.
 hook, net, trap
 3 The police hoped to **catch** the thief red-handed.
 arrest, capture, corner (informal) nab
 4 I hope you don't **catch** my cold.
 become infected by, contract, get (informal) go down with
 5 You must hurry if you want to **catch** the bus.
 be in time for, get on
catch noun
 1 The angler got a large **catch** of salmon.
 haul
 2 The car is so cheap that there must be a **catch**.
 problem, obstacle, snag, difficulty, disadvantage, drawback, trap, trick
 3 All the windows are fitted with safety **catches**.
 fastening, latch, lock, bolt, hook
cause noun
 1 What was the **cause** of the trouble?
 origin, source, start
 You can also talk about the **reasons** for the trouble.
 2 You've got no **cause** to complain.
 grounds, basis, motive
 3 The sponsored walk is for a good **cause**.
 purpose, object
cause verb
 A single spark from the fire could **cause** an explosion.
 bring about, create, generate, lead to, give rise to, result in, provoke, arouse
caution noun
 1 We decided to proceed with **caution**.

care, attention, watchfulness, wariness, vigilance
 2 The traffic warden let him off with a **caution**.
 warning, reprimand, telling-off (informal) ticking-off
cautious adjective
 My grandad is a **cautious** driver.
 careful, attentive, watchful, wary, vigilant, hesitant
OPPOSITE reckless
cease verb
 The fighting **ceased** at midnight.
 come to an end, end, finish, stop, halt
OPPOSITE begin
celebrate verb
 1 Let's **celebrate!**
 enjoy yourself, have a good time, be happy, rejoice
 2 What shall we do to **celebrate** Granny's birthday?
 commemorate, observe, keep
celebration noun
 We had a big **celebration** for my cousin's wedding.
 festivity, party, feast, festival, banquet, jamboree
celebrity noun
 The awards were handed out by a TV **celebrity**.
 famous person, personality, public figure, VIP, star, idol
cemetery noun
 A famous author is buried in the local **cemetery**.
 graveyard, burial ground, churchyard
 A place where dead people are cremated is a **crematorium**.
central adjective
 1 We are now in the **central** part of the building.
 middle, core, inner, interior
OPPOSITE outer
 2 Who are the **central** characters in the story?
 chief, crucial, essential, fundamental, important, main, major, principal, vital
OPPOSITE unimportant
centre noun
 The library is in the **centre** of the town. The burial chamber is in the **centre** of the pyramid.
 middle, heart, core, inside, interior
 The centre of a planet or a piece of fruit is the **core**.
 The centre of an atom or a living cell is the **nucleus**.
 The centre of a wheel is the **hub**.
 The point at the centre of a seesaw is the **pivot**.
 The edible part in the centre of a nut is the **kernel**.
OPPOSITE edge, outside, surface
ceremony noun
 1 We watched the **ceremony** of the opening of parliament.



rite, ritual, formalities
 A ceremony where someone is given a prize is a **presentation**.
 A ceremony where someone is given a special honour is an **investiture**.
 A ceremony to celebrate something new is an **inauguration** or **opening**.
 A ceremony where someone becomes a member of a society is an **initiation**.
 A ceremony to make a church or other building sacred is a **dedication**.
 A ceremony to remember a dead person or a past event is a **commemoration**.
 A ceremony held in a church is a **service**.
 2 They had a quiet wedding without a lot of **ceremony**.
 formality, pomp, pageantry, spectacle
certain adjective
 1 My mum was **certain** she would win the cookery competition.
 confident, convinced, positive, sure, determined
OPPOSITE uncertain
 2 We have **certain** proof that the painting is a forgery.
 definite, clear, convincing, absolute, unquestionable, reliable, trustworthy, undeniable, infallible, genuine, valid
OPPOSITE unreliable
 3 The damaged plane faced **certain** disaster.
 inevitable, unavoidable
OPPOSITE possible
 4 Her new book is **certain** to be a bestseller.
 bound, sure
chain noun
 1 The anchor was attached to a **chain**.
 One ring in a chain is a **link**.
 A chain used to link railway wagons together is a **coupling**.
 2 The police formed a **chain** to keep the crowd back.
 line, row, cordon
 3 Holmes described the **chain** of events that led to the murder.
 series, sequence, succession, string
champion noun
 1 She is the current **champion**.

champion at ice-skating.
 title-holder, prizewinner, victor, winner, conqueror
 2 Martin Luther King was a **champion** of civil rights.
 supporter, advocate, defender, upholder, patron, backer
championship noun
 Fifteen schools took part in the karate **championship**.
 competition, contest, tournament
chance noun
 1 They say there's a **chance** of rain later.
 possibility, likelihood, probability, prospect, danger, risk
 2 I haven't had a **chance** to reply yet.
 opportunity, time, occasion
 3 The director took a **chance** in hiring an unknown actor.
 gamble, risk
by chance
 I found the house quite **by chance**.
 by accident, accidentally, by coincidence
 An unfortunate chance is **bad luck** or a **misfortune**.
 A fortunate chance is **good luck** or a **fluke**.
change verb
 1 They've **changed** the programme for the concert.
 alter, modify, rearrange, reorganize, adjust, adapt, vary
 2 The town has **changed** a lot since Victorian times.
 alter, become different, develop, grow, move on
 3 Can I **change** these jeans for a bigger size, please?
 exchange, replace, switch, substitute (informal) swap
to change into
 Tadpoles **change into** frogs.
 become, turn into, be transformed into
change noun
 There has been a slight **change** of plan.
 alteration, modification, variation, difference, break
 A change to something worse is a **deterioration**.
 A change to something better is an **improvement** or a **reform**.
 A very big change is a **revolution** or **transformation** or **U-turn**.
 A change in which one person or thing is replaced by another is a **substitution**.
chaos noun
 After the earthquake, the city was in **chaos**.
 confusion, disorder, mayhem, uproar, tumult, pandemonium,

anarchy, bedlam, muddle, shambles
OPPOSITE order
chaotic adjective
 Alice finds that life in Wonderland is **chaotic**.
 confused, disorderly, disorganized, muddled, topsy-turvy, untidy, unruly, riotous
OPPOSITE orderly, organized
chapter noun
 I read a **chapter** of my book last night.
 part, section, division
 One section of a play is an **act** or **scene**.
 One part of a serial is an **episode** or **instalment**.
character noun
 1 Her **character** is quite different from her sister's.
 personality, temperament, nature, disposition, make-up, manner
 2 Our neighbour is a well-known **character** in our street.
 figure, personality, individual, person
 3 Which **character** would you like to play in Peter Pan?
 part, role
charge noun
 1 The admission **charge** is five euros.
 price, rate
 The charge made for a ride on public transport is the **fare**.
 The charge made to post a letter or parcel is the **postage**.
 A charge made to join a club is a **fee** or **subscription**.
 A charge made for certain things by the government is a **duty** or a **tax**.
 A charge made to use a private road, bridge, or tunnel is a **toll**.
 2 The robbers face several criminal **charges**.
 accusation, allegation
 3 Many soldiers were killed in the **charge**.
 assault, attack, onslaught, raid
 4 My best friend left her hamster in my **charge**.
 care, keeping, protection, custody, trust
to be in charge of something
 An experienced sailor was **in charge** of the crew.
 manage, lead, command, direct, supervise, run
charge verb
 1 The library **charges** ten pence for a photocopy.
 ask for, make you pay
 2 A man has been **charged** with attempted robbery
 accuse (of)

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3 The cavalry **charged** the enemy line.
 attack, assault, storm, rush
charm verb
Winnie the Pooh has charmed readers all over the world.
 bewitch, captivate, delight, enchant, entrance, fascinate, please
charming adjective
We drove through some charming scenery.
 delightful, attractive, pleasant, pleasing, likeable, appealing
chart noun
1 The explorer stopped to consult his **chart**.
 map
2 This **chart** shows the average rainfall for each month.
 diagram, graph, table
chase verb
The wolves chased a deer through the forest.
 pursue, run after, follow, track, trail, hunt
chatty adjective
Frank is usually shy, but today he's quite chatty.
 talkative, communicative
OPPOSITE silent
cheap adjective
1 We got a **cheap** flight to London.
 inexpensive, affordable, bargain, cut-price, discount, reasonable
2 These tyres are made from **cheap** rubber.
 inferior, shoddy, second-rate, worthless, trashy
 (informal) tacky, tatty
OPPOSITE superior, good-quality
cheat verb
1 She was **cheated** into buying a fake diamond ring.
 deceive, trick, swindle, double-cross, hoax
 (informal) con, diddle, fleece, fool, rip off
2 Anyone who **cheats** in the quiz will be disqualified.
 copy, crib
cheat noun
Don't trust him—he's a cheat.
 cheater, deceiver, swindler, fraud, impostor, hoaxer
check verb
1 Have you **checked** your work carefully?
 examine, inspect, look over, scrutinize
2 The heavy snow **checked** their progress towards the Pole.
 hamper, hinder, block, obstruct, delay, hold back, slow, slow down, halt, stop
check noun
I need to run some checks on your computer.

test, examination, inspection, check-up
cheeky adjective
Don't be so cheeky!
 disrespectful, facetious, flippant, impertinent, impolite, impudent, insolent, insulting, irreverent, mocking, rude, saucy, shameless
OPPOSITE respectful
cheer verb
1 We **cheered** when our team scored a goal.
 clap, applaud, shout, yell
OPPOSITE jeer
2 The good news **cheered** us.
 comfort, console, gladden, delight, please, encourage, uplift
OPPOSITE sadden
cheerful adjective
The sun was shining, and we set out in a cheerful mood.
 happy, good-humoured, light-hearted, merry, jolly, joyful, joyous, glad, pleased, optimistic, lively, elated, animated, bright, buoyant, jovial, gleeful, chirpy
OPPOSITE sad
chest noun
I found some old books in a chest in the attic.
 box, crate, case, trunk
chew verb
Are you still chewing that toffee?
 eat, gnaw, munch
chief noun
The pirates chose Redbeard as their chief.
 leader, ruler, head, commander, captain, chieftain, master, governor, president, principal
 (informal) boss
chief adjective
1 The **chief** ingredients in a trifle are jelly, custard, and cream.
 main, central, key, principal, crucial, basic, essential, important, vital, major, primary, foremost, fundamental, indispensable, necessary, significant, predominant, prominent
OPPOSITE unimportant, minor, trivial
2 Albert was Queen Victoria's **chief** advisor.
 head, senior
child noun
1 The book festival is aimed especially at **children**.
 boy or girl, infant, juvenile, youngster, youth, lad or lass
 (informal) kid, tot, nipper
 A child who expects to inherit a title or fortune from parents is an **heir** or **heiress**.
 A child whose parents are dead is an **orphan**.
 A child looked after by a guardian is a **ward**.
2 How many **children** do you have?

son or daughter, descendant, offspring
 A child who expects to inherit a title or fortune from parents is an **heir** or **heiress**.
 A child whose parents are dead is an **orphan**.
 A child looked after by a guardian is a **ward**.
childish adjective
It's childish to make rude noises.
 babyish, immature, juvenile, infantile
OPPOSITE mature
chilly adjective
1 It's a **chilly** evening, so wrap up well.
 cold, cool, frosty, icy, crisp, fresh, raw, wintry
 (informal) nippy
OPPOSITE warm
2 The librarian gave me a very **chilly** look.
 unfriendly, hostile, unwelcoming, unsympathetic
OPPOSITE friendly
chip noun
1 There were **chips** of broken glass on the pavement.
 bit, piece, fragment, scrap, sliver, splinter, flake, shaving
2 This mug's got a **chip** in it.
 crack, nick, notch, flaw
chip verb
I chipped a cup while I was washing up.
 crack, nick, notch, damage
choice noun
1 My bike had a flat tyre, so I had no **choice** but to walk.
 alternative, option
2 She wouldn't be my **choice** as team captain.
 preference, selection, pick, vote
3 The greengrocer has a good **choice** of vegetables.
 range, selection, assortment, array, mixture, variety, diversity
choke verb
1 This tie is so tight it's **choking** me.
 strangle, suffocate, stifle, throttle
2 Thick fumes made the firefighters **choke**.
 cough, gasp
choose verb
1 We had a show of hands to **choose** a winner.
 select, appoint, elect, vote for
2 I **chose** the blue shoes to go with my dress.
 decide on, select, pick out, opt for, plump for, settle on, single out
3 Lola **chose** to stay at home.
 decide, make a decision, determine, prefer, resolve
chop verb
1 **Chop** the celery into large chunks.
 cut, split
2 They **chopped** down the

undergrowth to make a path.
 hack, slash
 To chop down a tree is to **fell** it.
 To chop off an arm or leg is to **amputate** it.
 To chop a branch off a tree is to **lop** it.
 To chop food into small pieces is to **dice** or **mince** it.
chunk noun
I bit a chunk out of my apple.
 piece, portion, lump, block, hunk, slab, wedge
circle noun
1 We arranged the chairs in a **circle**.
 ring, round, hoop, loop, band
 A flat, solid circle is a **disc**.
 A three-dimensional round shape is a **sphere**.
 An egg shape is an **oval** or **ellipse**.
 The distance round a circle is the **circumference**.
 The distance across a circle is the **diameter**.
 The distance from the centre to the circumference is the **radius**.
 A circular movement is a **revolution** or **rotation**.
 A circular trip round the world is a **circumnavigation**.
 A circular trip of a satellite round a planet is an **orbit**.
2 She has a wide **circle** of friends.
 group, set, crowd
city noun
 The chief city of a country or region is the **metropolis**.
 An area of houses outside the central part of a city is the **suburbs**.
 A word meaning 'to do with a town or city' is **urban**.
 A word meaning 'to do with a city and its suburbs' is **metropolitan**.
claim verb
1 You can **claim** your prize for the raffle here.
 ask for, request, collect, demand, insist on
2 The professor **claims** to be an expert on dinosaurs.
 declare, assert, allege, maintain, argue, insist
clap verb
1 The audience **clapped** loudly at the end of the concert.
 applaud, cheer
2 Suddenly, a hand **clapped** me on the shoulder.
 slap, hit, pat, smack
class noun
1 There are 26 children in our **class**.
 form, set, stream
 The other pupils in your class are your **classmates**.

2 There are many different **classes** of plants.
 category, group, classification, division, set, sort, type, kind, species
3 The ancient Romans divided people into social **classes**.
 level, rank, status
clean adjective
1 Can you bring me a **clean** cup, please?
 spotless, washed, scrubbed, swept, tidy, immaculate, hygienic, sanitary
 An informal word meaning 'very clean' is **squeaky-clean**.
 A common simile is **as clean as a whistle**.
OPPOSITE dirty
2 I began my diary on a **clean** piece of paper.
 blank, unused, unmarked, empty, bare, fresh, new
OPPOSITE used
3 This plaster will keep the wound **clean**.
 sterile, sterilized, uninfected
4 You can get **clean** water from this tap.
 pure, clear, fresh, unpolluted, uncontaminated
5 The referee said he wanted a **clean** fight.
 fair, honest, honourable, sporting, sportsmanlike
OPPOSITE dishonourable
clean verb
1 We **cleaned** the house from top to bottom. I tried to **clean** the mud off my boots.
 wash, wipe, mop, scour, scrub, polish, dust, sweep, vacuum, rinse, wring out, hose down, sponge, shampoo, swill
 To clean clothes is to **launder** them.
OPPOSITE dirty, mess up
2 The nurse **cleaned** the wound with an antiseptic wipe.
 cleanse, bathe, disinfect, sanitize, sterilize
OPPOSITE infect, contaminate
clear adjective
1 We saw fish swimming in the **clear** pool.
 clean, pure, colourless, transparent

A common simile is **as clear as crystal**.
 A simile which means the opposite is **as clear as mud**.
OPPOSITE opaque
2 It was a beautiful **clear** day.
 bright, sunny, cloudless, unclouded
 A clear night is a **moonlit** or **starlit** night.
OPPOSITE cloudy, overcast
3 The instructions on the map were quite **clear**.
 plain, understandable, intelligible, lucid, unambiguous
OPPOSITE ambiguous, confusing
4 The actor spoke his words with a **clear** voice.
 distinct, audible
 A common simile is **as clear as a bell**.
OPPOSITE muffled
5 The signature on this letter is not **clear**.
 legible, recognizable, visible
OPPOSITE illegible
6 My camera takes nice **clear** pictures.
 sharp, well defined, focused
OPPOSITE unfocused
7 Are you sure that your conscience is **clear**?
 innocent, untroubled, blameless
OPPOSITE guilty
8 There's a **clear** difference between a male blackbird and a female.
 obvious, definite, noticeable, conspicuous, perceptible, pronounced
OPPOSITE imperceptible
9 They made sure the road was **clear** for the ambulance.
 open, empty, free, passable, uncrowded, unobstructed
OPPOSITE congested
clear verb
1 I **cleared** the weeds from the flower bed.
 get rid of, remove, eliminate, strip
2 The plumber **cleared** the blocked drain.
 unblock, unplug, clean out, open up
 To clear a channel is to **dredge** it.
3 I **cleared** the misty windows.
 clean, wipe, polish
4 If the fire alarm goes, **clear** the building.
 empty, evacuate
5 The fog **cleared** slowly.
 disappear, vanish, disperse, evaporate, melt away
6 The forecast said that the weather will **clear**.
 become clear, brighten, fair up





climb

7 He was **cleared** of all the charges against him. acquit, free, release
 8 The runners **cleared** the first hurdle.
 go over, get over, jump over, pass over, vault
to clear up
 Please **clear up** this mess before you go.
 clean up, tidy up, put right, put straight

clever adjective

1 Dr Hafiz is very **clever** and can read hieroglyphics.
 intelligent, bright, gifted, able, knowledgeable
 (informal) brainy, smart
 OPPOSITE unintelligent
 An informal name for a clever person is a **brainbox**.
 An uncomplimentary synonym is **clever clogs** or **smartypants**.

2 The elves were very **clever** with their fingers.
 accomplished, capable, gifted, skilful, talented
 If you are clever at a lot of things, you are **versatile**.
 OPPOSITE unskilful
 3 They are **clever** enough to get away with it.
 quick, sharp, shrewd, smart
 Uncomplimentary synonyms are **artful**, **crafty**, **cunning**, **wily**.
 OPPOSITE stupid

climax noun

The **climax** of the film is a stunning car chase.
 high point, highlight, peak, crisis
 OPPOSITE anticlimax

climb verb

1 It took us several hours to **climb** the mountain.
 ascend, clamber up, go up, scale
 2 The plane **climbed** into the clouds.
 lift off, soar, take off
 3 The road **climbs** steeply up to the castle.
 rise, slope
to climb down
 3 It's harder to **climb down** rock than to get up it.
 descend, get down from
 We all told him he was wrong, so he had to **climb down**.
 admit defeat, give in, surrender

WORD WEB
clothes plural noun

What **clothes** are you taking on holiday?

clothing, garments, outfits, dress, attire, garb, finery (informal) gear, togs, get-up
 A set of clothes to wear is a **costume**, **outfit**, or **suit**.
 An official set of clothes worn for school or work is a **uniform**.

SOME ITEMS OF CLOTHING

blouse, caftan, camisole, chador or chuddar, dhoti, dress, dungarees, frock, gown, jeans, jersey, jodhpurs, jumper, kilt, kimono, leggings, miniskirt, pinafore, polo shirt, pullover, robe, sari, sarong, shirt, shorts, skirt, slacks, smock, suit, sweater, sweatshirt, trousers, trunks, T-shirt, tunic, waistcoat

OUTER CLOTHES

anorak, apron, blazer, cagoule, cape, cardigan, cloak, coat, dressing gown, duffel coat, fleece, gilet, hoodie, greatcoat, jacket, mackintosh, oilskins, overalls, overcoat, parka, poncho, raincoat, shawl, stole, tracksuit, windcheater

cling verb

to cling to someone or **something**

1 The baby koala **clung** to its mother.
 clasp, grasp, clutch, embrace, hug
 2 Ivy **clings** to the wall.
 adhere to, fasten on to, stick to

clip verb

1 The sheets of paper were **clipped** together.
 pin, staple
 2 Dad **clipped** the hedges in the back garden.
 cut, trim
 To cut unwanted twigs off a tree or bush is to **prune** it.

close adjective

1 Our house is **close** to the shops.
 near, nearby, not far
 To be actually by the side of something is to be **adjacent**.
 OPPOSITE far, distant
 2 Anisha and I are **close** friends.
 intimate, dear, devoted, fond, affectionate
 3 The police made a **close** examination of the stolen car.
 careful, detailed, painstaking, minute, thorough
 OPPOSITE casual
 4 It was an exciting race because it was so **close**.

UNDERWEAR

boxer shorts, bra, briefs, crop top, drawers, knickers, pants, petticoat, slip, socks, stockings, tights, underpants, vest

CLOTHES FOR SLEEPING IN

nightdress or informal nightie, pyjamas

CLOTHES WORN IN THE PAST

corset, doublet, frock coat, gauntlet, ruff, toga

ACCESSORIES WORN WITH CLOTHES

belt, braces, cravat, earmuffs, glove, sash, scarf, shawl, tie

PARTS OF A GARMENT

bodice, button, buttonhole, collar, cuff, hem, lapel, pocket, seam, sleeve, waistband, zip

THINGS USED TO DECORATE CLOTHES

beads, frills, fringes, lace, ruffles, sequins, tassels

SOME KINDS OF HAT

balaclava, baseball cap, bearskin, beret, boater, bonnet, bowler, cap, deerstalker, fez, helmet, mitre, mortarboard, panama hat, skull cap, sombrero, sou'wester, stetson, sun-hat, tam-o'-shanter, top hat, trilby, turban

WRITING TIPS

You can use these words to describe **clothes**:
 baggy, casual, chic, dowdy, drab, fashionable, fine, flashy, flattering, frilly, frumpy, glamorous, ill-fitting, loose, luxurious, old-fashioned, ornate, ragged, roomy, shabby, skimpy, smart, sporty, stylish, tattered or in tatters, threadbare, tight-fitting, trendy, worn

equal, even, level, well-matched

5 Open the window—it's very **close** in here.
 humid, muggy, stuffy, clammy, airless, stifling, suffocating
close airy

close verb

1 Don't forget to **close** the lid.
 shut, fasten, seal, secure
 2 The road has been **closed** to traffic for the parade.
 barricade, block, obstruct, stop up
 3 The band **closed** the concert with my favourite song.
 finish, end, complete, conclude, stop, terminate
 (informal) wind up

cloudy adjective

1 The day was cold and **cloudy**.
 dull, overcast, grey, dark, dismal, gloomy, sunless
 OPPOSITE cloudless

2 We couldn't see any fish in the **cloudy** water.

muddy, murky, hazy, milky
 OPPOSITE clear, transparent

club noun

1 The warrior brandished a wooden **club**.
 stick, baton, truncheon
 2 Would you like to join our book **club**?

group, society, association, organization, circle, union

clue noun

1 I don't know the answer. Can you give me a **clue**?

hint, suggestion, indication, pointer, tip, idea

2 'This footprint is an important **clue**,' said the detective.

piece of evidence, lead

clumsy adjective

The **clumsy** gnome was always breaking things.
 careless, awkward, ungainly, inept

An informal name for a clumsy person is **butterfingers**.

OPPOSITE graceful

clutter noun

We'll have to clear up all this **clutter**.
 mess, muddle, junk, litter, rubbish, odds and ends

coach verb

He was **coached** by a former champion.
 train, teach, instruct

coarse adjective

1 The blanket was made of **coarse** woollen material.

rough, harsh, scratchy, bristly, hairy
 OPPOSITE soft

2 We were shocked by their **coarse** table manners.

rude, offensive, impolite, improper, indecent, crude, vulgar
 OPPOSITE polite, refined

coat noun

1 The detective was wearing a thick winter **coat**.

2 The fox had a reddish brown **coat**.

hide, pelt, skin, fur, hair

A sheep's coat is a **fleece**.

3 The front door needs a **coat** of paint.

layer, coating, covering

coat verb

We ate marshmallows **coated** with chocolate.

cover, spread, smear, glaze

coax verb

Sam **coaxed** the hamster back into

its cage.

persuade, tempt, entice

coil noun

The snake twisted itself into a **coil**.
 spiral, twist, curl, whirl, screw, corkscrew, whirl, whorl, roll, scroll

A coil of wool or thread is a **skein**.

coil verb

The snake **coiled** itself round a branch.
 curl, loop, roll, spiral, turn, twist, twirl, wind, writhe

cold adjective

1 Wrap up warm in this **cold** weather.

freezing, chilly, frosty, icy, raw, arctic, bitter, cool, crisp, snowy, wintry

(informal) perishing

A common simile is **as cold as ice**.

OPPOSITE hot, warm

2 I tried to shelter from the **cold** wind.

biting, bitter, keen, penetrating, piercing

3 I was **cold** in spite of my woolly hat.

freezing, frozen, chilly, chilled, shivering, shivery

To be so cold that you become ill is to suffer from **hypothermia**.

OPPOSITE hot, warm

4 The cyclops gave us a **cold** stare from his one eye.

unfriendly, unkind, unfeeling, distant, cool, heartless, indifferent, reserved, stony,

uncaring, unemotional, unsympathetic

OPPOSITE warm, friendly

collapse verb

1 Many buildings **collapsed** in the earthquake.

fall down, fall in, cave in, give way, crumple, buckle, disintegrate, tumble down

2 Some of the runners **collapsed** in the heat.

faint, pass out, fall over, keel over

collect verb

1 Squirrels **collect** nuts for the winter.

gather, accumulate, hoard, heap, pile up, store up, stockpile, amass

2 A crowd **collected** to watch the fire.

assemble, gather, come together, converge

OPPOSITE scatter, disperse

3 We **collected** a large sum for charity.

raise, take in

4 She **collected** the car from the garage.

fetch, get, obtain, bring
 OPPOSITE drop off, hand in

collection noun

Would you like to see my fossil **collection**?

assortment, set, accumulation, array, hoard, pile
 A collection of books is a **library**.
 A collection of poems or short stories is an **anthology**.

collide verb

to collide with
 The runaway trolley **collided** with a wall.

bump into, crash into, run into, smash into, hit, strike

collision noun

The **collision** dented the front wheel of my bike.

bump, crash, smash, knock, accident

A collision involving a lot of vehicles is a **pile-up**.

colossal adjective

A **colossal** statue towered above us.

huge, enormous, gigantic, immense, massive, giant,

mammoth, monumental, towering, vast

OPPOSITE small, tiny

colour noun

WRITING TIPS

You can use these words to describe a **colour**.

1 **TO DESCRIBE A PALE COLOUR**: delicate, faded, light, muted, neutral, pastel, washed-out

2 **TO DESCRIBE A STRONG COLOUR**: bright, fluorescent, garish, loud, neon, vibrant, zingy

**colourful** adjective

1 The rose garden is **colourful** in the summer.

multicoloured, showy, vibrant, bright, brilliant, gaudy

OPPOSITE colourless

2 The book gives a **colourful** account of life on an island.

exciting, interesting, lively, vivid, striking, rich, picturesque

OPPOSITE dull

column noun

1 The roof of the temple was supported by stone **columns**.

pillar, post, support, shaft

2 A **column** of soldiers wound its way across the desert.

line, file, procession, row, string

3 I sometimes read the sports **column** in the newspaper.

article, piece, report, feature

combine verb

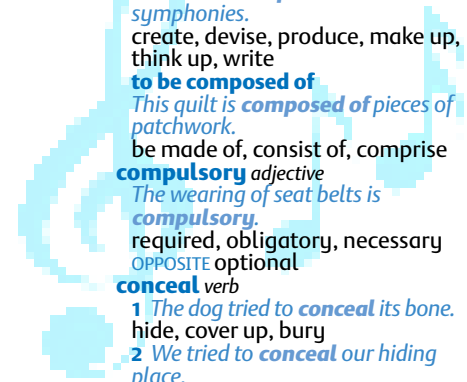
1 We **combined** our pocket money to buy a kite.

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put together, add together, join, merge, unite, amalgamate
OPPOSITE divide
2 *Combine the mixture with water to make a paste.*
 mix, stir together, blend, mingle, bind
OPPOSITE separate
come verb
1 *We expect our guests to come in the afternoon.*
 arrive, appear, visit
OPPOSITE go
2 *When you hear a cuckoo, you know that summer is coming.*
 advance, draw near
to come about
Can you tell me how the accident came about?
 happen, occur, take place, result
to come across
I came across an old friend of mine.
 find, discover, chance upon, meet, bump into **to come to**
1 *Tell me when you come to the last chapter.*
 reach, get to, arrive at
2 *What did the repair bill come to?*
 add up to, amount to, total
comfort noun
1 *My teddy bear was a comfort to me when I was ill.*
 reassurance, consolation, encouragement, support, relief
2 *If I had a million pounds, I could live in comfort.*
 ease, luxury, contentment, well-being, prosperity, luxury, affluence
comfort verb
The coach tried to comfort the team after they lost.
 cheer up, console, reassure, encourage, hearten, sympathize with, soothe
comfortable adjective
1 *The bed was so comfortable that Goldilocks fell fast asleep.*
 cosy, snug, relaxing, easy, soft, warm, roomy, padded, plush (informal) comfy
OPPOSITE uncomfortable
2 *We'll need comfortable clothes for travelling.*
 casual, informal, loose-fitting
3 *Our cat leads a comfortable life.*
 contented, happy, pleasant, agreeable, well-off, prosperous, luxurious, affluent
command noun
1 *The general gave the command to attack.*
 order, instruction, commandment, edict
2 *Captain Nemo has command of the whole crew.*
 charge, control, authority (over), power (over), management, supervision

3 *My sister has a good command of Spanish.*
 knowledge, mastery, grasp, understanding, ability (in), skill (in)
command verb
1 *The officer commanded his troops to fire.*
 order, instruct, direct, tell, bid
2 *The captain commands the ship.*
 control, direct, be in charge of, govern, head, lead, manage, administer, supervise
comment noun
He made some nasty comments about his boss.
 remark, statement, observation, opinion, mention, reference
 A hostile comment is a **criticism**.
commit verb
The thieves were planning to commit another robbery.
 carry out, do, perform, execute
common adjective
1 *Colds are a common complaint in winter.*
 commonplace, everyday, frequent, normal, ordinary, familiar, well known, widespread
OPPOSITE rare
2 *'Good morning' is a common way to greet people.*
 typical, usual, regular, routine, standard, customary, conventional, habitual, traditional
OPPOSITE uncommon
3 *My friends and I have a common interest in music.*
 shared, mutual, joint
commotion noun
Football supporters were causing a commotion outside.
 disturbance, row, fuss, trouble, disorder, unrest, agitation, turmoil, uproar, racket, rumpus, upheaval, riot, fracas, furor, hullabaloo, brouhaha, pandemonium, bedlam
communicate verb
1 *Steve communicated his boredom with a yawn.*
 express, make known, indicate, convey, disclose, announce, pass on, proclaim, publish, report
2 *Nowadays, we communicate by email.*
 contact each other, correspond, be in touch
company noun
1 *My cousin works for a computer company.*
 business, firm, corporation, organization, establishment
2 *Shrek shunned the company of other ogres.*
 fellowship, companionship, friendship, society

compare verb
Can you compare these sets of figures?
 contrast, juxtapose, relate, set side by side
to compare with
This copy can't compare with the original painting.
 compete with, rival, emulate, equal, match
compete verb
Five schools will be competing in the hockey tournament.
 participate, perform, take part, enter
to compete against
We are competing against a strong team this week.
 oppose, play against, contend with
competent adjective
You have to be a competent swimmer to join the club.
 able, capable, skilful, skilled, accomplished, proficient, experienced, expert, qualified, trained
OPPOSITE incompetent
competitor noun
The competitors lined up for the start of the race.
 contestant, contender, challenger, participant, opponent, rival
 People who take part in an exam are **candidates** or **entrants**.
complain verb
Miss Grouch spent most of her life complaining.
 moan, protest, grumble, grouse, gripe, whinge, make a fuss
to complain about
I wrote a letter complaining about the noise.
 protest about, object to, criticize, find fault with
OPPOSITE praise
complaint noun
1 *They received hundreds of complaints about the film.*
 criticism, objection, protest, moan, grumble
2 *You have a nasty stomach complaint.*
 disease, illness, ailment, sickness, infection (informal) upset
complete adjective
1 *Your training as a witch is not yet complete.*
 completed, ended, finished, accomplished, concluded
OPPOSITE unfinished
2 *Have you got a complete set of cards?*
 whole, entire, full, intact
OPPOSITE incomplete
3 *My birthday party was a complete disaster.*



total, utter, sheer, absolute, thorough, downright, perfect, pure
complete verb
We have completed all the tasks on the sheet.
 finish, end, conclude, carry out, perform
complex adjective
Defusing a bomb is a complex task.
 complicated, difficult, elaborate, detailed, intricate, involved (informal) fiddly
OPPOSITE simple
complicated adjective
The plot of the film is very complicated.
 complex, intricate, involved, difficult, elaborate, convoluted
OPPOSITE simple, straightforward
compliments plural noun
It was nice to get compliments about my cooking.
 praise, appreciation, approval, congratulations, tribute
 Compliments which you don't deserve are **flattery**.
OPPOSITE insults
compose verb
Beethoven composed nine symphonies.
 create, devise, produce, make up, think up, write
to be composed of
This quilt is composed of pieces of patchwork.
 be made of, consist of, comprise
compulsory adjective
The wearing of seat belts is compulsory.
 required, obligatory, necessary
OPPOSITE optional
conceal verb
1 *The dog tried to conceal its bone.*
 hide, cover up, bury
2 *We tried to conceal our hiding place.*
 disguise, mask, screen, camouflage, make invisible
3 *Don't conceal the truth.*
 keep quiet about, keep secret, hush up, suppress
conceited adjective
He was so conceited when he won first prize!
 boastful, arrogant, proud, vain, self-satisfied (informal) big-headed, cocky
OPPOSITE modest
concentrate verb
I had to concentrate to hear what she was saying.
 be attentive, think hard, focus
concern verb
1 *This conversation doesn't concern you.*
 affect, involve, be important to, matter to, be relevant to, relate to

2 *It concerns me that we are destroying the rain forests.*
 bother, distress, trouble, upset, worry
concern noun
1 *My private life is no concern of theirs.*
 affair, business
2 *Global warming is a great concern to us all.*
 worry, anxiety, fear
3 *She's the head of a business concern.*
 company, firm, enterprise, establishment
concerned adjective
1 *After waiting an hour, Julia began to feel concerned.*
 worried, bothered, troubled, anxious, upset, distressed
2 *We're writing a letter to all those concerned.*
 involved, connected, related, affected
conclusion noun
1 *The conclusion of the film was a bit puzzling.*
 close, end, finale, finish, completion, culmination
2 *'What is your conclusion, Inspector?'*
 decision, judgement, opinion, verdict, deduction
condemn verb
1 *The manager condemned the behaviour of the players.*
 criticize, disapprove of, denounce, deplore, reproach
OPPOSITE praise
2 *The judge condemned the men to death.*
 sentence
OPPOSITE acquit
condition noun
1 *Is your bike in good condition?*
 state, order, repair
2 *A dog needs exercise to stay in good condition.*
 fitness, health, shape
3 *It's a condition of membership that you pay a subscription.*
 requirement, obligation, term
confess verb
The goblin confessed that he had stolen the gold.
 admit, own up to, acknowledge, reveal
confidence noun
1 *We can face the future with confidence.*
 hope, optimism, faith
OPPOSITE doubt
2 *I wish I had her confidence.*
 self-confidence, assurance, boldness, conviction
confident adjective
1 *I am confident that we will win.*
 certain, sure, positive, optimistic

OPPOSITE doubtful
2 *She is a confident sort of person.*
 self-confident, assertive, bold, fearless, unafraid
confirm verb
1 *The strange events confirmed his belief in ghosts.*
 prove, justify, support, back up, reinforce
OPPOSITE disprove
2 *I phoned to confirm my appointment at the dentist.*
 verify, make official
OPPOSITE cancel
confront verb
I decided to confront her and demand an apology.
 challenge, stand up to, face up to
OPPOSITE avoid
confuse verb
1 *I was confused by the directions on the map.*
 puzzle, bewilder, mystify, baffle, perplex
2 *You must be confusing me with someone else.*
 mix up, muddle
confusion noun
1 *There was great confusion when the lights went out.*
 chaos, commotion, fuss, uproar, turmoil, pandemonium, bedlam, hullabaloo
2 *There was a look of confusion on her face.*
 bewilderment, puzzlement, perplexity
congratulate verb
We congratulated the winners.
 praise, applaud, compliment
OPPOSITE criticize
connect verb
1 *What's the best way to connect these wires?*
 join, attach, fasten, link, couple, fix together, tie together
OPPOSITE separate
2 *The fingerprints connected him with the crime.*
 make a connection between, associate, relate
connection noun
There is a close connection between our two families.
 association, relationship, link
conquer verb
1 *Extra troops were sent to conquer the enemy forces.*
 beat, defeat, overcome, vanquish, get the better of, overwhelm, crush, rout, thrash
2 *Gaul was conquered by Julius Caesar.*
 seize, capture, take, win, occupy, possess
conscientious adjective
Elves are very conscientious workers.

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hard working, careful, dependable, reliable, responsible, dutiful, meticulous, painstaking, thorough
OPPOSITE careless

conscious adjective

1 The patient was **conscious** throughout the operation.
awake, alert, aware
OPPOSITE unconscious
2 She made a **conscious** effort to improve her work.
deliberate, intentional, planned
OPPOSITE accidental

consequence noun

1 He drank the potion without thinking of the **consequences**.
effect, result, outcome, sequel, upshot
2 The loss of a few pence is of no **consequence**.
importance, significance

consider verb

1 The detective **considered** the problem carefully.
think about, examine, contemplate, ponder on, reflect on, study, weigh up, meditate about
2 I **consider** this to be my best work.
believe, judge, reckon

considerate adjective

It was **considerate** of you to lend me your umbrella.
kind, kind-hearted, helpful, obliging, sympathetic, thoughtful, unselfish, caring, charitable, neighbourly
OPPOSITE selfish

consist verb

to **consist of**
1 The planet **consists** largely of craters.
be made of, be composed of, comprise, contain, include, incorporate
2 His job **consists** mostly of answering the phone.
involve

consistent adjective

1 These plants need to be kept at a **consistent** temperature.
steady, constant, regular, stable, unchanging
2 Fortunately, our goalkeeper is a **consistent** player.
predictable, dependable, reliable

console verb

He did his best to **console** me when my dog died.
comfort, soothe, sympathize with, support

conspicuous adjective

1 The clock tower is a **conspicuous** landmark.
prominent, notable, obvious, eye-catching, unmistakable, visible

2 I had made some **conspicuous** mistakes.
clear, noticeable, obvious, evident, glaring

constant adjective

1 There is a **constant** noise of traffic on the motorway.
continual, continuous, never-ending, non-stop, ceaseless, incessant, interminable, endless, everlasting, permanent, perpetual, unending, persistent, relentless
OPPOSITE changeable
2 My dog has been my **constant** friend for many years.
faithful, loyal, dependable, reliable, firm, true, trustworthy, devoted
OPPOSITE unreliable

construct verb

We **constructed** a tree-house in the back garden.
build, erect, assemble, make, put together, set up
OPPOSITE demolish



consult verb

1 You should **consult** the dentist about your sore tooth.
ask, get advice from, speak to
2 If you don't know how to spell a word, **consult** your dictionary.
refer to

contact verb

I'll **contact** you when I have some news.
call, call on, get in touch with, communicate with, notify, speak to, talk to, correspond with, phone, ring, write to

contain verb

1 This box **contains** various odds and ends.
hold
2 A dictionary **contains** words and definitions.
include, incorporate, comprise, consist of

contemplate verb

1 The princess **contemplated** herself in the mirror.
look at, view, observe, survey, watch, stare at, gaze at
2 The robbers **contemplated** what to do next.
think about, consider, ponder, study, reflect on, weigh up, meditate about

contempt noun

The knight stared at his enemy with **contempt**.
The knight stared at his enemy with

a look of **contempt**.
hatred, scorn, loathing, disgust, dislike, distaste
OPPOSITE admiration

contented adjective

After her meal, the cat looked very **contented**.
happy, pleased, content, satisfied, fulfilled, serene, peaceful, relaxed, comfortable, tranquil, untroubled
OPPOSITE discontented

contest noun

The tennis final was an exciting **contest**.
competition, challenge, fight, bout, encounter, struggle, game, match, tournament

contestant noun

There are twenty **contestants** in the spelling competition.
competitor, participant, player, contender

continual adjective

I get sick of their **continual** arguing.
constant, persistent, perpetual, repeated, frequent, recurrent, eternal, unending
OPPOSITE occasional

continue verb

1 We **continued** our search until it got dark.
keep up, prolong, sustain, persevere with, pursue (informal) stick at
2 This rain can't **continue** for long.
carry on, last, persist, endure, keep on, go on, linger
3 We'll **continue** our meeting after lunch.
resume, proceed with, pick up

continuous adjective

We had **continuous** rain all through our holiday.
never-ending, non-stop, ceaseless, everlasting, incessant, unbroken, unceasing, uninterrupted
An illness which continues for a long time is a **chronic** illness.
OPPOSITE intermittent

contract noun

The actress has signed a **contract** for a new film.
agreement, deal, undertaking
A contract between two countries is an **alliance** or **treaty**.
A contract to end a dispute about money is a **settlement**.

contract verb

1 Metal **contracts** when it gets colder.
reduce, lessen, shrink, tighten
OPPOSITE expand
2 The crew **contracted** a mysterious illness.
catch, develop, get

contrast verb

1 We were asked to **contrast** two of our favourite poems.
compare, juxtapose, distinguish between
2 Her handwriting **contrasts** with mine.
clash, differ (from)

contrast noun

There is a sharp **contrast** between the two paintings.
difference, distinction, opposition
OPPOSITE similarity

contribute verb

Will you **contribute** something to our charity collection?
donate, give, provide (informal) chip in
to **contribute to**
The sunny weather **contributed** to our enjoyment.
add to, help, aid, encourage, enhance

control noun

The captain had complete **control** over the crew.
authority, power, command, government, management, direction, leadership, guidance

control verb

1 The government **controls** the country's affairs.
be in control of, be in charge of, manage, run, command, direct, lead, guide, govern, administer, regulate, rule, superintend, supervise
2 Can't you **control** that dog?
manage, handle, restrain
3 They built a dam to **control** the floods.
check, curb, hold back, contain

convenient adjective

1 Is there a **convenient** place to put my umbrella?
suitable, appropriate, available, nearby, accessible
OPPOSITE inconvenient
2 Mum has a **convenient** tool for opening jars.
handy, helpful, useful, labour-saving, neat

conventional adjective

The **conventional** way to greet someone is to shake hands.
customary, traditional, usual, accepted, common, normal, ordinary, everyday, routine, standard, regular, habitual
OPPOSITE unconventional

conversation noun

An informal conversation is a **chat** or **gossip**.
A more formal conversation is a **discussion**.
A very formal conversation is a **conference**.
Conversation in a play or novel is **dialogue**.



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cook verb

To cook food for guests or customers is to **cater** for them.
Cooking as a business is **catering**.
The art or skill of cooking is **cookery**.

SOME WAYS TO COOK FOOD

bake, barbecue, boil, braise, brew, broil, casserole, deep-fry, fry, grill, poach, roast, sauté, simmer, steam, stew, toast

OTHER WAYS TO PREPARE FOOD

baste, blend, chop, dice, grate, grind, infuse, knead, liquidize, marinate, mince, mix, peel,

blender



purée, sieve, sift, stir, whisk

SOME ITEMS THAT ARE USED FOR COOKING

baking tin or tray, barbecue, blender, bowl, carving knife, casserole, cauldron, chopping board, colander, cooker, dish, food processor, frying pan, grill, ladle, liquidizer, microwave, mincer, oven, pan, pot, rolling pin, saucepan, skewer, spatula, spit, strainer, toaster, whisk, wok, wooden spoon



convert verb

1 We have **converted** our attic into a games room.
change, adapt, alter, transform
2 I never used to like football, but my cousin **converted** me.
change someone's mind, persuade, convince, win over

convince verb

The prisoner **convinced** them that he was innocent.
persuade, assure, satisfy, make believe, win round

convincing adjective

I tried to think of a **convincing** excuse.
persuasive, believable, credible, plausible

cook verb

cool adjective

1 The weather is **cool** for the time of year.
chilly, coldish
OPPOSITE hot, warm
2 Would you like a **cool** glass of lemonade?
chilled, iced, refreshing
OPPOSITE hot

3 Clifford remained **cool** when everyone else panicked.

calm, level-headed, relaxed, unexcitable, unflustered (informal) laid-back
A common simile is **as cool as a cucumber**.
OPPOSITE frantic

4 (informal) Those rollerskates are really **cool!**

chic, fashionable, smart (informal) trendy

cooperate verb

to **cooperate with**
The scouts **cooperated** with each other to build a fire.
work with or together with,

collaborate with, aid, assist, support

cope verb

Shall I help you, or can you **cope** on your own?
manage, carry on, get by, make do, survive
to **cope with**
I can't **cope** with all this homework!

deal with, handle, manage, get through

copy noun

That isn't the original painting—it's a **copy**.
replica, reproduction, duplicate, imitation, likeness
A copy made to deceive someone is a **fake** or a **forgery**.
A living organism which is identical to another is a **clone**.

copy verb

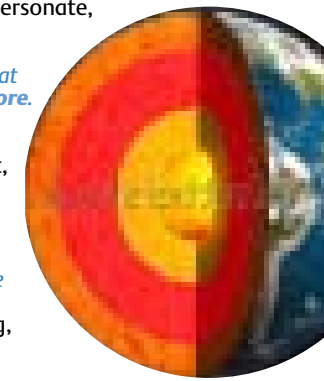
1 I **copied** the poem into my jotter.
duplicate, reproduce, write out
To copy something in order to deceive is to **fake** or **forge** it.
2 My parrot can **copy** my voice.
imitate, impersonate, mimic

copy noun

It is very hot at the earth's **core**.

corner noun

1 I'll meet you at the **corner** of the road.
turn, turning, junction, crossroads, intersection
The place where



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two lines meet is an **angle**.
2 *I sat in a quiet corner and read her letter.*
alcove, recess, nook
correct adjective
1 *Your answers are all correct.*
 right, accurate, exact, faultless
2 *I hope he has given us correct information.*
 true, genuine, authentic, precise, reliable, factual
3 *What is the correct way to address this letter?*
 proper, acceptable, regular, appropriate, suitable
 OPPOSITE wrong
correct verb
1 *I have to correct my spelling mistakes.*
 alter, put right, make better, improve
2 *Miss Nicol spent the day correcting exam papers.*
 mark
correspond verb
to correspond with
1 *Her version of the story doesn't correspond with mine.*
 agree with, match, be similar to, be consistent with, tally with
2 *Carol corresponds with a friend in Paris.*
 write to, communicate with, send letters to
corrupt adjective
Corrupt officials had accepted millions of pounds in bribes.
 dishonest, criminal, untrustworthy
 (informal) bent, crooked
 OPPOSITE honest
cost noun
The bill shows the total cost.
 price, charge, amount, payment, fee, figure, expense, expenditure, tariff
 The cost of travelling on public transport is the **fare**.
costume noun
The Irish dancers were wearing national costumes.
 outfit, dress, clothing, suit, attire, garment, garb
 (informal) get-up
 A costume you dress up in for a party is **fancy dress**.
 A set of clothes worn by soldiers or members of an organization is a **uniform**.
cosy adjective
It's good to feel cosy in bed when it's cold outside.
 comfortable, snug, soft, warm, secure
 OPPOSITE uncomfortable
count verb
1 *I'm counting the days until my birthday.*
 add up, calculate, compute,

estimate, reckon, figure out, work out, total
2 *It's playing well that counts, not winning.*
 be important, be significant, matter
to count on
You can count on me to support you.
 depend on, rely on, trust, bank on
country noun
1 *England and Wales are separate countries.*
 nation, state, land, territory
 A country ruled by a king or queen is a **kingdom**, **monarchy**, or **realm**.
 A country governed by leaders elected by the people is a **democracy**.
 A democratic country with a President is a **republic**.
2 *We went for a picnic in the country.*
 countryside, landscape, outdoors, scenery
 A word meaning 'to do with the country' is **rural** and its opposite is **urban**.
 OPPOSITE town, city
courage noun
The rescue dogs showed great courage.
 bravery, boldness, daring, fearlessness, nerve, pluck, valour, heroism, grit
 (informal) guts
 OPPOSITE cowardice
course noun
1 *The hot-air balloon was drifting off its course.*
 direction, path, route, way, progress, passage
2 *The war changed the course of history.*
 development, progression, sequence, succession
cover verb
1 *A coat of paint will cover the graffiti.*
 conceal, disguise, hide, obscure, mask, blot out
2 *She covered her face with her hands.*
 shield, screen, protect, shade, veil
3 *An encyclopedia covers many subjects.*
 deal with, include, contain, incorporate
cover noun
1 *The cover of the book was torn.*
 wrapper
 A cover for a letter is an **envelope**.
 A cover for a book is a **jacket**.
 A cover to keep papers in is a **file** or **folder**.

2 *On the bare hillside, there was no cover from the storm.*
 shelter, protection, defence, shield, refuge, sanctuary
covering noun
There was a light covering of snow on the hills.
 coating, coat, layer, blanket, carpet, film, sheet, skin, veil
cowardly adjective
It was cowardly to run away.
 timid, faint-hearted, spineless, gutless
 (informal) yellow, chicken
 OPPOSITE brave
cover verb
A frightened creature was covering in the corner.
 cringe, shrink, crouch, flinch, quail
crack noun
1 *There's a crack in this cup.*
 break, chip, fracture, flaw, chink, split
2 *The outlaw hid in a crack between two rocks.*
 gap, opening, crevice, rift, cranny
3 *The detective heard the crack of a pistol shot.*
 bang, fire, explosion, snap, pop
4 *She gave the robber a crack on the head.*
 blow, bang, knock, smack, whack
5 *I had a crack at writing a poem.*
 try, attempt, shot, go
crack verb
A brick fell down and cracked the pavement.
 break, fracture, chip, split, shatter, splinter
craft noun
1 *I'd like to learn the craft of weaving.*
 art, skill, technique, expertise, handicraft
2 *All sorts of craft were in the harbour.*
 boats, ships, vessels
crafty adjective
The evil sorceress had a crafty plan.
 cunning, clever, shrewd, scheming, sneaky, sly, tricky, wily, artful
cram verb
1 *We can't cram any more people in—the car is full.*
 pack, squeeze, crush, force, jam, compress
2 *My sister is cramming for her maths exam.*
 revise, study
 (informal) swot
cramped adjective
The seating on the train was a bit cramped.
 confined, narrow, restricted, tight, uncomfortable, crowded



(informal) poky
 OPPOSITE roomy
crash noun
1 *I heard a loud crash from the kitchen.*
 bang, smash
2 *We saw a nasty crash on the motorway.*
 accident, collision, smash, bump
 A crash involving a lot of vehicles is a **pile-up**.
 A train crash may involve a **derailment**.
crash verb
The car crashed into a lamp-post.
 bump, smash, collide, knock
crawl verb
I saw a caterpillar crawling along a leaf.
 creep, edge, inch, slither, clamber
craze noun
This game is the latest craze in the playground.
 fad, trend, vogue, fashion, enthusiasm, obsession, passion
crazy adjective
1 *The dog went crazy when it was stung by a wasp.*
 mad, insane, frenzied, hysterical, frantic, berserk, delirious, wild
 (informal) loopy, nuts
2 *It was a crazy idea to try to build a space rocket!*
 absurd, ridiculous, ludicrous, daft, idiotic, senseless, silly, stupid, foolhardy, preposterous
 (informal) bonkers, barmy, wacky
 OPPOSITE sensible
create verb
1 *The cats were creating a racket outside.*
 make, cause, produce
2 *We have created a website for our chess club.*
 set up, start up, bring about, bring into existence, originate
 You **write** a poem or story.
 You **compose** music.
 You **draw** or **paint** a picture.
 You **carve** a statue.
 You **invent** or **think up** a new idea.
 You **design** a new product.
 You **devise** a plan.
 You **found** a new club or organization.
 You **manufacture** goods.
 You **generate** electricity.
 You **build** or **construct** a model

or a building.
creative adjective
My aunt is a very creative person.
 artistic, imaginative, inventive, original, inspired
 OPPOSITE unimaginative
creator noun
Walt Disney was the creator of Mickey Mouse.
 inventor, maker, originator, producer, deviser
 The creator of a design is an **architect** or **designer**.
 The creator of goods for sale is a **manufacturer**.
creature noun
A wild-looking creature emerged from the swamp.
 animal, beast, being
creep verb
1 *I watched the lizard creep back into its hiding place.*
 crawl, edge, inch, slither, wriggle
2 *I crept out of bed without waking the others.*
 move quietly, sneak, tiptoe, slip, slink, steal
creepy adjective
There were creepy noises coming from the cellar.
 scary, frightening, eerie, ghostly, weird, sinister, uncanny, unearthly
 (informal) spooky
crisis noun
The election result caused a crisis in the country.
 emergency, problem, difficulty, predicament
crisp adjective
1 *Fry the bacon until it's crisp.*
 crispy, crunchy, brittle
 OPPOSITE soft, soggy, limp
2 *It was a crisp winter morning.*
 cold, fresh, frosty
critical adjective
1 *Some people made critical comments about my hairstyle.*
 negative, disapproving, derogatory, uncomplimentary, unfavourable
 OPPOSITE complimentary
2 *This match is critical for our team's chances of success.*
 crucial, important, vital, serious, decisive
 OPPOSITE unimportant
criticize verb
She criticized us for being so careless.
 blame, condemn, disapprove of, find fault with, reprimand, reproach, scold, berate
 OPPOSITE praise
crooked adjective
1 *The wizard bent his wand into a crooked shape.*
 bent, twisted, warped, knarled
 OPPOSITE straight

2 (informal) *The crooked salesman was selling fake diamonds.*
 criminal, dishonest, corrupt, illegal, unlawful
 (informal) bent
 OPPOSITE honest
cross verb
1 *There is a bus stop where the two roads cross.*
 criss-cross, intersect
2 *You can cross the river at the footbridge.*
 go across, pass over, traverse, ford, span
cross adjective
My mum will be cross if we're late.
 angry, annoyed, upset, vexed, bad-tempered, ill-tempered, irritable, grumpy, testy, irate
 OPPOSITE pleased
crouch verb
The owls crouched silently in the bushes.
 squat, kneel, stoop, bend, duck, bob down, hunch, huddle
crowd noun
1 *A crowd of people waited outside the theatre.*
 gathering, group, assembly, bunch, cluster, throng, mob, multitude, crush, horde, swarm
2 *There was a huge crowd for the tennis final.*
 audience, spectators, gate, attendance
crowd verb
1 *People crowded on the pavement to watch the parade.*
 gather, collect, assemble, congregate, mass, flock, muster
2 *Hundreds of people crowded into the hall.*
 push, pile, squeeze, pack, cram, crush, jam, bundle, herd



crowded adjective
The shops are always crowded at Christmas time.
 full, packed, teeming, swarming, overflowing, jammed, congested
 OPPOSITE empty
crude adjective
1 *The refinery processes crude oil.*
 raw, natural, unprocessed, unrefined
 OPPOSITE refined
2 *We made a crude shelter out of twigs.*

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rough, clumsy, makeshift, primitive
 OPPOSITE skilful
3 *The teacher told them to stop using crude language.*
 rude, obscene, coarse, dirty, foul, impolite, indecent, vulgar
 OPPOSITE polite
cruel adjective
I think hunting is a cruel way to kill animals.
 brutal, savage, vicious, fierce, barbaric, bloodthirsty, barbarous, heartless, ruthless, merciless, inhuman, sadistic, uncivilized, beastly
 OPPOSITE kind, humane, gentle
crumb noun
We put out some crumbs of bread for the birds.
 bit, fragment, scrap, morsel
crumble verb
1 *The walls of the castle were beginning to crumble.*
 disintegrate, break up, collapse, fall apart, decay, decompose
2 *The farmer crumbled some bread into his soup.*
 crush, grind, pound, pulverize
crunch verb
1 *The dog was crunching on a bone.*
 chew, munch, chomp, grind
2 *I heard heavy footsteps crunching up the path.*
 crush, grind, pound, smash
crush verb
1 *He crushed his anorak into his schoolbag.*
 squash, squeeze, mangle, pound, press, bruise, crunch, scrunch
 To crush something into a soft mess is to **mash** or **pulp** it.
 To crush something into a powder is to **grind** or **pulverize** it.
 To crush something out of shape is to **crumple** or **smash** it.
2 *Our soldiers crushed the attacking army.*
 defeat, conquer, vanquish, overcome, overwhelm, quash, trounce, rout
crush noun
There was a crush of people at the front gates.
 crowd, press, mob, throng, jam, congestion
cry verb
1 *Someone was crying for help from the burning house.*
 call, shout, yell, exclaim, roar, bawl, bellow, scream, screech, shriek
2 *The baby started to cry when she dropped her toy.*
 sob, weep, bawl, blubber, wail, shed tears, snivel
 When someone starts to cry, their eyes **well up with tears**.

cry noun
The wounded man let out a cry of pain.
 call, shout, yell, roar, howl, exclamation, bellow, scream, screech, shriek, yelp
cuddle verb
My baby brother cuddles a teddy bear in bed.
 hug, hold closely, clasp, embrace, caress, nestle against, snuggle against
cunning adjective
The pirates had a cunning plan to seize the ship.
 clever, crafty, devious, wily, ingenious, shrewd, artful, scheming, sly, tricky
cup noun
 A tall cup with straight sides is a **mug**.
 A tall cup without a handle is a **beaker** or **tumbler**.
 A decorative drinking cup is a **goblet**.
cure verb
1 *These pills will cure your headache.*
 ease, heal, help, improve, make better, relieve
 OPPOSITE aggravate
2 *No-one can cure the problem with my computer.*
 correct, mend, sort, repair, fix, put an end to, put right
cure noun
I wish they could find a cure for colds.
 remedy, treatment, antidote, medicine, therapy
curious adjective
1 *We were all very curious about the secret chamber.*
 inquisitive, inquiring, interested (in), intrigued, agog
 An uncomplimentary word is **nosy**.
 OPPOSITE uninterested, indifferent
2 *What is that curious smell?*
 odd, strange, peculiar, abnormal, queer, unusual, extraordinary, funny, mysterious, puzzling, weird
curl verb
1 *The snake curled itself around a branch.*
 wind, twist, loop, coil, wrap, curve, turn, twine
2 *Steam curled upwards from the cauldron.*
 coil, spiral, twirl, swirl, furl, snake, writhe, ripple
curl noun
The girl's hair was a mass of golden curls.
 wave, ringlet, coil, loop, twist, roll, scroll, spiral
curly adjective
My new doll has curly black hair.

curled, curling, wavy, frizzy, crinkly, ringletted
 OPPOSITE straight
current noun
The wooden raft drifted along with the current.
 flow, tide, stream
 A current of air is a **draught**.
 A current of air is a **draught**.
current adjective
1 *The shop sells all the current teenage fashions.*
 modern, contemporary, present-day, up to date, topical, prevailing, prevalent
 OPPOSITE past, old-fashioned
2 *Have you got a current passport?*
 valid, usable, up to date
 OPPOSITE out of date
3 *Who is the current prime minister?*
 present, existing
 OPPOSITE past, former
curse noun
1 *Long ago, a wizard put a curse on the family.*
 jinx, hex
2 *When the gardener hit his finger, he let out a curse.*
 swearword, oath
curve noun
Try to draw a straight line without any curves.
 bend, curl, loop, turn, twist, arch, arc, bow, bulge, wave
 A curve in the shape of a new moon is a **crescent**.
 A curve on a road surface is a **camber**.
curve verb
The road ahead curves round to the right.
 bend, wind, turn, twist, curl, loop, swerve, veer, snake, meander
curved adjective
The wall was painted with a series of curved lines.
 curving, curvy, curled, looped, coiled, rounded, bulging, bent, arched, bowed, twisted, crooked, spiral, winding, meandering, serpentine, snaking, undulating
 A surface which is curved like the inside of a circle is **concave**.
 A surface which is curved like the outside of a circle is **convex**.
custom noun
1 *It's our custom to give presents at Christmas.*
 tradition, practice, habit, convention, fashion, routine, way
2 *The shop is having a sale to attract more custom.*
 customers, buyers, trade, business
cut verb
1 *The woodcutter cut the tree trunk to make logs.*

chop, slit, split, chip, notch, axe, hack, hew, cleave
 To cut off a limb is to **amputate** or **sever** it.
 To cut down a tree is to **fell** it.
 To cut branches off a tree is to **lop** them.
 To cut twigs off a growing plant is to **prune** it.
 To cut something up to examine it is to **dissect** it.
 To cut stone to make a statue is to **carve** it.
 To cut an inscription in stone is to **engrave** it.
2 *The cook cut the apples into small pieces.*
 chop, slice, dice, grate, mince, shred
3 *I'm going to get my hair cut in the holidays.*
 trim, clip, crop, snip, shave
 To cut wool off a sheep is to **shear** it.
 To cut grass is to **mow** it.
 To cut corn is to **harvest** or **reap** it.
4 *Josh cut his foot on a sharp stone.*
 gash, slash, nick, stab, pierce, wound
5 *This letter is too long—I'll need to cut it.*
 shorten, condense, edit
6 *The shop has cut its prices by 10%.*
 lower, reduce, decrease
 If you cut something by half, you **halve** it.
cut noun
I got a nasty cut when I was slicing bread.
 gash, wound, injury, nick, slash, scratch, slit, snip

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damage verb
Many books were damaged in the fire.
 harm, spoil, mar, break, impair, weaken, disfigure, deface, mutilate, scar
 To damage something beyond repair is to **destroy**, **ruin**, or **wreck** it.
 To damage something deliberately is to **sabotage** or **vandalize** it.
damp adjective
1 *Don't wear those clothes if they are damp.*
 moist, soggy, clammy, dank
2 *I don't like this damp weather.*
 drizzly, foggy, misty, rainy, wet



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dance noun
SOME KINDS OF DANCE OR DANCING
 ballet, ballroom dancing, barn dance, belly-dancing, bolero, break-dancing, cancan, disco, flamenco, folk dance, Highland dancing, hornpipe, jazz dance, jig, jive dancing, limbo dancing, line-dancing, mazurka, morris dance, quadrille, reel, rumba, samba, Scottish country dancing, square dance, step
 A person who writes the steps for a dance is a **choreographer**.
SOME BALLROOM DANCES
 foxtrot, minuet, polka, quickstep, tango, waltz
GATHERINGS WHERE PEOPLE DANCE
 ball, ceilidh, disco

Weather which is both damp and warm is **humid** or **muggy**
 weather.
 OPPOSITE dry
dance verb
I could have danced for joy.
 caper, cavort, frisk, frolic, gambol, hop about, jig about, jump about, leap, prance, skip, whirl
danger noun
1 *Who knows what dangers lie ahead?*
 peril, jeopardy, trouble, crisis, hazard, menace, pitfall, threat, trap
 OPPOSITE safety
2 *The forecast says there's a danger of frost.*
 chance, possibility, risk
dangerous adjective
1 *We were in a dangerous situation.*
 hazardous, perilous, risky, precarious, treacherous, unsafe, alarming, menacing (informal) hairy
2 *The police arrested him for dangerous driving.*
 careless, reckless
3 *A dangerous criminal had escaped from prison.*
 violent, desperate, ruthless, treacherous
4 *It's wicked to empty dangerous chemicals into the river.*

harmful, poisonous, deadly, toxic
 OPPOSITE harmless, safe
dangle verb
There was a bunch of keys dangling from the chain.
 hang, swing, sway, droop, wave about, flap, trail
dare verb
1 *I wouldn't dare to make a parachute jump.*
 have the courage, take the risk
2 *They dared me to climb the tree.*
 challenge, defy
daring adjective
It was a very daring plan.
 bold, brave, adventurous, courageous, fearless, intrepid, plucky, valiant
 A daring person is a **daredevil**.
 OPPOSITE timid
dark adjective
1 *It was a very dark night.*
 black, dim, murky, shadowy, gloomy, dingy
 OPPOSITE bright
2 *She wore a dark green coat.*
 OPPOSITE pale, light
dash verb
1 *We dashed home because it was raining.*
 hurry, run, rush, race, hasten, sprint, speed, tear, zoom
2 *She dashed her cup against the wall.*
 throw, hurl, knock, smash

data plural noun

I entered all the **data** into the computer.
information, details, facts
Data can be in the form of **figures**, **numbers**, or **statistics**.

dawn noun

1 I was woken at **dawn** by the birds singing outside.
daybreak, sunrise, first light
OPPOSITE dusk, sunset
2 It was the **dawn** of the modern age.
beginning, start, birth, origin

day noun

1 Badgers sleep during the **day**.
daytime
OPPOSITE night
2 Things were different in my grandfather's **day**.
age, time, era, epoch, period

dazed adjective

He had a **dazed** expression on his face.
confused, bewildered, muddled, perplexed

dazzle verb

1 My eyes were **dazzled** by the bright lights.
daze, blind
2 The acrobats **dazzled** the audience with their skill.
amaze, astonish, impress, fascinate, awe

dead adjective

1 A **dead** fish floated by the side of the river.
deceased, lifeless
Instead of 'the king who has just died', you can say 'the **late** king'.
A dead body is a **carcass** or **corpse**.
A common simile is **as dead as a doornail**.
OPPOSITE alive
2 This battery is **dead**.
flat, not working, worn out
3 The town centre is **dead** at this time of night.
dull, boring, uninteresting, slow
OPPOSITE lively

deadly adjective

The witch gave her a **deadly** dose of poison.
lethal, fatal, harmful, dangerous, destructive

deafening adjective

We complained about the **deafening** noise.
loud, blaring, booming, thunderous, penetrating

deal verb

1 Who is going to **deal** the cards?
give out, distribute, share out
2 My uncle used to **deal** in second-hand cars.
do business, trade
to deal with something
1 I can **deal** with this problem.

cope with, sort out, attend to, see to, handle, manage, control, grapple with, look after, solve
2 The book **deals** with the history of Rome.
be concerned with, cover, explain about

deal noun

She made a **deal** with the garage for her new car.
arrangement, agreement, contract, bargain

dear adjective

1 She is a very **dear** friend.
close, loved, valued, beloved
OPPOSITE distant
2 I didn't buy the watch because it was too **dear**.
expensive, costly (informal) pricey
OPPOSITE cheap

debate noun

We had a **debate** about animal rights.
discussion, argument, dispute
Something which people argue about a lot is a **controversy**.

debate verb

1 We **debated** whether it is right to kill animals for food.
discuss, argue
2 I **debated** what to do next.
consider, ponder, deliberate, weigh up, reflect on

decay verb

Dead leaves fall to the ground and **decay**.
decompose, rot, disintegrate, break down

**deceitful** adjective

Don't trust him—he's a **deceitful** person.
dishonest, underhand, insincere, duplicitous, false, cheating, hypocritical, lying, treacherous, two-faced, sneaky
OPPOSITE honest

deceive verb

The spy had been **deceiving** them for years.
fool, trick, delude, dupe, hoodwink, cheat, double-cross, mislead, swindle, take in (informal) con, diddle
decent adjective

1 I did the **decent** thing and owned up.

honest, honourable

2 My friend's jokes were not **decent**.

polite, proper, respectable, acceptable, appropriate, suitable, fitting
OPPOSITE indecent
3 I haven't had a **decent** meal for ages!
satisfactory, agreeable, good, nice
OPPOSITE bad

decide verb

1 We **decided** to finish our work instead of going out to play.
choose, make a decision, make up your mind, opt, elect, resolve
2 The referee **decided** that the player was offside.
conclude, judge, rule
3 The last lap **decided** the result of the race.
determine, settle

decision noun

1 Can you tell me what your **decision** is?
choice, preference
2 The judge announced his **decision**.
conclusion, judgement, verdict, findings

decisive adjective

1 A **decisive** piece of evidence proved that he was innocent.
crucial, convincing, definite
OPPOSITE uncertain
2 A referee needs to be **decisive**.
firm, forceful, strong-minded, resolute, quick-thinking
OPPOSITE hesitant

declare verb

He **declared** that he was innocent.
announce, state, assert, make known, pronounce, proclaim, swear

decline verb

1 Our enthusiasm **declined** as the day went on.
become less, decrease, diminish, lessen, weaken, dwindle, flag, wane, tail off
OPPOSITE increase
2 Why did you **decline** my invitation to lunch?
refuse, reject, turn down
OPPOSITE accept

decorate verb

1 We **decorated** the Christmas tree with tinsel.
ornament, adorn, beautify, prettify, deck, festoon
To decorate a dish of food is to **garnish** it.
To decorate clothes with lace or ribbon is to **trim** them.
2 Dad is going to **decorate** my bedroom next weekend.

paint, paper, or wallpaper (informal) do up, make over
3 The firefighters were **decorated** for their bravery.

award or give a medal to, honour, reward

decrease verb

1 We **decreased** speed.
reduce, cut, lower, slacken
OPPOSITE increase
2 Our enthusiasm **decreased** as the day went on.
become less, decline, decrease, diminish, lessen, weaken, dwindle, flag, wane, tail off, shrink, subside
OPPOSITE increase

dedicate verb

He **dedicates** himself entirely to his art.
commit, devote

deed noun

They thanked the rescue team for their heroic **deed**.
act, action, feat, exploit, effort, achievement

deep adjective

1 The pond is quite **deep** in the middle.
OPPOSITE shallow
2 The letter expressed his **deep** regret.
intense, earnest, genuine, sincere
OPPOSITE insincere
3 Veronica fell into a **deep** sleep.
heavy, sound
OPPOSITE light
4 The actor spoke in a **deep** and **sombre** voice.
low, bass
OPPOSITE high

defeat verb

The Greeks attacked and **defeated** the Trojans.
beat, conquer, vanquish, triumph over, win a victory over, overcome, overpower, crush, rout, trounce
To defeat someone in chess is to **checkmate** them.
To be defeated is to **lose**.

defeat noun

The team suffered a humiliating **defeat**.
failure, humiliation, rout, trouncing

defect noun

Cars are tested for **defects** before they leave the factory.
fault, flaw, imperfection, shortcoming, failure, weakness
A defect in a computer program is a **bug**.

defence noun

1 What was the accused woman's **defence**?
justification, excuse, explanation, argument, case
2 The castle was built as a **defence**

against enemy attack.
protection, guard, safeguard, fortification, barricade, shield

defend verb

1 They tried to **defend** themselves against the enemy.
protect, guard, keep safe
OPPOSITE attack
2 He gave a speech **defending** his actions.

justify, support, stand up for, make a case for

defiant adjective

The prisoner cursed with a **defiant** look in his eye.
rebellious, insolent, aggressive, challenging, disobedient, obstinate, quarrelsome, uncooperative, stubborn, mutinous
OPPOSITE submissive, compliant

definite adjective

1 Is it **definite** that we're going to move?
certain, sure, fixed, settled, decided
2 The doctor saw **definite** signs of improvement.
clear, distinct, noticeable, obvious, marked, positive, pronounced, unmistakable
OPPOSITE indefinite

definitely adverb

I'll **definitely** phone you tomorrow.
certainly, for certain, positively, surely, unquestionably, without doubt, without fail
OPPOSITE perhaps

defy verb

1 The rebel army decided to **defy** the king.
disobey, refuse to obey, resist, stand up to, confront
OPPOSITE obey
2 I **defy** you to come up with a better idea.
challenge, dare
3 The jammed door **defied** our efforts to open it.
resist, withstand, defeat, frustrate, beat

delay verb

1 Don't let me **delay** you.
detain, hold up, keep waiting, make late, hinder, slow down
2 They **delayed** the race because of bad weather.
postpone, put off, defer
3 You'll miss the bus if you **delay**.
hesitate, linger, pause, wait, dawdle, loiter (informal) hang about or around, drag your feet
delay noun
There has been a **delay** with the building work.
hold-up, wait, pause

deliberate adjective

1 That remark was a **deliberate** insult.
intentional, planned, calculated, conscious, premeditated
OPPOSITE accidental, unintentional
2 He walked with **deliberate** steps across the room.
careful, steady, cautious, slow, unhurried

OPPOSITE hasty, careless

deliberately verb

Did you say that **deliberately** to hurt my feelings?
on purpose, intentionally
OPPOSITE accidentally, unintentionally

delicate adjective

1 The blouse has **delicate** embroidery on the cuffs.
dainty, exquisite, intricate, neat
2 Take care not to damage the **delicate** material.
fragile, fine, flimsy, thin
3 **Delicate** plants should be protected from frost.
sensitive, tender
OPPOSITE tough, hardy
4 The child was born with a **delicate** constitution.
frail, weak, feeble, sickly, unhealthy
OPPOSITE strong
5 The pianist's fingers had a **delicate** touch.
gentle, light, soft

delicious adjective

The food at the banquet was **delicious**.
tasty, appetizing, mouth-watering, delectable (informal) scrumptious, yummy
OPPOSITE horrible, disgusting

delight noun

Imagine my **delight** when I saw my friend again!
happiness, joy, pleasure, enjoyment, bliss, ecstasy

delight verb

The puppet show **delighted** the children.
please, charm, entertain, amuse, divert, enchant, entrance, fascinate, thrill
OPPOSITE dismay

delighted adjective

The **delighted** crowd cheered the winners.
pleased, happy, joyful, thrilled, ecstatic, elated, exultant

deliver verb

1 Does anyone **deliver** mail to the island?
convey, bring, hand over, distribute, present, supply, take round
2 The head **delivered** a lecture on good behaviour.
give, make, read out

demand verb

- 1 I **demanded** a refund for my train fare.
insist on, claim, call for, require, want
2 'What do you want?' **demanded** a voice inside.
ask, enquire, inquire

demand noun

- 1 The king refused the **demands** of his people.
request, claim, requirement
2 There is not much **demand** for ice lollies in winter.
need, call

demolish verb

- They **demolished** a building to make way for the road.
destroy, flatten, knock down, level, pull down, tear down, bulldoze

OPPOSITE build, construct

demonstrate verb

- 1 The teacher **demonstrated** how warm air rises.
show, exhibit, illustrate
2 Animal rights campaigners were **demonstrating** in the street.
protest, march, parade

demonstration noun

- 1 I watched a **demonstration** of the new computer game.
show, display, presentation
2 Everyone joined the **demonstration** against world poverty.
protest, rally, march, parade (informal) demo

den noun

- We built a **den** in the garden.
hideout, shelter, hiding place, secret place
The den of a wild animal is its **lair**.

dense adjective

- 1 The accident happened in **dense** fog.
thick, heavy
2 A **dense** crowd waited in the square.
compact, packed, solid
3 I'm being rather **dense** today!
stupid, slow

dent noun

- There was a large **dent** in the car door.
indentation, depression, hollow, dip, dimple

deny verb

- 1 The boy **denied** that he had stolen the money.
reject, dispute, disagree with, contradict, dismiss, oppose
OPPOSITE admit, accept
2 Her parents don't **deny** her anything.
refuse, deprive of, withhold
OPPOSITE give

depart verb

- 1 What time is the train due to **depart**?
leave, set off, get going, set out, start, begin a journey
OPPOSITE arrive, get in
2 It looks as if the robbers **departed** in a hurry.
portrait, representation, sketch
leave, exit, go away, retreat, withdraw, make off (informal) clear off, scam, scamper
OPPOSITE arrive

depend verb

- to depend on someone**
I **depend on** you to help me.
rely on, count on, bank on, trust
to depend on something
My success will **depend on** good luck.

be decided by, rest on, hinge on

dependable adjective

- Are these friends of yours **dependable**?
reliable, trustworthy, loyal, faithful, trusty, honest, sound, steady
OPPOSITE unreliable

depressed adjective

- After his friends left, he began to feel **depressed**.
disheartened, dejected, discouraged, downcast, downhearted, unhappy, sad, low, gloomy, glum, melancholy, miserable, despondent, desolate, in despair (informal) down
OPPOSITE cheerful (informal) demo

derelict adjective

- They plan to pull down those **derelict** buildings.
dilapidated, crumbling, decrepit, neglected, deserted, abandoned, ruined

descend verb

- 1 After admiring the view, we began to **descend** the mountain.
climb down, come down, go down, move down
To descend through the air is to **drop** or **fall**.
To descend through water is to **sink**.
2 The road **descends** gradually into the valley.
drop, fall, slope, dip, incline
OPPOSITE ascend

to be descended from someone

- She's **descended from** a French family.
come from, originate from

describe verb

- 1 An eyewitness **described** how the accident happened.
report, tell about, depict, explain, outline
2 Friends **described** him as a quiet, shy man.
portray, characterize, represent, present

description noun

- 1 I wrote a **description** of our day at the seaside.
report, account, story
2 Write a **description** of your favourite character in the play.
portrait, representation, sketch

descriptive adjective

- The author writes in a very **descriptive** style.
expressive, colourful, detailed, graphic, vivid

desert verb

- He **deserted** his friends when they needed him most.
abandon, leave, forsake, betray (informal) walk out on
To desert someone in a place they can't get away from is to **maroon** or **strand** them.

deserted adjective

- By midnight, the streets of the town were **deserted**.
empty, unoccupied, uninhabited, vacant
OPPOSITE crowded

deserve verb

- You **deserve** a break after all your hard work.
be worthy of, be entitled to, have earned, merit, warrant

design noun

- 1 This is the winning **design** for the new art gallery.
plan, drawing, outline, blueprint, sketch
A first example of something, used as a model for making others, is a **prototype**.

- 2 Do you like the **design** of this wallpaper?

- style, pattern, arrangement, composition

design verb

- She **designs** all her own clothes.
create, develop, invent, devise, conceive, think up

desire verb

- The magic mirror will show you what you most **desire**.
wish for, long for, want, crave, fancy, hanker after, yearn for, pine for, set your heart on, have a yen for

desire noun

- My greatest **desire** is to swim with dolphins.
wish, want, longing, ambition, craving, fancy, hankering, urge, yearning
A desire for food is **appetite** or **hunger**.
A desire for drink is **thirst**.
Excessive desire for money or other things is **greed**.

desolate adjective

- 1 Jamie felt **desolate** when his goldfish died.
depressed, dejected, miserable, sad, melancholy, hopeless, wretched, forlorn
OPPOSITE cheerful
2 No-one wants to live in that **desolate** place.
bleak, depressing, dreary, gloomy, dismal, cheerless, inhospitable, deserted, uninhabited, abandoned, godforsaken
OPPOSITE pleasant

despair noun

- The defeated knight was overcome by **despair**.
depression, desperation, gloom, hopelessness, misery, anguish, dejection, melancholy, pessimism, wretchedness
OPPOSITE hope

desperate adjective

- 1 The shipwrecked crew were in a **desperate** situation.
difficult, critical, grave, serious, severe, drastic, dire, urgent, extreme

- 2 The hills were home to a band of **desperate** outlaws.
dangerous, violent, reckless

despise verb

- I **despise** people who cheat at cards.
hate, loathe, feel contempt for, deride, have a low opinion of, look down on, scorn, sneer at
OPPOSITE admire

destiny noun

- Was it **destiny** that brought us together?
fate, fortune

destroy verb

- 1 An avalanche **destroyed** the village.
demolish, devastate, crush, flatten, knock down, level, pull down, shatter, smash, sweep away
2 He tried to **destroy** the good work we had done.
ruin, wreck, sabotage, undo

destruction noun

- 1 The hurricane caused **destruction** all along the coast.
devastation, damage, demolition, ruin, wrecking
OPPOSITE creation
2 Global warming may cause the **destruction** of many animal species.
elimination, annihilation, obliteration, extermination, extinction
OPPOSITE conservation

detach verb

- The camera lens can be **detached** for cleaning.
remove, separate,

- disconnect, take off, release, undo, unfasten, part
To detach a caravan from a vehicle is to **unhitch** it.
To detach railway wagons from a locomotive is to **uncouple** them.
To detach something by cutting it off is to **sever** it.
OPPOSITE attach

detail noun

- Her account of what happened was accurate in every **detail**.
fact, feature, particular, aspect, item, point, respect

detective noun

- WORD WEB**
Detective Dewar solved the case of the stolen tiara.
investigator, sleuth (informal) private eye

- THINGS A DETECTIVE MIGHT LOOK FOR**
clues, evidence, eyewitness, fingerprints, footprints, murder weapon, tracks, criminal, crook, culprit, felon, suspect, mastermind

- THINGS A DETECTIVE MIGHT DO**
analyse, comb (an area), deduce, deduct, detect, dig up, ferret out, follow a hunch, follow a lead or a tip-off, interrogate or question (a witness), investigate, pursue, shadow, solve (a case), stake out (a hiding place), tail or track down (a suspect)

- An informal name for a story in which a detective solves a crime is a **whodunnit**.

deteriorate verb

- 1 The queen's health had begun to **deteriorate**.
worsen, decline, degenerate, get worse, go downhill
2 The walls will **deteriorate** if we don't maintain them.
decay, disintegrate, crumble
OPPOSITE improve

determination noun

- Marathon runners show great **determination**.
resolve, commitment, will-power, courage, dedication, drive, grit, perseverance, persistence, spirit (informal) guts

determined adjective

- 1 Boudicca must have been a **determined** woman.
resolute, decisive, firm, strong-minded, assertive, persistent, tough
OPPOSITE weak-minded
2 I'm **determined** to finish the race.
committed, resolved

detest verb

- I **detest** the smell of boiled cabbage.
dislike, hate, loathe
Informal expressions are **can't bear** and **can't stand**.
OPPOSITE love

develop verb

- 1 The zoo is **developing** its education programme.
expand, extend, enlarge, build up, diversify
2 Her piano playing has **developed** this year.
improve, progress, evolve, advance, get better
3 The plants will **develop** quickly in the spring.
grow, flourish
4 How did he **develop** that posh accent?
get, acquire, pick up, cultivate

device noun

- The TV comes with a remote control **device**.
tool, implement, instrument, appliance, apparatus, gadget, contraption (informal) gizmo

devious adjective

- 1 The mad professor had a **devious** plan to take over the world.
cunning, deceitful, dishonest, furtive, scheming, sly, sneaky, treacherous, wily
2 Because of the roadworks, we took a **devious** route home.
indirect, roundabout, winding, meandering
OPPOSITE direct
devoted adjective
She's a **devoted** supporter of our team.

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loyal, faithful, dedicated, enthusiastic, committed
OPPOSITE apathetic
devour verb
He devoured a whole plateful of sandwiches.
 eat, consume, guzzle, gobble up, gulp down, swallow
 (informal) scoff, wolf down
diagram noun
We drew a diagram of the life cycle of a frog.
 chart, plan, sketch, outline
diary noun
I write all about my birthday party in my diary.
 journal, daily record
 A diary describing a voyage or mission is a **log** or **logbook**.
 A diary in which you insert pictures and souvenirs is a **scrapbook**.
 A diary published on a website is a **blog**.
die verb
 1 *My sister's hamster died last week.*
 expire, pass away, perish
 (informal) snuff it, kick the bucket, croak
 To die of hunger is to **starve**.
 2 *The flowers will die if they don't have water.*
 wither, wilt, droop, fade
to die out
When did the dinosaurs die out?
 become extinct, cease to exist, come to an end, disappear, vanish
differ verb
The two men differed in their beliefs.
 disagree, conflict, argue, clash, contradict each other, oppose each other, quarrel
OPPOSITE agree
to differ from
My style of painting differs from hers.
 be different from, contrast with
difference noun
 1 *Can you see any difference between these two colours?*
 contrast, distinction
OPPOSITE similarity
 2 *This money will make a difference to their lives.*
 change, alteration, modification, variation
different adjective
 1 *We have different views about global warming.*
 differing, contradictory, opposite, clashing, conflicting
 2 *It's important that the teams wear different colours.*
 contrasting, dissimilar, distinguishable
 3 *The packet contains sweets of different flavours.*
 various, assorted, mixed, several, diverse, numerous, miscellaneous
 4 *Let's go somewhere different on holiday this year.*
 new, original, fresh
 5 *Everyone's handwriting is different.*
 distinct, distinctive, individual, special, unique
difficult adjective
 1 *This crossword is really difficult. We were faced with a difficult problem.*
 hard, complicated, complex, involved, intricate, baffling, perplexing, puzzling
 (informal) tricky, thorny, knotty
OPPOSITE simple
 2 *It is a difficult climb to the top of the hill.*
 challenging, arduous, demanding, taxing, exhausting, formidable, gruelling, laborious, strenuous, tough
OPPOSITE easy
 3 *Mum says I was a difficult child when I was little.*
 troublesome, awkward, trying, tiresome, annoying, disruptive, obstinate, stubborn, uncooperative, unhelpful
OPPOSITE cooperative
difficulty noun
 1 *The explorers were used to facing difficulty.*
 trouble, adversity, challenges, hardship
 2 *There are some difficulties with your application.*
 problem, complication, hitch, obstacle, snag
dig verb
 1 *We spent the afternoon digging the garden.*
 cultivate, fork over, turn over
 2 *Rabbits dig holes in the ground.*
 burrow, excavate, tunnel, gouge out, hollow out, scoop out

3 *Did you dig me in the back?*
 poke, prod, jab
dignified adjective
Lady Snodgrass was a very dignified old lady.
 refined, stately, distinguished, noble, sedate, solemn, proper, grave, grand, august
OPPOSITE undignified
dim adjective
 1 *I could see the dim outline of a figure in the mist.*
 indistinct, faint, blurred, fuzzy, hazy, shadowy, vague
OPPOSITE clear
 2 *The light in the cave was rather dim.*
 dark, dull, dingy, murky, gloomy
OPPOSITE bright
din noun
I can't hear you because of that awful din!
 noise, racket, row, clatter, hullabaloo
dingy adjective
How can we brighten up this dingy room?
 dull, drab, dreary, dowdy, colourless, dismal, gloomy, murky
OPPOSITE bright
dinosaur noun

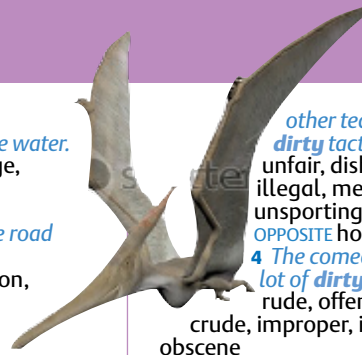
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SOME TYPES OF DINOSAUR
 apatosaurus, archaeopteryx, brachiosaurus, diplodocus, gallimimus, Iguanodon, megalosaurus, pterodactylus, stegosaurus, triceratops, tyrannosaurus rex, velociraptor

BODY PARTS WHICH A DINOSAUR MAY HAVE
 dorsal plates, bony frill, fleshy fin, horn, wings, crest

A person who studies dinosaurs and other fossils is a **palaeontologist**.

dip verb
I dipped my hand in the water.
 immerse, lower, plunge, submerge, dunk
dip noun
 1 *There was a dip in the road ahead.*
 hollow, hole, depression, slope
 2 *It was so hot we decided to have a dip in the sea.*
 swim, bathe
direct adjective
 1 *It would be quicker to take the direct route.*
 straight, shortest
OPPOSITE indirect
 2 *Please give me a direct answer.*
 straightforward, frank, honest, sincere, blunt, plain, outspoken, candid, unambiguous
OPPOSITE evasive
direct verb
 1 *Can you direct me to the station?*
 guide, point, show the way, give directions to
 2 *A new manager has been appointed to direct the company.*
 manage, run, be in charge of, control, administer, superintend, supervise, take charge of
 To direct an orchestra is to **conduct** it.
 3 *The conductor directed us to begin playing.*
 instruct, command, order, tell
dirt noun
 1 *The floor was covered in dirt.*
 filth, grime, mess, muck, mud, dust
 2 *Chickens scratched about in the dirt.*
 earth, soil, clay, loam, mud
dirty adjective
 1 *Those dirty clothes need to be washed.*
 unclean, filthy, grimy, grubby, soiled, stained, messy, mucky, muddy, sooty, foul
 (informal) manky, grotty
OPPOSITE clean
 2 *We refused to drink the dirty water.*
 impure, polluted, murky, cloudy
OPPOSITE pure
 3 *The other team used dirty tactics.*
 unfair, dishonest, illegal, mean, unsporting
OPPOSITE honest
 4 *The comedian used a lot of dirty words.*
 rude, offensive, coarse, crude, improper, indecent, obscene
OPPOSITE decent
disadvantage noun
It's a disadvantage to be small if you play basketball.
 drawback, handicap, hindrance, inconvenience, downside, snag
disagree verb
My sister and I often disagree about music.
 argue, differ, clash, quarrel, squabble, bicker, fall out
OPPOSITE agree
to disagree with
He disagrees with everything I say.
 argue with, contradict, oppose, object to
disagreement noun
We had a disagreement over who should pay for the meal.
 argument, dispute, difference of opinion, quarrel, row, clash, squabble, conflict
OPPOSITE agreement
disappear verb
 1 *The markings will disappear as the chicks grow older.*
 become invisible, vanish, fade, clear, disperse, dissolve
 2 *The thief disappeared around the corner.*
 run away, escape, flee, go away, withdraw
OPPOSITE appear
disappoint verb
She didn't want to disappoint her fans by cancelling the show.
 let down, fail, dissatisfy, displease, upset
OPPOSITE please, satisfy
disappointed adjective
I'm disappointed that you can't come to my party.
 saddened, unhappy, upset, let down, unsatisfied, displeased
OPPOSITE pleased, satisfied
disapprove verb
to disapprove of
My aunt disapproves of watching television.
 object to, take exception to, dislike, deplore, condemn, criticize, denounce, frown on
 (informal) take a dim view of
OPPOSITE approve of
discipline noun
Discipline is important in the army.
 order, control



discourage verb
 1 *Don't let her criticism discourage you.*
 demoralize, depress (informal) put you off
 2 *The burglar alarm will discourage thieves.*
 deter, dissuade, prevent, restrain, stop, hinder
discover verb
I discovered some old toys in the attic.
 find, come across, spot, stumble across, uncover
 To discover something that has been buried is to **unearth** it.
 To discover something that has been under water is to **dredge it up**.
 To discover something you have been pursuing is to **track it down**.
OPPOSITE hide



discovery noun
Scientists have made an exciting new discovery.
 find, breakthrough
discrimination noun
 1 *She shows discrimination in her choice of music.*
 good taste, good judgement
 2 *The school has a policy against racial discrimination.*
 prejudice, bias, intolerance, unfairness
 Discrimination against people because of their sex is **sexism**.
 Discrimination against people because of their race is **racism**.
discuss verb
I discussed the idea with my parents.
 talk about, confer about, debate
discussion noun
We had a lively discussion about pocket money.

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