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Preface

Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus marks the introduction of a new kind of product from Merriam-Webster, one that combines the features of a dictionary, with its meanings, pronunciations, and grammatical information, with the synonym and antonym features of a thesaurus. Additionally, in this volume, these features are not just combined but integrated into a unified whole, so that the reader and writer can easily see the relationships between the two kinds of information.

The dictionary entries themselves are based on the highly popular The Merriam-Webster Dictionary and on Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. The thesaurus entries are drawn from Merriam-Webster's newest and most up-to-date thesaurus. The dictionary entries and thesaurus entries have been edited so as to ensure correspondence between the indicated dictionary senses and the selection of similar and contrasting words offered in the thesaurus lists.

The more than 57,000 boldface dictionary entries give coverage to the most frequently used words in the language, and the definitions have been based on examples of actual use found in the Merriam-Webster citation files, which now contain more than 75 million words available through electronic searching.

The thesaurus lists offer a total of more than 134,000 alternative words for the writer interested in finding a more appropriate or more colorful word choice. Thesaurus lists appear indented following their dictionary entries. Every dictionary sense that has a corresponding thesaurus list is marked with a black arrowhead, and the thesaurus list is likewise indicated.

When there are multiple dictionary senses highlighted, the thesaurus lists are marked with the appropriate dictionary sense numbers in square brackets to make it easy for the user to choose the corresponding list of synonyms.

**abide** /əˈbīd/ verb abode /ˈbōd/ or abid·ed; abid·ing
1 ▶: to bear patiently: ENDURE
2 a ▶: to continue in a state or place
   b ▶: to have one's abode
   — abide by
      : to conform or acquiesce to <abide by the law>

*Synonyms*
   ▶ [1] bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR
   ▶ [2a] continue, endure, hold, keep up, last, persist, run on—more at CONTINUE
   ▶ [2b] dwell, live, reside—more at LIVE

A word in the synonym list following an italic *also* is still comparable to the dictionary word in the indicated sense, but has a somewhat less close relationship than words ahead of it. Semicolons separate additional words into related groups.

**cloak** /klōk/ noun
1 : a loose outer garment
2 ▶: something that conceals

*Synonyms*
   ▶ curtain, hood, mantle, mask, shroud, veil; also cover, screen, shield; facade, face, veneer

Thesaurus entries all show synonyms, and some lists also have common contrasting words (antonyms), which are introduced by a bold italic *Antonyms*.

**fer·tile** /fərˈtil/ adjective
1 ▶: producing plentifully: PRODUCTIVE << soils > << a ~ mind>
2 : capable of developing or reproducing << seed > << a ~ bull>
   — fer·til·i·ty /fərˈtilə-tē/ noun

*Synonyms*
   ▶ fecund, fruitful, luxuriant, productive, prolific, rich; also bearing, producing, yielding; abounding, abundant, bountiful; copious, plenteous, plentiful; blooming, bursting, swarming, teeming, thriving; creative, inventive, original
Antonyms
barren, infertile, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive

Since thesaurus information is relatively self-explanatory and there are numerous distinctive, and sometimes subtle, features of the dictionary, the focus of the following section, Using the Dictionary, is on the dictionary features.

While this work has been years in the making, drawing on the work and experience of the Merriam-Webster staff of professional lexicographers, we wish to thank those who have worked hard to produce this volume. Primary editors were Mary W. Cornog, Amy K. Harris Van Vranken, and Amy West. Additional editing was done by Jocelyn W. Franklin with Cynthia S. Ashby and James G. Lowe. Daniel B. Brandon, Jennifer N. Cislo, Ilya A. Davidovich, Mary M. Dunn, and E. Louise Langford provided further editorial contributions. This work was conceived by John M. Morse; Robert D. Copeland was general editor.

It was more than 150 years ago that Merriam-Webster published its first dictionary, and it has been 30 years since the company published its first thesaurus. In that time, Merriam-Webster's reputation as the premier American publisher of dictionaries, thesauruses, and other reference books has grown. This work continues the proud tradition of excellence.
Using the Dictionary
ENTRIES

A boldface letter or a combination of such letters, including punctuation marks and diacritics where needed, that is set flush with the left-hand margin is a main entry. The main entry may consist of letters set solid, of letters joined by a hyphen or a diagonal, or of letters separated by one or more spaces:

- alone ... adjective
- avant-garde ... noun
- and/or ... conjunction
- assembly language ... noun

The material in lightface type that follows each main entry on the same line and on succeeding lines presents information about the main entry.

The main entries follow one another in alphabetical order letter by letter: bill of attainder follows billion; Day of Atonement follows daylight saving time. Main entries containing an Arabic numeral are alphabetized as if the numeral were spelled out: 4-H comes between fourfold and Four Hundred; 3-D comes between three and three-dimensional. Those that often begin with the abbreviation St. in common usage have the abbreviation spelled out: Saint Valentine’s Day. Main entries that begin with Mc are alphabetized just as they are spelled.

When one main entry has exactly the same written form as another, the two are distinguished by superscript numerals preceding each word:

1melt ... verb
2melt noun
1pine ... noun
2pine verb

Full words come before parts of words made up of the same letters; solid compounds come before hyphenated compounds; hyphenated compounds come before open compounds; and lowercase entries come before those with an initial capital:

2super ... adjective
super- ... prefix
run-down ... noun
run-down ... adjective
run down verb
dutch ... adverb
Dutch ... noun

The centered dots within entry words indicate division points at which a hyphen may be put at the end of a line of print or writing. Thus the noun cap-puc-ci-no may be ended on one line and continued on the next in this manner:

cap-
puccino
cappuc-
cino
cappucci-
no

Centered dots are not shown after a single initial letter or before a single terminal letter because typesetters seldom cut off a single letter:

abyss ... noun
flitty ... adjective
idea ... noun

Nor are they usually shown at the second and succeeding homographs unless they differ among themselves:

1sig-nal ... noun
2signal verb
3signal adjective
1min-ute ... noun
2mi-nute ... adjective

There are acceptable alternative end-of-line divisions just as there are acceptable variant spellings and
pronunciations, but no more than one division is shown for any entry in this dictionary.

When a main entry is followed by the word or and another spelling, the two spellings are equal variants. Both are standard, and either one may be used according to personal inclination:

\textit{ocher or ochre}

If two variants joined by or are out of alphabetical order, they remain equal variants. The one printed first is, however, slightly more common than the second:

\textbf{1plow or plough}

When another spelling is joined to the main entry by the word \textit{also}, the spelling after \textit{also} is a secondary variant and occurs less frequently than the first:

\textit{absinthe also absinth}

Secondary variants belong to standard usage and may be used according to personal inclination. Once the word \textit{also} is used to signal a secondary variant, all following variants are joined by or:

\textbf{2wool-ly also wool-ie or wooly}

Variants having a usage label appear only at their own alphabetical places:

\textit{gage var of GAUGE}

\textbf{1gauge also gage}

Variants whose spelling puts them alphabetically more than a print column away from the main entry are entered at their own alphabetical places as well as at the main entry:

\textbf{2gage}

\textbf{1gauge}

When a compound is widely used and one styling predominates, that styling is shown. When a compound is uncommon or when the evidence indicates that two or three stylings are approximately equal in frequency, the styling shown is based on the comparison of other similar compounds.

A main entry may be followed by one or more derivatives or by a homograph with a different functional label. These are run-on entries. Each starts on a new line introduced by a long dash and each has a functional label. They are, however, defined, since their meanings are readily understood from the meaning of the root word:

\textit{ab-dom-en} … noun …

— \textit{ab-dom-i-nal} adjective

— \textit{ab-dom-i-nal-ly} adverb

\textit{hi-cup} … noun … hiccup verb

A main entry may be followed by one or more phrases containing the entry word or an inflected form of it. These are also run-on entries. Each starts on a new line introduced by a long dash but there is no functional label. They are, however, defined since their meanings are more than the sum of the meanings of their elements:

\textbf{1set} … verb …

— \textit{set sail} …

\textbf{1hand} … noun …

— \textit{at hand} …

Defined phrases of this sort are run on at the entry defining the first major word in the phrase. When there are variants, however, the run-on appears at the entry defining the first major word which is invariable in the phrase:

\textbf{1seed} … noun … \textit{go to seed or run to seed} …

Boldface words that appear within parentheses (as \textit{co-ca} at \textit{co-caine} and \textit{jet engine} and \textit{jet propulsion} at \textit{jet-propelled}) are run-in entries. They are essentially defined within the context of the definition.
PRONUNCIATION

The matter between a pair of slashes // following the entry word indicates the pronunciation. The symbols used are explained in the chart printed at the end of this section.

A hyphen is used in the pronunciation to show syllabic division. These hyphens sometimes coincide with the centered dots in the entry word that indicate end-of-line division:

\texttt{ab\textendash{}sen\textendash{}tee} /ˌab-sən-ˈtē/

Sometimes they do not:

\texttt{met\textendash{}ric} /ˈme-trik/

A high-set mark ˈ indicates major (primary) stress or accent; a low-set mark ˌ indicates minor (secondary) stress or accent:

\texttt{heart\textendash{}beat} /ˈhɑrt-ˌbɛt/

The stress mark stands at the beginning of the syllable that receives the stress.

A syllable with neither a high-set mark nor a low-set mark is unstressed:

\texttt{struc\textendash{}ture} /ˈstrək-chər/

The presence of variant pronunciations indicates that not all educated speakers pronounce words the same way. A second-place variant is not to be regarded as less acceptable than the pronunciation that is given first. It may, in fact, be used by as many educated speakers as the first variant, but the requirements of the printed page are such that one must precede the other:

\texttt{apri\textendash{}cot} /ˈa-prə-ˌkät, ˈā-/

\texttt{fore\textendash{}head} /ˈfȯr-əd, ˈfȯr-ˌhed/

Symbols enclosed by parentheses represent elements that are present in the pronunciation of some speakers but are absent from the pronunciation of other speakers, or elements that are present in some but absent from other utterances of the same speaker:

\texttt{om\textendash{}ni\textendash{}bus} /ˈäm-ni-(ˌ)bas/

\texttt{ad\textendash{}di\textendash{}tion\textendash{}al} /ə-ˈdi\textendash{}shə\textendash{}nal/

Thus, the above parentheses indicate that some people say /ˈäm-ni\textendash{}bus/ and others say /ˈäm-ni-bas/; some /ə\textendash{}di\textendash{}sha\textendash{}nal/, others /ə\textendash{}di\textendash{}shnæl/.

When a main entry has less than a full pronunciation, the missing part is to be supplied from a pronunciation in a preceding entry or within the same pair of reversed slashes:

\texttt{cham\textendash{}pi\textendash{}on\textendash{}ship} /ˌship/

\texttt{pa\textendash{}la\textendash{}ver} /pə\textendash{}ˈla\textendash{}var, -ˈlā-/

The pronunciation of the first three syllables of \textit{championship} is found at the main entry \textit{champion}. The hyphens before and after /ˈlā/ in the pronunciation of \textit{palaver} indicate that both the first and the last parts of the pronunciation are to be taken from the immediately preceding pronunciation.

In general, no pronunciation is indicated for open compounds consisting of two or more English words that have own-place entry:

\texttt{witch\textendash{}doctor noun}

Only the first entry in a sequence of numbered homographs is given a pronunciation if their pronunciations are the same:

\texttt{1re\textendash{}ward /ri\textendash{}ˈwȯrd/ verb}

\texttt{2reward noun}

The absent but implied pronunciation of derivatives and compounds run on after a main entry is a combination of the pronunciation at the main entry and the pronunciation of the other element as given at its alphabetical place in the vocabulary:

\texttt{— ab\textendash{}ject\textendash{}ness noun}

\texttt{— face\textendash{}off verb}

Thus, the pronunciation of \textit{abjectness} is the sum of the pronunciations given at \textit{abject} and -\textit{ness}; that of \textit{face\textendash{}off}, the sum of the pronunciations of the two elements that make up the phrase.
FUNCTIONAL LABELS

An italic label indicating a part of speech or another functional classification follows the pronunciation or, if no pronunciation is given, the main entry. The eight traditional parts of speech are indicated as follows:

- **bold** … adjective
- **forth·with** … adverb
- **1but** … conjunction
- **ge·sund·heit** … interjection
- **bo·le·ro** … noun
- **2un·der** … preposition
- **1it** … pronoun
- **1slap** … verb

Other italicized labels used to indicate functional classifications that are not traditional parts of speech include:

- **AT** abbreviation
- **self-** combining form
- **un-** … prefix
- **-ial** adjective suffix
- **2-ly** adverb suffix
- **2-er** … noun suffix
- **-ize** … verb suffix
- **Fe** symbol
- **may** … verbal auxiliary

Functional labels are sometimes combined:

- **afloat** … adjective or adverb
INFLECTED FORMS

Nouns

The plurals of nouns are shown in this dictionary when suffixation brings about a change of final -y to -i-, when the noun ends in a consonant plus -o or in -ey, when the noun ends in -oo, when the noun has an irregular plural or an uninflected plural or a foreign plural, when the noun is a compound that pluralizes any element but the last, when a final consonant is doubled, when the noun has variant plurals, and when it is believed that the dictionary user might have reasonable doubts about the spelling of the plural or when the plural is spelled in a way contrary to what is expected:

- *spy* noun, plural *spies*
- *silo* noun, plural *silos*
- *valley* noun, plural *valleys*
- *shampoo* noun, plural *shampoos*
- *mouse* noun, plural *mice*
- *moose* noun, plural *moose*
- *cri-te-ri-on* noun, plural -ria
- *son-in-law* noun, plural *sons-in-law*
- *quiz* noun, plural *quiz-ies*
- *fish* noun, plural *fish* or *fishes*
- *pi* noun, plural *pis*
- *dry* noun, plural *drys*

Cutback inflected forms are used when the noun has three or more syllables:

- *amenity* noun, plural -ties

The plurals of nouns are usually not shown when the base word is unchanged by suffixation, when the noun is a compound whose second element is readily recognizable as a regular free form entered at its own place, or when the noun is unlikely to occur in the plural:

- *night* noun
- *forefoot* noun
- *monogamy* noun

Nouns that are plural in form and that are regularly construed as plural are labeled *noun plural*:

- *munchies* noun plural

Nouns that are plural in form but that are not always construed as plurals are appropriately labeled:

- *logistics* noun singular or plural

Verbs

The principal parts of verbs are shown in this dictionary when suffixation brings about a doubling of a final consonant or an elision of a final -e or a change of final -y to -i-, when final -c changes to -ck in suffixation, when the verb ends in -ey, when the inflection is irregular, when there are variant inflected forms, and when it is believed that the dictionary user might have reasonable doubts about the spelling of an inflected form or when the inflected form is spelled in a way contrary to what is expected:

- *snag* verb snapped; *snagging*
- *move* verb moved; *moving*
- *cry* verb cried; *crying*
- *frol·ic* verb frol·icked; frol·ick·ing
1. **survey** ... verb *surveyed, survey·ing*
2. **drive** ... verb *drove, driv·en, driving*
2. **bus** verb *bused, bussed, bus·ing or bus·sing*
2. **visa** verb *vi·saed, vi·sa·ing*
2. **chagrin** verb *cha·grined, cha·grin·ing*

The principal parts of a regularly inflected verb are shown when it is desirable to indicate the pronunciation of one of the inflected forms:

- **learn** ... verb *learned, learn·ing*
- **alter** /ˈȯl-tər/ verb *al·ter·ed, al·ter·ing*

Cutback inflected forms are usually used when the verb has three or more syllables, when it is a two-syllable word that ends in -l and has variant spellings, and when it is a compound whose second element is readily recognized as an irregular verb:

- **elim·i·nate** ... verb *-nat·ed, -nat·ing*
- **quarrel** verb *-reled, -rel·led, -rel·ing or -rel·ling*
- **re·take** ... verb *-took, -tak·en, -tak·ing*

The principal parts of verbs are usually not shown when the base word is unchanged by suffixation or when the verb is a compound whose second element is readily recognizable as a regular free form entered at its own place:

- **jump** ... verb
- **pre·judge** ... verb

Another inflected form of English verbs is the third person singular of the present tense, which is regularly formed by the addition of -s or -es to the base form of the verb. This inflected form is not shown except at a handful of entries (as *have* and *do*) for which it is in some way unusual.

### Adjectives & Adverbs

The comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs are shown in this dictionary when suffixation brings about a doubling of a final consonant or an elision of a final -e or a change of final -y to -i, when the word ends in -ey, when the inflection is irregular, and when there are variant inflected forms:

- **red** ... adjective *red·der, red·dest*
- **tame** ... adjective *tam·er, tam·est*
- **kind·ly** ... adjective *kind·li·er, -est*
- **hors·ey** also *horsy* ... adjective *hors·i·er, -est*
- **good** ... adjective *bet·ter ... best*
- **far** ... adverb *far·ther ... or fur·ther ... far·thest or fur·thest*

The superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs of two or more syllables are usually cut back:

- **fancy** adjective *fan·ci·er, -est*
- **ear·ly** ... adverb *ear·li·er, -est*

The comparative and superlative forms of regularly inflected adjectives and adverbs are shown when it is desirable to indicate the pronunciation of the inflected forms:

- **young** /ˈyəŋ/ adjective *youn·ger /-gər, youn·gest /-gest*

The inclusion of inflected forms in -er and -est at adjective and adverb entries means nothing more about the use of *more* and *most* with these adjectives and adverbs than that their comparative and superlative degrees may be expressed in either way: *lazier or more lazy, laziest or most lazy.*

At a few adjective entries only the superlative form is shown:

- **mere** adjective, superlative *mer·est*

The absence of the comparative form indicates that there is no evidence of its use.

The comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs are usually not shown when the base word is unchanged by suffixion, when the inflected forms of the word are identical with those of a preceding homograph, or when the word is a compound whose second element is readily recognizable as a regular free form entered at its own place:

- **near** adverb
- **good** adverb
un·wor·thy ... adjective
Inflected forms are not shown at undefined run-ons.
CAPITALIZATION

Most entries in this dictionary begin with a lowercase letter. A few of these have an italicized label *often cap*, which indicates that the word is as likely to be capitalized as not and that it is as acceptable with an uppercase initial as it is with one in lowercase. Some entries begin with an uppercase letter, which indicates that the word is usually capitalized. The absence of an initial capital or of an *often cap* label indicates that the word is not ordinarily capitalized:

- **salm•on**  ... *noun*
- **gar•gan•tuan**  ... *adjective, often cap*
- **Mo•hawk**  ... *noun*

The capitalization of entries that are open or hyphenated compounds is similarly indicated by the form of the entry or by an italicized label:

- **french fry**  *noun, often cap 1st F*
- **un–Amer•i•can**  *adjective*
- **Par•kin•son’s disease**  ... *noun*
- **lazy Su•san**  ... *noun*

A word that is capitalized in some senses and lowercase in others shows variations from the form of the main entry by the use of italicized labels at the appropriate senses:

- **Trin•i•ty**  ... *noun ... 2 not cap*
- **To•ry**  ... *noun ... 3 often not cap*
- **ti•tan**  ... *noun 1 cap*
- **re•nais•sance**  ... *noun ... 1 cap ... 2 often cap*
ETYMOLOGY

This dictionary gives the etymologies for a number of the vocabulary entries. These etymologies are in boldface square brackets preceding the definition, and are introduced by the word ORIGIN in small capitals. Meanings given in roman type within these brackets are not definitions of the entry, but are meanings of the Middle English, Old English, or non-English words within the brackets.

The etymology gives the language from which words borrowed into English have come. It also gives the form of the word in that language or a representation of the word in our alphabet if the form in that language differs from that in English:

- **philodendron** ...
  [ORIGIN: NL, fr. Gk, neut. of philodendros loving trees ... ]

- **savage** ...
  [ORIGIN: ME sauvage, fr. MF, fr. ML salvaticus, alter. of L silvaticus of the woods, wild ... ]

An etymology beginning with the name of a language (including ME or OE) and not giving the foreign (or Middle English or Old English) form indicates that this form is the same as the form of the entry word:

- **legume** ...
  [ORIGIN: F]

- **journey** ...
  [ORIGIN: ME, fr. OF ... ]

An etymology beginning with the name of a language (including ME or OE) and not giving the foreign (or Middle English or Old English) meaning indicates that this meaning is the same as the meaning expressed in the first definition in the entry:

- **ugly** ... adjective ...
  [ORIGIN: ME, fr. ON uggli ... ] 1 FRIGHTFUL, DIRE
Three types of status labels are used in this dictionary—temporal, regional, and stylistic—to signal that a word or a
sense of a word is not part of the standard vocabulary of English.

The temporal label obsolete means that there is no evidence of use since 1755:

1post noun 1 obsolete

The label obsolete is a comment on the word being defined. When a thing, as distinguished from the word used
to designate it, is obsolete, appropriate orientation is usually given in the definition:

cat-a·pult ... noun 1: an ancient military machine for hurling missiles

The temporal label archaic means that a word or sense once in common use is found today only sporadically or
in special contexts:

1mete ... verb ... 1 archaic
1thou ... pronoun, archaic

A word or sense limited in use to a specific region of the U.S. has an appropriate label. The adverb chiefly
precedes a label when the word has some currency outside the specified region, and a double label is used to indicate
considerable currency in each of two specific regions:

2wash noun 5 West

do·gie ... noun, chiefly West

cru·l·ler ... noun ... 2 Northern & Midland

Words current in all regions of the U.S. have no label.

A word or sense limited in use to one of the other countries of the English-speaking world has an appropriate
regional label:

chem·ist ... noun ... 2 British
loch ... noun, Scottish

wireless noun ... 2 chiefly British

The label dialect indicates that the pattern of use of a word or sense is too complex for summary labeling: it
usually includes several regional varieties of American English or of American and British English:

2mind verb 1 chiefly dialect

The stylistic label slang is used with words or senses that are especially appropriate in contexts of extreme
informality:

3can ... verb ... 2 slang

There is no satisfactory objective test for slang, especially with reference to a word out of context. No word, in fact,
is invariably slang, and many standard words can be given slang applications.

The stylistic labels offensive and disparaging are used for those words or senses that in common use are intended
to hurt or that are likely to give offense even when they are used without such an intent:

dumb ... adjective 1 often offensive
half-breed ... noun, often disparaging

Definitions are sometimes followed by verbal illustrations that show a typical use of the word in context. These
illustrations are enclosed in angle brackets, and the word being illustrated is usually replaced by a lightface swung
dash. The swung dash stands for the boldface entry word, and it may be followed by an italicized suffix:

jump ... verb ... 5 (~ the gun)
all-around ... adjective 1 ... (best ~ performance)
can·on ... noun ... 3 ... (the ~s of good taste)
en·joy ... verb ... 2 ... (~ed the concert)

The swung dash is not used when the form of the boldface entry word is changed in suffixation, and it is not
used for compounds:

Definitions are sometimes followed by usage notes that give supplementary information about such matters as
idiom, syntax, and semantic relationship. A usage note is introduced by a lightface dash:

cry noun ... 5 ... —usu. used in the phrase a far cry
jaw ... noun ... 2 ... — usu. used in pl.
ada·gio ... adverb or adj ... — used as a direction in music
hajji … noun … — often used as a title

Sometimes a usage note is used in place of a definition. Some function words (as conjunctions and prepositions) have chiefly grammatical meaning and little or no lexical meaning; most interjections express feelings but are otherwise untranslatable into lexical meaning; and some other words (as honorific titles) are more amenable to comment than to definition:

or … conjunction — used as a function word to indicate an alternative

1 at … preposition 1 — used to indicate a point in time or space

auf Wie·der·seh·en … interjection … — used to express farewell

sir … noun … 2 — used as a usu. respectful form of address
SENSE DIVISION

A boldface colon is used in this dictionary to introduce a definition:

1equine … adjective …
   : of or relating to the horse

It is also used to separate two or more definitions of a single sense:

notify … verb …
   1 : to give notice of : report the occurrence of
Boldface Arabic numerals separate the senses of a word that has more than one sense:

adjudge … verb …
   1 : to decide or rule upon as a judge : JUDGE, ADJUDICATE
   2 : to hold or pronounce to be : DEEM 3 : …

A particular semantic relationship between senses is sometimes suggested by the use of one of the two italic
sense dividers especially or also.

The sense divider especially is used to introduce the most common meaning included in the more general
preceding definition:

crystal … noun …
   2 : something resembling crystal (as in transparency); especially : a clear glass used for table articles

The sense divider also is used to introduce a meaning related to the preceding sense by an easily understood
extension of that sense:

china … noun
   : porcelain ware; also : domestic pottery in general

The order of senses is historical: the sense known to have been first used in English is entered first. This is not to
be taken to mean, however, that each sense of a multisense word developed from the immediately preceding sense.

It is altogether possible that sense 1 of a word has given rise to sense 2 and sense 2 to sense 3, but frequently sense 2
and sense 3 may have developed independently of one another from sense 1.

When an italicized label follows a boldface numeral, the label applies only to that specific numbered sense. It
does not apply to any other boldface numbered senses:

craft … noun … 3 plural usually craft
1father … noun … 2 cap … 5 often cap

dulcimer … noun … 2 or dulci-mer /ˌdul-ˈsi-mər/ 
2lift noun … 5 chiefly Brit

At craft the plural label applies to sense 3 but to none of the other numbered senses. At father the cap label applies
only to sense 2 and the often cap label only to sense 5. At dulcimer the variant spelling and pronunciation apply only
to sense 2, and the chiefly Brit label at lift applies only to sense 5.
CROSS-REFERENCE

Four different kinds of cross-references are used in this dictionary: directional, synonymous, cognate, and inflectional. In each instance the cross-reference is readily recognized by the underlined small capitals in which it is displayed.

A cross-reference following a lightface dash and beginning with compare is a directional cross-reference. It directs the dictionary user to look elsewhere for further information:

**ordinal number** … noun … —compare **CARDINAL NUMBER**

A cross-reference following a boldface colon is a synonymous cross-reference. It may stand alone as the only definition for an entry or for a sense of an entry; it may follow an analytical definition; it may be one of two or more synonymous cross-references separated by commas:

- **fact** … noun … 1: **DEED**
- **pa·per** adjective … 3: existing only in theory: **NOMINAL**
- **fill** … verb … 3: **FEED, SATIATE**

A synonymous cross-reference indicates that an entry, a definition at the entry, or a specific sense at the entry cross-referred to can be substituted as a definition for the entry or the sense in which the cross-reference appears.

A cross-reference following an italic variant of is a cognate cross-reference:

- **pick·a·back** … variant of **PIGGYBACK**

Occasionally a cognate cross-reference has a limiting label preceding variant of as an indication that the variant is not standard American English:

- **vice** … chiefly British variant of **VISE**

A cross-reference following an italic label that identifies an entry as an inflected form (as of a noun or verb) is an inflectional cross-reference:

- **calves** plural of **CALF**
- **woven** past part of **WEAVE**

Inflectional cross-references appear only when the inflected form falls at least a column away from the entry cross-referred to.
COMBINING FORMS, PREFIXES, & SUFFIXES

An entry that begins or ends with a hyphen is a word element that forms part of an English compound:

- wise ... adverb comb form ... (slantwise)
- ex- ... prefix ... 2 ... (ex-president)
- let noun suffix 1 ... (booklet)

Combining forms, prefixes, and suffixes are entered in this dictionary for two reasons: to make understandable the meaning of many undefined run-ons and to make recognizable the meaningful elements of words that are not entered in the dictionary.
LISTS OF UNDEFINED WORDS

Many words that begin with the prefixes or combining forms *anti-, in-, non-, over-, re-, self-, semi-, sub-, super-,* and *un-* are self-explanatory combinations of the prefix or combining form and a word entered elsewhere in the dictionary, and they are listed undefined in the entry for the prefix or combining form from which they are formed.
Abbreviations Used in This Work

ab  about
abl  ablative
acc  accusative
A.D.  anno Domini
AF  Anglo-French
alter  alteration
Am, Amer  American
AmerF  American French
AmerInd  American Indian
AmerSp  American Spanish
Ar  Arabic
Aram  Aramaic
B.C.  before Christ
Brit  British
C  Celsius
cæ  circa
Calif  California
Canad  Canadian
CanF  Canadian French
cap  capital, capitalized
Celt  Celtic
cen  central
cent  century
Chin  Chinese
comb  combining
compar  comparative
D  Dutch
Dan  Danish
dat  dative
deriv  derivative
dial  dialect
dim  diminutive
E  English
Egypt  Egyptian
Eng  English
esp  especially
est  estimated
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fr  from
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prob  probably
pron  pronoun, pronunciation
prp   present participle
pseud pseudonym
r     reigned
Russ  Russian
Sc    Scotch, Scots
Scand Scandinavian
ScGael Scottish Gaelic
Scot  Scottish
Skt   Sanskrit
Slav  Slavic
So    South
Sp, Span Spanish
St    Saint
superl superlative
Sw    Swedish
trans translation
Turk  Turkish
US    United States
USSR  Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
usu   usually
var   variant
vi    verb intransitive
VL    Vulgar Latin
vt    verb transitive
W     Welsh
Pronunciation Symbols

\[ \text{a} \] abut, collect, suppose

\[ \text{a}, \text{æ} \] humdrum

\[ \text{æ} \] (in \[ \text{æ}, \text{ɛ} \]) battle, cotton; (in \[ \text{æ}, \text{ɛ}, \text{ɪ} \]) French table, prisme, titre

\[ \text{ə} \] operation, further

\[ \text{ɒ} \] map, patch

\[ \text{ɔ} \] day, fate

\[ \text{ɒ} \] bother, cot, father

\[ \text{œ} \] car, heart

\[ \text{aʊ} \] now, out

\[ \text{æ} \] baby, rib

\[ \text{ɒ} \] chin, catch

\[ \text{ɪ} \] did, adder

\[ \text{æ} \] set, red

\[ \text{æ} \] bare, fair

\[ \text{æ} \] beat, easy

\[ \text{f} \] fifty, cuff

\[ \text{g} \] go, big

\[ \text{h} \] hat, ahead

\[ \text{ɫ} \] whale

\[ \text{ɪ} \] tip, banish

\[ \text{ɪ} \] near, deer

\[ \text{j} \] site, buy

\[ \text{k} \] job, edge

\[ \text{k} \] kin, cook

\[ \text{l} \] German Bach, Scots loch

\[ \text{m} \] lily, cool

\[ \text{n} \] murmur, dim

\[ \text{n} \] nine, own

\[ \text{ŋ} \] indicates that a preceding vowel is pronounced through both nose and mouth, as in French bon /bɔ̃/

\[ \text{ɒ} \] sing, singer, finger, ink

\[ \text{ɒ} \] bone, hollow
saw
boar, port
French bœuf, feu, German Hölle, Höhle
toy
pepper, lip
rarity
source, less
shy, mission
tie, attack
thin, ether
then, either
boot, few /ˈfyʊər/
put, pure /ˈpʊər/
boor, tour
French rue, German füllen, fühlten
vivid, give
we, away
yard, cue /ˈkɜːr/

indicates that a preceding /l/, /r/, or /w/ is modified by having the tongue approximate the position for /y/, as in French digne /dʒyne/.

zone, raise
vision, pleasure

slant line used in pairs to mark the beginning and end of a transcription: /ˈpɛn/.
mark at the beginning of a syllable that has primary (strongest) stress: /ˈʃæfəˌbɔrd/

mark at the beginning of a syllable that has secondary (next-strongest) stress: /ˈʃæˌfəˌbɔrd/

mark of a syllable division in pronunciations (the mark of end-of-line division in boldface entries is a centered dot ·)

() indicate that what is symbolized between sometimes occurs and sometimes does not occur in the pronunciation of the word: bakery /ˈbæ.k(ə)rə/ = /ˈbæ.kə.rə, ˈbɑ.krə/
Basic English Grammar

The essence of the English language is the sentence. A sentence is a grammatically self-contained group of words that expresses a statement, a question, a command, a wish, or an exclamation. It is composed of a subject, about which something is said, and a predicate, which expresses what is said about the subject. The subject can be a single noun, a noun phrase, such as “the strong wind,” or a noun clause, such as “what he decides is important to all of us.” The predicate can be a single verb, a verb phrase, such as “will be going,” a verb and all its modifiers, such as “will be going as soon as the bus arrives,” or a verb and its complements, such as “gave his client the bad news.”

In English, word order is important. The subject usually comes first, but not necessarily:

- An amusement park is across the river.
- Across the river is an amusement park.
- Is an amusement park across the river?

The grammar of English is concerned with the structure of these elements that make up a sentence. Every word in a sentence can be classified as a particular part of speech (noun, verb, adjective, etc.), according to its function in the sentence. The major parts of speech are briefly discussed in the following guide to basic English grammar.
THE ADJECTIVE

The adjective gives information about a noun or pronoun, such as what kind
the black cat
a joyful occasion
or which one
a first draft
that suggestion
or how many
ten players
few new ideas

The adjective usually precedes the noun it modifies, but some adjectives can also follow certain verbs:
the house is white (→ white house)
the speeches seemed long (→ long speeches)
that chair felt comfortable (→ comfortable chair)
the tree grew tall (→ tall tree)

Positive, Comparative, and Superlative Degrees of Adjectives

The positive degree is the basic form of the adjective. It gives basic information about the noun without reference to anything else (a white house). The comparative degree relates a noun to another—as having more or less of some quality (this house is whiter than that); the superlative degree relates the noun to all others of its class (this is the whitest house in the neighborhood).

When the adjective consists of a single syllable, the suffix -er is added to form the comparative degree, and the suffix -est is added to form the superlative degree. When the adjective consists of two syllables, the suffixes are often used to form the comparative (as gentler) and superlative (as gentlest), but the adverbs more/less can also be used to form the comparative (as more skillful and less skillful), and likewise, the adverbs most/least can be used to form the superlative (as most skillful and least skillful). For adjectives of more than two syllables, the adverbs are usually used to form the comparative and superlative forms (as more fortunate, most fortunate).

There are a few adjectives that have unique comparative and superlative forms:

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There are a few adjectives that have no comparative or superlative forms.

an utter failure
the principal objections

Demonstrative Adjectives

The demonstrative adjectives this and that are used to point out the one person or thing referred to (as “not this coat but that one”). The plural forms are these and those, respectively.

These books are mine and those books are yours.
Descriptive Adjectives

A descriptive adjective describes or indicates a quality, type, or condition:
- a **fascinating** conversation
- a **positive** attitude
- a **fast** computer

Indefinite Adjectives

An indefinite adjective is used to designate unspecified person(s) or thing(s):
- **some** children
- **other** projects
- **any** book

Interrogative Adjectives

An interrogative adjective is used to form a question:
- **Whose** office is this?
- **Which** book do you want?

The Noun Used As Adjective

A noun sometimes serves to modify another noun and thus functions as an adjective:
- the **Vietnam** War
- **word** processing

Possessive Adjectives

The possessive form of a personal pronoun is called a **possessive adjective**. Following is a list of possessive adjectives and a few examples of how they are used:

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Where's **my** magazine?
**Your** cab is here.
They can read **his** story.
It was **her** idea.
The box and **its** contents were inspected.
She's **our** mother.
**Your** photos are ready.
We paid for their tickets.

**Predicate Adjectives**

A predicate adjective modifies the subject of a linking verb, such as be, become, feel, taste, smell, or seem:

- He is *lucky*.
- She became *angry*.
- They are *happy* with the outcome.
- The milk smells *bad*.
- The student seems *lonely*.

**Proper Adjectives**

A proper adjective is derived from a proper noun and is capitalized:

- Victorian furniture
- a *Chinese* custom
- a *Shakespearean* scholar
THE ADVERB

Adverbs, whether single words or phrases, usually give information about the verbs, such as when
We arrived yesterday.
He woke up late.
or where
I found them at the restaurant.
He spent time in [the] hospital.
or how
They arose quickly.
She worked hard.

Most single-word adverbs end in -ly and are formed by adding the suffix -ly to an adjective:
mad → madly
wonderful → wonderfully

When the adjective ends in -y, the adverb is formed by changing -y to -i and adding the suffix -ly:
happy → happily
dainty → daintily

When the adjective ends in -ic, the adverb is formed by adding the suffix -ally:
basic → basically
numeric → numerically

When an adjective ends in -ly, the adverb retains the same spelling:
a daily routine (adjective)
she calls her mother daily (adverb)
an early meeting (adjective)
the show started early (adverb)

Also, there are adverbs that do not end in -ly, for example:
again
now
soon
too
there
how

Positive, Comparative, and Superlative Degrees of Adverbs

Adverbs, like adjectives, can have three degrees of comparison: the positive form exists without reference to
to anything else; the comparative degree relates to another—as being more or less of the adverb quality; and
superlative relates to all members of a class. As a general rule, a single-syllable adverb ends in -er when it is
comparative (as faster) and in -est when it is superlative (as fastest). For adverbs of three or more syllables, the
comparative and superlative degrees are formed by using the adverbs more/less and most/least. The comparative and
superlative degrees of an adverb of two syllables are formed by following either one of these methods:

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unhappily less satisfactorily least satisfactorily

Some adverbs, such as only, quite, and very, have no comparative or superlative forms.
**Intensive Adverbs**

Intensive adverbs, such as *just* and *only*, are usually used only to emphasize other words. The emphasis varies according to the placement of the adverb within the sentence:

- He *just* nodded to me as he passed.
- He nodded to me *just* as he passed.
- I *only* wanted to speak with you.
- I wanted to speak *only* with you.

**Interrogative Adverbs**

Interrogative adverbs, such as *when*, *where*, and *why*, are used chiefly to introduce questions:

- *When* will he return?
- *Where* is the remote control?
- *Why* did you hide it?
Articles, sometimes called “determiners,” are elements of a noun phrase that indicate whether the noun is “definite,” that is, a specific individual, or “indefinite,” that is, very general in nature.

The Definite Article

There is only one form of the definite article: the.

*The* boys were expelled.

It was the best movie I have seen.

The Indefinite Article

The indefinite article *a* is used with every noun or abbreviation beginning with either a consonant or the sound of a consonant:

- a door
- a union
- a one-way street
- a B.A. degree
- a hat
- a U.S. Senator

The indefinite article *an* is used with every noun or abbreviation that begins with a vowel sound, whether or not the first letter of the noun or abbreviation is a vowel or consonant:

- an icicle
- an MP
- an honor
- an FAQ

When the first syllable of a noun beginning with *h* is not stressed or has only a slight stress, the article *a* is frequently used:

- a historian
- a heroic attempt
- a hilarious performance

However, the article *an* is sometimes used in these cases:

- an historian
- an heroic attempt
- an hilarious performance

Both forms are acceptable.
THE CONJUNCTION

There are three main types of conjunctions: coordinating conjunctions, correlative conjunctions, and subordinating conjunctions.

Coordinating Conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions, such as and, but, for, or, nor, so, and yet, are used to connect grammatical elements of the same type. These elements may be words, phrases, clauses, or complete sentences. Coordinating conjunctions are used to connect similar elements, to make exclusions or contrasts, to indicate an alternative, to indicate a cause, or to specify a result:
- **Connecting similar elements**: She ordered pencils, pens, and erasers.
- **Exclusion or contrast**: He is a brilliant but arrogant man.
  - They offered a promising plan, but it had not yet been tested.
- **Alternative**: She can wait here or go on ahead.
- **Cause**: The report is useless, for its information is no longer current.
- **Result**: His diction is excellent, so every word is clear.

Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions are used in groups of two to connect choices or elements of the same grammatical type:
- *Both* Rita and Jane attended the conference.
- *Either* you go or you stay.
  - He had neither looks nor wit.

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are used to connect a subordinate clause to an independent clause. These conjunctions express cause, condition or concession, manner, intention or result, time, place, or circumstance, as well as a possibility.
- **Cause**: Because she learns quickly, she is doing well in her new job.
- **Condition or concession**: Don't call unless you are coming.
- **Manner**: We'll do it however you tell us.
- **Intention or result**: They burned all the bridges so that the enemy could not use them.
- **Time**: She kept the meeting to a minimum when she could.
- **Place**: Wherever he goes, he is welcomed with open arms.
THE NOUN

Basic Uses

The noun may be a single word or a phrase (noun phrase). The noun phrase may consist of an article and/or adjectives and/or prepositional phrases. The noun can function as subject of a sentence, object of a verb, object of a preposition, predicate nominative, complement of an object, in apposition, and in direct discourse:

Subject: 
- The office was quiet.
- The house with green shutters was for sale.

Direct object of a verb: 
- He locked the office.

Indirect object of a verb: 
- He gave his client the papers.

Object of a preposition: 
- The business was in bankruptcy.
- The file is in the office.

Predicate nominative: 
- Ms. Adams is the managing partner.

Complement of an object: 
- They made Ms. Adams managing partner.

In apposition: 
- Ms. Adams, the managing partner, wrote that memo.

In direct discourse: 
- Ms. Adams, may I present Mr. Wilson.

Nouns are often classified as to whether they are proper nouns (Eiffel Tower, White House), common nouns (tower, house), abstract nouns (honor, love), concrete nouns (desk, flower), or collective nouns (team, government).

American English typically uses a singular verb with a collective noun (the team is), while British English typically uses a plural verb (the government are).

Most nouns are neuter, showing no distinction as to whether having a masculine or feminine reference. However, a few nouns ending in -ess (as empress, hostess) are feminine in gender, and some others have a specific gender. For example: husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister. The names of certain animals also have a specific gender, for example, bull/cow, stag/doe. When it is necessary to specify the gender of a neuter noun, the noun is usually modified with words like male, female, man, woman (a male parrot, women painters).

The Noun As Adjective

The noun has the function of an adjective when it precedes another noun:
- olive oil
- business management
- emergency room
- dog house

The Formation of the Plural

The plural of nouns is formed by adding the suffix -s to the singular noun:
- book → books
- cat → cats

When the singular noun ends in -s, -x, -z, -ch, or -sh, the suffix -es is added to the singular:
- cross → crosses
fox → foxes
witch → witches
wish → wishes

For a singular noun ending in -z, the last letter is doubled before adding the suffix -es:

buzz → buzzes
quiz → quizzes

For a singular noun ending in -y preceded by a consonant, the -y changes to -i and the suffix -es is added:

fairy → fairies
pony → ponies
guppy → guppies

For a singular noun ending in -y preceded by a vowel, the -y usually does not change when the suffix -s is added:

boy → boys
attorney → attorneys

guy → guys
soloquy → soloquies

There are a few nouns that do not always change in the plural:

fish → fish (or fishes when referring to more than one species)
caribou → caribou (sometimes caribous)
moose → moose

There are also some nouns that have a unique plural:

foot → feet
mouse → mice
knife → knives

The Possessive Case

The possessive case of a singular noun is formed by adding an apostrophe followed by an -s:

Jackie's passport
This hat is Billy's

For plural nouns ending in -s, only the apostrophe is added:

the neighbors' dog
both boys' behavior

Proper nouns that end in -s often present a special case:

Mr. Douglas's car
Socrates' teachings
THE PREPOSITION

The preposition is used with an object (a noun, pronoun, or the equivalent of a noun) to form a phrase that functions generally as an adjective or an adverb.

The man in the car is his father. (adjective)
The river winds through the valley. (adverb)

There are two types of prepositions: the simple preposition, which consists of a single word (for example, against, from, near, of, on, out, in) and the compound preposition, which consists of more than one element (for example, according to, on account of, because of, in spite of).

The Conjunction vs. the Preposition

The words after, before, but, for, and since can be used as prepositions or conjunctions. Their part of speech is determined by their function in the sentence. Conjunctions are usually used to connect two elements of the same grammatical type, while prepositions are followed by an object to form a phrase.

Conjunction: The playful but thoughtful youngsters did well in school.  
(but connects two adjectives)
Preposition: I was left with nothing but hope.  
(but followed by an object)
Conjunction: The device conserves fuel, for it is battery-powered.  
(for connects two clauses)
Preposition: The device conserves fuel for better mileage.  
(for followed by an object)

Place in the Sentence

A preposition comes in front of a noun or a pronoun (under the desk, beside them), after an adjective (antagonistic to, insufficient for, symbolic of), or after a verb as a particle (take over, put on, come across).

The preposition may end a sentence, especially if it is a verb particle.
What does this all add up to?
After Amy left, Sandra took over.
THE PRONOUN

Pronouns are often said to stand in place of the noun or noun phrase in a sentence. Usually, the pronoun stands for something previously specified or generally understood.

Pronouns have the following characteristics: case (nominative, possessive, or objective); number (singular or plural); person (first, second, or third); and gender (masculine, feminine, or neuter). Pronouns can be classed in seven main categories, each having a specific function.

Demonstrative Pronouns

The words *this, that, these,* and *those* are considered as pronouns when they function as nouns. (They are classed as demonstrative adjectives when they modify a noun.) The demonstrative pronoun distinguishes a person or thing from another person or thing:

- *This* is the one I want.
- I was happy about *that.*
- *These* are the best designs.
- I picked *those* as the prettiest flowers.

The demonstrative pronoun also serves to distinguish a person or thing nearby from one that is farther away (*this* is my desk; *that* is yours).

Indefinite Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns are used to designate a person or thing of which the identity is unknown or is not immediately evident. The indefinite pronouns include the following:

- all
- another
- any
- anybody
- anyone
- anything
- both
- each
- each one
- either
- everybody
- everyone
- everything
- few
- many
- much
- neither
- nobody
- none
- no one
- one
- other(s)
- several
- some
The indefinite pronoun and the verb that follows it should agree in number. The following pronouns are used with a singular verb: another, anything, each one, everything, much, nobody, no one, other, someone, something:

- **Much** is being done.
- **No one** wants to go.

The indefinite pronouns both, few, many, and several are used with plural verbs:

- **Many** are called; **few** are chosen.

Certain pronouns, such as all, any, none, and some, sometimes present difficulties, since they can be used with a singular or a plural verb. As a general rule, a pronoun that is used with a noun that cannot be counted requires a singular verb, while a pronoun that is used with a noun that can be counted requires a plural verb.

**With an uncountable noun:** All of the property is affected.

- None of the soup was spilled.
- Some of the money was spent.

**With a countable noun:** All of my shoes are black.

- None of the clerks were available.
- Some of your friends were here.

### Interrogative Pronouns

The interrogative pronouns what, which, who, whom, and whose, as well as those bound with the word -ever (whatever, whichever, etc.) are used to introduce a direct or an indirect question:

- **Who** is she?
- He asked me who she was.
- **Whoever** can that be?
- We wondered whoever that could be.

### Personal Pronouns

The personal pronoun reflects the person, number, and gender of the being or the thing it represents. Each category is made up of distinct personal pronouns:

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### Reciprocal Pronouns

The reciprocal pronouns each other and one another indicate a mutual action or relationship:
Jim and Andy saw each other at the party.
They do not quarrel with one another.
The reciprocal pronoun is also used as a possessive:
The two companies depend on each other’s success.
The members enjoyed one another’s company.

Reflexive Pronouns

Reflexive pronouns are formed from the personal pronouns him, her, it, my, our, them, and your, to which the combining form -self or -selves is added. The reflexive pronoun is usually used to express a reflexive action or to emphasize the subject of a sentence, clause, or phrase:

She dressed herself.
He asked himself if it was worth it.
I myself am not involved.
They wanted to do it themselves.

Relative Pronouns

The relative pronouns are who, whom, whose, what, which, and that, as well as the compounds formed by adding the ending -ever. These pronouns are used to introduce subordinate clauses that function as a noun or an adjective.

a man who sought success
a woman whom we can trust
an author whose first novel was a success
a move which was unforeseen
a boy that behaves well
give it to whomever you wish
whoever thought of it
pick whichever you want

In certain cases the relative pronoun may be omitted:
The man whom I was talking to is the senator.
THE VERB

Verbs have essentially three classes: ordinary verbs of action, such as go, auxiliary verbs, like can and shall, and fundamental verbs like be, have, and do, which can function as both ordinary verbs and as auxiliaries.

The verb has the following characteristics: inflection (for example, helps, helping, helped), person (first, second, third), number (singular, plural), tense (present, past, future), aspect (categories of time other than the simple tenses of present, past, future), voice (active, passive), and mood (indicative, subjunctive, and imperative).

Inflection

Regular verbs have three inflections that are formed by adding the suffixes -s or -es, -ed, and -ing (for example, asks, asked, asking). Most of the irregular verbs have four inflections (for example, sees, saw, seen, seeing). The verb be has seven inflections: is, am, are, was, were, being, been).

Verbs ending in silent -e in general keep the -e when a consonantal suffix (such as -s) is added to the word, but the -e is dropped when the suffix begins with a vowel (such as -ed, -ing):

- arrange; arranges; arranged; arranging
- hope; hopes; hoped; hoping

However, certain verbs keep the -e in order to avoid confusion with another verb:

- dye (color); dyes; dyed; dyeing
  - but
- die (cease to live); dies; died; dying
- singe (burn); singes; singed; singeing
  - but
- sing (produce music); sings; sang; singing

If a single-syllable verb ends in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, the final consonant is often doubled before the addition of -ed or -ing:

- brag; brags; bragged; bragging
- grip; grips; gripped; gripping

When a multi-syllable verb ends in the same way, and the last syllable is stressed, the final consonant is also doubled:

- commit; commits; committed; committing
- occur; occurs; occurred; occurring

It frequently happens that a verb ending in -y preceded by a consonant changes -y to -i, except when the suffix is -ing:

- carry; carries; carried; carrying
- study; studies; studied; studying

When a verb ends in -c, a -k is added to inflections if the suffix begins with -e or -i:

- mimic; mimics; mimicked; mimicking
- traffic; traffics; trafficked; trafficking

Tense and Aspect

The present and past tenses are generally formed as a single word:

- I do, I did
- we write, we wrote

The future tense is conjugated with the auxiliary verbs shall or will and the present or progressive forms:

- I shall do it.
- We will come tomorrow.
I shall be leaving tomorrow.

Aspect concerns the tense of the verb other than the present, the past, or the future. Aspect has four forms: the 
progressive, the present perfect, the past perfect, and the future perfect.

The progressive is used to express an ongoing action that takes place in the present, past, or future:

He is reading the paper at the moment.

I was studying for the test when you called.

I will be going to India next year.

The present perfect tense is used to express an action done in the past but which may be continuing in the present, or to express an action that occurred at an indefinite moment in the past. It is conjugated with the auxiliary verbs has or have and the past participle:

She has written many books.

They have regretted their mistake.

The past perfect expresses a completed action that occurred before another action in the past. It is conjugated with the auxiliary verb had and the past participle:

She had written several books previously.

We had left the house before they arrived.

The future perfect tense indicates that a future action will take place before another action or occurrence still to come. It is conjugated with the auxiliary verbs will or shall and have and the past participle:

We will have finished the project by then.

They will have gone before we will arrive.

Voice

The active voice indicates that the subject of the sentence is the doer of the action of the verb; the passive voice, consisting of a form of the verb be and a past participle, indicates that the subject of the sentence is the object of the action:

Active voice: His colleagues respect him.

Passive voice: He was respected by his colleagues.

Mood

There are three moods: the indicative, the subjunctive, and the imperative. The indicative is used to indicate a fact or to ask a question:

He is here.

Is he here?

The subjunctive is used to express a condition contrary to fact, especially in clauses introduced by if, and after the verb wish:

If she were there, she could answer that.

I wish he were here.

The subjunctive is also used in clauses beginning with the word that following verbs that request, demand, or recommend:

They asked that the books be returned.

She insisted that the door remain open.

The law required that he report his earnings.

The imperative is used to express a command or a demand:

Come here!

Pay attention!

Transitive and Intransitive Verbs
A transitive verb takes a direct object:
   She *sold* her car.
An intransitive verb has no direct object:
   He *talked* all day.
1a /ˈeɪ/ noun, plural a's or as /əz/ often cap
   1: the 1st letter of the English alphabet
   2: a grade rating a student's work as superior

2a /ə/ (ˈe/) indefinite article
   : ONE, SOME — used to indicate an unspecified or unidentified individual <there's ~ man outside>

3a abbreviation, often cap
   1 absent
   2 acre
   3 alto
   4 answer
   5 are
   6 area

AA abbreviation
   1 Alcohols Anonymous
   2 antiaircraft
   3 associate in arts

AAA abbreviation
   American Automobile Association

A and M abbreviation
   agricultural and mechanical

A and R abbreviation
   artists and repertory

aard·vark /ˈaərdˌvɑrk/ noun
   [origin: obs. Afrikaans, fr. Afrikaans aard earth + vark pig]
   : a large burrowing African mammal that feeds on ants and termites with its long sticky tongue

1ab /ˈæb/ noun
   : an abdominal muscle

2ab abbreviation
   about

AB abbreviation
   1 able-bodied seaman
   2 airman basic
   3 [origin NL artium baccalaureus] bachelor of arts

ABA abbreviation
   American Bar Association

aback /ˈæbæk/ adverb
   : by surprise <taken ~>

   synonyms
   — suddenly, unaware, unawares—more at UNAWARES

abacus /ˈæbaˌkæs/ noun, plural abaci /ˈæbəˌsē/ or abacuses
   : an instrument for making calculations by sliding counters along rods or grooves

1abait /ˈæbət/ preposition
   : to the rear of

2abait adverb
   : toward or at the stern: AFT
ab·a·lo·ne /ˌaˌbaˌloʊn/ • noun : any of a genus of large edible sea mollusks with a flattened slightly spiral shell with holes along the edge

abandon /əˈbændən/ • verb [origin: ME abandonen, fr. AF abandoner, fr. (mettre) à bandun to hand over, put in someone's control]

: to give up completely: forsake, desert

Synonyms

- desert, forsake, maroon, quit; also relinquish, retreat (from), take off (from), vacate, withdraw (from)

abandon • noun

: a thorough yielding to natural impulses

Synonyms

- abandonment, ease, lightheartedness, naturalness, spontaneity, unrestraint; also ardor, enthusiasm, exuberance, fervor, spirit, warmth, zeal

Antonyms

- constraint, restraint

aban·doned /əˈbændənd/ • adjective

1 • morally unrestrained

2 • : given up: forsaken

Synonyms

- derelict, deserted, forsaken; also ignored, neglected, unattended, untended

aban·don·ment /əˈbændən·ment/ • noun

1 • : the act of abandoning

2 • : freedom from restraint

Synonyms

- [1] dereliction, desertion—more at dereliction

- [2] abandon, ease, lightheartedness, naturalness, spontaneity, unrestraint—more at abandon

abase /əˈbās/ • verb abased; abasing

: to lower in rank, office, prestige, or esteem: humble, degrade

— abasement • noun

Synonyms

- debase, degrade, demean, demoralize, humble, subvert, warp—more at degrade

abash /əˈbash/ • verb

: to destroy the composure of: embarrass

— abashment • noun

Synonyms

- confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle—more at embarrass

abate /əˈbāt/ • verb abated; abating

1 • : to put an end to <a nuisance>

2 • : to decrease in amount, number, or degree

Synonyms

- decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, recede, subside, taper, wane—more at decrease

abatement /əˈbāt·men/ • noun

1 • : an amount of taking away; especially: a deduction from a tax

2 • : an amount abated or lessened

Synonyms

- [1] deduction, discount, reduction—more at deduction

- [1, 2] decline, decrease, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, loss, reduction, shrinkage—more at decrease

ab·at·toir /ˌaˌbaˌtuːr/ • noun
ab·ba·cy /əˈbæ.ˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
: the office or term of office of an abbot or abbess

ab·bé /aˈbā, ˈa_.ˌ/ noun
: a member of the French secular clergy — used as a title

ab·bess /əˈbēs/ noun
: the superior of a convent for nuns

ab·bey /əˈbē/ noun, plural abbeys
1 ‣: a house for persons and esp. monks under religious vows: MONASTERY
2 : CONVENT
3: an abbey church

 Synonyms
cloister, friary, monastery, priory—more at MONASTERY

ab·bot /aˈbôt/ noun
: the superior of a monastery for men

abbr abbreviation
abbreviation

ab·bre·vi·ate /əˈbrē.ˌvēˌāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
‡: to make briefer: SHORTEN, CURTAIL; especially: to reduce to an abbreviation

 Synonyms
abridge, curtail, cut back, shorten—more at SHORTEN

ab·bre·vi·a·tion /əˌbrēˌvēˈāshən/ noun
1 ‣: the act or result of abbreviating: ABRIDGMENT
2: a shortened form of a word or phrase used for brevity esp. in writing

 Synonyms
abridgment, condensation, digest—more at ABRIDGMENT

1 ABC /ˌa.bˈēˌsē/ noun, plural ABC’s or ABCs /ˌsēz/
1: ALPHABET — usu. used in pl.
2: RUDIMENTS — usu. used in pl.
2 ABC abbreviation
American Broadcasting Company

Ab·di·as /abˈdēˌəz/ noun
: OBADIAH

ab·di·cate /abˌdīˌkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
‡: to give up (as a throne) formally

 — ab·di·ca·tion /aˌbēˈkā.ˌshən/ noun

 Synonyms
abnegate, cede, relinquish, renounce, resign, step down, surrender; also abjure, disavow, disclaim, disown, deny, waive

ab·do·men /ˌa.bˈdōˌmēnˌabˌˈdōˌ/ noun
1 ‣: the cavity in or area of the body between the chest and the pelvis
2: the part of the body posterior to the thorax in an arthropod

 — ab·do·men·al /ˌa.bˈdōˌmēnˌal/ adjective
 — ab·do·men·al·ly adverb

 Synonyms
belly, gut, solar plexus, stomach, tummy—more at STOMACH
**ab·duct /abˈdakt/ verb**
: to take away (a person) by force: KIDNAP
— ab·duc·tion /ˌdaktʃən/ noun
— ab·duc·tor /ˌdaktər/ noun

**abeam /əˈbēm/ adverb or adjective**
: on a line at right angles to a ship’s keel

**abed /əˈbed/ adverb or adjective**
: in bed

**Abe·na·ki /əˈbaˌnäˌkä/ noun, plural Abenaki or Abenakis**
: a member of a group of American Indian peoples of northern New England and southern Quebec

**ab·er·rant /əˈberˌrənt/ adjective**
1 ▶: departing from the right or normal way
2 ▶: departing from the usual or natural type: ATYPICAL

**ab·er·ra·tion /ˌaˌberəˈshan/ noun**
1 : deviation esp. from a moral standard or normal state
2 : failure of a mirror or lens to produce exact point-to-point correspondence between an object and its image
3 ▶: unsoundness of mind: DERANGEMENT

**ab·et /əˈbet/ verb abet·ted; abet·ting**
[origin: ME abetten, fr. AF abeter, fr. beter to bait]
1 ▶: to actively second and encourage (as in wrongdoing): INCITE
2 ▶: to assist or support in the achievement of a purpose

**ab·et·tor also ab·et·ter /ˈbeˌfər/ noun**
▶: one that abets

**abey·ance /əˈbeˌəns/ noun**
▶: a condition of suspended activity

**ab·hor /əbˈhôr, ab/ verb ab·hor·red; ab·hor·ring**
[origin: ME abhorren, fr. L abhorrēre, fr. ab- + horrēre to shudder]
▶: to regard with extreme dislike: LOATHE, DETEST

**ab·hor·rence /ˈəˌhôrəns/ noun**
1 ▶: the feeling of one who abhors
2 ▶: one that is abhorred

**ab·om·i·na·tion /əˌbəˌməˈneiʃən/ noun**
▶: abomination, execration, hate, hatred, loathing—more at HATE
abhorrent

abide

ability

abject

abjure

ablative

ablate

ablative

[2] abomination, anathema, antipathy, aversion, bête noire, hate—more at HATE

ab·hor·rent /əˈhɔrənt/ adjective
 fraught causing or deserving strong dislike : LOATHSOME

Synonyms
 abominable, appalling, hideous, horrible, horrid, offensive, repellant, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, shocking—more at OFFENSIVE

abide /aˈbɪd/ verb abode /ˈbɑd/ or abid·ed; abid·ing
 1 : to bear patiently : ENDURE
 2 a : to continue in a state or place
 2b : to have one’s abode

— abide by
 : to conform or acquiesce to abide by the law

Synonyms
 [1] bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR
 [2a] continue, endure, hold, keep up, last, persist, run on—more at CONTINUE
 [2b] dwell, live, reside—more at LIVE

abil·i·ty /əˈbilət̬ɪ/ noun, plural -ties
 : the quality of being able

Synonyms
 capability, capacity, competence, faculty; also aptitude, aptness, endowment, facility, gift, knack, talent

Antonyms
 inability, incapability, incapacity, incompetence, ineptitude

-ability also -ibility noun suffix
 : capacity, fitness, or tendency to act or be acted on in a (specified) way flamability

ab·ject /əˈbɛk·t̬/ adjective
 : low in spirit or hope : CRINGING

— ab·jec·tion /əˈbɛk·ʃən/ noun
— ab·jec·tly adverb
— ab·jec·t·ness noun

ab·jure /əˈjʊr/ verb ab·jured; ab·jur·ing
 1 : to renounce solemnly : RECANT
 2 : to abstain from

— ab·ju·ra·tion /əˈbjuə·rə·ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
 recant, renounce, retract, take back, unsay, withdraw; also deny, contradict, disavow, disclaim, disown, gainsay, negate, negative, repudiate

Antonyms
 adhere (to)

abl abbreviation
 ablative

ab·late /əˈblæt/ verb ab·lat·ed; ab·lat·ing
 : to remove or become removed esp. by cutting, abrading, or vaporizing

ab·la·tion /əˈblæ·ʃən/ noun
 1 : surgical cutting and removal
 2 : loss of a part (as the outside of a nose cone) by melting or vaporization

ab·la·tive /əˈblə·tɪv/ adjective
 : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case (as in Latin) expressing typically the relation of separation and source

— ablative noun
ablaze /əˈblāz/ adjective or adverb
1 ▶ : being on fire : BLAZING
2 ▶ : radiant with light
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] afire, burning, fiery; also aglow, alight, flaring, glowing, live, smoldering
   ▶ [2] alight, bright, light—more at BRIGHT

able /ˈæ.ˈbəl/ adjective abler /ˈə.blər/; ablest /ˈə.bləst/ [origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L habilis apt, fr. habēre to hold, possess]
1 ▶ : having sufficient power, skill, or resources to accomplish an object
2 ▶ : marked by skill or efficiency
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] capable, competent, fit, good, qualified, suitable—more at COMPETENT

-able also -ible adjective suffix
1 : capable of, fit for, or worthy of (being so acted upon or toward) <breakable> <collectible>
2 : tending, given, or liable to <knowledgeable> <perishable>

able-bod·ied /ˈæ.ə.ˈbə.dəd/ adjective
   ▶ : having a sound strong body
   Synonyms
   ▶ chipper, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, well, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY

abloom /əˈblüm/ adjective
   : BLOOMING

ab·lu·tion /əˈblü.ʃan, a/ noun
   : the washing of one's body or part of it

ably /əˈblē/ adverb
   ▶ : in an able manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ adeptly, capably, expertly, masterfully, proficiently, skillfully, well—more at WELL

ABM /ˈæ.ˈbē.эм/ noun, plural ABM's or ABMs
   : ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE

ab·ne·gate /abˌnē.ˈgät/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
1 ▶ : DENY, RENOUNCE
2 ▶ : to give up (as a right or privilege) : SURRENDER, RELINQUISH
   Synonyms
   ▶ abdicate, cede, relinquish, renounce, resign, step down, surrender—more at ABDICATE

ab·ne·ga·tion /abˌnē.ˈgā.ʃan/ noun
   ▶ : restraint or denial of desire or self-interest
   Synonyms
   ▶ renouncement, renunciation, repudiation, self-denial—more at RENUNCIATION

ab·nor·mal /əˈbə.nər.məl/ adjective
   ▶ : deviating from the normal or average
   —ab·nor·mal·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ exceptional, extraordinary, rare, singular, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual—more at EXCEPTIONAL
   ▶ aberrant, anomalous, atypical, deviant, irregular, unnatural—more at DEVIANT

ab·nor·mal·i·ty /əˈbə.nər.məl.i.ˈteɪ/ noun
   ▶ : something abnormal
   Synonyms
   ▶ freak, monster, monstrosity—more at FREAK

1 aboard /əˈbōrd/ adverb
1: **ALONGSIDE**
2: on, onto, or within a car, ship, or aircraft
3: in or into a group or association <welcome new workers ->

**aboard** preposition
: ON, ONTO, WITHIN

**abode** /aˈbɔd/ noun
1: STAY, SOJOURN
2: the place where one abides: HOME, RESIDENCE

**abolish** /əˈbɑləʃ/ verb
: to do away with: ANNUL

**abolition** /əˈba liʃən/ noun
: advocacy of the abolition of slavery

**A–bomb** /ˈæbəm/ noun
: ATOMIC BOMB

**abominate** /əˈbɑmənt/ verb
- nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to hate or loathe intensely: LOATHE, DETEST

**abomination** /əˈbɑmənən/ noun
1: something abominable
2: extreme disgust and hatred: LOATHING

**abhorrent** /əˈbɔh rənt/ adjective
: abhorrent, appalling, awful, horrible, horrid, odious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting

**abominable snow-man** /ˈæbəmə nəl/ noun, often cap A&S
: a mysterious creature with human or apelike characteristics reported to exist in the high Himalayas

**abominate** /əˈbɑmənt/ verb
: worthy of or causing disgust or hatred: ODIOUS

**abortion** /əˈbɔr nən/ noun
1: something abominable
2: extreme disgust and hatred: LOATHING

**aboriginal** /əˈbo rə ji nəl/ adjective
: being the first or earliest known of its kind present in a region: INDIGENOUS

**aboriginal** /əˈbo rə ji nəl/ noun
: a member of the original race of inhabitants of a region: NATIVE

**aborn-ing** /əˈbɔr ning/ adverb
: while being born or produced

**abort** /əˈbɔrt/ verb
1: to cause or undergo abortion
2: to terminate prematurely <~ a spaceflight>

*Synonyms*
- call, call off, cancel, drop, recall, repeal, rescind, revoke—more at CANCEL

*abort noun*
: the premature termination of a mission or a procedure relating to an aircraft or spacecraft

*abort·ion /əˈbɔr.ʃən/ noun
1: the spontaneous or induced termination of a pregnancy after, accompanied by, resulting in, or closely followed by the death of the embryo or fetus
2: arrest of development (as of a part or process); also: a result of such arrest

*Synonyms*
- calling, cancellation, recall, repeal, rescission, revocation—more at CANCELLATION

*abort·ion·ist /əˈbɔr.ʃən.iست/ noun
: one who induces abortions

*abort·ive /əˈbɔr.tiv/ adjective
: not successful

*Synonyms*
- fruitless, futile, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful—more at FUTILE

*abound /əˈbound/ verb
1: to be plentiful: TEEM
2: to be fully supplied

*about /əˈbaut/ adverb
1: reasonably close to; also: on the verge of <~ to join the army>
2: on all sides
3: in the vicinity: NEARBY
4: in the opposite direction

*Synonyms*
- [1] almost, most, much, near, nearly, next to, nigh, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at ALMOST
- [4] around, back, round—more at AROUND

*about–face /əˈfæs/ noun
: a reversal of direction or attitude
— about–face verb

*above /əˈbʌv/ adverb
1: in the sky; also: in or to heaven
2: in or to a higher place; also: higher on the same page or on a preceding page

*Synonyms*
- aloft, over, overhead, skyward

*Antonyms*
- below, beneath, under

*above preposition
1: in or to a higher place than: OVER <storm clouds ~ the bay>
2: superior to <he thought her far ~ him>
3: more than EXCEEDING
4: as distinct from "the noise"

above-board /ˌbōbərd/ adverb or adjective
: without concealment or deception: OPENLY

abp abbreviation
archbishop

abr abbreviation
abridged; abridgment

abra·ca·dab·ra /ˌaˈbrəˌkaˌdaˌbrra/ noun
1: a magical charm or incantation against calamity
2: GIBBERISH

abrade /əˈbrād/ verb abrad·ed; abrad·ing
1 a: to wear away by friction
b: to irritate or roughen by rubbing
2: to wear down in spirit: IRRITATE
— abra·sion /əˈbrā.zhən/ noun

Synonyms
[1a] chafe, erode, fray, fret, gall, rub, wear; also file, gnaw, grate, graze, grind, nibble, rasp, sandblast, sandpaper, scour, scrape, scuff, shave
[1b] graze, scrape, scratch, scuff—more at SCRAPE

abrasive /əˈbrā.siv/ noun
: a substance (as pumice) for abrading, smoothing, or polishing

abrasive adjective
: tending to abrade: causing irritation "relationships"
— abra·sive·ly adverb
— abra·sive·ness noun

abreast /əˈbrēst/ adverb or adjective
1: side by side
2: up to a standard or level esp. of knowledge

Synonyms
conversant, familiar, informed, knowledgeable, up, up-to-date, versed—more at FAMILIAR

abridge /əˈbrɪdʒ/ verb abridged; abridg·ing
: to lessen in length or extent: SHORTEN

Synonyms
abbreviate, curtail, cut back, shorten—more at SHORTEN

abridg·ment or abridge·ment /əˈbrɪdʒ.mənt/ noun
: a shortened form of a work

Synonyms
abbreviation, condensation, digest; also abstract, brief, outline, overview, précis, recap, recapitulation, résumé, review, sketch, sum, summary, summation, syllabus, synopsis, survey, wrap-up

abroad /əˈbrōd/ adverb or adjective
1: over a wide area
2: away from one's home
3: outside one's country

ab·ro·gate /əˈbrōˌgät/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to abolish by authoritative action: ANNUL

Synonyms

abolish, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind, void—more at *abolish*

**abrupt /əˈbrʌpt/ adjective**

1 : broken or as if broken off
2 : SUDDEN, HASTY
3 : so quick as to seem rude
4 : DISCONNECTED
5 : STEEP

*Synonyms*
- bluff, blunt, brusque, curt, snippy—more at *blunt*

**abrupt·ly /əˈbrʌpt·li/ adverb**

: in an abrupt manner

**abs abbreviation**

absolute

**ab·scess /ˈæbˌsɛs/ noun, plural ab·scess·es**

[origin: L abscessus, lit., act of going away, fr. abscedere to go away, fr. abs-, ab- away + cedere to go]

- a localized collection of pus surrounded by inflamed tissue

— ab·sessed /ˈæsɛst/ adjective

**ab·scis·sa /ˌæbsɪsə/ noun, plural abscissas also ab·scis·sae /ˌæbsɪsə/**

: the horizontal coordinate of a point in a plane coordinate system obtained by measuring parallel to the x-axis

**ab·scis·sion /ˌæbsɪsˈʃən/ noun**

1 : the act or process of cutting off
2 : the natural separation of flowers, fruits, or leaves from plants

— ab·scise /ˈæbsɪs/ verb

**ab·scond /əˈbəskænd/ verb**

: to depart secretly and hide oneself

*Synonyms*
- clear out, escape, flee, fly, get out, lam, run away, run off—more at *escape*

**ab·sence /ˌæbˈsɑns/ noun**

1 : the state or time of being absent
2 : failure to be present where needed, wanted, or normally expected : WANT, LACK
3 : INATTENTION

*Synonyms*
- [2] lack, need, want—more at *need*

**1 absent /əˈbəsnt/ adjective**

1 : not present
2 : to be deficient or missing : LACKING
3 : not paying attention : INATTENTION

*Synonyms*
- [1] away, missing, out; also AWOL, truant

*Antonyms*
- here, present

- [2] missing, nonexistent, wanting; also dead, departed, extinct, lost, perished, vanished

*Antonyms*
- existent, present

**2 absent /əˈbəsnt/ verb**

: to keep (oneself) away

**3 absent /əˈbəsnt/ preposition**

: in the absence of : WITHOUT

**ab·sen·tee /əˈbəsnti/ noun**

: one that is absent or keeps away
absentee ballot noun
: a ballot submitted (as by mail) in advance of an election by a voter who is unable to be present at the polls

absenteeism /æbˌsɛnt.i.əm/ noun
: chronic absence (as from work or school)

absent-minded /æbˌsɛnt.mɪnd.d/ adjective
: unaware of one's surroundings or actions: INATTENTIVE
—absent-minded-ly adverb
—absent-minded-ness noun

Synonyms
absent, abstracted, preoccupied; also absorbed, dreaming, dreamy, distracted, engrossed, faraway, intent, pensive, rapt

Antonyms
alert

absinthe also ab·sinth /æbˌsɪnθ/ noun
[origin: F]
: a liqueur flavored esp. with wormwood and anise

absolute /æbˈsoʊljuːt/ adjective
1 : free from imperfection or mixture
2 : free from control, restriction, or qualification
3 : lacking grammatical connection with any other word in a sentence <~ construction>
4 : not disputable: POSITIVE <~ proof>
5 : relating to the fundamental units of length, mass, and time
6 : FUNDAMENTAL, ULTIMATE

Synonyms
[1] faultless, flawless, ideal, impeccable, letter-perfect, perfect, unblemished—more at PERFECT
[1] fine, neat, plain, pure, refined, straight, unadulterated, undiluted, unmixed—more at PURE
[2] autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannical, tyrannous; also authoritarian, totalitarian

Antonyms
limited
[2] complete, consummate, perfect, total, unequivocal, unqualified, utter; also authentic, classic, genuine, real, veritable
[4] clear, conclusive, decisive, definitive, positive—more at CONCLUSIVE

absolutely /ˈæbsoʊliːtli/ adverb
: in an absolute manner or condition

Synonyms
all, altogether, clean, completely, entirely, fully, quite, totally, utterly, wholly—more at ALL

absolute pitch noun
1 : the position of a tone in a standard scale independently determined by its rate of vibration
2 : the ability to sing a note asked for or to name a note heard

absolute value noun
: a nonnegative number equal to a given real number with any negative sign removed

absolute zero noun
: a theoretical temperature marked by a complete absence of heat and motion and equivalent to exactly -273.15°C or -459.67°F

absolution /æbˌsəˈluːʃən/ noun
: the act of absolving; especially: a remission of sins pronounced by a priest in the sacrament of reconciliation

Synonyms
amnesty, forgiveness, pardon, remission—more at PARDON

absolutism /æbˌsəˈluːt.i.zəm/ noun
1 : the theory that a ruler or government should have unlimited power
2 : government by an absolute ruler or authority

ab·solve /əbˈzōlv, ˈsəlv/ verb ab·solved; ab·sol·ving
\(\text{\textbf{Synonyms}}\)
- acquit, clear, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate—more at EXCULPATE

ab·sorb /əbˈsərb, ˈzərb/ verb
1 : to take in and make part of an existent whole
2 : to suck up or take in in the manner of a sponge
3 : to engage (one’s attention) : ENGROSS
4 : to receive without recoil or echo <a ceiling that ~s sound>
5 : ASSUME, BEAR <= all costs
6 : to transform (radiant energy) into a different form usu. with a resulting rise in temperature
\(\text{\textbf{Synonyms}}\)
- [2] drink, imbibe, soak, sponge, suck; also gulp, guzzle, quaff, sip, slurp, swallow, swig, will
- [3] busy, engage, engross, enthral, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy—more at ENGAGE

ab·sorbed /əbˈsərbd, ˈzərbd/ adjective
\(\text{\textbf{Synonyms}}\)
- attentive, engrossed, intent, observant, rapt—more at ATTENTIVE

ab·sor·bent also ab·sor·bant /əbˈsərb.bənt, ˈzərb.bənt/ adjective
: able to absorb <~ cotton>
- ab·sor·ben·cy /ˌben.sər.bən.ti/ noun
- absorbent also absorbant noun

ab·sor·bing /əbˈsərb′bing, ˈzərb′bing/ adjective
\(\text{\textbf{Synonyms}}\)
- engaging, engrossing, enthraling, fascinating, interesting, intriguing—more at INTERESTING

ab·sorp·tion /əbˈsərpˌshən, ˈzərpˌshən/ noun
1 : a process of absorbing or being absorbed
2 : concentration of attention
- ab·sorp·tive /ˌtiiv/ adjective
\(\text{\textbf{Synonyms}}\)
- attention, concentration—more at ATTENTION

ab·stain /əbˈstān/ verb
\(\text{\textbf{Synonyms}}\)
- forbear, forgo, keep, refrain—more at FORBEAR

ab·ste·mi·ous /əbˈstē.mē.əs/ adjective
: sparing in use of food or drink : TEMPERATE
- ab·ste·mi·ous·ly adverb
- ab·ste·mi·ous·ness noun

ab·sti·nence /əbˈstī.nəns/ noun
: voluntary refraining esp. from eating certain foods, drinking liquor, or engaging in sexual intercourse
- ab·sti·nent /ˌnənt/ adjective

abstr abbreviation
abstract
abstract /ˈab-strakt/ adjective
1: considered apart from a particular instance
2: expressing a quality apart from an object <whiteness is an ~ word>
3: having only intrinsic form with little or no pictorial representation << painting>
   — ab·stract·ly adverb
   — ab·stract·ness noun

2abstract /ˈab-strakt/2 also abˈstrakt/ noun
1: a summary of points (as of a writing) : SUMMARY, EPITOME
2: an abstract thing or state
   Synonyms
   ✤ digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, recapitulation, résumé, roundup, sum, summary, synopsis—more at SUMMARY

3abstract /ˈab-strakt/ adjective usu /ˈab-strakt/ verb
1: to make an abstract of : SUMMARIZE
2: to draw away the attention of
3: to abstract:
   — ab·stract·ed·ly /ˈab-strakt-id·lē, ˈab-strakt-/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ✤ digest, encapsulate, epitomize, outline, recapitulate, sum up, summarize, wrap up—more at SUMMARIZE

abstract expressionism noun
: art that expresses the artist's attitudes and emotions through abstract forms
   — abstract expressionist noun

ab·straction /ˈab-strak·shən/ noun
1: the act of abstracting : the state of being abstracted
2: an abstract idea
3: an abstract work of art

ab·struse /ˈab-strəs/ adjective
 ✤: lost in thought and unaware of one's surroundings or actions
   Synonyms
   ✤ absent, absentminded, preoccupied—more at ABSENTMINDED

abstract expressionism noun
: art that expresses the artist's attitudes and emotions through abstract forms
   — abstract expressionist noun

ab·surd /ˈab-sərd, ˈa-zərd/ adjective
[origin: MF absurde, fr. L absurdus, fr. ab- from + surdus deaf, stupid]
 ✤: ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, or incongruous
   — ab·surd·ly adverb
   — ab·surd·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ✤ deep, esoteric, profound—more at PROFOUND

ab·surd·ity /ˈa-bər·də-tē, ˈa-zər·tē/ noun
1: the quality or state of being absurd
2: something that is absurd
   Synonyms
   ✤ [1] craziness, daftness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, inanity, insanity, silliness, zaniness
   ✤ [2] asininity, fatuity, folly, foolery, inanity, insanity, lunacy, stupidity—more at FOLLY

abun·dance /aˈbən·dans/ noun
abun·dant /ə′ben.dənt/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L abundant-, abundans, prp. of aboundare to abound, fr. ab- from + unda wave]
▷ : more than enough : amply sufficient
— abun·dance /′dans/ noun
— abun·dant·ly adverb
Synonyms
▷ ample, bountiful, comfortable, generous, liberal, plentiful—more at PLENTIFUL

1 abuse /ə′byūs/ noun
1 ▷ : a corrupt practice
2 ▷ : incorrect or improper use : MISUSE <drug ~>
3 ▷ : coarse and insulting speech
4 ▷ : MISTREATMENT <child ~>
Synonyms
▷ [2] misuse, perversion—more at MISUSE
▷ [3] fulmination, invective, vitriol, vituperation; also blasphemy, curse, execration, imprecation, malediction, profanity

2 abuse /ə′byūz/ verb abused; abus·ing
1 ▷ : to put to a wrong use : MISUSE
2 ▷ : to use so as to injure or damage : MISTREAT
3 ▷ : to attack in words
4 to use to excess <~ alcohol>
— abus·er noun
— abu·sive /′byū.siv/ adjective
— abu·sive·ly adverb
— abu·sive·ness noun
Synonyms
▷ [1] misapply, misuse, pervert, profane, prostitute—more at MISAPPLY
▷ [1] capitalize, cash in, exploit, impose, play, use—more at EXPLOIT
▷ [2] ill-treat, maltreat, manhandle, mishandle, mistreat, misuse; also molest, outrage, violate
▷ [3] assail, attack, belabor, blast, castigate, excoriate, jump, lambaste, slam, vituperate—more at ATTACK

abut /ə′bat/ verb abut·ted; abut·ting
▷ : to touch along a border : border on
Synonyms
▷ adjoin, border, flank, fringe, join, skirt, touch, verge—more at ADJOIN

abut·ment /ə′bat.mənt/ noun
▷ : the part of a structure (as a bridge) that supports weight or withstands lateral pressure

abut·ter /ə′bat.tar/ noun
▷ : one that abuts; especially : the owner of a contiguous property

abys·mal /ə′biz.məl/ adjective
1 : immeasurably deep : BOTTOMLESS
2 : absolutely wretched <~ living conditions of the poor>
— abys·mal·ly adverb

abyss /ə′bĭs/ noun
1 : the bottomless pit in old accounts of the universe
2 : an immeasurable depth

aby·sal /ə′bləsal/ adjective
▷ of or relating to the bottom waters of the ocean depths
ac abbreviation
  account
  -ac noun suffix
    : one affected with <hypochondriac>
  Ac symbol
  actinium
  AC: abbreviation
    1 air-conditioning
    2 alternating current
    3 [origin L ante Christum] before Christ
    4 [origin L ante cibum] before meals
    5 area code
  ac·cia /əˈkē.ʃə/ noun
    : any of numerous leguminous trees or shrubs with round white or yellow flower clusters and often fernlike leaves
  acad abbreviation
    academic; academy
  ac·a·dem·e /əˈkə.de.mə, əˈkə.de/ noun
    : school; also : academic environment
  academic /əˈkə.de.miik/ noun
    : a person who is academic in background, outlook, or methods
  academic adjective
    1 : of, relating to, or associated with schools or colleges
    2 : literary or general rather than technical
    3 : theoretical rather than practical
    — ac·a·dem·i·cal·ly /əˈkə.de.mi.ık/ adverb
      Synonyms
        educational, scholarly, scholastic; also bookish, pedantic, professorial
      Antonyms
        nonacademic, unacademic
  ac·a·me·cian /əˈkə.de.mē.ʃən, əˈkə.de.ʃən/ noun
    1 : a member of a society of scholars or artists
    2 : ACADEMIC
  ac·a·de·mi·cism /əˈkə.de.mi.iz·əm/ also ac·a·de·mi·sm /əˈkə.de.mi.iz·əm/ noun
    1 : a formal academic quality
    2 : purely speculative thinking
  acad·e·my /əˈkə.de.mē/ noun, plural -mies
    [origin: Gk Akadēmeia, school of philosophy founded by Plato, fr. Akadēmeia, gymnasium where Plato taught, fr. Akadēmos Greek mythological hero]
    1 : a school usu. above the elementary level; especially : a private high school
    2 : a society of scholars or artists
  a·can·thus /əˈkan.thəs/ noun, plural acanthes
    1 : any of a genus of prickly herbs of the Mediterranean region
    2 : an ornamentation (as on a column) representing the leaves of the acanthus
  a cap·pel·la also a ca·pel·la /əˌkæpˈpə.lə/ adverb or adjective
    [origin: It a cappella in chapel style]
    : without instrumental accompaniment
  acc abbreviation
    accusative
ac·cede /akˈsēd/ verb  ac·ced·ed;  ac·ced·ing
1 : to become a party to an agreement
2 : to express approval
3 : to enter upon an office

ac·cel·er·ate /ak ˈse ler ət/ ak/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to bring about earlier
2 : to speed up : QUICKEN
— ac·cel·er·a·tion /ˌse ler əˈʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
  hasten, hurry, quicken, rush, speed, step up, whisk—more at HURRY

ac·cel·er·a·tor /ak ˈse ler ətər, ak/ noun
1 : one that accelerates
2 : a pedal for controlling the speed of a motor-vehicle engine
3 : an apparatus for imparting high velocities to charged particles

ac·cel·er·om·e·ter /ak ˈse ler ə ma tər, ak/ noun
: an instrument for measuring acceleration or vibrations

1ac·cent /ak ˈsent, akˈsent/ verb
  : to give prominence to : STRESS, EMPHASIZE
  Synonyms
  accentuate, emphasize, feature, highlight, play, point, stress, underline, underscore—more at EMPHASIZE

2accent /akˈsent/ noun
1 : a distinctive manner of pronunciation <a foreign ~>
2 : prominence given to one syllable of a word esp. by stress
3 : a mark (as ´, `) over a vowel used usu. to indicate a difference in pronunciation from a vowel not so marked
4 : special concern or attention : EMPHASIS
— ac·cen·tu·a·tion /ˌak ˈsen chaˌwan/ adjective
  Synonyms
  accentuation, emphasis, stress, weight—more at EMPHASIS

ac·cen·tu·ate /akˈsent ət/ ak/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
  : to give prominence to : ACCENT
  Synonyms
  accent, emphasize, feature, highlight, play, point, stress, underline, underscore—more at EMPHASIZE

ac·cen·tu·a·tion /ˌak ˈsen chaˌwan/ noun
  : the act or the result of accentuating
  Synonyms
  accent, emphasis, stress, weight—more at EMPHASIS

ac·cept /akˈsent/ verb
1 : to receive with consent
2 : to make a favorable response to
3 : to recognize as true
4 : to assume an obligation
  Synonyms
  [2] approve, care, countenance, favor, OK, subscribe
  [3] believe, credit, swallow, trust—more at BELIEVE
  [4] assume, bear, shoulder, take over, undertake—more at ASSUME

ac·cept·able /akˈsep ə bal, ak/ adjective
  : capable or worthy of being accepted
— ac·cept·a·bil·i·ty /ˌbi le te əl/ ak/ noun
  Synonyms
  adequate, all right, decent, fine, OK, passable, respectable, satisfactory, tolerable—more at ADEQUATE
acceptance /əkˈsɛptəns/ noun
1: the act of accepting
2: the state of being accepted or acceptable
3: an accepted bill of exchange

acceptation /əkˈsɛptəʃən/ noun
: the generally understood meaning of a word

access /əkˈses/ noun
1: capacity to enter or approach
2: a way of approach: ENTRANCE
   Synonyms
   ♦ admission, doorway, entrance, entrée, entry, gateway—more at ENTRANCE

access verb
: to get at: gain access to
   Synonyms
   ♦ enter, penetrate, pierce, probe

accessible /əkˈsɛsəb(ə)l/ adjective
1: capable of being reached by train
2: capable of being used, seen, or known: obtainable

accesibility /əkˈsɛsəbiləti/ noun
Synonyms
[1] convenient, handy, reachable—more at CONVENIENT
[2] acquirable, attainable, available, obtainable, procurable—more at AVAILABLE

accesion /əkˈse.ʃən/ noun
1: increase by something added
2: something added
3: the act of coming to a high office or position

accessory also accessory /əkˈse.ərē/ noun, plural accessories
1: a person who though not present abets or assists in the commission of an offense
2: something helpful but not essential
   Synonyms
   [1] abettor, accomplice, cohort, confederate—more at ACCOMPLICE
   [2] accouterment, adjunct, appendage, attachment; also accompaniment, additive, complement, supplement

accessory adjective
: aiding or contributing in a secondary way
   Synonyms
   ♦ auxiliary, peripheral, supplementary—more at AUXILIARY

accident /əkˈsɛn.təd/ noun
1: an esp. unfortunate event occurring by chance or unintentionally
2: lack of intention or necessity: chance met by ~
3: a nonessential property
   Synonyms
   [1] casualty, mischance, mishap; also calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, cropper, deathblow, disaster, tragedy
   [2] chance, circumstance, hazard, luck—more at CHANCE

accidental /əkˈsa.ˌdent/ adjective
1: happening unexpectedly or by chance
2: happening without intent or through carelessness
   Synonyms
   ♦ casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated, unwitting; also coincidental
   Antonyms
deliberate, intended, intentional, planned, premeditated

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**accidental** noun
: a musical note foreign to a key indicated by a signature

2

**acclaim** /əˈklām/ verb
1 : to express a favorable judgment of : APPLAUD, PRAISE
2 : to declare by acclamation

**Synonyms**
- applaud, cheer, crack up, hail, laud, praise, salute, tout; also ballyhoo

**Antonyms**
- knock, pan, slam

2 **acclaim** noun
1 : the act of acclaiming

**Synonyms**
- accolade, credit, distinction, glory, homage, honor, laurels—more at GLORY

**ac·cla·ma·tion** /əˈkləˌməˈʃən/ noun
1 : loud eager expression of approval, praise, or assent
2 : an overwhelming affirmative vote by shouting or applause rather than by ballot

**Synonyms**
- applause, ovation—more at APPLAUSE

**ac·cli·mate** /əˈklīˌmeit/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
1 : to accustom or become accustomed to a new environment or situation
2 : ACCIMATE

**Synonyms**
- accommodate, adapt, adjust, condition, conform, fit, shape—more at ADAPT

**ac·cli·ma·tize** /əˈklīˌmeiˈtiz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
: ACCLIMATE

**ac·cliv·i·ty** noun, plural -ties
: an ascending slope

**ac·co·lade** /əˈkəˌlād/ noun
[origin: F, fr. accoler to embrace, ultim. fr. L ad- to + collum neck]
1 : an expression of praise

**Synonyms**
- citation, commendation, encomium, eulogy, homage, paean, panegyric, salutation, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM

**ac·com·mo·date** /əˈkəˌməˈdät/ verb -dat·ed; -dat·ing
1 : to make fit or suitable : ADAPT, ADJUST
2 : to bring into agreement or concord : HARMONIZE, RECONCILE
3 : to provide with something needed
4 : to hold without crowding
5 : to undergo visual accommodation

**Synonyms**
- [1] acclimate, adapt, adjust, condition, conform, fit, shape—more at ADAPT
- [2] conciliate, conform, coordinate, harmonize, key, reconcile—more at HARMONIZE
- [4] fit, hold, take; also carry, contain, seat

**ac·com·mo·dat·ing** adjective
: OBLIGING

**ac·com·mo·da·tion** /əˌkəˌme.ˈdəˌshən/ noun
1: something supplied to satisfy a need; especially: LODGINGS — usu. used in pl.
2: the act of accommodating
3: the automatic adjustment of the eye for seeing at different distances
   Synonyms
   √ compromise, concession, give-and-take, negotiation — more at CONCESSION

ac·com·pa·ni·ment /əˈkəmˌpənəmənt/ˈkəmˌpənə/ noun
: something that accompanies another; especially: subordinate music to support a principal voice or instrument

ac·com·pa·ny /əˈkəmˌpənI/ verb -nied; -ny·ing
1: to go or occur with: ATTEND
2: to play an accompaniment for
   — ac·com·pa·nist /ˈnɪst/ noun
   Synonyms
   √ attend, convoy, escort, squire; also associate, consort, pal (around), team (up)

ac·com·plice /əˈkəmˌplis/ˈkəm/ noun
: an associate in crime
   Synonyms
   √ abettor, accessory, cohort, confederate; also collaborator, conspirator, informant, informer

ac·com·plish /əˈkəmˌpliSH/ˈkəm/ verb
1: to bring to completion
   — ac·com·plish·er noun
   Synonyms
   √ achieve, carry out, commit, compass, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, make, perform — more at PERFORM

ac·com·plished adjective
1: marked by proficiency: EXPERT, SKILLED
2: established beyond doubt
   Synonyms
   √ ace, adept, crack, experienced, expert, master, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, seasoned, skilled, skillful — more at EXPERIENCED

ac·com·plish·ment /əˈkəmˌpliʃ·mant/ˈkəm/ noun
1: the act of accomplishing: COMPLETION
2: something completed or effected: ACHIEVEMENT
3: an acquired excellence or skill
   Synonyms
   √ [1] achievement, actuality, attainment, consummation, fruition, fulfillment, realization — more at FRUITION
   √ [2] achievement, attainment, coup, success, triumph; also conquest, gain, victory, win

1 acco·rd /əˈkɔrd/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF acorder, fr. VL *accordare, fr. L ad- to + cord-, cor heart]
1: to grant or give esp. as appropriate, due, or earned: GRANT
2: to be consistent or in harmony: AGREE, HARMONIZE
   — ac·cor·dant /əˈkɔrd·ənt/ adjective
   Synonyms
   √ [1] award, confer, grant — more at CONFER
   √ [2] agree, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, fit, go, harmonize — more at CHECK

2 acco·rd noun
1: the act or fact of agreeing or being in harmony: AGREEMENT, HARMONY
2: willingness to act <gave of their own ~>
choice, free will, option, self-determination, volition, will—more at FREE WILL

accurdance /əˈkɔrdəns/ noun
1: the act or fact of agreeing or being in harmony: ACCORD
2: the act of granting

accurdingly /əˈkɔrdɪŋli/ adverb
1: in accordance
2: as a result: CONSEQUENTLY, SO

Synonyms
- consequently, ergo, hence, so, therefore, thus, wherefore—more at THEREFORE

according to preposition
1: in conformity with <paid according to ability>
2: as stated or attested by <according to you>

accordion /əˈkɔrdən/ noun
[origin: G Akkordion, fr. Akkord chord]
: a portable keyboard instrument with a bellows and reeds
- accordionist /əˈnɪst/ noun

accordion adjective
: folding like the bellows of an accordion <~ pleats>

accost /əˈkɔst/ verb
[origin: MF accoster, ultim. fr. L ad- to + costa rib, side]
: to approach and speak to esp. aggressively

account /əˈkaʊnt/ noun
1: a statement of business transactions
2: a formal business arrangement for regular dealings or services
3: a statement of reasons, causes, or motives
4: value or importance esp. as attributed by others
5: a sum of money deposited in a bank and subject to withdrawal by the depositor
6: a description of facts, conditions, or events
- on account of
: BECAUSE OF
- on no account
: under no circumstances
- on one's own account
: on one's own behalf

Synonyms
- [1] bill, check, invoice, statement, tab—more at BILL
- [4] merit, valuation, value, worth—more at WORTH
- [5] budget, deposit, fund, kitty, nest egg, pool—more at FUND
- [6] chronicle, history, narrative, record, report, story; also version

account verb
1: to think of as: CONSIDER <I ~ him lucky>
2: to give an explanation — used with for

Synonyms
- [1] call, consider, count, esteem, hold, rate, reckon, regard, take—more at CONSIDER
- usually account for [2] explain, rationalize—more at EXPLAIN

accountable /əˈkaʊntəbəl/ adjective
1: subject to giving an account: ANSWERABLE, RESPONSIBLE
2: EXPLICABLE

Synonyms
- answerable, liable, responsible—more at RESPONSIBLE
accountant /əˈkaʊnt.tənt/ noun
: a person skilled in accounting
— accountancy /əˈkaʊnt.təns/ noun
: a business executive in charge of a client's account

accounting /əˈkaʊntɪŋ/ noun
: the art or system of keeping and analyzing financial records

ac·cou·tre or ac·cou·ter /əˈkʊ.tər/ verb -cou·tred or -cou·tered; -cou·tr·ing or -cou·tr·ing
: to provide with equipment or furnishings: EQUIP, OUTFIT

Synonyms
- equip, fit, furnish, outfit, rig, supply—more at FURNISH

ac·cou·tre·ment or ac·cou·ter·ment /əˈkʊ.trə.mənt/ noun
[Origin: F]
1 : an accessory item — usu. used in pl.
2 : an identifying characteristic

Synonyms
- accessory, adjunct, appendage, attachment—more at ACCESSORY
- usually accoutrements apparatus, equipment, gear, matériel, outfit, paraphernalia, tackle—more at EQUIPMENT

ac·cred·it /əˈkred.ɪt/ verb
1 : to endorse or approve officially
2 : to explain by indicating a cause: CREDIT
— ac·cred·i·ta·tion /əˈkred.i.tə.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- [1] authorize, certify, commission, empower, enable, invest, license, qualify—more at AUTHORIZE
- [2] ascribe, attribute, credit, impute—more at CREDIT

ac·cre·tion /əˈkrik.ʃən/ noun
1 : growth or enlargement esp. by addition from without
2 : a product of accretion

Synonyms
- addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement—more at INCREASE

ac·crue /əˈkrju/ verb
1 : to come by way of increase
2 : to be added by periodic growth

acct abbreviation
account; accountant

ac·cul·tur·a·tion /əˈkal.chər.ə.tən/ noun
: cultural modification of an individual or group by borrowing and adapting traits from another culture

ac·cu·mu·late /əˈkyu.mə.lət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
[Origin: L accumulare, fr. ad- to + cumulare to heap up]
: to gather or pile up
— ac·cu·mu·la·tive /əˌkyu.mə.lə.tiv/ adjective
— ac·cu·mu·la·tor /əˌkyu.mə.lə.tər/ noun

Synonyms
- appreciate, build, increase, mount, multiply, proliferate, rise—more at INCREASE
- amass, assemble, collect, gather, group, lump, pile, round up
ac·cu·mu·la·tion /ˌkə.mə.ˈlā.ʃən/ noun
1 : something that has accumulated or has been accumulated
2 : the action or process of accumulating
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] assemblage, collection, gathering; also agglomerate, assortment, conglomerate, conglomeration, hodgepodge, jumble, medley, mélange, mishmash, mix, mixture, motley, potpourri

ac·cu·ra·cy /əˈsər.əs/ noun
▶ the quality, state, or degree of being accurate
   Synonyms
   ▶ closeness, delicacy, exactness, fineness, precision, veracity—more at PRECISION

ac·cu·rate /əˈkər.ət/ adjective
1 : free from error : EXACT, PRECISE
2 : conforming exactly to truth or to a standard
   — ac·cu·rate·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] close, delicate, exact, fine, mathematical, pinpoint, precise, rigorous—more at PRECISE
   ▶ [2] correct, exact, precise, proper, right, so, true—more at CORRECT

ac·cu·rate·ly /əˌkər.ət.lə/ adverb
▶ in an accurate manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ exactly, just, precisely, right, sharp, squarely—more at EXACTLY

ac·cursed /ˈkaːrsld, ˈkaːrsld/ or ac·curst /ˈkaːrst/ adjective
1 : being under a curse
2 : DAMNABLE, EXCRUCIBLE

ac·cus·al /ˈkʌsəl/ noun
▶ ACCUSATION

ac·cu·sa·tive /ˌkʌsə.tiv/ adjective
▶ of, relating to, or being a grammatical case marking the direct object of a verb or the object of a preposition
   — accusative noun

ac·cu·sa·tory /ˌkʌsə.tor.i/ adjective
▶ expressing accusation <an ~ tone>

ac·cuse /əˈkʌs/ verb ac·cused; ac·cus·ing
▶ to charge with an offense : BLAME
   — ac·cu·sa·tion /ˌkʌsə.ˈze.ʃən/ noun
   — ac·cus·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ charge, incriminate, indict; also blame, castigate, censure, condemn, criticize, damn, denounce, fault, impugn, reproach, reprove
   Antonyms
   ▶ absolve, acquit, clear, eculpate, exonerate, vindicate

ac·cused /əˈkʌzd/ noun, plural accused
▶ the defendant in a criminal case

ac·cus·tom /əˈkəs.əm/ verb
▶ to make familiar through use or experience

ac·cus·tomed /əˈkəs.əmd/ adjective
1 : USUAL, CUSTOMARY
2 ▶ being in the habit or custom
   Synonyms
   ▶ given, used, wont; also apt, inclined, liable, prone
### Antonyms
- unaccustomed, unused

1. **ace** /ˈæs/ noun
   - [ORIGIN: ME as a die face marked with one spot, fr. AF, fr. L, unit, a copper coin]
   - 1: a playing card bearing a single large pip in its center
   - 2: a very small amount or degree
   - 3: a point (as in tennis) won on a serve that goes untouched
   - 4: a golf score of one stroke on a hole
   - 5: a combat pilot who has downed five or more enemy planes
   - 6: one that excels in knowledge or skill

### Synonyms
- authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, master, virtuoso, whiz, wizard

2. **ace** verb aced; ac·ing
   - 1: to score an ace against (an opponent) or on (a golf hole)
   - 2: to defeat decisively

3. **ace** adjective
   - of first or high rank or quality <an ~ mechanic>

### Synonyms
- accomplished, crack, experienced, expert, master, skilled, skillful

### ACE in·hib·i·tor /ˌə.skər.ˌbl̩.k. ə/ adjective
- acid in temper, mood, or tone

4. **ace·tic acid** noun
- a colorless pungent liquid acid that is the chief acid of vinegar and is used esp. in making chemical compounds

5. **acet·ate** noun
   - 1: a salt or ester of acetic acid
   - 2: a textile fiber made from cellulose and acetic acid; also: a fabric or plastic made of this fiber

6. **ac·et·en·o·ph·en** noun
   - a crystalline compound used in chemical synthesis and in medicine to relieve pain and fever

7. **ac·et·one** noun
   - a volatile flammable fragrant liquid compound used in making other chemical compounds and as a solvent

8. **ac·et·y·l·cho·line** noun
   - a compound that is released at nerve endings of the autonomic nervous system and is active in the transmission of nerve impulses

9. **ac·et·y·l·sal·i·cyl·ic acid** noun
   - ASPIRIN

10. **ache** /ˈæk/ verb acched; ac·ching
    - 1: to suffer a usu. dull persistent pain
    - 2: to experience a painful eagerness or yearning: LONG, YEARN <he ached for that new car>

### Synonyms
- [1] hurt, pain, smart
- [2] die, hanker, hunger, itch, long, pant, pine, sigh, thirst, yearn
usually ache for [2] crave, desire, die, hunger, long, pine, thirst, want, wish, yearn—more at desire

ache noun

: a usu. dull persistent pain

Synonyms

pain, pang, prick, smart, sting, stitch, tingle, twinge—more at pain

achievable /əˈchiəvəbl/ adjective

: capable of being achieved

Synonyms

attainable, doable, feasible, possible, practicable, realizable, viable, workable—more at possible

achieve /əˈchiəv/ verb achieved; achieving

[origin: ME acheven, fr. AF achever to finish, fr. a- (fr. L ad-) + chef end, head, fr. L caput]

1 : to carry out successfully : accomplish

2 : to gain by work or effort

— achiever noun

Synonyms

1 [1] accomplish, carry out, commit, compass, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, make, perform—more at perform

2 [2] attain, hit, make, score, win; also acquire, capture, carry, draw, garner, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure

achievement /əˈchiəvment/ noun

1 : the act of achieving

2 : a result gained by effort

Synonyms

1 [1] accomplishment, attainment, success

2 [2] accomplishment, attainment, coup, success, triumph—more at accomplishment

Achilles' heel /əˈkiːlz/ noun

[origin: fr. the story that the Greek warrior Achilles was vulnerable only in the heel]

: a vulnerable point

Achilles tendon /əˈkiːlz/ noun

: the tendon joining the muscles in the calf of the leg to the bone of the heel

achromatic /əˈkraˌmatik/ adjective

: giving an image almost free from extraneous colors (<- lens)

achy /əˈki/ adjective ached; achest

: afflicted with aches

— achi·ness noun

1 acid /aˈsəd/ adjective

1 : sour or biting to the taste; also : sharp or sour in manner

2 : of or relating to an acid

— acid·ly adverb

Synonyms

sour, tart, vinegary—more at sour

2 acid noun

1 : a sour substance

2 : a usu. water-soluble chemical compound that has a sour taste, reacts with a base to form a salt, and reddens litmus

3 : LSD

acidic /aˈsidik/ adjective

: sour or biting to the taste; also : sharp or sour in manner

— acid·i·fy /aˈsiˌdaˌfı/ verb -fied; -fy·ing

1 : to make or become acid
2: to change into an acid

—acid·i·fi·ca·tion /ˌsi.ˈde.ə.ləˈkā.she.n/ noun

acid·i·ty /ˌsi.ˈde.ə.tē/ noun

›: the quality, state, or degree of being acid

Synonyms

› acrimony, asperity, bitterness, cattiness, tartness, virulence, vitriol—more at ACRIMONY

ac·i·do·sis /aˌsē.ˈdō.səs/ noun, plural -do·ses /ˌsēz/

›: an abnormal state of reduced alkalinity of the blood and body tissues

acid precipitation noun

›: precipitation with above normal acidity that is caused esp. by atmospheric pollutants

acid rain noun

›: acid precipitation in the form of rain

acid test noun

›: a severe or crucial test

acid·u·lous /aˈsi.ə.ləs/ adjective

›: somewhat acid or harsh in taste or manner

ack abbreviation

acknowledge; acknowledgment

ac·knowl·edge /əˈkä.ˌnē/j. ak/ verb -edged; -edg·ing

1: to recognize the rights or authority of

2: to admit as true

3: to express thanks for; also: to report receipt of

4: to recognize as genuine or valid

Synonyms

› admit, agree, allow, concede, confess, grant, own—more at ADMIT

ac·knowl·edg·ment or ac·knowl·edge·ment /ˌmen.t/ noun

1: the act of acknowledging

2: recognition or favorable notice of an act or achievement

Synonyms

› admission, avowal, concession, confession—more at CONFESSION

ACL /əˈsē.ˈel/ noun

›: ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT

ACLU abbreviation

American Civil Liberties Union

ac·me /aˈkā.mē/ noun

[origin: Gk akmē]

›: the highest point

Synonyms

› apex, climax, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

ac·ne /aˈkā.nē/ noun

[origin: Gk aknē, MS var. of akmē, lit., point]

›: a skin disorder marked by inflammation of skin glands and hair follicles and by pimple formation esp. on the face

ac·o·lyte /ˌaˌkō.ˈlīt/ noun

1: one who assists a member of the clergy in a liturgical service

2: FOLLOWER

ac·o·nite /ˌaˌkō.ˈnīt/ noun

1: MONKSHOOD
2: a drug obtained from a common Old World monkshood

acorn /'ā-kōrn, .kôrn/ noun
: the nut of the oak

acorn squash noun
: an acorn-shaped dark green winter squash with a ridged surface

acous·tic /'ā-kūs-tik/ or acous·ti·cal /-tē-kl/ adjective
1: of or relating to the senses or organs of hearing, to sound, or to the science of sounds
2: deadening sound "<~ tile>
3: operated by or utilizing sound waves
   — acous·ti·cal·ly /-k(ə)lē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   auditory, aural, auricular—more at AUDITORY

acous·tics /'ā-kūs-tiks/ noun singular or plural
1: the science of sound
2: the qualities in a room that make it easy or hard for a person in it to hear distinctly

ac·quaint /'ā-kwānt/ verb
[origin: ME, ultim. fr. L ad- + cognoscere to know]
1: to cause to know personally
2: to make familiar: to cause to know firsthand
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] apprise, brief, clue, familiarize, fill in, inform, initiate, introduce, orient

ac·quain·tance /'ā-kwānt-ns/ noun
1: personal knowledge
2: a person with whom one is acquainted
   — ac·quain·tance·ship noun
   Synonyms
   cognizance, familiarity; also association, experience, exposure, intimacy, involvement
   Antonyms
   unfamiliarity

ac·qui·esce /'a-kwēs/ verb -esced; -esc·ing
: to accept, comply, or submit without open opposition
   — ac·qui·es·cence /-es·ns/ noun
   — ac·qui·es·cent·ly adverb

ac·qui·es·cent /-ْnt/ adjective
: inclined to acquiesce
   Synonyms
   passive, resigned, tolerant, unresistant, unresisting, yielding—more at PASSIVE

ac·quire /'a-krīr/ verb acquired; ac·quir·ing
: to gain possession of
   Synonyms
   cultivate, develop, form—more at DEVELOP
   attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN

ac·quir·able /-krē-bal/ adjective
: capable of being acquired
   Synonyms
   accessible, attainable, available, obtainable, procurable—more at AVAILABLE

ac·quired /'a-krĭrd/ adjective
1: gained by or as a result of effort or experience
2: caused by environmental forces and not passed from parent to offspring in the genes "<~ characteristics>
acquired immune deficiency syndrome noun
  : AIDS

acquired immunodeficiency syndrome noun
  : AIDS

acquirement /aˈkwɪər(ə)mənt/ noun
1 : ATTAINMENT, ACCOMPLISHMENT
2 : the act of acquiring

acquisition /aˈkwɪzəʃən/ noun
1 : ACQUIREMENT
2 : something acquired

acquisitive /aˈkwɪzətɪv/ adjective
  : eager to acquire : GREEDY
     — acquisitely adverb

Synonyms
  avaricious, avid, covetous, grasping, greedy, mercenary, rapacious—more at GREEDY

acquisitiveness /əˈkwɪzətɪvəs/ noun
  : the quality or state of being acquisitive

Synonyms
  avarice, avidity, covetousness, cupidity, greed, rapaciousness—more at GREED

acquit /aˈkwɪt/ verb acquit·ted; acquit·ting
1 : to pronounce not guilty
2 : to conduct (oneself) usu. satisfactorily
     — acquittal /əˈkwɪtəl/ noun

Synonyms
  [1] absolve, clear, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate—more at EXCULPATE
  [2] bear, behave, comport, conduct, demean, deport, quit—more at BEHAVE

acre /ˈækər/ noun
1 plural : an area of land under individual ownership : ESTATE
2 : a unit of land measure equal to 43,560 square feet

acreage /ˈækərij/ noun
  : area in acres

acrid /ˈækrid/ adjective
1 : sharp and biting in taste or odor
2 : deeply bitter : CAUSTIC
     — acridity /ˈækridəti/ noun
     — acridly adverb

Synonyms
  acrimonious, bitter, hard, rancorous, resentful, sore—more at BITTER
  biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp—more at SARCASTIC

acridness /ˈækridəsn/ noun
  : the quality or state of being acrid

acrimony /əˈkrɪmənə/ noun, plural -nies
  : harsh or biting sharpness esp. of words, manner, or disposition
     — acrimoniously adverb

Synonyms
  acidity, asperity, bitterness, cattiness, tartness, virulence, vitriol; also harshness, hostility, relentlessness, severity, sternness, vehemence

acrimonious /əˈkrɪməniəs/ adjective
  : caustic, biting, or rancorous esp. in feeling, language, or manner

Synonyms
acrid, bitter, hard, rancorous, resentful, sore—more at bitter

ac·ri·mo·ni·ous·ness /əˈkrɪmənəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being acrimonious

acro·bat /ˌakrəˈbat/ noun
[origin: F acrobat, fr. Gk akrobatēs, fr. akros topmost + bainein to go]
: a performer of gymnastic feats

—acro·bat·ic /ˌakrəˈbætɪk/ adjective
—acro·bat·i·cal·ly /ˌakrəˈbætɪkəli/ adverb

acro·bat·ics /ˌakrəˈbætɪks/ noun singular or plural
: the performance of an acrobat

acro·nym /ˌakrəˈnɪm/ noun
: a word (as radar) formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term

acro·pho·bia /ˌakrəˈfəʊbiə/ noun
: abnormal dread of being at a great height

acro·pol·is /ˌakrəˈpəlɪs/ noun
[origin: Gk akropolis, fr. akros topmost + polis city]
: the upper fortified part of an ancient Greek city

1.across /əˈkros/ adverb
1 ✤: to or on the opposite side
2: so as to be understandable <get the point ~> Synonyms
   ✤ over, through

2.across preposition
1 ✤: to or on the opposite side of <ran ~ the street>
2: on so as to cross or pass at an angle <a log ~ the road>
   Synonyms
   ✤ athwart, over, through; also around, round

across–the–board adjective
1: placed to win if a competitor wins, places, or shows <an ~ bet>
2: including all classes or categories <an ~ wage increase>

acro·tic /ˌakrəˈtɪk/ noun
: a composition usu. in verse in which the initial or final letters of the lines taken in order form a word or phrase
—acro·tic

acryl·ic /ˌækrlɪk/ noun
1: ACRYLIC RESIN
2: a paint in which the vehicle is acrylic resin
3: a quick-drying synthetic textile fiber

acrylic resin noun
: a glassy thermoplastic used for cast and molded parts or as coatings and adhesives

1.act /ækt/ noun
1 ✤: a thing done: DEED
2 ✤: the formal product of a legislative body: STATUTE; also: a decision or determination of a sovereign, a legislative council, or a court of justice
3: a main division of a play; also: an item on a variety program
4 ✤: an instance of insincere behavior: PRETENSE
   Synonyms
   ✤ [1] action, deed, doing, exploit, feat, thing—more at ACTION
   ✤ [2] enactment, law, ordinance, statute—more at LAW
act verb
1 † to perform by action esp. on the stage; also : to make a pretense of : FEIGN, SIMULATE, PRETEND
2 † to take action
3 † to conduct oneself or behave in a certain manner <how did she ~ toward you>
4 † to perform a specified function
5 † to produce an effect
Synonyms
† [1] impersonate, perform, play, portray; also depict, dramatize, enact, pantomime, render, represent, take on
† usually act toward [3] be, deal, handle, serve, treat, use—more at TREAT
† [4] function, perform, serve, work—more at FUNCTION
† [5] appear, look, make, seem, sound—more at SEEM
† [5] function, operate, perform, take, work; also behave, react, respond

act abbreviation
1 active
2 actual
ACT abbreviation
Australian Capital Territory
actg abbreviation
acting

ACTH /ˈæk.θ/ noun
: a protein hormone of the pituitary gland that stimulates the adrenal cortex

acting /ˈæktɪŋ/ adjective
: doing duty temporarily or for another <~ president>

actinium /ˈæk.ti.ni.əm/ noun
: a radioactive metallic chemical element

action /ˈæk.ʃən/ noun
1 † a legal proceeding
2 : the manner or method of performing
3 : ACTIVITY
4 † a thing done : ACT, DEED
5 : the accomplishment of a thing usu. over a period of time, in stages, or with the possibility of repetition
6 plural † the department and expression of one that acts or speaks : CONDUCT
7 : combat in war : BATTLE
8 : the events of a literary plot
9 : an operating mechanism <the ~ of a gun>; also : the way it operates <stiff ~>
Synonyms
† [1] lawsuit, proceeding, suit—more at LAWSUIT
† [4] act, deed, doing, exploit, feat, thing; also accomplishment, achievement, attainment
† usually actions [6] bearing, behavior, comportment, conduct, demeanor, deportment—more at BEHAVIOR

actionable /ˈæk.ʃən.ə.bl/ adjective
: affording ground for an action or suit at law
— actionably /ˈæk.ʃən.ə.bl.ə.l/ adverb

activate /ˈæk.tə.vət/ verb -vat-ed; -vat-ing
1 † to spur into action; also : to make active, reactive, or radioactive
2 : to treat (as carbon) so as to improve adsorptive properties
3 : to set up (a military unit) formally; also : to call to active duty
— activation /ˈæk.tə.vā.ʃən/ noun
— activator /ˈæk.tə.vā.tor/ noun
Synonyms
actuate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, trigger, turn on; also charge, electrify, energize, fire, fuel, generate, power, push

Antonyms
cut, deactivate, kill, shut off, turn off

Active /ak_ˈtɪv/ adjective
1 : causing or involving action or change
2 : asserting that the grammatical subject performs the action represented by the verb ~ voice>
3 †: briskly alert and energetic : BRISK, LIVELY
4 †: marked by vigorous activity : BUSY
5 : erupting or likely to erupt ~ volcano>
6 †: presently in operation or use
7 : tending to progress or to cause degeneration ~ tuberculosis>
   — active noun
   — actively adverb
   — activeness noun

Synonyms
† [3] animate, animated, brisk, energetic, lively, spirited, sprightly, springy—more at LIVELY
† [4] assiduous, busy, diligent, engaged, laborious, occupied, sedulous, working—more at BUSY
† [6] alive, functional, living, on, operational, operative, running, working; also effective, effectual

Antonyms
broken, dead, inactive, inoperative, nonfunctional

Activism /aˌkɪv.i.zəm/ noun
: a doctrine or practice that emphasizes vigorous action for political ends
   — activist /ˌaˈkɪv.i.st/ noun or adjective

Activity /aˌkɪv.ɪ.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being active
2 †: forceful or energetic action
3 : an occupation in which one is engaged

Synonyms
† exercise, exertion—more at EXERCISE

Actor /ˈæk.tər/ noun
† : a person who acts (as in a play, movie, or television show)

Synonyms
impersonator, mummer, player, trouper; also entertainer, performer

Actress /ˈæk.tres/ noun
: a woman who is an actor

Acts /ɑːkts/ or Acts of the Apostles noun

Actual /ˈæk.chaˌwal.ə/ adjective
† : really existing : REAL
   — actualization /ˌæk.chaˌwaˌlə.ˈzæ.ʃən.ə/ noun
   — actualize /ˈæk.chaˌwaˌlə.ˈzaɪ/ verb

Synonyms
† concrete, existent, factual, real, true, very; also attested, authenticated, confirmed, demonstrated, established, proven, substantiated, validated, verified

Antonyms
hypothetical, ideal, nonexistent, theoretical

Actual-ity /ˈæk.chaˌwaˌlə.ˈti/ noun
† : the quality or state of being actual

Synonyms
† existence, reality, subsistence—more at EXISTENCE
accomplishment, achievement, attainment, consummation, fruition, fulfillment, realization—more at FRUITION
ac·tu·al·ly /ak.chə.wa.lə/.sha/ adverb
1 ➔: in fact or in truth: REALLY
2 ➔: in point of fact—used to suggest something unexpected
   Synonyms
   ➔[1] forsooth, frankly, honestly, really, truly, truthfully, verily; also absolutely, certainly, indisputably, indubitably, positively, realistically, undoubtedly, unquestionably, veritably
   ➔[2] authentically, genuinely, really, veritably, very—more at VERY

c·tu·ar·y /ak.chə.wer.ə/.sha/ noun, plural -ar·ies
: a person who calculates insurance risks and premiums
   — ac·tu·ar·i·al /ak.chə.wər.i.ə/.sha/ adjective

c·tu·ate /ak.chə.wət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 ➔: to put into mechanical action
2 ➔: to move to action
   — ac·tu·a·tion /ak.chə.wə.shən.ə/.sha/ noun
   — ac·tu·a·tor /ak.chə.wə.tər.ə/.sha/ noun
   Synonyms
   ➔[1] activate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at ACTIVATE
   ➔[2] drive, impel, move, propel, work

c act up verb
1 a ➔: to behave in an unruly, recalcitrant, or capricious manner: MISBEHAVE
2 a ➔: to seek to attract attention by conspicuous behavior
2 ➔: to function improperly
   Synonyms
   ➔ clown, cut up, fool, horse, monkey, show off, skylark—more at CUT UP

c·tu·ity /a.kyù.ə.tə/. noun, plural -ti·ties
: keenness of perception

c·tu·men /a.kyù.man/. noun
: mental keenness and penetration

c·tu·pres·sure /a.kyù.pre.shər/. noun
: the application of pressure (as with the thumbs or fingertips) to the same discrete points on the body stimulated in acupuncture that is used for its therapeutic effects (as the relief of tension or pain)

c·tu·punc·ture /.pānkˌchar/. noun
: an orig. Chinese practice of puncturing the body (as with needles) at specific points to cure disease or relieve pain
   — ac·tu·punc·tur·ist /a.kyù.′pənkˌchar.ist/. noun

c·tu·ce /a.kyù/. adjective ac·tu·er; ac·tu·est
[origin: ME, fr. L acutus, pp. of acuere to sharpen, fr. acus needle]
1 ➔: SHARP, POINTED
2 ➔: containing less than 90 degrees <an ~ angle>
3 ➔: sharply perceptive; especially: mentally keen
4 a ➔: characterized by sharpness or severity: SEVERE <~ distress>
   ➔: having a sudden onset, sharp rise, and short duration <~ inflammation>
5 ➔: high in pitch
6 ➔: of, marked by, or being an accent mark having the form ’
   — ac·tu·ly adverb
   — noun
   Synonyms
   ➔[3] delicate, keen, perceptive, sensitive, sharp; also accurate, clear, discerning, fine, good, precise, piercing, quick, receptive, sensible, subtle
   ➔[4a] agonizing, biting, excruciating, severe, sharp
   ➔[4b] critical, dire, imperative, imperious, instant, pressing, urgent; also compelling, demanding, extreme,
immediate, insistent, intense, overriding

**Antonyms**
noncritical

- [5] sharp, shrill, squeaky, treble—more at SHRIIL

**acute-ness /nəs/noun**
- the quality or state of being acute

**Synonyms**
- acidity, acrimony, asperity, bite, bitterness, edge, harshness, keenness, pungency, sharpness, tartness

**acy·clo·vir /ˌaˈsəˌklōˌvər/noun**
- a drug used esp. to treat the genital form of herpes simplex

**ad /ad/noun**
- a public notice: ADVERTISEMENT

**AD abbreviation**
1 after date
2 [origin L *anno Domini*] in the year of our Lord — often printed in small capitals and often punctuated
3 assistant director
4 athletic director

**ad·age /əˈdəj/noun**
- an old familiar saying: PROVERB, MAXIM

**Synonyms**
- aphorism, byword, epigram, maxim, proverb, saying—more at SAYING

1**adagio /əˈdäj(ə)ˌdʒoʊ, əˈzdʒoʊ/adverb or adjective**
[origin: It]
- at a slow tempo — used as a direction in music

2**adagio noun, plural -gios**
1: an adagio movement
2: a ballet duet or trio displaying feats of lifting and balancing

1**adamant /əˈdæmənt/noun**
- a stone believed to be impenetrably hard

2**adamant adjective**
- unshakable or insistent esp. in maintaining a position or opinion: INFLEXIBLE, UNYIELDING
- ad·a·mant·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- hard, immovable, implacable, inflexible, pat, rigid, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting, unyielding

**ad·a·man·tine /əˈda·mən·tən, əˌdæməˈten/adjective**
- rigidly firm: UNYIELDING

**Ad·am’s apple /əˈdæmz/noun**
- the projection in front of the neck formed by the largest cartilage of the larynx

**adapt /əˈdæpt/verb**
- to make suitable or fit (as for a new use or for different conditions)
- ad·ap·ta·tion /əˌdæp·ta·ˈteɪn/noun
- ad·ap·ta·tion·al /əˌdæp·ta·ˈteɪn·əl/adjective
- ad·ap·tive /əˌdæp·tɪv/adjective
- ad·ap·tiv·i·ty /əˌdæp·tɪv·ɪ·tɪ/noun

**Synonyms**
- acclimate, accommodate, adjust, condition, conform, fit, shape; also readjust

**adapt·able /əˌdæp·ta·ˈbɛl/adjective**
adapt—able

adapt·a·bil·i·ty /a_.dap_ə_ˌbil.i.tē/ noun
Synonyms
- all-around, protean, universal, versatile—more at VERSATILE
- adjustable, changeable, elastic, flexible, fluid, malleable, variable—more at FLEXIBLE

adapt·er also adap·tor /a_.dap_ə_.ter/ noun
1: one that adapts
2: a device for connecting two dissimilar parts of an apparatus
3: an attachment for adapting apparatus for uses not orig. intended

ADC abbreviation
1 aide-de-camp
2 Aid to Dependent Children

add /ad/ verb
1: to join to something else so as to increase in number or amount
2: to say further <let me ~ this>
3: to combine (numbers) into one sum
4: to serve as or make an addition <the TV appearance added to his fame> <added to her savings>

Synonyms
- [1] adjoin, annex, append, tack; also affix, attach, fasten, fix, graft, hitch, tie
Antonyms
- [3] foot, sum, total; also calculate, cast, cipher, compute, figure, reckon, tally
- usually add to [4] aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at INCREASE

ADD abbreviation
attention deficit disorder

ad·dend /a_.dend/ noun
: a number to be added to another

ad·den·dum /a_.den_.dəm/ noun, plural -da /_da/
[origin: L]
: something added; especially: a supplement to a book

1adder /a_.dər/ noun
[origin: ME, alter. (by false division of a naddre) of naddre, fr. OE næddre]
1: a poisonous European viper or a related snake
2: any of various harmless No. American snakes (as the hognose snake)

adder /a_.dər/ noun
: one that adds; especially: a device that performs addition

1addict /a_.dikt/ verb
1: to devote or surrender (oneself) to something habitually or excessively
2: to cause addiction to a substance in (as a person)
- ad·dic·tive /_dīk_.tiv/ adjective

2addict /a_.dikt/ noun
1: one who is addicted esp. to a substance
2: an ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast

Synonyms
- [1] doper, fiend, user—more at DOPER
- [2] aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac, nut—more at FAN

ad·dic·tion /a_.dik_.shən/ noun
1: the quality or state of being addicted
2 : compulsive need for and use of a habit-forming substance (as heroin, nicotine, or alcohol) characterized by well-defined physiological symptoms upon withdrawal; also : persistent compulsive use of a substance known by the user to be harmful

ad·di·tion /əˈdiʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of adding; also : something added
2 : the operation of combining numbers to obtain their sum

   Synonyms
   annex, extension, penthouse—more at ANNEX
   accretion, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplementation—more at INCREASE

ad·di·tion·al /əˈdiʃ(e)nal/ adjective
✓ : coming by way of addition : ADDED

   Synonyms
   another, else, farther, further, more, other; also accessory, collateral, extraneous, side, supplemental, supplementary

ad·di·tion·al·ly /əˈdiʃ(e)na.lı/ adverb
✓ : in or by way of addition : FURTHERMORE

   Synonyms
   again, also, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, too, withal, yet

1 additive /əˈdi.tiv/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or characterized by addition
2 : produced by addition

   —ad·di·ti·vi·ty /əˈdi.ti.və.ti/ noun

2 additive noun
: a substance added to another in small quantities to effect a desired change in properties <food ~>s

ad·dle /əˈdəl/ verb ad·dled; ad·dling
1 : to throw into confusion : MUDDLE
2 : to become rotten <addled eggs>

   Synonyms
   baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE

addn abbreviation
addition

addnl abbreviation
additional

add·on /əˈdən. ən/ noun
: something (as a feature or accessory) added esp. as an enhancement

1 address /əˈdres/ verb
1 : to direct the attention of (oneself)
2 : to direct one's remarks to : deliver an address to
3 : to mark directions for delivery on
4 : to identify (as a memory location) by an address

   Synonyms
   apply, bend, buckle, devote, give—more at APPLY

2 address /əˈdres, əˈdres/ noun
1 : skillful management
2 : a formal speech
3 : the place where a person or organization may be communicated with
4 : the directions for delivery placed on mail; also : the designation of a computer account for sending and receiving e-mail
5: a location (as in a computer's memory) where particular data is stored

   Synonyms
   ▸ declaration, harangue, oration, speech, talk—more at SPEECH

address /aˈdres/ noun
: one to whom something is addressed

duce /ˈdʌs, ˈdʌs/ verb ad·duced; ad·duc·ing
   ▸ to offer as example, reason, or proof
   — ad·duc·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ cite, instance, mention, quote—more at QUOTE

add up verb
1: to come to the expected total
2: to reach in kind or quality — used with to
   Synonyms
   ▸ usually add up to [1] amount, come, number, sum, total—more at AMOUNT (TO)
   ▸ usually add up to [2] amount, come, correspond, equal—more at AMOUNT (TO)

-ade noun suffix
1: act : action <blockade>
2: product; especially : sweet drink <limeade>

ad·e·nine /ˈædəˈnən/ noun
: one of the purine bases that make up the genetic code of DNA and RNA

ad·e·noid /ˈædənɔɪd, ˌædərˈnɔɪd/ noun
: an enlarged mass of tissue near the opening of the nose into the throat — usu. used in pl.
   — adenoid or ad·e·noi·dal /ˈædəˈnɔɪdəl, ˌædərˈnɔɪdəl/ adjective

aden·o·sine tri·phos·phate /ˌædəˈnəsənˈtrɪfəsˈfət/ noun
: ATP

adept /ˈædəp/ noun
: a highly skilled or well-trained individual : EXPERT

-adept /ˈædəp/ adjective
   ▸ highly skilled : EXPERT
   Synonyms
   ▸ accomplished, ace, crack, experienced, expert, master, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, seasoned, skilled, skillful, versed—more at EXPERIENCED

adept·ly /ˈædəp(ə)ˌlɪ/ adverb
   ▸ in an adept manner
   Synonyms
   ▸ ably, capably, expertly, masterfully, proficiently, skillfully, well—more at WELL

adept·ness /ˈædəp(ə)ˌnəs/ noun
   ▸ the quality or state of being adept
   Synonyms
   ▸ adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at SKILL

ad·e·qua·cy /ˈædəkwəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being adequate

ad·e·quate /ˈædəkwət/ adjective
   ▸ equal to or sufficient for a specific requirement
   — ad·e·quate·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ acceptable, all right, decent, fine, OK, passable, respectable, satisfactory, tolerable; also agreeable, bearable,
endurable, sufferable

**Antonyms**
deficient, inadequate, lacking, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting

**adequate** /əˈdɪkwət/ adverb

> in an adequate manner

**Synonyms**
-enough, satisfactorily—more at ENOUGH

**adhere** /əˈdɪr/ verb adhered; adhering

1 ➤ to give support : maintain loyalty

2 ➤ to stick fast : CLING

**Synonyms**
-usually adhere to [1] cling, hew, keep, stick; also cleave (to), hang on (to)

**Antonyms**
defect (from)

2 [2] cling, hew, stick—more at STICK

**adherence** /əˈdɪrəns/ noun

> the act, action, or quality of adhering

**Synonyms**
-adhesion, cohesion—more at ADHESION

1

**adherent** /əˈdɪrənt/ adjective

> able or tending to adhere

2

**adherent** noun

> one that adheres: as

a ➤ a follower of a leader, party, or profession

b ➤ a believer in or advocate esp. of a particular idea or church

**Synonyms**
-convert, disciple, follower, partisan, pupil, votary—more at FOLLOWER

**adhesive** /əˈdɪziv/ adjective

1 ➤ tending to adhere : STICKY

2 ➤ prepared for adhering

**Synonyms**
-gelatinous, gluey, glutinous, gooey, gummy, sticky, viscid, viscous—more at STICKY

2

**adhesive** noun

> an adhesive substance

**Synonyms**
-cement, glue, size—more at GLUE

**adhesive tape** noun

> tape coated on one side with an adhesive mixture; especially : one used for covering wounds

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**ad hoc** /əˈdɪhək/ adverb

[ORIGIN: L, for this]

> for the case at hand apart from other applications

2

**ad hoc** adjective

> concerned with or formed for a particular purpose <an ad hoc committee> <ad hoc solutions>

**adiabatic** /əˈdɪəbətɪk/ adjective
adiabatically: occurring without loss or gain of heat

adieu /əˈdʒyː/ noun, plural adieus or adieux /əˈdʒyʊz, ˌdʒyʊz/: a wish of well-being at parting: FAREWELL — often used interjectionally

ad·i·ja·cent /əˈdʒəsənt/ adjective: situated near or next

ad·join /əˈdʒin/ verb
1: to add or attach by joining
2: to be situated next to

ad·judge /əˈdʒudʒ/ verb
1: to decide or rule upon as a judge: JUDGE, ADJUDICATE
ad·ju·di·cate /əˈdʒəˌdiˌkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
  › to pass judgment on; to settle judicially
 —ad·ju·di·ca·tion /əˌdʒəˌdiˌkāˈʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
  › arbitrate, decide, determine, judge, referee, rule, settle, umpire—more at JUDGE

ad·junct /ˈaˌjəŋkt/ noun
  › something joined or added to another but not essentially a part of it
  Synonyms
  › accessory, accoutrement, appendage, attachment—more at ACCESSORY

ad·jure /əˈdʒər/ verb ad·jured; ad·jur·ing
  : to command solemnly; urge earnestly
 —ad·ju·ra·tion /əˌdʒəˈrəshən/ noun

ad·just /əˈdʒəst/ verb
  1 : to bring to agreement; settle
  2 › to cause to conform; adapt, fit
  3 : regulate <~ a watch>
 —ad·just·er also ad·jus·tor /əˌdʒəstər/ noun
 —ad·just·ment /əˈdʒəstمنت/ noun
  Synonyms
  › acclimate, accommodate, adapt, condition, conform, fit, shape—more at ADAPT

ad·just·able /əˈdʒəstəbəl/ adjective
  › capable of being adjusted
  Synonyms
  › adaptable, changeable, elastic, flexible, fluid, malleable, variable—more at FLEXIBLE

ad·ju·tant /əˈdʒətənt/ noun
  : one who assists; especially: an officer who assists a commanding officer by handling correspondence and keeping records

ad·ju·vant /əˈdʒəvənt/ noun
  : one that helps or facilitates; especially: something that enhances the effectiveness of medical treatment
 —adjuvant adjective

1 ad·lib /adˈlib/ verb ad·lib·bed; ad·lib·bing
  : to improvise (esp. lines or a speech)
 —ad·lib noun

2 ad·lib adjective
  › spoken, composed, or performed without preparation
  Synonyms
  › extemporaneous, impromptu, offhand, snap, unplanned, unprepared, unrehearsed—more at EXTEMPORANEOUS

ad lib /adˈlib/ adverb
[origin: NL ad libitum]
  1 : at one's pleasure
  2 : without limit

adm abbreviation
  administration; administrative
  ADM abbreviation
  admiral
ad·man /adˌmən/ noun
: one who writes, solicits, or places advertisements

admin abbreviation
administration; administrative

ad·min·is·ter /adˈminəstər/ verb
1 ▷ : to manage or supervise the execution, use, or conduct of
2 ▷ : to mete out : DISPENSE
3 : to give ritually or remedially ◁ quinine for malaria▶
4 : to perform the office of administrator
— ad·min·is·tra·ble /strəˈbəl/ adjective
— ad·min·is·trant /strənt/ noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] apply, enforce, execute, implement—more at ENFORCE
▶ [1] carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run,
superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT
▶ [2] allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, portion, prorate; also allot, allow, appropriate,
assign, dish (out), divide, measure (out), ration, redistribute, split

ad·min·is·tra·tion /adˌmənəˈstrən/ noun
1 : the act or process of administering
2 ▷ : performance of executive duties
3 : the officials directing the government of a country
4 : the term of office of an administrative officer or body
— ad·min·is·tra·tive·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ authority, government, jurisdiction, regime, rule—more at RULE
▶ conduct, control, direction, guidance, management, operation, oversight, regulation, running,
superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT

ad·min·is·tra·tive /adˌmənəˈstrəтив/ adjective
: of or relating to administration

ad·min·is·tra·tor /adˌmənəˈstrətər/ noun
▶ : one that administers; especially : one who settles an intestate estate

Synonyms
▶ director, executive, manager, superintendent, supervisor—more at EXECUTIVE

ad·mi·ra·ble /adˈmərəbəl/ adjective
▶ : worthy of admiration : EXCELLENT
— ad·mi·ra·bil·i·ty /adˈmərəbiləti/ noun
— ad·mi·ra·ble·ness noun
— ad·mi·ra·bly /ˈbIərəbəl/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ commendable, creditable, excellent, laudable, meritorious, praiseworthy; also awesome, distinctive,
distinguished, honorable, noteworthy, noticeable, outstanding, reputable, worthy

Antonyms
▶ censurable, discreditable, reprehensible

ad·mi·ral /adˈmərl/ noun
[origin: ME, ultim. fr. Ar amīr-al- commander of the (as in amīr-al-baḥr commander of the sea)]
: a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a fleet admiral

ad·mi·ral·ty /adˈmərləti/ noun
1 cap : a British government department formerly having authority over naval affairs
2 : the court having jurisdiction over questions of maritime law

ad·mi·ra·tion /adˌmərəˈʃən/ noun
Synonyms for 'admire' include appreciation, esteem, regard, respect; also acclamation, adoration, approbation, reverence, veneration, worship.

Antonyms include disfavor, disfavor.

Synonyms for 'admissible' include allowable, permissible, sufferable.

Synonyms for 'admission' include the act of admitting, the privilege of being admitted, a fee paid for admission, the granting of an argument, the acknowledgment of a fact.

Synonyms for 'admit' include acknowledge, agree, allow, concede, confess, grant, own; also disburden, unburden, unload.

Synonyms for 'admonish' include expression warning or disapproval to esp. in a gentle manner.

Adjectives: delighted or astonished approval

Verbs: admire, admiring, admittance, admis-able, admiss-ion, admit, admittance-able, admit-tance, admit-ted, admit-ting, admonish, admissible, admission, admit-ting, admit-tance, admit-ted, admit-tedly, ad-mix, ad-mix-ture, ad-mon-ish.
— ad·mon·ish·ment noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ chide, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprove

ad·mo·ni·tion /ad_.mə.ni.shən/ noun
  ▶ : counsel or warning against fault or oversight
  Synonyms
  ▶ alarm, alert, caution, notice, warning—more at WARNING

ad·mon·i·to·ry /ad_.mə.nə.tə.rē/ adjective
  : expressing admonition

ad nau·se·am /ad_.nə.zə.am/ adverb
  [origin: L]
  : to a sickening or excessive degree

ado /a_.dō/ noun
  1 : bustling excitement : FUSS
  2 : TROUBLE

ado·be /a_.dō.bē/ noun
  1 : sun-dried brick; also : clay for making such bricks
  2 : a structure made of adobe bricks

ad·o·les·cence /ad_.ə.lə.səns/ noun
  : the process or period of growth between childhood and maturity

  1 adolescent /ə_.lənt/ noun
  : one that is in the state of adolescence

  2 adolescent adjective
  1 ▶ : of, relating to, or being in adolescence
  2 ▶ : emotionally or intellectually immature
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] immature, juvenile, young, youthful—more at YOUNG
  ▶ [2] callow, green, immature, inexperienced, juvenile, raw—more at CALLOW

adopt /a_.dōpt/ verb
  1 : to take (a child of other parents) as one's own child
  2 ▶ : to take up and practice or use as one's own
  3 : to accept formally and put into effect

  — adopt·able /ə_.dōp.tə.bəl/ adjective
  — adopt·er noun
  — adoption /ə_.dōp.tən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ borrow, embrace, take up; also domesticate, naturalize

adop·tive /a_.dōp.tiv/ adjective
  : made or acquired by adoption <> father

  — adop·tive·ly adverb

ad·or·able /a_.dōr.a.bəl/ adjective
  1 ▶ : worthy of adoration
  2 : extremely charming

  — ador·able·ness noun
  — ador·ably /ə_.bəl/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ darling, dear, endearing, lovable, precious, sweet, winning—more at LOVABLE

ador·e /a_.dōr/ verb adored, ador·ing
  [origin: ME adouren, fr. MF adorer, fr. L. adorare, fr. ad- to + orare to speak, pray]
ad·o·ra·tion /ə.do.ˈra.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms

- [1] deify, glorify, revere, venerate, worship—more at WORSHIP
- [2] cherish, love, worship—more at LOVE
- [2] delight, enjoy, fancy, like, love, relish, revel—more at ENJOY
- [3] canonize, deify, dote, idolize, worship—more at IDOLIZE

adorn /əˈdörn/ verb

- to enhance the appearance of esp. with ornaments

Synonyms

- array, beautify, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE

adorn·ment /ˈmɛnt/ noun

- something that adorns

Synonyms

- caparison, decoration, embellishment, frill, garnish, ornament, trim—more at DECORATION

ad·re·nal /əˈdrenəl/ adjective

- of, relating to, or being a pair of endocrine organs (adrenal glands) that are located near the kidneys and produce several hormones and esp. epinephrine

adren·a·line /əˈdrenəˌlin/ noun

- EPINEPHRINE

ad·rift /əˈdrift/ adverb or adjective

1 : afloat without motive power or moorings
2 : without guidance or purpose

adroit /əˈdroit/ adjective

[origin: F, fr. OF, fr. a- to + droit right]

- having or showing skill, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling situations

- adroit·ly adverb

Synonyms

- artful, delicate, dexterous, expert, masterful, masterly, practiced, skillful, virtuoso—more at SKILLFUL

adroit·ness /ˈnɛs/ noun

- the quality or state of being adroit

Synonyms

- cleverness, craft, dexterity, finesse, sleight—more at DEXTERITY
- adeptness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at SKILL

ad·sorb /əˈsɔrb/ .ˈzɔrb/ verb

- to take up (as molecules of gases) and hold on the surface of a solid or liquid

- ad·sorp·tion /əˈsɔrpˈʃən/ .ˈzɔrpi/ noun

ad·u·late /aˈlæt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing

- to flatter or admire excessively

- ad·u·la·tor /aˈlætər/ noun

ad·u·la·tion /aˈlæˌshən/ noun

- excessive or slavish admiration or flattery

Synonyms

- deification, idolatry, worship—more at WORSHIP
- blarney, flattery, overpraise—more at FLATTERY

ad·u·la·to·ry /əˌləˈtɔrē/ adjective
adult /əˈdʌlt/ adj
[Origin: L adultus, pp. of adolescere to grow up, fr. ad- to + alescere to grow]

1. characterized by or given to adulation
   Synonyms
   fulsome, unctuous—more at FULSOME

2. adult /əˈdʌlt/ adj
   fully developed and mature
   Synonyms
   full-blown, full-fledged, mature, ripe—more at MATURE

adult noun
1. one that is adult; especially: a human being after an age (as 18) specified by law
   Synonyms
   full-blown, full-fledged, mature, ripe—more at MATURE

adulterant /əˈdʌlt.ər.ənt/ n
something used to adulterate another
   Synonyms
   contaminant, defilement, impurity, pollutant—more at IMPURITY

adulterate /əˈdʌlt.ər.ēt/ v
1. to make impure by mixing in a foreign or inferior substance
   Synonyms
   dilute, thin, water, weaken; also befoul, contaminate, corrupt, defile, dirty, foul, infect, poison, pollute, soil, sully, spoil, taint
   Antonyms
   enrich, fortify, strengthen

adultery /əˈdʌlt.ər.i/ n
sexual unfaithfulness of a married person
   Synonyms
   unfaithfulness, infidelity, breach of promise, breach of faith, breach of trust, breach of confidence
   Antonyms
   fidelity, honesty, truthfulness, integrity

adulthood /əˈdʌlt.hūd/ n
the state or time of being an adult
   Synonyms
   maturity, ripeness, fullness, completeness, perfection
   Antonyms
   infancy, childhood, boyhood, girlhood

adumbrate /əˈdʌm.brät/ v
1. to foreshadow vaguely
   Synonyms
   hint, suggest, indicate, imply, allude, imply, intone, intone, inton, intone
   Antonyms
   state, declare, specify

adumbration /əˈdʌm.brā.ʃən/ n

adv abbr
1. adverb
2. advertisement

ad valorem /ˌad.vəˈlôr.i.m/ adj
[Origin: L, according to the value]
1. imposed at a percentage of the value <an ad valorem tax>
2. of, for, or by the value
   Synonyms
   proportional, per cent

advance /ədˈvans/ v
1. to assist the progress of
2. to bring or move forward
3. to promote in rank
4. to make earlier in time
5. to bring forward for notice, consideration, or acceptance: propose
6. to supply or furnish in expectation of repayment: lend
7. to raise in rate: increase
   Synonyms
   promote, further, further, improve, further

adverb
† [1] cultivate, encourage, forward, foster, further, nourish, nurture, promote—more at FOSTER
† [2] fare, forge, get along, go, march, proceed, progress—more at GO
† [3] elevate, promote, raise, upgrade—more at PROMOTE
† [4] offer, pose, proffer, propose, propound, suggest, vote—more at PROPOSE

2 advance noun
1 †: a forward movement
2 †: a progressive step: IMPROVEMENT
3: a rise esp. in price or value
4: OFFER
— in advance
: BEFOREHAND

Synonyms
† [1] advancement, furtherance, headway, march, onrush, passage, process, procession, progress, progression; also current, drift, flow, flux, stream, way
Antonyms
recession, regression, retrogression
† [2] advancement, breakthrough, enhancement, improvement, refinement; also amelioration, boost, heightening, increase, melioration, strengthening, upgrade, uplift, upswing, upturn
Antonyms
setback

3 advance adjective
: made, sent, or furnished ahead of time <~ sales>

advanced /ad.vanst/ adjective
1 †: far on in time or course <a man ~ in years>
2 †: being beyond others in progress <a student with ~ abilities>

Synonyms
† [1,2] high, progressive, refined; also full-blown, full-fledged, full-scale
Antonyms
backward, low, lower, primitive, retarded, rudimentary, undeveloped

advance·ment /.ment/ noun
: the action of advancing: the state of being advanced

Synonyms
† ascent, elevation, promotion, rise, upgrade; also aggrandizement, ennoblement, exaltation, glorification
Antonyms
abasement, demotion, downgrade, reduction

ad·van·tage /ad.vantij/ noun
1 †: superiority of position
2 †: something that promotes well-being: BENEFIT
3: the 1st point won in tennis after deuce
— ad·van·ta·geous·ly adverb

Synonyms
† [1] better, drop, edge, jump, upper hand, vantage; also allowance, head start, lead, margin, odds, start
Antonyms
disadvantage, handicap, liability
† [2] aid, benefit, boon, help—more at HELP

ad·van·ta·geous /ad.vantijes/ adjective
†: giving an advantage

Synonyms
† beneficial, favorable, helpful, profitable, salutary—more at BENEFICIAL

ad·vent /ad.vent/ noun
1 cap: a penitential period beginning four Sundays before Christmas
2 cap: the coming of Christ
ad·ven·ti·tious /ˈad.vən.təchəs/ adjective
1 : coming from another source and not inherent or innate
2 : arising or occurring sporadically or in other than the usual location (<~ buds>)
   — ad·ven·ti·tious·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      → alien, extraneous, extrinsic, foreign—more at EXTRINSIC

ad·ven·ture /ˈad.vən.tər/ noun
1 : a risky undertaking
2 : a remarkable and exciting experience
   Synonyms
   → experience, happening, time; also escapade, lark

ad·ven·ture verb -ven·tured; -ven·tur·ing /ˈvən.tərd/ : to expose to danger or loss : RISK, HAZARD
   Synonyms
   → compromise, gamble, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, menace, risk, venture

ad·ven·tur·er /ˈad.vən.tər/ noun
1 : a person who engages in new and risky undertakings
2 : a person who follows a military career for adventure or profit
3 : a person who tries to gain wealth by questionable means

ad·ven·tur·some /ˈad.vən.tər.səm/ adjective
: inclined to take risks

ad·ven·tur·ess /ˈad.vən.tər.əs/ noun
: a female adventurer

ad·ven·tur·ous /ˈad.vən.tər.əs/ adjective
: disposed to seek adventure or to cope with the new and unknown
   Synonyms
   → audacious, bold, daring, enterprising, nervy, venturesome—more at BOLD

ad·verb /ˈad.vərb/ noun
: a word that typically serves as a modifier of a verb, an adjective, or another adverb
   — ad·ver·bi·al /ˈad.vər.bi.əl/ adjective
   — ad·ver·bi·al·ly adverb

ad·ver·si·ty /ˈad.vər.si.tē/ noun, plural -ties
: hard times : occurrences of misfortune
   Synonyms
   → antagonist, enemy, foe, opponent—more at ENEMY

ad·vers·ary /ˈad.vər.sərē/ noun, plural -ser·ies
: one that contends with, opposes, or resists
   Synonyms
   → antagonist, enemy, foe, opponent—more at ENEMY

ad·verse /ˈad.vərs/ adjective
1 : acting against or in a contrary direction
2 : opposed to one's interests : UNFAVORABLE
   — ad·verse·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      → counter, disadvantageous, hostile, inimical, negative, prejudicial, unfavorable, unfriendly, unsympathetic;
      also bad, baleful, baneful, evil
      Antonyms
      → advantageous, favorable, friendly, positive, sympathetic, well-disposed

ad·ver·si·ty /ˈad.vər.sə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
: hard times : occurrences of misfortune
ad·vert /adˈvɜːrt/ verb
☞ to call attention in the course of speaking or writing: REFER

Synonyms
☞ cite, instance, mention, name, note, notice, quote, refer, specify, touch—more at MENTION

ad·vert·ise /adˌvɜːrˈtɪs/ verb -tised; -tis·ing
1 : INFORM, NOTIFY
2 ☞ to call public attention to esp. in order to sell
—ad·ver·tis·er noun

Synonyms
☞ announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound
—more at ANNOUNCE

ad·ver·tis·ment /adˌvɜːrˈtɪs·ment/ adˌvɜːrˈtes·ment/ noun
1 : the act of advertising
2 ☞ a public notice intended to advertise something

Synonyms
☞ announcement, bulletin, notice, notification, release—more at ANNOUNCEMENT

ad·ver·tis·ing /adˌvɜːr·tɪs·ɪŋ/ noun
: the business of preparing advertisements

ad·vice /adˈvɪs/ noun
1 : recommendation with regard to a course of action: COUNSEL
2 : INFORMATION, REPORT

ad·vis·able /adˈviːzəbəl/ adjective
☞ proper to be done: EXPEDIENT
—ad·vis·abil·i·ty /adˈviːzəbəliːti/ noun

Synonyms
☞ desirable, expedient, judicious, politic, prudent, tactical, wise—more at EXPEDIENT

ad·vise /adˈvɪz/ verb ad·vised; ad·vis·ing
1 a : to give advice to: COUNSEL
b ☞ to recommend esp. as the best or most expedient act, course, or policy
2 ☞ to give information or notice to: INFORM
3 ☞ to take counsel: CONSULT, CONFER

Synonyms
☞ [1b] counsel, suggest; also advocate, back, favor, support
☞ [2] acquaint, apprise, brief, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, instruct, tell, wise—more at ENLIGHTEN
☞ [3] confer, consult, counsel, parley, powwow, treat—more at CONFER

ad·vis·er also ad·vi·sor /ˌadˈvɪzər/ noun
: one that gives advice

ad·vised /adˈvɪzd/ adjective
☞ thought out: CONSIDERED <well-advised>
—ad·vised·ly /ˌadˈvɪzdəli/ adverb

Synonyms
☞ calculated, deliberate, measured, reasoned, studied, thoughtful—more at DELIBERATE

ad·vise·ment /adˈvɪz·ment/ noun
1 : careful consideration
2 : the act of advising

ad·vi·so·ry /adˈvɪzərē/ adjective
1 : having or exercising power to advise
2 : containing advice

advocate /'ad.vəˌkælt/ noun
[ORIGIN: ultim. fr. L. advocare to summon, fr. ad- to + vocare to call]
1 ▶ : one who pleads another's cause
2 ▶ : one who argues or pleads for a cause or proposal
— adv·o·ca·cy /ˌve.kaˌse/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] attorney, counsel, lawyer—more at LAWYER
   ▶ [2] apostle, backer, booster, champion, exponent, friend, promoter, proponent, supporter—more at EXPONENT

advocate /ˈkælt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
▶ : to plead in favor of
→ adv·o·ca·tion /ˌad.vəˈkæ.ʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ back, champion, endorser, patronize, support—more at SUPPORT

adv. abbreviation
advertisement
adze also adz /'adz/ noun
: a tool with a curved blade set at right angles to the handle that is used in shaping wood
AEC abbreviation
Atomic Energy Commission

ae·gis /ˈe.jəs/ noun
1 ▶ : one that protects : SHIELD
2 : PATRONAGE, SPONSORSHIP
   Synonyms
   ▶ armor, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE

ae·o·li·an harp /ˌe.o.ˌli.ən/ noun
: a box with strings that produce musical sounds when the wind blows on them

ae·on or eon /ˈe.ən, əˈən/ noun
▶ : an indefinitely long time : AGE
   Synonyms
   ▶ age, cycle, eternity—more at AGE

aerate /ˈer.tət/ verb aer·at·ed; aer·at·ing
1 : to supply (blood) with oxygen by respiration
2 : to supply, impregnate, or combine with a gas and esp. air
→ aer·a·tion /ˌer.təˈʃən/ noun
→ aer·a·tor /ˌer.təˈtər/ noun

aerial /əˈriəl/ adjective
1 : inhabiting, occurring in, or done in the air
2 : AIRY
3 : of or relating to aircraft

2:aerial /əˈriəl/ noun
 : ANTENNA

ae·ri·al·ist /əˌriəˈlɪst/ noun
: a performer of feats above the ground esp. on a trapeze

ae·rie /ˈeəri, ɪˈri/ noun
: a highly placed nest (as of an eagle)

aer·o·bat·ics /ər.oˈba.tiks/ noun singular or plural
: spectacular flying feats and maneuvers
aero·bic /əˈbɪk/ adjective
1: living or active only in the presence of oxygen (as bacteria)
2: involving or increasing oxygen consumption (as activity); also: of or relating to aerobics
— aero·bi·cal·ly /ˌbiˈk(ə)l/ adverb
aero·bics /ˈbɪks/ noun singular or plural
: strenuous exercises that produce a marked temporary increase in respiration and heart rate; also: a system of physical conditioning involving these
aero·drome /ˈeərəˌdrəm/ noun, chiefly British
: AIRPORT
aero·dy·nam·ics /ˌeərəˈdɪˌnæməks/ noun
: the science dealing with the forces acting on bodies in motion in a gas (as air)
— aero·dy·nam·ic /ˌdīˈnæmik/ also aero·dy·nam·i·cal /ˌdīˈnaməkəl/ adjective
— aero·dy·nam·i·cal·ly /ˌdīˈnaməkəlē/ adverb
aero·naut /ˈeərəˌnaut/ noun
[origin: Fr aéronaute, ultim. fr. Gk aēr air + nautēs sailor]
: one who operates or travels in an airship or balloon
aero·nau·tics /ˌeərəˈnətiks/ noun
: the science of aircraft operation
— aero·nau·ti·cal /ˌnəˈtikəl/ also aero·nau·tic /ˈnətik/ adjective
aero·sol /ˈeərəˌsōl, -sōl/ noun
1: a suspension of fine solid or liquid particles in a gas
2: a substance (as an insecticide) dispensed from a pressurized container as an aerosol
aero·space /ˌeərəˈspās/ noun
: the earth's atmosphere and the space beyond
— aerospace adjective
aery /ˈeərē/ adjective aer·i·er; -est
: having an aerial quality: ETHEREAL
aes·thete /ˈes thiːt/ noun
: a person having or affecting sensitivity to beauty esp. in art
aes·thet·ic /ˈesθiːtɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to aesthetics: ARTISTIC
2: appreciative of the beautiful
— aes·thet·i·cal·ly /ˌθiˈk(ə)l/ adverb
aes·thet·ics /ˈesθiˈtɪks/ noun
: a branch of philosophy dealing with the nature, creation, and appreciation of beauty
AF abbreviation
1 air force
2 audio frequency
1' afar /əˈfær/ adverb
: from, at, or to a great distance
2' afar noun
: a great distance
AFB abbreviation
air force base
AFC abbreviation
1 American Football Conference
2 automatic frequency control
AFDC  abbreviation
Aid to Families with Dependent Children

affable /əˈfəbəl/ adjective
▷ courteous and agreeable esp. in conversation
— affably /əˈfəbəli/ adverb

Synonyms
▷ agreeable, amiable, genial, good-natured, gracious, nice, sweet, well-disposed—more at AMIABLE
▷ cordial, genial, gracious, hospitable, sociable—more at GRACIOUS

affability /əˈfəbələti/ noun
▷ the quality or state of being affable

affair /əˈfær/ noun
[Origin: ME afere, fr. AF fr. a faire, fr. faire to do]
1: something that relates to or involves one: MATTER
2 a ▷: a procedure, action, or occasion only vaguely specified <the most important social ~ of the year>
b: an object or collection of objects only vaguely specified <their house was a 2-story ~>
3: a romantic or sexual attachment of limited duration

Synonyms
▷ [2a] blowout, event, fete, function, get-together, party—more at PARTY
▷ [2a] circumstance, episode, event, happening, incident, occasion, occurrence, thing—more at EVENT

affect /əˈfekt/ verb
1: to be fond of using or wearing
2 ▷: to put on a pretense of: SIMULATE, ASSUME, PRETEND

Synonyms
▷ assume, counterfeit, fake, feign, pretend, profess, put on, sham, simulate—more at FEIGN

2affect verb
▷: to produce an effect on: INFLUENCE

Synonyms
▷ impact, impress, influence, move, strike, sway, tell, touch; also bias, color

affectation /əˈfekˈtāʃən/ noun
▷: an attitude or behavior that is assumed by a person but not genuinely felt

Synonyms
▷ pretense, pretension, pretentiousness—more at PRETENSE

affect ed /əˈfektɪd/ adjective
1 ▷: given to affectation
2 ▷: artificially assumed to impress others
— affect ed ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ [1] grandiose, highfalutin, ostentatious, pompous, pretentious—more at PRETENTIOUS
▷ [2] artificial, assumed, fake, false, feigned, phony, put-on, sham, unnatural—more at ARTIFICIAL

affect ing /əˈfektɪŋ/ adjective
▷: evoking a strong emotional response <an ~ story>
— affect ing ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ emotional, impressive, moving, poignant, stirring, touching—more at MOVING

affect ion /əˈfekʃən/ noun
1 ▷: tender attachment
2: a condition of the living animal or plant body or of one of its parts that impairs normal function: DISEASE
— affect ion ate ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ attachment, devotion, fondness, love, passion—more at LOVE

affect ion ate /əˈʃek(ə)nət/ adjective
having affection or warm regard: LOVE
motivated by affection: TENDER

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] devoted, fond, loving, tender, tenderhearted—more at LOVE.

af-fer-ent /əˈfər-ənt/ adjective
bearing or conducting inward toward a more central part and esp. a nerve center (as the brain or spinal cord)

af-fi-ance /əˈfəns/ verb -anced; -ancing
- BETROTH, ENGAGE

af-fi-da-vit /əˈfaːdəvɪt/ noun
[origin: ML, he has made an oath]
- a sworn statement in writing

1 affiliated /əˈfilətɪd/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
- to associate as a member or branch

2 affiliated /əˈfilətɪd/ noun
- an affiliated person or organization

**Synonyms**
- branch, chapter, local—more at CHAPTER

af·fil·i·a·tion /əˈfiləʃən/ noun
- the act of affiliating: the state or relation of being affiliated

**Synonyms**
- alliance, association, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, liaison, partnership, relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION

af-firm /əˈfɜr̩m/ verb
1: CONFIRM
2: to assert positively
3: to make a solemn and formal declaration or assertion in place of an oath

**Synonyms**
- allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM

af·fir·ma·tion /əˈfɜr̩məˈʃən/ noun
- something affirmed: a positive assertion

**Synonyms**
- assertion, avowal, claim, declaration, profession, protestation—more at PROTESTATION

1 affirmative /əˈfɜr̩maɪtɪv/ adjective
- asserting that the fact is so: POSITIVE

**Synonyms**
- favorable, good, positive, warm

2 affirmative noun
1: an expression of affirmation or assent
2: the side that upholds the proposition stated in a debate

affirmative action noun
- an active effort to improve the employment or educational opportunities of members of minority groups and women

1 affix /əˈfɪks/ verb
1: to attach physically <~ a stamp to a letter>
2: to attach in any way: ADD <~ a signature to the document>
Synonyms

- attach, fasten, fix—more at FASTEN

2 affix /ˈaf.iks/ noun
: one or more sounds or letters attached to the beginning or end of a word that produce a derivative word or an inflectional form

af·flec·tus /əˈflɛktəs/ noun
: divine inspiration

af·flict /əˈflɪkt/ verb
: to cause pain and distress to

Synonyms
- agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, martyr, persecute, plague, rack, torment, torture; also assail, attack, beset, set upon

af·flec·tion /əˈflɛkʃən/ noun
: great suffering

Synonyms
- agony, anguish, distress, misery, pain, torment, torture, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS

af·flic·tive /əˈflɪktɪv/ adjective
: causing affliction: DISTRESSING
— af·flic·tive·ly adverb

af·flu·ence /əˈfljuəns/ noun
: abundant supply; also : WEALTH, RICHES

af·flu·ent /əˈfljuənt/ adjective
: having a generously sufficient and typically increasing supply of material possessions

Synonyms
- flush, loaded, moneyed, opulent, rich, wealthy, well-heeled, well-to-do—more at RICH

af·ford /əˈfɔrd/ verb
1: to manage to bear or bear the cost of without serious harm or loss
2: PROVIDE, FURNISH

af·for·es·ta·tion /əˈfɔrəstəˈʃən/ noun
: the act or process of establishing a forest
— af·for·est /əˈfɔrəst/ verb

af·fray /əˈfrā/ noun, chiefly British
: a fight between two or more people in a public place that disturbs the peace: FRAY

af·fright /əˈfrɪt/ verb, archaic
: to make afraid: FRIGHTEN, ALARM
— affright noun

1 affront /əˈfrʌnt/ verb
1: to insult esp. to the face
2: CONFRONT

Synonyms
- insult, offend, outrage, slight, wound—more at INSULT

2 affront noun
: a deliberate offense

af·ghan /ˈaf.gən/ noun
1 cap: a native or inhabitant of Afghanistan
2: a blanket or shawl of colored wool knitted or crocheted in sections
— Afghan adjective

Afghan hound noun
any of a breed of tall slim swift hunting dogs with a coat of silky thick hair and a long silky topknot

afi·cio·na·do /əˌfi.ʃēˈna do, -ˈ sé a/ noun, plural -dos
[origin: Sp, fr. pp. of aficionar to inspire affection]
☞: a person who likes, knows about, and appreciates a usu. fervently pursued interest or activity: DEVOTEE, FAN
  Synonyms
    → addict, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac, nut—more at FAN

afield /əˈfi ld/ adverb
  1 : to, in, or on the field
  2 : away from home
  3 ▶ : out of the way: ASTRAY
  — afield adjective
    Synonyms
      → amiss, astray, awry, wrong—more at WRONG

afire /əˈfīr/ adjective
☞: being on fire: BURNING
  → ablaze, burning, fiery—more at ABLAZE

AFL abbreviation
American Football League

 aflame /əˈflām/ adjective
  : being on fire
  → aflame adverb

AFL–CIO abbreviation
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

afloat /əˈflōt/ adjective or adverb
  1 : borne on or as if on the water
  2 : CIRCULATING <rumors were ~>
  3 : ADRIFT

aflutter /əˈflutər/ adjective
  1 : FLUTTERING
  2 ▶ : nervously excited
  Synonyms
    → anxious, edgy, jittery, jumpy, nervous, perturbed, tense, uneasy—more at NERVOUS

afoot /əˈfōt/ adverb or adjective
  1 : on foot
  2 ▶ : in action: in progress
  Synonyms
    → ongoing, proceeding—more at ONGOING

afore·men·tioned /əˈfôr ˈmen chand/ adjective
  : mentioned previously

afore·said /əˈfôrd/ adjective
  : said or named before

afore·thought /əˈfôr ˈthōt/ adjective
  : PREMEDITATED <with malice ~> 

a for·ti·o·ri /əˌfor tēˈō rē/ adverb
[origin: NL, lit., from the stronger (argument)]
  : with even greater reason

afoul of /əˈfoul əv/ preposition
1: in or into conflict with
2: in or into collision or entanglement with

Afr abbreviation
Africa; African

afraid /əˈfrɪd/ adjective
\(\vdots\)
filled with fear or apprehension: FRIGHTENED, FEARFUL

Synonyms
\(\vdots\)
aghast, fearful, scared, terrified; also fainthearted, fearsome, shrinking, shy, timid, timorous, tremulous

Antonyms
fearless, unafraid

A–frame /əˈfrɛm/ noun
a building having triangular front and rear walls with the roof reaching to the ground

afresh /əˈfrɛsh/ adverb
from a fresh beginning: ANEW, AGAIN

Af·ri·can /əˈfrɪkən/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Africa
2: a person of African ancestry

— African adjective

Af·ri·can–Amer·i·can /ˌaˌfrɪkənˈɛmərɪkən/ noun
an American of African and esp. of black African descent

— African–American adjective

Af·ri·can·ized bee /əˌfrɪkənˈɪzd/ noun
a highly aggressive hybrid honeybee accidentally produced from Brazilian and African stocks that has spread from So. America into Mexico and the southern U.S.

Africanized honeybee noun
AFRICANIZED BEE

African violet noun
a tropical African plant widely grown indoors for its velvety fleshy leaves and showy purple, pink, or white flowers

Af·ri·kaans /əˈfrɪkənəs/ noun
a language developed from 17th century Dutch that is one of the official languages of the Republic of So. Africa

Af·ro /əˈfrō/ noun, plural Afros
a hairstyle of tight curls in a full evenly rounded shape

Af·ro–Amer·i·can /ˌaˌfrōˈɛmərɪkən/ noun
an American of African and esp. of black African descent

— Afro–American adjective

aft /əf/ adverb
near, toward, or in the stern of a ship or the tail of an aircraft

AFT abbreviation
American Federation of Teachers

after /ˈæftər/ adverb
\(\vdots\)
following in time or place: AFTERWARD, SUBSEQUENTLY

Synonyms
\(\vdots\)
afterward, later, subsequently, thereafter; also next

Antonyms
before, beforehand, earlier, previously

2: after preposition
1: behind in place
2: later than
3: in pursuit or search of <he's ~ your job>

* After conjunction
  following the time when
* After adjective
  1: later in time
  2: located toward the rear

  Synonyms
  ▶ later, posterior, subsequent—more at subsequent

After-birth /'afˌbər-θ/ noun
the placenta and membranes of the fetus that are expelled after childbirth

After-burner /ˌbərnər/ noun
a device incorporated in the tail pipe of a turbojet engine for injecting fuel into the hot exhaust gases and burning it to provide extra thrust

After-care /ˌkeər/ noun
the care, nursing, or treatment of a convalescent patient

After-deck /ˌdēk/ noun
the rear half of the deck of a ship

After-effect /ˌefekt/ noun
an effect that follows its cause after an interval

After-glow /ˌglō/ noun
a glow remaining where a light has disappeared

After-image /ˌimij/ noun
a usual visual sensation continuing after the stimulus causing it has ended

After-life /ˌlaft/ noun
▶ an existence after death

  Synonyms
  ▶ eternity, hereafter, immortality—more at eternity

After-math /ˌmatθ/ noun
1: a second-growth crop esp. of hay
2: something produced by a cause or necessarily following from a set of conditions: consequence, effect

  Synonyms
  ▶ consequence, effect, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequence, upshot—more at effect

Afternoon /ˌnaun/ noun
the time between noon and evening

After-shave /ˌshāv/ noun
a usual scented lotion for the face after shaving

After-taste /ˌtāst/ noun
a sensation (as of flavor) continuing after the stimulus causing it has ended

After-tax /ˌtāks/ adjective
remaining after payment of taxes and esp. of income tax <an ~ profit>

Afterthought /ˌθəft/ noun
a later thought; also: something thought of later

Afterward /ˈwɔrd/ or afterwards /ˈwɜrdz/ adverb
▶ at a later time

  Synonyms
  ▶ after, later, subsequently, thereafter—more at after
Ag symbol
[ORIGIN: L argentum]
silver

AG abbreviation
1 adjutant general
2 attorney general

again /əˈgɛn/ adverb
1 : once more : AGAIN
2 : on the other hand
3 : in addition : BESIDES

Synonyms
[1] anew, over; also always, constantly, continuously, endlessly, ever, evermore, perpetually
Antonyms
nevermore
[3] additionally, also, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, too, withal, yet

against /əˈgenst/ preposition
1 : in opposition to
2 : directly opposite to : FACING
3 : as defense from
4 a : in the direction of and into contact with <threw him ~ the ropes>
 b : in contact with <leaning ~ the wall>

agape /əˈgæp, ˈægʌp/ noun
[ORIGIN: LL, fr. Gk agapē, lit., love]
unselfish unconditional love for another

Ag·ate /əˈɡeɪt/ noun
1 : a striped or clouded quartz
2 : a playing marble of agate or of glass

Ag·ave /əˈɡæv/ noun
: any of a genus of spiny-leaved plants (as a century plant) related to the amaryllis

Ag·cy abbreviation
agency

1 age /æ/ noun
1 : the length of time during which a being or thing has lived or existed
2 : the time of life at which some particular qualification is achieved; especially : MAJORITY
3 : the latter part of life
4 : a long time
5 : a period in history

Synonyms
aeon, cycle, eternity; also infinity

2 age verb aged; ag·ing or age·ing
1 : to grow old or cause to grow old

2 : to become or cause to become mature or mellow

   *Synonyms*
   
   develop, grow, grow up, mature, progress, ripen—more at MATURE

-age noun suffix
1 : aggregate : collection <trackage>
2 : action : process <haulage>
3 : cumulative result of <breakage>
4 : rate of <dosage>
5 : house or place of <orphanage>
6 : state : rank <vassalage>
7 : fee : charge <postage>

aged /'ædɪd/ adjective
1 : of advanced age
2 : having attained a specified age <a man ~ 40 years>

age·ism /'ædʒɪzəm/ noun
: discrimination against persons of a particular age and esp. the elderly

age·less /'ædʒələs/ adjective
1 : not growing old or showing the effects of age
2 : TIMELESS, ETERNAL <less truths>

agency /'æɡənəsi/ noun, plural -cies
1 : one through which something is accomplished : INSTRUMENTALITY
2 : the office or function of an agent
3 : an establishment doing business for another
4 : an administrative division (as of a government)
   *Synonyms*
   
   agent, instrument, instrumentality, machinery, means, medium, organ, vehicle—more at AGENT

agenda /'ædʒənə/ noun
1 : a list of things to be done : PROGRAM
   *Synonyms*
   
   calendar, docket, program, schedule, timetable—more at PROGRAM

gagent /'ædʒənt/ noun
1 : one that acts
2 : something that produces or is capable of producing an effect : MEANS, INSTRUMENT
3 : a person acting or doing business for another
   *Synonyms*
   
   [2] agency, instrument, instrumentality, machinery, means, medium, organ, vehicle; also determinant, expedient, factor, influence, ingredient, mechanism, tool
   
   [3] attorney, commissary, delegate, deputy, envoy, factor, proxy, representative; also ambassador, emissary, foreign minister, legate, minister

Agent Orange noun
: an herbicide widely used in the Vietnam War that is composed of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T and contains a toxic contaminant

agent pro·vo·ca·teur /'ä̃.zhã.prō.vä.kə.tər/ noun, plural agents provocateurs /'ä̃.zhã.prō.vä.kə.tər. 'æ̃.dʒənts.prō.ˈtœr/ [ORIGIN: F]
: a person hired to infiltrate a group and incite its members to illegal action

age–old /'ædʒəld/ adjective
1 : having existed for ages : ANCIENT
   *Synonyms*
ancient, antediluvian, antique, dateless, hoary, old, venerable—more at ANCIENT

ag·er·a·tum /ә.ˈɡeəˌtəm/ noun, plural -tum also -tums
: any of a large genus of tropical American plants that are related to the daisies and have small showy heads of blue or white flowers

Ag·ge·us /ə.ˈɡi.əs/ noun
: HAGGAI

agglomerate /ə.ˈɡləˌme.ɾət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[origin: L agglomerare to heap up, join, fr. ad- to + glomer-, glomus ball]
: to gather into a mass : CLUSTER

— ag·glom·er·a·tion /ə.ˈɡləˌme.ɾə.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
ball, cluster, conglomerate, roll, round, wad—more at WAD

2 agglomerate /ә.ˈɡləˈrət/ noun
: rock composed of volcanic fragments

ag·glu·ti·nate /ə.ˈɡləˌtən.ət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
1 : to cause to adhere : gather into a group or mass
2 : to cause (as red blood cells or bacteria) to collect into clumps

— ag·glu·ti·na·tion /ə.ˈɡləˌtən.ə.ʃən/ noun

ag·gran·dize /ə.ˈɡranˌdaɪz/ verb -dized; -diz·ing
1 : to make great or greater
2 : to enhance the power, wealth, position, or reputation of

— ag·gran·dize·ment /ə.ˈɡranˌdaɪzmənt/ noun

Synonyms
[1] add, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at INCREASE

[2] dignify, ennoble, exalt, glorify, magnify—more at EXALT

ag·gra·vate /ə.ˈɡrəˌvāt/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing
1 : to make more severe : INTENSIFY
2 : to rouse to displeasure or anger by usu. persistent and often petty goading : IRRITATE

Synonyms
annoy, bother, bug, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE

ag·gra·va·tion /ə.ˈɡrəˌva.ʃən/ noun
: the act, action, or result of aggravating

Synonyms
annoyance, bother, harassment, vexation—more at ANNOYANCE

aggravating adjective
: arousing displeasure, impatience, or anger

Synonyms
annoying, bothersome, frustrating, galling, irksome, irritating, pesty, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

1 aggregate /a.ˈɡrēˌɡel/ adjective
: formed by the gathering of units into one mass

2 aggregate /ˈɡel/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to collect into one mass

3 aggregate /ˈɡel/ noun
1 : a mass or body of units or parts somewhat loosely associated with one another
2 : the whole amount

Synonyms
full, sum, total, totality, whole—more at WHOLE
ag·gre·ga·tion /əˈɡriɡəˈʃən/ noun
1 : a group, body, or mass composed of many distinct parts
2 : the collecting of units or parts into a mass or whole

ag·gres·sion /əˈɡres.ʃən/ noun
1 : an unprovoked attack
2 : the practice of making attacks
3 : hostile, injurious, or destructive behavior or outlook esp. when caused by frustration

Synonyms
[1] assault, attack, charge, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, rush, strike—more at ATTACK
[3] aggressiveness, belligerence, fight, militancy, pugnacity, truculence—more at BELLIGERENCE

ag·gres·sive /əˈɡres.əv/ adjective
1 : tending toward or exhibiting aggression; especially : marked by combative readiness
2 : marked by driving energy or initiative : ENTERPRISING
3 : more intensive or comprehensive esp. in dosage or extent
— ag·gres·sive·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, combative, contentious, militant, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent, warlike—more at BELLIGERENT
[2] ambitious, assertive, enterprising, fierce, go-getting, high-pressure, militant, self-assertive; also dynamic, energetic, gung ho, hustling, scrappy, strenuous, vigorous
Antonyms
unaggressive, unambitious, unassertive, unenterprising

ag·gres·sive·ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being aggressive

Synonyms
aggression, belligerence, fight, militancy, pugnacity, truculence—more at BELLIGERENCE
ambition, drive, enterprise, go, hustle, initiative—more at ENTERPRISE

ag·gres·sor /əˈɡres.ar/ noun
: one that commits or practices aggression

ag·grieve /əˈɡri:v/ verb ag·grieved; ag·griev·ing
1 : to cause grief to
2 : to inflict injury on : WRONG

aggrieved adjective
1 : troubled or distressed in spirit

Synonyms
discontent, discontented, dissatisfied, malcontent—more at DISCONTENTED

ag·hast /aˈɡa st/ adjective
1 : struck with amazement or horror

Synonyms
afraid, terrified—more at AFRAID

ag·ile /aˈja l/ adjective
1 : able to move quickly and easily

Synonyms
graceful, light, lissome, lithe, nimble, spry—more at GRACEFUL

ag·il·i·ty /aˈi la ti/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being agile

Synonyms
deftness, dexterity, nimbleness, sleight—more at DEXTERITY

ag·i·tate /aˈje læt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 : to move or cause to move with an irregular rapid motion
2 : to excite and often trouble the mind or feelings of : DISTURB
3 : to discuss earnestly
4 : to attempt to arouse public feeling

**Synonyms**
- [1] convulse, jolt, jounce, quake, quiver, shake, shudder, vibrate, wobble—more at SHAKE
- [2] bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, perturb, unsettle, upset, worry

**agit·ated adjective**
- : troubled in mind

**Synonyms**
- feverish, frenzied, heated, hectic, overactive, overwrought—more at FEVERISH

**ag·i·ta·tion /a_je_ˌtā.ʃən/ noun**
- : the act or state of agitating or being agitated

**Synonyms**
- anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, nervousness, perturbation, uneasiness, worry—more at ANXIETY

**ag·i·ta·tor /a_je_ˌtā.tər/ noun**
- : one that agitates

**Synonyms**
- demagogue, firebrand, incendiary, inciter, rabble-rouser; also demonstrator, marcher, objector, protester

**ag·it·prop /a_je_ˌit.präp/ noun**
[ORIGIN: Russ]
- : political propaganda promulgated esp. through the arts

**ag·leam /a_ˌglēm/ adjective**
- : GLEAMING

**ag·lit·ter /a_ˌgli.ter/ adjective**
- : GLITTERING

**aglow /a_ˌglo/ adjective**
- : glowing esp. with warmth or excitement : GLOWING

**Synonyms**
- beaming, glowing, radiant, sunny—more at RADIANT

**ag·nos·tic /a_ˌgnōs.tik/ adjective**
[ORIGIN: Gk 
agnostos unknown, unknowable, fr. a- un- + gnōstos known]
- : of or relating to the belief that the existence of any ultimate reality (as God) is unknown and prob. unknowable

— agnostic noun
— ag·nos·ti·cism /ˈnōs.təˌsizəm/ noun

**ago /a_ˌgo/ adjective or adverb**
- : earlier than the present time

**agog /a_ˌgäg/ adjective**
[ORIGIN: MF en gogues in mirth]
- : full of intense interest or excitement

**Synonyms**
- agape, anticipatory, expectant—more at EXPECTANT
- anxious, ardent, arthrist, avid, eager, enthusiastic, keen—more at EAGER

**a–go–go /əˈgōɡˌgō/ adjective**
[ORIGIN: Whisky à Gogo, café and disco in Paris, France, fr. F à gogo galore]
- : GO-GO

**ag·o·nize /a_ˌgō.niz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing**
- : to suffer or cause to suffer agony

**Synonyms**
agonizing adjective
  : causing agony
  Synonyms
  ➤ bitter, cruel, excruciating, galling, grievous, harrowing, harsh, hurtful, painful, tortuous—more at BITTER

agonizing·ly /ˌaˌgaˌniz·əŋ·lē/ adverb
  : in a manner that is agonizing
  Synonyms
  ➤ bitterly, grievously, hard, sorrowfully, unhappily, wretchedly—more at HARD

agony /ˈaˌgəˌni/ noun, plural -nies
  [origin: ME agonie, fr. L agonie struggle, anguish, fr. agōn gathering, contest for a prize]
  1 ➤ : extreme pain of mind or body
  2 : a strong sudden display (as of joy or delight): OUTBURST
  Synonyms
  ➤ affliction, anguish, distress, misery, pain, torment, torture, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS

ag·o·ra·pho·bia /ˌaˌɡəˌrəˌfəˈbeə/ noun
  : abnormal fear of being in a helpless, embarrassing, or inescapable situation characterized esp. by avoidance of open or public places
  —ag·o·ra·pho·bic /ˌaˌɡəˌrəˈfəbikˌˌəˌfəˈbik/ adjective or noun

agr abbreviation
  agricultural; agriculture

agrar·i·an /ˌaˌɡrəˌrēˈeən/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to land or its ownership ~ reforms
  2 : of or relating to farmers or farming interests
  —agrarian noun
  —agrar·i·an·ism noun

agree /əˈɡri/ verb agreed; agreeing
  1 ➤ : to concur in (as an opinion) : ADMIT, CONCEDE
  2 ➤ : to be similar : CORRESPOND
  3 ➤ : to express agreement or approval
  4 ➤ : to be in harmony
  5 : to settle by common consent
  6 : to be fitting or healthful : SUIT
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1, 3] acknowledge, admit, allow, concede, confess, grant, own—more at ADMIT
  ➤ [2] accord, check, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally—more at CHECK
  ➤ [4] blend, conform, coordinate, harmonize—more at HARMONIZE

agree·able /əˈɡriˌəbəl/ adjective
  1 ➤ : pleasing to the mind or senses esp. as according well with one's tastes or needs
  2 : ready to consent
  3 ➤ : being in harmony
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] all right, alright, fine, good, OK, palatable, satisfactory—more at SATISFACTORY
  ➤ [1] congenial, delightful, enjoyable, felicitous, good, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying
  ➤ [1] affable, amiable, genial, good-natured, gracious, nice, sweet, well-disposed—more at AMIABLE
  ➤ [3] amicable, compatible, congenial, harmonious, kindred, unanimous, united—more at HARMONIOUS

agree·able·ness /ˌəɡriˌəbəlˈnəs/ noun
  : the quality or state of being agreeable
  Synonyms
amenity, amiability, geniality, graciousness, niceness, pleasantness, sweetness—more at AMIABILITY

agree·ably /əˈblē/ adverb

› in an agreeable manner

Synonyms

› delightfully, favorably, felicitously, gloriously, nicely, pleasantly, pleasingly, satisfyingly, splendidly, well

agree·ment /əˈgrē-ment/ noun

1 › harmony of opinion or action
2 › mutual understanding or arrangement; also : a document containing such an arrangement

Synonyms

[1] accord, conformity, consonance, harmony, tune—more at CONFORMITY
[1] accord, concurrence, consensus, unanimity; also accession, assent, consent

Antonyms

disagreement, dissent
[2] accord, bargain, compact, contract, convention, covenant, deal, pact, settlement, understanding; also charter, treaty

ag·ri·busi·ness /əˈgrä-ˌbiz-nəs, -nez/ noun

: an industry engaged in the manufacture and sale of farm equipment and supplies and in the production, processing, storage, and sale of farm commodities

agric abbreviatio

agricultural; agriculture

ag·ri·cul·tur·al /əˌgrä-ˌkəl-ch(ə)rəl/ adjective

› of, relating to, used in, or concerned with agriculture

ag·ri·cul·ture /əˌgrä-ˌkəl-chər/ noun

› the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops, and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products: FARMING, HUSBANDRY

ag·ri·cul·tur·ist /ˌchə-ˌrist/ or ag·ri·cul·tur·al·ist /ˌchə-ˌral-ist/ noun

› one that is trained in or practices agriculture

Synonyms

› cultivator, farmer, grower, planter, tiller—more at FARMER

agron·o·mist /əˌgrä-ˌna-mist/ noun

: one that is trained in or practices agronomy

agron·o·my /əˌgrä-ˌna-mē/ noun

› a branch of agriculture that deals with the raising of crops and the care of the soil

— ag·ro·nom·ic /əˌgrä-ˌnäm-ik/ adjective

aground /əˌgraʊnd/ adverb or adjective

› on or onto the bottom or shore <ran ~>

agt abbreviation

agent

ague /ˈā-gyü/ noun

› a fever (as malaria) with recurrent chills and sweating

ahead /əˈhēd/ adverb or adjective

1 › in or toward the front
2 › into or for the future <plan ~>
3 › in or toward a more advantageous position
4 › at or to an earlier time

Synonyms

› [1, 2] along, forth, forward, on—more at ALONG
› [4] before, beforehand, previously; also formerly
Antonyms
after, afterward, later

ahead of preposition
1 ➔: in front or advance of
2: in excess of ➔ ABOVE

Synonyms
❖ before, ere, of, previous to, prior to, to—more at BEFORE

AHL abbreviation
American Hockey League

ahoy /əˈhoʊ/ interjection
— used in hailing <ship ~>
ai·le·ron /əˈle rən/ noun
: a movable part of an airplane wing used in banking

ail·ment /əlˈmənt/ noun
: a bodily disorder

Synonyms
- complaint, complication, condition, disease, disorder, ill, illness, infirmity, malady, sickness, trouble

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1aim /əm/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF aessmer & esmer; AF aessmer, fr. a- to (fr. L ad-) + esmer to estimate, fr. L aestimare]
1 : to point a weapon at an object
2 : to direct one’s efforts: ASPIRE
3 : to direct to or toward a specified object or goal

Synonyms
- [2] aspire, contemplate, design, intend, mean, meditate, plan, propose
- [3] bend, cast, direct, head, level, set, train; also bear, face

2aim noun
1 : the pointing of a weapon at an object
2 : the ability to hit a target
3 : a clearly directed intent or purpose: OBJECT, PURPOSE

— aim·less·ly adverb
— aim·less·ness noun

Synonyms
- ambition, aspiration, design, end, goal, intent, object, objective, plan, purpose

aim·less /əˈləs/ adjective
: without aim or purpose

Synonyms
- arbitrary, desultory, erratic, haphazard, random, scattered, stray

AIM abbreviation
American Indian Movement

ain’t /ənt/ /ənt/ /ənt/
1 are not
2 is not
3 am not — though disapproved by many and more common in less educated speech, used in both speech and writing to catch attention and to gain emphasis

Ai·nu /ˈaɪ nə/ noun, plural Ainu or Ainus
1 : a member of an indigenous people of northern Japan
2 : the language of the Ainu people

1air /aər/ noun
1 : the gaseous mixture surrounding the earth
2 : a light breeze
3 : a sweet or agreeable succession or arrangement of sounds: MELODY, TUNE
4 : the outward appearance of a person or thing: apparent character
5 : an artificial manner — usu. used in pl.
6 : COMPRESSED AIR << sprayer>>
7 : AIRCRAFT << patrol>>
8 : AVIATION << safety>>
9 : the medium of transmission of radio waves; also: RADIO, TELEVISION

Synonyms
- [2] breath, breeze, puff, waft, zephyr
- [3] lay, melody, song, strain, tune, warble
- [4] atmosphere, aura, climate, flavor, mood, note, temper
- usually airs [5] act, facade, front, guise, masquerade, pose, pretense, put-on, semblance, show

— usually airs [5] act, facade, front, guise, masquerade, pose, pretense, put-on, semblance, show — more at
MASQUERADE

air verb
1 : to expose to the air
2 : to expose to public view or bring to public notice
   Synonyms
   † express, give, look, sound, state, vent, voice—more at EXPRESS

air bag noun
: a bag designed to inflate automatically to protect automobile occupants in case of collision

air·boat /ˈærˌbōt/ noun
: a shallow-draft boat driven by an airplane propeller

air·borne /ˈærˌbɔrn/ adjective
: done or being in the air

air brake noun
1 : a brake operated by a piston driven by compressed air
2 : a surface projected into the airflow to lower an airplane's speed

air·brush /ˈærˌbrʌsh/ noun
: a device for applying a fine spray (as of paint) by compressed air
   — airbrush verb

air·con·di·tion /ˈærˌkendəˈʃən/ verb
: to equip with an apparatus for filtering air and controlling its humidity and temperature
   — air con·di·tion·er /ˈærˌkendəˈʃənər/ noun

air·craft /ˈærˌkrɑft/ noun, plural aircraft
: a vehicle for traveling through the air

aircraft carrier noun
: a warship with a deck on which airplanes can be launched and landed

air·drop /ˈærˌdrɑp/ noun
: delivery of cargo or personnel by parachute from an airplane in flight
   — air–drop verb

Aire·dale terrier /ˈærˌdɑl/ noun
: any of a breed of large terriers with a hard wiry coat

air·fare /ˈærˌfɑr/ noun
: fare for travel by airplane

air·field /ˈærˌfild/ noun
: an area of land from which aircraft operate : AIRPORT

air·flow /ˈærˌfləʊ/ noun
: the motion of air relative to a body in it

air·foil /ˈærˌfɔil/ noun
: an airplane surface designed to produce reaction forces from the air through which it moves

air force noun
: the military organization of a nation for air warfare

air·frame /ˈærˌfrɑm/ noun
: the structure of an aircraft, rocket, or missile without the power plant

air·freight /ˈærˌfræt/ noun
: freight transport by aircraft in volume; also : the charge for this service

air gun noun
1 : a gun operated by compressed air
2 : a hand tool that works by compressed air; especially: Airbrush
air·head /ˈarˌhed/ noun
: a mindless or stupid person
air lane noun
: Airway 1
air·lift /ˈarˌlft/ noun
: transportation (as of supplies or passengers) by aircraft
— airlift verb
air·line /ˈərln/ noun
: a transportation system using airplanes
air·lin·er /ˈərlnər/ noun
: a large passenger airplane operated by an airline
air lock noun
: an airtight chamber separating areas of different pressure
air·mail /ˈərmæl/ noun
: the system of transporting mail by aircraft; also: mail so transported
— airmail verb
air·man /ˈaərn/ noun
1 : a civilian or military pilot, aviator, or aviation technician: aviator, pilot
2 : an enlisted man in the air force in one of the three ranks below sergeant
   Synonyms
   aviator, flier, pilot—more at pilot
airman basic noun
: an enlisted man of the lowest rank in the air force
airman first class noun
: an enlisted man in the air force with a rank just below that of sergeant
air mass noun
: a large horizontally homogeneous body of air
air·mo· bile /ˈarˌmo bəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a military unit whose members are transported to combat areas usu. by helicopter
air·plane /ˈɑrˌpln/ noun
: a powered heavier-than-air aircraft that has fixed wings from which it derives lift
air·play /ˈɑrˌpleɪ/ noun
: the playing of a musical recording on the air by a radio station
air pocket noun
: a condition of the atmosphere that causes an airplane to drop suddenly
air police noun
: the military police of an air force
air·port /ˈarˌpɔrt/ noun
: a place from which aircraft operate that usu. has paved runways and a terminal
air raid noun
: an attack by armed airplanes on a surface target
air·ship /ˈɑrˌʃip/ noun
: a lighter-than-air aircraft having propulsion and steering systems
air·sick /ˈɑrˌsik/ adjective
affected with motion sickness associated with flying

— air·sick·ness noun

air·space /ˌspäsk/ noun
: the space above a nation and under its jurisdiction

air·speed /ˌspäd/ noun
: the speed of an object (as an airplane) with relation to the surrounding air

air·strip /ˌstrıp/ noun
: a runway without normal airport facilities

air·tight /ˌārˈtīt/ adjective
1 : so tightly sealed that no air can enter or escape
2 : leaving no opening for attack

air·to·air adjective
: launched from one airplane in flight at another; also : involving aircraft in flight

air·waves /arˈwāvz/ noun plural
: AIR 9

air·way /ˌwā/ noun
1 : a regular route for airplanes
2 : AIRLINE

air·wor·thy /ˌwarˈthē/ adjective
: fit for operation in the air <an ~ plane>

— air·wor·thi·ness noun

airy /əˈēər/ adjective air·ier; -est
1 : high in the air : LOFTY
2 : lacking in reality : EMPTY
3  › : exceptionally light, delicate, or refined
4 : BREEZY
   Synonyms
   › [3] ethereal, fluffy, light; also dainty, delicate, downy, feathery, flimsy, insubstantial, tender, wispy
   Antonyms
   heavy, leaden

aisle /āl/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME ile, fr. AF ele, lit., wing, fr. L ala]
1 : the side of a church nave separated by piers from the nave proper
2 : a passage between sections of seats

ajar /əˈjär/ adjective or adverb
: partly open

AK abbreviation
Alaska

aka abbreviation
also known as

AKC abbreviation
American Kennel Club

akim·bo /əˈkimˌbo/ adjective or adverb
: having the hand on the hip and the elbow turned outward

akin /əˈkın/ adjective
1  › : related by blood
2  › : essentially similar or related
   Synonyms
kindred, related—more at RELATED
alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, like, parallel, similar—more at ALIKE

Al symbol
aluminum

AL abbreviation
1 Alabama
2 American League
3 American Legion

1-al adjective suffix
: of, relating to, or characterized by <directional>

2-al noun suffix
: action : process <rehearsal>

Ala abbreviation
Alabama

ala-bas-ter /aˈleɪ.ˌbæs.tər/ noun
1 : a compact fine-textured usu. white and translucent gypsum often carved into objects (as vases)
2 : a hard translucent calcite

à la carte /ˌale.ˈkɑrt, ˌa/ adverb or adjective
[ORIGIN: F]
: with a separate price for each item on the menu

alac-ri-ty /əˈlæk.rə.ti/ noun
: cheerful readiness

Synonyms
gameness, goodwill, willingness; also celebrity, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness

à la mode /ˌaˈle.ˈmɔd, ˌa/ adjective
[ORIGIN: F, according to the fashion]
1 : conforming to the custom, fashion, or established mode : STYLISH
2 : topped with ice cream

Synonyms
chic, fashionable, in, modish, sharp, smart, snappy, stylish—more at STYLISH

1 alarm /aˈlərm/ also alarum /aˌlær.əm, ˈlær/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME alarme, fr. MF, fr. OIt all’arme, lit., to arms]
1 : a warning signal or device
2 : the terror caused by sudden danger

Synonyms
[1] admonition, alert, caution, notice, warning—more at WARNING
[2] anxiety, apprehension, dread, fear, fright, horror, panic, terror, trepidation—more at FEAR

2 alarm also alarum verb
1 : to warn of danger
2 : to strike with fear : FRIGHTEN

Synonyms
frighten, horrify, panic, scare, shock, spook, startle, terrify, terrorize—more at FRIGHTEN

alarm-ist /ˌaˈlær.ɪst/ noun
: a person who alarms others esp. needlessly

alas /əˈlæs/ interjection
— used to express unhappiness, pity, or concern

al-ba-core /ˈal.bə.ˈkɔr/ noun, plural -core or -cores
: a large tuna that is a source of canned tuna
Al·ba·nian /a·lˈbä-nē/ noun  
: a native or inhabitant of Albania

al·ba·tross /alˈbä-träs/ noun, plural -tross or -tross·es
: any of a family of large web-footed seabirds

al·be·do /aˈbē.dō/ noun, plural -dos
: the fraction of incident radiation that is reflected by a body or surface

al·be·it /aˈbē.ət/ conjunction
: even though : ALTHOUGH

Synonyms
  although, howbeit, though, while—more at ALTHOUGH

al·bi·no /aˈbī.nō/ noun, plural -nos
: a person or nonhuman mammal lacking coloring matter in the skin, hair, and eyes
  — al·bi·nism /a·lˈbī-niz·am/ noun

al·bum /aˈbīm/ noun
  1: a book with blank pages used for making a collection (as of stamps)
  2: one or more recordings (as on tape or disk) produced as a single unit
  3: a collection usu. in book form of literary selections, musical compositions, or pictures : ANTHOLOGY

Synonyms
  anthology, compilation, miscellany—more at ANTHOLOGY

al·bu·men /aˈbū.men/ noun
  1: the white of an egg
  2: ALBUMIN

al·bu·min /aˈbū.min/ noun
: any of numerous water-soluble proteins of blood, milk, egg white, and plant and animal tissues

al·bu·min·ous /aˈbū.min·əs/ adjective
: containing or resembling albumen or albumin

alc abbreviation
  alcohol

al·cal·de /a·kəl·dē/ noun
: the chief administrative and judicial officer of a Spanish or Spanish-American town

al·ca·zar /a·kə·zar, -ˈka-/ noun
[origin: Sp alcázar, fr. Ar al-qaṣr the castle]
: a Spanish fortress or palace

al·che·my /a·kəˈme/ noun
: medieval chemistry chiefly concerned with efforts to turn base metals into gold
  — al·che·mist /a·kəˈmith/ noun

al·co·hol /aˈkō.həl/ noun
  1: a colorless flammable liquid that is the intoxicating agent in fermented and distilled liquors
  2: any of various carbon compounds similar to alcohol
  3: beverages containing alcohol

   Synonyms
  booze, drink, intoxicant, liquor, moonshine, spirits; also ale, beer, mead, sake, wine

1 alcoholic /a·kəˈhōlik, -ˈhāk/ adjective
  1: of, relating to, caused by, or containing alcohol
  2: affected with alcoholism
  — al·co·hol·ic·al·ly /ˌa·kəˌhōlik·əl·ē/ adverb

2 alcoholic noun
alcoholism
noun: continued excessive and usu. uncontrollable use of alcoholic drinks; also: a complex chronic psychological and nutritional disorder associated with such use
al-cove noun
1: a nook or small recess opening off a larger room
2: a niche or arched opening (as in a wall)
Synonyms
niche, nook, recess—more at niche
ald abbreviation
alderman
al·der noun
: a tree or shrub related to the birches and growing in wet areas
al·der·man noun
: a member of a city legislative body
ale noun
: an alcoholic beverage brewed from malt and hops that is usu. more bitter than beer
ale·a·tor·ic adjective
: characterized by chance or random elements << music>
ale·a·to·ry adjective
: aleatoric
alee adverb
: on or toward the lee
ale·house noun
: a place where ale is sold to be drunk on the premises
alert adjective
[origin: It all'erta, lit., on the ascent]
1: watchful against danger
2: quick to perceive and act
— alert·ly adverb
Synonyms
[1] attentive, awake, vigilant, watchful, wide-awake; also alive, aware, conscious, sensitive
[2] brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at intelligent
[2] expeditious, prompt, quick, ready, willing—more at Quick
alert noun
1: a warning signal or device: alarm
2: the period during which an alert is in effect
Synonyms
admonition, alarm, caution, notice, warning—more at warning
alert verb
1: to call to a state of readiness: warn
2: to make aware of
Synonyms
caution, forewarn, warn—more at warn
alert·ness noun
: the quality or state of being alert
Synonyms
attentiveness, lookout, surveillance, vigilance, watch—more at vigilance
Aleut /ˈəlɛt/ noun
1: a member of a people of the Aleutian and Shumagin islands and the western part of Alaska Peninsula
2: the language of the Aleuts

ale-wife /ˈæl.wɪt/ noun, plural ale-wives /-wɪvz/
: a food fish of the herring family abundant esp. on the Atlantic coast

Al-ex-an-dri-an /ˈæl.ɪk.ən.drɪ.ən/ adjective
1: of or relating to Alexander the Great
2: HELLENISTIC

al-ex-an-drine /ˈzæn.driːn/ noun, often cap
: a line of six iambic feet

al-fal-fa /ˈælf.əl.fə/ noun
: a leguminous plant widely grown for hay and forage

al-fres-co /æl.ˈfres.ko/ adjective or adverb
[ORIGIN: It]
: taking place in the open air

alg abbreviation
algebra

al-ga /ˈæl.gə/ noun, plural al-gae /ˈæl.ɡeɪ/:
: any of a group of lower plants having chlorophyll but no vascular system and including seaweeds and related freshwater plants
— algal /ˈæl.gəl/ adjective

al-ge-bra /ˈæl.dʒə.bra/ noun
[ORIGIN: ML, fr. Ar al-jabr]
: a branch of mathematics using symbols (as letters) to explore the relationships between numbers and the operations used to work with them
— algebraic /æl.ˈɡɛr.i.ık/ adjective
— algebraically /ˌæl.ɡəˈbre.ɪk.lɪ/ adverb

Al-ge-ri-an /ˈæl.ʒə.r.i.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Algeria
— Algerian adjective

Al-gon-quin /ˈæl.ɡən.kwɪn, ˈɡæn/, ˈɡæn/ noun
: a member of an American Indian people of the Ottawa River valley

al-go-rithm /ˈæl.gə.ˈrɪθm/ noun
: a procedure for solving a problem esp. in mathematics or computing
— algorithmic /ˈæl.gə.ˈrɪθ.mɪk/ adjective
— algorithmically /ˌæl.gəˈrɪθ.mɪ.kəl.ɪ/ adverb

1 alias /ˈæl.i.əs, ˈæl.ɪs/ adverb
[ORIGIN: L, otherwise, fr. alius other]
: otherwise called

2 alias noun
: an assumed or additional name

Synonyms
cognomen, nickname—more at NICKNAME

1 alibi /ˈæl.i.əbi/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, elsewhere, fr. alius other]
1: a plea offered by an accused person of not having been at the scene of an offense
2: an excuse (as for failure)
Synonyms

- defense, excuse, justification, plea, reason—more at EXCUSE

alibi verb -bied, -bi·ing
1: to furnish an excuse for
2: to offer an excuse

alien /ˈeɪ.lən/ adjective
- belonging or relating to another person, place, or thing: FOREIGN
  Synonyms
  - adventitious, extraneous, extrinsic, foreign—more at EXTRINSIC

alien noun
1: a foreign-born resident who has not been naturalized
2: EXTRATERRESTRIAL

alien·able /əˌli.əˌnə.bl/, ˈeɪ.ləˌe.nəˌ/ adjective
- transferable to the ownership of another <~ property>

alien·ate /əˌli.əˌnæt, ˈeɪ.ləˌe.næt/ verb -at·ed, -at·ing
1: to make hostile: ESTRANGE
2: to transfer (property) to another
  Synonyms
  - disaffect, disgruntle, estrange, sour—more at ESTRANGE

alien·ation /əˌli.əˌnæ.ʃən, ˈeɪ.ləˌe.næ.ʃən/ noun
- a withdrawing or separation of a person or a person's affections from an object or position of former attachment
  Synonyms
  - disaffection, estrangement—more at ESTRANGEMENT

alien·ist /əˌli.əˌnɪst, ˈeɪ.ləˌe.nɪst/ noun
- PSYCHIATRIST

alight /əˈlaɪt/ verb alight·ed also alit /əˈlɪt/; alight·ing
1: to get down (as from a vehicle)
2: to come to rest from the air
  Synonyms
  - land, light, perch, roost, settle

alight adjective
- lighted up
  Synonyms
  - ablaze, bright, light—more at BRIGHT

align also aline /əˈlaɪn/ verb
1: to bring into line
2: to array on the side of or against a cause
  — align·er noun
  — align·ment also aline·ment noun

alike /əˌlaɪk/ adverb
- in the same manner, form, or degree
  Synonyms
  - also, correspondingly, likewise, similarly, so—more at ALSO

alike adjective
- exhibiting close resemblance without being identical: LIKE
  Synonyms
  - akin, analogous, comparable, correspondent, like, parallel, similar, such; also commensurate, proportionate
Antonyms
  - different, dissimilar, diverse, unlike
al·i·ment /əˈle.mənt/ noun
: NOURISHMENT 1
— aliment verb

al·i·men·ta·ry /əˌle.mənˈta.rē/ adjective
: of, relating to, or functioning in nourishment or nutrition

al·i·men·ta·ry can·al noun
: the tube that extends from the mouth to the anus and functions in the digestion and absorption of food and the elimination of residues

al·i·mo·ny /əˌla.mōˈnē/ noun, plural -nies
[origin: L alimonia sustenance, fr. alere to nourish]
: an allowance made to one spouse by the other for support pending or after legal separation or divorce

A–line /əˈlīn/ adjective
: having a flared bottom and a close-fitting top <an ~ skirt>

alive /əˈlīv/ adjective
1 ▶: having life
2 ▶: being in force or operation
3 ▶: knowing or realizing the existence of <~ to the danger>
4: ALERT, BRISK
5 ▶: marked by much life, animation, or activity: ANIMATED <streets ~ with traffic>
— alive·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] existent, extant, living—more at EXTANT
[1] animate, live, living; also active, animated, dynamic, lively, thriving, vibrant, vital, vivacious

Antonyms
dead, deceased, defunct, lifeless, nonliving
[2] active, functional, living, on, operational, operative, running, working—more at ACTIVE
[3] aware, cognizant, conscious, mindful, sensible, sentient—more at CONSCIOUS
[5] animated, astir, busy, lively, vibrant; also abounding, crowded, overflowing, populous, swarming, teeming, thronging

Antonyms
asleep, dead, inactive, lifeless, sleepy

alk abbreviation
alkaline

al·ka·li /əˈkalkəl/ noun, plural -lies or -lis
1: a substance (as a hydroxide) that has a bitter taste and neutralizes acids
2: a mixture of salts in the soil of some dry regions in such amount as to make ordinary farming impossible

al·ka·line /əˈkalkən·lin/ adjective

al·ka·loid /əˈkalkəloid/ noun
: any of various usu. basic and bitter organic compounds found esp. in seed plants

al·kane /əˈkæn/ noun
: a hydrocarbon in which each carbon atom is bonded to 4 other atoms

al·kyd /əˈkæd/ noun
: any of numerous synthetic resins used esp. for protective coatings and in paint

1 all /əl/ adjective
1 ▶: the whole of
2: every member of
3: EVERY <~ manner of problems>
4: any whatever <beyond ~ doubt>
5: nothing but <~ ears>
6: being more than one person or thing <who ~ is coming>

Synonyms
- concentrated, entire, undivided, whole—more at WHOLE

all adverb
1: to the full or entire extent: WHOLLY
2: selected as the best — used in combination <all-state champs>
3: so much <~ the better for it>
4: for each side <the score is two ~>

Synonyms
- absolutely, altogether, clean, completely, entirely, fully, quite, totally, utterly, wholly; also exhaustively, thoroughly

all pronoun
1: the whole number, quantity, or amount <~ of it is gone>
2: every person or thing <that is ~> all noun
: the whole of one's resources <gave his ~>

Al-lah /æ ˈla/ noun
[ORIGIN: Ar allāh]
: the Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness who is worshipped as creator and ruler of the universe — used in Islam

all along adverb
: all the time <knew it all along>

all-Amer-i-can /əˈlemərəˌkan/ adjective
1: selected as the best in the U.S.
2: composed wholly of American elements
3: typical of the U.S.
— all-American noun

all-around /əˈlərənd/ adjective
1: considered in or encompassing all aspects <best ~ performance>
2: competent in many fields: VERSATILE <an ~ athlete>

Synonyms
- [1] general, unlimited, unqualified, unrestricted
- [2] adaptable, protean, universal, versatile—more at VERSATILE

al-lay /əˈleɪ/ verb
1: to subdue or reduce in intensity or severity: ALLEVIATE
2: to make quiet: CALM

Synonyms
- [1] alleviate, assuage, ease, help, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe—more at HELP
- [2] calm, compose, quiet, settle, soothe, still, tranquilize—more at CALM

all clear noun
: a signal that a danger has passed

al-le-g /əˈli/ verb al-led; al-ling
1: to assert without proof
2: to offer as a reason
— al-le-ga-tion /əˈliɡəʃən/ noun
— al-le-ged-ly /əˈliɡidəli/ adverb

Synonyms
- affirm, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM

al-le-gance /əˈlejəns/ noun
allegro /ˈəlˌɛgrə/ noun, plural -gies
: a feeling of antipathy or aversion

Synconyms
- aversion, disfavor, disinclination, dislike—more at dislike
ALLEY 3
All-hal-lows /ˌɔlˈhæləz/ noun, plural Allhallows
: ALL SAINTS' DAY
all-i-ance /əˈlaɪəns/ noun
1 a : a union to promote common interests
2 a : union by relationship in qualities
3 a : a treaty of alliance
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] bloc, coalition, combination, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union—more at CONFEDERACY
   ▶ [2] affiliation, association, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, liaison, partnership, relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION
   ▶ [3] accord, compact, convention, covenant, pact, treaty—more at TREATY
al·li·ga·tor /aˈloʊɡətər/ noun
[origin: Sp el lagarto the lizard]
: either of two large short-legged reptiles resembling crocodiles but having a shorter and broader snout
alligator pear noun
: AVOCADO
al·lit·er·ate /aˈliˌteərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 a : to form an alliteration
2 a : to arrange so as to make alliteration
al·lit·er·a·tion /aˌliˌteərəˈteiʃən/ noun
: the repetition of initial sounds in adjacent words or syllables
   —al·lit·er·a·tive /ˌaˌliˌteərəˈt.iv/ adjective
al·lo·cate /aˈloʊkət/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
: to apportion for a specific purpose or to particular persons or things
   Synonyms
   ▶ administer, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, portion, prorate—more at ADMINISTER
   ▶ allot, allow, apportion, assign, ration—more at ALLOT
al·lo·ca·tion /aˌloʊˈkeiʃən/ noun
1 a : the act of allocating
2 a : the amount allocated to one sharer
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] dispensation, distribution, division, issuance—more at DISTRIBUTION
   ▶ [2] allotment, appropriation, grant, subsidy—more at APPROPRIATION
al·lot /aˈlɔt/ verb al·lot·ted; al·lot·ting
: to distribute as a share
   Synonyms
   ▶ allocate, allow, apportion, assign, ration; also deal, dispense, distribute, divide, dole (out), measure, mete (out), parcel (out), portion, prorate, reserve
al·lot·ment /əˈlɑtənt/ noun
1 : the act of alloting
2 : something that is allotted
   Synonyms
   ▶ allocation, appropriation, grant, subsidy—more at APPROPRIATION
   ▶ allowance, cut, part, portion, proportion, quota, share—more at SHARE
all–out /ˌɔlˈaʊt/ adjective
: marked by thoroughness or zeal : THOROUGHGOING
   Synonyms
   ▶ clean, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full-scale, out-and-out, thorough, thoroughgoing, total—more at
EXHAUSTIVE

all out adverb
→ : with maximum effort
   Synonyms
     → full tilt

all over adverb
→ in every place or part : EVERYWHERE

al·low /əˈləʊ/ verb
1 → : to assign as a share ◆ time for rest>
2 : to count as a deduction
3 : to make allowance ◆ for expansion>
4 → : to accept as true, valid, or accurate usu. reluctantly : ADMIT, CONCEDE
5 a : to give leave for or make possible : PERMIT ◆ s the dog to roam>
 b → to give leave to
   Synonyms
     → [1] allocate, allot, apportion, assign, ration—more at ALLOT
     → [4] acknowledge, admit, agree, concede, confess, grant, own—more at ADMIT
   Antonyms
     → ban, enjoin, forbid, prohibit, proscribe, veto
     → [5b] let, permit, suffer; also authorize, commission, empower, license
   Antonyms
     → enjoin, forbid, prohibit

al·low·able /əˈləʊˌə.bəl/ adjective
→ that may be permitted
   Synonyms
     → admissible, permissible, sufferable—more at PERMISSIBLE

al·low·ance /ˈləʊˌəns/ noun
1 → : an allotted share
2 : money given regularly for expenses
3 → : the act of allowing : PERMISSION
4 : a taking into account of extenuating circumstances
   Synonyms
     → [1] allotment, cut, part, portion, proportion, quota, share—more at SHARE
     → [3] authorization, clearance, concurrence, consent, leave, license, permission, sanction, sufferance—more at PERMISSION

al·loy /əˈləʊi, eˈləʊi/ noun
1 : a substance composed of metals melted together
2 : an admixture that lessens value
   — al·loy /əˈləʊi, eˈləʊi/ verb

1 all right adjective
1 → : giving satisfaction : SATISFACTORY
2 → : free from harm or risk
3 : having qualities that tend to give pleasure — often used as a generalized term of approval
   Synonyms
     → [1] acceptable, adequate, decent, fine, OK, passable, respectable, satisfactory, tolerable—more at ADEQUATE
     → [2] alright, safe, secure—more at SAFE

2 all right adverb
1 → — used interjectionally to express agreement or resignation or to indicate the resumption of a discussion ◆ all right, let's go>
2 : beyond doubt
3 : well enough : SATISFACTORILY
   Synonyms

All Saints’ Day noun
: a Christian feast on November 1 in honor of all the saints

All Souls’ Day noun
: a day of prayer observed by some Christian churches on November 2 for the souls of the faithful departed

call-spice /ˈɔ̃ˌspɪs/ noun
: the berry of a West Indian tree related to the European myrtle; also: the mildly pungent and aromatic spice made from it

call-star /ˈɔ̃ˌstɑr/ noun
: a member of a team of star performers
: an all-star adjective

call-ter-rain vehicle noun
: a small motor vehicle for use on a wide range of terrain

call told adverb
: with everything counted

call-lude /aˈlud/ verb call-lood-ed; call-lood-ing
[origin: L alludere, lit., to play with]
: to refer indirectly
: a call-losion /ˈɔ̃ˌzən/ noun
: a call-lusive /ˈɔ̃ˌsɪv/ adjective
: a call-lusive-ly adverb
: a call-lusive-ness noun

Synonyms
: hint, imply, indicate, infer, insinuate, intimate, suggest—more at HINT

allure /aˈlʊr/ verb call-ured; call-ur-ing
: to entice by charm or attraction
: a allure noun
: a call-lur-ing-ly adverb

Synonyms
: beguile, bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate, wile—more at CHARM
: beguile, decoy, entice, lead on, lure, seduce, tempt—more at LURE

calluring adjective
: marked by allure

Synonyms
: attractive, captivating, charming, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, magnetic, seductive—more at FASCINATING

call-lu-vi-um /aˈlʊˌvəˌəm/ noun, plural -vi-ums or -via /ˌvəˌə/ : soil material (as clay) deposited by running water
: a call-lu-vi-al /ˌvəˌəl/ adjective or noun

ally /əˈlɪ, 'əˌli/ verb call-ied; call-ly-ing
: to enter into an alliance

Synonyms
: associate, band, club, confederate, conjoin, cooperate, federate, league, unite; also collaborate, gang (up), team (up)
Antonyms
break up, disband

ally /əˈlɪ/ noun
▶: one that is associated with another as a helper

Synonyms
▼ abettor, backer, confederate, supporter, sympathizer; also well-wisher
-ally adverb suffix
▶ 2-ly <specifically>

al·ma·ter /ˈal.mə.tər/ noun
[origin: L, fostering mother]
1: an educational institute that one has attended
2: the song or hymn of an alma mater

al·ma·na·c /ˈal.mə.nək/ al/noun
1: a publication esp. of astronomical and meteorological data
2: a usu. annual publication of miscellaneous information

al·man·dite /ˈal.mən.dət/ noun
: a deep red garnet

al·mig·ht·y /ˈal.mɪ.tʃi/ adjective
1 often cap: having absolute power over all <Almighty God>
2: relatively unlimited in power
— al·might·i·ness noun

Almighty noun
▶: the Being worshipped as the creator and ruler of the universe

Synonyms
▼ deity, Jehovah, Supreme Being—more at Deity

al·mond /ˈæ.mənd, ˈæ.lə/ noun
: a small tree related to the peach; also: the edible nutlike kernel of its fruit

al·mo·ner /ˈal.mə.nər, ˈæ.lə/ noun
: a person who distributes alms

al·most /ˈal.məst, ˈæl.məst/ adverb
▶: very nearly but not exactly

Synonyms
▼ about, most, much, near, nearly, next to, nigh, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh; also appreciably, chiefly, largely, mainly, mostly

alms /æmz, ˈælmz/ noun, plural alms
▶: something given freely to relieve the poor

Synonyms
▼ benefaction, beneficence, charity, contribution, donation, philanthropy—more at Contribution

alms·house /ˈ.həʊs/ noun
: POORHOUSE

al·oe /ˈæ.ə/ noun
1: any of a large genus of succulent chiefly southern African plants related to the lilies
2 plural: the dried juice of the leaves of an aloe used esp. formerly as a laxative

aloft /əˈlōft/ adverb
1 ▶: high in the air
2: in flight
Synonyms
  ▶ above, over, overhead, skyward—more at ABOVE

alo·ha /əˈloʊ.hə/ interjection
[ORIGIN: Hawaiian]
— used to greet or bid farewell

1 alone /əˈlōn/ adjective
  1 ▶: separated from others
  2 ▶: not including anyone or anything else: ONLY

   — alone adverb

   Synonyms
     ▶ [1] lone, lonely, lonesome, solitary, unaccompanied; also unattended, unchaperoned

   Antonyms
     accompanied
     ▶ [2] lone, only, singular, sole, solitary, special, unique—more at ONLY

2 alone adverb
  1 ▶: to the exclusion of all else: SOLELY
  2 ▶: without aid or support

   — Synonyms
     ▶ [1] exclusively, just, only, simply, solely—more at SOLELY
     ▶ [2] independently, singly, solely, unaided, unassisted; also individually, separately

along /əˈlɒŋ/ preposition
  1: in line with the direction of <sail ~ the coast>
  2: at a point on or during <stopped ~ the way>

2 along adverb
  1: FORWARD, ON
  2: as a companion <bring her ~> 
  3 ▶: at an advanced point <plans are far ~> 

   — Synonyms
     ▶ ahead, forth, forward, on, onward; also before

along·shore /əˈlɒŋˌshər/ adverb or adjective
  : along the shore or coast

1 alongside /ˌsid/ adverb
  : along or by the side

2 alongside preposition
  1: along or by the side of
  2: in association with

alongside of preposition
  : ALONGSIDE

aloof /əˈlʊf/ adjective
  ▶: removed or distant physically or emotionally
  — aloof·ness noun
  
     Synonyms
     ▶ antisocial, cold, cool, detached, distant, frosty, remote, standoffish, unsociable—more at COOL

al·o·pe·cia /əˈlaʊ.pəˌshē.ə/ noun
  : BALDNESS

aloud /əˈloud/ adverb
  : with the speaking voice

alp /əlp/ noun
  : a high rugged mountain
al·paca /ˈæl·pa·kə/ noun
: a domesticated mammal esp. of Peru that is related to the llama; also : its woolly hair or cloth made from this

al·pha /ˈæl·fa/ noun
1 : the 1st letter of the Greek alphabet — A or α
2 : something first : BEGINNING

al·pha·bet /ˈæl·fa·bet/ noun
: the set of letters or characters used in writing a language

al·pha·bet·i·cal /ˈæl·fa·bet·i·kal/ or al·pha·bet·ic /ˈæl·fa·bet·ik/ adjective
1 : arranged in the order of the letters of the alphabet
2 : of or employing an alphabet
— al·pha·bet·i·cal·ly /ˈæl·fa·bet·i·kal·li/ adverb

al·pha·bet·ize /ˈæl·fa·bet·i·z·ə·z/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to arrange in alphabetical order
— al·pha·bet·iz·er noun

al·pha·nu·mer·ic /ˈæl·fa·nu·mer·ik, _n_yùt/ adjective
: consisting of letters and numbers and often other symbols <an ~ code>; also : being a character in an alphanumeric system

alpha particle noun
: a positively charged particle identical with the nucleus of a helium atom that is ejected at high speed in certain radioactive transformations

alpha rhythm noun
: ALPHA WAVE

alpha wave noun
: an electrical rhythm of the brain often associated with a state of wakeful relaxation

Al·pine /ˈæl·pın/ adjective
1 : relating to, located in, or resembling the Alps mountains
2 often not cap : of, relating to, or growing on upland slopes above timberline
3 : of or relating to competitive ski events consisting of slalom and downhill racing

al·ready /ˈəˌle-də/ adverb
: by this time : PREVIOUSLY

1alright /əˌlrait/ adverb
: very well : ALL RIGHT — used interjectionally to express agreement or resignation or to indicate the resumption of a discussion <alright, let's go>

2alright adjective
1 : giving satisfaction : SATISFACTORY
2 : free from harm or risk
3 : having qualities that tend to give pleasure — often used as a generalized term of approval
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] agreeable, all right, fine, good, OK, palatable, satisfactory—more at SATISFACTORY
   ▶ [2] all right, safe, secure—more at SAFE

al·so /əˌlso/ adverb
1 : in like manner : LIKewise
2 : in addition : TOO
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] alike, correspondingly, likewise, similarly, so; also equally
   Antonyms
differently, otherwise
   ▶ [2] additionally, again, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, too, withal, yet
also-ran /_ran/ noun
1 : a horse or dog that finishes out of the money in a race
2 : a contestant that does not win

alt abbreviation
1 alternate
2 altitude

Alta abbreviation
Alberta

altar /ˈɔltər/ noun
1 : a structure on which sacrifices are offered or incense is burned
2 : a table used as a center of ritual or worship

altar boy noun
: a boy who assists the celebrant at a church service

1 alter /ˈɔltər/ verb altered; altering /ˈɔltərɪŋ/
1 : to make or become different
2 : to remove the sex organs of

Synonyms
- change, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE

2 alter abbreviation
alteration

alteration /ˈɔltərəˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act, process, or result of altering

Synonyms
- change, difference, modification, revise, revision, variation—more at CHANGE

 altercation /ˈɔltərəˈʃən/ noun
1 : a noisy or angry dispute

Synonyms
- argument, disagreement, dispute, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUMENT

alter ego /ˈɔltər ˈeɡo/ noun
[origin: L, lit., second I]
1 : a second self; especially : a trusted friend

1 alternate /ˈɔltər nət ˈeɪl/ adjective
1 : arranged or succeeding by turns
2 : every other
3 : being an alternative <an ~ route>

-alternately adverb

2 alternate /ˈɔlteɪn/ verb -nat-ed; -nat-ing
1 : to occur or cause to occur by turns

-alternation /ˈɔl tərˈneɪʃən/ noun

3 alternate noun

: SUBSTITUTE

alternating current noun
1 : an electric current that reverses its direction at regular intervals

1 alternative /ˈɔltər nət ˈeɪl/ adjective
1 : offering a choice
2 alternative noun
an opportunity for deciding between two or more courses or propositions

**Synonyms**
- choice, discretion, option, pick, preference, way—more at CHOICE

**alternative medicine** noun
: any of various systems of healing (as homeopathy) not typically practiced in conventional Western medicine

**al·ter·na·tor** /əlˈtər.nər, əˈlər-nər, al/ noun
: an electric generator for producing alternating current

**al·though** also al·tho /əlˈthəʊ/ conjunction
: in spite of the fact that : even though

**Synonyms**
- albeit, bowbeit, though, when, while; also but, whereas

**al·tim·e·ter** /əlˈtim.i.tər, əˈləm.i.tər/ noun
: an instrument for measuring altitude

**al·ti·tude** /əlˈtiːd, əˈtɪd/ noun
1 : angular distance above the horizon
2 : vertical distance—HEIGHT
3 : the perpendicular distance in a geometric figure from the vertex to the base, from the vertex of an angle to the side opposite, or from the base to a parallel side or face

**Synonyms**
- elevation, height—more at HEIGHT

**al·to** /əlˈtō/ noun, plural altos
[origin: It, lit., high, fr. L altus]
: the lower female voice part in a 4-part chorus; also : a singer having this voice or part

1 **altogether** /əˌlō.ˈthe.ər/ adverb
1 : to the full or entire extent : WHOLLY
2 : in all
3 : on the whole

**Synonyms**
- [1] completely, dead, entirely, fast, flat, full, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY
- [3] chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally; also considerably, greatly, significantly, substantially

2 **altogether** noun
: NUDE <posed in the ~>

**al·tru·ism** /əlˈtrú.u.zəm/ noun
[origin: F altruisme, fr. autrui other people, fr. OF, oblique case form of autre other, fr. L alter]
: unselshless interest in the welfare of others
— **al·tru·ist** /ˌəltr.u.ɪst/ noun
— **al·tru·is·tic·al·ly** /ˌəltr.u.ɪˈstɪk.lɪ/ adverb

**al·tru·is·tic** /əlˈtruˌis.tik/ adjective
: relating to or given to altruism

**Synonyms**
- benevolent, charitable, humanitarian, philanthropic—more at CHARITABLE

**al·um** /əˈləm/ noun
: either of two colorless crystalline aluminum-containing compounds used esp. as an emetic or as an astringent and styptic

**alu·mi·na** /əˈljuː.mi.nə/ noun
: the oxide of aluminum occurring in nature as corundum and in bauxite

**al·u·min·ium** /əˌljuː.min.əm/ noun, chiefly British
: ALUMINUM
alu·mi·nize /əˈlüməˌnīz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
to treat with aluminum

alu·mi·num /əˈlümənəm/ noun
a silver-white malleable ductile light metallic element that is the most abundant metal in the earth’s crust

alu·na /əˈləˌnə/ noun, plural -nae /əˈnē/ a woman graduate or former student of a college or school

alu·nus /əˈləˌnos/ noun, plural -ni /əˈnē/ [origin: L, foster son, pupil, fr. alere to nourish]
a graduate or former student of a college or school

al·ways /əˈwāzˌwāz/ /əˈwāz/ adverb
1 ▶ at all times: INVARIBLY
2 ▶ for a limitless time: FOREVER

Synonyms
[1] constantly, continually, ever, forever, incessantly, invariably, perpetually, unceasingly; also commonly, frequently, oft, often, oftentimes, repeatedly

Antonyms
ne'er, never

[2] eternally, ever, everlastingly, forever, permanently, perpetually—more at EVER

Alz·hei·mer’s disease /ˈæltsˌhīˈmərˌz/ /ˈælts/ noun
a degenerative brain disease characterized esp. by progressive mental deterioration and memory loss

am present 1st singular of be

1 Am abbreviation
America; American

2 Am symbol
americium

1 AM /ˈeˌməm/ noun
a broadcasting system using amplitude modulation; also: a radio receiver for broadcasts made by such a system

2 AM abbreviation
1 ante meridiem — often not cap. and often punctuated
2 [origin NL artium magister] master of arts

AMA abbreviation
American Medical Association

amah /ˈäˌmā/ noun
a female servant in eastern Asia; especially: a Chinese nurse

amain /ˈäˌmān/ adverb, archaic
with full force or speed

amal·gam /əˈməlˌgam/ noun
1: an alloy of mercury with another metal used in making dental cements
2 ▶ a mixture of different elements

Synonyms
admixture, blend, combination, composite, compound, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture—more at BLEND

amal·gam·ate /əˈməlˌgəˌät/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
▶ to unite or merge into one body

Synonyms
blend, combine, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, merge, mangle, mix—more at MIX

amal·ga·tion /ˌməlˈgəˌshən/ noun
the result of amalgamating
aman-u·en·sis /əˌman.yəˈwənˌsiz/ noun, plural -en·ses /ˌsēz/ : one employed to write from dictation or to copy what another has written : SECRETARY

am·a·ran·th /əˈma.rənθ/ noun
1 : any of a large genus of coarse herbs sometimes grown for their showy flowers
2 : a flower that never fades

am·a·ran·thine /əˈma.rənθ.ən/ adjective
1 : relating to or resembling an amaranth
2 : UNDYING

am·a·ryl·lis /əˌma.rəˈlɪs/ noun
: any of various plants related to the lilies; especially : any of several African herbs having bulbs and grown for their clusters of large showy flowers

amass /əˈmas/ verb
✓ : to collect into a mass : ACCUMULATE

Synonyms
✓ accumulate, assemble, collect, concentrate, garner, gather, group, lump, pick up, round up, scrape—more at GATHER

am·a·teur /əˈme.ər.ər/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, fr. L amator lover, fr. amare to love]
1 : a person who engages in a pursuit for pleasure and not as a profession
2 : a person who is not expert

— am·a·teur·ism /əˈme.ər.i.zəm/ noun

Synonyms
✓ dabbler, dilettante; also apprentice, trainee

Antonyms
ace, expert, master

am·a·teur·ish /əˈme.ər.i.ər.ər/ adjective
✓ : having the characteristics of an amateur : lacking professional finish

Synonyms
✓ inexperienced, inexpert, nonprofessional, unprofessional, unskilled, unskillful—more at AMATEURISH

Antonyms
ace, expert, masterful, professional

am·a·tive /əˈme.ətīv/ adjective
: indicative of love : AMOROUS

— am·a·tive·ly adverb

— am·a·tive·ness noun

am·a·to·ry /əˈme.ətər.əri/ adjective
✓ : of or expressing sexual love

Synonyms
✓ amorous, erotic, sexy—more at EROTIC

amaze /əˈmāz/ verb amazed; amaz·ing
✓ : to fill with wonder : ASTOUND

— amaz·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
✓ astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE
amazed adjective
› : filled with wonder or astonishment
  Synonyms
    › awestruck, stunned, thunderstruck—more at thunderstruck

amaze·ment /ˌaməz-mənt/ noun
› : the quality or state of being amazed
  Synonyms
    › admiration, astonishment, awe, wonder, wonderment—more at wonder

amazing adjective
› : causing amazement, great wonder, or surprise
  Synonyms
    › astonishing, astounding, eye-opening, shocking, startling, stunning, surprising—more at surprising
    › astonishing, astounding, awesome, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, surprising, wonderful—more at marvelous

am·a·zon /ˈa.mə.zən/ noun
1 cap : a member of a race of female warriors of Greek mythology
2 : a tall strong often masculine woman
— am·a·zo·ni·an /ˌa.məˌzo.nən/ adjective, often cap

amb abbreviation
ambassador

am·bas·sa·dor /əˈməˌbəˌsəˌdər/ noun
› : a representative esp. of a government
— am·bas·sa·dor·ial /ˌəˌməˌbəˌsəˌˈdər.əl/ adjective
— am·bas·sa·dor·ship noun
  Synonyms
    › delegate, emissary, envoy, legate, minister, representative; also agent, attaché, consul, deputy, diplomat, foreign minister, nuncio, procurator, proxy

am·ber /əˈmər/ noun
› : a yellowish or brownish fossil resin used esp. for ornamental objects; also : the color of this resin

am·ber·gris /əˈmərˌgrəs/ noun
› : a waxy substance from the sperm whale used in making perfumes

am·bi·dex·trous /əˌməˌbɪˈdɛks.trəs/ adjective
› : using both hands with equal ease
— am·bi·dex·trous·ly adverb

am·bi·ence or am·bi·ance /əˈməˌbəns, əˈməˌbəˌəns/ noun
› : a pervading atmosphere

am·bi·ent /əˈməˌbənt/ adjective
› : existing on all sides

am·big·u·ous /əˈmɪɡ.ə wəs/ adjective
› : capable of being understood in more than one way
— am·big·u·ous·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    › cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, mysterious, nebulous, obscure—more at obscure

am·bi·gu·i·ty /əˌmɪɡ.əˈti/ noun
› : the quality or state of being ambiguous
  Synonyms
    › darkness, murkiness, obscurity, opacity—more at obscurity

am·bi·tion /əˌmɪˌbɪ.ʃən/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. L ambition-, ambitio, lit., act of soliciting for votes, fr. ambire to go around]
1 eager desire for success or power
type: "Synonyms"
- [1] aspiration, go-getting; also determination, diligence, drive, energy, enterprise, go, hustle, industry, initiative, motivation, push
- [2] aim, aspiration, goal, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, purpose—more at GOAL

am·bi·ti·ous ˌshəs/ adjective
- characterized by ambition
  — am·bi·ti·ous·ly adverb
  type: "Synonyms"
  - go-getting, self-seeking; also determined, diligent, driving, dynamic, enterprising, hustling, industrious, motivated, venturesome, venturous

am·biv·a·lence /əmˌbivəˈlens/ noun
- simultaneous attraction toward and repulsion from a person, object, or action
  — am·biv·a·lent /ˌlənt/ adjective
  1 amble /ˈambəl/ verb am·bled; am·bling /ˈambəlɪŋ/:
  - to go at an amble
  2 amble noun
  - an easy gait esp. of a horse

am·bro·sia /əmˈbrɔsə/ noun
- the food of the Greek and Roman gods
  type: "Synonyms"
  - aromatic, fragrant, redolent, savory, scented, sweet—more at FRAGRANT
  - appetizing, delectable, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, scrumptious, tasty, toothsome, yummy
  - more at DELICIOUS

am·bu·lance /ˌambəˈlans/ noun
- a vehicle equipped for carrying the injured or sick

am·bu·lant /ˌambəˈlant/ adjective
  - AMBULATORY
  1 ambulatory /ˌambəˈleɪtərē/ adjective
    1: of, relating to, or adapted to walking
    2: able to walk or move about
  2 ambulatory noun, plural -ries
    - a sheltered place (as in a cloister) for walking

am·bus·cade /ˈambəskəd/ noun
- AMBUSH
  1 ambush /ˈambəsh/ noun
    - a trap in which concealed persons wait to attack by surprise
      type: "Synonyms"
      - net, snare, trap, web—more at TRAP
      - surprise, trap; also assault, attack, charge, sally
  2 ambush verb
    - surprise, waylay; also assail, assault, attack, storm, strike

amdt abbreviation
amendment

ameba, ameboid  variant of  AMOeba, AMOEBoid

ame·lio·rate /əˈmɛləˌreɪt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ting
  ◁: to make or grow better: IMPROVE
  — ame·lio·ra·tion /əˌmɛləˌreɪʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ◁ amend, better, enhance, enrich, improve, perfect, refine—more at IMPROVE

amen /əˈmen, (ɪ)ə men/ interjection
  — used esp. at the end of prayers to affirm or express approval

ame·na·ble /əˈmɛnə bəl/ adjective
  1: ANSWERABLE
  2 a: readily brought to yield, submit, or cooperate: COMPLIANT
  b: inclined or favorably disposed in mind: WILLING
  Synonyms
  ◁ [2a] compliant, conformable, docile, obedient, submissive, tractable—more at OBEDIENT
  ◁ [2b] disposed, game, glad, inclined, ready, willing—more at WILLING

amend /əˈmend/ verb
  1: to change for the better: IMPROVE
  2: to alter formally in phraseology
  — ame·nda·ble /əˈmendə bal/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ◁ ameliorate, better, enhance, enrich, improve, perfect, refine—more at IMPROVE
  ◁ correct, debug, emend, rectify, reform, remedy—more at CORRECT

amend·ment /əˈmend mənt/ noun
  1: the act of amending
  2: the process of amending a parliamentary motion or a constitution; also: the alteration so proposed or made

amends /əˈmendz/ noun singular or plural
  : compensation for injury or loss

ame·ni·ty /əˈme nəˌtē/ noun, plural -ties
  1: the quality of being pleasant or agreeable: AGREEABLENESS
  2: a gesture observed in social relationships
  3: something that serves as a comfort or convenience
  Synonyms
  ◁ [1] agreeableness, amiability, geniality, graciousness, niceness, pleasantness, sweetness—more at AMIABILITY
  ◁ [2] civility, courtesy, formality, gesture—more at CIVILITY
  ◁ [3] comfort, extra, frill, indulgence, luxury, superfluity—more at LUXURY

Amer abbreviation
  America; American

ame·re·ce /əˈmərs/ verb amerced, amerc·ing
  1: to penalize by a fine determined by the court
  2: PUNISH
  — ame·re·ce·ment noun

Amer·i·can /əˈmer.i kən/ noun
  1: a native or inhabitant of No. or So. America
  2: a citizen of the U.S.
  — American adjective
  — Amer·i·can·ism /əˌke nəˌizəm/ noun
  — Amer·i·can·iza·tion /əˌmer.i kəˌnizəˈteɪn/ noun
  — Amer·i·can·ize /əˌmer.i kəˌniz/ verb
  — Amer·i·can·ness noun
Amer-i-ca·na /əˌmɛr.iˈka.nə/ noun plural
: materials concerning or characteristic of America, its civilization, or its culture

American Indian noun
: a member of any of the aboriginal peoples of No. and So. America except the Eskimos
  Synonyms
  → Indian

American plan noun
: a hotel plan whereby the daily rates cover the cost of room and three meals

American Sign Language noun
: a sign language for the deaf in which meaning is conveyed by a system of hand gestures and placement

am·er·ici·um /əˌmɛr.iˈsi.am.əˈri.əm/ noun
: a radioactive metallic chemical element produced artificially from plutonium

AmerInd abbreviation
American Indian

Am·er·in·di·an /ˌa.mər.ˈɪn.dən/ noun
: AMERICAN INDIAN
  → Amerindian adjective

am·e·thyst /ˌa.mɛ.ˈθɪst/ noun
: a gemstone consisting of clear purple or bluish violet quartz

ami·a·bil·i·ty /əˈmɛə.ˈbɪ.lə.ti/ noun
: the quality of being amiable
  Synonyms
  → agreeableness, amenity, geniality, graciousness, niceness, pleasantness, sweetness; also complaisance
  Antonyms
  → disagreeableness, unpleasantness

ami·a·ble /əˈmɛə.ˈbɪ.lə/ adjective
1: pleasing to one's mind or senses: AGREEABLE
2: having a friendly and sociable disposition
  → ami·a·bly /əˈmɛə.ˈbɪ.lɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
  → affable, agreeable, genial, good-natured, gracious, nice, sweet, well-disposed; also amicable, cordial, friendly, neighborly
  Antonyms
  → disagreeable, ill-natured, ill-tempered, ungracious, unpleasant

ami·a·ble·ness /ˈnes/ noun
: the quality of being amiable

am·i·ca·ble /əˈmi.ka.ˈbɪ.lə/ adjective
: characterized by friendly goodwill
  → am·i·ca·bil·i·ty /əˌmi.ˈka.ˈbɪ.lə.ti/ noun
  → am·i·ca·bly /əˌmi.ˈka.ˈbɪ.lɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
  → agreeable, compatible, congenial, harmonious, kindred, unanimous, united—more at HARMONIOUS
  → companionable, comradely, cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, neighborly, warm, warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY

amid /əˈmɪd/ or amidst /ˈmɪd/ preposition
: in or into the middle of: AMONG
  Synonyms
  → among, midst, through—more at AMONG
amid·ships /əˈmɪdˌʃIPS/ adverb
  : in or near the middle of a ship

ami·no acid /əˈmɪˌnōˌād/ noun
  : any of numerous nitrogen-containing acids that include some which are used by cells to build proteins

amir variant of EMIR

1 amiss /əˈmɪs/ adverb
  1 › : in a mistaken way : WRONGLY
  2 › : off the right path or route : ASTRAY
  3 : IMPERFEKTLY

Synonyms
  › [1] erroneously, faultily, improperly, inaptly, incorrectly, mistakenly, wrongly
  › [2] afield, astray, awry, wrong—more at WRONG

2 amiss adjective
  1 : WRONG
  2 : out of place

am·i·ty /əˈmē.tē/ noun, plural -ties
  : 1 › the quality or state of being friendly; especially : friendly relations between nations
    Synonyms
      › benevolence, cordiality, fellowship, friendliness, friendship, goodwill, kindliness—more at GOODWILL

am·me·ter /əˈmē.mir/ noun
  : an instrument for measuring electric current in amperes

am·no /əˈmō/ noun
  : AMMUNITION

am·mo·nia /əˈmō.nēə/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. L sal ammoniacus sal ammoniac (ammonium chloride), lit., salt of Ammon, fr. Gk ammōniakos of Ammon, fr. Ammōn Ammon, an Egyptian god near one of whose temples it was extracted]
  1 : a colorless gaseous compound of nitrogen and hydrogen used in refrigeration and in the making of fertilizers and explosives
  2 : a solution (ammonia water) of ammonia in water

am·mo·ni·um /əˈmō.nē.əm/ noun
  : an ion or chemical group derived from ammonia by combination with hydrogen

ammonium chloride noun
  : a white crystalline volatile salt used in batteries and as an expectorant

am·mu·ni·tion /ˌam.məˈni.shən/ noun
  1 : projectiles fired from guns
  2 : explosive items used in war
  3 : material for use in attack or defense

Amm abbreviation
airman

am·ne·sia /əˈmē.nēˌzhə/ noun
  1 : abnormal loss of memory
  2 : the selective overlooking of events or acts not favorable to one's purpose
    — am·ne·sic /ˌzhē.əkˌzē/ or am·ne·si·c /ˌzĭkˌsĭk/ adjective or noun

am·nes·ty /əˈmē.nē.stē/ noun, plural -ties
  : an act granting a pardon to a group of individuals
    — amnesty verb

Synonyms
  › absolution, forgiveness, pardon, remission—more at PARDON
am·nio·cen·te·sis /əˌnē.ˌsen.ˈte.ˌsēs/ noun, plural -te·ses /ˌsēz/ : the surgical insertion of a hollow needle through the abdominal wall and uterus of a pregnant female esp. to obtain fluid used to check the fetus for chromosomal abnormality and to determine sex

amoe·ba /əˌmē.ˈba/ noun, plural -bas or -bae /ˌbā/ : any of various tiny one-celled protozoans that lack permanent cell organs and occur esp. in water and soil
— amoe·bic /ˌbīk/ adjective

amoe·boid /ˌbōid/ adjective : resembling an amoeba esp. in moving or readily changing shape

amok /əˈmäk, əˈmäk/ or amuck /əˈmuk/ adverb : in a violent, frenzied, or uncontrolled manner <run ~>

Synonyms
 berserk, frantically, harum-scarum, hectically, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wild, wildly—more at HELTER-SKELTER

among /əˈmänɡ/ also amongst /ˈmeŋst/ preposition
1 : in or through the midst of
2 : in the number, class, or company of
3 : in shares to each of
4 : by common action of

Synonyms
 amid, midst, through; also between, betwixt

amon·til·la·do /əˌmän.tə.ˈlädə/ noun, plural -dos [origin: Sp] : a medium dry sherry

amor·al /əˈmôr.əl/ adjective
1 : neither moral nor immoral; especially : being outside the sphere to which moral judgments apply
2 : lacking moral sensibility
— amor·al·ly adverb

amor·ous /əˈmôr.əs/ adjective
1 : strongly moved by love and esp. sexual love
2 : being in love
3 : of or indicative of love and esp. sexual love
— amor·ous·ly adverb
— amor·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
 [1, 3] amatory, erotic, sexy—more at EROTIC

amor·phous /əˈmôr.fəs/ adjective
1 : having no definite form : FORMLESS
2 : not crystallized

Synonyms
 formless, shapeless, unformed, unshaped, unstructured—more at FORMLESS

am·or·tize /əˌmôr.ˈtiz, əˌmôr./ verb -tized; -tiz·ing : to extinguish (as a mortgage) usu. by payment on the principal at the time of each periodic interest payment
— amor·ti·za·tion /əˌmôr.ˌtə.ˈzā.ʃən, əˌmôr/ noun

amount /əˈmaunt/ verb
1 : to be equivalent — usu. used with to
2 : to reach a total : add up — usu. used with to

Synonyms
 usually amount to [1] add up, come, correspond, equal; also approach, match, measure (up), meet, rival, touch
 usually amount to [2] add up, come, number, sum, total; also average, equal, measure, reach
amount noun
1 : the total number or quantity
2 : a principal sum plus the interest on it
  Synonyms
   ➔ measure, quantity; also body, portion

amour /əˈmʊr, ˈæ.ə/ noun
1 : a love affair esp. when illicit
2 : LOVER

amour pro·pre /əˈmʊr, prōˈpr/ , ˈæ.əˌprōˈpr/ noun
[origin: F]
  ➔ SELF-ESTEEM

amp /æmp/ noun
: AMPLIFIER; also : a unit consisting of an electronic amplifier and a loudspeaker

2amp abbreviation
amper

am·per·age /ˈæm.pər.ɪdʒ/ noun
: the strength of a current of electricity expressed in amperes

am·pere /ˈæmp.ər/ noun
: a unit of electric current equivalent to a steady current produced by one volt applied across a resistance of one ohm

am·per·sand /ˈæm.pərˌsænd/ noun
[origin: alter. of and per se and, spoken form of the phrase & per se and, lit., (the character) & by itself (stands for the word) and]
: a character & used for the word and

am·phet·a·mine /ˈæm.fet.əˌmīn/ noun
: a compound or one of its derivatives that stimulates the central nervous system and is used esp. to treat hyperactive children and to suppress appetite

am·phib·ian /ˈæm.fib.ən/ noun
1 : an amphibious organism; especially : any of a class of vertebrate animals (as frogs and salamanders) intermediate between fishes and reptiles
2 : an airplane that can land on and take off from either land or water

am·phib·i·ous /ˈæm.fib.əˌsəs/ adjective
[origin: Gk amphibios, lit., living a double life, fr. amphi- on both sides + bios mode of life]
1 : able to live both on land and in water
2 : adapted for both land and water
3 : made by joint action of land, sea, and air forces invading from the sea; also : trained for such action

am·phi·bole /ˈæm.fī.ˈbōl/ noun
: any of a group of rock-forming minerals of similar crystal structure

am·phi·the·a·ter /ˈæm.fīˌthe.əˌtər/ noun
1 : an oval or circular structure with rising tiers of seats around an arena
2 : a very large auditorium

am·pho·ra /ˈæm.fəˌrə/ noun, plural -rae /ˌrē/ or -ras
: an ancient Greek jar or vase with two handles that rise almost to the level of the mouth

am·ple /ˈæm.pl/ adjective am·pler /ˈplər/; am·plest /ˈpləst/;
1 ➔ : generous or more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity : CAPACIOUS
2 ➔ : enough to satisfy : ABUNDANT
— am·ply /ˈplē/ adverb
  Synonyms
   ➔ [1] capacious, commodious, roomy, spacious—more at SPACIOUS
[2] abundant, bountiful, comfortable, generous, liberal, plentiful—more at PLENTIFUL

am·pli·fy /a.m.pli.fi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 ▶: to expand by extended treatment
2 ▶: to increase in magnitude or strength; especially : to make louder
— am·pli·fi·ca·tion /a.m.pli.fi.ca.shən/ noun
— am·pli·fi·er /a.m.pli.fi.ər/ noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] develop, elaborate, enlarge, expand—more at EXPAND
▶ [2] add, aggrandize, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at INCREASE
▶ [2] beef, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, redouble, step up, strengthen—more at INTENSIFY

am·pli·tude /a.m.pli.tyud/ noun
1: ample extent : FULLNESS
2: the extent or range of a quality, property, process, or phenomenon: as : the extent of a vibratory movement (as of a pendulum) or of an oscillation (as of an alternating current or a radio wave)

Synonyms
▶ breadth, compass, extent, range, reach, realm, scope, sweep, width—more at RANGE

amplitude modulation noun
: modulation of the amplitude of a radio carrier wave in accordance with the strength of the signal; also : a broadcasting system using such modulation

am·poule or am·pule also am·pul /a.m.pül/ noun
: a small sealed bulbous glass vessel used to hold a solution for hypodermic injection

am·pu·tate /a.m.pu tái/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
: to cut off (<~ a leg>)
— am·pu·ta·tion /a.m.pu.tə.shən/ noun

am·pu·tee /a.m.pū.tē/ noun
: one who has had a limb amputated

AMSLAN abbreviation
American Sign Language

amt abbreviation
amount

amuck variant of AMOK

am·u·let /a.m.yu lett/ noun
▶: an ornament worn as a charm against evil

Synonyms
▶ charm, fetish, mascot, talisman—more at CHARM

amuse /a.m.yūz/ verb amused; amus·ing
▶: to entertain in a light or playful manner : DIVERT

Synonyms
▶ disport, divert, entertain, regale; also absorb, busy, distract, engage, engross, immerse, interest, involve, occupy

amuse·ment /a.m.yū men/ noun
▶: pleasurable diversion

Synonyms
▶ distraction, diversion, entertainment—more at ENTERTAINMENT

amus·ing /a.m.yū.zəng/ adjective
▶: giving amusement
Synonyms

- delightful, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, fun, pleasurable—more at [FUN](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/synonyms)

AM-VETS /ˈamˌvɛts/ abbreviation
American Veterans (of World War II)

am·y·lase /ˈam.ˌɛləs/ noun
: any of several enzymes that accelerate the breakdown of starch and glycogen

an /ən/ indefinite article
: A — used before words beginning with a vowel sound

1-an or -ian also -ean noun suffix
1: one that belongs to <American> <crustacean>
2: one skilled in or specializing in <phonetician>

2-an or -ian also -ean adjective suffix
1: of or belonging to <American> <Mozartean>
2: characteristic of : resembling <Mozartean>

AN abbreviation
airman (Navy)

an·a·bol·ic steroid /ˈən.əˈbəl.ɪk/ noun
: any of a group of synthetic steroid hormones sometimes abused by athletes in training to increase temporarily the size of their muscles

anach·ro·nism /əˈnaˌkroʊ.nɪzəm/ noun
1: the error of placing a person or thing in the wrong period
2: one that is chronologically out of place

— anach·ro·n·ic /əˌnaˌkroʊ.nɪk/ adjective
— anach·ro·nous /əˌnaˌkroʊ.nəs/ adjective

an·a·con·da /əˈnaˌkɑn.də/ noun
: a large So. American snake that suffocates and kills its prey by constriction

anad·ro·mous /əˌna.droʊˈməs/ adjective
: ascending rivers from the sea for breeding <~ fish>

an·aer·obe /əˈnɛr.əb/ noun
: an anaerobic organism

an·aer·o·bic /əˌnɛr.əˈbɪk/ adjective
: living, active, occurring, or existing in the absence of free oxygen

ana·gram /ˈaˌnə.ɡræm/ noun
: a word or phrase made by transposing the letters of another word or phrase

1-anal /ˈən.əl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or situated near the anus
2: of, relating to, or characterized by the stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory during which one is concerned esp. with feces
3: of, relating to, or characterized by personality traits (as parsimony and ill humor) considered typical of fixation at the anal stage of development

— anal·ly adverb

2-anal abbreviation
1 analogy
2 analysis; analytic

an·al·ge·sia /əˌnal.əˈdʒi.zə/ noun
: insensitivity to pain
— **an·al·ge·sic** /ənˈal dʒi sək, ˌsɪk/ adjective

an·al·ge·sic /ənˈal dʒi sək, ˌsɪk/ noun
: an agent for producing analgesia

**analog computer** /ˈæn.ləg.əˌɡɹ/ noun
: a computer that operates with numbers represented by directly measurable quantities (as voltages)

**anal·o·gous** /əˈnæ lə ˈgæs/ adjective
: similar in one or more respects

  *Synonyms*
  > akin, alike, comparable, correspondent, like, parallel, similar, such—more at **ALIKE**

**an·a·logue or an·a·log** /ˈæn.aˌləg/ noun
1 : something that is analogous to something else
2 : an organ similar in function to one of another animal or plant but different in structure or origin

**anal·o·gy** /əˌnæ laˈdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
1 : inference that if two or more things agree in some respects they will probably agree in others
2 : a likeness in one or more ways between things otherwise unlike

— **an·a·log·i·cal** /ˌæn.aˌləgˈi kəl/ adjective
— **an·a·log·i·cal·ly** /ˌæn.aˌləgˈi kəl li/ adverb

**anal·y·sis** /əˌnæ laˈsəs/ noun, plural -y·ses /ˌsɛz/
[origin: NL, fr. Gk, fr. analyein to break up, fr. ana- up + lyein to loosen]
1 : separation of a thing into the parts or elements of which it is composed
2 a : an examination of a thing to determine its parts or elements
b : a statement showing the results of a critical examination
3 : **PSYCHOANALYSIS**

— **an·a·lyst** /əˌnæ laˈlist/ noun
— **an·a·lyt·i·cal·ly** /ˌæn.aˌlət ˈi kəl li/ adverb

  *Synonyms*
  > [1] assay, breakdown, breakup, dissection; also assessment, evaluation, examination, inspection, investigation, scrutiny
  > [2b] comment, commentary, exposition—more at **COMMENTARY**

**an·a·lyt·ic** /ˌæn.aˌlət ˈi kəl/ or **an·a·lyt·i·cal** /ˌæn.aˌlət ˈi kəl/ adjective
: of or relating to analysis; especially : separating something into component parts or constituent elements

  *Synonyms*
  > coherent, good, logical, rational, reasonable, sensible, sober, sound, valid—more at **LOGICAL**

**an·a·lyze** /əˌnæ laˈız/ verb -lyzed; -lyz·ing
: to make an analysis of

  *Synonyms*
  > anamnthesize, assay, break down, break up, dissect; also assess, evaluate, examine, inspect, investigate, scrutinize

**an·a·pest** /əˈnæp əst/ noun
: a metrical foot of two unaccented syllables followed by one accented syllable

— **an·a·pes·tic** /əˌnæp əˈstɪk/ adjective or noun

**an·ar·chic** /əˈnær kɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, or advocating anarchy

  *Synonyms*
  > disorderly, lawless, unruly—more at **LAWLESS**

**an·ar·chism** /əˈnær kɪzəm/ noun
: the theory that all government is undesirable

— **an·ar·chist** /ˈænər kɪst/ noun or adjective
an·ar·chis·tic /ˌan.ərˈkis.ti k/ adjective
an·ar·chy /ˌan.ərˈkæ/ noun
1 a : a social structure without government or law and order
   b : a state of lawlessness or political disorder due to the absence of governmental authority
2 : utter confusion
— an·ar·chi·cal·ly /ˌan.arˈki.cal.i/ adverb
an·as·to·mo·sis /əˈnas.təˌmōˌsis/ noun, plural -mo·ses /ˌmōˌsēz/
1 : the union of parts or branches (as of blood vessels)
2 : NETWORK
anat abbreviation
anatomical; anatomy
anath·e·ma /əˈnath.ə.ma/ noun
1 a : a person or thing accursed
   b : one intensely disliked
2 a : a solemn curse
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1b] abhorrence, abomination, antipathy, aversion, bête noire, hate—more at HATE
   ➤ [2] curse, execration, imprecation, malediction—more at CURSE
anath·e·ma·tize /əˈnath.əˌmaˌtiz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
: to pronounce an anathema against : CURSE
anat·o·mize /əˈnæ.təˌmīz/ verb -mized; -miz·ing
1 : to dissect so as to examine the structure and parts
2 a : to study or determine the nature and relationship of the parts of by analysis : ANALYZE
   Synonyms
   ➤ analyze, assay, break down, break up, dissect—more at ANALYZE
anat·o·my /əˈnæ.təˌme/ noun, plural -mies
[ORIGIN: LL anatomia dissection, fr. Gk anatomē, fr. anatemnein to dissect, fr. ana- up + temnein to cut]
1 : a branch of science dealing with the structure of organisms
2 : structural makeup esp. of an organism or any of its parts
3 : a separating into parts for detailed study : ANALYSIS
— an·a·tom·ic /əˈnæ.təˌmik/ or an·a·tom·i·cal /ˌmī·kal/ adjective
— an·a·tom·i·cal·ly /ˌmīˈkāl.i/ adverb
anat·o·mist /əˈnæ.təˌmīst/ noun
anc abbreviation
ancient
-ance noun suffix
1 : action or process <furtherance> : instance of an action or process <performance>
2 : quality or state : instance of a quality or state <protuberance>
3 : amount or degree <conductance>
an·ces·tor /əˈnə.sər/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME anestor, fr. AF, fr. L antecessor predecessor, fr. antecedere to go before, fr. ante- before + cedere to go]
1 : one from whom an individual is descended
2 : an individual that exhibits the essential features of a later type
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] father, forebear, forefather, grandfather; also grandmother, matriarch, patriarch
   Antonyms
   descendant
   ➤ [2] antecedent, forerunner, precursor; also archetype, model, original, prototype
   Antonyms
descendant

an·ces·tress /ˈanˌses.trəs/ noun
: a female ancestor

an·ces·try /ˈanˌses.trē/ noun
1 : line of descent : LINEAGE
2 : ANCESTORS
— an·ces·tral /anˌses.trəl/ adjective
  Synonyms
  › birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, stock, strain; also heredity, succession
  Antonyms
  issue, posterity, progeny, seed

1 an·chor /ˈaŋˌkar/ noun
1 : a heavy metal device attached to a ship that catches hold of the bottom and holds the ship in place
2 : a broadcaster who reads the news and introduces the reports of other broadcasters : ANCHORPERSON

2 an·chor verb
› : to hold or become held in place by or as if by an anchor
  Synonyms
  catch, clamp, fasten, fix, hitch, moor, secure, set

an·chor·age /ˈaŋˌkər.æj/ noun
› : a place suitable for ships to anchor
  Synonyms
  harbor, haven, port—more at HARBOR

an·cho·rite /ˈaŋˌko.ri.tə/ noun
› : one that retires from society and lives in solitude : HERMIT
  Synonyms
  hermit, recluse, solitary—more at RECLUSE

an·chor·man /ˈaŋˌkar.mən/ noun
1 : the member of a team who competes last
2 : an anchorperson who is a man

an·chor·per·son /ˌær.ˈkær.pən/ noun
: a broadcaster who reads the news and introduces the reports of other broadcasters

an·chor·wom·an /ˌәŋˌkər.woʊ.םən/ noun
1 : a woman who competes last
2 : an anchorperson who is a woman

an·cho·vy /ˈanˌchō.ʋē, әnˌchō./ noun, plural -vies or -vy
: a small herringlike fish used esp. for sauces and relishes

an·cien ré·gime /әnˌsən rə zhəm/ noun
1 : the political and social system of France before the Revolution of 1789
2 : a system no longer prevailing

1 an·cient /ˈәnˌshənt/ adjective
1 : having existed for many years
2 : belonging to times long past; especially : belonging to the period before the Middle Ages
  Synonyms
  › [1] elderly, geriatric, old, senior—more at ELDERLY
  › [2] age-old, antediluvian, antique, dateless, hoary, old, venerable; also aging, mature
  Antonyms
  modern, new, recent
  › [2] early, primal, primeval, primitive—more at EARLY
ancient noun
1 : an aged person
2 plural : the peoples of ancient Greece and Rome; especially : the classical authors of Greece and Rome

ancillary /an.sə.lər.ē/ adjective
1 : SUBORDINATE, SUBSIDIARY
2 : AUXILIARY, SUPPLEMENTARY

ancy noun suffix
: quality or state <flamboyancy>

and /ənd, (ə)nd/ conjunction
1 — used to indicate connection or addition esp. of items within the same class or type or to join words or phrases of the same grammatical rank or function
2 — used to join one finite verb to another so that together they are equivalent to an infinitive of purpose <come ~ see me>

andante /än.dan.tā. te/ adverb or adjective
[origin: It, lit., going, prp. of andare to go]
: moderately slow — used as a direction in music

andante noun
: an andante movement

and-iron /än.dil.n/ noun
: one of a pair of metal supports for firewood in a fireplace

and/or /ənd,ər/ conjunction
— used to indicate that either and or or may apply <men ~ women means men and women or men or women>

Andorran /än.dor.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Andorra

andro-gen /än.dro.tən/ noun
: a male sex hormone

androgynous /än.dro.jə.nəs/ adjective
1 : having the characteristics of both male and female
2 : suitable for either sex <~ clothing>

android /än.droid/ noun
: a mobile robot usu. with a human form

anecdot-al /ə.nək.təl/ adjective
1 : relating to or consisting of anecdotes
2 : based on reports of an unscientific nature
— anecdot-al-ly adverb

anecdot-a /än.ik. dōt/ noun, plural -dotes also -dota /ə.nək. dōt.ə/ [origin: Fr, fr. Gk anekdota unpublished items, fr. a- not + ekdidoinai to publish]
: a brief story of an interesting, amusing, or biographical incident

Synonyms
— story, tale—more at STORY

ane-mia /ə.nē.mē.ə/ noun
1 : a condition in which blood is deficient in quantity, in red blood cells, or in hemoglobin and which is marked by pallor, weakness, and irregular heart action
2 : lack of vitality
— anemic /ə.nē.mīk/ adjective

ane-mo-meter /ə.nē.mō.mē.tər/ noun
an·em·o·ne /əˈnɛməˌnən/ noun
: any of a large genus of herbs related to the buttercups that have showy flowers without petals but with conspicuous often colored sepals

anent /əˈnɛnt/ preposition
: CONCERNING

an·es·thes·ia /əˈnesiθəˈziə/ noun
: loss of bodily sensation

an·es·the·si·o·gy /ˌiːˈnɛsθi.əˈdʒi/ noun
: a branch of medical science dealing with anesthesia and anesthetics

anesthetic /əˈnesθəˈtɪst/ noun
1: of, relating to, or capable of producing anesthesia
2: an agent that produces anesthesia

an·es·the·tist /əˈnesθəˈtɪst/ noun
— an·es·the·tize /əˈnesθəˈtɪz/ verb

an·eu·rysm /ˈan.ɪər.izəm/ noun
an abnormal blood-filled bulge of a blood vessel

anew /əˈnjuː/ adverb
1 : over again
2 : in a new form

Synonyms
   again, over—more at AGAIN

an·gel /ˈæŋjəl/ noun
1 : a spiritual being superior to man
2 : an attendant spirit
3 : a winged figure of human form in art
4 : one that precedes and indicates the approach of another : HARBINGER
5 : a person held to resemble an angel (as in looks or behavior)
6 : a financial backer

an·gel·ic /ˈæŋjəlik/ or an·gel·i·cal /ˈæŋjəliˈkæl/ adjective

an·gel·i·cal·ly /ˈæŋjəliˈkæl/ adverb

Synonyms
   [4] forerunner, harbinger, herald, precursor—more at FORERUNNER

an·gel·fish /ˈæŋjəˌfɪʃ/ noun
: any of several bright-colored tropical fishes that are flattened from side to side

an·gel·i·ca /ˈæŋjəˌlaɪ.ka/ noun
: a biennial herb related to the carrot whose roots and fruit furnish a flavoring oil

1 anger /ˈæŋ.ɡər/ verb
   : to make angry

   Synonyms
      antagonize, enrage, incense, inflame, infuriate, madden, outrage, rankle, rile, roil; also affront, aggravate, annoy, cross, exasperate, get, irritate, nettle, offend, peeve, pique, provoke, put out, ruffle, vex

   Antonyms
      delight, gratify, please

2 anger noun
[ORIGIN: ME, affliction, anger, fr. ON angr grief]

- a strong feeling of displeasure
  - **Synonyms**
    - furor, fury, indignation, ire, outrage, rage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness; also aggravation, annoyance, exasperation, irritation, vexation
  - **Antonyms**
    - delight, pleasure

- **an-gi-na /an_.j_n_ə/ noun**
  - a disorder (as of the heart) marked by attacks of intense pain; especially: ANGINA PECTORIS
    - **an-gi-na-l /an_.j_n_əl/ adjective**
    - angina pecto-ri-s /ˌpek.təˈriːəs/ noun
  - a heart disease marked by brief attacks of sharp chest pain caused by deficient oxygenation of heart muscles
- **an-gio·gram /ˌan_.j_o_.gram/ noun**
  - an X-ray photograph made by angiography
- **an-gio·gra-phy /ˌan_.j_o_.ˈɡra_f_ə/ noun**
  - the use of X-rays to make blood vessels visible (as by photography) after injection of a substance opaque to radiation
- **an-gio·plas-ty /ˌan_.j_o_.ˈpləst_ə/ noun**
  - surgical repair of a blood vessel esp. by using an inflatable catheter to unblock arteries clogged by atherosclerotic deposits
- **an-gio·sperm /ˌan_.j_o_.ˈsperm/ noun**
  - FLOWERING PLANT

1. **angle /ˈæŋ_.gəl/ noun**
   - 1: a sharp projecting corner
   - 2: the figure formed by the meeting of two lines in a point
   - 3 a ♦: a point of view
     - ♦: the aspect seen from such an angle
   - 4: a special technique or plan: GIMMICK
     - **angled** adjective
       - **Synonyms**
         - [3a] outlook, perspective, point of view, slant, standpoint, viewpoint—more at POINT OF VIEW
         - [3b] aspect, facet, hand, phase, side—more at ASPECT

2. **angle verb an-gled; an-gling /ˈæŋ_.ɡl_iŋ/**
   - to turn, move, or direct at an angle
   - **Synonyms**
     - cant, cock, heel, incline, lean, list, slant, slope, tilt, tip—more at LEAN

3. **angle verb an-gled; an-gling /ˈæŋ_.ɡl_iŋ/**
   - to fish with a hook and line
   - **angled** verb 
     - **antionyms**
     - ANGLER /ˈæŋ_.ɡl_i_ər/ noun
     - angle-worm /ˈæŋ_.ɡl_əˌwərm/ noun
     - EARTHWORM

An·gli·can /ˌan_.ɡli_ˌkən/ adjective
- of or relating to the established episcopal Church of England
- of or relating to England or the English nation
- **Anglican** noun
- **An-glican·ism /ˌan_.ɡliˌi.zəm/ noun**
- **an-gli·cize /ˈan_.ɡliˌsiz/ verb -cized; -ciz·ing**
  - often cap
  - 1: to make English (as in habits, speech, character, or outlook)
2: to borrow (a foreign word or phrase) into English without changing form or spelling and sometimes without changing pronunciation

—an·gli·ci·za·tion /ˈanˌgli.ˌsa.ˈzi.ˌza·shan/ noun, often cap

an·gling /ˈɡlɪŋ/ noun
: the action of one who angles; especially: the action or sport of fishing with hook and line

An·glo /ˈanˌɡloʊ/ noun, plural Anglos
: a non-Hispanic white inhabitant of the U.S.; especially: one of English origin and descent

An·glo–French /ˈanˌɡloˌfr.ˈfrench/ noun
: the French language used in medieval England

An·glo·phile /ˈanˌɡloˌfɪl/ also An·glo·phil /ˈfɪl/ noun
: one who greatly admires England and things English

An·glo·phobe /ˈanˌɡloˌfoʊb/ noun
: one who is averse to England and things English

An·glo–Sax·on /ˈanˌɡloˌsakˌsan/ noun
1: a member of any of the Germanic peoples who invaded England in the 5th century A.D.
2: a member of the English people
3: the language of the English people before about 1100

—Anglo–Saxon adjective

an·go·ra /ˈanˌɡoʊrəˌan/ noun
1: yarn or cloth made from the hair of an Angora goat or rabbit
2 cap: any of a breed of cats, goats, or rabbits with a long silky coat

an·gry /ˈanˌɡri/ adjective an·gri·er; -est
: feeling or showing anger

—an·gri·ly /ˈɡriˌli/ adverb

Synonyms

—enraged, furious, irate, sore, wrathful

Antonyms

delighted, pleased

angst /ˈɑŋst/ noun
[origin: G]
: a feeling of anxiety

ang·strom /ˈɑŋˌstrʌm/ noun
: a unit of length equal to one ten-billionth of a meter

an·guish /ˈanˌgwɪʃ/ noun
: extreme pain or distress esp. of mind

Synonyms

—affliction, agony, distress, misery, pain, torment, torture, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS

—affliction, dolor, grief, heartache, sorrow, woe—more at SORROW

an·guished /ˈɡwɪʃd/ adjective
1: suffering anguish <the ~ martyrs>
2: expressing anguish <~ cries>

Synonyms

—dolorous, lamentable, mournful, plaintive, sorrowful, sorry, woeful—more at SORROWFUL

an·gu·lar /ˈanˌgwəˌlər/ adjective
1: sharp-cornered
2: having one or more angles
3: being thin and bony
— an·gu·lar·i·ty /ənˈɡyəˌla(r)əˌti/ noun

An·gus /ˈæŋɡəs/ noun
: any of a breed of usu. black hornless beef cattle originating in Scotland

an·hy·drous /ənˈhī.draʊs/ adjective
: free from water

an·i·line /ənˌaɪ.lən/ noun
: an oily poisonous liquid used in making dyes, medicines, and explosives

an·i·mad·vert /əˈnaɪ.məd.vərt/ verb
: to remark critically : express censure

— an·i·mad·ver·sion /əˌnaɪ.məd.vərˈzhən/ noun

1.animal /əˌnaɪ.məl/ noun
1 : any of a kingdom of living things typically differing from plants in capacity for active movement, in rapid response to stimulation, and in lack of cellulose cell walls
2 : a lower animal as distinguished from human beings; also : MAMMAL

Synonyms
beast, brute, creature, crickter; also varmint, vermin

2.animal adjective
1 : of, relating to, or derived from animals
2 : of or relating to the physical as distinguished from the mental or spiritual

Synonyms
bodily, carnal, corporal, fleshly, material, physical, somatic—more at PHYSICAL

an·i·mal·cule /əˌnaɪ.məl.ˈkyl/ noun
: a tiny animal usu. invisible to the naked eye

1.animate /əˌnaɪ.mət/ adjective
1 : having life : ALIVE
2 : full of vigor and spirit : LIVELY

Synonyms
[1] alive, live, living—more at ALIVE
[2] active, animated, energetic, lively, peppy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY

2.animate /əˌmæt/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
1 : to impart life to
2 : to give spirit and vigor to
3 : to make appear to move <~ a cartoon for motion pictures>

Synonyms
brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify; also arouse, awaken, awake, raise, rouse, stir, wake (up)

Antonyms
damp, dampen, deaden, dull

an·i·mat·ed /əˌmæt.əd/ adjective
1 : endowed with life or the qualities of life : ALIVE
2 : full of movement and activity <an ~ crowd>
3 : full of vigor and spirit : LIVELY

Synonyms
[1, 2] alive, astir, busy, lively, vibrant—more at ALIVE
[3] active, animate, energetic, lively, peppy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY

an·i·ma·tion /əˌnaɪ.məˈʃən/ noun
1 : the state of being animate or animated : LIVELINESS
2 : a motion picture made from a series of drawings simulating motions by means of slight progressive changes
Synonyms
▶ briskness, exuberance, liveliness, lustiness, robustness, sprightliness, vibrancy, vitality—more at vitality

an·i·mism /aˌne.ə.mə.zəm/ noun
▶ attribution of conscious life to objects in and phenomena of nature or to inanimate objects
— an·i·mist /ˌmi.st/ noun
— an·i·mis·tic /ˌaˌne.ə.mis.ti.k/ adjective

an·i·mos·i·ty /ˌaˌna.məs.tə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
▶ ill will or resentment tending toward active hostility

Synonyms
▶ antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, enmity, gall, grudge, hostility, rancor—more at enmity

an·i·mus /ˌaˌne.məs/ noun
▶ deep-seated resentment and hostility

an·ion /ˌaˌnē.ənˌī.ən/ noun
▶ a negatively charged ion

an·ise /ˈaˌnēz/ noun
▶ an herb related to the carrot with aromatic seeds (aniseed /ˌaˌnīzd/) used in flavoring

an·is·ette /ˌaˌnaˌiz.ə.tə/ noun
[origin: F]
▶ a usu. colorless sweet liqueur flavored with aniseed

an·kh /ˈænk/ noun
▶ a cross having a loop for its upper vertical arm and serving esp. in ancient Egypt as an emblem of life

an·kle /ˈaŋkl/ noun
▶ the joint or region between the foot and the leg

an·kle·bone /ˈaŋklˌbōn/ noun
▶ the bone that in human beings bears the weight of the body and with the tibia and fibula forms the ankle joint

an·klet /ˈaŋklˌket/ noun
1 : something (as an ornament) worn around the ankle
2 : a short sock reaching slightly above the ankle

ann abbreviation
1 annals
2 annual

an·nals /ˈaˌnəlz/ noun plural
1 ▶ a record of events in chronological order
2 : historical records

Synonyms
▶ chronicle, history, record—more at history

an·nal·ist /ˈaˌnəlˌist/ noun
▶ a writer of annals

an·neal /ˌaˌnēəl/ verb
1 : to make (as glass or steel) less brittle by heating and then cooling
2 : strengthen, toughen

annex /ˌaˌnek스, ˌaˌneks/ verb
1 ▶ to attach as an addition
2 : to incorporate (as a territory) within a political domain
— an·nex·a·tion /ˌaˌnekˈsäˌshən/ noun

Synonyms
▶ add, adjoin, append, tack—more at add
annex /ə.nɛks/.nɪks/ noun
› a subsidiary or supplementary structure

Synonyms
› addition, extension, penthouse; also arm, ell, wing

annihilate /ə.nɪ.hɪ.lət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
› to destroy completely

Synonyms
› blot out, demolish, eradicate, exterminate, liquidate, obliterate, root, rub out, snuff, stamp, wipe out; also decimate, destroy, devastate

annihilation /ˌnɪ.ə.lə.ʃən/ noun
› the act of annihilating or state of being annihilated

Synonyms
› demolition, desolation, destruction, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION

anniversary /ˌa.nɛ.vər.se.ri/ noun, plural -ries
› the annual return of the date of a notable event and esp. a wedding

annoy /ə.nɔɪ/ verb
› to disturb or irritate esp. by repeated acts: vex

Synonyms
› aggravate, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE

annoying /ə.nɔɪŋ/ adjective
› causing vexation

Synonyms
› aggravating, bothersome, frustrating, galling, irksome, irritating, pesky, vexatious; also burdensome, discomforting, displeasing, disquieting, distressing, importunate, inconveniencing, infuriating, maddening, mischievous, offensive, pesky, troublesome, upsetting, stressful, tiresome, troubling, trying, worrisome

annoyance /ə.nɔɪ.nəns/ noun
1. : the act of annoying
2. : the state of being annoyed
3. : one that is annoying, unpleasant, or obnoxious: **NUISANCE**

**Synonyms**
- [1] aggravation, disturbance, harassment, vexation; also molestation, offense, persecution, provocation, torment, torture
- [2] aggravation, bother, exasperation, frustration, vexation; also agitation, anger, discomfort, displeasure, distress, disturbance, indignation, ire, outrage, perturbation, resentment
- [3] aggravation, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, peeve, pest, problem, thorn; also affront, insult, offense

**annual** /əˈnjuːəl/ adjective
1. : covering the period of a year
2. : occurring once a year: **YEARY**
3. : completing the life cycle in one growing season <~ plants>
   — **annual**-ly adverb

**annual** noun
1. : a publication appearing once a year
2. : an annual plant

**annual ring** noun
: the layer of wood produced by a single year’s growth of a woody plant

**annual**-tiant /əˈnjuːə.tənt/ noun
: a beneficiary of an annuity

**annual**-ity /əˈnjuːə.tèt/ noun, plural -i·ties
1. : an amount payable annually
2. : the right to receive a annual payment

**annul** /aˈnəl/ verb **annulled; annul·ling**
1. : to make ineffective or inoperative
2. : to make legally void
   — **annul-ment** noun

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] abolish, abrogate, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind, void—more at **ABOLISH**

**annu·lar** /əˈnjuː.lər/ adjective
: ring-shaped

**annu·ci·ate** /əˈnən.sē.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: **ANNOUNCE**

**annu·ci·a·tion** /əˌnən.sē.ə.ʃən/ noun
1. : **ANNOUNCEMENT**
2 *cap*: March 25 observed as a church festival commemorating the announcement of the Incarnation

**annu·ci·a·tor** /əˌnən.sē.ə.tər/ noun
: one that annunciates; specif: a usu. electrically controlled signal board or indicator

**an·ode** /aˌnōd/ noun
1. : the positive electrode of an electrolytic cell
2. : the negative terminal of a battery
3. : the electron-collecting electrode of an electron tube
   — **anodic** /əˈnōd.ik/ also **anod·al** /əˈnōd.æl/ adjective

**an·od·ize** /aˌnəd.i.za/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to subject (a metal) to electrolytic action as the anode of a cell in order to coat with a protective or decorative film

**an·o·dyne** /əˌnō.dīn/ noun
anoint /əˈnɔɪnt/ verb
1: to apply oil to esp. as a sacred rite
2: CONSECRATE
— anoint·ment noun

anom·a·lous /əˈnæmələs/ adjective
☞: deviating from a general rule: ABNORMAL

Synonyms
☞ aberrant, abnormal, atypical, deviant, irregular, unnatural—more at DEVIANT

anom·a·ly /əˈnæməlē/ noun, plural -lies
☞: something anomalous

1 anon /əˈnɑ̃n/ adverb
☞: in the near future

Synonyms
☞ momentarily, presently, shortly, soon—more at SHORTLY

2 anon abbreviation
anonymous; anonymously

anony·mous /əˈnænəməs/ adjective
☞: of unknown or undeclared origin or authorship
— anony·mous·ly adverb

Synonyms
☞ nameless, unbaptized, unchristened, unidentified, unnamed, untitled—more at NAMELESS

an·o·nym·i·ty /əˌnɑ̃nəˈmi tē/ noun
☞: the quality or state of being anonymous

anoph·e·les /əˈnɑ̃fēlēz/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, genus name, fr. Gk anōphelēs useless, fr. a- not + ophelos advantage, help]
☞: any of a genus of mosquitoes that includes all mosquitoes which transmit malaria to human beings

an·o·rec·tic /ə.nəˈrek tɪk/ adjective
☞: ANOREXIC
— anorectic noun

an·o·rex·ia /ə.nəˈrek si ə/ noun
1: loss of appetite esp. when prolonged
2: ANOREXIA NERVOSA

anorexia ner·vo·sa /ˈnər vəˌsə/ noun
☞: a serious disorder in eating behavior marked esp. by a pathological fear of weight gain leading to faulty eating patterns, malnutrition, and usu. excessive weight loss

an·o·rex·ic /ə.nəˈrek sɪk/ adjective
1: lacking or causing loss of appetite
2: affected with or as if with anorexia nervosa
— anorexic noun

1 another /ə.ˈnɑθər/ adjective
1: some other
2: being one in addition: one more

Synonyms
☞ additional, else, farther, further, more, other—more at ADDITIONAL

2 another pronoun
1: an additional one: one more
2: one that is different from the first or present one
**ans** abbreviation
answer

1. **answer** /ˈæn.sər/ noun
   1. something spoken or written in reply to a question
   2. a solution of a problem
   - Synonyms: comeback, reply, response, retort, return; also banter, persiflage, repartee
   - Antonyms: inquiry, query, question

2. **answer** verb
   1. to speak or write in reply to
   2. to be or make oneself responsible or accountable (~ for a debt)
   3. to be in conformity or correspondence (~ed to the description)
   4. to be adequate
   5. to offer a solution for
   — **answer·er** noun
   - Synonyms: [1] rejoin, reply, respond, retort, return; also acknowledge, comment, communicate, correspond, react, remark
   - Antonyms: inquire, question

3. **answer·able** /ˈæn.sər.ə-bal/ adjective
   1. subject to taking blame or responsibility
   2. capable of being refuted
   - Synonyms: accountable, liable, responsible—more at RESPONSIBLE

4. **answering machine** noun
   : a machine that receives telephone calls by playing a recorded message and usu. by recording messages from callers

5. **answering service** noun
   : a commercial service that answers telephone calls for its clients

6. **ant** /ˈænt/ noun
   : any of a family of small social insects related to the bees and living in communities usu. in earth or wood
   — **ant** abbreviation
   antonym

7. **Ant** abbreviation
   Antarctica

8. **-ant** noun suffix
   1. one that performs or promotes (a specified action) <coolant>
   2. thing that is acted upon (in a specified manner) <inhalant>

9. **-ant** adjective suffix
   1. performing (a specified action) or being (in a specified condition) <propellant>
   2. promoting (a specified action or process) <expectorant>

10. **ant·ac·id** /ˈænt.ə.sɪd/ noun
    : an agent that counteracts acidity
    — **antacid** adjective

11. **an·tag·o·nism** /ˈæn.tæɡ.ə.nɪzm/ noun
1 : active opposition or hostility
   Synonyms
   an'ami'so·ty, antipa'th, bit'terness, en'mity, gall, grudge, hos'tility, ran'cor—more at en'mity

an·tag·o·nist /'nə.tə.gə.nist/ noun
   : one that contends with or opposes another : ADVERSA, OPPONENT
   Synonyms
   ad'versary, en'my, foe, oppo'nent—more at ENEMY

an·tag·o·nis·tic /ˌa.nə.tə.gə.nis.tɪk/ adjective
   : marked by or resulting from antagonism
   Synonyms
   hos'tile, inhos'pi'tal, in'mi'cal, jaundiced, neg'a'tive, unfriend'y, unsympathetic—more at HOSTILE

an·tag·o·nize /ə.nə.tə.gə.nə.zı/ verb -nized, -niz·ing
   : to provoke the hostility of
   Synonyms
   an'ger, en'rage, incense, inflame, infuriate, madden, outrage, rankle, rile, roil—more at ANGER

an·tag·o·nize·tic /ə.nə.tə.gə.nə.zı.tĭk/ adjective, often cap
   : of or relating to the south pole or the region near it

antarctic circle noun, often cap A&C
   : the parallel of latitude that is approximately 66 1/2 degrees south of the equator

ante /ən.tɛ/ noun
   : a poker stake put up before the deal to build the pot; also : an amount paid : PRICE
   ante verb an·ted; an·te·ing
   1 : to put up (an ante)
   2 : PAY

ante·a·t·er /ən.tɛ.atər/ noun
   : any of several mammals (as an aardvark) that feed mostly on ants or termites

ante·bel·lum /ən.tɛ.ˈbɛlləm/ adjective
   : existing before a war; especially : existing before the U.S. Civil War of 1861-65

ante·cede·ent /ən.tɛ.ˈsɛdənt/ noun
   1 : a noun, pronoun, phrase, or clause referred to by a personal or relative pronoun
   2 : a preceding event or cause
   3 plural : the significant conditions of one's earlier life
   4 a : one that precedes : PREDECESSOR; especially : a model or stimulus for later developments
   b plural : ANCESTORS
   Synonyms
   2 cause, occasion, reason—more at CAUSE
   4a ancestor, forerunner, precursor—more at ANCESTOR

antecedent adjective
   : earlier in time or order
   Synonyms
   an'terior, for'going, pre'ceding, pre'vious, prior—more at PREVIOUS

ante·cham·ber /ən.tɛ.ˈtʃæmˌbər/ noun
   : ANTEROOM

ante·date /ən.tɛ.ˈdɑːt/ verb
   1 : to date (a paper) as of an earlier day than that on which the actual writing or signing is done
   2 : to precede in time
   Synonyms
   an'go, pre'cede—more at PRECEDE
an·te·di·lu·vi·an /an ˈtē di lə vē ən/ adjective
1 : of the period before the biblical flood
2 ː made, evolved, or developed a long time ago
   Synonyms
   ː age-old, ancient, antique, dateless, hoary, old, venerable—more at ANCIENT

an·te·lo·pe /antˈlōp/ noun, plural -lopes or -lopes
[origin: ME, fabulous heraldic beast, prob. fr. MF antelop savage animal with sawlike horns, fr. ML antalopus, fr. LGk antelops]
1 : any of various deerlike ruminant mammals that chiefly inhabit Africa and have a slender build and horns extending upward and backward
2 : PRONGHORN

an·te·me·ri·di·em /anˈtēmərə di əm/ adjective
[origin: L]
ː being before noon

an·ten·na /anˈte nə/ noun, plural -nae or -nas
[origin: ML, fr. L, sail yard]
1 : one of the long slender paired segmented sensory organs on the head of an arthropod (as an insect or crab)
2 plural usually -nas : a metallic device (as a rod or wire) for sending out or receiving radio waves

an·te·pen·ult /anˈtē pe nəlt/ also an·te·pen·ul·ti·ma /ˈpl. nəl ti ə mə/ noun
ː the 3d syllable of a word counting from the end
   — an·te·pen·ul·ti·mate /ˈpl. nəl ti ə mat/ adjective or noun

an·te·ri·or /anˈtē rē ər/ adjective
1 : situated before or toward the front
2 : situated near or nearer to the head
3 ː coming before in time
   Synonyms
   ː antecedent, foregoing, preceding, previous, prior—more at PREVIOUS

anterior cruciate ligament noun
ː a cross-shaped ligament of the knee that connects the tibia and femur

an·te·room /anˈti rōm/ noun
ː a room forming the entrance to another and often used as a waiting room

an·them /anˈthēm/ noun
1 ː a sacred vocal composition
2 ː a song or hymn of praise or gladness
   Synonyms
   1, 2 ː canticle, carol, chorale, hymn, psalm, spiritual—more at HYMN

an·ther /anˈthər/ noun
ː the part of a stamen of a seed plant that produces and contains pollen

an·thill /anˈthi l/ noun
ː a mound thrown up by ants or termites in digging their nest

an·thol·o·gy /anˈthə lə jē/ noun, plural -gies
[origin: NL anthologia collection of epigrams, fr. MGk, fr. Gk, flower gathering, fr. anthos flower + logia collecting, fr. legein to gather]
ː a collection of literary selections
   — an·thol·o·gist /ˈjist/ noun
   — an·thol·o·gize /ˈjiz/ verb
   Synonyms
   ː album, compilation, miscellany; also archives

an·thra·cite /anˈthra sīt/ noun
a hard glossy coal that burns without much smoke

**an·thrax** /an.ˈthraks/ noun
: an infectious and usu. fatal bacterial disease of warm-blooded animals (as cattle and sheep) that is transmissible to humans; also : a bacterium causing anthrax

**an·thro·po·cen·tric** /an.ˈthru.pəˌsen.trik/ adjective
: interpreting or regarding the world in terms of human values and experiences

**an·thro·po·oid** /an.ˈthrəˌpoyd/ noun
1 : any of several large tailless apes (as a gorilla)
2 : a person resembling an ape
--- **anthropoid** adjective

**an·thro·pol·o·gy** /an.ˈthrəˌpələˈjē/ noun
: the science of human beings and esp. of their physical characteristics, their origin and the distribution of races, their environment and social relations, and their culture
--- **anthropological** adjective

**an·thro·po·mor·phism** /an.ˈthrəˌpəˌmor.fizəm/ noun
: an interpretation of what is not human or personal in terms of human or personal characteristics
--- **anthropomorphic** adjective

**an·ti** /an.ˈti/ noun, plural antis
: one who is opposed
--- **anti-** /an.ˈti, ˈti/ or ant- or anth- prefix
1 : opposite in kind, position, or action
2 : opposing : hostile toward
3 : counteractive
4 : preventive of : curative of

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix anti-:
  - antiaging
  - anti-AIDS
  - anti-aircraft
  - antialcohol
  - anti-American
  - antiapartheid
  - antibacterial
  - anticapitalist
  - anti-Catholic
  - anticholesterol
  - anticlerical
  - anticolonial
  - anticommunism
  - anticommunist
  - antidemocratic
  - antiestablishment
  - antifascist
  - antigovernment
  - anti–imperialism
  - anti–imperialist
  - antiknock
  - antilabor
  - antimalarial
  - antimicrobial
  - antinausea
antipoverty  
antislavery  
antispasmodic  
antistatic  
antisubmarine  
antitank  
antitumor  
antiviral  
antiwar

**anti-abortion** /ˌantɪəˈbɔːr.ʃən. ˈæn.tɪ/ adjective  
: opposed to abortion

**anti-ballistic missile** /ˌantɪˈbal.ɪst.ɪkˌmɪs.ɪl/ noun  
: a missile for intercepting and destroying ballistic missiles

**anti-biotic** /ˌantɪˈbɪ.ə.tɪk, ˌæntɪ/ noun  
: a substance produced by or derived by chemical alteration of a substance produced by a microorganism (as a fungus or bacterium) that in dilute solution inhibits or kills another microorganism  
— antibiotic adjective

**anti-body** /ˌantɪˌbaɪ.ˈdi/ noun  
: any of a large number of proteins of high molecular weight produced normally by specialized B cells after stimulation by an antigen and acting specifically against the antigen in an immune response

1 **antic** /ˈæntɪk/ noun  
: an often wildly playful or funny act or action  
**Synonyms**  
→ caper, escapade, frolic, monkeyshine, practical joke, prank, trick—more at PRANK

2 **antic** adjective  
[**ORIGIN**: It *antico* ancient thing or person, fr. antico ancient, fr. L *antiquus*]  
1 archaic  
2 a  
: characterized by clownish extravagance or absurdity  
b  
: whimsically gay  
**Synonyms**  
→ comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous—more at FUNNY  
→ coltish, elfish, fay, frisky, frolicsome, playful, sportive—more at PLAYFUL

**anticancer** /ˌantɪˈsɛn.sər. ˈæn.tɪ/ adjective  
: used against or tending to arrest cancer <~ drugs>

**An·ti·christ** /ˌantɪˈkrɪst/ noun  
1  
: one who denies or opposes Christ  
2  
: a false Christ

**anticipate** /ˌantɪˈsɛp.tet/ verb -pat·ed; -pat·ing  
1  
: to foresee and provide for beforehand  
2  
: to look forward to  
— **anticipation** /ˌantɪˈsep.ʃən/ noun  
**Synonyms**  
→ [1] divine, foreknow, foresee—more at FORESEE  
→ [2] await, expect, hope, watch—more at EXPECT

**anticipatory** /ˌantɪˌsɛp.tərē/ adjective  
: characterized by anticipation  
**Synonyms**  
→ agape, agog, expectant—more at EXPECTANT
an·ti·cli·max /ˌan.təˈklɪ.mæks/ noun
: something closing a series that is strikingly less important than what has preceded it
 — an·ti·cli·mac·tic /ˌan.təˈklɪ mak.tɪk/ adjective

an·ti·cline /ˌan.tɪ.klɪn/ noun
: an arch of layers of rock in the earth's crust

an·ti·co·ag·u·lant /ˌan.tɪ.kəˈɡyə.lənt/ noun
: a substance that hinders the clotting of blood
 — anticoagulant adjective

an·ti·cy·clone /ˌan.tɪˈsɪ.klən/ noun
: a system of winds that rotates about a center of high atmospheric pressure
 — an·ti·cy·clon·ic /ˌan.tɪˈsɪ.klən.ɪk/ adjective

1 an·ti·de­pres·sant /ˌan.tɪˈdi.pres.ənt/ noun
: a drug used to relieve psychic depression
 — antidepressant noun
: an antidepressant drug

an·ti·dote /ˌan.tɪˈdət/ noun
: a remedy to counteract the effects of poison

an·ti·drug /ˌan.tɪˈdræɡ/ adjective
: acting against or opposing illicit drugs

an·ti·fer·til·i·ty /ˌan.tɪˈfɛr.tɪ.lɪ.tɪ/ adjective
: tending to reduce or destroy fertility: CONTRACEPTIVE <~ agents>

an·ti·freeze /ˌan.tɪˈfrɪz/ noun
: a substance added to a liquid to lower its freezing temperature

an·ti·gen /ˌan.tɪˈdʒen/ noun
: any substance (as a toxin or an enzyme) foreign to the body that induces an immune response
 — an·ti·gen·ic /ˌan.tɪˈdʒen.ɪk/ adjective
 — an·ti·ge·nic·i·ty /ˌan.tɪˈdʒen.ɪ.ti/ noun

an·ti·grav·i·ty /ˌan.tɪˈgra.vɪ.ti/ adjective
: reducing or canceling the effect of gravity

an·ti·he·ro /ˌan.tɪˈhɛrə/ noun
: a protagonist who is notably lacking in heroic qualities (as courage)

an·ti·his·ta·mine /ˌan.tɪˈhaɪs.təˌmɪn/ noun
: any of various drugs used in treating allergies and colds

an·ti·hy·per·ten·sive /ˌan.tɪˈhɪ.pərˈten.sɪv/ noun
: a substance that is effective against high blood pressure
 — antihypertensive adjective

an·ti·in·flam·ma·to·ry /ˌan.tɪˈɪnfləˌmeɪ.tɔr.i/ adjective
: counteracting inflammation
 — anti–inflammatory noun

an·ti·in·tel·lec·tu·al /ˌan.tɪˈɪn.tɛlˌlɛk.tʃu.əl/ adjective
: opposing or hostile to intellectuals or to an intellectual view or approach

an·ti·lock /ˌan.tɪˈlɒk/ adjective
: being a braking system designed to prevent the wheels from locking

an·ti·log·a·rithm /ˌan.tɪˈlɒɡˌɑːr.iθm/ noun
\( \text{the number corresponding to a given logarithm} \)

\text{an·ti·ma·cas·sar /a.nˈti.məˈkaˌsar/ noun}
\( \text{a cover to protect the back or arms of furniture} \)

\text{an·ti·mat·ter /a.nˈti.məˈtər/ noun}
\( \text{matter composed of antiparticles} \)

\text{an·ti·mo·ny /a.nˈti.moˈnē/ noun}
\( \text{a brittle silvery white metallic chemical element used esp. in alloys} \)

\text{an·ti·neu·tron /a.nˈti.niˈtrōn/ noun}
\( \text{the antiparticle of the neutron} \)

\text{an·ti·no·mi·an /a.nˈti.nōˈmē.an/ noun}
\( \text{one who denies the validity of moral laws} \)

\text{an·tin·o·my /a.nˈtin-əˈmē/ noun, plural -mies}
\( \text{a contradiction between two seemingly true statements} \)

\text{an·ti·nov·el /a.nˈti.nəˈvel/ noun}
\( \text{a work of fiction that lacks all or most of the traditional features of the novel} \)

\text{an·ti·nu·cle·ar /a.nˈti.nəˈklu-ər/ adjective}
\( \text{opposing the use or production of nuclear power plants} \)

\text{an·ti·ox·i·dant /a.nˈtiˌəks.aˌdant/ noun, plural -ants}
\( \text{a substance that inhibits oxidation} \)

\text{antioxidant adjective}

\text{an·ti·par·ti·cle /a.nˈti.piˌtər.iˌkəl/ noun}
\( \text{a subatomic particle identical to another subatomic particle in mass but opposite to it in electric and magnetic properties} \)

\text{an·ti·pas·to /a.nˈtiˌpaˌstō, āˈniˌpaˌtō/ noun, plural -tos /-ˈtōs/}
\( \text{any of various typically Italian hors d'oeuvres} \)

\text{an·ti·phas·tic /a.nˈtiˌfāsˈtik/ adjective}
\( \text{having an aversion to or dislike of} \)

\text{an·tip·a·thy /a.nˈtiˌpəˈthē/ noun, plural -thies}
1 \( \text{settled aversion or dislike} \)
2 \( \text{an object of aversion} \)

\text{Synonyms}
\( \text{[1] animosity, antagonism, bitterness, enmity, gall, grudge, hostility, rancor—more at ENMITY} \)
\( \text{[2] abhorrence, abomination, anathema, aversion, bête noire, hate—more at HATE} \)

\text{an·ti·per·son·nel /a.nˈtiˌpərˈsenˌnəl/ adjective}
\( \text{designed for use against military personnel} \)

\text{an·ti·per·spi·rant /a.nˈtiˌpərˈspərənt/ noun}
\( \text{a preparation used to check perspiration} \)

\text{an·tiph·o·nal /a.nˈtiˌfənˈəl/ adjective}
\( \text{performed by two alternating groups} \)

\text{an·ti·pho·nal·ly adverb}

\text{an·tip·o·dal /a.nˈtiˌpōˈdəl/ adjective}
\( \text{diametrically opposite or opposed to} \)

\text{Synonyms}
\( \text{antithetical, contradictory, contrary, diametric, opposite, polar—more at OPPOSITE} \)

\text{an·ti·pode /a.nˈtiˌpōd/ noun, plural an·ti·podes /a.nˈtiˌpōdēz/}

1: the parts of the earth diametrically opposite — usu. used in pl.
2: the exact opposite or contrary

**Synonyms**
- antithesis, contrary, negative, opposite, reverse—more at OPPOSITE

**an·tip·o·de·an /ənˈtɪpədēˌən/ adjective**
- diametrically opposite or opposed to

**an·ti·pol·lu·tion /ənˈtɪpəljuˈʃən/ adjective**
- designed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate pollution (~ laws)

**an·ti·po·pe /ənˈtiˌpōp/ noun**
- one elected or claiming to be pope in opposition to the pope canonically chosen

**an·ti·pro·ton /ənˈtiˌprōtən/ noun**
- the antiparticle of the proton

**an·ti·quar·i·an /ənˈtiˌkwərēən/ adjective**
- of or relating to antiquities
- dealing in old books
- — antiquarian noun
- — antiquarianism noun

**an·ti·quar·y /ənˈtiˌkwərē/ noun, plural -quar·ies**
- a person who collects or studies antiquities

**an·ti·quar·ied /ənˈtiˌkwərd/ adjective**
- : outmoded or discredited by reason of age : OUT-OF-DATE

**Synonyms**
- archaic, dated, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, outworn, passé—more at OBSOLETE

1**antique /ˈantik/ noun**
- : an object made in a bygone period

2**antique adjective**
- 1: belonging to antiquity
- 2: being in the style or fashion of former times : OLD-FASHIONED
- 3: of a bygone style or period

**Synonyms**
- [1] age-old, ancient, antediluvian, dateless, hoary, old, venerable—more at ANCIENT
- [2] old-fashioned, old-time, quaint—more at OLD-FASHIONED

3**antique verb -tiqued; -tiqu·ing**
- 1: to finish or refinish in antique style : give an appearance of age to
- 2: to shop around for antiques
- — antiquer noun

**an·ti·qui·ty /ənˌtiˌkwətē/ noun, plural -ties**
- 1: ancient times
- 2: great age
- 3 plural: relics of ancient times
- 4 plural: matters relating to ancient culture

**antis plural of ANTI**

**an·ti·Se·mit·ism /ənˈtiˌsiːməˌtizəm, ənˈtiˌsiːmə/ noun**
- hostility toward Jews as a religious or social minority
- — antisemitic /ˌsiːməˈtɪk/ adjective

**an·ti·sep·tic /ənˈtiˌsepətɪk/ adjective**
1: killing or checking the growth of germs that cause decay or infection
2: scrupulously clean: ASEPTIC

— antiseptic noun

— ant·i·sep·ti·cal·ly adverb

ant·i·se·rum /an.ti.sir.am/ noun
: a serum containing antibodies

ant·i·so·cial /an.ti.so.shal/ adjective
1: disliking the society of others
2: contrary or hostile to the well-being of society <crime is ~>

— ant·i·so·cial·ly adverb

Synonyms

aloof, cold, cool, detached, distant, frosty, remote, standoffish, unsociable—more at COOL

ant·ith·e·sis /an.ti.thes.is/ noun, plural -e·ses /-sēz/
1: the opposition or contrast of ideas
2: the direct opposite

Synonyms

antipode, contrary, negative, opposite, reverse—more at OPPOSITE

ant·i·thet·i·cal /an.ti.thet.i.kal/ also ant·i·thet·ic /-tik/ adjective
1: constituting or marked by antithesis

— ant·i·thet·i·cal·ly /-tik(ə)lē/ adverb

Synonyms

antipodal, contradictory, contrary, diametric, opposite, polar—more at OPPOSITE

ant·i·tox·in /an.ti.toks.in/ noun
: an antibody that is able to neutralize a particular toxin or disease-causing agent; also: an antiserum containing an antitoxin

ant·i·trust /an.ti.trast/ adjective
: of or relating to legislation against trusts; also: consisting of laws to protect trade and commerce from unlawful restraints and monopolies or unfair business practices

ant·i·ven·in /an.ti.vən.in/ noun
: an antitoxin to a venom; also: a serum containing such antitoxin

ant·ler /ant.ler/ noun
[Origin: ME aunteler, fr. AF antiler, fr. VL *anteocularis located before the eye, fr. L ante- before + oculus eye]
: one of the paired deciduous solid bone processes on the head of a deer; also: a branch of this

— ant·lered /lərd/ adverb

ant·lion noun
: any of various insects having a long-jawed larva that digs a conical pit in which it lies in wait for insects (as ants) on which it feeds

an·to·nym /an.tə.nim/ noun
: a word of opposite meaning

anus /ə.nəs/ noun
[Origin: L]
: the lower or posterior opening of the alimentary canal

an·vil /ən.vil/ noun
1: a heavy iron block on which metal is shaped
2: INCUS

anx·i·ety /an.zi.a.tē/ noun, plural -et·ies
1: painful uneasiness of mind usu. over an anticipated ill
2: abnormal apprehension and fear often accompanied by physiological signs (as sweating and increased pulse), by doubt about the nature and reality of the threat itself, and by self-doubt
**Synonyms**

- agitation, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, nervousness, perturbation, uneasiness, worry; *also* strain, stress, tension

**anxious** /ˈæŋkʃəs/ adjective

1. ✴ ✴ : uneasy in mind: WORRIED <~ parents>
2. ✴ ✴ : characterized by, resulting from, or causing anxiety <an ~ night>
3. ✴ ✴ : earnestly wishing: EAGER
   — anxious-ly adverb

   **Synonyms**

   - [1, 2] distressful, nervous, restless, tense, unsettling, upsetting, worrisome—more at NERVOUS
   - [3] agog, ardent, athirst, avid, eager, enthusiastic, keen—more at EAGER

**any** /ˈe.nē/ adjective

1. ✴ : one chosen at random
2. ✴ : of whatever number or quantity

**any** pronoun

1. ✴ : any one or ones <take ~ of the books you like>
2. ✴ : any amount <~ of the money not used is to be returned>

**any** adverb

1. ✴ : to any extent or degree: AT ALL <could not walk ~ farther>

**any-body** /ˈe.nē.dē, -bē/ pronoun

: ANYONE

**any-how** /ˌhāˈhō/ adverb

1. ✴ : in any way
2. ✴ : in spite of that; also: in any case

**any-more** /ˌe.nēˈmōr/ adverb

1. ✴ : any longer
2. ✴ : at the present time

   **Synonyms**

   - now, nowadays, presently, right now, today—more at NOW

**any-one** /ˈe.nē.ˈwān/ pronoun

: any person

**any-place** /ˌe.nēˌplās/ adverb

: ANYWHERE

**any-thing** /ˌe.nēˈthiŋ/ pronoun

: any thing whatever

**any-time** /ˌe.nēˌtīm/ adverb

: at any time whatever

**any-way** /ˌe.nēˈwā/ adverb

: in spite of that: ANYHOW

**any-where** /ˌe.nēˈwār/ adverb

: in or to any place

**any-wise** /ˌe.nēˈwīz/ adverb

: in any way whatever

A–OK /əˌōˌˌkā/ adverb or adjective

: very definitely OK

A1 /əˌwān/ adjective

1. ✴ : of the finest quality
Synonyms
- excellent, fabulous, fine, grand, great, marvelous, prime, superb, superior, swell, terrific, unsurpassed, wonderful—more at EXCELLENT

aor·ta /ˈɔːr.tə/ noun, plural -tas or -tae /ˈtæs/ : the main artery that carries blood from the heart
— aor·tic /ˈɑːrt.ɪk/ adjective

ap abbreviation
1 apostle
2 apothecaries'

AP abbreviation
1 American plan
2 Associated Press

apace /ˈə.pæs/ adverb
- at a quick pace : SWIFTLY

Synonyms
- briskly, fast, hastily, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at FAST

Apache /ˈæpə.ˌché/ noun, plural Apache or Apaches /ˈæpə.ˌchéz/ : a member of an American Indian people of the southwestern U.S.; also : any of the languages of the Apache people
— Apach·e·an /ˈæpə.ˌché·ən/ adjective or noun

apart /ˈɑː.pərt/ adverb
1 : separately in place or time
2 : ASIDE
3 : in two or more parts : to pieces

apart·heid /ˈɑː.ˌpərt·hæt/ noun
[ORIGIN: Afrikaans]
- a policy of racial segregation practiced in the Republic of So. Africa

apartment /ˌɑː.pə.ˈtɑːnt/ noun
- a room or set of rooms occupied as a dwelling; also : a building divided into individual dwelling units

ap·a·thet·ic /ˌɑː.pə.ˈθɛt.ɪk/ adjective
- having or showing apathy

Synonyms
- casual, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory, unconcerned, uncurious, uninterested—more at INDIFFERENT

ap·a·thy /ˌɑː.pə.ˈθɛ/ noun
1 : lack of emotion
2 : lack of interest : INDIFFERENCE
— ap·a·thet·i·cal·ly /ˌɑː.pə.ˈθɛt.ɪk·lɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] impassivity, numbness, phlegm, stupor; also callousness, coldness, coolness, hardness, insensitivity, obduracy
Antonyms
- emotion, feeling, sensibility
- [2] disinterestedness, disregard, indifference, insouciance, nonchalance—more at INDIFFERENT

ap·a·tite /ˌɑː.pə.ˈtɪt/ noun
- any of a group of minerals that are phosphates of calcium and occur esp. in phosphate rock and in bones and teeth

APB abbreviation
all points bulletin

1 ape /ɑːp/ noun
ape • verb aped; ap·ing
   • to copy closely but often clumsily and ineptly: IMITATE, MIMIC
     Synonyms
     • copy, emulate, imitate, mime, mimic—more at IMITATE

ape-man /ˈāpˌmən/ noun
• a primate intermediate in character between Homo sapiens and the higher apes

aper·cu /əˈpərˌsəˌr̩, əˈpərˌsцеп/ noun, plural aper·cues /əˌpərˌsцепz, əˌpərˌsцепz/
• an immediate impression; especially: INSIGHT

aper·i·tif /əˌpərˌaˌt̬ɛf/ noun
• an alcoholic drink taken as an appetizer

aper·ture /əˌpərˈchʊrˌchər/ noun
• an opening or open space: OPENING, HOLE
     Synonyms
     • hole, opening, orifice, perforation—more at HOLE

apex /ˈæ.ˌpɛks/ noun, plural apex·es or api·ces /ˈæ.ˌpɛsˌeiz, ˈæˌpiˌses/
1 • the highest point: PEAK
2 • the narrowed or pointed end
     Synonyms
     • [1] acme, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT
     • [2] cusp, end, pike, point, tip—more at POINT

apha·sia /əˈfæ.ʒə/ noun
• loss or impairment of the power to use or comprehend words
   — apha·sic /ˈzɪk/ adjective or noun

aphelion /əˌfɛˈleɪ.ən/ noun, plural -elia /ˌeɪˈliə/
[origin: NL, fr. apo- away from + Gk hēlios sun]
• the point in an object's orbit most distant from the sun

aphid /ˈæ.ˌfɛd/ noun
• any of numerous small insects that suck the juices of plants

aphis /ˈæ.ˌfɛsˌə/ noun, plural aphi·des /ˌfɛˌdəz/
• APHID

aph·o·rism /ˌafəˌriˌzəm/ noun
• a short saying stating a general truth or sentiment: MAXIM
     Synonyms
     • adage, byword, epigram, maxim, proverb, saying—more at SAYING

aph·o·ris·tic /ˌafəˌrɪsˈtɪk/ adjective
• of, resembling, or characterized by aphorisms

aph·ro·di·si·ac /ˌafroˈdiˌzi.ək, ˌafroˈdiˌziˌæk/ noun
• an agent that excites sexual desire
   — aphrodisiac adjective

api·ary /əˌpɪˌərˌeɪˌeɪ/ noun, plural api·aries /ˌəˌpɪˌərˌeɪˌeɪz/
• a place where bees are kept
   — api·a·rist /ˌpɪˌəˌriˌst/ noun

api·cal /əˌpiˈkəl, əˈpiˌkəl/ adjective
• of, relating to, or situated at an apex
— ap·i·cal·ly /ˌapəˈkəlˌli/ adverb
  : for each one

  Synonyms
  — all, per capita; also apart, independently, individually, respectively, separately, singly

apiece /əˈpiːs/ adverb
  : for each one

aplenty /əˈplɛnˌti/ adjective
  : being in plenty or abundance

aplomb /əˈplɔm/ noun
  [origin: F, lit., perpendicularity, fr. MF, fr. a plomb, lit., according to the plummet]
  : complete composure or self-assurance

  Synonyms
  — calmness, composure, coolness, equanimity, placidity, self-possession, serenity, tranquillity—more at EQUANIMITY

Apo abbreviation
  army post office

Apoc abbreviation
  1 Apocalypse
  2 Apocrypha

apoc·a·lypse /aˈpəˌkaˌlip/ noun
  1: a writing prophesying a cataclysm in which evil forces are destroyed

— apoc·a·lyp·tic /ˌapəˌkaˌlipˈtik/ also apoc·a·ly·p·tic·al /ˌapəˌkaˌliˌtik/ adjective

Apoc·ry·pha /aˈpəˌkraˌfe/ noun
  1 not cap: writings of dubious authenticity
  2: books included in the Septuagint and Vulgate but excluded from the Jewish and Protestant canons of the Old Testament
  3: early Christian writings not included in the New Testament

apoc·ry·phal /ˌapəˈkraˌfəl/ adjective
  1: not canonical; SPURIOUS
  2 often cap: of or resembling the Apocrypha

— apoc·ry·phal·ly adverb

— apoc·ry·phal·ness noun

apo·gee /əˈpəˌjē/ noun
  [origin: F apogée, fr. NL apogaeum, fr. Gk apogaion, fr. apo away from + gē, gaia earth]
  : the point at which an orbiting object is farthest from the body being orbited

apo·lit·i·cal /ˌapəˌlɪtˈiˌkəl/ adjective
  1: having an aversion for or no interest in political affairs
  2: having no political significance

— apo·lit·i·cal·ly /ˌapəˌlɪtˈiˌkəl/ adverb

apol·o·get·ic /əˌpəˈleˌjɛt/ adjective
  : expressing apology

—apol·o·get·i·cal·ly /ˌapəˌlɪtˌiˌkəl/ adverb

  Synonyms
  — contrite, penitent, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorry—more at CONTRITE

ap·o·lo·gia /ˌapəˌləˈdʒiə/ noun
  : APOLLOLOGY: especially: an argument in support or justification

ap·o·logize /əˈpəˌləˌdʒiz/ verb -gized; -giz·ing
  : to make an apology : express regret
— apó·gist /ˈjɪst/ noun

apó·gy /əˈpə la jē/ noun, plural -gies
1: a formal justification : DEFENSE
2: an expression of regret for a wrong

ap·oplexy /a_ˌpa_ˌplek_ə/ noun
: STROKE 3

— ap·oplec·tic /a_ˌpa_ˌplek_ət_ik/ adjective

aport /a_ˌpɔrt/ adverb
: on or toward the left side of a ship

apos·ta·sy /əˈpəs ə ˌsē/ noun, plural -sies
: a renunciation or abandonment of a former loyalty (as to a religion)

apos·tate /əˈpəs əˌtāt/ noun
1: one who commits apostasy
2: apostate adjective

Synonyms
betrayer, double-crosser, quisling, recreant, traitor, turncoat—more at TRAITOR

apo·the·ri·o·ri /ˌa pəˌstrē əˌkrē/ adjective
[origin: L, lit., from the latter]
: relating to or derived by reasoning from observed facts

— a posteriori adverb

apos·tile /əˈpə sēl/ noun
1: one of the group composed of Jesus’ 12 original disciples and Paul
2: the first prominent missionary to a region or group
3 a: a person who initiates or first advocates a great reform
   b: an ardent supporter

— apostle·ship noun

Synonyms
advocate, backer, booster, champion, exponent, friend, promoter, proponent, supporter—more at EXPONENT

ap·ostol·ic /əˌpa səˌlɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to an apostle or to the New Testament apostles
2: of or relating to a succession of spiritual authority from the apostles
3: Papal

1 apostrophe /əˈpəs əˌtrā/ noun
: the rhetorical addressing of a usu. absent person or a usu. personified thing (as in “O grave, where is thy victory?”)

2 apostrophe noun
: a punctuation mark ’ used esp. to indicate the possessive case or the omission of a letter or figure

apos·tro·phize /əˈpəs əˌtrəˌfiz/ verb -phized, -phiz·ing
: to address as if present or capable of understanding

apothecaries’ weight noun
: a system of weights based on the troy pound and ounce and used chiefly by pharmacists

apoth·ecary /əˈpə the əˌker ē/ noun, plural -car·ies
: one who prepares and sells drugs or compounds for medicinal purposes : DRUGGIST

ap·o·thegm /ˌa pəˈθē əm/ noun
: APHORISM

apo·the·o·sis /ˌa pəˈθē əˌsēs, ˌa pəˈθē əˌsēz/ noun, plural -o·ses /ˌsēz/
1: **DEIFICATION**
2: the perfect example

**app** abbreviation
1: apparatus
2: appendix

**ap·pall** also **ap·pal** /əˈpəl/ verb ap·palled; ap·pall·ing
▷: to overcome with consternation, shock, or dismay
   **Synonyms**
   ▷ bowl, floor, jolt, shake up, shock—more at **SHOCK**

**ap·pall·ing** adjective
▷: inspiring horror, dismay, or disgust
   **Synonyms**
   ▷ abhorrent, abominable, awful, distasteful, horrible, horrid, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive, repulsive, revolting—more at **OFFENSIVE**

**Ap·pa·loo·sa** /əˈpəluːsa/ noun
: any of a breed of saddle horses developed in western No. America and usu. having a white or solid-colored coat with small spots

**ap·pa·nage** /əˈpənəj/ noun
1: provision (as a grant of land) made by a sovereign or legislative body for dependent members of the royal family
2: something that is attached or associated in a natural or necessary way: a natural adjunct

**ap·pa·ra·tus** /əˈpa rəˌtəs/ or /əˈpa rəˌtəs/ noun
[origin: L]
1: a set of materials or equipment for a particular use
2: a complex machine or device: **MECHANISM**
3: the organization of a political party or underground movement
   **Synonyms**
   ▷ accoutrements, equipment, gear, matériel, outfit, paraphernalia, tackle—more at **EQUIPMENT**

**apparel** /əˈparəl/ verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
1: to put clothes on: **CLOTHE**
2: **ADORN**

**apparel** noun
▷: personal attire: **CLOTHING, DRESS**
   **Synonyms**
   ▷ attire, clothing, dress, duds, raiment, wear—more at **CLOTHING**

**ap·par·ent** /əˈparənt/ adjective
1: open to view: **VISABLE**
2: clear or manifest to the understanding: **EVIDENT, OBVIOUS**
3: appearing as real or true: **SEEING**
   **Synonyms**
   ▷ [1] observable, visible, visual—more at **VISIBLE**
   ▷ [2] clear, distinct, evident, manifest, obvious, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at **CLEAR**
   ▷ [3] assumed, evident, ostensible, reputed, seeming, supposed; also external, outward, visible

**ap·par·ent·ly** /əˈparəntli/ adverb
▷: it seems apparent
   **Synonyms**
   ▷ evidently, ostensibly, presumably, seemingly, supposedly; also externally, outwardly, visibly

**ap·pa·ri·tion** /əˈpərəˈʃən/ noun
▷: a supernatural appearance: **GHOST**
   **Synonyms**
appeal /əˈpɛl/ noun
1: an earnest plea
2: the power of arousing a sympathetic response
   Synonyms
   ◆ [1] cry, entreaty, petition, plea, prayer, solicitation, suit, supplication—more at PLEA
   ◆ [2] allure, attractiveness, captivation, charisma, charm, enchantment, fascination, glamour, magic, magnetism
     —more at CHARM
appeal verb
1: to take steps to have (a case) reheard in a higher court
2: to plead for help, corroboration, or decision
3: to arouse a sympathetic response
   Synonyms
   ◆ usually appeal to beg, beseech, entreat, implore, importune, petition, plead, pray, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG
appear /əˈpər/ verb
1: to become visible
2: to come formally before an authority
3: to have an outward aspect: SEEM
4: to become evident
5: to come before the public
   Synonyms
   ◆ [1] come out, materialize, show up, turn up; also reappear, resurface
   ◆ [3] act, look, make, seem, sound—more at SEEM
appearance /əˈpərəns/ noun
1: outward aspect: LOOK
2: the act of appearing
3: PHENOMENON
   Synonyms
   ◆ aspect, look, mien, presence; also air, attitude, bearing, behavior, comportment, demeanor, deportment, manner, poise, pose
   ◆ face, guise, name, semblance, show; also affectation, display, fiction, imposture, pose, pretense, simulation
appease /əˈpēz/ verb ap·peased; ap·peas·ing
1: to cause to subside: ALLAY
2: to bring to a state of peace or quiet: PACIFY, CONCiliate; especially: to buy off by concessions
   —ap·peas·ment noun
   —ap·peas·able /əˈpēz.ə.bəl/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ◆ conciliate, disarm, mollify, pacify, placate, propitiate—more at PACIFY
appellant /aˈpɛlənt/ noun
: one who appeals esp. from a judicial decision
appellate /aˈpɛlət/ adjective
: having power to review decisions of a lower court
appellation /aˈpɛləʃən/ noun
: an identifying name or title: NAME, DESIGNATION
   Synonyms
   ◆ cognomen, denotation, designation, handle, name, title—more at NAME
appelee /aˈpɛlə/ noun
one against whom an appeal is taken

ap·pend /əˈpend/ verb
  ▶: to attach esp. as something additional
  Synonyms
  ▶ add, annex, tack—more at ADD

ap·pend·age /əˈpend.ədʒ/ noun
  1 ▶: something appended to a principal or greater thing
  2 ▶: a projecting part of the body (as an antenna) esp. when paired with one on each side
  Synonyms
  ▶ accessory, adjunct, attachment—more at ACCESSORY

ap·pen·dec·to·my /əˌpen.ˈdektə.mē/ noun, plural -mies
  : surgical removal of the intestinal appendix

ap·pen·di·ci·tis /əˌpen.daˈsī.təs/ noun
  : inflammation of the intestinal appendix

ap·pen·dix /əˈpen.diks/ noun, plural -dix·es or -di·ces /ˈdaˌsēz/
  [ORIGIN: L]
  1 ▶: supplementary matter added at the end of a book
  2 ▶: a narrow blind tube usu. about three or four inches long that extends from the cecum in the lower right-hand part of the abdomen

ap·per·tain /əˈper.tān/ verb
  ▶: to belong or be connected as a rightful part or privilege
  Synonyms
  ▶ apply, bear, pertain, refer, relate—more at APPLY

ap·pet·ite /əˈper.ət/ noun
  [ORIGIN: ME apetit, fr. AF, fr. L appetitus, fr. appetere to strive after, fr. ad- to + petere to go to]
  1 ▶: natural desire for satisfying some want or need esp. for food
  2 ▶: individual preference : TASTE
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, thirst, urge, yen—more at DESIRE
  ▶ [2] fancy, favor, fondness, like, liking, love, partiality, preference, relish, shine, taste, use—more at LIKING

ap·pet·iz·er /əˈper.ət.izər/ noun
  : a food or drink taken just before a meal to stimulate the appetite

ap·pet·iz·ing /ˌzətɪŋ/ adjective
  ▶: tempting to the appetite
— ap·pet·iz·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ delectable, delicious, flavorful, palatable, tasty, toothsome—more at DELICIOUS

appl abbreviation
  applied

ap·plaud /əˈplōd/ verb
  ▶: to show approval esp. by clapping
  Synonyms
  ▶ acclaim, cheer, hail, laud, praise, salute, tout—more at ACCLAIM

ap·plause /əˈplōz/ noun
  ▶: approval publicly expressed (as by clapping)
  Synonyms
  ▶ acclamation, ovation; also clapping
  Antonyms
  ▶ hissing
ap·ple /aˈpɛl/ noun
: a rounded fruit with firm white flesh and a seedy core; also: a tree that bears this fruit

ap·ple·jack /ˌjækl/ noun
: a liquor distilled from fermented cider

ap·plet /ˈæplɛt/ noun
: a short computer program esp. for performing a simple specific task

ap·li·ance /əˈpʌləns/ noun
1: an instrument or device designed for a particular use or function
2: a piece of household equipment (as a stove or toaster) operated by gas or electricity

ap·li·ca·ble /əˈpliˌkeɪəl, əˈpliˌkeɪ/ adjective
: capable of being applied
   Synonyms
   functional, practicable, practical, serviceable, usable, useful, workable, working—more at PRACTICAL
   apposite, apropos, germane, material, pertinent, pointed, relative, relevant—more at PERTINENT

ap·li·ca·bil·i·ty /əˌpliˌkeɪˈbiləti, əˌpliˌkeɪˈbilətɪ/ noun
: the quality or state of being applicable
   Synonyms
   bearing, connection, pertinence, relevance—more at PERTINENCE

ap·li·can·t /əˈpliˌkænt/ noun
: one who applies
   Synonyms
   aspirant, campaigner, candidate, contender, hopeful, prospect, seeker—more at CANDIDATE

ap·li·ca·tion /əˈpliˌkeɪʃən/ noun
1: the act of applying
2: assiduous attention
3: REQUEST; also: a form used in making a request
4: something placed or spread on a surface
5: capacity for use
6: a program (as a word processor) that performs one of a computer's major tasks
   Synonyms
   employment, exercise, operation, play, use—more at USE

ap·li·ca·tor /əˈpliˌkeɪtər/ noun
: a device for applying a substance (as medicine or polish)

ap·plied /əˈpʌlɪd/ adjective
: put to practical use

ap·li·qué /əˈpliˌkɑ/ noun
[origin: F]
: a fabric decoration cut out and fastened to a larger piece of material
   —appliqué verb

ap·ply /aˈplɪ/ verb ap·plied; ap·ply·ing
1 a: to put to practical use
   b: to bring into action
   c: to lay or spread on
   d: to put into operation or effect
2: to place in contact: put or spread on a surface
3: to employ with close attention
4: to have reference or connection
5: to submit a request
   Synonyms
[1a, 1b] employ, exercise, exploit, harness, operate, use, utilize—more at USE
[1d] administer, enforce, execute, implement—more at ENFORCE
[3] address, bend, buckle, devote, give; also readdress, reapply
[4] appertain, bear, pertinent, refer, relate; also affect, concern, interest, involve, touch

appoint /əˈpɔɪnt/ verb
1 ‣: to fix or set officially ❖ a day for trial
2 ‣: to name officially
3 ‣: to fit out: EQUIP

Synonyms
[1] designate, fix, name, set; also adopt, assign, choose, determine, establish, opt (for), pick, pin down, prefer, select, settle, single (out), specify
[2] assign, attach, commission, constitute, designate, detail, name; also authorize, delegate, depute, deputize, inaugurate, induct, instal, instate, ordain, invest

appointee /əˈpɔɪnt.i.ə/ noun
: a person appointed

appointive /əˈpɔɪnt.ɪv/ adjective
: subject to appointment

appointment /əˈpɔɪnt.mənt/ noun
1 : the act of appointing
2 ‣: an arrangement for a meeting
plural ❖ : articles of furniture for the interior of a building: FURNISHINGS
4 ‣: a nonelective office or position

Synonyms
[2] date, engagement, rendezvous, tryst—more at ENGAGEMENT
usually appointments [3] furniture—more at FURNITURE
[4] billet, capacity, function, job, place, position, post, situation—more at JOB
[4] assignment, commission, designation; also billet, job, office, place, position, situation, spot, station

Antonyms
discharge, dismissal, expulsion, firing

apportion /əˈpɔr.shən/ verb
›: to distribute proportionately

Synonyms
› allocate, allot, allow, assign, ration—more at ALLOT
› administer, allocate, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, portion, prorate—more at ADMINISTER

apportionment /ˌmən.tənt/ noun
: an act or result of apportioning

apposite /əˈpaˌzi.tə/ adjective
›: highly pertinent or appropriate: RELEVANT
— apposite ly adverb
— apposite ness noun

Synonyms
› applicable, apropos, germane, material, pertinent, pointed, relative, relevant—more at PERTINENT

apposition /əˌpaˌzi.ʃən/ noun
: a grammatical construction in which a noun or pronoun is followed by another that has the same referent (as the poet and Burns in “a biography of the poet Burns”)
appositive /əˈpaˌzi.və/ adjective
› of, relating to, or standing in grammatical apposition
— appositive noun

appraisal /əˈprɑ.zəl/ noun
›: an act or instance of appraising
Synonyms
- assessment, estimate, estimation, evaluation, judgment—more at ESTIMATION

ap-praise /æ_ˈprɑːz/ verb ap-praised, ap-prais-ing
1 : to set a value on
2 : to evaluate the worth, significance, or status of
— ap-prais-er noun

Synonyms
- assess, estimate, evaluate, rate, set, value—more at ESTIMATE

ap-pre-cia-ble /ə_ˈprɛˌʃəˌbəl/ adjective
- large enough to be recognized and measured
— ap-pre-cia-bly adverb

Synonyms
- detectable, discernible, distinguishable, palpable, perceptible, sensible—more at PERCEPTIBLE

ap-pre-ci-ate /ə_ˈprɛˌʃəˌtə/ verb -at-ed, -at-ing
1 : to value justly
2 : to judge with understanding : be fully aware of
3 : to be grateful for
4 : to increase in value

Synonyms
- [1] cherish, prize, treasure, value
- [1] admire, esteem, regard, respect—more at ADMIRE
- [2] apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, make out, perceive, see, seize, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND
- [4] accumulate, build, expand, increase, mount, multiply, proliferate, rise—more at INCREASE

ap-pre-ci-a-tion /ə_ˈprɛˌʃəˌʃən/ noun
1 a : an opinion or estimate formed by discerning and comparing; especially : a favorable critical estimate
b : sensitive awareness
2 : an expression of admiration, approval, or gratitude

Synonyms
- [1a] admiration, esteem, estimation, favor, regard, respect—more at ADMIRATION
- [1a] apprehension, comprehension, grasp, grip, perception, understanding—more at COMPREHENSION
- [2] gratefulness, gratitude, thanks—more at THANKS

ap-pre-ci-a-tive /ə_ˈprɛˌʃəˌtɪvˌˌshəˌtɪv/ adjective
- having or showing appreciation
— ap-pre-ci-a-tive-ly adverb

Synonyms
- complimentary, favorable, friendly, good, positive—more at FAVORABLE
- grateful, obliged, thankful—more at GRATEFUL

ap-pre-hend /ə_ˈprɛˌhend/ verb
1 : to take or keep in custody by authority of law : ARREST
2 : to become aware of
3 : to look forward to with dread
4 : to grasp with the understanding : UNDERSTAND

Synonyms
- [1] arrest, nab, pick up, restrain, seize—more at ARREST
- [4] appreciate, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, make out, perceive, see, seize, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND

ap-pre-hen-sion /ə_ˈprɛˌhɛn.ʃən/ noun
1 a : the act or power of perceiving or comprehending
b : the result of apprehending mentally
2 : seizure by legal process
3 : suspicion or fear esp. of future evil
ap·pre·hen·sive /'hen.siv/ adjective
: viewing the future with anxiety
— ap·pre·hen·sive·ly adverb
— noun

ap·pre·hen·sive·ness /'nəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being apprehensive

1 ap·prentice /'prɛntəs/ noun
1 : a person learning a craft under a skilled worker
2 : BEGINNER
— ap·prent·ice·ship noun

Synonyms
❖ aid, assistant, helper—more at HELPER

2 ap·prentice verb -ticed; -tic·ing
: to bind or set at work as an apprentice

ap·prise /'prɪz/ verb ap·prised; ap·pris·ing
❖ : to give notice to : INFORM

Synonyms
❖ acquaint, advise, brief, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, instruct, tell, wise—more at ENLIGHTEN

1 approach /ə'prōch/ verb
1 : to move nearer to
2 : to be almost the same as
3 : to make advances to esp. for the purpose of creating a desired result
4 : to take preliminary steps toward
— ap·proach·able adjective

Synonyms
❖ [1] advance, close, come, near; also arrive, attain, come, gain, hit, land, make, reach, show up, turn up
Antonyms
back (up or away), recede, retire, retreat, withdraw
❖ [2] approximate, compare, measure up, stack up—more at APPROXIMATE

2 approach noun
1 : a means of access : AVENUE
2 a : the taking of preliminary steps toward a particular purpose
b : a particular manner of taking steps toward an end
Synonyms
❖ [1] avenue, passage, path, route, way—more at PASSAGE
❖ [2b] fashion, form, manner, method, strategy, style, system, tack, tactics, technique, way—more at METHOD

ap·pro·ba·tion /ə'prə.bə.ʃən/ noun
❖ : an act of commending : APPROVAL

Synonyms
❖ approval, blessing, favor, imprimatur, OK—more at APPROVAL

1 ap·propi·ate /ə'prə.prəˌät/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to take possession of
2 : to set apart for a particular use

Synonyms
❖ arrogate, commandeer, preempt, usurp; also annex, claim, confiscate, expropriate, preoccupy, sequester

2 ap·propi·ate /ə'prə.prə.ət/ adjective
❖ : fitted to a purpose or use
Synonyms

- applicable, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, meet, proper, right, suitable—more at [FIT](#)

**ap·pro·pri·ate·ly /əˈprəʊpriˌeɪtli/ adverb**
- : in an appropriate manner
  **Synonyms**
  - correctly, fittingly, happily, properly, rightly, suitably—more at [PROPERLY](#)

**ap·pro·pri·ate·ness /əˈprəʊpriˌeɪtɪs/ noun**
- : the quality or state of being appropriate
  **Synonyms**
  - aptness, fitness, rightness, suitability; also agreeableness, compatibility, congruity, harmoniousness
  **Antonyms**
  - inaptness, infelicity, unfitness

**ap·pro·pri·a·tion /əˌprəʊpriˈeɪʃən/ noun**
- : something (as money) set aside by formal action for a specific use
  **Synonyms**
  - allocation, allotment, grant, subsidy; also advance, allowance, benefit, endowment, fund, stipend, trust

**ap·prov·al /əˈprɛvel/ noun**
- : an act of approving
  — on approval
  - : subject to a prospective buyer's acceptance or refusal
  **Synonyms**
  - approbation, blessing, favor, imprimatur, OK; also backing, endorsement, sanction, support
  **Antonyms**
  - disapproval, disapproval, disfavor

**ap·prove /əˈprɛv/ verb** **ap·proved; ap·prov·ing**
1 : to have or express a favorable opinion of
2 : to accept as satisfactory : RATIFY
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] authorize, clear, OK, ratify, sanction, warrant; also accept, acknowledge, affirm, confirm
  **Antonyms**
  - decline, deny, disallow, disapprove, negative, reject, turn down
  - usually approve of [2] accept, care, countenance, favor, OK, subscribe; also acclaim, applaud, laud, praise, salute
  **Antonyms**
  - disapprove (of), discountenance, disfavor, frown (on or upon)

**approx** abbreviation
approximate; approximately

1. **approximate /əˈpræksəməl/ adjective**
- : nearly correct or exact
  — ap·prox·i·mate·ly adverb
    **Synonyms**
    - comparative, near, relative—more at [COMPARATIVE](#)

2. **approximate /əˈmækt/ verb** **-mat·ed; -mat·ing**
- : to come near : APPROACH
  — ap·prox·i·ma·tion /əˈpræksəˌmeɪʃən/ noun
    **Synonyms**
    - approach, compare, measure up, stack up; also add up (to), amount (to), come (to)

**appt** abbreviation
appoint; appointed; appointment

**ap·pur·te·nance /əˈpɜrtənəns, əˈpɜrənəns/ noun**
something that belongs to or goes with another thing
— *ap·pur·te·nant* /ə-pərt-nənt/ adjective

**Apr abbreviation**

April

**APR abbreviation**

annual percentage rate

*apri·cot* /ə-prə-kət/ noun


: an oval orange-colored fruit resembling the related peach and plum in flavor; also : a tree bearing apricots

**April** /ˈɛp.rəl/ noun

[origin: ME, fr. AF & L; AF *avrill*, fr. L *Aprilis*]

: the 4th month of the year

*a pri·o·ri* /ə-prē-ōrē/ adjective

[origin: L, from the former]

1 : characterized by or derived by reasoning from self-evident propositions
2 : independent of experience

— *a priori* adverb

**apron** /ə-prən/ noun

[origin: ME, alter. (fr. misdivision of *a napron*) of *napron*, fr. MF *naperon*, dim. of *nape* cloth, modif. of L *mappa* napkin]

1 : a garment tied over the front of the body to protect the clothes
2 : a paved area for parking or handling airplanes

— aproven adjective

1*a propos* /ə-prə-pōs/ *ˌa-prə-ˈpōz/ adverb

[origin: F *à propos*, lit., to the purpose]

1 : OPPORTUNELY
2 : in passing : INCIDENTALLY

2*a propos* adjective

: being to the point

**Synonyms**

applicable, apposite, germane, material, pertinent, pointed, relative, relevant—more at PERTINENT

**a propos of** preposition

: with regard to

**Synonyms**

about, concerning, of, on, regarding, respecting, toward—more at ABOUT

**apse** /ˈæpəs/ noun

: a projecting usu. semicircular and vaulted part of a building (as a church)

1*apt* /əpt/ adjective

1 : well adapted : SUITABLE
2 : having an habitual tendency
3 : quick to learn

— *apt·ly* adverb

**Synonyms**

[1] applicable, appropriate, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, meet, proper, right, suitable—more at FIT

[2] given, inclined, prone—more at PRONE

2*apt* abbreviation

1 apartment
2 aptitude
aptitude /'ap-ta.tu.d/ noun
1 : natural ability : TALENT
2 : capacity for learning
3 : APPROPRIATENESS

Synonyms
endowment, faculty, flair, genius, gift, knack, talent—more at TALENT

apt·ness /'ap.t.nas/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being apt

Synonyms
proneness, propensity, tendency, way—more at TENDENCY
appropriateness, fitness, rightness, suitability—more at APPROPRIATENESS

aqua /'a.kwe,.'a/ noun
1 : a light greenish blue color
2 aqua·cul·ture also aqui·cul·ture /'a.kwe_.kel.char,.'a/ noun
the cultivation of aquatic plants or animals (as fish or shellfish) for human use

aqua·ma·rine /'a.kwe_.ma.ri.n.?'a/ noun
1 : a bluish green gem
2 : a pale blue to light greenish blue

aqua·naut /'a.kwe_.naut.'a/ noun
1 : a person who lives in an underwater shelter for an extended period
2 aqua-plane /'a.kwe. pain/ noun
: a board towed behind a motorboat and ridden by a person standing on it
— aquaplane verb

aqua·reg·ia /'a.kwe_.ræj(e).a/ noun
[origin: NL, lit., royal water]
a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids that dissolves gold or platinum

aquar·i·um /'a.kwær.ri.əm/ noun, plural -i·ums or -ia /'i.ə/ or -ia
1 : a container (as a glass tank) in which living aquatic animals or plants are kept
2 : a place where aquatic animals and plants are kept and shown

Aquar·i·us /'a.kwær.ri.as/ noun
[origin: L, lit., water carrier]
1 : a zodiacal constellation between Capricorn and Pisces usu. pictured as a man pouring water
2 : the 11th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also : one born under this sign

1 aquatic /'a.kwæ.tik, .'kwa/ adjective
1 : growing or living in or frequenting water
2 : performed in or on water

2 aquatic noun
an aquatic animal or plant

aqua·vit /'a.kwe_.vēt/ noun
: a clear liquor flavored with caraway seeds

aqua·vit·ae /'a.kwe_.vi.tē.?'a/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. ML, lit., water of life]
a strong alcoholic liquor (as brandy)
aque·duct /'a.kwe_.dakt/ noun
1 : a conduit for carrying running water
2 : a structure carrying a canal over a river or hollow
3 : a passage in a bodily part

Synonyms
aqueous /ˈæ.kwəˌæs.ˈɑ/ adjective
1 : WATERY
2 : made of, by, or with water

a·que·ous humor noun
: a clear fluid occupying the space between the lens and the cornea of the eye

a·qui·fer /ˈæ.kwa.ˈfər.ˈä/ noun
: a water-bearing stratum of permeable rock, sand, or gravel

a·qui·line /ˈæ.kwa.ˈlīn.ˌlān/ adjective
1 : of or resembling an eagle
2 : hooked like an eagle's beak <an ~ nose>

ar abbreviation
arrival; arrive

Ar symbol
argon

AR abbreviation
Arkansas

-ar adjective suffix
1 : of or relating to <molecular> : being <spectacular>
2 : resembling <oracular>

Ar·ab /ˈær.əb/ noun
1 : a member of a Semitic people of the Arabian peninsula in southwestern Asia
2 : a member of an Arabic-speaking people
— Arab adjective
— Ara·bi·an /əˈrā.be.ˈæn/ adjective or noun

ar·a·besque /əˈrā.bə.ˈsk/ noun
: a design of interlacing lines forming figures of flowers, foliage, and sometimes animals
— arabesque adjective

Arabic /ˈær.ə.bik/ noun
1 : a Semitic language of southwestern Asia and northern Africa
2 : Arabic adjective
1 : of or relating to the Arabs, Arabic, or the Arabian peninsula in southwestern Asia
2 : expressed in or making use of Arabic numerals

Arabic numeral noun
: any of the number symbols 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

ar·a·ble /ˈær.ə.ˈbəl/ adjective
: fit for or used for the growing of crops

arach·nid /əˈrak.nəd/ noun
: any of a class of usu. 8-legged arthropods comprising the spiders, scorpions, mites, and ticks
— arachnid adjective

Ar·a·ma·ic /əˈrə.mə.ˈik/ noun
: an ancient Semitic language

ar·a·mid /əˈrə.məd.ˌməd/ noun
: any of several light but very strong heat-resistant synthetic materials used esp. in textiles and plastics

Arap·a·ho or Arap·a·hoe /əˈrə.ˈpə.ˌhō/ noun, plural -ho or -hos or -hoe or -hoes
: a member of an American Indian people of the western U.S.
ar·bi·ter /ärˈbərˌtər/ noun
▶ one having power to decide a dispute

  Synonyms
  ▶ arbitrator, judge, referee, umpire—more at JUDGE
  ▶ arbitrator, go-between, intercessor, intermediary, mediator, middleman, peacemaker—more at MEDIATOR

ar·bi·trage /ärˌbe.ˈträzh/ noun
[Origin: F, fr. MF, arbitration]
▶ the purchase and sale of the same or equivalent securities in different markets in order to profit from price discrepancies

ar·bi·tra·geur /ärˌbəˌtræʒˈyər/ or ar·bi·trag·er /ärˌbe.ˈtræʒˈeər/ noun
▶ one who practices arbitrage

ar·bit·ra·ment /ärˌbi.təˈrɑːmənt/ noun
1 ▶ the act of deciding a dispute
2 ▶ the judgment given by an arbitrator

ar·bi·trary /ärˌbə.trəˈri/ adjective
1 ▶ marked by or resulting from the unrestrained and often tyrannical exercise of power
2 ▶ determined by will or caprice : selected at random
  — ar·bi·trar·ily /ärˌbə.trəˈrəli/ adverb
  — ar·bi·trar·i·ness /ärˌbə.trəˈrənis/ noun

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] dictatorial, high-handed, imperious, peremptory, willful; also arrogant, commanding, demanding, dominant, domineering, haughty, imperative, lordly, masterful, overbearing, presumptuous
  ▶ [2] aimless, desultory, erratic, haphazard, random, scattered, stray—more at RANDOM

ar·bi·trate /ärˌbəˌtrāt/ verb -trat·ed; -trat·ing
1 ▶ to act as arbitrator
2 ▶ to act on as arbitrator
3 ▶ to submit for decision to an arbitrator

  — ar·bi·tra·tion /ärˌbə.trəˈtān/ noun

  Synonyms
  ▶ adjudicate, decide, determine, judge, referee, rule, settle, umpire—more at JUDGE

ar·bi·tra·tor /ärˌbəˌtrəˈtər/ noun
▶ one chosen to settle differences between two parties in a controversy

  Synonyms
  ▶ arbiter, judge, referee, umpire—more at JUDGE
  ▶ arbiter, go-between, intercessor, intermediary, mediator, middleman, peacemaker—more at MEDIATOR

ar·bor /ärˈbər/ noun
[Origin: ME erber, herber garden, fr. AF, fr. herbe herb, grass]
▶ a shelter formed of or covered with vines or branches

ar·bo·re·al /ärˈbər.əˈel/ adjective
1 ▶ of, relating to, or resembling a tree
2 ▶ living in trees << monkeys>

ar·bo·re·tum /ärˌbə.ˈrētəm/ noun, plural -rets or -te /te优点
[Origin: L, plantation of trees, fr. arbor tree]
▶ a place where trees and plants are grown for scientific and educational purposes

ar·bor·vi·tae /ärˌbər.ˈvəˌtē/ noun
▶ any of various evergreen trees and shrubs with scalelike leaves that are related to the cypresses

ar·bu·tus /ärˈb(y)əˌtəs/ noun
▶ TRAILING ARBUTUS

arc /ärk/ noun
1: a sustained luminous discharge of electricity (as between two electrodes)
2: a continuous portion of a curved line (as part of the circumference of a circle)

**Synonyms**
- arch, bend, bow, crook, curve—more at BEND

**arc** verb arced /ərˈkəd/, arcing /ərˈkɪŋ/
1: to form an electric arc
2: to follow an arc-shaped course

**Synonyms**
- arch, bend, bow, crook, curve, hook, round, sweep, swerve, wheel—more at CURVE

**ARC** abbreviation
1: AIDS-related complex
2: American Red Cross

**arcade** /ərkˈdēd/ noun
1: an arched or covered passageway; especially: one lined with shops
2: a row of arches with their supporting columns
3: an amusement center having coin-operated games

**arcane** /ərˈkān/ adjective
- secret, mysterious

**arch** /ɑr/ noun
1: a curved structure spanning an opening (as a door)
2: something resembling an arch
3: ARCHWAY

**Synonyms**
- arc, bend, bow, crook, curve—more at BEND

**arch** verb
1: to cover with an arch
2: to form or bend into an arch

**arch** adjective
1: most important: CHIEF
2: impertinently bold and impudent
   —arch·ly adverb
   —arch·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] chief, dominant, foremost, key, main, predominant, primary, principal—more at FOREMOST
- [2] bold, brash, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVY

**arch** abbreviation
architect; architectural; architecture

**archaeology** /ˌɑrˈkæ-əl-ə-jē/ noun
: the study of past human life as revealed by relics left by ancient peoples
   —archae·ol·og·ic·al /ˌɑrˈkæ-əl-ə-jɪ-kəl/ adjective
   —archae·ol·og·ist /ˌɑrˈkæ-əl-ə-jɪst/ noun

**archaic** /ərkˈi-ik/ adjective
1: having the characteristics of the language of the past and surviving chiefly in specialized uses <~ words>
2: belonging to an earlier time: ANTIQUATED
   —arch·a·i·cal·ly /ˌərkəˈi-ək-ə-lij/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- antiquated, dated, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, outworn, passé—more at OBSOLETE

**arch·an·gel** /ərkˈān-ə-jəl/ noun
: a chief angel
arch·bish·op /ɑrˈkɪbɪʃəp/ noun
  : a bishop of high rank

arch·bish·op·ric /ɑrˈkɪbəˌprɪk/ noun
  : the jurisdiction or office of an archbishop

arch·con·ser·va·tive /ˌɑr.kɑn.sər.və.tiv/ noun
  : an extreme conservative
  — archconservative adjective

arch·dea·con /ˈdɛkən/ noun
  : a church official who assists a diocesan bishop in ceremonial or administrative functions

arch·di·o·cese /ˌɑr.dəˈsəs, əˈsɛz/ noun
  : the diocese of an archbishop

arch·duke /ˈdʌk, _ˈdylk/ noun
  1 : a sovereign prince
  2 : a prince of the imperial family of Austria

Ar·che·an /ˈɑrˌkě.ən/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or being the earliest eon of geologic history
  — Archean noun

arch·en·emy /ˈɑr.kəˌmē/ noun, plural -mies
  : a principal enemy
  — Ar·chae·o·zo·ic /ˈɑr.ˌkēˌzō.ɪk/ adjective
  : ARCHEAN
  — Ar·che·o·zo·ic /ˈɑr.ˌkēˌzō.ɪk/ adjective

arch·ery /ˈɑr.əˌrē/ noun
  : the art or practice of shooting with bow and arrows
  — arch·er /ˈɑr.ər/ noun

arch·es·to·type /ˈɑr.ˌkēˌstəˌtaɪp/ noun
  : the original pattern or model of all things of the same type

arch·fiend /ˈɑrˌfʌnd/ noun
  : a chief fiend; especially : SATAN

arch·epis·co·pal /ˈɑrˌkēˌepisˌkəpəl/ adjective
  : of or relating to an archbishop

arch·man·drite /ˈɑrˌkēˌmənˈdrīt/ noun
  : a dignitary in an Eastern church ranking below a bishop

arch·pel·a·go /ˈɑrˌkēˌpeləˈgō/ noun, plural -gos or -gos
  : a group of islands

arch·tec·tive /ˈɑrˌkēˌtekˈtiv/ noun
  1 : a person who plans buildings and oversees their construction
  2 : a person who designs and guides a plan or undertaking

arch·tec·ture /ˈɑrˌkēˌtʃər/ noun
  1 : the art or science of planning and building structures
  2 : a method or style of building
  3 : the manner in which the elements (as of a design) are arranged or organized
  — arch·tec·tur·al /ˈɑrˌkēˌtʃərəlˌˌtekˈtʃrəl/ adjective
  — arch·tec·tur·al·ly adverb

arch·trave /ˈɑrˌkēˌtræv/ noun
  : the supporting horizontal member just above the columns in a building in the classical style of architecture
archive /ˈɑrˌki:v/ noun
: a place for keeping public records; also: public records — often used in pl.

archivist /ˈɑrˌkiːvɪst/ noun
: a person in charge of archives

archon /ˈɑrˌkɑːn, ˈɑrˌkɑn/ noun
: a chief magistrate of ancient Athens

archway /ˈɑrˌkwеɪ/ noun
: a passageway under an arch; also: an arch over a passage

arc lamp noun
: a gas-filled electric lamp that produces light when a current arcs between incandescent electrodes

arctic /ˈɑrˌtɪk, ˈɑrˌtɪk/ adjective
1 often cap: of or relating to the north pole or the region near it
2 ▶: bitter cold: FRIGID
   Synonyms
   ▶ bitter, cold, freezing, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, polar

arctic /ˈɑrˌtɪk, ˈɑrˌtɪk/ noun
: a rubber overshoe that reaches to the ankle or above

arctic circle noun, often cap A&C
: the parallel of latitude that is approximately 66 1/2 degrees north of the equator

-ard also -art noun suffix
: one that is characterized by performing some action, possessing some quality, or being associated with some thing esp. conspicuously or excessively <braggart> <dullard>

ardent /ˈɑrdont/ adjective
1 ▶: characterized by warmth of feeling typically expressed in eager zealous support or activity
2: FIERY, HOT
3: GLOWING
   — ardently adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ burning, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, impassioned, passionate, vehement, warm—more at FERVENT
   ▶ avid, eager, enthusiastic, gung ho, hot, hungry, keen—more at EAGER

ardor /ˈɑrdər/ noun
1 a ▶: warmth of feeling
   b ▶: eagerness and ardent interest in pursuit of something
2: sexual excitement
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] emotion, fervency, fervor, heat, intensity, passion, vehemence, warmth; also histrionics, mawkishness, melodrama, sentimentality
   Antonyms
   impassivity
   ▶ [1b] appetite, avidity, eagerness, enthusiasm, excitement, hunger, impatience, keenness, thirst—more at EAGERNESS

arduous /ˈɑrdjuəs, ˈɑrdjuəs/ adjective
1 ▶: hard to accomplish or achieve: DIFFICULT
2 ▶: marked by great labor or effort
   — arduousness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, laborious, strenuous, toilsome, tough—more at HARD
arduous·ly /ərˈdūəs-ˌlē/ adverb
: in an arduous manner

1 are present 2d singular or present plural of BE
2 are /ər/ noun
: a metric measure equal to 100 square meters

ar·ea /əˈrē.ə/ noun
1 : a flat surface or space
2 : the amount of surface included (as within the lines of a geometric figure)
3 ▶ : range or extent of some thing or concept : FIELD
4 ▶ : any particular extent of space or surface : REGION

Synonyms
[3] arena, demesne, department, discipline, domain, field, line, province, realm, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD
[4] demesne, field, region, zone—more at REGION

area code noun
: a 3-digit number that identifies each telephone service area in a country (as the U.S. or Canada)

area·na /əˈrē.nə/ noun
[origin: L. harena, arena sand, sandy place]
1 ▶ : an enclosed area used for public entertainment
2 ▶ : a sphere of activity or competition

Synonyms
[1] hall, theater—more at HALL
[2] area, demesne, department, discipline, domain, field, line, province, realm, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD

Ar·gen·tine /ˈär.jən.ˈtīn/ or Ar·gen·ti·nian /ˌär.jən.təˈnē.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Argentina
— Argentine or Argentinean adjective

Ar·gen·tite /ˈär.jən.ˌtīt/ noun
: a dark gray mineral that is an important ore of silver

Ar·gon /ərˈɡōn/ noun
[origin: Gk, neut. of argos idle, lazy, fr. a- not + ergon work; fr. its relative inertness]
: a colorless odorless gaseous chemical element found in the air and used for filling electric lamps

Ar·go·sy /ˈär.ɡəˌsē/ noun, plural -sies
1 : a large merchant ship
2 : FLEET

Ar·got /ˈɑr.ɡət/ noun
: the language of a particular group or class

Synonyms
: cant, jargon, language, lingo, slang, terminology, vocabulary—more at TERMINOLOGY

argu·able /ərˈɡyū.ə-bal/ adjective
: open to argument, dispute, or question

Synonyms
: debatable, disputable, doubtful, moot, questionable—more at DEBATABLE

argu·ably /ərˈɡyū.ə.bli/ adverb
: it can be argued

argue /ərˈɡyū/ verb argued; arguing
1 ▶ : to give reasons for or against something
2 ▶ : to contend in words : DISPUTE
3 ▶ : to consider the pros and cons of
4: to persuade by giving reasons

**Synonyms**
- [1] assert, contend, maintain, plead, reason; also claim, insist
- [2] bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle; also challenge, dare, defy
- [3] chew over, debate, discuss, dispute, hash, moot, talk over—more at **DISCUSS**
- [4] convince, get, induce, move, persuade, prevail, satisfy, talk, win—more at **PERSUADE**

**ar·gu·ment** /ˈär.gəˌmant/ *noun*
1: a reason offered in proof
2: discourse intended to persuade
3: a usu. verbal conflict: **QUARREL**

**Synonyms**
- [1] assertion, contention, thesis—more at **CONTENTION**
- [1] case, explanation, rationale, reason—more at **REASON**
- [2] colloquy, conference, deliberation, discourse, discussion, give-and-take, parley, talk—more at **DISCUSSION**
- [3] altercation, bicker, brawl, disagreement, dispute, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle; also clash, run-in, skirmish, tussle

**ar·gu·men·ta·tion** /ˈär.gəˌman·tə·shən/ *noun*
: the art of formal discussion

**ar·gu·men·ta·tive** /ˈär.gəˌman·tətiv/ *adjective*
1: inclined to argue

**Synonyms**
- contentious, disputatious, quarrelsome, scrappy; also bellicose, belligerent, combative, pugnacious, truculent

**ar·gyle** also **ar·gyll** /ˈär.gəl/ *noun, often cap*
: a geometric knitting pattern of varicolored diamonds on a single background color; also: a sock knit in this pattern

**aria** /ˈär.ə.ə/ *noun*
: an accompanied elaborate vocal solo forming part of a larger work

**ar·id** /ˈär.id/ *adjective*
: very dry; especially 1: having insufficient rainfall to support agriculture
- **arid·i·ty** /əˈrid.i.tē/ *noun*

**Synonyms**
- dry, sere, thirsty—more at **DRY**

**Ar·i·es** /ˌär.iˈe.zə, -′i.-ə/ *noun*
[**ORIGIN:** L, lit., ram]
1: a zodiacal constellation between Pisces and Taurus pictured as a ram
2: the 1st sign of the zodiac in astrology; also: one born under this sign

**ar·ight** /əˌrit/ *adverb*
: RIGHT, CORRECTLY

**arise** /əˈriz/ *verb arose /əˈrız/; aris·en /əˈriz·ən/; aris·ing /əˈriz·əŋ/
1: to get up
2 a 1: to originate from a source
 b 1: to come into being or to attention
3: to move upward: **ASCEND**

**Synonyms**
- [2a] begin, commence, dawn, form, materialize, originate, spring, start—more at **BEGIN**
- [2b] crop, emerge, materialize, spring, surface; also appear, come out, show up, turn up
- [3] ascend, climb, lift, mount, rise, soar, up—more at **ASCEND**

**ar·is·toc·ra·cy** /ˌär.iˌstəˌkra.sē/ *noun, plural -cies*
1: government by a noble or privileged class; also: a state so governed
2: the governing class of an aristocracy
3: **UPPER CLASS**

**aristocrat** /əˈrɪstəˌkrɑːt/ noun
- a member of an aristocracy
  - **Synonyms**
    - gentleman, grandee, noble, patrician—more at GENTLEMAN

**aristocratic** /əˌrɪs.təˈkræt.ɪk/ adjective
- belonging to, having the qualities of, or favoring aristocracy
  - **Synonyms**
    - genteel, gentle, grand, highborn, noble, patrician, wellborn—more at NOBLE

**arith** abbreviation
arithmetic; arithmetical

**arithmetic** /əˌrɪθˈmɛtɪk/ noun
1: a branch of mathematics that deals with computations usu. with nonnegative real numbers
2: the process or an act of computing or calculating: COMPUTATION, CALCULATION

— **arithmetical** /əˌrɪθˈmɛtɪk.əl/ adjective
— **arithmetically** /əˌrɪθˈmɛt.ɪ.kə.ləl/ adverb
— **arithmetician** /əˌrɪθˈmɛt.ɪ.ʃən/ noun
  - **Synonyms**
    - calculation, computation, reckoning—more at CALCULATION

**arithmetic mean** noun
- the sum of a set of numbers divided by the number of numbers in the set

**Ariz** abbreviation
Arizona

**ark** /ɑːrk/ noun
1: a boat held to resemble that of Noah's at the time of the Flood
2: the sacred chest in a synagogue representing to Hebrews the presence of God; also: the repository for the scrolls of the Torah

**Ark** abbreviation
Arkansas

1**arm** /ɑːrm/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE earm]
1: a human upper limb and esp. the part between the shoulder and wrist; also: a corresponding limb of a 2-footed vertebrate
2: something resembling an arm in shape or position <an ~ of land> <an ~ of a chair>
3: the power, authority, or resources wielded (as by an individual or group) <the ~ of the law>
— **armed** /ˈɑːrm.d/ adjective
— **arm·less** adjective
  - **Synonyms**
    - authority, clutch, command, control, dominion, grip, hold, mastery, power, sway—more at POWER

2**arm** verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF armer, fr. L armare, fr. arma weapons, tools]
- to furnish with weapons

3**arm** noun
1: a means (as a weapon) of offense or defense; especially: FIREARM
2: a branch of the military forces
3 plural: the hereditary heraldic devices of a family
  - **Synonyms**
    - firearm, gun, piece—more at GUN

**arma·da** /ərˈmɑː.də/ noun
1: a fleet of warships
2: a large force or group usu. of moving things <an ~ of trailers>

**Synonyms**
- caravan, cavalcade, fleet, line, motorcade, train—more at FLEET

**ar·ma·dil·lo /ərməˈdilō/ noun, plural -los**
[Origin: Sp, fr. dim. of armado armed one]
: any of several small burrowing mammals with the head and body protected by an armor of bony plates

**Ar·ma·ged·don /ərməˈgedən/ noun**
: a final conclusive battle between the forces of good and evil; also: the site or time of this

**ar·ma·ment /ərməˈmen/ noun**
1: military strength
2: arms and equipment (as of a tank or combat unit)
3: the process of preparing for war

**ar·ma·ture /ərməˈchər/ noun**
1: a protective covering or structure (as the spines of a cactus)
2: the rotating part of an electric generator or motor; also: the movable part in an electromagnetic device (as a loudspeaker)

**arm·chair /ərmˈchɛər/ noun**
: a chair with armrests

**armed forces** noun plural
: the combined military, naval, and air forces of a nation

**Synonyms**
- military, service, troops; also GI's, men-at-arms, rank and file, soldiery

**Ar·me·nian /ərməˈniən/ noun**
: a native or inhabitant of Armenia

**arm·ful /ərmˈful/ noun, plural armfuls or arms·ful /ərmzˈful/**
: as much as the arm or arms can hold

**arm·hole /ərmˈhol/ noun**
: an opening for the arm in a garment

**ar·mi·stice /ərməˈstiːs/ noun**
: temporary suspension of hostilities by mutual agreement: TRUCE

**arm·let /ərmˈlet/ noun**
: a band worn around the upper arm

**ar·mor /ərmər/ noun**
1: protective covering
2: a quality or circumstance that affords protection
3: armored forces and vehicles

— ar·mored /ərmərd/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- [1] capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at CASE
- [2] aegis, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE

**ar·mor·er /ərmərˈer/ noun**
1: a person who makes arms and armor
2: a person who services firearms

**ar·mo·ri·al /ərməˈreeəl/ adjective**
: of or bearing heraldic arms

**ar·mory /ərməˈre/ noun, plural ar·mories**
1: a place where arms are stored
2: a factory where arms are made

   Synonyms
   - arsenal, depot, dump, magazine; also fort, fortress, stronghold

arm·pit /ˈarmˌpit/ noun
   : the hollow under the junction of the arm and shoulder

arm·rest /ˈarmˌrest/ noun
   : a support for the arm

ar·my /ˈærˌmē/ noun, plural armies
   1: a body of armed personnel organized for war
   2 often cap: the complete military organization of a country for land warfare
   3: a great number <an ~ of birds>
   4: a body of persons organized to advance a cause

   Synonyms
   - [1] battalion, host, legion; also infantry, ranks, regulars, troops, troopers
   - [3] crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

army ant noun
   : any of various nomadic social ants

arm·y·worm /ˈærˌmēˌwurm/ noun
   : any of numerous moths whose larvae move about destroying crops

aro·ma /ˌærəˈmā/ noun
   : a usu. pleasing odor: FRAGRANCE

   Synonyms
   - bouquet, fragrance, incense, perfume, redolence, scent, spice—more at FRAGRANCE

ar·o·mat·ic /ˌærəˈmā.tik/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or having aroma

   Synonyms
   - ambrosial, fragrant, redolent, savory, scented, sweet—more at FRAGRANT

aro·ma·ther·a·py /ˌærəˈmāˌθerəˌpē/ noun
   : massage with a preparation of fragrant oils extracted from herbs, flowers, and fruits

aro·se past of ARISE

around /əˈraʊnd/ adverb
   1: in a circle or in circumference <a tree five feet ~>  
   2: in or along a circuit <the road goes ~> by the lake>
   3 a: on all sides <nothing for miles ~>  
   b: at all times: throughout the extent <mild weather the year ~>  
   4: in or near one's present place or situation: NEARBY <wait ~> awhile>
   5: from one place to another <travels ~> on business>
   6: in an opposite direction <turn ~>  

   Synonyms
   - [3b] over, round, through, throughout  
   - [4] by, close, hard, in, near, nearby, nigh—more at NEAR  
   - [6] about, back, round; also backward, behind, down, downward, rearward

2 around preposition
   1 a: on all sides of: SURROUNDING <trees ~> the house>
   b: so as to encircle or enclose <go ~> the world>
   2: to or on another side of < ~> the corner>
   3: at, within, or to a short distance or time: NEAR <stayed right ~> home>
   4: here and there in or throughout <barnstorming ~> the country>

   Synonyms
   - [3] about, by, near, next to; also alongside, beside
arouse /əˈraʊz/ verb aroused; arous·ing
1 ➔: to awaken from sleep
2 ➔: to stir up
— arous·al /ˌraʊ.zəl/ noun

Synonyms
➤ [1] awake, rouse, wake
➤ [2] encourage, excite, fire, incite, instigate, move, pique, provoke, stimulate, stir

ar·peg·gio /əˈpe̞rɡ.jəʊ, əˈpe̞r-/ noun, plural -gi·os
[origin: It fr. arpeggiare to play on the harp, fr. arpa harp]: a chord whose notes are performed in succession and not simultaneously

arr abbreviation
1 arranged
2 arrival; arrive

ar·raign /əˈreɪn/ verb
1: to call before a court to answer to an indictment
2: to accuse of wrong or imperfection
— ar·raign·ment noun

ar·range /əˈreɪŋ/ verb ar·ranged; ar·rang·ing
1 ➔: to put in order
2: to make preparations for
3: to adapt (a musical composition) to voices or instruments other than those for which it was orig. written
4 ➔: to come to an agreement about: SETTLE
— ar·rang·er noun

Synonyms
➤ [1] array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range, systematize—more at ORDER
➤ [4] decide, fix, set, settle; also agree, contract, pledge, promise

ar·range·ment /ˈreɪnmənt/ noun
1 a ➔: the state of being arranged
b: the act of arranging
2: something arranged: as
a ➔: a preparatory act or measure
b: an adaptation of a musical composition
c: an informal agreement or settlement
3: something made by arranging parts or things together <a floral ~>

Synonyms
➤ [1a] composition, configuration, design, form, format, layout, makeup, pattern—more at COMPOSITION
➤ [1a] array, disposal, disposition, distribution, order, sequence, setup—more at ORDER
➤ [2a] blueprint, design, game, plan, project, system—more at PLAN

ar·rant /əˈrænt/ adjective
: being notoriously without moderation: EXTREME

ar·ras /əˈras/ noun, plural arras
1: TAPESTRY
2: a wall hanging or screen of tapestry

array /əˈræ/ verb
1 ➔: to dress or decorate esp. splendidly
2 ➔: to arrange in order

Synonyms
➤ [1] adorn, beautify, clothe, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE
➤ [2] arrange, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range, systematize—more at ORDER
array noun
1 : a regular arrangement
2 : rich apparel
3 : an imposing group
   Synonyms
   • [1] arrangement, disposal, disposition, distribution, order, sequence, setup—more at ORDER
   • [2] best, bravery, caparison, feather, finery, frippery, full dress, gaiety, regalia—more at FINERY
   • [3] assemblage, block, collection, group, lot

ar·rears /aˈrɪərZ/ noun plural
1 : a state of being behind in the discharge of obligations <in ~ with the rent>
2 : overdue debts

arrest /əˈrest/ verb
1 : to bring to a stop
2 : to take into legal custody
3 : to catch suddenly and engagingly <~ attention>
   Synonyms
   • [1] catch, check, draw up, fetch up, halt, hold up, stall, stay, still, stop—more at HALT
   • [2] apprehend, nab, pick up, restrain, seize; also bag, capture, catch, collar, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, nail, snare, snatch, trap
   Antonyms
discharge
   • [3] enchant, enthrall, fascinate, grip, hypnotize, mesmerize—more at ENTHRAL

arrest noun
1 : the act of stopping; also : the state of being stopped
2 : the taking into custody by legal authority

ar·riv·al /əˈrɪvəl/ noun
1 : the act of arriving
2 : one that arrives

ar·rive /əˈrɪv/ verb ar·rived; ar·riv·ing
1 : to reach a destination
2 : to make an appearance <the guests have arrived>
3 : to attain success
—arrive at
   : to reach by effort or thought <arrived at a decision>
   Synonyms
   • come, land, show up, turn up—more at COME

ar·ro·gance /əˈrogəns/ noun
• : an attitude of superiority that shows itself in an overbearing manner or in presumptuous claims or assumptions
   Synonyms
   • haughtiness, loftiness, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, self-importance, superiority; also
   • authoritativeness, dominance, high-handedness
   Antonyms
   • humility, modesty

ar·ro·gant /əˈrəɡənt/ adjective
• : offensively exaggerating one's own importance
—ar·ro·gant·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   • cavalier, haughty, high-handed, high-hat, highfalutin, imperious, important, lofty, overweening, peremptory, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, supercilious; also authoritarian, bossy, dominant, dominating, domineering, magisterial, pontificating
   Antonyms
   • humble, modest
ar·ro·gate /.gāl/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
▶: to claim or seize without justification as one's right
— ar·ro·ga·tion /ar·.gā·shən/ noun
Synonyms
▶ appropriate, commandeer, preempt, usurp—more at APPROPRIATE
ar·row /ar.Ô/ noun
1: a missile shot from a bow and usu. having a slender shaft, a pointed head, and feathers at the butt
2: a pointed mark used to indicate direction
ar·row·head /ar.Ô·hed/ noun
: the pointed end of an arrow
ar·row·root /.rüt, .rüt/ noun
: an edible starch from the roots of any of several tropical American plants; also: a plant yielding arrowroot
ar·royo /e·ró ·.Ô/ noun, plural -royos
[origin: Sp]
1: a watercourse in a dry region
2: a water-carved gully or channel
ars·enal /är·sn·əl, är′n·əl/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. Ar dār sinā 'a house of manufacture]
1 ▶: a place for making and storing arms and military equipment
2: store, repertory
Synonyms
▶ armory, depot, dump, magazine—more at ARMORY
ars·enic /är·nik′, är′nık/ noun
1: a solid brittle poisonous chemical element of grayish metallic luster
2: a very poisonous oxygen compound of arsenic used in making insecticides
ar·son /är′n/ noun
: the willful or malicious burning of property
— ar·son·ist /är′n·ist/ noun
1 art /ärt/ noun
1: skill acquired by experience or study
2: a branch of learning; especially: one of the humanities
3: an occupation requiring knowledge or skill
4 ▶: the use of skill and imagination in the production of things of beauty; also: works so produced
5: artfulness
Synonyms
▶ adeptness, adroitness, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at skill
2 art abbreviation
1 article
2 artificial
3 artillery
ar·te·ri·al /är·trē·əl/ adjective
1: of or relating to an artery; also: relating to or being the oxygenated blood found in most arteries
2: of, relating to, or being a route for through traffic
ar·te·ri·ole /är·trē·əl/ noun
: one of the small terminal branches of an artery that ends in capillaries
— ar·te·ri·o·lar /ˌtrē·ə·lər/ adjective
ar·te·rio·sclero·sis /är·trē·ə·sklē·rō·səs/ noun
: a chronic disease in which arterial walls are abnormally thickened and hardened
arteriosclerotic adjective or noun
artery noun, plural -teries
1: one of the tubular vessels that carry blood from the heart
2: a main channel of transportation or communication

Synonyms

avenue, highway, road, route, thoroughfare, turnpike, way—more at way

artesian well noun
a well from which the water flows to the surface by natural pressure; also: a deep well

artful adjective
1: performed with or showing art or skill <an ~ performance on the violin>
2 a: using or characterized by art and skill <an ~ writer>
b: adroit in attaining an end usu. by deceptive or indirect means: CRAFTY

artfully adverb

Synonyms

[1] adroit, delicate, dexterous, expert, masterful, masterly, practiced, skillful, virtuoso—more at skillful

[2a] clever, creative, imaginative, ingenious—more at clever

[2b] cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily; also astute, cute, facile, glib, sharp, shrewd

Antonyms

artless, ingenuous

artfulness noun

: the quality or state of being artful

Synonyms

artifice, caginess, caniness, craft, craftiness, cunning, guile, slyness, wiliness—more at cunning

adeptness, adroitness, art, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at skill

arthritus noun

: inflammation of the joints

— arthritic adjective or noun

arthropod noun

: any of a phylum of invertebrate animals comprising those (as insects, spiders, or crabs) with segmented bodies and jointed limbs

— arthropod adjective

arthroscope noun

: visual examination of the interior of a joint (as the knee) with a special surgical instrument; also: joint surgery using arthroscopy

— arthroscope noun

— arthritic adjective

artichoke noun
[origin: It dial. articiocco, ultim. fr. Ar al-khurshuf
: a tall herb related to the daisies; also: its edible flower head

article noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L articulus joint, division, dim. of artus joint, limb]
1: a distinct part of a written document
2: a nonfictional prose composition forming an independent part of a publication
3: a word (as an, the) used with a noun to limit or give definiteness to its application
4: a member of a class of things; especially: commodity

Synonyms

composition, essay, paper, theme—more at essay

articulate adjective

: of or relating to a joint
articulate /ərˈtɪkl/ adjective
1: divided into meaningful parts: INTELLIGIBLE
2: able to speak; also: expressing oneself readily and effectively
— ar·tic·u·late·ly adverb
— noun
  Synonyms
  eloquent, fluent, well-spoken; also facile, glib, voluble
  Antonyms
  inarticulate

articulate /ərtˈikəl/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 a: to give clear and effective utterance to << their grievances> b: to utter distinctly << each note in the musical phrase>
2: to unite by or as if by joints
  Synonyms
  clothe, couch, express, formulate, phrase, put, say, state, word—more at PHRASE

articulate·ness /ˈarˌtikəl·nəs/ noun
1: the quality or state of being articulate
  Synonyms
  eloquence, poetry, rhetoric—more at ELOQUENCE

articulation /ˌar.tɪˈkleɪ.ʃən/ noun
1: the act of giving utterance or expression
2: the act or manner of articulating sounds
  Synonyms
  expression, formulation, statement, utterance, voice—more at EXPRESSION

artifact /ˈɑrtɪfərk/ noun
: something made or modified by humans usu. for a purpose; especially: an object remaining from another time or culture <<prehistoric ~>s>

artifice /ˈɑrtɪfɪs/ noun
1 a: clever or artful skill b: an ingenious device
2 a: an artful stratagem: TRICK b: false or insincere behavior
  Synonyms
  [1a] adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at SKILL
  [2a] device, dodge, gimmick, jig, ploy, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at TRICK
  [2b] craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, williness—more at DECEIT

artificer /ˈɑrtɪfɪsər, ˈɑrtɪfəˌsər/ noun
: a skilled worker
  Synonyms
  artisan, craftsman, handicrafter—more at ARTISAN

artificial /ˈɑrtɪfɪʃəl/ adjective
1: produced by art rather than nature; also: made by humans to imitate nature
2: not genuine: FEIGNED
— ar·ti·fi·cial·i·ty /ˌɑrtɪfɪˈʃəl·ə·ti/ noun
— ar·ti·fi·cial·ly adverb
— ar·ti·fi·cial·ness noun
  Synonyms
  [1] bogus, fake, imitation, mock, sham, substitute, synthetic—more at ImitATION
• [2] affected, assumed, bogus, contrived, false, feigned, insincere, mechanical, phony, put-on, spurious, unnatural; also automatic, canned, concocted, fabricated, labored, manufactured, unauthentic, unreal, unrealistic

**Antonyms**
genuine, natural, spontaneous, unfeigned, unforced

**artificial insemination** noun
: introduction of semen into the uterus or oviduct by other than natural means

**artificial intelligence** noun
: the capability of a machine and esp. a computer to imitate intelligent human behavior

**artificial respiration** noun
: the rhythmic forcing of air into and out of the lungs of a person whose breathing has stopped

**art·i·l·lery** /ərˈtiˌlərē/ noun, plural -ler·ies
1: crew-served mounted firearms (as guns)
2: a branch of the army armed with artillery

— **art·i·l·ler·ist** /ˌarˌi lərˈɪst/ noun

**ar·ti·san** /ərˈtīzən/ noun
: a skilled manual worker

**Synonyms**
artificer, craftsman, handicrafter; also artist, maker

**art·ist** /ˈɑrtəst/ noun
1: one who practices an imaginative art; especially: one who creates objects of beauty
2: **ARTISTE**
3: one who is adept at something

**Synonyms**
ace, adept, authority, expert, master, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at **EXPERT**

**art·iste** /ərˈtīst/ noun
: a skilled public performer

**art·is·tic** /ərˈtis tik/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or characteristic of art or artists
2: showing taste and skill

— **art·is·ti·cal·ly** /ˌarˌtis təˈkā lē/ adverb

**art·is·try** /ərˈtīstrē/ noun
: artistic quality or ability

**Synonyms**
adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at **SKILL**

**art·less** /ərtˈləs/ adjective
1: lacking art or skill
2 a: made without skill: **CRUDE**
b: free from artificiality: **NATURAL**
3: free from guile: **SINCERE**

**Synonyms**
[2a] clumsy, crude, rough, rude, unrefined—more at **RUDE**
[3] genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, real, simple, sincere, true, unaffected, unpretentious

**art·less·ly** /ˈləs lē/ adverb
: in an artless manner

**Synonyms**
ingenuously, naively, naturally, unaffectedly—more at **NATURALLY**

**art·less·ness** /ˌnäs/ noun
: the quality or state of being artless
Synonyms
- greenness, ingenuousness, innocence, naïveté, naturalness, simplicity, unworldliness—more at NAIYETÉ

art nou·veau /är.nü.ˈvō, ˈɑrt/ noun, often cap A&N
[ORIGIN: F, lit., new art]
: a late 19th century design style characterized by sinuous lines and leaf-shaped forms

arty /ˈɑrt.ɪ/ adjective art·i·er, -est
: showily or pretentiously artistic
— art·i·ly /ˈɑrt.ɪ.lɪ/ adverb
— art·i·ness noun

ar·um /ˈɑr.əm/ noun
: any of a family of plants (as the jack-in-the-pulpit or a skunk cabbage) with flowers in a fleshy enclosed spike

ARV abbreviation
American Revised Version

1-ary noun suffix
: thing or person belonging to or connected with <functionary>

2-ary adjective suffix
: of, relating to, or connected with <budgetary>

Ary·an /ˈɑr.ən, ˈer·ən, ˈɑr.Yən/ adjective
1: INDO-EUROPEAN
2: NORDIC
— Aryan noun

1 as /az, (,)az/ adverb
1: to the same degree or amount: EQUALLY ~ green as grass
2: for instance <various trees, ~ oak or pine>
3: when considered in a specified relation <my opinion ~ distinguished from his>

2 as conjunction
1: in the same amount or degree in which <green ~ grass>
2: in the same way that <farmed ~ his father before him had farmed>
3: while, when <spoke to me ~ I was leaving>
4: though <improbable ~ it seems>
5: since, because <~ I'm not wanted, I'll go>
6: that the result is <so guilty ~ to leave no doubt>

3 as pronoun
1: THAT — used after same or such <it's the same price ~ before>
2: a fact that <he's rich, ~ you know>

4 as preposition
: in the capacity or character of <this will serve ~ a substitute>

As symbol

arsenic

AS abbreviation
1 American Samoa
2 Anglo-Saxon
3 associate in science

asa·fet·i·da or asa·foe·ti·da /a.səˌfet.iˈda, əˈfet.iˈda/ noun
: an ill-smelling plant gum formerly used in medicine

ASAP abbreviation
as soon as possible

as·bes·tos /əsˈbɛs.təs, əˈbɛs.təs/ noun
a noncombustible grayish mineral that occurs in fibrous form and has been used as a fireproof material

ascend /əˈsend/ verb
1 : to move upward : MOUNT, CLIMB
2 : to succeed to : OCCUPY <he ~ed the throne>

Synonyms
arise, climb, lift, mount, rise, soar, up; also boost, elevate, raise, uplift, upraise

Antonyms
decline, descend, drop, fall (off)

ascendancy also ascen-dancy /əˈsen.dan.sē/ noun
: controlling influence

Synonyms
dominance, dominion, preeminence, supremacy—more at SUPREMACY

1ascendant also as·cen·dent /əˈsen.dent/ noun
: a dominant position

2ascendant also ascendent adjective
1 : moving upward
2 : DOMINANT

ascension /əˈsen.chən/ noun
: the act or process of ascending

Ascension Day noun
: the Thursday 40 days after Easter observed in commemoration of Christ's ascension into heaven

ascend /əˈsent/ noun
1 a : the act of mounting upward : CLIMB
b : an upward slope or rising grade
2 : an advance in social status or reputation

Synonyms
[1a] climb, rise, soar; also boost, hike, increase, raise
Antonyms
descent, dip, drop, fall

[2] advancement, elevation, promotion, rise, upgrade—more at ADVANCEMENT

ascertain /əˈsər.tən/ verb
: to learn with certainty
— ascertainable adjective

Synonyms
catch on, discover, find out, hear, learn, realize, see—more at DISCOVER
detect, determine, discover, find, find out, learn, locate—more at FIND

ascetic /əˈse.tik/ adjective
: practicing self-denial esp. for spiritual reasons : AUSTERE
— ascetic noun

asceticism /əˈse.ti.skiz/ noun

ASCII /ˈæs.kē/ noun
[ORIGIN: American Standard Code for Information Interchange]
: a computer code for representing alphanumeric information

ascorbic acid /əˈskər.bik/ noun
: VITAMIN C

ascot /əˈskot/ noun
[ORIGIN: Ascot Heath, racetrack near Ascot, England]
: a broad neck scarf that is looped under the chin

ascrIBE /əˈskrōb/ verb ascribed; ascribing
: to refer to a supposed cause, source, or author : ATTRIBUTE
— as·crib·able adjective
— as·crip·tion /ˌskripˈshən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ accredit, attribute, credit, impute—more at CREDIT
  a
asep·tic /əˌsepˈtik/ adjective
  ▶ free or freed from disease-causing germs
  Synonyms
  ▶ hygienic, sanitary, sterile—more at SANITARY
  a
asex·u·al /əˈsekʃəwal/ adjective
  1: lacking sex or functional sex organs
  2: occurring or formed without the production and union of two kinds of germ cells <~ reproduction>
  — asex·u·al·ly adverb
  a
as for preposition
  : with regard to : CONCERNING <as for the others, they were late>
  a
  1.ash /ˈash/ noun
  1: any of a genus of trees related to the olive and having winged seeds and bark with grooves and ridges
  2: the tough elastic wood of an ash
  a
  2.ash noun
  1: the solid matter left when material is burned
  2: fine mineral particles from a volcano
  3 plural: the remains of the dead human body after cremation or disintegration
  a
ash·amed /ˈəshəmd/ adjective
  1 ▶: feeling shame
  2: restrained by anticipation of shame <~ to say anything>
  — ash·am·ed·ly /ˈəshəmdlē/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ contrite, guilty, hangdog, penitent, remorseful, repentant, shamefaced—more at GUILTY
  a
ash·en /ˈaˌshən/ adjective
  ▶: resembling ashes (as in color); especially: deadly pale
  Synonyms
  ▶ cadaverous, livid, lurid, pale, pasty, peaked—more at PALE
  a
ash·lar /ˈaˌshələr/ noun
  : hewn or squared stone; also: masonry of such stone
  a
ash·ore /ˈaˌshör/ adverb
  : on or to the shore
  a
as·how conjunction
  : THAT <allowed as how she was glad to be here>
  a
ash·ram /ˈaˌshərm/ noun
  : a religious retreat esp. of a Hindu sage
  a
ash·tray /ˈaˌstrē/ noun
  : a receptacle for tobacco ashes
  a
Ash Wednesday noun
  : the 1st day of Lent
  a
ash·y /ˈaˌshē/ adjective ash·i·er; -est
  : resembling ashes (as in color); especially: deadly pale: ASHEN
  a
Asian /ˈaˌzhən/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or characteristic of the continent of Asia or its people
  — Asian noun
aside /əˈsīd/ adjective
1: to or toward the side <stepped ~> 
2: out of the way: AWAY <put ~ some savings>

aside noun
: an actor’s words heard by the audience but supposedly not by other characters on stage

aside from preposition
1: BESIDES <aside from being pretty, she's intelligent>
2: with the exception of <aside from one D his grades are excellent>

as if conjunction
1: as it would be if <it's as if nothing had changed>
2: as one would if <he acts as if he'd never been away>
3: THAT <it seems as if nothing ever happens around here>

as·i·nine /ˌāsəˈnīn/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L. asinus, fr. asinus ass]
1: extremely or utterly foolish

Synonyms
absurd, crazy, cuckoo, daft, foolish, insane, lunatic, mad, nonsensical, nutty, senseless, silly, stupid—more at FOOLISH

as·i·nin·i·ty /ˌāsəˈninətē/ noun
1: the quality or state of being asinine
2: something that is asinine

Synonyms
1, 2: absurdity, craziness, daftness, folly, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness

ask /ˈask/ verb asked /ˈaskt/; ask·ing
1: to call on for an answer
2: UTTER <~ a question>
3: to make a request of <~ him for help>
4: to make a request for <~ help of her>
5: to set as a price <~ed $800 for the car>
6: to increase the likelihood of: INVITE

Synonyms
[1] inquire, interrogate, query, question, quiz; also cross-examine, examine, grill, pump

Antonyms
answer, reply, respond

usually ask for [4] call, plead, quest, request, seek, solicit, sue; also apply (for), beg (for), clamor (for), urge
[5] charge, command, demand—more at CHARGE

askance /aˈskans/ adverb
1: with a side glance
2: with distrust

Synonyms
distrustfully, dubiously, mistrustfully, suspiciously; also hesitantly

Antonyms
trustfully

askew /əˈskwē/ adjective
1: being out of line: AWRY

— askew adverb

Synonyms
awry, cockeyed, crooked, listing, lopsided, oblique, slantwise, uneven—more at AWRY

ASL abbreviation
American Sign Language
**as·lant /əˈslant/ adverb or adjective**

1: in a slanting direction

2: **as·lant** preposition
   : over or across in a slanting direction

**as·sleep /əˈslēp/ adverb or adjective**

1: in or into a state of sleep
2: **DEAD**
3: lacking sensation: **NUMB**
4: **INACTIVE**

**Synonyms**
- [1] dormant; also drowsy, nodding, sleepy, slumberous, somnolent

**Antonyms**
- [3] dead, numb, unfeeling—more at **NUMB**

**as long as** conjunction

1: provided that <do as you like as long as you get home on time>
2: **INASMUCH AS**, **SINCE** <as long as you're up, turn on the light>

**as·so·cial /əˈsoʊ.ʃəl/ adjective**

: **ANTISOCIAL**

**as of** preposition

: **AT**, **DURING**, **FROM**, **ON** <takes effect as of July 1>

**asp /əsp/ noun**

: a small poisonous African snake

**as·par·a·gus /əˈspər.a.ɡəs/ noun**

: a tall branching perennial herb related to the lilies; also: its edible young stalks

**as·par·tame /əˈspɑr.təm/ noun**

: a crystalline low-calorie sweetener

**ASPCA** abbreviation

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

**as·pect /əˈspekt/ noun**

1: a position facing a particular direction
2: a particular appearance or countenance: **APPEARANCE**, **LOOK**
3: a particular status or phase in which something appears or may be regarded

**Synonyms**
- [2] appearance, look, mien, presence—more at **APPEARANCE**
- [3] angle, facet, hand, phase, side; also: air, appearance, character, color, complexion, condition, face, look, semblance, shape, state, visage

**as·pen /əˈspən/ noun**

: any of several poplars with leaves that flutter in the slightest breeze

**as per /əzˌpər/ preposition**

: in accordance with <as per instructions>

**as·per·i·ty /əˌspər.əˈtē/ noun, plural -ties**

1: a characteristic making for hardship: **RIGOR**
2: **ROUGHNESS**
3: harshness of manner or temper

**Synonyms**
- [1] adversity, difficulty, hardness, hardship, rigor—more at **DIFFICULTY**
- [3] acidity, acrimony, bitterness, cattiness, tartness, virulence, vitriol—more at **ACRIMONY**
as·per·sion /əˈspərˌzhan/ noun
: a slanderous or defamatory remark

as·phalt /əˈsfa lt/ also as·phal·tum /əˈsfəl ˈtəm/ noun
: a dark substance found in natural beds or obtained as a residue in petroleum refining and used esp. in paving streets

asphalt jungle noun
: a big city or a specified part of a big city

as·pho·del /əˈsfə dəl/ noun
: any of several Old World herbs related to the lilies and bearing flowers in long erect spikes

as·phyx·ia /əˈsfik sjē ə/ noun
: a lack of oxygen or excess of carbon dioxide in the body usu. caused by interruption of breathing and causing unconsciousness

as·phyx·i·ate /əˈsfik sē ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: SUFFOCATE
— as·phyx·i·a·tion /əˈsfik sjē ə ˈshən/ noun

as·pic /əˈspik/ noun
[origin: F, lit., asp]
: a savory meat jelly

as·pi·rant /əˈspə rənt, əˈspə rənt/ noun
▶: one who aspires
  Synonyms
  ▶ applicant, campaigner, candidate, contender, hopeful, prospect, seeker—more at CANDIDATE

1 as·pirate /əˈspə ref/ noun
1: an independent sound \h\ or a character (as the letter h) representing it
2: a consonant having aspiration as its final component

2 as·pirate /əˈspə rət/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
: to draw, remove, or take up or into by suction

as·pi·ra·tion /əˈspə rə ˈshən/ noun
1: the pronunciation or addition of an aspirate; also: the aspirate or its symbol
2: a drawing of something in, out, up, or through by or as if by suction
3 a: a strong desire to achieve something noble
  ▶: an object of strong desire
  Synonyms
  ▶ aim, ambition, design, dream, end, goal, intent, object, objective, purpose—more at GOAL

as·pire /əˈspər/ verb as·pired; as·pir·ing
1 ▶: to seek to attain or accomplish a particular goal
2: to rise aloft
  Synonyms
  ▶ aim, contemplate, design, intend, plan, propose—more at INTEND

as·pirin /əˈspə ran/ noun, plural aspirin or aspirins
1: a white crystalline drug used to relieve pain and fever
2: a tablet of aspirin

as· regards also as re·spect(s) preposition
: in regard to: with respect to

ass /əs/ noun
1 ▶: any of several long-eared mammals smaller than the related horses; especially: one of Africa ancestral to the donkey
2: a stupid person
  Synonyms
as·sail /əˈsāl/ verb
▷: to attack violently with blows or words
— as·sail·able adjective
— as·sail·ant noun

Synonyms
▷ abuse, attack, belabor, blast, castigate, excoriate, jump, lambaste, slam, vituperate—more at ATTACK
▷ assault, attack, beset, charge, descend, jump, pounce, raid, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK

as·sas·sin /əˈsasən/ noun
[origin: ML assassinus, fr. Ar ḥashšāshīn, pl. of ḥashšāsh worthless person, lit., hashish-user, fr. ḥashīsh hashish]: a murderer esp. for hire or fanatical reasons

as·sas·si·nate /əˈsasəˌnāt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
▷: to murder by sudden or secret attack
— as·sas·si·na·tion /əˈsasəˌnéshən/ noun

1 assault /əˈsōlt/ noun
1 ▷: a violent attack
2: an unlawful attempt or threat to do harm to another

Synonyms
▷ aggression, attack, charge, descent, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, rush, strike—more at ATTACK
2 assault verb
▷ to make an assault on

Synonyms
▷ assail, attack, beset, charge, descend, jump, pounce, raid, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK

assault rifle noun
▷ a military automatic rifle with a large-capacity magazine

1 assay /əˈsā, aˌsā/ noun
▷: analysis to determine the quantity of one or more components present in a sample (as of an ore or drug)

Synonyms
▷ analysis, breakdown, breakup, dissection—more at ANALYSIS
2 assay /əˌsā, ˈaˌsā/ verb
1 ▷: to make an attempt at : TRY
2 ▷: to subject (as an ore or drug) to an assay
3: JUDGE 3

Synonyms
▷ [1] attempt, endeavor, essay, seek, strive, try—more at ATTEMPT
▷ [2] analyze, anatomize, break down, break up, dissect—more at ANALYZE

as·sem·blage /əˌsəmˈblē, əˌsəmˈbli/ noun
1 ▷: a collection of persons or things
2: the act of assembling
3 : an artistic composition made from scraps, junk, and odds and ends
4 : the art of making assemblages

Synonyms
▷ assembly, conference, congregation, convocation, gathering, meeting, muster—more at GATHERING
▷ accumulation, array, bunch, collection, group, lot, package, parcel

as·sem·ble /əˌsəmˈbəl/ verb -bled; -bling
1 ▷: to collect into one place
2 ▷: to fit together the parts of
3 ▷: to meet together : CONVENE

Synonyms
▷ [1] accumulate, amass, collect, concentrate, garner, gather, group, lump, pick up, round up, scrape—more at
GATHER
- [2] build, construct, erect, fabricate, make, make up, piece, put up, raise, rear, set up—more at BUILD
- [3] cluster, collect, concentrate, conglomerate, congregate, convene, forgather, gather, meet, rendezvous; also affiliate, ally, associate, band (together), club, collaborate, confederate, conjoin, consolidate, cooperate, consort, couple, federate, gang (up), join, merge, unite

Antonyms
- break up, disband, disperse, split up

assembly /aˈsembli/ noun, plural -blies
1 : a gathering of persons : MEETING
2 cap : a legislative body; especially : the lower house of a legislature
3 : a signal for troops to assemble
4 : the fitting together of parts (as of a machine)

Synonyms
- assemblage, conference, congregation, congress, convention, convocation, council, gathering, meeting, muster—more at GATHERING

assembly language noun
- a computer language consisting of mnemonic codes corresponding to machine-language instructions

assembly line noun
- an arrangement of machines, equipment, and workers in which work passes from operation to operation in a direct line

assembly·man /aˈsembliˌmən/ noun
- a member of a legislative assembly

assembly·woman /ˌwomən/ noun
- a woman who is a member of an assembly

as·sent /aˈsent/ verb
- AGREE, CONCUR
— assent noun

as·sert /aˈsərt/ verb
1 : to state positively
2 : to demonstrate the existence of

Synonyms
- affirm, aver, avouch, avow, declare, lay down, profess; also advance, advertise, boost, plug, promote, publicize
- argue, contend, maintain, plead, reason—more at ARGUE

as·ser·tion /aˈsərʃən/ noun
- a positive statement

Synonyms
- argument, contention, thesis—more at CONTENTION
- affirmation, avowal, claim, declaration, profession, protestation—more at PROTESTATION

as·ser·tive /aˈsərтив/ adjective
- disposed to or characterized by bold or confident assertion

Synonyms
- aggressive, dynamic, emphatic, energetic, forceful, resounding, strenuous, vehement, vigorous—more at EMPHATIC

as·ser·tive·ness /ˌnaes/ noun
- the quality or state of being assertive

Synonyms
- aggressiveness, emphasis, fierceness, intensity, vehemence—more at VEHEMENCE

as·sess /aˈses/ verb
1 : to fix the rate or amount of
2 : to impose (as a tax) at a specified rate
3. to evaluate for taxation

4. to determine the importance, size, or value of the problem

**asses** /a.ˈsɛs/ *noun*

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] charge, exact, fine, impose, lay, levy, put—more at impose
- [4] appraise, estimate, evaluate, rate, set, value—more at estimate

**asses-ment** /.ˈment/ *noun*

1. the action or an instance of assessing: appraisal
2. the amount assessed

**Synonyms**
- [1] appraisal, estimate, estimation, evaluation, reckoning, valuation—more at estimate
- [2] duty, impost, levy, tax—more at tax

**as-set** /əˈset/ *noun*

1 plural : the entire property of a person or company that may be used to pay debts
2. advantage, resource

**Synonyms**
- capital, fortune, means, opulence, riches, substance, wealth, wherewithal—more at wealth

**as-sever-ate** /əˈse vad ət/ *verb* -at·ed; -at·ing

: to assert earnestly

— **as-sever-a-tion** /ˌse vad əˈʃon/ *noun*

**as-sid·u·ty** /əˈsid əˈti/ *noun*

- the quality or state of being assiduous

**Synonyms**
- diligence, industry—more at diligence

**as-sid·u·ous** /əˈsid əwəs/ *adjective*

- marked by careful unremitting attention or persistent application: diligent

**Synonyms**
- active, busy, diligent, engaged, laborious, occupied, sedulous, working—more at busy

**as-sid·u·ous·ly** /əˈsid əwəs lə/ *adverb*

: in an assiduous manner

**as-sid·u·ous·ness** /ˌas id əˈwəs nəs/ *noun*

: the quality or state of being assiduous

**as·sign** /əˈsin/ *verb*

1. to transfer (property) to another
2. to appoint to or as a duty
3. to appoint, attach, commission, constitute, designate, detail, name—more at appoint

— **as·sign·able** *adjective*

**Synonyms**
- [1] alienate, cede, deed, make over, transfer—more at transfer
- [2] appoint, attach, commission, constitute, designate, detail, name—more at appoint

**as·sign·a·tion** /ˌa sid əˈna ʃon/ *noun*

: an appointment for a meeting; especially: tryst

**assigned risk** *noun*

: a poor risk (as an accident-prone motorist) that an insurance company is forced to insure by state law

**as·sign·ment** /əˈsin əment/ *noun*

1. the act of assigning
2. something assigned

**Synonyms**
- chore, duty, job, stint, task—more at chore
as·sim·i·late  /əˈsi.məˌlāt/  verb  -lat·ed;  -lat·ing
1  ․  to take up and absorb as nourishment;  also  :  to absorb into a cultural tradition
2  :  COMPREHEND
3  :  to make or become similar
   — as·sim·i·la·tion  /əˌsi.məˌlāˈshən/  noun
   Synonyms
   ․  embody, incorporate, integrate—more at  EMBODY

1 assist  /əˈsist/  verb
   ․  to give support or aid:  HELP
   Synonyms
   ․  abet, aid, back, help, prop, support—more at  HELP

2 assist  noun
   1  :  an act of assistance
   2  :  the action of a player who enables a teammate to make a putout (as in baseball) or score a goal (as in hockey)

as·sis·tance  /əˈsis.təns/  noun
   ․  the act of assisting or the help supplied
   Synonyms
   ․  aid, assist, backing, boost, help, lift, support—more at  HELP

as·sis·tant  /əˈsis.tənt/  noun
   ․  a person who assists:  HELPER
   Synonyms
   ․  aid, apprentice, deputy, helper, helpmate, mate, sidekick—more at  HELPER

as·sist·ed living  /əˈsis.təd ˈlīv·ən/  noun
   :  a system of housing and limited care for senior citizens who need assistance with daily activities but do not require care in a nursing home

as·size  /əˈsiz/  noun
[origin:  ME  assise, fr.  AF, session, legal action, fr.  asseer, asseoir  to seat, fr.  VL  *assedēre, fr.  L  assidēre  to sit beside]
   1  :  a judicial inquest
   2  plural:  the former regular sessions of superior courts in English counties

assn  abbreviation
   association

assoc  abbreviation
   associate; associated; association

1 associate  /əˈsō.əˌshən/  verb  -at·ed;  -at·ing
   1  ․  to join in companionship or partnership
   2  ․  to connect in thought
   Synonyms
   ․  [1] ally, band, club, confederate, conjoin, cooperate, federate, league, unite—more at  ALLY
   ․  [1] chum, consort, fraternize, hang around, hobnob, pal;  also  affiliate, ally, attach, band, bond, club, collaborate, confederate, conjoin, connect, cooperate, couple, gang, get along, group, hook, interrelate, join, knot, league, link, mingle, mix, rally, relate, side, socialize, team, tie, wed
   ․  [2] connect, correlate, identify, link, relate;  also compare, equate, liken

2 associate  /əˈshər.əˌshən/  noun
   1  :  a fellow worker:  PARTNER
   2  ․  one that accompanies another:  COMPANION
   3  often cap  :  a degree conferred esp. by a junior college  << in arts
   — associate  adjective
   Synonyms
cohort, companion, comrade, crony, fellow, mate; also colleague, coworker, equal, peer

ass·o·ci·a·tion /əˌsoʊsəˈʃeɪ.ən/ noun
1 a : the act of associating
b ♦ : the state of being associated
2 ♦ : an organization of persons: SOCIETY
   Synonyms
   • [1b] affiliation, alliance, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, liaison, partnership, relation, relationship, union; also business, dealings, interaction
   Antonyms
dissociation
   • [2] brotherhood, club, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, league, order, organization, society; also collective, commune, community, cooperative

ass·o·cia·tive /əˌsoʊsəˈtɪv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involved in association esp. of ideas or images

as·so·nance /əˌsaʊˈnans/ noun
: repetition of vowels esp. as an alternative to rhyme in verse
   — as·so·nant /ˈnænt/ adjective or noun

as soon as conjunction
: immediately at or shortly after the time that <we'll start as soon as they arrive>

as·sort /əˈsɔrt/ verb
1 ♦ : to distribute into like groups: CLASSIFY
2 ♦ : HARMONIZE
   Synonyms
   • break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY

as·sort·ed /əˈsɔrtˌid/ adjective
• consisting of various kinds
   Synonyms
   • heterogeneous, miscellaneous, mixed, motley, varied—more at MISCELLANEOUS

as·sort·ment /əˈsɔrt.ment/ noun
1 a : the act of assorting
b ♦ : the state of being assorted
2 ♦ : a collection of assorted things or persons
   Synonyms
   • [1b] diversity, miscellaneous, variety—more at VARIETY
   • [2] hodgepodge, jumble, medley, mélange, miscellany, motley, potpourri, rummage, variety, welter

asst abbreviation
assistant

as·suage /əˈswɑː/ verb as·suaged; as·suag·ing
1 ♦ : to make (as pain or grief) less: EASE
2 ♦ : to put an end to by satisfying
   Synonyms
   • [1] allay, alleviate, ease, help, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe—more at HELP
   • [2] quench, sate, satiate, satisfy

as·sume /əˌsəm/ verb as·sumed; as·sum·ing
1 ♦ : to take upon oneself
2 ♦ : to pretend to have or be
3 ♦ : to take as granted or true though not proved
   Synonyms
   • [1] accept, bear, shoulder, take over, undertake; also adopt, embrace
   Antonyms
   • disavow, disclaim, disown, repudiate
assumed /əˈsʊmd/ adjective
1 ▶: not real or genuine <an ~ cheerfulness> <a ~ name>
2 ▶: taken for granted : SUPPOSED

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] affected, artificial, bogus, contrived, fake, false, feigned, phony, put-on, sham—more at ARTIFICIAL
   ▶ [2] apparent, evident, ostensible, reputed, seeming, supposed—more at APPARENT

assumption /əˈsʌmpʃən/ noun
1 : the taking up of a person into heaven
2 cap : August 15 observed in commemoration of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
3 : a taking upon oneself
4 : PRETENTION
5 a : an assuming that something is true
   b : a fact or statement taken for granted : SUPPOSITION

   Synonyms
   ▶ postulate, premise, presumption, supposition; also hypothesis, proposition, theory, thesis

assurance /əˈʃʊrəns/ noun
1 : PLEDGE
2 chiefly British : INSURANCE
3 : the state of being assured: as
   a : SECURITY
   b : a being certain in the mind
   c : confidence of mind or manner; also : excessive self-confidence

   Synonyms
   ▶ [3b] certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, positiveness, sureness—more at CONFIDENCE
   ▶ [3c] aplomb, confidence, self-assurance, self-confidence, self-esteem—more at CONFIDENCE

assure /əˈʃʊər/ verb assured; assuring
1 ▶: to make safe
2 : to give confidence to
3 : to state confidently to
4 : to make certain the coming or attainment of

   Synonyms
   ▶ cinch, ensure, guarantee, guaranty, insure, secure—more at ENSURE

   1 assured /əˈshʊrd/ adjective
1 ▶: sure of oneself
2 ▶: satisfied as to the certainty or truth of a matter

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] confident, secure, self-assured, self-confident—more at CONFIDENT
   ▶ [2] certain, clear, cocksure, confident, doubtless, positive, sanguine, sure—more at CERTAIN

2 assured noun, plural assured or assureds
: INSURED

astatine /ˈæstə.tiːn/ noun
: an unstable radioactive chemical element

aster /ˈæstər/ noun
: any of various mostly fall-blooming leafy-stemmed composite herbs with daisylike purple, white, pink, or yellow flower heads

asterisk /ˈæstər.ɪsk/ noun
[ORIGIN: L asteriscus, fr. Gk asteriskos, lit., little star, dim. of astēr star]
: a character * used as a reference mark or as an indication of the omission of letters or words

astern /əˈstɜrn/ adverb or adjective
1 : in, at, or toward the stern
2 : BACKWARD

as·ter·oid /as ˈte rōd/ noun
: any of the numerous small celestial bodies found esp. between Mars and Jupiter

ast·ma /ˈaz ˌma/ noun
: a chronic lung disorder marked by recurrent episodes of labored breathing, a feeling of tightness in the chest, and coughing
— ast·mat·ic /ˈaz ˌma ˌtik/ adjective or noun

as·though conjunction
: as it would be or as one would do if : AS IF

astig·ma·tism /aˌstig ˈma ˌtiz əm/ noun
: a defect in a lens or an eye causing improper focusing
— astig·mat·ic /aˌstig ˈma ˌtik/ adjective

astir /ˈas tər/ adjective
1 : exhibiting activity
2 : being out of bed

Synonyms
alive, animated, busy, lively, vibrant—more at ALIVE

as to preposition
1 : ABOUT, CONCERNING <uncertain as to what went on>
2 : ACCORDING TO <graded as to size>

as·ton·ish /əˈstən ən/ verb
: to strike with sudden and usu. great wonder : AMAZE

Synonyms
amaze, astonish, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

as·ton·ish·ing /ˈas tən ən əŋ/ adjective
: causing astonishment : SURPRISING

Synonyms
amazing, astounding, eye-opening, shocking, startling, stunning, surprising—more at SURPRISING

as·ton·ish·ment /əˈstən ənt/ noun
: the state of being astonished

Synonyms
admiration, amazement, awe, wonder, wonderment—more at WONDER

as·tound /əˈstənd/ verb
: to fill with bewilderment or wonder

as·tound·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
amaze, astonish, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

as·tound·ing /ˈas tənd əŋ/ adjective
: causing astonishment or amazement

Synonyms
amazing, astonishing, awesome, fabulous, marvelous, prodigious, stunning, stupendous, surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS

1 astraddle /əˈstrāl/ adverb
: on or above and extending onto both sides
2 astraddle preposition
: ASTRIDE
as·tra·khan /əˈstrəˌkhan/ noun, often cap
  1 : karakul of Russian origin
  2 : a cloth with a usu. wool, curled, and looped pile resembling karakul

as·tral /əˈstrəl/ adjective
  ▶ : of, relating to, or coming from the stars
  Synonyms
  ▶ star, starry, stellar—more at STELLAR

astray /əˈstrā/ adverb or adjective
  1 ▶ : off the right path or route
  2 : into error
  Synonyms
  ▶ afield, amiss, awry, wrong—more at WRONG

1 a·stride /əˈstrīd/ adverb
  1 : with one leg on each side
  2 : with legs apart

2 a·stride preposition
  : with one leg on each side of

1 a·stringent /əˈstrinˌjent/ adjective
  : able or tending to shrink body tissues
  — as·tin·gen·cy /ˈjin·si/ noun

2 a·stringent noun
  : an astringent agent or substance

astrol abbreviation
astrologer; astrology

as·tro·labe /əˈstroʊˌlāb/ noun
  : an instrument formerly used for observing the positions of celestial bodies

as·tro·logy /əˈstroʊˌlædʒə/ noun
  : divination based on the supposed influence of the stars upon human events
  — as·tron·o·ger /ˈjərə/ noun
  — as·tro·log·i·cal /ˌas.ˈtraˌlēkəl/ adjective

astron abbreviation
astronomer; astronomy

as·tro·naut /əˈstroʊˌnaut/ noun
  : a traveler in a spacecraft

as·tro·nau·tics /əˈstroʊˌnäˌtiks/ noun
  : the science of the construction and operation of spacecraft
  — as·tron·au·tic /ˈfik/ or as·tron·au·ti·cal /ˈfīˌkal/ adjective

as·tro·nom·i·cal /əˈstroʊˌnəˈmikəl/ also as·tro·nom·ic /-ˈmik/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to astronomy
  2 ▶ : extremely large <an ~ amount of money>
  Synonyms
  ▶ colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, prodigious, titanic, tremendous, whopping—more at HUGE

astronomical unit noun
  : a unit of length used in astronomy equal to the mean distance of the earth from the sun or about 93 million miles (150 million kilometers)

as·tron·o·my /əˈstroʊˌnaˌme/ noun, plural -mies
  : the science of objects and matter beyond the earth's atmosphere
  — as·tron·o·mer /ˈmaer/ noun
as·tro·phys·ics /ˌas.trəˈfiziks/ noun
: astronomy dealing esp. with the physical properties and dynamic processes of celestial objects
— as·tro·phys·i·cal /ˌziˈkəl/ adjective
— as·tro·phys·i·cist /ˌli.zəˈsist/ noun
as·tute /ˈa.stə.tə, ˈslvətə, ˈa/ adjective
[origin: L astutus, fr. astus craft]
: shrewdly discerning; also: wily
— as·tute·ly adverb
— as·tute·ness noun
Synonyms
  canny, hardheaded, knowing, sharp, shrewd, smart, wily—more at shrewd
as·un·der /ˈaˌsen.dər/ adverb or adjective
1: into separate pieces <torn ~>
2: separated in position from each other
ASV abbreviation
American Standard Version
1 as well as conjunction
: and in addition : and moreover <brave as well as loyal>
2 as well as preposition
: in addition to: besides <the coach, as well as the team, is ready>
as·y·lum /ˈaˌsiləm/ noun
1: a place of refuge
2: protection given to esp. political fugitives
3: an institution for the care of the needy or sick and esp. of the insane
Synonyms
  harbor, haven, refuge, retreat, sanctuary, shelter—more at shelter
as·ym·met·ri·cal /ˌaˌsəm.məˈtrel/ or as·ym·met·ric /ˈaˌsəm.məˈtrik/ adjective
: not symmetrical
— as·ym·me·try /ˈaˌsəm.məˈtrē/ noun
as·ymp·tote /ˈaˌsəm.pəˈtōt/ noun
: a straight line that is associated with a curve and tends to approximate it along an infinite branch
— as·ymp·tot·ic /ˌaˌsəm.pəˈtōtik/ adjective
— as·ymp·tot·ic·al·ly /ˌaˌsəm.pəˈtōtik.əl/ adverb
at /ət/ preposition
1— used to indicate a point in time or space <be here ~ 3 o'clock>
2— used to indicate a goal <swung ~ the ball>
3— used to indicate position or condition <~ rest>
4— used to indicate means, cause, or manner <sold ~ auction>
At symbol
astatine
AT abbreviation
automatic transmission
at all adverb
: in any way : in any circumstances <not at all likely>
at·a·vism /ˈaˌtəˌviz.əm/ noun
: appearance in an individual of a character typical of an ancestral form; also: such an individual or character
— at·a·vis·tic /ˈaˌtəˌvɪs.tɪk/ adjective
atax·ia /eɪˈtæks.əl/ noun
: an inability to coordinate muscular movements

ate past of EAT

1·ate noun suffix

1 : one acted upon (in a specified way) <distillate>
2 : chemical compound or complex derived from a (specified) compound or element <acetate>

2·ate noun suffix

1 : office : function : rank : group of persons holding a (specified) office or rank <episcopate>
2 : state : dominion : jurisdiction <emirate>

3·ate adjective suffix

1 : acted on (in a specified way) : being in a (specified) state <temperate> <degenerate>
2 : marked by having <vertebrate>

4·ate verb suffix

1 : cause to be modified or affected by <pollinate> : cause to become <activate>
2 : furnish with <aerate>

ate·lier /eɪˈtiːl/ noun
1 : an artist's or designer's studio
2 : WORKSHOP

athe·ist /æˈθiːɪst/ noun
: one who denies the existence of God
— athe·ism /æˈθizəm/ noun
— athe·is·tic /æˌθɪˈsɪtɪk/ adjective

ath·e·nae·um or ath·e·ne·um /ɑθˈneəm/ noun
: LIBRARY 1

ath·ero·sclero·sis /ɑθˈeəroʊˌskləˈrəsəs/ noun
: arteriosclerosis characterized by the deposition of fatty substances in and the hardening of the inner layer of the arteries
— ath·ero·scler·ot·ic /ɑθəˈrəʊˌskləˈrəʊtɪk/ adjective

ath·irst /əˈθɜːst/ adjective
1 archaic: THIRSTY
2 : having a strong eager desire

Synonyms
ardent, avid, eager, enthusiastic, gung ho, keen, raring—more at EAGER

ath·lete /æˈθliːt/ noun
: a person who is trained to compete in athletics

athlete's foot noun
: ringworm of the feet

ath·let·ic /æθˈleɪtɪk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to athletes or athletics
2 : VIGOROUS, ACTIVE
3 : STURDY, MUSCULAR

ath·let·ics /æθˈleɪtɪks/ noun singular or plural
: exercises and games requiring physical skill, strength, and endurance

athletic supporter noun
: an elastic pouch used to support the male genitals and worn esp. during athletic activity

athwart /eɪˈθwɔːt/ preposition
1: to or on the opposite side of: **ACROSS**
2: in opposition to
   - **Synonyms**
     - across, over, through—more at **ACROSS**

2: **athwart** adverb
   - : obliquely across
     - **Synonyms**
       - crosswise, obliquely, transversely—more at **CROSSWISE**

**atilt /aˈtɪl/ adverb or adjective**
1: in a tilted position
2: with lance in hand
   - **-ation noun suffix**
     : action or process <**flirtation**> : something connected with an action or process <**discoloration**>

**At abbreviation**

- **at·las /ˈatələs/ noun**
  : a book of maps

- **atm abbreviation**
  atmosphere; atmospheric

**ATM noun**
: a computerized electronic machine that performs basic banking functions

- **at·mo·sphere /ˈæt.məˌsfər/ noun**
  1: the gaseous envelope of a celestial body; especially : the mass of air surrounding the earth
  2: a surrounding influence or environment
  3: a unit of pressure equal to the pressure of air at sea level or about 14.7 pounds per square inch (10 newtons per square centimeter)
  4: a dominant effect
     - **-atic adjective**
     - **-ically adverb**
   - **Synonyms**
     : air, aura, climate, flavor, mood, note, temper—more at **AURA**
     : climate, environment, environs, medium, milieu, setting, surroundings—more at **ENVIRONMENT**

- **at·mo·sphere·ics /ˌæt.məˌsfər.ɪks/ noun plural**
  : radio noise from atmospheric electrical phenomena

- **atoll /ˈæt.oʊl/ noun**
  : a coral island consisting of a reef surrounding a lagoon

- **atom /ˈæt.əm/ noun**
  1: a tiny particle: **BIT**
  2: the smallest particle of a chemical element that can exist alone or in combination
     - **Synonyms**
       : bit, grain, granule, molecule, particle

- **atomic /əˈtəm.ɪk/ adjective**
  1: of or relating to atoms; also: **NUCLEAR**
  2: extremely small
     - **Synonyms**
       : infinitesimal, microscopic, miniature, minute, tiny—more at **TINY**

**atomic bomb noun**
: a very destructive bomb utilizing the energy released by splitting the atom
atomic clock noun
: a very precise clock regulated by the natural vibration of atoms or molecules (as of cesium)

atomic number noun
: the number of protons in the nucleus of an element

atomic weight noun
: the mass of one atom of an element

atomize /ə-ˈteɪ-mɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
›: to reduce to minute particles

Synonyms

› crush, grind, powder, pulverize—more at POWDER

atomizer /ə-ˈteɪ-mər/ noun
: a device for dispensing a liquid (as perfume) as a mist

atom smasher noun
: ACCELERATOR

atonal /ə-tōˈnəl/ adjective
: marked by avoidance of traditional musical tonality
— at·o·nal·i·ty /ə-tōˈnəl-i-tē/ noun
— at·o·nal·ly /ə-tōˈnəl-əl-ē/ adverb

atone /ə-ˈtōn/ verb atoned; aton·ing
1 : to make amends
2 : EXPIATE

atone·ment /ə-ˈtōn-ment/ noun
1 : the reconciliation of God and man through the death of Jesus Christ
2 : reparation for an offense : SATISFACTION

1 atop /əˈtāp/ preposition
: on top of

2 atop adverb or adjective
: on, to, or at the top

ATP /əˈteɪp/ noun
[ORIGIN: adenosinetriphosphate]
: a compound that occurs widely in living tissue and supplies energy for many cellular processes by undergoing enzymatic hydrolysis

atrium /əˈtrō-əm/ noun, plural atria /ˈtrē-əl also atriums
1 : the central room of a Roman house; also : an open patio or court in the center of a building (as a hotel)
2 : an anatomical cavity or passage; especially : one of the chambers of the heart that receives blood from the veins
— atri·al /əˈtrē-əl/ adjective

atrocious /əˈtrō-shəs/ adjective
1 : savagely brutal, cruel, or wicked
2 ․: inspiring horror, dismay, or disgust : APPALLING
3 ․: utterly revolting
4 ․: of very poor quality
— at·ro·cious·ly adverb

Synonyms

› [2, 3] appalling, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, hideous, horrible, horrid, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE
› [4] awful, execrable, lousy, punk, rotten, terrible, wretched—more at WRETCHED

atrocious·ness /ˈnas/ noun
›: the quality or state of being atrocious

Synonyms
atrocity, frightfulness, hideousness, horror, monstrosity, repulsiveness—more at HORROR

atrocity /əˌtrəˌsē/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being atrocious: ATROCIOUSNESS
2: an atrocious act or object <the atrocities of war>

Synonyms
atrociuousness, depravity, enormity, heinousness, monstrosity, vileness, wickedness—more at ENORMITY

atrophy /əˈtra.fri/ noun, plural -phies
: decrease in size or wasting away of a bodily part or tissue
—one atrophy verb

at·ro·pine /əˌtrəˈpīn/ noun
: a drug from belladonna and related plants used esp. to relieve spasms and to dilate the pupil of the eye

att abbreviation
1 attached
2 attention
3 attorney

at·tach /əˈtāch/ verb
1: to seize legally in order to force payment of a debt
2: to assign (an individual or unit in the military) temporarily
3: to bind by personal ties
4: to make fast (as by tying or gluing): FASTEN
5: to be fastened or connected

Synonyms
[2] appoint, assign, commission, constitute, designate, detail, name—more at APPOINT
[4] affix, fasten, fix—more at FASTEN

at·ta·ché /əˈta.chə/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a technical expert on the diplomatic staff of an ambassador

at·ta·ché case /əˌtaˌshəˌəˌtaˌshə/ noun
: a small thin suitcase used esp. for carrying business papers; also: BRIEFCASE

at·tach·ment /əˈtāchˌmənt/ noun
1: legal seizure of property
2: connection by ties of affection and regard
3: a device attached to a machine or implement
4: a connection by which one thing is attached to another

Synonyms
affection, devotion, fondness, love, passion—more at LOVE

1 attack /əˈtak/ verb
1: to set upon with force or words: ASSAIL
2: to set to work on

Synonyms
assail, assault, beset, charge, descend, jump, pounce, raid, rush, storm, strike; also gang (up on), mob, swarm
abuse, assail, belabor, blast, castigate, excoriate, jump, lambaste, slam, vituperate; also berate, harangue, harass, harry, revile, scold

2 attack noun
1: the act or action of attacking with physical force or unfriendly words
2: a fit of sickness

Synonyms
[1] aggression, assault, charge, descent, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, rush, strike; also ambuscade, ambush
[2] bout, case, fit, seizure, siege, spell; also relapse, recurrence
at·tain /əˈtān/ verb
1 ▶ : to reach as an end : ACHIEVE «~ a goal»
2 : to come to as the end of a progression or course of movement «~ the top of the hill» «~ ripe old age»
— at·tain·abil·i·ty /əˈtānəˈbilətē/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ achieve, hit, make, score, win—more at ACHIEVE
at·tain·able /əˈtānəˈbəl/ adjective
  ➢ capable of being attained
  Synonyms
  ➢ achievable, doable, feasible, possible, practicable, realizable, viable, workable—more at POSSIBLE
  ➢ accessible, acquirable, available, obtainable, procurable—more at AVAILABLE
at·tain·der /əˈtānˈdər/ noun
: extinction of the civil rights of a person upon sentence of death or outlawry
at·tain·ment /əˈtānˈmənt/ noun
1 ▶ : the act of attaining : the condition of being attained
2 ▶ : something that has been accomplished : ACCOMPLISHMENT
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] actuality, consummation, fruition, fulfillment, realization—more at FRUITION
  ➢ [2] accomplishment, achievement, coup, success, triumph—more at ACCOMPLISHMENT
at·tain /əˈtān/ verb
: to condemn to loss of civil rights
at·tar /əˈtār/ noun
: a fragrant floral oil
  1 attempt /əˈtempt/ verb
  ➢ to make an effort toward
  Synonyms
  ➢ assay, endeavor, essay, seek, strive, try; also fight, strain, struggle, toil, trouble, work
  2 attempt noun
  ➢ the act or an instance of attempting
  Synonyms
  ➢ crack, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, shot, stab, trial, try, whack; also bid, striving, struggle, throses, undertaking
at·tend /əˈtend/ verb
1 ▶ : to look after : TEND
2 ▶ : to go or stay with as a companion, nurse, or servant
3 : to be present at
4 : to apply oneself
5 ▶ : to pay attention
6 : to direct one's attention
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] care, mind, oversee, superintend, supervise, tend—more at TEND
  ➢ [2] accompany, convoy, escort, squire—more at ACCOMPANY
  ➢ [5] hark, hear, heed, listen, mind—more at LISTEN
at·ten·dance /əˈtənˌdans/ noun
1 : the act or fact of attending
2 : the number of persons present; also : the number of times a person attends
  1 attendant /əˈtənˌdant/ noun
  ➢ one that attends another to render a service
  Synonyms
  ➢ companion, escort, guard, guide—more at ESCORT
2 attendant adjective
   ⊲ accompanying or following as a consequence or result (~ circumstances)
      Synonyms
      ⊲ consequent, consequential, due, resultant—more at RESULTANT
      ⊲ coincident, concomitant, concurrent—more at COINCIDENT

attention /əˈten.ʃən/ noun
1 ⊲ the act or state of attending esp. through applying the mind to an object of sense or thought
2 : CONSIDERATION
3 : an act of courtesy
4 : a position of readiness assumed on command by a soldier
      Synonyms
      ⊲ absorption, concentration; also fixation, obsession, preoccupation
      Antonyms
      ⊲ inattention
      ⊲ awareness, cognizance, ear, eye, heed, notice, observance, observation; also advisement, care, concern, consideration, regard, watch

attention deficit disorder noun
: a behavioral syndrome esp. of children that is marked by hyperactivity, impulsive behavior, and inattention

attention–deficit/hyperactivity disorder noun
: ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

attentive /əˈten.tív/ adjective
1 ⊲ regarding with care or attention : OBSERVANT
2 ⊲ heedful of the comfort of others
   — attentive·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      ⊲ [1] absorbed, engrossed, intent, observant, rapt; also interested, intrigued, involved
      Antonyms
      ⊲ distracted, inattentive, unfocused, unobservant
      ⊲ [1] alert, awake, vigilant, watchful, wide-awake—more at ALERT
      ⊲ [2] considerate, kind, solicitous, thoughtful—more at THOUGHTFUL

attentive·ness /ˌnes/noun
: the quality or state of being attentive
      Synonyms
      ⊲ alertness, lookout, surveillance, vigilance, watch—more at VIGILANCE

atten·uate /əˈten.i.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to make or become thin
2 : WEAKEN
   — attenuate /əˈten.i/ adjective
   — attenuation /əˌten.i.əˈten.i/ noun

at·test /əˈtest/ verb
1 ⊲ to certify as genuine by signing as a witness
2 : MANIFEST
3 ⊲ to bear witness : TESTIFY
      Synonyms
      ⊲ [1] authenticate, avouch, certify, testify, vouch, witness—more at CERTIFY
      ⊲ [3] depose, swear, testify, witness—more at TESTIFY

at·tes·ta·tion /əˌtes.təˈtei.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of attesting
2 : the proof or evidence by which something is attested
      Synonyms
      ⊲ confirmation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation, witness—more at PROOF
at·tic /əˈtɪk/ noun
the space or room in a building immediately below the roof

1 att·re /əˈtrɪ/ verb at·tired; at·tir·ing
Ⅲ: to put garments on: DRESS, ARRAY
  Synonyms
  apparel, array, clothe, deck, dress, garb, rig, suit—more at CLOTHE

2 att·re noun
Ⅲ: garments in general: DRESS, CLOTHES
  Synonyms
  apparel, clothing, dress, duds, raiment, wear—more at CLOTHING

at·ti·tude /əˈtɪ.tuːd, ˌaˌti.tyʊd/ noun
Ⅰ: POSTURE
Ⅱ: a mental position or feeling with regard to a fact or state
Ⅲ: the position of something in relation to something else
Ⅳ: a cocky, arrogant, or hostile manner

at·ti·tu·di·nize /əˌti.tuˈdi.nɪz, ˌaˌti.tyʊdˌɪzɪd/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
Ⅲ: to assume an affected mental attitude: POSE

attn abbreviation
Ⅲ: attention

at·tor·ney /əˈtɔr.ni/ noun, plural -neys
Ⅲ: one who is legally appointed to transact business on another's behalf; especially: one whose profession is to conduct lawsuits for clients or to advise as to legal rights and obligations in other matters: LAWYER
  Synonyms
  advocate, counsel, lawyer—more at LAWYER

at·tor·ney general noun, plural attorneys general or attorney generals
Ⅲ: the chief legal representative and adviser of a nation or state

at·tract /əˈtrækt/ verb
Ⅰ: to draw to or toward oneself: cause to approach
Ⅱ: to draw by emotional or aesthetic appeal

at·tract·ant /əˈtræk.tənt/ noun
Ⅲ: a substance (as a pheromone) used to attract insects or other animals

at·tract·ion /əˈtræk.ʃən/ noun
Ⅰ: the act or power of attracting; especially: personal charm
Ⅱ: an attractive quality, object, or feature
Ⅲ: a force tending to draw particles together
  Synonyms
  draw, lodestone, magnet—more at MAGNET

at·tract·ive /əˈtræk.tɪv/ adjective
Ⅰ: having or relating to the power to attract
Ⅱ: arousing interest or pleasure
— at·tract·ive·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  [1] alluring, captivating, charming, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, magnetic, seductive—more at FASCINATING
  [2] beautiful, handsome, lovely, pretty—more at BEAUTIFUL

at·tract·ive·ness /əˈtræk.tɪv.nəs/ noun
Ⅲ: the state or quality of being attractive
  Synonyms
  allure, appeal, captivation, charisma, charm, enchantment, fascination, glamour, magic, magnetism—more at CHARM
beauty, comeliness, handsomeness, looks, loveliness, prettiness—more at beauty

attrib abbreviation
attributive

1attribute /əˌtræ.ˌbyʊət/ noun
  1 : an inherent characteristic
  2 : a word ascribing a quality; especially : adjective

Synonyms
  character, characteristic, feature, mark, peculiarity, point, property, quality, trait—more at characteristic

2attribute /əˌtrɪ.ˌbyʊət, ˌbaɪət/ verb -ut·ed, -ut·ing
  1 : to explain as to cause or origin << the illness to fatigue>
  2 : to regard as a characteristic

— attrib·utable adjective
— attrib·u·tion /əˌtrɪ.byʊ.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
  accredit, ascribe, credit, impute—more at credit

attrib·u·tive /əˌtrib.yʊ.тив/ adjective
  : joined directly to a modified noun without a linking verb << red in red hair is an ~ adjective>

— attributive noun

at·tri·tion /əˌtrɪ.ʃən/ noun
  1 : the act of wearing away by or as if by rubbing
  2 : the act of weakening or exhausting by constant harassment, abuse, or attack
  3 : a reduction in numbers as a result of resignation, retirement, or death

at·tune /əˈtʊn, əˈtʌn/ verb
  : to bring into harmony :

— at·tune·ment noun

atty abbreviation
attorney
ATV abbreviation
all-terrain vehicle

atyp·i·cal /əˌtɪp.ɪ.kəl/ adjective
  : not typical

— atyp·i·cal·ly /əˌtɪp.ɪ.kəl.i/ adverb

Synonyms
  aberrant, abnormal, exceptional, extraordinary, irregular, odd, peculiar, uncommon, uncustomeary, unique, unusual, unwonted—more at exceptional

Au symbol
[origin: L aurum]
gold

au·burn /ˈɔ.ˈbərn/ adjective
  : reddish brown

— auburn noun

au·cou·rant /ˈɔ.ku.ˈrænt/ adjective
[origin: F, lit., in the current]
  : up-to-date, stylish

1auction /ˈɔ.kən/ noun
[origin: L auction-, auctio, fr. augère to increase]
  : public sale of property to the highest bidder

2auction verb auc·tion·ed; auc·tion·ing /ˈʃə.niŋ/
to sell at auction

auctioneer /ˈɔkʃənˌir/ noun
: an agent who conducts an auction

aud abbreviation
aud: auditor

audacious /ˈaudəˌʃeəs/ adjective
1 : intrepidly daring
2 : contemptuous of law, religion, or decorum : INSOLENT
— audacious-ly adverb
— audacious-ness noun

Synonyms
adventurous, bold, daring, enterprising, gutsy, hardy, nervy, venturesome—more at BOLD

audacity /ˈaudəˈsətē/ noun
: the quality or state of being audacious; also : the quality of being bold to the point of rudeness

Synonyms
brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY

audible /ˈaudəbəl/ adjective
: capable of being heard

— audible-ly /ˈaudəblē/ adverb

audible noun
: a play called at the line of scrimmage

audience /ˈaudəns/ noun
1 : a formal interview
2 : an opportunity of being heard
3 : an assembly of listeners or spectators

audio /ˈaudēə/ adjective
1 : of or relating to frequencies (as of radio waves) corresponding to those of audible sound waves
2 : of or relating to sound or its reproduction and esp. high-fidelity reproduction
3 : relating to or used in the transmission or reception of sound

audio noun
1 : the transmission, reception, or reproduction of sound
2 : the section of television or motion-picture equipment that deals with sound

audiology /ˈaudēəˌläˈlejə/ noun
: a branch of science dealing with hearing and esp. with the treatment of individuals having trouble with hearing

— audiological /ˌaudēəˌləˈjikəl/ adjective
— audiologist /ˌaudēəˈləjist/ noun

audiophile /ˈaudēəˌfil/ noun
: one who is enthusiastic about high-fidelity sound reproduction

audio-tape /ˈaudēəˌtāp/ noun
: a tape recording of sound

audiovisual /ˈaudēəˌvizhəˌwəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or making use of both hearing and sight

audiovisuals /ˈwələz/ noun plural
: audiovisual teaching materials (as videotapes)

audit /ˈaudət/ noun
1 : a formal examination and verification of financial accounts
2 : a methodical examination and review
   Synonyms
   ▶ check, checkup, examination, inspection, review, scan, scrutiny, survey—more at inspection

2 audit verb
1 : to perform an audit on or for
2 : to attend (a course) without expecting formal credit
   Synonyms
   ▶ check, examine, inspect, review, scan, scrutinize, survey—more at inspect

1 audition /ˈdi.ʃən/ noun
   : HEARING; especially : a trial performance to appraise an entertainer's merits

2 audition verb -tioned; -tion·ing /ˈdi.ʃə.nɪŋ/ : to give an audition to; also : to give a trial performance

au·di·tor /ˈde.ˌtər/ noun
1 : LISTENER
2 : a person who audits

au·di·to·ri·um /ˈde.ˌtɔr.əm/ noun, plural -riums or -ria /ˌri.ə/ : the part of a public building where an audience sits
2 : a hall or building used for public gatherings

au·di·to·ry /ˈde.ˌtɔr.ə/ adjective
   ▶ acoustic, aural, auricular; also audible, clear, discernible, distinct, distinguishable, heard, perceptible

auditory tube noun
   : EUSTACHIAN TUBE

auf Wie·der·seh·en /auf.ˈvər.dər.zən/ interjection
[ORIGIN: G] — used to express farewell

Aug abbreviation
August

au·ger /ˈɡər/ noun
   : a tool for boring

au·ght /ˈoqt.ˈət/ noun
   ▶ the arithmetical symbol 0 denoting the absence of all magnitude or quantity : ZERO, CIPHER
   Synonyms
   ▶ cipher, naught, nil, nothing, zero, zip—more at zero

aug·ment /ˈəɡ.ˈmɛnt/ verb
   ▶ to make greater, more numerous, larger, or more intense : ENLARGE, INCREASE
   Synonyms
   ▶ add, aggrandize, amplify, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at increase

aug·men·ta·tion /ˈəɡ.ˈmɛn.tə.ˈʃən/ noun
1 a : the act or process of augmenting
   b : the state of being augmented
2 : something that augments : ADDITION
   Synonyms
   ▶ accretion, addition, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement—more at increase

au gra·tin /ˈoˌɡræt.ən, oˌˌɡræt/ adjective
augur /ˈoʊ.ɡər/ noun
1: one held to foretell events by omens: diviner, soothsayer
   Synonyms: diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, futurist, prognosticator, prophet, seer, soothsayer—more at prophet

2: augur verb
1: to foretell esp. from omens
2: to give promise of: show potential for a good outcome
   Synonyms: [1] forecast, foretell, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy—more at foretell
   [2] bode, promise—more at bode

augury /ˈoʊ.ɡər.i/ noun, plural -gies
1: divination from omens
2: an occurrence or phenomenon believed to portend a future event: omen, portent
   Synonyms: auspice, foreboding, omen, portent, presage—more at omen

august /ˈoʊ.ɡəst/ adjective
1: marked by majestic dignity or grandeur
—august-ly adverb
   Synonyms: dignified, grand, imposing, magnificent, majestic, regal, royal, splendid, stately

August /ˈoʊ.ɡəst/ noun
: the 8th month of the year

augustness /ˈaɡəst.nis/ noun
1: the quality or state of being august
   Synonyms: grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, stateliness—more at magnificence

au jus /ˈoʊ.ʒys/ adjective
[origin: F]
: served in the juice obtained from roasting

auk /ˈoʊk/ noun
: any of several stocky black-and-white diving seabirds that breed in colder parts of the northern hemisphere

auld /ˈoʊld, ˈəld, ˈald/ adjective, chiefly Scottish
: old

aunt /ˈɑnt, ˈənt/ noun
1: the sister of one's father or mother
2: the wife of one's uncle

au pair /ˈoʊ. pər/ noun
[origin: F, on even terms]
: a usu. young foreign person who does domestic work for a family in return for room and board and to learn the family's language

aura /ˈoʊrə/ noun
1: a distinctive atmosphere surrounding a given source
2: a luminous radiation
   Synonyms: air, atmosphere, climate, flavor, mood, note, temper; also feel, feeling, sensation, sense, spirit

aural /ˈoʊrəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the ear or to the sense of hearing

**Synonyms**
- acoustic, auditory, auricular—more at **AUDITORY**

**au·re·ole** /ˈɔrᵻˌəl/ or **au·re·o·la** /ˈɔrᵻˌələ/ **noun**
: **HALO, NIMBUS**

**au·re·voir** /ˈɔrˌvɛːr/ **noun**
[Origin: F, lit., till seeing again]
: a concluding remark or gesture at parting : **GOOD-BYE**

**Synonyms**
- adieu, bon voyage, farewell, good-bye—more at **GOOD-BYE**

**au·ri·cle** /ˈɔrᵻˌkəl/ **noun**
: an atrium of the heart

**au·ric·u·lar** /ˈɔrᵻˌkyəˌlər/ **adjective**
1 : told privately <~ confession>
2 : known or recognized by the sense of hearing

**Synonyms**
- acoustic, auditory, aural—more at **AUDITORY**

**au·ro·ra** /ˈɔrᵻˈrə/ **noun**, plural **auroras** or **au·ro·rae** /ˈɔrᵻˈrəɪ/ **1**
: the first appearance of light in the morning followed by sunrise
2 : a luminous phenomenon of streamers or arches of light appearing in the upper atmosphere esp. of a planet's polar regions

— **au·ro·ral** /ˈɔrᵻˈrəl/ **adjective**

**Synonyms**
- cockcrow, dawn, morning, sunrise—more at **DAWN**

**aurora aus·tra·lis** /ˈɔrᵻˈtræˌlɪs/ **noun**
: an aurora that occurs in earth's southern hemisphere

**aurora bo·re·al·is** /ˈɔrᵻˈbrɛˌəlɪs/ **noun**
: an aurora that occurs in earth's northern hemisphere

**AUS** **abbreviation**
Army of the United States

**aus·pice** /ˈɔsˌpəs/ **noun**, plural **aus·pic·es** /ˈɔspɪkəs/ **1**
[Origin: L auspicium, fr. auspici-, auspex diviner by birds, fr. avis bird + specere to look, look at]
1 : observation of birds by an augur
2 plural : kindly patronage and protection
3 : a prophetic sign or omen

**Synonyms**
- augury, foreboding, omen, portent, presage—more at **OMEN**

**aus·pi·ci·ous** /ˈɔsˌpɪsəs/ **adjective**
1 : promising success : **PROPITIOUS**
2 : **FORTUNATE, PROSPEROUS**
— **aus·pi·ci·ous·ly** **adverb**
— **aus·pi·ci·ous·ness** **noun**

**Synonyms**
- bright, encouraging, favorable, heartening, hopeful, likely, promising, propitious, rosy, upbeat—more at **HOPEFUL**

**aus·ter·e** /ˈɔstərə/ **adjective**
1 : stern and cold in appearance or manner : **STERN, SEVERE**
2 : **ABSTEMIOUS**
3 : **UNADORNED** <~ style>
— **aus·ter·e·ly** **adverb**
— aust·er·i·ty /ˈstɪə.r.i.teɪ/ noun
  Synonyms
  ‣ authoritarian, flinty, hard, harsh, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE

aus·tral /ˈos.trəl/ adjective
  : SOUTHERN

Aus·tra·lian /ˈɑːstrəˌliːən/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of Australia
  — Australian adjective

Aus·tri·an /ˈɑːstrɪən/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of Austria
  — Austrian adjective

Aus·tro·ne·sian /ˈɑːstrəˌnɛs.ən/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or constituting a family of languages spoken in the area extending from Madagascar eastward through the Malay Peninsula to Hawaii and Easter Island

auth abbreviation
  1 authentic
  2 author
  3 authorized

au·then·tic /əˈθɛn.tɪk, ə/ adjective
  ‣ not false or imitation
  — au·then·tic·i·ty /əˈθɛn.tɪk.ə.tɪʃən/ noun
    Synonyms
    ‣ bona fide, genuine, real, right, true; also actual, historical, original
    Antonyms
    ‣ bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, mock, phony, pseudo, sham, spurious, unauthentic, unreal
    ‣ accurate, exact, faithful, precise, right, strict, true, veracious—more at FAITHFUL

au·then·ti·cal·ly /əˈθɛn.tɪk.ə.li/ adverb
  ‣ in actual fact
  Synonyms
  ‣ actually, genuinely, really, veritably, very—more at VERY

au·then·ti·cate /əˈθɛn.tɪ.kət, ə/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
  ‣ to prove genuine
  — au·then·ti·ca·tion /əˈθɛn.tɪ.kə.ʃən/ noun
    Synonyms
    ‣ attest, avouch, certify, testify, vouch, witness—more at CERTIFY

au·thor /ˈɑːθər/ noun
  [origin: ME auctour, fr. AF aucteur, author, fr. L auctor originator, author, fr. augēre to increase]
  1 : one that originates or creates
  2 : one that writes or composes a literary work
    Synonyms
    ‣ creator, father, founder, originator—more at FATHER

au·thor·ess /ˈɑːθər.ɛs/ noun
  : a woman author

au·thor·i·tar·i·an /əˌθɔr.əˈter.i.ən, eˌθɔr.iˈter.i.ən/ adjective
  1 ‣ characterized by or favoring the principle of blind obedience to authority
  2 : characterized by or favoring concentration of political power in an authority not responsible to the people
    — authoritarian noun
    Synonyms
    ‣ autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY
austere, flinty, hard, harsh, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE

authoritative /əˈthɔrəˌtɪv/ adjective
  : supported by, proceeding from, or being an authority
  —authoritative adverb
  —authoritative-ness noun
  Synonyms
  —forceful, influential, weighty—more at INFLUENTIAL

authority /əˈθɔrəti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : a citation used in support of a statement or in defense of an action; also : the source of such a citation
2 : one appealed to as an expert
3 : power to influence thought or behavior
4 : freedom granted: RIGHT
5 a : persons in command
 b : the office, authority, or function of governing: GOVERNMENT
6 : convincing force
  Synonyms
  [2] ace, adept, expert, master, scholar, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at EXPERT
  [3] clout, influence, pull, sway, weight—more at INFLUENCE
  [5b] administration, government, jurisdiction, regime, rule—more at RULE
  [6] arm, clutch, command, control, dominion, grip, hold, mastery, power, sway—more at POWER

authorization /əˌθɔrəˈzaʃən/ noun
  : the act of authorizing
  Synonyms
  —allowance, clearance, concurrence, consent, leave, license, permission, sanction, sufferance—more at PERMISSION
  —commission, delegation, license, mandate—more at COMMISSION

authorize /əˈθɔrəˌzá/ verb -rized; -riz·ing
1 : to establish by or as if by authority: SANCTION
2 : to invest esp. with legal authority
  Synonyms
  [1] approve, clear, OK, ratify, sanction, warrant—more at APPROVE
  [2] accredit, certify, commission, empower, enable, invest, license, qualify

authorized /əˈθɔrəˌzd/ adjective
  : sanctioned by authority

authorship /əˈθɔrˌship/ noun
1 : the state of being an author
2 : the source of a piece of writing, music, or art

autism /əˈtiːzəm/ noun
  : a disorder that appears by age three and is characterized esp. by impaired ability to communicate with others and form normal social relationships and by repetitive patterns of behavior
  —autistic /əˈtiːstɪk/ adjective

auto /əˈtəʊ/ noun, plural autos
1 : a usu. 4-wheeled automotive vehicle designed for passenger transportation: AUTOMOBILE
2 : abbreviation
  automatic

autobahn /əˈtəʊˌbaɪn, ˈauː/ noun
1 : a German, Swiss, or Austrian expressway

autobiography /əˈtəʊˌbaɪəˈgræfi/ noun
  : the biography of a person narrated by that person
— au·to·bi·og·ra·pher /fər/ noun
— au·to·bi·o·graph·i·cal /ˌbiˌōˌgraf īˈkal/ adjective
— au·to·bi·o·graph·i·cal·ly /ˌkliˌlē/ adverb

au·to·ch·to·nous /ˌauˈtōk thiˈnəs/ adjective
: INDIGENOUS, NATIVE

au·to·clave /ˌoʊˈtōkləv/ noun
: an apparatus (as for sterilizing) using superheated high-pressure steam

au·toc·ra·cy /ˌoʊˈtōkrəsē/ noun, plural -cies
: government by one person having unlimited power  
Synonyms
  ➔ despotism, dictatorship, totalitarianism, tyranny—more at DESPOTISM

au·to·crat /ˌoʊˈtōkræt/ noun
1 ➔: a person (as a monarch) ruling with unlimited authority
2 ➔: one who has undisputed influence or power
  Synonyms
    ➔ [1] monarch, ruler, sovereign—more at MONARCH
    ➔ [2] despot, dictator, oppressor, tyrant—more at DESPOT

au·to·crat·ic /ˌoʊˈtōkrətɪk/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or being an autocracy
2: characteristic of or resembling an autocrat : DESPOTIC

— au·to·crat·i·cal·ly /ˌoʊˌkriˌlē/ adverb
  Synonyms
    ➔ absolute, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at ABSOLUTE
    ➔ authoritarian, bossy, domineering, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory—more at BOSSY

1 autograph /ˌoʊˈtōgraf/ noun
1: an original manuscript
2: a person's signature written by hand

2 autograph verb
: to write one's signature on

au·to·im·mu·ne /ˌoʊˈtōˌiˈmən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or caused by antibodies or lymphocytes that attack molecules, cells, or tissues of the organism producing them <~ diseases>

— au·to·im·mu·ni·ty /ˌiˌmyüˈnaˌtē/ noun

au·to·mate /ˌoʊˈtōmæt/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
1: to operate automatically using mechanical or electronic devices
2: to convert to automatic operation

— au·to·ma·tion /ˌoʊˌtōˌməˈʃən/ noun
automated teller machine noun
: a computer terminal allowing access to one's own bank accounts

1 automatic /ˌoʊˈtōmaˈtik/ adjective
1 ➔: largely or wholly involuntary
2 ➔: made so that certain parts act in a desired manner at the proper time : SELF-ACTING

— au·to·mat·i·cal·ly /ˌtōˌkælˈle/ adverb
  Synonyms
    ➔ [1] involuntary, mechanical, spontaneous; also conditioned, natural, reactive, reflex, simple, subliminal, unconscious, unforced
    ➔ [2] laborsaving, robotic, self-acting—more at LABORSAVING

2 automatic noun
: an automatic device; especially: an automatic firearm

au•to•ma•ton /əˈtō.ma.tən/ noun, plural -atons or -a•ta /ə.ta.ə.tə/ 
1 : an automatic machine; especially: ROBOT
2 : an individual who acts mechanically

au•to•mo•bi•le /əˈtō.ma.ˈbēl/ noun 
1 : a usu. 4-wheeled automotive vehicle for passenger transportation
   Synonyms
   car, machine, motor vehicle—more at CAR

au•to•mo•tive /əˈtō.ma.ˈtīv/ adjective
1 : of or relating to automobiles, trucks, or buses
2 : SELF-PROPELLED

au•to•nom•ic nervous system /əˌtō.nə.mik/ noun
: a part of the vertebrate nervous system that governs involuntary actions and that consists of the sympathetic nervous system and the parasympathetic nervous system

au•ton•o•mous /əˈtō.nə.məs/ adjective
1 : having the right or power of self-government
   — au•ton•o•mous•ly adverb
   Synonyms
   free, independent, self-governing, separate, sovereign—more at FREE

au•ton•o•my /əˌtō.nə.mi/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being independent, free, and self-directing
   Synonyms
   freedom, independence, liberty, self-government, sovereignty—more at FREEDOM

au•top•sy /əˌtō.pəˌsē/ noun, plural -sies
[ORIGIN: Gk autopsia act of seeing with one's own eyes, fr. autos self + opsis sight]
: examination of a dead body usu. with dissection sufficient to determine the cause of death or extent of change produced by disease
   — autopsy verb

au•tumn /əˈtəm/ noun
: the season between summer and winter
   — au•tum•nal /əˈtəm.nəl/ adjective

aux abbreviation
auxiliary

1auxiliary /ˈüz.ə.lē.rē, ˈzil.a.rē/ adjective
1 : providing help
2 : functioning in a subsidiary capacity
3 : accompanying a verb form to express person, number, mood, or tense <~ verbs>
   Synonyms
   accessory, peripheral, supplementary; also backup, makeshift, substitute
   Antonyms
   chief, main, principal

2auxiliary noun, plural -ries
1 : an auxiliary person, group, or device
2 : an auxiliary verb

aux•in /əkˈsin/ noun
: a plant hormone that stimulates growth in length

av abbreviation
1 avenue
2 average
3 avoirdupois
   = AV abbreviation
1 ad valorem
2 audiovisual
3 Authorized Version
   1 available /əˈvɔɪl/ verb
      - : to produce or result in as a benefit or advantage
      Synonyms
         > benefit, profit, serve—more at benefit
   2 avail noun
      - : advantage toward attainment of a goal or purpose: use <effort was of no ~> 
      Synonyms
         > account, service, use, utility—more at use
available /əˈvɔɪləbəl/ adjective
   1 : present or ready for immediate use: usable
   2 : capable of being reached: accessible
      — available·ity /əˈvɔɪləbəlɪti/ noun
      Synonyms
         > [1] fit, functional, operable, practicable, serviceable, usable, useful—more at usable
         > [2] accessible, acquirable, attainable, obtainable, procurable; also purchasable
      Antonyms
         inaccessible, unattainable, unavailable, unobtainable
avalanche /əˈvælənچ/ noun
   : a mass of snow, ice, earth, or rock sliding down a mountainside
avant-garde /əˌvɑːntˈɡɑːrd/ noun
[Origin: F, vanguard]
   : those esp. in the arts who create or apply new or experimental ideas and techniques
   — avant-garde adjective
avarice /əˈvɛrɪs/ noun
   : excessive desire for wealth: greedy
      Synonyms
         > acquisitiveness, avidity, covetousness, cupidity, greed, rapaciousness—more at greedy
avaricious /əˈvɛrɪʃəs/ adjective
   : excessively acquisitive
      Synonyms
         > acquisitive, avid, covetous, grasping, greedy, mercenary, rapacious—more at greedy
avast /əˈvɑːst/ verb imperative
   — a nautical command to stop or cease
avast /əˈvɑːst/ noun
[Origin: Skt avatāra descent]
   : incarnation
avant /əˈvɑːnt/ adverb
   : away, hence
avdp abbreviation
avoirdupois
ave abbreviation
avenue
Ave María /ˈævəˌməriə/ noun
   : hail mary
avenge verb avenged; aveng·ing
  ▶ to take vengeance for
  - Synonyms
    - requite, retaliate, revenge; also castigate, fix, get, penalize, punish, scourge
aveng·er /ə.ˈvɛŋ.ər/ noun
  ▶ one that avenges
  - Synonyms
    - castigator, nemesis, scourge—more at NEMESIS
av·e·nue /ə.ˈvə.ny/ noun
1 ▶ a way or route to a place or goal: PATH
2 ▶ a broad street
  - Synonyms
    - [1, 2] approach, passage, path, route, way—more at PASSAGE
    - [2] artery, road, route, street, way—more at WAY
aver /ə.ˈvər/ verb averred; aver·ring
1 a ▶ to verify or prove to be true in pleading a cause
b ▶ to allege or assert in pleading
2 ▶ to declare positively
  - Synonyms
    - [1b, 2] affirm, allege, assert, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM
1average /ə.ˈvər.i/ noun
[Origin: earlier, proportionally distributed charge for damage at sea, modif. of MF avarie damage to ship or cargo, fr. It avaria, fr. Ar ‘awārīyah damaged merchandise]
1 ▶ ARITHMETIC MEAN
2 a ▶ an estimation of or approximation to an arithmetic mean
b ▶ a level (as of intelligence) typical of a group, class, or series
3 ▶ a ratio of successful tries to total tries esp. in athletics <batting ~ of .303>
  - Synonyms
    - norm, normal, par, standard; also golden mean, mean, median, middle, commonplace, ordinary, rule, run, status quo, usual
2average adjective
1 ▶ equaling or approximating an arithmetic mean
2 ▶ being about midway between extremes
3 ▶ not out of the ordinary
  - Synonyms
    - [2] intermediate, median, medium, middle, moderate, modest—more at MIDDLE
    - [3] common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, typical, usual—more at ORDINARY
3average verb aver·aged; aver·ag·ing
1 ▶ to be at or come to an average
2 ▶ to be, do, or get usually
3 ▶ to find the average of
averse /ə.ˈvərss/ adjective
  ◀ having an active feeling of dislike or reluctance ◀ to exercise
  - averse·ion /ə.ˈvər.zhən/ noun
1 ▶ a feeling of repugnance for something with a desire to avoid it
2 ▶ something decidedly disliked
  - Synonyms
    - [1] disgust, distaste, loathing, nausea, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion—more at DISGUST
    - [1, 2] allergy, disfavor, disinclination, dislike—more at DISLIKE
avert /əˈvərt/ verb
1 : to turn aside or away (~ the eyes)
2 ▷ : to ward off
   Synonyms
   ▷ forestall, help, obviate, preclude, prevent—more at PREVENT
avg abbreviation
average
avi·an /əˈvē.ən/ adjective
   [ORIGIN: L avis bird]
   : of, relating to, or derived from birds
avi·ary /əˈvē.ərē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
   : a place for keeping birds confined
avi·a·tion /əˈvē.ə.shənˌ, ə/ noun
1 : the operation of heavier-than-air aircraft
2 : aircraft manufacture, development, and design
avi·a·tor /əˈvē.ə.ˈtərˌ, ə/ noun
   ▷ : an airplane pilot
   Synonyms
   ▷ airman, flier, pilot—more at PILOT
avi·a·trix /əˈvē.ə.triksˌ, ə/ noun, plural -trix·es /triksˌsēz/ or -tri·ces /traˌsēz/
   : a woman airplane pilot
avid /aˈvid/ adjective
1 ▷ : desirous to the point of greed : GREEDY
2 ▷ : enthusiastic in pursuit of an interest
   — avid·ly adverb
   — avid·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] acquisitive, avaricious, covetous, grasping, greedy, mercenary, rapacious—more at GREEDY
   ▷ [2] ardent, eager, enthusiastic, keen, nuts, raring—more at EAGER
avid·i·ty /əˈvid.i.tēˌ, ə/ noun
   ▷ : the quality or state of being avid
   Synonyms
   ▷ acquisitiveness, avarice, covetousness, cupidity, greed, rapaciousness—more at GREED
   ▷ appetite, ardor, eagerness, enthusiasm, excitement, keenness, thirst—more at EAGERNESS
avi·on·ics /əˈvē.əˌniksˌ, ə/ noun plural
   : electronics designed for use in aerospace vehicles
   — avi·on·ic /ˌnik/ adjective
avo·ca·do /əˈvaˌkəˌdōˌ, ə/ noun, plural -dos also -does
   [ORIGIN: modif. of Sp aguacate, fr. Nahuatl òhuatl, avocado, testicle]
   : a pulpy green to purple nutty-flavored edible fruit of a tropical American tree; also : this tree
avo·ca·tion /əˈvaˌkəˌshənˌ noun
   : HOBBY
avo·cet /əˈvaˌset/ noun
   : any of several long-legged shorebirds with webbed feet and slender upward-curving bills
avoid /əˈvōd/ verb
1 ▷ : to keep away from : SHUN
2 : to prevent the occurrence of
3 : to refrain from
   — avoid·able adjective
— avoid·ably adverb
  Synonyms
  • dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shirk, shun—more at ESCAPE

avoid·ance /əˈvaɪrdəns/ noun
  • an act or practice of avoiding or withdrawing from something
  Synonyms
  • cop-out, escape, evasion, out—more at ESCAPE

avoir·du·pois /ˌaʊərˈdəˈpɔɪz/ noun
[origin: ME avoir de pois goods sold by weight, fr. AF, lit., goods of weight]
  1: AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT
  2: WEIGHT, HEAVINESS; especially: personal weight

avoirdupois weight noun
  • a system of weights based on a pound of 16 ounces and an ounce of 16 drams (28 grams)

avouch /əˈvaʊ̯ə/ verb
  1: to declare positively: AVER
  2: to maintain as just or true: vouch for
  Synonyms
  • [1] affirm, allege, assert, aver, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM
  • [2] attest, authenticate, certify, testify, vouch, witness—more at CERTIFY

avow /əˈvaʊ/ verb
  • to declare openly
  Synonyms
  • affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM

avow·al /ˌvaʊəl/ noun
  • an open declaration or acknowledgment
  Synonyms
  • acknowledgment, admission, concession, confession—more at CONFESSION
  • affirmation, assertion, claim, declaration, profession, protestation—more at PROTESTATION

avun·cu·lar /əˈvənůkˈluər/ adjective
  • of, relating to, or resembling an uncle

await /əˈwɔt/ verb
  • to wait for: EXPECT
  Synonyms
  • anticipate, expect, hope, watch—more at EXPECT
  • bide, hold on, stay, wait—more at WAIT

1 awake /əˈwɔk/ verb awoke /ˈwɔk/ also awaked /ˈwɔkt/; awok·ken /ˈwɔk·kən/ orawaked also awoke; awak·ing
  • to bring back to consciousness: wake up
  Synonyms
  • arouse, rouse, wake

2 awake adjective
  • fully conscious, alert, and aware
  Synonyms
  • sleepless, wakeful, wide-awake—more at WAKEFUL
  • alert, attentive, vigilant, watchful, wide-awake—more at ALERT

awak·en /əˈwɔk·ən/ verb awak·ened; awak·en·ing /ˈwɔk·ən·ɪŋ/
  • to bring back to consciousness: wake up

1 award /əˈwɔrd/ verb
1: to give by judicial decision (<~ damages>
2: to confer or bestow as being deserved, earned, or needed
   Synonyms
   >>> accord, confer, grant—more at CONFER

award noun
1: a final decision: JUDGMENT
2: something awarded: PRIZE
   Synonyms
   >>> decoration, distinction, honor, plume, prize; also badge, crown, cup, laurel, medal, order, ribbon, trophy

aware /əˈwɛər/ adjective
   >>> having perception or knowledge: CONSCIOUS
   Synonyms
   >>> alive, cognizant, conscious, mindful, sensible, sentient—more at CONSCIOUS

awareness /əˈwɛərəs/ noun
   >>> the quality or state of being aware
   Synonyms
   >>> attention, cognizance, ear, eye, heed, notice, observance, observation—more at ATTENTION

awash /əˈwɔs/ adjective
1: washed by waves or tide
2: AFLOAT
3: covered with water: FLOODED

away /əˈweɪ/ adverb
1: from this or that place <go ~>  
2: out of the way
3: in another direction <turn ~>  
4: out of existence <fade ~>  
5: from one's possession <give ~>  
6: without interruption <chatter ~>  
7: at a distance in space or time <far ~> <~ back in 1910>
   Synonyms
   >>> absent, missing, out—more at ABSENT
   >>> distant, far, far-off, remote—more at DISTANT

awe /əʊ/ noun
1: an emotion variously combining dread, veneration, and wonder that is inspired by authority or by the sacred or sublime
2: respectful fear inspired by authority
   Synonyms
   >>> admiration, amazement, astonishment, wonder, wonderment—more at WONDER

awe verb awed; aw·ing
   : to inspire with awe

aweigh /əˈweɪ/ adjective
   : just clear of the bottom <anchors ~>  

awesome /əˈswɛm/ adjective
1: expressive of awe
2: inspiring awe
   Synonyms
   >>> amazing, astonishing, astounding, marvelous, stunning, surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS
awe·struck /ˌaʊ.strɪk/ also awe·strick·en /ˌaʊ.strɪk.ɪn/ adjective
▶: filled with awe
   Synonyms
   ▶ amazed, stunned, thunderstruck—more at THUNDERSTRUCK

aw·ful /ˈəʊ.fəl/ adjective
1: inspiring awe
2: extremely disagreeable, unpleasant, or shoddy
3: very great <an ~ lot of money>
   Synonyms
   ▶ appalling, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, repellent, repugnant,
   repulsive, revolting, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE
   ▶ atrocious, execrable, lousy, punk, rotten, wretched—more at WRETCHED

aw·ful·ly /ˈəʊ.fəl.li/ adverb
▶ to a great degree : VERY

awhile /əˈhwɪl/ adverb
▶: for a while

awhirl /əˈhwɜːrl/ adjective
▶: being in a whirl

awk·ward /ˈaʊ.kərd/ adjective
1 ▶: lacking dexterity or skill (as in the use of hands)
2 ▶: lacking ease or grace (as of movement or expression)
3 ▶: difficult to explain : EMBARRASSING
4 ▶: difficult to deal with
   — awk·ward·ly adverb
   — awk·ward·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] clumsy, gauche, gawky, graceless, inelegant, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungainly, ungraceful,
   wooden
   Antonyms
   graceful, suave, urbane
   ▶ [3] disconcerting, embarrassing, uncomfortable; also confusing, difficult, disagreeable impossible,
   inconvenient, intolerable, troublesome, unpleasant, unwieldy
   ▶ [4] clumsy, cranky, cumbersome, ungainly, unhandy, unwieldy—more at CUMBERSOME

awl /əʊl/ noun
▶: a pointed instrument for making small holes

aw·ning /ˈəʊ.nɪŋ/ noun
▶: a rooflike cover (as of canvas) extended over or in front of a place as a shelter

AWOL /ˈæ.əw.əl/ noun
▶: a person who is absent without leave
   — AWOL adjective or adverb

awry /əˈrɪ/ adverb or adjective
1 ▶: in a turned or twisted position or direction : ASKEW
2 ▶: off the correct or expected course : AMISS
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] askew, cockeyed, crooked, listing, lopsided, oblique, slantwise, uneven; also asymmetrical, unbalanced,
   unsymmetrical
   Antonyms
   even, level, straight
   ▶ [2] afield, amiss, astray, wrong—more at WRONG

ax or axe /ˈæks/ noun
▶: a chopping or cutting tool with an edged head fitted parallel to a handle
ax·i·al /’ak.sē.əl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or functioning as an axis
2: situated around, in the direction of, on, or along an axis
   — ax·i·al·ly adverb

ax·i·om /’ak.sē.əm/ noun
[origin: L. axiōma, fr. Gk axiōma, lit., something worthy, fr. axioun to think worthy, fr. axios worth, worthy]
1: a statement generally accepted as true : maxim
2: a proposition regarded as a self-evident truth
   — ax·i·om·at·ic /’ak.sē.ə.mə.tik/ adjective
   — ax·i·om·at·i·cal·ly /’ak.sē.ə.mə.tik.lē/ adverb

ax·is /’ak.sēs/ noun, plural ax·es /’ak.sēz/
1: a straight line around which a body rotates
2: a straight line or structure with respect to which a body or figure is symmetrical
3: one of the reference lines of a system of coordinates
4: an alliance between major powers

ax·le /’ak.səl/ noun
: a shaft on which a wheel revolves

ayah /’ä/ noun
: a nurse or maid native to India

ay·a·tol·lah /’ä·ä.tōl.lā/ noun
[origin: Pers āyatollāḥ, lit., sign of God, fr. Ar āya sign, miracle + allāh God]
: an Islamic religious leader — used as a title of respect

aye also ay /’ä/ adverb
: for a limitless time: always, ever

aye also ay /’ä/ adverb
: yes — used as a function word to express assent or agreement

aye also ay /’ä/ noun, plural ayes
: an affirmative vote

AZ abbreviation
Arizona

aza·lea /’ä.zə.lə/ noun
: any of numerous rhododendrons with funnel-shaped blossoms and usu. deciduous leaves

az·i·do·thy·mi·dine /’ä.zə.dō.θī.mə.dīn/ noun
: AZT

az·i·muth /’ä.zə.məth/ noun
: horizontal direction expressed as an angular distance from a fixed point

AZT /’ä.zət/ noun
: an antiviral drug used to treat AIDS

Az·tec /’äz.tək/ noun
: a member of a Nahualt-speaking people that founded the Mexican empire and were conquered by Hernan Cortes in 1519
   — Az·tec·an adjective

azure /’ä.zər/ noun
: the blue of the clear sky
   — azure adjective
B

1b /ˈbæ/ noun, plural b's or bs /ˈbæz/ often cap
1: the 2d letter of the English alphabet
2: a grade rating a student's work as good

2b abbreviation, often cap
1 bachelor
2 bass
3 bishop
4 book
5 born
6 B symbol
7 boron
8 Ba symbol
9 barium
10 BA abbreviation
1 bachelor of arts
2 batting average

bab·bitt /ˈba.bɛt/ noun
: an alloy used for lining bearings; especially: one containing tin, copper, and antimony

1babble /ˈba.bɛl/ verb bab·bled; bab·bling
1 ▶: to talk enthusiastically or excessively
2 ▶: to utter meaningless sounds
Synonyms
▶ [1, 2] chatter, drivel, gabbles, gibber, jabber, prattle, sputter; also gab, jaw, patter, prate, rattle, run on

2babble noun
1: foolish or idle talk
2 ▶: continuous meaningless vocal sounds: a murmur or a continuity of confused sounds
Synonyms
▶ gabbles, gibberish, gobbledygook, hogwash, nonsense, piffle, prattle—more at GIBBERISH

bab·bler /b(ə)b(ə)l/ noun
: one that babbles

babe /ˈbæb/ noun
1: an extremely young child: BABY
2 slang: GIRL, WOMAN

ba·bel /ˈbæ bel, ˈba/ noun, often cap
[origin: fr. the Tower of Babel, Gen 11:4–9]
: a place or scene of noise and confusion; also: a confused sound

ba·boon /ˈba.ˈbʊn/ noun
[origin: ME babewin, fr. MF babouin, fr. baboue grimace]
: any of several large apes of Asia and Africa with doglike muzzles

ba·bush·ka /ˈba.ˈbʊʃ.kə, ˈbʊʃ/ noun
[origin: Russ, grandmother, dim. of baba old woman]
▶ a kerchief for the head
Synonyms
▶ bandanna, kerchief—more at BANDANNA

1baby /ˈbæ bi/ noun, plural babies
1 ▶: a very young child: INFANT
2: the youngest or smallest of a group
3 : a childish person
   — baby adjective
   — ba·by·hood noun
      Synonyms
      ‣ child, infant, newborn; also cherub

baby verb ba·bied; ba·by·ing
   ‣ to tend or treat often with excessive care
      Synonyms
      ‣ coddle, mollycoddle, nurse, pamper, spoil; also cater (to), humor, indulge
      Antonyms
      abuse, ill-treat, ill-use, maltreat, mishandle, mistreat, misuse

baby boom noun
   : a marked rise in birthrate
   — baby boom·er /bul’mar/ noun

ba·by·ish adjective
   ‣ resembling a baby : CHILDISH, INFANTILE
      Synonyms
      ‣ childish, immature, infantile, juvenile, kiddish—more at CHILDISH

baby’s breath noun
   : any of a genus of herbs that are related to the pinks and have small delicate flowers

ba·by·sit /bā bā’sit/ verb -sat /sät/ -sit·ting
   : to care for children usu. during a short absence of the parents

ba·by·sit·ter noun
   : a person usu. hired for relatively short periods of time to take care of a child or children while the parents are away from the home

bac·ca·lau·re·ate /bā kə lōr’ē at/ noun
1 : the degree of bachelor conferred by colleges and universities
2 : a sermon delivered to a graduating class

bac·ca·rat /bā kə rāt/ noun
   : a card game in which three hands are dealt and players may bet either or both hands against the dealer's

bac·cha·nal /bā ka’nal/ noun
1 : ORGY
2 : REVELER

bac·cha·na·lia /bā ka’nal ya/ noun, plural bacchanalia
   : a drunken orgy
   — bac·cha·na·lian /’nāl yan/ adjective or noun

bach·e·lor /bā chē lor/ noun
1 : a person who has received the usu. lowest degree conferred by a 4-year college
2 : an unmarried man
   — bach·e·lor·hood noun

bach·e·lor·ette /bā chē lor’ē/ noun
   : a young unmarried woman

bachelor’s button noun
   : a European plant related to the daisies and having blue, pink, or white flower heads

ba·cil·lus /bā sil’as/ noun, plural -li /’li/
   [origin: NL, fr. ML, small staff, dim. of L baculus staff]
   : any of numerous rod-shaped bacteria; also : a disease-producing bacterium
   — bac·il·lary /bā sil’er ē/ adjective
back /bæk/ noun
1 : the rear or dorsal part of the human body; also : the corresponding part of a lower animal
2 : the part or surface opposite the front
3 : a player in the backfield in football
— back·less /ˈleʃ/ adjective

back adverb
1 ▶ : to, toward, or at the rear
2 : AGO
3 : so as to be restrained or retarded
4 ▶ : to, toward, or in a former place or state
5 : in return or reply

Synonyms
▶ [1, 4] about, around, round—more at AROUND

back adjective
1 ▶ : located at or in the back
2 : OVERDUE
3 : moving or operating backward
4 : not current

Synonyms
▶ hind, hindmost, posterior, rear
Antonyms
▶ anterior, fore, forward, front

back verb
1 ▶ : to assist by material, moral, or financial assistance: SUPPORT
2 : to go or cause to go backward or in reverse
3 : to furnish with a back : form the back of

Synonyms
▶ advocate, champion, endorse, patronize, support—more at SUPPORT
▶ abet, aid, assist, help, prop, support—more at HELP

back·ache /baˌkāk/ noun
: a pain in the lower back

back away verb
▶ : to move away (as from a stand on an issue or from a commitment)

Synonyms
▶ fall back, recede, retire, retreat, withdraw—more at RETREAT

back·bench·er /ˌben′chen/ noun
: a rank-and-file member of a British legislature

back·bite /ˈbɪkt/ verb -bit /ˈbɪt/; -bit·ten /ˈbɪtən/; -bit·ting /ˈbɪtɪŋ/ : to say mean or spiteful things about someone who is absent
— back·bit·er noun

back·board /ˌbɔrd/ noun
: a board placed at or serving as the back of something

back·bone /ˈbɑnb/ noun
1 ▶ : the bony column in the back of a vertebrate that is the chief support of the trunk and consists of a jointed series of vertebrae enclosing and protecting the spinal cord
2 ▶ : firm resolute character

Synonyms
▶ [1] spine, vertebral column—more at SPINE
▶ [2] fiber, fortitude, grit, guts, pluck, spunk—more at FORTITUDE

back down verb
backdrop /ˈbak.drepr/ noun
1: a painted cloth hung across the rear of a stage
2: the scenery or ground behind something: BACKGROUND

backer /ˈba.kər/ noun
1: one that supports
   Synonyms
   advocate, apostle, booster, champion, exponent, friend, promoter, proponent, supporter—more at EXPONENT
   guarantor, patron, sponsor, surety—more at SPONSOR

back·field /ˌfild/ noun
1: the football players whose positions are behind the line
2: backfire /ˈbæk.fer/ noun
1: a loud noise caused by the improperly timed explosion of fuel in the cylinder of an internal combustion engine
2: backfire verb
1: to make or undergo a backfire
2: to have a result opposite to what was intended

back·gam·mon /ˈbak.ɡa.mən/ noun
1: a game played on a double board in which the moves are determined by throwing dice

back·ground /ˈbak.graʊnd/ noun
1: the scenery behind something
2: the setting within which something takes place; also: the sum of a person’s experience, training, and understanding

back·hand /ˈbak.hænd/ noun
1: a stroke (as in tennis) made with the back of the hand turned in the direction of movement; also: the side on which such a stroke is made
   — backhand verb

back·hand·ed /ˈbak.hэн.dəd/ adjective
1: not straightforward and open: characterized by wiliness and trickery; especially: SARCASM <a ~ compliment>
2: using or made with a backhand

back·hoe /ˈbak.hə/ noun
1: an excavating machine having a bucket that is drawn toward the machine

back·ing /ˈbak.ɪŋ/ noun
1: something forming a back
2: the act or process of supporting: AID; also: a body of supporters
   Synonyms
   aid, assist, assistance, boost, help, lift, support—more at HELP

back·lash /ˈbak.laʃ/ noun
1: a sudden violent backward movement or reaction
2: a strong adverse reaction

backlog /ˈbækˌlɑɡ, ˈbækˌloʊɡ/ noun
1: a large log at the back of a hearth fire
2: an accumulation of tasks unperformed or materials not processed

backlog verb
1: to accumulate in reserve

back of preposition
back off verb
: to withdraw from a commitment or position: BACK DOWN

back out verb
: to withdraw esp. from a commitment or contest

1 backpack /'bak_pak/ noun
: a camping pack supported by an aluminum frame and carried on the back

2 backpack verb
: to hike with a backpack

— back·pack·er noun

back ped al /'bak_ ped al/ verb
: RETREAT

back rest /'bak_rest/ noun
: a rest for the back

back side /'bak_sid/ noun
: the seat of the body: BUTTOCKS

Synonyms
bottom, butt, buttocks, posterior, rear, rump, seat—more at BUTTOCKS

back slap /'bak_slap/ verb
: to display excessive cordiality

— back slap per noun

back slide /'bak_slid/ verb -slid /'bak slid/, -slid or -slid den /'bak slid_ən/, -slid ing /'bak slid ing/ verb
: to lapse morally or in religious practice

back slid er noun
: one that backslides <a ~ who pleads his former righteousness>

back spin /'bak spin/ noun
: a backward rotary motion of a ball

1 backstage /'bak_stāg/ adjective
1 : relating to or occurring in the area behind a stage
2 : of or relating to the private lives of theater people
3 : of or relating to the inner working or operation

2 backstage /'bak_stāg/ adverb
1 : in or to a backstage area
2 : SECRETLY

back stairs /'bak stārz/ adjective
: SECRET, FURTIVE; also: SORDID, SCANDALOUS

1 backstop /'bak_stāp/ noun
: something serving as a stop behind something else; especially: a screen or fence to keep a ball from leaving the field of play

2 backstop verb
1 : SUPPORT
2 : to serve as a backstop to

back stretch /'bak strēch/ noun
: the side opposite the homestretch on a racecourse

back stroke /'bak strōk/ noun
: a swimming stroke executed on the back
back talk noun
  ‣ impudent, insolent, or argumentative replies
    Synonyms
      ‣ cheek, impertinence, impudence, insolence, sauce; also comeback, rejoinder, retort, riposte, wisecrack

back·track /bak·trak/ verb
  1: to retrace one's course
  2: to reverse a position or stand

back·up /.əP/ noun
  ‣ one that serves as a substitute or alternative
    Synonyms
      ‣ pinch hitter, relief, replacement, reserve, stand-in, sub, substitute—more at SUBSTITUTE

1backward /bak.ward/ or back·wards /.wardz/ adverb
  1: toward the back
  2: with the back foremost
  3: in a reverse or contrary direction or way
  4: toward the past; also: toward a worse state

2backward adjective
  1: directed, turned, or done backward
  2: Diffident, shy
  3: retarded in development
    — backward·ly adverb
    — backward·ness noun

back·wash /bak.wash...wash/ noun
  : a backward flow or movement (as of water or air) produced by a propelling force (as the motion of oars)

back·wa·ter /bak.wa.tər...wā/ noun
  1: water held or turned back in its course
  2: an isolated or backward place or condition

back·woods /bak.wods...wods/ noun plural
  1: wooded or partly cleared areas far from cities
  2: a remote or isolated place
    Synonyms
      ‣ [1, 2] bush, frontier, hinterland, sticks, up-country—more at FRONTIER

ba·con /bā·ken/ noun
  : salted and smoked meat from the sides or back of a pig

bac·te·ri·cid·al /bak.tir.əсид·əl/ adjective
  : destroying bacteria
    — bactericide /ˌbakter·sid/ noun

bac·te·ri·ol·o·gy /bak.tir.əˌläjə/ noun
  1: a science dealing with bacteria
  2: bacterial life and phenomena
    — bacteriological /ˌbakter·iəˈlē·kal/ or bacteriologic /ˌbakter·iəˈlō·jik/ adjective
    — bacteriologist /ˌbakter·ıˌɒləˈjist/ noun

bac·te·rio·phage /bak.tir.əˌfāj/ noun
  : any of various viruses that attack specific bacteria

bac·te·ri·um /bak.tir.əm/ noun, plural -ria /ˌriə/ [origin: NL, fr. Gk bakτηρion staff]
  : any of a group of single-celled microorganisms including some that are disease producers and others that are valued esp. for their chemical effects (as fermentation)
    — bacterial /ˌbakter·iəl/ adjective
bad /'bad/ adjective worse /wɔːrs/; worst /ˈworst/  
1 ▶ : below standard : POOR; also : UNFAVORABLE <a ~ report>  
2 ▶ : having deteriorated because of spoiling : DECAYED  
3 a ▶ : morally unacceptable or reprehensible : EVIL  
b : not well-behaved : NAUGHTY  
4 a ▶ : causing discomfort : DISAGREEABLE <a ~ taste>  
b ▶ : causing harm : HARMFUL  
5 : having a defect : FAULTY <= wiring>; also : not valid <= check>  
6 : being in poor health : UNWELL, ILL  
7 : full of regret : SORRY  

**Synonyms**  
[1] deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, substandard, unacceptable, unfavorable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong; also defective, faulty  

**Antonyms**  
acceptable, satisfactory  
[2] decayed, putrid, rotten—more at ROTTEN  
[3a] evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vile, villainous, wicked; also base, contemptible, despicable, dirty, discrepable, evil-minded, ignoble, ill, infernal, low, mean  

**Antonyms**  
good, ethical, moral, right, righteous, virtuous  
[4a] disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, rotten, sour, unpleasant—more at UNPLEASANT  
[4b] adverse, baleful, baneful, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL  

bade past and past participle of BID  

badge /ba/ noun  
a device or token usu. worn as a sign of status  

badger /ˈbeɪdʒər/ noun  
any of several sturdy burrowing mammals with long claws on their forefeet  

badger verb  
to harass or annoy persistently  

ba·di·nage /ˈba·dəˌnäzh/ noun  
[ORIGIN: F]  
playful talk back and forth : BANTER  

bad·land /ˈbad·lænd/ noun  
a region marked by intricate erosional sculpturing and scanty vegetation — usu. used in pl.  

bad·ly adverb  
in a bad manner <played ~>  

bad·min·ton /ˈbad·mi·tən/ noun  
a court game played with light rackets and a shuttlecock volleyed over a net  

bad·mouth /ˈbad·maʊθ/ verb  
to criticize severely  

bad·ness noun  
the quality or state of being bad  

Bae·de·ker /ˈba·di·ker, ˈbeɪ/ noun  
GUIDEBOOK  

baffle /ˈbæfəl/ verb baf·fled; baf·fling /ˈfæflən/  
1 ▶ : to interfere with or slow the progress of : FRUSTRATE, THWART  
2 ▶ : to cause to be mentally confused : PERPLEX  

**Synonyms**
baffle noun
: a device (as a wall or screen) to deflect, check, or regulate flow (as of liquid or sound)
— baf-fled /bəˌfled/ adjective
baf-fle-ment noun
: the state of being baffled

Synonyms
bewilderment, confusion, distraction, muddle, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl—more at CONFUSION

bag /bag/ noun
: a flexible usu. closable container (as for storing or carrying)

Synonyms
handbag, pocketbook, purse—more at PURSE

bag verb bagged, bagging
1 : to expand from internal pressure : BULGE
2 : to put in a bag
3 ▶ : to get possession of; especially : to take in hunting

Synonyms
capture, catch, get, grab, nab, seize, snare, trap—more at CATCH

ba-gasse /baˈɡas/ noun
[origin: F]
: plant residue (as of sugarcane) left after a product (as juice) has been extracted

bag-a-telle /baˌɡa.tel/ noun
[origin: F]
: TRIFLE

bæ-gel /bæˈɡel/ noun
[origin: Yiddish beygl]
: a hard glazed doughnut-shaped roll

baggage /ˈbɑɡид/ noun
1 : the traveling bags and personal belongings of a traveler : LUGGAGE
2 : things that get in the way

baggies /ˈbaɡidz/ noun plural
: baggy pants or shorts

baggy /ˈbaɡi/ adjective bag-gi-er, -est
: puffed out or hanging like a bag
— bag-gi-ly /ˌbaɡi.ʌli/ adverb
— bag-gi-ness /ˌbaɡi.nes/ noun

bagman /ˈbæɡmən/ noun
: a person who collects or distributes illicitly gained money on behalf of another

bagnio /ˈbægnio/ noun, plural bagnios
[origin: It bagno, lit., public bath]
: BROTHEL

bagpipe /ˈbæɡpip/ noun
: a musical wind instrument consisting of a bag, a tube with valves, and sounding pipes — often used in pl.

ba-guette /baˈɡel/ noun
[origin: F, lit., rod]
1: a gem having the shape of a narrow rectangle; also: the shape itself
2: a long thin loaf of French bread

Ba·ha·mi·an /baˈhā.mən/ noun
• a native or inhabitant of the Bahama Islands

1bail /bāl/ noun
• a container for ladling water out of a boat
2bail verb
• to dip and throw out water from a boat
— bail·er noun
3bail noun
• security given to guarantee a prisoner's appearance when legally required; also: one giving such security or the release secured
4bail verb
• to release under bail; also: to procure the release of by giving bail
— bail·able /bā.ə.ləl/ adjective
5bail noun
• the arched handle (as of a pail or kettle)

bai·liff /bā.ə.lf/ noun
1: an aide of a British sheriff who serves writs and makes arrests; also: a minor officer of a U.S. court
2: an estate or farm manager esp. in Britain: STEWARD

bai·li·wick /bā.ə.li.wi:k/ noun
• one's special province or domain

bail·out /bā.ə.ləut/ noun
• a rescue from financial distress

bairn /bārn/ noun, chiefly Scottish
• CHILD

1bait /bāt/ verb
1: to persecute by continued attacks
2: to harass with dogs usu. for sport << a bear
3: to furnish (as a hook) with bait
4: ALLURE, ENTICE
5: to give food and drink to (as an animal)

Synonyms
• bug, hassle, heckle, needle, ride, taunt, tease—more at TEASE

2bait noun
1: a lure for catching animals (as fish)
2: an inducement to pleasure or gain: LURE, TEMPTATION

baize /bāz/ noun
• a coarse feltlike fabric

1bake /bāk/ verb baked; bak·ing
1: to cook or become cooked in dry heat esp. in an oven
2: to dry and harden by heat << bricks
— bak·er noun
2bake noun
• a social gathering featuring baked food

baker's dozen noun
• THIRTEEN
bak·ery /ˈbɑː.kər.i/ noun, plural -er·ies
: a place for baking or selling baked goods

bake sale noun
: a fund-raising event at which usu. homemade foods are sold

bake·shop /ˈbɑːkˌshäp/ noun
: BAKERY

baking powder noun
: a powder that consists of a carbonate, an acid, and a starch and that makes the dough rise in baking cakes and biscuits

baking soda noun
: SODIUM BICARBONATE

bak·sheesh /ˈbɑkˌshēsh/ noun
: payment (as a tip or bribe) to expedite service

bal abbreviation
balance

bal·a·lai·ka /ˌba.ləˈlā.ka/ noun
[ORIGIN: Russ]
: a triangular 3-stringed instrument of Russian origin played by plucking or strumming

1balance /ˈba.lans/ noun
1 : a weighing device : SCALE
2 ▷: a weight, force, or influence counteracting the effect of another
3 : an oscillating wheel used to regulate a timepiece
4 ▷: a state of equilibrium
5 ▷: a remaining group, part, or trace : REST; especially : an amount in excess esp. on the credit side of an account
6 : mental and emotional steadiness
7 ▷: an aesthetically pleasing integration of elements

Synonyms
▷ [2] canceler, counterbalance, counterweight, offset
▷ [4] equilibrium, equipoise, poise

Antonyms
imbalance
▷ [5] leavings, leftovers, odds and ends, remainder, remains, remnant, residue, rest—more at REMAINDER
▷ [7] coherence, consonance, harmony, proportion, symmetry, symphony, unity—more at HARMONY

2balance verb bal·anced; bal·anc·ing
1 : to compute the balance of an account
2 ▷: to arrange so that one set of elements equals another; also : to equal or equalize in weight, number, or proportions
3 : WEIGH
4 : to bring or come to a state or position of balance; also : to bring into harmony or proportion

Synonyms
▷ equalize, equate, even, level—more at EQUALIZE

bal·anced /ˈba.ləns/ adjective
▷: being in a state of balance (as physically, emotionally, or aesthetically)

Synonyms
▷ clearheaded, lucid, normal, right, sane, stable—more at SANE
▷ congruous, consonant, harmonious—more at HARMONIOUS

bal·brig·gan /ˈba.ləˌbrį.gən/ noun
: a knitted cotton fabric used esp. for underwear

bal·co·ny /ˈba.ləˌnē/ noun, plural -nies
1: a platform projecting from the side of a building and enclosed by a railing
2: a gallery inside a building

**bald /bɔld/ adjective**

1: lacking a natural or usual covering (as of hair)
2: lacking embellishment or decoration: **plain**
   — bald·ly adverb
   — bald·ness noun

   **Synonyms**
   ♦ [1] bare, exposed, naked, open, uncovered—more at **naked**
   ♦ [2] plain, simple, unadorned, undecorated, unvarnished—more at **plain**

**bal·da·chin /ˈbældəˌkæn, ˈbæl-/ or bal·da·chi·no /ˈbældəˌkē.nō/ noun, plural -chins or -chinos**
: a canopylike structure over an altar

**bald cypress** noun
: either of two large swamp trees of the southern U.S. with hard red wood

**bald eagle** noun
: an eagle of No. America that when mature has white head and neck feathers and a white tail

**bal·der·dash /ˈbældərˌdæsh/ noun**
: **nonsense**

**bald·ing /bɔld·ɪŋ/ adjective**
: getting bald

**bal·dric /bɔldrɪk/ noun**
: a belt worn over the shoulder to carry a sword or bugle

**bale /bæl/ noun**
1: a large or closely packed bundle
2: verb baled; baling
   : to pack in a bale
   — bal·er noun

**ba·leen /bæˈleen/ noun**
: a horny substance attached in plates to the upper jaw of some large whales (baleen whales)

**bale·ful /bælˈfəl/ adjective**
1: likely to cause or capable of producing harm or death
2: foreboding or foreshadowing evil: **ominous**

   **Synonyms**
   ♦ [1] adverse, bad, baneful, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, pernicious—more at **harmful**
   ♦ [2] dire, foreboding, menacing, ominous, portentous, sinister—more at **ominous**

**balk /bɔlk/ noun**
1: **hindrance**, check, setback
2: an illegal motion of the pitcher in baseball while in position

**balk verb**
1: to hinder the passage, progress, or accomplishment of: **thwart**
2: to stop short and refuse to go on
3: to commit a balk in sports

   **Synonyms**
   ♦ baffle, beat, checkmate, foil, frustrate, thwart—more at **frustrate**

**balky /bɔkə/ adjective**
: refusing or likely to refuse to proceed, act, or function as directed or expected <a balky mule>

**ball /bɔl/ noun**
1 : a rounded body or mass (as at the base of the thumb or for use as a missile or in a game)
2 : a game played with a ball
3 : a pitched baseball that misses the strike zone and is not swung at by the batter
4 : a hit or thrown ball in various games <foul ~> 
— on the ball
  : COMPETENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE, ALERT

Synonyms
  orb, sphere

2ball verb
  : to form into a ball

Synonyms
  agglomerate, conglomerate, roll, round, wad—more at WAD

3ball noun
  : a large formal dance

Synonyms
  dance, formal, prom—more at DANCE

bal-lad /ba_lad/ noun
1 : a narrative poem of strongly marked rhythm suitable for singing
2 : a simple song : AIR
3 : a slow romantic song

bal-lad-ee /ba_le_`di/ noun
: a singer of ballads

1ballast /ba_last/ noun
1 : heavy material used to stabilize a ship or control a balloon's ascent
2 : crushed stone laid in a railroad bed or used in making concrete

2ballast verb
: to provide with ballast

ball bearing noun
: a bearing in which the revolving part turns upon steel balls that roll easily in a groove; also : one of the balls in such a bearing

ball-car-ri-er /bawl_ka_r_è air/ noun
: the football player carrying the ball in an offensive play

bal-le-ri-na /ba_le_ree na/ noun
: a female ballet dancer

bal-leet /ba_lè, ba_lè/ noun
1 : dancing in which fixed poses and steps are combined with light flowing movements often to convey a story; also : a theatrical art form using ballet dancing
2 : a company of ballet dancers

bal-leet-o-man /ba_le_ete_man/ noun
: a devotee of ballet

bal-lis-tic missile /ba_lis tik/ noun
: a missile that is guided during ascent and that falls freely during descent

bal-lis-tics /fiks/ noun singular or plural
1 : the science of the motion of projectiles (as bullets) in flight
2 : the flight characteristics of a projectile
— ballistic adjective

1balloon /ba_làn/ noun
1 : a bag filled with gas or heated air so as to rise and float in the atmosphere
2 : a toy consisting of an inflatable bag
   — bal·loon·ist noun

2 balloon verb
1 : to swell or puff out
2 : to travel in a balloon
3 : to increase rapidly
  Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 3] appreciate, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mushroom, rise, swell, wax—more at INCREASE

1 ballot /baˈlət/ noun
[origin: It ballotta small ball used in secret voting, fr. It dial., dim. of balla ball]
1 : a piece of paper used to cast a vote
2 : the action or a system of voting; also : the right to vote

2 ballot verb
: to decide by ballot : VOTE

1 ballpark /ˈbəlˌpärk/ noun
: a park in which ball games are played

2 ballpark adjective
: approximately correct <= estimate>

ball·point /ˈbəlˌpɔɪnt/ noun
: a pen whose writing point is a small rotating metal ball that inks itself from an inner container

ball·room /ˈbəlˌrʊmˌrʊm/ noun
: a large room for dances

1 ballyhoo /ˈbæliˌhoo/ noun, plural -hoos
: extravagant statements and claims made for publicity

2 ballyhoo verb bal·ly·hoo·ed; bal·ly·hoo·ing; bal·ly·hoos
▶ : to drum up interest in by means of ballyhoo : PUBLICIZE
  Synonyms
   ▶ boast, plug, promote, publicize, tout—more at PUBLICIZE

balm /ˈbām, ˈbālm/ noun
1 : a fragrant healing or soothing lotion or ointment
2 : any of several spicy fragrant herbs of the mint family
3 : something that comforts or soothes

bal·mi·ness /ˈbāˌmēˌnəs, ˈbāl/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being balmy
  Synonyms
   ▶ absurdity, asininity, craziness, daftness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, zaniness

balmy /ˈbāˌmē, ˈbāl/ adjective bal·mi·er; -est
1 a ▶ : gently soothing : MILD
2 b ▶ : being pleasant and not too cool or too hot
1 a ▶ : disordered in mind
2 b ▶ : lacking in judgment : FOOLISH
  Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] benign, bland, delicate, gentle, light, mellow, mild, soft, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE
   ▶ [1b] clement, equable, gentle, mild, moderate, temperate—more at CLEMENT
   ▶ [2a, b] crazy, cuckoo, daft, foolish, kooky, lunatic, mad, nonsensical, nutty, silly

ba·lo·ney /ˈbəˌlōˌnē/ noun
: NONSENSE
bal-sa /bəl'sə/ noun
: the extremely light strong wood of a tropical American tree; also: the tree
bal-sam /bəl'sam/ noun
1: a fragrant aromatic and usu. resinous substance oozing from various plants; also: a preparation containing or smelling like balsam
2: a balsam-yielding tree (as balsam fir)
3: a common garden ornamental plant
— bal-sam-ic /bəl'sam-iks/ adjective
balsam fir noun
: a resinous American evergreen tree that is widely used for pulpwood and as a Christmas tree
balsamic vinegar noun
: an aged Italian vinegar made from white grapes
Bal-ti-more oriole /bol'tə-mər/ noun
: a common American oriole in which the male is brightly colored with orange, black, and white
bal-us-ter /bal'ə-stər/ noun
[origin: Fr balustre, fr. It balaustro, fr. balastrum, wild pomegranate flower, fr. L balaustrum; fr. its shape]
: an upright support for a rail (as of a staircase)
bal-us-trade /bal'ə-strād/ noun
: a row of balusters topped by a rail
bam-boo /bəm'bo/ noun, plural bamboos
: any of various woody mostly tall tropical grasses including some with strong hollow stems used for building, furniture, or utensils
bamboo curtain noun, often cap B&C
: a political, military, and ideological barrier in eastern Asia
bam'boo·zle /bəm'boozl/ verb -boozled; -boozling
: TRICK, HOODWINK
1 ban /ban/ verb banned; banning
: to hinder or prevent by authority
   Synonyms
   — bar, enjoin, forbid, interdict, outlaw, prohibit, proscribe—more at FORBID
2 ban noun
1: CURSE
2: a legal or formal prohibition
   Synonyms
   — embargo, interdict, interdiction, prohibition, proscription, veto—more at PROHIBITION
ba-nal /ba'nəl, ba'nəl/ adjective
[origin: Fr]
: lacking originality, freshness, or novelty: COMMONPLACE, TRITE
   Synonyms
   — commonplace, hackneyed, musty, stale, stereotyped, threadbare, tired, trite—more at STALE
ba-nal·i·ty /ba'nələ-tē/ noun
: something banal: COMMONPLACE
   Synonyms
   — cliché, commonplace, platitude, shibboleth—more at COMMONPLACE
ba-nana /ba'na-nə/ noun
: a treelike tropical plant bearing thick clusters of yellow or reddish finger-shaped fruit; also: this fruit
1 band /band/ noun
1: something that binds, ties, or goes around
2: a strip or stripe that can be distinguished (as by color or texture) from nearby matter
3: a range of wavelengths (as in radio)

**Synonyms**
- [1] bond, chain, fetter, irons, ligature, manacle, shackle—more at BOND
- [2] circle, eye, hoop, loop, ring, round—more at RING
- [2] bar, streak, stripe—more at STRIPE

**band verb**
1: to tie up, finish, or enclose with a band
2: to gather together or unite esp. for some common end
3: to furnish or decorate with a band

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**band·er noun**
- [1] belt, gird, girdle, wrap—more at GIRD
- [1] bind, gird, tie, truss—more at TIE
- [2] ally, associate, club, confederate, conjoin, cooperate, federate, league, unite—more at ALLY

**band noun**
- a group of persons, animals, or things; especially: a group of musicians organized for playing together

**Synonyms**
- company, crew, gang, outfit, party, squad, team—more at GANG

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**bandage /ˈbændədʒ/ noun**
1: a strip of material used esp. in dressing wounds
2: bandage verb ban·daged; ban·dag·ing
- to dress or cover with a bandage

**band·an·na /ˈbændənə/ or ban·dā·na /ˈbændəna/ noun**
- a large colored figured handkerchief

**Synonyms**
- babushka, kerchief; also shawl

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**band·box /ˈbænd.bɔks/ noun**
- a usu. cylindrical box for carrying clothing

**band·ed /ˈbænd.dəd/ adjective**
- having or marked with bands

**ban·de·role or ban·de·rol /ˈbænd.də.rəl/ noun**
- a long narrow forked flag or streamer

**ban·dit /ˈbænd.ət/ noun**
[origin: It bandito, fr. bandire to banish]
1 pl also ban·dit·ti /ˈbænd.ət.ti/ : an outlaw who lives by plunder; especially: a member of a band of marauders
2: ROBBER

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**ban·dit·ry /ˈbænd.ə.tri/ noun**

**ban·do·lier or ban·do·leer /ˈbænd.oˈlɛr/ noun**
- a belt slung over the shoulder esp. to carry ammunition

**band saw noun**
- a saw in the form of an endless steel belt running over pulleys

**band·stand /ˈbænd.stænd/ noun**
- a usu. roofed platform on which a band or orchestra performs outdoors

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**b and w abbreviation**
black and white

**band·wag·on /ˈbænd.waˈɡon/ noun**
1: a wagon carrying musicians in a parade
2: a movement that attracts growing support
   
   Synonyms
   → campaign, cause, crusade, drive, movement—more at CAMPAIGN

1bandy /ˈbænˌdi/ verb ban·died; ban·dy·ing
1: to exchange (as blows or quips) esp. in rapid succession
2: to use in a glib or offhand way
   
2bandy adjective
   → curved outward <~ legs>

bane /ˈbæn/ noun
1: a substance that through its chemical action usu. kills, injures, or impairs an organism: POISON
2: WOE, HARM; also: a source of this
   
   Synonyms
   → poison, toxin, venom—more at POISON

bane·ful /ˈbænˌful/ adjective
   → productive of destruction or woe: seriously harmful
   
   Synonyms
   → bad, baleful, damaging, deleterious, harmful, hurtful, injurious, noxious, pernicious—more at HARMFUL

1bang /ˈbæŋ/ verb
1: to knock against something with a forceful jolt: BUMP <fell and ~ed his knee>
2: to strike, thrust, or move vigorously and often with a loud noise
   
   Synonyms
   → [1,2] bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, impact, knock, smash, strike—more at HIT

2bang noun
1: a resounding blow
2: a sudden loud noise
3: a sudden wave of emotion <I get a ~ out of all this>
   
   Synonyms
   → [2] blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, smash—more at CLAP
   → [3] exhilaration, kick, thrill, titillation—more at THRILL

3bang adverb
   → DIRECTLY, RIGHT

4bang noun
   → a fringe of hair cut short (as across the forehead) — usu. used in pl.

5bang verb
   → to cut a bang in

Bang·glā·deshi /ˈbæŋˌglaˌdeshe/ noun
   → a native or inhabitant of Bangladesh
   → Bangladeshī adjective

ban·gle /ˈbæŋˌga/ noun
   → an ornamental band or chain worn around the wrist; also: a loose-hanging ornament

bang·up /ˈbæŋˌap/ adjective
   → FIRST-RATE, EXCELLENT <a ~ job>

ban·ish /ˈbænˌish/ verb
1: to require by authority to leave a country
2: to drive out: EXPEL
   
   Synonyms
   → [1] deport, displace, exile, expatriate, transport; also: dismiss, eject, eliminate, evict, exclude, expel, oust, throw out
ban·ish·ment noun
☞ a legal expulsion from a country

Synonyms
☞ deportation, displacement, exile, expulsion—more at EXILE

ban·is·ter /baˌnis·tar/ noun
1 : an upright often vase-shaped support for a rail
2 : a handrail with its supporting posts
3 : HANDRAIL

ban·jo /baˌnjo/ noun, plural banjos also banjoes
☞ a musical instrument with a long neck, a drumlike body, and usu. five strings
— ban·jo·ist /ˌɪst/ noun

1bank /bæŋk/ noun
1☞ a piled-up mass (as of cloud or earth)
2 : an undersea elevation
3 : rising ground bordering a lake, river, or sea
4 : the sideways slope of a surface along a curve or of a vehicle as it rounds a curve

Synonyms
☞ bar, drift, mound; also snowbank, snowdrift

2bank verb
1 : to form a bank about
2 : to cover (as a fire) with fuel to keep inactive
3 : to build (a curve) with the roadbed or track inclined laterally upward from the inside edge
4 : to pile or heap in a bank; also : to arrange in a tier
5 : to incline (an airplane) laterally

3bank noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. MF or It; MF banque, fr. It banca, lit., bench]
1 : an establishment concerned esp. with the custody, loan, exchange, or issue of money, the extension of credit, and the transmission of funds
2 : a stock of or a place for holding something in reserve <a blood ~> 

4bank verb
1 : to conduct the business of a bank
2 : to deposit money or have an account in a bank
— bank·er noun
— bank·ing noun

5bank noun
☞ a group of objects arranged close together (as in a row or tier) <a ~ of file drawers>

bank·book /ˈbæŋkˌbʊk/ noun
☞ the depositor's book in which a bank records deposits and withdrawals

bank·card /ˈbæŋkˌkɑrd/ noun
☞ a credit card issued by a bank

bank·note /ˈbæŋkˌnət/ noun
☞ a promissory note issued by a bank and circulating as money

bank·roll /ˈbæŋkˌrəl/ noun
☞ supply of money : FUNDS

1bankrupt /ˈbæŋkˈrʌpt/ noun
[ORIGIN: modif. of MF bancarote bankruptcy, fr. It bancarotta, fr. banca bank + rota broken]
☞ an insolvent person; especially : one whose property is turned over by court action to a trustee to be handled for the benefit of his creditors
bankrupt adjective
1: reduced to financial ruin; especially: legally declared a bankrupt
2: wholly lacking in or deprived of some essential <morally ~>
— bank·rupt·cy /ˈbæŋkrupt-sə/ noun

bankrupt verb
: to reduce to bankruptcy

1banner /ˈbæn.ər/ noun
1 ▶: a piece of cloth attached to a staff and used by a leader as his standard
2 ▶: a usu. rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol (as of a nation), as a signaling device, or as a decoration: flag
3: an advertisement that runs usu. across the top of a Web page

Synonyms
[1, 2] colors, ensign, flag, jack, pennant, standard, streamer—more at flag

2banner adjective
▶ distinguished from all others esp. in excellence <a ~ year>

Synonyms
A1, excellent, grand, great, stellar, superior, unsurpassed—more at excellent

ban·nock /ˈbæn.nək/ noun
: a flat oatmeal or barley cake usu. cooked on a griddle

banns /ˈbænz/ noun plural
: public announcement esp. in church of a proposed marriage

1banquet /ˈbæn.kwet/ noun
[origin: MF, fr. It banchetto, fr. dim. of banca bench]
▶ a ceremonial dinner

Synonyms
dinner, feast, feed, spread—more at feast

2banquet verb
: to partake of or treat with a banquet

ban·quet·te /ˈbæn.kwit/ noun
: a long upholstered bench esp. along a wall

ban·shee /ˈbæn.shē/ noun
[origin: Ir bean sídhe & ScGael bean sìth, lit., woman of fairyland]
: a female spirit in Gaelic folklore whose wailing warns a family that one of them will soon die

ban·tam /ˈbæn.tam/ noun
1: any of numerous small domestic fowls that are often miniatures of standard breeds
2: a small but pugnacious person

1banter /ˈbæn.tər/ verb
: to speak to in a witty and teasing manner

2banter noun
▶ good-natured witty joking

Synonyms
chaff, persiflage, railery, repartee; also barb, crack, dig, gag, jest, joke, quip, sally, wisecrack, witticism

Ban·tu /ˈbæn.tu/ noun, plural Bantu or Bantus
1: a member of a group of African peoples of central and southern Africa
2: a group of African languages spoken by the Bantu

Ban·tu·stan /ˈbæn.tu.stan, ˈbæntu.ˌstæn/ noun
: an all-black enclave in the Republic of So. Africa with a limited degree of self-government
ban·yan /ˈban.yən/ noun
[ORIGIN: earlier banyan Hindu merchant, fr. Hindi baniyā; fr. a merchant's pagoda erected under a tree of the species in Iran]
: a large tropical Asian tree whose aerial roots grow downward to the ground and form new trunks

ban·zai /bənˈzā/ noun
: a Japanese cheer or cry of triumph

bap·tism /ˌbap.tɪzəm/ noun
1 : a Christian sacrament signifying spiritual rebirth and symbolized by the ritual use of water
2 : an act, experience, or ordeal by which one is purified, sanctified, initiated, or named
— bap·tis·mal /ˌbap.tɪz.məl/ adjective

baptismal name noun
: GIVEN NAME

Bap·tist /ˌbap.tist/ noun
: a member of any of several Protestant denominations emphasizing baptism by immersion of believers only

bap·tis·tery or bap·tis·try /ˈbap.tɪs.təri/ noun, plural -ter·ies or -tries
: a place esp. in a church used for baptism

bap·tize /ˈbap.tɪz/ verb bap·tized; bap·tiz·ing
1 a : to administer baptism to
b : to give a name to : CHRISTEN
2 a : to purify esp. by an ordeal
b † : to induct into membership by or as if by special rites : INITIATE

Synonyms
† [2b] inaugurate, induct, initiate, install, invest—more at INSTALL

1 bar /bər/ noun
1 : a long narrow piece of material (as wood or metal) used esp. for a lever, fastening, or support
2 a † : something that blocks or is intended to block passage : OBSTACLE
b : a submerged or partly submerged bank (as of sand) along a shore or in a river often obstructing navigation
3 a : the railing in a law court at which prisoners are stationed
b : the legal profession or the whole body of lawyers
4 : a stripe, band, or line much longer than wide
5 † : a counter at which food or esp. drink is served; also : BARROOM
6 : a vertical line across the musical staff

Synonyms
† [2a] block, chain, embarrassment, encumbrance, handicap, hindrance, interference, obstacle—more at ENCUMBRANCE
† [5] barroom, café, pub, public house, saloon, tavern—more at BARROOM

2 bar verb barred; bar·ring
1 : to fasten, confine, or obstruct with or as if with a bar or bars
2 : to mark with bars : STRIPE
3 † : to shut or keep out : EXCLUDE
4 † : to command against : FORBID

Synonyms
† [3] ban, count out, debar, eliminate, except, exclude, rule out—more at EXCLUDE
† [4] ban, enjoin, forbid, interdict, outlaw, prohibit, proscribe—more at FORBID

3 bar preposition
† : with the exclusion or exception of : EXCEPT

Synonyms
aside from, barring, besides, but, except, outside, save—more at except

bar abbreviation
barometer; barometric

Bar abbreviation
Baruch

barb /bərb/ noun
1: a sharp projection extending backward (as from the point of an arrow)
2: a biting critical remark
— barbed /bərbd/ adjective

Synonyms
affront, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, outrage, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at insult

barbarian /bærˈber.i.ən/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or being a land, culture, or people alien to and usu. believed to be inferior to another's
2: lacking refinement, learning, or artistic or literary culture

barbarian noun
: one that is barbarian

bar·bar·ic /bərˈbar.ɪk/ adjective
1: barbarian
2: marked by a lack of restraint: wild
3: mercilessly harsh or cruel: barbarous

bar·ba·rism /bərˈbaˌri.zəm/ noun
1: the social condition of barbarians; also: the use or display of barbarian or barbarous acts, attitudes, or ideas
2: a word or expression that offends standards of correctness or purity

bar·bar·i·ty /bərˈbaˌri.ti/ noun
: barbarous cruelty

Synonyms
brutality, cruelty, inhumanity, sadism, savagery, viciousness, wantonness—more at cruelty

bar·ba·rous /bərˈbaˌrəs/ adjective
1: lacking culture or refinement
2: using linguistic barbarisms
3: mercilessly harsh or cruel
— bar·ba·rous·ly /bərˈbaˌrəs.li/ adverb

Synonyms
[1] heathen, heathenish, Neanderthal, rude, savage, uncivil, uncivilized, uncultivated, wild—more at savage
[3] brutal, cruel, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, vicious—more at cruel

barbecue /bærˈbiˌkiʃ/ noun
: a social gathering at which barbecued food is served

barbecue /bərˈbaˌkiʃ/ verb -cued; -cu·ing
1: to cook over hot coals or on a revolving spit
2: to cook in a highly seasoned vinegar sauce

bar·bell /bərˈbel/ noun
: a bar with adjustable weights attached to each end used for exercise and in weight-lifting competition

bar·ber /bərˈber/ noun
: one whose business is cutting and dressing hair and shaving and trimming beards

bar·ber·ry /bərˈber.ri/ noun
: any of a genus of spiny shrubs bearing yellow flowers and oblong red berries

bar·bi·tu·rate /bərˌbiˌchəˌrät/ noun
any of various compounds (as a salt or ester) formed from an organic acid (bar·bi·tu·ric acid /ˌbär.bët.ər.ik/; especially: one used as a sedative or hypnotic

bar·ca·role or bar·ca·rolle /ˌbär.ka.ˈrōl/ noun
: a Venetian boat song characterized by a beat suggesting a rowing rhythm; also: a piece of music imitating this

bar chart noun
: BAR GRAPH

bar code noun
: a set of printed and variously spaced bars and sometimes numerals that is designed to be scanned to identify the object it labels

bar·cod·ed /bär.kəd/ adjective

bard /ˈbārd/ noun
: one who writes poetry: a maker of verses: POET

Synonyms
minstrel, poet, versifier—more at POET

1 bare /ˈbār/ adjective bare·er; bare·est
1 ▶: devoid of customary or natural covering: NAKED
2 ▶: open to view: UNCONCEALED, EXPOSED
3 ▶: containing nothing: EMPTY
4 ▶: leaving nothing to spare: MERE
5 ▶: lacking ornament: PLAIN, UNADORNED

Synonyms
[1] bald, exposed, naked, nude, open, uncovered—more at NAKED
[3] blank, devoid, empty, stark, vacant, void—more at EMPTY
[5] bald, naked, plain, simple, unadorned, undecorated, unvarnished—more at PLAIN

2 bare verb bared; baring
: to make or lay bare: UNCOVER

Synonyms
disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at REVEAL

bare·back /ˌbārˈbak/ or bare·back·ed /ˌbārˈbakd/ adverb or adjective
: without a saddle

bare·faced /ˈbārˌfēst/ adjective
1 ▶: having the face uncovered; especially: BEARDLESS
2 ▶: not concealed: OPEN

— bare·faced·ly /ˌbārˌfēst.leɪ/ adverb

bare·foot /ˌbārˈfʊt/ or bare·foot·ed /ˌbārˌfʊt.d/ adverb or adjective
: with bare feet

bare·hand·ed /ˌbārˌhænd.d/ adverb or adjective
1 ▶: without gloves
2 ▶: without tools or weapons

bare·head·ed /ˌbārˈhɛd/ adverb or adjective
: without a hat

ba·ris·ta /ˈbɑrēs.tə/ noun
: a person who makes and serves coffee to the public

bare·ly /ˈbār.lē/ adverb
1 ▶: PLAINLY, MEAGERLY
2 ▶: by a narrow margin: only just <~ enough money>

Synonyms
hardly, just, marginally, scarcely, slightly—more at JUST
bare·ness noun  
: the quality or state of being bare

bar·fly /bärˌflī/ noun  
: a drinker who frequents bars

1bargain /bärˌgān/ noun  
1 »: an agreement between parties settling a transaction  
2 »: an advantageous purchase  
3 : a transaction, situation, or event regarded in the light of its results
   Synonyms  
   » [1] accord, agreement, compact, contract, convention, covenant, deal, pact, settlement, understanding—more at AGREEMENT  
   » [2] buy, deal, steal; also markdown

2bargain verb  
1 »: to negotiate over the terms of an agreement; also : to come to terms  
2: BARter
   Synonyms  
   » chaffer, deal, dicker, haggle, negotiate, palter; also argue, bicker, clash, quibble, squabble, wrangle

bar·gain–base·ment /bärˌgānˈbāzəmənt/ adjective  
: markedly inexpensive

1barge /bärj/ noun  
1: a broad flat-bottomed boat usu. moved by towing  
2: a motorboat supplied to a flagship (as for an admiral)  
3: a ceremonial boat elegantly furnished
   — barge·man /ˈmæn/ noun

2barge verb barged; barg·ing  
1 : to carry by barge  
2 : to move or thrust oneself clumsily or rudely

bar graph noun  
: a graphic technique for comparing amounts by rectangles whose lengths are proportional to the amounts they represent

bari·tone /bärəˌtōn/ noun  
[Origin: F baryton or It baritono, fr. Gk barytonos deep sounding, fr. barys heavy + tonos tone]  
: a male voice between bass and tenor; also : a man with such a voice

bar·i·um /ˈbärēəm/ noun  
: a silver-white metallic chemical element that occurs only in combination

1bark /bärk/ verb  
1 : to make the short loud cry of a dog  
2 : to speak or utter in a curt loud tone : SNAP

2bark noun  
: the sound made by a barking dog

3bark noun  
: the tough corky outer covering of a woody stem or root

4bark verb  
1 »: to strip the bark from  
2 »: to rub the skin from
   Synonyms  
   » [1, 2] flay, hull, husk, peel, shell, skin—more at PEEL

5bark noun
: a ship of three or more masts with the aft mast fore-and-aft rigged and the others square-rigged

bar·keep /ˈbərˌkiːp/ also bar·keep·er /ˌkēp.ər/ noun
  : BARTENDER

bark·er /ˈbär·ker/ noun
  : a person who stands at the entrance esp. to a show and tries to attract customers to it

bar·ley /ˈbār.lij/ noun
  : a cereal grass with seeds used as food and in making malt liquors; also: its seed

bar mitz·vah /ˈbær.mits.və/ noun, often cap B&M
  [ORIGIN: Heb bar miṣwāh, lit., son of the (divine) law]
  1: a Jewish boy who at about 13 years of age assumes religious responsibilities
  2: the ceremony recognizing a boy as a bar mitzvah

barn /ˈbārn/ noun
  [ORIGIN: ME bern, fr. OE bereærn, fr. bere barley + ærn house, store]
  : a building used esp. for storing hay and grain and for housing livestock or farm equipment

bar·na·cle /ˈbær.nə.kal/ noun
  : any of numerous small marine crustaceans free-swimming when young but permanently fixed (as to rocks, whales, or ships) when adult

barn·storm /ˈbärn.stōrm/ verb
  : to travel through the country making brief stops to entertain (as with shows or flying stunts) or to campaign for political office

barn·yard /ˌbär.na.yard/ noun
  : a usu. fenced area adjoining a barn

bar·o·graph /ˈbær.o.graf/ noun
  : a recording barometer

bar·rom·e·ter /ˈbær.o.mē.tər/ noun
  : an instrument for measuring atmospheric pressure

—bar·o·met·ric /ˌbær.o.mē.trik/ adjective

bar·on /ˈbær.ən/ noun
  1: a member of the lowest grade of the British peerage
  2 ▶: a man who possesses great power or influence in some field of activity

—bar·ony /ˈbær.ə.nē/ noun
  Synonyms
    ▶ czar, king, magnate, mogul, prince, tycoon—more at MAGNATE

bar·on·age /ˈbær.ə.nij/ noun
  : PEERAGE

bar·on·ess /ˈbær.ə.nes/ noun
  1: the wife or widow of a baron
  2: a woman holding a baronial title in her own right

bar·on·et /ˈbær.ə.net/ noun
  : a man holding a rank of honor below a baron but above a knight

—bar·on·et·cy /ˌsē/ noun

bar·ro·ni·al /ˈbær.ə.ni.əl/ adjective
  1: of or relating to a baron or the baronage
  2 ▶: generous or more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity: STATELY

—Synonyms
    ▶ grand, grandiose, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, stately—more at GRAND

bar·ro·que /ˈbær.əˌrāk, ˈrāk/ adjective
  : marked by the use of complex forms, bold ornamentation, and the juxtapositioning of contrasting elements
ba·rouche /ˈba.ryəf/ noun
: a 4-wheeled carriage with a high driver's seat in front and a folding top

bar·racks /ˈbær.əks/ noun singular or plural
: a building or group of buildings for lodging soldiers

bar·ra·cu·da /ˈbær.a.kə.də/ noun, plural -da or -das
: any of several large slender predaceous sea fishes including some used for food

bar·rage /ˈbær.ij/ noun
1 : a heavy concentration of fire (as of artillery)
2 : vigorous or rapid outpouring of many things at once
 Synonyms
  bombardment, cannonade, fusillade, hail, salvo, shower, storm, volley; also broadside, burst, outburst; deluge, flood, flood tide, flush, gush, inundation, outflow, outpouring, overflow, spate, surge, torrent

barred /ˈbɑrd/ adjective
: marked by or divided off by bars : STRIPED

1bar·rel /ˈbær.el/ noun
1 : a round bulging cask with flat ends of equal diameter
2 a : the amount contained in a barrel
 b : a great quantity
3 : a drum or cylindrical part <gun ~>
 Synonyms
  [1] cask, hogshead, keg, pipe, puncheon—more at CASK
  [2b] abundance, loads, lot, much

2barrel verb -reled or -relled; -rel·ing or -rel·ling
1 : to pack in a barrel
2 : to travel at high speed
 Synonyms
  dash, fly, hurry, hurtle, rush, speed, tear, zip, zoom—more at HURRY

bar·rel·head /ˈbær.əl.hed/ noun
: the flat end of a barrel
 — on the barrelhead
: asking for or granting no credit <paid cash on the barrelhead>

bar·rel roll noun
: an airplane maneuver in which a complete revolution about the longitudinal axis is made

1bar·ren /ˈbær.a.n/ adjective
1 : not producing fruit, spores, or offspring : STERILE
2 a : not productive <a ~ scheme>
 b : producing little or no vegetation : DESOLATE
3 : lacking interest or charm
4 : DULL, STUPID
 — bar·ren·ness /ˈnás/ noun
 Synonyms
  [1] impotent, infertile, sterile—more at STERILE
  [2b] infertile, poor, stark, unproductive, waste; also bleak, dead, desolate, inhospitable, lifeless
 Antonyms
  fertile, fruitful, lush, luxuriant, productive, rich

2barren noun
  : a tract of barren land
 Synonyms
barrette /bærˈret/ noun
: a clasp or bar for holding the hair in place

1 barricade /ˈbær.i.ˌkæd/. /ˈbær.əˌkæd/ verb -cad·ed; -cad·ing
: to block, obstruct, or fortify with a barricade

2 barricade noun
1 : a hastily thrown-up obstruction or fortification
2 : something that impedes progress or achievement: BARRIER

bar·ri·er /bær.ˈri.ər/ noun
▷ something that separates, demarcates, or serves as a barricade <racial ~s> <traffic ~s>

Synonyms
▷ fence, hedge, wall; also bar, encumbrance, handicap, hindrance, hurdle, impediment, obstacle, obstruction, roadblock, stop

barrier island noun
: a long broad sandy island lying parallel to a shore

barrier reef noun
: a coral reef roughly parallel to a shore and separated from it by a lagoon

bar·ring /bær.ɪŋ/ preposition
▷ excluding by exception

Synonyms
▷ aside from, bar, besides, but, except, outside, save—more at EXCEPT

bar·rio /bær.ˈɾi.o, bahr.ˈɾi.o/ noun, plural -ri·os
1 : a district of a city or town in a Spanish-speaking country
2 : a Spanish-speaking quarter in a U.S. city

bar·ris·ter /bær.ə.ˈster/ noun
: a British counselor admitted to plead in the higher courts

bar·room /bær.ˈrʊm, ˈrʊm/ noun
▷ a room or establishment whose main feature is a bar for the sale of liquor

Synonyms
▷ bar, café, pub, public house, saloon, tavern; also cabaret, dive, joint, nightclub, speakeasy

1 barrow /bær.ˈrō/ noun
: a large burial mound of earth and stones

2 barrow noun
1 : WHEELBARROW
2 : a cart with a boxlike body and two shafts for pushing it

Bart abbreviation
baronet

bar·tend·er /bær.ˈten.dər/ noun
: a person who serves liquor at a bar

1 barter /bær.ˈtərk/ verb
: to trade by exchange of goods
— bar·ter·er noun

2 barter noun
1 : the act or practice of carrying on trade by bartering
2 : the thing given in exchange in bartering

Synonyms
▷ commutation, exchange, swap, trade, truck—more at EXCHANGE
Ba·ruch /bär_ˌük, be_ˌryk/ noun
: homiletic book included in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament and in the Protestant Apocrypha

bas·al /bəsˈəl/ adjective
1 : situated at or forming the base
2 : BASIC

basal metabolism noun
: the turnover of energy in a fasting and resting organism using energy solely to maintain vital cellular activity, respiration, and circulation as measured by the rate at which heat is given off

ba·salt /bəˈsält, ˈbæˌsält/ noun
— ba·sal·tic /bəˈsälˈtik/ adjective

ba·se /bäz/ noun, plural ba·ses /ˈbæzəz/
1 a ♦ : the lowest part or place : BOTTOM
b ♦ : the physical or philosophical foundation upon which something is based
2 : a side or face on which a geometrical figure stands; also : the length of a base
3 ♦ : a main ingredient or fundamental part
4 : the point of beginning an act or operation
5 : a place on which a force depends for supplies
6 : a number (as 5 in 5^7) that is raised to a power; especially : a number that when raised to a power equal to the logarithm of a number yields the number itself <the logarithm of 100 to ~ 10 is 2 since 10^2 = 100>
7 : the number of units in a given digit's place of a number system that is required to give the numeral 1 in the next higher place <the decimal system uses a ~ of 10>; also : such a system using an indicated base <convert from ~ 10 to ~ 2>
8 : any of the four stations at the corners of a baseball diamond
9 : a chemical compound (as lime or ammonia) that reacts with an acid to form a salt, has a bitter taste, and turns litmus blue

— ba·se·man /ˈbæsˌmən/ noun

Synonyms
[1a] bottom, foot—more at BOTTOM
[1b] basis, bedrock, footing, foundation, ground, groundwork, keystone, underpinning
[3] center, core, cynosure, eye, focus, heart, hub, mecca, nucleus, seat—more at CENTER

base verb based; bas·ing
1 ♦ : to form or serve as a base for
2 : ESTABLISH

Synonyms
ground, rest; also establish, found

base adjective
1 : of inferior quality : DEBASED, ALLOYED
2 ♦ : characterized by baseness, lowness, or meanness : CONTEMPTIBLE, IGNoble
3 : MENIAL, DEGRADING
4 : of little value
— ba·se·ly adverb
— ba·se·ness noun

Synonyms
contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at IGNoble

base·ball /ˈbæsˌból/ noun
: a game played with a bat and ball by two teams on a field with four bases arranged in a diamond; also : the ball used in this game

base·board /ˈbæsˌbȯrd/ noun
: a line of boards or molding covering the joint of a wall and the adjoining floor
base-born /ˈbɔrn/ adjective
1 : MEAN, IGNoble
2 : of humble birth
3 : of illegitimate birth

base exchange noun
: a post exchange at a naval or air force base

base hit noun
: a hit in baseball that enables the batter to reach base safely with no error made and no base runner forced out

BASE jumping /ˈbæs/ noun
[origin: building, antenna, span, earth]
: the activity of parachuting from a high structure or cliff

base-less /ˈles/ adjective
: having no base or basis : GROUNDLESS

Synonyms
groundless, invalid, unfounded, unreasonable, unsubstantiated, unsupported, unwarranted; also illogical, irrational, nonlogical, unconscionable, unsound

Antonyms
reasonable, reasoned, substantiated, valid, well-founded

base-line /ˈbæsˌlin/ noun
1 : a line serving as a basis esp. to calculate or locate something
2 : the area within which a baseball player must keep when running between bases

base-ment /ˈmɛnt/ noun
1 : the part of a building that is wholly or partly below ground level
2 : the lowest or fundamental part of something

base on balls
: an advance to first base awarded a baseball player who during a turn at bat takes four pitches that are balls

base runner noun
: a baseball player who is on base or is attempting to reach a base

bash /ˈbash/ verb
1 : to strike violently : HIT
2 : to smash by a blow
3 : to attack physically or verbally

Synonyms
[1] bang, collide, crash, hit, ram, slam, smash, strike
[3] bat, batter, beat, hammer, lambaste, pelt, pound, thrash

bash noun
1 : a heavy blow
2 : a festive social gathering : PARTY

bashful /ˈbash.fəl/ adjective
: inclined to shrink from public attention

— bashful-ness noun

Synonyms
coy, demure, diffident, introverted, modest, retiring, sheepish, shy—more at SHY

basic /ˈbæs.ɪk/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or forming the base or essence : FUNDAMENTAL
2 : of, relating to, or having the character of a chemical base

— basic-ity /ˈbæs.i.ti/ noun

Synonyms
elemental, elementary, essential, fundamental, rudimentary, underlying—more at ELEMENTARY

BA·SIC /ˈbæsık/ noun
BEGINNER'S ALL-PURPOSE SYMBOLIC INSTRUCTION CODE

- a simplified language for programming a computer

basically /ˈbā.si.kəl/ adverb
1: at a basic level
2: for the most part
3: in a basic manner

Synonyms
- altogether, chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally—more at CHIEFLY

basil /ˈbā.zil, ˈba.-ˌzəl/ noun
- any of several mints with fragrant leaves used in cooking

basilica /ˈbā.zə.lɪ.kə, ˈba.ˌzɪ.lɪ.kə/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, fr. Gk basilikē, fr. fem. of basilikos royal, fr. basileus king]
1: an early Christian church building consisting of nave and aisles with clerestory and apse
2: a Roman Catholic church given ceremonial privileges

basilisk /ˈbæs.i.lekst, ˈba.zəsk/ noun
- a legendary reptile with fatal breath and glance

basin /ˈbɑs.in/ noun
1: an open usu. circular vessel with sloping sides for holding liquid (as water)
2: a hollow or enclosed place containing water; also: the region drained by a river

basis /ˈbɑs.ɪs/ noun
1: the lowest part or place: FOUNDATION
2: a fundamental principle

Synonyms
- base, bedrock, footing, foundation, ground, groundwork, keystone, underpinning—more at BASE

bask /ˈbɑsk/ verb
1: to lie or relax in comfortable warmth
2: to enjoy something warmly comforting \<\ing in his friends' admiration>

Synonyms
- loll, lounge, relax, repose, rest—more at REST

basket /ˈbɑsk.t/ noun
- a container made of woven material (as twigs or grasses); also: any of various lightweight usu. wood containers

- bask-at-ful noun

basketball /ˈbɑsk.t.bɑl/ noun
- a game played on a court by two teams who try to throw an inflated ball through a raised goal; also: the ball used in this game

basket case noun
1: a person who has all four limbs amputated
2: a person who is mentally incapacitated or worn out (as from nervous tension)

basket weave noun
- a textile weave resembling the checkered pattern of a plaited basket

basmati rice /ˌbɑs.məˈtəˌri/ noun
- an aromatic long-grain rice originating in southern Asia

bas mitzvah variant of BAT MITZVAH

Basque /ˈbɑsk/ noun
1: a member of a people inhabiting a region bordering on the Bay of Biscay in northern Spain and southwestern France
2: the language of the Basque people
— Basque adjective

bas-re-li ef noun [origin: F]
: a sculpture in relief with the design raised very slightly from the background

1bass /ba:s/ noun, plural bass or basses
: any of numerous sport and food bony fishes (as a striped bass)

2bass /bäs/ adjective
  ▸ of low pitch
    Synonyms
      ▸ deep, low, throaty—more at DEEP

3bass /bās/ noun
  1: a deep sound or tone
  2: the lower half of the musical pitch range
  3: the lowest part in a 4-part chorus; also: a singer having this voice or part

bas-set hound /ba set/ noun
: any of an old breed of short-legged hunting dogs of French origin having long ears and a short smooth coat

bas-si-net /ba see net/ noun
: a baby's bed that resembles a basket and often has a hood over one end

bas-so /ba so/ bā noun, plural bassos or bas-si /bā sē/ [origin: It]
: a bass singer

bas-soon /ba sün/ noun
: a musical wind instrument lower in pitch than the oboe

bass-wood /bas wūd/ noun
: any of several New World lindens or their wood

bast /ba st/ noun
  ▸ BAST FIBER

1bastard /ba sterd/ noun
  1: an illegitimate child
  2: an offensive or disagreeable person

2bastard adjective
  1: not recognized as lawful offspring: ILLEGITIMATE
  2: of an inferior or nontypical kind, size, or form; also: SPURIOUS
— bas-tardy noun

bas-tard-ize /ba tar diz/ verb -ized; -izing
: to reduce from a higher to a lower state: DEBASE

1baste /bāst/ verb bast-ed; bast-ing
: to sew with long stitches so as to keep temporarily in place

2baste verb bast-ed; bast-ing
: to moisten (as meat) at intervals with liquid while cooking

bast fiber noun
: a strong woody plant fiber obtained chiefly from phloem and used esp. in making ropes

bas-ti-na-do /bas te nā do/ noun, plural -na does or -nades
  1: a blow or beating esp. with a stick
  2: a punishment consisting of beating the soles of the feet

bas-tion /ba shan/ noun
1 : a projecting part of a fortification
2 : a fortified position

**Synonyms**
- citadel, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, hold, stronghold—more at **FORT**

1**bat** /bæt/ **noun**
1 : a stout stick : **CLUB**
2 : a sharp blow
3 : an implement (as of wood) used to hit a ball (as in baseball)
4 : a turn at batting — usu. used with *at*

**Synonyms**
- [1] bludgeon, club, cudgel, staff, truncheon—more at **CLUB**
- [2] belt, blow, box, clout, crack, hit, punch, slug, wallop, whack—more at **BLOW**

2**bat** **verb** **batted; batting**
: to hit with or as if with a bat

3**bat** **noun**
: any of an order of night-flying mammals with forelimbs modified to form wings

4**bat** **verb** **batted; batting**
: **WINK**, **BLINK**

**batch** /bætʃ/ **noun**
1 : a quantity (as of bread) baked at one time
2 : a quantity of material for use at one time or produced at one operation
3 : a quantity (as of persons or things) considered as a group

**Synonyms**
- array, assemblage, block, bunch, collection, group, set

**bate** /bæt/ **verb** **bated; batting**
: **MODERATE**, **REDUCE**

**bath** /bæθ, 'bæθ/ **noun**, plural **baths** /bæθz, 'bæθz, 'bæθəz, 'bæθəs/
1 : a washing of the body
2 : water for washing the body
3 : a liquid in which objects are immersed so that it can act on them
4 : a room containing a bathtub or shower and usu. a sink and toilet : **BATHROOM**
5 : a financial loss <took a ~ in the market>

**bathe** /bæθ/ **verb** **bathed; bathing**
1 : to wash in liquid and esp. water; also : to apply water or a medicated liquid to <bathed her eyes>
2 : to take a bath; also : to take a swim
3 : to wash along, over, or against so as to wet
4 : to suffuse with or as if with light

— **bather** **noun**

**Synonyms**
- [1, 3] douse, drench, soak, sop, souse, wash, water, wet—more at **WET**

**bathhouse** /bæθˌhaʊs, 'bæθ-/ **noun**
1 : a building equipped for bathing
2 : a building containing dressing rooms for bathers

**bathing suit** **noun**
: **SWIMSUIT**

**ba-thos** /bæ.θəs/ **noun**
[origin: Gk, lit., depth]
1 : the sudden appearance of the commonplace in otherwise elevated matter or style
2 : insincere or overdone pathos

— **ba-thet-ic** /ba.ˈθet.ɪk/ **adjective**
bath·robe /ˈbathˌrōb, ˈbath/ noun
  : a loose often absorbent robe worn before and after bathing or as a dressing gown

bath·room /ˈrōm, ˈrûm/ noun
  : a room containing a bathtub or shower and usu. a sink and toilet

  Synonyms
  lavatory, toilet—more at TOILET

bath·tub /ˈtæb/ noun
  : a usu. fixed tub for bathing

ba·tik /baˌtek, baˌtik/ noun
  [ORIGIN: Javanese batik]
  1 : an Indonesian method of hand-printing textiles by coating with wax the parts not to be dyed; also : a design so executed
  2 : a fabric printed by batik

ba·tiste /baˈtist/ noun
  : a fine sheer fabric of plain weave

bat·man /ˈbatˌmən/ noun
  : an orderly of a British military officer

bat mitz·vah /ˈbætˌmɪtsvə/ also bas mitzvah /ˈbæsˌ/ noun, often cap B&M
  [ORIGIN: Heb bath miṣwāh, lit., daughter of the (divine) law]
  1 : a Jewish girl who at about 13 years of age assumes religious responsibilities
  2 : the ceremony recognizing a girl as a bat mitzvah

ba·ton /ˈbaˌtɒn/ noun
  : STAFF, ROD; especially : a stick with which the leader directs an orchestra or band

bats·man /ˈbætsˌmən/ noun
  : a batter esp. in cricket

bat·tal·ion /ˈbætalˌɪn/ noun
  1 : a large body of troops organized to act together : ARMY
  2 : a military unit composed of a headquarters and two or more units (as companies)

  Synonyms
  army, host, legion—more at ARMY

1batten /ˈbatn/ verb
  1 : to grow or make fat
  2 : THRIVE

2batten noun
  : a strip of wood used esp. to seal or strengthen a joint

3batten verb
  : to fasten with batten

1batter /ˈbaˌtɚ/ verb
  : to beat or damage with repeated blows

  Synonyms
  bash, beat, bludgeon, club, pound, thrash, thump, wallop—more at BEAT

2batter noun
  : a soft mixture (as for cake) basically of flour and liquid

3batter noun
  : one that bats; especially : the player whose turn it is to bat

battering ram noun
  1 : an ancient military machine for battering down walls
  2 : a heavy metal bar with handles used to batter down doors
battery /ˈbeɪ.tər.i/ noun, plural -ter·ies
1 : BEATING; especially : unlawful beating or use of force on a person
2 : a grouping of artillery pieces for tactical purposes; also : the guns of a warship
3 : a group of electric cells for furnishing electric current; also : a single electric cell <a flashlight ~>
4 : a number of similar items grouped or used as a unit <a ~ of tests>
5 : the pitcher and catcher of a baseball team

bat·tery /ˈbeɪ.tər.i/ noun
: layers or sheets of cotton or wool (as for lining quilts)

battle /ˈbat.l/ noun
[origin: ME batel, fr. AF bataille battle, battalion, fr. LL battalia combat, alter. of battalia fencing exercises, fr. L battuere to beat]
1 : a general military engagement
2 : an extended contest, struggle, or controversy

Synonyms
- fight, fray, scrabble, struggle—more at STRUGGLE
- combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST

battle verb bat·tled; bat·ting
1 : to engage in battle : FIGHT
2 : to contend with full strength, vigor, skill, or resources

Synonyms
- [1] clash, combat, fight, scrimmage, skirmish, war—more at FIGHT
- [2] combat, contend, counter, fight, oppose—more at FIGHT

bat·tle·ax /ˈbat.ˌlək/ noun
1 : a long-handled ax formerly used as a weapon
2 : a quarrelsome domineering woman

battle fatigue noun
: COMBAT FATIGUE

bat·tle·field /ˈbat.ˌli.fld/ noun
: a place where a battle is fought

bat·tle·ment /ˈman/ noun
: a decorative or defensive parapet on top of a wall

bat·tle·ship /ˌship/ noun
: a warship of the most heavily armed and armored class

bat·tle·wag·on /ˌwag.ən/ noun
: BATTLESHIP

bat·ty /ˈbeɪ.t/ adjective bat·ti·er; -est
: disordered in mind : CRAZY

bau·ble /ˈbó.bəl/ noun
\~ : a small ornament (as a jewel or ring) : TRINKET

Synonyms
- curiosity, gewgaw, knickknack, novelty, ornamental, trinket—more at KNICKKNACK

baud /bōd, Britˈbōd/ noun, plural baud also bauds
: a unit of data transmission speed

baux·ite /ˈbôks.t/ noun
: a clayey mixture that is the chief ore of aluminum

bawd /ˈbōd/ noun
1 : MADAM 2
2 : PROSTITUTE
bawdy /ˈbādē/ adjective bawd·i·er; -est
▶ : offensive to morality or virtue: LEWD
— bawd·i·ly /ˈbād.əˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ coarse, crude, indecent, obscene, smutty, unprintable, vulgar
▶ lewd, racy, ribald, spicy, suggestive—more at SUGGESTIVE

bawd·i·ness /ˈbād.aˌnis/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being bawdy <his ribaldry and ~> 

Synonyms
▶ coarseness, indecency, lewdness, nastiness, obscenity, ribaldry, smut, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY

bawl /ˈbōl/ verb
▶ : to cry or cry out loudly; also : to scold harshly

Synonyms
▶ blubber, cry, sob, weep—more at CRY
▶ call, cry, holler, shout, vociferate, yell—more at CALL

bawl noun
▶ : a long loud cry: BELLOW

bay /ˈbe/ adjective
▶ : reddish brown

bay noun
1 : a bay-colored animal
2 : a reddish brown color

bay noun
1 : a section or compartment of a building or vehicle
2 : a compartment projecting outward from the wall of a building and containing a window (bay window)

bay verb
▶ : to bark with deep long tones

Synonyms
▶ howl, keen, wail, yowl—more at HOWL

bay noun
1 : the position of one unable to escape and forced to face danger
2 : a baying of dogs

bay noun
▶ : an inlet of a body of water (as the sea) usu. smaller than a gulf

Synonyms
▶ bight, cove, estuary, gulf, inlet—more at GULF

bay noun
▶ : the European laurel; also : a shrub or tree resembling this

bay·ber·ry /ˈbe.ber.ri/ noun
▶ a hardy deciduous shrub of coastal eastern No. America bearing small hard berries coated with a white wax used for candles; also : its fruit

bay leaf noun
▶ : the dried leaf of the European laurel used in cooking

bayonet /ˈbā.ə.net, ˈbā.əˌnet/ noun
▶ a daggerlike weapon made to fit on the muzzle end of a rifle

bayonet verb -net·ed also -net·ted; -net·ing also -net·ting
▶ to use or stab with a bayonet

bayou /ˈbā.yū, ˈbi.-/ noun
bay rum noun
: a fragrant liquid used esp. as a cologne or aftershave lotion

ba·zaar /bəˈzaːr/ noun
1 : a group of shops : MARKETPLACE
2 : a fair for the sale of articles usu. for charity

ba·zoo·ka /bəˈzuʊ.ka/ noun
[origin: bazooka (a crude musical instrument made of pipes and a funnel)]
: a weapon consisting of a tube and launching an explosive rocket able to pierce armor

1BB /bēˌbē/ noun
: a small round shot pellet

2BB abbreviation
base on balls

BBB abbreviation
Better Business Bureau

BBC abbreviation
British Broadcasting Corporation

bbl abbreviation
barrel; barrels

BC abbreviation
1 before Christ — often printed in small capitals and often punctuated
2 British Columbia

B cell noun
[origin: bone-marrow-derived cell]
: any of the lymphocytes that secrete antibodies when mature

B complex noun
: VITAMIN B COMPLEX

bd abbreviation
1 board
2 bound

bdl or bdle abbreviation
bundle

bdrm abbreviation
bedroom

be /bē/ verb, past 1st & 3d singular was /ˈwaz, ˈwāz/; 2d singular were /ˈwer/; plural were; past subjunctive were; past part been /ˈbēn/; pres part being /ˈbē.ɪŋ/; pres 1st singular am /əm, ˈam/; 2d singular are /ər, ˈar/; 3d singular is /ɪz, əz/; plural are; pres subjunctive be
1 : to equal in meaning or symbolically <God is love>; also : to have a specified qualification or relationship <leaves are green> <this fish is a trout>

2 a ▪ : to have objective existence <I think, therefore I am>
b ▪ : to have or occupy a particular place <here is your pen>
3 : to take place : OCCUR <the meeting is tonight>
4 — used with the past participle of transitive verbs as a passive voice auxiliary <the door was opened>
5 — used as the auxiliary of the present participle in expressing continuous action <he is sleeping>
6 — used as an auxiliary with the past participle of some intransitive verbs to form archaic perfect tenses
7 — used as an auxiliary with to and the infinitive to express futurity, prearrangement, or obligation <you are to come when called>

Synonyms
- [2a] breathe, exist, live, subsist; also abide, continue, endure, last, lead, persist, survive

  *Antonyms*

  depart, die, expire, pass away, perish, succumb

- [2b] lie, sit, stand

  **Be** symbol

  beryllium

  1. *beach* /beʃ/ noun
     a. a sandy or gravelly part of the shore of an ocean or lake

  2. *beach* verb
     a. to run or drive ashore

  **beach buggy** noun
     a. DUNE BUGGY

  **beach-comber** /ˈbɛtʃˌkoʊˌmɑr/ noun
     a. a person who searches along a shore for something of use or value

  **beach-head** /ˈbɛtʃˌhed/ noun
     a. a small area on an enemy-held shore occupied in the initial stages of an invasion

  **beacon** /ˈbeɪkən/ noun
     1: a signal fire
     2: a guiding or warning signal (as a lighthouse)
     3: a radio transmitter emitting signals for guidance of aircraft

  1. *bead* /beɪd/ noun
     [Origin: ME bede prayer, prayer bead, fr. OE gebed prayer]
     1 plural: a series of prayers and meditations made with a rosary
     2: a small piece of material pierced for threading on a line (as in a rosary)
     3: a small globular body
     4: a narrow projecting rim or band
     — bead·ing noun
     — bead·y adjective

  2. *bead* verb
     a. to form into a bead

  **beadle** /ˈbeɪdəl/ noun
     a. a usu. English parish officer whose duties include keeping order in church

  **beagle** /ˈbeɪɡl/ noun
     a. a small short-legged smooth-coated hound

  **beak** /ˈbɛk/ noun
     a. the bill of a bird and esp. of a bird of prey; also: a pointed projecting part
     — beaked /ˈbɛkt/ adjective

  **beaker** /ˈbeɪkər/ noun
     1: a large widemouthed drinking cup
     2: a widemouthed thin-walled laboratory vessel

  1. *beam* /ˈbɛm/ noun
     1: a large long piece of timber or metal
     2: the bar of a balance from which the scales hang
     3: the breadth of a ship at its widest part
     4: a ray or shaft of light
     5: a collection of nearly parallel rays (as X-rays) or particles (as electrons)
     6: a constant radio signal transmitted for the guidance of pilots; also: the course indicated by this signal

  2. *beam* verb
1 : to send out light
2 : to aim (a broadcast) by directional antennas
3 : to smile with joy
4: marked by, emitting, or reflecting strong or clear rays of light
5: marked by or expressive of extreme and unreserved joy, happiness, or satisfaction

 beam·ing adjective
1 ▶: marked by, emitting, or reflecting strong or clear rays of light
2 ▶: marked by or expressive of extreme and unreserved joy, happiness, or satisfaction

 Synonyms
▶ [1] bright, brilliant, incandescent, luminous, shiny—more at BRIGHT
▶ [2] aglow, glowing, radiant, sunny—more at RADIANT

1 bean /ˈbɛn/ noun
: the edible seed borne in pods by some leguminous plants; also : a plant or a pod bearing these

2 bean verb
: to strike on the head with an object

 bean·bag /ˈbɛnˌbæg/ noun
: a cloth bag partially filled typically with dried beans and used as a toy

 bean·ball /ˈbɛnˌbɔl/ noun
: a pitch thrown at a batter's head

 bean curd noun
: TOFU

 bean·ie /ˈbɛnˌi/ noun
: a small round tight-fitting skullcap

 beano /ˈbɛnˌo/ noun, plural beanos
: BINGO

1 bear /bɛr/ noun, plural bears
1 or pl bear : any of a family of large heavy mammals with shaggy hair and small tails
2 ▶: a gruff or sullen person
3 : one who sells (as securities) in expectation of a price decline

 Synonyms
▶ complainer, crab, crank, grouch, grumbler, whiner—more at GROUCH

2 bear verb bore /bɔr/, borne /bɔrn/ also born /bɔrn/, bearing
1 ▶: to move while supporting : CARRY
2 : to be equipped with
3 : to give as testimony <~ witness to the facts of the case>
4 : to give birth to; also : PRODUCE, YIELD <a tree that ~ s regularly>
5 a ▶: to support (as a weight or structure) <bore the weight on piles>
b ▶: to accept or allow oneself to be subject to : take on or endure <~ pain>
6 : to go in an indicated direction <~ to the right>
7 : to manage the actions of (oneself) in a particular way : CONDUCT
8 ▶: to hold in the mind or emotions
9 : to exert pressure or influence
10 ▶: to have relevance or a valid connection : PERTAIN — often used with on or upon <facts ~ ing on the question>

— bear·er noun

 Synonyms
▶ [1] carry, cart, convey, ferry, haul, lug, pack, tote, transport—more at CARRY
▶ [5a] bolster, brace, buttress, carry, prop, shore, stay, support, uphold—more at SUPPORT
▶ [5b] accept, assume, shoulder, take over, undertake—more at ASSUME
▶ [5b] abide, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate; also accept, allow, permit, suffer, swallow
▶ [8] cherish, entertain, harbor, have, hold, nurse—more at HARBOR
▶ usually bear on [10] appertain, apply, pertain, refer, relate—more at APPLY
bear·able adjective
▷ : capable of being borne
   Synonyms
   ▷ endurable, sufferable, supportable, sustainable, tolerable; also livable
   Antonyms
   ▷ insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, unsupported

1 bead /bird/ noun
1 : the hair that grows on the face of a man
2 : a growth of bristly hairs (as on a goat's chin)
   — beard·ed /brird/ adjective
   — beard·less adjective

2 beard verb
▷ to confront boldly
   Synonyms
   ▷ brave, brazen, confront, dare, defy, face—more at face

bear down verb
▷ to exert full strength and concentrated attention
   — bear down on
▷ to weigh heavily on
   Synonyms
   ▷ usually bear down on depress, press, shove, weigh—more at press

bear·ing /bar·ing/ noun
1 ▷ : manner of carrying oneself : comportment
2 : a supporting object, purpose, or point
3 : a machine part in which another part (as an axle or pin) turns
4 : an emblem in a coat of arms
5 : the position or direction of one point with respect to another or to the compass; also : a determination of position
6 plural : comprehension of one's situation
7 ▷ : connection with or influence on something; also : significance
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] actions, behavior, comportment, conduct, demeanor, deportment—more at behavior
   ▷ [7] applicability, pertinence, relevance, significance—more at pertinence
   ▷ [7] association, connection, linkage, relation, relationship—more at connection

bear·ish adjective
1 ▷ : resembling a bear in build or in roughness, gruffness, or surliness <a ~ man>
2 : marked by, tending to cause, or fearful of falling prices (as in a stock market)
   Synonyms
   ▷ bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic, surly

bear market noun
▷ a market in which securities or commodities are persistently falling in value

bear out verb
▷ to give new assurance of the validity of : confirm, substantiate <a theory borne out by data>
   Synonyms
   ▷ confirm, corroborate, substantiate, support, validate, verify, vindicate—more at confirm

bear·skin /bar·skin/ noun
▷ an article made of the skin of a bear

beast /bést/ noun
1 ▷ : any of a kingdom of living things typically differing from plants in capacity for active movement, in rapid response to stimulation, and in lack of cellulose cell walls : animal; especially : a 4-footed mammal
2 ▷ : a contemptible person
   Synonyms
beastly /ˈbɛstˌli-ə/ adjective beast-li-er; -est
1 : BESTIAL
2 : ABOMINABLE, DISAGREEABLE
— beast-li-ness /ˈnəs/ noun

beastly adverb
: to a high degree: VERY, EXCEEDINGLY

beat /ˈbiːt/ verb beat; beat-en /ˈbiːtən/ or beat; beat-ing
1 : to strike repeatedly
2 : TREAD
3 : to affect or alter by beating<br>~ metal into sheets<br>
4 : to sound (as an alarm) on a drum
5 a : to get the better of: OVERCOME
b : to become better, greater, or stronger than: SURPASS
6 : to act or arrive before<br>~ his brother home
7 : to beat or vibrate rhythmically: THROB
8 : to flap or thrash at vigorously
9 : to glare or strike with oppressive intensity<br>~ the sun down on the caravan

Synonyms
- [1] bash, bat, batter, club, drub, pound, thrash, thump, wallop, whale, whip; also assail, attack, box, bust, cane, chop, clobber, clout, cramp, cudgel, cuff, hit, horsewhip, knock, lam, lash, lay on, paste, punch, slap, smack, smash, sock, spank, swat, swipe, thwack, whack
- [3] forge, hammer, pound—more at HAMMER
- [5a] best, conquer, crush, defeat, lick, overcome, prevail, rout, skunk, subdue, thrash, triumph, trounce, wallop, whip; also nose out

Antonyms
lose (to)
- [5b] better, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, surpass, top, transcend—more at SURPASS

beat noun
1 a : a single stroke or blow esp. of a series
b : a rhythmic throbbing, contraction and expansion, or vibration: PULSATION
2 : a rhythmic stress in poetry or music or the rhythmic effect of these
3 : a regularly traversed course
Synonyms
- [1b] palpitation, pulsation, pulse, throb—more at PULSATION
- [2] cadence, measure, meter, rhythm—more at RHYTHM

beat adjective
1 : consumed entirely: EXHAUSTED
2 : of or relating to beatniks

Synonyms
- bushed, dead, drained, exhausted, prostrate, spent, weary, worn-out—more at WEARY

beat noun
: BEATNIK

bea-tér noun
: one that beats

be-a-ti-fic /ˌbēˌaˌtiˌfik/ adjective
: giving or indicative of great joy or bliss

be-a-ti-fy /ˌbēˌaˌtaɪˈfi/ verb -fied; -fy-ing
1 : to make supremely happy
2 : to declare to have attained the blessedness of heaven and authorize the title “Blessed” for
beatification /ˌbeɪt.ɪ.fəˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun

beatitude /ˌbeɪ.tɪ.ˈtjuːd/ noun
1: a state of utmost bliss
2: any of the declarations made in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:3–12) beginning “Blessed are”

beatnik /ˈbɛt.nɪk/ noun
: a person who rejects the mores of established society and indulges in exotic philosophizing and self-expression

beau /bɔː/ noun, plural beaux /bɔz/ or beaux
[origin: F, fr. beau beautiful, fr. L bellus pretty]
1: a man of fashion: DANDY
2: one who courts a woman or seeks to marry her

Synonyms
— boyfriend, fellow, man, swain—more at BOYFRIEND

beau geste /bɔːˈʒɛst/ noun, plural beaux gestes or beau gestes /bɔːˈʒɛst/ [origin: F]
: a graceful or magnanimous gesture

beau ideal /bɔː.lɪˈdə(ə)l/ noun, plural beau ideals [origin: F]
: the perfect type or model

Synonyms
— classic, epitome, exemplar, ideal, model, nonpareil, paragon, perfection, quintessence—more at QUINTESSENCE

Beaujolais /bɔː.zho.ˈlɛ/ noun
: a French red table wine

beau monde /bɔː.mɔ̃d/ noun, plural beaux mondes /ˈmɔ̃dz/ or beaux mondes /bɔː.ˈmɔ̃d/ [origin: F]
: the world of high society and fashion

beauteous /ˌbeɪ.tu.ˈeɪs/ adjective
: having beauty: BEAUTIFUL
— beauteously adverb

beautician /ˌbeɪ.tʃə.dʒən/ noun
: COSMETOLOGIST

beauti-ful /ˌbeɪ.ti.ʃəl/ adjective
: characterized by beauty: LOVELY
— beauti-fully /ˈbeɪ.ti.ʃəli/ adverb

Synonyms
— attractive, fair, gorgeous, handsome, knockout, lovely, pretty, ravishing, stunning; also alluring, appealing, charming, delightful, glamorous, prepossessing

Antonyms
— homely, plain, ugly, unattractive, unhandsome, unlovely

beautiful people noun plural, often cap B&P
: wealthy or famous people whose lifestyle is usu. expensive and well-publicized

beautify /ˌbeɪ.ti.ˈfai/ verb -fied; -fy-ing
: to make more beautiful
— beautification /ˌbeɪ.ti.ˈfai.ʃən/ noun
— beautifier noun

Synonyms
— adorn, deck, decorate, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE

beauty /ˈbeɪ.ti/ noun, plural beauties
1 : qualities that give pleasure to the senses or exalt the mind: **LOVELINESS**
2 : a beautiful person or thing; especially: a beautiful woman
3 : an extreme or egregious example or instance

**Synonyms**

- [1] attractiveness, comeliness, handsomeness, looks, loveliness, prettiness; *also* allure, appeal, attraction, glamour

**Antonyms**

- homeliness, plainness, ugliness

- [2] dream, knockout; *also* belle, charmer, honey

- [3] crackerjack, dandy, jim-dandy, knockout, pip—more at **JIM-DANDY**

**beauty shop** noun

: an establishment where hairdressing, facials, and manicures are done

**beaux arts** /bōˈzār/ noun plural

[Origin: F]

: FINE ARTS

**beaver** noun, plural beavers

: a large fur-bearing herbivorous rodent that builds dams and underwater houses of mud and sticks; *also*: its fur

**becalm** /biˈkām/ verb

: to keep (as a ship) motionless by lack of wind

**become** /biˈkäm/ verb -came /ˈkām/; -come; -com·ing

1 : to come to be <~ tired>
2 : to suit or be suitable to <her dress ~s her>

**Synonyms**

- come, get, go, grow, run, turn, wax; *also* alter, change, metamorphose, modify, mutate, transfigure, transform, transmute

**becoming** adjective

: adapted to a use or purpose: **SUITABLE, FIT**; *also*: **ATTRACTIVE**

— **becoming·ly** adverb

**bed** /bed/ noun

1 : an article of furniture to sleep on
2 : a plot of ground prepared for plants
3 : an underlying base or support: **BOTTOM**

**Synonyms**
- bunk, pad, sack; also bedstead, mattress, pallet

**bed** verb **bed·ded; bed·ding**

1 : to put or go to bed
2 : to fix in a foundation : **EMBED**
3 : to plant in beds
4 : to lay or lie flat or in layers

**bed-and-breakfast** noun

: an establishment offering lodging and breakfast

**be·daub** /biˈdəb/ verb

: to spread or daub over a surface : **SMEAR**

**be·daz·zle** /biˈda.zəl/ verb

: to confuse by or as if by a strong light; also : **FASCINATE**

--- **be·daz·zle·ment** noun

**bed·bug** /bedˈbæg/ noun

: a wingless bloodsucking bug infesting houses and esp. beds

**bed·clothes** /bedˈklōths/ noun plural

: **BEDDING 1**

**bed·ding** /beˈdin/ noun

1 : materials for making up a bed
2 : **FOUNDATION**

**be·deck** /biˈdek/ verb

: to furnish with something ornamental : **ADORN**

**Synonyms**

♦ adorn, array, beautify, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at **DECORATE**

**be·dev·il** /biˈde.vəl/ verb

1 ♦ : to cause distress : **TORMENT**
2 : **CONFUSE, MUDDLE**

**Synonyms**

♦ afflict, agonize, curse, harrow, martyr, persecute, plague, rack, torment, torture—more at **AFFLICT**

**be·dew** /biˈdu/, ˈdju/ verb

: to wet with or as if with dew

**bed·fast** /bedˈfast/ adjective

: **BEDRIDDEN**

**bed·fel·low** /ˈbed.əˌlou/ or /ˈbed.əˌlou/ noun

1 : one sharing the bed of another
2 : a close associate : **ALLY**

**be·di·zen** /biˈde.zən, ˈdiz/ verb

: to dress or adorn with showy or vulgar finery

**bed·lam** /bedˈləm/ noun

[**ORIGIN:** Bedlam, popular name for the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem, London, an insane asylum, fr. ME Bedlem Bethlehem]

1 often cap : an insane asylum
2 ♦ : a scene of uproar and confusion

**Synonyms**

♦ circus, hell, madhouse—more at **MADHOUSE**

**bed·ou·in** or **bed·u·in** /ˈbe.də wən/ noun, plural **bedouin** or **bedouins** or **beduin** or **beduins** often cap

[**ORIGIN:** ME Bedoyne, fr. MF bedoin, fr. Ar badawī desert dweller]
: a nomadic Arab of the Arabian, Syrian, or No. African deserts

bed·pan /bed·pán/ noun
: a shallow vessel used by a bedridden person for urination or defecation

bed·post /.bōst/ noun
: the post of a bed

be·drag·gled /biˈdral·gld/ adjective
: soiled and disordered as if by being drenched

bed·rid·den /bed·rid·ən/ adjective
: kept in bed by illness or weakness

1bedrock /ˈbɛrdək/ noun
1 : the solid rock underlying surface materials (as soil)
2 : the bottom of something considered as its foundation

Synonyms
 base, basis, footing, foundation, ground, groundwork, keystone, underpinning—more at BASE

2bedrock adjective
 : solidly fundamental, basic, or reliable <traditional ~ values>

bed·roll /bed·rōl/ noun
: bedding rolled up for carrying

bed·room /ˈbɛrdˌrʊm/ noun
: a room containing a bed and used esp. for sleeping

bed·side /ˈbɛdˌsaɪd/ noun
: the place beside a bed esp. of a sick or dying person

bed·sore /ˈbɛdsɔr/ noun
: an ulceration of tissue deprived of adequate blood supply by prolonged pressure

bed·spread /ˈbɛdspred/ noun
: a usu. ornamental cloth cover for a bed

Synonyms
 counterpane, spread—more at COUNTERPANE

bed·stead /ˈbɛdˌsted/ noun
: the framework of a bed

bed·time /ˈbɛdˌtaɪm/ noun
: time for going to bed

bed–wet·ting /ˈbedˌwɛtᵣɪŋ/ noun
: involuntary discharge of urine esp. in bed during sleep

bed–wet·ter noun

1bee /bē/ noun
: any of numerous 4-winged insects (as honeybees or bumblebees) that feed on nectar and pollen and that sometimes produce honey or have a painful sting

2bee noun
: a gathering of people for a specific purpose <quilting ~>

beech /ˈbēch/ noun, plural beech·es or beech
: any of a genus of deciduous hardwood trees with smooth gray bark and small sweet triangular nuts; also : the wood of a beech

beech·en /ˈbēch·ən/ adjective

beech·nut /ˈbēchˌnət/ noun
beef /ˈbēf/ noun, plural beefs /ˈbēfs/ or beeves /ˈbēvz/  
1: the flesh of a steer, cow, or bull; also: the dressed carcass of a beef animal  
2: a steer, cow, or bull esp. when fattened for food  
3: MUSCLE, BRAWN  
4 plural beefs  
: expression of grief, pain, or dissatisfaction: COMPLAINT  
Synonyms  
- complaint, fuss, grievance, gripe, grumble, murmure, plaint, squawk—more at COMPLAINT  
2 beef verb  
1: to increase or add substance, strength, or power to: STRENGTHEN — usu. used with up  
2: to express grief, pain, or discontent: COMPLAIN  
Synonyms  
- usually beef up [1] fortify, harden, strengthen, toughen—more at STRENGTHEN  
- usually beef up [1] amplify, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, redouble, step up—more at INTENSIFY  
- [2] bellyache, carp, complain, crab, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN  
beef-eat-er /ˈbēf.ē.ər/ noun  
: a yeoman of the guard of an English monarch  
beef-steak /ˌstēk/ noun  
: a slice of beef suitable for broiling or frying  
beefy /ˈbēf.i/ adjective beef-i·er, -est  
: heavily and powerfully built: BRAWNY  
Synonyms  
- brawny, burly, husky—more at HUSKY  
beef·hive /ˈbēf.hīv/ noun  
: HIVE 1, 3  
beef·keep·er /ˌkēp.ər/ noun  
: a person who raises bees  
— beef·keep·ing noun  
beef·line /ˌlīn/ noun  
: a straight direct course  
been past participle of BE  
beep·er /ˈbēp.ər/ noun  
: a small radio receiver that beeps when signaled to alert the person carrying it  
beer /ˈbēr/ noun  
: an alcoholic beverage brewed from malt and hops  
— beery adjective  
bees·wax /ˈbēz.waks/ noun  
: WAX 1  
beet /ˈbēt/ noun  
: a garden plant with edible leaves and a thick sweet root used as a vegetable, as a source of sugar, or as forage; also: its root  
1 beet·le /ˈbēt.əl/ noun  
: any of an order of insects having four wings of which the stiff outer pair covers the membranous inner pair when not in flight  
2 beet·le verb beet·led; beet·ling  
: to jut out: PROJECT
**Synonyms**

- bulge, overhang, poke, project, protrude, stick out—more at BULGE

**be·fall /biˈfəl/ verb -fell /ˈfel/; -fall·en /ˈfel·ən/**

- to happen to: OCCUR

  **Synonyms**

  - be, betide, chance, come, go, happen, occur, pass, transpire—more at HAPPEN

**be·fit /biˈfɪt/ verb**

- to be suitable to

**be·fog /biˈfɒg, ˈfɑɡ/ verb**

1. to make dark, dim, or indistinct: OBSCURE

2. to make mentally unclear or uncertain: CONFUSE

  **Synonyms**

  - [1] becloud, blur, cloud, darken, dim, fog, haze, mist, obscure, overcast, overshadow, shroud—more at CLOUD
  - [2] addle, baffle, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE

**before /biˈfɔːr/ adverb or adjective**

1. in front

2. at an earlier time: PREVIOUSLY

  **Synonyms**

  - ahead, beforehand, previously—more at AHEAD

**preposition**

1. in front of <stood ~ him>

2. earlier than <got there ~ me>

3. in a more important category than <put quality ~ quantity>

  **Synonyms**

  - ahead of, ere, of, previous to, prior to, to; also till, until, up to

  **Antonyms**

  after, following

**conjunction**

1. earlier than the time that <he got here ~ I did>

2. more willingly than <she'd starve ~ she'd steal>

**be·fore·hand /biˈfɔːrˌhænd/ adverb or adjective**

- in advance

  **Synonyms**

  - ahead, before, early, previously—more at AHEAD

**be·foul /biˈfɔʊl/ verb**

- to make foul (as with dirt or waste)

  **Synonyms**

  - begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, muddy, smirch, soil, stain—more at DIRTY
  - contaminate, defile, foul, poison, pollute, taint—more at CONTAMINATE

**be·friend /biˈfrɛnd/ verb**

- to act as friend to

**be·fud·dle /biˈfʌdəl/ verb**

- to muddle or stupefy with or as if with drink: CONFUSE

  **Synonyms**

  - addle, baffle, befog, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE

**beg /ˈbeg/ verb begged; beg·ging**
begger /ˈbɪɡər/ noun
1: one that begs; especially: a person who begs as a way of life
2: beggar verb
: IMPOVERISH
beggarly /ˈbɪɡərlɪ/ adjective
1: contemptibly mean or inadequate
2: marked by unrelieved poverty <a ~ life>
beggary /ˈbɪɡərɪ/ noun
: extreme poverty
Synonyms
  destitution, impecuniousness, impoverishment, indigence, need, pauperism, penury, poverty, want—more at POVERTY
beget /biˈɡet/ verb -got /ˈɡɑt/; -got·ten /ˈɡɑt·ən/ or -got; -get·ting
: to become the father of: SIRE
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be·grime /biˈgrīm/ verb be·grimed, be·grim·ing
   1 : to make dirty
   Synonyms
   befoul, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, muddy, smirch, soil, stain—more at DIRTY

be·grudge /biˈgral/ verb
   1 : to give or concede reluctantly
   2 : to be reluctant to grant or allow

be·guile /ˈgɪl/ verb be·guiled; be·guil·ing
   1 : to lead by deception
   2 : to while away
   3 : to engage the interest of by guile
   Synonyms
   [1] deceive, dupe, fool, hoax, misinform, mislead, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE
   [1] decoy, entice, lead on, lure, seduce, tempt—more at LURE
   [3] bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate, wile—more at CHARM

be·guine /biˈɡən/ noun
[origin: AmerF béguine, fr. F béguin flirtation]
: a vigorous popular dance of the islands of Saint Lucia and Martinique

be·gum /ˈbəˌgəm/ noun
: a Muslim woman of high rank

be·half /ˈbɪˌhɑːf/ noun
: BENEFIT, SUPPORT, DEFENSE

be·have /biˈhāv/ verb be·have·ed; be·have·ing
   1 : to bear, comport, or conduct oneself in a particular and esp. a proper way
   2 : to act, function, or react in a particular way
   Synonyms
   acquit, bear, comport, conduct, demean, deport, quit; also check, collect, compose, constrain, contain, control, curb, handle, inhibit, quiet, repress, restrain

be·hav·ior /biˈhɑːv.iər/ noun
   1 : way of behaving; especially : personal conduct
   — be·hav·ior·al /ˌvɪəˈral/ adjective
      Synonyms
      actions, bearing, comportment, conduct, demeanor, deportment; also etiquette, form, manners, mores, proprieties

be·hav·ior·ism /biˈhɑːv.iər.izəm/ noun
: a school of psychology concerned with the objective evidence of behavior without reference to conscious experience

be·head /biˈhɛd/ verb
: to remove the head from

be·he·moth /biˈhɛ.ˌməθ/ noun
   1 : a huge powerful animal described in Job 40:15–24
   2 : something of monstrous size or power
   Synonyms
   blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whale, whopper—more at GIANT

be·hest /biˈhɛst/ noun
   1 : an authoritative order : COMMAND
   2 : an urgent prompting
   Synonyms
charge, command, commandment, decree, dictate, direction, directive, edict, instruction, order, word—more at COMMAND

1 behind /biˈhænd/ adverb or adjective
   1: BACK, BACKWARD <look ~>
   2: later in time: LATE
      Synonyms
         belated, delinquent, late, overdue, tardy—more at LATE

2 behind preposition
   1: in or to a place or situation in back of or to the rear of <look ~ you> <the staff stayed ~ the troops>
   2: inferior to (as in rank): BELOW <three games ~ the first-place team>
   3: in support of: SUPPORTING <we're ~ you all the way>
   4:— used as a function word to indicate backwardness, delay, or deficiency <~ the times>

be·hind·hand /biˈhændˌhænd/ adjective
   : being in arrears

be·hold /biˈhōld/ verb -held, -hold·ing
   1: to have in sight: SEE
   2:— used imperatively to direct the attention
      — be·hold·er noun
         Synonyms
         descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at SEE

be·hold·en /biˈhōldˌən/ adjective
   : OBLIGATED, INDEBTED

be·hoof /biˈhūf/ noun
   : ADVANTAGE, PROFIT

be·hoove /biˈhūv/ verb be·hooved; be·hoov·ing
   : to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for

beige /ˈbāzh/ noun
   : a pale dull yellowish brown
   — beige adjective

be·ing /ˈbēŋ/ noun
   1 a: EXISTENCE
   b: something that actually exists
   2: the qualities or constitution of an existent thing
   3: a living thing; especially: PERSON
      Synonyms
      [1b] entity, individual, object, substance, thing—more at ENTITY
      [3] body, creature, human, individual, life, man, mortal, party, person

be·la·bor /ˈblāˈbәr/ verb
   : to assail (as with words) tiresomely or at length
      Synonyms
      abuse, assail, attack, blast, castigate, excoriate, jump, lambaste, slam, vituperate—more at ATTACK

be·lat·ed /biˈlātəd/ adjective
   : delayed beyond the usual time: LATE
      Synonyms
      behind, delinquent, late, overdue, tardy—more at LATE

be·lay /ˈbēl/ verb
   1: to wind (a rope) around a pin or cleat in order to hold secure
   2: QUIT, STOP — used in the imperative

belch /ˈbelch/ verb
1: to expel (gas) from the stomach through the mouth
2: to gush forth &lt;a volcano ~ing lava&gt;
— **belch** noun

**Synonyms**
- disgorge, eject, erupt, expel, jet, spew, spout, spurt—more at **ERUPT**

**bel-dam** or **bel dame** /be l dam/ noun
[origin: ME beldam grandmother, fr. AF bel beautiful + ME dam lady, mother]
: an old woman

**be-lea·guer** /bi le gur/ verb
1: to surround with armed forces: **BESIEGE**
2: **HARASS** &lt;~ed parents>

**bel-fry** /be fr/ noun, plural **belfries**
: a tower for a bell (as on a church); also: the part of the tower in which the bell hangs

**Belg** abbreviation
Belgian; Belgium

**Bel-gian** /be jan/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Belgium
— **Belgian** adjective

**Belgian waffle** noun
: a waffle with large depressions and often served with fruit topping

**be-lie** /bi l/ verb -lied; -lying
1: to give a false impression of: **MISREPRESENT**
2: to show (something) to be false
3: to run counter to

**Synonyms**
- confute, disprove, rebut, refute—more at **DISPROVE**

**be-lief** /be l/ noun
1: **CONFIDENCE**, **TRUST**
2: something (as a tenet or creed) believed

**Synonyms**
- conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at **OPINION**
- credence, credit, faith; also axiom, law, precept, principle, tenet

**Antonyms**
- disbelief, discredit, doubt, unbelief

**be-liev-able** /be v bal/ adjective
: capable of being believed esp. as within the range of known possibility or probability

**Synonyms**
- credible, likely, plausible, probable; also acceptable, conceivable, imaginable, possible, practical, reasonable

**Antonyms**
- implausible, improbable, incredible, unbelievable, unlikely

**be-lieve** /be l v/ verb be-lieved; be-liev-ing
1: to have religious convictions
2: to have a firm conviction about something: accept as true
3: to hold as an opinion: **SUPPOSE**

— **be-liev-er** noun

**Synonyms**
- [2] accept, credit, swallow, trust; also account, accredit, understand

**Antonyms**
- disbelieve, discredit, reject
- [3] consider, deem, feel, figure, guess, hold, imagine, suppose, think; also esteem, regard, view
be·like /biˈlɪk/ adverb, archaic
  : PROBABLY
be·lit·tle /biˈlɪtl/ verb -lit·tled, -lit·ting
1 : to make seem little or less
2 : to speak slightingly about : DISPARAGE
  Synonyms
    ▶ cry down, decry, deprecate, depreciate, diminish, discount, disparage, minimize, put down, write off—more at DECRY
  
1bell /bel/ noun
1 : a hollow metallic device that makes a ringing sound when struck
2 : the sounding or stroke of a bell (as on shipboard to tell the time); also : time so indicated
3 : something with the flared form of a typical bell
  
2bell verb
  : to provide with a bell

bel·la·don·na /beˈle.də.nə/ noun
[origin: It, lit., beautiful lady]
  : a medicinal extract (as atropine) from a poisonous European herb related to the potato; also : this herb

bell–bot·toms /belˈbä.temz/ noun plural
  : pants with wide flaring bottoms
  — bell–bottom adjective
  
bell·boy /belˈbɔi/ noun
  : BELLHOP

belle /be/ noun
  : an attractive and popular girl or woman

belles let·tres /belˈlətres/ noun plural
[origin: F]
  : literature that is an end in itself and not practical or purely informative
  — bel·le·tris·tic /beˈle.tris.tık/ adjective

bell·hop /belˈhɑp/ noun
  : a hotel or club employee who takes guests to rooms, carries luggage, and runs errands

bel·li·cate /beˈliˌkæt/ adjective
  : favoring or inclined to start quarrels or wars : WARLIKE, PUGNACIOUS
  Synonyms
    ▶ aggressive, argumentative, belligerent, combative, contentious, discordant, disputatious, militant, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent, warlike—more at BELLIGERENT

bel·li·cate·ty /beˈliˌkæt.ə.ti/ noun
  : showy or extreme combativeness or aggressiveness

bel·lig·er·ence /ˌran/s/ noun
  : an aggressive or truculent attitude, atmosphere, or disposition
  Synonyms
    ▶ aggression, aggressiveness, fight, militancy, pugnacity, truculence; also antagonism, fierceness, hostility, unfriendliness
  Antonyms
    pacifism

bel·lig·er·en·cy /ˌran.sə/ noun
1 : the status of a nation engaged in war
2 : BELLIGERENCE, TRUCULENCE

bel·lig·er·ent /ran/ adjective
1: waging war
2: inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness, hostility, or combativeness: TRUCULENT

— belligerent noun

-Synonyms
-aggressive, argumentative, bellicose, combative, contentious, discordant, disputatious, militant, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent, warlike; also antagonistic, fierce, hostile

-Antonyms
-nonbelligerent, pacific, peaceable, peaceful

bel-low /beˌlō/ verb
1: to make the deep hollow sound characteristic of a bull
2: to shout in a deep voice

— bellow noun

-Synonyms
—boom, growl, roar, thunder—more at ROAR

bel-lows /ˌlōzˌles/ noun singular or plural
:a closed device with sides that can be spread apart and then pressed together to draw in air and expel it through a tube

bell-weth-er /ˈbel ə thər/ noun
: one that takes the lead or initiative

1belly /ˈbe lē/ noun, plural bellies
[origin: ME bely bellows, belly, fr. OE belg bag, skin]
1: the part of the body between the thorax and the pelvis: ABDOMEN
2: the underpart of an animal's body

-Synonyms
—abdomen, gut, potbelly, solar plexus, stomach, tummy—more at STOMACH

2belly verb bel- lied; bel-ly-ing
1: to swell or fill beyond a point: BULGE

-Synonyms
—billow, bulge, overhang, protrude, start, stick out—more at BULGE

1bellyache /ˈbeˌle ək/ noun
: pain in the abdomen

2bellyache verb
1: to find fault: COMPLAIN

-Synonyms
—beef, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN

belly button noun
: the human navel

belly dance noun
: a usu. solo dance emphasizing movement of the belly

—belly dance verb
—belly dancer noun

belly laugh noun
: a deep hearty laugh

be-long /ˈbi ˈlōŋ/ verb
1: to be suitable or appropriate; also: to be properly situated <shoes ~ in the closet>
2: to be the property <this ~ to me>; also: to be attached (as through birth or membership) <~ to a club>
3: to form an attribute or part <this wheel ~ to the cart>
4: to be classified <whales ~ among the mammals>

be-long-ings /ˈbél ə nĭngz/ noun plural
†: moveable property: effects, possessions

Synonyms
† chattels, effects, holdings, paraphernalia, possessions, things—more at possession

1 beloved /bi ˈlɛvd/ adjective
†: dearly loved

Synonyms
† darling, dear, favorite, loved, pet, precious, special, sweet

2 beloved noun
†: one who is loved; especially: sweetheart

1 below /bɪˈləʊ/ adverb
1 †: in or to a lower place or rank
2 : on earth
3 : in hell

Synonyms
† down, downward, over—more at down
† beneath, under; also beside, near, nearby

Antonyms
up

2 below preposition
1 : lower than
2 : inferior to (as in rank)

below decks /bɪˈləʊ dɛks, ˈləʊ dɛks/ adverb
†: inside the superstructure of a boat or down to a lower deck

1 belt /bɛlt/ noun
1 †: a strip (as of leather) worn about the waist
2 : a flexible continuous band to communicate motion or convey material
3 †: a region marked by some distinctive feature; especially: one suited to a particular crop

Synonyms
† [1] cincture, cummerbund, girdle, sash; also band, waistband
† [3] land, region, tract, zone—more at region

2 belt verb
1 †: to encircle or secure with a belt
2 : to beat with or as if with a belt
3 : to mark with an encircling band
4 : to sing loudly

Synonyms
† [1] band, gird, girdle, wrap—more at gird

3 belt noun
1 : a jarring blow: whack
2 : drink <a ~ of whiskey>

belt–tightening noun
†: a reduction in spending

belt–way /ˈbɛlt ˈweɪ/ noun
†: a highway around a city

be·lu·ga /beˈluːɡə/ noun
[origin: Russ]
1 : a large white sturgeon of the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and their tributaries that is a source of caviar; also: caviar from beluga roe
2 : a whale of arctic and subarctic waters that is white when mature
bel·ve·dere /belˌva.dir/ noun
-Origin: It., lit., beautiful view
: a structure (as a summerhouse) designed to command a view

be·mire /biˈmɪər/ verb
: to cover or soil with or sink in mire

be·moan /biˈmɔn/ verb
: to express deep grief or distress over : LAMENT, DEPLORE
  Synonyms
    bewail, deplore, grieve, lament, mourn, wail—more at LAMENT

be·muse /biˈmʊz/ verb
: to make confused : BEWILDER
  Synonyms
    addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE

1 bench /ben/ noun
  1 : a long seat for two or more persons
  2 : the seat of a judge in court; also : the office or dignity of a judge
  3 a : COURT
  b : the persons who sit as judges
  4 : a table for holding work and tools <a carpenter's ~> 
    Synonyms
      court, judge, justice, magistrate—more at JUDGE

2 bench /ben/ verb
  1 : to furnish with benches
  2 : to seat on a bench
  3 : to remove from or keep out of a game

bench mark noun
  1 : a mark on a permanent object serving as an elevation reference in topographical surveys
  2 usually bench·mark : a point of reference for measurement; also : STANDARD

bench press noun
: a press in weight lifting performed by a lifter lying on a bench
  — bench·press verb

bench warrant noun
: a warrant issued by a presiding judge or by a court against a person guilty of contempt or indicted for a crime

1 bend /bend/ verb bent /ˈbɛnt/, bend·ing
  1 : to draw (as a bow) taut
  2 : to curve or cause a change of shape in ~ a bar
  3 : to make fast : SECURE
  4 : DEFLECT
  5 : to turn in a certain direction <bent his steps toward town>
  6 : to direct strenuously or with interest : APPLY <bent themselves to the task>
  7 : SUBDUE
  8 : to curve downward
  9 : YIELD, SUBMIT
    Synonyms
      [2] arc, arch, bow, crook, curve, hook, round, sweep, swerve, wheel—more at CURVE
      [5] aim, cast, direct, head, level, set, train—more at AIM
      [6] address, apply, buckle, devote, give—more at APPLY

2 bend noun
  1 : an act or process of bending
  2 : something bent; especially : CURVE
3 plural : a painful and sometimes fatal disorder caused by release of gas bubbles in the tissues upon too rapid decrease in air pressure after a stay in a compressed atmosphere
  
  **Synonyms**
  angle, arc, arch, bow, crook, curve, turn, wind; also kink, warp
  
  **Antonyms**
  straight line

3 **bend** noun
  : a knot by which a rope is fastened (as to another rope)
  
  **bend•er** /'ben.ər/ noun
  : SPREE
  
  **beneath** /biˈneth/ adverb
  : in or to a lower position : BELOW
  
  **Synonyms**
  below, under—more at BELOW

2 **beneath** preposition
  1 : in or to a lower position than : BELOW, UNDER <stood ~ a tree>
  2 : unworthy of <considered such behavior ~ her>
  3 : concealed by

**bene•dic•tion** /ˈben.i.dik.ʃən/ noun
  : the invocation of a blessing esp. at the close of a public worship service

**bene•fac•tion** /ˈben.i.fæk.ʃən/ noun
  : a charitable donation
  
  **Synonyms**
  alms, beneficence, charity, contribution, donation, philanthropy—more at CONTRIBUTION

**bene•fac•tor** /ˈben.i.fæk.tar/ noun
  : one that confers a benefit and esp. a benefaction

**bene•fac•tress** /ˈfæk.trəs/ noun
  : a woman who is a benefactor

**bene•fac•tion** /ˈben.i.ʃəs/noun
  : an ecclesiastical office to which the revenue from an endowment is attached

**be•ne•fic•i•ence** /ˌbe.niˈfə səns/ noun
  1 : beneficent quality
  2 : a benefit conferred : BENEFACTION
  
  **Synonyms**
  alms, benefaction, charity, contribution, donation, philanthropy—more at CONTRIBUTION

**be•ne•fi•cent** /ˌbe.niˈfə.sənt/ adjective
  1 : doing or producing good (as by acts of kindness or charity)
  2 : BENEFICIAL
  
  **Synonyms**
  benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted—more at HUMANE
  
  altruistic, benevolent, charitable, humanitarian, philanthropic—more at CHARITABLE

**be•ne•fi•cial** /ˌbe.niˈfə shəl/ adjective
  : being of benefit or help : HELPFUL
  
  — **be•ne•fi•cial•ly** adverb
  
  **Synonyms**
  advantageous, favorable, helpful, profitable, salutary; also gratifying, rewarding, satisfying
  
  **Antonyms**
  disadvantageous, unfavorable, unfavorable
beneficiary /ˌben.əˈʃɪə.rɪ/ : one that receives a benefit (as the income of a trust or the proceeds of an insurance)

1 benefit /ˈbe.nɪ.ˈfɪt/ noun
1 : ADVANTAGE <the ~s of exercise>
2 a : useful aid
b : material aid provided or due (as in sickness or unemployment) as a right
3 : a performance or event to raise funds
   Synonyms
   - advantage, aid, boon, help—more at HELP

2 benefit verb -fit·ed /ˌfit.ɪd/ also -fit·ted; -fit·ing also -fit·ting
1 : to be useful or profitable to
2 : to receive benefit
   Synonyms
   - avail, profit, serve; also succeed, work (for)

be·nev·o·lence /ˌbe.ˈnev.ə.lens/ noun
1 : charitable nature
2 : an act of kindness : CHARITY
   — be·nev·o·lent·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - amity, cordiality, fellowship, friendliness, friendship, goodwill, kindliness—more at GOODWILL

be·nev·o·lent /ˈlent/ adjective
1 : marked by or disposed to doing good
   Synonyms
   - beneficent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted—more at HUMANE
   - altruistic, beneficent, charitable, humanitarian, philanthropic—more at CHARITABLE

be·night·ed /ˌbi.ˈnɪt.ɪd/ adjective
1 : overtaken by darkness or night
2 : living in ignorance

be·nign /ˈbɪnɪŋ/ adjective
[origin: ME benigne, fr. AF, fr. L benignus]
1 : of a gentle disposition; also : showing kindness
2 : of a mild kind; especially : not malignant <~ tumors>
   — be·nig·ni·ty /ˌnɪg.ˈnɪ.tɪ/ noun
   Synonyms
   - balmy, bland, delicate, gentle, light, mellow, mild, soft, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE

be·nig·nant /ˌnɪg.nənt/ adjective
: having a kind and gentle nature

ben·i·son /ˈbe.nə.zən, ˈze.n/ noun
: a prayer that blesses : BLESSING, BENEDICTION

bent /ˈbent/ noun
1 : strong inclination or interest
2 : power of endurance
   Synonyms
   - devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, talent, tendency, turn—more at INCLINATION

ben·thic /ˈben.tɪθ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or occurring at the bottom of a body of water

ben·ton·ite /ˈben.ˈtən.ɪt/ noun
: an absorptive clay used esp. as a filler (as in paper)
bent·wood /'bent.wûd/ adjective  
: made of wood bent into shape <a ~ rocker>

be·numb /bi.'nəm/ verb  
1 : to make inactive : DULL, DEADEN  
2 : to make numb esp. by cold

ben·zene /'ben.zên/ noun  
: a colorless volatile flammable liquid hydrocarbon used in organic synthesis and as a solvent

ben·zine /'ben.zên/ noun  
: any of various flammable petroleum distillates used as solvents or as motor fuels

ben·zo·ate /'ben.zô .wät/ noun  
: a salt or ester of benzoic acid

ben·zo·ic acid /'ben.zô.ik/ noun  
: a white crystalline acid used as a preservative and antiseptic and in synthesizing chemicals

ben·zo·in /'ben.zô .wän . .zên/ noun  
: a balsamlike resin from trees of southern Asia used esp. in medicine and perfumes

be·queath /bi.'kweth . .kwêth/ verb  
[ORIGIN: ME bequethen, fr. OE becwethan, fr. be- + cwethan to say]  
1 : to leave by will  
2 : to hand down

be·quest /bi.'kwest/ noun  
1 : the action of bequeathing  
2 ✦ : something bequeathed : LEGACY

Synonyms  
birthright, heritage, inheritance, legacy—more at INHERITANCE

be·rate /'râ/ verb  
: to scold harshly

Synonyms  
castigate, chew out, dress down, lecture, rail, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, upbraid—more at SCOLD

Ber·ber /'ber.bar/ noun  
: a member of any of various peoples living in northern Africa west of Tripoli

ber·ceuse /'ber .söz . .'sûz/ noun, plural berceuses /same or .sû .zëz/  
[ORIGIN: F, fr. bercer to rock]  
1 : LULLABY  
2 : a musical composition that resembles a lullaby

1bereaved /bi.'rêvd/ adjective  
: grieving the death of a loved one  
— be·reave·ment noun

2bereaved noun, plural bereaved  
: one who is bereaved

be·ref /'rêf/ adjective  
1 ✦ : deprived of or lacking something — usu. used with of  
2 : grieving the death of a loved one : BEREAVED

Synonyms  
destitute, devoid, void—more at DEVOID

be·ret /'ber .râ/ noun  
: a round soft cap with no visor

berg /'barg/ noun  
: ICEBERG
beri·beri /ber·ē·bē·ri/ noun
  a deficiency disease marked by weakness, wasting, and nerve damage and caused by lack of thiamine
berke·li·um /'ber.kle.əm/ noun
  an artificially prepared radioactive chemical element
berm /'berm/ noun
  a narrow shelf or path at the top or bottom of a slope; also: a mound or bank of earth
  Ber·mu·das /ber·myü·dəs/ noun plural
  BERMUDA SHORTS
Bermuda shorts noun plural
  : knee-length walking shorts
ber·ry /'ber·ē/ noun, plural berries
  1: a small pulpy fruit (as a strawberry)
  2: a simple fruit (as a grape, tomato, or banana) with the wall of the ripened ovary thick and pulpy
  3: the dry seed of some plants (as coffee)
  1berserk /berˌsərk, -zərk/ adjective
  [origin: ON berserkr warrior frenzied in battle, prob. fr. ber- bear + serkr shirt]
  : FRENZIED, CRAZED
  2berserk adverb
   : in a berserk manner
   Synonyms
   amok, frantically, harum-scarum, hectically, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wild, wildly—more at HELTER-SKELTER
berth /børth/ noun
  1: adequate distance esp. for a ship to maneuver
  2: the place where a ship is anchored or a vehicle rests
  3 ACCOMMODATIONS
  4: an employment for which one has been hired: JOB, POSITION
berth verb
  1: to bring or come into a berth
  2: to allot a berth to
ber·yl /'ber·ēl/ noun
  : a hard silicate mineral occurring as green, yellow, pink, or white crystals
ber·yl·li·um /'ber.ələˌəm/ noun
  : a light strong metallic chemical element used as a hardener in alloys
be·seech /'biˌsēch/ verb -sought /ˈsōt/ or -seeched; -seech·ing
  : to beg earnestly or urgently: ENTREAT
  Synonyms
  appeal, beg, entreat, implore, importune, petition, plead, pray, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG
be·seem /biˈsem/ verb, archaic
  : BEFIT
be·set /ˈset/ verb
  1: TROUBLE, HARASS
  2 a : to set upon: ASSAIL
  b : SURROUND
  Synonyms
  assault, attack, charge, descend, jump, pounce, raid, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK
be·set·ting adjective
  : persistently present
beside /bɛzid/ preposition
1 : by the side of <sit ~ me>
2 : BESIDES: a: other than
   b: together with
   c: not relevant to

beside adverb, archaic
: BESIDES

besides /bɛz dez/ preposition
1 : other than
2 : together with
   Synonyms
   • aside from, bar, barring, but, except, outside, save—more at EXCEPT

besides adverb
1 : as well : ALSO
2 : in addition to what precedes : MOREOVER
   Synonyms
   • additionally, again, also, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, too, withal, yet

besiege /bɛz ði/ verb
1 : to lay siege to
2 : to press with requests
   — besieger noun
   Synonyms
   • barricade, block, cut off, dam, encircle, surround

be-smear /bɛz mør/ verb
: to spread with something oily, thick, or sticky : SMEAR

be-smirch /bɛz mørk/ verb
: to make soiled or tarnished : SMIRCH, SOIL
   Synonyms
   • befoul, begrime, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, muddy, smirch, soil, stain—more at DIRTY

besom /bɛz om/ noun
: BROOM

besot /bɛz oʊt/ verb besotted; besotting
1 : INFATUATE
2 : to make dull esp. by drinking

bespatter /bɛspo tər/ verb
: to splash with or as if with a liquid : SPATTER

bespeak /bɛsp pok/ verb -spoke /bɛs pok/: -spoken /bɛsp oʊk/, -speaking
1 : to hire, engage, or claim beforehand : PREARRANGE
2 : ADDRESS
3 : REQUEST
4 : to be a sign or indication of <~s considerable practice>
5 : FORETELL
   Synonyms
   • betray, demonstrate, display, evince, expose, give away, manifest, reveal, show—more at SHOW

be-sprinkle /bɛ sprɪnk lə/ verb
: SPRINKLE

best /bɛst/ adjective, superlative of GOOD
1 : excelling all others
2 : most productive (as of good or satisfaction)
best adverb, superlative of well
1: in the best way
2: most

3 best noun
1: something that is best
2: best clothes <Sunday ~>  
   Synonyms  
   - [1] choice, cream, elect, elite, fat, flower, pick, prime—more at elite
   - [2] array, bravery, caparison, feather, finery, frippery, full dress, gaiety, regalia—more at finery

4 best verb
1: to get the better of 
   Synonyms  
   - beat, defeat, master, overcome, prevail, triumph, trounce, wallop, whip, win

bes·tial /bes.chəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to beasts
2: resembling a beast esp. in brutality or lack of intelligence

bes·ti·al·i·ty /bes.chə.ləl.tē, bēs/ noun, plural -ties
1: the condition or status of a lower animal 
2: display or gratification of bestial traits or impulses

bes·ti·ary /bes.chər.ərē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
1: a medieval allegorical or moralizing work on the appearance and habits of animals 
2: be·stir /bi.'står/ verb
1: to rouse to action 
2: be·stir noun  
   the principal groomsman at a wedding

be·stow /bi.'stō/ verb
1: put, place, stow 
2: to present as a gift
   Synonyms  
   - contribute, donate, give, present—more at give

3 be·stow·al noun
1: something bestowed or given
   Synonyms  
   - donation, freebie, gift, lagniappe, present—more at gift

be·stride /bi.'strīd/ verb -strode /′strōd/; -strid·den /′strid.ən/; -strid·ing
1: to ride, sit, or stand astride

be·tween /bi.'twēn/  
1: option <the back road is your best ~>
2: to make a bet with
3: to lay a bet
   Synonyms  
   - gamble, go, lay, stake, wager; also bid, offer

3 be·tween abbreviation
between
be·ta /bäˈte/ noun
1 : the 2d letter of the Greek alphabet — B or β
2 : a nearly complete version of a new product (as computer software)

beta–block·er /ˌbläˈkær/ noun
: any of a group of drugs that decrease the rate and force of heart contractions and lower high blood pressure

be·ta–car·o·tene /ˌkar.əˈtên/ noun
: an isomer of carotene found in dark green and dark yellow vegetables and fruits

be·take /biˈtāk/ verb -took /ˈtōk/, -tak·en /ˈtākən/, -tak·ing
: to cause (oneself) to go

beta particle noun
: a high-speed electron; especially : one emitted by a radioactive nucleus

beta ray noun
1 : BETA PARTICLE
2 : a stream of beta particles

beta test noun
: a field test of the beta version of a product prior to commercial release

be·tel /bēˈtel/ noun
: a climbing pepper whose leaves are chewed together with lime and betel nut as a stimulant esp. by southern Asians

betel nut noun
: the astringent seed of an Asian palm that is chewed with betel leaves

bête noire /betˈnoir/, bāt/ noun, plural bêtes noires /sam ˈnwarz/
[ORIGIN: F, lit., black beast]
: a person or thing strongly disliked, avoided, or feared

Synonyms
• bogey, bugbear, hobgoblin, ogre—more at BOGEY
• abhorrence, abomination, anathema, antipathy, aversion, hate—more at HATE

beth·el /beˈthel/ noun
[ORIGIN: Heb bēth‘ēl house of God]
: a place of worship esp. for seamen

be·think /biˈthin/ verb -thought /ˈthōt/, -think·ing
1 : to bring to mind or think of again : REMEMBER
2 : PONDER

be·tide /biˈtīd/ verb
: to happen to

Synonyms
• be, befall, chance, come, go, happen, occur, pass, transpire—more at HAPPEN

be·times /biˈtaums/ adverb
: in good time : EARLY

be·to·ken /biˈtōkən/ verb
1 : PRESAGE
2 : to give evidence of

be·tray /biˈtrā/ verb
1 : to lead astray; especially : SEDUCE
2 : to deliver to an enemy
3 : ABANDON
4 : to prove unfaithful to
5 : to reveal unintentionally; also : SHOW

Synonyms
bespeak, demonstrate, display, evince, expose, give away, manifest, reveal, show—more at SHOW

betrayal noun
▷ the act of betraying or fact of being betrayed
  
  Synonyms
  ◦ disloyalty, double cross, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness; also abandonment, desertion

betrayal noun
▷ one who betrays (something or someone)
  
  Synonyms
  ◦ informer, stool pigeon, tattletale, telltale—more at INFORMER
  ◦ apostate, double-crosser, quisling, recreant, traitor, turncoat—more at TRAITOR

betroth /betrəθ/ verb
▷ to promise to marry

betrothal noun
▷ the act of betrothing or fact of being betrothed; also a mutual promise or contract for a future marriage

betrothed noun
▷ the person to whom one is betrothed
  
  Synonyms
  ◦ intended; also admirer, beau, beloved, boyfriend, darling, dear, favorite, fellow, flame, girlfriend, honey, love, lover, steady, swain, sweet, sweetheart, valentine

1 better /ˈbetər/ adjective, comparative of good
  1 : greater than half
  2 : improved in health
  3 : more attractive, favorable, or commendable
  4 : more advantageous or effective
  5 : improved in accuracy or performance

2 better verb
  1▷ to make or become better
  2▷ to surpass in excellence : EXCEL
  
  Synonyms
  ◦ [1] ameliorate, amend, enhance, enrich, improve, perfect, refine—more at IMPROVE
  ◦ [2] beat, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, surpass, top, transcend—more at SURPASS

3 better adverb, comparative of well
  1 : in a superior manner
  2 : to a higher or greater degree; also : MORE

4 better noun
  1 : something better; also a superior esp. in merit or rank
  2 : superiority of position or condition : ADVANTAGE

5 better verbal auxiliary
  : had better <you ~ hurry>

betroth /ˈbetər/ noun
▷ improvement

betor or better /ˈbetər/ noun
▷ one that bets

1 between /bɪˈtwɛn/ preposition
  1 : by the common action of <earned $10,000 ~ the two of them>
  2 : in the interval separating <an alley ~ two buildings>; also : in intermediate relation to
  3 : in point of comparison of <choose ~ two cars>

2 between adverb
betwixt /ˈbetwɪkt/ adverb or preposition

be·twixt /ˈbetwɪkt/ adverb or preposition

1bevel /ˈbe.vəl/ noun
1 : a device for adjusting the slant of the surfaces of a piece of work
2 : the angle or slant that one surface or line makes with another when not at right angles

2bevel verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
1 : to cut or shape to a bevel
2 : INCLINE, SLANT

bev·er·age /ˈbev.ərij/ noun
1 : a drinkable liquid
2 : a drinkable liquid

Synonyms
drink, libation, quencher—more at DRINK

bevy /ˈbe.və/ noun, plural bev·ies
1 : a large group or collection
2 : a group of animals and esp. quail together

be·wall /ˈbe.əl/ verb
1 : to express deep sorrow for usu. by wailing and lamentation

Synonyms
bemoan, deplore, grieve, lament, mourn, wail—more at LAMENT

be·war·e /ˈbe.ər/ verb
1 : to be on one's guard : be wary of
2 : to be on one's guard : be wary of

Synonyms
usually beware of
1 : to be on one's guard : be wary of
2 : to be on one's guard : be wary of

be·wil·der /ˈbi.ˌwɪldər/ verb
1 : to perplex or confuse esp. by complexity or variety

Synonyms
addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE

be·wil·der·ment noun
1 : the act or power of bewildering;
2 : the act or power of bewildering;

Synonyms
bafflement, confusion, distraction, muddle, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl—more at CONFUSION

be·witch /ˈbi.ˌwɪtʃ/ verb
1 : to affect by witchcraft
2 : to affect by witchcraft

Synonyms
[1] charm, enchant, hex, spell; also curse, jinx, possess
[2] allure, beguile, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate, wile—more at CHARM

be·witch·ment noun
1 : the act or power of bewitching; also : a spell that bewitches
2 : the act or power of bewitching

Synonyms
charm, conjuration, enchantment, incantation, spell—more at SPELL
enchantment, magic, necromancy, sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry—more at MAGIC

be·y /ˈbe.i/ noun
1 : a former Turkish provincial governor
2 : a former native ruler of Tunis or Tunisia

1be·y·ond /ˈbe.ənd/ adverb
1: on or to the farther side
2: BESIDES
   Synonyms
   ➢ farther, further, yonder—more at FARTHER

beyond preposition
1: at a greater distance than
2: ➢ past the reach or sphere of
3: BESIDES
   Synonyms
   ➢ outside, without; also except
   Antonyms
   within

bezel /ˈbɛzəl, ˈbeɪlz/ noun
1: a rim that holds a transparent covering (as on a watch)
2: the faceted part of a cut gem that rises above the setting
bf abbreviation
boldface
BG or B Gen abbreviation
brigadier general
bhang /ˈbaŋ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi bhāṅg]
: a mildly intoxicating preparation of the leaves and flowering tops of uncultivated hemp
Bi symbol
bismuth
BIA abbreviation
Bureau of Indian Affairs
biennial /ˌbaɪəˈnjuərəl/ adjective
: occurring twice a year
— biennially adverb
bias /ˈbaɪəs/ noun
1: a line diagonal to the grain of a fabric
2: ➢ a personal and sometimes unreasoned judgment: PREJUDICE
   Synonyms
   ➢ favor, partiality, partisanship, prejudice; also favoritism, nepotism
   Antonyms
   impartiality, neutrality, objectivity
bias adverb
: on the bias: DIAGONALLY
bias verb bi·ased or bi·essed; bi·as·ing or bi·as·sing
: to give a settled and often prejudiced outlook to: PREJUDICE
bi·ased adjective
: exhibiting or characterized by bias
   Synonyms
   ➢ one-sided, partial, partisan, prejudiced—more at PARTIAL
biathlon /ˌbaɪəˈθælən, -əˌθælən/ noun
: a composite athletic contest consisting of cross-country skiing and target shooting with a rifle
bib /ˈbɪb/ noun
: a cloth or plastic shield tied under the chin to protect the clothes while eating
bib {abbreviation}
Bible; biblical

bi·be·lot /ˈbēˌbiˌlōt/ noun, plural bibelots /ˌsiˈmē əˌlōt/ : a small household ornament or decorative object

bi·ble /ˈbiˌbēl/ noun
1 cap: the sacred scriptures of Christians comprising the Old and New Testaments
2 cap: the sacred scriptures of Judaism; also: those of some other religion
3 : a publication that is considered authoritative for its subject
   — bib·li·cal /ˌbiˌblēˈkal/ adjective

bib·li·og·ra·phy /ˌbiˌblēˌōgˈra fé/ noun, plural -phies
1 : the history or description of writings or publications
2 : a list of writings (as on a subject or of an author)
   — bib·li·og·ra·pher /ˌfēr/ noun
   — bib·li·og·ra·ph·ic /ˌfērɪk/ also bib·li·og·ra·ph·i·cal /ˌfērɪkəl/ adjective

bib·lio·phile /ˌbiˌblēˌəˌfil/ noun
: a lover of books

bib·u·lous /bēˌbyəˈlas/ adjective
1 : highly absorbent
2 : fond of alcoholic beverages

bi·cam·er·al /ˌbiˌkāməˈrəl/ adjective
: having or consisting of two legislative branches

bicarb /ˈbīˌkärb, ˈbīˌ/ noun
: SODIUM BICARBONATE

bi·car·bon·ate /ˌbīˌkārˈbaˌnät/ noun
: an acid carbonate

bi·cen·te·na·ry /ˌbīˈsenˌtēˌnərē, ˌbīˈsəntēˌnərē/ noun
: BICENTENNIAL
   — bicentenary adjective

bi·cen·ten·ni·al /ˌbīˈsenˌtēnəl/ noun
: a 200th anniversary or its celebration
   — bicentennial adjective

bi·ceps /ˌbīˈsepz/ noun, plural biceps also biceps
[origin: NL, fr. L, two-headed, fr. bi- two + caput head]
: a muscle (as in the front of the upper arm) having two points of origin

1 bicker /ˈbīˌkär/ noun
: petulant quarreling: ALTERCATION

2 bicker verb
   : to engage in a petty quarrel

   Synonyms
   → argue, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUE

bi·coast·al /ˈbīˌkōstəl/ adjective
: living or working on both the East and West coasts of the U.S.

bi·con·cave /ˌbīˌkōnˌkāv/ adjective
: concave on both sides
bi·con·vex /bɪˈkɒnˌvɛks/ adjective
: convex on both sides

bi·cus·pid /bɪˈkʌsˌpiːd/ noun
: PREMOLAR

1bicycle /ˈbɪ.sɪ.kəl/ noun
: a light 2-wheeled vehicle with a steering handle, saddle, and pedals

2bicycle verb -cy·cled; -cy·cling /ˌsɪ.k(ə)lɪŋ/ : to ride a bicycle

— bi·cy·cler /ˈkɜːlər/ noun
— bi·cy·clist /ˈkɜːlist/ noun

1bid /bɪd/ verb bade /ˈbɑd/ or bid; bid·den /ˈbɪdən/ or bid also bade; bid·ding
1: to issue an order to : COMMAND, ORDER
2: to give expression to
3: to make a bid : OFFER

— bid·der noun

Synonyms
boss, charge, command, direct, enjoin, instruct, order, tell—more at COMMAND

2bid noun
1: the act of one who bids; also : an offer for something
2: INVITATION
3: an announcement in a card game of what a player proposes to accomplish
4: an attempt to win or gain <a ~ for mayor>

bid·da·ble /ˈbɪdəbəl/ adjective
1: OBEDIENT, DOCILE
2: capable of being bid

bid·dy /ˈbɪdē/ noun, plural biddies
: HEN; also : a young chicken

bide /bɪd/ verb bode /ˈbɔd/ or bid·ed; bided; bid·ding
1: to wait for
2: to wait awhile : TARRY
3: DWELL

Synonyms
await, hold on, stay, tarry, wait—more at WAIT

bi·det /bɪˈdɛt/ noun
: a bathroom fixture used esp. for bathing the external genitals and the posterior parts of the body

bi·di·rec·tion·al /bɪˈdi.rek.ʃ(ə)n(ə)l/ adjective
: involving, moving, or taking place in two usu. opposite directions

— bi·di·rec·tion·al·ly adverb

bi·en·ni·al /bɪˈe.nɪ.əl/ adjective
1: taking place once in two years
2: lasting two years
3: producing leaves the first year and fruiting and dying the second year

— biennial noun

— bi·en·ni·al·ly adverb

bi·en·ni·um /bɪˈe.nɪəm/ noun, plural -niums or -nia /ˈnɪə/ [ORIGIN: L, fr. bi- two + annus year] : a period of two years

bier /bɪər/ noun
bi·fo·cal /bīˌfōˈkal/ adjective
: having two focal lengths

bifocals /ˈkeɪlz/ noun plural
: eyeglasses with lenses that have one part that corrects for near vision and one for distant vision

bi·fur·cate /bīˈfərˌkāt, bīˈfərˌkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
: to divide into two branches or parts
— bi·fur·ca·tion /bīˈfərˌkāˈshən/ noun

big /bɪg/ adjective bigger; biggest
1 ▶: large in size, amount, or scope
2 ▶: PREGNANT; also: SWELLING
3 ▶: of great importance or significance: IMPORTANT
4 ▶: POPULAR

Synonyms
▶ [1] bumper, considerable, goodly, grand, great, large, sizable, substantial, voluminous—more at LARGE
▶ [3] consequential, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty—more at IMPORTANT

big·ness noun
▶: quality or state of being big

Synonyms
▶ grandness, greatness, largeness—more at LARGENESS

big·a·my /ˈbaɪˌgaˌmē/ noun
: the act of marrying one person while still legally married to another
— big·a·mist /ˈmiːst/ noun
— big·a·mous /ˈmeɪs/ adjective

big bang theory noun
: a theory in astronomy: the universe originated in an explosion (big bang) from a single point of nearly infinite energy density

big brother noun
1 : an older brother
2 : a man who serves as a friend, father figure, or role model for a boy
3 cap both Bs: the leader of an authoritarian state or movement

Big Dipper noun
: the seven principal stars of Ursa Major in a form resembling a dipper

big·foot /ˈbɪɡˌfoʊt/ noun
: SASQUATCH

big·horn /ˈbɪɡ.hɔrn/ noun, plural bighorn or bighorns
: a wild sheep of mountainous western No. America

bight /bīt/ noun
1 ▶: a curve in a coast; also: the bay formed by such a curve
2 ▶: a slack part in a rope

Synonyms
▶ bay, cove, estuary, gulf, inlet—more at GULF

big–name /ˈbɪɡ.ˈnām/ adjective
: widely popular <a ~ performer>
— big name noun

big–ot /ˈbɪɡ.ət/ noun
: one intolerantly devoted to his or her own prejudices or opinions
— big·ot·ry /ˈbrə-trē/ noun
  
big·ot·ed /ˌbrə-təd/ adjective
  ‣ obstinately and blindly attached to some creed, opinion, or practice
    Synonyms
      ‣ intolerant, narrow, narrow-minded, prejudiced—more at INTOLERANT

big shot /ˈbɪɡ ʃət/ noun
  ‣ an important person
    Synonyms
      ‣ celebrity, figure, luminary, nabob, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP

big time /ˈbɪɡ ˈtɪm/ noun
1: a high-paying vaudeville circuit requiring only two performances a day
2: the top rank of an activity or enterprise
  — big–tim·er noun

big top noun
1: the main tent of a circus
2: CIRCUS

big·wig /ˈbɪɡ .wɪg/ noun
: an important person

bike /bɪk/ noun
1: BICYCLE
2: MOTORCYCLE

bik·er noun
: MOTORCYCLIST; especially: one who is a member of an organized gang

bike·way /ˈbɪk .wэɪ/ noun
: a thoroughfare for bicycles

bi·ki·ni /baˌkē ˈnē/ noun
: a woman's brief 2-piece bathing suit

bi·lat·er·al /ˌbɪˈla ˌter-əl/ adjective
1: having or involving two sides
2: affecting reciprocally two sides or parties
  — bi·lat·er·al·ly adverb

bile /bɪl/ noun
1: a bitter greenish fluid secreted by the liver that aids in the digestion of fats
2: an ill-humored mood

bil·ge /ˈbɪl/ noun
1: the part of a ship that lies between the bottom and the point where the sides go straight up
2: stale or worthless remarks or ideas

bi·lin·gual /ˌbɪˌlɪn ˈgwəl/ adjective
: expressed in, knowing, or using two languages

bil·ious /ˈbɪli əs/ adjective
1: marked by or suffering from disordered liver function
2 ‣ of or indicative of a peevish ill-natured disposition: ILL-TEMPERED
    Synonyms
      ‣ bearish, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic, surly

bil·ious·ness noun
  ‣ an ill-natured disposition
    Synonyms
grumpiness, irritability, peevishness, perverseness, perversity

bill /ˈbɪl/ verb
: CHEAT, SWINDLE

1 bill /ˈbɪl/ noun
1 : the jaws of a bird together with their horny covering; also : a mouth structure (as of a turtle) resembling these
2 : the visor of a cap or hood
— billed /ˈbɪld/ adjective

2 bill verb
: to caress fondly

3 bill noun
1 : an itemized statement of particulars; also : INVOICE
2 : a written document or note
3 : a printed advertisement (as a poster) announcing an event
4 : a draft of a law presented to a legislature for enactment
5 : a written statement of a legal wrong suffered or of some breach of law
6 : a piece of paper money

Synonyms
1 [1] account, check, invoice, statement, tab; also receipt, reckoning
2 [3] placard, poster—more at POSTER

4 bill verb
1 : to enter in or prepare a bill; also : to submit a bill or account to
2 : to advertise by bills or posters

bill-board /ˈbɪlˌbɔrd/ noun
: a flat surface on which advertising bills are posted

1 billet /ˈbɪlət/ noun
1 : an order requiring a person to provide lodging for a soldier; also : quarters assigned by or as if by such an order
2 : a regular paying position : APPOINTMENT

2 billet verb
: to assign lodging to by billet

Synonyms
: accommodate, chamber, domicile, harbor, house, lodge, put up, quarter, roof, shelter, take in—more at HOUSE

bil·let–doux /ˌbɪləˈdʊ/ noun, plural billets–doux /same or .ˈdʊz/
[origin: F billet doux, lit., sweet letter]
: a love letter

bill·fold /ˈbɪlˌfəld/ noun
: WALLET

bil·liards /ˈbɪl.ɪrdz/ noun
: any of several games played on an oblong table by driving balls against each other or into pockets with a cue

bil·lings·gate /ˈbɪl.ɪŋzˌɡæt, Brit ˌɪznˌɡæt/ noun
: coarsely abusive language

bil·lion /ˈbɪl.ɪn/ noun
1 : a thousand millions
2 British : a million millions
— billion adjective
— bil·lionth /ˌɪznθ/ adjective or noun

1 billow /ˈbɪləʊ/ noun
1 : a moving ridge or swell on the surface of a liquid : WAVE; especially : a great wave
bil·ly /bɪˈliː/ noun, plural billies
: a heavy usu. wooden club : BILLY CLUB

billy club noun
: a heavy usu. wooden club; especially : a police officer's club

bil·ly goat /bɪˈliː ɡɑːt/ noun
: a male goat

bi·met·al /baɪˈmeɪtəl/ adjective
: BIMETALLIC
— bimetal noun

bi·me·tal·lic /baɪˌmeɪtəˈliːk/ adjective
: made of two different metals — often used of devices having a bonded expansive part — bimetallic noun

bi·met·al·lism /baɪˌmeɪtəˈlɪzəm/ noun
: the use of two metals at fixed ratios to form a standard of value for a monetary system

bimonthly /baɪˈmʌnθli/ adjective
1 : occurring every two months
2 : occurring twice a month : SEMIMONTHLY
— bimonthly adverb

bimonthly noun
: a bimonthly publication

bin /bɪn/ noun
: a box, crib, or enclosure used for storage

bi·na·ry /baɪˈneɪri/ adjective
1 : consisting of two things or parts
2 : relating to, being, or belonging to a system of numbers having 2 as its base <the ~ digits 0 and 1>
3 : involving a choice between or condition of two alternatives only (as on-off, yes-no)
— binary noun
  Synonyms
    ⚫ bipartite, double, dual, duplex, twin—more at DOUBLE

binary star noun
: a system of two stars revolving around each other

bin·au·ral /baɪˈnɔral/ adjective
: of or relating to sound reproduction involving the use of two separated microphones and two transmission channels to achieve a stereophonic effect

bind /bɪnd/ verb bound /baʊnd/; bind·ing
1 a : to make secure by tying
   b : to restrain as if by tying
2 : to put under an obligation; also : to constrain with legal authority
3 : to dress or cover with a bandage
4 : to unite into a mass
5: to compel as if by a pledge <a handshake ~> the deal>
6: to strengthen or decorate with a band
7: to fasten together and enclose in a cover <~ books>
8: to exert a tying, restraining, or compelling effect
   — bind-er noun
      Synonyms
      ▲ band, gird, tie, truss—more at TIE

bind-ing /bin ding/ noun
: something (as a ski fastening, a cover, or an edging fabric) used to bind

1 binge /bin/ noun
   ▲ an unrestrained and often excessive indulgence: SPREE
      Synonyms
      ▲ fling, frolic, gambol, lark, revel, rollick, romp—more at FLING

2 binge verb binged; bing-ing or bing-ing
: to go on a binge and esp. an eating binge
   — bing-er noun

bin-go /bin go/ noun, plural bingos
: a game of chance played with cards having numbered squares corresponding to numbered balls drawn at random and won by covering five squares in a row

bin-na-cle /bi na kəl/ noun
[origin: alter. of ME bitakle, fr. Pg or Sp; Pg bitácola & Sp bitácula, fr. L habitaculum dwelling place, fr. habitare to inhabit]
: a container holding a ship's compass

1 binocular /bi nə kə lar, ba/ adjective
: of, relating to, or adapted to the use of both eyes
   — bin-oc-u-lar-ly adverb

2 binocular /ba nə kə lar, bi/ noun
1: a binocular optical instrument (as a microscope)
2: a hand-held optical instrument composed of two telescopes and a focusing device — usu. used in pl.

bi-no-mi-al /bi nə mi ə l/ noun
1: a mathematical expression consisting of two terms connected by the sign plus (+) or minus (−)
2: a biological species name consisting of two terms
   — binomial adjective

bio-chem-is-try /bi ˈkem ist rē/ noun
: chemistry that deals with the chemical compounds and processes occurring in living things
   — bio-chem-i-cal /ˌmi ke l/ adjective or noun
   — bio-chem-ist /ˈmi ˌist/ noun

bio-de-grad-able /di ˈgräd ə bəl/ adjective
: capable of being broken down esp. into innocuous products by the actions of living things (as microorganisms) <a ~ detergent>
   — bio-de-grad-abil-i-ty /ˌgräd ə bi lə tē/ noun
   — bio-deg-ra-dation /ˌdē gra ˈdā shān/ noun
   — bio-de-grad-e /ˌdē gra dē/ verb

bio-di-ver-si-ty /ˌdī var si tē, ˈdi/ noun
: biological diversity in an environment as indicated by numbers of different species of plants and animals

bio-eng-i-neer-ing noun
1: the application of engineering principles to medicine and biology
2: GENETIC ENGINEERING
bio-eth·ics /'bi.iiθiks/ noun
: the ethics of biological research and its applications esp. in medicine
— bi·o·eth·i·cal /'bi.iiθ.i.kaI/ adjective
— bi·o·eth·i·cist /'bi.iiθ.i.kaist/ noun

bio·feed·back /'bi.əd.ˈbæk/ noun
: the technique of making unconscious or involuntary bodily processes (as heartbeats or brain waves) objectively perceptible to the senses (as by use of an oscilloscope) in order to manipulate them by conscious mental control

bio
g abbreviation
biographer; biographical; biography

bio·ge·og·ra·phy /ˌbi.əˈɡe.əˌrɑ.ˈfeɪ/ noun
: a science that deals with the geographical distribution of plants and animals
— bio·ge·og·ra·pher noun

bi·og·ra·phy /ˈbɪəˌɡrɑ.ˈfeɪ/, ˈbi.əˌɡrɑ.ˈfeɪ/ noun, plural -phies
: a written history of a person's life; also : such writings in general
— bio·graph·er noun
— bio·graph·i·cal /ˌbɪəˌɡrɑ.ˈfɪ.kaI/ also bio·graph·ic /ˈfɪk/ adjective

bio·log·i·cal /ˌbɪəˈlo.ɡəˌkæl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or produced by biology or life and living processes
2: related by direct genetic relationship rather than by adoption or marriage <~ parents>
— bio·log·i·cal·ly /ˈjɪ.k(ə)ˌli/ adverb

bi·o·log·i·cal·clock /ˌbɪəˈlo.ɡəˈklɑk/ noun
: an inherent timing mechanism in a living system that is inferred to exist in order to explain the timing of various physiological and behavioral states and processes

bi·o·log·i·cal·warfare /ˌbɪəˈlo.ɡəˌfeɪˈwɔrə/ noun
: warfare in which harmful living organisms (biological weapons) are used against an enemy esp. to cause large-scale death and disease

bio·logy /ˌbɪəˈla.ʒi/ noun
[ORIGIN: G Biologie, fr. Gk bios mode of life + logos word, discourse]
1: a science that deals with living beings and life processes
2: the life processes of an organism or group
— bio·log·ist /ˌbɪəˈla.ʒi.ʃt/ noun

bio·mass /ˌbɪəˈmæs/ noun
1: the amount of living matter (as in a unit area)
2: plant materials and animal waste used esp. as fuel

bio·med·i·cal /ˌbɪəˈmi.ˌdɪ.ˈkeɪ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving biological, medical, and physical science

bi·on·ic /ˌbɪəˈnɪk/ adjective
: having normal biological capability or performance enhanced by or as if by electronic or mechanical devices

bio·phys·ics /ˌbɪəˈfɪz.ɪks/ noun
: a branch of science concerned with the application of physical principles and methods to biological problems
— bio·phys·i·cal /ˈzi.ˈkeɪ/ adjective
— bio·phys·i·cist /ˌfɪz.əˈsɪst/ noun

bio·op·sy /ˌbɪəˈɒp.ˌsɛs/ noun, plural -sies
: the removal of tissue, cells, or fluids from the living body for examination

bio·rhythm /ˌbɪəˌro.ˈθɛm/ noun
an innately determined rhythmic biological process (as sleep); also: the internal mechanism controlling such a process

**bio·sphere** /bīˈsphər/ noun
1: the part of the world in which life can exist
2: living beings together with their environment

**bio·tech** /bīˈtēch/ noun
: BIOTECHNOLOGY

**bio·tech·nol·ogy** /bīˈtēk-nələˈjē/ noun
: biological science when applied esp. in genetic engineering and recombinant DNA technology

**bio·ter·ror·ism** /bēˈtər-ər-zəm/ noun
: terrorism involving the use of biological weapons

**bi·ot·ic** /bīˈātɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to life; especially: caused by living beings

**bi·o·tin** /bīˈōtən/ noun
: a vitamin of the vitamin B complex found esp. in yeast, liver, and egg yolk and active in growth promotion

**bi·o·tite** /bīˈōtət/ noun
: a dark mica containing iron, magnesium, potassium, and aluminum

**bi·par·ti·san** /bīˈpär-təˌsan/ adjective
: marked by or involving cooperation, agreement, and compromise between two major political parties

— **bi·par·ti·san·ship** /ˌship/ noun

**bi·par·tite** /bīˈpərtət/ adjective
1: being in two parts
2: shared by two << treaty>

**Synonyms**
  - binary, double, dual, duplex, twin—more at DOUBLE

**bi·ped** /bīˈped/ noun
: a 2-footed animal

— **bi·ped·al** /ˌbīˈped-əl/ adjective

**bi·plane** /bīˈplān/ noun
: an aircraft with two wings placed one above the other

**bi·po·lar** /bīˈpōlər/ adjective
: having or involving the use of two poles

— **bi·po·lar·i·ty** /ˌpōlər-ə-tē/ noun

**bipolar disorder** noun
: any of several psychological disorders of mood characterized by usu. alternating episodes of depression and mania

**bi·ra·cial** /bīˈrā-kshəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving members of two races

**birch** /bīrch/ noun
1: any of a genus of mostly short-lived deciduous shrubs and trees with membranous outer bark and pale close-grained wood; also: this wood
2: a birch rod or bundle of twigs for flogging

— **birch** or **birch·en** /bīr-chen/ adjective

**birch** verb
: to beat with or as if with a birch: whip

**bird** /bird/ noun
: any of a class of warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrates having the body feathered and the forelimbs modified to
form wings

2 bird verb
: to observe or identify wild birds in their native habitat
— bird·er noun

bird·bath /bird_.bæθ/ noun
: a usu. ornamental basin set up for birds to bathe in

bird·house /.hauz/ noun
: an artificial nesting place for birds; also: AVIARY

bird·ie /ber_.dʒ/ noun
: a score of one under par on a hole in golf

bird·lime /_.lɪm/ noun
: a sticky substance smeared on twigs to snare small birds

bird of prey
: a carnivorous bird (as a hawk, falcon, or vulture) that feeds wholly or chiefly on meat taken by hunting or on carrion

bird·seed /bard_.sɛd/ noun
: a mixture of small seeds (as of hemp or millet) used for feeding birds

bird's·eye /bard_.ˌɛ/ adjective
1 : marked with spots resembling birds' eyes <~ maple>
2 a : seen from above as if by a flying bird <~ view>

bird·ly·noun
: having or involving a bird's-eye view: CURSORY

Synonyms
 ▶ all-around, broad, cursory, general, nonspecific, overall—more at GENERAL

bi·ret·ta /bi_.rɛ_.tə/ noun
: a square cap with three ridges on top worn esp. by Roman Catholic clergymen

birth /ba_.θ/ noun
1 : the act or fact of being born or of bring forth young
2 ▶ : descent in a line from a common progenitor: LINEAGE
3 ▶ : rise, beginning, or derivation from a source

Synonyms
 ▶ [2] ancestry, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, stock, strain—more at ANCESTRY
 ▶ [3] beginning, commencement, dawn, genesis, launch, morning, onset, outset, start, threshold—more at BEGINNING

birth canal noun
: the channel formed by the cervix, vagina, and vulva through which the fetus passes during birth

birth control noun
: control of the number of children born esp. by preventing or lessening the frequency of conception

birth·day /ˈba_.θ_.dɑ/ noun
: the day or anniversary of one's birth

birth defect noun
: a physical or biochemical defect present at birth and inherited or environmentally induced

birth·mark /ˈba_.θ_.mɑrk/ noun
: an unusual mark or blemish on the skin at birth

birth·place /ˈba_.θ_.plɑs/ noun
: place of birth or origin

birth·rate /ˈba_.θ_.ræt/ noun
: the number of births per number of individuals in a given area or group during a given time

**birth**-right /bᵊrθ/ **noun**

- : a right, privilege, or possession to which one is entitled by birth

  **Synonyms**
  - prerogative, right—more at RIGHT

**birth**-stone /bᵊrθ.stən/ **noun**

- : a gemstone associated symbolically with the month of one's birth

**bis-cuit** /bᵊs.ket/ **noun**

[**ORIGIN**: ME bisquite, fr. AF besquit, fr. (pain) besquit twice-cooked bread]

1 : a crisp flat cake; *especially British*: CRACKER

2 : a small quick bread made from dough that has been rolled and cut or dropped from a spoon

**bi-sect** /bᵊ.sek/ **verb**

- to divide into two usu. equal parts; *also*: CROSS, INTERSECT

  — **bi-section** /bᵊ.sek.shən/ **noun**
  — **bi-sector** /bᵊ.sek.tər/ **noun**

**bi-sex-ual** /bᵊ.sek.shəwəl/ **adjective**

1 : possessing characters of or having sexual desire for both sexes

2 : of, relating to, or involving both sexes

- **bisexual** **noun**

  — **bi-sex-ual-i-ty** /bᵊ.sek.shə.wəl.i.tē/ **noun**

**bish-op** /bᵊ.shəp/ **noun**

[**ORIGIN**: ME bissop, fr. OE biseop, fr. LL episcopus, fr. Gk episkopos, lit., overseer, fr. epi- on, over + skeptethai to look]

1 : a member of the clergy ranking above a priest and typically governing a diocese

2 : any of various Protestant church officials who superintend other clergy

3 : a chess piece that can move diagonally across any number of adjoining unoccupied squares

- **bish-op-ric** /bᵊ.shə프.rik/ **noun**

  1 : DIOCESE
  2 : the office of bishop

**bis-muth** /bᵊz.məθ/ **noun**

- a heavy brittle grayish white metallic chemical element used in alloys and medicine

**bi-son** /bᵊ.sən, bᵊz./ **noun, plural bison**

: BUFFALO

**bisque** /bᵊsk/ **noun**

- a thick cream soup

**bis-tro** /bᵊs.trō, bᵊs./ **noun, plural bistros**

[**ORIGIN**: F]

1 : a small or unpretentious restaurant

2 : BAR; *also*: NIGHTCLUB

**1 bit** /bᵊt/ **noun**

1 : the biting or cutting edge or part of a tool

2 : the part of a bridle that is placed in a horse’s mouth

**2 bit** **noun**

1 a : a morsel of food

b b : a small piece or quantity of something

2 : a small coin; *also*: a unit of value equal to 12 1/2 cents

3 : something small or trivial

4 b : an indefinite usu. small degree or extent <a ~ tired>

**Synonyms**
- [1b] ace, crumb, dab, hint, lick, little, mite, nip, particle, shred, speck, spot, touch, trace—more at PARTICLE
- [4] space, spell, stretch, while—more at WHILE

3bit noun
[ORIGIN: binary digit]
: a unit of computer information equivalent to the result of a choice between two alternatives; also: its physical representation

1bitch /bich/ noun
1: a female canine; especially: a female dog
2: a malicious, spiteful, and domineering woman

2bitch verb
: COMPLAIN

1bite /bit/ verb bit /bit/; bit·ten /bitn/ also bit; bit·ing /bitɪŋ/;
1: to grip with teeth or jaws; also: to wound or sting with or as if with fangs
2: to cut or pierce with or as if with an edged instrument
3: to cause to smart or sting
4: to eat away by degrees as if by gnawing: CORRODE
5: to take bait

Synonyms
- usually bite on [1] champ, chew, chomp, crunch, gnaw, nibble; also lap, lick, munch
- usually bite at [4] corrode, eat, erode, fret—more at EAT

2bite noun
1: the act or manner of biting
2: a small amount of food
3: a wound made by biting
b: a penetrating effect or sensation

Synonyms
- [2] morsel, mouthful, nibble, taste, tidbit—more at MORSEL
- [3b] acidity, asperity, bitterness, edge, harshness, pungency, sharpness, tartness

bit·ing /bɪtɪŋ/ adjective
: having the power to bite so as to cause physical or mental discomfort <a ~ wind>; especially: able to grip and impress deeply <a ~ wit>

Synonyms
- bitter, cutting, keen, penetrating, piercing, raw, sharp—more at CUTTING
- acute, agonizing, excruciating, sharp, smart—more at SHARP
- acrid, caustic, cutting, mordant, pungent, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp, tart—more at SARCASTIC

bit·mapped /bitˈmæpT/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a digital image or display for which an array of binary data specifies the value of each pixel
— bit·map /ˈmæp/ noun

bit·ter /ˈbɪtər/ adjective
1: being or inducing the one of the basic taste sensations that is acrid, astringent, or disagreeable and is suggestive of hops
2: marked by intensity or severity (as of distress or hatred)
3: extremely harsh or cruel
4: intensely unpleasant esp. in coldness or rawness

Synonyms
- [2] acrid, acrimonious, hard, rancorous, resentful, sore; also disaffected, discontented, disgruntled, malcontent
- [3] agonizing, galling, harrowing, harsh, hurtful, painful, tortuous; also insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unacceptable, unbearable, unendurable, unsupportable

Antonyms
gratifying, pleasing, sweet
[3] brutal, burdensome, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, onerous, oppressive, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at **HARSH**
[4] arctic, cold, freezing, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, polar, raw, wintry—more at **COLD**

**bit·ter·ly** *adverb*
: in a bitter manner

**Synonyms**
- hard, sadly, sorrowfully, unhappily, wretchedly—more at **HARD**

**bit·tern** *noun*
: any of various small or medium-sized herons

**bit·ter·ness** *noun*
: the quality or state of being bitter; *also*: something bitter

**Synonyms**
- animosity, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, gall, grudge, hostility, rancor—more at **ENMITY**
- acridity, acrimony, acuteness, asperity, bite, edge, harshness, keenness, pungency, sharpness, tartness

**bit·ters** *noun singular or plural*
: a usu. alcoholic solution of bitter and often aromatic plant products used in mixing drinks and as a mild tonic

1 **bittersweet** *noun*
1: a poisonous nightshade with purple flowers and orange-red berries
2: a woody vine with yellow capsules that open when ripe and disclose scarlet seed coverings

2 **bittersweet** *adjective*
: being at once both bitter and sweet

**bi·tu·mi·nous coal** *noun*
: a coal that when heated yields considerable volatile waste matter

**bi·valve** *noun*
: any of a class of mollusks (as clams or scallops) with a shell composed of two separate parts that open and shut
— **bivalve** *adjective*

1 **bivouac** *noun*
[origin: F, fr. LG biwacht, fr. bi at + wacht guard]
: a temporary encampment or shelter

**Synonyms**
- camp, encampment—more at **CAMP**

2 **bivouac** *verb*
-ouacked; -ouack·ing
: to form a bivouac : **CAMP**

1 **biweekly** *adjective*
1: occurring twice a week
2: occurring every two weeks : **FORTNIGHTLY**
— **biweekly** *adverb*

2 **biweekly** *noun*
: a biweekly publication

**bi·year·ly** *adjective*
1: **BIANNUAL**
2: **BIENNIAL**

**bi·zarre** *adjective*
: strikingly out of the ordinary: as
- odd, extravagant, or eccentric in style or mode
- involving sensational contrasts or incongruities : **FANTASTIC**
— **bi·zarre·ly** *adverb*

**Synonyms**
| b | curious, far-out, funny, odd, outlandish, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, screwy, strange, weird |
|b | absurd, crazy, fanciful, fantastic, foolish, insane, nonsensical, preposterous, unreal, wild—more at FANTASTIC |

bk abbreviation
1 bank
2 book

Bk symbol
berkelium
bkg abbreviation
banking
bkgd abbreviation
background
bks abbreviation
barracks

bkt abbreviation
1 basket
2 bracket
bl abbreviation
1 bale
2 barrel
3 blue

blab /ˈblæb/ verb blabbed; blab·bing
1 : to talk idly or thoughtlessly
2 : to reveal a secret esp. by indiscreet chatter : TATTLE, GOSSIP

Synonyms
babble, chat, chatter, gab, gabble, prattle, rap, rattling, run on, talk

black /ˈblæk/ adjective
1 : of the color black; also : very dark
2 : SWARTH
3 : of or relating to various groups of dark-skinned people
4 : of or relating to the African-American people or their culture
5 : SOILED, DIRTY
6 : lacking light <a ~ night>
7 : thoroughly sinister or evil : WICKED <~ magic>
8 : very sad, gloomy, or calamitous : DISMAL <~ outlook>
9 : SULLEN <a ~ mood>
— black·ish adjective
— black·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] ebony, raven; also dark, dusky, inky
Antonyms
white
[7] bad, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong
[8] bleak, dark, depressing, dismal, dreary, gloomy, glum, gray, miserable, somber, sullen, wretched—more at GLOOMY

black noun
1 : a black pigment or dye; also : something (as clothing) that is black
2 : the characteristic color of soot or coal
3 : a person of a dark-skinned race
4 : AFRICAN-AMERICAN
black verb
  1: BLACKEN

black-a-moor /'bla.ke.mur/ noun
  a dark-skinned person

black–and–blue /'bla.kan.blu/ adjective
  darkly discolored from blood effused by bruising

black ball /blak.bl returned
  1 1: to vote against; especially: to exclude from membership by casting a negative vote
  2: OSTRACIZE

  — black ball noun
    Synonyms
    ↘ kill, negative, veto—more at NEGATIVE

black bass noun
  any of several freshwater sunfishes native to eastern and central No. America

black bear noun
  a usu. black-furred bear of the N. American forests

  1 black belt /blak.belt/ noun, often cap both Bs
  an area densely populated by blacks

  2 black belt /'belt/ noun
  one who holds the rating of expert (as in judo or karate); also: the rating itself

black ber ry /'ber.ri/ noun
  the usu. black or purple juicy but seedy edible fruit of various brambles; also: a plant bearing this fruit

black bird /'bard/ noun
  any of various birds (as the red-winged blackbird) of which the male is largely or wholly black

black board /'bord/ noun
  a smooth usu. dark surface used for writing or drawing on with chalk

black body /'bod/ noun
  a body or surface that completely absorbs incident radiation with no reflection

black box noun
  1: a usu. complicated electronic device whose components and workings are unknown or mysterious to the user
  2: a device used in aircraft to record cockpit conversations and flight data

black death noun
  an epidemic of bacterial plague and esp. bubonic plague that spread rapidly in Europe and Asia in the 14th century

black en /bla.ken/ verb black ened; black en ing
  1 1: to make or become black or dark
  2 1: to speak evil of: DEFAME

  Synonyms
  ↘ [1] becloud, cloud, darken, dim, obscure, overcast, overshadow, shadow
  ↘ [2] defame, libel, malign, slander, smear, traduce, vilify—more at SLANDER

black ened adjective
  coated with spices and quickly seared in a very hot skillet (< swordfish>

black eye noun
  a discoloration of the skin around the eye from bruising

black ey ed Su san /blak.id.'suz/ noun
  a coarse No. American plant that is related to the daisies and has deep yellow to orange flower heads with dark conical centers
Black-foot /ˈblækˌfʊt/ noun, plural Black-feet or Blackfoot
: a member of an American Indian people of Montana, Alberta, and Saskatchewan

black-guard /ˈblaːkˌɡɑrd/ noun
: SCOUNDREL, RASCAL

black-head /ˈblækˌhed/ noun
: a small usu. dark oily mass plugging the outlet of a skin gland

black hole noun
: a hypothetical celestial object with a gravitational field so strong that light cannot escape from it

black-ing /ˈblækɪŋ/ noun
: a substance applied to something to make it black

1 blackjack /ˈblækˌjak/ noun
  1: a leather-covered club with a flexible handle
  2: a card game in which the object is to be dealt cards having a higher count than the dealer but not exceeding 21

2 blackjack verb
: to hit with or as if with a blackjack

black light noun
: invisible ultraviolet light

black-list /ˈblækˌlɪst/ noun
: a list of persons who are disapproved of and are to be punished or boycotted
  — blacklist verb

black-mail /ˈblækˌmeɪl/ noun
: extortion by threats esp. of public exposure; also: something so extorted
  — blackmail verb

black-mail-er noun
: one who blackmails another

black market noun
: illicit trade in goods; also: a place where such trade is carried on

Black Mass noun
: a travesty of the Christian mass ascribed to worshipers of Satan

Black Muslim noun
: a member of a chiefly black group that professes Islamic religious belief

black nationalist noun, often cap B&N
: a member of a group of militant blacks who advocate separatism from whites and the formation of self-governing black communities
  — black nationalism noun, often cap B&N

black-ness noun
: the quality or state of being black

black-out /ˈblækˌɑʊt/ noun
  1: a period of darkness due to electrical power failure
  2: a transitory loss or dulling of vision or consciousness
  3: the prohibition or restriction of the telecasting of a sports event
  Synonyms
    faint, knockout, swoon—more at FAINT

black out verb
  : to temporarily lose vision, consciousness, or memory
  Synonyms
    faint, pass out, swoon—more at FAINT
**black pepper** *noun*
: a spice that consists of the dried berry of a pepper plant that is ground with the black husk still on

**black power** *noun*
: the mobilization of the political and economic power of black Americans esp. to compel respect for their rights and improve their condition

**black sheep** *noun*
: a member of a group who is disreputable or who is not regarded favorably

**black·smith** /ˈblækˌsmɪθ/ *noun*
: a smith who forges iron

--- **black·smith·ing** *noun*

**black·tie** /ˈblækˌtī/ *adjective*
: characterized by or requiring semiformal evening clothes consisting of a usu. black tie and tuxedo for men and a formal dress for women

**black·thorn** /ˌθɔrn/ *noun*
: a European thorny plum

**black·top** /ˈblækˌtɑp/ *noun*
: a dark tarry material (as asphalt) used esp. for surfacing roads

--- **blacktop** *verb*

**black widow** *noun*
: a venomous New World spider having the female black with an hourglass-shaped red mark on the underside of the abdomen

**blad·der** /ˈblædər/ *noun*
: a sac in which liquid or gas is stored; *especially*: one in a vertebrate into which urine passes from the kidneys

**blade** /ˈblæd/ *noun*
1: a leaf of a plant and esp. of a grass; *also*: the flat part of a leaf as distinguished from its stalk
2: something (as the flat part of an oar or an arm of a propeller) resembling the blade of a leaf
3: the cutting part of an instrument or tool
4: a weapon (as a cutlass or rapier) with a long blade for cutting or thrusting that is often used as a symbol of honor or authority: SWORD; *also*: SWORDS
5: a dashing fellow <a gay ->>
6: the runner of an ice skate

--- **blad·ed** /ˈblædəd/ *adjective*

**blain** /ˈblān/ *noun*
: an inflammatory swelling or sore

**blam·able** *adjective*
: deserving blame

--- **blameworthy**, **censurable**, **culpable**, **reprehensible**—more at **BLAMeworthy**

**blame** /ˈblām/ *verb* blamed; blaming
1: to find fault with
2: to hold responsible or responsible for

--- **censure**, **condemn**, **criticize**, **denounce**, **fault**, **knock**, **pan**, **reprehend**—more at **CRITICize**

**blame** *noun*
1: **CENSURE, REPROOF**
2: responsibility for fault or error

--- **culpability**, **fault**, **guilt**, **rap**; *also*: regret, remorse, self-reproach, shame

**Antonyms**
blamelessness

**blame·less adjective**
▷: free from blame or fault
— blame·less·ly adverb
— blame·less·ness noun

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ clear, faultless, guiltless, impeccable, innocent, irreproachable—more at innocent

**blame·wor·thy /ˌblām·wrəˈθē/ adjective**
▷: deserving blame
— blame·wor·thi·ness noun

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ blamable, censurable, culpable, reprehensible; also bad, guilty, sinful, wicked
  **Antonyms**
  ◇ blameless, faultless, impeccable, irreproachable

**blanch /ˈblæŋ/ verb**
▷: to make or become white or pale : BLEACH

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ bleach, blench, dull, fade, pale, wash out, whiten—more at PALE

**blanc·mange /ˌblänsˈmänj/ noun**
[origin: ME blancmanger, fr. MF blanc manger, lit., white food]
▷: a dessert made from gelatin or a starchy substance and milk usu. sweetened and flavored

**bland /ˈbland/ adjective**
1: smooth in manner : SUAVE
2: gently soothing <a ~ diet>; also: INSIPID
— bland·ly adverb
— bland·ness noun

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ balmy, benign, delicate, gentle, insipid, light, mellow, mild, soft, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE

**blan·dish·ment /ˌblanˈdɪshmənt/ noun**
▷: flattering or coaxing speech or action : CAJOLERY

1**blank /ˈblæŋk/ adjective**
1 a: showing or causing an appearance of dazed dismay
   b: lacking expression
2: free from writing or marks; also: having spaces to be filled in
   3: DULL, EMPTY <~ moments>
   4: ABSOLUTE, DOWNRIGHT <a ~ refusal>
   5: not shaped in final form
— blank·ly adverb

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ [1b] deadpan, expressionless, impassive, inexpressive, stolid, vacant; also dull, empty, vacuous, vapid
  **Antonyms**
  ▷ demonstrative, expressive
   ▷ [2] bare, devoid, empty, stark, vacant, void—more at EMPTY

2**blank noun**
1: an empty space
2: a form with spaces for the entry of data
3: an unfinished form (as of a key)
4: a cartridge with propellant and a seal but no projectile

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ [1] blankness, emptiness, vacancy, vacuety, void—more at VACANCY
   ▷ [2] document, form, paper—more at FORM
3 blank verb
1 : to cover or close up : OBSCURE
2 : to keep from scoring

blank check noun
1 : a signed check with the amount unspecified
2 : complete freedom of action

blanket /'blækət/ noun
1 : a heavy woven often woolen covering
2 : a covering layer <a ~ of snow>

blanket verb
1 : to cover with or as if with a blanket
2 : to cover so as to obscure, interrupt, suppress, or extinguish

Synonyms
 vulnerability, veil, veil, shroud, cloak, blanket, cover, overlay, overlie, overspread—more at COVER

blank::ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being blank

Blank verse noun
: unrhymed iambic pentameter

blare /'blær/ verb blared; blaring
1 : to sound loud and harsh; also : to proclaim loudly

— blare noun

blar-ney /blær nē/ noun
[ORIGIN: Blarney stone, a stone in Blarney Castle, near Cork, Ireland, held to bestow skill in flattery on those who kiss it]
1 : skillful flattery : BLANDISHMENT

Synonyms
 adulation, blandishment, flattery, overpraise—more at FLATTERY

blasé /blä-zä/ adjective
[ORIGIN: F]
1 : apathetic to pleasure or excitement as a result of excessive indulgence; also : SOPHISTICATED

blasphem /blä sem, 'blæs, 'blæz/ verb blasphemed, blasphem-ing
1 : to speak of or address with irreverence
2 : to utter blasphemy

— blasphem-er noun

blasphemous /'mas/ adjective
1 : impiously irreverent

Synonyms
 profane, sacrilegious

blasphemy /bläсим, 'blæsfem/ noun, plural -mies
1 : the act of expressing lack of reverence for God
2 : irreverence toward something considered sacred

Synonyms
defilement, desecration, impiety, irreverence, sacrilege; also cursing, profanity, swearing

Antonyms
adoration, glorification, worship

blast /ˈblæst/ noun
1 ▶ a violent gust of wind; also : its effect
2 ▶ sound made by a wind instrument
3 ▶ a current of air forced at high pressure through a hole in a furnace (blast furnace)
4 ▶ a sudden withering esp. of plants: BLIGHT
5 ▶ an explosion or violent detonation; also : the often destructive shock wave of an explosion

Synonyms
▶ [1] blow, flurry, gust, williaw—more at GUST
▶ [5] detonation, eruption, explosion—more at EXPLOSION

blast verb
1 ▶ to make a vigorous attack
2 a ▶ to use an explosive
   b ▶ to discharge or propel something by means of an explosive: SHOOT
3 ▶ to shatter by or as if by an explosive

Synonyms
▶ [1] abuse, assail, attack, belabor, castigate, excoriate, jump, lambaste, slam, vituperate—more at ATTACK
▶ [2b] discharge, fire, loose, shoot—more at SHOOT
▶ [3] blow up, burst, demolish, explode, pop, shatter, smash; also dynamite

blast off verb
▶ TAKE OFF 4 — used esp. of rocket-propelled vehicles

— blast-off /ˈblæst-əf/ noun

blatant /ˈblætənt/ adjective
▶ offensively obtrusive: vulgarly showy
— blat·an·cy /ˈblætən-sē/ noun
— blat·ant·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ conspicuous, egregious, flagrant, glaring, gross, obvious, patent, prominent, pronounced, rank, striking—more at EGREGIOUS

blather /ˈblæθər/ verb
▶ to talk foolishly at length

— blather noun

blather·skite /ˈblæθərˌskīt/ noun
▶ a person who blathers

blaze /ˈblæz/ noun
1 ▶ FIRE
2 ▶ intense direct light often accompanied by heat <the ~ of TV lights>
3 ▶ something (as a dazzling display or sudden outburst) suggesting fire <a ~ of autumn leaves>

Synonyms
▶ flare, fluorescence, glare, gleam, glow, illumination, incandescence, light, luminescence, radiance, shine—more at LIGHT

blaze verb blazed; blaz·ing
1 ▶ to burn brightly; also : to flare up
2 ▶ to be conspicuously bright

Synonyms
▶ [1, 2] beat, burn, flame, flare, glare—more at GLARE

blaze verb blazed; blaz·ing
▶ to make public or conspicuous
**blaze** noun
1 : a usu. white stripe on the face of an animal
2 : a trail marker; especially : one made on a tree

**blaze** verb blazed; blaz·ing
: to mark (as a tree or trail) with blazes

**blazer** /bli zər/ noun
: a sports jacket often with notched collar and pockets that are stitched on

**blazon** /bli zən/ noun
1 : COAT OF ARMS
2 : ostentatious display

**blazon** verb
1 : to publish widely : PROCLAIM
2 : DECK, ADORN

bldg abbreviation
building

bldr abbreviation
builder

**bleach** /bli ch/ verb
1 : to make or become white : BLANCH
   *Synonyms*
   blanch, blench, dull, fade, pale, wash out, whiten—more at PALE

**bleach** noun
: a preparation used in bleaching

**bleachers** /bli ch ərz/ noun singular or plural
: a usu. uncovered stand of tiered seats for spectators

**bleak** /bli k/ adjective
1 : desolately barren and often windswept
2 : lacking warm or cheering qualities
   — **bleak-ish** adjective
   — **bleak-ly** adverb
   *Synonyms*
   [1] dirty, foul, inclement, nasty, raw, rough, squally, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent—more at FOUL
   [2] black, dark, dismal, dreary, gloomy, gray, miserable, wretched—more at GLOOMY

**bleak-ness** noun
: the quality or state of being bleak
   *Synonyms*
   bite, bitterness, chill, nip, rawness, sharpness—more at CHILL

**blear** /bli/ adjective
: dim with water or tears <~ eyes>

**bleary** /bli rē/ adjective
1 : dull or dimmed esp. from fatigue or sleep
2 : poorly outlined or defined
   *Synonyms*
   dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, unclear, undefined, undetermined—more at FAINT

**bleat** /bli et/ noun
: the cry of a sheep or goat or a sound like it
   — **bleat** verb

**bleed** /bli d/ verb bled /bli d/; bleed·ing
1 : to lose or shed blood
bleed·er /'beldər/ noun
: one that bleeds; especially: HEMOPHILIAC

bleeding heart noun
1: a garden plant related to the poppies that has usu. deep pink drooping heart-shaped flowers
2: a person who shows extreme sympathy esp. for an object of alleged persecution

blemish /'blemish/ verb
1: to spoil by a flaw: MAR
   Synonyms
   mar, poison, spoil, stain, taint, tarnish, touch, vitiate—more at TAIN

blemish noun
2: a noticeable flaw
   Synonyms
   defect, deformity, disfigurement, fault, flaw, imperfection, mark, pockmark, scar; also abnormality, distortion, irregularity, malformation

blench /'blentʃ/ verb
[origin: ME, to deceive, blench, fr. OE blencan to deceive]
1: to draw back or turn aside from lack of courage: FLINCH, QUAIL
   Synonyms
   flinch, quail, recoil, shrink, wince—more at FLINCH

2: to grow or make pale
   Synonyms
   blanch, bleach, dull, fade, pale, wash out, whiten—more at PALE

blend /'blend/ verb blend·ed; blend·ing
1: to mix thoroughly
2: to prepare (as coffee) by mixing different varieties
3: to combine into an integrated whole
4: to produce a harmonious effect: HARMONIZE
   — blend·er noun
   Synonyms
   [1, 3] amalgamate, commingle, fuse, incorporate, intermingle, merge, mingle, mix
   Antonyms
   break down, break up, separate

2: a product of blending
   Synonyms
   admixture, amalgam, combination, composite, compound, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture; also coalescence, concoction, incorporation, intermingling, mingling

bless /'bles/ verb blessed /'blesd/ also best /'best/; bless·ing
[origin: ME, fr. OE blētian, fr. blōd blood; fr. the use of blood in consecration]
1: to consecrate by religious rite or word
2: to sanctify with the sign of the cross
3: to invoke divine care for
4: to give glory to: PRAISE, GLORIFY
5: to confer happiness upon

**Synonyms**
- [1] consecrate, hallow, sanctify; also cleanse, purify
- [4] extol, glorify, laud, magnify, praise—more at PRAISE

**bless·ed /ble săd/ also blest /blest/ adjective**
1 a : held in reverence
b : venerated as or as if sacred: HOLY
2: BEATIFIED
3: DELIGHTFUL
— **bless·ed·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- [1a] hallowed, holy, sacred, sacrosanct, sanctified—more at HOLY
- [1b] divine, godlike, heavenly, holy, sacred, supernatural—more at HOLY

**bless·ed·ness noun**
- the quality or state of being blessed

**Synonyms**
- bliss, felicity, gladness, happiness, joy—more at HAPPINESS
- devoutness, godliness, holiness, piety, sainthood, sanctity—more at HOLINESS

**bless·ing /ble sin/ noun**
1 a : the act or words of one who blesses
b : acknowledgment and acceptance or support of something: APPROVAL <gave their ~ to the proposal>
2 : a thing conducive to happiness
3 : grace said at a meal

**Synonyms**
- [1a] consecration, sanctification—more at CONSECRATION
- [1b] approbation, approval, favor, imprimatur, OK—more at APPROVAL
- [2] benefit, boon, felicity, godsend, good, manna, windfall; also bonus, extra, lagniappe

**Antonyms**
- affliction, bane, curse, evil, plague, scourge

**blew past of BLOW**

**blight /blit/ noun**
1: a plant disease or injury marked by withering; also: an organism causing a blight
2: an impairing or frustrating influence; also: a deteriorated condition <urban ~>

**blight verb**
: to affect with or suffer from blight

**blimp /blimp/ noun**
: a nonrigid airship

**blind /blind/ adjective**
1: lacking or grossly deficient in ability to see; also: intended for blind persons
2: not based on reason, evidence, or knowledge <~ faith>
3: not intelligently controlled or directed <~ chance>
4: performed solely by using aircraft instruments <a ~ landing>
5: hard to discern or make out: HIDDEN <a ~ landing>
6: lacking an opening or outlet <a ~ alley>
— **blind·ly adverb**
— **blind·ness /blind nes/ noun**

**blind verb**
1: to make blind
2: to overpower with brightness: DAZZLE
blind noun
1: something (as a shutter) to hinder vision or keep out light
2: a place of concealment
3: SUBTERFUGE
blind date noun
: a date between persons who have not previously met; also: either of these persons
blind·er /'blind·ər/ noun
: either of two flaps on a horse's bridle to prevent it from seeing to the side
blind·fold /'blind·fold/ verb
: to cover the eyes of with or as if with a bandage
— blindfold noun

blink /'blink/ verb
1: to close and open the eyes involuntarily: WINK
2: to shine dimly or intermittently: TWINKLE
3: EVADE, IGNORE — often used with at

Synonyms
• flash, twinkle, wink; also flicker, glance, glimmer, glint, glisten, glister, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle

blink noun
1: GLIMMER, SPARKLE
2: a usu. involuntary shutting and opening of the eye

blink·er /'blin·kar/ noun
: a blinking light used as a signal

blin·tze /'blint·sa/ or blintz /'blinz/ noun
[ORIGIN: Yiddish blintse]
: a thin rolled pancake with a filling usu. of cream cheese

blip /'blip/ noun
1: a spot on a radar screen
2: ABERRATION 1

bliss /'blis/ noun
• complete happiness: JOY

Synonyms
• blessedness, felicity, gladness, happiness, joy—more at HAPPINESS

bliss·ful /'flais/ adjective
• full of, marked by, or causing bliss
— bliss·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
• delighted, glad, happy, joyful, pleased—more at GLAD

blister /'blis·tar/ noun
1: a raised area of skin containing watery fluid; also: an agent that causes blisters
2: something (as a raised spot in paint) suggesting a blister
3: a disease of plants marked by large swollen patches on the leaves

blister verb
: to develop a blister; also: to cause blisters

blithe /'blith, 'blith/ adjective blith·er; blith·est
• happily lighthearted
— blithe·ly adverb

Synonyms
• bright, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat—more at CHEERFUL
boon, festive, gay, gleeful, jocund, jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful, sunny—more at MERRY

blithe·some /ˌblaθəˈsom/ adjective
: full of gaiety or high spirits

1blitz /ˈblɪts/ noun
1: an intensive series of air raids
2: a fast intensive campaign
3: a rush of the passer by the defensive linebackers in football

2blitz verb
: to subject to a blitz; especially : to damage by a blitz

Synonyms
bombard, shell—more at BOMBARD

blitz·krieg /ˌblɪtsˈkɹæɡ/ noun
[origin: G, fr. Blitz lightning + Krieg war]
: a sudden violent enemy attack

bliz·zard /ˈblɪzdər/ noun
: a long severe snowstorm

blk abbreviation
1 black
2 block

bloat /blōt/ verb
: to swell by or as if by filling with water or air

blob /ˈblɑb/ noun
: a small lump or drop of a thick consistency

Synonyms
chunk, clod, clump, glob, gob, hunk, lump, nub, wad—more at LUMP

bloc /ˈblæk/ noun
[origin: F, lit., block]
: a combination of individuals or groups (as nations) working for a common purpose

Synonyms
body, coalition, combination, combine, faction, party, sect, set, side, wing—more at FACTION
alliance, coalition, combination, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union—more at CONFEDERACY

1block /ˈblæk/ noun
1: a solid piece of substantial material (as wood or stone)
2: something that impedes progress or achievement : HINDRANCE, OBSTRUCTION; also : interruption of normal function of body or mind <heart ~>
3: a frame enclosing one or more pulleys and having a hook or strap by which it may be attached
4: a piece of material with a hand-cut design on its surface from which copies are to be made
5: a large building divided into separate units (as apartments or offices)
6: a row of houses or shops
7: a city square; also : the distance along one of the sides of such a square
8: a quantity of things considered as a unit <a ~ of seats>

Synonyms
[2] bar, clog, crimp, drag, embarrassment, hindrance, let, obstacle, obstruction, stop, stumbling block—more at OBSTACLE
[8] array, assemblage, batch, cluster, collection, group, package, set, suite

2block verb
1: to make unsuitable for passage or progress by obstruction : OBSTRUCT
2: to outline roughly <-- out a design>
3: to provide or support with a block <-- up a wheel>

Synonyms
dam, fill, pack, plug, stop, stuff—more at Fill
choke, clog, close, congest, dam, jam, obstruct, plug, stop, stuff—more at Clog

blockade /'blæ.ˌkæd/ noun
: the isolation of a place usu. by troops or ships

blockade verb
: to subject to or isolate with a blockade
— block·ad·er noun

block·age /'blæ.ˌki/ noun
: an act or instance of obstructing : the state of being blocked

block·bust·er /'blækˌbəstər/ noun
: one that is very large, successful, or violent <a ~ of a movie>
  Synonyms
    hit, smash, success, winner—more at Hit
    behemoth, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whale, whopper—more at Giant

block·head /'blækˌhɛd/ noun
: a slow-witted or stupid person : Dolt, Dunce
  Synonyms
    dodo, dolt, dope, dummy, dunce, idiot, nitwit, numskull, simpleton—more at Idiot

block·house /ˌhauəs/ noun
: a small strong building used as a shelter (as from enemy fire) or observation post

1blond or blonde /'blænd/ adjective
  1 : fair in complexion
  2 : of a light or bleached color <~ mahogany>
  — blond·ish /'blænd.ɪʃ/ adjective
    Synonyms
      fair, flaxen, golden, sandy, straw; also gold, light, white
    Antonyms
      dark

2blond or blonde noun
: a person having blond hair

blood /'bled/ noun
  1 : a usu. red liquid that circulates in the heart, arteries, and veins of animals
  2 : LIFE BLOOD; also : LIFE
  3 : human stock or lineage
  4 a : relationship by descent from a common ancestor
    b : persons related by means of a common ancestor : Kindred
  5 : the taking of life
  6 : Temper, Passion
  7 : Dandy 1
  — blood·less adjective
    Synonyms
      [3] ancestry, birth, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, stock, strain—more at Ancestry
      [4b] clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at Family

blood bank noun
: a place where blood or plasma is stored

blood·bath /'bledˌbɑθ, ˈbɑθ/ noun
: Massacre

blood count noun
the determination of the number of blood cells in a specific volume of blood; also : the number of cells so determined

blood-curdling /'bladˌkərdˌlɪŋ/ adjective
: arousing fright or horror

blood-ed /'bladˌɪd/ adjective
1 : having blood of a specified kind <warm-blooded animals>
2 : entirely or largely purebred <~ horses>

blood group noun
: one of the classes into which human beings can be separated by the presence or absence in their blood of specific antigens

blood-hound /'bladˌhaʊnd/ noun
: any of a breed of large powerful hounds with long drooping ears, a wrinkled face, and keen sense of smell

blood-let-ting /ˌliːtɪŋ/ noun
1 : PHLEBOTOMY
2 : BLOODSHED

blood-line /ˌlɪn/ noun
: a sequence of direct ancestors esp. in a pedigree

blood-mobile /ˌmɒ.ˈbɛl/ noun
: a motor vehicle equipped for collecting blood from donors

blood poisoning noun
: invasion of the bloodstream by virulent microorganisms from a focus of infection accompanied esp. by chills, fever, and prostration

blood pressure noun
: pressure of the blood on the walls of blood vessels and esp. arteries

blood-root /'bladˌrʊt, ˈrʊt/ noun
: a plant related to the poppy that has a red root and sap, a solitary leaf, and a white flower in early spring

blood-shed /ˌʃeɪd/ noun
: wounding or taking of life : CARNAGE, SLAUGHTER

blood-shot /ˌʃoʊt/ adjective
: inflamed to redness <~ eyes>

blood-stain /ˌstæn/ noun
: a discoloration caused by blood

blood-stained /ˌstænd/ adjective
: stained with blood; also : involved with slaughter

blood-stone /ˌstʌn/ noun
: a green quartz sprinkled with red spots

blood-stream /ˌstrɛm/ noun
: the flowing blood in a circulatory system

blood-suck-er /ˌsaˌkər/ noun
: an animal that sucks blood; especially : LEECH
— blood-suck-ing adjective

blood test noun
: a test of the blood; especially : one for syphilis
blood-thirsty /'blad·θər.stē/ adjective
   ➤ eager to shed blood
— blood-thirst-i·ly /'θər.stē.lē/ adverb
— blood-thirst-i·ness /ˈstē.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   ➤ bloody, homicidal, murderous, sanguinary, sanguine; also barbaric, barbarous, cruel, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, vicious, wanton

blood type noun
   ➤ BLOOD GROUP
— blood–typ·ing noun

blood vessel noun
   ➤ a vessel (as a vein or artery) in which blood circulates in the body

bloody adjective
   1 ➤ containing or made up of blood; also : smeared or stained with blood
   2 ➤ accompanied by or involving bloodshed
   Synonyms
   ➤ bloodthirsty, homicidal, murderous, sanguinary, sanguine—more at BLOODTHIRSTY

Bloody Mary /'mer.ē/ noun, plural Bloody Marys
   ➤ a drink made essentially of vodka and tomato juice

bloom /blōm/ noun
   1 ➤ the part of a seed plant that normally bears reproductive organs : FLOWER 1; also : flowers or amount of flowers (as of a plant)
   2 ➤ the period or state of flowering
   3 ➤ a state or time of beauty and vigor
   4 ➤ a powdery coating esp. on fruits and leaves
   5 ➤ rosy color; also : an appearance of freshness or health
   — bloomy adjective
   Synonyms
   ➤ blossom, flower, flush, heyday, prime; also acme, apex, climax, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, zenith

bloom verb
   1 ➤ to produce or yield flowers
   2 ➤ MATURE
   3 ➤ to glow esp. with healthy color
   Synonyms
   ➤ blossom, blow, burgeon, flower, unfold; also leaf, leave

bloom·ers /'blōm·ərz/ noun plural
   [origin: Amelia Bloomer 1894 Am. reformer]
   ➤ a woman's garment of short loose trousers gathered at the knee

bloop·er /'blüpˌer/ noun
   1 ➤ a fly ball hit barely beyond a baseball infield
   2 ➤ an embarrassing public blunder

blossom /blä·səm/ noun
   1 ➤ the flower of a plant
   2 ➤ the period or state of flowering
   3 ➤ a peak period or stage of development
   Synonyms
   ➤ bloom, flower, flush, heyday, prime—more at BLOOM

blossom verb
   ➤ to produce or yield flowers: BLOOM, FLOWER
   Synonyms
bloom, blow, burgeon, flower, unfold—more at bloom

1 blot /ˈblɒt/ noun
1 : SPOT, STAIN <ink ~s>
2 : a mark of reproach : moral flaw or blemish <a ~ on her record>
   Synonyms
   brand, smirch, spot, stain, stigma, taint—more at STAIN

2 blot verb blotted; blotting
1 : SPOT, STAIN
2 : OBSCURE, ECLIPSE
3 obsolete : MARK; especially : DISGRACE
4 : to dry or remove with or as if with an absorbing material
5 : to make a blot

blotch /ˈblɒtʃ/ noun
: a usu. large and irregular spot or mark (as of ink or color)
   — blotchy adjective

blotch verb
: to mark or mar with blotches
   Synonyms
   mottle, spot

blot-ter /ˈblɒtər/ noun
1 : a piece of blotting paper
2 : a book for preliminary records (as of sales or arrests)

blot-ting paper noun
: a spongy paper used to absorb ink

blot out verb
1 : to make obscure, insignificant, or inconsequential <~ out the sun>
2 : to destroy completely
   Synonyms
   [1] blanket, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, hide, mask, obscure, occlude, occult, screen, shroud, veil
   —more at HIDE
   [2] annihilate, demolish, destroy, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, pulverize, ruin, smash, waste, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY

blouse /ˈblauz, ˈblauz/ noun
1 : a loose outer garment like a smock
2 : a usu. loose garment reaching from the neck to about the waist

1 blow /bloʊ/ verb blew /ˈblu/, blown /ˈblʌn/, blowing
1 : to move forcibly <the wind blew>
2 : to send forth a current of gas (as air)
3 : to act on with a current of gas or vapor; especially : to drive with such a current
4 : to sound or cause to sound <~ a horn>
5 : to breathe quickly or in a labored manner : PANT, GASp; also : to expel moist air in breathing <the whale blew>
6 : ROAST; also : BLUSTER
7 : MELT — used of an electrical fuse
8 : to shape or form by blown or injected air <~ glass>
9 : to shatter or destroy by or as if by explosion
10 : to make breathless by exertion
11 : to spend recklessly
12 : to foul up hopelessly <blew her lines>
   — blow-er noun
   Synonyms
   [5] gasp, pant, puff, wheeze—more at GASp
   [11] dissipate, fritter, lavish, misspend, run through, spend, squander, throw away, waste—more at WASTE
2 **blow** *noun*
   1: a usu. strong blowing of air: **GALE**
   2: **BOASTING, BRAG**
   3: an act or instance of blowing

3 **blow** *verb* blew /ˈbloʊ/; blown /bləʊn/; blowing
   : to produce or yield flowers: **FLOWER, BLOOM**

4 **blow** *noun*
   1: a forcible stroke
   2: **COMBAT**< come to ~s>
   3: a severe and usu. unexpected calamity

**Synonyms**
   belt, box, hit, knock, punch, slug, thump, wallop, whack; also flick, jab, poke, roundhouse, stab

**blow–by–blow** *adjective*
   : minutely detailed <~ account>

**blow–dry** /ˈdrʌɪ/ *verb*
   : to dry and usu. style hair with a blow-dryer

**blow–dryer** /ˈdrʌɪər/ *noun*
   : a hand-held hair dryer

**blow–fly** /ˈbləʊˌflai/ *noun*
   : any of a family of dipteran flies (as a bluebottle) that deposit their eggs or maggots on meat or in wounds

**blow–gun** /ˈɡʌn/ *noun*
   : a tube from which an arrow or a dart may be shot by the force of the breath

**blow–out** /ˈbləʊˌaut/ *noun*
   1: a festive social affair
   2: a bursting of something (as a tire) because of pressure of the contents (as air)

**Synonyms**
   affair, event, fete, function, get-together, party—more at **PARTY**

**blow–sy** also **blow–zy** /ˈbləʊˌzi/ *adjective*
   : **DISHEVELED, SLOVENLY**

**blow–torch** /ˈbləʊˌtɔrچ/ *noun*
   : a small portable burner whose flame is made hotter by a blast of air or oxygen

**blow–up** /ˈbləʊˌæp/ *noun*
   1: **EXPLOSION**
   2: an outburst of temper
   3: a photographic enlargement

**Synonyms**
   dudgeon, explosion, fireworks, fit, huff, scene, tantrum—more at **TANTRUM**

**blow up** *verb*
   1: to rend apart, shatter, or destroy by or as if by explosion
   2: to lose self-control; **especially** : to become violently angry
   3: to undergo or be destroyed by an explosion

**Synonyms**
   [1, 3] blast, burst, demolish, detonate, explode, pop, shatter, smash—more at **BLAST**
   [2] flare, flip, fulminate, rant, vituperate

**Antonyms**
   calm (down)

**blowy** /ˈbləʊˌzi/ *adjective*
   : marked by strong wind: **WINDY**
Synonyms
   ‣ blustery, breezy, gusty, windy—more at windy

BLT /ˈblē.ə.t/ noun
  : a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich

1 blubber /ˈblə.bər/ verb
  ‣ : to cry noisily
     Synonyms
       ‣ bawl, cry, sob, weep—more at cry

2 blubber noun
  1 : the fat of large sea mammals (as whales)
  2 : a noisy crying

1 bludgeon /ˈblə.dʒən/ noun
  ‣ a short often loaded club
     Synonyms
       ‣ bat, club, cudgel, staff, truncheon—more at club

2 bludgeon verb
  ‣ : to strike with or as if with a bludgeon
     Synonyms
       ‣ bash, bat, batter, beat, club, pound—more at beat

1 blue /blü/ adjective bluer; bluest
[origin: ME, fr. AF blef, blew, of Gmc origin]
  1 : of the color blue; also : BLUISH
  2 ▶ : low in spirits : MELANCHOLY; also : DEPRESSING
  3 : PURITANICAL
  4 : INDECENT
— blue·ness noun
     Synonyms
       ‣ depressed, down, downcast, glum, low, melancholy, miserable, sad, unhappy

2 blue noun
  1 ▶ : something (as clothing or the sky or ocean) that is blue
     Synonyms
       ‣ high, sky—more at sky
       ‣ brine, deep, ocean, sea—more at ocean

blue baby noun
  : a baby with bluish skin due to faulty circulation caused by a heart defect

blue-bell /.bel/ noun
  : any of various plants with blue bell-shaped flowers

blue-berry /ˈblūˌber.ē/ noun
  : the edible blue or blackish berry of various shrubs of the heath family; also : one of these shrubs

blue-bird /.bird/ noun
  : any of several small No. American thrushes that are blue above and reddish-brown or pale blue below

blue-bone-net /ˈblūˌbōn.nət/ noun
  : either of two low-growing annual lupines of Texas with silky foliage and blue flowers

blue-bot-tle /ˈblūˌbät/ noun
  : any of several blowflies with iridescent blue bodies or abdomens

blue cheese noun
  : cheese having veins of greenish blue mold
blue·col·lar /ˈbluˌkələr/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the class of workers whose duties call for work clothes

blue·fish /ˈbluːˌfɪʃ/ noun
: a marine sport and food fish bluish above and silvery below

blue·grass /ˈbluːˌgrɑːs/ noun
1 : KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS
2 : country music played on stringed instruments having free improvisation and close harmonies

blue jay /ˈbluːˌdʒeɪ/ noun
: a crested bright blue No. American jay

blue jeans noun plural
: pants usu. made of blue denim

blue·nose /ˈbluːˌnɔz/ noun
: a person who advocates a rigorous moral code

blue·point /ˈbluːˌpɔɪnt/ noun
: a small oyster typically from the south shore of Long Island, New York

blue·print /ˈbluːˌprɪnt/ noun
1 : a photographic print in white on a blue ground used esp. for copying mechanical drawings and architects' plans
2 : a detailed plan of action
   "Synonyms
   arrangement, design, game, plan, program, project, scheme, strategy, system—more at PLAN"

blueprint verb
1 : to make a blueprint of
2 : to work out (as a program or plan) in detail
   "Synonyms
   arrange, calculate, chart, design, frame, lay out, map, plan, project, scheme—more at PLAN"

blues /ˈbluːz/ noun plural
1 : low spirits : MELANCHOLY
2 : music in a style marked by recurrent minor intervals and melancholy lyrics
   "Synonyms
   dejection, depression, doldrums, dumps, melancholy, sadness—more at SADNESS"

blue screen noun
: a cinematic technique in which a subject is filmed in front of a blue background so as to allow the creation of a composite with other footage

blue·stock·ing /ˈbluːˌstɑːkɪŋ/ noun
: a woman having intellectual interests

blue·et /ˈbluːˌeɪt/ noun
: a low No. American herb with dainty bluish flowers

blue whale noun
: a very large baleen whale that may reach a weight of 150 tons (135 metric tons) and a length of 100 feet (30 meters)

1 bluff /blaft/ adjective
1 : having a broad flattened front
2 : rising steeply with a broad flat front
3 : good-naturedly frank and outspoken

2 bluff noun
: a high steep bank : CLIFF
   "Synonyms
   cliff, crag, escarpment, palisade, precipice, scarp—more at CLIFF"
3 **bluff verb**
   ➢ to frighten or deceive by pretense or a mere show of strength

   **Synonyms**
   ➢ deceive, dupe, fool, gull, misinform, mislead, trick—more at deceive

4 **bluff noun**
   ➢ an act or instance of bluffing; also: one who bluff

**blu-ing** or **blue-ing** *blü-ing/ noun*
   ➢ a preparation used in laundering to counteract yellowing of white fabrics

**blu·ish** *blü·ish/
   ➢ somewhat blue

1 **blunder /blan·der/ verb**
   1 ➢ to move clumsily or unsteadily
   2 ➢ to make a stupid or needless mistake

2 **blunder noun**
   ➢ an avoidable and usu. serious mistake

   **Synonyms**
   ➢ error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, miscue, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip, stumble—more at error

**blun·der·buss** *blan·der·bas/
   ➢ an obsolete short-barreled firearm with a flaring muzzle

1 **blunt /blant/ adjective**
   1 ➢ not sharp: dull
   2 ➢ lacking in tact: bluff

   — **blunt-ly** adverb
   — **blunt-ness** noun

   **Synonyms**
   ➢ [1] dull, obtuse—more at dull
   ➢ [2] abrupt, bluff, brusque, curt, snippy; also gruff, rough, short

   **Antonyms**
   ➢ circuitous, mealymouthed

2 **blunt verb**
   ➢ to make or become less sharp, definite, or forceful

   **Synonyms**
   ➢ dampen, deaden, dull, numb—more at dull

1 **blur /bles/ noun**
   1 ➢ a smear or stain that obscures
   2 ➢ something vaguely perceived; especially: something moving too quickly to be clearly perceived

   — **blur·ry** adjective

2 **blur verb** blurred; blurring
   ➢ to make dim, imperfect, or confused: cloud, obscure

   **Synonyms**
   ➢ becloud, befog, cloud, confuse, dim, fog, haze, mist, obscure, shroud—more at cloud

**blurb /blurb/ noun**
   ➢ a short publicity notice (as on a book jacket)

**blurt /blert/ verb**
   ➢ to utter suddenly and impulsively

   **Synonyms usually blurt out**
   ➢ bolt, cry, ejaculate, spout

1 **blush /blas/ noun**
1 : a reddening of the face (as from modesty or confusion) : **flush**

2 : a cosmetic used to tint the face pink

— **blushful** adjective

1 **blush** verb

1 : to become red in the face esp. from shame, modesty, or confusion

**Synonyms**

- bloom, color, crimson, flush, glow, redden; also rouge

2 **blush** noun

1 : a violent boisterous blowing

2 : violent commotion

3 : loudly boastful or threatening speech

**Synonyms**

- fulminate, rant, rave, spout—more at **rant**

1 **bluster** /ˈbles.tər/ verb

1 : to blow in stormy noisy gusts

2 : to talk or act with noisy swaggering threats

**Synonyms**

- fulminate, rant, rave, spout—more at **rant**

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**blustery** /ˌbʌst.rə/ adjective

1 : blowing boisterously <a ~ day>

**Synonyms**

- blowy, breezy, gusty, windy—more at **windy**

blvd abbreviation

boulevard

**B lymphocyte** noun

: **B CELL**

**BM** abbreviation

bowel movement

**B movie** noun

: a cheaply produced motion picture

**BO** abbreviation

1 best offer

2 body odor

3 box office

4 branch office

**boa** /bɔː/ noun

1 : a large snake (as the **boa constrictor** /ˌboʊə ˌkɒnˈstrɪktər/ or the related anaconda) that suffocates and kills its prey by constriction

2 : a fluffy scarf usu. of fur or feathers

**boar** /bɔːr/ noun

: a male swine; also : **WILD BOAR**

**board** /bɔːrd/ noun

1 : the side of a ship

2 : a thin flat length of sawed lumber; also : material (as cardboard) or a piece of material formed as a thin flat firm sheet

3 plural : a theater stage as representing the acting profession

4 a : a table spread with a meal

b : daily meals esp. when furnished for pay

5 : a table at which a council or magistrates sit
6: a group or association of persons organized for a special responsibility (as the management of a business or institution); also: an organized commercial exchange
7: a sheet of insulating material carrying circuit elements and inserted in an electronic device

board verb
1: to go or put aboard <~ a boat>
2: to cover with boards
3: to provide or be provided with meals and often lodging
   Synonyms
   ➢ accommodate, billet, bunk, domicile, harbor, house, lodge, put up, quarter

board·er noun
➢ one that boards; especially: one that is provided with regular meals or regular meals and lodging
   Synonyms
   ➢ lodger, renter, roomer, tenant—more at TENANT

board·ing·house /'bôrd·iŋˌhous/ noun
➢ a house at which persons are boarded

board·walk /'bôrdˌwōk/ noun
➢ a promenade (as of planking) along a beach

boast /bôst/ verb
1 ➢: to praise oneself
2 ➢: to mention or assert with excessive pride
3: to prize as a possession; also: HAVE <the house ~s a fireplace>
   — boast·ful /'foul/ adjective
   — boast·ful·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1, 2] brag, crow, plume, swagger; also puff (up)

boast noun
1: the act or an instance of boasting
2: a cause for pride
   Synonyms
   ➢ credit, glory, honor, jewel, pride, treasure—more at GLORY

boat /bôt/ noun
➢ a small vessel for travel on water; also: ship
   Synonyms
   ➢ bottom, craft, ship, vessel; also canoe, catamaran, catboat, cockleshell, coracle, dinghy, dory, dugout,
   flatboat, float, gondola, houseboat, ironclad, kayak, launch, longboat, motorboat, outrigger, pontoon, punt, raft,
   rowboat, sail, scow, scull, shallop, shell, sloop, tender, umiak

boat·er /'bôtˌer/ noun
1: one that travels in a boat
2: a stiff straw hat

boat·man /'bôtˌmän/ noun
➢ a man who operates, works on, or deals in boats

boat people noun plural
➢ refugees fleeing by boat

boat·swain /'bôtsˌwän/ noun
➢ a subordinate officer of a ship in charge of the hull and related equipment

bob /bŏb/ verb bobbed; bob·bing
1 ➢: to move up and down jerkily or repeatedly
2: to emerge, arise, or appear suddenly or unexpectedly
   Synonyms
   ➢ bobble, jog, jounce, nod, pump, seesaw—more at NOD
2bob noun
: a bobbing movement

3bob noun
1: a knob, knot, twist, or curl esp. of ribbons, yarn, or hair
2: a short haircut of a woman or child
3: FLOAT 2
4: a weight hanging from a line

4bob verb bobbed; bob·bing
: to cut hair in a bob

5bob noun, plural bob slang British
: SHILLING

bob-bin /ˈbɑːbən/ noun
: a cylinder or spindle for holding or dispensing thread (as in a sewing machine)

bob·ble /ˈbɑːbəl/ verb bob·bled; bob·bing
1 ▶: to move up and down in a short quick movement
2 ▶: to make awkward attempts to do or find something; also: FUMBLE
— bobble noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] bob, jog, jounce, nod, pump, seesaw—more at NOD
▶ [2] botch, bungle, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, muff, murder—more at BOTCH

bob·by /ˈbɑːbɪ/ noun, plural bobbies
[origin: Bobby, nickname for Sir Robert Peel, who organized the London police force] British
: a police officer

bobby pin noun
: a flat wire hairpin with prongs that press close together

bob·cat /ˈbɑːkət/ noun
: a small usu. rusty-colored No. American lynx

bob·o·link /ˈbɑːlˌɪŋk/ noun
: an American migratory songbird related to the meadowlarks

bob·sled /ˈbɑːsˌlɛd/ noun
1: a short sled usu. used as one of a joined pair
2: a racing sled with two pairs of runners, a steering wheel, and a hand brake
— bobsled verb

bob·white /ˈbɑːˌhwɪt/ noun
: any of a genus of quail; especially: a popular game bird of eastern and central No. America

boc·cie or boc·ci or boc·ce /ˈbɑːtʃ/ noun
: Italian lawn bowling played on a long narrow court

bock /ˈbɑːk/ noun
: a strong dark beer usu. sold in early spring

bod /ˈbɑːd/ noun
: BODY

1bode /ˈbɑːd/ verb bod·ed; bod·ing
▶: to indicate by signs: PRESAGE

Synonyms
▶ augur, promise; also forecast, foretell, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy

2bode past of BIDE
bo·de·ga /bō·dəˈgə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. L *apotheca* storehouse]
: a store specializing in Hispanic groceries

bod·ice /bəˈdas/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of bodies, pl. of body]
: the usu. close-fitting part of a dress above the waist

bod·i·less /bəˈdiːləs/ adjective
: lacking a body or material form

Synonyms
  - immaterial, incorporeal, insubstantial, nonmaterial, nonphysical, spiritual, unsubstantial—more at IMMATERIAL

bod·i·ly /bəd·ˈiːlə/ adjective
: of or relating to the body

Synonyms
  - animal, carnal, corporal, fleshly, material, physical, somatic—more at PHYSICAL

bod·kin /bədˈkən/ noun
1: DAGGER
2: a pointed implement for punching holes in cloth
3: a blunt needle for drawing tape or ribbon through a loop or hem

body /bəˈdi/ noun, plural bod·ies
1: the physical whole of a living or dead organism; also: the trunk or main mass of an organism as distinguished from its appendages
2: a human being
3: the main part of something
4: a mass of matter distinct from other masses
5: a group of persons or things
6: VISCOSITY, FIRMNESS
7: richness of flavor—used esp. of wines
— bod·ied /bəˈdiːd/ adjective

Synonyms
  - [2] being, creature, human, individual, life, mortal, person, sort, specimen—more at HUMAN
  - [3] bulk, core, generality, main, mass, staple, weight; also: majority
  - [5] array, batch, bunch, cluster, crop, group, huddle, knot, lot, parcel, party

body·build·ing /bəˈdiːbəldɪŋ/ noun
: a developing of the body through exercise and diet
— body·build·er /ˈdɑr/ noun

body English noun
: bodily motions made in a usu. unconscious effort to influence the movement of a propelled object (as a ball)

body·guard /bəˈdiːˌgɑrd/ noun
: a personal guard; also: RETINUE

body language noun
: body movements or postures interpreted as a means of communication

body stocking noun
: a sheer close-fitting one-piece garment for the torso that often has sleeves and legs

body·work /bəˈdiːˌwɜrk/ noun
: the making or repairing of vehicle bodies

Boer /ˈborˌbər/ noun
bog /bɔg/ noun
1: wet, spongy, poorly drained, and usu. acid ground
— boggy adjective

Synonyms
fen, marsh, mire, morass, slough, swamp—more at swamp

2: bog verb bogged; bogging
: to sink into or as if into a bog

bogey also bo-gie or bo-gy /bɔˌjē/ for 1; bɔˌdē for 2/ noun, plural bogeys also bogies
1 a: a visible disembodied spirit : specter
b: a source of fear or annoyance
2: a score of one over par on a hole in golf

Synonyms
[1a] apparition, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith—more at ghost
[1b] bête noire, bugbear, hobgoblin, ogre; also apparition, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, specter, spirit, spook, wraith

bo-gey-man /ˈbɔˌjē-ˌmän/ noun
: an imaginary monster used in threatening children

bog·gle /bɔˌgəl/ verb bog·gled; bog·gling
: to overwhelm or be overwhelmed with fright or amazement

bo·gus /bɔˌgəs/ adjective
: not genuine : sham

Synonyms
counterfeit, fake, false, inauthentic, phony, sham, spurious, unauthentic—more at counterfeit
artificial, factitious, imitation, mimic, mock, substitute, synthetic—more at imitation

Bo·he·mi·an /bəˈheˌmēˌən/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Bohemia
2 often not cap: vagabond, wanderer
3 often not cap: a person (as a writer or artist) living an unconventional life
— bohemian adjective, often cap

Synonyms
deviant, individualist, loner, maverick, nonconformist—more at nonconformist

1: boil /bɔl/ noun
: an inflamed swelling on the skin containing pus

2: boil verb
1 a: to heat or become heated to a temperature (boiling point) at which vapor is formed and rises in bubbles
water ~s and changes to steam>
b: to act on or be acted on by a boiling liquid ~ eggs>
2: to be in a state of seething agitation
3: to churn violently as if boiling

Synonyms
[1b] coddle, stew; also scald
[2, 3] burn, churn, fume, rage, seethe, steam; also fulminate, rant, rave

3: boil noun
: the act or state of boiling

boil·er /bɔlˈer/ noun
1: a container in which something is boiled
2: a strong vessel used in making steam
3: a tank holding hot water

boiling adjective
•: intensely agitated "with anger"

Synonyms
• angry, furious, irate, mad, rabid, sore—more at ANGRY

boiler-maker /bō'larˌmāˈkər/ noun
: whiskey with a beer chaser

boisterous /bō'is(t)ərəs/ adjective
•: noisily turbulent or exuberant
— boisterously adverb

Synonyms
• rambunctious, raucous, rowdy; also rampant, riotous, noisy, tempestuous, turbulent, violent

Antonyms
orderly

bok choy /ˈbäkˌchōi/ noun
: a Chinese vegetable related to the mustards that forms a loose head of green leaves with long thick white stalks

boila /bōˈlā/ or bo·las /ˈlāz/ noun, plural bolas /ˈlōz/ also bo·las·es
[origin: AmerSp bolas, fr. Sp bola ball]
: a cord with weights attached to the ends

bold /bōld/ adjective
1 •: fearless before danger
2 •: overstepping due bounds: IMPUDENT
3: marked by great and continuous steepness: STEEP
4: ADVENTUROUS, FREE <a ~ thinker>
5 •: standing out prominently
— boldly adverb
— boldness /bōldˈnəs/ noun

Synonyms
• [1] adventurous, audacious, daring, enterprising, gutsy, hardy, nervy, venturesome; also brash, daredevil, foolhardy, heedless, hotheaded, impetuous, imprudent, impulsive, incautious, madcap, overbold, overconfident, rash, reckless, spirited, thoughtless, wild

Antonyms
unadventurous, unenterprising
• [2] arch, brash, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVOUS
• [3] familiar, forward, free, immodest, presumptuous—more at PRESUMPTUOUS
• [5] catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, striking—more at NOTICEABLE

boldface /ˈbōldˌfās/ noun
: a heavy-faced type; also: printing in boldface
— boldfaced /ˈfāst/ adjective

bole /ˈbōl/ noun
: the trunk of a tree

bole·ro /bo-lōˈryो/ noun, plural -ros
1: a Spanish dance or its music
2: a short loose jacket open at the front

Bo·liv·i·an /bo-lē.ˈvē-ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Bolivia
— Bolivian adjective

boll /ˈbōl/ noun
: a seed pod (as of cotton)
boll weevil noun
: a small grayish weevil that infests the cotton plant both as a larva and as an adult

bollworm /ˌbōlˈwərm/ noun
: any of several moths and esp. the corn earworm whose larvae feed on cotton bolls

bo·lo·gna /boˈloʊnə/ noun
[origin: short for Bologna sausage, fr. Bologna, Italy]
: a large smoked sausage of beef, veal, and pork

Bol·she·vik /ˈbolshe.viːk/ noun, plural Bolsheviks also Bol·she·vi·ki /ˈboʊlʃɛv.ɪ.k/ [origin: Russ bol’shevik, fr. bol’shiĭ larger]
1 : a member of the party that seized power in Russia in the revolution of November 1917
2 : COMMUNIST
— Bolshevik adjective

bol·she·vis·m /ˌbolshe.vizəm/ noun, often cap
: the doctrine or program of the Bolsheviks advocating violent overthrow of capitalism

1 bolster /ˈbɔlstər/ noun
: a long pillow or cushion

2 bolster verb
: to support with or as if with a bolster; also: REINFORCE

Synonyms
bear, brace, buttress, carry, prop, reinforce, shore, stay, support, uphold—more at SUPPORT

1 bolt /ˈbolt/ noun
1 a : a missile (as an arrow) for a crossbow or catapult
2 : a flash of lightning: THUNDERBOLT
3 : a sliding bar used to fasten a door
4 : a roll of cloth or wallpaper of specified length
5 : a rod with a head at one end and a screw thread at the other used with a nut to fasten objects together
6 : a metal cylinder that drives the cartridge into the chamber of a firearm

2 bolt verb
1 a : to move suddenly (as in fright or hurry): START
b : to rush off or away (as in fleeing) <he ~ed out of the room>
2 : to break away (as from association) ~ed from a political platform>
3 : to produce seed prematurely
4 : to secure or fasten with a bolt
5 : to swallow hastily or without chewing
6 : to say impulsively

Synonyms
[1a] jump, start, startle—more at START
[1b] break, flee, fly, retreat, run, run away, run off—more at RUN
[6] blurt, cry, ejaculate, spout

3 bolt noun
: an act of bolting

bo·lus /ˈboləs/ noun
1 : a large pill
2 : a soft mass of chewed food

1 bomb /bəm/ noun
1 : a fused explosive device designed to detonate under specified conditions (as impact)
2 : an aerosol or foam dispenser (as of insecticide or hair spray): SPRAY CAN
3 : a long pass in football

2 bomb verb
1: to attack with bombs
2: to fail utterly

bom·bard /bəmˈbɑrd/ verb
1: to attack esp. with artillery or bombers
2: to assail persistently
3: to subject to the impact of rapidly moving particles (as electrons)
   Synonyms
   - blitz, shell; also rake, strafe

bom·bard·ment noun
- the act or an instance of bombarding or the state of being bombarded
   Synonyms
   - barrage, cannonade, fusillade, hail, salvo, shower, storm, volley—more at BARRAGE

bom·bar·dier /bəmˈbɑrˌdər/ noun
- a bomber-crew member who releases the bombs

bom·bast /bəmˈbæst/ noun
- pretentious wordy speech or writing
   — bom·bas·ti·cal·ly /ˌbɑbəstəˈkəli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   - bluster, brag, gas, grandiloquence, rant, rhetoric

bom·bas·tic /bəmˈbæs.tɪk/ adjective
- marked by or given to bombast
   Synonyms
   - gaseous, grandiloquent, oratorical, rhetorical, windy—more at RHETORICAL

bom·ba·zine /bəmˈbæzən/ noun
1: a twilled fabric with silk warp and worsted filling
2: a silk fabric in twill weave dyed black

bom·ber /bəmˈbər/ noun
- one that bombs; especially: an airplane for dropping bombs

bomb·proof /bəmˈprəuf/ adjective
- safe against the explosive force of bombs

bom·b·shell /bəmˈbəl/ noun
1: BOMB 1
2: one that stuns, amazes, or completely upsets
   Synonyms
   - bolt, jar, jolt, surprise—more at SURPRISE

bona fide /boʊˈneɪ.ˌfaɪd, bəˌ-/, boʊˈneɪ.ˌfɛd, _da/ adjective
[Origin: L, in good faith]
1: made in good faith <a bona fide agreement>
2: neither specious nor counterfeit: GENUINE, REAL <a bona fide bargain>
   Synonyms
   - authentic, genuine, real, right, true—more at AUTHENTIC

bo·nan·za /boʊˈna.ˌnəˌza/ noun
- something yielding a rich return

bo·n·bon /boʊˈbɑn/ noun
- a candy with a creamy center and a soft covering (as of chocolate)

bond /bænd/ noun
1: something that binds or restrains: FETTER
bond verb
1: to assure payment of duties or taxes on (goods) by giving a bond
2: to insure against losses caused by the acts of a bank teller
3: to make or become firmly united as if by bonds iron to copper
4: to form a close relationship gave them a chance to with their father

bond·age /ˈbænd ə dʒi/ noun
1: a state of being bound usu. by compulsion: SLAVERY, SERVITUDE

Synonyms
enslavement, servitude, slavery, thrall, yoke—more at SLAVERY

bond·hold·er /ˈbænd ˌhōld ēr/ noun
1: one that owns a government or corporation bond

bond·ing /ˈbænd ɪŋ/ noun
1: the formation of a close personal relationship esp. through frequent or constant association
2: the attaching of a material (as porcelain) to a tooth surface esp. for cosmetic purposes

bond·man /ˈbænd mən/ noun
1: a person held in servitude as the chattel of another: SLAVE

Synonyms
chattel, slave, thrall—more at SLAVE

bond·wom·an /ˈbænd wəm ən/ noun
: a female slave or serf

bone /bōn/ noun
1: a hard largely calcareous tissue forming most of the skeleton of a vertebrate animal; also: one of the pieces of bone making up a vertebrate skeleton
2: a hard animal substance (as ivory or baleen) similar to true bone
3: something made of bone
— bone·less adjective
— bony also bon·ey /ˈbō nē/ adjective

bone verb boned; bon·ing
: to free from bones a chicken

bone black noun
: the black carbon residue from calcined bones used esp. as a pigment

bone meal noun
: crushed or ground bone used esp. as fertilizer or feed

bon·er /ˈbō nər/ noun
: a stupid and ridiculous blunder

bone up verb
1: to try to master necessary information quickly
2: to refresh one's memory <boned up on the speech before giving it>

bon·fire
noun
[ORIGIN: ME bonefire a fire of bones, fr. bon bone + fire]
: a large fire built in the open air

bon·go
noun, plural bongos also bongoes
[ORIGIN: AmerSp bongō]
: one of a pair of small tuned drums played with the hands

bon·ho·mie
noun
[ORIGIN: F bonhomie, fr. bonhomme good-natured man, fr. bon good + homme man]
: good-natured easy friendliness

bo·ni·to
noun, plural -tos or -to
[ORIGIN: Jp]
: any of several medium-sized tunas

bon mot
noun, plural bons mots or bon mots
[ORIGIN: F, lit., good word]
: a clever remark

bon·net
noun
: a covering (as a cap) for the head; especially: a hat for a woman or infant tied under the chin

bon·ny
adjective
bo·ni·er; -est chiefly British
: ATTRACTIVE, FAIR; also : FINE, EXCELLENT

bon·sai
noun, plural bonsai
[ORIGIN: Jp]
: a potted plant (as a tree) dwarfed by special methods of culture; also: the art of growing such a plant

bo·nus
noun
: something in addition to what is expected

Synonyms
- dividend, extra, lagniappe, perquisite, tip; also fillip

bon vi·vant
noun, plural bons vivants
[ORIGIN: F, lit., good liver]
: a person having cultivated, refined, and sociable tastes esp. in food and drink

Synonyms
- adieu, au revoir, farewell, good-bye—more at GOOD-BYE

bony fish noun
: any of a very large group of fishes (as a salmon or marlin) with a bony rather than a cartilaginous skeleton

bonze
noun
: a Buddhist monk

boo
noun, plural boos
: a shout of disapproval or contempt
— boo verb

Synonyms
- catcall, hiss, jeer, raspberry, snort—more at CATCALL

boo·by
noun, plural boobies
: an awkward foolish person: Dope

Synonyms
- dope, fool, goose, jackass, nitwit, nut, simpleton, turkey—more at FOOL

booby hatch noun
booby prize noun
: an award for the poorest performance in a contest

booby trap noun
› a trap for the unwary; especially: a concealed explosive device set to go off when some harmless-looking object is touched
— booby–trap verb

Synonyms
› catch, pitfall, snag—more at pitfall
› explosive

boo·die /bū_.dē/ noun
1: bribe money
2: a large amount of money

1book /būk/ noun
1: a set of sheets bound into a volume
2: a long written or printed narrative or record
3: a major division of a long literary work
4 cap: BIBLE
— in one's book
: in one's opinion

2book verb
1: to engage, reserve, or schedule by or as if by writing in a book (<~ seats on a plane>
2: to enter charges against in a police register

book·case /ˌbükˌkās/ noun
: a piece of furniture consisting of shelves to hold books

book·end /ˌbükˌend/ noun
: a support to hold up a row of books

book·ie /bū_.kē/ noun
: BOOKMAKER

book·ish /bū_.kish/ adjective
1: fond of books and reading
2 a: inclined to rely unduly on book knowledge
b of words ▶: literary and formal as opposed to colloquial and informal

Synonyms
› erudite, learned, literary; also academic, pedantic, scholastic

Antonyms
: colloquial, nonliterary

book·keep·er /ˌbükˌkē_.pēr/ noun
: one who records the accounts or transactions of a business
— book·keep·ing noun

book·let /ˌbükˌlēt/ noun
› a little book; especially PAMPHLET

Synonyms
› brochure, circular, folder, leaflet, pamphlet—more at PAMPHLET

book·mak·er /ˌbükˌmā_.kār/ noun
: one who determines odds and receives and pays off bets
— book·mak·ing noun

book·mark /ˌmārk/ or book·mark·er /ˌmārk_.kār/ noun
: a marker for finding a place in a book
book·mo·bile /ˈbʊk.məˌbɪl/ noun
: a truck that serves as a traveling library

book·plate /ˈbʊk.plə/ noun
: a label pasted in a book to show who owns it

book·sell·er /ˈbʊk.ˌsɛlər/ noun
: one who sells books; especially: the proprietor of a bookstore

book·shelf /ˌbʊk.ʃɛl/ noun
: a shelf for books

book·worm /ˈbʊk.wɜːrn/ noun
: a person unusually devoted to reading and study

1boom /ˈbʊm/ verb
1 : to make a deep hollow sound
2 : to grow or cause to grow rapidly esp. in value, esteem, or importance

2boom noun
1 ᴛ : a booming sound or cry
2 : a rapid expansion or increase esp. of economic activity

Synonyms

bang, blast, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, smash, snap, thwack, whack—more at CLAP

3boom noun
[origin: D, tree, beam]
1 : a long spar used to extend the bottom of a sail
2 : a line of floating timbers used to obstruct passage or catch floating objects
3 : a beam projecting from the upright pole of a derrick to support or guide the object lifted
4 : a long supporting pole or arm (as for a microphone)

boom box noun
: a large portable radio and often CD or tape player

boom·er·ang /ˈbʊ.məˌræŋ/ noun
[origin: Dharuk (an Australian aboriginal language) bumarin’]
: a bent or angular club that can be so thrown as to return near the starting point

boom·ing adjective
1 ᴛ : making a loud deep sound <his ~ voice>
2 : forcefully or powerfully executed <hit a ~ serve>

Synonyms

clamorous, loud, resounding, roaring, sonorous, stentorian, thunderous—more at LOUD

1boon /ˈbʊn/ noun
[origin: ME bone prayer, request, the favor requested, fr. ON bōn request]
1 ᴛ : something that promotes well-being; also : useful aid
2 ᴛ : something given or granted as a favor

Synonyms

[1] advantage, aid, benefit, help—more at HELP
[1] benefit, blessing, felicity, godsend, good, manna, windfall—more at BLESSING
[2] courtesy, favor, grace, indulgence, kindness, mercy, service, turn—more at FAVOR

2boon adjective
[origin: ME bon, fr. AF, good]
 ᴛ : enjoying companionship and the pleasures of feasting and drinking <a ~ companion>

Synonyms

companionable, convivial, extroverted, gregarious, outgoing, sociable, social—more at CONVIVIAL

boon·docks /ˈbʊn.dɒks/ noun plural
boon·do·gle /ˈbūn.dəˌgəl/ noun
: a useless or wasteful project or activity

boor /ˈbūr/ noun
1: YOKEL
2: a rude or insensitive person

Synonyms
beast, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at JERK

boor·ish adjective
: having the qualities or behavior of a boor

Synonyms
churlish, clownish, loutish, uncouth—more at CLOWNISH

boost /ˈbūst/ verb
1: to push up from below
2: to make or become greater: INCREASE, RAISE <~ prices>
3: to enthusiastically promote or support (a cause) <voted a bonus to ~ morale>

Synonyms
[1] crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, hoist, jack, lift, pick up, raise, up, uphold—more at RAISE
[2] add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at INCREASE
[2] amplify, beef, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, redouble, step up, strengthen—more at INTENSIFY

boost noun
1: a push upward
2: an act that brings help or encouragement
3: an increase in amount

Synonyms
[2] aid, assist, assistance, backing, help, lift, support—more at HELP
[3] accretion, addition, augmentation, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement—more at INCREASE

booster noun
: one that boosts; especially: an enthusiastic supporter

Synonyms
advocate, apostle, backer, champion, exponent, friend, promoter, proponent, supporter—more at EXPONENT

1 boot /būt/ noun, chiefly dialect
: something to equalize a trade
— to boot
: BESIDES

2 boot verb, archaic
: AVAIL, PROFIT

3 boot noun
1: a covering for the foot and leg
2: a protective sheath (as of a flower)
3 British: an automobile trunk
4: KICK; also: a discharge from employment
5: a navy or marine corps trainee

4 boot verb
1: KICK
2: to eject or discharge summarily — often used with out
3 of a computer: to start or make ready for operation

Synonyms usually boot out
- banish, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, rout, run off, throw out—more at EJECT

boot·black /ˈbütˌblak/ noun
: a person who shines shoes

boot camp noun
1: a navy or marine corps training camp
2: a facility with a rigorous disciplinary program for young offenders

boo·tie or boo·tie /ˈbūˌtē/ noun
: an infant's knitted or crocheted sock

booth /ˈbūth/ noun, plural booths /ˈbūθz, ˈbūths/
1: a small enclosed stall (as at a fair)
2: a small enclosure giving privacy for a person
3: a restaurant accommodation having a table between backed benches

boot·leg /ˈbūtˌleg/ verb
: to make, transport, or sell (as liquor) illegally
— boot·leg adjective or noun
— boot·leg·ger noun

boot·less /ˈbūtˌles/ adjective
-: producing no gain, good, or result: USELESS
— boot·less·ly adverb
— boot·less·ness noun

booty /ˈbūˌtē/ noun, plural booties
-: plunder taken (as in war): SPOIL

Synonyms
- loot, plunder, spoil, swag—more at LOOT

booz·ing verb boozed; booz·ing
: to drink liquor to excess
— booz·er noun

boozy adjective

Synonyms
- alcohol, drink, intoxicant, liquor, moonshine, spirits—more at ALCOHOL

bop /ˈbōp/ verb bopped; bop·ping
: to reach with a blow: HIT, SOCK

bop noun
: a blow esp. with the fist or a club

BOQ abbreviation
bachelor officers' quarters

bor abbreviation
borough

bo·rate /ˈborˌeit/ noun
bo·rax /bɔrˌæks/ noun
: a salt or ester of boric acid

bo·del·lo /bɔrdələ/ noun, plural -lo
[origin: It]
: BROTHEL

1border /bɔrdər/ noun
1 : an outer part or edge
2 : something that marks or fixes a limit: BOUNDARY
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] borderland, frontier, march; also backwater, backwoods, hinterland, up-country
   ▶ [2] bound, boundary, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge; also crest, hem, lip

2border verb bor·dered; bor·der·ing
1 : to put a border on
2 : to touch at the edge or boundary: ADJOIN
3 : to approach the nature of a specified thing: VERGE <~s on the ridiculous>
   Synonyms
   ▶ usually border on [1] bound, fringe, margin, rim, skirt; also edge, hem, trim
   ▶ usually border on [2] abut, adjoin, flank, fringe, join, skirt, touch, verge—more at ADJOIN

border collie noun, often cap B
: any of a British breed of medium-sized long-haired sheepdogs

bor·der·land /bɔrdərˌlənd/ noun
1 : territory at or near a border
2 : an outlying or intermediate region often not clearly defined
   Synonyms
   ▶ border, frontier, march—more at FRONTIER

bor·der·line /ˌbrərdərˌlaɪn/ adjective
: being in an intermediate position or state; especially: not quite up to what is standard or expected <~ intelligence>

1bore /bɔr/ verb bored; bor·ing
1 : to make a hole in with or as if with a drill
2 : to make (as a well) by boring or digging away material
   — bor·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ drill, hole, perforate, pierce, punch, puncture—more at PERFORATE

2bore noun
1 : a hole made by or as if by boring
2 : a cylindrical cavity
3 : the diameter of a hole or tube; especially: the interior diameter of a gun barrel or engine cylinder

3bore past of BEAR

4bore noun
: a tidal flood with a high abrupt front

5bore noun
: one that causes boredom

6bore verb bored; bor·ing
1 : to weary with tedious dullness
   Synonyms
   ▶ jade, tire, weary; also pall
   Antonyms
absorb, engage, engross, grip, interest, intrigue

**bo-re-al** /ˈbɔːr-əl/ *adjective*
: of, relating to, or located in northern regions

**bore-dom** /ˈbɔr.dəm/ *noun*
: the condition of being weary and restless because of dullness

**Synonyms**
- doldrums, ennui, listlessness, restlessness, tedium, tiredness, weariness; *also* cheerlessness, melancholy

**bo-ric acid** /ˈbɔr.i.k/ *noun*
: a white crystalline weak acid that contains boron and is used esp. as an antiseptic

**born** /bɔrn/ *adjective*
1: brought into life by birth
2 †: belonging by birth: *American-born*
3: having special natural abilities or character from birth: *a ~ leader*

**Synonyms**
- aboriginal, endemic, indigenous, native—more at *NATIVE*

**born-again** *adjective*
: having experienced a revival of a personal faith or conviction: *~ believer, ~ liberal*

**borne** past participle of *bear*

**bo-ron** /ˈbɔr.ən/ *noun*
: a chemical element that occurs in nature only in combination (as in borax)

**borough** /ˈbɔr.ə/ *noun*
[Origin: ME burgh, fr. OE burg fortified town]
1: a British town that sends one or more members to Parliament; *also*: an incorporated British urban area
2: an incorporated town or village in some U.S. states; *also*: any of the five political divisions of New York City
3: a civil division of the state of Alaska corresponding to a county in most other states

**borrow** /ˈbɔr.ə/ *verb*
1: to take or receive (something) temporarily and with intent to return
2 †: to take into possession or use from another source: *~ a metaphor*

**Synonyms**
- adopt, embrace, take up—more at *ADOPT*

**borsch** /ˈbɔrsht/ or **borsch** /ˈbɔrsh/ *noun*
[Origin: Yiddish borsht & Ukrainian & Russ borshch]
: a soup made mainly from beets

**bosh** /ˈbɑsh/ *noun*
[Origin: Turk boş empty]
: foolish talk or action: *NONSENSE*

**bosky** /ˈbɒs.ki/ *adjective*
: covered with trees or shrubs

**bosom** /ˈbɔz.əm, ˈbōz-/ *noun*
1: the front of the human chest; *especially*: the female breasts
2: the seat of secret thoughts and feelings
3: the part of a garment covering the breast
— **bosomed** /ˌzəmd/ *adjective*

**bosom** *adjective*
: closely acquainted: *INTIMATE*

**Synonyms**
- chummy, close, familiar, friendly, intimate, thick—more at *FAMILIAR*

**boss** /ˈbɑs, ˈbɑs/ *noun*
: a knoblike ornament: *STUD*
2boss verb : to ornament with bosses

3boss /bôs/ noun
1 : one (as a foreman or manager) exercising control or supervision
2 : a politician who controls votes or dictates policies

Synonyms
captain, chief, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, kingpin, leader, master, taskmaster; also administrator, commander, director, executive, general, manager, overseer, principal, standard-bearer, straw boss, superintendent, superior, supervisor

4boss /bôs/ verb
1 : to act as a boss : SUPERVISE
2 : to give usu. arbitrary orders to — usu. used with around

Synonyms
[1] captain, head, oversee, superintend, supervise; also command, control, direct, guide, manage, order, run, shepherd, show, steer
usually boss around [2] bid, charge, command, direct, enjoin, instruct, order, tell—more at COMMAND

bossy adjective : inclined to issue orders

Synonyms
authoritarian, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous; also arrogant, disdainful, haughty, lofty, lordly, proud, supercilious, superior

bosun variant of BOATSWAIN

bot abbreviation
botanical; botanist; botany

bot·a·ny /bô·tə̅'nē/ noun, plural -nies
1 : a branch of biology dealing with plants and plant life
2 : plant life (as of a given region); also : the biology of a plant or plant group

— bot·a·ni·cal /bô·tə̅'ni·kal/ adjective
— bot·a·nist /bô·tə̅'nist/ noun
— bot·a·nize /bô·tə̅'niz/ verb

botch /bôt/ verb
: to foul up hopelessly : BUNGLE

— botch noun

Synonyms
bobble, bungle, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, muff, murder; also blunder, goof (up), gum (up)

1both /bôth/ pronoun
: both ones : the one as well as the other

2both conjunction
— used as a function word to indicate and stress the inclusion of each of two or more things specified by coordinated words, phrases, or clauses << New York and London>>

3both adjective
: being the two : affecting the one and the other

1bother /bôthern/ verb
1 a : to annoy esp. by petty provocation
b : to intrude upon : PESTER
2 a : to become concerned : become mentally troubled
b : to cause to be anxious or concerned

Synonyms
[1a] aggravate, annoy, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE
bug, disturb, intrude, pester; also inconvenience, trouble
[2a] fear, fret, stew, sweat, trouble, worry—more at WORRY
[2b] concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, perturb, unsettle, upset, worry—more at DISTURB

2 bother noun
1 a : a state of petty discomfort, annoyance, or worry
2 : something that causes petty annoyance or worry
2 : needless bustle or excitement

Synonyms
[1b] aggravation, annoyance, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, peev, pest, problem, thorn, vexation—more at ANNOYANCE
[2] bustle, commotion, disturbance, fuss, pother, stew, stir

bother·some /ˌboðərˈsəm/ adjective
1 : causing bother

Synonyms
aggravating, annoying, frustrating, galling, irksome, irritating, pesty, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

1 bottle /ˈbätəl/ noun
1 : a container (as of glass) with a narrow neck and usu. no handles
2 : the quantity held by a bottle
3 : intoxicating liquor

2 bottle verb bot·tled; bot·ting
1 : to confine as if in a bottle : RESTRAIN
2 : to put into a bottle

bot·tle·neck /ˌbätəlˈnēk/ noun
1 : a narrow passage or point of congestion
2 : something that obstructs or impedes

1 bottom /ˈbäm/ noun
1 a : an under or supporting surface
2 : BUTTOCKS
2 : the surface on which a body of water lies
3 : the lowest part or place; also : an inferior position <start at the ~>
4 : BOTTOMLAND
5 a : the part of a ship's hull lying below the water
b : a craft for traveling on water : BOAT
— bottom adjective
— bot·tom·less adjective

Synonyms
[1a] underbelly, underside; also belly, sole

Antonyms
face, top
[3] base, foot; also basis, bed, bedrock, foundation, ground, groundwork, keystone, seat, underpinning

Antonyms
head, top

2 bottom verb
1 : to furnish with a bottom
2 : to reach the bottom
3 : to reach a low point before rebounding — usu. used with out

bot·tom·land /ˈbämˌland/ noun
1 : low land along a river

bottom line noun
1 : the essential point : CRUX
2 : the final result : OUTCOME
bot·u·lism /bəˈchaˌli.zəm/ noun
: an acute paralytic disease caused by a bacterial toxin (bot*u*li*num /bəˈchaˌli.nəm/) esp. in tainted food

bou·doir /ˈbə,ˌdwar, ˈbūˌˌdwar/ noun
[origin: F, fr. bouder to pout]
: a woman's dressing room or bedroom

bou·fant /ˈbūˌfɑ̃̄t, ˈbuˌfɑ̃̄t/ adjective
[origin: F]
: puffed out (<~ hairdos>

bough /ˈboʊ/ noun
: a usu. large or main branch of a tree

bought past and past participle of BUY

bouil·la·baisse /ˌboo.iˈlaˌbaˌsə/ noun
[origin: F]
: a highly seasoned fish stew made with at least two kinds of fish

bouil·lon /ˈboʊ.ˈyənˌˌboʊ.ˈyənˌˌyan/ noun
: a clear soup made usu. from beef

boul·der /ˈbōldər/ noun
: a large detached rounded or worn mass of rock
— boul·dered /ˈdɑːrd/ adjective

bou·le·vard /ˌboʊ.ˈlaˌvərd, ˈbūˌ/ noun
[origin: F, modif. of MD bolwerc bulwark]
: a broad often landscaped thoroughfare

1 bounce /bɑʊns/ verb bounced; bounc·ing
1 : to cause to rebound (<~ a ball>
2 : to rebound after striking
3 : to expel hastily from a place
4 : to issue (a check) on an account having insufficient funds

  Synonyms
  — [2] carom, glance, rebound, ricochet, skim, skip—more at GLANCE
  — [3] banish, boot, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, rout, run off, throw out—more at EJECT

2 bounce noun
: the quality or state of being lively
— bouncy /ˈbɑʊnˌsē/ adjective

  Synonyms
  — dash, drive, esprit, ginger, pep, punch, snap, spirit, verve, vim, zing, zip—more at SPIRIT

bounc·er /ˈbɑʊnˌsər/ noun
: a person employed in a public place to remove disorderly persons

1 bound /baʊnd/ adjective
: intending to go

  Synonyms
  — bent, decisive, determined, firm, intent, purposeful, resolute, set—more at DETERMINED

2 bound noun
: something that limits or restrains : LIMIT, BOUNDARY

3 bound verb
1 : to set limits to
2 : to form the boundary of
3 : to name the boundaries of
Synonyms

- 1. circumscribe, define, delimit, demarcate, limit, mark, terminate—more at LIMIT
- 2. border, fringe, margin, rim, skirt—more at BORDER

4 bound past and past participle of BIND

5 bound adjective

1: constrained by or as if by bonds: CONFINED, OBLIGED
2: enclosed in a binding or cover
3: firmly decided: RESOLVED, DETERMINED; also: SURE

Synonyms
- bent, decisive, determined, firm, intent, purposeful, resolute, resolved, set—more at DETERMINED

6 bound noun

1: the act or an instance of leaping into the air: JUMP
2: REBOUND, BOUNCE

Synonyms
- hop, jump, leap, spring, vault—more at JUMP

7 bound verb

: to move by leaping: SPRING, BOUNCE

bound·ary noun

plural -aries

: something that marks or fixes a limit (as of territory)

Synonyms
- bound, ceiling, confines, end, extent, limit, limitation, line, termination—more at LIMIT
- border, bound, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge—more at BORDER

bound·en noun

plural

: BOUNDING

bound·less adjective

: having no boundaries
- bound·less·ness noun

Synonyms
- endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited—more at INFINITE

boun·te·ous noun

plural

: BOUNTIFUL

1: bestowing gifts or favors freely: GENEROUS
2: more than enough: ABUNDANT
- boun·te·ous·ly adverb
- boun·te·ous·ness noun

boun·ti·ful noun

plural

1: giving freely
2: given or provided abundantly: PLENTIFUL

Synonyms
- [1] charitable, free, generous, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing—more at GENEROUS
- [2] abundant, ample, comfortable, generous, liberal, plentiful—more at PLENTIFUL

boun·ti·ful·ly adverb

: in a bountiful degree

Synonyms
- generously, handsomely, liberally, well—more at WELL

boun·ti·ful·ness noun

: the quality or state of being bountiful

boun·ty noun

plural

[ORIGIN: ME bounte goodness, fr. AF bunté, fr. L bonitas, fr. bonus good]
1 ♦: liberality in giving: generosity
2 ♦: something given liberally
3 ♦: a reward, premium, or subsidy given usu. for doing something

**Synonyms**
- generosity, liberality, philanthropy, unselfishness—more at liberality

**bouquet** /boʊˈkeɪt/ noun
[origin: F, fr. MF, thicket, bunch of flowers, fr. OF (dial. of Normandy and Picardy) bosquet thicket, fr. bosc forest]
1 ♦: flowers picked and fastened together in a bunch
2 ♦: a distinctive aroma (as of wine)

**Synonyms**
- aroma, fragrance, incense, perfume, redolence, scent, spice—more at fragrance

**bourbon** /ˈboʊr.bən/ noun
: a whiskey distilled from a corn mash

**bourgeois** /boʊrˈzhwaɪ/ noun, plural bourgeois /boʊrˈʒweɪ/ noun
: a middle-class person
— bourgeois adjective

**bourgeoisie** /boʊrˈzhweɪ.zē/ noun
: a social order dominated by bourgeois

**bourne** also bourn /ˈboʊrn, ˈbərn/ noun
: boundary; also: destination

**bourse** /ˈbɔʁsu/ noun
: a European stock exchange

**bout** /buːt/ noun
1 ♦: an athletic match: contest
2 a ♦: a fit of sickness: attack <a ~ of measles>
b: outbreak
3 ♦: session

**Synonyms**
- competition, contest, event, game, match, meet, tournament—more at game
- [2a] attack, case, fit, seizure, siege, spell—more at attack

**boutique** /ˈbuː.tɪk/ noun
: a small fashionable specialty shop

**boutonniere** /ˈbuː.tə.ni.ər/ noun
: a flower or bouquet worn in a buttonhole

1^**bovine** /boʊˈvɪn, ˈvoʊn/ adjective
1 ♦: of or relating to bovines
2 ♦: having qualities (as placidity or dullness) characteristic of oxen or cows

2^**bovine** noun
: any of a group of mammals including oxen, buffalo, and their close relatives

**bovine spongiform encephalopathy** /ˌsɒn.dʒɪˈfɔrm/ noun
: mad cow disease

**bow** /baʊ/ verb
1 ♦: to give oneself over to the will or authority of another: yield
2 ♦: to bend the head or body (as in submission, courtesy, or assent)

**Synonyms**
- budge, capitulate, concede, give in, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at yield

2^**bow** noun
bow /bō/ noun
1 a : something bent into a simple curve : BEND, ARCH
   b : RAINBOW
2 : a weapon for shooting arrows; also : ARCHER
3 : a knot formed by doubling a line into two or more loops
4 : a wooden rod strung with horsehair for playing an instrument of the violin family
   Synonyms
   ➔ angle, arc, arch, bend, crook, curve, turn, wind—more at BEND

bow /bō/ verb
1 : to bend into a curve
2 : to play (an instrument) with a bow

bow /bō/ noun
: the forward part of a ship
   ➔ bow adjective
   ➔ bow·ler·ize /bōdˌlərˌīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing : to expurgate by omitting parts considered vulgar

bow·el /bōl/ noun
1 : INTESTINE; also : one of the divisions of the intestine — usu. used in pl.
2 plural : the inmost parts <the ~s of the earth>

bow·er /bōr/ noun
: a shelter of boughs or vines : ARBOR

bowl /bōl/ noun
1 : a concave vessel used to hold liquids
2 : a drinking vessel
3 : a bowl-shaped part or structure; especially : an athletic stadium
   ➔ bowl·ful /ˌbōl·fəl/ noun
   ➔ Synonyms
   ➔ circus, coliseum, stadium—more at STADIUM

bowl noun
1 : a ball for rolling on a level surface in bowling
2 : a cast of the ball in bowling

bowl verb
1 : to play a game of bowling; also : to roll a ball in bowling
2 : to travel (as in a vehicle) rapidly and smoothly
3 : to strike or knock down with a moving object
   ➔ Synonyms
   ➔ [2] breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slide, slip, stream, sweep, whirl—more at FLOW
   ➔ usually bowl down [3] down, drop, fell, floor, knock, level

bowl over verb
➔ : to overwhelm with surprise; also : to make a vivid impression on
   ➔ Synonyms
   ➔ amaze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

bow·leg·ged /bōlˈlegəd/ adjective
: having legs that bow outward at or below the knee
   ➔ bow·leg /bōlˈleg/ noun

bowler /bōlər/ noun
: a person who bowls
bowler /ˈbɔː.lər/ noun
  : DERBY 3

bow·line /ˈbɔː.lən/ noun
  : a knot used to form a loop that neither slips nor jams

bow·ling /ˈbɔː.lɪŋ/ noun
  : any of various games in which balls are rolled on a green or alley at an object or a group of objects; especially : TENPINS

bow·man /ˈbɔː.mən/ noun
  : ARCHER

bow·sprit /ˈbɔʊ.ˌsprit/ noun
  : a spar projecting forward from the prow of a ship

bow·string /ˈbɔʊ.ˌstrɪŋ/ noun
  : the cord connecting the two ends of a shooting bow

box /ˈbɑːks/ noun, plural boxes or box-es
  : an evergreen shrub or small tree used esp. for hedges

box noun
  1 : a rigid typically rectangular receptacle often with a cover; also : the quantity held by a box
  2 : a small compartment (as for a group of theater patrons); also : a boxlike receptacle or division
  3 : any of six spaces on a baseball diamond where the batter, pitcher, coaches, and catcher stand
  4 : PREDICAMENT

Synonyms
caddy, case, casket, chest, locker, trunk—more at CHEST

box verb
  : to enclose in or as if in a box

box noun
  1 : a punch or slap esp. on the ear

Synonyms
  belt, blow, buffet, hit, punch, slug—more at BLOW

box verb
  1 : to strike with the hand
  2 : to engage in boxing with

box·car /ˈbɑːks.ˌkɑr/ noun
  : a roofed freight car usu. with sliding doors in the sides

box cutter noun
  : a small cutting tool with a retractable razor blade

boxer /ˈbæks.ˌsər/ noun
  1 : a person who engages in boxing
  2 : BOXER SHORTS

Synonyms
  fighter, prizefighter, pugilist; also featherweight, heavyweight, light heavyweight, lightweight, middleweight, welterweight

boxer noun
  : any of a German breed of compact medium-sized dogs with a short usu. fawn or brindled coat

boxer shorts noun plural
  : men's loose-fitting shorts worn as underwear

box·ing /ˈbɑːk.ˌsɪŋ/ noun
  : the sport of fighting with the fists
box office  
noun
: an office (as in a theater) where admission tickets are sold

box turtle  
noun
: any of several No. American land turtles able to withdraw completely into their shell

box·wood  
/ˈbäksˌwūd/ 
noun
: the tough hard wood of the box; also : a box tree or shrub

boy  
/ˈboi/ 
noun
1: a male child: YOUTH
2: SON
— boy·hood  
/ˌhōd/ 
noun
— boy·ish  
adjective
— boy·ish·ly  
as adverb
— boy·ish·ness  
noun

Synonyms
lad, nipper, shaver, stripling, youth; also adolescent, juvenile, kid, minor, moppet, teenager, youngster

boycott  
/ˈbɑkət/ 
verb
[ORIGIN: Charles C. Boycott †1897 Eng. land agent in Ireland who was ostracized for refusing to reduce rents]
: to refrain from having any dealings with
— boycotting  
noun

boy·friend  
/ˈboiˌfrend/ 
noun
1: a male friend
2: a frequent or regular male companion of a girl or woman

Synonyms
beau, fellow, man, swain; also admirer, crush, steady

Boy Scout  
noun
: a member of any of various national scouting programs (as the Boy Scouts of America)

boy·sen·ber·ry  
/ˈbōzəˌnərē, ˈbōsə/ 
noun
: a large bramble fruit with a raspberry flavor; also : the hybrid plant bearing it developed by crossing blackberries and raspberries

bo·zo  
/ˈbōzə/ 
noun, plural bozos
: a foolish or incompetent person

bp  
abbreviation
1 bishop
2 birthplace

BP  
abbreviation
1 batting practice
2 blood pressure
3 boiling point

bpl  
abbreviation
birthplace

BPOE  
abbreviation
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

br  
abbreviation
1 branch
2 brass
3 brown

1 Br  
abbreviation
Britain; British
Br symbol
bromine

BR abbreviation
bedroom

bra /bræ/ noun
BRASSIERE

brace /bræs/ verb braced; brac·ing
1 archaic: to make fast: BIND
2: to tighten preparatory to use; also: to get ready for: prepare oneself
3 †: to restore strength and activity to: INVIGORATE
4 †: to furnish or support with a brace; also: STRENGTHEN
5: to set firmly
6 †: to gain courage or confidence

Synonyms
†[3] animate, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE
†[4] bear, bolster, buttress, carry, prop, shore, stay, strengthen, support, uphold—more at SUPPORT
†[6] forearm, fortify, nerve, ready, steel—more at FORTIFY

brace·let /bræ.ˌlæt/ noun
1: an ornamental band or chain worn around the wrist
2: something (as handcuffs) resembling a bracelet

brac·er·o /bræ.ˈser.o/ noun, plural -ros
: a Mexican laborer admitted to the U.S. esp. for seasonal farm work

brac·ing adjective
†[1] invigorating, refreshing, restorative, stimulative, tonic—more at TONIC

brack·en /bræk.ən/ noun
: a large coarse fern; also: a growth of such ferns

brace·ket /ˈbræ.ket/ noun
1: a projecting framework or arm designed to support weight; also: a shelf on such framework
2: one of a pair of punctuation marks [ ] used esp. to enclose interpolated matter
3 †: a continuous section of a series; especially: one of a graded series of income groups

Synonyms
† category, class, division, family, grade, group, kind, order, set, species, type—more at CLASS

brace·ket verb
1: to furnish or fasten with brackets
2 a: to place within brackets
b: to separate or group with or as if with brackets
brackish /ˈbræk.ɪʃ/ adjective
: somewhat salty
— brackish-ness noun

bract /ˈbrækt/ noun
: an often modified leaf on or at the base of a flower stalk

brad /ˈbræd/ noun
: a slender nail with a small head

bræ /ˈbræ/ noun, chiefly Scottish
: a hillsid esp. along a river

brag /ˈbræɡ/ verb bragged, bragging
›: to talk or assert boastfully
— brag-ger noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ boast, crow, plume, swagger—more at BOAST

brag /ˈbræɡ/ noun
›: arrogant talk or manner
  Synonyms
  ➢ bluster, bombast, gas, grandiloquence, rant—more at BOMBAST

brag-ga-do·cio /ˈbræ.ɡə.ˈdoʊ.ʃəˌsoʊ, .səˌ.ˌʃəˌsoʊ/ noun, plural -cios
1: BRAGGART
2: empty boasting
3: arrogant pretension: COCKINESS

brag-gart /ˈbraʊ.gɑr/ noun
: one who brags

Brah·man or Brah·min /ˈbræm.ən for 1; ˈbræ, ˈbræˌ for 2/ noun
1: a Hindu of the highest caste traditionally assigned to the priesthood
2: any of a breed of large vigorous humped cattle developed in the southern U.S. from Indian stock
3 usually Brahmin: a person of high social standing and cultivated intellect and taste

Brah·man·ism /ˈbrɑː.ˌma.ˌnɪ.zəm/ noun
: orthodox Hinduism

braid /ˈbreɪd/ verb
1: to form (strands) into a braid: PLAIT; also: to make from braids
2: to ornament with braid

braid /ˈbreɪd/ noun
1 ➢: a length of braided hair
2 ➢: a cord or ribbon of three or more interwoven strands
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1, 2] lace, plait; also rickrack, stripe

braille /ˈbreɪ/ noun, often cap
: a system of writing for the blind that uses characters made up of raised dots

brain /ˈbreɪn/ noun
1: the part of the vertebrate central nervous system enclosed in the skull and continuous with the spinal cord that is composed of neurons and supporting structures and is the center of thought and nervous system control; also: a centralized mass of nerve tissue in an invertebrate
2 a: INTELLECT, INTELLIGENCE — often used in pl.
b ➢: a very intelligent or intellectual person
— brain·ed /ˈbreɪnd/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ➢ genius, intellect, thinker, whiz, wizard—more at GENIUS
**brain** verb
1 : to kill by smashing the skull
2 : to hit on the head

**brain-child** /bræn_.child/ noun
: a product of one's creative imagination

**brain death** noun
: final cessation of activity in the central nervous system esp. as indicated by a flat electroencephalogram

— **brain-dead** /ˌdɛd/ adjective

**brain drain** noun
: the departure of educated or professional people from one country, sector, or field to another usu. for better pay or living conditions

**brain-less** adjective
: lacking intelligence

**brain-storm** /ˌstɔrm/ noun
: a sudden inspiration or idea

— **brainstorm** verb

**brain-teaser** /ˌ.tɛ.zər/ noun
: a challenging puzzle

**brain-wash-ing** /ˌbræn_.wɔ_.ʃiŋ/ noun
1 : a forcible indoctrination to induce someone to give up basic political, social, or religious beliefs and attitudes and to accept contrasting regimented ideas
2 : persuasion by propaganda or salesmanship

— **brain-wash** verb

**brain wave** noun
1 : BRAINSTORM
2 : rhythmic fluctuations of voltage between parts of the brain; also : a current produced by brain waves

**brainy** adjective
: having or showing a well-developed intellect

_Synonyms_
: alert, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at INTELLIGENT

**braise** /bræz/ verb braised; brais-ing
: to cook (meat) slowly in fat and little moisture in a closed pot

**brake** /brɑk/ noun
1 : a common bracken fern
2 **brake** noun
: rough or wet land heavily overgrown (as with thickets or reeds)

_Synonyms_
: brushwood, chaparral, coppice, covert, thicket—more at THICKET

**brake** noun
: a device for slowing or stopping motion esp. by friction

— **brake-less** adjective

**brake verb** braked; braking
1 : to slow or stop by or as if by a brake
2 : to apply a brake

_Synonyms_
: decelerate, retard, slow—more at SLOW

**brake-man** /brɑk_.mɑn/ noun
bramble /bram·bəl/ noun  
: any of a large genus of prickly shrubs (as a blackberry) related to the roses; also: any rough prickly shrub or vine

brambly /bəmˈbē/ adjective  
› like or full of brambles

bran /bræn/ noun  
: the edible broken husks of cereal grain sifted from flour or meal

branch /bræntʃ/ noun  
[origin: ME, fr. AF branche, fr. LL branca paw]  
1: a natural subdivision (as a bough or twig) of a plant stem  
2: a division (as of an antler or a river) related to a whole like a plant branch to its stem  
3: a discrete element of a complex system: as  
   a: a separate but dependent part of a central organization <the executive ~>  
   b: a division of a family descended from one ancestor  
— branched /bræntʃəd/ adjective

brand /brand/ noun  
1: a piece of charred or burning wood  
2 a: a mark made (as by burning) usu. to identify  
   b: a mark of disgrace: STIGMA  
3: a class of goods identified as the product of a particular firm or producer  
4: a distinctive kind <my own ~ of humor>

bran·dish /brænˈdɪʃ/ verb  
: to shake or wave menacingly

brand–new /ˈbrænd.nuː/ adjective  
› conspicuously new and unused

brandy /ˈbrændi/ noun, plural brandies  
: a liquor distilled from wine or fermented fruit juice  
— brandy verb

brash /ˈbræʃ/ adjective  
1: prone to act in a rash, impetuous manner
aggressively self-assertive
— brash·ly adverb
— brash·ness noun

Synonyms
  ▶️ [1] foolhardy, madcap, overbold, overconfident, reckless—more at FOOLHARDY
  ▶️ [2] arch, bold, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nerdy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVY

brass /'bræs/ noun
1 : an alloy of copper and zinc; also : an object of brass
2 ▶️ : brazen self-assurance
3 : persons of high rank (as in the military)

Synonyms
  ▶️ audacity, brazeness, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY

brassy adjective
  : shamelessly bold

bras·siere /bræ'sir/ noun
: a woman's close-fitting undergarment designed to support the breasts

brat /'bræt/ noun
: an ill-behaved child
— brat·ti·ness noun
— brat·ty adjective

brava·do /bra'væ do/ noun, plural -dōs or -dos
1 : blustering swaggering conduct
2 : a show of bravery

brave /brāv adjective brav·er; brav·est
1 ▶️ : showing courage
2 : EXCELLENT, SPLENDID

brave·ly adverb

Synonyms
  ▶️ courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous; also determined, firm, game, plucky, resolute, undeterred, undismayed, unflinching, unwavering

Antonyms
  cowardly, craven, fainthearted, fearful, pusillanimous, timorous

brave verb braved; brav·ing
  ▶️ to face or endure bravely

Synonyms
  ▶️ beard, brazen, confront, dare, defy, face—more at FACE

brave noun
: an American Indian warrior

brav·ery /bræ ve'rē/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 ▶️ : the quality or state of being brave: COURAGE
2 : fine clothes; also : showy display

Synonyms
  ▶️ courage, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE

bravo /'brā vô/ noun, plural bravos
: a shout of approval — often used as an interjection in applauding

brava·ra /bra've rə /'vərə/ noun
1: a florid brilliant musical style
2: self-assured brilliant performance
— bravura adjective

1brawl /brɔl/ noun
▷: a noisy quarrel
— brawler noun
  Synonyms
  ▷ altercation, argument, bicker, disagreement, dispute, fight, quarrel, row, wrangle—more at ARGUMENT
  ▷ fracas, fray, free-for-all, melee, row; also battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fisticuffs, scrap, scrimmage, scuffle, struggle, tussle

2brawl verb
▷: to quarrel or fight noisily
  Synonyms
  ▷ argue, bicker, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUE

brawn /brɔn/ noun
▷: strong muscles; also: muscular strength
— brawni-ness noun
▷: having well-developed muscles
  Synonyms
  ▷ muscular, rugged, sinewy, stalwart, stout, strong—more at STRONG

bray /bræ/ noun
▷: the characteristic harsh cry of a donkey
— bray verb

braze /bræz/ verb brazed; braz·ing
▷: to solder with an alloy (as brass) that melts at a lower temperature than the metals being joined
— braz·er noun

1brazen /bræz-ən/ adjective
1: made of brass
2: sounding harsh and loud
3: of the color of brass
4: marked by contemptuous boldness
— brazen·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▷ arch, bold, brash, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVY

2brazen verb
▷: to face boldly or defiantly
  Synonyms
  ▷ beard, brave, confront, dare, defy, face—more at FACE

brazen·ness noun
▷: the quality or state of being brazen
  Synonyms
  ▷ discourtesy, disrespect, impertinence, impudence, incivility, insolence, rudeness—more at DISCOURTESY
  ▷ audacity, brass, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY

1brazier /brəz·eər/ noun
▷: a worker in brass

2brazier noun
1: a vessel holding burning coals (as for heating)
2: a device on which food is grilled
Brazilian noun: a native or inhabitant of Brazil

Brazilian adjective

Brazil nut noun: a triangular oily edible nut borne in large capsules by a tall So. American tree; also: the tree

1 breach noun
1: a breaking of a law, obligation, tie (as of friendship), or standard (as of conduct)
2: an interruption or opening made by or as if by breaking through

Synonyms
[1] infraction, infringement, offense, transgression, trespass, violation, wrong

Antonyms
observance

[2] break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, interval, opening, rent, rift, separation—more at GAP

2 breach verb
1: to make a breach in
2: to leap out of water <whales ~ing>
3: to fail to keep or honor: violate a trust

Synonyms
break, transgress, violate—more at VIOLATE

1 bread noun
1: baked food made basically of flour or meal
2: a substance with food value: FOOD

2 bread verb
: to cover with bread crumbs before cooking

bread-basket noun: a major cereal-producing region

breadfruit noun: a round usu. seedless fruit resembling bread in color and texture when baked; also: a tall tropical tree related to the mulberry and bearing breadfruit

breadstuff noun: GRAIN, FLOUR

breadth noun
1 a: distance from side to side: WIDTH
b: a wide expanse
2: comprehensive quality: SCOPE <~ of knowledge>

Synonyms
[1b] expanse, extent, reach, spread, stretch—more at EXPANSE
[2] amplitude, compass, extent, range, reach, realm, scope, sweep, width—more at RANGE

breadwinner noun: a member of a family whose wages supply its livelihood

1 break verb broke; broken; breaking
1: to separate into parts usu. suddenly or violently: come or force apart
2: to violate a command or law: TRANSGRESS <~ a law>
3: to force a way into, out of, or through
4 a: to disrupt the order or unity of <~ ranks> <~ up a gang>
b: to cause the destruction or loss of effectiveness of; also: to bring to submission or helplessness
5: EXCEED, SURPASS <~ a record>
6 a: to cause to suffer financial ruin
b: to reduce in rank <broken from sargeant to private>
7 a: to make known
b : to find an explanation or solution for; also : to discover the essentials of (a code or cipher system)
8 a : to stop or bring to an end suddenly : HALT
b : to act or change abruptly (as a course or activity)
9 : to come esp. suddenly into being or notice <as day ~s>
10 : to fail under stress
11 : HAPPEN, DEVELOP
12 : to escape with sudden forceful effort

Synonyms

[1] bust, fracture, fragment; also blast, blow up, burst, detonate, explode
[2] breach, transgress, violate—more at VIOLATE
[6b] bust, degrade, demote, downgrade, reduce—more at DEMOTE
[7b] answer, crack, decode, dope, figure out, puzzle, resolve, riddle, solve, unravel, work, work out—more at SOLVE
[8a] break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, lay off, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP
[10] break down, conk, crash, cut out, die, fail, stall—more at FAIL
[12] bolt, flee, fly, retreat, run, run away, run off—more at RUN

break noun
1 : an act of breaking
2 : a result of breaking; especially : an interruption of strength or continuity <coffee ~> <a ~ in the wall>
3 : a stroke of good luck

Synonyms

breach, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, interval, opening, rent, rift, separation—more at GAP
breath, breather, recess, respite; also time-out

breakable adjective

: capable of being broken

— breakable noun

Synonyms

delicate, fragile, frail—more at FRAGILE

break·age noun
1 : the action of breaking
2 : articles or amount broken
3 : loss due to things broken

break·down noun
1 : functional failure; especially : a physical, mental, or nervous collapse
2 : DISINTEGRATION
3 : the process of decomposing : DECOMPOSITION
4 : division into categories : ANALYSIS

Synonyms

[3] corruption, decay, decomposition, putrefaction, rot, spoilage—more at CORRUPTION
[4] analysis, assay, breakup, dissection—more at ANALYSIS

break down verb
1 : to stop functioning because of breakage or wear
2 : to divide into parts or categories
3 : to undergo decomposition
4 : to succumb to mental or emotional stress

Synonyms

[1] break, conk, crash, cut out, die, fail, stall—more at FAIL
[2] assort, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY
[3] corrupt, decay, decompose, disintegrate, molder, putrefy, rot, spoil—more at DECAY
[4] crack, flip, freak—more at CRACK

break·er noun
1 : one that breaks
2 : a wave that breaks into foam (as against the shore)

break·fast /brəkˈfást/ noun
: the first meal of the day
— breakfast verb

break in verb
1 : to enter a building by force
2 ▶ : to hinder by speaking when another is speaking : INTERRUPT; also : INTRUDE
3 : TRAIN

break–in /brəkˈín/ noun

Synonyms
▷ chime in, cut in, interpose, interrupt, intrude—more at INTERRUPT

break·neck /brəkˈnek/ adjective
▷ : very fast or dangerous << speed

Synonyms
▷ breathless, dizzy, fast, fleet, lightning, rapid, rattling, speedy, swift—more at FAST

break off verb
▷ : to stop abruptly : bring or come to an end

Synonyms
▷ break, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, lay off, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP

break out verb
1 ▶ : to develop or erupt suddenly or with force
2 : to develop a skin rash

Synonyms
▷ burst, erupt, explode, flame, flare, go off—more at ERUPT

break·through /brəkˈthrō/ noun
1 : an act or instance of breaking through an obstruction or defensive line
2 ▶ : a sudden advance in knowledge or technique

Synonyms
▷ advance, advancement, enhancement, improvement, refinement—more at ADVANCE

break·up /ˈbrəkˌapus/ noun
1 ▶ : the act or process of dissolving : DISSOLUTION
2 : a division into smaller units

Synonyms
▷ dissolution, division, partition, schism, separation, split—more at SEPARATION

break up verb
1 ▶ : to cease to exist as a unified whole
2 ▶ : to break into pieces

Synonyms
▷ [1] disband, disperse, dissolve—more at DISBAND
▷ [2] disconnect, disjoint, dissever, dissociate, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

break·wa·ter /brəkˈwətər/ noun
: a structure protecting a harbor or beach from the force of waves

bream /brēm,ˈbrēm/ noun, plural bream or breams
: any of various small freshwater sunfishes

breast /ˈbrest/ noun
1 : either of the pair of mammary glands extending from the front of the chest esp. in pubescent and adult human females
2 : the front part of the body between the neck and the abdomen
breast·bone /brest·bōn/ noun
: STERNUM

breast·feed /ˌbrest·fēd/ verb
: to feed (a baby) from a mother's breast rather than from a bottle

breast·plate /ˌbrest·plāt/ noun
: a metal plate of armor for the breast

breast·stroke /ˌbrest·strōk/ noun
: a swimming stroke executed by extending both arms forward and then sweeping them back with palms out while kicking backward and outward with both legs

breast·work /ˌbrest·wərk/ noun
: a temporary fortification

breath /bresh/ noun
1 a : the act or power of breathing
b : opportunity or time to breathe; especially : a pause in an activity
2 : a slight breeze
3 : air inhaled or exhaled in breathing
4 : spoken sound
5 : SPIRIT
   — breath·less·ly adverb
   — breath·less·ness noun
   — breathy /bresh·thē/ adjective

Synonyms
   [1b] break, breather, pause, recess, respite—more at BREAK
   [2] air, breeze, puff, waft, zephyr—more at BREEZE

breathe /bresh/ verb breathed; breathing
1 : to inhale and exhale
2 : to be alive : LIVE
3 : to halt for rest
4 : to utter softly or secretly
   — breath·able adjective

Synonyms
   be, exist, live, subsist—more at BE

breather /bresh·thar/ noun
1 : one that breathes
2 : a short rest

Synonyms
   break, breath, recess, respite—more at BREAK

breath·less /bresh·lēs/ adjective
1 a : panting or gasping for breath
b : not breathing : not alive
2 : very rapid or strenuous
3 : oppressive because of no fresh air or breeze

Synonyms
   [1b] dead, deceased, defunct, gone, late, lifeless—more at DEAD
   [2] breakneck, brisk, dizzy, fast, fleet, hasty, lightning, nippy, quick, rapid, rattling, snappy, speedy, swift—more at FAST
   [3] close, stuffy—more at STUFFY

breath·tak·ing /bresh·tā·king/ adjective
1 : making one out of breath
2 • : producing excitement: **EXCITING**, **THRILLING** <<< beauty>
— breath·tak·ing·ly **adverb**
  **Synonyms**
  • electric, exciting, exhilarating, rousing, stirring, thrilling—more at **EXCITING**

**brec·cia** /brēˈchē.aˌcha/ **noun**
: a rock consisting of sharp fragments held in fine-grained material

**breech** /brēch/ **noun**
1 plural /juˈʃu ˈbrijch/ : trousers ending near the knee; also: **PANTS**
2 : the hind end of the body: **BUTTOCKS**, **RUMP**
3 : the part of a firearm at the rear of the barrel

**breed** /brēd/ **verb** bred /bred/; breeding **noun**
1 : BEGET; also: **ORIGINATE**
2 • : to propagate sexually; also: **MATE**
3 • : to bring (a person) to maturity through nurturing care and education: **BRING UP**
4 : to produce (fissionable material) from material that is not fissionable
— breed·er **noun**
  **Synonyms**
  • [2] mate, multiply, procreate, propagate, reproduce—more at **PROCREATE**
  • [3] bring up, foster, raise, rear—more at **BRING UP**

**breezy** /brēˈzē/ **adjective**
1 • : swept by breezes
2 • : briskly informal
— breeze·i·ly /brēˈzaˌlē/ **adverb**
— breeze·i·ness /ˈzēˌnas/ **noun**
  **Synonyms**
[1] blowy, blustery, gusty, windy—more at WINDY
[2] affable, easygoing, happy-go-lucky, laid-back—more at EASYGOING

breth·ren /breth·ren, 'bre.thən,-ər/ plural of BROTHER
— used esp. in formal or solemn address

Brethren noun plural
: members of one of several Protestant denominations originating chiefly in a German religious movement and stressing personal religious experience

bre·via·ry /brē·vi·ə·rē/ noun, plural -ries often cap
: a book of prayers, hymns, psalms, and readings used by Roman Catholic priests

brev·i·ty /brē·vi·ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : shortness or conciseness of expression
2 : shortness of duration

Synonyms
1, 2 briefness, conciseness, shortness; also abbreviation, abridgment, compression, condensation, contraction, curtailment

brew /bru/ verb
1 : to prepare (as beer) by steeping, boiling, and fermenting
2 : to prepare (as tea) by steeping in hot water
— brew noun
— brewer noun
— brewhery /brūˌerē/ noun

1briar also brier /brēr/ noun
: a plant (as a bramble or rose) with a thorny or prickly usu. woody stem

2briar noun
: a tobacco pipe made from the root or stem of a European heath

1bribe /brīb/ noun
[origin: ME, morsel given to a beggar, bribe, fr. AF, morsel]
: something (as money or a favor) given or promised to a person to influence conduct

2bribe verb bribed; brib·ing
: to influence by offering a bribe
— briber noun
— bribery /brīˌbrē/ noun

brib·able adjective
— : capable of being bribed

Synonyms
corruptible, purchasable, venal—more at VENAL

bric–a–brac /brīˌkāˈbrak/ noun plural
[origin: F]
: small ornamental articles

1brick /brīk/ noun
: a block molded from moist clay and hardened by heat used esp. for building

2brick verb
: to close, cover, or pave with bricks

brick·bat /brīkˈbät/ noun
1 : a piece of a hard material (as a brick) esp. when thrown as a missile
2 : an uncomplimentary remark

brick·lay·er /brīkˈlār/ noun
: a person who builds or paves with bricks
— brick·lay·ing noun

bridal /brɪˈdɑːl/ noun
[origin: ME bridale, fr. OE brȳdealu, fr. brȳd bride + ealu ale]
: a marriage festival or ceremony : WEDDING

bridal adjective
: of or relating to a bride or a wedding

bride /brɪd/ noun
: a woman just married or about to be married

bride-groom /brɪdˌɡrʊm, ˈɡrʊm/ noun
: a man just married or about to be married

brides-maid /ˈbrɪdzˌmɑːd/ noun
: a woman who attends a bride at her wedding

bridge /brɪdʒ/ noun
1: a structure built over a depression or obstacle for use as a passageway
2: something (as the upper part of the nose) resembling a bridge in form or function
3: a curved piece raising the strings of a musical instrument
4: the forward part of a ship’s superstructure from which it is navigated
5: an artificial replacement for missing teeth

bridge verb bridged; bridging
: to build a bridge over

— bridge-able adjective

bridge noun
: a card game for four players developed from whist

bridge-head /ˈbrɪdʒˌheɪd/ noun
: an advanced position seized in enemy territory

bridge-work /ˈbrɪdʒˌwɜːk/ noun
: dental bridges

bridle /brɪdəl/ noun
1 : headgear with which a horse is controlled
2 : CURB, RESTRAINT

bridle verb bri·dled; bri·dling
1 a : to put a bridle on
b : to restrain with or as if with a bridle
2 : to show hostility or scorn usu. by tossing the head

Synonyms
check, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame

Brie /brɪ/ noun
: a soft cheese with a whitish rind and a pale yellow interior

brief /brɪf/ adjective
1 : short in duration or extent
2 : marked by brevity of expression or statement : CONCISE; also: CURT

— briefly adverb

Synonyms
[1] little, short, short-lived—more at SHORT
[2] compact, compendious, concise, crisp, cur, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse—more at CONCISE

brief noun
1 : a concise statement or document; especially : one summarizing a law client's case or a legal argument
2 plural : short snug underpants

3 **brief** verb
   : to give final instructions or essential information to

   *Synonyms*
   : acquaint, advise, apprise, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, instruct, tell, wise—more at **ENLIGHTEN**

**brief-case** /ˈbriːʃ, kɑːs/ noun
   : a flat flexible case for carrying papers

**brief-ness** noun
   : the quality or state of being brief

   *Synonyms*
   : brevity, conciseness, shortness—more at **BREVITY**
   : brevity, compactness, conciseness, crispness, succinctness, terseness—more at **SUCCINCTNESS**

**bri·er** variant of **BRIAR**

**brig** /ˈbrɪɡ/ noun
   : a 2-masted square-rigged sailing ship

**brig** noun
   : the place of confinement for offenders on a naval ship

**brig** abbreviation
   brigade

**brig-a·dier general** /ˈbriˈɡe.ə.dir/ noun
   : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a major general

**brig-ant·ine** /ˈbriɡ.ənt.ɪn/ noun
   : a 2-masted square-rigged ship with a fore-and-aft mainsail

**Bri·g Gen** abbreviation
   brigadier general

**bright** /ˈbrɪt/ adjective
   1 ▶ : radiating or reflecting light
   2 : **ILLUSTROUS**, **GLORIOUS**
   3 a ▶ : having a cheerful nature
   b ▶ : mentally quick and resourceful : **INTELLIGENT**, **Clever**
   4 ▶ : conducive to cheer
      — **bright** adverb
      — **bright·ly** adverb

   *Synonyms*
   : [1] beaming, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, shiny; also blazing, burning, fiery
   *Antonyms*
   : dim, dull, lackluster
      : [1] ablaze, alight, light; also floodlit, highlighted, spotlighted

   *Antonyms*
   : blackened, dark, darkened, darkling, dimmed, dusky
      : [3a] blithe, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat—more at **CHEERFUL**
      : [3b] alert, brainy, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at
INTELLIGENT

- [4] auspicious, encouraging, fair, favorable, golden, heartening, hopeful, likely, promising, propitious, rosy, upbeat—more at HOPFUL

bright·en /ˈbrɪt·en/ verb
- to make or become bright or brighter
  - bright·en·er noun
  - bright·ness noun
  - the state or quality of being bright

bril·liance /ˈbrɪli.əns/ noun
- : the quality or state of being brilliant

  Synonyms
  - augustness, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE
  - dazzle, effulgence, illumination, lightness, lucidity, luminosity, radiance, refuglence, splendor; also blaze, flare, flicker, light

  Antonyms
  - blackness, dark, darkness, duskiness

bril·liant·cy /ˌbrɪli.ənt.ʃəl/ noun
- : the quality or state of being brilliant

1brilliant /ˈbrɪli.ənt/ adjective
  [origin: F brilliant, prp. of briller to shine, fr. It brillare]
  1 ♦ : very bright
  2 ♦ : STRIKING, DISTINCTIVE
  3 ♦ : very intelligent
  - bril·liant·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  - [1] beaming, bright, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refuglent, shiny—more at BRIGHT
  - [3] alert, brainy, bright, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at INTELLIGENT

2brilliant noun
- : a gem cut in a particular form with many facets

brim /brɪm/ noun
  1 : an upper or outer margin : EDGE, RIM
  2 : the projecting rim of a hat
  - brim·less adjective

2brim verb brimmed; brim·ming : to be or become full often to overflowing

brim·ful /ˈbrɪm.fəl/ adjective
- : full to the brim

  Synonyms
  - [2] chock-full, crowded, fat, fraught, full, loaded, packed, replete—more at FULL

brim·stone /ˈbrɪm.stən/ noun
- : SULFUR

brin·dled /ˈbrɪn.dld/ adjective
- : having dark streaks or flecks on a gray or tawny ground <a ~ Great Dane>

brine /ˈbrɪn/ noun
  1 : water saturated with salt
  2 ♦ : the water of a sea or salt lake : OCEAN

  Synonyms
blue, deep, ocean, sea—more at OCEAN

bring /ˈbrɪŋ/ verb brought /brɔt/; bringing /ˈbrɪŋ.ɪŋ/
1 : to cause to come with one
2 : INDUCE, PERSUADE, LEAD
3 : PRODUCE, EFFECT
4 ▶ : to sell for «a good price>
— bring·er noun
   ▶ Synonyms
to cost, fetch, go, sell—more at COST

bring about verb
▶ : to cause to take place
   ▶ Synonyms
to cause, create, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, result, work, yield—more at EFFECT

bring up verb
1 ▶ : to give a parent's fostering care to
2 : to come or bring to a sudden halt
3 ▶ : to call to notice
   ◀ Synonyms
   [1] breed, foster, raise, rear; also father, mother
   [3] broach, introduce, moot, raise—more at INTRODUCE

brink /ˈbrɪŋk/ noun
1 : an edge at the top of a steep place
2 : the point of onset

briny /ˈbrɪn.i/ adjective
▶ : of, relating to, or resembling brine or the sea
— brin·i·ness noun
   ▶ Synonyms
   saline, salty—more at SALTY

brio /ˈbré.ó/ noun
▶ : VIVACITY, SPIRIT

bri·quette or bri·quet /ˈbrɪ.ket/ noun
▶ : a compacted often brick-shaped mass of fine material «a charcoal ~>

bris also briss /ˈbrɪs/ noun
▶ : the Jewish rite of circumcision

brisk /ˈbrɪsk/ adjective
1 ▶ : keenly alert : LIVELY
2 : INVIGORATING
3 : acting or capable of acting with speed
   ▶ Synonyms
   active, animate, animated, energetic, jaunty, lively, peppy, perky, pert, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY

bris·ket /ˈbrɪs.ket/ noun
▶ : the breast or lower chest of a quadruped; also : a cut of beef from the brisket

brisk·ly adverb
▶ : in a brisk manner
   ▶ Synonyms
   apace, fast, hastily, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at FAST

brisk·ness noun
▶ : the quality or state of being brisk
   ▶ Synonyms
bris·ling /'briz.lɪŋ, 'bris./ noun
  : SPRAT

1 bristle /'brɪs.l/ noun
  : a short stiff coarse hair
    — bris·tle·like /'brɪs.l.ˌlɪk/ adjective

2 bristle verb bris·tled; bris·tling
  1 : to stand stiffly erect
  2 : to show angry defiance
  3 : to appear as if covered with bristles

bris·tly adjective
  : consisting of or like bristles

Brit abbreviation
  Britain; British

Brit·tan·nic /'brɪt.lə.nɪk/ adjective
  : BRITISH

brit·ches /'brɪt.chz/ noun plural
  : BREECHES, TROUSERS

Brit·ish /'brɪt.ʃ/ noun plural
  : the people of Great Britain or the Commonwealth
    — British adjective
    — Brit·ish·ness noun

British thermal unit noun
  : the quantity of heat needed to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit

Brit·on /'brɪt.n/ noun
  1 : a member of a people inhabiting Britain before the Anglo-Saxon invasion
  2 : a native or inhabitant of Great Britain

brit·tle /'brɪt.l/ adjective brit·ter; brit·tist
  : easily broken
    — brit·tle·ness noun

bro /'brō/ noun, plural bros
  1 : BROTHER 1
  2 : SOUL BROTHER

1 broach /'brəch/ noun
  : a pointed tool

2 broach verb
  1 : to pierce (as a cask) in order to draw the contents
  2 : to introduce as a topic of conversation

Synonyms
  † bring up, introduce, moot, raise—more at INTRODUCE

1 broad /brɒd/ adjective
  1 : having a specified extension from side to side : WIDE
  2 : extending far and wide
  3 : CLEAR, OPEN
  4 † : easily understood : OBVIOUS <a ~ hint>
  5 : COARSE, CRUDE <~ stories>
  6 : tolerant in outlook
  7 : GENERAL
8 ː dealing with main or essential points
   — broad-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ƒ [2] expansive, extended, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, wide, widespread—more at extensive
   ƒ [4] apparent, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain,
   transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at clear
   ƒ [8] all-around, bird’s-eye, general, nonspecific, overall—more at general
   2 broad noun, slang
      ː WOMAN

broad-band /ˌbrōdˈbænd/ noun
   : a system of high-speed telecommunications in which a frequency range is divided into multiple independent
   channels for simultaneous transmission of signals

1 broadcast /ˈbrōdˌkast/ verb broadcast also broad-cast·ed; broad-cast·ing
   1 : to scatter or sow broadcast
   2 ː to make widely known
   3 : to transmit a broadcast
   — broad-cast·er noun
   Synonyms
   ƒ circulate, disseminate, propagate, spread, strew—more at spread
   ƒ advertise, announce, blaze, declare, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound
   — more at announce

2 broadcast adverb
   ː to or over a wide area

3 broadcast noun
   1 : the transmission of sound or images by radio or television
   2 : a single radio or television program

broad-cloth /ˌbrōdˌklōth/ noun
   1 : a smooth dense woolen cloth
   2 : a fine soft cloth of cotton, silk, or synthetic fiber

broad-en /ˈbrōd.ən/ verb
   ː WIDEN

broad-loom /ˌbrōdˈlōm/ adjective
   ː woven on a wide loom esp. in a solid color

broad-ly adverb
   ː in a broad manner; especially : to a great extent
   Synonyms
   ƒ considerably, greatly, largely, much, sizably

broad–mind·ed /ˌbrōdˌmīnd·id/ adjective
   ː tolerant of varied opinions
   — broad–mind·ed·ly adverb
   — broad–mind·ed·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ƒ liberal, nonorthodox, nontraditional, open-minded, progressive, radical, unconventional, unorthodox—more
   at liberal

1 broadside /ˌbrōdˈsid/ noun
   1 : a sheet of paper printed usu. on one side (as an advertisement)
   2 : all of the guns on one side of a ship; also : their simultaneous firing
   3 : a volley of abuse or denunciation

2 broadside adverb
1: with one side forward: **SIDEWAYS**
2: from the side <the car was hit ->

**broad-spectrum adjective**
: effective against a wide range of organisms <~ antibiotics>

**broad-sword** /broʊd_ˈsɜrd/ **noun**
: a broad-bladed sword

**broad-tail** /ˈbraud̩ˈtāl/ **noun**
: a karakul esp. with flat and wavy fur

**bro·cade** /brəˈkeɪd/ **noun**
: a usu. silk fabric with a raised design

**bro·çou·li** /brəˈkəˌli/ **noun**
[origin: It, pl. of broccolo flowering top of a cabbage, dim. of brocco small nail, sprout, fr. L broccus projecting]
: the stems and immature usu. green or purple flower heads of either of two garden vegetable plants closely related to the cabbage; also: either of the plants

**bro·chette** /brəˈʃeɪ/ **noun**
: **SKEWER**

**bro·chure** /brəˈʃʊr/ **noun**
[origin: F, fr. brocher to sew, fr. MF, to prick, fr. OF brocher, fr. broche pointed tool]
: an unbound printed publication with no cover or with a paper cover: **PAMPHLET, BOOKLET**

**Synonyms**
- booklet, circular, folder, leaflet, pamphlet—more at **PAMPHLET**

**bro·gan** /brəˈɡæn, brə_ˈɡæn/ **noun**
: a heavy shoe

**brogue** /brəʊɡ/ **noun**
: a dialect or regional pronunciation; especially: an Irish accent

**broil** /brɔɪl/ **verb**
: to cook by exposure to radiant heat: **GRILL**
— **broil** **noun**

**broil·er** /brɔɪlˌer/ **noun**
1: a utensil for broiling
2: a young chicken fit for broiling

**broil·ing** **adjective**
: extremely hot

**Synonyms**
- burning, fiery, hot, red-hot, scorching, sultry, torrid—more at **HOT**

1**broke** /brəʊk/ **past of** **BREAK**

2**broke** **adjective**
: having no money or assets: **PENNILESS**

**Synonyms**
- destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken—more at **POOR**

1**broken** /brəˈkən/ **past participle of** **BREAK**

2**broken** **adjective**
1: **SHATTERED**
2 a: having gaps or breaks: **INTERMITTED, DISRUPTED**
 b: being irregular, interrupted, or full of obstacles
3: **SUBDUE, CRUSHED**
4: **BANKRUPT**
5: imperfectly spoken << English>
— bro·ken·ly adverb

Synonyms
- bumpy, coarse, irregular, jagged, lumpy, pebbly, ragged, rough, rugged, uneven—more at UN-even

bro·ken·heart·ed /brə·ken·ˈhär·təd/ adjective
- : overcome by grief or despair

Synonyms
- depressed, despondent, disconsolate, heartsick, miserable, mournful, sad, sorrowful, unhappy, wretched—more at SAD

bro·ker /brə·kər/ noun
- : an agent who negotiates contracts of purchase and sale

— broker verb

bro·ker·age /brə·kər·ij/ noun
1 : the business of a broker
2 : the fee or commission charged by a broker

bro·mid·ic /brə·mī·dik/ adjective
- TRITE, UNORIGINAL

bro·mine /brə·mīn/ noun
[origin: F bromé bromine, fr. Gk brōmos stink]
- : a deep red liquid corrosive chemical element that gives off an irritating vapor

bronc /brənkJ/ noun
- : an unbroken or partly broken range horse of western No. America; also: MUSTANG

bron·chi·al /brən·kē·əl/ adjective
- : of, relating to, or affecting the bronchi or their branches

bron·chi·tis /brən·kī·tis, brən/ noun
- : inflammation of the bronchi and their branches

— bron·chit·ic /brən·kī·tik/ adjective

bron·chus /brən·kəs/ noun, plural bron·chi /brən·ki, _kə/ - either of the main divisions of the windpipe each leading to a lung

bron·co /brənkJō/ noun, plural bron·cos
[origin: MexSp, fr. Sp, rough, wild]
- : BRONC

bron·to·sau·rus /brən·tə·sōr·əs/ also bron·to·saur /brən·tə·sōr/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. Gk brontē thunder + sauros lizard]
- : any of a genus of large 4-footed and probably herbivorous sauropod dinosaurs of the Jurassic

Bronx cheer /brənks/ noun
- : RASPBERRY 2

1bronze /brənzh/ verb bronzed; bronz·ing
- : to give the appearance of bronze to

2bronze noun
1 : an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements; also: something made of bronze
2 : a yellowish brown color

— bronzy /brən·zi/ adjective

brooch /brōch, *brűch/ noun
- : an ornamental clasp or pin
### brood \( /ˈbrōd/ \) noun
- a family of young animals or children and esp. of birds

**brood** adjective
- kept for breeding \(<a ~ mare>\)

**brood** verb
1. to sit on eggs to hatch them; also: to shelter (hatched young) with the wings
2. to think anxiously or gloomily about something
   - **brooding·ly** adverb
   - Synonyms: hatch, incubate, set, sit—more at SET

**brood·er** \( /ˈbrūdər/ \) noun
1. one that broods
2. a heated structure for raising young birds

**brook** \( /brūk/ \) noun
1. a small natural stream
2. to stand for: TOLERATE, BEAR

**broom** \( /brūm, ˈbrūm/ \) noun
1. any of several shrubs of the legume family with long slender branches and usu. yellow flowers
2. an implement with a long handle (broom*stick \( /ˈstīk/ \)) used for sweeping

**broth** \( /brōth/ \), plural **broths** \( /ˈbrōths, ˈbrōthz/ \)
1. liquid in which meat or sometimes vegetable food has been cooked
2. a fluid culture medium

**broth·el** \( /brōth ə l/ \) noun
- a house of prostitution

**broth·er** \( /brə thər/ \), plural **brothers** also **breth·ren** \( /ˈbrē ə thən, ˈbrē thən/ \)
1. a male having one or both parents in common with another individual
2. a man who is a religious but not a priest
3. KINSMAN; also: SOUL BROTHER
   - **brother·li·ness** \( /ˈli ə nas/ \) noun
   - **brother·ly** adjective

**brother·hood** \( /ˈbrə thər ˌhōd/ \) noun
1. the state of being brothers or a brother
2. an association (as a labor union or monastic society) for a particular purpose: FRATERNITY
3. the whole body of persons in a business or profession

**brother·in·law** \( /ˈbrə thər ɪnzˈlə/ \), plural **brothers·in·law** \( /ˈbrə thər zən/ \)
brougham /bri(ˈə)m, ˈbrɔ(ə)m/ noun
: a light closed horse-drawn carriage with the driver outside in front

brought past and past participle of BRING:

brou·ha·ha /ˈbruˌhā,ˌhā/ noun
: HUBBUB, UPROAR

brow /ˈbraʊ/ noun
1 : the eyebrow or the ridge on which it grows; also: FOREHEAD
2 : the projecting upper part of a steep place

brow·be·at /ˈbrɔˌbēt/ verb -beat; -beaten /ˈbētən/ or -beat; -beating
: to intimidate by sternness or arrogance

Synonyms
  bully, cow, hector, intimidate—more at INTIMIDATE

brown /ˈbraʊn/ adjective
: of the color brown; also: of dark or tanned complexion

brown noun
: a color like that of coffee or chocolate that is a blend of red and yellow darkened by black
  — brown·ish adjective

brown verb
: to make or become brown

brown bag·ging /ˈbaŋging/ noun
: the practice of carrying one's lunch usu. in a brown bag
  — brown bag·ger noun

brown bear noun
: any of various large typically brown-furred bears including the grizzly bear

brown·ie /ˈbraʊnˌi/ noun
1 : a legendary cheerful elf who performs good deeds at night
2 cap : a member of a program of the Girl Scouts for girls in the first through third grades
3 : a small square or rectangle of chocolate cake

Synonyms
  dwarf, elf, fairy, fay, gnome, hobgoblin, leprechaun, pixie, puck, troll—more at FAIRY

brown·nose /ˈbraʊnˌnəz/ verb
: to ingratiate oneself with
  — brownnose noun

brown·out /ˈbraʊnˌaut/ noun
: a period of reduced voltage of electricity caused esp. by high demand and resulting in reduced illumination

brown rice noun
: hulled but unpolished rice that retains most of the bran layers

brown·stone /ˈbraʊnˌstən/ noun
: a dwelling faced with reddish brown sandstone

browse /ˈbraʊz/ verb browsed; brows·ing
1 : to feed on browse; also: GRAZE
2 : to read or look over something in a casual way
3 : to access (as the World Wide Web) with a browser

Synonyms
  [1] forage, graze, pasture—more at GRAZE
  [2] dip, glance, glimpse, peek, skim—more at GLANCE
2 **browse** noun
: tender shoots, twigs, and leaves fit for food for cattle

*brows·er /ˈbraʊ.zər/ noun
: a computer program for accessing sites or information on a network (as the World Wide Web)

 bri·in /ˈbru.ən/ noun
: BEAR

bru·schet·ta /bru.ˈshe.təˌske.tə/ noun
: an appetizer of grilled bread with toppings

1 **bruise** /ˈbruːz/ verb bruised; bruising
1 : to inflict a bruise on; also : to become bruised
2 : to break down (as leaves or berries) by pounding

2 **bruise** noun
: a surface injury to flesh : CONTUSION

bruis·er /ˈbru.əz.ər/ noun
: a big husky man

bru·it /brüt/ verb
: to make widely known by common report

brunch /ˈbrunch/ noun
: a meal that combines a late breakfast and an early lunch

bru·net or bru·nette /bruˈnet/ adjective
[origin: F brunet, masc., brunette, fem., brownish, fr. OF, fr. brun brown, of Gmc origin]
: having brown or black hair and usu. a relatively dark complexion
— bru·net or brunette noun

bru·nt /ˈbrʌnt/ noun
: the main shock, force, or stress esp. of an attack; also : the greater burden

1 **brush** /ˈbrash/ noun
1 : BRUSHWOOD
2 : scrub vegetation or land covered with it

2 **brush** noun
1 : a device composed of bristles set in a handle and used esp. for cleaning or painting
2 : a bushy tail (as of a fox)
3 : an electrical conductor that makes contact between a stationary and a moving part (as of a motor)
4 : a quick light touch in passing

3 **brush** verb
1 : to treat (as in cleaning or painting) with a brush
2 a : to remove with or as if with a brush
   b : to dismiss in an offhand manner — usu. used with aside or off
3 : to touch gently in passing
   Synonyms
   - usually brush aside or brush off [2b] condone, disregard, excuse, gloss, ignore, pardon, pass over, shrug off, wink—more at EXCUSE
   - [3] graze, kiss, nick, shave, skim; also bump, contact, scrape, strike, sweep, swipe, touch

4 **brush** noun
: a brief encounter or skirmish : SKIRMISH
   Synonyms
   - encounter, hassle, run-in, scrape, skirmish—more at ENCOUNTER

brush–off /ˈbrash.əf/ noun
: a curt offhand dismissal
Synonyms
   -> cold shoulder, rebuff, repulse, snub—more at COLD SHOULDER

brush up verb
   : to renew one's skill

brushwood /brash.wud/ noun
1 : small branches of wood esp. when cut
2 : a thicket of shrubs and small trees

   Synonyms
   -> brake, chaparral, coppice, covert, thicket—more at THICKET

brusque /brask/ adjective
[Origin: F brusque, fr. It brusco, fr. ML bruscus a plant with stiff twigs used for brooms]
: blunt in manner or speech often to the point of ungracious harshness: CURT, BLUNT, ABRUPT
   — brusque·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   -> abrupt, bluff, blunt, curt, snippy—more at BLUNT

brussels sprout /bræs.sprət/ noun, often cap B
: one of the edible small heads borne on the stalk of a plant closely related to the cabbage; also, pl : this plant

brutal /brətl/ adjective
1 : befitting a brute: CRUEL
2 : physically discomforting: HARSCH, SEVERE <~ weather>
3 : unpleasantly accurate
   — brutality adverb

   Synonyms
   -> [1] barbarous, cruel, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, vicious, wanton—more at CRUEL
   -> [2] bitter, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSCH

brutalize /brətəliz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
1 : to make brutal
2 : to treat brutally

brute /brət/ adjective
1 : of or relating to beasts
2 : BRUTAL
3 : UNREASONING; also : purely physical <~ strength>

brute noun
1 : a 4-footed animal: BEAST
2 : a brutal person

   Synonyms
   -> [1] animal, beast, creature, critter—more at ANIMAL
   -> [2] beast, devil, fiend, monster, savage, villain

brutish /brətish/ adjective
1 : BRUTE
2 : strongly sensual; also : showing little intelligence

BS abbreviation
bachelor of science

BSA abbreviation
Boy Scouts of America

**bskt** abbreviation
basket

**Bt** abbreviation
baronet

**btry** abbreviation
battery

**Btu** abbreviation
British thermal unit

**bu** abbreviation
bushel

1**bubble** /ˈba.bəl/ noun
1 : a globule of gas in a liquid
2 : a thin film of liquid filled with gas
3 : something lacking firmness or solidity

2**bubble** verb **bub·bled; bub·bling**
: to form, rise in, or give off bubbles

**bub·bly** adjective
▶ full of or showing good spirits

**Synonyms**
▶ buoyant, effervescent, exuberant, frolicsome, high-spirited, vivacious—more at EXUBERANT

**bub·kes** noun plural
[Origin: Yiddish]
: the least amount <didn't win ~> 

**bu·bo** /bůˌbō, ′bĕ-ˌyū/ noun, plural buboes
: an inflammatory swelling of a lymph gland

**bu·bon·ic plague** /būˌbō·nəˈrik, ′bĭ-ˌyū/ noun
: plague caused by a bacterium transmitted to human beings by flea bites and marked esp. by chills and fever and by buboes usu. in the groin

**buc·ca·neer** /buˈkɑ nər/ noun
▶ any of the freebooters preying on Spanish ships and settlements esp. in 17th century West Indies; broadly : PIRATE

**Synonyms**
▶ corsair, freebooter, pirate, rover—more at PIRATE

1**buck** /bŭk/ noun, plural bucks
1 or pl buck
: a male animal (as a deer or antelope)
2 a ▶ : a male human being
b ▶ : a man with unusual consideration for personal appearance : DANDY

3 : DOLLAR

**Synonyms**
▶ [2a] chap, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at MAN
▶ [2b] dandy, dude, fop, gallant—more at DANDY

2**buck** verb
1 ▶ : to spring with an arching leap <a ~ing horse>
2 : to charge against something; also : to strive for advancement sometimes without regard to ethical behavior
3 ▶ : to offer resistance to

**Synonyms**
▶ [1] hitch, jerk, jolt, twitch—more at JERK
▶ [3] defy, fight, oppose, repel, resist, withstand—more at RESIST
buck·board /ˈbʊrd/ noun
: a 4-wheeled horse-drawn wagon with a floor of long springy boards

buck·et /ˈbæ.ˌkeɪt/ noun
1 : a cylindrical open-top container with a handle : PAIL
2 a : an object resembling a bucket in collecting, scooping, or carrying something
   b : as much as a bucket will hold; broadly : a large quantity
— buck·et·ful noun

bucket seat noun
: a low separate seat for one person (as in an automobile)

buck·eye /ˈbaˌki/ noun
: any of various trees or shrubs related to the horse chestnut; also : the large nutlike seed of such a shrub or tree

buck fever noun
: nervous excitement of an inexperienced hunter at the sight of game

1buckle /ˈbæ.ˌkeɪl/ noun
: a clasp (as on a belt) for two loose ends

2buckle verb buck·led; buck·ling
1 : to fasten with a buckle
2 a : to apply oneself with vigor
3 : to crumple up : BEND, COLLAPSE

Synonyms
a address, apply, bend, devote, give—more at APPLY

3buckle noun
: BEND, FOLD, KINK

buck·ler /ˈbæ.ˌklər/ noun
: SHIELD

buck·ram /ˈbæ.ˌkræm/ noun
: a coarse stiff cloth used esp. for binding books

buck·saw /ˈbekˌsoʊ/ noun
: a saw set in a usu. H-shaped frame for sawing wood

buck·shot /ˈbekˌʃoʊt/ noun
: lead shot that is from .24 to .33 inch (about 6.1 to 8.4 millimeters) in diameter

buck·skin /ˈbɑskɪn/ noun
1 : the skin of a buck
2 : a soft usu. suede-finished leather
— buckskin adjective

buck·tooth /ˈbʌktəθ/ noun
: a large projecting front tooth
— buck·toothed /ˈbʌktəθd/ adjective

buck·wheat /ˈbʌkˌwɛt/ noun
: either of two plants grown for their triangular seeds which are used as a cereal grain; also : these seeds

bu·col·ic /ˈbʊkəˌlɪk/ adjective
[origin: L. bucolicus, fr. Gk boukolikos, fr. boukolos cowherd]
: relating to or typical of rural life and esp. shepherds or herdsmen : PASTORAL

Synonyms
a country, pastoral, rural, rustic—more at RURAL

1bud /bæd/ noun
1 : an undeveloped plant shoot (as of a leaf or a flower); also : a partly opened flower
bud (verb) bud-ded; bud-ding
1 : to form or put forth buds; also : to reproduce by asexual buds
2 : to be or develop like a bud
3 : to reproduce a desired variety (as of peach) by inserting a bud in a plant of a different variety

Bud-dhism /būd’shəm/ noun
: a religion of eastern and central Asia growing out of the teachings of Gautama Buddha

bud-dy /′ba_dē/ noun, plural buddies
1 : one associated with another esp. in an action; also : FRIEND
2 : FELLOW

budge /bal/ verb budged; budg-ing
1 : to change the place, position, or direction of : MOVE, SHIFT
2 : to give up resistance : YIELD

bud-get /′bədət/ noun
[origin: ME bowgette, fr. MF bougette, dim. of bouge leather bag, fr. L bulga]
1 : a store or supply accumulated or available
2 : a financial report containing estimates of income and expenses; also : a plan for coordinating income and expenses
3 : the amount of money available for a particular use

bud-get-ary /′bədətərē/ adjective

bud-gie /′ba_dē/ noun
: BUDGERIGAR

buff /′ba_f/ noun
1 : a yellow to orange yellow color
2 : one who is ardently attached to a cause, object, or pursuit : FAN, ENTHUSIAST

Synonyms
- addict, aficionado, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac, nut—more at FAN
burnish, dress, gloss, grind, polish, rub, shine, smooth—more at POLISH

buf·fa·lo /baˌfe.lə/ noun, plural -lo or -loes also -los
1 : WATER BUFFALO
2 : a large shaggy-maned No. American wild bovine mammal that has short horns and heavy forequarters with a large muscular hump

1buf·fer /baˌfər/ noun
› something or someone that protects or shields (as from physical damage or a financial blow)

Synonyms
› bumper, cushion, fender, pad—more at CUSHION

2buf·fer noun
› one that buffs

1buf·fet /baˌfət/ noun
› a blow esp. with the hand : SLAP

2buf·fet verb
1 a : to strike with the hand
2 b : to pound repeatedly
2 : to struggle against or on

Synonyms
› bash, bat, batter, beat, hammer, pound, thump—more at BEAT

3buf·fet /baˌfət/ noun
1 : piece of dining-room furniture having compartments and shelves for holding articles of table service : SIDEBOARD
2 : a counter for refreshments; also : a meal at which people serve themselves informally

buff leather noun
› a strong supple oil-tanned leather

buf·foon /baˌfʌn/ noun
[origin: MF bouffon, fr. It buffone]
› a ludicrous figure : CLOWN

—buf·foon·ery /baˌfʌn.ərē/ noun

Synonyms
› clown, harlequin, zany—more at CLOWN

1bug /baŋ/ noun
1 : an insect or other creeping or crawling invertebrate animal; especially : an insect pest (as a bedbug)
2 : any of an order of insects with sucking mouthparts and incomplete metamorphosis that includes many plant pests
3 : an unexpected flaw or imperfection <a ~ in a computer program>
4 a : a disease-producing germ
b : a disease caused by a germ
5 : a concealed listening device
6 : one who is ardently attached to a cause, object, or pursuit

—bug·gy /baˈgē/ adjective

Synonyms
› [4b] affection, ailment, complaint, complication, condition, disease, disorder, fever, ill, illness, infirmity, malady, sickness, trouble—more at DISEASE
› [6] addict, aficionado, buff, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac, nut—more at FAN

2bug verb bugged; bug·ging
1 a : to annoy esp. by petty provocation
2 : to plant a concealed microphone in

Synonyms
› bait, hassle, heckle, needle, ride, taunt, tease—more at TEASE
› aggravate, annoy, bother, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put
out, rasp, rile, vex—more at irritate

3 bug verb bugged; bug·ging of the eyes
: PROTRUDE, BULGE

bug·a·boo /ba ˈga ˌbū/ noun, plural -boos
: an imaginary object of fear: BOGEY

bug·bear /ˈbæɡˌbɛr/ noun
› bête noire, bogey, hobgoblin, ogre—more at BOGEY

bug·gy /ˈbɪɡ/ noun
1: a light horse-drawn carriage
2: a carriage for a baby

bu·gle /ˈbɪɡəl/ noun
[Origin: ME, buffalo, instrument made of buffalo horn, bugle, fr. AF, fr. L buculus, dim. of bos head of cattle]
: a valveless brass instrument resembling a trumpet and used esp. for military calls
— bu·gler noun

bug out verb
: to depart in a hurry; also: to flee in panic

1 build /bɪld/ verb built /bɪlt/; build·ing
1 a ‣: to form or have formed by ordering and uniting materials (~ a house)

2: to develop or bring into being esp. according to a set plan

2 ‣: to produce or create gradually (~ an argument on facts)

3 ‣: to become progressively greater: INCREASE, ENLARGE; also: ENHANCE

4: to engage in building
— build·er noun

Synonyms
› [1a, 1b] assemble, construct, erect, fabricate, make, make up, piece, put up, raise, rear, set up; also fashion, forge, frame, manufacture, mold, produce, shape

Antonyms
disassemble, dismantle, take down

› usually build up [2] carve, forge, grind, hammer, work out

› usually build up [3] accumulate, appreciate, balloon, burgeon, enhance, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell, wax—more at INCREASE

2 build noun
›: form or mode of structure; especially: PHYSIQUE

Synonyms
› constitution, figure, form, frame, physique, shape—more at PHYSIQUE

build·ing /ˈbɪld ɪŋ/ noun
1: a usu. roofed and walled structure (as a house) for permanent use
2: the art or business of constructing buildings

build·up /ˈbɪld ʌp/ noun
: the act or process of building up; also: something produced by this

built·in /ˈbɪlt ɪn/ adjective
1: forming an integral part of a structure
2: INHERENT

bulb /ˈbʌlb/ noun
1: an underground resting stage of a plant (as a lily or an onion) consisting of a short stem base bearing one or more buds enclosed in overlapping leaves; also: a fleshy plant structure (as a tuber) resembling a bulb
2: a plant having or growing from a bulb
3: a rounded more or less bulb-shaped object or part (as for an electric lamp)
—bul·bous /balˈbəs/ adjective

Bul·gar·i·an /balˈgaˌrē.ən, būl/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Bulgaria
—Bulgarian adjective

bulge /balg/ verb bulged; bulg·ing
✓: to become or cause to become protuberant

Synonyms
✓ bag, balloon, beetle, belly, billow, overhang, poke, project, protrude, start, stick out; also dome

bulge noun
✓: a swelling projecting part

Synonyms
✓ overhang, projection, protrusion; also dome

Antonyms
concavity, dent, depression, hollow, indentation, pit

bu·li·mia /būˌliˌmē.ə, bīˈyüˌlē.ə/ noun
1: an abnormal and constant craving for food
2: a serious eating disorder chiefly of females that is characterized by compulsive overeating usu. followed by self-induced vomiting or laxative or diuretic abuse
—bu·lim·ic /ˌlīmˈik/ adjective or noun

bulk /balk/ noun
1: MAGNITUDE, VOLUME
2: material that forms a mass in the intestine; especially: FIBER 2
3: a large mass
4✓: the major portion

Synonyms
✓ body, core, generality, main, mass, staple, weight—more at BODY

bulk verb
1: to cause to swell or bulge
2: to appear as a factor: LOOM

bulk·head /balkˈhēd/ noun
1: a partition separating compartments
2: a structure built to cover a shaft or a cellar stairway

bulky /balˈkē/ adjective bulk·i·er; -est
: having bulk; especially: being large and unwieldy

bull /bəl/ noun
1: a male bovine animal; also: a usu. adult male of various large animals (as the moose, elephant, or whale)
2: one who buys securities or commodities in expectation of a price increase
—bull·ish adjective

bull adjective
1: of, relating to, or suggestive of a bull: MALE
2: large of its kind

bull noun
1: a papal letter
2: DECREES

4bull noun, slang
: NONSENSE

5bull abbreviation
bulletin

1 bulldog /bul-'dog/ noun
   : any of a breed of compact muscular short-haired dogs of English origin

2 bulldog verb
   : to throw (a steer) by seizing the horns and twisting the neck

bull-doze /'bülü-dəz/ verb
1 : to move, clear, or level with a tractor-driven machine (bull*doz*er) having a broad blade for pushing
2 : to force as if by using a bulldozer

   Synonyms
   • elbow, muscle, press, push—more at PRESS

bullet /bul-'let/ noun
[origin: MF boulette small ball & boulet missile, dims. of boule ball, fr. L bulla bubble]
   : a missile to be shot from a firearm

bullet-proof /bul-'let-prōft/ adjective
1 : impenetrable to bullets; also: INVINCIBLE
2 : not subject to corrections, alteration, or modification

bulletin /bul-'let-in/ noun
1 • a brief public report intended for immediate release on a matter of public interest
2 • a periodical publication (as of a college)
— bulletin verb

   Synonyms
   • advertisement, announcement, notice, notification, release—more at ANNOUNCEMENT

bullet board noun
1 • a board (as of cork) for posting notices
2 • a public forum on a computer network in which users write or read messages or download files

bullet-fight /bul-'fit/ noun
• a spectacle in which people ceremonially fight with and usu. kill bulls in an arena
— bull-fighter noun

bullet-frog /bul-'frŏg/ noun
• a large deep-voiced frog

bullet-head /bul-'hed/ noun
• any of several common freshwater catfishes of the U.S.

bullet-headed /'he-dəd/ adjective
• stupidly stubborn: HEADSTRONG

bullion /bul-'yon/ noun
• gold or silver esp. in bars or ingots

bull market noun
• a market in which securities or commodities are persistently rising in value

bull-ock /bul-'ək/ noun
• a young bull; also: STEER

bull pen noun
• a place on a baseball field where pitchers warm up; also: the relief pitchers of a baseball team

bull session noun
• an informal discussion

bull's-eye /bulz/ noun, plural bull's-eyes
• the center of a target; also: a shot that hits the bull's-eye
bully /bʌli/ noun, plural bullies
  a: a person habitually cruel to others who are weaker
      Synonyms
      gangster, goon, hood, hoodlum, mobster, mug, punk, rowdy, ruffian, thug, tough—more at hoodlum

bully adjective
  : EXCELLENT, FIRST-RATE — often used interjectionally

bully verb bul·lied; bul·ly·ing
  a: to behave as a bully toward
      Synonyms
      browbeat, cow, hector, intimidate—more at intimidate

bul·rush /bəlʳʊʃ/ noun
  : any of several large rushes or sedges of wetlands

bul·wark /bəlˌwɔrk/ noun
  1: a wall-like defensive structure
  2 a: a strong support or protection
      Synonyms
      brace, buttress, mount, shore, stay, support, underpinning—more at support

bum /bʌm/ adjective
  1: of poor quality <~ advice>
  2: DISABLED <a ~ knee>

bum verb bummed; bum·ming
  1: to spend time unemployed and wandering; also: LOAF
  2: to obtain by begging

bum noun
  1: LOAFER
  2 a: a person who is devoted to a recreational activity <a ski ~>
  3 a: a person who has no job and wanders from place to place: VAGRANT, TRAMP
      Synonyms
      hobo, tramp, vagabond, vagrant—more at tramp

bum·ble·bee /bʌmˈbʌlbɛ/ noun
  : any of numerous large hairy social bees

bum·mer /bʌmər/ noun
  1: an unpleasant experience
  2: something that fails or disappoints: FAILURE
      Synonyms
      bust, catastrophe, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, loser, turkey, washout—more at failure

bump /bʌmp/ noun
  1 a: a local bulge; especially: a swelling of tissue
  2 a: a sudden forceful blow or impact
      Synonyms
      [1] knot, lump, nodule, swelling; also growth, tumor, wart
      [2] collision, concussion, crash, impact, jar, jolt, shock, smash, strike, wallop—more at impact

bump verb
  1: to strike or knock forcibly; also: to move by or as if by bumping
  2 a: to collide with
      Synonyms
      bang, bash, collide, crash, hit, impact, knock, ram, slam, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at hit

bumper /bʌmˈpər/ noun
  1: a cup or glass filled to the brim
2 : something unusually large

*bumper* adjective

: unusually large

*Synonyms*

- big, grand, great, large, outsize, oversize, whopping—more at *LARGE*

*bumper* /ˈbæmp/ noun

- a device for absorbing shock or preventing damage; especially : a usu. metal bar at either end of an automobile

*Synonyms*

- buffer, cushion, fender, pad—more at *CUSHION*

*bump-kin* /ˈbæmp.ˌkən/ noun

- an awkward and unsophisticated country person

*Synonyms*

- clodhopper, hick, hillbilly, provincial, rustic, yokel—more at *HICK*

*bump-tious* /ˈbæmp.tʃəs/ adjective

: obtusely and often noisily self-assertive

*bumpy* adjective

- having or covered with bumps; also : marked by bumps or jolts

*Synonyms*

- broken, coarse, irregular, jagged, lumpy, pebbly, ragged, rough, rugged, uneven—more at *UNEVEN*

*bun* /ˈbæn/ noun

: a sweet biscuit or roll

*bunch* /ˈbæntʃ/ noun

1. : *SWELLING*

2. : a number of things of the same kind

- *bunchy* adjective

  *Synonyms*

  - array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, clump, cluster, collection, group, huddle, knot, lot, package, parcel, set, suite

*bunch* verb

- to form into a group or bunch

*Synonyms*

- cluster, crowd, huddle, press—more at *PRESS*

*bun-co or bun-ko* /ˈbæn_.kə/ noun, plural *buncos* or *bunkos*

: a swindling scheme

*bun-co* verb

*bundle* /ˈbæn_.dəl/ noun

1. : several items bunched and fastened together; also : something wrapped for carrying

2. : a considerable amount : *LOT*

3. : a small band of mostly parallel nerve or muscle fibers

*Synonyms*

- pack, package, parcel—more at *PACKAGE*

*bundle* verb *bun·bled, bun·dling*

: to gather or tie in a bundle

*bun-dling* /ˈbænd_.(ˌ)lɪŋ/ noun

: a former custom of a courting couple's occupying the same bed without undressing

*bung* /ˈbæŋ/ noun

: the stopper in the bunghole of a cask

*bun·ga·low* /ˈbæŋ_.gaˌlō/ noun
bungee cord /bun`je/ noun
: a long elastic cord used esp. as a fastening or shock-absorbing device

bungee jump verb
: to jump for sport from a height (as from a bridge) while attached to a sturdy bungee cord
— bungee jumper noun

bung-hole /`bun Holt/ noun
: a hole for emptying or filling a cask

bung·gle /`bun gal/ verb bung·ged; bung·ging
: to do badly : BOTCH
— bungle noun
— bung·ler noun

Synonyms
• bobble, botch, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, muff, murder—more at BOTCH

bun·ion /`bun Iun/ noun
: an inflamed swelling of the first joint of the big toe

1 bunk /bunk/ noun
: BED; especially : a built-in bed that is often one of a tier

2 bunk noun
: insincere or foolish talk : BUNKUM, NONSENSE

Synonyms
• claptrap, drivel, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness, slush, stupidity, trash—more at NONSENSE

bunk bed noun
: one of two single beds usu. placed one above the other

bun·ker /`bunkar/ noun
1 : a bin or compartment for storage (as for coal on a ship)
2 : a protective embankment or dugout
3 : a sand trap or embankment constituting a hazard on a golf course

bun·kum or bun·com·be /`bunkam/ noun
[Origin: Buncombe County, N.C.; fr. a remark made by its congressman, who defended an irrelevant speech by claiming that he was speaking to Buncombe]
: insincere or foolish talk

bun·ny /`bun nI/ noun, plural -nies
: RABBIT

Bun·sen burner /`bunsan/ noun
: a gas burner usu. consisting of a straight tube with air holes at the bottom

1 bunt /`bunt/ verb
1 : BUTT
2 : to push or tap a baseball lightly without swinging the bat

2 bunt noun
: an act or instance of bunting; also : a bunted ball

1 bunting /`bunt Iing/ noun
: any of numerous small stout-billed finches

2 bunting noun
: a thin fabric used esp. for flags; also : FLAGS
buoy /ˈbū, bɔɪ/ noun
1 : a floating object anchored in water to mark something (as a channel)
2 : a float consisting of a ring of buoyant material to support a person who has fallen into the water

buoy verb
1 : to mark by a buoy
2 : to keep afloat
3 ▶ : to raise the spirits of — usu. used with up
   Synonyms usually buoy up
   ▶ cheer, comfort, embolden, encourage, hearten, inspire, steel—more at ENCOURAGE

buoy·an·cy /ˈbō.i.ə.窄, ˈbū.ə.纲/ noun
1 : the tendency of a body to float or rise when submerged in a fluid
2 : the power of a fluid to exert an upward force on a body placed in it
3 : resilience of spirit

buoy·ant /ə.nt, ə.ant/ adjective
: having buoyancy: as
a : capable of floating
b ▶ : having or inducing high spirits
   Synonyms
   ▶ blithe, bright, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat—more at CHEERFUL
   ▶ bubbly, effervescent, exuberant, frolicsome, high-spirited, vivacious—more at EXUBERANT

bur /bər/ variant of BURR

bureau /ˈb主观, ˈbaˌrē/ noun
1 : a chest of drawers
bu·rea·cy /byür′əˌkraˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : a body of appointive government officials
2 : government marked by specialization of functions under fixed rules and a hierarchy of authority; also : an unwieldy administrative system burdened with excessive complexity and lack of flexibility

bu·rea·crat /byür′əˌkrat/ noun
: a member of a bureaucracy

bu·rea·crat·ic /byür′əˌkrat′ik/ adjective

bur·geon /ˈbərˌdʒən/ verb
1 ▶ : to put forth fresh growth (as from buds)
2 ▶ : to grow and expand rapidly

Synonyms
[1] bloom, blossom, blow, flower, unfold—more at BLOOM
[2] accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell, wax—more at INCREASE
[2] flourish, prosper, thrive—more at THRIVE

bur·gh /ˈbər.ə/ noun
: a Scottish town

bur·gher /ˈbər.ɡər/ noun
1 ▶ : an inhabitant of a borough or a town
2 : a prosperous solid citizen

Synonyms
townie; also denizen, dweller, inhabitant, occupant, national, native, resident

bur·glar·ize /ˈbərˌɡləˌriz/ verb
1 ▶ : to break into and steal from; also : to commit burglary

Synonyms
rip off, rob, steal—more at ROB

bur·glar·y /ˈbərˌɡləˌrē/ noun, plural -glar·ies
: forcible entry into a building esp. at night with the intent to commit a crime (as theft)

bur·gle /ˈbər.ɡl/ verb bur·gled, bur·gling
: to commit burglary on

bur·go·mas·ter /ˈbər.ɡəˌməs.ter/ noun
: the chief magistrate of a town in some European countries

bur·gun·dy /ˈbərˌɡənˌdē/ noun, plural -dies often cap
1 : a red or white table wine from the Burgundy region of France
2 : an American red table wine

bur·ri·al /ˈbər.əˌlē/ noun
: the act or process of burying

Synonyms
entombment, interment, sepulture; also funeral

Antonyms
exhumation, unearthing

bur·ka or bur·qa /ˈbərkə/ noun
: a loose garment that covers the face and body and is worn in public by certain Muslim women
burl /ˈbərl/ noun
: a hard woody often flattened hemispherical outgrowth on a tree

bur·lap /ˈbərləp/ noun
: a coarse fabric usu. of jute or hemp used esp. for bags

1 burlesque /ˈbɜrləsk/ noun
1 : a witty or derisive literary or dramatic imitative work
2 : broadly humorous theatrical entertainment consisting of several items (as songs, skits, or dances)

Synonyms
- caricature, parody, spoof, takeoff—more at PARODY

2 burlesque verb bur·lesqued; bur·le·squ·ing
: to make ludicrous by burlesque

Synonyms
- caricature, imitate, mimic, mock, parody, take off, travesty—more at MIMIC

bur·ly /ˈbərlē/ adjective bur·li·er; -est
: strongly and heavily built : HUSKY

Synonyms
- beefy, brawny, husky—more at HUSKY

Burmese /ˈbərmēs/ noun, plural Burmese
: a native or inhabitant of Burma (Myanmar)

— Burmese adjective

1 burn /bərn/ verb burned /ˈbərnrd/ or burnt /bərn/; burn·ing
1 : to be on fire
2 : to feel or look as if on fire
3 : to alter or become altered by or as if by the action of fire or heat
4 : to use as fuel <~ coal>; also : to destroy by fire <~ trash>
5 : to cause or make by fire <~ a hole>; also : to affect as if by heat
6 : to become emotionally excited or agitated
7 : to record (as music or data) on by means of a laser <~ a CD>

Synonyms
- [1, 2] blaze, flame, flare, glow; also fire, ignite, kindle
- [4] fire, ignite, inflame, kindle, light; also char, scorch

Antonyms
- douse, extinguish, put out, quench, snuff (out)
- [6] boil, fume, rage, seethe, steam—more at BOIL

2 burn noun
: an injury or effect produced by or as if by burning

burn·er /ˈbərnər/ noun
: the part of a fuel-burning or heat-producing device where the flame or heat is produced

burn·ing /ˈbərnəŋ/ adjective
1 a : being on fire
b : affecting with or as if with heat
2 : existing in an extreme degree <a ~ desire>

Synonyms
- [1a] abaze, afire, fiery—more at ABLAZE
- [1b] broiling, fiery, hot, red-hot, scorching, sultry, torrid—more at HOT
- [2] ardent, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate, red-hot, vehement—more at FERVENT

bur·nish /ˈbərnish/ verb
: to make shiny esp. by rubbing : POLISH

— bur·nish·er noun
bur·nish·ing adjective or noun

Synonyms
 buffs, dress, gloss, grind, polish, rub, shine, smooth—more at POLISH

bur·noose or bur·nous /ˌbar.nūs/ noun
: a hooded cloak worn esp. by Arabs

burn·out /ˈbər.naʊt/ noun
1 : the cessation of operation of a jet or rocket engine
2 ▶: exhaustion of one’s physical or emotional strength; also : a person suffering from burnout

Synonyms
 collapse, exhaustion, fatigue, lassitude, prostration, tiredness, weariness—more at FATIGUE

burn out verb
1 : to drive out or destroy the property of by fire
2 ▶: to cause to fail, wear out, or become exhausted esp. from overwork or overuse; also : to suffer burnout

Synonyms
 do in, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at EXHAUST

burp /bərp/ noun
: an act of belching
— burp verb

burp gun noun
: a small submachine gun

burr /bər/ noun
1 usually bur : a rough or prickly envelope of a fruit; also : a plant that bears burs
2 : roughness left in cutting or shaping metal
3 : WHIR

— bur·ry adjective

bur·ri·to /baˌrē.tō/ noun
[ORIGIN: AmerSp, fr. Sp, little donkey, dim. of burro]
: a flour tortilla rolled around a filling and baked

bur·ro /ˈbərō, ˈbôr/ noun, plural burros
[ORIGIN: Sp]
: a usu. small donkey

1 burrow /ˈbərō/ noun
 : a hole in the ground made by an animal (as a rabbit)

Synonyms
 den, hole, lair, lodge—more at DEN

2 burrow verb
1 : to form by tunneling; also : to make a burrow
2 : to progress by or as if by digging

— bur·row·er noun

bur·sar /ˈbar sa/ noun
: a treasurer esp. of a college

bur·si·tis /ˌbərˌsē tis/ noun
: inflammation of the serous sac (bur*sa /ˈbôr.sa/) of a joint (as the elbow or shoulder)

1 burst /barst/ verb burst or burst·ed, burst·ing
1 ▶: to fly apart or into pieces; to cause to burst
2 : to show one’s feelings suddenly; also : PLUNGE <~ into song>
3 ▶: to enter or emerge suddenly
4 : to be filled to the breaking point

Synonyms
• [1] blast, blow up, demolish, explode, pop, shatter, smash—more at blast
• usually burst forth [3] break out, erupt, explode, flame, flare, go off—more at erupt

2burst noun
1 a ▶: a sudden outbreak : spurt
   b ▶: a vehement outburst (as of emotion)
2 : explosion
3 : result of bursting
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] flare, flare-up, flash, flurry, flutter, outbreak, outburst, spurt—more at outbreak
   ▶ [1b] agony, eruption, explosion, fit, flare, flare-up, flash, flush, gale, gush, gust, outburst, paroxysm, spasm, storm—more at outburst

Bu·run·di·an /bú′rūn.ˈdē.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Burundi

bury /ˈber.ə/ verb buried; burying
1 : to deposit in the earth; also : to inter with funeral ceremonies
2 ▶: to conceal from view or in obscurity : hide
3 : submerge, engross — usu. used with in
   Synonyms
   ▶ cache, conceal, ensconce, hide, secrete—more at hide

1bus /bəs/ noun, plural buses or bus·ses
[origin: short for omnibus, fr. F, fr. L, for all, dat. pl. of omnis all]
: a large motor vehicle for carrying passengers

2bus verb bused or bussed; bus·ing or bus·sing
1 : to travel or transport by bus
2 : to work as a busboy

3bus abbreviation
business

bus·boy /ˈbəs.ˈbō/ noun
: a waiter's helper

bus·by /ˈbəs.ˈbē/ noun, plural busbies
: a military full-dress fur hat

bush /būsh/ noun
1 : shrub
2 ▶: rough uncleared country
3 : a thick tuft <a ~ of hair>
   — bushy adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ backwoods, frontier, hinterland, up-country—more at frontier

bushed /būst/ adjective
▶: drained of strength and energy : tired, exhausted
   Synonyms
   ▶ beat, dead, drained, effete, jaded, limp, prostrate, spent, tired, weary, worn-out—more at weary

bush·el /bū.ˈshəl/ noun
1 : a measure of dry capacity equal to 4 pecks
2 : a large quantity
   Synonyms
   ▶ abundance, heap, loads, lot, much, plenty, profusion, quantity

bush·ing /bū.ˈshĭŋ/ noun
: a usu. removable cylindrical lining for an opening of a mechanical part to limit the size of the opening, resist wear, or serve as a guide
bush-master /ˈbushˌmās.tər/ noun
: a large venomous tropical American pit viper

bush-whack /ˌhwāk/ verb
1 : AMBUSH
2 : to clear a path through esp. by chopping down bushes and branches
— bush-whack·er noun

busi·ly /bīz′lē/ adverb
: in a busy manner

busi·ness /ˈbiz.nəs/ noun
1 : OCCUPATION; also : TASK, MISSION
2 a : a commercial or industrial enterprise
b : the dealings and transactions involved in buying and selling : TRADE
3 : a subject under consideration : AFFAIR, MATTER
4 : personal concern

Synonyms
[2a] company, concern, enterprise, establishment, firm, house, outfit—more at ENTERPRISE
[2b] commerce, marketplace, trade, traffic—more at COMMERCE

busi·ness·man /ˌmän/ noun
: a man engaged in business esp. as an executive

busi·ness·per·son /ˌpərs.ən/ noun
: a businessman or businesswoman

busi·ness·wom·an /ˌwō.mən/ noun
: a woman engaged in business esp. as an executive

bus·kin /ˈbus.kən/ noun
1 : a laced boot reaching halfway to the knee
2 : tragic drama

buss /bəs/ noun
: KISS
— buss verb

1bust /bast/ noun
[origin: F buste, fr. It busto, fr. L. bustum tomb]
1 : sculpture representing the upper part of the human figure
2 : the part of the human torso between the neck and the waist; especially : the breasts of a woman

2 bust verb bust·ed also bust·ing
1 : to break or smash esp. with force; also : BURST
2 : to ruin financially
3 : TAME
4 : to reduce to a lower grade or rank : DEMOTE
5 slang : ARREST; also : RAID
6 : to strike heavily with or as if with the fist or a bat

Synonyms
[1] break, burst, fracture, fragment—more at BREAK
[2] ruin
[4] break, degrade, demote, downgrade, reduce—more at DEMOTE
[6] bang, bash, bat, clobber, clout, hammer, hit, pound, punch, slug, strike, thump

3 bust noun
1 : a drinking session
2 : a complete failure : FLOP
3 : a business depression
4 : a quick blow with or as if with the fist : PUNCH, SOCK
slang : a police raid; also : ARREST

Synonyms
- bummer, catastrophe, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, loser, turkey, washout—more at FAILURE

bustle /ba sl/ verb bus·tled; bus·tling
: to move or work in a brisk busy manner

Synonyms
- briskly energetic activity
  Synonyms
  - commotion, disturbance, hubbub, hullabaloo, pandemonium, tumult, turmoil—more at COMMOTION

bustle noun
: a pad or frame worn to support the fullness at the back of a woman's skirt

busy /bi z ə/ adjective busi·er; -est
1 : engaged in action : not idle
2 : being in use (~ telephones)
3 : full of activity (~ streets)
4 : MEDDLING

Synonyms
- [1] active, assiduous, diligent, engaged, laborious, occupied, sedulous, working; also absorbed, concentrating, focused, engrossed, immersed, intent, preoccupied
- [3] alive, animated, astir, lively, vibrant—more at ALIVE

busy verb bus·ied; busy·ing
: to make or keep busy : OCCUPY

Synonyms
- absorb, engage, engross, enthral, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy—more at ENGAGE

busy·body /bi z ə bi də/ noun
: an officious or inquisitive person : MEDDLER

Synonyms
- interloper, intruder, kibitzer, meddler; also peeper, peeping Tom, snoop, spy

busy·work /ˈba ʃw ərk/ noun
: work that appears productive but only keeps one occupied

but /bud/ conjunction
1 : except for the fact <would have protested ~ that he was afraid>
2 : THAT <there's no doubt ~ he won>
3 : without the certainty that <never rains ~ it pours>
4 : on the contrary <not one, ~ two job offers>
5 : YET <poor ~ proud>
6 : with the exception of <none ~ the strongest attempt it>

Synonyms
- except, only, yet—more at EXCEPT

but preposition
: other than : EXCEPT <this letter is nothing ~ an insult>; also : with the exception of <no one here ~ me>

Synonyms
- aside from, bar, barring, besides, except, outside, save—more at EXCEPT

but adverb
1 : being nothing more than
2 : to the contrary

Synonyms
- [1] just, merely, only, simply—more at JUST
- [2] howbeit, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still, though, withal, yet—more at
However

Butane /ˈbʊtən/ noun
: either of two gaseous hydrocarbons used as a fuel

Butch /ˈbʌtʃ/ adjective
: notably masculine in appearance or manner

1. Butcher /ˈbʌtʃər/ noun
[Origin: ME bocher, fr. AF, fr. buc he-goat]
1: one who slaughters animals or dresses their flesh; also: a dealer in meat
2: one that kills brutally or needlessly
3: one that botches

2. Butcher verb
1: to slaughter and dress for meat (<~ hogs>)
2: to kill barbarously
3: to foul up hopelessly: Botch

Synonyms
- [2] massacre, slaughter—more at Massacre
- [3] bobble, botch, bungle, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, muff, murder—more at Botch

Butchery /ˈbʌtʃərɪ/ noun
1: the preparation of meat for sale
2: cruel and ruthless slaughter of human beings

Synonyms
- carnage, massacre, slaughter—more at Massacre

Butler /ˈbʌt.lər/ noun
[Origin: ME buteler, fr. AF butiller, fr. OF botelle bottle]
: the chief male servant of a household

1. Butt /bælt/ verb
: to strike with the head or horns

2. Butt noun
: a blow or thrust with the head or horns

3. Butt noun
: a large cask

4. Butt noun
1: Target
2: an object of abuse or ridicule

Synonyms
- laughingstock, mark, mock, mockery, target—more at Laughingstock

5. Butt noun
1: a large, thicker, or bottom end of something
2: buttocks

6. Butt verb
1: Abut
2: to place or join edge to edge without overlapping

Butte /ˈbʌt/ noun
: an isolated steep hill

1. Butter /ˈba.tər/ noun
1: a solid edible emulsion of fat obtained from cream by churning
2: a substance resembling butter
— Buttery adjective
butter verb
: to spread with or as if with butter

butter-egg noun singular or plural
: a common perennial herb related to the snapdragon that has showy yellow and orange flowers

butter bean noun
1 : LIMA BEAN
2 : WAX BEAN
3 : a green shell bean

butter cream noun
: a sweet butter-based mixture used esp. as a filling or frosting

butter-cup noun
: any of a genus of herbs having usu. yellow flowers with five petals and sepals

butter-fat noun
: the natural fat of milk and chief constituent of butter

butter-gered adjective
: likely to let things fall or slip through the fingers

butter-gers noun singular or plural

butter-fly noun
: any of a group of slender day-flying insects with broad often brightly-colored wings

butter-milk noun
: the liquid remaining after butter is churned

butter-nut noun
: the sweet egg-shaped nut of an American tree related to the walnut; also : this tree

butternut squash noun
: a smooth buff-colored cylindrical winter squash

butter Scotch noun
: a candy made from brown sugar, corn syrup, and water; also : the flavor of such candy

butt in verb
: to meddle in the affairs of others

Synonyms
interfere, intrude, meddle, mess, nose, obtrude, poke, pry, snoop—more at INTERFERE

butt-ock noun
1 : the back of a hip that forms one of the fleshy parts on which a person sits
2 plural : the seat of the body : RUMP

Synonyms generally usually
backside, bottom, butt, posterior, rear, rump, seat

button noun
1 : a small knob secured to an article (as of clothing) and used as a fastener by passing it through a buttonhole or loop
2 : something that resembles a button
3 : PUSH BUTTON
4 : a hidden sensitivity that can be manipulated to produce a desired response <he is constantly pushing my ~s>
5 : a usu. box-shaped computer icon that when clicked initiates a software function

button verb
: to close or fasten with or as if with buttons

buttonhole noun
: a slit or loop for a button to pass through
buttonhole verb
: to detain in conversation by or as if by holding on to the outer garments of

buttress /ˈbətərəs/ noun
[origin: ME butres, fr. AF (arche) boteraz thrusting (arch), ultim. fr. buter to thrust]
1: a projecting structure to support a wall
2: something that supports or strengthens: SUPPORT
   Synonyms
   ☐ dependence, mainstay, pillar, reliance, standby, support—more at DEPENDENCE
   ☐ brace, bulwark, mount, shore, stay, support, underpinning—more at SUPPORT

buttress verb
☑ to furnish or shore up with a buttress: SUPPORT
   Synonyms
   ☐ bear, bolster, brace, carry, prop, shore, stay, support, uphold—more at SUPPORT

bux·om /ˈbiksəm/ adjective
: healthily plump; especially: full-bosomed

buy /bɪ/ verb bought /bɔt/; buying
1: to obtain for a price: PURCHASE; also: BRIBE
2: to accept as true
   — buyer noun
   Synonyms
   ☐ acquire, get, obtain, pick up, procure, purchase, secure, take

buy noun
1: PURCHASE 1, 2
2: an exceptional value: BARGAIN
   Synonyms
   ☐ bargain, deal, steal—more at BARGAIN

buzz /bæz/ verb
1: to make a buzz
2: to fly fast and close to
   Synonyms
   ☐ drone, hum, whir, whish, whiz, zip, zoom—more at WHIR

buzz noun
1: a low humming sound
2: RUMOR, GOSSIP
   Synonyms
   ☐ drone, hum, purr, whir, whiz, zoom—more at HUM

buzzard /ˈbæzərd/ noun
: any of various usu. large birds of prey and esp. the turkey vulture

buzz·er /ˈbæzər/ noun
: a device that signals with a buzzing sound

buzz saw noun
: CIRCULAR SAW

buzz·word /ˈbæz.wərd/ noun
: a voguish word or phrase often from technical jargon

BV abbreviation
Blessed Virgin

BVM abbreviation
Blessed Virgin Mary

BWI abbreviation
British West Indies

bx abbreviation
box

BX abbreviation
base exchange

1 by /'baɪ, bɛ/ preposition
1 : in proximity to : near ~ the window
2 : through or through the medium of : left ~ the door
3 : into the vicinity of and beyond : drove ~ the house
4 : during, at ~ night
5 : no later than : get here ~ 3 p.m.
6 : through the means or direct agency of : force
7 : in conformity with; also : according to : did it ~ the book
8 : with respect to : a vet ~ profession
9 : to the amount or extent of : won ~ a nose
10 — used to express relationship in multiplication, in division, and in measurements : divide a ~ b < multiply ~ 6> < 15 feet ~ 20 feet>

Synonyms
▷ [1] about, around, near, next to — more at around
▷ [6] per, through, with

2 by /'baɪ/ adverb
1 a : near at hand
b : at or to another's house: in ~ stop ~
2 : aside, apart

Synonyms
▷ around, close, hard, in, near, nearby, nigh — more at near

by /'baɪ/ noun
: a position of a participant in a tournament who advances to the next round without playing

by-election also bye-election /'beɪ.ˌɛlk.ʃən/ noun
: a special election held between regular elections in order to fill a vacancy

bygone /'baɪ.ɡən/ adjective
▷ : gone by
— bygone noun

Synonyms
▷ dead, defunct, extinct, gone — more at extinct

by-law or bye-law /'baɪ.ˌlɔː/ noun
: a rule adopted by an organization for managing its internal affairs

by-line /'baɪ.ˌlain/ noun
: a line at the beginning of a news story or magazine article giving the writer's name

BYO abbreviation

BYOB abbreviation

bring your own beer; bring your own liquor; bring your own bottle

1 bypass /'baɪ.ˌpæs/ noun
: a passage to one side or around a blocked or congested area; also : a surgical procedure establishing this < a coronary ~> 

2 bypass verb
▷ : to avoid by means of a bypass
Synonyms

- circumvent, detour, skirt—more at DETOUR

**by-pass /ˌbɪˌpɑːs/ noun**
: BYWAY

**by-play /ˈbɪˌpleɪ/ noun**
: action engaged in on the side (as of a stage) while the main action proceeds

**by-product /ˌbɪˈpræktɪk/ noun**
: a sometimes unexpected product or result produced in addition to the main product or result

**by-stand-er /ˌbɪˈstændər/ noun**
: one present but not participating

**byte /ˈbaɪt/ noun**
: a group of 8 bits that a computer processes as a unit

**by-way /ˌbɪˈweɪ/ noun**
1: a little-traveled side road
2: a secondary aspect

**by-word /ˌbaɪˈwɜːrd/ noun**
1: a proverbial saying: PROVERB
2: one that is noteworthy or notorious

**Synonyms**

- adage, aphorism, epigram, maxim, proverb, saying—more at SAYING

**Byz-an-tine /ˌbaɪzənˈtɪn, -ˈtɪn; baˈzan, bi/ adjective**
1: of, relating to, or characteristic of the ancient city of Byzantium or the Byzantine Empire
2 often not cap: intricately involved and often devious
1c /sē/ noun, plural c's or cs /sēz/ often cap
1 : the 3d letter of the English alphabet
2 slang : a sum of $100
3 : a grade rating a student's work as fair

2c abbreviation, often cap
1 calorie
2 carat
3 Celsius
4 cent
5 centigrade
6 centimeter
7 century
8 chapter
9 circa
10 cocaine
11 copyright

C symbol
carbon

cia abbreviation
circum

Ca symbol
calcium

CA abbreviation
1 California
2 chartered accountant
3 chief accountant
4 chronological age

Cab /'kab/ noun
1 : a light closed horse-drawn carriage
2 : an automobile available on call to carry a passenger for a fare determined by a running meter or a flat rate : TAXICAB
3 : the covered compartment for the engineer and controls of a locomotive; also : a similar compartment (as on a truck)

CAB abbreviation
Civil Aeronautics Board

Ca-bal /kaˈbāl, ˈbāl/ noun
[origin: F cabale, fr. ML cabbala cabala, fr. Heb qabbālāh, lit., received (lore)]
: a secret group of plotters or political conspirators

Synonyms

conspiracy, gang, mob, ring, syndicate—more at RING

cabala variant of KABBALAH

cab-a-nà /kaˈbanə, ˈbaˌnə/ noun
: a shelter at a beach or swimming pool

cab-a-ret /kaˌbeˈrɛt/ noun
: a place of entertainment open at night usu. serving food and liquor and often having a floor show : NIGHTCLUB

cab-bà˘ge /kaˈbi, bā/ noun
[origin: ME caboche, fr. MF dial., lit., head, noggin]
: a vegetable related to the mustard with a dense head of leaves
cab·bie or cab·by /ˈkaˌbi/ noun, plural cabbies
: a driver of a cab

cab·er·net sau·vi·gnon /ˈkaˌber.nəˌsō.ˌvē.ˈnəˌgən/ noun
: a dry red wine made from a single variety of black grape

cab·in /ˈkaˌbən/ noun
1 : a private room on a ship; also : a compartment below deck on a boat for passengers or crew
2 : the passenger or cargo compartment of a vehicle (as an airplane or automobile)
3 ▶ : a small simple one-story house
   Synonyms
camp, cottage, hut, hutch, shack, shanty—more at SHACK

cabin boy noun
: a boy working as servant on a ship

cabin class noun
: a class of accommodations on a passenger ship superior to tourist class and inferior to first class

cabin cruiser noun
: CRUISER

cab·i·net /ˈkaˌbên/ noun
1 ▶ : a case or cupboard for holding or displaying articles
2 : the advisory council of a head of state (as a president or sovereign)
   Synonyms
cabinet, closet, cupboard, hutch, locker, sideboard; also bookcase, secretary; shelving; console

cab·i·net·mak·er /ˌmā.ˌker/ noun
: a woodworker who makes fine furniture
— cab·i·net·mak·ing noun

cab·i·net·work /ˌwərk/ noun
: the finished work of a cabinetmaker

cable /ˈkā.ˌbēl/ noun
1 ▶ : a very strong rope, wire, or chain
2 : a bundle of insulated wires usu. twisted around a central core
3 : CABLEGRAM
4 : CABLE TELEVISION
   Synonyms
cord, lace, line, rope, string, wire—more at CORD

cable verb ca·bled; ca·bling
: to telegraph by cable

cable car noun
: a vehicle moved by an endless cable

cable·cast /ˈkā.ˌbēl.ˌkast/ noun
: a cable television transmission
— cablecast verb

cable·gram /ˈkā.ˌbēl.ˌgram/ noun
: a message sent by a submarine telegraph cable

cable modem noun
: a modem for connecting a computer to a network over a cable television line

cable television noun
: a system of television reception in which signals from distant stations are sent by cable to the receivers of paying subscribers
cab-o·chon /ˈka.bəˌshən/ noun
: a gem or bead cut in convex form and highly polished but not given facets; also : this style of cutting
— cabochon adverb

cab·oose /ˈke.bəs/ noun
: a car usu. at the rear of a freight train for the use of the train crew and railroad workers

cab·ri·o·let /ˈka.bri.oˌlē/ noun
[origin: F]
1 : a light 2-wheeled one-horse carriage
2 : a convertible coupe

cab·stand /ˈkab.stænd/ noun
: a place where cabs wait for passengers

cac·cia·to·re /ˈkaщий.ˈtohr/ adjective
[origin: It]
: cooked with tomatoes and herbs <chicken ~>

1cache /ˈkash/ noun
[origin: F]
1 : a hiding place esp. for preserving provisions
2 : something hidden or stored in a cache

Synonyms
  ➢ deposit, hoard, reserve, stash, stockpile, store—more at STORE

2cache verb
: to place, hide, or store in a cache

cac·het /ˈka.ʃə/ noun
[origin: F]
1 : a seal used esp. as a mark of official approval
2 : a feature or quality conferring prestige; also : prestige
3 : a design, inscription, or advertisement printed or stamped on mail

1cackle /ˈka.kal/ verb cack·led; cack·ling
1 : to make the sharp broken cry characteristic of a hen
2 : to laugh or chatter noisily

2cackle noun
  ➢ the action or noise of cackling

Synonyms
  ➢ chortle, laugh, laughter, snicker, titter—more at LAUGH

cack·ler noun
: one that cackles

cac·oph·o·ny /ˈka.ˈkoʊ.fəˌnē/ noun, plural -nies
  ➢ harsh or discordant sound
  ➢ cacoph·o·nous /ˌnaʊs/ adjective

Synonyms
  ➢ bluster, clamor, din, noise, racket, roar—more at NOISE

cac·tus /ˈka.kəˌtəs/ noun, plural cac·ti /ˌkætə/ or cac·tus·es also cactus
: any of a large family of drought-resistant flowering plants with succulent stems and with leaves replaced by scales or prickles

cad /ˈkæd/ noun
cadish /ˈkaɪdɪʃ/ adjective
— cadishly adverb
— cadishness noun

cadaver /ˈkæd.əvər/ noun
▷: a dead body esp. of a human being
 \- Synonyms
▷ corpse, remains—more at corpse

cadaverous /ˈkæd.əvərəs/ adjective
▷: suggesting a corpse esp. in gauntness or pallor
— cadaverously adverb
 \- Synonyms
▷ ashen, livid, lurid, pale, pasty, peaked—more at pale
gaunt, haggard, skeletal, wasted

cadie or caddy /ˈkæd.i/ noun, plural caddies
[origin: Sc, errand boy, modif. of F cadet military cadet]
▷: a person who assists a golfer esp. by carrying the clubs
— caddie or caddy verb

caddy /ˈkæd.i/ noun, plural caddies
[origin: Malay kati a unit of weight]
▷: a small box, can, or chest; especially: one to keep tea in
 \- Synonyms
▷ box, case, casket, chest, locker, trunk—more at chest

cadence /ˈkæd.əns/ noun
▷: the measure or beat of a rhythmical flow: rhythm
 \- Synonyms
▷ beat, measure, meter, rhythm—more at rhythm

cadenced /ˈkæd.ənst/ adjective
▷: marked by cadence
 \- Synonyms
▷ measured, metrical, rhythmic—more at rhythmic

cadenza /ˈkæd.ən.zə/ noun
[origin: It]
▷: a brilliant sometimes improvised passage usu. toward the close of a musical composition

cadet /ˈkæd.ət/ noun
1: a younger son or brother
2: a student in a service academy

Ca·dette /ˈkæd.ət/ noun
▷: a member of a Girl Scout program for girls in sixth through ninth grades

cadge /ˈkædʒ/ verb cadged; cadging
▷: SPONGE, BEG <~ a free meal>
— cadder noun

cadmium /ˈkæd.mɪ.əm/ noun
▷: a bluish-white metallic chemical element used esp. in protective platings

cadre /ˈkæd.rē, ˈkæ_, _drē/ noun
[origin: F]
1: FRAMEWORK
2: a central unit esp. of trained personnel able to assume control and train others
3: a group of indoctrinated leaders active in promoting the interests of a revolutionary party
caduceus /ˈkædəs/.noun, plural -ci /ˈsə_.i/. [origin: L]
1: the staff of a herald; especially: a representation of a staff with two entwined snakes and two wings at the top
2: an insignia bearing a caduceus and symbolizing a physician

cæcum variant of CECUM

cæsar /ˈsɛs_.ər/.noun
1: any of the Roman emperors succeeding Augustus Caesar —used as a title
2: often not cap: a powerful ruler: AUTOCRAT, DICTATOR; also: the civil or temporal power

cæsarean variant of CESAREAN

cæsura /ˈsɛs_.ə_.rə/.noun, plural -suras or -su·rae /ˈsʊ_.rə_.i/.[origin: L]
1: a break in the flow of sound usu. in the middle of a line of verse
2: ca·fé /kə_.fə/.noun
[origin: F, lit., coffee]
1: a usu. small and informal establishment serving various refreshments (as coffee): RESTAURANT
2: a room or establishment whose main feature is a bar for the sale of liquor: BARROOM
3: a place of entertainment open at night usu. serving food and liquor and providing music and space for dancing and often having a floor show: NIGHTCLUB

Synonyms
- [2] bar, barroom, pub, public house, saloon, tavern—more at BARROOM
- [3] disco, discotheque, nightclub—more at NIGHTCLUB

café au lait /ka_.fə_.lə_.lɛ_.t/.noun
: coffee with hot milk in about equal parts

cafetería /ka_.fe_.tə_.ri_.a/.noun
[origin: AmerSp cafetería coffeehouse]
: a restaurant in which the customers serve themselves or are served at a counter

caféine /ka_.fɛ_.nən/.noun
: a stimulating alkaloid found esp. in coffee and tea

caféin·at·ed /ka_.fɛ_.nə_.tɛd/.adjective
1: stimulated by or as if by caffeine
2: containing caffeine

café lat·te /kə_.lɛ_.tɛ_.t/.noun
[origin: It]
: espresso mixed with hot or steamed milk

caf·tan /kaf_.tən/.noun
: an ankle-length garment with long sleeves worn in countries of the eastern Mediterranean

cage /kæ_.ɡ/.noun
1: an openwork enclosure for confining an animal
2: something resembling a cage

Synonyms
- coop, corral, pen, pound; also fence; cote, fold; aquarium, terrarium

cage verb caged; cag·ging
: to put or keep in or as if in a cage

cagey also ca·gy /kə_.ɡ_.j/.adjective ca·gi·er: -est
1: wary of being trapped or deceived: SHREWED
2: marked by cleverness
— ca·gi·ly /kə_.lə_.l/.adverb

Synonyms
artful, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily—more at ARTFUL

cagi·ness /ˈtæ̅.nas/ noun
ゝ skill in devising or using indirect or subtle methods

  Synonyms
ゝ artfulness, artifice, canniness, craft, craftiness, cunning, guile, slyness, wiliness—more at CUNNING

CAGS abbreviation
Certification of Advanced Graduate Study

cā·hoot /ˈka.ˌhūt/ noun
ゝ Partnership, League — usu. used in pl. <officials in ~s with the underworld>

cai·man /ˈkā.ˌmen; kā.ˌman, kā.ˌman/ noun
ゝ any of several Central and So. American reptiles closely related to alligators and crocodiles

cairn /ˈkārn/ noun
ゝ a heap of stones serving as a memorial or a landmark

cais·son /ˈkā.ˌsàn, kā.ˌsən/ noun
ゝ 1: a usu. 2-wheeled vehicle for artillery ammunition
ゝ 2: a watertight chamber used in underwater construction work or as a foundation

cais·son disease noun
ゝ 2: BEND

cai·tiff /ˈkā.ˌtiff/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME caitif, fr. AF caitif, chattif wretched, despicable, fr. L captivus captive]
ゝ being base, cowardly, or despicable

  — caitiff noun

ca·jole /ˈkā.ˌjôl/ verb ca·joled; ca·jol·ing
[ORIGIN: F cajoler]
ゝ to persuade or coax esp. with flattery or false promises

  — ca·jol·ment noun

  — ca·jol·ery /ˈkā.ˌjôləˌrē/ noun

  Synonyms
ゝ coax, wheedle—more at COAX

Ca·jun /ˈkā.ˌjan/ noun
ゝ a Louisianian descended from French-speaking immigrants from Acadia (Nova Scotia)

  — Cajun adjective

1 cake /ˈkāk/ noun
ゝ 1: a baked or fried breadlike food usu. in a small flat shape
ゝ 2: a sweet baked food made from batter or dough usu. containing flour, sugar, or shortening, and a leaven (as baking powder)
ゝ 3: a hardened or compacted substance <a ~ of soap>
ゝ 4: something easily done <the quiz was ~>

2 cake verb caked; caking
ゝ 1: to cover or overlay with or as if with a crust: ENCRUST
ゝ 2: to form or harden into a cake

cake·walk /ˈkāk.ˌwŏk/ noun
ゝ 1: a stage dance typically involving a high prance with backward tilt
ゝ 2: a one-sided contest or an easy task

Cal abbreviation
ゝ 1 calendar
ゝ 2 caliber

Cal abbreviation
1 California
2 calorie

**cal-a-bash /ka la.bash/ noun**
the fruit of a gourd; also: a utensil made from its hard shell

**cal-a-bose /ka la.bus/ noun**
[origin: Sp calaboro dungeon]
Jail

**cal-a-di-um /ka.lä.dä.am/ noun**
any of a genus of tropical American ornamental plants related to the arums

**cal-a-mari /ka.lä.mär.ä/ noun**
[origin: It]
squid used as food

**cal-a-mine /ka.lä.min/ noun**
a lotion of oxides of zinc and iron

**ca-lam-i-tous /ka-läm-e-tous/ adjective**
being, causing, or accompanied by calamity
—ca-lam-i-tous-ly adverb
—ca-lam-i-tous-ness noun

**Synonyms**
cataclysmic, catastrophic, destructive, disastrous, fatal, fateful, ruinous, unfortunate—more at **FATAL**

**ca-lam-i-ty /ka.läm-i-ty, plural -ties**
1: great distress or misfortune
2: an event causing great harm or loss and affliction: **DISASTER**

**Synonyms**
cataclysm, catastrophe, debacle, disaster, tragedy—more at **DISASTER**

**calc** abbreviation
calculate; calculated

**cal-car-eous /kal kar.ē.as/ adjective**
resembling calcium carbonate in hardness; also: containing calcium or calcium carbonate

**cal-ci-fer-ous /kal si.fer.as/ adjective**
producing or containing calcium carbonate

**cal-ci-fy /kal.se.fī verb -fied; -fy-ing**
to make or become calcareous
—cal-ci-fi-ca-tion /kal.se.fi.ca.shen/ noun

**cal-ci-mine /kal.se.min/ noun**
a thin water paint used esp. on plastered surfaces
—calcimine verb

**cal-cine /kal.sîn/ verb cal-cined; cal-cin-ing**
to heat to a high temperature but without fusing to drive off volatile matter and often to reduce to powder
—cal-ci-na-tion /kal.se.nä.shen/ noun

**cal-cite /kal sit/ noun**
a crystalline mineral consisting of calcium carbonate
—cal-cit-ic /kal si.tik/ adjective

**cal-ci-um /kal sæ um/ noun**
a silver-white soft metallic chemical element occurring only in combination

**calcium carbonate**
a substance found in nature as limestone and marble and in plant ashes, bones, and shells
cal·cu·late /ˈkal kyoʊˌleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
[origin: L calculare, fr. calculus pebble (used in reckoning)]
1 : to determine by mathematical processes : COMPUTE
2 : to reckon by exercise of practical judgment : ESTIMATE
3 : to design or adapt for a purpose by forethought or careful plan
4 : COUNT, RELY
— cal·cu·la·ble /ˌla ˈbəl/ adjective
— cal·cu·la·tor /ˌla ˈtər/ noun

Synonyms
1 : compute, figure, reckon, work out; also conjecture, estimate, guess, judge, suppose; add up, sum, tally, total; add, cipher, divide, multiply, subtract; calibrate, gauge, measure, scale; ascertain, discover, dope (out), figure out, find out; recompute, refigure
2 : call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE
3 : arrange, blueprint, chart, design, frame, lay out, map, plan, project, scheme—more at PLAN

cal·cu·lat·ed /ˈkal kyoʊˌleɪt/ adjective
1 : undertaken after estimating the probability of success or failure <a ~ risk>
2 : planned purposefully : DELIBERATE

Synonyms
1, 2 : advised, deliberate, measured, reasoned, studied, thoughtful—more at DELIBERATE

cal·cu·lat·ing /ˌla ˈtɪŋ/ adjective
: marked by shrewd consideration esp. of self-interest
— cal·cu·lat·ing·ly adverb

cal·cu·la·tion /ˌkal kyoʊˌlə ˈʃen/ noun
1 : the process or an act of calculating
2 : the result of an act of calculating
3 : studied care; also : cold heartless planning to promote self-interest

Synonyms
: arithmetic, computation, reckoning; also mathematics; addition, division, multiplication, subtraction; appraisal, assessment, estimation, evaluation, judgment

cal·cu·lus /ˈkal kyoʊˌleɪs/ noun, plural -li /ˌli/ also -lus·es
[origin: L, pebble (used in reckoning)]
1 : a method of computation or calculation in a special notation (as of logic)
2 : a branch of mathematics concerned with the rate of change of functions and with methods of finding lengths, areas, and volumes
3 : a concretion usu. of mineral salts esp. in hollow organs or ducts

cal·de·ra /kalˈderə, kəˈlərə/ noun
[origin: Sp, lit., cauldron]
: a large crater usu. formed by the collapse of a volcanic cone

cal·dron variant of CAULDRON

1calendar /ˈke lan dər/ noun
1 : an arrangement of time into days, weeks, months, and years; also : a sheet or folder containing such an arrangement for a period
2 : an orderly list

Synonyms
: agenda, docket, program, schedule, timetable—more at PROGRAM

calendar verb
: to enter in a calendar

calender /ˈke lan dər/ verb
: to press (as cloth or paper) between rollers or plates so as to make smooth or glossy or to thin into sheets
2calender noun
: a machine for calendering

ca·lends /ˈka.lɛndz, ˈkæ/ noun singular or plural
: the first day of the ancient Roman month

ca·len·du·la /ˈka.len.də.lə/ noun
: any of a genus of yellow-flowered herbs related to the daisies

1calf /ˈkæf, ˈkɑf/ noun, plural calves /ˈkævz, ˈkɑvz/
1 : the young of the domestic cow; also : the young of various large mammals (as the elephant or whale)
2 : CALFSKIN

2calf noun, plural calves /ˈkævz, ˈkɑvz/
: the fleshy back of the leg below the knee

calf·skin /ˈkɑf_.skin, ˈkɑf/ noun
: leather made of the skin of a calf

cal·i·ber or cal·i·bre /ˈka.lı.ber/ noun
[origin: MF calibre, fr. It calibro, fr. Ar qālib shoemaker's last]
1 ▶ : degree of mental capacity, excellence, or importance
2 : the diameter of a projectile
3 : the diameter of the bore of a gun
   Synonyms
     class, grade, quality, rate—more at QUALITY

cal·i·brate /ˈka.lı.brät/ verb -brat·ed, -brat·ing
: to adjust precisely

cal·i·bra·tion /ˈka.lı.brə/shən/ noun
: a set of graduated marks indicating values or positions — usu. used in pl.

cal·i·co /ˈka.liˌkō/ noun, plural -coes or -cos
1 : printed cotton fabric
2 : a mottled or spotted animal
   — calico adjective
   Calif abbreviation
Cal·i·for·nia

Cal·i·for·nia poppy /ˈka.liˌfər.niə/ noun
: a widely cultivated herb with usu. yellow or orange flowers that is related to the poppies

Cal·i·for·ni·um /ˈka.liˌfər.nəm/ noun
: an artificially prepared radioactive chemical element

cal·i·per /ˈka.lı.ˈpər/ noun
1 : any of various instruments having two arms, legs, or jaws used esp. to measure diameter or thickness — usu. used in pl.
2 : a device for pressing a frictional material against the sides of a rotating wheel or disk

cal·i·ph /ˈkɑləf, ˈkæ/ noun
: a successor of Muhammad as head of Islam — used as a title
   — cal·i·ph·ate /ˈle.ˌfät/ noun

cal·is·then·ics /ˌkal.iˈθɛn.iks/ noun singular or plural
[origin: Gk kalos beautiful + sthenos strength]
: bodily exercises usu. done without apparatus
   — cal·is·then·ic adjective
calk /ˈkɑk/ variant of CAULK
call /kɔl/ verb
1 a : to speak in a loud distinct voice so as to be heard at a distance esp. in order to attract the attention of, summon, or make a request of another : SHOUT, CRY
   b : to utter a characteristic note or cry
2 : to utter in a loud clear voice
3 : to announce authoritatively
4 : to invite or command (a group) to meet : SUMMON
5 : to make a request or demand <~ for an investigation>
6 : to halt (a baseball game or other public event) because of unsuitable conditions (as rain or darkness)
7 : to demand payment of (a loan); also : to demand surrender of (as a bond) for redemption
8 : to get or try to get in communication by telephone
9 : to make a brief stop or visit at a place <called on a friend>
10 a : to speak of or address by name : give a name to
   b : regard as or characterize as of a certain kind : describe as
11 : to estimate or consider for practical purposes <~ it ten miles>
12 : to temporarily transfer control of computer processing to (as a subroutine or procedure)

Synonyms
[1a] bawl, cry, holler, shout, vociferate, yell; also bellow, roar; whoop; scream, screech, shriek, shrill, squeak, squeal; caterwaul, howl, wail, yawp, yowl
[4] assemble, convene, convoke, muster, summon—more at CONVOKE
[5] ask, insist, plead, press, quest, request, seek, solicit, sue
[8] dial, telephone; also buzz
[9] drop, pop, stop, visit; also barge (in); look up, see; frequent, hang around (in), hang out (at), haunt, resort (to)
[10a] baptize, christen, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, label, name, style, term, title—more at NAME
[11] calculate, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE

call noun
1 : SHOUT
2 : the cry of an animal (as a bird)
3 : a request or a command to come or assemble : INVITATION, SUMMONS
4 a : a calling on another for something due or supposed to be due : CLAIM
   b : an instance of asking for something : REQUEST
5 : a brief usu. formal visit
6 : an act of calling on the telephone
7 : a tough ~
8 : a temporary transfer of control of computer processing to a particular set of instructions

call·er /kɑl.ər/ noun
: one that calls : a person who makes a brief visit
   Synonyms
   guest, visitor

call·girl /kɔl.gəl/ noun
: a prostitute with whom appointments are made by phone
cal·lig·ra·phy /kaˌlɪɡrəˈfɪ/ noun
: artistic or elegant handwriting; also : the art of producing such writing
— cal·lig·ra·pher /ˌfær/ noun

call–in /kəlˈɪn/ adjective
: allowing listeners to engage in broadcast telephone conversations <a ~ show>
call in verb
1 : to order to return or be returned
2 : to summon to one's aid
3 : to report by telephone
calling /ˈkælɪŋ/ noun
1 : a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action
2 : the activity in which one customarily engages as an occupation
   Synonyms
   • employment, line, occupation, profession, trade, vocation, work—more at OCCUPATION
cal·li·ope /kaˈlɪˌəp/ noun
: a keyboard musical instrument similar to an organ and made up of a series of whistles
call number noun
: a combination of characters assigned to a library book to indicate its place on a shelf
call off verb
: to give up (an undertaking or planned activity) : CANCEL
   Synonyms
   • abort, call, cancel, drop, recall, repeal, rescind, revoke—more at CANCEL
cal·los·i·ty /kaˈləsətɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being callous
2 : CALLUS 1
callous /ˈkælas/ adjective
1 : being thickened and hardened <~ skin>
2 : feeling no emotion or sympathy
   • cal·lous·ly adverb
   • cal·lous·ness noun
   Synonyms
   • hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, pitiless, ruthless, soulless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsympathetic—more at HARD
callous verb
: to make callous
cal·low /ˈkælə/ adjective
[origin: ME calu bald, fr. OE]
: lacking adult sophistication <a ~ youth>
   • cal·low·ness noun
   Synonyms
   • adolescent, green, immature, inexperienced, juvenile, raw; also babyish, childish, infantile; boyish, girlish, maidenly, virginal, youthful; ingenuous, innocent, naive (or naïve); unseasoned, untrained, untried
   Antonyms
   • adult, experienced, grown-up, mature, ripe
call–up /kəlˈʌp/ noun
: an order to report for active military service
call up verb
: to summon for active military duty
cal·lus /kaˌləs/ noun
1 : a callous area on skin or bark
2 : tissue that is converted into bone in the healing of a bone fracture
   — callus verb

call–waiting noun
: a telephone service by which during a call in progress an incoming call is signaled (as by a click)

calm /kām, kālm/ noun
1 : a period or a condition free from storms, high winds, or rough water
2 : complete or almost complete absence of wind
3 : a state of tranquillity
   Synonyms
   —[1, 3] calmness, hush, peace, placidity, quiet, quietness, repose, serenity, still, stillness, tranquillity; also lull, pause, respite; silence; comity, concord, harmony
   Antonyms
   — bustle, commotion, hubbub, hurly-burly, pandemonium, tumult, turmoil, uproar

calm verb
1 : to make or become calm
2 : to make peaceful : induce quietude and repose in instead of agitation, passion, or excitement — often used with down
   Synonyms
   —[1, 2] allay, compose, quiet, settle, soothe, still, tranquillize; also alleviate, assuage, ease, mitigate, relieve; appease, conciliate, mollify, pacify, placate; lull, relax, stupefy
   Antonyms
   — agitate, discompose, disquiet, disturb, perturb, upset
   —[2] collect, compose, contain, control, settle—more at collect
   — usually calm down [2] cool, hush, quiet, settle—more at quiet

calm adjective
1 : marked by calm : still
2 : free from agitation, excitement, or disturbance <a ~ manner>
   Synonyms
   —[1, 2] collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, still, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unruffled, unshaken, untroubled, unworried; also imperturbable, nerveless, unflappable, unshakable; disciplined, self-contained; affable, breezy, easygoing, happy-go-lucky, laid-back; carefree, nonchalant, unconcerned; assured, confident, self-assured; aloof, detached, dispassionate, indifferent; impassive, phlegmatic, stolid
   Antonyms
   — agitated, discomposed, disturbed, perturbed, upset
   —[2] halcyon, hushed, peaceful, placid, quiet, serene, still, tranquil, untroubled; also calming, pacific, restful, soothing; inactive, inert, quiescent, repose, remaining; smooth, unruffled; clear, cloudless, fair, sunny, sunshiny
   Antonyms
   — agitated, angry, stormy, turbulent

calm·ly adverb
1 : in a calm manner : with calm
   Synonyms
   — quiet, quietly, still—more at still

calm·ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being calm
   Synonyms
   — aplomb, composure, coolness, equanimity, placidity, self-possession, serenity, tranquillity—more at equanimity

cal·o·mel /kaˌloʊməl, -məl/ noun
: a chloride of mercury used esp. as a fungicide
ca·lor·ic /kәˌlәr.iˈk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to heat
2 : of, relating to, or containing calories

cal·o·rie also cal·o·ry /ˈkæ.əˌri/ noun, plural -ries
: a unit for measuring heat; especially : one for measuring the value of foods for producing heat and energy in the human body equivalent to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one kilogram of water one degree Celsius

ca·lor·im·e·ter /ˌkæ.ə.ˈri.mə.tər/ noun
: an apparatus for measuring quantities of heat
— cal·o·rim·e·try /ˌtrəˈtri/ noun

cal·u·met /ˈkæ.ə.mət.əl/ noun
: an American Indian ceremonial pipe

cal·um·ni·ate /ˌkæ.əm.nə.ˈeɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to make false and malicious statements about
— cal·um·ni·a·tion /ˌkæ.əm.nə.ˈeɪ.ʃən/ noun
— cal·um·ni·a·tor /ˌkæ.əm.nə.ˈeɪ.tər/ noun

cal·um·ny /ˌkæ.əm.nə/ noun, plural -nies
: false and malicious accusation
— cal·um·ni·ous /ˌkæ.əm.nə.əs/ adjective

cal·ve /ˈkav/ verb calved; calv·ing
: to give birth to a calf

calves plural of CALF

Cal·vin·ism /ˌkæ.ˈvlən.ɪzəm/ noun
: the theological system of John Calvin and his followers
— Cal·vin·ist /ˈnɪst/ noun or adjective
— Cal·vin·is·tic /ˌkæ.ˈvlən.ɪstɪk/ adjective

cal·y·p·so /ˈkæ.ˌli.p̩.soʊ/ noun, plural -sos
: a style of music originating in the British West Indies and having lyrics that usu. satirize local personalities and events

cal·yx /ˈkæ.likz, ˈka. ⁄noun, plural cal·yx·es or cal·y·ces /ˌkæ.ˈlez/ noun, plural cal·yces
: the usu. green or leaflike outer part of a flower consisting of sepals

cal·zo·ne /ˌkæ.ˌzoʊ.ˌnə/ noun
: a baked or fried turnover of pizza dough stuffed with cheese and various fillings

cam /ˈkæm/ noun
: a rotating or sliding piece in a mechanical linkage by which rotary motion is transformed into linear motion or vice versa

2 cam noun
: CAMERA

cam·bo·di·an /ˈkæmˌboʊ.də.ən/ noun
: friendly feeling and goodwill among comrades

Synonyms
- companionship, company, comradeship, fellowship, society—more at COMPANIONSHIP

Cam·bi·um /ˈkæmˌbi.əm/ noun, plural -bi·ums or -bi·a /ˌbә.ə/ noun
: a thin cellular layer between xylem and phloem of most higher plants from which new tissues develop
— Cam·bi·al /ˈkæmˌbi.əl/ adjective

Cam·bo·di·an /ˈkæmˌboʊ.də.ən/ noun
Cambodian

Cam-bri-an /'kam_brē.en, kām/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the earliest period of the Paleozoic era

Cambrian noun

Cam-bric /kām.brīk/ noun
: a fine thin white linen or cotton fabric

cam-corder /kām.kɔr.dər/ noun
: a small portable video camera and recorder

came past of COME

cam-el /ka.mel/ noun
: either of two large hoofed cud-chewing mammals used esp. in desert regions of Asia and Africa for carrying and riding

camel hair also camel's hair noun

1: the hair of a camel or a substitute for it
2: cloth made of camel hair or of camel hair and wool

cam-ellia /ka.mē.ə.lia/ noun
: any of a genus of shrubs and trees related to the tea plant and grown in warm regions and greenhouses for their showy roselike flowers

Cam-em-bert /'ka.məm.bərt/ noun
: a soft cheese with a grayish rind and yellow interior

Cam-eo /'ka.mē.o/ noun, plural -eos

1: a gem carved in relief; also: a small medallion with a profiled head in relief
2: a brief appearance esp. by a well-known actor in a play or movie

Cam-era /'kam.rə, 'ka.mərə/ noun
: a device with a lightproof chamber fitted with a lens through which the image of an object is projected onto a surface for recording (as on film) or for conversion into electrical signals (as for television broadcast)

— cam-era-man /ˌmənˌmən/ noun
— cam-era-wom-an noun

Cam-er-o-ni-an /'ka.mərə.nē.an/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of the Republic of Cameroon or the Cameroons region

— Cameroonian adjective

Cam-i-sole /ka.mə.so'l/ noun
: a short sleeveless garment for women

camomile variant of CHAMOMILE

camo-flage /'ka.mə flæzh, .flæ/ noun

[origin: F]

1: the disguising of military equipment with paint, nets, or foliage; also: the disguise itself
2 : concealment by means of disguise
3 : deceptive behavior

Synonyms
disguise, guise—more at DISGUISE

camo-flage verb

: to conceal or disguise by camouflage

Synonyms
cloak, disguise, dress up, mask—more at DISGUISE

1camp /'kamp/ noun
1: a place where tents or buildings are erected for usu. temporary shelter; also: a building in such a place for occasional use
2: a collection of tents or other shelters
3: a program offering recreational activities (as boating and hiking) for a limited time <summer ~>
4: a body of persons encamped
5: a training session for athletes outside of the regular season

**Synonyms**
- cabin, chalet, cottage, lodge—more at cottage
- bivouac, encampment; also barracks; colony, plantation, settlement; concentration camp, prison camp

**camp** verb
1: to make or occupy a camp
2: to live in a camp or outdoors

**camp** noun
1: exaggerated effeminate mannerisms
2: something so outrageous, inappropriate, or theatrical as to be considered amusing

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**Synonyms**
- bandwagon, cause, crusade, drive, movement; also attack, march, offensive

**campaign** verb
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2: a series of activities designed to bring about a particular result <advertising ~>

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**campanile** noun,
: a usu. freestanding bell tower

**campanology** noun
: the art of bell ringing

**camper** noun
1: one who camps
2: a portable dwelling (as a specially equipped vehicle) for use during casual travel and camping

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**Camp Fire Girl** noun
: a member of a national organization of girls from ages 5 to 18

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**camp follower** noun
1: a civilian (as a prostitute) who follows a military unit to attend or exploit its personnel
2: a follower of a group who is not an adherent; especially: a politician who joins a movement solely for personal gain

**campground** noun
: the area or place used for a camp, for camping, or for a camp meeting
cam·phor /ˈkæmˌfɔːr/ noun
: a gummy volatile aromatic compound obtained from an evergreen Asian tree (camphor tree) and used esp. in medicine

camp meeting noun
: a series of evangelistic meetings usu. held outdoors

camp·o·ree /ˈkæmp.ərɛ/ noun
: a gathering of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts from a given geographic area

camp·site /ˈsɑːt/ noun
: a place suitable for or used as the site of a camp

cam·pus /ˈkæmpəs/ noun
[origin: L, plain]
: the grounds and buildings of a college or school; also: grounds resembling a campus <hospital ~>

cam·shaft /ˈkæmˌʃaft/ noun
: a shaft to which a cam is fastened

can /kæn, kan/ verb, past could /kəd, kʊd/ pres sing & pl can
1: be able to
2: may perhaps <~ he still be alive>
3: be permitted by conscience or feeling to <you ~ hardly blame her>
4: have permission to <you ~ go now>

can /kæn/ noun
1: a usu. cylindrical container or receptacle <garbage ~> <coffee ~> 
2: JAIL
3: TOILET

can /kæn/ verb canned; can·ning
1: to put in a can : preserve by sealing in airtight cans or jars
2 slang: to discharge from employment
3 slang: to put a stop or an end to
— can·ner noun
Can or Canad abbreviation
Canada; Canadian

Can·a·da goose /ˈkænəˌdə/ noun
: a common wild goose of No. America

Ca·na·di·an /ˈkænəˈdiən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Canada
— Canadian adjective

ca·naille /kaˈnɛl/ noun
[origin: F, fr. It canaglia, fr. cane dog] 
: RABBLE, RIFFRAFF

can·al /ˈkænəl/ noun
1: a tubular passage in the body: DUCT
2 ‣: an artificial waterway (as for boats or irrigation)

Synonyms
amous
• aqueduct, channel, conduit, flume, raceway, watercourse—more at CHANNEL

can·a·lize /ˈkænəˌlaɪz/ verb lized; -liz·ing
1: to provide with a canal or make into or like a channel
2: to provide with an outlet; especially: to direct into preferred channels

— can·al·i·za·tion /ˈkænəˌlaɪzəˈʃən/ noun

can·a·pé /ˈkænəˌpɛ, -pə/ noun
ca·nard /kaˈnãrd/ noun
: a piece of bread or toast or a cracker topped with a savory food

can·ary /kaˈnær.i/ noun, plural can·ar·ies
[origin: fr. the Canary islands]
1: a usu. sweet wine similar to Madeira
2: a usu. yellow or greenish finch often kept in a cage as a pet

can·nas·ta /kaˈnas.ta/ noun
[origin: Sp, lit., basket]
: rummy played with two full decks of cards plus four jokers

canc abbreviation
canceled

can·can /kanˈkæn/ noun
: a woman's dance of French origin characterized by high kicking

cancel /kanˈsɛl/ verb -celed or -celled; -cel·ing or -cel·ling
[origin: ME cancellen, fr. AF canceller, chanceller, fr. LL cancellare, fr. L, to make like a lattice, fr. cancelli lattice]
1 : to destroy the force or validity of <~ a magazine subscription>
2 : to match in force or effect: OFFSET — often used with out
3 : to cross out: DELETE
4 : to remove (a common divisor) from a numerator and denominator; also: to remove (equivalents) on opposite sides of an equation or account
5 : to mark (a postage stamp or check) so that it cannot be reused
6 : to neutralize each other's strength or effect

Synonyms
\[1\] abort, call, call off, drop, recall, repeal, rescind, revoke; also abrogate, annul, invalidate, nullify, void, write off; recant, retract, take back, withdraw; countermand, reverse; end, halt, stop, terminate; give up, relinquish, surrender
Antonyms
continues, keep
\[2\] usually cancel out [2] annul, compensate, correct, counteract, counterbalance, make up, neutralize, offset— more at OFFSET

2 cancel noun
1 : CANCELLATION
2 : a deleted part

can·cel·er or can·cel·ler noun
: a force or influence that cancels out or offsets an opposing force

Synonyms
\[3\] balance, counteraction, counterbalance, counterweight, equipoise, offset
Antonyms
continuation

can·cel·la·tion /ˌkanˌsɛləˈʃən/ noun
: the act or an instance of canceling: the calling off of an arrangement

Synonyms
\[4\] abortion, calling, recall, repeal, rescission, revocation; also annulment, invalidation, neutralization, nullification; abolition, ending, halting, stopping, termination; giving up, relinquishment, surrender
Antonyms
continuation

can·cer /ˈkæn.sər/ noun
[origin: L, lit., crab]
1 cap : a zodiacal constellation between Gemini and Leo usu. pictured as a crab
2 cap : the 4th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also: one born under this sign
3: a malignant tumor that tends to spread in the body; also: an abnormal state marked by such tumors
4: a malignant evil that spreads destructively
— can·cer·ous /səˈrēəs/ adjective
— can·cer·ous·ly adverb
can·de·la·bra /ˌkan.dəˈla.bra/ noun
: an ornamental branched candlestick or lamp with several lights
— can·de·la·brum /ˌbrəm/ noun, plural -bra also -brums
: CANDELABRA
can·did /ˈkan.did/ adjective
1: marked by honest sincere expression: FRANK, STRAIGHTFORWARD
2: relating to photography of subjects acting naturally or spontaneously without being posed
— can·di·ly adverb
— can·di·ness noun
Synonyms
direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, open, outspoken, plain, straight, straightforward, unguarded, unreserved—more at FRANK
can·di·da·cy /ˌkan.dəˈdā.sē/ noun, plural -cies
: the state of being a candidate
— can·di·da·tive /ˌkan.dəˈdā.tiv/ noun, chiefly British
: CANDIDACY
can·died /ˈkan.did/ adjective
: preserved in or encrusted with sugar
1 candle /ˈkan.dəl/ noun
: a usu. slender mass of tallow or wax molded around a wick that is burned to give light
2 candle verb can·dled; can·dling
: to examine (as eggs) by holding between the eye and a light
— can·dler noun
— can·dle·light /ˈkan.dəl.ˈlaŋ/ noun
1: the light of a candle; also: any soft artificial light
2: the time when candles are lit: TWILIGHT
— can·dle·lit adjectivc
: illuminated by candlelight <a ~ dinner>
— Can·dle·mas /ˈkan.dəl.məs/ noun
: February 2 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the temple
— can·dle·stick /ˈˌsliŋk/ noun
: a holder with a socket for a candle
— can·dle·wick /ˌˌ.wək/ noun
: a soft cotton yarn; also: embroidery made with this yarn usu. in tufts
— can·dor /ˈkan.ˈdər/ noun
: unreserved, honest, or sincere expression: FRANKNESS
Synonyms
directness, forthrightness, frankness, openness, plainness; also earnestness, sincerity, sobriety; artlessness, genuineness, naïveté, simplicity; bluntness; freedom, license, unrestraint

Antonyms
dissembling, pretense

C and W abbreviation
country and western

candy /ˈkan.dē/ noun, plural candies
[origin: ME sugre candy, fr. MF sucre candi, fr. OF sucre sugar + Ar qandī candied, fr. qand crystallized sugar]
1: a confection made from sugar often with flavoring and filling
2: something that appeals in a light or frivolous way

candy verb can·died; can·dy·ing
: to encrust in sugar often by cooking in a syrup

Candy Strip·er /ˈstrāpər/ noun
: a teenage volunteer worker at a hospital

cane /kān/ noun
1: a slender hollow or pithy stem (as of a reed or bramble)
2: a tall woody grass or reed (as sugarcane)
3 a: a walking stick
b: a rod for flogging

cane verb caned; can·ing
1: to beat with a cane
2: to weave or make with cane
— can·er noun

cane-brake /kān_.brāk/ noun
: a thicket of cane

canine /kā.nīn/ noun
1: a pointed tooth between the outer incisor and the first premolar
2: a canine mammal (as a domestic dog)

Synonyms
dog, hound—more at dog

canine adjective
[origin: L caninus, fr. canis dog]
: of or relating to dogs or to the family to which they belong

can·is·ter /ˈka.nəs.tər/ noun
: an often cylindrical container

can·ker /ˈkæn.kər/ noun
: a spreading sore that eats into tissue
— can·ker·ous /ˈkæŋ.kər.əs/ adjective

can·ker·worm /ˌkæŋ.kərˌwərm/ noun
: either of two moths and esp. their larvae that are pests of fruit and shade trees

can·na /ˈka.nə/ noun
: any of a genus of tropical herbs with large leaves and racemes of bright-colored flowers

can·na·bis /ˈka.nə.bəs/ noun
: any of the psychoactive preparations (as marijuana) or chemicals (as THC) derived from hemp; also: hemp
canned /ˈkænd/ adjective
: prepared in standardized form for general use or wide distribution

can·ner·y /ˈka.nər.i/ noun, plural -ner·ies
: a factory for the canning of foods
can·ni·bal /ˈka.nə-bal/ noun
[origin: NL canibalis a member of a Caribbean Indian people, fr. Sp canibal]
: one that eats the flesh of its own kind
  — can·ni·bal·ism /ˌka.nə.bləm/ noun
  — can·ni·bal·is·tic /ˌka.nə.bləs.tik/ adjective
  — can·ni·bal·ise British variant of cannibalize

  can·ni·bal·ize /ˈka.nə-bal.ɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
  1 : to take usable parts from (as an inoperative machine) to construct or repair another machine
  2 : to practice cannibalism
  — can·ni·ness /ˈka.nə.nes/ noun
  † : skill in devising or using indirect or subtle methods
   Synonyms
   † artfulness, artifice, caginess, craft, craftiness, cunning, guile, slyness, williness—more at cunning

can·non /ˈka.nən/ noun, plural cannons or cannon
: a large heavy gun; especially : one mounted on a carriage
  — can·non·ade /ˈka.nə.nəd/ noun
  1 : a heavy fire of artillery
  2 : an attack (as with words) likened to artillery fire: BOMBARDMENT
  — cannonade verb
   Synonyms
   † barrage, bombardment, fusillade, hail, salvo, shower, storm, volley—more at barrage

can·non·ball /ˈka.nən.bəl/ noun
: a usu. round solid missile for a cannon

can·non·eer /ˈka.nən.ɪr/ noun
: an artillery gunner

can·not /ˈka.nət, ke.ˈnət/ : can not
  — cannot but : to be unable to do otherwise than <we cannot but wonder why>

can·nu·la /ˈka.nə.lə/ noun, plural -las or -lae /ˈla.ə/ : a small tube for insertion into a body cavity or into a duct or vessel

can·ny /ˈka.nə/ adjective can·ni·er; -est
† : marked by clever discerning awareness: shrewd "a canny lawyer"
  — can·ni·ly /ˈka.nə.lɪ/ adverb
   Synonyms
   † astute, hardheaded, knowing, sharp, shrewd, smart—more at shrewd

can·oe /ˈka.ə/ noun
: a light narrow boat with sharp ends and curved sides that is usu. propelled by paddles
  — canoe verb
  — can·oe·ist noun

can·no·la /ˈka.no.lə/ noun
: a rape plant producing seeds that are low in a toxic acid and yield an edible oil (canola oil) high in monounsaturated fatty acids; also: this oil

  1 canon /ˈka.nən/ noun
  1 : a regulation decreed by a church council; also: a provision of canon law
  2 : an official or authoritative list (as of works of literature)
  3 : an accepted principle <the ~s of good taste>
2 **canon** noun
   : a member of the clergy on the staff of a cathedral

   **canon**-ic /kəˈnänˌik/ adjective
   1 : of, relating to, or forming a canon
   2 : conforming to a general rule or acceptable procedure: **ORTHODOX**
   3 : of or relating to a canon of a cathedral

   — **canon**-ic-al /ˌkənˈən.iˈkəl/ adverb

   **canon**-ize /kəˈnänˌiz/ verb **canon**-ized /ˌnänˈizt/; **canon**-izing
   1 : to declare (a deceased person) an officially recognized saint
   2 ▶ : to treat as illustrious, preeminent, or sacred

   — **canon**-iza-tion /ˌkənˌən.iˈza.ʃən/ noun

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ adore, deify, dote, idolize, worship—more at **IDOLIZE**

**canon law** noun
   : the law governing a church

**can-opy** /ˈkænəpɪ/ noun, plural -pies
   1 ▶ : an overhanging cover, shelter, or shade
   2 : the uppermost spreading layer of a forest
   3 : a transparent cover for an airplane cockpit
   4 : the fabric part of a parachute

   — **canopy** verb

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ ceiling, roof, tent; also screen, shade, shelter, shield, sunshade; canvas, fly

1 **cant** /kənt/ verb
   ▶ : to give a slant to

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ angle, cock, heel, incline, lean, list, slant, slope, tilt, tip—more at **LEAN**

2 **cant** noun
   1 : an oblique or slanting surface
   2 ▶ : upward or downward slant or inclination or degree of slope: **TILT**, **SLANT**

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ diagonal, grade, inclination, incline, lean, pitch, slant, slope, tilt, upgrade—more at **SLANT**

3 **cant** verb
   1 : to beg in a whining manner
   2 : to talk hypocritically

4 **cant** noun
   1 ▶ : the special idiom of a profession or trade: **JARGON**
   2 ▶ : insincere speech; especially: insincerely pious words or statements

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ 1 argot, jargon, language, lingo, slang, terminology, vocabulary—more at **TERMINOLOGY**
   ▶ 2 dissimulation, hypocrisy, insincerity, piety—more at **HYPOCRISY**

**Cant** abbreviation
Canticle of Canticles

**can-ta-bil-ly** /ˌkæntəˈbil.lə/ adverb or adjective
   [origin: It]
   : in a singing manner — used as a direction in music

**can-ta-loupe** also **can-ta-loup** /ˈkæntəˌləp/ noun
   : **MUSKMELON**; especially: one with orange flesh and rough skin
can·tan·ker·ous /kanˌtænˈkerəs/ adjective
  : marked by ill humor, irritability, and determination to disagree:  **ILL-NATURED**
  — can·tan·ker·ous·ly adverb
  — can·tan·ker·ous·ness noun
    Synonyms
    ➔ bearish, bilious, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-natured, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic, surly

can·ta·ta /kanˌtæˈta/ noun
[Origin: It]
  : a choral composition usu. sung to instrumental accompaniment

canted adjective
  ➔ placed at an incline or given a degree of cant:  **SLANTED**
    Synonyms
    ➔ diagonal, inclined, leaning, listing, oblique, slanted, slantwise—more at  **DIAGONAL**

can·teen /kanˈtɛn/ noun
[Origin: F cantine bottle case, canteen (store), fr. It cantina wine cellar]
  1 : a flask for carrying liquids
  2 : a place of recreation and entertainment for military personnel
  3 : a small cafeteria or counter at which snacks are served

can·ter /kanˈtɛr/ noun
  : a horse's 3-beat gait resembling but smoother and slower than a gallop
  — canter verb

Can·ter·bury bell /ˈkæntərˌbɜr.i/ noun
  : any of several plants related to the bluebell that are cultivated for their showy flowers

can·ti·cle /kanˈtiːkəl/ noun
  1 : SONG
  2 ➔ : any of several liturgical songs taken from the Bible
    Synonyms
    ➔ anthem, carol, chorale, hymn, psalm, spiritual—more at  **HYMN**

Canticle of Canticles noun
  : SONG OF SONGS

1 can·tilever /ˈkæntəlˈevər/ noun
  : a projecting beam or structure supported only at one end; also: either of a pair of such structures projecting toward each other so that when joined they form a bridge

2 can·tilever verb
  1 : to support by a cantilever <a ~ed shelf>
  2 : to build as a cantilever
  3 : to project as a cantilever

can·tle /ˈkæntəl/ noun
  : the upwardly projecting rear part of a saddle

can·to /kanˈtō/ noun, plural cantos
[Origin: It, fr. L cantus song]
  : one of the major divisions of a long poem

can·ton /ˈkæntənˌn, ˈkænˌtæn/ noun
  : a small territorial division of a country; especially: one of the political divisions of Switzerland
  — can·ton·al /ˈkæntənəlˌn, ˈkænˌtænəl/ adjective

can·ton·ment /kanˈtɔnˌmentˌn, ˈkænˌtænˌment/ noun
  : usu. temporary quarters for troops

can·tor /kanˈtər/ noun
  1 : a choir leader
2: a synagogue official who sings liturgical music and leads the congregation in prayer

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can·vas /kənˌvəs/ noun
1: a strong cloth formerly much used for making tents and sails
2: a set of sails
3: a group of tents
4: a piece of cloth prepared as a surface for painting; also: a painting on this surface
5: the canvas-covered floor of a boxing or wrestling ring

can·vas·back /kənˌvəsˈbæk/ noun
: a No. American wild duck with red head and gray back

1 canvass also can·vass /kənˈvæs/ verb can·vassed; can·vass·ing
: to go through (a district) or to (persons) to solicit votes or orders for goods or to determine public opinion or sentiment
— can·vass·er noun

Synonyms
- poll, solicit, survey; also interrogate, interview, question; feel (out), sound (out)

2 canvass noun
: an act or instance of canvassing

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can·yon /ˈkan.yən/ noun
1: a deep narrow valley with high steep sides

Synonyms
- defile, flume, gap, gorge, gulch, gulf, notch, pass, ravine; also abyss, chasm, cirque, cleft, crevasse, crevice, fissure; dale, glen, hollow, vale, valley; basin, floodplain, plain; arroyo, coulee, gully, gutter

1 cap /kæp/ noun
1: a covering for the head esp. with a visor and no brim
2: something that serves as a cover or protection esp. for a tip, knob, or end <a bottle ~> 
3: a container holding an explosive charge
4: an upper limit (as on expenditures)

Synonyms
- [1] hat, headgear—more at HAT
- [2] cover, lid, top—more at COVER

2 cap verb capped; cap·ping
1: to provide or protect with a cap
2: to form a cap over : CROWN
3: OUTDO, SURPASS
4: CLIMAX

3 cap abbreviation
1 capacity
2 capital
3 capitalize; capitalized

CAP abbreviation
Civil Air Patrol

ca·pa·bil·i·ty /kəˈpæbəˌlətē/ noun
1: the quality or state of being capable physically, intellectually, morally, or legally
2: natural talent or acquired proficiency esp. in a particular work or activity

Synonyms
- [1] ability, capacity, competence, faculty—more at ABILITY
- [2] credentials, qualification, stuff—more at QUALIFICATION

ca·pa·ble /kəˈpæbəl/ adjective
: having ability, capacity, or power to do something : ABLE, COMPETENT

Synonyms
able, competent, fit, good, qualified, suitable—more at COMPETENT

cap·a·ble /caˈpəbli/ adverb
• : in a capable manner
  Synonyms
• ably, adeptly, expertly, masterfully, proficiently, skillfully, well—more at WELL

cap·a·ci·ous /kaˈpəˌshəs/ adjective
• : able to contain much
  — cap·a·ci·ous·ly /kaˈpəˌshəsˈli/ adverb
  — cap·a·ci·ous·ness /kaˈpəˌshəsˈnis/ noun
  Synonyms
• ample, commodious, roomy, spacious—more at SPACIOUS

cap·a·ci·ty /kaˈpəˌsəti/ noun
• : the property of an electric nonconductor that permits the storage of energy

cap·a·ci·tor /kaˈpəˌsaˌtər/ noun
• : an electronic circuit device for temporary storage of electrical energy

1 capacity /kaˈpəˌsaˌtɪ/ noun, plural -ties
  1 : legal qualification or fitness
  2 : the ability to contain, receive, or accommodate
  3 : the maximum amount or number that can be contained
  4 : an individual's mental or physical ability and skill in doing something : ABILITY
  5 : position or character assigned or assumed <will be happy to serve in any ~>
  Synonyms
• [4] ability, capability, competence, faculty—more at ABILITY
• [5] appointment, billet, function, job, place, position, post, situation—more at JOB
• [5] function, job, part, place, position, purpose, role, task, work—more at ROLE

2 capacity adjective
• : equaling maximum capacity <a ~ crowd>

cap·a·pie /kapəˈpi/ or cap·à·pie /kapəˈpi/ adverb
[ORIGIN: MF]
• : from head to foot : at all points

1 caparison /kapəˈsrən/ noun
  1 : an ornamental covering for a horse
  2 : rich clothing
  Synonyms
• array, best, bravery, feather, finery, frippery, full dress, gaiety, regalia—more at FINERY

2 caparison verb
• : to dress richly

1 cape /käp/ noun
  1 : a point of land jutting out into water
  2 often cap : CAPE COD COTTAGE
  Synonyms
• arm, headland, peninsula, point, promontory, spit; also breakwater, jetty

2 cape noun
• : a sleeveless garment hanging from the neck over the shoulders

Cape Cod cottage /käpˈkäd/ noun
• : a compact rectangular dwelling of one or one-and-a-half stories usu. with a steep gable roof

1 caper /käpˈpar/ noun
• : the flower bud or young berry of a Mediterranean shrub pickled for use as a relish; also : this shrub
\textbf{caper verb} ca·per·ed; ca·per·ing
\begin{itemize}
\item to leap about in a playful manner
\end{itemize}
\textbf{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp, sport—more at \textit{FROLIC}
\end{itemize}
\textbf{caper noun}
1 : a frolicsome leap
2 : a capricious escapade
3 : an illegal or questionable act
\textbf{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item antic, escapade, frolic, monkeyshine, practical joke, prank, trick—more at \textit{PRANK}
\end{itemize}
\textbf{cape·skin} /'kæp_ˌskɪn/ noun
: a light flexible leather made from sheepskins
\textbf{Cape Ver·de·an} /'ver.dē.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of the Republic of Cape Verde
\textbf{cap·ful} /'kæp_ˌfʊl/ noun, plural cap·fuls also cap·sul /'kap_səl/ noun
: as much as a cap will hold
\textbf{cap·il·lar·i·ty} /'ka_pəl_ˌlar.i.tē/ noun, plural -ties
: the action by which the surface of a liquid where it is in contact with a solid (as in a slender tube) is raised or lowered depending on the relative attraction of the molecules of the liquid for each other and for those of the solid
\textbf{capillary} /'ka_pə_lar.i.əl/ adjective
1 : resembling a hair
2 : having a very small bore \(<\text{tube}>\)
3 : of or relating to capillaries or to capillarity
\textbf{capillary} noun, plural -lar·ies
: any of the tiny thin-walled blood vessels that carry blood between the smallest arteries and their corresponding veins
\textbf{capital} /'ka_pəl.ləl/ noun
1 : the top part or piece of an architectural column
2 \textbf{capital adjective}
1 : conforming to the series A, B, C rather than a, b, c \(<\text{letters}>\), \(<\text{G}>\)
2 : punishable by death \(<\text{crime}>\)
3 : most serious \(<\text{error}>\)
4 : first in importance or position : \textit{CHIEF}; \textit{also} : being the seat of government \(<\text{city}>\)
5 : of or relating to capital \(<\text{expenditures}>\); especially : relating to or being assets that add to the long-term net worth of a corporation
6 : of the first order of size, importance, or quality : \textit{FIRST-RATE}, EXCELLENT
\textbf{capital noun}
1 \(\textbf{capital adjective}
1 : accumulated wealth esp. as used to produce more wealth
2 : the total face value of shares of stock issued by a company
3 : persons holding capital
4 : ADVANTAGE, GAIN
5 : a letter larger than the ordinary small letter and often different in form
6 a : the capital city of a state, province, or country
b : a city preeminent in some activity \(<\text{the fashion}>\)
\textbf{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item assets, fortune, means, opulence, riches, substance, wealth, wherewithal—more at \textit{WEALTH}
\end{itemize}
\textbf{capital gain} noun
: the increase in value of an asset (as stock or real estate) between the time it is bought and the time it is sold
\textbf{capital goods} noun plural
: machinery, tools, factories, and commodities used in the production of goods

cap-i-tal-ise  British variant of CAPITALIZE

cap-i-tal-ism /ka.ˈpæ.təˌlɪzəm/ noun
: an economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods and by prices, production, and distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market

capitalist /ˈkæp.təˌlɪst/ noun
1 : a person who has capital esp. invested in business
2 : a person of great wealth : PLUTOCRAT
3 : a believer in capitalism

capitalist or cap-i-tal-istic /ka.ˈpæ.təˌlɪstɪk/ adjective
1 : owning capital
2 : practicing or advocating capitalism
3 : marked by capitalism
    — cap-i-tal-ist-i-cal-ly /ˈkæp.təˌlɪstəˌlɪ/ adverb

cap-i-tal-iza-tion /ka.ˈpæ.təˌlɪzaˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of capitalizing
2 : the total amount of money used as capital in a business

cap-i-tal-ize /ka.ˈpæ.təˌlɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to write or print with an initial capital or in capitals
2 : to convert into or use as capital
3 ▷ : to supply capital for
4 ▷ : to gain by turning something to advantage << on an opponent's mistake>
    Synonyms
    ▷ [3] endow, finance, fund, stake, subsidize, underwrite—more at FINANCE
    ▷ usually capitalize on [4] abuse, cash in, exploit, impose, play, use—more at EXPLOIT

cap-i-tal-ly /ˈkæp.təˌlɪ/ adverb
    : ADMIRABLY, EXCELLENTLY

cap-i-ta-tion /ka.ˈpæ.təˌtʃən/ noun
: a direct uniform tax levied on each person

cap-i-tol /ˈkæp.təˌləl/ noun
: the building in which a legislature holds its sessions

cap-i-tu·late /ˈkæp.i.ˈchuˌlət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 ▷ : to surrender esp. on conditions agreed upon
2 ▷ : to cease resisting
    Synonyms
    ▷ [1, 2] bow, budge, concede, give in, give up, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at YIELD

cap-i-tu·la·tion /ˈkæp.i.ˈchuˌləʃən/ noun
1 ▷ : the act of surrendering or yielding
2 : the terms of surrender
    Synonyms
    ▷ relinquishment, submission, surrender—more at SURRENDER

cap·pon /ˈkæp.ˈpɑnˌˈpæn/ noun
: a castrated male chicken

cap·puc-ci·no /ˌka.ˈpæp.ˈtʃɛˌnoˌkɑ/ noun
[origin: It., lit., Capuchin; fr. the likeness of its color to that of a Capuchin's habit]
: espresso mixed with foamy hot milk or cream and often flavored with cinnamon

cap·riccio /ˌka.ˈprɛˌtʃɛˌtsioʊˌkɔ/ noun, plural -cios
[ORIGIN: It, lit., whim, prank] : an instrumental piece in free form usu. lively in tempo and brilliant in style

caprice /kapˈrēs/ noun [ORIGIN: F, fr. It capriccio]
1 : a sudden whim or fancy
2 : an inclination to do things impulsively
3 : CAPRICcio
   Synonyms
   ▼ fancy, freak, notion, vagary—more at WHIM

ca·pri·cious /ˈkærpəˌʃəs/ adjective
1 ▼ : marked or guided by a sudden whim or fancy
2 ▼ : not guided by steady judgment or purpose
   — ca·pri·cious·ly adverb
   — ca·pri·cious·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▼ [1] impulsive, whimsical—more at WHIMSICAL
   ▼ [2] changeable, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, temperamental, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at PICKLE

Cap·ri·corn /ˈkæprɪˈkɔrn/ noun
1 : a zodiacal constellation between Sagittarius and Aquarius usu. pictured as a goat
2 : the 10th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also : one born under this sign

cap·ri·ole /ˈkæpəˌrōl/ noun
: 3CAPER 1; also : an upward leap of a horse with a backward kick at the height of the leap
   — capriole verb

caps abbreviation
1 capitals
2 capsule

cap·sa·i·cin /ˈkæpsəˌsēn/ noun : a colorless compound found in various capsicums that gives hot peppers their hotness

cap·si·cum /ˈkæpsəˌkəm/ noun
: PEPPER 2

cap·size /ˈkæpˌsiz, ˈkæpˌsiz/ verb cap-sized; cap-sizing : to turn over : UPSET, OVERTURN

cap·stan /ˈkæpˌstæn, ˈstæn/ noun
1 : a machine for moving or raising heavy weights that consists of a vertical drum which can be rotated and around which cable is turned
2 : a rotating shaft that drives recorder tape

cap·su·lar /ˈkæpsəˌlər/ adjective : of, relating to, or resembling a capsule

cap·su·lat·ed /ˌlæˌtæd/ adjective : enclosed in a capsule

′capsule /ˈkæpsəˌsəl/ noun
1 a : a membrane or sac enclosing a body part (as of a joint)
b : a surrounding saclike structure that protects something held inside
2 a case bearing spores or seeds
3 ▼ : a gelatin shell for packaging something (as a drug or vitamins)
4 : a small pressurized compartment or vehicle (as for space flight)
   Synonyms
   ▼ [1b] armor, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at CASE
[3] pill, tablet

capsule adjective
1: very brief
2: very compact

Capt abbreviation
captain

captain /kaˈpentən/ noun
1: a commander of a body of troops
2: a commissioned officer in the army, air force, or marine corps ranking next below a major
3: an officer in charge of a ship
4: a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a rear admiral or a commodore
5: one who leads or supervises (as a sports team or work crew)
6: a dominant figure
— capt·tain·cy noun
  Synonyms
  •[1] commander—more at commander
  •[5] boss, chief, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, kingpin, leader, master, taskmaster—more at boss

captain verb
•: to be or fill the role of captain ~ed the football team
  Synonyms
  • boss, head, oversee, superintend, supervise—more at boss
  • boss, command, control, govern, preside, rule—more at govern
  • boss, command, dominate, head, lead, spearhead—more at lead

caption /kaˈpʃən/ noun
1: a heading esp. of an article or document : title
2: the explanatory matter accompanying an illustration
3: a motion-picture subtitle
— caption verb

captious /ˈkæptʃəs/ adjective
•: marked by an inclination to find fault
  — captious·ly adverb
  — captious·ness noun
  Synonyms
  • carping, critical, hypercritical, overcritical—more at critical

captivate /ˈkæptɪvət/ verb -ved; -ving
•: to attract and hold irresistibly by some special charm or art
  — capt·tiv·or /kaˈpɪtɪvər/ noun
  Synonyms
  • allure, beguile, bewitch, charm, enchant, fascinate, wile—more at charm

captivating adjective
•: having the ability to captivate : charming
  Synonyms
  • alluring, attractive, charming, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, magnetic, seductive—more at fascinating

captivation /kaˈpɪtɪveɪʃən/ noun
•: the action or power of influencing and dominating by some special charm or irresistible appeal
  Synonyms
  • allure, appeal, attractiveness, charisma, charm, enchantment, fascination, glamour, magic, magnetism—more at charm

captive /ˈkæptɪv/ adjective
captive noun
   : one captured and held prisoner
      Synonyms
      capture, internee, prisoner; also convict, jailbird; parolee
      Antonyms
      captor

cap·ti·v·i·ty /ka p-te və lə/ noun
   : state or condition of being held captive esp. in war
      Synonyms
      confinement, imprisonment, incarceration, internment—more at internment

cap·tor /ka p-tər/ noun
   : one that captures

1 capture /kap char/ noun
   1 : the act of capturing
   2 : one that has been captured

2 capture verb cap·tured; cap·tur·ing
   1 a : to take, seize, or catch esp. as captive or prize by effort or skill
   b : to take control of esp. by force <~ the city>
   c : to gain or win esp. through effort
   2 : to preserve in a relatively permanent form
      Synonyms
      [1a] bag, catch, collar, corral, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, nab, seize, snare, trap—more at catch
      [1c] acquire, attain, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—
      more at earn

Ca·pu·chin /ka pyə shən/ noun
   : a member of an austere branch of the order of St. Francis of Assisi engaged in missionary work and preaching

car /kər/ noun
   1 : a vehicle moving on wheels
   2 : the compartment of an elevator
   3 : the part of a balloon or airship that carries passengers or equipment
      Synonyms
      automobile, machine, motor vehicle; also bus, coach, minibus; beach buggy, brougham, compact,
      convertible, coupe, dune buggy, fastback, hardtop, hatchback, hot rod, jeep, limousine, roadster, sedan, sports
      car, station wagon, stock car, subcompact, van; flivver, jalopy

car·a·cole /karə kō lə/ noun
   : a half turn to right or left executed by a mounted horse

— caraco·le verb

car·a·cul /karə kul/ noun
   : the pelt of a karakul lamb after the curl begins to loosen

car·ra·fe /karə raf/ noun
   1 : a bottle with a flaring lip used esp. to hold wine
   2 : a usu. glass pitcher for pouring coffee

car·am·bo·la /karə bō lə/ noun
   1 : a five-angled green to yellow edible tropical fruit of star-shaped cross section
   2 : a tropical Asian tree widely cultivated for carambolas

car·a·mel /karə mə lə /kərə mel/ noun
1 : an amorphous substance obtained by heating sugar and used for flavoring and coloring
2 : a firm chewy candy

car·a·pace /kər·ə·pās/ noun
: a protective case or shell on the back of some animals (as turtles or crabs)
  1 carat variant of KARAT
  2 carat /kər·ət/ noun
: a unit of weight for precious stones equal to 200 milligrams

car·a·van /kər·ə·van/ noun
  1 : a group of travelers journeying together through desert or hostile regions
  2 : a group of vehicles traveling in a file
  3 : a covered wagon or motortruck equipped as traveling living quarters
    Synonyms
    ▪ ▪ ▪ [2] armada, cavalcade, fleet, line, motorcade, train—more at FLEET
    ▪ ▪ ▪ [3] camper, motor home, trailer—more at CAMPER

  car·a·van·sary /kər·ə·va·nəs·rē/ or car·a·van·se·rai /sə·rē/ noun, plural -saries or -rais or -rai
  [origin: Pers kārvānsarā, fr. kārvān caravan + sarāi palace, inn]
  1 : an inn in eastern countries where caravans rest at night
  2 : an establishment that provides lodging and usu. meals for the public : HOTEL, INN

car·a·vel /kər·ə·vel/ noun
: a small 15th and 16th century ship with a broad bow, high narrow poop, and usu. three masts

car·a·way /kər·ə·wā/ noun
: an aromatic herb related to the carrot with fruits (caraway seed) used in seasoning and medicine; also : its fruit

car·bide /kär·bid/ noun
: a compound of carbon with another element

car·bine /kär·bīn/ noun
: a short-barreled lightweight rifle

car·bo·hy·drate /kär·bō·hī·drāt/ noun
: any of various compounds composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen (as sugars and starches)

car·bol·ic acid /kär·bō·lik/ noun
: PHENOL

car·bon /kär·bən/ noun
  1 : a nonmetallic chemical element occurring in nature esp. as diamond and graphite and as a constituent of coal, petroleum, and limestone
  2 : a sheet of carbon paper; also : CARBON COPY 1
    — car·bon·less /ˌlās/ adjective
  car·bo·na·ceous /kär·bo·nā·shəs/ adjective
: relating to, containing, or composed of carbon
  1 carbonate /kär·bo·nāt/ noun
: a salt or ester of carbonic acid
  2 carbonate /ˌnāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to combine or infuse with carbon dioxide <carbonated beverages>
    — car·bon·a·tion /ˌkär·bo·nā·shən/ noun

carbon black noun
: any of various black substances consisting chiefly of carbon and used esp. as pigments

carbon copy noun
  1 : a copy made by carbon paper
2 †: one that strongly resembles or closely corresponds to another:  
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*Synonyms*
- counterpart, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, replica, ringer, spit—  
  more at **I M A G E**

**carbon dating** noun
: the determination of the age of old material (as an archaeological specimen) by its content of carbon 14

**carbon dioxide** noun
: a heavy colorless gas that does not support combustion and is formed in animal respiration and in the combustion  
  and decomposition of organic substances

**carbon 14** noun
: a heavy radioactive form of carbon used esp. in dating archaeological materials

**carbonic acid** /ˈkɑrˈbaɪˈnɪk/ noun
: a weak acid that decomposes readily into water and carbon dioxide

**carboniferous** adjective
1: producing or containing carbon or coal
2 cap: of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Devonian and the Permian  
  — Carboniferous noun

**carbon monoxide** noun
: a colorless odorless very poisonous gas formed by the incomplete burning of carbon

**carbon paper** noun
: a thin paper coated with a pigment and used for making copies

**carbon tetra-chloride** /ˌkɑrˈteɪrəˌklɔrɪd/ noun
: a colorless nonflammable toxic liquid used esp. as a solvent

**carbon 12** noun
: the most abundant isotope of carbon having a nucleus of 6 protons and 6 neutrons and used as a standard for  
  measurements of atomic weight

**car·boy** /ˈkɑrˌboʊ/ noun
[origin: Pers qarāba, fr. Ar qarrāba demijohn]
: a large container for liquids

**car· bun· cle** /ˈkɑrˌbənˌklɛ/ noun
: a painful inflammation of the skin and underlying tissue that discharges pus from several openings

**car· bu·re· tor** /ˈkɑrˌbərəˈtər, ˈbɪər-/ noun
: an apparatus for premixing vaporized fuel and air and supplying the mixture to an internal combustion engine

**car·cass** /ˈkɑrˌkæs/ noun
: a dead body; especially: one of an animal dressed for food

**car· cin·o·gen** /ˈkɑrˌsɪnəˈdʒen/ noun
: an agent causing or inciting cancer
  — **car· cin· o· gen· ic** /ˈkɑrˌsɪnəˈdʒenɪk/ adjective
  — **car· cin· o· gen· ic· i· ty** /ˈkɑrˌsɪnəˈdʒenɪti/ noun

**car· ci· no· ma** /ˈkɑrˌsɪnəˈma/ noun, plural -mas also -ma·ta /ˈma/  
: a malignant tumor of epithelial origin
  — **car· ci· no· ma· tuses** /ˈməs/ adjective

1**card** /kɑrd/ verb
: to comb with a card: cleanse and untangle before spinning
  — **card· er** noun

2**card** noun
: an instrument for combing fibers (as wool or cotton)
card noun
1 : PLAYING CARD
2 plural : a game played with playing cards; also : card playing
3 : an emotional issue used to one's advantage (as in a political campaign)
4 : a usu. clownishly amusing person : WAG
5 : a flat stiff usu. small piece of paper, cardboard, or plastic often bearing pictures or information
6 : PROGRAM; especially : a sports program
   Synonyms
   comedian, comic, humorist, jester, joker, wag, wit—more at HUMORIST

card verb
1 : to list or schedule on a card
2 : SCORE
3 : to ask for identification (as at a bar)

card abbreviation
cardinal

car·da·mom /kärˌdaˌməm/ noun
: the aromatic capsular fruit of an East Indian herb related to the ginger whose seeds are used as a spice or condiment and in medicine; also : this plant

card·board /kərdˌbôrd/ noun
: a material thicker than paper and made from cellulose fiber

card·car·ry·ing /kərdˌkarˌiŋ/ adjective
: being a regularly enrolled member of an organization (as a political party)

card catalog noun
: a catalog (as of books) in which the entries are arranged systematically on cards

car·di·ac /kərdˈiāk/ adjective
[Origin: L cardia, fr. Gk kardia heart] 1 : of, relating to, or located near the heart 2 : of, relating to, or affected with heart disease

car·di·gan /kərdˈdigan/ noun
: a sweater or jacket usu. without a collar and with a full-length opening in the front

cardinal /kərdˈnal, ˈkär-dəˌnal/ noun
1 : an ecclesiastical official of the Roman Catholic Church ranking next below the pope 2 : a crested No. American finch that is nearly completely red in the male

cardinal adjective
   — car·di·nal·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   arch, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at FOREMOST

card·i·nal·ate /kərdˌi-nəˌlat, ˈkär-dəˌnalət/ noun
: the office, rank, or dignity of a cardinal

cardinal flower noun
: a No. American plant that bears a spike of brilliant red flowers

cardinal number noun
: a number (as 1, 5, 82, 357) that is used in simple counting and answers the question “how many?”
cardinal point noun
: one of the four principal compass points north, south, east, and west
  
  car·dio /kärˌdēˌo/ adjective
  : CARDIOVASCULAR 2
  
  car·di·ol·o·gy /kärˌdēˌələˈjē/ noun
  : the study of the heart and its action and diseases
    — car·di·ol·o·gist /ˈjist/ noun
  
  car·dio·pul·mo·nary resuscitation /ˌkärˌdēˌpulˌməˈnerē/ noun
  : a procedure to restore normal breathing after cardiac arrest that includes the clearance of air passages to the lungs, mouth-to-mouth method of artificial respiration, and heart massage by the exertion of pressure on the chest
  
  car·dio·vas·cu·lar /ˌvāsˌkuˈlər/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to the heart and blood vessels
  2 : causing a temporary increase in heart rate &lt;a ~ workout&gt;
  
  card·sharp·er /kärdˌshärˈpar/ or card·sharp /ˌshärp/ noun
  : a cheater at cards
  
  care /kār/ noun
  1 : a disquieted state of uncertainty and responsibility : ANXIETY
  2 : painstaking or watchful attention
  3 : responsibility for the care of another &lt;under a doctor's ~> 
  4 : a person or thing that is an object of attention, anxiety, or solicitude
    Synonyms
    ❖ [2] alertness, caution, circumspection, heedfulness—more at CAUTION
    ❖ [2] carefulness, heed, heedfulness, pains, scrupulousness; also exactness, meticulousness, particularity; dutifulness, responsibility; bother, effort, trouble; alertness, vigilance, watchfulness
    
    Antonyms
    cautiousness, heedlessness
    ❖ [3] custody, guardianship, keeping, safekeeping, trust, ward—more at CUSTODY
    ❖ [3] charge, guidance, headship, oversight, regulation, superintendence, supervision—more at SUPERVISION
  
  care verb cared; car·ing
  1 : to feel trouble or anxiety
  2 : to feel interest or concern &lt;~ about freedom&gt;
  3 : to give care — usu. used with for &lt; for the sick &gt;
  4 a : to have a liking, fondness, taste, or inclination
  b : have regard or respect
  5 : to be concerned about &lt;nobody ~s what I do&gt;
  6 : to have or express a wish for — usu. used with for
    Synonyms
    ❖ usually care for [3] aid, minister, mother, nurse—more at NURSE
    ❖ usually care for [3] attend, mind, oversee, superintend, supervise, tend—more at TEND
    ❖ usually care for [4a] accept, approve, countenance, favor, OK, subscribe
  
  CARE abbreviation
  Cooperative for American Relief to Everywhere
  
  ca·reen /kāˈrēn/ verb
  1 : to put (a ship or boat) on a beach esp. in order to clean or repair its hull
  2 : to sway from side to side
  3 : CAREER
    Synonyms
    ❖ lurch, pitch, rock, roll, seesaw, sway, toss, wobble—more at ROCK
  
  career /kāˈrē/ noun
  1 : COURSE, PASSAGE; also : speed in a course &lt;ran at full ~>
2: an occupation or profession followed as a life’s work

career verb
▷: to go at top speed esp. in a headlong manner

Synonyms
▷ barrel, bowl, fly, hurry, hurtle, pelt, race, rocket, rush, shoot, speed, tear, zip, zoom—more at HURRY

care-free /ˈker fr/ adjective
▷: free from care or worry

Synonyms
▷ careless, cavalier, easygoing, gay, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, lighthearted, unconcerned; also breezy, nonchalant; casual, informal, laid-back, relaxed; heedless, irresponsible, lackadaisical, negligent, reckless

Antonyms
careworn
careful /ˈkeəfl/ adjective careful-ler, careful-est
1▷: using or taking care
2▷: marked by solicitude, caution, or prudence

—careful-ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ [1] conscientious, fussy, meticulous, painstaking—more at PAINSTAKING
▷ [2] alert, cautious, circumspect, considerate, gingerly, guarded, heedful, safe, wary; also attentive, chary, observant, vigilant, watchful; foresighted, provident; cagey, noncommittal; calculating, scheming, shrewd; deliberate, slow

Antonyms
careless, heedless, incautious, unguarded, unsafe, unwary
carefreeness noun
▷: the quality of being careful: close or steady attention (as to a task)

Synonyms
▷ alertness, care, caution, circumspection, heedfulness—more at CAUTION
caregiver /ˈkɛrˌgɪvər/ noun
careless /ˈkeəlis/ adjective careless-lier, careless-est
1▷: free from care: UNTROUBLED
2▷: having no concern or interest <~ of the consequences>
3▷: not taking care esp. to avoid danger or harm
4 a▷: not taking ordinary or proper care
b▷: not showing or receiving care
—careless-ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ [2, 3] heedless, mindless, unguarded, unsafe, unwary; also bold, impetuous, rash, reckless; inattentive, unobservant; blithe, inconsiderate, thoughtless; absentminded, forgetful, unmindful; lax, neglectful, negligent, remiss; imprudent, indiscreet, injudicious; inadvertent, unintentional, unplanned

Antonyms
alert, cautious, circumspect, gingerly, guarded, heedful, safe, wary
▷ [4a] derelict, lax, negligent, remiss, slack—more at NEGLIGENT
carelessness noun
▷: failure to exercise the care that a reasonably prudent person would in like circumstances

Synonyms
dereliction, heedlessness, laxness, negligence, remissness, slackness—more at NEGLIGENCE
care /ˈkeər/ noun
care verb
care 1: to touch or loving touch or embrace
care 2: to touch or stroke tenderly or lovingly
— ca·ress·er noun
   Synonyms
   ➤ fondle, love, pat, pet, stroke—more at FONDLE

car·et /'kar.ət/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, there is lacking, fr. carēre to lack, be without]
>a mark ‡ used to indicate the place where something is to be inserted

care·tak·er /'ker.tak.ər/ noun
1 ➤ one in charge usu. as occupant in place of an absent owner
2 ➤ one temporarily fulfilling the functions of an office
   Synonyms
   ➤ custodian, guardian, janitor, keeper, warden, watchman—more at CUSTODIAN

care·worn /'ker.ərn/ adjective
>a showing the effects of grief or anxiety

car·fare /'kär.far/ noun
➤ passenger fare (as on a streetcar or bus)

car·go /'kär.ɡo/ noun, plural cargoes or cargos
➤ the goods carried in a ship, airplane, or vehicle : FREIGHT
   Synonyms
   ➤ freight, load, payload, shipment; also consignment; bale, bundle, packet; manifest
Ca·rib·be·an /'kær.i.ˈbē.ən, kə.ˈri.bē.ən/ adjective
>a of or relating to the eastern and southern West Indies or the Caribbean Sea

car·i·bou /'kær.i.ˈbů/ noun, plural caribou or caribous
➤ a large circumpolar gregarious deer of northern taiga and tundra that usu. has palmate antlers in both sexes — used esp. for one of the New World
  "1 caricature /'kær.i.ˈkə.tʃər/ noun
     1 ➤ distorted representation to produce a ridiculous effect
     2 ➤ a representation esp. in literature or art having the qualities of caricature
   — car·i·ca·tur·ist /ˈkær.i.ˌkə.tər.i.st/ noun
     Synonyms
     ➤ [1] farce, joke, mockery, parody, sham, travesty—more at MOCKERY
     ➤ [2] burlesque, parody, spoof, takeoff—more at PARODY
  "2 caricature verb
     ➤ to make or draw a caricature of : represent in caricature
     Synonyms
     ➤ burlesque, imitate, mimic, mock, parody, take off, travesty—more at MIMIC

car·ies /'kær.ēz/ noun, plural caries
➤ tooth decay

car·i·lon /'kær.ə.lən/ noun
➤ a set of tuned bells sounded by hammers controlled from a keyboard

car·i·ous /'kær.i.əs/ adjective
➤ affected with caries

car·jack·ing /'kær.ˈja.kiŋ/ noun
➤ the theft of an automobile by force or intimidation
   — car·jack·er noun

car·load /'kær.ˈləd/ noun
➤ a load that fills a car

car·mi·na·tive /'kær.mə.ˈnə.tiv/ adjective
➤ expelling gas from the alimentary canal
— carminative  noun

car·mine  /'kārˌmān, -mən/  noun
: a vivid red

— car·n·age  /'kärˌnij/  noun
▷: great destruction of life: SLAUGHTER

  Synonyms
    ▷ butchery, massacre, slaughter—more at MASSACRE

car·nal  /'kärnəl/  adjective
1 ▷: of or relating to the body
2 ▷: relating to or given to sensual pleasures and appetites
3 ▷: of or relating to this world: earthly rather than heavenly or spiritual
  — car·nal·i·ty  /kär'nalə-tē/  noun
  — car·nal·ly  adverb
  
  Synonyms
    ▷ 1[1] animal, bodily, corporal, fleshly, material, physical, somatic—more at PHYSICAL
    ▷ 2[2] fleshly, luscious, sensual, sensuous, voluptuous—more at SENSUAL
    ▷ 3[3] earthly, fleshly, material, mundane, temporal, terrestrial, worldly—more at EARTHLY

car·na·tion  /'kärˌnāshən/  noun
: a cultivated pink of any of numerous usu. double-flowered varieties derived from an Old World species

car·na·u·ba wax  /kärˌnōˈba, -naˈ, kärˈné uˈba/  noun
: a brittle yellowish wax from a Brazilian palm that is used esp. in polishes

car·ne·lian  /'kärˌnēliən/  noun
: a hard tough reddish quartz used as a gem

car·ni·val  /'kärˌnivəl/  noun plural
[Origin: It carnevale, alter. of carnevale, lit., removal of meat]
1: a season of merrymaking just before Lent
2: a boisterous merrymaking
3: a traveling enterprise offering amusements
4 ▷: an organized program of entertainment

  Synonyms
    ▷ celebration, festival, festivity, fete, fiesta, gala, jubilee—more at FESTIVAL

car·ni·vo·ra  /'kärˌni ˈvaɾə/  noun plural
carnivorous mammals

car·ni·vore  /'kärˌni ˈvōrə/  noun
: a flesh-eating animal; especially: any of an order of mammals (as dogs, cats, bears, minks, and seals) feeding mostly on animal flesh

car·ni·vo·rous  /'kärˌni ˈvo rəs/  adjective
1: feeding on animal tissues
2: of or relating to the carnivores
  — car·ni·vo·rous·ly  adverb
  — car·ni·vo·rous·ness  noun

car·ny  or car·ney  or car·nie  /'kärˌnē/  noun, plural carnies or carneys
1: CARNIVAL 3
2: one who works with a carnival

car·ol  /'kærˌəl/  noun
▷: a song of joy or devotion

  Synonyms
    ▷ anthem, canticle, chorale, hymn, psalm, spiritual—more at HYMN
2 **carol** verb
: to sing esp. in a cheerful manner

**car·ol·er** or **car·ol·ler** noun
> one that carols

*Synonyms*
> singer, songster, vocalist, voice—more at **SINGER**

1 **carom** /kar.əm/ noun
1 : a shot in billiards in which the cue ball strikes two other balls
2 : a rebounding esp. at an angle

2 **carom** verb
> to strike and rebound

*Synonyms*
> bounce, glance, rebound, ricochet, skim, skip—more at **GLANCE**

**car·o·tene** /kar.o.tən/ noun
: any of several orange to red pigments (as beta-carotene) formed esp. in plants and used as a source of vitamin A

**car·o·ten·oid** /kar.o.tən.əd/ noun
: any of various usu. yellow to red pigments (as carotenes) found widely in plants and animals

**car·ot·id** /kar.ə.tid/ adjective
> of, relating to, or being the chief artery or pair of arteries that pass up the neck and supply the head
— **carotid** noun

**ca·rous·al** /ka.raʊ.zəl/ noun
: a period of heavy drinking : **CAROUSE**

— **ca·rous·er** noun

*Synonyms*
> drunk; also binge, jag, spree; blowout, orgy

**car·ou·sel** /kar.o.sel/ noun
1 : **MERRY-GO-ROUND**
2 : a circular conveyor

1 **carp** /kærp/ verb
> to find fault
— **carp** noun

*Synonyms*
> beef, bellyache, cavil, complain, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, squawk, wail, whine—more at **COMPLAIN**

2 **carp** noun, plural **carp** or **carps**
: a large variable Asian freshwater fish of sluggish waters often raised for food

1 **carpal** /kær.pəl/ adjective
> relating to the wrist or the bones of the wrist

2 **carpal** noun
> a carpal element or bone

**carpal tunnel syndrome** noun
: a condition characterized esp. by weakness, pain, and disturbances of sensation (as numbness) in the hand and fingers and caused by compression of a nerve in the wrist

**car·pe di·em** /kær.ˈpə di.əm/ noun
carpel /kær_ˈpel/ noun
: one of the highly modified leaves that together form the ovary of a flower of a seed plant

carpenter /kær_ˈpɛntər/ noun
: one who builds or repairs wooden structures
  — carpenter verb
  — car·pen·try /kær_ˈpen_tri/ noun

carp-er noun
  †: an excessive faultfinder
  **Synonyms**
  † castigator, caviler, censurer, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, railer, scold—more at CRITIC

carpet /kær_ˈpɛt/ noun
: a heavy fabric used as a floor covering
  2 carpet verb
  †: to cover with or as if with a carpet
  **Synonyms**
  † blanket, coat, cover, overlay, overlie, overspread—more at COVER

carpet·bag /ˌbæɡ/ noun
: a traveling bag common in the 19th century

carpet·bag·ger /ˌbæɡ_.ɛr/ noun
: a Northerner in the South after the American Civil War usu. seeking private gain under the reconstruction governments

carpet·ing /ˈkær_ˌpiŋ/ noun
: material for carpets; also: CARPETS

carp·ing adjective
  †: marked by or inclined to querulous and often perverse criticism
  **Synonyms**
  † captious, critical, hypercritical, overcritical—more at CRITICAL

car·pool /ˈpʊl/ verb
: an arrangement in which a group of people commute together by car; also: a group having this arrangement

— car·pool /ˈpʊl/ verb

car·port /kær_ˈpɔrt/ noun
: an open-sided automobile shelter

— car·port /kær_ˈpɔrt/ noun

car·pus /ˈkær_ˈpæs/ noun
: the wrist or its bones

car·ra·geen·an or car·ra·geen·in /ˌkær_ə.ˈɡe.nın/ noun
: a colloid extracted esp. from a dark purple branching seaweed and used in foods esp. to stabilize and thicken them

car·rel /ˈkær_əl/ noun
: a table often partitioned or enclosed for individual study in a library

car·riage /ˈkær_ɪdʒ/ noun
  1: the act of carrying
  2: manner of holding the body
  3: a wheeled vehicle
  4 British: a railway passenger coach
  5: a movable part of a machine for supporting some other moving part <a typewriter ~>
carrier /ˈkær.iər/ noun
1: one that carries
2: a person or organization in the transportation business
3: AIRCRAFT CARRIER
4: one whose system carries the causative agents of a disease but who is immune to the disease
5: an individual having a gene for a trait or condition that is not expressed outwardly
6: an electromagnetic wave whose amplitude or frequency is varied in order to convey a radio or television signal
carrier pigeon noun
: a pigeon used esp. to carry messages
car·ri·on /ˈkær.ən/ noun
: dead and decaying flesh
car·rot /ˈkær.o/ noun
: the elongated usu. orange root of a common garden plant that is eaten as a vegetable; also: this plant
car·rous·el variant of CAROUSEL
1 carry /ˈkær.i/ verb carried; car·ry·ing
[origin: ME carien, fr. AF carier, fr. carré vehicle, fr. L carrus]
1 ▶: to move while supporting: TRANSPORT, CONVEY
2 ▶: to influence by mental or emotional appeal
3 ▶: to get possession or control of: CAPTURE, WIN
4 ▶: to transfer from one place (as a column) to another <~ a number in adding>
5 ▶: to have or wear on one's person; also: to bear within one
6 ▶: to have within or as part of itself: INVOLVE, INCLUDE
7 ▶: to hold or bear (oneself) in a specified way
8 ▶: to keep in stock for sale
9 ▶: to sustain the weight or burden of: SUPPORT
10 ▶: to prolong in space, time, or degree
11 ▶: to keep on one's books as a debtor
12 ▶: to succeed in (an election)
13 ▶: to win adoption (as in a legislature)
14 a ▶: to present to the public for use or as entertainment
b: PUBLISH, PRINT
15 ▶: to reach or penetrate to a distance
Synonyms
▶ [1] bear, cart, convey, ferry, haul, lug, pack, tote, transport; also deliver, hand over, transfer; forward, send, ship, transmit; bring, fetch, take; move, remove, shift
▶ [6] comprehend, contain, embrace, encompass, entail, include, involve, number, take in—more at INCLUDE
▶ [9] bear, bolster, brace, buttress, prop, shore, stay, support, uphold—more at SUPPORT
2 carry noun
1 ▶: the range of a gun or projectile or of a struck or thrown ball
2 ▶: PORTAGE
3 ▶: an act or method of carrying <fireman's ~> car·ry·all /ˈkær.əl/ noun
▶: a large bag or carrying case
Synonyms
▶ grip, handbag, portmanteau, suitcase, traveling bag—more at TRAVELING BAG
carry away verb
▶: to arouse to a high and often excessive degree of emotion
Synonyms
▶ enrapture, enthral, entrance, ravish, transport—more at ENTRANCE
carrying charge noun
: a charge added to the price of merchandise sold on the installment plan

**carry-on** noun
: a piece of luggage suitable for being carried aboard an airplane by a passenger
— **carry-on** adjective

**carry on** verb
1 ‣ to have the direction of: CONDUCT, MANAGE
2 : to behave in a foolish, excited, or improper manner
3 : to continue in spite of hindrance or discouragement

*Synonyms*

- administer, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT

**carry out** verb
1 ‣ to bring to a successful conclusion
2 : to put into execution

*Synonyms*

- accomplish, achieve, commit, compass, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, make, perform—more at PERFORM

**car·sick** /ˈkɑrsɪk/ adjective
: affected with motion sickness esp. in an automobile
— **car sickness** noun

1**cart** /kɑrt/ noun
1 : a heavy 2-wheeled wagon
2 : a small wheeled vehicle

2**cart** verb
1 ‣ to convey in or as if in a cart
— **cart·er** noun

*Synonyms*

- bear, carry, convey, ferry, haul, lug, pack, tote, transport—more at CARRY

**cart·age** /ˈkɑrtɪdʒ/ noun
: the act of or rate charged for carting

**cart·e blanche** /ˈkɑrtə blɑnˈʃə/ noun, plural cartes blanches /ˈkɑrtə blɑnˈʃez/ [origin: F, lit., blank document]
: full discretionary power

**car·tel** /ˈkɑrtəl/ noun
: a combination of independent business enterprises designed to limit competition

*Synonyms*

- combination, combine, syndicate, trust; also chain, conglomerate, multinational; association, organization, pool

**car·ti·lage** /ˈkɑrtəˌleij/ noun
: a usu. translucent somewhat elastic tissue that composes most of the skeleton of young vertebrate embryos and later is mostly converted to bone in higher vertebrates

— **car·ti·lag·i·nous** /ˈkɑrtəˌleijənas/ adjective

**cartilaginous fish** noun
: any of a class of fishes (as a shark or ray) having the skeleton wholly or largely composed of cartilage

**car·to·graph·y** /ˈkɑrtəˌɡrafi/ noun
: the making of maps
— **car·to·graph·er** noun
— **car·to·graph·ic** /ˈkɑrtəˌɡrafi/ adjective

**car·ton** /ˈkɑrtən/ noun
: a cardboard box or container

toon /ˈtʊrn/ noun
1: a preparatory sketch (as for a painting)
2: a drawing intended as humor, caricature, or satire
3: a group of cartoons or drawings arranged in a narrative sequence: COMIC STRIP
— cartoon verb
— car-toon-ist noun

Synonyms
† [1] delineation, drawing, sketch—more at DRAWING
† [3] comic strip—more at COMIC STRIP

tridge /ˈtrɪdʒ/ noun
1: a tube containing a complete charge for a firearm
2: a container of material for insertion into an apparatus
3: a small case containing a phonograph needle and transducer that is attached to a tonearm
4: a case containing a magnetic tape or disk
5: a case for holding integrated circuits containing a computer program

t-wheel /ˈhwɛl/ noun
1: a large coin (as a silver dollar)
2: a lateral handspring with arms and legs extended

e /kɑr/ verb carved; carv·ing
1: to cut with care or precision: shape by cutting
2: to cut or hew out esp. with some effort: make or get by or as if by cutting — often used with out <= out a fortune
3: to slice and serve meat at table
— carv·er noun

Synonyms usually carve out
† build, forge, grind, hammer, work out

t·id /ˈa.tɪd/ noun, plural -ids or -i·des /ˈa.təˌdēz/
: a sculptured draped female figure used as an architectural column

CAS abbreviation
certificate of advanced study

ba /ˈba/ noun
: any of several muskmelons with a yellow rind and sweet flesh

case /ˈkeɪs/ noun
[origin: ME cas, fr. AF, fr. L casus fall, chance, fr. cadere to fall]
1 a: a set of circumstances or conditions
b: a set of circumstances constituting a problem: a matter for consideration or decision
2: an inflectional form of a noun, pronoun, or adjective indicating its grammatical relation to other words; also: such a relation whether indicated by inflection or not
3: what actually exists or happens: FACT
4: a suit or action in law: CAUSE
5: a convincing argument
6 a: an instance of disease or injury
b: a sick individual esp. when awaiting medical care or treatment: patient

7 : an instance or example of a particular type: instance, example
— in case
: as a precaution
— in case of
: in the event of

Synonyms
- [1a] contingency, event, eventuality, possibility—more at event
- [1b] knot, matter, problem, trouble—more at problem
- [5] argument, explanation, rationale, reason—more at reason
- [7] example, exemplar, illustration, instance, representative, sample, specimen—more at example

case noun
[origin: ME cas, fr. AF case, chase, fr. L capsae]
1 : a box or container for holding something; also : a box with its contents
2 : an outer covering
3 : a divided tray for holding printing type
4 : casing 2

Synonyms
- [1] box, caddy, casket, chest, locker, trunk—more at chest
- [2] armor, capsule, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell; also bark, crust; mail, plate, plating, shield; hide, skin; envelope, wrapper; backing, coating, facing

3 case verb cased; casing
1 : to enclose in or cover with a case
2 : to inspect esp. with intent to rob

ca·sein /kā’sēn, kā’/ noun
: any of several phosphorus-containing proteins occurring in or produced from milk

case·ment /kās·ment/ noun
: a window that opens like a door

case·work /′werk/ noun
: social work that involves the individual person or family
— case·work·er noun

1 cash /kas/ noun
[origin: MF or It; MF casse money box, fr. It cassa, fr. L capsae chest, case]
1 : ready money
2 : money or its equivalent paid at the time of purchase or delivery

Synonyms
- currency, dough, lucre, money, pelf, tender—more at money

2 cash verb
: to pay or obtain cash for

cas·hew /kash·u, kas·hû/ noun
: an edible kidney-shaped nut of a tropical American tree related to the sumacs; also : the tree

1 cas·hier /kas·hî/ verb
: to dismiss from service; especially : to dismiss in disgrace

Synonyms
- dismiss, fire, remove, retire, sack—more at dismiss

2 cash·ier /kas·hî/ noun
1 : a bank official responsible for moneys received and paid out
2 : a person who receives and records payments

cash·ier’s check noun
: a check drawn by a bank upon its own funds and signed by its cashier

cash in verb
1 : to convert into cash <cash in bonds>
2 : to settle accounts and withdraw from a gambling game or business deal
3 : to obtain advantage or financial profit — often used with on <cash in on a best seller>

cash-less /ˈkæʃ.əs/ adjective
: relying on monetary transactions that use electronic means rather than cash

Synonyms usually cash in on
- abuse, capitalize, exploit, impose, play, use—more at EXPLOIT

cash·mere /ˈkæʃ.mər/ noun
: fine wool from the undercoat of an Indian goat (cashmere goat) or a yarn spun of this; also : a soft twilled fabric
orig. woven from this yarn

cash out verb
: to convert noncash assets into cash

cash register noun
: a business machine that usu. has a money drawer, indicates each sale, and records the money received

cash·strapped /ˈkæʃ.strəpt/ adjective
: lacking sufficient money

cas·ing /ˈkæs.əŋ/ noun
1 : something that encases
2 : the frame of a door or window

Synonyms
- armor, capsule, case, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at CASE

cas·si·no /ˈkæs.əˈnɔ/ noun, plural -nos
[ORIGIN: It, fr. casa house]
1 : a building or room for social amusements; especially : one used for gambling
2 also cas·si·no : a card game in which players win cards by matching those on the table

cask /ˈkæsk/ noun
- a barrel-shaped container usu. for liquids; also : the quantity held by such a container

Synonyms
- barrel, hogshead, keg, pipe, puncheon; also tub, vat; can, drum

cas·ket /ˈkæsk.ət/ noun
1 : a small chest or box (as for jewels)
2 : a usu. fancy coffin for burying a corpse : COFFIN

Synonyms
- box, caddy, case, chest, locker, trunk—more at CHEST

casque /ˈkæsk/ noun
: HELMET

cas·sa·va /ˈkaˌsəˌva/ noun
: any of several tropical spurges with rootstocks yielding a nutritious starch from which tapioca is prepared; also : the rootstock or its starch

cas·se·role /ˈkæsəˌrəl/ noun
1 : a dish in which food may be baked and served
2 : food cooked and served in a casserole

cas·sette also ca·sette /ˈkæsəˌtel/ noun
1 : a lightproof container for photographic plates or film
2 : a plastic case containing magnetic tape

cas·sia /ˈkaˌsha/ noun
1 : a coarse cinnamon bark
2: any of a genus of leguminous herbs, shrubs, and trees of warm regions including several which yield senna

cas·sit·er·ite  /ˈkaˌsɪt.əˌrɪt/ noun
: a dark mineral that is the chief tin ore

cas·sock  /ˈkaˌsək/ noun
: an ankle-length garment worn esp. by Roman Catholic and Anglican clergy

cas·so·wary  /ˈkaˌso.ər.ə/ noun, plural -war·ies
: any of a genus of large flightless birds closely related to the emu

cast  /ˈkæst/ verb cast; cast·ing
1: to cause to move or send forth by throwing: THROW, FLING
2: to point, extend, or project in a specified line or course: DIRECT (~ a glance)
3: to deposit (a ballot) formally
4: to throw off, out, or away: DISCARD, SHED
5: COMPUTE; especially: to add up
6: to assign the parts of (a play) to actors; also: to assign to a role or part
7a: to shape (a substance) by pouring it in liquid or plastic form into a mold and letting it harden without pressure
bb: to give form to: establish or create in a particular form (~ the book is in the form of an autobiography)
8: to make (as a knot or stitch) by looping or catching up

Synonyms
[1] catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW
[2] aim, bend, direct, head, level, set, train—more at AIM
[4] discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload—more at DISCARD
[7b] compose, craft, draft, draw, formulate, frame, prepare—more at COMPOSE

2 cast noun
1: THROW, FLING
2: a throw of dice
3: the set of actors in a dramatic production
4: something formed in or as if in a mold; also: a rigid surgical dressing (as for protecting and supporting a fractured bone)
5: a slight change in the appearance of a substance by a trace of some added hue: a trace of a particular quality: TINGE, HUE
6a: a turning of the eye in a particular direction
bb: a physical form or character: SHAPE
c: facial aspect or vocal intonation as indicative of feeling: LOOK
7: something thrown out or off, shed, or expelled (~ worm ~)
8: a forecast or conjecture concerning future events or conditions
Synonyms
[5] color, hue, shade, tinge, tint, tone—more at COLOR
[6b] configuration, conformation, figure, form, geometry, shape
[6c] countenance, expression, face, look, visage—more at LOOK

cast about verb
: to seek here and there: look around
Synonyms usually cast about for
forage, hunt, pursue, quest, search, seek—more at SEEK

cas·ta·net  /ˌkaˌstaˈnet/ noun
[origin: Sp castañeta, fr. castaña chestnut, fr. L. castanea]
: a rhythm instrument consisting of two small wooden, ivory, or plastic shells held in the hand and clicked together

cast around verb
: to look around: SEEK

cas·ta·way  /ˈkas.əˌwā/ adjective
castaway noun
  1 : one who has been cast away, cast off, or rejected
  Synonyms
    outcast, reject—more at OUTCAST

caste /ˈkæst/ noun
  [origin: Pg casta, lit., race, lineage, fr. fem. of casto pure, chaste, fr. L castus]
  1 : one of the hereditary social classes in Hinduism
  2 : a division of a society based on wealth, inherited rank, or occupation
  3 : social position : PRESTIGE
  4 : a system of rigid social stratification
  Synonyms
    outcast, reject—more at OUTCAST

cast·er /ˈkæstər/ noun
  1 or cas·tor : a small container to hold salt or pepper at the table
  2 : a small wheel that turns freely and is used to support and move furniture, trucks, and equipment

cas·ti·gate /ˈkæs.tə.gāt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
  1 : to punish or criticize severely
  Synonyms
    berate, chew out, dress down, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, score, upbraid—more at SCOLD
    chasten, chastise, correct, discipline, penalize, punish—more at PUNISH

cas·ti·ga·tion /ˈkæs.tə.gāˈʃen/ noun
  : severe punishment or criticism
  Synonyms
    chastisement, correction, desert, discipline, nemesis, penalty, punishment, wrath—more at PUNISHMENT

cas·ti·ga·tor /ˈkæs.tə.gər/ noun
  : one that castigates
  Synonyms
    carper, caviler, censurer, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, railer, scold—more at CRITIC

cast·ing /ˈkæstɪŋ/ noun
  1 : CAST 7
  2 : something cast in a mold

casting vote noun
  : a deciding vote cast by a presiding officer to break a tie

cast iron noun
  : a hard brittle alloy of iron, carbon, and silicon cast in a mold

cas·tle /ˈkæstl/ noun
  1 : a large fortified building or set of buildings
  2 : a large or imposing house
  3 : 3ROOK
  Synonyms
    estate, hall, manor, mansion, palace, villa—more at MANSION

cast·off /ˈkæst.of/ adjective
  : thrown away or aside
  — cast·off noun
castor oil /ˈkæs.tər/ noun
: a thick yellowish oil extracted from the poisonous seeds of an herb (castor-oil plant) and used as a lubricant and purgative

cast out verb
▷ to banish, expel, or drive away (as from a former home or country)
   Synonyms
   ▷ banish, boot, bounce, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, rout, run off, throw out—more at eject

castrate /ˈkæstrət/ verb cast·rat·ed; cast·rat·ing
: to deprive of sex glands and esp. testes
— cast·tra·tion /ˈkæstrəˈʃən/ noun
— cast·ra·tor /ˈkæstrətər/ noun

ca·su·al /ˈkæs.əwəl/ adjective
1 ▷ resulting from or occurring by chance
2 ▷ occurring without regularity: OCCASIONAL
3 ▷ feeling or showing little concern: NONCHALANT
4 ▷ designed for informal use <~ clothing>
   Synonyms
   [1] accidental, chance, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated, unwitting—more at accidental
   [2] choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, unsteady—more at fitful
   [3] apathetic, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory, unconcerned, uncurious, uninterested—more at indifferent
   [4] everyday, informal, workaday; also sporty
   Antonyms
dressy, formal

casu·al·ness noun
: the quality, state, or fact of being casual or disinterested

casu·al·ty /ˈkæsəˌwɔl.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 ▷ serious or fatal accident
2 ▷ a military person lost through death, injury, sickness, or capture or through being missing in action
3 ▷ a person or thing injured, lost, or destroyed
   Synonyms
   [1] accident, mishap, misadventure—more at ACCIDENT
   [3] fatality, loss, victim; also failure, loser

casu·ist·ry /ˈkæzi.stri/ noun, plural -ries
: specious argument: RATIONALIZATION
   Synonyms
   [1] argument, platitude, platitudinous, platitudinous, platitudinosa, platitudinous—more at platitude

ca·sus bel·li /ˈkæsusˈbɛli/ noun, plural ca·sus belli /ˈkæsəˌbes.lɛ/ [Origin: NL, occasion of war]
: a cause or pretext for a declaration of war

1 cat /kæt/ noun
1 ▷ a carnivorous mammal long domesticated as a pet and for catching rats and mice
2 ▷ any of a family of animals (as the lion, lynx, or leopard) including the domestic cat
3 ▷ a spiteful woman
4 ▷ GUY
   Synonyms
   ▷ feline, kitty, puss; also mouser; kit, kitten; tabby, tomcat

2 cat abbreviation
**catalog**

**cat·a·bol·ism /'kaɪ.tæ.bəˌlɪzm/ noun**
: destructive metabolism involving the release of energy and resulting in the breakdown of complex materials

— **cat·a·bol·ic /'kaɪ.tæ.ˈbɔːlik/ adjective**

**cat·a·clysm /'kaɪ.tæ.klɪzm/ noun**
1 : a surging flood of water: DELUGE
2 : a violent change or upheaval

**Synonyms**
- [1] cataract, deluge, flood, inundation, overflow, spate, torrent—more at FLOOD
- [2] calamity, catastrophe, debacle, disaster, tragedy—more at DISASTER
- [2] convulsion, paroxysm, storm, tempest, tumult, upheaval, uproar—more at CONVULSION

**cat·a·cly·mic /'kaɪ.tæ.ˈklɪmɪk/ or cat·a·cly·mal /'kaɪ.tæ.ˈklɪməl/ adjective**
: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a cataclysm <a ~ nuclear war>

**Synonyms**
- calamitous, catastrophic, destructive, devastating, disastrous, fatal, fateful, ruinous, unfortunate—more at FATAL

**cat·a·comb /'kaɪ.tæ.kɒm/ noun**
: an underground burial place with galleries and recesses for tombs

**cat·a·falque /'kaɪ.tæ.fəl.k, ˌfəlk, ˌfɔk/ noun**
: an ornamental structure sometimes used in solemn funerals to hold the body

**cat·a·lep·sy /'kaɪ.tæ.ˌlep.sɪ/ noun, plural -sies**
: a trancelike nervous condition characterized esp. by loss of voluntary motion

— **cat·a·lep·tic /'kaɪ.tæ.ˌlep.tɪk/ adjective or noun**

1 **catalog or cat·a·logue /ˈkætəˌlɔɡ/ noun**
1 : a simple series of items (as the names of persons or objects): LIST, REGISTER
2 : a systematic list of items with descriptive details; also : a book containing such a list

**Synonyms**
- checklist, list, listing, menu, register, registry, roll, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

2 **catalog or catalogue verb -loged or -logued; -log·ing or -logu·ing**
1 : to make a catalog of
2 : to enter in a catalog

— **cat·a·log·er or cat·a·log·u·er noun**

**Synonyms**
- enroll, enter, index, inscribe, list, put down, record, register, schedule, slate—more at LIST

**ca·tal·pa /'kæ.təl.ˈpə/ noun**
: any of a genus of broad-leaved trees with showy flowers and long slim pods

**ca·tal·y·sis /'kæ.təl.ˈsɪs/ noun, plural -ses /ˈsɛz/**
: a change and esp. increase in the rate of a chemical reaction brought about by a substance (cat*a*lyst /ˈkæt.ˈa.lɪst/) that is itself unchanged at the end of the reaction

— **cat·a·ly·tic /ˈkæt.ˈa.lɪt.ɪk/ adjective**
— **cat·a·ly·ti·cal·ly /ˈkæt.ˌa.lɪt.ɪk.lɪ/ adverb**

**catalytic converter noun**
: an automobile exhaust-system component in which a catalyst changes harmful gases into mostly harmless products

**cat·a·lyze /ˈkæt.ˌa.lɪz/ verb -lyzed; -lyz·ing**
: to bring about the catalysis of (a chemical reaction)

**cat·a·ma·ran /'kaɪ.tæ.mə.ˈræn/ noun**
[origin: Tamil (a language of southern India) kaṭṭumaram, fr. kaṭṭu to tie + maram tree]
: a boat with twin hulls
cat·a·mount  /ˈkætəˌmaʊnt/ noun
: a large powerful tawny-brown cat: COUGAR; also: LYNX

1cat·apult  /ˈkætəˈpɔlt, ˈpɔlt/ noun
1 : an ancient military machine for hurling missiles
2 : a device for launching an airplane (as from an aircraft carrier)

2catapult verb
› : to throw or launch by or as if by a catapult
  
  Synonyms
  › cast, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

ca·tact  /ˈkætət/ noun
1: a cloudiness of the lens of the eye obstructing vision
2 a : a large waterfall; also: steep rapids in a river
b : an overwhelming downpour or rush

ca·tact·ic  /ˈkætətik/ noun
1: of, relating to, resembling, or resulting in catastrophe
  
  Synonyms
  › calamitous, cataclysmic, destructive, disastrous, fatal, fateful, ruinous, unfortunate—more at FATAL

ca·tact·i·cal·ly  /ˈkætətikəli/ adverb

ca·tact·o·nym  /ˈkætətəʊnɪm/ noun
: of, relating to, or marked by schizophrenia characterized esp. by stupor, negativism, rigidity, purposeless excitement, and bizarre posturing

ca·tact·o·nous  /ˈkætətənəs/ adjective

ca·tact·o·nic  /ˈkætətənik/ adjective

ca·tact·o·ry  /ˈkætətɔrɪ/ noun
: an American songbird with a catlike mewing call

ca·tact·tow  /ˈkætətəʊ/ noun
: a single-masted sailboat with a single large sail extended by a long boom

ca·tact·v·ed  /ˈkætətɪv/ noun
› : a loud cry made esp. to express disapproval
  
  catcall verb
  
  Synonyms
  › boo, hiss, hoot, jeer, raspberry; also sneer, taunt; whistle
  
  Antonyms
  › cheer

1catch  /ˈkætʃ, ˈkech/ verb caught /ˈkɔt/; catch·ing
[origin: ME cacchen, fr. AF cacher,charger, chacer to hunt, ultim. fr. L captare to chase]
1 : to capture esp. after pursuit
2 : to capture, take, or entangle in or as if in a snare: TRAP
3 : to discover unexpectedly <caught in the act>
4: to become suddenly aware of
5: to take hold of: SNATCH at a straw
6: stop or interrupt the progress or course of
7: to get entangled
8: to become affected with or by cold
9a: to seize and hold firmly
   b: to cause to be seized and held
10: OVERTAKE
11: to be in time for a train
12: to take in and retain didn't your name
13: to look at or listen to
   Synonyms
   ➢ bag, capture, collar, corral, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, nab, seize, snare, trap; also lasso, rope;
   apprehend, arrest, detain; clasp, clutch, grasp, grip, hold, secure; ensnare, entangle, entrap; abduct, kidnap,
   spirit (away or off)
   Antonyms
   miss
   ➢ collar, grab, nab, seize, snap, snatch
   ➢ arrest, check, draw up, fetch up, halt, hold up, stall, stay, still, stop—more at HALT
   ➢ come down, contract, get, sicken, take—more at CONTRACT

2catch noun
1a: something caught
   b: the total quantity caught at one time of fish
2: the act of catching; also: a game consisting of throwing and catching a ball
3: something that catches or checks or holds immovable door ~
4: one that is worth catching or acquiring esp. as a mate
5: FRAGMENT, SNATCH
6: a concealed difficulty or complication
   Synonyms
   ➢ haul, take, yield—more at HAUL
   ➢ gem, jewel, pearl, plum, prize, treasure—more at PRIZE
   ➢ booby trap, pitfall, snag—more at PITFALL

catch all /'ka_.chol, 'ke/ noun
: something to hold a variety of odds and ends

catch-as-catch-can adjective
: using any means available

catch er /'ka_.cher, 'ke/ noun
: one that catches; especially: a player positioned behind home plate in baseball

catch ing adjective
1: communicable by infection: CONTAGIOUS the flu is
2: spreading or capable of spreading rapidly to others their enthusiasm was
   Synonyms
   ➢ communicable, contagious, transmittable—more at CONTAGIOUS

catch ment /'kach_.mant, 'kech/ noun
1: something that catches water
2: the action of catching water

catch on verb
1a: to become aware: LEARN
   b: to grasp the meaning of: UNDERSTAND
2: to become popular
   Synonyms
   ➢ ascertain, discover, find out, hear, learn, realize, see—more at DISCOVER
catch·pen·ny /'kach..Pe.nē, 'kach/ adjective : using sensationalism or cheapness for appeal & a ~ newspaper

catch·phrase /ˌkachˈpraf/ noun : a word or expression frequently used to represent or characterize a person, group, idea, or point of view

catch·22 /ˌkatchˈtwo/ noun, plural catch·22's or catch·22s often cap C [origin: fr. Catch-22, a paradoxical rule found in the novel Catch-22 (1961) by Joseph Heller] : a problematic situation for which the only solution is denied by a circumstance inherent in the problem or by a rule; also : the circumstance or rule that denies a solution

catchup variant of KETCHUP

catch up verb : to travel or work fast enough to overtake or complete

catch·word /'kach..wərd, 'kach/ noun
  1 : guide word
  2 : catchphrase

catchy /ˈkætʃi/ adjective catch·ier; -est
  1 : likely to catch the interest or attention
  2 : requiring skill or caution (as in doing or handling) : tricky

Synonyms
  - [1] bold, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, striking—more at noticeable
  - [2] delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at tricky

cat·e·chism /ˈkætəˌkɪzm/ noun : a summary or test (as of religious doctrine) usu. in the form of questions and answers

— cat·e·chist /ˌkætəˌkɪst/ noun
— cat·e·chize /ˌkætəˌkɪz/ verb

cat·e·chu·men /ˈkætəˌkjuːmən/ noun : a religious convert receiving training before baptism

— cat·e·gor·i·cal /ˌkætəˈɡɔrəˌkəl/ adjective
  1 : not modified or restricted : absolute, unqualified & a ~ denial
  2 : of, relating to, or constituting a category

— cat·e·gor·i·cal·ly /ˌkætəˈɡɔrəˌkəl.i/ adverb

cat·e·go·ri·zation /ˌkætəˌɡɔrəˈzaʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
  - to assort, break down, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, separate, sort—more at classify

— cat·e·go·ry /ˈkætəˌɡɔrē/ noun, plural -ries
  Synonyms
  - a division within a system of classification; especially : class, group, kind

— cat·e·go·ry·al /ˈkætəˌɡɔrēəl/ adjective

— cat·e·go·ry·ize /ˈkætəˌɡɔrəˌraɪz/ verb -ized; -izing

— cat·e·go·ry·iza·tion /ˌkætəˌɡɔrəˌraɪˌzaʃən/ noun
  Synonyms

— ca·ter /ˈkætər/ verb [origin: obs. cater buyer of provisions, fr. ME catour, short for aca tour, fr. AF, fr. acater, achater to buy]
  1 : to provide a supply of food
  2 : to supply what is wanted

— ca·ter·er noun
  Synonyms
- board, feed, provision—more at FEED
- usually cater to [2] gratify, humor, indulge—more at INDULGE
- catercorner or cater–cornered variant of KITTY-CORNER
- caterpillar /ˈka.tər.pəl/ noun
  [origin: ME catyrpel, fr. OF catepelose, lit., hairy cat]
  : a wormlike often hairy insect larva esp. of a butterfly or moth
- caterwaul /ˈka.tər.wəl/ verb
  : to make a harsh cry
  — caterwaul noun
- catfish /ˈkæt.fɪʃ/ noun
  : any of an order of chiefly freshwater stout-bodied fishes with slender tactile processes around the mouth
- cat-gut /ˈkæt.gʌt/ noun
  : a tough cord made usu. from sheep intestines
- catharsis /ˈkæθər.sɪs/ noun, plural catharses /-ˌsɪz/
  1: an act of purging or purification
  2: elimination of a complex by bringing it to consciousness and affording it expression
  1: cathartic /ˈkæθər.tɪk/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or producing catharsis
  2: cathartic noun
  : PURGATIVE
- cathedral /ˈkaθər.dral/ noun
  : the principal church of a diocese
- catheter /ˈkaθə.tər/ noun
  : a tube for insertion into a bodily passage or cavity usu. for injecting or drawing off material or for keeping a passage open
- catheterization /ˈkaθə.tər.i.zə.tʃən/ noun
  : the use of or introduction of a catheter
  — catheterize /ˈkaθə.tər.ɪz/ verb
- cathode /ˈkaθə.dəd/ noun
  1: the negative electrode of an electrolytic cell
  2: the positive terminal of a battery
  3: the electron-emitting electrode of an electron tube
  — cathod-al /ˈkaθə.dəl/ adjective
  — cathodic /ˈkaθə.dɪk/ adjective
- cathode–ray tube noun
  : a vacuum tube in which a beam of electrons is projected on a fluorescent screen to produce a luminous spot
- catholic /ˈkæθə.lɪk, ˈkaθə.lɪk/ adjective
  [origin: ME catholik relating to the church universal, ultim. fr. Gk katholikos universal, general, fr. katholou in general]
  1: of or relating to Catholics and esp. Roman Catholics
  2: GENERAL, UNIVERSAL
- Catholic /ˈkæθə.lɪk, ˈkaθə.lɪk/ noun
  : a member of a church claiming historical continuity from the ancient undivided Christian church; especially: a member of the Roman Catholic Church
  — Catholicism /ˈkæθə.lɪk.ɪz.əm/ noun
- catholicity /ˈkæθə.lɪk.ə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
  1: the character of being in conformity with a Catholic church
2: liberality of sentiments or views
3: comprehensive range

cat-ion /kat.1en/ noun
: the ion in an electrolyte that migrates to the cathode; also: a positively charged ion

cat-kin /kat.kan/ noun
: a long flower cluster (as of a willow) bearing crowded flowers and prominent bracts

cat-like /lahk/ adjective
: resembling a cat or its behavior; especially: STEALTHY

catnap /nap/ noun
\[ Synonyms \]
\[ doze, drowse, forty winks, nap, siesta, snooze, wink—more at NAP \]

catnap verb
: to sleep for a short period of time

cat-nip /nip/ noun
: an aromatic mint that is esp. attractive to cats

cat-o-nine-tails /kat.1e.n,1lezl/ noun, plural cat-o-nine-tails
: a whip made of usu. nine knotted cords fastened to a handle

CAT scan /kat/ noun
[Origin: computerized axial tomography]
: an image made by computed tomography

CAT scanner noun
: a medical instrument consisting of integrated X-ray and computing equipment that is used to make CAT scans

cat's cradle noun
: a game played with a string looped on the fingers in such a way as to resemble a small cradle

cat's-eye /ka.st,1e/ noun, plural cat's-eyes
: any of various iridescent gems

cat's-paw /pa/ noun, plural cat's-paws
: a person used by another as a tool

cat-tail /kat.lal/ noun
: any of a genus of tall reedlike marsh plants with furry brown spikes of tiny flowers

cat-ti-ly /ka.təl/ adverb
: in a catty manner

cat-ti-ness noun
\[ Synonyms \]
\[ acidity, acrimony, asperity, bitterness, tartness, virulence, vitriol—more at ACRIMONY \]
\[ despite, hatefulness, malice, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, spleen, venom, viciousness—more at MALICE \]
cat-tle /kat/ noun plural
: LIVESTOCK; especially: domestic bovines (as cows, bulls, or calves)

cat-tle-man /man, man/ noun

cat-ty /ka.tə/ adjective cat-ti-er; -est
\[ Synonyms \]
\[ cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful, virulent—more at HATEFUL \]
catty-corner or catty-cornered variant of KITTY-CORNER

CATV abbreviation
community antenna television

cat-walk /kæt.wɔk/ noun
: a narrow walk (as along a bridge)

Cau-ca-sian /kəuˈkɑːʃən/ adjective
: of or relating to the white race of mankind
— Caucasian noun
— Cauc-as-oid /kəuˈkeɪsəd/ adjective or noun

cau-cus /kəˈkəs/ noun
: a meeting of a group of persons belonging to the same political party or faction usu. to decide upon policies and candidates
— caucus verb

cau-dal /kəˈdəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or located near the tail or the hind end of the body
— caud-al-ly adverb

cau-di-llo /kəuˈdi.lɔ/ noun, plural -llos
: a Spanish or Latin-American military dictator

caught /kɔt/ past and past participle of CATCH

caul /kɔl/ noun
: the inner fetal membrane of higher vertebrates esp. when covering the head at birth

caul-dron /kəldrɔn/ noun
: a large kettle

cauliflower ear noun
: an ear deformed from injury and excessive growth of scar tissue

1 caulk /kɔk/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF cauker, calcher to trample, fr. L calcare, fr. calx heel]
: to stop up and make tight against leakage (as a boat or its seams)
— caulker noun

2 caulk also caulk-ing noun
: material used to caulk

caus-al /kəˈzaːl/ adjective
1 : expressing or indicating cause
2 : relating to or acting as a cause
— caus-al-i-ty /kəˈzaːl.i.ti/ noun
— caus-al-ly adverb

cau-sa-tion /kəˈza.sən/ noun
1 : the act or process of causing
2 : the means by which an effect is produced

1 cause /kɔz/ noun
1 : REASON, MOTIVE
2 a : something that brings about a result
   b : a person or thing that is the agent of bringing something about
3 : a suit or action in court : CASE
4: a question or matter to be decided
5: a principle or movement earnestly supported

— cause·less adjective

Synonyms
[2a] bandwagon, campaign, crusade, drive, movement—more at campaign
[2a, 2b] antecedent, occasion, reason; also consideration, determinant, factor; impetus, incentive, inspiration, instigation, stimulus; mother, origin, root, source, spring

Antonyms
aftereffect, aftermath, consequence, corollary, development, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequel, sequence, upshot

cause verb caused; caus·ing

: to be the cause or occasion of

— caus·a·tive /ˈkō.zə.tiv/ adjective

— caus·er noun

Synonyms
bring about, create, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, result, work, yield—more at effect

cause cé·lè·bre /kōˈzəˌbr,ˌko̞z/ noun, plural causes célebres /ˈsāmə/ [origin: F, lit., celebrated case]
1: a legal case that excites widespread interest
2: a notorious person, thing, incident, or episode

cau·se·rie /kōˈzərēˌ, kō′zə/ noun [origin: F]
1: an informal conversation : chat
2: a short informal essay

cause·way /kōˈwā/ noun
: a raised way or road across wet ground or water

1caustic /ˈkō.stik/ adjective
1: corrosive
2: marked by incisive sarcasm: sharp <~ wit>

Synonyms
acrid, biting, cutting, mordant, pungent, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp, tart—more at sarcastic

2caustic noun
1: a substance that burns or destroys organic tissue by chemical action
2: sodium hydroxide

cau·ter·ize /ˈkō.tərˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to burn or sear usu. to prevent infection or bleeding

— cau·ter·i·za·tion /ˈkō.tərˌi zəˈzhən/ noun

1caution /ˈkō.shən/ noun
1: a warning or reminder of possible danger or risk: admonition, warning
2: prudent forethought to minimize risk
3: one that astonishes

Synonyms
[1] admonition, alarm, alert, notice, warning—more at warning
[2] alertness, care, carefulness, circumspection, heedfulness; also attentiveness, vigilance, watchfulness; foresight, farsightedness, providence; calculation, caniness, deliberateness, deliberation, shrewdness

Antonyms
carelessness, heedlessness, recklessness
[3] flash, marvel, miracle, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, sensation, wonder—more at wonder

2caution verb

: to advise caution to
Synonyms
- alert, forewarn, warn—more at WARN

cau·tion·ary /ˌshəˌner.ə/ adjective
- : having the characteristics of or serving as a caution
  Synonyms
- warning; also didactic, moralistic, moralizing; advisory, counseling (or counselling); punishing, punitive

cau·tious /ˈkō.ʃəs/ adjective
- : marked by or given to caution : CAREFUL
  — cau·tious·ly adverb
  Synonyms
- alert, careful, circumspect, considerate, gingerly, guarded, heedful, safe, wary—more at CAREFUL

cau·tious·ness noun
- : the quality or state of being cautious

cav abbreviation
1 cavalry
2 cavity

cav·al·cade /ˌka.ˈval.əd/ noun
1 a : a procession of riders or carriages
   b : a procession of vehicles
2 : a dramatic sequence or procession
  Synonyms
- armada, caravan, fleet, line, motorcade, train—more at FLEET

cav·al·lary /ˌka.ˈval.ərē/ noun, plural -ries
: troops mounted on horseback or moving in motor vehicles
  — cau·sal·ry noun
1 cave /ka.ˈvē/ noun
- : a natural underground chamber open to the surface
  Synonyms
- grotto; also abyss, chasm, gulf, hollow; subway, tunnel; excavation, mine, pit, shaft, well; bunker, dugout, foxhole; burrow, covert, den, hole, lair, lodge, shelter
  2 cave verb caved; cav·ing
1 : to collapse or cause to collapse — usu. used with in
2 : to cease to resist : SUBMIT — usu. used with in
  Synonyms usually cave in
- collapse, crumple, give, go, yield—more at COLLAPSE

cave·at /ˌka.ˈvē.ət, ˈkāˌvē.ət/ noun
caveat emp·tor /ˈempˌtər/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, let the buyer beware]
: a principle in commerce: without a warranty the buyer takes a risk

cave–in /ˈkāˌvin/ noun
1: the action of caving in
2: a place where earth has caved in

cave·man /ˈkāvˌmən/ noun
1: a cave dweller esp. of the Stone Age
2: a man who acts in a rough or crude manner

cav·ern /ˈkāvərn/ noun
: a natural underground chamber or series of chambers open to the surface: CAVE; especially: one of large or unknown size
   — cav·ern·ous adjective
   — cav·ern·ous·ly adverb

cav·i·ar also cav·i·are /ˈkaˌvēˌər, ˈkā-/ noun
: the salted roe of a large fish (as sturgeon) used as an appetizer

cav-il /ˈkāvəl/ verb -iled or -illed; -il·ing or -il·ling
   : to make frivolous objections or raise trivial objections to
   — cavil noun
      Synonyms
carp, fuss, quibble—more at QUIBBLE

cav-il·er or cav-il·ler noun
: a person who complains and criticizes for trivial reasons
   Synonyms
carper, castigator, censurer, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, railer, scold—more at CRITIC

cav·ing /ˈkāˌvin/ noun
: the sport of exploring caves: SPELUNKING

cav·i·ta·tion /ˈkā.vəˈtā.ʃən/ noun
: the formation of partial vacuums in a liquid by a swiftly moving solid body (as a propeller) or by high-intensity sound waves

cav·i·ty /ˈkā.vətē/ noun, plural cav·ies
1: an unfilled space within a mass: a hollow place
2: an area of decay in a tooth
   Synonyms
concavity, dent, depression, hole, hollow, indentation, pit, recess—more at HOLE

cav·ort /ˈkā.ˈvȯrt/ verb
: to bound, prance, or frisk about: CAPER
   Synonyms
caper, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp, sport—more at FROLIC

cav·y /ˈkāˌvē/ noun, plural cavies
: GUINEA PIG 1

caw /ˈkā/ verb
: to utter the harsh call of the crow or a similar cry
   — caw noun

cay /ˈkāˌˈkā/ noun
: KEY
cayenne pepper /ˌkæˈenə/ noun
: a condiment consisting of ground dried fruits or seeds of a hot pepper
cayman variant of CAIMAN
Ca·yu·ga /ˈkɑːˌyuːˌɡa, ˈkæ-/ noun, plural Cayuga or Cayugas
: a member of an American Indian people of New York
Cay·use /ˈkæjəs, ˈkʌ-/ noun
1 plural Cayuse or Cayuses : a member of an American Indian people of Oregon and Washington
2 plural cayuses not cap West : a native range horse
Cb symbol
columbium
CB /ˈsɛb/ noun
: CITIZENS BAND; also : the radio set used for citizens-band communications
CBC abbreviation
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
CBD abbreviation
cash before delivery
CBS abbreviation
Columbia Broadcasting System
CBW abbreviation
chemical and biological warfare
cc abbreviation
cubic centimeter
CC abbreviation
1 carbon copy
2 community college
3 country club
CCD /ˈsɛdˌɛd/ noun
: CHARGE-COUPLED DEVICE
CCTV abbreviation
closed-circuit television
ČCU abbreviation
1 cardiac care unit
2 coronary care unit
3 critical care unit
ccw abbreviation
clockwise
cd abbreviation
cord
Čd symbol
cadmium
CD /ˌsɛd/ noun
: CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
2 CD noun
: a small optical disk usu. containing recorded music or computer data; also : the content of a CD
3 CD abbreviation
Civil Defense
CDR abbreviation
commander

CD–ROM /ˌsē.ˈdrē.m/ noun
: a CD containing computer data that cannot be altered

CDT abbreviation
central daylight (saving) time

Ce symbol
cerium

CE abbreviation
1 chemical engineer
2 civil engineer
3 Corps of Engineers

cease /ˈsēs/ verb ceased; ceasing
\(\text{\textasciitilde}\): to come or bring to an end: STOP

  Synonyms
  \(\text{\textasciitilde}\) break off, break up, close, conclude, desist, die, discontinue, end, expire, finish, halt, quit, stop, terminate;
  also lay off (of), refrain (from); knock off; break down, conk (out), cut out, stall; pause, stay, suspend

  Antonyms
  continue, hang on, persist

cease–fire /ˌsēsˈfīr/ noun
: a suspension of active hostilities

cease·less /ˌsēsˌlēs/ adjective
\(\text{\textasciitilde}\): being without pause or stop: continuing without interruption
— cease·less·ly adverb
— cease·less·ness noun

  Synonyms
  continual, continuous, incessant, unbroken, unceasing, uninterrupted—more at CONTINUOUS
  dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying, unending—more at EVERLASTING

ce·cum also cae·cum /ˌsē.ˌkam/ noun, plural ce·ca /ˈkē.ə/
: the blind pouch at the beginning of the large intestine into which the small intestine opens
— ce·cal also cae·cal /ˈkē.əl/ adjective

ce·dar /ˌsē.ˈdər/ noun
: any of numerous coniferous trees (as a juniper) noted for their fragrant durable wood; also: this wood

cede /ˈsēd/ verb ced·ed; ced·ing
1 \(\text{\textasciitilde}\) : to yield or give up
2 \(\text{\textasciitilde}\) : to transfer (as property) to another: ASSIGN, TRANSFER

  Synonyms
  [1] deliver, give up, hand over, leave, relinquish, render, surrender, turn over, yield—more at SURRENDER
  [2] alienate, assign, deed, make over, transfer—more at TRANSFER

ce·dil·la /siˈdilə/ noun
: a mark placed under the letter c (as ç) to show that the c is to be pronounced like s

cei·ling /ˈsē.ˈlin/ noun
1 : the overhead inside lining of a room
2 \(\text{\textasciitilde}\) : something thought of as an overhanging shelter or canopy
3 : the height above the ground of the base of the lowest layer of clouds when over half of the sky is obscured
4 : the greatest height at which an airplane can operate efficiently
5 \(\text{\textasciitilde}\) : a prescribed upper limit <price ~>
canopy, roof, tent — more at CANOPY
bound, boundary, confines, end, extent, limit, limitation, line, termination — more at LIMIT

cel-an-dine /ˈselˌa-nən/ noun
: a yellow-flowered herb related to the poppies

cel-e-brant /ˈsel-ə-brant/ noun
: one who celebrates

Synonyms
merrymaker, revealer, roisterer; also carouser, wassailer; cutup

Antonyms
killjoy, party pooper

cel-e-brate /ˈsel-ə-brät/ verb -brat-ed; -brat-ing
1 ◀: to perform (as a sacrament) with appropriate rites
2 ◀: to honor (as a holiday) by solemn ceremonies or by refraining from ordinary business
3: to observe a notable occasion with festivities
4: EXTOL

cel-e-brat-ed adjective
: widely known and often referred to

Synonyms
famed, famous, noted, notorious, prominent, renowned, star, well-known

Antonyms
killjoy, party pooper

cel-e-brat-ion /ˈsel-ə-brä-shən/ noun
: the act or process of celebrating

Synonyms
bourse, fair, festivity, fete, fiesta, gala, jubilee

Antonyms
carnival, festival, festivity, fete, fiesta, gala, jubilee

cel-e-brat-or /ˈsel-ə-brät-ər/ noun
: one that celebrates

cel-e-brity /ˈsel-ə-brə-tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 ◀: the state of being celebrated
2: a celebrated person

Synonyms
[1] fame, notoriety, renown — more at FAME
[2] figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP; also favorite, hero, idol; demigod, dignitary, eminence, immortal, pillar, worthy; baron, big shot, bigwig, magnate, mogul, nabob

Antonyms
nobody

cel-er-i-ty /ˈsel-ər-ə-tē/ noun
: rapidity of motion or action: SPEED, RAPIDITY

Synonyms
fastness, fleetness, haste, hurry, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness, velocity

cel-ery /ˈsel-ə-rē/ noun, plural -er-ees
: a European herb related to the carrot and widely grown for the crisp edible stems of its leaves

Antonyms
2: of or relating to the sky
—**celestial** adverb

**Synonyms**
- Elysian, empyrean, heavenly, supernal; also ethereal, supernatural, transcendent, transcendental, unearthly, unworldly; angelic, beatific, blissful; utopian; cosmic, stellar

**Antonyms**
- hellish, infernal

**celestial navigation** noun
: navigation by observation of the positions of stars

**celestial sphere** noun
: an imaginary sphere of infinite radius against which the celestial bodies appear to be projected

**cel··i·ba·cy /ˈse.ləˌbaˌsē/ noun**
1: the state of being unmarried; especially: abstention by vow from marriage
2: abstention from sexual intercourse

**cel··i·bate /ˈse.ləˌbat/ noun**
: one who lives in celibacy
—**celibate** adjective

**cell /ˈsɛl/ noun**
1 a: a small room (as in a convent or prison) usu. for one person
   b: a small compartment, cavity, or bounded space
2: a tiny mass of protoplasm that usu. contains a nucleus, is enclosed by a membrane, and forms the smallest structural unit of living matter capable of functioning independently
3: a container holding an electrolyte either for generating electricity or for use in electrolysis
4: a single unit in a device for converting radiant energy into electrical energy
—**celled** adjective

**Synonyms**
- [1a] chamber, closet, room—more at ROOM
- [1a, 1b] bay, cabin, chamber, compartment, cubicle, room—more at COMPARTMENT

**cel··lar /ˈsɛlər/ noun**
1: the part of a building that is wholly or partly below ground level: BASEMENT
2: the lowest position (as in an athletic league)
3: a stock of wines

**cel··lar·ette or cel··lar·et /ˈsɛləˌret/ noun**
: a case or cabinet for a few bottles of wine or liquor

**cell body**
: the nucleus-containing central part of a neuron

**cel··lo /ˈselələ/ noun, plural cellos**
: a bass member of the violin family tuned an octave below the viola
—**cel·lit·list /ˈseləˌlist/ noun**

**cel··lo·phone /ˈseləˌfən/ noun**
: a thin transparent material made from cellulose and used as a wrapping

**cell phone** noun
: a portable cordless telephone for use in a cellular system

**cel··lu·lar /ˈseləˌlər/ adjective**
1: of, relating to, or consisting of cells
2: of, relating to, or being a radiotelephone system in which a geographical area is divided into small sections each served by a transmitter of limited range

**cel··lu·lite /ˈseləˌlaɪt/ noun**
: deposits of lumpy fat within connective tissue (as in the thighs, hips, and buttocks)
cel·lu·lose /ˈsel.yəˌlōs/ noun  
:a complex carbohydrate of the cell walls of plants used esp. in making paper or rayon  
— cel·lu·los·ic /ˌsel.yəˌlōs.īk/ adjective or noun

Cel·si·us /ˈsē.ˌlō.səs/ adjective  
: relating to or having a scale for measuring temperature on which the interval between the triple point and the boiling point of water is divided into 99.99 degrees with 0.01° being the triple point and 100.00° the boiling point

Celt /ˈkelt, ˈselt/ noun  
:a member of any of a group of peoples (as the Irish or Welsh) of western Europe  
— Celt·ic adjective

cem·ba·lo /ˈchem.bəˌlō/ noun, plural -ba·li /ˌlō/ or -balos  
[origin: It]  
:HARPSICHORD

1 cement /ˈsē.mənt/ noun  
1 : a powder that is produced from a burned mixture chiefly of clay and limestone and that is used in mortar and concrete; also : CONCRETE  
2 a : a binding element or substance (as glue, paste, or plaster)  
b : something serving to unite firmly  
3 : CEMENTUM; also : a substance for filling cavities in teeth  

Synonyms  
[2a] adhesive, glue, size—more at GLUE  
[2b] bond, knot, ligature, link, tie—more at BOND

2 cement verb  
1 : to unite by or as if by cement  
2 : to cover with concrete

— ce·ment·er noun

cem·en·tum /ˈsē.mən.təm/ noun  
:a specialized external bony layer covering the dentin of the part of a tooth normally within the gum

cem·e·tery /ˈse.məˌter.ē/ noun, plural -ter·ies  
[origin: ME, cimiterie, fr. AF cimiterie, fr. LL coemeterium, fr. Gk köimêtērion sleeping chamber, burial place, fr. koiman to put to sleep]  
:a burial ground : GRAVEYARD

cen·o·bite /ˈsen.əˌbīt/ noun  
:a member of a religious group living together in a monastic community  
— cen·o·bit·ic /ˈsen.əˌbīt.ɪk/ adjective

ceno·taph /ˈsē.nəˌtāp/ noun  
:a tomb or a monument erected in honor of a person whose body is elsewhere

Ce·no·zo·ic /ˈsē.nəˌzō.īk, ˈsē.ənˈzō.ik/ adjective  
: of, relating to, or being the era of geologic history that extends from about 65 million years ago to the present  
— Cenozoic noun

cen·ser /ˈsen.sər/ noun  
:a vessel for burning incense (as in a religious ritual)

1 censor /ˈsen.sər/ noun  
1 : one of two early Roman magistrates whose duties included taking the census  
2 : an official who inspects printed matter or sometimes motion pictures with power to suppress anything objectionable  
— cen·so·ri·al /ˈsen.sōr.əˌrē.al/ adjective

2 censor verb
censorious /senˈsɔrēəs/ adjective
: marked by or given to censure: CRITICAL
— censoriously adverb
— censoriousness noun

Censorship /senˈsərSHəp/ noun
1: the action of a censor esp. in stopping the transmission or publication of matter considered objectionable
2: the office of a Roman censor

censorable adjective

: deserving or open to censure

Synonyms
> blamable, blameworthy, culpable, reprehensible—more at BLAMEWORTHY
> objectionable, obnoxious, offensive, reprehensible—more at OBJECTIONABLE

censure /senˈchar/ noun
1: the act of blaming or condemning sternly
2: an official reprimand

Synonyms
> denunciation, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reproof, stricture; also admonishment, admonition, castigation, chastisement, punishment; criticism, deprecation, depreciation, disparagement

Antonyms
citation, commendation, endorsement

censure verb censured; censuring

: to find fault with and criticize as blameworthy

Synonyms
> condemn, damn, decry, denounce, reprehend, reprobate—more at CONDEMN
> blame, condemn, criticize, denounce, fault, knock, pan, reprehend—more at CRITICIZE
> condemn, denounce, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprove; also admonish, castigate, chastise, punish; belittle, criticize, decal, depreciate, disparage

Antonyms
cite, commend, endorse

censurer noun

: one that censures

Synonyms
> carper, castigator, caviler, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, railer, scold—more at CRITIC

census /senˈsas/ noun
1: a periodic governmental count of population
2: COUNT, TALLY

— census verb

1cent /sen/ noun
[origin: MF, hundred, fr. L centum]
1: a monetary unit equal to 1/100 of a basic unit of value (as of a dollar)
2: a coin, token, or note representing one cent

2cent abbreviation
1 centigrade
2 central
3 century

centaur /senˈtər/ noun
: any of a race of creatures in Greek mythology half man and half horse

centenarian /senˈtərēən/ noun
: a person who is 100 or more years old
centenary /senˈte.nə.rē/ noun, plural -ries
  CENTENNIAL
  — centenary adjective

cen·ten·ni·al /senˈte.nē.əl/ noun
  a 100th anniversary or its celebration
  — centennial adjective

1 center /senˈtər/ noun
  1 ▶: the point that is equally distant from all points on the circumference of a circle or surface of a sphere; also: MIDDLE 1
  2 ▶: the point about which an activity concentrates or from which something originates
  3 : a region of concentrated population
  4 : a middle part
  5 often cap : political figures holding moderate views esp. between those of conservatives and liberals
  6 : a player occupying a middle position (as in football or basketball)
  Synonyms ▶ [1] core, middle, midpoint, midst; also inside, interior
  Antonyms ▶ [2] base, core, cynosure, eye, focus, heart, hub, mecca, nucleus, seat; also kernel, nub, pith; deep, thick;
  essence, quintessence, soul; attraction, lodestone, magnet

2 center verb
  1 ▶: to place or fix at or around a center or central area
  2 ▶: to give a central focus or basis: CONCENTRATE
  3 : to have a center: FOCUS
  Synonyms ▶ [1, 2] centralize, compact, concentrate, consolidate, unify, unite—more at CENTRALIZE

cen·ter·board /senˈtərˌbōrd/ noun
  : a retractable keel used esp. in sailboats

cen·ter·piece /ˌsen.tərˌpiːs/ noun
  1 : an object in a central position; especially: an adornment in the center of a table
  2 : one that is of central importance or interest in a larger whole

cen·tes·i·mal /senˈte.sə.məl/ adjective
  : marked by or relating to division into hundredths

cen·ti·grade /senˌtī.grād, 'sān/ adjective
  : relating to, conforming to, or having a thermometer scale on which the interval between the freezing and boiling points of water is divided into 100 degrees with 0° representing the freezing point and 100° the boiling point <10° ~>
has a pair of poison fangs

1. **central** /senˈtrəl/ adjective
   1: constituting a center
   2: belonging to the center as the most important part: principal
   3: situated at, in, or near the center
   4: centrally placed and superseding separate units

   — **centrally** adverb

   **Synonyms**
   arch, cardinal, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at foremost

2. **central** noun
   : a central controlling office

   **centralize** /senˈtrəlīz/ verb -ized; -izing
   1: to bring to a central point or under central control

   — **centralization** /senˈtrələˌzaʃən/ noun
   — **centralizer** /senˈtrəlɪzər/ noun

   **Synonyms**
   center, compact, concentrate, consolidate, unify, unite; also coordinate, harmonize, integrate, orchestrate; blend, coalesce, combine, fuse, incorporate, merge; conjoin, join, link; assemble, collect, gather; reunify, reunite

   **Antonyms**
   decentralize, spread (out)

3. **central nervous system** noun
   : the part of the nervous system which integrates nervous function and activity and which in vertebrates consists of the brain and spinal cord

4. **centrifugal** /senˈtrɪfəɡəl/ adjective
   [origin: NL centrifugus, fr. centr- center + L fugere to flee]
   1: proceeding or acting in a direction away from a center or axis
   2: using or acting by centrifugal force

   **centrifugal force** noun
   : the apparent force felt by an object moving in a curved path and acting outward from a center of rotation

5. **centrifuge** /senˈtrɪfˌjūɡ/ noun
   : a machine using centrifugal force (as for separating substances of different densities or for removing moisture)

6. **centripetal** /senˈtrɪpətəl/ adjective
   [origin: NL centripetus, fr. centr- center + L petere seek]
   : proceeding or acting in a direction toward a center or axis

   **centripetal force** noun
   : the force needed to keep an object revolving about a point moving in a circular path

7. **centrist** /senˈtrɪst/ noun
   1: often cap: a member of a center party
   2: one who holds moderate views

8. **centurion** /senˈtʊriən/ noun
   : an officer commanding a Roman century

9. **century** /senˈchoʊri/ noun, plural -ries
   1: a subdivision of a Roman legion
   2: a group or sequence of 100 like things
   3: a period of 100 years

10. **century plant** noun
    : a Mexican agave maturing and flowering only once in many years and then dying
CEO /ˈsiː.oʊ/ noun
: the executive with the chief decision-making authority in an organization or business

cеphal·ic /ˈse.fə.lɪk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the head
2 : directed toward or situated on or in or near the head

cеram·ic /ˈse.rə.mɪk/ noun
1 plural : the art or process of making articles from a nonmetallic mineral (as clay) by firing
2 : a product produced by ceramics
— ceramic adjective

cе·ram·ist /ˈse.rə.mɪst/ or ce·ram·i·cist /ˈse.rə.məˌɪst/ noun
: one who engages in ceramics

cereal /ˈsɪr.e.əl/ adjective
[origin: L. cerealis, fr. Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture]
: relating to grain or to the plants that produce it; also : made of grain

cereal noun
1 : a grass (as wheat) yielding grain suitable for food; also : its grain
2 : a food and esp. a breakfast food prepared from the grain of a cereal

cе·re·bel·lum /se.ˈre.ə.ləm/ noun, plural -bellums or -be·la /-lə/ [origin: ML, fr. L., dim. of cerebrum brain]
: a part of the brain that projects over the medulla and is concerned esp. with coordination of muscular action and with bodily balance
— cer·e·bel·lar /ˈlər//əl/ adjective

cе·re·bral /se.ˈre.ər.ləl, ˈser.əl/ adjective
1 ▶ : of or relating to the brain, intellect, or cerebrum
2 ▶ : appealing to or involving the intellect
— cer·e·bral·ly /əˈbrɛr.ə lee/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1, 2] inner, intellectual, mental, psychological—more at mental

cerebral cortex noun
: the surface layer of gray matter of the cerebrum that functions chiefly in coordination of sensory and motor information

cerebral palsy noun
: a disorder caused by brain damage usu. before, during, or shortly after birth and marked esp. by defective muscle control

cе·re·brate /ˈser.ə.brət/ verb -brat·ed; -brat·ing
: THINK
— cer·e·bra·tion /ˈser.ə.brə.shən/ noun

cе·re·brum /se.ˈre.ər.əm, ˈser.əm/ noun, plural -brums or -bra /ˈbra/ [origin: L, brain]
: the enlarged front and upper part of the brain that contains the higher nervous centers

cere·ment /ˈser.ə.mənt, ˈsir.ə.mənt/ noun
: a shroud for the dead

cе·ro·mone·nal·ly /əˈmer.ə.məˌnal.ə lee/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ ceremonial, conventional, formal, orthodox, regular, routine—more at formal
ceremonial noun
: a ceremonial act or system : RITUAL, FORM

ceremonious

1 : devoted to forms and ceremony
2 : of, relating to, or constituting a ceremony : CEREMONIAL
3 ◀ : according to formal usage or procedure
4 ◀ : marked by ceremony
— ceremonious adverb
— ceremoniousness noun

Synonyms
[3, 4] correct, decorous, formal, proper, starchy; also sober, solemn, stately; chivalrous, courtly, gallant; genteel, polished, refined; civil, courteous, polite, red-carpet

Antonyms
casual, easygoing, informal, laid-back

ceremony
noun, plural -nies
1 ◀ : a formal act or series of acts prescribed by law, ritual, or convention
2 : a conventional act of politeness
3 : a mere outward form with no deeper significance
4 : FORMALITY

Synonyms
ceremonial, form, formality, observance, rite, ritual, solemnity—more at RITE

cerus
noun
: any of various cacti of the western U.S. and tropical America

cerase
noun
[Origin: F, lit., cherry]
: a moderate red color

cerium
noun
: a malleable metallic chemical element used esp. in alloys

cermet
noun
: a strong alloy of a heat-resistant compound and a metal used esp. for turbine blades

cert
abbreviation
certify; certificate; certified; certify

certain

1 adjective
: not subject to change or fluctuation : FIXED, SETTLED
2 ◀ : of a specific but unspecified character ◀ people in authority>
3 a : capable of being depended on : DEPENDABLE, RELIABLE
b : incapable of failing
4 : INDISPUTABLE, UNDENIABLE
5 ◀ : assured in mind or action
6 : INEVITABLE

Synonyms
[1] determinate, final, firm, fixed, flat, frozen, hard, hard-and-fast, set, settled, stable—more at FIXED
[2] anonymous, one, some, unidentified, unnamed, unspecified; also particular, specific
[5] assured, clear, cocksure, confident, doubtless, positive, sanguine, sure; also self-assured, self-confident; decisive, resolute, unfaultering, unhesitating, unwavering

Antonyms
doubtful, dubious, uncertain, unsure

certain

1 noun
certain ones

certainly
adverb
1 ◀ : in a manner that is certain : with certainty
2: it is certain that

**Synonyms**
- definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at **indeed**

**certain·ty /ˈsɜːr.tən.ti/ noun, plural -ties**
1: something that is certain
2: the quality or state of being certain

**Synonyms**
- assurance, certitude, confidence, conviction, positiveness, sureness—more at **confidence**

**certifi·cate /ˈsɜːr.tiˌfɪ.kət/ noun**
1: a document testifying to the truth of a fact
2: a document testifying that one has fulfilled certain requirements (as of a course or school)
3: a document giving evidence of ownership or debt <a stock ~> 

**Certificate of Deposit**
: a money-market bond redeemable without penalty only on maturity

**certifi·cation /ˈsɜːr.tiˌfi.ca.ʃən/ noun**
1: the act of certifying : the state of being certified
2: a certified statement

**Certified Mail noun**
: first class mail for which proof of delivery may be secured but no indemnity value is claimed

**Certified Public Accountant noun**
: an accountant who has met the requirements of a state law and has been granted a certificate

**cer·ti·fy /ˈsɜːr.ti.fɪ/ verb -fied, -fy·ing**
1: to attest as being true
2: to endorse officially
3: to guarantee (a bank check) as good by a statement to that effect stamped on its face
4: to provide with a usu. professional certificate or license

**Synonyms**
- [1] attest, authenticate, avouch, testify, vouch, witness; also guarantee, warrant; affirm, assert, aver, avow, profess
- [4] accredit, authorize, commission, empower, enable, invest, license, qualify—more at **authorize**

**cer·ti·tude /ˈsɜːr.ti.ˈtud/ˌ, ˈsɪ.tyʊd/ noun**
: the state of being or feeling certain

**Synonyms**
- assurance, certainty, confidence, conviction, positiveness, sureness—more at **confidence**

**ce·ru·le·an /ˈserəˌlē.ən/ adjective**
: **azure**

**ce·ru·men /ˈserəˌmən/ noun**
: **earwax**

**cer·vi·cal /ˈsɜːr.vəˌkəl/ adjective**
: of or relating to a neck or cervix

**Cervical Cap noun**
: a contraceptive device in the form of a thimble-shaped molded cap that fits over the uterine cervix and blocks sperm from entering the uterus

**cer·vix /ˈsɜːr.viks/ noun, plural cer·vi·ces /ˌsɜːr.vəˌsēz/ or cer·vi·ces**
1: **neck**: especially: the back part of the neck
2: a constricted portion of an organ or part; especially: the narrow outer end of the uterus
ces·a·re·an or caes·a·re·an also ce·sa·ri·an /ˈzər.ē.ən/ noun, often cap C
— cesarean or caesarean also cesarian adjective, often cap C

cesarean section also caesarean section noun, often cap C
[origin: fr. the legendary association of such a delivery with the Roman cognomen Caesar]
: surgical incision of the walls of the abdomen and uterus for delivery of offspring

cesi·um /ˈsɛ.zəˌəm/ noun
: a silver-white soft ductile chemical element

ces·a·tion /ˌse.ˈzə.ʃən/ noun
▶ a temporary or final ceasing (as of action)

    synonyms
    ▶ close, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stop, stoppage, termination—
    more at END

ces·sion /ˈse.shən/ noun
: a yielding (as of rights) to another

cess·pool /ˈses.pəl/ noun
: an underground pit or tank for receiving household sewage

ce·ta·cean /ˈsi.tə.ˌən/ noun
: any of an order of aquatic mostly marine mammals that includes whales, porpoises, dolphins, and related forms
— cetacean adjective

cf abbreviation
[origin: L confer]
compare
Cf symbol
californium
CF abbreviation
cystic fibrosis
CFC abbreviation
chlorofluorocarbon
cg abbreviation
centigram
CG abbreviation
1 coast guard
2 commanding general
cgs abbreviation
centimeter-gram-second
ch abbreviation
1 chain
2 champion
3 chapter
4 church
CH abbreviation
1 clearinghouse
2 courthouse
3 customhouse
Cha·blis /ʃə.ˈblē. ʃə., ʃə.ˈblē/ noun, plural Cha·blis /ˈblēz, ˈblēz/ 1 : a dry sharp white Burgundy wine
2 : a white California wine
cha-chá /ˈchāˌchā/ noun
: a fast rhythmic ballroom dance of Latin American origin

Chad-ian /ˈcha.dē.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Chad
— Chadian adjective

chafe /ˈchāf/ verb chafed; chaf·ing
1 : to bring trouble or distress to : cause agitation or anxiety to : irritate, vex
2 : fret
3 : to warm by rubbing
4 : to rub so as to wear away
5 : to make sore by rubbing

Synonyms
▷ [1] aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at irritate
▷ [4] abrade, erode, fray, fret, gall, rub, wear—more at abrade
▷ [5] abrade, gall, irritate; also graze, scrape, scratch; burn, inflame; flay, peel, skin

cha·fer /ˈchā.fər/ noun
: any of various scarab beetles

1chaff /ˈchaf/ noun
1 : debris (as husks) separated from grain in threshing
2 : something comparatively worthless

Synonyms
▷ deadwood, dust, garbage, junk, litter, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste—more at garbage

2chaff noun
▷ light jesting talk : bantier

Synonyms
▷ banter, persiflage, raillery, repartee—more at banter

3chaff verb
▷ to tease good-naturedly

Synonyms
▷ jive, josh, kid, rally, razz, rib, ride, roast, tease—more at tease

chaf·fer /ˈchaf·ər/ verb
▷ to discuss terms : haggle esp. over a price
— chaf·fer·er noun

Synonyms
▷ bargain, deal, dicker, haggle, negotiate, palter—more at bargain

chaf·finch /ˈchaf·fīnch/ noun
: a common European finch with a cheerful song

chaffy adjective
▷ of little importance or worth

Synonyms
▷ empty, junky, no-good, null, valueless, worthless—more at worthless

chaf·ing dish /ˈchāˌfîn/ noun
: a utensil for cooking food at the table

1chagrin /ˈchaˌgrin/ noun
: mental uneasiness or annoyance caused by failure, disappointment, or humiliation

2chagrin verb cha·grined /ˈgrînd/; cha·grin·ing
▷ to cause to feel chagrin

chain /ˈchān/ noun
chain noun
1: a flexible series of connected links
2: a chainlike surveying instrument; also: a unit of length equal to 66 feet (about 20 meters)
3: something that confines, restraints, or secures: BOND, FETTER
4: a series of things linked, connected, or associated together <a ~ of events> <a mountain ~>

Synonyms
- [3] band, bond, fetter, irons, ligature, shackle—more at BOND
- [4] progression, sequence, string, train; also chain reaction; belt, circle, cycle; continuum, gamut, scale, spectrum; flow, river, stream; file, line, queue, row, succession

chain verb
1: to fasten, bind, or connect with a chain; also: FETTER
2: to join together so as to make a chain

Synonyms
- [1] bind, enchain, fetter, handcuff, manacle, shackle, trammel
- [2] compound, connect, couple, hitch, hook, join, link, yoke—more at CONNECT

chain gang noun
: a gang of convicts chained together

chain letter noun
: a letter sent to several persons with a request that each send copies to an equal number of persons

chain mail noun
: flexible armor of interlocking metal rings

chain reaction noun
1: a series of events in which each event initiates the succeeding one
2: a chemical or nuclear reaction yielding products that cause further reactions of the same kind

chain saw noun
: a portable power saw that has teeth linked together to form an endless chain

chain-saw /ˈtʃeɪnˌsɔː/ verb

chain-smoke /ˈtʃeɪnˌsmɑːk/ verb
: to smoke esp. cigarettes continuously

chain store noun
: any of numerous stores under the same ownership that sell the same lines of goods

chair /ˈtʃeər/ noun
1: a seat with a back for one person
2: ELECTRIC CHAIR
3: an official seat or a seat of authority, state, or dignity; also: an office or position of authority or dignity
4: the presiding officer of a meeting or event: CHAIRMAN

Synonyms
- head, headship, helm, rein—more at HEAD

chair verb
: to act as chairman of

chair-lift /ˈtʃeəˌlɪft/ noun
: a motor-driven conveyor for skiers consisting of seats hung from a moving cable

chair-man /ˈtʃeərn/ noun
: the presiding officer of a meeting or of a committee

chair-man-ship noun

Synonyms
- chair, moderator, president, speaker

chair-person /ˈtʃeərˌpɜːn/ noun
: the presiding officer of a meeting or assembly: **CHAIRMAN**

chair·wom·an /ˌwū.ˈmən/ noun
: a woman who serves as chairman

chaise /ˈʃāz/ noun
: a 2-wheeled horse-drawn carriage with a folding top

chaise longue /ˈʃāz.lən/ noun, plural chaise longues /ˌlänz/ [origin: F, lit., long chair]
: a long reclining chair

chaise lounge /ˈlaʊn/ noun
: CHAISE LONGUE

chal·ced·o·ny /kəl.ˈsəd.əˌni/ noun, plural -nies
: a translucent pale blue or gray quartz

chal·co·py·rite /kəl.ˈkə.pəˌrīt/ noun
: a yellow mineral constituting an important ore of copper

cha·let /ˌsha.ˈlāt/ noun
1 : a herdsman's cabin in the Swiss mountains
2 a : a building in the style of a Swiss cottage with a wide roof overhang
   b : a cottage or house in chalet style
   Synonyms
   — cabin, camp, cottage, lodge—more at COTTAGE

chal·ice /ˈchā.ləs/ noun
: a drinking cup; especially: the eucharistic cup

1 chalk /chōk/ noun
1 : a soft limestone
2 : chalk or chalky material esp. when used as a crayon
   — chalky adjective

2 chalk verb
1 : to rub or mark with chalk
2 : to record with or as if with chalk — usu. used with up

chalk·board /ˈchōk.ˈbōrd/ noun
: BLACKBOARD

chalk up verb
1 : ASCRIBE, CREDIT
2 : ATTAIN, ACHIEVE

1 challenge /ˈchā.lənd/ verb chal·len·ged; chal·len·ging
[origin: ME chalengen to accuse, fr. OF chalengier, fr. L calumniari to accuse falsely, fr. calumnia calumny]
1 : to order to halt and prove identity
2 : to dispute esp. as being unjust, invalid, or untrue: to take exception to: DISPUTE
3 : to issue an invitation to compete against one esp. in single combat: DARE, DEFY

   Synonyms
   — [2] contest, dispute, query, question; also doubt, mistrust; kick (about), object (to), protest; combat, fight, oppose, resist

   Antonyms
   — accept, believe, embrace, swallow

2 challenge noun
1 : a summons to a duel
2 : an invitation to compete in a sport
3 : a calling to account or into question
4 : an exception taken to a juror
5 : a sentry's command to halt and prove identity
6 : a stimulating or interesting task or problem

**Synonyms**
- complaint, demur, expostulation, fuss, kick, objection, protest, question, remonstrance—more at **OBJECTION**

**challenged** adjective
- : presented with difficulties (as by a disability)

**Synonyms**
- disabled, handicapped—more at **DISABLED**

**chal-leng-er** noun
- : one that challenges; specif : a contender for a championship (as boxing)

**Synonyms**
- competition, competitor, contender, contestant, rival—more at **COMPETITOR**

**challenging** adjective
- : arousing competitive interest, thought, or action <a ~ course of study>

**Synonyms**
- arduous, burdensome, demanding, exacting, grueling, laborious, onerous, taxing, toilsome—more at **DEMANDING**

**chal-lis** /shaˌlēz/ noun, plural **chal-lises** /ˌlēz/
- : a lightweight clothing fabric of wool, cotton, or synthetic yarns

**cham·ber** /chāmˈbər/ noun
1 : a partitioned part of the inside of a building : **ROOM**
2 : an enclosed space or cavity
3 : a hall for meetings of a legislative body
4 : a judge's consultation room — usu. used in pl.
5 : a legislative or judicial body; also : a council for a business purpose
6 : the part of a firearm that holds the cartridge or powder charge during firing

— **chambered** /ˈbərd/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] bay, cabin, cell, compartment, cubicle—more at **COMPARTMENT**

**cham·ber·lain** /ˈchamˌbərˌlēn/ noun
1 : a chief officer in the household of a king or nobleman
2 : **TREASURER**

**cham·ber·maid** /ˈmād/ noun
- : a maid who takes care of bedrooms

**chamber music** noun
- : music intended for performance by a few musicians before a small audience

**cham·bray** /ˈshamˌbrā/ noun
- : a lightweight clothing fabric of white and colored threads

**cha·me·leon** /ˈkāməˌlēn/ noun
- : a small lizard whose skin changes color esp. according to its surroundings

1**chamfer** /ˈchamˌfər/ verb
1 : to cut a furrow in (as a column) : **GROOVE**
2 : to make a chamfer on : **BEVEL**

2**chamfer** noun
- : a beveled edge

**cham·ois** /ˈshāˌmōz/ noun, plural **cham·ois** /ˈsamˌōz/ same or **mēz/**
1 : a small goatlike antelope of Europe and the Caucasus region of Russia
2 also chám·my /ʃa.mɛ/ : a soft leather made esp. from the skin of the sheep or goat
3 : a cotton fabric made in imitation of chamois leather

cham·o·mile /ka.mə.mil/.məl/ noun
: any of a genus of strong-scented herbs related to the daisies and having flower heads that yield a bitter substance used esp. in tonics and teas

1champ /champ/, chāmP/ verb
1 : to chew noisily
2 : to show impatience of delay or restraint

2champ /champ/ noun
: a winner of first prize or first place in competition : CHAMPION; also : one who shows marked superiority

Synonyms
champion, victor, winner—more at CHAMPION

cham·pagne /ʃam.ˈPæn/ noun
: a white effervescent wine

1champion /ˈchæmp.i.ən/ noun
1 : a militant advocate or defender
2 : one that wins first prize or place in a contest
3 : one that is acknowledged to be better than all others

Synonyms
[1] advocate, apostle, backer, booster, exponent, friend, promoter, proponent, supporter—more at EXPONENT
[2] champ, victor, winner; also finalist, semifinalist; medalist, prizewinner; star, superstar

2champion verb
: to protect or fight for as a champion

Synonyms
advocate, back, endorse, patronize, support—more at SUPPORT

cham·pi·on·ship /ˌship/ noun
1 : the position or title of a champion
2 : the act of championing : DEFENSE
3 : a contest held to determine a champion

1chance /ˈchans/ noun
1 : something that happens without apparent cause
2 : the unpredictable element in existence : LUCK
3 : a situation favoring some purpose : OPPORTUNITY
4 : the likelihood of a particular outcome in an uncertain situation : PROBABILITY
5 : a gamble or risk taken in hopes of a favorable outcome with a real possibility of loss
6 : a raffle ticket—by chance
: in the haphazard course of events

Synonyms
[2] accident, circumstance, hazard, luck; also randomness, uncertainty; fluke; destiny, doom, fate, fortune, lot; danger, peril, risk
[3] occasion, opening, opportunity, room—more at OPPORTUNITY
[4] odds, percentage, probability—more at PROBABILITY
[5] enterprise, flier, gamble, speculation, venture—more at GAMBLE

2chance verb chanced; chanc·ing
1 : to take place by chance : HAPPEN
2 : to encounter or discover by chance — used with upon
3 : to leave the outcome of to chance
4 : to accept the risk of

Synonyms
[1] be, befall, betide, come, go, happen, occur, pass, transpire—more at HAPPEN
usually chance upon [2] encounter, find, happen, hit, meet, stumble
[4] gamble, hazard, risk, venture—more at risk

chance adjective
: happening, experienced, or encountered by chance, without forethought, plan, or intention

Synonyms
accidental, casual, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated, unwitting—more at ACCIDENTAL.

chancel /'chan,səl/ noun
: the part of a church including the altar and choir

chancel-ler or chancel-lor /'chan,sələr/ noun, plural -ler-ies or -lor-ies
1 : the position or office of a chancellor
2 : the building or room where a chancellor works
3 : the office or staff of an embassy or consulate

chancel-ship noun

chancery /'chan,səri/ noun, plural -cer-ies
1 : any of various courts of equity in the U.S. and Britain
2 : a record office for public or diplomatic archives
3 : a chancellor's court or office
4 : the office of an embassy

chance /'chant,krə/ noun
: a primary sore or ulcer at the site of entry of an infective agent (as of syphilis)

chanc-roid /'chan,krəid/ noun
: a sexually transmitted disease caused by a bacterium and characterized by chancrens that differ from those of syphilis in lacking hardened margins

chancy /'chant,sə/ adjective chanci-er; -est
1 Scottish : AUSPICIOUS
2 : RISKY

chande-lier /'shand,lər/ noun
: a branched lighting fixture suspended from a ceiling

chandler /'chand,lər/ noun
[origin: ME chandeler a maker or seller of candles, fr. AF, fr. chandele candle, fr. L candelabrum]
: a dealer in provisions and supplies of a specified kind <ship's ~>
Antonyms
fix, freeze, set, stabilize
  [1] fluctuate, mutate, shift, vary; also metamorphose, transmute; better, improve; deteriorate, worsen; seesaw, teeter, vacillate, waver
Antonyms
stabilize
  [2, 6] commute, exchange, shift, substitute, swap, switch, trade; also interchange; displace, replace, supersede; cede, surrender, yield

change noun
  1 • : the act, process, or result of changing
  2 • : a fresh set of clothes
  3 • : money given in exchange for other money of higher denomination
  4 • : money returned when a payment exceeds the sum due
  5 • : coins esp. of small denominations
Synonyms
alteration, difference, modification, revise, revision, variation; also amendment, correction, rectification; conversion, deformation, distortion, metamorphosis, mutation, transfiguration, transformation; fluctuation, oscillation, shift; displacement, replacement, substitution; adjustment, modulation, regulation
Antonyms
fixation, stabilization

change·able adjective
  1 • : subject to change
  2 • : able or apt to vary

change·able
Synonyms
[1] adaptable, adjustable, elastic, flexible, fluid, malleable, variable—more at FLEXIBLE
[2] capricious, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, temperamental, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at FICKLE

change·ful adjective
: notably variable

change·ling noun
: a child secretly exchanged for another in infancy

change·over noun
: the action of changing over
Synonyms
conversion, metamorphosis, transfiguration, transformation—more at CONVERSION

change ringing noun
: the art or practice of ringing a set of tuned bells in continually varying order

channel noun
  1 • : the bed of a stream
  2 • : the deeper part of a waterway
  3 • : a comparatively narrow passageway connecting two large bodies of water
  4 • : a means of passage or transmission
  5 • : a range of frequencies of sufficient width for a single radio or television transmission
  6 • : a usu. tubular enclosed passage
  7 • : a long gutter, groove, or furrow usu. for the passage of water
Synonyms
[3] narrows, sound, strait; also arm, bay, gulf, inlet; roads, roadstead; reach, stretch
[6] conduit, duct, leader, line, penstock, pipe, tube—more at PIPE
[6, 7] aqueduct, canal, conduit, flume, raceway, watercourse; also millrace, millstream; river, rivulet, stream

channel verb
-neled or -nelled; -eling or -el·ling
  1 • : to make a channel in
  2 • : to direct into or through a channel
Synonyms
- conduct, direct, funnel, pipe, siphon; also carry, convey, transmit; concentrate, consolidate, focus

channelize /ˈchænˌdʒel-iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to direct through or into a channel or restricted area : CHANNEL
  — channelization /ˈchænˌdʒel-əˈzi·zhən/ noun

channel /ˈchan-əl/ noun, plural channels /ˈchan·əlz/ or /ˈchan·əlz/
: SONG; especially : a cabaret song

chant /ˈchænt/ verb
1 ▶: to make melodic sounds with the voice : SING; especially : to sing a chant
2: to utter or recite in the manner of a chant
3: to celebrate or praise in song
  — chanter noun
  Synonyms
  - carol, descant, sing, vocalize—more at SING

canth noun
1: a repetitive melody in which several words are sung to one tone : SONG; especially : a liturgical melody
2: a manner of singing or speaking in musical monotones

chanterelle /ˈshan-ter·e·ləl/ noun
: a fragrant edible mushroom

chanteresse /ˈshan·tər·ez, ˈshan·tər·əz/ noun, plural chanteuses /ˈshan·tər·əz, ˈchan·tər·əz/
[Origin: F]: a woman who is a concert or nightclub singer

chantey or chanty /ˈshan·tē, ˈshan·tē/ noun, plural chanteys or chanties
: a song sung by sailors in rhythm with their work

chanticleer /ˈchan·tik·le·ər, ˈshan·ti·klər/ noun
: ROOSTER

Chanukah variant of HANUKKAH

chaos /ˈkā·əs/ noun
1 often cap: the confused unorganized state existing before the creation of distinct forms
2: the inherent unpredictability in the behavior of a natural system (as the atmosphere or the beating heart)
3 ▶: a state of utter confusion or disorder
  Synonyms
  - confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, havoc, hell, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles; also anarchy, lawlessness, misrule; knot, snarl, tangle; labyrinth, maze, web; maelstrom, storm; clutter, litter, mishmash, shuffle; hodgepodge, medley, miscellany, motley
  Antonyms
  - order, orderliness

chaos theory noun
: a branch of mathematical and physical theory concerned with chaotic systems

chaotic /ˈkā·ə·tik/ adjective
▶: completely confused or disordered
  — chaotically /ˈkā·tik·ə·lē/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶: confused, disheveled, disordered, messy, muddled, sloppy, unkempt, untidy—more at MESSY

chap /ˈchæp/ verb chapped; chapping
: to dry and crack open usu. from wind and cold <chapped lips>

chap noun
: a jaw with its fleshy covering — usu. used in pl.
chap noun

: an adult male individual:  
  Synonyms
  buck, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at man

chap abbreviation

chapter

chap-ar-ral /shaˈpe.ɾal/ noun

1 : a dense impenetrable thicket of shrubs or dwarf trees
2 : an ecological community esp. of southern California composed of shrubby plants

  Synonyms
  brake, brushwood, coppice, covert, thicket—more at thicket

chap-book /ˈchap.bʊk/ noun

: a small book of ballads, tales, or tracts

chap·peau /ˈʃa.ˌpō/ noun, plural chap·peaus /ˈʃpōz/ or chap·peaux /ˈʃpɔ̃, ʃpɔz/
[origin: MF]

: hat

chap·pel /ˈcha.pəl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF chapele, fr. ML capella, fr. LL cappa cloak; fr. the cloak of St. Martin of Tours preserved as a sacred relic in a chapel built for that purpose]

1 : a private or subordinate place of worship
2 : an assembly at an educational institution usu. including devotional exercises
3 : a place of worship used by a Christian group other than an established church

chap·erone or chap·er·on /ˈsha.ˌpe.ɾən/ noun

1 : a person (as a matron) who accompanies young unmarried women in public for propriety
2 : an older person who accompanies young people at a social gathering to ensure proper behavior

chap·erone or chap·er·on verb -oned; -on·ing

1 : to attend upon: escort
2 : to act as a chaperone to or for

— chap·er·on·age /ˌʃpəˌrən.əj/ noun

  Synonyms
  [1, 2] accompany, attend, convoy, escort, squire—more at accompany

chap·fall·en /ˈʃap.fə.ˈlen, ˈʃap.ər/ adjective

1 : having the lower jaw hanging loosely
2 : dejected, depressed

chap·lain /ˈcha.ˌplɛn/ noun

1 : a member of the clergy officially attached to a special group (as the army)
2 : a person chosen to conduct religious exercises (as for a club)

— chap·lain·cy /ˌsɛlˈni/ noun

chap·let /ˈcha.ˌplɛt/ noun

1 : a wreath for the head
2 : a string of beads: necklace

chap·man /ˈcha.ˌplɛn/ noun, British

: an itinerant dealer: peddler

chaps /ˈʃapz, ˈchaps/ noun plural
[origin: MexSp chaparreras]

: leather leggings resembling trousers without a seat that are worn esp. by western ranch hands

chap·ter /ˈcha.ˌtər/ noun
1 : a main division of a book
2 : a body of canons (as of a cathedral)
3 : a local branch of a society or fraternity
   
   **Synonyms**
   - affiliate, branch, local; also arm, division, wing; offshoot; lodge, post

1 **char** /ˈchar/ noun, plural **chars or char**
   : any of a genus of trouts (as the common brook trout) with small scales

2 **char** verb charred; char·ring
   1 : to burn or become burned to charcoal
   2 : to burn slightly or partly: **SCORCH**
      
      **Synonyms**
      - scorch, sear, singe—more at **SCORCH**

3 **char** verb charred; char·ring
   : to work as a cleaning woman

**char·ac·ter** /ˈkærəkˌtər/ noun
   1 : a graphic symbol (as a letter) used in writing or printing
   2 : a symbol that represents information; also : a representation of such a character that may be accepted by a computer
   3 : a distinguishing feature: **ATTRIBUTE**
   4 : the complex of mental and ethical traits marking a person or a group
   5 : a person marked by conspicuous often peculiar traits
   6 : one of the persons in a novel or play
   7 : reputation esp. when good: good name: **REPUTATION**
   8 : moral excellence
      
      **Synonyms**
      - [4] complexion, constitution, genius, identity, nature, personality, tone—more at **NATURE**
      - [5] crackpot, crank, eccentric, kook, nut, oddball, screwball, weirdo—more at **ECCENTRIC**
      - [7] mark, name, note, report, reputation—more at **REPUTATION**
      - [8] decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue—more at **MORALITY**

1 **characteristic** /ˈkærəkˌtəristık/ noun
   : a distinguishing trait, quality, or property
      
      **Synonyms**
      - attribute, character, feature, mark, peculiarity, point, property, quality, trait; also badge, indication, sign; emblem, symbol, token; excellence, merit, virtue; individuality, singularity, uniqueness

2 **characteristic** adjective
   : serving to mark individual character
      
      **Synonyms**
      - classic, distinct, distinctive, individual, peculiar, proper, symptomatic, typical; also idiosyncratic; identifiable, pronounced, unmistakable; general, generic; common, normal, regular, usual; particular, special, specific; model, paradigmatic
      **Antonyms**
      - atypical, nontypical

**char·ac·ter·ize** /ˈkærəkˌtər·aɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
   1 : to describe the character of
   2 : to be a characteristic of
      
      **Synonyms**
      - define, depict, describe, portray, represent; also categorize, classify, pigeonhole, type; identify, indicate,
name, specify; distinguish, individualize, mark, particularize, stamp

cha·rades /ˈsha.rədəz/ noun singular or plural
: a game in which some of the players try to guess a word or phrase from the actions of another player who may not speak

char·coal /ˈchar.kəl/ noun
1 : a porous carbon prepared from vegetable or animal substances
2 : a piece of fine charcoal used in drawing; also : a drawing made with charcoal

chard /ˈchar.d/ noun
: SWISS CHARD

char·don·nay /ˈchar.dən.nā/ noun, often cap
[origin: F]
: a dry white wine made from a single variety of white grape

charge /ˈchar/ noun
1 : a quantity (as of fuel or ammunition) required to fill something to capacity
2 : a store or accumulation of force
3 : an excess or deficiency of electrons in a body
4 : THRILL, KICK
5 : a task or duty imposed
6 : a person or thing committed to the care of another : CARE
7 : control of the acts, workings, or disposition of something
8 a : a direction or order calling for compliance 
   b : instructions from a judge to a jury
9 : the price demanded for something : COST, PRICE; also : a debit to an account
10 : a formal assertion of illegality : INDICTMENT
11 : a violent rush forward (as to attack) : ATTACK, ASSAULT

Synonyms

[5] assignment, job, mission, operation, post—more at MISSION
[7] care, guidance, headship, oversight, regulation, superintendence, supervision—more at SUPERVISION
[8a] behest, command, commandment, decree, dictate, direction, directive, edict, instruction, order, word—more at COMMAND
[9] cost, fee, figure, price—more at PRICE
[10] complaint, count, indictment, rap; also accusation, allegation; arraignment, impeachment; implication, innuendo, insinuation; censure, denunciation; incrimination

charge verb charged; charg·ing
1 : to load or fill to capacity
2 : to give an electric charge to; also : to restore the activity of (a storage battery) by means of an electric current
3 : to impose a task or responsibility on
4 : to command, instruct, or exhort with authority : COMMAND, ORDER <I ~ you not to go>
5 : to make an assertion against esp. by ascribing guilt or blame : ACCUSE
6 : to rush against : rush forward in assault
7 : to make liable for payment; also : to record a debt or liability against
8 : to fix as a price
— charge·able adjective

Synonyms

[3] assign, commission, entrust, trust—more at ENTRUST
[6] assail, assault, attack, beset, descend, jump, pounce, raid, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK
[7] assess, exact, fine, impose, lay, levy, put—more at IMPOSE
[8] ask, command, demand; also overcharge, undercharge; bring, fetch, sell (for); discount, mark down, mark up; assess, price, value

charged /ˈchar.d/ adjective
1 : possessing or showing strong emotion
2 : capable of arousing strong emotion; also : EXCITING
Synonyms
- ardent, burning, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, glowing, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate, red-hot, vehement, warm—more at fervent

charge–coupled device noun
- a semiconductor device used esp. as an optical sensor

chargé d'affaires /ʃar.ʒə.də fray/ noun, plural chargés d'affaires /ʒə.zə.zəz/ [origin: F]
- a diplomat who substitutes for an ambassador or minister

charger /ˈchar.lər/ noun
- a large platter

2 charger noun
1: a device or a worker that charges something
2: warhorse

chariot /ˈchar.i.oʊt/ noun
- a 2-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle of ancient times used esp. in war and in races

charioteer /ˈchar.i.oʊ.tir/ noun

charisma /ˈkær.ə.zə.mə/ noun
- a personal quality of leadership arousing popular loyalty or enthusiasm

charismatic /ˈkær.ə.zə.mət.ɪk/ adjective

Synonyms
- allure, appeal, attractiveness, captivation, charm, enchantment, fascination, glamour, magic, magnetism—more at charm

charitable /ˈchar.ə.tə.bl/ adjective
1: liberal in giving to needy people
2: merciful or lenient in judging others

charitably /ˈchar.ə.tə.bl.i/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] bountiful, free, generous, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing—more at generous
- [2] altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, humanitarian, philanthropic; also selfless, self-sacrificing: bounteous, bountiful, free, generous, greathearted, handsome, liberal, magnanimous, munificent, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing; compassionate, humane, kind

Antonyms
- self-centered, selfish

charity /ˈchar.i.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1: a disposition to goodwill, kindliness, and sympathy
2: an act or feeling of generosity
3: the giving of aid to the poor; also: alms
4: an institution engaged in relief of the poor
5: leniency in judging others

Synonyms
- [2, 3] alms, benefaction, beneficence, contribution, donation, philanthropy—more at contribution

charlatan /ˈʃar.lə.tən/ noun
- a person making usu. showy pretenses to knowledge or ability: fraud

Synonyms
- fake, fraud, hoaxer, humbug, mountebank, phony, pretender, quack

Charles-ton /ˈkær.ləs.tən/ noun
- a lively dance in which the knees are swung in and out and the heels are turned sharply outward on each step

char-ley horse /ˈʃar.ləˌhɔrs/ noun
- a muscular pain, cramping, or stiffness from a strain or bruise
charm /ˈcharm/ noun
[origin: ME charme, fr. AF, fr. L carmen song, fr. canere to sing]
1 : a practice or expression believed to have magic power
2 : something worn about the person to ward off evil or bring good fortune : AMULET
3 : a trait that fascinates or allures
4 : physical grace or attraction
5 : a small ornament worn on a bracelet or chain
6 : a quark with a charge of +2/3 and a measured energy of approximately 1.5 billion electron volts

synonyms
1 bewitchment, conjuration, enchantment, incantation, spell—more at SPELL
2 amulet, fetish, mascot, talisman; also emblem, symbol, token, totem

Antonyms
hoodoo, jinx

charm verb
1 : to affect by or as if by a magic spell
2 : to protect by or as if by charms
3 : to please, soothe, or delight by compelling attraction : FASCINATE, ENCHANT "s customers with his suave manner"

— charmer noun

synonyms
allure, beguile, bewitch, captivate, enchant, fascinate, wile; also disarm, draw, entice, lure, pull, seduce, tempt; delight, gratify, please; arrest, enrapture, enthrall, entrance; appeal (to), interest, intrigue; beckon, court, invite, solicit, woo

charmed /ˈcharmd/ adjective
: extremely lucky or prosperous "a ~ life"

charmer noun
1 : one that charms : ENCHANTER, MAGICIAN
2 : one that pleases, intrigues, or fascinates

charming /ˈcharmɪŋ/ adjective
: marked by compelling attraction or appeal

— charmingly adverb

synonyms
alluring, attractive, captivating, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, magnetic, seductive—more at FASCINATING

charnel house /ˈcharnəl/ noun
: a building or chamber in which bodies or bones are deposited

chart /ˈchart/ noun
1 : an outline map detailing certain geographical aspects of an area : MAP
2 : a sheet giving information in the form of a table, list, or diagram; also : GRAPH

chart verb
1 : to make a chart of
2 : to lay out a plan for : PLAN

synonyms
arrange, blueprint, calculate, design, frame, lay out, map, plan, project, scheme—more at PLAN

charter /ˈcharter/ noun
1 : an official document granting rights or privileges (as to a colony, town, or college) from a sovereign or a governing body
2: **CONSTITUTION**
3: a written instrument from a society creating a branch
4: a mercantile lease of a ship

2: **charter** verb
1: to grant a charter to
2: **British**: CERTIFY <ed engineer>
3: to hire, rent, or lease for temporary use
   — **char·ter·er** noun
   : an original member of an organization

2: **charter member** noun
: an original member of an organization

2: **char·treuse** /shārˈtrœz/ noun
: a brilliant yellow green

2: **char·wom·an** /ˈchar.wəˌmən/ noun
: a cleaning woman esp. in large buildings

2: **chary** /ˈchar.əl/ adjective chari·er; -est
   [ origin: ME, sorrowful, dear, fr. OE ceærig sorrowful, fr. caru sorrow ]
   1: CAUTIOUS, CIRCUMSPECT
   2: SPARING
   — **char·i·ly** /ˈchar·i·li/ adverb

2: **chase** /chās/ noun
1 a: the act of chasing: **PURSUIT**
   b: **HUNTING**
2: something pursued: **QUARRY**
3: a tract of unenclosed land used as a game preserve
   **Synonyms**
   — following, pursuit, tracing—more at **PURSUIT**

2: **chase** verb chased; chas·ing
1: to follow rapidly: **Pursue**
2: to pursue for food or in sport: **HUNTING**
3: to seek out <chasing down clues>
4: to cause to depart or flee: drive away
5: **Rush, Hasten**
   **Synonyms**
   — [1] dog, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, trace, track, trail—more at **FOLLOW**
   — [4] banish, boot, bounce, cast, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, rout, run off—more at **EJECT**

2: **chase** verb chased; chas·ing
: to decorate (a metal surface) by embossing or engraving

2: **chase** noun
: **FURROW, GROOVE**

2: **chas·er** /ˈchas·ər/ noun
1: one that chases
2: a mild drink (as beer) taken after hard liquor

2: **chas·sis** /ˈkæsəs/ noun, plural **chas·sis** /ˈkæsəz/
: the supporting frame of a structure (as an automobile or television set)

2: **chaste** /ˈchæst/ adjective chas·ter, chas·test
1: innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse: **VIRTUOUS, PURE**
2: **CELIBATE**
3: pure in thought: MODEST
4: severe or simple in design

Synonyms
- [1, 3] clean, decent, immaculate, modest, pure, virtuous; also spotless, stainless, unblemished, undefiled, unsoiled, unsullied, untainted, unantarnished; decorous, proper, seemly; cultivated, refined, tasteful; harmless, innocent, innocuous, inoffensive

Antonyms
- immodest, impure, indecent, unchaste, unclean

chaste-ly adverb
- in a chaste manner

Synonyms
- modestly, purely, righteously, virtuously—more at PURELY

chaste·ten /chást·n/ verb
1: to correct through punishment or suffering: DISCIPLINE
2: PURIFY

chaste·ten·er noun

Synonyms
- castigate, chastise, correct, discipline, penalize, punish—more at PUNISH

chaste·ness noun
- the state or quality of being chaste

chast·ise /chást·z/ verb chastised; chas·tis·ing
[origin: ME chastisen, alter. of chasten]
1: to punish esp. bodily
2: to censure severely: CASTIGATE

Synonyms
- [1, 2] castigate, chasten, correct, discipline, penalize, punish—more at PUNISH

chas·tise·ment /mán·tən/ noun
- the action, an act, or the means of chastising; especially: PUNISHMENT

Synonyms
- castigation, correction, desert, discipline, nemesis, penalty, punishment, wrath—more at PUNISHMENT

chas·ti·ty /chást·ti/ noun
- the quality or state of being chaste; especially: sexual purity

Synonyms
- modesty, purity; also goodness, righteousness; morality, probity, rectitude; decency, decorum, propriety

Antonyms
- immodesty, impurity, unchastity

cha·su·ble /chaz·a·bəl, ˌsa/ noun
- the outer vestment of the priest at mass

chat /chat/ noun
1: light familiar informal talk
2: online discussion in a chat room

- chat verb

Synonyms
- chatter, chitchat, gabfest, gossip, palaver, rap, talk; also colloquy, conference, discourse, parley, powwow, symposium; debate, dialogue, exchange, give-and-take

chat verb
- to talk in a light and familiar manner

Synonyms
- gab, jaw, palaver, patter, talk; also gossip, tattle; descant, discuss, expatiate

usually chat with: speak, talk

châ·teau /sha·tə/ noun, plural châ·teaus /ˈʃaˌtoʊ/ or châ·teaux /ˈʃə, ˈʃoː/
chat·e·laine /'ʃaɪt.əˌlɛn/ noun
1 : the mistress of a chateau
2 : a clasp or hook for a watch, purse, or keys

chat·tel /'ʃæt.əl/ noun
1 ▶ : an item of tangible property other than real estate
2 ▶ : a person held in servitude : SLAVE, BONDMAN
   ⬤ Synonyms usually chattels
   ▶ effects, holdings, paraphernalia, possession, things—more at POSSESSION

chat room noun
: a real-time online interactive discussion group

chatter /'chaɪtər/ verb
1 ▶ : to utter speechlike but meaningless sounds
2 ▶ : to talk idly, incessantly, or fast
3 ▶ : to click repeatedly or uncontrollably
   ⬤ Synonyms
   ▶ [1] babble, drivel, gabble, gibber, jabber, prattle, sputter—more at BABBLE
   ▶ [2] babble, blab, chat, gab, gable, gas, jabber, jaw, palaver, patter, prattle, rap, rattle, run on—more at CHAT

chatter noun
: idle talk

chat·ter·box /'chaɪtər.bɒks/ noun
▶ : one who talks incessantly
   ⬤ Synonyms
   ▶ jabberer, magpie, talker; also gossip, tattler, tattletale

chat·ter·er noun
: a person who rambles on and on

chat·ty /'chaɪt.i/ adjective chat·ti·er; -est
1 ▶ : fond of chatting : TALKATIVE <a ~ neighbor>
2 ▶ : having the style and manner of light familiar conversation <a ~ letter>
   — chat·ti·ly /'chaɪt.i.lɪ/ adverb
   — chat·ti·ness /'chaɪt.i.nes/ noun
   ⬤ Synonyms
   ▶ [1] conversational, gabby, garrulous, loquacious, talkative—more at TALKATIVE
   ▶ [2] colloquial, conversational, newsy; also casual, familiar, informal, intimate; digressive, discursive, rambling; communicative, expansive, garrulous, talkative
   ⬤ Antonyms
   ▶ bookish, literary

chauffeur /ʃɔˈfɛr, ʃəˈfɛr/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, lit., stoker, fr. chauffer to heat]
: a person employed to drive an automobile

chauffeur verb chauffe·ured; chauffe·ur·ing
1 : to do the work of a chauffeur
2 : to transport in the manner of a chauffeur

chau·vin·ism /ʃɔˈvɪn.i.zəm/ noun
[ORIGIN: F chauvinisme, fr. Nicolas Chauvin, fictional soldier of excessive patriotism and devotion to Napoleon]
1 : excessive or blind patriotism
2 : an attitude of superiority toward members of the opposite sex
— chau·vin·is·tic /ˈshō.vənˌis.tik/ adjective
— chau·vin·is·ti·cal·ly /ˌflıˈka(t)əli/ adverb

chau·vin·ist noun or adjective
: one who practices chauvinism

cheap /ˈchēp/ adjective
1 ▶: of small cost: INEXPENSIVE
2 : costing little effort to obtain
3 ▶: of inferior quality or worth: SHODDY
4 : worthy of scorn
5 : not generous or liberal in using, giving, or spending: STINGY
— cheap adverb
— cheap·ly adverb

cheap·en /ˈchēp·ən/ verb
1 ▶: to make or become cheap or cheaper in price or value
2 : to make tawdry

cheap·ness noun
▶: the quality or state of being cheap

cheap·skate /ˈchēpˌskāt/ noun
▶: a miserly or stingy person; especially: one who tries to avoid paying a fair share of costs

cheat /ˈcheat/ verb
1 ▶: to deprive of something through fraud or deceit
2 : to practice fraud or trickery
3 : to violate rules (as of a game) dishonestly
— cheat·er noun

cheap·en /ˈchēp·ən/ verb
1 ▶: to free from something through fraud or deceit
2 : to free of or clear of something dishonestly

check /ˈchek/ noun
1 : exposure of a chess king to an attack
2 : a sudden stoppage of progress
3 : a sudden pause or break
4 ▶: something that stops or restrains
5 ▶: a standard for testing or evaluation
6 ▶: a strict or close inspection : a study of by close examination: EXAMINATION
7 ▶: the act of testing or verifying
8 ▶: a written order to a bank to pay money
9 ▶: a ticket or token showing ownership or identity
10 ▶: a slip indicating an amount due
11 ▶: a pattern in squares; also: a fabric in such a pattern
12 ▶: a mark typically ✓ placed beside an item to show that it has been noted
13 ▶: CRACK, SPLIT

Synonyms
▶ [4] condition, constraint, curb, fetter, limitation, restraint, restriction—more at RESTRICTION
▶ [6] audit, checkup, examination, inspection, review, scan, scrutiny, survey—more at INSPECTION
▶ [10] account, bill, invoice, statement, tab—more at BILL

2 check verb
1 : to put (a chess king) in check
2 ▶: to slow down or stop
3 ▶: to restrain the action or force of : CURB
4 : to compare with a source, original, or authority : VERIFY — often used with out
5 ▶: to inspect or test for satisfactory condition
6 : to mark with a check as examined
7 : to consign for shipment for one holding a passenger ticket
8 : to mark into squares
9 : to leave or accept for safekeeping in a checkroom
10 : to prove to be consistent or truthful
11 : CRACK, SPLIT
12 ▶: to correspond often detail for detail

Synonyms
▶ [2] arrest, catch, draw up, fetch up, halt, hold up, stall, stay, still, stop—more at HALT
▶ [3] bridle, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame—more at CONTROL
▶ usually check out [5] audit, examine, inspect, review, scan, scrutinize, survey—more at INSPECT
▶ [12] accord, agree, answer, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally; also equal, match, parallel

Antonyms
differ (from), disagree (with)

check-book /'chek_.bük/ noun
: a book containing blank checks

1 checker /'che_.ker/ noun
: a piece in the game of checkers

2 checker verb
1 : to variegate with different colors or shades
2 : to vary with contrasting elements <a ~ed career>
3 : to mark into squares

3 checker noun
: one that checks; especially: one who checks out purchases in a supermarket

check-er-ry /'che_.ker_.rɛ/ noun
: WINTERGREEN1; also: the spicy red fruit of this plant

check-er-board /_.bɔrd/ noun
: a board of 64 squares of alternate colors used in various games

check-ered /'che_.kərd/ adjective
: marked by inconsistent fortune or recurring problems <his ~ past>
check·ers /ˈchek ərz/ noun  
: a game for two played on a checkerboard with each player having 12 pieces

check in verb  
: to report one's presence or arrival (as at a hotel)

check-list /ˈchek ˌlist/ noun  
1 ▶: a list of things to be checked or done
2 ▶: a comprehensive list

Synonyms
[1, 2] catalog, list, listing, menu, register, registry, roll, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

check·mate /ˈchek māt/ verb  
[Origin: ME chekmaten, fr. chekmate, interj. used to announce checkmate, fr. MF eschec mat, fr. Ar shāh māt, fr. Per, lit., the king is left unable to escape]  
1 ▶: to thwart completely : FRUSTRATE  
2 : to attack (an opponent's king) in chess so that escape is impossible

— checkmate noun

Synonyms  
[1] baffle, balk, beat, foil, frustrate, thwart—more at FRUSTRATE

check·off /ˈche ˌkɒf/ noun  
: the deduction of union dues from a worker's paycheck by the employer

check·out /ˈche ˌkɔut/ noun  
1 : the action or an instance of checking out
2 : a counter at which checking out is done
3 : the process of examining and testing something as to readiness for intended use

check out verb  
1 : to settle one's account (as at a hotel) and leave
2 : to total or have totaled the cost of purchases in a store and to make or receive payment for them

check·point /ˈchek ˌpɔint/ noun  
: a point at which a check is performed

check·room /ˈchek ˌrʊm/ noun  
: a room at which baggage, parcels, or clothing is left for safekeeping

checks and balances noun plural  
: a system allowing each branch of a government to restrict the actions of another branch (as by a veto)

check·up /ˈchek ˌʌp/ noun  
▷: the act of checking something or someone : EXAMINATION; especially : a general physical examination

Synonyms
[1] audit, check, examination, inspection, review, scan, scrutiny, survey—more at INSPECTION

ched·dar /ˈche dɑr/ noun, often cap  
: a hard mild to sharp white or yellow cheese of smooth texture

check /ˈchek/ noun  
1 : the fleshy side part of the face
2 ▶: insolent boldness and self-assurance : IMPUDENCE, AUDACITY
3: BUTTOCK 1

— cheeked /ˈchekt/ adjective

Synonyms  
[1] audacity, brass, brazenness, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, impertinence, impudence, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY

check·bone /ˈchek ˌbɔn/ noun  
: the bone or bony ridge below the eye
cheek·i·ness /ˈkɛ̃.nəs/ noun
: insolence or impudence of speech or behavior

cheeky /ˈkɛ̃.ki/ adjective cheek·i·er, -est
▷ insolently bold: IMPUDENT, SAUCY
— cheek·i·ty /ˈkɛ̃.ki.ti/ adverb
  Synonyms
    ▷ arch, bold, brash, brazen, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVY

cheep /ˈtʃep/ verb
▷ to utter faint shrill sounds: PEEP
— cheep noun
  Synonyms
    ▷ chirp, peep, pipe, tweet, twitter—more at CHIRP

1cheer /ˈtʃir/ noun
[origin: ME chere face, cheer, fr. AF, face, fr. ML cara, prob. fr. Gk kara head, face]
1 ▷ state of mind or heart: SPIRIT
2 ▷ lightness of mind and feeling
3 ▷ hospitable entertainment: WELCOME
4 ▷ food and drink for a feast
5 ▷ something that gladdens
6 ▷ a shout of applause or encouragement
  Synonyms
    ▷ [1] frame, humor, mode, mood, spirit, temper—more at MOOD
    ▷ [2] cheerfulness, festivity, glee, hilarity, joviality, merriment, mirth, mirthfulness—more at MIRTH

2cheer verb
1 ▷ to give hope or courage to: COMFORT — usu. used with up
2 ▷ to make glad
3 ▷ to urge on esp. by shouts
4 ▷ to applaud or show approval of esp. with shouts
5 ▷ to grow or be cheerful — usu. used with up
— cheer·er noun
  Synonyms
    ▷ usually cheer up [1] buoy, comfort, embolden, encourage, hearten, inspire, steel—more at ENCOURAGE
    ▷ [4] acclaim, applaud, crack up, hail, laud, praise, salute, tout—more at ACCLAIM

cheer·ful /ˈtʃɪr.fəl/ adjective
1 ▷ having or showing good spirits
2 ▷ conducive to good spirits: pleasant and bright
  Synonyms
    ▷ [1] blithe, bright, buoyant, cheery, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat; also hopeful, sanguine; jaunty, lively, perky, sprightly, vivacious; carefree, careless, cavalier, easygoing, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, lighthearted, unconcerned; boon, jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful; glad, happy, pleased
  Antonyms
    dour, gloomy, glum, morose, saturnine, sulky, sullen
    ▷ [2] bright, cheery, gay, glad; also gladdening, heartening, heartwarming; gleaming, radiant, sparkling
  Antonyms
    bleak, cheerless, dark, depressing, dismal, dreary, gloomy, gray

cheer·ful·ly adverb
▷ in a cheerful manner
  Synonyms
    gaily, happily, heartily, jovially, merrily, mirthfully—more at GAILEY

cheer·ful·ness noun
▷ the quality or state of being cheerful
  Synonyms
cheer, festivity, glee, hilarity, joviality, merriment, mirth, mirthfulness—more at Mirth


cheer·i·ness /ˈčir.iˌnis/ noun

: the quality or state of being cheery

cheer·lead·er /ˈčir.lɛd.ər/ noun

: a person who directs organized cheering esp. at a sports event

cheer·less /ˈčir.les/ adjective

: lacking qualities that cheer: bleak, dispiriting

— cheer·less·ly adverb

— cheer·less·ness noun

cheery /ˈčir.i/ adjective cheer·i·er; -est

1 ▷ marked by cheerfulness or good spirits: cheerful, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat—more at cheerful

2 ▷ causing or suggesting cheerfulness << music>>

— cheer·i·ly /ˌčir.i lé/ adverb

Synonyms

▷ [1] blithe, bright, buoyant, cheerful, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat—more at cheerful

▷ [2] bright, cheerful, gay, glad—more at cheerful

cheese /chéz/ noun

: the curd of milk usu. pressed into cakes and cured for use as food

cheese-burg·er /ˌcher.ber/ noun

: a hamburger topped with cheese

cheese·cake /ˌkeshék/ noun

1 ▷ a dessert consisting of a creamy filling usu. containing cheese baked in a shell

2 ▷ photographs of shapely scantily clad women

cheese·cloth /ˌkesh.klōth/ noun

: a lightweight coarse cotton gauze

cheese·par·ing /ˌkesh.ˌpar.ɪŋ/ noun

: miserly economizing

— cheeseparing adjective

cheese·steak /ˌkesh.steɪk/ noun

: a sandwich of thinly sliced beef topped with melted cheese

cheesy /ˈché.zē/ adjective cheer·i·er; -est

1 ▷ resembling, suggesting, or containing cheese

2 ▷ slang: cheap

chee·ta·h /ˈché.tə/ noun


: a large long-legged swift-moving spotted cat of Africa and southwestern Asia

chef /ʃɛf/ noun

1 ▷ a cook who manages the kitchen (as of a restaurant)

2 ▷ a person who prepares food for eating: cook

chef d’oeu·vre /ʃə.ˈdœvr/ noun, plural chefs d’oeuvre /sam/:

: masterpiece

chem abbreviation

chemical; chemist; chemistry

1 chemical /ˈkɛm.ɪ.kəl/ adjective

1 ▷ of, relating to, used in, or produced by chemistry

2 ▷ acting or operated or produced by chemicals

— chem·i·cal·ly /ˈkɛm.iˌkəl.i/ adverb
chemical noun: a substance obtained by a chemical process or used for producing a chemical effect

chemical engineering noun: engineering dealing with the industrial application of chemistry

chemical warfare noun: warfare using incendiary mixtures, smokes, or irritant, burning, or asphyxiating gases

chemical weapon noun: a weapon used in chemical warfare

che·mise /shaˈmis/ noun
1: a woman's one-piece undergarment
2: a loose straight-hanging dress

chem·ist /keˈist/ noun
1: one trained in chemistry
2 British: PHARMACIST

chem·is·try /keˈme strē/ noun, plural -tries
1: the science that deals with the composition, structure, and properties of substances and of the changes they undergo
2: chemical composition or properties <the ~ of gasoline>
3: a strong mutual attraction; also: harmonious interaction among people (as on a team)

che·mo /kəˈmō/ noun
: CHEMOTHERAPY

che·mother·a·py /kəˈmoθərəˌpē/ noun
: the use of chemicals in the treatment or control of disease

che·mother·a·peu·tic /ˈθəˌpiˌtik/ adjective

che·nille /shaˈnēl/ noun
: a fabric with a deep fuzzy pile often used for bedspreads and rugs

cher·ish /ˈcher·ish/ verb
1 : to hold dear: feel or treat with care and affection
2 : to keep deeply in mind
— cher·ish·able adjective
— cher·ish·er noun

Synonyms
[1] adore, love, worship—more at LOVE
[1] appreciate, love, prize, treasure, value—more at LOVE
[2] bear, entertain, harbor, have, hold, nurse—more at HARBOUR

Cher·o·kee /ˈcher·əˌki/ noun, plural Cherokees or Cherokee
: a member of an American Indian people orig. of Tennessee and No. Carolina; also: their language

che·root /ˈshe·rōt/ noun
: a cigar cut square at both ends

cher·ry /ˈcher·ē/ noun, plural cherries
1 : the small fleshy pale yellow to deep blackish red fruit of a tree related to the roses; also: the tree or its wood
2 : a moderate red

che·rish /ˈchär·ish, ˈchar/ noun
: a rock resembling flint and consisting essentially of fine crystalline quartz and fibrous chalcedony
— cherty adjective

cher·ub /ˈcher·əb/ noun
1 plural cher·u·bim /cher·u·bim/ : an angel of the 2d highest rank
2 plural cherubs : a chubby rosy person
    — cher·u·bic /cher·u·bik/ adjective
chess /ches/ noun
    : a game for two played on a chessboard with each player having 16 pieces
    — chess·man /ches·man/ noun
chess·board /ches·bord/ noun
    : a checkerboard used in the game of chess
chest /chest/ noun
    1 ▶ : a box, case, or boxlike receptacle for storage or shipping
    2 : the part of the body enclosed by the ribs and sternum
    — chest·ed /ches·ed/ adjective
    — chest·ful /chest·ful/ noun
    Synonyms
        ▶ box, caddy, case, casket, locker, trunk; also footlocker; safe, safe-deposit box
chest·er·field /ches·ter·field/ noun
    1 : an overcoat with a velvet collar
    2 : a large sofa usu. with upright armrests
chest·nut /ches·nut/ noun
    1 : the edible nut of any of a genus of trees related to the beech and oaks; also : this tree
    2 : a grayish to reddish brown
    3 : an old joke or story
che·val glass /che·val/ noun
    : a full-length mirror that may be tilted in a frame
che·va·lier /che·va·lir, sha·val·yər/ noun
    : a member of one of various orders of knighthood or of merit
chev·i·ot /che·və·ət/ noun, often cap
    1 : a twilled fabric with a rough nap
    2 : a sturdy soft-finished cotton fabric
chev·ron /che·vron/ noun
    : a sleeve badge of one or more V-shaped or inverted V-shaped stripes worn to indicate rank or service (as in the armed forces)
    1 chew /chū/ verb
        ▶ : to crush, grind, or gnaw (as food) with the teeth
        — chew·able adjective
        — chew·er noun
        — chew on
            : to think about : PONDER <chew on the proposals>
    — chew the fat
        : to make conversation : CHAT
    Synonyms
        ▶ bite, champ, chomp, crunch, gnaw, nibble
    2 chew noun
        1 : an act of chewing
        2 : something for chewing
        — chew out verb
            ▶ : to bawl out : to criticize severely
        Synonyms
            ▶ berate, castigate, dress down, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach,
chew over verb
▷ to meditate on : think about reflectively
  Synonyms
  ▷ cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at ponder
chewy /'chü.ē/ adjective
▷ requiring much chewing<br>chewy confection <~ candy>
Chey·enne /śhēˈen/ noun, plural Cheyenne or Cheyennes
[origin: AmerF, fr. Dakota šahiŋena]
▷ a member of an American Indian people of the western plains of the U.S.; also: their language
chg abbreviation
1 change
2 charge
chi /kʰ/ noun
▷ the 22d letter of the Greek alphabet — X or χ
Chi·an·ti /kēˈăn.tē/ noun
▷ a dry usu. red wine
chiar·oscu·ro /kēˈär.ə skūr.ō/ noun, plural -ros
[origin: It, fr. chiaro clear, light + oscuro obscure, dark]
1 pictorial representation in terms of light and shade without regard to color
2 the arrangement or treatment of light and dark parts in a pictorial work of art
1 chic /shēk/ noun
▷ STYLISHNESS
2 chic adjective
▷ cleverly stylish: SMART; also: currently fashionable
  Synonyms
  ▷ à la mode, fashionable, in, modish, sharp, smart, snappy, stylish—more at STYLISH
Chi·ca·na /ˈkēˌna.na/ noun
▷ an American woman or girl of Mexican descent
— Chicana adjective
chi·cane /ˈshēˌkān/ noun
▷ CHICANERY
chi·ca·nery /ˈka.nə rē/ noun, plural -ner·ies
▷ deception by artful subterfuge or sophistry: TRICKERY
  Synonyms
  ▷ artifice, hanky-panky, subterfuge, trickery, wile—more at TRICKERY
Chi·ca·no /ˈkēˌkā.nō/ noun, plural -nos
▷ an American of Mexican descent
— Chicano adjective
chì·chi /ˈshē.ˌshē, ˈchē.ˌchē/ adjective
[origin: Fr]
1 SHOWY, FRILLY
2 ARTY, PRECIOUS
3 chic
— chichi noun
chick /chik/ noun
1 a young chicken; also: a young bird
2 slang: a young woman
chick-a-dee /ˈchɪkəˌdiː/ noun
: any of several small grayish American birds with black or brown caps

Chick-a-saw /ˈchɪkəˌsɔː/ noun, plural Chickasaw or Chickasaws
: a member of an American Indian people of Mississippi and Alabama

1 chicken /ˈchɪkən/ noun
1 : a common domestic fowl esp. when young; also : its flesh used as food
2 : one who is easily frightened and easily daunted : COWARD
   * Synonyms
   - coward, craven, dastard, poltroon, recreant, sissy—more at COWARD

2 chicken adjective
1 : being or behaving like a coward : COWARDLY
2 slang : insistent on petty esp. military discipline
   * Synonyms
   - cowardly, craven, dastardly, pusillanimous, recreant, spineless, yellow—more at COWARDLY

chicken feed noun, slang
: an insignificant sum of money

chick-en-hearted /ˈchɪkˌenˌhɑrtɪd/ adjective
: being or behaving like a coward : COWARDLY

chicken out verb
: to lose one's courage

chicken pox noun
: an acute contagious virus disease esp. of children characterized by a low fever and vesicles

chicken wire noun
: a light wire netting of hexagonal mesh

chick-pea /ˈchɪkˌpiː/ noun
: an Asian herb of the legume family cultivated for its short pods with one or two edible seeds; also : its seed

chick-weed /ˈchɪkˌwɛd/ noun
: any of several low-growing small-leaved weeds related to the pinks

chi-cle /ˈtʃɪkˌkəl/ noun
: a gum from the latex of a tropical tree used as the chief ingredient of chewing gum

chic-ory /ˈtʃɪkˌoʊrɪ/ noun, plural -ries
: a usu. blue-flowered herb related to the daisies and grown for its root and for use in salads; also : its dried ground root used to flavor or adulterate coffee

chide /chɪd/ verb chid /chɪd/ or chid-ed /ˈchɪdId/; chid or chid·den /ˈchɪdən/ or chided; chid·ing
: to speak disapprovingly to
   * Synonyms
   - admonish, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprove

1 chief /ˈtʃɛf/ adjective
1 : highest in rank
2 : most important
   * Synonyms
   - [1] first, foremost, head, high, lead, preeminent, premier, primary, prime, principal, supreme—more at HEAD
   - [2] arch, cardinal, central, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant—more at FOREMOST

2 chief noun
1 : the leader of a body or organization : HEAD
2 : the principal or most valuable part
   — chief·dom noun
Synonyms
  ‣ boss, captain, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, kingpin, leader, master, taskmaster—more at boss

chief·ly adverb
  ‣ : for the most part : most importantly

Synonyms
  ‣ altogether, basically, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally; also
  nearly, practically, virtually; approximately, broadly, roughly; commonly, frequently, normally, ordinarily,
  usually; incompletely, partially, partly

chief master sergeant noun
  : a noncommissioned officer of the highest rank in the air force

chief petty officer noun
  : an enlisted man in the navy ranking next below a senior chief petty officer

chief·tain /ˈchefs tən/ noun
  : a chief esp. of a band, tribe, or clan
  — chief·tain·cy /-sä/ noun
  — chief·tain·ship noun

chief warrant officer noun
  : a warrant officer of senior rank

chif·fon /ˈshə fən/ noun
  [origin: F, lit., rag, fr. chiffe old rag]
  : a sheer fabric esp. of silk

chif·fo·nier /ˈshə fə nər/ noun
  : a high narrow chest of drawers

chig·ger /ˈchə gər/ noun
  : a bloodsucking larval mite that causes intense itching

chi·gnon /ˈshə gnən/ noun
  [origin: F, fr. MF chaignon chain, collar, nape]
  : a knot of hair worn at the back of the head

Chi·hua·hua /ˈchə hwə hwə/ noun
  : any of a breed of very small large-eared dogs that originated in Mexico

chil·blain /ˈchil blən/ noun
  : a sore or inflamed swelling (as on the feet or hands) caused by exposure to cold

child /ˈchild/ noun, plural child·ren /ˈchil dren/
  1 : an unborn or recently born person
  2 : a young person between the periods of infancy and youth
  3 : a male or female offspring: son, daughter
  4 : one strongly influenced by another or by a place or state of affairs
  — child·less adjective
  — child·less·ness noun
  — child·like adjective

  Synonyms
  ‣ [1] baby, infant, newborn—more at baby
  ‣ [2] cub, juvenile, kid, youngster, youth; also adolescent, minor; schoolboy, schoolgirl; moppet, nestling,
  toddler, tot, tyke; brat, imp, squirt, urchin, whippersnapper; cherub; preteen, subteen, teenager; nipper, lad,
  shaver, stripling; hoyden, tomboy

Antonyms
  adult, grown-up

child·bear·ing /ˈchil bər ɪŋ/ noun
  : of or relating to the process of conceiving, being pregnant with, and giving birth to children: childbirth
— childbearing adjective

child·birth /ˌbərθ/ noun
› the act or process of giving birth to offspring
  Synonyms
    › delivery, labor; also pains; pregnancy; abortion, miscarriage; cesarean section

child·hood /ˌhʌd/ noun
› the state or period of being a child
  child·ish adjective
› marked by or suggestive of immaturity and lack of poise
  — child·ish·ly adverb
  — child·ish·ness noun
    Synonyms
      › adolescent, babyish, immature, infantile, juvenile, kiddish; also boyish, girlish; childlike, innocent, naive, simple, unsophisticated
    Antonyms
      adult, grown-up, mature

1 child·proof /ˌprůf/ adjective
  1 : made to prevent opening or use by children <~ lighters>
  2 : made safe for children

2 child·proof verb
› to make childproof <~ a house>

child·s play noun
  1 ›: an extremely simple task or act
  2 : something that is insignificant
    Synonyms
      › [1] breeze, cinch, picnic, pushover, snap—more at CINCH

Chil·ean /ˈchil.i.ən, che.ˈlə.ən/ noun
› a native or inhabitant of Chile
  — Chilean adjective

chili or chile or chil·li /ˈchil.i/ noun, plural chil·ies or chil·es or chil·lies
  1 : a pungent pepper related to the tomato
  2 : a thick sauce of meat and chilies
  3 : CHILI CON CARNE

chili con car·ne /ˈchil.i.kən.ˈkär.nə/ noun
[origin: AmerSp chile con carne chili with meat]
› a spiced stew of ground beef and chilies or chili powder usu. with beans

chili powder noun
› a seasoning made of ground chilies and other spices

chili sauce noun
› a spiced tomato sauce usu. made with red and green peppers

1 chill /chil/ noun
  1 : a feeling of coldness accompanied by shivering
  2 : moderate coldness
  3 : a check to enthusiasm or warmth of feeling
    Synonyms
      › bite, bitterness, bleakness, nip, rawness, sharpness; also briskness, crispness; coldness, frigidity, iciness; cold, freeze, snap

2 chill adjective
  1 : moderately cold
chill verb
1: to make or become cold or chilly
2: to make cool esp. without freezing
3: RELAX
— chill·er noun
chill·i·ness noun
: the quality or state of being chilly
chill·ing /'chil·iŋ/ adjective
: gravely disturbing or frightening <a ~ scene>
chilly /'chil·ë/ adjective chill·i·er; -est
1: noticeably cold
2: unpleasantly affected by cold
3: lacking warmth of feeling

Synonyms
[1] bitter, bleak, chill, nippy, raw, sharp; also brisk, crisp; arctic, cold, freezing, frigid, frosty, icy
[3] chill, cold, cold-blooded, cool, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, unfriendly, unsympathetic, wintry—more at COLD

chime /chim/ noun
1: a set of bells musically tuned
2: the sound of a set of bells — usu. used in pl.
3: a musical sound suggesting bells
chime verb chimed; chim·ing
1: to make bell-like sounds
2: to indicate (as the time of day) by chiming
3: to be or act in accord: be in harmony

Synonyms
knell, peal, ring, toll—more at RING
chime in verb
: to break into or join in a conversation

Synonyms
break, cut in, interpose, interrupt, intrude—more at INTERRUPT
chi·me·ra /'kë-mir·ə, ke/ noun
[ORIGIN: L. chimaera, fr. Gk chimaira she-goat, chimera]
1: an imaginary monster made up of incongruous parts
2 a: an illusion or fabrication of the mind
b: an impossible dream

Synonyms
conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY

chi·mer·i·cal /'kë-mër·ə-kəl/ also chi·mer·ic /'kë-mër·ik/ adjective
1: existing only as the product of unchecked imagination: fantastically visionary or improbable
2: given to fantastic schemes

Synonyms
fabulous, fanciful, fantastic, fictitious, imaginary, made-up, mythical, phantom, pretend, unreal—more at IMAGINARY

chim·ney /'chim·nē/ noun, plural chimneys
1: a vertical structure extending above the roof of a building for carrying off smoke
2: a glass tube around a lamp flame
chimp /ˈchɪmp/ noun
  : CHIMPANZEE

chimp·pan·zee /ˈchɪmp.ˌpæn.ˈzɛə, ˈchɪmp.ˌpæn.ˈzɛə/ noun
  : an African ape related to the much larger gorilla

1 chin /ˈtʃɪn/ noun
  : the part of the face below the lower lip including the prominence of the lower jaw
    — chin·less adjective

2 chin verb chinned; chin·ning
  : to raise (oneself) while hanging by the hands until the chin is level with the support

chi·na /ˈtʃɪn.ə/ noun
  : porcelain ware; also : domestic pottery in general

Chi·na·town /ˌtʃɪn.əˈtaʊn/ noun
  : the Chinese quarter of a city

chinch bug /ˈtʃɪnʃ/ noun
  : a small black and white bug destructive to cereal grasses

chin·chil·la /ˈtʃɪn.ʃɪl.ə/ noun
  1 : either of two small So. American rodents with soft pearl-gray fur; also : this fur
  2 : a heavy long-napped woolen cloth

chine /ˈtʃɪn/ noun
  : the back or spine of an animal or man: BACKBONE, SPINE; also : a cut of meat including all or part of the backbone

Chi·nese /ˈtʃɪn.ɪz/ noun, plural Chinese
  1 : a native or inhabitant of China
  2 : any of a group of related languages of China
    — Chinese adjective

Chinese cabbage noun
  1 : BOK CHOY
  2 : an Asian garden plant related to the cabbage and widely grown in the U.S. for its tight elongate cylindrical heads of pale green to cream-colored leaves

Chinese checkers noun
  : a game in which each player in turn transfers a set of marbles from a home point to the opposite point of a pitted 6-pointed star

Chinese gooseberry noun
  : a subtropical vine that bears kiwifruit; also : KIWIFRUIT

Chinese lantern noun
  : a collapsible translucent cover for a light

1 chink /ˈtʃɪŋk/ noun
  : a small crack or fissure
    Synonyms
      cleft, crack, cranny, crevice, fissure, rift, split—more at CRACK

2 chink verb
  : to fill the chinks of : stop up

3 chink noun
  : a slight sharp metallic sound

4 chink verb
  : to make a slight sharp metallic sound
    Synonyms
      jingle, tinkle—more at JINGLE
chino /ˈchɪnəʊ/ noun, plural chinos
1 : a usu. khaki cotton twill
2 plural : an article of clothing made of chino

Chi·nook /ˈʃi.nʊk, ˈʃɪ.ˌnʊk/ noun, plural Chinooks or Chinooks
 : a member of an American Indian people of Oregon

chintz /ˈchɪntz/ noun
 : a usu. glazed printed cotton cloth

chintzy /ˈchɪntsi/ adjective chintz·i·er; -est
1 : decorated with or as if with chintz
2 : GAUDY, CHEAP
3 : STINGY

chin·up /ˈchi.nəp/ noun
 : the act of chinning oneself

1chip /ˈchɪp/ noun
1 : a small usu. thin and flat piece (as of wood) cut or broken off
2 : a thin crisp morsel of food
3 : a counter used in games (as poker)
4 plural slang : something generally accepted as a means of payment : MONEY
5 : a flaw left after a chip is removed
6 : INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
7 : a very small slice of silicon containing electronic circuits

   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] flake, splinter; also bit, disk, fragment, particle, scrap, shard; shiver, smitherens; shred, tatter; clipping, paring, shaving; leaf, sheet, slice; chunk, hunk, lump, slab
   ▸ [5] hack, indentation, nick, notch—more at NOTCH

2chip verb chipped; chipping
1 : to cut or break chips from
2 : to break off in small pieces at the edges
3 : to play a chip shot

chip in verb
 : to give money or assistance to an enterprise : CONTRIBUTE

   Synonyms
   ▸ contribute, kick in, pitch in—more at CONTRIBUTE

chip·munk /ˈchɪp.mʌŋk/ noun
[origin: earlier chitmunk, prob. fr. Ojibwa ačitamoˈn’ red squirrel]
 : any of a genus of small striped No. American and Asian rodents closely related to the squirrels and marmots

chi·pot·le /ˈʃi.pət.ˈleɪ/ noun
 : a smoked and usu. dried jalapeño pepper

chipped beef /ˈʃɪpt/ noun
 : smoked dried beef sliced thin

1chipper /ˈchɪpər/ noun
 : one that chips

2chipper adjective
1 ▸ : being high in spirits : CHEERFUL
2 ▸ : being in good health : being in a state of physical well-being

   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] blithe, bright, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, gay, lightsome, sunny, upbeat—more at CHEERFUL
   ▸ [2] able-bodied, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, well, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY

Chip·pe·wa /ˈʃɪp.ˌwaˌ, ˈʃɪp.ˌwəˌ/ noun, plural Chippewa or Chippewas
chip shot noun
: a short usu. low shot to the green in golf

chiro·graph·ic /kəˈro̞.grəˌfık/ adjective

— chiro·graph·y /kəˌro̞.graˌfē/ noun
: HANDWRITING, PENMANSHIP

chi·rop·o·dy /kəˈre̞.pəˌda̞.sha/ noun
: PODIATRY

— chi·rop·o·dist /ˌdist/ noun

chi·ro·prac·tic /kəˌre̞.prakˈtik/ noun
: a system of therapy based esp. on manipulation of body structures

— chi·ro·prac·tor /ˌtar/ noun

1 chirm /ˈcharm/ noun
: a short sharp sound characteristic of a small bird or cricket

2 chirm verb
✓ to make a usu. repetitive short sharp sound
   Synonyms
   ✓ cheep, peep, pipe, tweet, twitter; also cackle, chatter, jabber; sing, trill, warble

1 chisel /ˈchizəl/ noun
: a metal tool with a sharpened edge at one end used to chip, carve, or cut into a solid material (as wood or stone)

2 chisel verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
   1 : to work with or as if with a chisel
   2 a ✓ to obtain something from by unfair practices : CHEAT
   b : to obtain by shrewd often unfair methods

— chis·el·er noun
   Synonyms
   ✓ bleed, cheat, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at FLEECE

1 chit /ˈchit/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME chitte kitten, cub]
   1 : CHILD
   2 : a pert young woman

2 chit noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi ciṭṭhī letter, note]
: a signed voucher for a small debt

chit·chat /ˈchitˌchat/ noun
✓ casual or trifling conversation

— chitchat verb
   Synonyms
   ✓ chat, chatter, gabfest, gossip, palaver, rap, talk—more at CHAT

chi·tin /ˈkɪt.n/ noun
: a sugar polymer that forms part of the hard outer integument esp. of insects

— chi·tin·ous adjective

chi·ter·lings or chit·lins /ˈkɪtˌlɛns/ noun plural
: the intestines of hogs esp. when prepared as food

chi·val·ric /ˈʃəvəˌrilık/ adjective
: relating to chivalry : CHIVALROUS

chiv·al·rous /ˈʃəvəˌrəs/ adjective
chivalry /ˈʃəvəlri/ noun, plural -ries
1: mounted men-at-arms
2: the system or practices of knighthood
3: the spirit or character of the ideal knight

chivalrous /ˈʃəvəlroʊs/ adjective
marked by honor, courtesy, and generosity
— chivalrously adverb
— chivalrousness noun

Synonyms
- gallant, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lofty, lordly, magnanimous, noble, sublime—more at NOBLE

chivalry /ˈʃəvəlri/ noun
1: mounted men-at-arms
2: the system or practices of knighthood
3: the spirit or character of the ideal knight

chive /ˈʃaɪv/ noun
: an herb related to the onion that has leaves used for flavoring

chlamydia /ˈkləmiˌdeə/ noun, plural -dias /ˈdiə/ plural
1: any of a genus of bacteria that cause various diseases of the eye and urogenital tract
2: a disease or infection caused by chlamydiae

choloral hydrate /ˈklɔrəl/ noun
: a white crystalline compound used as a hypnotic and sedative

chlor dane /ˈklɔrdan/ noun
: a highly chlorinated persistent insecticide

chloride /ˈklorid/ noun
: a compound of chlorine with another element or group

chlorinate /ˈkloʊri neɪt/ verb -nat ed; -nat ing
: to treat or combine with chlorine or a chlorine compound
— chlorination /ˈkloʊrəneiʃən/ noun
— chlorinator /ˈkloʊrinətər/ noun

chlorine /ˈklɔrən/ noun
: a nonmetallic chemical element that is found alone as a strong-smelling greenish yellow irritating gas and is used as a bleach, oxidizing agent, and disinfectant

chlorite /ˈkloʊrəlt/ noun
: a usu. green mineral found with and resembling mica

chlorofluorocarbon /ˈklɔrəˌfluərəˌkɑrˈbɑn/ noun
: any of several gaseous compounds that contain carbon, chlorine, fluorine, and sometimes hydrogen and are used esp. as solvents, refrigerants, and aerosol propellants

chloroform /ˈkloʊrəˌfɔrm/ noun
1: a colorless heavy fluid with etherlike odor used as a solvent and anesthetic
2: chloroform verb
: to treat with chloroform to produce anesthesia or death

chlorophyll /ˈkloʊrəˌfɪl/ noun
: the green coloring matter of plants that functions in photosynthesis

chm abbreviation
chairman

chock /ˈtʃɑk/ noun
: a wedge for steadying something or for blocking the movement of a wheel
— chock verb

chock a block /ˈtʃɑk ə blok/ adjective
: very full: CROWDED
chock–full or chock·ful /ˈchākˌfəl/ adjective
☞ full to the limit: CRAMMED
    Synonyms
    • brimful, crammed, crowded, fat, fraught, full, loaded, packed, replete—more at FULL.

choc·o·late /ˈchɑkəˌleit/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. Nahuatl chocolātl]
1: a food prepared from ground roasted cacao beans; also: a drink prepared from this
2: a candy made of or with a coating of chocolate
3: a dark brown color
—— choc·o·lat·y or choc·o·lat·ey /ˌkɑkəˈleɪ/ adjective

Choc·taw /ˈchɑktəw/ noun, plural Choctaw or Choctaws
☞ a member of an American Indian people of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana; also: their language

1choice /ˈchɔis/ noun
1: the act of choosing: SELECTION
2: the power or opportunity of choosing: OPTION
3: the best part
4: a person or thing selected
5: a variety offered for selection
    Synonyms
    • [1] election, selection—more at SELECTION
    • [2] alternative, discretion, option, pick, preference, way; also say, voice, vote; inclination, liking, partiality, penchant, predilection, propensity, tendency; discernment, judgment, perspicacity
    • [3] best, cream, elect, elite, fat, flower, pick, prime—more at ELITE.

2choice adjective choic·er; choic·est
1: worthy of being chosen
2: selected with care
3: of high quality
    Synonyms
    • dainty, delicate, elegant, exquisite, rare, select; also elite, exclusive; excellent, outstanding, premium, prime, superior.

choir /ˈkwaɪər/ noun
1: an organized company of singers (as in a church service)
2: the part of a church occupied by the singers or by the clergy
    Synonyms
    • chorale, chorus—more at CHORUS.

choir·boy /ˈkwaɪərˌbɔɪ/ noun
☞ a boy member of a church choir

choir·mas·ter /ˌmæsˌtər/ noun
☞ the director of a choir (as in a church)

1choke /ˈchɑk/ verb choked; choke·ing
1: to hinder breathing (as by obstructing the trachea): STRANGLE
2: to check the growth or action of
3: to obstruct by filling up or clogging: CLOG, OBSTRUCT
4: to enrich the fuel mixture of (a motor) by restricting the carburetor air intake
5: to perform badly in a critical situation
    Synonyms
    • [1] smother, stifle, strangle, suffocate—more at SMOOTHER
    • [1] garrote, strangle, throttle; also asphyxiate, smother, suffocate
    • [3] block, clog, close, congest, dam, jam, obstruct, plug, stop, stuff—more at CLOG.

2choke noun
1: the act of choking
2: a narrowing in size toward the muzzle in the bore of a gun
3: a valve for choking a gasoline engine

chok·er /ˈchō.kər/ noun
: something (as a necklace) worn tightly around the neck

cho·ler /ˈkā.lər, ˈkō.lər/ noun
: a tendency toward anger: irascibility

chol·era /ˈkə.le.riə/ noun
: any of several bacterial diseases usu. marked by severe vomiting and dysentery

cho·ler·ic /ˈkā.lər.ik, ˈkə.lər.ik/ adjective
1: easily moved to often unreasonable or excessive anger: hot-tempered
2: angry, irate

cho·les·ter·ol /ˈkō.lə.sər.ōl/ noun
: a physiologically important waxy steroid alcohol found in animal tissues and in high concentrations implicated as a cause of arteriosclerosis

chomp /ˈchomp, ˈchomp/ verb
: to chew or bite on something heavily

choose /ˈchūz/ verb chose /ˈchōz/; cho·sen /ˈchōz.ən/; choos·ing /ˈchū.zən/ noun
1: to select esp. after consideration
2: to make a final choice or judgment about: decide
3: to have a preference for
— choos·er noun

choos·y or choos·ey /ˈchū.zē/ adjective choos·i·er; -est
: very particular in making choices

choop /ˈchōp/ verb chopped; chop·ping
1: to cut or sever usu. by repeated blows
2: to cut into small pieces: mince
3: to strike (a ball) with a short quick downward stroke

chop noun
1: a sharp downward blow or stroke
2: a small cut of meat often including part of a rib
3: a short abrupt motion (as of a wave)

1 chop noun
1: an official seal or stamp
chop-house /ˈchɑpˌhaʊs/ noun
: RESTAURANT

chop·per /ˈchəpər/ noun
1 : one that chops
2 plural slang : TEETH
3 : HELICOPTER

chop·pi·ness /ˈchəpˌpiəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being choppy

1choppy /ˈchəpˌpi/ adjective chop·pi·er; -est
1 : rough with small waves
2 : interrupted by ups and downs : moving along with fits and starts
— chop·pi·ly /ˈpəˌlē/ adverb

Synonyms
casual, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, unsteady

—more at FITFUL

2choppy adjective chop·pi·er; -est
: CHANGEABLE, VARIABLE <a ~ wind>

chops /ˈchāps/ noun plural
1 : the fleshy covering of the jaws
2 : expertise in a particular field or activity <acting ~> 

chop·stick /ˈchāpˌstik/ noun
: one of a pair of sticks used chiefly in Asian countries for lifting food to the mouth

chop su·ey /ˈchəpˌsē/ noun, plural chop sueys
: a dish made of vegetables (as bean sprouts, bamboo shoots, water chestnuts, onions, mushrooms) and meat or fish and served with rice

cho·ral /ˈkôrəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or sung by a choir or chorus or in chorus
— cho·ral·ly adverb

cho·rale /ˈkôrəl/ noun
1 : a hymn or psalm sung in church; also : a harmonization of a traditional melody
2 : a group formed to sing church music : CHORUS, CHOIR

Synonyms
anthem, canticle, carol, hymn, psalm, spiritual—more at HYMN

1chord /ˈkôrd/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of ME cورد, short for accord]
: three or more musical tones sounded simultaneously

2chord noun
1 : CORD 2
2 : a straight line joining two points on a curve

chore /ˈchōr/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME char turn, piece of work, fr. OE chierr]
1 plural : the daily light work of a household or farm
2 : a routine task or job
3 : a difficult or disagreeable task

Synonyms
assignment, duty, job, stint, task; also endeavor, enterprise, project, undertaking; care, charge, commission, responsibility; function, mission, office; errand; circuit, round, route
cho·rea/ˈkər-ə-/noun
: a nervous disorder marked by spasmodic uncontrolled movements

cho·re·og·ra·phy/ˌkōr-ə-ˈgrof-ə/noun, plural-phies
: the art of composing and arranging dances and esp. ballets
—cho·re·og·ra·pher/ˌkōr-ə-ˈgrə-fər/noun
—cho·re·og·ra·phic/ˌkōr-ə-ˈgrə-fik/adjective
—cho·re·og·ra·ph·ic·al·ly/ˌkōr-ə-ˈgrə-fik-əl-li/adv

cho·ris·ter/ˈkər-ə-stər/noun
: a singer in a choir

1chortle /ˈchɔrtl/verb chortled; chortling
: to laugh or chuckle esp. in satisfaction or exultation

2chortle noun
†: a sound expressive of pleasure or exultation

Chortle

Synonyms
—cackle, laugh, laughter, snicker, titter—more at laugh

cho·rus/ˈkər-əs/noun
1 †: an organized company of singers: choir
2: a group of dancers and singers (as in a musical comedy)
3: a part of a song repeated at intervals
4: a composition to be sung by a chorus; also: group singing
5: sounds uttered by a number of persons or animals together <a ~ of boos>

Synonyms
—chord, chorale; also ensemble; minstrelsy

2chorus verb
: to sing or utter in chorus

cho·sen/ˈchōz-n/adjective
†: selected or marked for special favor or privilege

Synonyms
—elect, select—more at select

1chow /ˈchou/noun
†: material that is taken or absorbed into the body in order to sustain growth and to furnish energy: food

Synonyms
—fare, food, grub, meat, provender, provisions, viands, victuals—more at food

2chow verb
: eat —often used with down

3chow noun
: CHOW CHOW

chow·chow /ˈchou,ˌchou/ noun
: chopped mixed pickles in mustard sauce

chow chow /ˈchou,ˌchou/noun
: any of a breed of thick-coated straight-legged muscular dogs of Chinese origin with a blue-black tongue and a short tail curled close to the back

chow·der /ˈchou dever/ noun
: a soup or stew made from seafood or vegetables and containing milk or tomatoes

chow mein /ˈchou,ˌmən/noun
: a seasoned stew of shredded or diced meat, mushrooms, and vegetables that is usu. served with fried noodles

chrism /krɪzəm/ noun
: consecrated oil used esp. in baptism, confirmation, and ordination

Christ /krɪst/ noun
: Jesus esp. as the Messiah
— Christ-like adjective
— Christ-ly adjective

crīst-en /'krɪstən/ verb
1: BAPTIZE
2: to name at baptism
3: to name or dedicate (as a ship) by a ceremony suggestive of baptism
— crīst-en-ing noun

Synonyms
[2, 3] baptize, call, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, label, name, style, term, title—more at NAME

Chris-ten-dom /'krɪstən.dʌm/ noun
1: CHRISTIANITY
2: the part of the world in which Christianity prevails

1Christian /'krɪstən/ noun
: an adherent of Christianity

2Christian adjective
1: of or relating to Christianity
2: based on or conforming with Christianity
3: of or relating to a Christian
4: professing Christianity

crīst-i·an·ia /,kris.chē.a.nē.a/, , kris.tē/ noun
: CHRISTIE

Chris·ti·an·i·ty /,kris.chē.ə.nə.tē/ noun
: the religion derived from Jesus Christ, based on the Bible as sacred scripture, and professed by Christians

Christ·ian·ize /'kris.chə.nız/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
: to make Christian

Christian name noun
: a name that precedes one's surname: GIVEN NAME

Christian Science noun
: a religion and system of healing founded by Mary Baker Eddy and taught by the Church of Christ, Scientist
— Christian Scientist noun

chris·tie or chris·ty /'kris.tē/ noun, plural christies
: a skiing turn made by shifting body weight forward and skidding into a turn with parallel skis

Christ·mas /'kris.məs/ noun
: December 25 celebrated as a church festival in commemoration of the birth of Christ and observed as a legal holiday

Christmas club noun
: a savings account in which regular deposits are made to provide money for Christmas shopping

Christ·mas·tide /'kris.məs.tɪd/ noun
: the season of Christmas

chro·mat·ic /krə.ˈmæt.ɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to color
2: proceeding by half steps of the musical scale
— chro·mat·i·cism /ˌkroʊˈmət.iˌsəm/ noun
  : an instrument used in chromatography
— chro·mat·o·graph /ˈkrəˌme.əˌɡrɑθ/ noun
  : an instrument used in chromatography
  : an instrument used in chromatography
— chro·ma·tog·ra·phy /ˌkrəˌme.əˌtɑ.ɡrəˈfeɪ/ noun
  : the separation of a complex mixture into its component compounds as a result of the different rates at which the compounds travel through or over a stationary substance due to differing affinities for the substance
— chro·ma·to·graph·ic /ˌkrəˌme.əˌtɑ.ɡrəˈfɪk/ adjective
— chro·ma·to·graph·i·cal·ly /ˌfɪ.k(ə)ˈlɪ/ adverb

chrome /krəm/ noun
  1 : CHROMIUM
  2 : a chromium pigment
  3 : something plated with an alloy of chromium
— chro·mi·um /krəˈmjuːm/ noun
  : a bluish white metallic element used esp. in alloys and chrome plating
— chro·mo·some /krəˈmoʊsəm/ noun
  [origin: G Chromosom, fr. Gk chrōma color, pigment + sōma body]
  : any of the rod-shaped or threadlike DNA-containing structures of cellular organisms that contain most or all of the genes of the organism
— chro·mo·so·mal /ˌkrəˌmoʊˈsəʊ.məl/ adjective
— chro·mo·sphere /ˌkrəˌmoʊˈsfɛr/ noun
  : the lower part of a star's atmosphere
— chron abbreviation
  1 chronicle
  2 chronological; chronology
— Chron abbreviation
  Chronicles
— chronic /ˈkrɒnɪk/ adjective
  1 : marked by long duration or frequent recurrence <a ~ disease>
  2 ▶ : being such habitually : HABITUAL <a ~ grumbler>
— chron·i·cal·ly /ˌnɪ k(ə)ˈlɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ confirmed, habitual, inveterate—more at HABITUAL
chronic fatigue syndrome noun
  : a disorder of unknown cause that is characterized by persistent profound fatigue
— 1chronicle /ˈkrɒnɪkl/ noun
  ▶ an account of events arranged in the order of time : HISTORY, NARRATIVE
  Synonyms
  ▶ account, history, narrative, record, report, story—more at ACCOUNT
— 2chronicle verb -cled; -cling
  : to record in or as if in a chronicle
— chron·i·cler noun
  : a writer or compiler of a chronicle
— Chronicles noun
  : either of two books of the Jewish and Christian Scripture
— chro·no·graph /ˌkrɑ.ˈnəˌɡrɑθ/ noun
  : an instrument for measuring and recording time intervals with accuracy
— chro·no·graph·ic /ˌkrɑ.ˈnəˌɡrəˈfɪk/ adjective
chronography
noun
chro·nom·e·ter
noun
: a very accurate timepiece
chrysalid
noun
: CHRYSALIS
chrysalis
noun
, plural chry·sal·i·des
or chrys·al·ises
: an insect pupa in a firm case without a cocoon
chrysanthemum
noun
[ORIGIN: L, fr. Gk chrysanthemon, fr. chrysos gold + anthemon flower]
: any of various plants related to the daisies including some grown for their showy flowers or for medicinal products or insecticides; also : a flower of a chrysanthemum
chub
noun
, plural chub or chubs
: any of various small freshwater fishes related to the carp
chub·bi·ness
noun
: the quality or state of being chubby
chub·by
adjective
chub·bi·er
; -est
: short, thick, and well-rounded : PLUMP

Synonyms

corpulent, fat, fleshy, full, gross, obese, overweight, plump, portly, rotund, round—more at FAT

1. chuck
verb
1 : to give a pat or tap
2 : to throw with a short action of the arm or hand : TOSS
3 : DISCARD also : EJECT
4 : to have done with

Synonyms

cast, catapult, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

2. chuck
noun
1 : a light pat under the chin
2 : TOSS

3. chuck
noun
1 : a cut of beef including most of the neck and the parts around the shoulder blade and the first three ribs
2 : a device for holding work or a tool in a machine (as a lathe)

chuck·hole
noun
: POTHOLE

1. chuckle
verb
chuck·led
; chuck·ling
: to laugh in a quiet hardly audible manner

2. chuckle
noun
: a quiet hardly audible laugh

chuck wagon
noun
: a wagon equipped with a stove and food supplies
1. **chug** /ˈchug/ **noun**
   - a dull explosive sound made by or as if by a laboring engine

2. **chug** **verb** chugged; chug·ging
   - to move or go with chugs

**chuk·ka** /ˈchıkˌka/ **noun**
- a usu. ankle-length leather boot

**chuk·ker** /ˈchıkˌka/ **noun**
- also **chuk·ka** /ˈchıkˌka/ **noun**
  - a playing period of a polo game

1. **chum** /ˈchom/ **noun**
   - a close friend
   - *Synonyms*
     - buddy, comrade, cron, familiar, friend, intimate, pal—more at **FRIEND**

2. **chum** **verb** chummed; chum·ming
   - 1️⃣ to room together
   - 2️⃣ to be a close friend
   - *Synonyms*
     - associate, consort, fraternize, hang around, hobnob, pal—more at **ASSOCIATE**

**chum·mi·ness** /ˈchoməˌnis/ **noun**
- the quality or state of being chummy

**chum·my** /ˈchomē/ **adjective** chum·mi·er; -est
- : quite friendly : **INTIMATE**
  - *Synonyms*
    - bosom, close, familiar, friendly, intimate, thick—more at **FAMILIAR**

**chump** /ˈchump/ **noun**
- stupid lout : **FOOL**, **BLOCKHEAD**

**chunk** /ˈchunk/ **noun**
- 1️⃣ a short thick piece
- 2️⃣ a sizable amount
   - *Synonyms*
     - blob, clod, clump, glob, gob, hunk, lump, nub, wad—more at **LUMP**

**chunky** /ˈchunkē/ **adjective** chunk·i·er; -est
- 1️⃣ compact, sturdy, and thick in build : **STOCKY**
- 2️⃣ containing chunks
   - *Synonyms*
     - dumpy, heavyset, squat, stocky, stout, stubby, stumpy, thickset—more at **STOCKY**

**church** /ˈchərch/ **noun**
- [**ORIGIN**: ME chirche, fr. OE cirice, ultim. fr. LGk kyriakon, fr. Gk, neut. of kyriakos of the lord, fr. kyrios lord, master]
  - 1️⃣ a building for public and esp. Christian worship
  - 2️⃣ often cap: the whole body of Christians
  - 3️⃣ : **DENOMINATION**
  - 4️⃣ a group of persons assembled for worship : **CONGREGATION**
  - 5️⃣ : public divine worship

**church-go·er** /ˈchərchˌgō(ə)r/ **noun**
- one who habitually attends church
  - *church·go·ing* **adjective or noun**

**church·less** /ˈchərchˌles/ **adjective**
church-man /chərˌmən/ noun  
1 : CLERGYMAN  
2 : a member of a church

church-war·den /chərˌwərdən/ noun  
: WARDEN

church-yard /ˌyārd/ noun  
: a yard that belongs to a church and is often used as a burial ground

churl /chərl/ noun  
1 : a medieval peasant  
2 : RUSTIC  
3 : a rude ill-bred person  
— churl-ish adjective  
— churl-ish-ly adverb  
— churl-ish-ness noun  
  Synonyms  
  ▶ beast, boor, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at JERK

chur·lish adjective  
▶ marked by a lack of civility or graciousness  
— churl·ish·ly adverb  
— churl·ish·ness noun  
  Synonyms  
  ▶ boorish, clownish, loutish, uncouth—more at CLOWNISH

1 churn /chərn/ noun  
: a container in which milk or cream is violently agitated in making butter

2 churn verb  
1 : to stir in a churn; also : to make (butter) by such stirring  
2 ▶ : to stir or shake around esp. violently  
3 ▶ : to experience violent motion or agitation  
  Synonyms  
  ▶ [2] agitate, stir, swirl, whirl—more at STIR  
  ▶ [3] boil, roil, seethe—more at SEETHE

churn out verb  
: to produce mechanically or in large quantity

chute /ʃuːt/ noun  
1 : an inclined surface, trough, or passage down or through which something may pass <a coal ~> <a mail ~>  
2 : PARACHUTE

chut·ney /ˈʃut.ni/ noun, plural chutneys  
: a thick sauce containing fruits, vinegar, sugar, and spices

chutz·pah /ˈhʊt.spa, ˈkʊt. (ə)spä/ noun  
▶ supreme self-confidence  
  Synonyms  
  ▶ audacity, brass, brazenness, cheek, effrontery, gall, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY

CIA abbreviation  
Central Intelligence Agency

cía abbreviation  
[ORIGIN: Sp compañía]  
company
ciao /chaʊ/ interjection
— used to express greeting or farewell

**ci·ca·da** /sɪˈkaːda/ noun
: any of a family of stout-bodied insects related to the aphids and having wide blunt heads and large transparent wings

**ci·ca·tri·x** /sɪˈkaː.trɪks/ noun, plural **ci·ca·tri·ces** /sɪˈkaː.trɪs/ [origin: L]
: a scar resulting from formation and contraction of fibrous tissue in a wound

**ci·ce·ro·ne** /sɪ.ˈsɛ.nə/.ˌché.ˈcha/ noun, plural -ni /(ˌ)ni/ [origin: L]
: a guide who conducts sightseers

**CID** abbreviation
Criminal Investigation Department

**ci·der** /sɪˈdər/ noun
: juice pressed from fruit (as apples) and used as a beverage, vinegar, or flavoring

**cie** abbreviation
[origin: F compagnie] company

**ci·gar** /sl.ˈɡær/ noun
[origin: Sp cigarro]
: a roll of tobacco for smoking

**cig·a·rette** /sl.ˈɡær.ˌreɪ/,ˌsl.ɡær.ˌrel/ noun
[origin: F, dim. of cigare cigar]
: a slender roll of cut tobacco enclosed in paper for smoking

**cig·a·ril·lo** /sl.ˈɡar.ˌlō/ noun, plural -los [origin: Sp]
1: a very small cigar
2: a cigarette wrapped in tobacco rather than paper

**ci·lan·tro** /sɪˈlæn.ˈtraʊ/,ˌlan/ noun
: leaves of coriander used as a flavoring or garnish; also: the coriander plant

**cil·i·ate** /sɪˈlaɪ.iit/ noun
: any of a group of protozoans characterized by cilia

**cil·i·um** /sɪˈlaɪ.əm/ noun, plural -ia /ɪə/ [origin: L]
1: a minute short hairlike process; especially: one of a cell
2: **EYELASH**

**C in C** abbreviation
commander in chief

**cinch** /sɪŋ/ noun
1: a girth for a pack or saddle
2: a thing done with ease

- **Synonyms**
  - breeze, child's play, picnic, pushover, snap; also nothing
- **Antonyms**
  - chore, headache, labor

**cinch** verb
1: to make certain: ASSURE

- **Synonyms**
  - assure, ensure, guarantee, guaranty, insure, secure—more at ENSURE
cin·cho·na /sinˈkō.nə/ noun
: any of a genus of So. American trees related to the madder; also: the bitter quinine-containing bark of a cinchona

cin·cure /sinˈkchar/ noun
▷: an article of dress encircling the body usu. at the waist: BELT, SASH

   Synonyms
   ▷ belt, cummerbund, girdle, sash—more at BELT

cin·der /sinˈdər/ noun
1: SLAG
2 plural: ASHES
3: a hot piece of partly burned wood or coal
4: a fragment of lava from an erupting volcano
   — cinder verb
   — cin·dery adjective

cinder block noun
: a building block made of cement and coal cinders

cin·e·ma /siˈna.mə/ noun
1: a motion-picture theater
2: the film industry: MOVIES
   — cin·e·mat·ic /siˈnə.mətɪk/ adjective

cin·e·ma·the·que /siˈna.məˈtək/ noun
: a small movie house specializing in avant-garde films

cin·e·ma·to·graph·y /siˈnəˌməˌtəɡrəˌfi/ noun
: motion-picture photography
   — cin·e·mat·o·graph·er /siˈnəˌməˌtəɡrəˈfər/ noun
   — cin·e·mat·o·graph·ic /siˈnəˌməˌtəɡrəˈfɪk/ adjective

cin·e·plex /siˈnəˌpleks/ noun
: a complex that houses several movie theaters

cin·er·ar·i·um /siˈnərəˈriəm/ noun, plural -ia /-ə/ia
: a place to receive the ashes of the cremated dead
   — cin·er·ary /siˌnərē/ adjective

cin·na·bar /siˈnəˌbər/ noun
: a red mineral that is the only important ore of mercury

cin·na·mon /siˈnəˌmən/ noun
: a spice prepared from the highly aromatic bark of any of several trees related to the true laurel; also: a tree that yields cinnamon

cinque·foil /ˈsɪŋkˌfɔɪl, ˈsæŋk/ noun
: any of a genus of plants related to the roses with leaves having five lobes

1 cipher /ˈsɪft/ noun
1 ▷: the symbol 0 denoting the absence of all magnitude or quantity: ZERO, NAUGHT
2: a method of secret writing
   — Synonyms
   ▷ aught, naught, nil, nothing, zero, zip—more at ZERO

2 cipher verb
: to compute arithmetically

cir or circ abbreviation

   circular
cir·ca /ˈsərˌkeɪ/ preposition
: ABOUT <~ 1600>

cir·ca·di·an /ˈsərˌkaˌdi.ən, ˈsərˌkaˌde.ən/ adjective
: being, having, characterized by, or occurring in approximately 24-hour intervals (as of biological activity)

1 circle /ˈsərˌkeɪ/ noun
1 ▪ a closed curve every point of which is equally distant from a fixed point within it
2 ▪ something circular
3 ▪ an area of action or influence
4 ▪ a series ending at its starting point: CYCLE
5 ▪ a group bound by a common tie
   Synonyms
   ▪ [1], [2] band, eye, hoop, loop, ring, round—more at RING
   ▪ [5] body, bunch, clan, clique, community, coterie, crowd, fold, gang, lot, ring, set—more at GANG

2 circle verb circled; circling
1 ▪ to enclose in a circle
2 ▪ to move or revolve around; also: to move in a circle
   Synonyms
   ▪ [1] encircle, enclose, encompass, ring, surround—more at SURROUND
   ▪ [2] circumnavigate, coil, compass, encircle, girdle, loop, orbit, ring, round—more at ENCIRCLE

1 cir·clet /ˈsərˌklɛt/ noun
: a small circle; especially: a circular ornament

1 cir·cuit /ˈsərˌkwaɪt/ noun
1 ▪ a boundary around an enclosed space
2 ▪ a course around a periphery
3 ▪ a regular tour (as by a judge) around an assigned territory
4 ▪ the complete path of an electric current; also: an assemblage of electronic components
5 ▪ LEAGUE; also: a chain of theaters
   — cir·cuit·al /-əl/ adjective

1 circuit breaker noun
: a switch that automatically interrupts an electric circuit under an abnormal condition

1 circuit court noun
: a court that sits at two or more places within one judicial district

1 cir·cu·i·tous /ˈsərˌkju.əˌtəs/ adjective
1 ▪ having a circular or winding course
2 ▪ not being forthright or direct in language or action
   Synonyms
   ▪ [1] circular, indirect, roundabout—more at INDIRECT
   ▪ [2] diffuse, long-winded, prolix, rambling, verbose, windy, wordy—more at WORDY

1 cir·cu·tous·ly /ˈsərˌkaˌtʌsəli/ adverb
: in or about a circle

1 cir·cu·tous·ly /ˈsərˌkaˌtʌsəli/ adverb
: in or about a circle

1 cir·cu·larity /ˈsərˌkju.əˌtərɪti/ noun, plural -ties
: INDIRECTION

1 cir·cu·lar /ˈsərˌkeɪ.əl/ adjective
1 ▪ having the form of a circle: ROUND
2 ▪ moving in or around a circle
3 ▪ not forthright or direct in language or action: CIRCUITOUS
4 ▪ intended for circulation <a ~ letter>
   — cir·cu·lar·i·ty /ˈsərˌkeɪ.ərəˌtɪti/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▪ circuitous, indirect, roundabout—more at INDIRECT

1 cir·cu·lar·i·ty /ˈsərˌkeɪ.ərəˌtɪti/ noun
: INDIRECTION
circular noun

: a paper (as a leaflet) intended for wide distribution

   Synonyms
   booklet, brochure, folder, leaflet, pamphlet—more at pamphlet

cir·cu·lar·ize /ˈserˌkya.ˌle.ərɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

1 : to send circulars to
2 : to poll by questionnaire

circular saw noun

: a power saw with a round cutting blade

cir·cu·late /ˈserˌkya.ˌle.ət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing

1 : to move or cause to move in a circle, circuit, or orbit
2 : to pass from place to place or from person to person
3 : to become well-known or widespread

   — cir·cu·la·tion /ˌserˌkyaˌla.ʃən/ noun

   Synonyms
   [2, 3] broadcast, disseminate, propagate, spread, strew—more at spread

cir·cu·la·to·ry /ˈserˌkyaˌla.ˈtɔrə/ adjective

: of or relating to circulation or the circulatory system

circulatory system noun

: the system of blood, blood vessels, lymphatic vessels, and heart concerned with the circulation of the blood and lymph

cir·cum·am·bu·late /ˌserˌkəmˌamˌbuˌlat/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing

: to circle on foot esp. as part of a ritual

cir·cum·cise /ˈserˌkəmˌsɪz/ verb -cised; -cis·ing

[Origin: ME, fr. L circumcisus, pp. of circumcidere, lit., to cut around, fr. circum around + caedere to cut]

: to cut off the foreskin of

   — cir·cum·ci·sion /ˌserˌkəmˌsi.ʃən/ noun

cir·cum·fer·ence /ˌserˌkəmˌferəns/ noun

1 : the perimeter of a circle
2 : the external boundary or surface of a figure or object

   Synonyms
   border, bound, boundary, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge

   — more at border

cir·cum·flex /ˈserˌkəmˌfleks/ noun

: the mark ^ over a vowel

cir·cum·lo·cu·tion /ˌserˌkəmˌləˌkjuˈشن/ noun

: the use of an unnecessarily large number of words to express an idea

   Synonyms
   prolixity, redundancy, verbiage, wordiness—more at verbiage

cir·cum·lu·nar /ˈˌkɜr.məˌnar/ adjective

: revolving about or surrounding the moon

cir·cum·nav·i·gate /ˌnaˌveˌɡæt/ verb

: to go completely around (as the earth) esp. by water

   — cir·cum·nav·i·ga·tion /ˌnaˌveˌɡæˌشن/ noun

   Synonyms

   circle, coil, compass, encircle, girdle, loop, orbit, ring, round—more at encircle

cir·cum·po·lar /ˌˈkɜr.məˌpələr/ adjective

1 : continually visible above the horizon <a ~ star>
2 : surrounding or found near a pole of the earth

**cir·cum·scribe** /ˈsər.kəmˌskrɪb/ verb
1 : to constrict the range or activity of
2 : to draw a line around

— **cir·cum·scrip·tion** /ˈsər.kəmˌskrɪp.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- check, confine, control, curb, inhibit, limit, restrain, restrict
- bound, define, delimit, demarcate, limit, mark, terminate—more at LIMIT

**cir·cum·spect** /ˈsər.kəmˌspekt/ adjective
≠ : careful to consider all circumstances and consequences : PRUDENT

— **cir·cum·spec·tion** /ˈsər.kəmˌspek.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- alert, careful, cautious, considerate, gingerly, guarded, heedful, prudent, safe, wary—more at CAREFUL

**cir·cum·stan·tial** /ˈsər.kəmˌstan.chəl/ adjective
1 : consisting of or depending on circumstances
2 : INCIDENTAL
3 : containing full details

— **cir·cum·stan·tial·ly** adverb

Synonyms
- detailed, elaborate, full, minute, thorough—more at DETAILED

**cir·cum·vent** /ˈsər.kəmˌvent/ verb
1 a : to go around : make a full circuit around or bypass without going through
b : to manage to get around esp. by ingenuity or stratagem
2 : to check or defeat esp. by stratagem

— **cir·cum·ven·tion** /ˈvent.shən/ noun

Synonyms
- [1a, b] dodge, sidestep, skirt; also avoid, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shun; disobey, disregard, flout, ignore

Antonyms
- comply (with), follow, keep, obey, observe
- [1a, b] bypass, detour, skirt—more at DETOUR

**cir·cus** /ˈsər.kəs/ noun
1 : a large arena enclosed by tiers of seats on three or all four sides and used esp. for sports or spectacles
2 : a usu. traveling show that features feats of physical skill, wild animal acts, and performances by clowns
3 : a circus performance; also : the equipment, livestock, and personnel of a circus
4 : something suggestive of a circus (as in frenzied activity or razzle-dazzle) <a media ~>
cirque /ˈsärk/ noun
: a deep steep-walled mountain basin usu. forming the blunt end of a valley
cir·rho·sis /sirˈōsəs/ noun, plural -rho·ses /ˈsärˌsēz/
[origin: NL, fr. Gk kirrhos orange-colored]
: fibrosis of the liver
— cir·rhot·ic /ˈsärˌrōtik/ adjective or noun
cir·rus /ˈsirəs/ noun, plural cir·ri /ˈsirē/
: a wispy white cloud usu. of minute ice crystals at high altitudes
cis·lu·nar /ˈsisˌluːnər/ adjective
: lying between the earth and the moon or the moon's orbit
cis·tern /ˈsisərən/ noun
: an often underground tank for storing water
cit abbreviation
1 citation; cited
2 citizen
cit·a·del /ˈsītədəl/ noun
1 ▶: a fortress commanding a city
2 ▶: a place of security or survival: STRONGHOLD

Synonyms
▶ [1, 2] bastion, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, hold, stronghold
cit·a·tion /ˈsītəˈshən/ noun
1 : an official summons to appear (as before a court)
2 a : something that is quoted
b : a passage referred to or given as an example: QUOTATION
3 ▶: a formal statement of the achievements of a person; also: a specific reference in a military dispatch to meritorious performance of duty

Synonyms
▶ accolade, commendation, encomium, eulogy, homage, paean, panegyric, salutation, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM
cite /sīt/ verb cit·ed; cit·ing
1 : to summon to appear before a court
2 ▶: to quote by way of example, authority, or proof: QUOTE
3 : to refer to esp. in commendation or praise
4 ▶: to bring forward or call to another's attention esp. as an example

Synonyms
▶ [2] advert, instance, mention, name, note, notice, quote, refer, specify, touch—more at MENTION
▶ [4] adduce, instance, mention, quote
cit·i·fied /ˈsītəˌfīd/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characterized by an urban style of living
cit·i·zen /ˈsītəˌzen/ noun
1 : an inhabitant of a city or town
2 : a person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to its protection
— cit·i·zen·ship noun
cit·i·zen·ry /ˈrē/ noun, plural -ries
: a whole body of citizens
citizens band noun
: a range of radio frequencies set aside for private radio communications
cit·ric acid /ˈsɪtrɪk/ noun
: a sour organic acid obtained from lemon and lime juices or by fermentation of sugars and used as a flavoring

cit·ron /ˈsɪtrən/ noun
1 : the oval lemonlike fruit of an Asian citrus tree; also : the tree
2 : a small hard-fleshed watermelon used esp. in pickles and preserves

cit·ro·net·la /ˈsɪtra ne la/ noun
: a lemon-scented oil obtained from a fragrant grass of southern Asia and used in perfumes and as an insect repellent

cit·rus /ˈsɪtrəs/ noun, plural citrus or cit·rus·es
: any of a genus of often thorny evergreen trees or shrubs grown for their fruits (as the orange, lemon, lime, and grapefruit); also : the fruit

city /ˈsɪti/ noun, plural cit·ies
1 : an inhabited place larger or more important than a town
2 : a municipality in the U.S. governed under a charter granted by the state; also : an incorporated municipal unit of the highest class in Canada

city manager noun
: an official employed by an elected council to direct the administration of a city government

city–state /ˈsɪti stæt/ noun
: an autonomous state consisting of a city and surrounding territory

civ abbreviation
1 civil; civilian
2 civilization

civ·et /ˈsɪvət/ noun
: a yellowish strong-smelling substance obtained from a catlike mammal (civet cat) of Africa or Asia and used in making perfumes

civ·ic /ˈsɪvik/ adjective
: of or relating to a city, citizenship, or civil affairs

civ·ics /ˈsɪvɪks/ noun
: a social science dealing with the rights and duties of citizens

civ·il /ˈsɪvəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to citizens or to the state as a political body
2 : adequate in courtesy and politeness : COURTEOUS, POLITE
3 : of or relating to legal proceedings in connection with private rights and obligations <the ~ code>
4 : of or relating to the general population : not military or ecclesiastical

Synonyms
1 [1] national, public, state—more at NATIONAL
2 [2] courteous, genteel, gracious, mannerly, polite, well-bred—more at POLITE

civil defense noun
: protective measures and emergency relief activities conducted by civilians in case of enemy attack or natural disaster

civil disobedience noun
: refusal to obey governmental commands esp. as a nonviolent means of protest

civil engineer noun
: an engineer whose training or occupation is in the design and construction esp. of public works (as roads or harbors)

civil engineering noun

ci·vil·ian /ˈsɪvəli ən/ noun
: a person not on active duty in a military, police, or fire-fighting force
civil·i·ty /sə_ˈvɪləˌtē/ noun, plural -ties
1 ▶: civilized conduct: POLITENESS, COURTESY
2 ▶: a polite act or expression
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] courtesy, gentility, graciousness, mannerliness, politeness—more at POLITENESS
   ▶ [2] amenity, courtesy, formality, gesture; also ceremony, observance, rite, ritual; etiquette, manners, proprieties; greetings, regards, respects; favor, grace, kindness

civ·i·li·za·tion /sə_ˌvɪliˈzaʃən/ noun
1 ▶: a relatively high level of cultural and technological development
2 ▶: the culture characteristic of a time or place
   — civ·i·li·za·tion·al /ˌsə_ˈvɪliˌzaʃən(ə)l/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] cultivation, culture, polish, refinement—more at CULTURE
   ▶ [2] culture, life, lifestyle, society; also customs, manners, mores; folklore, heritage, tradition

civ·i·lize /sə_ˈvaˌliz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
1 : to raise from a primitive state to an advanced and ordered stage of cultural development
2 : REFINE
   civ·i·lized adjective
   1 : characteristic of a state of civilization
   2 ▶: characterized by taste, refinement, or restraint
   Synonyms
   ▶ cultivated, cultured, genteel, polished, refined—more at CULTIVATED

civil liberty noun
: freedom from arbitrary governmental interference specifically by denial of governmental power — usu. used in pl.
civ·il·ly /sə_ˈvɪlˌlē/ adverb
1 : in terms of civil rights, matters, or law <~ dead>
2 : in a civil manner: POLITELY
civil rights noun plural
: the nonpolitical rights of a citizen; especially: those guaranteed by the 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution and by acts of Congress
civil servant noun
: a member of a civil service
civil service noun
: the administrative service of a government
civil war noun
: a war between opposing groups of citizens of the same country
civ·vies /sə_ˌvēz/ noun plural
: civilian clothes as distinguished from a military uniform
   C J abbreviation
   chief justice
c k abbreviation
1 cask
2 check
c l abbreviation
1 centiliter
2 class
C l symbol
chlorine
1 clack /ˈklak/ verb
1: **CHATTER, PRATTLE**
2: to make an abrupt striking sound or series of sounds
   - **clack** noun
1: rapid continuous talk: **CHATTER**
2: a sound of clacking <the ~ of a typewriter>
   - **clad** /klad/ adjective
1: **CLOTHED, COVERED**
2: being or consisting of coins made of outer layers of one metal bonded to a core of a different metal
   - **claim** /klām/ verb
[Origin: ME, fr. AF claimer, clamer, fr. L clamare to cry out, shout]
1: to ask for esp. as a right
2: to call for: **REQUIRE**
3: to state as a fact: **MAINTAIN**
   - **Synonyms**
     - [1] call, clamor, command, demand, enjoin, exact, insist, press, quest, stipulate—more at **DEMAND**
     - [3] affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant; also announce, broadcast, proclaim; argue, rationalize, reason; confirm, justify, vindicate; defend, support, uphold
   - **Antonyms**
     - deny, gainsay
   - **claim** noun
1: a demand for something due or believed to be due
2: a right to something usu. in another's possession
3: an assertion open to challenge
4: something claimed (as a tract of land)
   - **Synonyms**
     - [1] demand, dun, requisition—more at **DEMAND**
     - [2] call, pretense, pretension, right; also birthright, prerogative; favor, privilege; refusal
     - [3] affirmation, assertion, avowal, declaration, profession, protestation—more at **PROTESTATION**
     - [4] interest, share, stake—more at **INTEREST**
   - **claim·ant** /klā·mant/ noun
: a person making a claim
   - **clair·voy·ant** /kla·vō·ant/ adjective
[Origin: F, fr. clair clear + voyant seeing]
1: unusually perceptive
2: having the power of discerning objects not present to the senses
   - **clairvoyant** noun
   - **clair·voy·ance** /ən·s/ noun
: the power or faculty of discerning objects not present to the senses
   - **clam** /klām/ noun
1: any of numerous bivalve mollusks including many that are edible
2: **DOLLAR**
   - **clam·bake** /kläm·bäk/ noun
: a party or gathering (as at the seashore) at which food is cooked usu. on heated rocks covered by seaweed
   - **clam·ber** /kläm·ber/ verb
: to climb awkwardly
   - **clam·ber·er** noun
   - **clam·my** /kläm·ē/ adjective **clam·mi·er**; -est
: being damp, soft, sticky, and usu. cool
   - **clam·mi·ness** noun
   - **clamor** /kläm·er/ noun
1 ▷: a noisy shouting
2 ▷: a loud continuous noise
3 ▷: insistent public expression (as of support or protest)

   Synonyms
      ▷ [1] howl, hubbub, hue and cry, hullabaloo, noise, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar; also clangor, din, jangle, racket
      ▷ [2] bluster, cacophony, din, noise, racket, roar—more at NOISE

2 clamor verb
   ▷: to appeal, demand, or protest by sustained noisy outcry: to become loudly insistent—often used with for

   Synonyms usually clamor for
      ▷ call, claim, command, demand, enjoin, exact, insist, press, quest, stipulate—more at DEMAND

clam·or·ous adjective
1 ▷: marked by confused din or outcry
2 ▷: full of noise: noisily insistent

   Synonyms
      ▷ [1] blatant, obstreperous, vociferous—more at VOCIFEROUS
      ▷ [2] booming, deafening, ear-splitting, loud, piercing, resounding, ringing, roaring, sonorous, stentorian, thunderous—more at LOUD

1 clamp /ˈklæmp/ noun
   ▷: a device that holds or presses parts together firmly

2 clamp verb
   ▷: to fasten with or as if with a clamp

   Synonyms
      ▷ anchor, catch, fasten, fix, hitch, moor, secure, set

clamp down verb
   ▷: to impose restrictions: become repressive

   -- clamp down /ˈklæmp_ˌdaʊn/ noun

   Synonyms usually clamp down on
      ▷ crack down, crush, put down, quash, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL

clam·shell /ˈklæm_.ʃel/ noun
1 ▷: the shell of a clam
2 ▷: a bucket or grapnel (as on a dredge) having two hinged jaws

clamp up verb
   ▷: to become silent

   Synonyms
      ▷ hush, quiet, shut up—more at SHUT UP

clamp /ˈklæmp/ noun
1 ▷: a group of people tracing descent from a common ancestor
2 ▷: a group united by a common interest or common characteristics

   -- clan·nish noun
   -- clan·nish·ness noun

   Synonyms
      ▷ [1] blood, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY
      ▷ [2] body, bunch, circle, clique, community, coterie, crowd, fold, gang, lot, ring, set—more at GANG

clan·des·tine /ˈklænˌdes.tən/ adjective
   ▷: held in or conducted with secrecy

   Synonyms
      ▷ covert, furtive, hugging-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhanded—more at SECRET

clang /ˈklæŋ/ noun
†: a loud metallic ringing sound
— **clang** verb

*Synonyms*
† clash; also chime, peel, ring; clink, jangle, jingle, tinkle; clap, clop, crack, crash

**clan-gor** /ˈklaNG-ar, ˈgær/ noun
: a loud deeply resounding sound made esp. by metal objects struck together

**clan-nish** noun
: tending to associate only with a select group of similar background or status
— **clan-nish-ness** noun

**clank** /ˈklaNGk/ noun
: a sharp brief metallic ringing sound
— **clank** verb

**1 clap** /klæp/ verb **clapped; clapping**
1: to strike noisily
2: **applaud**

**2 clap** noun
1 †: a loud noisy crash
2: a sudden sometimes resounding blow or stroke
3: the noise made by clapping the hands

*Synonyms*
† bang, blast, boom, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, smash, snap, thwack, whack; also clang, clangor, clank, clash; knock, rap, tap; clamor, howl, hubbub, hue and cry, hullabaloo, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar

**3 clap** noun
: **gonorrhea**

**clap-board** /ˈkla.pərd, ˈkla.pərd/ noun
: a narrow board thicker at one edge than the other used for siding
— **clap-board** verb

**clap-per** /ˈkla.pər/ noun
: one that claps; especially: the tongue of a bell

**clap-trap** /ˈkla.pə.træp/ noun
†: pretentious nonsense

*Synonyms*
† bunk, drivel, fiddlesticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness, slush, stupidity, trash—more at **non-sense**

**claque** /ˈklaːk/ noun
[origin: F, fr. **claquer** to clap]
1: a group hired to applaud at a performance
2: a group of sycophants

**clar-et** /ˈklær.eɪt/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF (vin) **claret** clear wine]
: a dry red wine

**clar-i-fi-ca-tion** /ˈklær.i.fəˌkæn.ʃən/ noun
†: the act or process of clarifying; also: something that clarifies

*Synonyms*
† construction, elucidation, explanation, explication, exposition, illumination, illustration, interpretation—more at **explanation**

**clar-i-fy** /ˈklær.i.fɪ/ verb -fied; -fy-ing
†: to make or become clear

*Synonyms*
clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, spell out
—more at EXPLAIN

clear, distill, filter, purify; also process, refine; clean, cleanse, purge; extract, leach; screen, sieve, sift

clar·i·net /klərˈe nit/ noun
: a single-reed woodwind instrument in the form of a cylindrical tube with a moderately flaring end
— clar·i·net·ist or clar·i·net·tist /ˈnet ist/ noun

clar·i·on /klərˈe an/ adjective
: brilliantly clear <a ~ call>
clar·i·ty /klərˈe teɪ/ noun
✓ the quality or state of being clear : LUCIDITY
   Synonyms
   ✓ explicitness, lucidity, perspicuity, simplicity—more at SIMPLICITY

1 clash /klaʃ/ verb
1 : to make or cause to make a clash
2 ✓ : to be incompatible
3 ✓ : to come into conflict
   Synonyms
   ✓ [2] collide, conflict, jar; also mismatch; battle, combat, fight, war (against); chafe, gall, grate, jangle; differ, disagree
   Antonyms
   blend, harmonize, match
   ✓ usually clash with [3] battle, combat, fight, scrimmage, skirmish, war—more at FIGHT

2 clash noun
1 ✓ : a noisy usu. metallic sound of collision
2 ✓ : a hostile encounter; also : a conflict of opinion
   Synonyms
   ✓ [1] clang—more at CLANG
   ✓ [2] battle, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scrimmage, scuffle, skirmish, struggle, tussle—more at FIGHT

1 clasp /klæsp/ noun
1 : a device (as a hook) for holding objects or parts together
2 : a holding or enveloping with or as if with the hands or arms : EMBRACE, GRASP

2 clasp verb
✓ : to enclose and hold with the arms or hands
   Synonyms
   caress, embrace, enfold, grasp, hug—more at EMBRACE
   grasp, grip, hold, take—more at TAKE

1 class /klæs/ noun
[origin: F classe, fr. L classis group called to military service, fleet, class]
1 : a group of students meeting regularly in a course; also : a group graduating together
2 : a course of instruction; also : the period when such a course is taught
3 a ✓ : social rank; especially : high social rank
b ✓ : high quality : ELEGANCE
4 ✓ : a group of the same general status or nature; especially : a major category in biological classification that is above the order and below the phylum
5 ✓ : a division or rating based on grade or quality
   — class·less adjective
   Synonyms
   ✓ [3a] caste, estate, folk, order, place, position, rank, standing, status, stratum; also bracket, level, tier; place, grouping, hierarchy, stratification; clan, family, people, race, tribe
   ✓ [3b] elegance, grace, handsomeness, majesty, refinement, stateliness—more at ELEGANCE
   ✓ [4] breed, description, feather,ilk, kind, like, manner, nature, order, sort, species, type—more at SORT
class verb
: to arrange in classes: CLASSIFY

Synonyms
assort, break down, categorize, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY

class action noun
: a legal action undertaken in behalf of the plaintiffs and all others having an identical interest in the alleged wrong

classic /ˈklæsɪk/ adjective
1 : serving as a standard of excellence; also: TRADITIONAL
2 : CLASSICAL
3 : notable esp. as the best example
4 : AUTHENTIC
5 : typical or regarded as typical: ideally illustrative

Synonyms
[1] model, paradigmatic, quintessential, traditional—more at MODEL
[5] characteristic, distinct, distinctive, individual, peculiar, proper, symptomatic, typical—more at CHARACTERISTIC

class noun
1 : a work of enduring excellence and esp. of ancient Greece or Rome; also: its author
2 : a typical or perfect example
3 : a traditional event

Synonyms
beau ideal, epitome, exemplar, ideal, perfection, quintessence—more at QUINTESSENCE

classical /ˈklæsɪkəl/ adjective
1 : CLASSIC
2 : of or relating to the ancient Greek and Roman classics
3 : of or relating to a form or system of primary significance before modern times (<~ economics>)
4 : concerned with a general study of the arts and sciences
5 : handed down (as beliefs or customs) by example from one generation to another
—classical-ly /ˈklæsɪklɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
conventional, customary, traditional—more at TRADITIONAL

classicism /ˈklæsɪsəm/ noun
1 : the principles or style of the literature or art of ancient Greece and Rome
2 : adherence to traditional standards believed to be universally valid

—classicism /ˈklæsɪsɪst/ noun

classic /ˈklæsɪk/ noun plural
: advertisements grouped by subject

classic /ˈklæsɪk/ verb -fied, -fying
: to arrange in or assign to classes
—classifiable adjective
—classification /ˈklæsɪfəˈkeɪʃən/ noun
—classifier noun

Synonyms
arrange, array, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range, systematize—more at ORDER
assort, break down, categorize, class, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, separate, sort; also arrange, order,
organize, systematize; alphabetize, catalog, codify, file, index, list; pigeonhole, shelve; distinguish, identify, recognize; cull, screen, sift, winnow

class·mate /'klas.māt/ noun
: a member of the same class (as in a college)

class·room /'klas.rom, -rōm/ noun
: a place where classes meet

classy /'kla.sā/ adjective class·i·er; -est
: ELEGANT, STYLISH
— class·i·ness noun

clat·ter /'klā.tər/ noun
1 : a rattling sound <the ~ of dishes>
2 : an agitated disturbance or noisy confusion

clatter verb
: to make a rattling sound

clause /'klōz/ noun
1 : a group of words having its own subject and predicate but forming only part of a compound or complex sentence
2 : a separate part of an article or document

claus·tro·pho·bia /'klō.stro.fē.ō.bē.ə/ noun
: abnormal dread of being in closed or narrow spaces
— claus·tro·pho·bic /'bik/ adjective

clav·i·chord /'klav.i.chörd/ noun
: an early keyboard instrument in use before the piano

clav·i·cle /'klav.i.kal/ noun
[ORIGIN: F clavicule, fr. NL clavicula, fr. L, dim. of L clavis key]
: COLLARBONE

clavier /'klav.ēr/ noun
1 : the keyboard of a musical instrument
2 : an early keyboard instrument

1 claw /'klo/ noun
1 : a sharp usu. curved nail on the toe of an animal
2 : a sharp curved process (as on the foot of an insect); also : a pincerlike organ at the end of a limb of some arthropods (as a lobster)
— clawed /'klo.d/ adjective

2 claw verb
: to rake, seize, or dig with or as if with claws

clay /'klā/ noun
1 : an earthy material that is plastic when moist but hard when fired and is used in making pottery; also : finely divided soil consisting largely of such clay
2 : EARTH, MUD
3 : a plastic substance used for modeling
4 : the mortal human body
— clay·ey /'klē.ē/ adjective

clay·more /'klā.mōr/ noun
: a large 2-edged sword formerly used by Scottish Highlanders

clay pigeon noun
: a saucer-shaped target thrown from a trap in trapshooting

1 clean /'klēn/ adjective
1 ☞ : free from dirt or disease
2 a ♦: free from moral taint or corruption: **PURE**
b ♦: observing the rules: **FAIR**
3 ♦: so decisive and complete as to leave no loose ends or uncertainty: **THOROUGH** <made a ~ break with the past>
4 ♦: **TRIM** <a ship with ~ lines>; also: **EVEN**
5 ♦: habitually neat
   — clean-ly /'klɛn.ˈlaɪ/ **adverb**
   — clean-ness /'klɛn.ˈnæs/ **noun**
   **Synonyms**
   ♦ [1] immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless, stainless, unsoiled, unsullied; also pure, undefiled, unpolluted, untainted, wholesome; cleanly, hygienic, sanitary; bleached, cleansed, purified, whitened; milky, snowy, white; flawless, unblemished; bright, shiny, sparkling
   **Antonyms**
   dirty, filthy, foul, grubby, soiled, spotted, stained, sullied, unclean
   ♦ [2a] chaste, decent, immaculate, modest, pure—more at **CHASTE**
   ♦ [2b] fair, legal, sportsmanlike
   ♦ [3] all-out, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full-scale, out-and-out, thorough, thoroughgoing, total—more at **EXHAUSTIVE**

2 **clean** **adverb**
   ♦: all the way: **COMPLETELY**
   **Synonyms**
   ♦ absolutely, all, altogether, completely, entirely, fully, quite, totally, utterly, wholly

3 **clean** **verb**
   1: to make or become clean
   2 ♦: to remove the entrails from
   3 ♦: to exhaust the stock of — usu. used with **out**
   **Synonyms**
   ♦ [2] draw, eviscerate, gut—more at **GUT**
   ♦ **usually out** [3] consume, deplete, drain, exhaust, expend, spend, use up—more at **DEPLETE**

**clean-cut** /'klen.ˈkʌt/ **adjective**
   1: cut so that the surface or edge is smooth and even
   2: sharply defined or outlined
   3: giving an effect of wholesomeness

**clean-er** **noun**
   ♦: a preparation for cleaning
   **Synonyms**
   ♦ detergent, soap; also disinfectant, purifier, solvent

**clean-ly** /'klen.ˈlaɪ/ **adjective clean-li·er; -est**
   1: careful to keep clean
   2: habitually kept clean
   — clean-li·ness **noun**

**clean room** /'klen.ruːm .rʊm/ **noun**
   ♦: an uncontaminated room maintained for the manufacture or assembly of objects (as precision parts)

**cleanse** /'klenz/ **verb cleansed; cleans·ing**
   1: to make clean
   2: to rid of impurities by or as if by washing

**clean·s·er** **verb**
   ♦: a preparation (as a scouring powder or a skin cream) used for cleaning

**cleansing** **noun**
   ♦: the action or an act of cleansing esp. morally or spiritually

1 **cleanup** /'klen.ˈnap/ **noun**
   1: an act or instance of cleaning
2 : a very large profit

"cleanup adjective
: being 4th in the batting order of a baseball team

"clean up verb
1 : to make a spectacular business profit
2 : rid of debasing or harmful features or elements

"clear adjective
[origin: ME clere, fr. AF cler, fr. L clarus]
1 a : shining brightly : entirely light
   b : UNTROUBLED, SERENE
2 ▷ : having the sky free from clouds : CLOUDLESS
3 a : CLEAN, PURE
   b : easy to perceive or determine with certainty
4 a ▷ : easily heard, seen, or understood
5 a : capable of sharp discernment
   b : free from doubt
6 ▷ : free from guilt or guilt : INNOCENT
7 ▷ : free from restriction, obstruction, or entanglement
   — clear adverb
   — clear·ly /′klär-li/ adverb
   — clear·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [2] cloudless, fair, sunny, sunshiny, unclouded—more at FAIR
▷ [3b] limpid, liquid, lucent, pellucid, transparent; also colorless, uncolored; lucid, translucent; crystal, crystalline, glassy, sparkling; bright, brilliant, effulgent, luminous

Antonyms
cloudy, opaque
▷ [4a] apparent, broad, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable; also comprehensible, decipherable, fathomable, intelligible, knowable, understandable; self-evident, self-explanatory; simple; overt, undisguised; appreciable, perceptible, recognizable, sensible, tangible; discernible, noticeable, observable, visible

Antonyms
dark, enigmatic, indistinct, mysterious, obscure, unclear; ambiguous, equivocal
▷ [6] blameless, faultless, guiltless, impeccable, innocent, irreproachable—more at INNOCENT
▷ [7] free, open, unobstructed—more at OPEN

"clear verb
1 ▷ : to make or become clear
2 : to go away : DISPERSE
3 a ▷ : to free from accusation or blame
   b ▷ : to accept officially as satisfactory
   c : to certify as trustworthy
4 ▷ : to explain or make understandable — often used with up
5 : to get free from obstruction
6 ▷ : to make clear or free from debt or obligation : SETTLE
7 : NET
8 : to get rid of : REMOVE
9 a ▷ : to free (as from contact or entanglement) : DISENTANGLE
   b : to jump or go by without touching; also : PASS

Synonyms
▷ [1] clarify, distill, filter, purify—more at CLARIFY
▷ [3a] absolve, acquit, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate—more at EXCULPATE
▷ [3b] approve, authorize, OK, ratify, sanction, warrant—more at APPROVE
▷ usually clear up [4] clarify, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, illuminate,
clear noun
: a clear space or part

clear·ance /klɪrˌəns/ noun
1 : an act or process of clearing
2 : the distance by which one object clears another
3 ▪ : certification as clear of objection : AUTHORIZATION
- Synonyms
  - allowance, authorization, concurrence, consent, leave, license, permission, sanction, sufferance—more at PERMISSION

clear-cut /klɪrˈkʌt/ adjective
1 : sharply outlined : DISTINCT
2 ▪ : free from ambiguity or uncertainty : DEFINITE, UNEQUIVOCAL
- Synonyms
  - definite, definitive, explicit, express, specific, unambiguous, unequivocal—more at EXPLICIT

clear·head·ed /ˌklɪr.hed/ adjective
▫ : having a clear understanding : able to think clearly
- Synonyms
  - balanced, lucid, normal, right, sane, stable—more at SANE

clear·ing /klɪrɪŋ/ noun
1 : a tract of land cleared of wood and brush
2 : the passage of checks and claims through a clearinghouse

clear·ing·house /ˌklɪrˈɪŋ.haʊs/ noun
: an institution maintained by banks for making an exchange of checks and claims held by each bank against other banks; also : an informal channel for information or assistance

clear out verb
1 ▫ : to drive out or away usu. by force
2 ▫ : to go away or run from : DEPART
- Synonyms
  - [1] disband, disperse, dissipate, scatter—more at SCATTER
  - [2] abscond, escape, flee, fly, get out, lam, run away, run off—more at ESCAPE
  - [2] depart, exit, get off, go, move, pull, quit, sally, shove, take off—more at GO

cleat /klɛt/ noun
: a piece of wood or metal fastened on or projecting from something to give strength, provide a grip, or prevent slipping

cleav·age /klevəj/ noun
1 : a splitting apart : SPLIT
2 : the depression between a woman's breasts esp. when exposed by a low-cut dress

cleave /klɛv/ verb cleaved /klɛvd/ or clove /klʌv/; cleaved; cleav·ing
: to adhere firmly and closely or loyally and unwaveringly : ADHERE, CLING

1 cleave verb cleaved /klɛvd/ also cleft /klipt/ or clove /klʌv/; cleaved also cleft or clo·ven /klʌvən/; cleav·ing
1 : to divide by force : split asunder
2 : DIVIDE

cleav·er /klɛvər/ noun
: a heavy chopping knife for cutting meat

clef /klɛf/ noun
: a sign placed on the staff in music to show what pitch is represented by each line and space
cleft /kleft/ noun
  ▶: a space or opening made by or as if by splitting: FISSURE, CRACK
    Synonyms
    ▶ chink, crack, cranny, crevice, fissure, rift, split—more at CRACK
cleft palate noun
  : a split in the roof of the mouth that appears as a birth defect
clem·a·tis /kle.mə.təs, klə.mə.təs/ noun
  : any of a genus of vines or herbs related to the buttercups that have showy usu. white or purple flowers
clem·en·cy /kle.man.sē/ noun, plural -cies
  1 ▶: disposition to be merciful
  2: mildness of weather
    Synonyms
    ▶ charity, leniency, mercy, quarter—more at MERCY
clem·ent /kle.mənt/ adjective
  1 ▶: MERCIFUL, LENIENT
  2 ▶: not severe in temperature: TEMPERATE, MILD
    Synonyms
    ▶ balmy, equable, gentle, mild, moderate, temperate; also clear, cloudless, fair, sunny, sunshiny; calm, halcyon,
    peaceful, placid, tranquil; delightful, fine, pleasant
    Antonyms
    ▶ harsh, inclement, intemperate, severe
clem·en·tine /kle.man.tən/ noun
  : a small citrus fruit that is probably a hybrid between a tangerine and an orange
clench /klench/ verb
  1 ▶: CLINCH
  2 ▶: to hold fast: CLUTCH
  3 ▶: to set or close tightly
    Synonyms
    ▶ cling, clutch, grip, hang on, hold, hold on—more at HOLD
cle·re·sto·ry /klir.störē/ noun
  : an outside wall of a room or building that rises above an adjoining roof and contains windows
cler·gy /klar.jē/ noun
  : a body of religious officials authorized to conduct services
  ▶ cler-gy·man /ˌmen/ noun
  : a member of the clergy
    Synonyms
    ▶ divine, ecclesiastic, father, minister, preacher, priest, reverend; also evangelist, missionary; deaconess,
    priestess; dean, pastor, rector, vicar; chaplain, confessor; canon, curate; friar; mendicant, monastic, monk,
    religious
    Antonyms
    ▶ layman
cler·ic /klər.ɪk/ noun
  : a member of the clergy
  ▶ cler·i·cal /klər.iˈkəl/ adjective
  1 ▶: of or relating to the clergy
  2 ▶: of or relating to a clerk
    Synonyms
    ▶ ministerial, pastoral, priestly, sacerdotal; also evangelical, missionary; apostolic, canonical, episcopal, papal,
    patriarchal, pontifical; ecclesiastic, ecclesiastical; divine, holy, religious, sacramental; rabbinic
    Antonyms
clericalism /ˈklɛrɪˌkəlɪzəm/ noun
: a policy of maintaining or increasing the power of a religious hierarchy

clerk /ˈklɛrk/ noun
1 : CLERIC
2 a : an official responsible for correspondence, records, and accounts
   b : a person employed to perform general office work
3 : a store salesperson
   — clerk verb
   — clerkship noun
   Synonyms
   r register, registrar, scribe; also archivist, bookkeeper, recorder; annalist, chronicler

clever /ˈklɛvər/ adjective
1 : showing skill or resourcefulness
2 : marked by wit or ingenuity
   — cleverly adverb
   Synonyms
   r [1] alert, brainy, bright, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at INTELLIGENT
   r [1] adroit, artful, creative, deft, imaginative, ingenious, innovative
   Antonyms
   u uncreative, unimaginative
   r [2] facetious, humorous, jocular, smart, witty—more at WITTY

cleverness noun
r : the quality of being clever
   Synonyms
   r adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at SKILL

clevis /ˈklevəs/ noun
: a U-shaped shackle used for fastening

clew /ˈklju/ noun
1 : CLUE
2 : a metal loop on a lower corner of a sail

clew verb
: to haul (a sail) up or down by ropes through the clews

cliché /ˈklɪʃəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a trite phrase or expression
   — clichéd /ˈklɪʃəd/ adjective
   Synonyms
   r banality, commonplace, platitude, shibboleth—more at COMMONPLACE

click /ˈklik/ verb
1 : to make or cause to make a click
2 : to fit together : hit it off
3 : to function or operate smoothly or successfully
4 : to select or make a selection on a computer by pressing a button on a control device (as a mouse)
   — clickable /ˈkliˌkæbl/ adjective
   Synonyms
   r deliver, go over, pan out, succeed, work out—more at SUCCEED

click noun
: a slight sharp noise

clicker /ˈklikər/ noun
client /ˈklɛnt/ noun
1 : DEPENDENT
2 : a person who engages the professional services of another; also : PATRON, CUSTOMER
3 : a computer in a network that uses the services (as access to files) provided by a server

clientele /ˈkliːntəl/ noun
: a body of clients and esp. customers

cliff /klɪf/ noun
Ė : a high steep face of rock, earth, or ice
Synonyms
   bluff, crag, escarpment, palisade, precipice, scarp; also tor; bulwark, embankment

cliff-hanger /ˈklɪf.hæŋər/ noun
1 : an adventure serial or melodrama usu. presented in installments each of which ends in suspense
2 : a contest whose outcome is in doubt up to the very end

climacteric /ˈklɪmətərɪk/ noun
1 : a major turning point or critical stage
2 : MENOPAUSE; also : a corresponding period in the male

climat /ˈklimət/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME climat, fr. MF, fr. LL clima, fr. Gk klima inclination, latitude, climate, fr. klinein to lean]
1 : a region having specific climatic conditions
2 : the average weather conditions at a place over a period of years
3 : the prevailing set of conditions (as temperature and humidity) indoors
4 Ė : a prevailing atmosphere or environment <the ~ of opinion>
– climatic /ˈklimətɪk/ adjective
– climatically /ˈklimətɪklɪ/ adverb
Synonyms
   Ė air, atmosphere, aura, flavor, mood, note, temper—more at AURA
   Ė atmosphere, environment, environs, medium, milieu, setting, surroundings—more at ENVIRONMENT

climatology /ˈklɪmətələdʒi/ noun
: the science that deals with climates
– climatological /ˈklɪmətələˈlɒdʒɪkl/ adjective
– climatologically /ˈklɪmətələˈlɒdʒɪklɪ/ adverb
– climatologist /ˈklɪmətələˈgɪst/ noun

1climax /ˈklɪmaks/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, fr. Gk klimax ladder, fr. klinein to lean]
1 : a series of ideas or statements so arranged that they increase in force and power from the first to the last; also : the last member of such a series
2 Ė : the highest point
3 : ORGASM
– climactic /ˈklɪmætɪk/ adjective
Synonyms
   Ė acme, apex, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

2climax verb
: to come or bring to a climax : provide a culminating event for

1climb /ˈklɪm/ verb
1 Ė : to rise to a higher point
2 Ė : to go up or down esp. by use of hands and feet; also : to ascend in growing
– climber noun
Synonyms
[1, 2] arise, ascend, lift, mount, rise, soar, up—more at ASCEND

2climb noun
1 : a place where climbing is necessary
2  : the act of climbing : ascent by climbing
   Synonyms
   ➤ ascent, rise, soar—more at ASCENT

cline /klín/ noun
 : CLIMATE

1clinch /klinch/ verb
1 : to turn over or flatten the end of something sticking out <a nail>; also : to fasten by clinching
2 : to make final : SETTLE
3 : to hold fast or firmly

2clinch noun
1 : a fastening by means of a clinched nail, rivet, or bolt
2 : an act or instance of clinching in boxing

clincher /'klinchat/ noun
 : one that clinches; especially : a decisive fact, argument, act, or remark

cling /klin/ verb clung /klaŋ/; clinging
1 a  : to adhere as if glued
b  : to hold or hold on tightly
2 : to have a strong emotional attachment
3  : to give support or maintain loyalty
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1a] adhere, hew, stick—more at STICK
   ➤ usually cling to [1b] clench, clutch, grip, hang on, hold, hold on—more at HOLD
   ➤ usually cling to [3] adhere, hew, keep, stick

clingstone /'kliŋˌstōn/ noun
 : any of various fruits (as some peaches) whose flesh adheres strongly to the pit

clinic /'klɪnɪk/ noun
1 : a medical class in which patients are examined and discussed
2 : a group meeting for teaching a certain skill and working on individual problems <a reading ~>
3 : a facility (as of a hospital) for diagnosis and treatment of outpatients

clinical /'klɪnɪkal/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or typical of a clinic; especially : involving direct observation of the patient
2 : scientifically dispassionate
   — clinically /'klɪnɪk(ə)l/ adverb

clinician /'klɪniʃən/ noun
 : a person qualified in the clinical practice of medicine, psychiatry, or psychology as distinguished from one specializing in laboratory or research techniques or in theory

1clink /klink/ verb
 : to make or cause to make a sharp short metallic sound

2clink noun
 : a clinking sound

clinker /'klɪŋkər/ noun
 : stony matter fused together : SLAG

1clip /klipt/ verb clipped; clipping
 : to fasten with a clip

2clip noun
1 : a device that grips, clasps, or hooks
2 : a cartridge holder for a rifle

3 clip verb clipped; clip·ping
1 : to cut or cut off with shears
2 : CURTAIL, DIMINISH
3 : HIT, PUNCH
4 : to illegally block (an opponent) in football

Synonyms
bob, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, dock, lop, nip, prune, shave, shear, trim; also manicure, mow; abbreviate, abridge, shorten

4 clip noun
1 : a 2-bladed instrument for cutting esp. the nails
2 : a sharp blow
3 : a rapid pace

clip·board /'klip_ˌbôrd/ noun
: a small writing board with a spring clip at the top for holding papers

clip joint noun, slang
: an establishment (as a nightclub) that makes a practice of defrauding its customers

clip·per /'klip_ər/ noun
1 : an implement for clipping esp. the hair or nails — usu. used in pl.
2 : a fast sailing ship

clip·ping /'klip_ˈing/ noun
: a piece clipped from something (as a newspaper)

clique /'klēk, 'klık/ noun
[origin: F]
: a small exclusive group of people : Coterie
— cliqu·ey /'klēkˌi/ adjective
— cliqu·ish /'kliʃ/ adjective

Synonyms
body, bunch, circle, clan, community, coterie, crowd, fold, gang, lot, ring, set — more at GANG

cli·to·ris /'klıtoʊrɪs/ noun, plural cli·to·ris·es
: a small erectile organ at the anterior or ventral part of the vulva homologous to the penis
— cli·to·ral /rəl/ adjective

clo abbreviation
clerk

1 cloak /kōk/ noun
1 : a loose outer garment
2 : something that conceals

Synonyms
curtain, hood, mantle, mask, shroud, veil; also cover, screen, shield; facade, face, veneer

2 cloak verb
bish: to cover or hide with a cloak

Synonyms
blanket, blot out, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, hide, mask, obscure, occult, screen, shroud, veil — more at HIDE

cloak–and–dagger adjective
: involving or suggestive of espionage
clob·ber /kləˈbɛr/ verb
1 : to pound mercilessly
2 : to hit with force
3 : to defeat overwhelmingly
   Synonyms
drub, rout, skunk, thrash, trim, trounce, wallop, whip

cloche /ˈkloʊʃ/ noun
[Origin: F, lit., bell]
: a woman’s small close-fitting hat

1clock /ˈklæk/ noun
1: a timepiece not intended to be carried on the person
2: clock verb
1 : to time (a person or a performance) by a timing device
2 : to register (as speed) on a mechanical recording device
   — clock·er noun
3: clock noun
: an ornamental figure on a stocking or sock

clock·wise /ˈklækˌwɪz/ adverb
: in the direction in which the hands of a clock move
   — clockwise adjective

clock·work /ˈklækˌwɜrk/ noun
1 : the machinery that runs a mechanical device (as a clock or toy)
2 : the precision or regularity associated with a clock

clod /klɔd/ noun
1 : a lump esp. of earth or clay
2 : a dull or insensitive person
   Synonyms
   [1] blob, chunk, clump, glob, gob, hunk, lump, nub, wad—more at LUMP
   [2] hulk, lout, lubber, lug, oaf—more at OAF

clod-hop·per /ˈkloʊdˌhɑpər/ noun
1 : an uncouth rustic
2 : a large heavy shoe
   Synonyms
   bumpkin, hick, hillbilly, provincial, rustic, yokel—more at HICK

1clog /ˈklɑɡ/ noun
1 a : a weight attached to an animal to impede motion
   b : something that shackles or impedes
2 : a thick-soled shoe

2clog verb clogged; clog·ging
1 a : to impede with a clog : HINDER
   b : to halt or retard the progress, operation, or growth of : ENCUMBER
2 : to obstruct passage through
3 : to become filled with extraneous matter
   Synonyms
   [1b] cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, hamper, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackle, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER
   [2] block, choke, close, congest, dam, jam, obstruct, plug, stop, stuff; also bung, fill, pack; flood, glut, inundate, overwhelm, swamp
   Antonyms
   clear, free, open (up), unclog
cloi·son·né /klōzəˈnā/ adjective
: a colored decoration made of enamels poured into the divided areas in a design outlined with wire or metal strips

1cloi·ster /ˈklō·stər/ noun
[origin: ME cloistre, fr. OF, fr. ML claustrum, fr. L, bar, bolt, fr. claudere to close]
1 : a monastic establishment
2 : a covered usu. colonnaded passage on the side of a court
   — cloi·stral /ˈstrəl/ adjective
      Synonyms
         — abbey, friary, monastery, priory—more at MONASTERY

2cloi·ster verb
: to shut away from the world

2 cloi·stered /ˈklō·стərd/ adjective
1 : being or living in or as if in a cloister
2 : providing shelter from contact with the outside world
   Synonyms
      — covert, isolated, quiet, remote, secluded, secret—more at SECLUDED

clone /ˈklōn/ noun
[origin: Gk klōn twig, slip]
1 : the collection of genetically identical cells or organisms produced asexually from a single ancestral cell or organism; also : an individual grown from a single cell and genetically identical to it <a sheep ~>
2 : a group of replicas of a biological molecule (as DNA)
3 : one that appears to be a copy of an original form
   — clon·al /ˈklō·nal/ adjective
   — clone verb

clomp /klomp/ noun
: a sound made by or as if by a hoof or wooden shoe against pavement
   — clomp verb

1 close /klōz/ verb closed; clos·ing
1 : to bar passage through : SHUT
2 : to suspend the operations (as of a school)
3 : to bring or come to an end or period : END, TERMINATE
4 : to bring together the parts or edges of; also : to fill up
5 : to come near or approach close
6 : GRAPPLE <~ with the enemy>
7 : to enter into an agreement
   — clos·able or close·able adjective
      Synonyms
         — [3] conclude, end, finish, round, terminate, wind up, wrap up; also climax, crown; complete, consummate, perfect; halt, stop, suspend
      Antonyms
         — [5] approach, near—more at APPROACH

2 close /klōz/ noun
1 : a coming or bringing of something to a conclusion or an end : CONCLUSION, END
   Synonyms
      — conclusion, consummation, end, ending, finale, finis, finish, windup—more at FINALE
      — cessation, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stop, stoppage, termination—more at END

3 close /klōs/ noun
1 : an enclosed space
   Synonyms
      — court, courtyard, quadrangle, yard—more at COURT
**close** /klōs/ adjective closer; closest

1: having no openings: **CLOSED**
2: narrowly restricting or restricted
3: limited to a privileged class
4 a: **SECLUDED**
   b: marked by a disposition to secrecy or extreme discreetness about divulging information: **SECRETIVE**
5: **RIGOROUS**
6: hot and stuffy: causing a sensation of being slightly smothered or stifled
7: not generous in giving or spending: **STINGY**
8: having little space between items or units
9: fitting tightly; also: **SHORT**<~ haircut>
10: being near in time, space, effect, or degree: **NEAR**
11: marked by a warm friendship developing through long association: **INTIMATE**<~ friends>
12: very precise and attentive to details: **ACCURATE**
13: decided by a narrow margin<~ game>

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**close·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [4b] closemouthed, dark, reticent, secretive, uncommunicative—more at **SECRETIVE**
- [6] breathless, stuffy—more at **STUFFY**
- [8] compact, crowded, dense, packed, serried, thick, tight; also airtight, snug; compacted, compressed, condensed; firm, hard, solid; impenetrable, impermeable, impervious

**Antonyms**
- loose, uncrowded
- [10] immediate, near, nearby, nigh; also abutting, adjacent, adjoining, contiguous; approaching, coming, forthcoming, oncoming, upcoming

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**close adverb**

- in proximity of space or time

**Synonyms**
- around, by, hard, in, near, nearby, nigh—more at **NEAR**

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**closed–circuit** /klōzdˈsirˌkat/ adjective

: used in, shown on, or being a television installation in which the signal is transmitted by wire to a limited number of receivers

**closed shop** noun

: an establishment having only members of a labor union on the payroll

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**close–fist·ed** /klōzˈfistəd, klōz/ adjective

: not openhanded or liberal esp. in giving: **STINGY**

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**close–knit** /klōzˈnit/ adjective

: closely bound together by social, cultural, economic, or political ties

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**close·mouthed** /klōzˈmaʊthood, klōzˈmaʊthən/ adjective

1: cautious or reticent in speaking
2: disposed to secrecy about one's personal affairs

**Synonyms**
- [1] laconic, reserved, reticent, silent, taciturn, uncommunicative—more at **SILENT**
- [2] close, dark, reticent, secretive, uncommunicative—more at **SECRETIVE**

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**close·ness** noun

- the quality or state of being close

**Synonyms**
- familiarity, intimacy, nearness—more at **FAMILIARITY**
contiguity, immediacy, nearness, proximity—more at PROXIMITY

close-out /kləˌzuːt/ noun
: a sale of a business's entire stock at low prices

close out verb
1 : to dispose of by a closeout
2 : to dispose of a business : SELL OUT

1 closet /ˈkləʊzət, klət/ noun
1 ▶ : a small room for privacy
2 ▶ : a small compartment for household utensils or clothing
3 ▶ : a state or condition of secrecy <came out of the ~>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] cell, chamber, room—more at ROOM
   ▶ [2] buffet, cabinet, cupboard, hutch, locker, sideboard—more at CABINET

2 closet verb
1 : to shut up in or as if in a closet
2 : to take into a private room for an interview

close-up /kləˌsuːp/ noun
1 : a photograph or movie shot taken at close range
2 : an intimate view or examination

closure /ˈkləʊʃər/ noun
1 ▶ : an act of closing : the condition of being closed
2 ▶ : a bringing to a point of completion
3 ▶ : something that closes
4 ▶ : CLOTURE
   Synonyms
   ▶ cessation, close, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stop, stoppage, termination
   —more at END

1 clot /klɔt/ noun
: a mass formed by a portion of liquid (as blood) thickening and sticking together

2 clot verb
▶ : to become a clot
   Synonyms
   ▶ coagulate, congeal, gel, jell, set—more at COAGULATE

cloth /klɒθ/ noun, plural cloths /ˈklɒθz, ˈklothz/
1 : a pliable fabric made usu. by weaving or knitting natural or synthetic fibers and filaments
2 : TABLECLOTH
3 : distinctive dress of the clergy; also: CLERGY

clothe /kləʊð/ verb clothed or clad /klæd/; cloth·ing
1 ▶ : to provide with clothes : cover with clothes : DRESS
2 ▶ : to express by suitably significant language
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] apparel, array, attire, caparison, deck, dress, garb, invest, rig, suit; also cloak, mantle; drape, swaddle, swathe; accoutre, equip, furnish, outfit
   Antonyms
   disrobe, strip, unclothe, undress
   ▶ [2] articulate, couch, express, formulate, phrase, put, say, state, word

1 clothes /kləʊz/ noun plural
1 : covering for the human body or garments in general : CLOTHING
2 : BEDCLOTHES

clothes-horse /.hɔːrs/ noun
clothes·line noun : a rope or cord on which clothes are hung to dry

clothes·moth noun : any of several small pale moths whose larvae eat wool, fur, and feathers

clothes·pin noun : a device for fastening clothes on a line

clothes·press noun : a receptacle for clothes

cloth·ier noun : a maker or seller of clothing

cloth·ing noun : garments in general

Synonyms
apparel, attire, dress, duds, raiment, wear; also garment, vestment; array, bravery, finery; rags, tatters; costume, garb, getup, guise, outfit, rig, wardrobe; haberdashery

clo·ture noun : the closing or limitation (as by calling for a vote) of debate in a legislative body

1 cloud noun [ORIGIN: ME, rock, cloud, fr. OE clūd]
1 : a visible mass of particles of condensed vapor (as water or ice) suspended in the atmosphere
2 : a usu. visible mass of minute airborne particles; also : a mass of obscuring matter in interstellar space
3 : CROWD, SWARM <a ~ of mosquitoes>
4 : something having a dark or threatening aspect

— cloud·i·ness noun

2 cloud verb
1 : to darken or hide with or as if with a cloud : OBSCURE
2 : to make unclear or confused : CONFUSE
3 : TAINT, SULLY

Synonyms
[1] becloud, befog, blur, darken, dim, fog, haze, mist, obscure, overshadow, shroud; also blot out, conceal, hide, screen, shade; camouflage, cloak, cover, curtain, disguise, mask, veil; distort, falsify, garble, misrepresent

Antonyms
brighten, illuminate, illumine, lighten
[2] becloud, befog, blur, confuse, fog, muddy—more at CONFUSE

cloud·burst noun : a sudden heavy rainfall

Synonyms
deluge, downpour, rain, rainstorm, storm, wet—more at RAIN

cloud·less adjective : free from any cloud

Synonyms
clear, fair, sunny, sunshiny, unclouded—more at FAIR

cloud·let noun : a small cloud

cloud nine noun : a feeling of extreme well-being or elation — usu. used with on

cloudy adjective
1 ▶ : having a cloudy or overcast sky
2 ▶ : dimmed or dulled as if by clouds
3 ▶ : having visible material in suspension: **MURKY**

**Synonyms**
- [1] dull, hazy, heavy, overcast—more at **OVERCAST**
- [2] foggy, hazy, misty, murky, smoggy, soupy—more at **HAZY**
- [3] muddy, murky, turbid; also dingy, filmy, hazy, unfiltered; opaque

**Antonyms**
clear

1 **clout** /ˈklaʊt/ noun
1 : a blow esp. with the hand
2 ▶ : the power to sway people: special influence

**Synonyms**
- authority, influence, pull, sway, weight—more at **INFLUENCE**

2 **clout** verb
: to hit forcefully

1 **clove** /ˈklōv/ noun
1 : one of the small bulbs that grows at the base of the scales of a large bulb <a ~ of garlic>
2 **clove** past of **CLEAVE**

3 **clove** noun
[Origin: ME clowe, fr. AF clou (de girofle), lit., nail of clove, fr. L clavus nail]
: the dried flower bud of an East Indian tree used esp. as a spice

**cloven** /ˈklōvən/ past participle of **CLEAVE**

**cloven foot** noun
: **CLOVEN HOOF**

— **cloven-footed** /ˌklōvənˈfəʊt/ adjective

**cloven hoof** noun
: a foot (as of a sheep) with the front part divided into two parts

— **cloven-hoofed** /ˌklōvənˈhəʊd/ adjective

**clove** /ˈklōv/ noun
[Origin: ME clove, fr. AF clou (de girofle), lit., nail of clove, fr. L clavus nail]
: the dried flower bud of an East Indian tree used esp. as a spice

**clover** /ˈklʌvər/ noun
: any of a genus of leguminous herbs with usu. 3-parted leaves and dense flower heads

**cloverleaf** /ˈklʌvərˌleɪf/ noun, plural **cloverleaves** /ˈklʌvərˌliːfs/ or **clover-leaves** /ˈklʌvərˌliːvz/
: an interchange between two major highways that from above resembles a four-leaf clover

1 **clown** /ˈklɔːn/ noun
1 ▶ : a rude ill-bred person: **BOOR**
2 ▶ : a fool or comedian in an entertainment (as a circus)

**Synonyms**
- [1] beast, boor, churl, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at **PERK**
- [2] buffoon, harlequin, zany; also cutup, madcap; fool, jester, motley; mime, mummer; comedian, comedienne, comic, joker, mime

2 **clown** verb
▶ to act like a clown <always ~ing around>

**Synonyms**
- act up, cut up, fool, horse, monkey, show off, skylark—more at **CUT UP**

**clown-ish** adjective
▶ resembling or befitting a clown (as in ignorance and lack of sophistication)

— **clown-ish-ly** adverb
— **clown-ish-ness** noun

**Synonyms**
boorish, churlish, loutish, uncouth; also coarse, ill-bred, uncultivated, unpolished, unrefined; tasteless, vulgar; beastly, bestial; doltish, oafish, stupid; discourteous, impolite, rude, uncivil

Antonyms
cultivated, polished, refined, well-bred; courtely, genteel, gentlemanly, ladylike; civil, courteous, polite

cloy /ˈkloɪ/ verb
: to disgust or nauseate with excess of something orig. pleasing
— cloy·ing·ly adverb

clr abbreviation
clear

1club /ˈklæb/ noun
1 ◀: a heavy wooden stick or staff used as a weapon; also : BAT
2: any of a suit of playing cards marked with a black figure resembling a clover leaf
3 a: a group of persons associated for a common purpose
   b: the meeting place of a group or association

Synonyms
[1] bat, bludgeon, cudgel, staff, truncheon; also blackjack, mace; birch, switch; hammer, mallet, maul; walking stick
[3a] association, brotherhood, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, league, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION

club verb clubbed; club·bing
1 : to strike with a club
2 : to unite or combine for a common cause

Synonyms
[2] ally, associate, band, confederate, conjoin, cooperate, federate, league, unite—more at ALLY

club-foot /ˈklæbˌfuːt/ noun
: a misshapen foot twisted out of position from birth; also : this deformed condition

— club·foot·ed /ˌfuːt·ɪd/ adjective

club-house /ˈklæbˌhaʊs/ noun
1 : a house occupied by a club
2 : locker rooms used by an athletic team
3 : a building at a golf course with locker rooms and usu. a pro shop and a restaurant

club sandwich noun
: a sandwich of three slices of bread with two layers of meat (as turkey) and lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise

club soda noun
: SODA WATER

cluck /ˈklæk/ noun
: the call of a hen esp. to her chicks

— cluck verb

1clue /ˈkluː/ noun
1 ◀: something that guides through an intricate procedure or maze; especially : a piece of evidence leading to the solution of a problem
2 ◀: an indication that properly interpreted may lead to full understanding of something : IDEA, NOTION <has no ~ what he's doing>

Synonyms
[1, 2] cue, hint, idea, indication, inkling, intimation, lead, notion, suggestion—more at HINT

2clue verb clued; clue·ing or clue·ing
1 : to provide with a clue
2 ◀: to give information to <~ me in>

Synonyms usually clue in
  ▶ acquaint, advise, apprise, brief, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, instruct, tell, wise—more at ENLIGHTEN
1. **clump** /ˈklʌmp/ noun
   1. a group of things clustered together
   2. a compact mass
   3. a heavy tramping sound

   **Synonyms**
   - array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, bunch, cluster, collection, group, huddle, knot, lot, package, parcel, set, suite

2. **clump** verb
   - to tread clumsily and noisily

3. **clumsy** /ˈklʌm.zə/ adjective clum-si-er; -est
   1. lacking dexterity, nimbleness, or grace
   2. not tactful or subtle
   3. awkward or inefficient in use or construction: **unwieldy**

   **clumsily** /ˈklʌm.zə.lɪ/ adverb
   **clumsiness** /ˈklʌm.zə.nəs/ noun

   **Synonyms**
   - awkward, gawky, graceless, heavy-handed, lumberly, lumpish, ungainly, unhandy; also butterfingered, uncoordinated; oafish; bungling, gauche, inept, inexpert, maladroit, unskilled, unskillful; cumbersome, unwieldy

   **Antonyms**
   - deft, dexterous, graceful, handy
   - [2] awkward, inept, inexpert, maladroit
   - [3] awkward, cranky, cumbersome, ungainly, unhandy, unwieldy—more at **CUMBERSOME**

4. **clung** past and past participle of **cling**

5. **clunker** /ˈklʌŋ.kər/ noun
   1. a dilapidated automobile
   2. a notable failure

6. **cluster** /ˈklʌstər/ noun
   - a number of similar things that occur together: **GROUP, BUNCH**

   **Synonyms**
   - array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, bunch, clump, collection, group, huddle, knot, lot, package, parcel, set, suite

7. **cluster** verb
   - to grow or gather in a cluster

   **Synonyms**
   - assemble, collect, concentrate, conglomerate, congregate, convene, forgather, gather, meet, rendezvous—more at **ASSEMBLE**
   - bunch, crowd, huddle, press—more at **PRESS**

8. **clutch** /ˈklʌtʃ/ verb
   - to grasp with or as if with the hand

   **Synonyms**
   - clench, cling, grip, hang on, hold, hold on—more at **HOLD**

9. **clutch** noun
   1. a: the claws or a hand in the act of grasping
   2. b: an often cruel or unrelenting control, power, or possession: **CONTROL, POWER**
   2. a device for gripping an object
   3. a coupling used to connect and disconnect a driving and a driven part of a mechanism; also: a lever or pedal operating such a coupling
   4. a: a crucial situation

   **Synonyms**
   - [1b] arm, authority, command, control, dominion, grip, hold, mastery, power, sway—more at **POWER**
   - [4] crisis, crunch, emergency, head, juncture—more at **EMERGENCY**
3**clutch** adjective
   : made, done, or successful in a crucial situation
4**clutch** noun
   1 : a nest or batch of eggs; also : a brood of chicks
   2 : **GROUP, BUNCH**

1**clutter** /ˈklətər/ verb
   : to fill or cover with a disorderly scattering of things
2**clutter** noun
   1 : a crowded mass
   **Synonyms**
      1 : assortment, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, litter, medley, mélange, miscellany, motley, muddle, potpourri, rummage, scramble, shuffle, tumble, variety, welter—more at MISCALLANY

**cm** abbreviation
centimeter
**Cm** symbol
curium

**CM** abbreviation
[ORIGIN: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands]
Northern Mariana Islands
**cmdr** abbreviation
commander

**cml** abbreviation
commercial

**CMSgt** abbreviation
chief master sergeant

**CNO** abbreviation
chief of naval operations

**CNS** abbreviation
central nervous system

**co** abbreviation
1 company
2 county

**Co** symbol
cobalt

**CO** abbreviation
1 Colorado
2 commanding officer
3 conscientious objector

**c/o** abbreviation
care of

1**coach** /ˈkōch/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF coche, ultim. fr. Hung kocsi (szekér), lit., (wagon) of Kocs (town in Hungary)]
   1 : a large closed 4-wheeled carriage with an elevated outside front seat for the driver
   2 : a railroad passenger car esp. for day travel
   3 : **BUS**
   4 a : a private tutor
      b : one who instructs or trains; especially : one who instructs players in a sport <a soccer ~>

2**coach** verb
- to instruct, direct, or prompt as a coach

**Synonyms**
- counsel, guide, lead, mentor, pilot, shepherd, show, tutor—more at GUIDE

**coach·man** /kənˌmәn/ noun
: a man who drives a coach or carriage

**co·ad·ju·tor** /kəˈdʒəˌtʊr, kəˈdʒəˌtәr/ noun
: one who works together with another: ASSISTANT; especially: an assistant bishop having the right of succession

**co·ag·u·lant** /kəˈɡyu.lənt/ noun
: something that produces coagulation

**co·ag·u·late** /kəˈɡyu.əˌlæt/ verb -lat·ed, -lat·ing
: to cause to become viscous or thickened into a coherent mass: CLOT

— **co·ag·u·la·tion** /kəˈɡyu.əˌlæʃən/ noun

**Synonyms**
- clot, congeal, gel, jell, set; also concrete, firm (up), freeze, harden, solidify, stiffen; condense, thicken; curdle, lump (up)

1. **coal** /kɔl/ noun
   1: EMBER
   2: a black solid combustible mineral used as fuel

2. **coal** verb
   1: to supply with coal
   2: to take in coal

**co·a·les·ce** /kəˈæləs/ verb co·a·lesced; co·a·les·cing
1: to grow together
2: to unite into a whole: FUSE

— **co·a·les·cence** /-səns/ noun

**Synonyms**
- associate, combine, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, marry, unify, unite—more at UNITE

**coal·field** /kɔlˌfild/ noun
: a region rich in coal deposits

**coal gas** noun
: gas from coal; especially: gas distilled from bituminous coal and used for heating

**co·a·li·tion** /kəˈæli.ʃən/ noun
1: UNION
2: a temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states for a common purpose

— **co·a·li·tion·ist** noun

**Synonyms**
- alliance, bloc, combination, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union—more at CONFEDERACY

**coal oil** noun
: KEROSENE

**coal tar** noun
: tar distilled from bituminous coal and used in dyes and drugs

**co·an·chor** /kəˈænˌkәr/ noun
: a newscaster who shares the duties of head broadcaster

**coarse** /kɔrs/ adjective coars·er; coars·est
1: of ordinary or inferior quality
2: composed of large parts or particles (<~ sand>)
3: crude or unrefined in taste, manners, or language: CRUDE (<~ manners>
coarse·ly adverb

Synonyms
→ [1] bad, bum, cheap, common, cut-rate, inferior, junky, lousy, mediocre, poor, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy, trashy—more at cheap
→ [2] grainy, granular; also rough; unfiltered, unrefined; gravelly, gritty, sandy; pebbly, rocky, stony; lumpy, mealy

Antonyms
→ dusty, fine, floury, powdery
→ [3] common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar; also boorish, churlish, clownish, loutish, ungentlemanly; clumsy, lubberly, lumpish, oafish; inconsiderate, thoughtless; countrified, provincial, rustic; graceful, inelegant, tacky

Antonyms
→ cultivated, cultured, genteel, polished, refined, smooth, tasteful, well-bred

goarse·ness noun

→: the quality or state of being coarse

Synonyms
→ grossness, indelicacy, lowness, rudeness, vulgarity—more at vulgar

goars·en /ˈkɑr.sən/ verb

→ to make or become coarse

1 coast /kōst/ noun

[origin: ME cost, fr. AF coste, fr. L costa rib, side]

1: SEASHORE
2: a slide down a slope
3: the immediate area of view — used in the phrase the coast is clear

→ coast·al adjective

2 coast verb

1: to sail along the shore
2: to move (as downhill on a sled) without effort

Synonyms
→ bowl, breeze, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slide, slip, stream, sweep, whisk—more at flow

coast·er noun

1: one that coasts
2: a shallow container or a plate or mat to protect a surface

coaster brake noun

→ a brake in the hub of the rear wheel of a bicycle

coast guard noun

→ a military force employed in guarding or patrolling a coast

→ coast·guards·man /kōst.ˈgaɪrdz.mən/ noun

coast·line /ˈkɑstˌlaɪn/ noun

→ the outline or shape of a coast

1 coat /kōt/ noun

1: an outer garment for the upper part of the body
2: an external growth (as of fur or feathers) on an animal
3: a covering layer <a ~ of paint>

→ coat·ed /kōt.tid/ adjective

Synonyms
→ fleece, fur, hair, pelage, pile, wool

2 coat verb

→ to cover usu. with a finishing or protective coat or layer

Synonyms
blanket, carpet, cover, overlay, overlies, overspread

coat·ing /kō’tīn/ noun
: COAT, COVERING

coat of arms
: a shield or similar device for displaying the insignia of a family or group

co·au·thor /kō’thər/ noun
: a joint or associate author

— coauthor verb

coax /kōks/ verb
: to gain by gentle urging or flattery : WHEEDLE

Synonyms
cajoled, wheedle; also adulate, flatter, overpraise; complement, praise; beguile, charm, woo; beg, importune, urge; bug, nag, pester

co·ax·i·al /kō’sēəl/ adjective
: having coincident axes

— co·ax·i·al·ly adverb

coaxial cable noun
: a cable that consists of a tube of electrically conducting material surrounding a central conductor

cob /kōb/ noun
1: a male swan
2: CORNCOB
3: a short-legged stocky horse

cobalt /kō-bəlt/ noun
[Origin: G Kobalt, alter. of Kobold, lit., goblin; fr. its occurrence in silver ore, believed to be due to goblins]
: a tough shiny silver-white magnetic metallic chemical element found with iron and nickel

cob·ble /kō·bəl/ verb cob·bled; cob·bling
: to make or put together roughly or hastily — often used with together or up "<~ together a solution>

cob·bler /kō·blər/ noun
1: a mender or maker of shoes
2: a deep-dish fruit pie with a thick crust

cob·ble·stone /kō·bəl·ston/ noun
: a naturally rounded stone larger than a pebble and smaller than a boulder

cobra /kō·bra/ noun
[Origin: Pg cobra (de capello), lit., hooded snake]
: any of several venomous snakes of Asia and Africa that when excited expand the skin of the neck into a broad hood

cob·web /kō·web/ noun
[Origin: ME coppeweb, fr. coppe spider, fr. OE ātor coppe]
1: SPIDERWEB; also: a thread spun by a spider or insect larva
2: something flimsy or entangling

— cob·web·by /ˌwēbˈbi/ adjective

coc·aine /kō·kān/ noun
: a drug obtained from the leaves of a So. American shrub (co*ca /ˈkō·kə/) that can result in severe psychological dependence and is sometimes used in medicine as a local anesthetic and illegally as a stimulant of the central nervous system

coc·cus /kō·kus/ noun, plural coc·ci /kō·sì/:
: a spherical bacterium

coc·cyx /kōk·sks/ noun, plural coc·cy·ges /kōk·səˌjēz/ also coc·cy·es /kōk·səˌz/
co·chineal /käˈkənəl/ noun
: a red dye made from the dried bodies of females of a tropical American insect (cochineal insect)

co·chlea /ˈkoʊklə, kəˈ/ noun, plural co·chle·as or co·chle·ae /ˈkoʊklɪˌeɪ/ : the usu. spiral part of the inner ear containing nerve endings which carry information about sound to the brain —co·chle·ar /ˌkoʊklɪˈer/ adjective

cock /kɑk/ noun
1 : the adult male of a bird and esp. of the common domestic chicken
2 : a device (as a faucet or valve) for regulating the flow of a liquid : VALVE, FAUCET
3 : LEADER
4 a : the hammer of a firearm
   b : the position of the hammer when ready for firing
   Synonyms
     faucet, gate, spigot, tap, valve—more at FAUCET

cock verb
1 : to draw back the hammer of a firearm
2 : to set or draw back in readiness for some action <~ your arm to throw>
3 a : to turn or tilt usu. to one side
   Synonyms
     angle, cant, heel, incline, lean, list, slant, slope, tilt, tip—more at LEAN

cock noun
1 : the act of tilting : the state or position of being tilted
   Synonyms
     bend, inclination, list, slant, tilt, tip—more at TILT

cock noun
1 : a small pile (as of hay)

cock-ade /käˈkæd/ noun
: an ornament worn on the hat as a badge

cock-a-tiel /käˈkaɪəl/ noun
: a small crested gray parrot often kept as a cage bird

cock-a-too /käˈkaˌtuː/ noun, plural -toos
[origin: D kakatoe, fr. Malay kakatua] : any of various large noisy crested parrots chiefly of Australia

cock-a-trice /käˈkaˌtrɪs/ noun
: a legendary serpent with a deadly glance

cock crow /käk ˈkroʊ/ noun
1 : the first appearance of light in the morning followed by sunrise : DAWN
   Synonyms
     aurora, dawn, morning, sunrise—more at DAWN

cocked hat /käkt/ noun
: a hat with the brim turned up on two or three sides

cock·er·el /käˈkərəl/ noun
: a young male domestic chicken

cock·er spaniel /käˈker/ noun
[origin: cocking woodcock hunting] : any of a breed of small spaniels with long ears, square muzzle, and silky coat

cock·eyed /käˈkid/ adjective
1 : turned or tilted to one side
2 : slightly crazy
   Synonyms
   ▶ askew, awry, crooked, listing, lopsided, oblique, slantwise, uneven—more at awry

cock·fight /ˈkɑkˌfɪt/ noun
   : a contest of gamecocks usu. fitted with metal spurs
   ▶

cockle /ˈkɑkˌl̩/ noun
   1 : any of several weedy plants related to the pinks
   ▶
   2 cockle noun
   : a bivalve mollusk with a heart-shaped shell

cock·le·shell /ˌshell/ noun
   1 : the shell of a cockle
   2 : a light flimsy boat

cock·ney /ˈkɑkˌn̩/ noun, plural cockneys
   : a native of London and esp. of the East End of London; also : the dialect of a cockney

cock·pit /ˈkɑkˌpɪt/ noun
   1 : a pit for cockfights
   2 : a space or compartment in a vehicle from which it is steered, piloted, or driven

cock·roach /ˈkɑkˌr̩ʊ̇]/ noun
   [origin: Sp cucaracha]
   : any of an order or suborder of active nocturnal insects including some which infest houses and ships

cock·sure /ˈkɑkˌʃʊər/ adjective
   1 ▶ : perfectly sure : certain
   2 : cocky
   Synonyms
   ▶ assured, certain, clear, confident, doubtless, positive, sanguine, sure—more at certain

cock·tail /ˈkɑkˌt̩ɪl/ noun
   1 : an iced drink made of liquor and flavoring ingredients
   2 : an appetizer (as tomato juice) served as a first course of a meal

cocky /ˈkɑk̩/ adjective cock·i·er; -est
   ▶ : boldly and brashly self-confident
   — cock·i·ly /ˈkeˌl̩ɪ/ adverb
   — cock·i·ness /ˈkeˌn̩s/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ arch, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at nervy

có·coa /ˈkɑk̩ˌk̩oʊ/ noun
   1 : cacao
   2 : chocolate deprived of some of its fat and powdered; also : a drink made of this heated with water or milk

cocoa butter noun
   : a pale vegetable fat obtained from cacao beans

co·co·nut /ˈkɒˌk̩ʊnt/ noun
   : a large edible nut produced by a tall tropical palm (coconut palm)

có·coon /ˈk̩əˌk̩ʊn/ noun
   1 : a case usu. of silk formed by some insect larvae for protection during the pupal stage
   2 ▶ : something suggesting a cocoon esp. in providing protection or in producing isolation
   Synonyms
   ▶ armor, capsule, case, casing, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at case

cod /ˈkɑd/ noun, plural cods also codd
   : a bottom-dwelling bony fish of the No. Atlantic that is an important food fish; also : a related fish of the Pacific
Ocean

COD abbreviation
1 cash on delivery
2 collect on delivery

coda /ˈkō.də/ noun
: a closing section in a musical composition that is formally distinct from the main structure
cod·dle /ˈkōdl/ verb cod·dled; cod·dling
1 : to cook slowly in water below the boiling point
2 : to treat with extreme or excessive care or kindness : PAMPER
   Synonyms
   › baby, mollycoddle, nurse, pamper, spoil—more at BABY

code /ˈkōd/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF, fr. L caudex, codex trunk of a tree, document formed orig. from wooden tablets]
1 : a systematic statement of a body of law
2 : a system of principles or rules <moral ~>
3 : a system of signals
4 : a system of symbols (as in secret communication) with special meanings
5 : GENETIC CODE

code verb cod·ed; cod·ing
: to put into the form or symbols of a code
cod·eine /ˈkō.dˌi.n/ noun
: a narcotic drug obtained from opium and used esp. as an analgesic and cough suppressant

codex /ˈkō.deks/ noun, plural cod·ices /ˈkō.de.ˌsēz, ˈkō.dēz/ symbol
: a manuscript book (as of the Scriptures or classics)
cod·fish /ˈkō.dˌfis/ noun
: COD
cod·ger /ˈkōdʒər/ noun
: an odd or cranky and usu. elderly fellow
cod·i·cil /ˈkō.dˌsəl/ noun
: a legal instrument modifying an earlier will
cod·i·fy /ˈkō.dˌfī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
† : to arrange in a systematic form
   — cod·i·fi·ca·tion /ˈkō.dˌfī.ˌkā·shən/ noun
   Synonyms
   › arrange, array, classify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range, systematize—more at ORDER
cod·ed /ˈkō.dəd/ noun
: a female student in a coeducational institution
   — coed adjective
cod·u·ca·tion /ˌkō.də.ˈkā·shən/ noun
: the education of male and female students at the same institution
   — coed·u·ca·ti·on·al /ˌkō.də.ˈkā·sən.əl/ adjective
   — coed·u·ca·ti·on·al·ly adverb
coe·fi·cient /ˌkō.əˈfi.shənt/ noun
1 : a constant factor as distinguished from a variable in a mathematical term
2 : a number that serves as a measure of some property (as of a substance, device, or process)
coe·len·ter·ate /ˌkō.əˈlen.tər.ət/ noun
: any of a phylum of radially symmetrical invertebrate animals including the corals, sea anemones, and jellyfishes
co·equal /kōˈi·kwəl/ adjective
: equal with another
— coequal noun
— co·equal·i·ty /kōˈi·kwə·le·tē/ noun
— co·equal·ly adverb
co·erce /kōˈərs/ verb co·erced; co·er·cing
1 : RESTRAIN, REPRESS
2 : to compel to an act or choice
3 : ENFORCE
— co·er·cive /ˈər.siv/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▸ compel, constrain, drive, force, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE
co·er·cion /ˈər.zhən.ən/ noun
  ▸ the act, process, or power of coercing
  Synonyms
  ▸ compulsion, constraint, duress, force, pressure—more at FORCE
co·e·val /kōˈi·vəl/ adjective
  ▸ of the same age
  Synonyms
  ▸ concurrent, contemporary, simultaneous, synchronous—more at CONTEMPORARY
coeval noun
  : one of the same age
co·ex·ist /kōˈi²zist/ verb
1 : to exist together or at the same time
2 : to live in peace with each other
co·ex·is·tence /ˈzi·stəns/ noun
  : the quality or state of coexisting
co·ex·ten·sive /kōˈiksten·siv/ adjective
  : having the same scope or extent in space or time
  C of C abbreviation
C of C
Chamber of Commerce
cof·fee /kōˈfi/ noun
[ORIGIN: It & Turk; It caffè, fr. Turk kahve, fr. Ar qahwa]
  : a drink made from the roasted and ground seeds of a fruit of a tropical shrub or tree; also : these seeds (coffee beans) or a plant producing them
cof·fee·house /ˌhaʊs/ noun
  : a place where refreshments (as coffee) are sold
coffee klatch /ˌklach/ noun
  : KAFFEEKLATSCH
cof·fee·pot /ˌpət/ noun
  : a pot for brewing or serving coffee
coffee shop noun
  : a small restaurant
coffee table noun
  : a low table customarily placed in front of a sofa
cof·fer /kōˈfer/ noun
  : a chest or box used esp. for valuables
cof·fer·dam /ˌdəm/ noun
a watertight enclosure from which water is pumped to expose the bottom of a body of water and permit construction

co·fin /kó_fën/ noun
: a box or chest for a corpse to be buried in

C of S abbreviation
chief of staff

cog /käg/ noun
: a tooth on the rim of a wheel or gear
— cogged /kägd/ adjective

cog abbreviation
cognate

cog·e·ra·tion /kō ju ne ŋà shen/ noun
: the simultaneous generation of electricity and heat from the same fuel

cog·en·cy /jen sə/ noun
: the quality or state of being cogent

Synonyms
effectiveness, force, impact, persuasiveness, pertinence, punch, relevance, soundness, strength

Antonyms
ineffectiveness

cog·ent /kä jent/ adjective
: having power to compel or constrain: CONVINCING

Synonyms
compelling, conclusive, convincing, decisive, effective, forceful, persuasive, pertinent, relevant, satisfying, sound, strong, telling, valid; also well-founded; important, significant, weighty; material

Antonyms
inconclusive, indecisive, ineffective, unconvincing

cog·i·tate /kä jə tāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
: to ponder or meditate on usu. intently: THINK, PONDER
— cog·i·ta·tion /kə je ʃən/ noun
— cog·i·ta·tive /kə je ʃə və/ adjective

Synonyms
chew over, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at PONDER

cog·nac /kön ək/ noun
: a French brandy

cog·nate /käd ə nat/ adjective
1: of the same or similar nature
2: RELATED; especially: related by descent from the same ancestral language
— cognate noun

cog·ni·tive /käd ə tiv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being conscious intellectual activity (as thinking, remembering, reasoning, or using language)
— cog·ni·tion /käd ə tʃən/ noun
— cog·ni·tive·ly adverb

cog·ni·zance /käd ə zants/ noun
1: apprehension by the mind: AWARENESS
2: NOTICE, HEED
3: particular knowledge: conscious recognition

Synonyms
attention, awareness, ear, eye, heed, notice, observance, observation—more at ATTENTION

cog·ni·zant /ˈkägˌna.zens/ adjective
 ▶ knowledgeable of something esp. through personal experience

Synonyms
 ▶ alive, aware, conscious, mindful, sensible, sentient—more at CONSCIOUS

cog·no·men /ˈkägˌnə.mən, ˈkäg.nəm/ noun, plural cognomens or cog·no·mi·na /ˈkägˌnə.mə.nəˌnə/ noun
 ▶ a word or phrase that constitutes the distinctive designation of a person or thing: NAME; especially: NICKNAME

Synonyms
 ▶ alias, nickname—more at NICKNAME
 ▶ appellation, denotation, designation, handle, name, title—more at NAME

co·gnos·cience /ˌkän.o.ˈshen.əs/ noun, plural -sciences /ˌkän.oˈshen.iəz/
[origin: obs. It]
 ▶ CONNOISSEUR

sco·wheels /ˈkägˌhwēlz/ noun
 ▶ a wheel with cogs or teeth

cob·hab·bit /ˈkōˌha.ˈbat/ verb
 ▶ to live together as husband and wife

— cob·hab·bit·a·tion /ˌha.ˈbat.aˌshən/ noun

cob·here /ˈkōˌhər/ verb cob·hered; cob·her·ing
1 ▶ to stick together
2 ▶ to become united in principles, relationships, or interests

cob·her·ence /ˌkōˌhər.əns/ noun
 ▶ the quality or state of being coherent

Synonyms
 ▶ balance, consonance, harmony, proportion, symmetry, symphony, unity—more at HARMONY

cob·her·ent /ˈkōˌhər.ənt/ adjective
1 ▶ having the quality of cohering
2 ▶ logically consistent

— cob·her·ent·ly adverb

Synonyms
 ▶ analytic, good, logical, rational, reasonable, sensible, sober, sound, valid—more at LOGICAL

cob·hes·ion /ˈkōˌhē.ˈshən/ noun
1 ▶ a sticking together
2 ▶ molecular attraction by which the particles of a body are united

— cob·hes·ive /ˈsīv/ adjective

— cob·hes·ive·ly adverb

— cob·hes·ive·ness noun

Synonyms
 ▶ adherence, adhesion—more at ADHESION

cob·ho /ˈkōˌhō/ noun, plural cohos or coho
 ▶ a rather small Pacific salmon with light-colored flesh

cob·hort /ˈkōˌhɔrt/ noun
1 ▶ a group of warriors or followers
2 ▶ one that keeps company with another: COMPANION, ACCOMPLICE

Synonyms
 ▶ accomplice, associate, companion, comrade, crony, fellow, mate—more at ASSOCIATE

coi·f /kōf/ 2 usu ˈkwat/ noun
1 ▶ a close-fitting hat
2 ▶ COIFFURE
coiffeur /kwɛˈfɜr/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: HAIRDRESSER

coiffeuse /kwɛˈfyz, ˈfɛz, ˈfyʒ/ noun
: a female hairdresser

coiffure /kwɛˈfyʁ/ noun
: a manner of arranging the hair

1 coil /kɔɪl/ verb
: to wind in a spiral shape

Synonyms
 curled, entwine, spiral, twine, twist, wind—more at WIND

2 coil noun
: a series of rings or loops (as of coiled rope, wire, or pipe): RING, LOOP

1 coin /ˈkɔɪn/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, wedge, corner, image on a coin, fr. AF coing, fr. L cuneus wedge]
1 : a piece of metal issued by government authority as money
2 : metal money

2 coin verb
1 : to make (a coin) esp. by stamping: MINT
2 : CREATE, INVENT <~ a phrase>

— coiner noun

coinage /ˈkɔɪn.i.dʒ/ noun
1 : the act or process of coining
2 a : something that has been coined
b : COINS

Synonyms
 concoction, contrivance, creation, innovation, invention, wrinkle—more at INVENTION

coincide /ˈkɔɪn.ˌsɪd, ˈkɔɪn.ˌsid/ verb -cid·ed; -cid·ing
1 : to occupy the same place in space or time
2 : to correspond or agree exactly

Synonyms
 accord, agree, answer, check, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally—more at CHECK

coincidence /ˈkɔɪn.ˌsa.dəns/ noun
1 : exact agreement
2 : occurrence together apparently without reason; also : an event that so occurs

coincident /ˌsa.dənt/ adjective
1 : of similar nature
2 : occupying the same space or time

Synonyms
 attendant, concomitant, concurrent; also contemporaneous, contemporary, simultaneous, synchronous; associated, collateral, connected, related; consequent, resultant, resulting; ensuing, following, subsequent; accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, freak, incident, incidental

coincidental /ˌsa.ˌdənt.əl/ adjective
: occurring or existing at the same time

coitus /ˈkɔɪt.əs/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, fr. coire to come together]
: physical union of male and female genitalia: SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

— coital /ˈkɔɪtal/ adjective
1. coke /ˈkək/ noun
   a hard gray porous fuel made by heating soft coal to drive off most of its volatile material
2. coke noun
   : COCAINE
1. col abbreviation
   1 colonial; colony
   2 column
2. col or coll abbreviation
   1 collect, collected, collection
   2 college, collegiate
1. COL abbreviation
   1 colonel
   2 Colorado
   3 Colossians
2. co·la /ˈkələ/ noun
   : a carbonated soft drink usu. containing sugar, caffeine, caramel, and special flavoring
1. cold /kəld/ adjective
   1 : having a low or decidedly subnormal temperature
   2 : lacking warmth of feeling
   3 : suffering or uncomfortable from lack of warmth
   4 : giving the appearance of being dead: UNCONSCIOUS
   — cold·ly adverb
   — cold·ness noun
   — in cold blood
   : with premeditation: DELIBERATELY
   Synonyms
   ❖ [1] arctic, bitter, chill, chilly, cool, freezing, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, nippy, polar, raw, snappy, wintry; also subfreezing, subzero; cutting, keen, penetrating, piercing, sharp; bracing, brisk, crisp, invigorating, rigorous; chilled, cooled, frosted, frozen, iced, refrigerated, unheated
   Antonyms
   broiling, burning, fiery, hot, piping hot, red-hot, roasting, scalding, scorching, searing, sultry, summery, sweltering, torrid, tropical, warm, warming
   ❖ [2] aloof, antisocial, cool, detached, distant, frosty, remote, standoffish, unsociable—more at COOL
   ❖ [2] chill, chilly, cold-blooded, cool, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, unfriendly, unsympathetic, wintry; also heartless, pitiless, unfeeling; reserved, soulless, undemonstrative, unemotional, unresponsive; apathetic, indifferent, unenthusiastic, uninterested; aloof, detached, impersonal
   Antonyms
   cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, sympathetic, warm, warm-blooded, warmhearted
2. cold noun
   1 a : a condition marked by low temperature
   b : cold weather
   2 : a chilly feeling
   3 : a bodily disorder popularly associated with chilling; especially: COMMON COLD
3. cold adverb
   : TOTALLY, FINALLY
cold–blood·ed /ˈkidlˌblə.ˌded/ adjective
1 : lacking normal human feelings
2 : having a body temperature not internally regulated but close to that of the environment
3 : sensitive to cold

Synonyms
- callous, hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, soulless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD
- apathetic, impassive, phlegmatic, stoic, stolid, unemotional—more at IMPASSIVE

cold feet noun plural
: doubt or fear that prevents action

cold front noun
: an advancing edge of a cold air mass

cold shoulder noun
: cold or unsympathetic behavior
- cold–should·er verb

Synonyms
- brush-off, rebuff, repulse, snub; also dismissal, rejection; banishment, ostracism

cold sore noun
: a group of fluid-filled blisters appearing in or about the mouth in the oral form of herpes simplex

cold sweat noun
: concurrent perspiration and chill usu. associated with fear, pain, or shock

1 cold turkey noun
: abrupt complete cessation of the use of an addictive drug

2 cold turkey adverb
1 : without a period of adjustment
2 : without preparation

cold war noun
: a conflict characterized by the use of means short of sustained overt military action

cole·slaw /ˈkōlˌslō/ noun
[origin: D koolsla, fr. kool cabbage + sla salad]
: a salad made of raw cabbage

col·ic /ˈkōl.ɪk/ noun
1 : sharp sudden abdominal pain
2 : a condition marked by recurrent episodes of crying and irritability in an otherwise healthy infant
- col·icky /ˈkōl.ɪk/ adjective

col·i·se·um /ˈkō.lēˌsəm/ noun
: a large structure esp. for athletic contests

Synonyms
- bowl, circus, stadium—more at STADIUM

col·li·tis /ˈkōl.əˌtis/ noun
: inflammation of the colon

col·lab·o·rate /ˈkōl.əˌrät/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
1 : to work jointly with others (as in writing a book)
2 : to cooperate with an enemy force occupying one's country
- col·lab·o·ra·tive /ˈkōl.əˌrā.tiv/ adjective
- col·lab·o·ra·tor /ˈkōl.əˌrā.tər/ noun

Synonyms
- concert, cooperate, join, team—more at COOPERATE

col·lab·o·ra·tion /ˈkōl.əˌrā.ʃən/ noun


- the act of collaborating or a situation marked by collaborating
  
  Synonyms
  - affiliation, alliance, association, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, liaison, partnership, 
    relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION
  - cooperation, coordination, teamwork—more at TEAMWORK

  **collage** /kaˈlæzh/ noun
  [origin: F, lit., gluing]
  : an artistic composition of fragments (as of printed matter) pasted on a surface

  **collagen** /ˈkələdʒən/ noun
  : any of a group of fibrous proteins widely found in vertebrate connective tissue

  1. **collapse** /ˈkələps/ verb col·lapsed; col·laps·ing
     1. to fall or shrink together abruptly
     2. to break down completely: DISINTEGRATE, also: to fall in: give way
     3. a: to break down physically or mentally; especially: to fall helpless or unconscious
     b: to suddenly lose force, significance, effectiveness, or worth
     4. to fold down compactly
     — col·laps·ible adjective
     Synonyms
     - cave, crumple, give, go, yield; also: deflate, flatten, melt; break, break down, conk (out), crash, die, fail, give out, stall; burst, shatter, smash; crack, pop, snap

  2. **collapse** noun
     : sudden failure: a failure to function
     Synonyms
     - burnout, exhaustion, fatigue, lassitude, prostration, tiredness, weariness—more at FATIGUE
     - crash, cropper, defeat, failure, fizzle, nonsuccess—more at FAILURE

  1. **collar** /ˈkələr/ noun
     1. a band, strip, or chain worn around the neck or the neckline of a garment
     2. something resembling a collar
     — col·lar·less adjective

  2. **collar** verb
     1. to seize by the collar
     2. to take or seize by or as if by a sudden motion or grasp: GRAB
     3. to take or get control of
     Synonyms
     - [2, 3] bag, capture, catch, corral, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, nab, seize, snare, trap—more at CATCH

  **collarbone** /ˌkəˈlær.bən/ noun
  : the bone of the shoulder that joins the breastbone and the shoulder blade

  **collard** /ˈkələrd/ noun
  : a stalked smooth-leaved kale — usu. used in pl.

  **collate** /ˈkəˌlāt, ˈkəˌlāt, ˈkōlət/ verb col·lat·ed; col·lat·ing
  1. to compare (as two texts) carefully and critically
  2. to assemble in proper order

  1. **collateral** /ˈkəˌləˌtərəl/ adjective
     1. associated but of secondary importance
     2. descended from the same ancestors but not in the same line
     3. PARALLEL
     4. of, relating to, or being collateral used as security; also: secured by collateral

  2. **collateral** noun
     : property (as stocks) used as security for the repayment of a loan
col·la·tion /kəˈləˌshən, ˈkə-/ noun
1 : a light meal
2 : the act, process, or result of collating

col·league /kəˌlē/ noun
: an associate esp. in a profession

1 collect /kəˈlikt, ˈlikt/ noun
: a short prayer comprising an invocation, petition, and conclusion

2 collect /kəˈlekt/ verb
1 a : to bring or come together into one body or place : GATHER
b : to gather or exact from a number of persons or sources
2 : to gain control of <~ his thoughts>
3 : to receive payment of
4 : to form a layer, heap, or mass

— collect·ible or collect·able adjective or noun

— collect·or /ˈlektər/ noun

Synonyms
[V1a] accumulate, amass, assemble, concentrate, garner, gather, group, lump, pick up, round up, scrape—more at GATHER
[V2] calm, compose, contain, control, settle; also allay, lull, quiet, soothe, still, tranquilize
[V4] accumulate, conglomerate, gather, heap, pile; also bank, drift, ridge

3 collect /kəˈlekt/ adverb or adjective
: to be paid for by the receiver

collect·ed /kəˈlekt/ed adjective
: possessed of calmness and composure often through concentrated effort : SELF-POSSESSED, CALM

Synonyms
V calm, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM

col·lec·tion /kəˌlektʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of collecting <garbage ~>  
2 : something collected <a stamp ~> 
3 : a number of individuals or objects brought together as a unit : GROUP

Synonyms
[V2, 3] accumulation, assemblage, gathering—more at ACCUMULATION
[V3] array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, bunch, clump, cluster, group, huddle, knot, lot, package, parcel, set, suite

1 collective /kəˈlektív/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or denoting a group of individuals considered as a whole
2 : involving all members of a group as distinct from its individuals
3 : shared or assumed by all members of the group

— collective·ly adverb
Synonyms
[V2, 3] common, communal, concerted, conjoint, joint, mutual, public, united; also cooperative, reciprocal, symbiotic; mass, popular; general, generic, universal
Antonyms
individual, single, sole

2 collective noun
1 : GROUP
2 : a cooperative unit or organization

collective bargaining noun
: negotiation between an employer and a labor union

col·lec·tiv·ism /kəˈlektɪv.iˌziəm/ noun
: a political or economic theory advocating collective control esp. over production and distribution

col·lec·tiv·ize /ˌvərəˌvaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to organize under collective control
— col·lec·tiv·i·za·tion /ˌkə.lɛk.tɪv.i.ˌza.ʃən/ noun

col·leen /kəˈlɛn, ˈkæ.lɛn/ noun
: an Irish girl

col·lege /kəˈlɛj/ noun
[origin: ME, endowed body of clergy or scholars, fr. AF, fr. L collegium society, fr. collega colleague, fr. com- with + legare to depute]
1 : a building used for an educational or religious purpose
2 : an institution of higher learning or division of a university granting a bachelor's degree; also : an institution offering instruction esp. in a vocational or technical field <barber ~> 3 ▷ : an organized body of persons having common interests or duties <= of cardinals>
— col·le·gi·ate /kəˈlɛj.ət/ adjective

Synonyms
association, brotherhood, club, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, league, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION

col·le·gi·al·i·ty /kəˈlɛj.ə.lə.ti/ noun
: the relationship of colleagues

col·le·gian /kəˈlɛj.i.ən/ noun
: a college student or recent college graduate

col·le·gi·um /kəˈlɛj.ə.məm. ˈlɑː/ noun, plural -gi·a /ˈɡe.ə/ or -gi·ums
: a group in which each member has approximately equal power

col·lide /kəˈlid/ verb col·lided; col·lid·ing
1 ▷ : to come together with solid impact
2 ▷ : to come into conflict : CLASH

Synonyms
[1] bang, bash, bump, crash, hit, impact, knock, ram, slam, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at HIT
[2] clash, conflict, jar—more at CLASH

col·li·der /ˈkə.li.dər/ noun
: a particle accelerator in which two beams of particles are made to collide

col·lie /ˈkæ.li/ noun
: any of a breed of large dogs developed in Scotland for herding sheep that occur in rough-coated and smooth-coated varieties

col·lier /ˈkæ.li.ər/ noun
1 : a coal miner
2 : a ship for carrying coal

col·li·ery /ˈkæ.li.ər.i/ noun, plural -li·er·ies
: a coal mine and its associated buildings

col·li·mate /kəˈli.ˌmeɪt/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
: to make (as light rays) parallel

col·li·sion /ˈkə.li.zhən/ noun
: an act or instance of colliding

Synonyms
bump, concussion, crash, impact, jar, jolt, shock, smash, strike, wallop—more at IMPACT

crack-up, crash, smash, wreck—more at CRASH

col·lo·ca·tion /ˌkə.ləˌkæ.ʃən/ noun
: the act or result of placing or arranging together; especially : a noticeable arrangement or conjoining of linguistic
elements (as words)

**col·loid** /kəˈloid/ **noun**
: a substance in the form of submicroscopic particles that when in solution or suspension do not settle out; also: such a substance together with the medium in which it is dispersed

— *col·loi·dal* /kəˈloid-əl/ **adjective**

**colloq** abbreviation
colloquial

**col·lo·qui·al** /kəˈloʊ.kwē.al/ **adjective**

: of, relating to, or characteristic of conversation and esp. of familiar and informal conversation

**Synonyms**
- conversational, informal, nonliterary, vernacular, vulgar; also nonstandard, substandard, uneducated; slang, slangy

**Antonyms**
- bookish, formal, learned, literary

**col·lo·qui·al·ism** /kəˈloʊ.kwē.əлизəm/ **noun**
: a colloquial expression

**col·lo·qui·um** /kəˌloʊ.kwē.əm/ **noun**, plural -qui·ums or -quia /ˌkju.ə/ **CONFERENCE, SEMINAR**

**col·lo·quy** /kəˈloʊ.kwē/ **noun**, plural -quies

: a usu. formal conversation or conference

**Synonyms**
- conference, council, forum, panel, parley, powwow, seminar, symposium—more at FORUM

**col·lu·sion** /kəˈlu.zhən/ **noun**

: secret agreement or cooperation for an illegal or deceitful purpose

— *col·lu·sive* /ˌku.ləsiv/ **adjective**

**Synonyms**
- connivance, conspiracy; also chicanery, foul play, skulduggery (or skullduggery); double-dealing, duplicity; cover-up, frame-up; intrigue, plot, scheme

**Colo** abbreviation
Colorado

**co·logne** /kəˈlōn/ **noun**

[ORIGIN: Cologne, Germany] :
- a perfumed liquid

— *co·logned* /ˌkōˌlənd/ **adjective**

**Co·lom·bi·an** /kəˌləmˈbē.ən/ **noun**

: a native or inhabitant of Colombia

— *Colombian* **adjective**

1 **col·on** /kəˈlən/ **noun**, plural colons or co·la /ˈkələ/ :
- the part of the large intestine extending from the cecum to the rectum

— *co·lon·ic* /kəˈlə.nik/ **adjective**

2 **colon** noun, plural colons

: a punctuation mark : used esp. to direct attention to following matter (as a list)

**col·o·nel** /kəˈnəl/ **noun**

[ORIGIN: alter. of coronel, fr. MF, fr. It colonello column of soldiers, colonel, ultim. fr. L *columna*] :
- a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a brigadier general

— *col·o·ni·al* /kəˈloʊ.nē.əl/ **adjective**

1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a colony; also: possessing or composed of colonies

2 *often cap*: of or relating to the original 13 colonies forming the U.S.
2 colonial noun
: a member or inhabitant of a colony

co·lo·nial·ism /ˌkō.ˈlē.əˌnizəm/ noun
: control by one power over a dependent area or people; also: a policy advocating or based on such control
— co·lo·nial·ist /ˈkō.ˈlē.əˌnīst/ noun or adjective

col·o·nist /kəˈlō.nist/ noun
1 : a member or inhabitant of a colony: COLONIAL
2 : one that colonizes or settles in a new country

Synonyms
[1, 2] frontiersman, homesteader, pioneer, settler—more at FRONTIERSMAN

col·o·nize /kəˈlō.nīz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
1 : to establish a colony in or on
2 : SETTLE

— col·o·ni·za·tion /ˌkō.ˈlē.nəˈzā.ʃən/ noun

col·o·niz·er noun
: one that colonizes or settles in a new country

col·on·nade /kəˈlō.näd/ noun
: an evenly spaced row of columns usu. supporting the base of a roof structure

co·lo·nos·co·py /ˌkō.ˈlō.nəˌskō.pi/ noun, plural -pies
: endoscopic examination of the colon

— co·lon·o·scope /ˌkō.ˈlō.nəˌskəp/ noun

col·o·ny /kəˈlō.ni/ noun, plural -nies
1 : a body of people living in a new territory; also: the territory inhabited by these people
2 : a localized population of organisms <a ~ of bees>
3 : a group with common interests situated in close association <a writers' ~>; also: the area occupied by such a group

col·o·phon /ˌkō.ˈlō.fən/ noun
1 : an inscription placed at the end of a book with facts relative to its production
2 : a distinctive symbol used by a printer or publisher

1 color /ˈkō.lər/ noun
1 : a phenomenon of light (as red or blue) or visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical objects; also: a hue as contrasted with black, white, or gray
2 : APPEARANCE
3 : complexion tint
4 plural : an identifying badge, pennant, or flag; also: military service <a call to the ~>
5 : VIVIDNESS, INTEREST
6 : something used to give color

Synonyms
[1] cast, hue, shade, tinge, tint, tone; also complementary color, primary color, secondary color; brightness, saturation, value; coloration, coloring
[6] dye, pigment, stain—more at PIGMENT

2 color verb
1 a : to give color to
b : to change the color of (as by dyeing, staining, or painting)
2 : to become red in the face: BLUSH
3 : to give a false or misleading representation of the facts

Synonyms
[1a, 1b] dye, paint, stain, tinge, tint; also brighten, lighten; darken, tone (down); daub
[2] bloom, blush, crimson, flush, glow, reddens—more at BLUSH
Col·o·ra·do potato beetle /kəˈlərəˌdoʊ/ noun
:a black-and-yellow striped beetle that feeds on the leaves of the potato

col·or·a·tion /kəˈleərəˈʃan/ noun
: use or arrangement of colors

col·or·a·tu·ra /kəˈleərəˈtʊrə/ noun
1 : elaborate ornamentation in vocal music
2 : a soprano specializing in coloratura

col·or·blind /kəˈleər·blīnd/ adjective
1 : partially or totally unable to distinguish one or more chromatic colors
2 : not influenced by differences of race
— color blindness noun

col·ored /kəˈleərd/ adjective
1 : having color
2 : slanted, biased

col·or·fast /kəˈleər·fast/ adjective
: having color that does not fade or run
— color fastness noun

col·or·ful adjective
: having striking colors
— Synonyms
multicolored, variegated; also brave, bright, brilliant, gay; flashy, garish, gaudy, loud, showy; deep, rich, unbleached
— Antonyms
colorless; monochromatic

col·or·ize /kəˈleər·iz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
: to add color to by means of a computer
— colorization /kəˈleər·əˈzən/ noun

col·or·less adjective
: lacking color
— Synonyms
uncolored, unpainted, white; also clear, limpid, liquid, lucent, pellucid, transparent; bleached, faded, washed; dull, faint, gray, neutral, pale, pallid
— Antonyms
colored, dyed, painted, stained, tinged, tinted

col·os·sal /kəˈləsəl/ adjective
: of very great size or degree
— Synonyms
astronomical, enormous, giant, gigantic, grand, huge, mammoth, massive, monumental, tremendous

Co·los·sians /kəˈləsən/ noun

col·os·sus /kəˈləsəs/ noun, plural col·os·si /ˈsəs/ [origin: L]
1 : a gigantic statue
2 : something of great size or scope
— Synonyms
behemoth, blockbuster, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whale, whopper—more at giant

col·por·teur /kəlˈpɔr·tər/ noun
colt /kɔlt/ noun
1: FOAL; also: a young male horse, ass, or zebra
2: a young untried person

colt·ish adjective
▷ full of play: inclined to friskiness or liveliness

Synonyms
antic, elfish, fay, frisky, frolicsome, playful, sportive—more at PLAYFUL

col·um·bine /kəˈləmˌbīn/ noun
▷ any of a genus of plants with showy spurred flowers that are related to the buttercups

com /ˈkɒm/ abbreviation
1 comedy; comic
2 comma
3 commercial organization

comb /kɔmb/ noun
1: a toothed instrument for arranging the hair or for separating and cleaning textile fibers
2: a fleshy crest on the head of a fowl
3: HONEYCOMB

Synonyms
combed /ˈkɒmd/ adjective
1: to draw a comb through for the purpose of arranging or cleaning
2: to pass across with a scraping or raking action
3: to eliminate (as with a comb) by a thorough going-over
4: to search or examine systematically

Synonyms
com  abbreviation
combination, combining
1 combat /ˈkəmˌbāt/ noun
   • a fight or contest between individuals or groups
     Synonyms
     • battle, conflict, confrontation, contest, duel, face-off, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST
     • battle, clash, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, skirmish, struggle, tussle—more at FIGHT

2 combat /ˈkəmˌbāt/ verb -bat·ed or -bat·ted; -bat·ing or -bat·ting
   1 • to fight with: FIGHT, CONTEND
   2 • to struggle against: OPPOSE
   3 • to engage in battle during war
     — com·bat·ant /ˈkəmˌbāt·ənt/ noun
     Synonyms
     • [1, 2] battle, clash, contend, counter, fight, oppose—more at FIGHT

combat fatigue noun
   • a traumatic psychological reaction occurring under wartime conditions (as combat) that cause intense stress

comb·er /ˈköm·mər/ noun
   1 • one that combs
   2 • a long curling wave of the sea

com·bi·na·tion /ˌkəmˈbaˌnəʃən/ noun
   1 a • a result or product of combining
   b • an alliance of individuals, corporations, or states united to achieve a social, political, or economic end
   c • two or more persons working as a team
   2 • a sequence of letters or numbers chosen in setting a lock
   3 a • the act or process of combining
   b • the quality or state of being combined
     Synonyms
     • [1a] admixture, amalgam, blend, composite, compound, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture—more at BLEND
     • [1b] alliance, bloc, coalition, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union—more at CONFEDERACY
     • [1b, 1c] bloc, body, coalition, combine, faction, party, sect, set, side, wing—more at FACTION
     • [3a] connection, consolidation, coupling, junction, unification, union—more at UNION

1 combine /ˈkəmˌbīn/ verb com·bined, com·bin·ing
   1 • to become one: UNITE
   2 • to cause (as two or more things or ideas) to mix together
     Synonyms
     • [1] associate, coalesce, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, marry, unify, unite—more at UNITE
     • [2] amalgamate, blend, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, merge, mingle, mix—more at MIX

2 combine /ˈkəmˌbīn/ noun
   1 • a combination esp. of business or political interests
   2 • a machine that harvests and threshes grain while moving over a field
     Synonyms
     • alliance, bloc, coalition, combination, confederacy, confederation, federation, league, union—more at CONFEDERACY
     • cartel, combination, syndicate, trust—more at CARTEL

comb·ings /ˈkəmˌmīŋz/ noun plural
combining form noun
: a linguistic form that occurs only in compounds or derivatives

com·bo /kʌmˈbəʊ/ noun, plural combos
: a small jazz or dance band

com·bus·ti·ble /kəmˈbʌstiбл/ adjective
: capable of being burned
— com·bus·ti·bil·i·ty /ˌkəmˈbʌstiблɪtɪ/ noun

Synonyms
flammable, ignitable, inflammable; also explosive, incendiary

Antonyms
fireproof, incombustible, noncombustible, nonflammable, noninflammable

com·bus·tion /kəmˈbʌʃən/ noun
1 : an act or instance of burning
2 : slow oxidation (as in the animal body)

comdg abbreviation
commanding

comdr abbreviation
commander

comdt abbreviation
commandant

come /kʌm/ verb came /kʌm; come; com·ing /ˈkʌmɪŋ/
1 : to move toward something : APPROACH
2 : to arrive at a particular place, end, result, or conclusion : ARRIVE
3 : to reach the point of being or becoming <~ to a boil>
4 a : to reach a total : add up : AMOUNT <the bill came to $10>
b : to be equal or nearly equal in or at the end
5 : to come to pass : take place
6 : ORIGI NATE, ARISE
7 : to be available
8 : REACH, EXTEND
— come across
1 : to make a specified impression <came across as rude>
2 : to find esp. by chance <came across an intriguing story>
— come clean
: CONFESSION
— come into
: ACQUIRE, ACHIEVE
— come of age
: MATURE
— come to grips with
: to meet or deal with frankly
— come to pass
: HAPPEN
— come to terms
: to reach an agreement

Synonyms
[1] advance, approach, near; also drop (in), enter, pop (in)

Antonyms
go, retreat, withdraw
[2] arrive, land, show up, turn up; also hit, make, reach; pull (in), touch down; debark, disembark; barge (in),
breeze (in), burst (in or into), waltz (in)

**Antonyms**
- go
  - usually come to [4a, 4b] add up, amount, equal, number, sum, total—more at **AMOUNT (TO)**
  - [5] be, befall, betide, chance, go, happen, occur, pass, transpire—more at **HAPPEN**

**come around** verb
1 : to come round
2 † : to recover consciousness

**Synonyms**
- come round, come to, revive—more at **COME TO**

**come-back** /ˈkʌm.bæk/ noun
1 † : a sharp or witty reply : **RETORT**
2 † : a return to a former position or condition

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**come-back** verb
1 : to lose or fall in estate or condition
2 a : to pass by tradition
b : to pass from a usu. high source
3 : to reduce itself : **AMOUNT** <it comes down to this>
4 † : to become ill <come down with the measles>

**Synonyms**
- catch, contract, get, sicken, take—more at **CONTRACT**

**come-cdy** /ˈkɑː.mə.dɪ/ noun, plural -dies
1 : a light amusing play with a happy ending
2 : a literary work treating a comic theme or written in a comic style
3 † : humorous entertainment

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**come-down** noun
1 : the condition of being comely esp. with respect to grace or beauty of external form
Synonyms

- attractiveness, beauty, handsomeness, looks, loveliness, prettiness—more at BEAUTY

come·ly /ˈkämˌleɪ/ adjective come·li·er; -est
- having a pleasing appearance: ATTRACTIVE, HANDSOME

come off verb
- SUCCEED

come–on /ˈkämˌən, ˈmæn/ noun
- INDUCEMENT, LURE

come out verb
1 a: to come into view
b: to become public
2: to declare oneself
3: to turn out in an outcome: end up: TURN OUT 5 <everything came out all right>
- come out with:

Synonyms

- [1a] appear, materialize, show up, turn up—more at APPEAR
- [1b] get out, leak, out, spread—more at GET OUT
- [3] pan out, prove, turn out; also develop, emerge, evolve, play out, unfold, work out

com·er /ˈkämˌer/ noun
1: one that comes <all ~s>
2: a promising beginner

come round verb
1: to change direction
2: to recover consciousness
- come around, come to, revive—more at COME TO

1comestible /ˈkämˌestəbəl/ adjective
- EDIBLE

2comestible noun
- FOOD — usu. used in pl.

com·et /ˈkämˌeit/ noun
- a small bright celestial body that develops a long tail when near the sun

come to verb
- come around, come round, revive—more at COME TO

Synonyms

- come up, come round, come out, turn out, end up; also pull through, rally, recover; awake, awaken, wake up

come·up·pance /ˈkämˌapəns/ noun
- a deserved rebuke or penalty

com·fit /ˈkämˌfit/ noun
- a candied fruit or nut

1com·fort /ˈkämˌfərt/ verb
1: to give strength and hope to
2: to ease the grief or trouble of: CONSOLE

Synonyms

- [1] buoy, cheer, embolden, encourage, hearten, inspire, steel—more at ENCOURAGE
- [2] assure, cheer, console, reassure, solace, soothe; also commiserate, condole, sympathize; boost, buoy (up), elevate, lift, uplift; allay, alleviate, assuage, relieve; calm, quiet, relax, tranquilize

Antonyms
distress, torment, torture, trouble

2comfort noun
1 : the act or an instance of consoling : the state of being consoled
2 : freedom from pain, trouble, or anxiety
3 : something that consoles : something that gives freedom or ease
4 : one that gives or brings comfort <all the ~s of home>

Synonyms
▶ [2] alleviation, ease, relief—more at EASE
▶ [2] cheer, consolation, relief, solace; also encouragement, inspiration, uplift; assurance, reassurance; alleviation, mitigation; contentment, gladness, happiness; commiseration, empathy, sympathy
▶ [3, 4] amenity, convenience, luxury; also extra; benefit, help, service; delight, indulgence, joy, pleasure

Antonyms
burden, millstone, weight

comfortable /ˈkəm.fər.əbəl/ adjective
1 : providing comfort or security
2 : feeling at ease
3 : affording an ease with money and a secure way of living without great wealth
— com-fort-ably /ˈblē/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] easy, snug, soft; also relaxing, reposeful, restful; genial, hospitable, inviting, pleasant; commodious, roomy, spacious; homely, homey

Antonyms
uncomfortable
▶ [2] content, contented, peaceful, pleased, relaxed, untroubled

Antonyms
uncomfortable
▶ [3] abundant, ample, bountiful, generous, liberal, plentiful—more at PLENTIFUL

comforter /ˈkəm.fər.tər/ noun
1 : one that comforts
2 : QUILT

comforting adjective
▶ providing or intended to provide comfort

Synonyms
▶ encouraging, gratifying, heartening, heartwarming, rewarding, satisfying—more at HEARTWARMING
▶ dreamy, narcotic, sedative, soothing—more at SOOTHING

comfy /ˈkəm.fē/ adjective
▶ COMFORTABLE

comic /ˈkä.mik/ adjective
1 : relating to comedy or comic strips
2 : provoking laughter or amusement

comic noun
1 : a comical individual esp. a professional entertainer who uses any of various physical or verbal means to be amusing : COMEDIAN
2 plural : the part of a newspaper devoted to comic strips

Synonyms
▶ card, comedian, humorist, jester, joker, wag, wit—more at HUMORIST

comical adjective
▶ causing laughter

Synonyms
▶ antic, comic, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous, risible, screaming, uproarious—more at FUNNY
▶ absurd, derisive, farcical, laughable, ludicrous, preposterous, ridiculous, risible, silly—more at RIDICULOUS
comic book noun
: a magazine containing sequences of comic strips

comic strip noun
  : a group of cartoons in narrative sequence
  Synonyms
  cartoon; also comic book, funny paper(s); animated cartoon, animation; caricature

coming /ˈka.mɪŋ/ adjective
1 ➔: immediately due in sequence or development: APPROACHING, NEXT
2 ➔: gaining importance
  Synonyms
  approaching, forthcoming, imminent, impending, oncoming, pending—more at FORTHCOMING
  ➔ following, next—more at NEXT

cō·mi·ty /ˈkɑ.mə.ti, ˈkō-/ noun, plural -ties
: friendly civility: COURTESY

coml abbreviation
commercial

comm abbreviation
1 command; commander
2 commerce; commercial
3 commission; commissioner
4 committee
5 common
6 commonwealth

com·ma /ˈkɑ.mə/ noun
: a punctuation mark , used esp. as a mark of separation within the sentence

1 command /ˈkɑ.mənd/ verb
  ➔ to direct authoritatively: ORDER
  ➔ to exercise a dominating influence over: have command of
  ➔ to overlook from a strategic position
  ➔ to demand or receive as one’s due <~s a high fee>
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1] bid, boss, charge, direct, enjoin, instruct, order, tell; also ask, petition, request; beg, beseech, entreat; advise, counsel, warn; appoint, assign, authorize, commission; oversee, superintend, supervise; conduct, control, lead, manage; coerce, compel, constrain, force, oblige, require
  ➔ [2] boss, captain, control, govern, preside, rule—more at GOVERN
  ➔ [2] dominate, head, lead, spearhead—more at LEAD
  ➔ [4] ask, charge, demand—more at CHARGE

2 command noun
  ➔ an order given
  ➔ a: ability to control: MASTERY
  ➔ b: facility in use <a good ~ of French>
  ➔ 3: the act of commanding
  ➔ 4: a signal that actuates a device (as a computer); also: the activation of a device by means of a signal
  ➔ 5 a: a body of troops under a commander
  ➔ b: an area or position that one commands
  ➔ 6: a position of highest authority
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1] behest, charge, commandment, decree, dictate, direction, directive, edict, instruction, order, word; also demand, requirement; injunction, mandate; law, precept, rule; ordinance, regulation, statute
  ➔ [2a] arm, authority, clutch, control, dominion, grip, hold, mastery, power, sway—more at POWER


com·man·dent  /ˌkämənˈdent/  noun  
: an officer in command

com·man·deer  /ˌkämənˈdər/  verb  
: to take possession of by force
  Synonyms  
  ▶ appropriate, arrogate, preempt, usurp—more at appropriate

com·mand·er  /ˌkämənˈdər/  noun  
  1 a  : one in an official position of command or control  
  b  : an officer commanding an army or subdivision of an army  
  2 : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a captain
  Synonyms  
  ▶ [1a, 1b] captain; also commissioned officer

com·mand·ment  /ˌkämənˈmənt/  noun  
: something that is commanded  : COMMAND, ORDER; especially : any of the Ten Commandments
  Synonyms  
  ▶ behest, charge, command, decree, dictate, direction, directive, edict, instruction, order, word—more at command

command module  noun  
: a space vehicle module designed to carry the crew and reentry equipment

com·man·do  /ˌkämənˈdəʊ/  noun, plural -dos or -does  
: a member of a military unit trained for surprise raids

command sergeant major  noun  
: a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking above a sergeant major

com·mem·o·rate  /ˌkəmˈmeɪrət/  verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing  
1 : to call or recall to mind  
2 : to serve as a memorial of  
3 ▶ : to mark by some ceremony or observation  : OBSERVE
  — com·mem·o·ra·tion  /ˌkəmˈmeɪrəʃən/  noun
  Synonyms  
  ▶ celebrate, keep, observe—more at keep

com·mem·o·ra·tive  /ˌkəmˈmeɪrətɪv/  adjective  
: intended to commemorate an event

com·mence  /ˌkəmˈmɛns/  verb com·menced; com·menc·ing  
: to have or make a beginning  : BEGIN, START
  Synonyms  
  ▶ arise, begin, dawn, form, materialize, originate, spring, start—more at begin
  ▶ begin, embark, enter, get off, launch, open, start, strike—more at begin

com·mence·ment  /ˌkəmˈɛnsmənt/  noun  
1 ▶ : the act or time of a beginning  
2 : the graduation exercises of a school or college
  Synonyms  
  ▶ beginning, birth, dawn, genesis, launch, morning, onset, outset, start, threshold—more at beginning

com·mend  /ˌkəmˈmend/  verb  
1 ▶ : to entrust for care or preservation  
2 : RECOMMEND  
3 : PRAISE
  — com·mend·ably  /ˈblædi/  adverb
  — com·men·da·tion  /ˌkəmənˈdeɪʃən/  noun
  — com·mend·er  noun
  Synonyms
commit, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest—more at GIVE

com·men·da·ble /ˈmen.də.bəl/ adjective
›: worthy of being commended
Synonyms
› admirable, creditable, laudable, meritorious, praiseworthy—more at ADMIRABLE

com·men·da·tion /ˈkæ.mən.ˈdæ.ʃən ˌmɛn/ noun
›: the act of commending : the expression of approval
Synonyms
› accolade, citation, encomium, eulogy, homage, paean, panegyric, salutation, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM

com·men·su·ra·ble /ˈkæ.mən.ˈsu.rəˌbəl/ adjective
› having a common measure or a common divisor

com·men·su·rate /ˈkæ.mən.ˈsu.rət/ adjective
› equal in measure or extent; also: PROPORTIONAL, CORRESPONDING <a job ~ with her abilities>

com·ment /ˈkæ.mənt/ noun
1›: an expression of opinion
2›: an explanatory, illustrative, or critical note or observation: REMARK
Synonyms
[1, 2] commentary, note, observation, reflection, remark—more at REMARK

comment verb
›: to explain or interpret something by comment: OBSERVE
Synonyms
› note, observe, opine, remark—more at REMARK

com·men·ta·ry /ˈkæ.mən.ˈtər.i/ noun, plural -tar·ies
› a systematic series of comments
Synonyms
› analysis, comment, exposition; also annotation, explication; note, observation, remark; report, review, write-up

com·men·ta·tor /ˌkæ.mə.nəˈtər.i/ noun
› one who comments; especially: a person who discusses news events on radio or television

com·merce /ˈkæ.mərˌsər.i/ noun
› the buying and selling of commodities: TRADE
Synonyms
› business, marketplace, trade, traffic; also free trade; dealings; merchandising, retailing, wholesaling; bartering

1commercial /ˈkæ.mərˌshəl/ adjective
1: having to do with commerce
2: designed for profit or for mass appeal
— com·mer·cial·ly adverb

2commercial noun
› an advertisement broadcast on radio or television

com·mer·cial·ise British variant of COMMERCIALIZE

com·mer·cial·ism /ˈkæ.mər.ˈshə.ˌli.zəm/ noun
1: a spirit, method, or practice characteristic of business
2: excessive emphasis on profit

com·mer·cial·ize /ˌi.zə/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to manage on a business basis for profit
2: to exploit for profit

com·mi·na·tion /ˈkæ.mi.ˈnə.ʃən/ noun

DENUNCIATION  
— com·mi·na·to·ry /kəˈmɪnətəri/ adjective  

com·mingle /kəˈmɪŋgəl/ verb  
› to mingle or mix together: MINGLE, BLEND  
  Synonyms  
  › amalgamate, blend, combine, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, merge, mingle, mix—more at MIX  

com·mis·er·ate /kəˈmɪzərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing  
› to feel or express pity: SYMPATHIZE  
  Synonyms  
  › bleed, feel, pity, sympathize—more at PITY  

com·mis·er·a·tion /ˌmɪzərəˈʃən/ noun  
› the act of commiserating: the feeling or showing of sorrow or the expression of condolence for the wants or distresses of another  
  Synonyms  
  › charity, compassion, feeling, heart, humanity, kindliness, kindness, mercy, pity, sympathy—more at HEART  

com·mis·sar /kəˈmɪsər/ noun  
[ORIGIN: Russ komissar]  
› a Communist party official  

com·mis·sar·i·at /ˌkəˈmɪsərēət/ noun  
1: a system for supplying troops with food  
2: a department headed by a commissar  

com·mis·sary /kəˈmɪsərē/ noun, plural -saries  
1: a store for equipment and provisions esp. for military personnel  
2: one delegated by a superior to execute a duty or an office  
  Synonyms  
  › agent, attorney, delegate, deputy, envoy, factor, proxy, representative—more at AGENT  

1com·mis·sion /ˌkəˈmɪʃən/ noun  
1: a warrant granting certain powers and imposing certain duties; also: the fact of granting these powers or duties  
2: a certificate conferring military rank and authority  
3: authority to act as agent for another; also: something to be done by an agent  
4: a body of persons charged with performing a duty  
5: the doing of some act; also: the thing done  
6: the allowance made to an agent for transacting business for another  
  Synonyms  
  › [1] authorization, delegation, license, mandate; also commendation, consignment; fostering, promotion; commanding, directing, ordering  
  › [3] appointment, assignment, designation—more at APPOINTMENT  
  › [5] accomplishment, achievement, discharge, enactment, execution, fulfillment, implementation, performance, perpetration; also dispatch, expedition; administration, direction, handling, management; application, operation, practice  
  Antonyms  
  nonfulfillment, nonperformance  

2com·mis·sion verb  
1: to give a commission to  
2: to order to be made  
3: to put (a ship) into a state of readiness for service  
  Synonyms  
  › assign, charge, entrust, trust—more at ENTRUST  
  › accredit, authorize, certify, delegate, empower, enable, invest, license, qualify—more at AUTHORIZE  
  › appoint, assign, attach, constitute, designate, detail, name—more at APPOINT  

commissioned officer noun
an officer of the armed forces holding rank by a commission from the president

**com’mis’sion-er /kəˈmiʃənər/ noun**
1: a member of a commission
2: an official in charge of a department of public service
3: the administrative head of a professional sport
— **com’mis’sion-er-ship noun**

**com’mit /kəˈmit/ verb com’mit·ted; com’mit·ting**
1 a: to put into charge or trust: ENTRUST
 b: to put into a place for disposal or safekeeping
2: to put in a prison or mental institution
3: TRANSFER, CONSIGN
4: to carry into action <~ a crime>
5: to pledge or assign to some particular course or use
— **com’mit-tal noun**

*Synonyms*
[1b] commend, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest—more at GIVE
[2] confine, immune, imprison, jail—more at IMPRISON
[4] accomplish, achieve, carry out, compass, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, make, perform—more at PERFORM
[5] engage, pledge, truth—more at PLEDGE

**com’mit-ment noun**
.: an agreement or pledge to do something in the future

*Synonyms*
[1] burden, charge, duty, need, obligation, responsibility—more at OBLIGATION

**com’mit-tee /kəˈmiːtē/ noun**
: a body of persons selected to consider and act or report on some matter
— **com’mit-tee-man /ˌmen/ noun**
— **com’mit-tee-wom’an /ˌwʊ.ˈmæn/ noun**

**commo abbreviation**
commodore

**com’mod·i·ty /kəˈmɒdi.ətē/ noun,** plural -ties
1: a product of agriculture or mining
2: an article of commerce — often used in plural
3: something useful or valued <that valuable ~ patience>

*Synonyms*
[1] usually commodities merchandise, wares—more at MERCHANDISE

**com’mo·dore /kəˈmo·dōr/ noun**
1: a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a rear admiral
2: an officer commanding a group of merchant ships
3: the chief officer of a yacht club

**com’mon /ˈkɑːmən/ adjective**
1: belonging to or serving the community: PUBLIC
2 ‣ shared by a number in a group
3 ‣ widely or generally known, found, or observed: FAMILIAR (~ knowledge)
4 ‣ VERNACULAR 3 (~ names of plants)
5 ‣ not above the average esp. in social status
6 ‣ lacking refinement: COARSE
7 ‣ falling below ordinary standards

**Synonyms**
- [1] blanket, general, generic, global, overall, public, universal—more at GENERAL
- [2] collective, communal, concerted, conjoint, joint, mutual, public, united—more at COLLECTIVE
- [3] commonplace, customary, everyday, familiar, frequent, normal, ordinary, regular, routine, standard, usual

**Antonyms**
- extraordinary, infrequent, rare, uncommon, unfamiliar, unusual
- [5] humble, ignoble, inferior, low, lowly, mean, plebeian, vulgar—more at IGNoble
- [6] coarse, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at COARSE
- [7] fair, indifferent, mediocre, medium, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, second-rate, so-so—more at MEDIocre

**common noun**
1 plural: the common people
2 plural: a dining hall
3 plural cap: the lower house of the British and Canadian parliaments
4: a piece of land subject to common use
   — in common
   : shared together

**common adjective**
- common noun
- common cold noun
- a contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus and characterized by a sore, swollen, and inflamed nose and throat, usu. by much mucus, and by coughing and sneezing

**common denominator noun**
1: a common multiple of the denominators of a group of fractions
2: a common trait or theme

**common divisor noun**
: a number or expression that divides two or more numbers or expressions without remainder

**common fraction noun**
: a fraction (as 1/2 or 3/4) in which the numerator and denominator are both integers and are separated by a horizontal or slanted line

**common law noun**
: a group of legal practices and traditions based on judges' decisions and social customs and usu. having the same force as laws passed by legislative bodies

**common logarithm noun**
: a logarithm whose base is 10

**common adverb**
: as a general thing: often in the usual course of events

**Synonyms**
- usually commoners herd, masses, mob, people, plebeians, populace, rank and file

**common market noun**
common multiple noun
: a multiple of each of two or more numbers or expressions

1 commonplace /ˈkæməpləs/ noun
: something that is ordinary or trite

Synonyms
- banality, cliché, platitude, shibboleth; also inanity; generality, generalization, simplification; adage, proverb, saw, saying; old wives’ tale, stereotype

2 commonplace adjective
: commonly found or seen: ORDINARY

Synonyms
- average, common, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at ORDINARY

common sense noun
: ordinary good sense and judgment

— com·mon·sen·si·cal /ˈkæməˌsenˌsiːkəl/ adjective

Synonyms
- horse sense, sense, wisdom, wit; also street smarts; foresight, judgment, prudence; brains, gray matter, intelligence; practicality, rationality; acumen, discernment, insight

com·mon·weal /ˈkæməˌwel/ noun
1 archaic: COMMONWEALTH
2: the general welfare

com·mon·wealth /ˌwelθ/ noun
1: the body of people politically organized into a state
2: a state esp. conceived as a body politic founded on law and united by compact or by tacit agreement of the people for the common good; also: an association or federation of autonomous states

Synonyms
- country, land, nation, sovereignty, state—more at NATION

com·mo·tion /ˈkɑːməˌʃən/ noun
1: violent or sharp disturbance: noisy, unruly, or tumultuous stir
2: mental excitement, uncertainty, or confusion

Synonyms
- disturbance, furor, fuss, hubbub, hullabaloo, pandemonium, tumult, turmoil, uproar; also cacophony, clamor, din, howl, rue and cry, outcry, noise, racket, roar; disorder, unrest, upheaval; eruption, flare-up, flurry, outbreak, outburst; brawl, fracas, fray, hassle, melee, scuffle; dither, fever, fret, lather, turmoil, uproar; disorder, unrest, upheaval; eruption, flare-up, flurry, outbreak, outburst; brawl, fracas, fray, hassle, melee, scuffle; dither, fever, fret, lather, tizzy

com·mu·nal /ˈkɑːməˌnəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to a commune or community
2: marked by collective ownership and use of property
3: shared or used in common

Synonyms
- collective, common, concerted, conjoint, joint, mutual, public, united—more at COLLECTIVE

1 commune /ˈkɑːmən/ verb com·muned; com·mun·ing
: to communicate intimately

2 commune /ˈkɑːmˌyʊn; ˈkɑːmˌyʊn/ noun
1: the smallest administrative district in some European countries
2: a community organized on a communal basis

com·mu·ni·ca·ble /ˈkɑːməˌniˌkɑːbəl/ adjective
: capable of being communicated <> diseases

— com·mu·ni·ca·bil·i·ty /ˌkɑːməˌniˈkeɪbəliˈti/ noun

Synonyms
catching, contagious, transmittable—more at CONTAGIOUS

**com·mu·ni·cant /ˌmёo̯n.ɪ.kɑŋt/ noun**
1: a church member entitled to receive Communion
2: one that communicates; especially: INFORMANT

**com·mu·ni·cate /ˈkæˌmɪ.nə.ˌkæt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing**
1: to make known
2: to pass from one to another: TRANSMIT
3: to receive Communion
4: to be in communication
5: JOIN, CONNECT

— **com·mu·ni·cat·or /ˌkæ.ˌtɑr/ noun**

**com·mu·ni·ca·tion /ˌmёo̯n.ɪ.ˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun**
1: an act of transmitting
2: information communicated: a verbal or written message
3: exchange of information or opinions
4: a means of communicating

— **com·mu·ni·cative /ˌmёo̯n.ɪ.ˈkeɪ.tɪv/ adjective**

**com·mu·nion /ˌmёo̯n.ɪ.ˈneɪn/ noun**
1: a sharing of something with others
2 cap: a Christian sacrament in which bread and wine are consumed as the substance or symbols of Christ's body and blood in commemoration of the death of Christ
3: intimate fellowship or rapport
4: a body of Christians having a common faith and discipline

**Synonyms**

fellowship, rapport—more at RAPPORT

**com·mu·ni·qué /ˌkæˌmёo̯n.ɪ.ˈkwɛ/ noun**
:BULLETIN

**com·mu·nism /ˌkæm.ɪ.zɪm/ noun**
1: social organization in which goods are held in common
2: a theory of social organization advocating common ownership of means of production and a distribution of products of industry based on need
3 cap: a political doctrine based on revolutionary Marxist socialism that was the official ideology of the U.S.S.R. and some other countries; also: a system of government in which one party controls state-owned means of production

— **com·mu·nist /ˌnɪst/ noun or adjective, often cap**

— **com·mu·nis·tic /ˌkæm.ɪ.nɪsˈtɪk/ adjective, often cap**

**com·mu·ni·ty /ˌkæˌmёo̯n.ɪ.ˈtɪ/ noun, plural -ties**
1: a body of people living in the same place under the same laws; also: a natural population of plants and animals that interact ecologically and live in one place (as a pond)
2: society at large
3: joint ownership
4: common character: SIMILARITY, LIKENESS
5: the people with common interests living in a particular area
6: a body of persons of common and esp. professional interests scattered through a larger society

**Synonyms**

[4] correspondence, likeness, parallelism, resemblance, similarity, similitude—more at SIMILARITY

[6] brotherhood, corps, fellowship, fraternity—more at CORPS

**community college noun**
community property noun
property held jointly by husband and wife

commute /kəˈmyút/ verb com-mut-ed; com-mut-ing
1 †: to give in exchange for another: EXCHANGE
2 : to revoke (a sentence) and impose a milder penalty
3 : to travel back and forth regularly
— com-mut-er noun

commute noun
a trip made in commuting

comp abbreviation
1 comparative; compare
2 compensation
3 compiled; compiler
4 composition; compositor
5 compound
6 comprehensive
7 comptroller

compact /ˈkæmp/ adj. compact
1 having a dense structure or parts or units closely packed or joined: SOLID, DENSE
2 not diffuse or verbose: BRIEF, SUCCINCT
3 occupying a small volume by efficient use of space <a ~ formation of troops>

Synonyms
[1] dense, firm, hard, rigid, solid, stiff, unyielding—more at FIRM
[2] brief, compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse—more at CONCISE
[3] close, crowded, dense, packed, serried, thick, tight—more at CLOSE

compact verb
1 †: to pack together: COMPRESS
2 †: to knit or draw together: CONSOLIDATE

— com-pac-tor /ˈkæmp.tər/ compactor

Synonyms
[1] compress, condense, constrict, contract, squeeze—more at COMPRESS
[2] center, centralize, concentrate, consolidate, unify, unite—more at CENTRALIZE

compact /ˈkæmp/ noun
1 : a small case for cosmetics
2 : a small automobile
compact /ˈkæmpækt/ noun
› : an agreement or covenant between two or more parties
  Synonyms
   ‹ accord, agreement, bargain, contract, convention, covenant, deal, pact, settlement, understanding—more at AGREEMENT
compact disc /ˈkæmpækt/ noun
› : CD
compact·ly adverb
› : in a compact manner
  Synonyms
   ‹ concisely, crisply, laconically, short, succinctly, summarily, tersely—more at SHORTLY
compact·ness noun
› : the quality or state of being compact
  Synonyms
   ‹ brevity, briefness, conciseness, crispness, succinctness, terseness—more at SUCCINCTNESS
companion /ˈkɒmpænɪən/ noun
[origin: ME compainoun, fr. AF cumpainy, cumpaignun, fr. LL companion-, companio, fr. L com- together + panis bread]
1 a ♦ : one that accompanies another : COMRADE
   b ♦ : an intimate friend or associate
2 ♦ : one that is closely connected with something similar
  Synonyms
   ‹ [1a, 1b] associate, cohort, comrade, crony, fellow, mate—more at ASSOCIATE
   ‹ [2] fellow, half, match, mate, twin—more at MATE
companion·able adjective
› : marked by, conducive to, or suggestive of companionship
  Synonyms
   ‹ amicable, comradely, cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, neighborly, warm, warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY
   ‹ boons, convivial, extroverted, gregarious, outgoing, sociable, social—more at CONVIVIAL
companion·ship noun
› : the fellowship existing among companions : COMPANY
  Synonyms
   ‹ camaraderie, company, comradeship, fellowship, society; also amity, benevolence, cordiality, friendliness, friendship, goodwill, kindliness; civility, comity, concord, harmony, rapport; charity, generosity; affinity, compassion, empathy, sympathy; chumminess, familiarity, inseparability, intimacy, nearness; affection, devotion, fondness, love
companion·way noun
› : a ship's stairway from one deck to another
com­pa­ny /ˈkɑmˌpənē/ noun, plural -nies
1 ♦ : association with another or others : FELLOWSHIP; also : COMPANIONS
2 ♦ : GUESTS
3 ♦ : a group of persons or things
4 : an infantry unit consisting of two or more platoons and normally commanded by a captain
5 ♦ : a group of musical or dramatic performers
6 : the officers and crew of a ship
7 ♦ : an association of persons for carrying on a business
  Synonyms
com·pa·ra·ble /kəmˈpaːrəbəl/ adjective
\(\delta\) capable of being compared
  — com·pa·ra·bil·i·ty /ˌkəmˈpaːrəˌbilətē/ noun
  Synonyms
  - akin, alike, analogous, correspondent, like, parallel, similar, such—more at ALIKE

1 comparative /kəmˈpærətiv/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or constituting the degree of grammatical comparison that denotes increase in quality, quantity, or relation
2 : considered as if in comparison to something else as a standard not quite attained : RELATIVE <a ~ stranger>
  — com·par·a·tive·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  - approximate, near, relative; also alike, comparable, similar; equal, equivalent
  Antonyms
  - absolute, complete, downright, out-and-out, outright, perfect, pure, unqualified

2 comparative noun
: the comparative degree or form in a language

1 compare /kəmˈpær/ verb com·pared; com·par·ing
1 : to represent as similar : LIKEN
2 a : to examine for likenesses and differences
   b : to view in relation to
3 : to inflect or modify (an adjective or adverb) according to the degrees of comparison
  Synonyms
  - [1] bracket, equate, liken; also associate, connect, couple, link; allude, refer, relate; equal, match, parallel
  Antonyms
  - contrast
  - usually compare with [2b] approach, approximate, measure up, stack up—more at APPROXIMATE

2 compare noun
: the possibility of comparing <beauty beyond ~>

com·par·i·son /kəmˈpærəsən/ noun
1 : the act of comparing
2 : change in the form of an adjective or adverb to show different levels of quality, quantity, or relation

com·part·ment /kəmˈpərtmənt/ noun
1 : a separate division
2 : a section of an enclosed space
  Synonyms
  - bay, cabin, cell, chamber, cubicle; also cubbyhole, pigeonhole; alcove, niche, nook, recess; cabinet, drawer; cavity, hole, hollow; booth, crib, stall; crypt, vault

com·part·men·tal·ize /kəmˈpərtˌməntˌīz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
: to separate into compartments

1 compass /kəmˈpæs, kəmˈpæs/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. OF compasser to measure, fr. (assumed) VL compassare to pace off, fr. L com- + passus pace]
1 : CONTRIVE, PLOT
2 : to lie around : ENCIRCLE
3 : to bring about : ACHIEVE
  Synonyms
  - [2] circle, circumnavigate, coil, encircle, girdle, loop, orbit, ring, round—more at ENCIRCLE
  - [3] accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, make, perform—more at PERFORM
2 compass noun
1 : an often rounded or curved boundary limit : BOUNDARY, CIRCUMFERENCE
2 : an enclosed space
3 : range or limit of perception, knowledge, interest, or concern : RANGE, SCOPE
4 : a device for determining direction by means of a magnetic needle swinging freely and pointing to the magnetic north; also : a nonmagnetic device that indicates direction
5 : an instrument for drawing circles or transferring measurements consisting of two legs joined by a pivot

Synonyms
- [1] border, bound, boundary, circumference, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge—more at BORDER
- [3] amplitude, breadth, extent, range, reach, realm, scope, sweep, width—more at RANGE

compassion /ˈkom.pə.ʃən/ noun
1 : sympathetic feeling : PITY, MERCY

Synonyms
- charity, commiseration, feeling, heart, humanity, kindliness, kindness, mercy, pity, sympathy

compasionate /ˈkom.pə.ʃəˌnet/ adjective
1 : having or showing compassion

Synonyms
- beneficent, benevolent, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted
- more at HUMANE

compatibility /ˌkompəˈtərəl.i.tē/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being compatible

Synonyms
- concord, harmony, peace—more at HARMONY

compatible /ˈkompəˌti.bl/ adjective
1 : able to exist or act together harmoniously

Synonyms
- agreeable, amicable, congenial, harmonious, kindred, unanimous, united—more at HARMONIOUS
- conformable, congruous, consistent, consonant, correspondent, harmonious—more at CONSISTENT

companion /ˈkompə.ʃən/ noun
: a fellow countryman

compeer /ˈkam.ˌpēr/ noun
: EQUAL, PEER

compel /ˈkompəl/ verb compelled; compeling
1 : to drive or urge with force

Synonyms
- coerce, constrain, drive, force, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE

compelling adjective
1 : demanding and holding one's attention
2 : tending to convince or convert by or as if by forcefulness of evidence

Synonyms
- cogent, conclusive, convincing, decisive, effective, forceful, persuasive, satisfying, strong, telling—more at COGENT

compendious /ˈkompəˌdiəs/ adjective
1 : marked by brief expression of a comprehensive matter : concise and comprehensive
2 : covering completely or broadly : COMPREHENSIVE

Synonyms
- [1] brief, compact, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse—more at CONCISE
- [2] complete, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, global, inclusive, omnibus, panoramic, universal—more at ENCYCLOPEDIC
com·pen·di·um /kəmˈpɛn.də.ɪəm/ noun, plural -di·ums or -dia /ˈdɪə/ 1 : a brief summary of a larger work or of a field of knowledge 2 : COLLECTION

com·pen·sate /kəmˈpɛn.sæt/ verb -sat·ed; -sat·ing 1 a : to be equivalent to b : to make up for : COUNTERBALANCE 2 : to make an appropriate and usu. counterbalancing payment to : PAY, REMUNERATE

— com·pen·sa·to·ry /kəmˈpɛn.sə.tɔr.i/ adjective

Synonyms
▶ usually compensate for [1b] annul, cancel, correct, counteract, counterbalance, make up, neutralize, offset— more at OFFSET 
▶ [2] indemnify, pay, recompense, recoup, remunerate, requite; also refund, reimburse, repay; redress, remedy, repair

com·pen·sa·tion /kəmˈpɛn.sə.ʃən/ noun 1 : the act or action of making up, making good, or counterbalancing : rendering equal 2 : something that constitutes an equivalent or recompense

Synonyms
▶ [1] disbursement, payment, remittance, remuneration—more at PAYMENT 
▶ [2] damages, indemnity, quitance, recompense, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution, satisfaction; also amends, atonement, expiation; refund, reimbursement, repayment; adjustment, settlement; punishment, reprisal, retaliation
▶ [2] consideration, pay, payment, remittance, remuneration, requital—more at PAYMENT

com·pete /kəmˈpɛt/ verb com·pet·ed; com·pet·ing : to seek or strive for something (as a position, possession, reward) for which others are also contending :

CONTEND, VIE

Synonyms
▶ battle, contend, fight, race, vie; also challenge, engage, play; jockey, maneuver; go out, try out; train, work

com·pe·ten·cy /kəmˈpe.tənsi/ noun, plural -cies 1 : the quality or state of being competent

Synonyms
▶ ability, capability, capacity, faculty—more at ABILITY

com·pe·ten·cy /kəmˈpe.tənsi/ noun, plural -cies 1 : the quality or state of being competent

com·pe·ten·cy /kəmˈpe.tən.ti/ adjective : having requisite or adequate ability or qualities :

CAPABLE, FIT, QUALIFIED

Synonyms
▶ able, capable, fit, good, qualified, suitable; also accomplished, ace, adept, experienced, expert, master, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, seasoned, skilled, skillful, veteran; prepared, schooled, trained Antonyms
▶ incompetent, inept, poor, unfit, unqualified

com·pe·ti·tion /kəmˈpɛt.ən.ti.ʃən/ noun 1 : the act of competing : RIVALRY 2 a : a contest between rivals : CONTEST, MATCH b : one that competes; also : one's competitors

— com·pe·ti·tive /kəmˈpɛt.ətiv/ adjective

— com·pe·ti·tive·ly adverb

— com·pe·ti·tive·ness noun
Synonyms
▶ bout, contest, event, game, match, meet, tournament—more at GAME
com-pe-ti-tor /kəmˈpɛ.tɪ.tər/ noun
<>
: one that competes : RIVAL

   Synonyms
   — challenger, competition, contender, contestant, rival; also finalist, semifinalist; entrant, player; adversary, antagonist, opponent

com-ple·le·ver /kəmˈpliːlər/ noun
1 : one that compiles
2 : a computer program that translates any program correctly written in a specific programming language into machine language

com-pla·cen·cy /kəmˈplæsəns/ noun, plural -cies
1 : SATISFACTION
2 : the quality or state of being self-satisfied

com·pla·cent /kəmˈplæsənt/ adjective
— com·pla·cent·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   — conceited, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at CONCEITED

com·plain /kəmˈpleɪn/ verb
1 : to express grief, pain, or discontent
2 : to make a formal accusation

   Synonyms
   — beef, bellyache, carp, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine, squawk, wail, whine; also object (to), protest, quarrel (with); cavil, quibble; fret, stew, worry; blubber, cry, sob; bemoan, bewail, deplore, lament

   Antonyms
   — rejoice

com·plain·ant noun
1 : the party who makes the complaint in a legal action or proceeding :
2 : one who complains

com·plain·er noun
<>
: one that complains

   Synonyms
complaint /ˈkʌmˌplɑːnt/ noun
1 ▶ : expression of grief, pain, or dissatisfaction
2 : a bodily ailment or disease
3 ▶ : a formal accusation against a person
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] challenge, demur, expostulation, fuss, kick, objection, protest, question, remonstrance—more at OBJECTION
   ▶ [1] beef, fuss, grievance, grip, grumble, murmur, plaint, squawk; also challenge, demur, expostulation, kick, objection, protest, quibble, remonstrance
   ▶ [3] charge, count, indictment, rap—more at CHARGE
complaint /ˈkʌmˌplɑːns/ noun [origin: F]
: disposition to please
— complaint /ˈkʌmˌplɑːnt/ noun
complaisant /ˈkʌmpləsˌɑːnt/ adjective
compleat /ˈkʌmpliət/ adjective
: PROFICIENT
complected /ˈkʌmplɪktəd/ adjective
: having a specified facial complexion <dark-complected>
1complement /ˈkʌmpləmənt/ noun
1 a : something that fills up or completes
   b : the full quantity, number, or amount that makes a thing complete
2 : an added word by which a predicate is made complete
3 : a group of proteins in blood that combines with antibodies to destroy antigens
2complement /ˈkʌmpləmənt/ verb
: to be complementary to : fill out
complemenary medicine noun
1completely /ˈkʌmplətli/ adverb
: fully carried out
2completeness /ˈkʌmplətɪzn/ noun
— completion /ˈkʌmplətʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] compendious, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, global, inclusive, omnibus, panoramic, universal—more at ENCYCLOPEDIC
   ▶ [1] comprehensive, entire, full, grand, intact, integral, perfect, plenary, total, whole; also unabridged, uncut, undiminished; all-out, exhaustive, extensive; full-blown, full-fledged, full-scale
   Antonyms
   imperfect, incomplete, partial
   ▶ [2] done, down, over, through, up; also accomplished, achieved, attained, compassed, realized; dead, defunct, extinct, obsolete; expired
   Antonyms
   continuing, incomplete, ongoing, unfinished
   ▶ [3] all-out, clean, comprehensive, exhaustive, full-scale, out-and-out, thorough, thoroughgoing, total—more at EXHAUSTIVE
complete verb complete; complete
1 ▶ : to bring to an end and esp. into a perfected state : FINISH
2 ▶ : to make whole or perfect <the hat ~s the outfit>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] consummate, finalize, finish, perfect—more at FINISH

complete-ly adverb
1 ▶ : so as to be complete : FULLY
2 ▶ : to a complete degree
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] altogether, dead, entirely, fast, flat, full, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY

complex /kəmˈpleks/ noun
1 : a whole made up of or involving intricately interrelated elements
2 : a group of repressed desires and memories that exert a dominating influence on one's personality and behavior <a guilt ~> 3 ▶ : a building or group of buildings housing related units
   Synonyms
   ▶ establishment, facility, installation—more at FACILITY

complex /kəmˈpleks, kəmˈpleks/ adjective
1 ▶ : composed of two or more parts
2 ▶ : consisting of a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses << sentence>
3 ▶ : hard to separate, analyze, solve, or do
4 ▶ : marked by an involvement of many parts, aspects, or details necessitating careful study or attention
   — complex-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 4] complicated, convoluted, elaborate, intricate, involved, knotty, sophisticated; also composite, compound, heterogeneous, mixed, multifarious, varied; challenging, difficult, tough; impenetrable, incomprehensible, inexplicable, unfathomable, unintelligible
   Antonyms
   ▶ plain, simple
   ▶ [3] complicated, detailed, elaborate, fancy, intricate, involved, sophisticated

complex fraction noun
: a fraction with a fraction or mixed number in the numerator or denominator or both

complex-ion /kəmˈplekʃən/ noun
1 : the hue or appearance of the skin esp. of the face
2 ▶ : overall aspect or character
   — complex-ioned /-shənd/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ character, constitution, genius, nature, personality, tone—more at NATURE

complex-i·ty /kəmˈpleksətē/ noun
1 ▶ : something complex
2 ▶ : the quality or state of being complex
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] complication, difficulty, intricacy—more at COMPLICATION
   ▶ [2] elaborateness, intricacy, sophistication; also diversity; impenetrability
   Antonyms
   ▶ plainness, simplicities, simplicity

complex number noun
: a number of the form \( a + b \sqrt{-1} \) where \( a \) and \( b \) are real numbers

com·pliance /kəmˈpləns/ noun
1 ▶ : the act of complying to a demand or proposal
2 ▶ : a disposition to yield
**Synonyms**
- [1] conformity, obedience, observance, submission, subordination—more at OBEDIENCE
- [2] deference, docility, obedience; also amiability, complaisance; servility, subservience, subserviency; conformity; receptiveness, receptivity; humoring, indulgence; acceptance, acquiescence, assent, consent; capitulation, submission, surrender; affability, amicability, congeniality, cordiality, friendliness, geniality, sociability

**Antonyms**
- defiance, disobedience, recalcitrance

**com·pi·ant /ˌkām.ˈpiənt/ adjective**
- ready or disposed to comply

**com·pi·cate /käm.ˈpleˌkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing**
- to make or become complex or intricate

**com·pi·cat·ed /ˌkām.ˈpleˌkāt·id/ adjective**
1 : consisting of parts intricately combined
2 : difficult to analyze, understand, or explain
3 : not simple or easy to fabricate or comprehend

**com·pi·cat·ed·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] complex, convoluted, detailed, elaborate, intricate, involved, knotty, sophisticated—more at COMPLEX

**com·pi·ca·tion /ˌkām.ˈpleˌkāshən/ noun**
1 a : the quality or state of being complicated
b : a complex feature
2 : a disease or condition that develops during and affects the course of a primary disease or condition

**Synonyms**
- complexity, difficulty, intricacy; also aftereffect, ramification, side effect; subtlety, technicality; annoyance, bother, headache, inconvenience, matter, trouble

**com·pli·men·tary /ˌkām.ˈpleməntəri/ adjective**
1 : containing or expressing a compliment
2 : given free as a courtesy

**com·ply /ˌkām.ˈplī/ verb com·plied; com·ply·ing**
- to conform, submit, or adapt (as to a regulation or to another's wishes) as required or requested

**Synonyms**
- usually comply with conform, follow, mind, obey, observe—more at OBEY
- usually comply with answer, fill, fulfill, keep, meet, redeem, satisfy—more at FULFILL

**1 component /ˌkām.ˈpō.nənt, ˈkām.ˈpō/ noun**
component adjective
: serving to form a part of: CONSTITUENT

com-port /kəmˈpɔːrt/ verb
1 ▷ to be fitting: AGREE, ACCORD
2 ▷ to behave in a manner conformable to what is right, proper, or expected: CONDUCT

Synonyms
▷ [1] accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally—more at CHECK
▷ [2] acquit, bear, behave, conduct, demean, deport, quit—more at BEHAVE

com-port-ment noun
▷ : manner of bearing: DEMEANOR

Synonyms
▷ actions, bearing, behavior, conduct, demeanor, deportment—more at BEHAVIOR

com-pose /kəmˈpəʊz/ verb com posed, com pos ing
1 a ▷ to form by putting together
b ▷ to form the substance of
2 ▷ to produce (as pages of type) by composition
3 : ADJUST, ARRANGE
4 ▷ to free from agitation: CALM, QUIET
5 : to practice composition (~ music)

Synonyms
▷ [1b] comprise, constitute, form, make up—more at CONSTITUTE
▷ [2] cast, craft, draft, draw, formulate, frame, prepare; also fabricate, fashion, form, mold, sculpture, shape; couch, express, phrase, state, verbalize, word; author, pen, write; conceive, concoct, devise; build, construct, make; assemble, compound, piece (together)
▷ [4] allay, calm, quiet, settle, soothe, still, tranquilize—more at CALM
▷ [4] calm, collect, contain, control, settle—more at COLLECT

composed adjective
▷ : free from agitation

Synonyms
▷ calm, collected, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM

com pos er noun
: one that composes: a person who writes music

1 composite /ˈkɒmpəzət/ adjective
1 : made up of distinct parts or elements
2 : of, relating to, or being a large family of flowering plants (as a daisy or aster) that bear many small flowers united into compact heads resembling single flowers

2 composite noun
1 ▷ : something composite
2 : a plant of the composite family

Synonyms
▷ admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, compound, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture—more at BLEND

com po si tion /kəmˈpoʊzi ʃən/ noun
1 a ▷ the act or process of composing
b ▷ : arrangement esp. in artistic form
2 ▷ the arrangement or production of type for printing
3 : general makeup
4: a product of mixing various elements or ingredients
5a: a literary, musical, or artistic product
5b: a brief piece of writing: essay

Synonyms

[5b] article, essay, paper, theme—more at essay

compositor/kəmˈpəʊˌzəˌtər/ noun
: one who sets type

compost/kəmˈpɒst/ noun
: a fertilizing material consisting largely of decayed organic matter

composition /kəmˈpəʊˌzɪʃən/ noun
: a calmness or repose esp. of mind, bearing, or appearance: calmness, self-possession

Synonyms

aplomb, calmness, coolness, equanimity, placidity, self-possession, serenity, tranquillity—more at equanimity

compost /ˈkæmpʊst/ noun
1: fruits cooked in syrup
2: a bowl (as of glass) usu. with a base and stem for serving esp. fruit or compote

compound /ˈkæmpʊrd, ˈkæmˌpaʊnd/ verb
[origin: ME compounen, fr. AF *cumpandre, fr. L componere, fr. com- together + ponere to put]
1: to put together (parts) so as to form a whole: combine
2: to form by combining parts ~ a medicine
3: settle ~ a dispute; also: to refrain from prosecuting (an offense) in return for a consideration
4a: to increase (as interest) by an amount that can itself vary
5b: to add to

Synonyms

[1] chain, combine, connect, couple, hitch, hook, join, link, yoke—more at connect
[4b] add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at increase

compound /ˈkæmpʊrd/ adjective
1: made up of individual parts
2: composed of united similar parts esp. of a kind usu. independent ~ a plant ovary
3: formed by the combination of two or more otherwise independent elements ~ a sentence

compound /ˈkæmpʊrd/ noun
1: a word consisting of parts that are words
2: something formed from a union of elements or parts; especially: a distinct substance formed by the union of two or more chemical elements

Synonyms

admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, composite, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture—more at blend

compound /ˈkæmpʊrd/ noun
[origin: by folk etymology fr. Malay kampung group of buildings, village]
: an enclosure containing buildings

compound interest noun
: interest computed on the sum of an original principal and accrued interest

compound interest noun
: interest computed on the sum of an original principal and accrued interest

comprehend /kəmˈpriˌhend/ verb
1: to grasp the nature, significance, or meaning of: understand
2: to contain or hold within a total scope, significance, or amount: include

comprehensible /ˌkəmˌprɛhˌsəbl/ adjective
**Synonyms**
- [1] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, get, grasp, make, make out, perceive, see, seize, tumble, understand; also absorb, assimilate, digest, take in; know, realize, sense; fathom, penetrate

**Antonyms**
- [2] carry, contain, embrace, encompass, entail, include, involve, number, take in—more at INCLUDE

**com·pre·hen·sion /'hen chew n noun**
- knowledge gained by comprehending

**Synonyms**
- appreciation, apprehension, grasp, grip, perception, understanding; also absorption, assimilation, uptake; conception, visualization; awareness, consciousness, realization

**com·pre·hen·sive /'shiv/ adjective**
- covering completely or broadly: covering all possibilities

**Antonyms**
- miss

**com·pre·hen·sive·ly adverb**

**com·pre·hen·sive·ness noun**

**Synonyms**
- compendious, complete, encyclopedic, full, global, inclusive, omnibus, panoramic, universal—more at ENCYCLOPEDIC
- complete, entire, full, grand, intact, integral, perfect, plenary, total, whole—more at COMPLETE

**1 compress /kam pres/ verb**
- to press or squeeze together
- to reduce in size, quantity, or volume as if by squeezing

**Synonyms**
- condense, constrict, contract, shrink—more at CONTRACT
- compact, condense, constrict, contract, squeeze; also cram, crowd, jam, jam-pack, pack; abbreviate, abridge, curtail, shorten; downsize, shrink; concentrate, consolidate; simplify, streamline; decrease, diminish, lessen

**Antonyms**
- expand, open, outspread

**2 compress /kam pres/ noun**
- a folded pad or cloth used to press upon a body part

**compressed air noun**
- air under pressure greater than that of the atmosphere

**com·pres·sion /'Pre shn/ noun**
- the act or process of compressing
- the process of compressing the fuel mixture in an internal combustion engine
- conversion (as of data) in order to reduce the space occupied or the bandwidth required

**Synonyms**
- condensation, constriction, contraction; also abbreviation, abridgment, curtailment, shortening; concentration, consolidation; simplification; decreasing, lessening

**Antonyms**
- expansion

**com-prise /kam priz/ verb com·prised; com·pris·ing**
- to consist of; to be made up of
- to make up: COMPOSE, CONSTITUTE

**Synonyms**
- compose, constitute, form, make up—more at CONSTITUTE

**1 compromise /kam priz/ noun**
- a settlement of differences reached by mutual concessions
Synonyms
  accommodation, concession, give-and-take, negotiation—more at CONCESSION

compromise verb -mis·ed; -mis·ing
  1: to settle by compromise
  2 a: to expose to suspicion or loss of reputation
  b ▶: to put in jeopardy: endanger by some act that cannot be recalled

Synonyms
  advent, game, hazard, peril, jeopardize, menace, risk, venture

comp·trol·ler /kənˈtrələr/ noun
  an official who audits and supervises expenditures and accounts

com·pul·sion /kəmˈpəlshən/ noun
  1 ▶: an act of compelling
  2 a: a force that compels
  3: an irresistible persistent impulse to perform an act

Synonyms
  coercion, constraint, duress, force, pressure—more at FORCE

com·pul·sive /səlv/ adjective
  ▶ of, having to do with, caused by, or suggestive of psychological compulsion or obsession

com·pul·so·ry /sərə/ adjective
  ▶: demanded, directed, or designated by authority

Synonyms
  imperative, incumbent, involuntary, mandatory, necessary, nonelective, obligatory, peremptory—more at MANDATORY

com·punc·tion /kəmˈpʌŋkʃən/ noun
  ▶: anxiety arising from guilt

Synonyms
  misgiving, qualm, scruple—more at QUALM

com·pu·ta·tion /ˌkæmpyuˈteɪʃən/ noun
  ▶: the act or action of computing

— com·pu·ta·tion·al adjective

Synonyms
  arithmetic, calculation, reckoning—more at CALCULATION

com·pute /kəmˈpjuːt/ verb com·put·ed; com·put·ing
  ▶: to determine or ascertain esp. by mathematical means: arrive at an answer to or sum for: CALCULATE, RECKON

Synonyms
  calculate, figure, reckon, work out—more at CALCULATE

computed tomography noun
  radiography in which a three-dimensional image of a body structure is constructed by computer from a series of plane cross-sectional images made along an axis

com·put·er /kəmˈpjuːtər/ noun
  a programmable electronic device that can store, retrieve, and process data

com·put·er·ize /kəmˈpjuːtərˌɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
  1: to carry out, control, or produce by means of a computer
  2: to provide with computers
  3: to store in a computer; also: put into a form that a computer can use

— com·put·er·iza·tion /ˌkæmˈpjuːtərˌɪzaˈteɪʃən/ noun

computerized axial tomography noun
  COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

com·rade /ˈkæmrəd/ noun
com·rade·ly adjective
   : of or like a comrade or partner
   Synonyms
      amicable, companionable, cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, neighborly, warm, warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY

com·rade·ship noun
   : association as comrades
   Synonyms
      camaraderie, companionship, company, fellowship, society—more at COMPANIONSHIP

1 con /kən/ verb conned; con·ning
   1 : to commit to memory by vocal or mental repetition : MEMORIZE
   2 : STUDY

2 con adverb
   : in opposition : AGAINST

3 con noun
   : an opposing argument, person, or position <pros and cons>

4 con verb conned; con·ning
   1 : SWINDLE
   2 : PERSUADE, CAJOLE

5 con noun
   : CONVICT

conc abbreviation
concentrated

con·cat·e·nate /känˌkaˈtēˌnāt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
   : to link together in a series or chain
   — con·cat·e·na·tion /känˌkaˈtēˌnaˈshən/ noun

con·cave /kənˌkāv, ˌkānˌ/ adjective
   : curved or rounded inward like the inside of a bowl
   Synonyms
      depressed, hollow, sunken—more at HOLLOW

con·cav·i·ty /kənˌkāvəˈti/ noun
   : a concave line, surface, or space
   Synonyms
      cavity, dent, depression, hole, hollow, indentation, pit, recess—more at HOLE

con·ceal /kənˈseəl/ verb
   : to place out of sight : HIDE
   Synonyms
      bury, cache, ensconce, hide, secrete—more at HIDE

con·ceal·ment noun
   1 : the act or practice of concealing
   2 : a hiding place
   Synonyms
      [1] secretion; also burial, burying, entombment, internment, interring
   Antonyms
concede /kənˈsɛd/ verb con·ced·ed; con·ced·ing
1 ▶: to admit to be true
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] acknowledge, admit, agree, allow, confess, grant, own—more at ADMIT
   ▶ [2] bow, budge, capitulate, give in, grant, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at YIELD
2 ▶: to make concession: GRANT, YIELD
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] acknowledge, admit, agree, allow, confess, grant, own—more at ADMIT
   ▶ [2] bow, budge, capitulate, give in, grant, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at YIELD

conceit /kənˈsɛt/ noun
1 ▶: excessively high opinion of one's self or ability: VANITY
2 : an elaborate or strained metaphor
3 ▶: a fanciful idea
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] complacence, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vanity, vanity
   ▶ [2] chimera, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY
   ▶ con·ced·ed adjective
     ▶: having or showing an excessively high opinion of oneself
     — con·ced·ed·ly adverb
     — con·ced·ed·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ complacent, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain; also boastful, bragging, bragging; arrogant, cavalier, disdainful, haughty, lordly, self-assertive, snobbish, supercilious, superior, uppity; domineering, high-handed, imperious; highfalutin, pretentious; overconfident, presumptuous; confident, self-assured, self-confident; self-centered, selfish
   ▶ con·ceiv·able adjective
     ▶ dream, envisage, fancy, imagine, picture, vision, visualize—more at IMAGINE
   ▶ con·ceiv·ably adverb
     ▶: it may be conceived: POSSIBLY
     Synonyms
     ▶ maybe, perchance, perhaps, possibly—more at PERHAPS
con·cel·e·brant /kənˈsɛləbrənt/ noun
: one that jointly participates in celebrating the Eucharist

concentrate /kənˈsetrapt/ verb -trat·ed; -trat·ing
1 ▶: to gather into one body, mass, or force
2 ▶: to make less dilute
3 ▶: to fix one's powers, efforts, or attentions
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] center, centralize, compact, consolidate, unify, unite—more at CENTRALIZE
   ▶ [2] accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, garner, gather, group, lump, pick up, round up, scrape
   ▶ [3] fasten, focus, rivet, train; also aim, direct, level, point, zero (in on); attend, heed, mind
2 ▶ concentrate noun
   : something concentrated
concentrated adjective
1 • rich in respect to a particular or essential element
2 • not scattered or dispersed

**Synonyms**
- [1] full, full-bodied, potent, rich, robust, strong—more at **FULL-BODIED**
- [2] all, entire, undivided, whole—more at **WHOLE**

**concentration** /ˌkän-sənˈtrā-shən/ noun
1 • the act or process of concentrating : the state of being concentrated; especially : direction of attention on a single object
2 • the amount of a component in a given area or volume

**Synonyms**
- absorption, attention—more at **ATTENTION**

**concentration camp** noun
: a camp where persons (as prisoners of war or political prisoners) are confined

**concentric** /ˌkän-sənˈtrık/ adjective
1 • having a common center (<~ circles>)
2 • COAXIAL

**concept** /ˈkæn.spəkt/ noun
• something conceived in the mind : THOUGHT, NOTION, IDEA

**Synonyms**
- idea, image, impression, notion, picture, thought—more at **IDEA**

**concept** adjective
1 • organized around a main idea or theme (<a ~ album>)
2 • created to illustrate a concept (<a ~ car>)

**conception** /ˌkæn.ˈsep.shən/ noun
1 • the process of conceiving or being conceived
2 • the power to form or understand ideas or concepts
3 • a general idea : CONCEPT
4 • the originating of something

**conceputal** /ˌkæn.ˈsep.chə-wəl/ adjective
• of, relating to, or consisting of concepts

— **conceputally** adverb

**conceputalize** /ˌkæn.ˈsep.chə-wəl-iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
• to form a conception of

**concern** /ˈkæn.ərn/ verb
1 • to relate to : be about <the novel ~s three soldiers>
2 • to be the business of : INVOLVE
3 • ENGAGE, OCCUPY
4 • to be a care, trouble, or distress to

**Synonyms**
- [1] cover, deal, pertain, treat; also appertain (to), bear (on or upon), refer (to), relate (to); allude (to), glance (upon), mention, touch (upon); offer, present; contain, embrace, encompass, entail, include, incorporate
- [2] affect, interest, involve, touch; also apply (to), relate (to); embroil, ensnare, entangle, implicate

**concern** noun
1 • an uneasy state of blended interest, uncertainty, and apprehension : ANXIETY
2 • AFFAIR, MATTER
3 • a business organization

**Synonyms**
- [1] agitation, anxiety, apprehension, care, disquiet, nervousness, perturbation, uneasiness, worry—more at
ANXIETY

- [3] business, company, enterprise, establishment, firm, house, outfit—more at ENTERPRISE

concerned adjective
1: ANXIOUS, UNEASY
2: INVOLVED

concerning preposition
: relating to: REGARDING

Synonyms
- about, apropos of, of, on, regarding, respecting, toward—more at ABOUT

concernment noun
1: something in which one is concerned
2: IMPORTANCE, CONSEQUENCE

concert noun
1: agreement in a plan or design
2: a concerted action
3: a public performance (as of music)

concert verb
1: to plan together
2: to settle or adjust by conferring and reaching an agreement

Synonyms
- [1] collaborate, cooperate, join, team—more at COOPERATE
- [2] arrange, conclude, negotiate—more at NEGOTIATE

concerted adjective
1: mutually agreed on
2: performed in unison

Synonyms
- collective, common, communal, conjoint, joint, mutual, public, united—more at COLLECTIVE

concertina noun
: an instrument of the accordion family

concertina wire noun
: a coiled wire with sharp points for use as an obstacle

concertmaster /kənˈsɜrt.mæstər/ or concertmeister /ˌkənˈsɜrt.mɛs.tər/ noun
: the leader of the first violins of an orchestra and assistant to the conductor

concerto /ˈkoʊnsər.tɔʊ/ noun, plural -ti /,tɪ/ or -tos
[ORIGIN: It]
: a piece for one or more solo instruments and orchestra in three movements

concession /kənˈʃe.ʃən/ noun
1: an act of conceding or yielding
2: something yielded
3: a grant by a government of land or of a right to use it
4: a grant of a portion of premises for some specific purpose; also: the activities or enterprise carried on

concessionary /ˈkoʊnsəˈʃən.rē/ adjective

Synonyms
- acknowledgment, admission, avowal, confession—more at CONFESSION
- [1, 2] accommodation, compromise, give-and-take, negotiation; also arrangement, bargain, deal, understanding; agreement, settlement

concessionaire /kən.ˈʃe.ʃə.nər/ noun
: one that owns or operates a concession

conch /ˈkɑŋk, ˈkæŋk/ noun, plural conchs /ˈkæŋks/ or conches /ˈkɑn.ˌkeɪz/
concierge  /ˈkɒnˌsɜːrʒ/ noun, plural concierges /ˈsɜːrˌzhɪz/  
[origin: F]  
1 : a resident in an apartment building who performs services for the tenants  
2 : a usu. multilingual hotel staff member who usu. handles mail and reservations

conciliate /ˈkɑnˌsɪliˌeɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing  
1 : to bring into agreement : RECONCILE  
2 : to gain the goodwill of

conciliation /ˈsɪləˈeɪʃən/ noun  
Synonyms  
accommodate, conform, coordinate, harmonize, key, reconcile—more at HARMONIZE

conciliation /ˈsɪləˈeɪʃən/ adjective  
Synonyms  
pacific, propitiatory—more at PACIFIC

concise /ˈkɑnˈsɪs/ adjective  
: expressing much in few words : BRIEF  
Synonyms  
brief, compact, compendious, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse; also abrupt, blunt, brusque, curt, short, snippy; abbreviated, abridged, condensed, shortened; meaty, substantial; meaningful, significant  
Antonyms  
diffuse, long-winded, prolix, rambling, verbose, wordy

concisely adverb  
: in a concise manner  
Synonyms  
compactly, crisply, laconically, shortly, succinctly, summarily, tersely—more at SHORTLY

conciseness noun  
: the quality or state of being concise  
Synonyms  
brevity, briefness, compactness, crispness, succinctness, terseness—more at SUCCINCTNESS

conclave /ˈkɑnˌklæv/ noun  
[origin: ME, fr. ML, fr. L, room that can be locked, fr. com- together + clavis key]  
: a private gathering; also : CONVENTION

conclude /ˈkɑnˌklud/ verb con·clud·ed; con·clud·ing  
1 : to bring or come to a close : END  
2 a : to reach as a logically necessary end by reasoning : JUDGE  
b : to make a decision about : DECIDE  
3 : to bring about as a result  
Synonyms  
[1] close, end, finish, round, terminate, wind up, wrap up—more at CLOSE  
[2a] deduce, extrapolate, gather, infer, judge, reason, understand—more at INFER  
[2b] choose, decide, determine, figure, opt, resolve—more at DECIDE

conclusion /ˈkɑnˌkljuːzən/ noun  
1 : the logical consequence of a reasoning process  
2 : the last part of anything : END  
3 : a final decision or settlement : OUTCOME, RESULT  
Synonyms  
[1, 3] aftermath, consequence, corollary, development, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequence, upshot—more at EFFECT  
[2] close, consummation, end, ending, finale, finis, finish, windup—more at FINALE
con·clu·sive /ˌsɪlv/ adjective
⇒ : putting an end to debate or question esp. by reason of irrefutability
— con·clu·sive·ly adverb

Synonyms
⇒ absolute, clear, decisive, definitive; also incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, undeniable, unquestionable; unchallenged, uncontested, undisputed; unambiguous, unequivocal; certain, definite, positive, sure

Antonyms
⇒ inconclusive, indecisive, unclear

con·coco /ˈkəkˌkəkt, ˈkæn/ verb
1 : to prepare by combining raw materials
2 a : to formulate by thought
b : to put together usu. for the purposes of deception : DEVISE

Synonyms
⇒ contrive, cook, devise, fabricate, invent, make up, manufacture, think—more at INVENT

con·coction /ˌkəkˌshən/ noun
1 : something that is concocted (as a food or scheme)
2 : something that suggests origin by concoction (as by mingling of diverse elements)

Synonyms
⇒ coinage, contrivance, creation, innovation, invention, wrinkle—more at INVENTION

1con·comitant /ˈkənˌkəmənənt/ adjective
⇒ : accompanying esp. in a subordinate or incidental way

Synonyms
⇒ accompanying, attendant, attending, coincident, concurrent—more at COINCIDENT

2con·comitant noun
⇒ : something that accompanies or is collaterally connected with something else

con·cord /ˈkənd ˈkɔrd, ˈkæn/ noun
⇒ : a state of agreement : HARMONY

Synonyms
⇒ compatibility, harmony, peace—more at HARMONY

con·cor·dance /ˌkənˌkɔrdəns/ noun
1 : an alphabetical index of words in a book or in an author's works with the passages in which they occur
2 : AGREEMENT, COVENANT

con·cor·dant /ˈkərdənt/ adjective
⇒ : HARMONIOUS, AGREING

con·cor·dat /ˈkərədət/ noun
⇒ : CONCORDANCE 2

con·course /ˈkənˌkɔrs/ noun
1 : a spontaneous coming together : GATHERING
2 : an open space or hall (as in a bus terminal) where crowds gather

1con·crete /ˈkənˌkrēt, ˈkænˌkrēt/ adjective
1 : naming a real thing or class of things : not abstract
2 : not theoretical : ACTUAL
3 : made of or relating to concrete
4 : : formed by coalition of particles into one solid mass

Synonyms
⇒ [2] actual, existent, factual, real, true, very—more at ACTUAL
⇒ [4] material, physical, substantial—more at MATERIAL

2con·crete /ˈkənˌkrēt, ˈkænˌkrēt/ verb con·cret·ed; con·cret·ing
1 : to form into a solid mass : SOLIDIFY
2 : to cover with concrete

concrete /ˈkən krēt, kənˈkrēt/ noun
: a hard building material made by mixing cement, sand, and gravel with water

concretion /ˌkən krēt ʃən/ noun
: a hard mass esp. when formed abnormally in the body

concubine /ˌkən kyō ˈbin/ noun
: a woman who is not legally a wife but lives with a man and sometimes has a recognized position in his household; also: MISTRESS

—concubine /ˌkən kyō ˈba n/i/ noun

concupisence /ˌkən kyō ˈpus ə n/ noun
: ardent sexual desire: LUST

concur /kən kər/ verb con-curred, con-cur-ring
1 : to act together
2 : to express agreement: AGREE
3 : to happen together: COINCIDE

concurrency /ˈkər ə n s/ noun
1 : agreement in action or opinion
2 : occurrence together

Synonyms
accord, agreement, consensus, unanimity—more at AGREEMENT

concurrent /kən kər ə nt/ adjective
1 : happening or operating at the same time
2 : joint and equal in authority

Synonyms
coeval, contemporary, simultaneous, synchronous—more at CONTEMPORARY
attendant, coincident, concomitant—more at COINCIDENT

concussion /ˌkən kən sən/ noun
1 : a hard blow or collision; also: bodily injury (as to the brain) resulting from a sudden jar
2 : AGITATION, SHAKING

Synonyms
bump, collision, crash, impact, jar, jolt, shock, smash, strike, wallop—more at IMPACT

condemn /kən dem/ verb
1 : to declare to be wrong, reprehensible, or evil
2 : to pronounce guilty
3 : to sentence judicially
4 : to pronounce unfit for use or consumption (<- a building>)
5 : to declare forfeited or taken for public use
6 : to pronounce judgment on the faults of

condemnation /ˌkən dem ˈna ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
[1] censure, damn, decry, denounce, reprehend, reprobate; also: attack, blast, criticize, knock, pan, slam; belittle, deprecate, disparage; doom, sentence; convict; blacklist, excommunicate, ostracize; rebuke, reprimand, reproach; admonish, chide, reprove; lambaste, scold, upbraid

Antonyms
bless
[3] damn, doom, sentence—more at SENTENCE
[4] censure, denounce, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprove—more at CENSURE
[6] blame, censure, criticize, denounce, fault, knock, pan, reprehend—more at CRITICIZE

condensate /ˌkən den sət, kənˈden/ noun
: a product of condensation
con·den·sa·tion /kənˈdenˌsāUSH.n/ noun
1 ▶: the act or process of condensing
2 ▶: abridgment and usu. compression of a literary work
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] compression, constriction, contraction—more at COMPRESSION
   ▶ [2] abbreviation, digest

con·dense /kənˈdens/ verb con·densed; con·dens·ing
1 ▶: to make or become more compact or dense : compress or concentrate into a smaller scope or volume
2 ▶: to change from vapor to liquid
   Synonyms
   ▶ compact, compress, constrict, contract, squeeze—more at COMPRESS

condensed adjective
: reduced to a more compact form

con·dens·er /kənˈden.sər/ noun
1 : one that condenses
2 : CAPACITOR

con·de·scend /kənˈdiˌsенд/ verb
1 : to descend to a less formal or dignified level
2 : to assume an air of superiority
   — con·de·scend·ing·ly /ˌsenˈdiŋˌlē/ adverb
   — con·de·scen·sion /ˌsen.chən/ noun

con·dign /kənˈdɪn, kənˈdɪn/ adjective
: DESERVED, APPROPRIATE <~ punishment>

con·di·ment /kənˈdi.ment/ noun
: something used to make food savory; especially : a pungent seasoning (as pepper)

1 condition /kənˈdi.ʃən/ noun
1 ▶: something essential to the occurrence of some other thing
2 ▶: state of being
3 : social status
4 plural : state of affairs : CIRCUMSTANCES
5 : a bodily state in which something is wrong <a heart ~> 6 ▶: a state of health, fitness, or working order <in good ~> 7 ▶: a restricting or modifying factor
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] essential, must, necessity, provision, proviso, qualification, requirement, stipulation
   ▶ [2, 6] estate, fettle, form, order, repair, shape, trim; also practice; kilter; pass, phase, stage
   ▶ [7] check, constraint, curb, fetter, limitation, restraint, restriction—more at RESTRICTION

2 condition verb
1 ▶: to put into proper condition for action or use
2 ▶: to adapt, modify, or mold to respond in a particular way
3 : to modify so that an act or response previously associated with one stimulus becomes associated with another
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] acclimate, accommodate, adapt, adjust, conform, fit, shape—more at ADAPT

con·di·tion·al /kənˈdiˌʃənəl/ adjective
▶: containing, implying, or depending on a condition
   — con·di·tion·al·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ contingent, dependent, subject—more at DEPENDENT

con·di·tioned adjective
: determined or established by conditioning
con·di·tion·er /ˈdiˌsha.ˌneɪr/ noun
: a preparation used to improve the condition of hair

con·do /ˈkæn_.dō/ noun
: CONDOMINIUM 3

con·dole /ˈkæn_.dōl/ verb con·dole·d; con·dol·ing
: to express sympathetic sorrow
— con·do·lence /ˈkæn_.dōl.əns/ noun

con·dom /ˈkæn_.dəm, ˈkæn_.dəm/ noun
: a usu. rubber sheath worn over the penis (as to prevent pregnancy or venereal infection during sexual intercourse)

con·do·min·i·um /ˌkæn_.daˌmi.nə.əm/ noun, plural -ums
1: joint sovereignty (as by two or more nations)
2: a politically dependent territory under condominium
3: individual ownership of a unit (as an apartment) in a multiunit structure; also: a unit so owned

con·done /ˈkæn_.dōn/ verb con·doned; con·don·ing
: to overlook or forgive esp. by treating (an offense) as harmless or trivial
— con·do·na·tion /ˈkæn_.dəˌneɪ.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
brush, disregard, excuse, gloss, ignore, pardon, pass over, shrug off, wink—more at EXCUSE

con·dor /ˈkæn_.dər_.dər/ noun
[origin: Sp cóndor, fr. Quechua (a So. American Indian language) kuntur]
: a very large American vulture of the high Andes; also: a related nearly extinct vulture of southern California

con·duce /ˈkæn_.dūs_.ˈdəs/ verb con·duced; con·duc·ing
: to lead or contribute to a particular result
— con·duc·tive adjective

1 conduct /ˈkæn_.(ˌ)dakt/ noun
1: the act, manner, or process of carrying on: MANAGEMENT, DIRECTION
2: a mode or standard of personal behavior esp. as based on moral principles: BEHAVIOR

Synonyms
[1] direct, guide, lead, marshal, pilot, route, show, steer, usher—more at LEAD
[2] administer, carry on, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise; also care (for), keep, mind, tend, watch; lead, pilot, steer; guard, protect, safeguard
[3] channel, direct, funnel, pipe, siphon—more at CHANNEL
[4] acquit, bear, behave, comport, demeanor, deport, quit—more at BEHAVE

2 conduct /ˈkæn_.dakt/ verb
1: to bring by or as if by leading: GUIDE
2: to direct or take part in the operation or management of: MANAGE, DIRECT
3: to convey in a channel
4: to cause (oneself) to act or behave in a particular and esp. in a controlled manner: BEHAVE

— con·duc·tion /ˈdakt.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
[1] direct, guide, lead, marshal, pilot, route, show, steer, usher—more at LEAD
[2] administer, carry on, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise; also care (for), keep, mind, tend, watch; lead, pilot, steer; guard, protect, safeguard
[3] channel, direct, funnel, pipe, siphon—more at CHANNEL
[4] acquit, bear, behave, comport, demeanor, deport, quit—more at BEHAVE

con·duc·tance /ˈkæn_.dakt.əns/ noun
: the readiness with which a conductor transmits an electric current

con·duc·tive /ˈkæn_.dakt.tɪv/ adjective
: having the power to conduct (as heat or electricity)
— con·duc·tiv·i·ty /ˈkæn_.dakt.ɪˈveɪ.ˈtɪ/ noun
con·duc·tor /ˈkenˌdək.tər/ noun
1 : one that conducts; especially : a material that permits an electric current to flow easily
2 : a collector of fares in a public conveyance
3 : the leader of a musical ensemble

con·duit /ˈkän.ˌdü.ət/ noun
1 ♦ : a natural or artificial channel through which something (as a fluid) is conveyed
2 : a tube or trough for protecting electric wires or cables
3 : a means of transmitting or distributing
   Synonyms
      ♦ channel, duct, leader, line, penstock, pipe, tube—more at PIPE
      ♦ aqueduct, canal, channel, flume, raceway, watercourse—more at CHANNEL

con·dy·le /ˈkänˌdil/ noun
: an articular prominence of a bone
— con·dy·lar /ˈda.ˌlər/ adjective

cone /ˈkōn/ noun
1 : the scaly fruit of trees of the pine family
2 : a solid figure formed by rotating a right triangle about one of its legs
3 : a solid figure that slopes evenly to a point from a usu. circular base
4 : any of the conical light-sensitive receptor cells of the retina that function in color vision
5 : something shaped like a cone

Con·es·to·ga wagon /kä́.né.ˈstō.gə/ noun
: a broad-wheeled covered wagon used esp. for transporting freight across the prairies

cone·ny /ˈkōnˌni/ noun, plural cone·ys
1 : RABBIT; also : its fur
2 : PIKA

conf abbreviation
1 conference
2 confidential

con·fab /ˈkänˌfæb, ˈkənˌfæb/ noun
: CONFabULATION 1

con·fab·u·la·tion /ˈkänˌfæb.əˈlə.ʃən/ noun
1 : CHAT; also : CONFERENCE
2 : a filling in of gaps in memory by fabrication

con·fec·tion /ˈkänˌfek.ʃən/ noun
: a fancy dish or sweet; also : CANDY

con·fec·tion·er /ˌkänˌfek.ʃər/ noun
: a maker of or dealer in confections

con·fec·tion·ery /ˌkänˌfek.ʃər.ə/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 : sweet foods
2 : a confectioner's place of business

Confed abbreviation
Confederate

con·fed·er·a·cy /ˈkänˌfəd.ər.əˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
1 ♦ : a league or compact for mutual support or common action : LEAGUE, ALLIANCE
2 cap : the 11 southern states that seceded from the U.S. in 1860 and 1861
   Synonyms
      ♦ alliance, bloc, coalition, combination, combine, confederation, federation, league, union; also cabal, conspiracy; cartel, syndicate, trust; faction, side, wing; association, group, organization; affiliation, cooperative, partnership
confederate /konˈfɛdərət/ adjective
1 : united in a league : ALLIED
2 cap : of or relating to the Confederacy

confederate noun
1 † : one that is associated with another as a helper
2 cap : an adherent of the Confederacy

confederate /ˈkɑːfədrət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to unite in a confederacy

con·fed·er·a·tion /kən ˈfɛdərə ʃən/ noun
1 † : an act of confederating : ALLIANCE
2 : LEAGUE

con·fer /kon ˈfɛr/ verb con·ferred; con·fer·ring
1 † : to give or grant from or as if from a position of superiority : BESTOW
2 † : to exchange views : CONSULT

con·fer·ee /kən ˈfɛr i/ noun

con·fer·ence /kən ˈfɜr əns/ noun
1 a † : an interchange of views
b † : a meeting for an exchange of views
2 : an association of athletic teams

con·fer·enc·ing /kən ˈfɜr ə n sɪŋ/ noun
: the holding of conferences esp. by means of electronic devices

con·fess /kən ˈfɛs/ verb
1 † : to tell or make known (as something wrong or damaging to oneself)
2 : to acknowledge one's sins to God or to a priest
3 : to receive the confession of (a penitent)

con·fessed·ly /kən ˈfɛsd ˈlɪ/ adverb
: by confession : ADMITTEDLY

con·fes·sion /kən ˈfɛʃən/ noun
1 † : an act of confessing (as in the sacrament of penance)
2 † : an acknowledgment of guilt
3 : a formal statement of religious beliefs
4 : a religious body having a common creed
— con·fes·sion·al adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1, 2] acknowledgment, admission, avowal, concession; also allowance; betrayal, disclosure, revelation; announcement, declaration, proclamation; contrition, regret, remorse, repentance
  con·fes·sion·al / kon·fe·shən·əl/ noun
  : a place where a priest hears confessions
  ▶ con·fes·sor / kon·fe·sar/ noun
  1 : one that confesses
  2 : a priest who hears confessions
  con·fet·ti / kon·fe·tē/ noun
  [origin: It, pl. of confetto sweetmeat, fr. ML confectum, fr. L, neut. of confectus, pp. of conficere to prepare]
  : bits of colored paper or ribbon for throwing (as at weddings)
  con·fi·dant / kon·fe·dant/ noun
  : one to whom secrets are confided
  con·fi·dante / kon·fe·dant/ noun
  : CONFIDANT; especially: one who is a woman
  con·fide / kon·fid/ verb con·fid·ed; con·fid·ing
  1 : to have or show faith: TRUST <~ in a friend>
  2 : to tell confidentially =~ a secret>
  3 : ENTRUST
  1 confidence / kon·fe·dans/ noun
  1 : faith or belief that one will act in a right, proper, or effective way: TRUST
  2 ▶ : a feeling or consciousness of one's powers or of reliance on one's circumstances: SELF-ASSURANCE
  3 ▶ : a state of trust or intimacy
  4 : a communication made in confidence: SECRET
  5 ▶ : the quality or state of being certain: CERTITUDE
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] assured, certain, clear, cocksure, doubtless, positive, sanguine, sure—more at CERTAIN
  ▶ [2] assured, secure, self-assured, self-confident; also hopeful, rosy, sanguine, upbeat; complacent, conceited, egoistic, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain, vainglorious; calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed
  Antonyms
  doubt, incertitude, uncertainty
  2 confidence adjective
  : of or relating to swindling by false promises <a ~ game>
  con·fi·dent / kan·fə·dent/ adjective
  1 ▶ : full of conviction: CERTAIN
  2 ▶ : having or showing assurance and self-reliance
  con·fi·dent·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] assured, certain, clear, cocksure, doubtless, positive, sanguine, sure—more at CERTAIN
  ▶ [2] assured, secure, self-assured, self-confident; also hopeful, rosy, sanguine, upbeat; complacent, conceited, egoistic, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain, vainglorious; calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed
  Antonyms
  diffident, insecure
con·fi·den·tial /kàn.fəˈden.shəl/ adjective
1 ♦: known only to a limited few: SECRET, PRIVATE
2 ♦: entrusted with confidences <~ clerk>
— con·fi·den·ti·ly /ˈden.shə.ə.lē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   † hushed, inside, intimate, private, secret—more at PRIVATE

con·fig·u·ra·tion /kän.ˈfi.gyəˈrā.ʃən/ noun
 nfs: relative arrangement of parts or elements: SHAPE
   Synonyms
   † arrangement, composition, design, form, format, layout, makeup, pattern, shape—more at COMPOSITION

con·fig·ure /kän.ˈfi.gər/ verb -ured; -ur·ing
 nfs: to set up for operation esp. in a particular way

con·fine /kän.ˈfīn/ verb con·fin·ed; con·fin·ing
1 ♦: to hold within a location; also: IMPRISON
2 ♦: to keep within limits <will ~ my remarks to one subject>
— con·fin·er noun
   Synonyms
   † [1] commit, immure, imprison, jail—more at IMPRISON
   † [2] check, circumscribe, control, curb, inhibit, limit, restrain, restrict

con·fine·ment noun
 nfs: an act of confining: the state of being confined
   Synonyms
   † captivity, imprisonment, incarceration, internment—more at INTERNMENT

con·fines /kän.ˈfīnz/ noun plural
 nfs: something (as borders or walls) that encloses: something that restrains
   Synonyms
   † boundary, ceiling, end, extent, limit, limitation, line, termination—more at LIMIT
   † border, boundary, circumference, compass, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge
     —more at BORDER

con·firm /kän.ˈfīrm/ verb
1 : to give approval to: RATIFY
2 : to make firm or firmer
3 : to administer the rite of confirmation to
4 ♦: to give new assurance of the validity of: VERIFY, CORROBORATE
   Synonyms
   † bear out, corroborate, substantiate, support, validate, verify, vindicate; also attest, authenticate, avouch, certify, testify (to), vouch (for), witness; guarantee, warrant; affirm, assert, aver, avow, profess
   Antonyms
   † disprove, rebut, refute

con·fir·ma·tion /kän.ˈfīr.məˈshən/ noun
1 : a religious ceremony admitting a person to full membership in a church or synagogue
2 ♦: an act of ratifying or corroborating; also: PROOF
   Synonyms
   † attestation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation, witness—more at PROOF

con·fir·ma·to·ry /ˌfər.məˈtər.i/ adjective
 nfs: serving to confirm
   Synonyms
   † corroborative—more at CORROBORATIVE

confirmed adjective
1 ♦: marked by long continuance and likely to persist
2 ▶ : fixed in habit and unlikely to change
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] deep-rooted, deep-seated, inveterate, settled—more at INVETERATE
   ▶ [2] chronic, habitual, inveterate—more at HABITUAL

confisicate /ˈkən.fɪs.əˈkeɪt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
[origin: L confisicare, fr. con- with + fiscus treasury]
: to take possession of by or as if by public authority

— con·fi·ca·tion /ˈkən.fɪs.əˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
— con·fi·ca·to·ry /ˈkən.fɪs.əˈkeɪ.ter.i/ adjective

confit /ˈkɒnfɪt/ noun
: a garnish of fruit or vegetables cooked in a seasoned liquid

con·fi·ga·tion /ˌkən.fɪˈɡeɪ.ʃən/ noun
▶ FIRE; especially : a large disastrous fire
   Synonyms
   ▶ fire, holocaust, inferno—more at FIRE

1 conflict /ˈkɑn.flikt/ noun
1 ▶ : prolonged fighting esp. with weapons : WAR
2 ▶ : a clash between hostile or opposing elements, ideas, or forces
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] battle, clash, combat, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scrimmage, scuffle, skirmish, struggle, war, warfare
   ▶ [2] battle, combat, confrontation, contest, duel, face-off, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST

2 conflict /ˈkɑn.flikt/ verb
▶ : to show opposition or irreconcilability : CLASH
   Synonyms
   ▶ clash, collide, jar—more at CLASH

con·flu·ence /ˈkɑn.fli.əns, ˈkɑn.flu.əns/ noun
1 ▶ : a coming together at one point
2 : the meeting or place of meeting of two or more streams
   — con·flu·ent /ˈkɑn.flu.ənt/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ conjunction, convergence, meeting—more at CONVERGENCE

con·flux /ˈkɑn.fleks/ noun
: CONFLUENCE

con·for·m /ˈkɑn.fɔr.m/ verb
1 a : to be similar or identical
   b ▶ : to be in agreement or harmony : AGREE
2 ▶ : to be obedient or compliant — usu. used with to; also : COMPLY
3 ▶ : to make like : shape to fit
   — con·for·mist /ˈfɔrməst/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1b] accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, comport, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally—more at CHECK
   ▶ usually conform to [2] comply, follow, mind, obey, observe—more at OBEY
   ▶ [3] acclimate, accommodate, adapt, adjust, condition, fit, shape—more at ADAPT

con·for·m·able adjective
1 ▶ : corresponding or consistent in form or character
2 ▶ : giving compliance or obedience
   Synonyms
   ▶ usually conformable to [1] compatible, congruous, consistent, consistent, consonant, correspondent, harmonious—more
con·form·ance /kənˌfȯrməns/ noun
: CONFORMANCE

con·for·ma·tion /kənˌfɔrˌmeɪʃən/ noun
: formation of something by appropriate arrangement of parts or elements : an assembling into a whole

Synonyms
arrangement, configuration, format, layout, setup

con·for·mi·ty /kənˌfɔrˌmiːti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : correspondence in form, manner, or character : HARMONY, AGREEMENT
2 : action in accordance with some specified standard or authority : COMPLIANCE, OBEDIENCE

Synonyms
[1] accord, agreement, consonance, harmony, tune; also assimilation, integration; oneness, solidarity, togetherness; affinity, empathy, sympathy
Antonyms
conflict, disagreement

con·found /kənˈfaʊnd, kənˈfɔnd/ verb
1 : to throw (a person) into confusion or perplexity
2 : to put to shame : CONFUSE

Synonyms
[1] addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE
[2] abash, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle—more at EMBARRASS

con·fra·ter·ni·ty /kənˈfrætərniːti/ noun
: a society devoted esp. to a religious or charitable cause

con·frere /kənˈfɾɛr/ noun
: COLLEAGUE, COMRADE

con·front /kənˈfɹont/ verb
1 a : to face esp. in challenge
b : to deal unflinchingly with ~ed the issue>
2 : to cause to face or meet

Synonyms
[1a, 1b] beard, brave, brazen, dare, defy, face—more at FACE

con·fron·ta·tion /kənˈfrɒntətiʃən/ noun
: the act of confronting : the state of being confronted

— con·fron·ta·tion·al /ˌkənˈfrɒntətənəl/ adjective

Synonyms
battle, combat, conflict, contest, duel, face-off, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST

Con·fu·cian /kənˈfjuːʃən/ adjective
: of or relating to the Chinese philosopher Confucius or his teachings

— Con·fu·cian·ism /ˌkənˈfjuːʃənəzəm/ noun

con·fuse /kənˈfjuːz/ verb con·fused; con·fus·ing
1 a : to make mentally unclear or uncertain
b : to disturb the composure of
2 : to mix up : JUMBLE
3 : to fail to make clear or distinct

— con·fus·ed·ly /ˌkənˈfjuːzdəli/ adverb

Synonyms
[1a] addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle; also stick, stump; abash, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, nonplus, rattle; agitate, bother, chagrin, discomfort, discompose, dismay, disquiet, distress, disturb, perturb, stun, unhinge, unsettle, upset; deceive, misguide, mislead
[1b] abash, confound, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle—more at EMBARRASS
[3] becloud, befog, blur, cloud, fog, muddy; also complicate, perplex; entangle, snarl, tangle; disorder, jumble, mess (up), mix (up)

Antonyms
clarify

confused adjective
1 ▶: being perplexed or disconcerted
2 ▶: being disordered or mixed up

Synonyms
[1] dizzy, stunned—more at DIZZY
[2] abashment, discomfiture, embarrassment, fluster, mortification; agitation, chagrin, discomfort, dismay, disquiet, distress, disturbance, perturbation, upset

con·fu·sion /ˈyuː.zhan/ noun
1 : an act or instance of confusing
2 ▶: the quality or state of being confused
3 ▶: a confused mass or mixture

Synonyms
[2] bafflement, bewilderment, distraction, muddle, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl; also abashment, discomfiture, embarrassment, fluster, mortification; agitation, chagrin, discomfort, dismay, disquiet, distress, disturbance, perturbation, upset

[3] chaos, disarray, disorder, disorganization, havoc, hell, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

con·fute /ˈkən.fyút/ verb con·fut·ed; con·fut·ing
▶: to overwhelm by argument : refute conclusively

— con·fu·ta·tion /ˌkən.fyú.təˈʃən/ noun

Synonyms
belie, disprove, rebut, refute—more at DISPROVE

con·ga /ˈkəŋ.ɡə/ noun
: a Cuban dance of African origin performed by a group usu. in single file

con·geal /ˈkəŋ.ɡəl/ verb
1 ▶: to change from a fluid to a solid state by or as if by cold : FREEZE
2 ▶: to make or become hard or thick

Synonyms
[1] clot, coagulate, gel, jell, set—more at COAGULATE
[1, 2] concrete, firm, freeze, harden, set, solidify—more at HARDEN

con·gee /ˈkəŋ.ɡə/ noun
: porridge made from rice

con·ge·ner /ˈkəŋ.ɡə.ner/ noun
: one related to another; especially : a plant or animal of the same taxonomic genus as another

— con·ge·ner·ic /ˈkəŋ.ɡə.ner.ɪk/ adjective

con·ge·nial /ˈkəŋ.ɡə.ni.əl/ adjective
1 ▶: having the same nature, disposition, or tastes : KINDRED
2 ▶: agreeably suited to one's nature, tastes, or outlook : AGREEABLE

— con·ge·ni·al·i·ty /ˌkəŋ.ɡə.ni.ˈa.lə.ti/ noun
— con·ge·nial·ly adverb
**Synonyms**

- [1] agreeable, amicable, compatible, harmonious, kindred, unanimous, united—more at [HARMONIOUS](#)
- [2] agreeable, delectable, delicious, delightful, dreamy, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying

**con·gen·i·tal /ˈkənˌjenətəl/ adjective**

: existing at or dating from birth

**con·ger eel /ˈkənˌger/ noun**

: a large edible marine eel of the Atlantic

**con·ge·ries /ˈkənˌjriəz/ noun, plural congeries**

: AGGREGATION, COLLECTION

**con·gest /ˈkənˌjest/ verb**

1 : to cause excessive fullness of the blood vessels of (as a lung)
2 : to obstruct by overcrowding
3 : to concentrate in a small or narrow space

- **con·ges·tion /ˈkənˌjestʃən/ noun**
- **con·ges·tive /ˈkənˌjestiv/ adjective**

**Synonyms**

- block, choke, clog, close, dam, jam, obstruct, plug, stop, stuff—more at CLOG

**congestive heart failure noun**

: heart failure in which the heart is unable to keep enough blood circulating in the tissues or is unable to pump out the blood returned to it by the veins

**conglomerate /ˈkənˈɡləmərət/ adjective**

[ORIGIN: L conglomerare to roll together, fr. com- together + glomerare to wind into a ball, fr. glomer-, glomus ball]

: made up of parts from various sources

**conglomerate /ˈkənˈɡləmaˌrē/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing**

: to gather into a mass : form a coherent whole

- **con·glom·er·a·tion /ˈkənˌɡləˌmeərəˈteiʃən/ noun**

**Synonyms**

- accumulate, collect, gather, heap, pile—more at COLLECT

**conglomerate /ˈkənˈɡləmərət/ noun**

1 : a mass formed of fragments from various sources; especially : a rock composed of fragments varying from pebbles to boulders held together by a cementing material
2 : a widely diversified corporation

**Con·go·lese /ˈkənˌɡōləs/ noun**

: a native or inhabitant of Congo

- **Congolese adjective**

**con·grat·u·late /ˈkənˌɡrətəˈlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing**

: to express sympathetic pleasure to on account of success or good fortune : FELICITATE

- **con·grat·u·la·ry /ˈkənˌɡrətəˈlərē/ adjective**

**con·grat·u·la·tion /ˈkənˌɡrətəˈlaʃən/ noun**

1 : the act of congratulating
2 : a congratulatory expression — usu. used in pl.

**con·gre·gate /ˈkənˌɡrəɡət/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing**


: to collect into a group or crowd : ASSEMBLE

**Synonyms**

- assemble, cluster, collect, concentrate, conglomerate, convene, forgather, gather, meet, rendezvous—more at ASSEMBLE
con·gre·ga·tion /ˌkän.griˈgāˌshan/ noun
1 : an assembly of persons met esp. for worship; also : a group that habitually so meets
2 : a religious community or order
3 : the act or an instance of congregating

Synonyms
assemblage, assembly, conference, convocation, gathering, meeting, muster—more at GATHERING

con·gre·ga·tion·al /ˌshəˌnal/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a congregation
2 cap : observing the faith and practice of certain Protestant churches which recognize the independence of each congregation in church matters

— con·gre·ga·tion·al·ism /ˌnaˌlīzəm/ noun, often cap
— con·gre·ga·tion·al·ist /ˈli스트/ noun, often cap

con·gress /ˌkän.gras/ noun
1 : an assembly esp. of delegates for discussion and usu. action on some question
2 : the body of senators and representatives constituting a nation's legislature

— con·gres·si·onal /ˌkän.ˈgrasˌəˌnal/ adjective

Synonyms
assembly, conference, convention, convocation, council, gathering, get-together, huddle, meeting, powwow, seminar—more at MEETING

con·gress·man /ˌkän.grasˌmən/ noun
: a member of a congress

con·gress·wom·an /ˌwom.əˌnən/ noun
: a woman who is a member of a congress

con·gru·ence /ˌkän.ˈgrüˌens, ˌkän.ˈgrü/ noun
: the quality of agreeing or coinciding : CONGRUITY
— con·gru·ent /ˌkän.ˈgrüˌənt, ˌkän.ˈgrü/ adjective

con·gru·en·cy /ˌsēˌnəˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
: CONGRUENCE

con·gru·ity /ˌkän.ˈɡrüˌəti/ noun, plural -ties
: correspondence between things

con·gru·ous /ˌkän.ˈgrüˌəs/ adjective
: being in agreement, harmony, or correspondence

Synonyms
balanced, consonant, harmonious—more at HARMONIOUS
compatible, conformable, consistent, consonant, correspondent, harmonious—more at CONSISTENT

con·ic /ˌkä.ˈnik/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a cone
2 : CONICAL

con·i·cal /ˌkä.ˈniˌkal/ adjective
: resembling a cone esp. in shape

co·ni·fer /ˌkəˌnaˌfer, ˌkō.ˈfər/ noun
: any of an order of shrubs or trees (as the pines) that usu. are evergreen and bear cones
— co·nifer·ous /ˌkō.ˈnifəˌrəs/ adjective

conj abbreviation
conjunction

con·jec·tur·al /ˌcheˌtərəl/ adjective
: of the nature of or involving or based on conjecture

Synonyms
hypothesical, speculative, theoretical—more at THEORETICAL

1 conjecture /kanˈjetʃər/ noun
1 •: a conclusion deduced by surmise or guesswork: GUESS, SURMISE
2 •: inference from defective or presumptive evidence

Synonyms
• [1, 2] guess, supposition, surmise; also hypothesis, theory, thesis; speculation; hunch, intuition; belief, faith

2 conjecture verb
•: to arrive at or deduce by conjecture: GUESS

Synonyms
• calculate, call, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE
• assume, guess, presume, speculate, suppose, surmise, suspect—more at GUESS

con·join /kanˈdʒoin/ verb
•: to join together

— con·joint /ˈkʌnˌdʒɔɪnt/ adjective

Synonyms
• associate, coalesce, combine, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, marry, unify, unite—more at UNITE

con·joint /ˈkʌnˌdʒɔɪnt/ adjective
•: related to, made up of, or carried on by two or more in combination

Synonyms
• collective, common, communal, concerted, joint, mutual, public, united—more at COLLECTIVE

con·ju·gal /kənˈdʒuɡəl/ adjective
•: of or relating to marriage: MATRIMONIAL

Synonyms
• connubial, marital, matrimonial, nuptial—more at MARITAL

1 conjugate /kənˈdʒuɡeɪt/ adjective
1 •: united esp. in pairs: COUPLED
2 •: of kindred origin and meaning <sing and song are ~> -con·ju·ga·tion /kənˈdʒuɡeɪʃən/ noun
1 •: an arrangement of the inflectional forms of a verb
2 •: the act of conjugating: the state of being conjugated

con·junct /kənˈdʒunkt/ adjective
•: joined, united

con·junc·ti·va /kənˈdʒunk tə və/ noun, plural -vas or -vae /ˌvē/ : the mucous membrane lining the inner surface of the eyelids and continuing over the forepart of the eyeball

con·junc·tive /kənˈdʒunktiv/ adjective
1 •: connective
2 •: conjunct
3 •: being or functioning like a conjunction
con·junc·ti·vi·tis /ˌkənˈɪŋk.tɪ.vɪˌtɪs/ noun
: inflammation of the conjunctiva

con·junc·ture /ˌkənˈɪŋk.tʃər/ noun
1 : CONJUNCTION, UNION
2 : JUNCTURE 3

con·jun·to /kənˈhjun.tə/ noun
: Mexican-American music influenced by the music of German immigrants to Texas

con·ju·ra·tion /ˌkənˈʒʊrə.ʃən/ noun
› a magic expression used in conjuring
   Synonyms
   bewitchment, charm, enchantment, incantation, spell—more at SPELL

con·jure /ˈkən.jər/ verb con·jured; con·jur·ing
1 : to implore earnestly or solemnly
2 : to practice magic; especially : to summon (as a devil) by sorcery
3 : to practice sleight of hand
4 a : to summon by or as if by invocation or incantation
   b : to affect or effect by or as if by magic
   Synonyms
   enchanter, magician, necromancer, sorcerer, voodoo, witch, wizard—more at MAGICIAN

con·jur·er or con·ju·ror /ˈkən.jər.ar/ noun
1 : one that practices magic arts : WIZARD
2 : one that performs feats of sleight of hand and illusion : MAGICIAN
   Synonyms
   enchanter, magician, necromancer, sorcerer, voodoo, witch, wizard—more at MAGICIAN

conk /kəŋk/ verb
› to become inoperative or ineffective : BREAK DOWN; especially : STALL <the motor ~ed out>
   Synonyms
   break, break down, crash, cut out, die, fail, stall—more at FAIL

Conn abbreviation
Connecticut

con·nect /kəˈnek/t/ verb
1 : to join or fasten together in a single relationship often by something intervening : JOIN, LINK
2 : to associate in one's mind
3 : to establish a communications connection <~ to the Internet>
   — con·nect·able adjective
   — con·nect·or noun
   Synonyms
   [1] chain, compound, couple, hitch, hook, join, link, yoke; also dovetail; concatenate, string; cement, coalesce, combine, fuse, unite
   Antonyms
   disconnect, disjoin, separate, unchain, uncouple, unhitch, unyoke
   [2] associate, correlate, identify, link, relate—more at ASSOCIATE

con·nec·tion /kəˈnek.ʃən/ noun
1 a : the act of connecting : a coming into or being put in contact : JUNCTION, UNION
   b : the state of being connected or linked
   c : the place where a connection occurs
2 : logical relationship; especially : relation of a word to other words in a sentence
3 : family relationship
4 : something that connects or the point of the connecting
5 : a person related by blood or marriage
6 : relationship in social affairs or in business
7 : a set or group of persons connected or associated together in a common interest; especially : a religious denomination
Synonyms

- [1a] combination, consolidation, coupling, junction, unification, union—more at UNION
- [1b] association, bearing, kinship, liaison, linkage, relation, relationship; also correlation, interrelation; pertinence, relevance; bond, link, tie; affiliation, alliance, union; likeness, resemblance, similarity
- [1c] coupling, joint, junction, juncture—more at JOINT
- [2] applicability, bearing, pertinence, relevance—more at PERTINENCE
- [6] affiliation, alliance, association, collaboration, confederation, cooperation, hookup, liaison, partnership, relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION

1 connective /kəˈnekтив/ adjective
: serving to connect

  — con·nect·i·ty /kəˈnekʃəlɪti/ noun

2 connective noun
: a word (as a conjunction) that connects words or word groups

connective tissue noun
: a tissue (as bone or cartilage) that forms a supporting framework for the body or its parts

con·nex·ion chiefly British variant of CONNECTION

con·ning tower /konˈniŋ tuːər/ noun
: a raised structure on the deck of a submarine

con·nip·tion /kəˈnipʃən/ noun
: a fit of rage, hysteria, or alarm

con·niv·ance noun
: knowledge of and active or passive consent to wrongdoing

  Synonyms
  
  — collusion, conspiracy—more at COLLUSION

con·nive /kəˈnɪv/ verb con·nived; con·niv·ing
[origin: F or L; F conniver, fr. L conivēre to close the eyes, connive]
1 : to pretend ignorance of something one ought to oppose as wrong
2 : to cooperate secretly; give secret aid

  — con·niv·er noun

con·nois·seur /kəˈnɒsər/ noun
: a critical judge in matters of art or taste

con·no·ta·tion /kəˈnoʊtəʃən/ noun
: a meaning in addition to or apart from the thing explicitly named or described by a word

con·no·ta·tive /kəˈnoʊtətiv, keˈnɒtətiv/ adjective
1 : connoting or tending to connote
2 : relating to connotation

con·note /kəˈnɔtt/ verb con·not·ed; con·not·ing
: to suggest or mean as a connotation

con·nu·bi·al /kəˈnəbiəl, -nəˈbɪəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the married state: CONJUGAL

  Synonyms
  
  — conjugal, marital, matrimonial, nuptial—more at MARITAL

con·quer /kənˈkær/ verb
1 : to gain by force of arms: WIN
2 : to get the better of: OVERCOME

  Synonyms
  
  — [1] prevail, triumph, win—more at WIN
  — [2] beat, crush, defeat, dominate, overcome, overpower, subdue, subject, vanquish
con·quer·or /ˈkərˌor/ noun
▷ one that conquers
  Synonyms
  ▷ master, victor, winner—more at VICTOR

con·quest /kənˈkwest, ˈkän/ noun
1 ▷ an act of conquering
2 ▷ something conquered
  Synonyms
  ▷ domination, subjection; also triumph, victory, winning; beating, defeat, drubbing, licking, trouncing; enslavement

con·quis·ta·dor /kənˈkwiːstaˌdɔr, ˈkänˌkwisˌtaˈdoɾ, kənˈkwisˌtoʊr/ noun, plural -do·res /ˌkəsˌteɪˈdɔr, ˈkwɪzˌtoʊr/ or -dors : CONQUEROR; especially : a leader in the Spanish conquest of the Americas in the 16th century

cos abbreviation
consonant

con·san·guin·i·ty /ˌkənˈsanˌgwənəˈti/ noun, plural -ties : blood relationship
  — con·san·guin·e·ous /ˌnəˈジəs/ adjective

con·science /kənˈsɛns/ noun
: consciousness of the moral right and wrong of one's own acts or motives
  — con·science·less adjective

con·sci·en·tious /ˌkənˈsɛnʃəs/ adjective
1 ▷ guided by one's own sense of right and wrong
2 ▷ marked by or done with exact or thoughtful attention
  — con·sci·en·tious·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▷ [1] ethical, honest, honorable, just, moral, principled, scrupulous; also good, righteous, upright, virtuous; dutiful, observant, respectful; overconscientious; reliable, trustworthy, trusty

Antonyms
  cutthroat, dishonest, dishonorable, immoral, unethical, unjust, unprincipled, unscrupulous
  ▷ [2] careful, fussy, meticulous, painstaking—more at PAINSTAKING

conscientious objector noun
: a person who refuses to serve in the armed forces or to bear arms on moral or religious grounds

1 conscious /ˈkənˌʃəs/ adjective
1 ▷ perceiving, apprehending, or noticing with a degree of controlled thought or observation : AWARE
2 ▷ known or felt by one's inner self
3 ▷ mentally awake or alert : not asleep or unconscious
4 ▷ INTENTIONAL
  — con·sci·ous·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▷ alive, aware, cognizant, mindful, sensible, sentient; also attentive, heedful, observant, regardful, vigilant, watchful

Antonyms
  insensible, unaware, unconscious, unmindful

2 conscious noun
: the upper level of mental life of which a person is aware : CONSCIOUSNESS

con·sci·ous·ly adverb
▷ in a conscious manner
  Synonyms
  ▷ deliberately, intentionally, knowingly, purposely, willfully—more at INTENTIONALLY

1 conscript /ˈkənˌskript/ verb
conscription /konˈskript/ noun
1: to enroll by compulsion for military or naval service
2: conscript /kənˈskript/ noun
: a conscripted person (as a military recruit)

con·script /ˈkənˌskrip/ verb -crat·ed; -crat·ing
[origin: ME, fr. L consecratus, pp. of consecrare, fr. com- together + sacrare to set aside as sacred, fr. sacer sacred]
1: to induct (as a bishop) into an office with a religious rite
2 : to make or declare sacred
3 : to devote solemnly to a purpose

Synonyms
- bless, hallow, sanctify—more at BLESS
- allocate, dedicate, devote, earmark, reserve, save—more at DEVOTE

con·se·crate /kənˈse.kræt/ noun
1: the act or ceremony of consecrating

Synonyms
- blessing, sanctification; also dedication

con·se·cra·tion /kənˈse.krəˈʃən/ noun
1: agreement in opinion, testimony, or belief
2 : collective opinion

Synonyms
- accord, agreement, concurrence, unanimity—more at AGREEMENT

1: consent /kənˈsent/ verb
: to give assent or approval

2: consent noun
1: approval or acceptance of something done or proposed by another

Synonyms
- allowance, authorization, clearance, concurrence, leave, license, permission, sanction, sufferance—more at PERMISSION

con·se·quence /kənˈsekwəns/ noun
1 : something produced by a cause or necessarily following from a set of conditions: RESULT
2 : importance with respect to power to produce an effect

Synonyms
- aftermath, conclusion, corollary, development, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequence, upshot—more at EFFECT
- import, magnitude, moment, significance, weight

con·se·quent /kənˈsɛkwənt/ adjective
1 : following as a result or effect

Synonyms
- attendant, consequential, due, resultant—more at RESULTANT

con·se·quent·ial /kənˈsɛkwəntəˈʃəl/ adjective
1 : having significant consequences: IMPORTANT
2 : showing self-importance
3: following as a result

**Synonyms**
- big, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty—more at IMPORTANT

**consequent-ly** /ˈkənˌsekwəntli/ *adverb*
- : as a result: ACCORDINGLY

**Synonyms**
- accordingly, ergo, hence, so, therefore, thus, wherefore—more at THEREFORE

**conser-vancy** /kənˈsɜrvənsi/ *noun, plural -cies*
- : an organization or area designated to conserve natural resources

**conser-vation** /kənˈsɜrvəʃən/ *noun*
- : a careful preservation and protection of something: PRESERVATION; especially: planned management of natural resources

**Synonyms**
- maintenance, preservation, upkeep—more at MAINTENANCE

**conser-vation-ist** /kənˈsɜrvəˈʃənist/ *noun*
- : a person who advocates conservation esp. of natural resources

**conser-vation-ism** /kənˈsɜrvəˈʃənim/ *noun*
- : disposition to keep to established ways: opposition to change

1. **conservative** /kənˈsɜrvətiv/ *adjective*
   1: PRESERVATIVE
   2: disposed to maintain existing views, conditions, or institutions
   3: MODERATE, CAUTIOUS
   4: marked by or relating to traditional norms of taste, elegance, style, or manners
   — **conservative-ly** *adverb*

**Synonyms**
- [2] old-fashioned, orthodox, reactionary, traditional; also conventional; faithful, loyal, steadfast, true-blue

**Antonyms**
- liberal, nonorthodox, nontraditional, progressive, unorthodox
- [4] muted, quiet, restrained, subdued, unpretentious—more at QUIET

2. **conservative** *noun*
- : a person who is conservative esp. in politics

**conser-vator** /kənˈsɜrvətər, kənˈsɜrvətər/ *noun*
1: PROTECTOR, GUARDIAN
2: one named by a court to protect the interests of an incompetent (as a child)

**conser-vatory** /kənˈsɜrvətɔrē/ *noun, plural -ories*
1: a greenhouse for growing or displaying plants
2: a place of instruction in one of the fine arts (as music)

1. **conserve** /kənˈsɜrv/ *verb conserved; conserving*
- : to keep from losing or wasting: preserve in a sound state

**Synonyms**
- keep up, maintain, preserve, save—more at MAINTAIN

2. **conserve** /kənˈsɜrv/ *noun*
1: CONFECTION; especially: a candied fruit
2: PRESERVE; especially: one prepared from a mixture of fruits

**con-sid-er** /kənˈsidər/ *verb*
1: to reflect on: think about with a degree of care or caution
2: to be of the opinion: REGARD
3 • to think of : come to view, judge, or classify
— **considered** adjective
  - Synonyms
    - [1] chew over, cogitate, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at **ponder**
    - [2, 3] account, call, count, esteem, hold, rate, reckon, regard, take; also believe, feel, sense, think; conceive, fancy, imagine

**considerable** /ˈsi.dər.ə.bl/ adjective
1 • worthy of consideration : of consequence or distinction
2 • large in extent, amount, or degree
  - Synonyms
    - good, goodly, healthy, respectable, significant, sizable, substantial, tidy; also big, colossal, enormous, gigantic, great, huge, immense, mammoth
  - Antonyms
    - inconsiderable, insignificant, insubstantial

**considerably** /ˈbli/ adverb
• to a notable extent or degree
  - Synonyms
    - broadly, greatly, hugely, largely, massively, monstrously, much, sizably, stupendously, tremendously, utterly, vastly—more at **greatly**

**considerate** /ˈkən.si.de rat/ adjective
1 • observant of the rights and feelings of others
2 • marked by or given to careful consideration
  - Synonyms
    - [1] attentive, kind, solicitous, thoughtful—more at **thoughtful**
    - [2] alert, careful, cautious, circumspect, gingerly, guarded, heedful, safe, wary—more at **careful**

**consideration** /ˈkən.si.de ra šən/ noun
1 • careful thought : **deliberation**
2 • a matter taken into account
3 • thoughtful attention
4 • **judgment, opinion**
5 • something given as recompense
  - Synonyms
    - [1] debate, deliberation, thought; also cogitation, contemplation, meditation, pondering, rumination; introspection, reflection; agonizing, hesitation, indecision
    - [5] compensation, pay, payment, recompense, remittance, remuneration, requital—more at **payment**

**considering** preposition
• in view of : taking into account

**consign** /kən.ˈsīn/ verb
1 • to give over to another's charge, custody, or care : **entrust, commit**
2 • to deliver formally
3 • to send (goods) to an agent for sale
  — **consignee** /kən.ˈsīn.ē/ noun
  — **consignor** /kən.ˈsīn.ər/ noun
  - Synonyms
    - commend, commit, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest—more at **give**

**consignment** /kən.ˈsīn.mənt/ noun
• something consigned esp. in a single shipment

**consist** /kən.ˈsist/ verb
1 • to be inherent : **lie** — usu. used with in
2 • to be composed or made up — usu. used with of
con·sis·tence /kənˈsɪs.təns/ noun
   : CONSISTENCY
con·sis·ten·cy /ˌkənˌsɪs.tən.ti/ noun, plural -cies
  1 : COHESIVENESS, FIRMNESS
  2 : agreement or harmony in parts or of different things
  3 : UNIFORMITY <~ of behavior>
  4 : degree of firmness, density, viscosity, or resistance to movement or separation of constituent particles
     Synonyms
     ➔ thickness, viscosity; also compactness, firmness, solidity
con·sis·tent /ˈkən.sɪ.tənt/ adjective
  ➔ marked by agreement
     Synonyms
     ➔ compatible, conformable, congruous, consonant, correspondent, harmonious; also appropriate, fitting, meet, suitable
     Antonyms
     ➔ conflicting, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, inharmonious
con·sis·tent·ly adverb
  : in a consistent manner
con·sis·to·ry /ˌkənˌsɪs.to.rē/ noun, plural -ries
  : a solemn assembly (as of Roman Catholic cardinals)
consol abbreviation
  consolidated
con·so·la·tion /ˌkɑn.səˈle.ʃən/ noun
  ➔ the act or an instance of consoling : the state of being consoled
     Synonyms
     ➔ cheer, comfort, relief, solace—more at COMFORT
     ➔ comforting, solace; also commiseration, condolence, sympathy; counseling
consol noun
[ORIGIN: F]
  1 : the desklike part of an organ at which the organist sits
  2 : the combination of displays and controls of a device or system
  3 : a cabinet for a radio or television set resting directly on the floor
  4 : a small storage cabinet between bucket seats in an automobile
2console /ˈkɑn.səl/ verb consoled; con·sol·ing
  ➔ to soothe the grief of : COMFORT, SOLACE
     — con·so·la·to·ry /ˌkɑn.sə.lə.tərē/ˈsərē/ adjective
     Synonyms
     ➔ assure, cheer, comfort, reassure, solace, soothe—more at COMFORT
consol·i·date /ˌkɑn.səl.iˈdeɪt/ verb con·sol·i·dat·ed; con·sol·i·dat·ing
  ➔ to unite or become united into one whole : COMBINE
  ➔ to make stronger or more secure
  ➔ to form into a compact mass
     Synonyms
     ➔ [1, 3] center, centralize, combine, compact, concentrate, unify, unite—more at CENTRALIZE
consol·i·da·tion /ˌkɑn.səl.iˈdeɪʃən/ noun
  ➔ the act or process of consolidating : the state of being consolidated
     Synonyms
     ➔ combination, connection, coupling, junction, unification, union—more at UNION
consom·mé /ˌkɑnˌsəm.mə/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
con·so·nance /ˈkɑn.sə.nəns/ noun  
1: harmony or agreement among components  
2: repetition of consonants esp. as an alternative to rhyme in verse

Synonyms  
- balance, coherence, harmony, proportion, symmetry, symphony, unity—more at HARMONY

con·sonant /ˈkɑn.nənt/ adjective  
1: having consonance, harmony, or agreement

— con·so·nant·ly adverb

Synonyms  
- compatible, conformable, congruous, consistent, correspondent, harmonious—more at CONSISTENT

cosonant noun  
1: a speech sound (as p, g, n, l, s, r) characterized by constriction or closure at one or more points in the breath channel
2: a letter other than a, e, i, o, and u

— con·so·nan·tal /ˈkɑn.sə.nənt.əl/ adjective

con·sort /ˈkɑn.sərt/ noun  
1: a ship accompanying another
2: a wife or husband: SPOUSE, MATE

— con·sort·al /ˈkɑn.sərt.əl/ adjective

con·sort noun  
1: to spend time in the company of
2: ACCORD, HARMONIZE

Synonyms  
- associate, chum, fraternize, hang around, hobnob, pal—more at ASSOCIATE

con·spec·tus /ˈkɑn.spɛktəs/ noun  
1: a brief survey or summary
2: SUMMARY

con·spic·u·ous /ˈkɑn.spɪkəs/ adjective  
1: obvious to the eye or mind: PROMINENT
2: attracting attention: STRIKING
3: marked by a noticeable violation of good taste

— con·spic·u·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms  
- [1, 2] bold, catchy, emphatic, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, striking—more at NOTICEABLE
- [3] blatant, egregious, flagrant, glaring, gross, obvious, patent, prominent, pronounced, rank, striking—more at EGERGIOUS

con·spir·a·cy /ˈkɑn.spɪr.ə.sē/ noun, plural -cies  
1: an agreement among conspirators: PLOT
2: a group of conspirators

Synonyms  
- [1] design, intrigue, machination, plot, scheme—more at PLOT
- [2] cabal, gang, mob, ring, syndicate—more at RING

con·spir·a·tor /ˈkɑn.spɪr.ə.tər/ noun  
: one that conspires

— con·spir·a·to·ri·al /ˌkɑn.spɪr.ə.tɔr.i.əl/ adjective
conspire /ˈkonspər/ verb conspired; conspir-ing
[origin: ME, fr. MF consiprer, fr. L conspirare to be in harmony, conspire, fr. com- with + spirare to breathe]
▷ to plan secretly an unlawful act: PLOT
  Synonyms
  ▷ contrive, intrigue, machinate, plot, scheme—more at PLOT
  const abbreviation
  1 constant
  2 constitution; constitutional
constable /ˈkɒnstəbəl/ noun
[origin: ME conestable, fr. OF, fr. LL comes stabuli, lit., officer of the stable]
▷ a public officer responsible for keeping the peace
  Synonyms
  ▷ cop, officer, police officer—more at OFFICER
constabulary /ˈkɒnstəbələrɪ/ noun, plural -lar·ies
  1 : the police of a particular district or country
  2 : a police force organized like the military
constancy /ˈkɒnstənsi/ noun, plural -cies
  1 ▷ firmness of mind
  2 ▷: a state of being constant or unchanging
  Synonyms
  ▷ [1] allegiance, dedication, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fastness, fealty, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness—more at FIDELITY
  ▷ [2] fixedness, immutability, stability, steadiness; also consistency, regularity, sameness, uniformity; durability, permanence
  Antonyms
  ▷ instability, mutability, unsteadiness, variability
constant /ˈkɒnstənt/ adjective
  1 ▷: marked by firm steadfast resolution or faithfulness: STEADFAST, FAITHFUL
  2 ▷: fixed and invariable: remaining unchanged: UNCHANGING
  3 ▷: continually recurring: REGULAR
  Synonyms
  ▷ [1] devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true, true-blue—more at FAITHFUL
  ▷ [2] stable, stationary, steady, unchanging, unvarying; also fast, fixed, hard-and-fast, immutable, inflexible, invariable, unalterable, unchangeable; established, set, settled; durable, enduring, lasting, permanent
  Antonyms
  ▷ changeful, changing, fluctuating, inconstant, varying, unstable, unsteady
  ▷ [3] frequent, habitual, periodic, regular, repeated, steady
constantly adverb
▷ with regular occurrence
  Synonyms
  ▷ continually, frequently, often, repeatedly—more at OFTEN
  ▷ always, continually, ever, forever, incessantly, invariably, perpetually, unfailingly—more at ALWAYS
constant noun
▷ something unchanging
constellation /ˈkɒnstəleɪʃən/ noun
▷ any of 88 groups of stars forming patterns
consterna-tion /ˈkɒnstərəneɪʃən/ noun
▷ amazement or dismay that hinders or throws into confusion
constipation /ˈkɒnstəpeɪʃən/ noun
▷ abnormally difficult or infrequent bowel movements
— con·sti·pate /kənˈsti pət/ verb

con·stit·u·en·cy /kənˈsti chə wən sē/ noun, plural -cies
: a body of constituents; also : an electoral district

1 constituent /ˈkwənstənt/ noun
1 : a person entitled to vote for a representative for a district
2 : a component part
   Synonyms
   component, element, factor, ingredient, member—more at ELEMENT

2 constituent adjective
1 : COMPONENT
2 : having power to create a government or frame or amend a constitution

con·sti·tute /kənˈsti,tət/ verb -tut·ed; -tut·ing
1 : to appoint to an office or duty
2 : to set up : ESTABLISH
3 : to make up (the element or elements of which a thing, person, or idea is made up) : COMPOSE
   Synonyms
   [1] appoint, assign, attach, commission, designate, detail, name—more at APPOINT
   [2] establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND
   [3] compose, comprise, form, make up; also embody, incorporate, integrate; complement, complete, supplement; fill out, flesh (out)

con·sti·tu·tion /kənˈsti.tju ʃən/ noun
1 : an established law or custom
2 : the physical makeup of the individual
3 : the structure, composition, or makeup of something <~ of the sun>
4 : the basic law in a politically organized body; also : a document containing such law
   Synonyms
   [2] build, figure, form, frame, physique, shape—more at PHYSIQUE
   [3] character, complexion, genius, nature, personality, tone—more at NATURE

1 constitutional /ˌkwə nəˈnal/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the constitution of body or mind
2 : being in accord with the constitution of a state or society; also : of or relating to such a constitution

2 constitutional noun
: an exercise (as a walk) taken for one's health

con·sti·tu·tion·al·i·ty /ˌkwə nəˈnal ə ti/ noun
: the quality or state of being constitutional

con·sti·tu·tion·al·ly adverb
: with respect to mental or spiritual makeup : with respect to bodily makeup
   Synonyms
   inherently, innately, intrinsically, naturally—more at NATURALLY

con·sti·tu·tive /kənˈsti,tə tiv/ adjective
1 : CONSTRUCTIVE
2 : CONSTITUENT, ESSENTIAL

constr abbreviation
construction

con·strain /kənˈstræn/ verb
1 : to force by imposed stricture, restriction, or limitation : COMPEL
2 : CONFINE
3 : to withhold or restrain by force
Synonyms
- [1] coerce, compel, drive, force, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE
- [3] bridle, check, contain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame—more at CONTROL

constrain /ˈkɑːn.striːn/ noun
1 a : the state of being checked, restricted, or compelled to avoid or perform some action : COMPULSION
   b : the act or action of using force or threat of force to prevent or condition an action
   c : a constraining condition, agency, or force : RESTRAINT
2 : repression of one's natural feelings
   Synonyms
   - [1b] coercion, compulsion, duress, force, pressure—more at FORCE
   - [1c] check, condition, curb, fetter, limitation, restraint, restriction—more at RESTRICTION
   - [2] reserve, restraint, self-control—more at RESERVE

constrict /kan.ˈstrɪkt/ verb
1 : to draw together : SQUEEZE
2 : to become constricted
   - constrict-ion /ˈstrɪk�.ʃən/ noun
   - constrictive /ˈstrɪktɪv/ adjective
   Synonyms
   - [1, 2] compact, compress, condense, contract, squeeze—more at COMPRESS

constric-tion /ˈstrɪkশেন/ noun
: the act or product of constricting
   Synonyms
   - compression, condensation, contraction—more at COMPRESSION

constric-tor /ˈstrɪkтяর/ noun
: a snake that coils around and compresses its prey

construct /kan.ˈstrʌkt/ verb
1 : to make or form by combining or arranging parts or elements : BUILD, MAKE
2 : to analyze the mutual relations of words in a sentence; also : TRANSLATE
   - construc-tion /ˈstrʌkশেন/ noun
   : the art, process, or manner of building
   - construc-tive /ˈstrʌktɪv/ adjective
   : of or relating to construction or creation
   - construe /kan.ˈstruː/ verb con-strued; con-stru-ing
   1 : to analyze the mutual relations of words in a sentence; also : TRANSLATE
   2 : to understand or explain the sense or intention of usu. in a particular way or with respect to a given set of circumstances : EXPLAIN, INTERPRET
   - construc-tion-ist /ˈsha.ˌnist/ noun
   : a person who construes a legal document (as the U.S. Constitution) in a specific way <a strict ~>
   - construc-tive /ˈstrʌktɪv/ adjective

con-sub-stant-i-a-tion /kən.ˈsʌb.ˈstan.chə.ˈteɪʃən/ noun
: the actual substantial presence and combination of the body and blood of Christ with the eucharistic bread and wine

*con·sul* /kan_\_sal/ noun
1: a chief magistrate of the Roman republic
2: an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country to care for the commercial interests of the appointing government's citizens
   — *con·sul·ar* /sa_\_lar/ adjective
   — *con·sul·ate* /lat/ noun
   — *con·sul·ship* noun

*con·sult* /kan_\_salt/ verb
1: to ask the advice or opinion of
2: to deliberate together: CONFER
   — *con·sul·ta·tion* /kan_\_sal\_ta_\_shan/ noun
   ▪ *Synonyms*
   ▪ advise, confer, counsel, parley, powwow, treat—more at CONFER

*con·sul·tant* /\_\_\_\_nt/ noun
: one who gives professional advice or services

*con·sume* /kan_\_sum/ verb *con·sumed; con·sum·ing*
1: to do away with completely <consumed by fire>
2 a: to spend wastefully
   b: to use up
3: to eat up: DEVOUR
4: to absorb the attention of: ENGROSS
   — *con·sum·able* adjective
   — *con·sum·er* noun
   ▪ *Synonyms*
   ▪ clean, deplete, drain, exhaust, expend, spend, use up—more at DEPLETE

*con·sum·er·ism* /kan_\_sü_\_me_\_ri_\_zam/ noun
: the promotion of consumers' interests (as against false advertising)

*consumer price index* noun
: an index measuring the change in the cost of widely purchased goods and services from the cost in some base period

1*consummate* /kan_\_sa_\_mat, kan_\_sa/ adjective
1: complete in every detail: PERFECT
2: extremely skilled and accomplished
3: of the highest degree
   ▪ *Synonyms*
   ▪ [2] accomplished, adept, crack, crackerjack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, masterly, proficient, skilled, skillful, virtuoso—more at PROFICIENT
   ▪ [3] maximum, most, nth, paramount, supreme, top, ultimate, utmost—more at ULTIMATE

2*consummate* /kan_\_sa_\_mät/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
: to make complete: FINISH
   ▪ *Synonyms*
   ▪ complete, finalize, finish, perfect—more at FINISH

*con·sum·ma·tion* /kan_\_sa_\_mə_\_shən/ noun
: the ultimate end
   ▪ *Synonyms*
   ▪ close, conclusion, end, ending, finale, finis, finish, windup—more at FINALE
   ▪ accomplishment, achievement, actuality, attainment, fruition, fulfillment, realization—more at FRUITION

*con·sump·tion* /kan_\_sam_\_pə_\_shən/ noun
1: progressive bodily wasting away; also: TUBERCULOSIS
2: the act of consuming or using up
3: the use of economic goods

1 consumptive /ˌsəmpəˈtiv/ adjective
1: tending to consume
2: relating to or affected with consumption

2 consumptive noun
: a person who has consumption

cont abbreviation
1 containing
2 contents
3 continent; continental
4 continued
5 control

1 contact /ˈkɑntækt/ noun
1: a touching or meeting of bodies
2: association or relationship (as in physical or mental or business or social meeting or communication):

connection
3: a person serving as a go-between or source of information
4: CONTACT LENS

2 contact verb
1: to come or bring into contact: TOUCH
2: to get in communication with

contact lens noun
: a thin lens fitting over the cornea usu. to correct vision

contagion /kenˈtæʒən/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L contagio, fr. contingere to have contact with, pollute, fr. com together + tangere to touch]
1: a contagious disease; also: the transmission of such a disease
2: a disease-producing agent (as a virus)
3: transmission of an influence on the mind or emotions

contagious /ˈkæŋjəs/ adjective
1 †: able to be passed by contact between individuals <colds are ↔ disease>; also: capable of passing on a contagious disease
2 †: communicated or transmitted like a contagious disease; especially: exciting similar emotion or conduct in others

Synonyms
† [1] catching, communicable, transmittable; also infectious, infective
† [2] catching, infectious; also irresistible, overpowering, overwhelming; fetching, inviting, winning

contain /ˈkænˌteɪn/ verb
1 †: to keep within limits: hold back or hold down
2: to have within: HOLD
3 †: to consist of wholly or in part: COMPRISE, INCLUDE
— containable /ˌtæˌnəbəl/ adjective
— containment noun

Synonyms
† [1] bridle, check, constrain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame—more at CONTROL
† [3] carry, comprehend, comprise, embrace, encompass, entail, include, involve, number, take in—more at INCLUDE

contain-er /ˈkænˌtənər/ noun
†: a receptacle (as a box or jar) for holding goods; especially: one for shipment of goods

Synonyms
holder, receptacle, vessel; also cartridge; bin, box, carton, case, crate; bag, pocket, sack; cooler, warmer

contaminate /kan.ˈtə.mə.nət/ noun
  • something that contaminates
    Synonyms
      • adulterant, defilement, impurity, pollutant—more at impurity

contaminate /kan.ˈtə.mə.nət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
  • to soil, stain, or infect by contact or association

con·tam·i·nation /ˌkən.təˈme.ʃən/ noun
  • Synonyms
    • befoul, defile, foul, poison, pollute, taint; also infect; besmirch, dirty, soil, sully; corrupt, rot, spoil; adulterate, doctor; dilute, water (down)
  • Antonyms
    decontaminate, purify

contd abbreviation
  continued

con·temn /kən.ˈtem/ verb
  • to view or treat with contempt: DESPISE

con·tem·plate /kən.ˈtem.plət/ verb -plat·ed; -plat·ing
  [origin: L contemplari, fr. com- with + templum space marked out for observation of auguries]
  1 • to view or consider with continued attention
  2 • to view as contingent or probable or as an end or intention: INTEND
    Synonyms
      • [1] chew over, cogitate, consider, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at ponder
      • [2] aim, aspire, design, intend, mean, meditate, plan, propose—more at intend

con·tem·pla·tion /ˌkən.təˈme.plə.ʃən/ noun
  • an act of considering with attention

con·tem·pla·tive /kən.ˈtem.plə.tiv, ˈkən.təˈme.plə/ adjective
  • marked by or given to contemplation
    Synonyms
      • meditative, melancholy, pensive, reflective, ruminant, thoughtful; also introspective, retrospective; earnest, serious, sober, somber; analytical, logical, rational; deliberate, purposeful
    Antonyms
      unreflective

con·tem·po·ra·ne·ous /kən.ˈtem.pərəˈnəs/ adjective
  • existing, occurring, or originating during the same time: CONTEMPORARY

1contemporary /kən.ˈtem.pərərē/ adjective
  1 • occurring or existing at the same time
  2 • marked by characteristics of the present period
    Synonyms
      • [1] coeval, concurrent, simultaneous, synchronous; also accompanying, attendant, attending, coincident, concomitant
      • [2] current, hot, mod, modern, new, newfangled, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern, up-to-date—more at modern

2contemporary noun
  • one of the same or nearly the same age as another

con·tempt /kən.ˈtempt/ noun
  1 • the act of despising: the state of mind of one who despises
  2 • the state of being despised
  3 • disobedience to or open disrespect of a court or legislature
Synonyms
-despite, disdain, scorn; also abhorrence, abomination, execration, hate, hatred, loathing; cattiness, hatefulness, malevolence, malice, malignancy, malignity, meanness, spite, spitefulness; aversion, disgust, distaste, horror, odium, repugnance, revulsion, persecution; animosity, antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, enmity, grudge, hostility, jealousy, pique, resentment; bile, jaundice, rancor, spleen, venom, virulence, vitriol

Antonyms
-admiration, esteem, regard, respect

contemptible /konˈtemp.tə Bryce adjective
-deserving contempt: DESPICABLE
— contemptibly /blə/ adverb

Synonyms
-base, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at IGNORABLE
-despicable, lousy, nasty, pitiful, scabby, scurvy, sorry, wretched; also abhorrent, abominable, detestable, execrable, hateful, loathsome, odious; disgusting, repugnant, repulsive; disgraceful, dishonorable, shameful; base, ignoble, low, mean; shabby, sordid, squalid, vile; cowardly, craven, dastardly

Antonyms
-admirable

contemptuous /konˈtemp.tə wəs/ adjective
-manifesting, feeling, or expressing contempt
— contemptuously adverb

Synonyms
-degrading, derogatory, disdainful, scornful, uncomplimentary—more at DEROGATORY

contend /kənˈtend/ verb
1: to strive or vie in contest or rivalry or against difficulties — often used with with
2: to strive in debate: ARGUE
3: to affirm in or as if in argument: MAINTAIN, ASSERT

Synonyms
-[1] battle, compete, fight, race, vie—more at COMPETE
-usually contend with [1] cope, grapple, handle, manage, maneuver, negotiate, swing, treat—more at HANDLE
-[3] affirm, allege, argue, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM

contender noun
-one that contends

Synonyms
-applicant, aspirant, campaigner, candidate, hopeful, prospect, seeker—more at CANDIDATE
-challenger, competition, competitor, contestant, rival—more at COMPETITOR

content /kənˈtent/ adjective
-having desires limited to whatever one has: SATISFIED

Synonyms
-contented, happy, pleased, satisfied; also delighted, glad, joyful, joyous, jubilant; ecstatic, elated, enraptured, euphoric, overjoyed, rapturous, thrilled; appeased, mollified, pacified, placated

Antonyms
discontent, discontented, displeased, dissatisfied, malcontent, unhappy

content verb
-to appease the desires of: SATISFY; especially: to limit (oneself) in requirements or actions

Synonyms
delight, gladden, gratify, please, rejoice, satisfy, suit, warm—more at PLEASE

content noun
-the quality or state of being contented: CONTENTMENT

content /kənˈtent/ noun
1: something contained <~s of a room>
2 : subject matter or topics treated (as in a book)
3 : material (as text or music) offered by a Web site
4 : essential meaning or significance
5 : the amount of material contained
6 : the ability to hold, receive, or accommodate

**Synonyms**
- matter, motif, motive, question, subject, theme, topic—more at **MATTER**

**contented /ken_tént_ıd/ adjective**
- : easy in mind : satisfied esp. with one's lot in life
— **contentedly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- content, happy, pleased—more at **CONTENT**

**contentedness noun**
- : the quality or state of being contented

**Synonyms**
- content, contentment, gratification, happiness, pleasure, satisfaction

**contention /ken_tént_ı_ı̇n_ı̇n/ noun**
1 : **CONTEST**, **STRIFE**
2 : an idea or point for which a person argues

**Synonyms**
- argument, assertion, thesis; also hypothesis, theory; proposal, proposition; assumption, presupposition, supposition; position, stand

**contentious /ken_tént_ı̇s_ı̇s/ adjective**
- : exhibiting an often perverse and wearisome tendency to quarrels and disputes
— **contentiously** adverb

**Synonyms**
- argumentative, disputatious, quarrelsome, scrappy—more at **ARGUMENTATIVE**

**contentment /ken_tént_ı̇nt_ı̇n/ noun**
- : ease of mind : **SATISFACTION**

**Synonyms**
- delectation, delight, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, pleasure, relish, satisfaction—more at **PLEASURE**

**contemnous /kăn_ı̇r_ı̇n_ı̇n_ı̇s/ adjective**
- : having the same or a common boundary

**contentment**

1 **contest /ken_tést/ verb**
1 : to engage in a struggle or competition : **COMPETE**, **VIE**
2 : to make the subject of dispute, contention, or litigation : **CHALLENGE**, **DISPUTE**

**Synonyms**
- challenge, dispute, query, question—more at **CHALLENGE**

2 **contest /kăn_tést/ noun**
- : a struggle for superiority or victory

**Synonyms**
- bout, competition, event, game, match, meet, tournament—more at **GAME**
- battle, combat, conflict, confrontation, duel, face-off, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare; also showdown; contention, discord, friction, strife; controversy, debate, disagreement

**contestant /_ı̇nt_ı̇st/ noun**
- : one that participates in a contest

**Synonyms**
- challenger, competition, competitor, contender, rival—more at **COMPETITOR**

**contest /kăn_tést/ noun**
[origin: ME, fr. L contextus connection of words, coherence, fr. contextere to weave together]
: the parts of a discourse that surround a word or passage and help to explain its meaning; also: the circumstances surrounding an act or event
— con·tex·tu·al·ly adverb

con·ti·gu·i·ty /kən′ti-gə-ə-tē/ noun
  †: the quality or state of being contiguous

  Synonyms
  † closeness, immediacy, nearness, proximity—more at PROXIMITY

con·ti·gu·ous /kən′ti-gə-wu̇s/ adjective
  †: being in contact: TOUCHING; also: ADJOINING

  Synonyms
  † adjacent, adjoining, touching—more at ADJACENT

con·ti·nence /kən′tin-sən/ noun
  1: SELF-RESTRAINT; especially: a refraining from sexual intercourse
  2: the ability to retain urine or feces voluntarily

  1continent /kən′tin-ənt/ adjective
    : exercising continence

  2continent noun
  1: any of the great divisions of land on the globe
  2 cap: the continent of Europe

  1continental /kən′ti-tə-nəl/ adjective
  1: of or relating to a continent; especially often cap: of or relating to the continent of Europe
  2 often cap: of or relating to the colonies later forming the U.S.
  3: of or relating to cuisine based on classical European cooking

  2continental noun
  1 often cap: a soldier in the Continental army
  2: EUROPEAN

continental drift noun
  : a hypothetical slow movement of the continents over a fluid layer deep within the earth

continental shelf noun
  : a shallow submarine plain forming a border to a continent

continental slope noun
  : a usu. steep slope from a continental shelf to the ocean floor

con·tin·gen·cy /kən′tin-jən-sē/ noun, plural -cies
  : a chance or possible event

  Synonyms
  † case, event, eventuality, possibility—more at EVENT

  1contingent /in′tən/ adjective
  1: liable but not certain to happen: POSSIBLE
  2: happening by chance: not planned
  3: dependent on something that may or may not occur — used with on or upon

  Synonyms
  † usually contingent on or contingent upon conditional, dependent, subject—more at DEPENDENT

2contingent noun
  : a quota (as of troops) supplied from an area or group

con·tin·u·al /kən′tin-ə-wəl/ adjective
  1: continuing indefinitely in time without interruption: CONTINUOUS, UNBROKEN
  2: steadily recurring

  Synonyms
[1] ceaseless, continuous, incessant, unbroken, unceasing, uninterrupted—more at CONTINUOUS
[2] intermittent, periodic, recurrent

con·ti·nu·al·ly  adverb
▷ in a continual way : in an unceasing or regular way

Synonyms
always, constantly, ever, forever, incessantly, invariably, perpetually, unfailingly—more at ALWAYS

con·ti·nu·ance /'kənˌtənəns/ noun
1 : unbroken succession
2 : the extent of continuing : DURATION
3 : adjournment of legal proceedings

con·ti·nu·a·tion /'kənˌtənəˈʃən/ noun
1 ▷ extension or prolongation of a state or activity
2 : resumption after an interruption; also : something that carries on after a pause or break

Synonyms
duration, endurance, persistence, subsistence; also elongation, extension, lengthening, prolongation
Antonyms
ending, termination

con·ti·nu·ue /'kənˌtən.yoo/ verb -tin·ued; -tin·u·ing
1 : to maintain without interruption
2 : to remain in existence : ENDURE, LAST
3 : to remain in a place or condition
4 ▷ to resume (as a story) after an intermission
5 : EXTEND; also : to persist in
6 : to allow to remain
7 : to keep (a legal case) on the calendar or undecided

Synonyms
[2] abide, endure, hold, keep up, last, persist, run on; also linger, remain, stay, stick around, tarry
Antonyms
cease, desist, discontinue, quit, stop
[4] renew, reopen, restart, resume—more at RESUME

con·ti·nu·i·ty /'kənˌtən.iˈti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the state of being continuous
2 : something that has or provides continuity

con·ti·nu·ous /'kənˌtən.yəs/ adjective
▷ continuing without interruption
— con·ti·nu·ous·ly  adverb

Synonyms
ceaseless, continual, incessant, unbroken, unceasing, uninterrupted; also endless, eternal, everlasting,
interminable, perpetual, unending; constant, stable, steady, unchanging, unvarying
Antonyms
noncontinuous

con·ti·nu·um /'kənˌtən.yəm/ noun, plural -ua /'kənˌtən.ə/ also -u·ums
: something that is the same throughout or consists of a series of variations or of a sequence of things in regular order

con·tor·t /'kənˈtɔrt/ verb
▷ to twist out of shape

Synonyms
deform, distort, screw, warp; also deface, disfigure; wrench, wreathe, wind, wreathe

con·tor·tion /'kənˌtɔr.ən/ noun
▷ a twisting into abnormal or grotesque shape

Synonyms
deformation, distortion; also defacement, disfigurement

**con-tor·tion·ist** /kənˈtor.ʃəˌnist/ noun
: an acrobat able to twist the body into unusual postures

**con-tour** /kənˈtər/ noun
[origin: F, fr. It contorno fr. contornare to round off, fr. ML, to turn around, fr. L com- together + tornare to turn on a lathe, fr. tornus lathe]
1 : an outline esp. of a curving or irregular figure: OUTLINE
2 : SHAPE, FORM — often used in pl. <the ~s of a statue>

**Synonyms**
- figure, outline, silhouette—more at OUTLINE

**contr** abbreviation
contract; contraction

**con-tra-band** /kənˈtra.band/ noun
: goods legally prohibited in trade; also : smuggled goods

**con-tra·cep·tion** /kənˈtraˌsep.shən/ noun
: intentional prevention of conception and pregnancy
— **con-tra·cep·tive** /ˌsep.ti.v/ adjective or noun

1 **contract** /kənˈtrakt/ noun
1 : a binding agreement
2 : an undertaking to win a specified number of tricks in bridge
— **con-trac·tu·al** /kənˈtrak chuˈəl/ adjective
— **con-trac·tu·al·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- bond, covenant, guarantee, guaranty, surety, warranty—more at GUARANTEE

2 **contract** /kənˈtrakt/ 2 usu /kənˈtrakt/ verb
1 : to become affected with << a disease>
2 : to establish or undertake by contract
3 a : to reduce to smaller size by or as if by squeezing or forcing together : SHRINK, LESSEN; especially : to draw together esp. so as to shorten << a muscle>
b : to become reduced in size or volume
4 : to shorten (a word) by omitting letters or sounds in the middle
— **con-tract·ible** /kənˈtrak.ta.bəl, kənˈtraktə/ adjective
— **con-trac·tor** /kənˈtrak.tər, kənˈtraktə/ noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] catch, come down, get, sicken, take; also break out (with); die (from), succumb (to); fail, sink, weaken
- [3a, 3b] compress, condense, constrict, lessen, shrink; also collapse, deflate; dry (up), shrivel, wither; decrease, diminish, dwindle; recede, retreat, withdraw

**Antonyms**
- expand, swell

**con-trac·tile** /kənˈtraktəl/ adjective
: able to contract
— **con-trac·ti·ty** /kənˈtrak tə ti/ noun

**con-tra·tion** /kənˈtrak tion/ noun
: the action or process of contracting

**Synonyms**
- compression, condensation, constriction—more at COMPRESSION

**con-tra·dict** /kənˈtra dikt/ verb
: to assert the contrary of: deny the truth of

**Synonyms**
- deny, disallow, disavow, disclaim, gainsay, negate, negative, reject, repudiate—more at DENY
con·tra·dic·tion /ˌdik.ʃən/ noun
   : the act or an instance of contradicting
   Synonyms
   ▶ denial, disallowance, disavowal, disclaimer, negation, rejection, repudiation—more at DENIAL

con·tra·dic·to·ry /ˌdik.te.rē/ adjective
   : involving, causing, or constituting a contradiction
   Synonyms
   ▶ antipodal, antithetical, contrary, diametric, opposite, polar—more at OPPOSITE

con·tra·dis·tinc·tion /ˌkän.fra.dis.tən.shən/ noun
   : distinction by contrast

con·trail /ˌkän.trəl/ noun
   : a streak of condensed water vapor created by an airplane or rocket at high altitudes

con·tra·in·di·cate /ˌkän.trə.in.ˈdeɪ.kət/ verb
   : to make (a treatment or procedure) inadvisable
   — con·tra·in·di·ca·tion /ˌkän.trə.in.ˈdeɪ.ʃən/ noun

con·tral·to /ˌkän.trəlˈto/ noun, plural -tos
   : the lowest female voice; also: a singer having such a voice

con·trap·tion /ˌkän.trəp.ʃən/ noun
   : something devised or contrived: CONTRIVANCE
   Synonyms
   ▶ contrivance, gadget, gimmick, gizmo, jigger—more at GADGET

con·tra·pun·tal /ˌkän.trəˈpən.təl/ adjective
   : of or relating to counterpoint

con·tra·ri·ety /ˌkän.trə.ˈri.tē/ noun, plural -eties
   : the state of being contrary: DISAGREEMENT, INCONSISTENCY

con·trari·wise /ˌkän.trə.ˈrē.ˌwiz, kan.ˈtrər/ adverb
   1: on the contrary
   2: VICE VERSA

con·trary /ˌkän.trərē/ adjective
   1 ▶: opposite in nature or position
   2: COUNTER, OPPOSED
   3: UNFAVORABLE — used of wind or weather
   4 ▶: unwilling to accept control or advice
   — con·trari·ly /ˌtrərə.ˈlē, ˈtrər/-adverb
   — con·trary in is /ˌkän.trərē/ adv is like ad/ noun or adverb
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] antipodal, antithetical, contradictory, diametric, opposite, polar—more at OPPOSITE
      ▶ [4] defiant, disobedient, froward, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT

contrast /ˌkän.ˈtrast/ verb
   [origin: F contraster, fr. MF, to oppose, resist, fr. VL. *contrastare, fr. L contra- against + stare to stand]
   1: to show differences when compared
   2: to compare in such a way as to show differences

contrast /ˌkän.ˈtrast/ noun
   1: diversity of adjacent parts in color, emotion, tone, or brightness <the ~ of a photograph>
   2 ▶: unlikeness as shown when things are compared: DIFFERENCE
      Synonyms
      ▶ difference, disagreement, discrepancy, disparity, distinction, diversity, unlikeness—more at DIFFERENCE
contra·vene /kənˈtraˌvēn/ verb -vened; -ven·ing
1: to go or act contrary to <> a law>
2: CONTRADICT

con·tre·temps /kənˈtreˌtä̃/ noun, plural con·tre·temps /ˌtä̃ˌtät/ [ORIGIN: F]
: an inopportune or embarrassing occurrence

contrib abbreviation
contribution; contributor

con·trib·ute /kenˌtribyət/ verb -ut·ed; -ut·ing
1 ▶: to give along with others (as to a fund)
2: HELP, ASSIST
— con·trib·u·tor /kenˌtribyəˌtər/ noun
— con·trib·u·to·ry /ˌbyəˌtərē/ adjective

Synonyms
▶ bestow, chip in, donate, give, kick in, pitch in, present

con·tri·bu·tion /kənˌtriˌbyuʃən/ noun
1: the act of contributing
2 ▶: the thing contributed

Synonyms
▶ alms, benefaction, beneficence, charity, donation, philanthropy; also offering, tithe; bequest, endowment, legacy; aid, assistance, relief, welfare; grant, subsidy

con·trite /kənˈtri/ adjective
▶: feeling or showing sorrow and remorse for a sin or shortcoming: PENITENT, REPENTANT
— con·tri·tely adverb

Synonyms
▶ apologetic, penitent, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorry; also sad, grieving, mournful, sorrowful, woeful

Antonyms
impenitent, remorseless, unapologetic, unrepentant

con·tri·tion /kənˌtriˈʃən/ noun
▶: the state of being contrite

Synonyms
▶ guilt, penitence, remorse, repentance, self-reproach, shame—more at GUILT

con·triv·ance /kənˈtrivəns/ noun
1 ▶: a mechanical device; broadly: something contrived, invented, or devised
2: SCHEME, PLAN
3: the act or faculty of contriving: the state of being contrived

Synonyms
▶ contraption, creation, gadget, gimmick, gizmo, invention, jigger—more at GADGET

con·trive /kənˈtriv/ verb con·trived; con·triv·ing
1 ▶: to form or create in an artistic or ingenious manner: PLAN, DEVISE
2 ▶: to make devices: form plans, schemes, or designs
3: to bring about with difficulty

Synonyms
▶ [1] concoct, cook, devise, fabricate, invent, make up, manufacture, plan, think—more at INVENT
▶ [2] conspire, intrigue, machinate, plot, scheme—more at PLOT

con·trived /ˈtrɪvrd/ adjective
▶: lacking in natural or spontaneous quality

Synonyms
▶ affected, artificial, assumed, bogus, factitious, fake, false, feigned, mechanical, mock, phony, put-on, sham, spurious, unnatural—more at ARTIFICIAL
contriver noun
: one that contrives

control /ˈkɒntrəl/ verb controlled; controlling
[origin: ME countroylen to verify, fr. AF contrerouler, fr. counterroule copy of an account, audit, fr. ML contrarotulus, fr. L contra against + ML rotulus roll]
1 : to exercise restraining or directing influence over: REGULATE
2 : to have power over: RULE

Synonyms
➤ [1] bridle, check, constrain, contain, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame; also bottle (up), repress, suppress; arrest, interrupt, stop; block, hinder, impede, obstruct; gag, muzzle, silence
➤ [1] check, circumscribe, confine, curb, inhibit, limit, restrain, restrict—more at LIMIT
➤ [2] boss, captain, command, govern, preside, rule—more at GOVERN
➤ [2] administer, carry on, conduct, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT

control noun
1 : power to direct or regulate
2 : the condition of being restrained, checked, or controlled; also: RESERVE, RESTRAINT
3 : a device for regulating a mechanism

Synonyms
➤ arm, authority, clutch, command, dominion, grip, hold, mastery, power, sway—more at POWER

contriver noun
1 : COMPTROLLER
2 : one that controls

controversion /ˈkɒntrəˈvɜːrən/ noun, plural -sions
1 : a clash of opposing views
2 : strife through expression of opposing views or claims: DISPUTE

Synonyms
➤ difference, disagreement, dispute, dissension

controvert /ˈkɒntrəˈvɜːr/ verb
: DENY, CONTRADICT
— controvertible adjective

contumacious /ˈkɑːntəməˈʃəs/ adjective
: stubbornly disobedient
— contumacy /ˈkɑːntəməˈsɪs/ noun, plural -cies
— contumacious-ly adverb

contumely /ˈkɑːntəməˌlɛ, ˈtjʊəˌlɛ/ noun, plural -lies
: contemptuous treatment: INSULT

contusion /ˈkɑːntjuəzhən/ noun
: BRUISE
— contuse /ˈtjʊz/ verb

conundrum /ˈkɑːnˌnʌndrəm/ noun
: an intricate and difficult problem: RIDDLE

Synonyms
➤ enigma, mystery, mystification, puzzle, puzzlement, riddle, secret—more at MYSTERY

conv abbreviation
1 convention
2 convertible

con-va-lesce /ˈkɑːnˌvəˈles/ verb -lesced; -ling
to recover health gradually

— **con·va·les·cent*/əˈnəl/ adjective or noun

**Synonyms**
- gain, heal, mend, rally, recover, recuperate, snap back; also come round, come to, revive; cheer (up), perk (up); pull through, survive; recruit

— **con·va·les·cence*/əˈnsəs/ noun
- gradual recovery of health and strength after disease

**Synonyms**
- comeback, rally, recovery, recuperation, rehabilitation; also resuscitation, revival; survival

— **con·vec·tion*/kənˈvɛkʃən/ noun
- circulatory motion in a fluid due to warmer portions rising and cooler denser portions sinking; also: the transfer of heat by such motion

— **con·vec·tion·al*/ˌʃən·əl/ adjective
— **con·vec·tive*/ˌvɛkˈtɪv/ adjective

**convection oven** noun
- an oven with a fan that circulates hot air uniformly and continuously around the food

— **con·ven·e*/kənˈvɛn/ verb con·vened; con·ven·ing
1 ▶ to come together, meet, or assemble in a group or body: ASSEMBLE, MEET
2 ▶ to cause (persons) to assemble in a group or body: call or gather together

**Synonyms**
- [1] assemble, cluster, collect, concentrate, conglomerate, congregate, forgather, gather, meet, rendezvous—more at ASSEMBLE
- [2] assemble, call, convoke, muster, summon—more at CONVOKE

— **con·ve·nience*/kənˈvɛnəns/ noun
1 ▶ SUITABLENESS
2 ▶ a laborsaving device
3 ▶ a suitable time <at your ~>
4 ▶ personal comfort: EASE

**Synonyms**
- amenity, comfort, luxury—more at COMFORT

— **convenience store** noun
- a small market that is open long hours

— **con·ve·ni·ent*/nəˈvent/ adjective
1 ▶ suited to personal comfort or ease
2 ▶ placed near at hand

— **con·ve·ni·en·tial*/ˌvɛnəˈʃənəl/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- accessible, handy, reachable; also close, near, nigh; abutting, adjacent, adjoining

**Antonyms**
- inaccessible, inconvenient, unhandy, unreachable

— **con·vent*/kənˈvent/ noun
[origin: ME covent, fr. OF, fr. ML conventus, fr. L, assembly, fr. convenire to come together]
- a local community or house of a religious order esp. of nuns

— **con·ven·tu·al*/kənˈvɛntʃərəl/ adjective

— **con·ven·ti·cle*/kənˈvɛntʃəkəl/ noun
- MEETING; especially: a secret meeting for worship

— **con·ven·tion*/kənˈvɛnʃən/ noun
1 ▶ an agreement esp. between states on a matter of common concern
2: MEETING, ASSEMBLY
3 ▶ an assembly of delegates convened for some purpose
4 ▶ generally accepted custom, practice, or belief
**Synonyms**

1. accord, agreement, bargain, compact, contract, covenant, deal, pact, settlement, understanding—more at AGREEMENT
2. assembly, conference, congress, convocation, council, gathering, get-together, huddle, meeting, powwow, seminar—more at MEETING

**con·ven·tion·al** /kənˌvenˈʃənəl/ **adjective**

1. sanctioned by general custom
2. COMMONPLACE, ORDINARY

— **con·ven·tion·al·i·ty** /ˌkənˌvenˌʃənəˈla-tē/ **noun**
— **con·ven·tion·al·ize** /ˌkənˌvenˌʃənəˌlaɪz/ **verb**
— **con·ven·tion·al·ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**

- current, customary, popular, standard, stock, usual—more at CURRENT
- classical, customary, traditional—more at TRADITIONAL

**con·verge** /kənˈvərジ/ **verb** con·verged; con·verg·ing

: to approach one common center or single point

— **con·ver·gent** /kənˈvərjənt/ **adjective**

**con·ver·gence** /kənˌvərjəns/ **noun**

: the act of converging

**Synonyms**

- confluence, conjunction, meeting; also joining, juncture, merging, union

**Antonyms**

- divergence

**con·ver·sant** /kənˈvər∫ənt/ **adjective**

: having knowledge and experience — used with with

**Synonyms**

- usually conversant with abreast, familiar, informed, knowledgeable, up, up-to-date, versed—more at FAMILIAR

**con·ver·sa·tion** /kənˌvərˈsə-shən/ **noun**

: an informal talking together

— **con·ver·sa·tion·al·ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**

- colloquy, dialogue, discourse, discussion, exchange; also banter, cross fire, give-and-take, repartee; conference, parley, powwow; babble, chat, chatter, chitchat, gabfest, gossip, palaver, prate, prattle, rap, small talk, table talk; symposium; debate, deliberation

**con·ver·sa·tion·al** /kənˌvərˈsənəl/ **adjective**

1. inclined to converse : fond of or given to conversation
2. of, for, characteristic of, or suited to conversation or oral communication

**Synonyms**

- [1] chatty, gabby, garrulous, loquacious, talkative—more at TALKATIVE
- [2] colloquial, informal, nonliterary, vernacular, vulgar—more at COLLOQUIAL

**con·ver·sa·tion·al·ist** /kənˌvərˌsəˈnəlist/ **noun**

: a person who converses a great deal or who excels in conversation

1. **converse** /kənˌvərs/ **noun**

: CONVERSATION

2. **converse** /kənˈvərs/ **verb** con·versed; con·vers·ing

: to engage in conversation

3. **converse** /kənˈvərs/ **noun**

: a statement related to another statement by having its hypothesis and conclusion or its subject and predicate reversed or interchanged
converse /kənˈvɜːrs, ˈkänˌvərs/ adjective
: reversed in order or relation
— con·verse·ly adverb

con·ver·sion /kənˈvərs.ən/ noun
1 : a change in nature or form
2 : an experience associated with a decisive adoption of religion

Synonyms
> changeover, metamorphosis, transfiguration, transformation; also shift, transition; adjustment, alteration, modification; redoing, remaking, remodeling, revamping, revision, reworking, variation; deformation, disfigurement, distortion, mutation, transmutation; displacement, replacement, substitution

convert /kənˈvərt/ verb
1 : to turn from one belief or party to another
2 : to change from one form or function to another :

— con·vert·er or con·ver·tor /ˈvərtər/ noun

Synonyms
> make over, metamorphose, transfigure, transform; also adjust, alter, modify; redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary; deform, disfigure, distort, mutate, transmute; displace, replace, substitute, supplant

convert /ˈkənˌvərt/ noun
1 : one that is converted

Synonyms
> adherent, disciple, follower, partisan, pupil, votary—more at FOLLOWER

convertible /kənˈvər.təbəl/ adjective
: capable of being converted

convertible noun
: an automobile with a top that may be lowered or removed

con·vex /kənˈvēks, ˈkänˌvēks/ adjective
: curved or rounded like the exterior of a sphere or circle
— con·vex·i·ty /kənˈvēksə.tē/ noun

con·vey /kənˈvē/ verb
1 : to bear from one place to another :

— con·vey·or also con·vey·er /ˈvər.i.ər/ noun

Synonyms
> [1] bear, carry, cart, ferry, haul, lug, pack, tote, transport—more at CARRY
> [2] communicate, impart, spread, transfer, transfuse, transmit—more at COMMUNICATE

con·vey·ance /ˈvər.i.əns/ noun
1 : the act of conveying
2 : a legal paper transferring ownership of property
3 : a means of transport :

— Synonyms
> transport, vehicle; also carrier, hauler, mover; transit

convict /kənˈvikt/ verb
: to prove or find guilty

convict /kənˈvikt/ noun
: a person serving a prison sentence

con·vic·tion /kənˈvɪk.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of convicting esp. in a court
2 ▷: the state of being convinced
3 ▷: a strong persuasion or belief

**Synonyms**

- assurance, certainty, certitude, confidence, positiveness, sureness—more at CONFIDENCE
- belief, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at OPINION

**con-vince** /ˈkən.vins/ verb con·vinced; con·vinc·ing
▷: to bring (as by argument) to belief or action
— **con·vinc·ing·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**

▷ argue, get, induce, move, persuade, prevail, satisfy, talk, win—more at PERSUADE

**con-vinc·ing** adjective
▷: satisfying or assuring by argument or proof

**Synonyms**

- cogent, compelling, conclusive, decisive, effective, forceful, persuasive, satisfying, strong, telling—more at COGENT

**con-viv·ial** /ˈkən.və.vē.əl/ adjective
[origin: LL convivialis, fr. L convivium banquet, fr. con- together + vivere to live]
▷: enjoying companionship and the pleasures of feasting and drinking
— **con·viv·ial·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**

- boon, companionable, extroverted, gregarious, outgoing, sociable, social; also cordial, friendly, hospitable; affable, genial, gracious; animated, lively, sprightly, vivacious; communicative, expansive, garrulous, talkative
- **Antonyms**
  - antisocial, introverted, unsociable

**con-viv·i·al·i·ty** /ˌkən.və.vē.əl.ətē/ noun
▷: convivial activities or behavior

**Synonyms**

- festivity, gaiety, jollification, merriment, merrymaking, revelry—more at MERRYMAKING

**con·vo·ca·tion** /kən.vəˈkā.shən/ noun
1 a: a ceremonial assembly (as of the clergy)
 b: an assembly of persons convoked
2: the act of convoking

**Synonyms**

- assemblage, assembly, conference, congregation, gathering, meeting, muster—more at GATHERING

**con·vo·ke** /kən.ˈvōk/ verb con·voked; con·vok·ing
▷: to call together to a meeting

**Synonyms**

- assemble, call, convene, muster, summon; also amass, collect, gather, group, round up

**con·vo·lut·ed** /kən.ˈvō.lə.tid/ adjective
1: folded in curved or tortuous windings
2 ▷: marked by extreme and often needless or excessive complexity : INVOLVED, INTRICATE

**Synonyms**

- complex, complicated, elaborate, intricate, involved, knotty, sophisticated—more at COMPLEX

**con·vo·lu·tion** /kən.ˈvō.lu.ˈshən/ noun
▷: a tortuous or sinuous structure; especially: one of the ridges of the brain

1 **convoy** /kən.ˈvō/ verb
▷: to accompany for protection

**Synonyms**

- accompany, attend, escort, squire—more at ACCOMPANY

2 **convoy** /kən.ˈvō/ noun
1: one that convoys; especially: a protective escort (as for ships)
2 : the act of convoying
3 : a group of moving vehicles

**Con·vulse** /kon,vəls/ verb con·vul·sed; con·vul·sing
▷ to agitate violently

- **Synonyms**
  - agitate, jolt, jounce, quake, quiver, shake, shudder, vibrate, wobble—more at SHAKE

**Con·vul·sion** /kon,vəlˌshan/ noun
1 : an abnormal and violent involuntary contraction or series of contractions of muscle
2 ▷ : a violent disturbance

- **Synonyms**
  - cataclysm, paroxysm, storm, tempest, tumult, upheaval, uproar; also overthrow, overturn, revolution, subversion, upset; fit, seizure, spasm; eruption, flare-up, outbreak, outburst; commotion, furor, fuss, hubbub, hullabaloo, row, ruckus, stew, turmoil; quaking, rocking, shaking, trembling

**Con·vul·sive** /kon,vəlˈsiv/ adjective
▷ resembling a convulsion in being violent, sudden, frantic, or spasmodic

— **con·vul·sive·ly** adverb

- **Synonyms**
  - stormy, tempestuous, tumultuous; also fitful, spasmodic, sporadic

**Cony** variant of CONEY

**Coo** /koo/ noun
: a soft low sound made by doves or pigeons; also: a sound like this

— **Coo** verb

**COO** abbreviation
chief operating officer

1**Cook** /kuk/ noun
: a person who prepares food for eating

2**Cook** verb
1 : to prepare food for eating
2 : to subject to heat or fire
3 ▷ : to devise by thinking: FABRICATE — usu. used with up

— **Cook·er** noun

— **Cook·ware** /ˌkukˈwar/ noun

- **Synonyms**
  - usually cook up concoct, contrive, devise, fabricate, invent, make up, manufacture, think—more at INVENT

**Cook·book** /ˈkukˌbuk/ noun
: a book of cooking directions and recipes

**Cook·ery** /ˌkukˈri/ noun, plural -er·ies
: the art or practice of cooking

**Cook·ie** or **cooky** /ˈkukˌrē/ noun, plural cook·ies
[origin: D koekje, dim. of koek cake]
1 : a small sweet flat cake
2 cookie: a file containing information about a Web site user created and read by a Web site server and stored on the user's computer

— **Cookie·cutter** adjective
▷ marked by a lack of originality or distinction <-- malls

**Cook·out** /ˈkukˌaut/ noun
: an outing at which a meal is cooked and served in the open

1**Cool** /kʊl/ adjective
1: moderately cold
2: not excited: **calm**
3: not friendly
4: **impudent**
5: protecting from heat
6 slang: very good
— cool·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- [2] calm, collected, composed, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at **calm**
- [3] aloof, antisocial, chilly, cold, detached, distant, frosty, remote, standoffish, unfriendly, unsociable; also introverted, reserved, withdrawn; misanthropic; apathetic, indifferent, unconcerned; disinterested, incurious, uninterested; reticent, silent, taciturn; diffident, shy, timid

**Antonyms**
cordial, friendly, sociable, warm

1**cool verb**

- to make or become cool: lose or cause to lose heat, warmth, or passion

**Synonyms**
- calm, hush, quiet, settle—more at **quiet**

2**cool noun**

1: a cool time or place
2: **indifference**: also: **self-assurance, composure** <kept his >>

**cool·ant /kəˈlænt/ noun**
: a usu. fluid cooling agent

**cool·er /kəˈlər/ noun**
1: a container for keeping food or drink cool
2: **jail, prison**
3: a tall iced drink

**cool·ie /kəˈli/ noun**
[**origin**: Hindi & Urdu qulí]
: an unskilled laborer usu. in or from the Far East

**cool·ness noun**
- the quality or state of being cool

**Synonyms**
- aplomb, calmness, composure, equanimity, placidity, self-possession, serenity, tranquillity—more at **equanimity**

**coon /kəun/ noun**
: **raccoon**

**coon·hound /ˈkɑʊnˌhɔud/ noun**
: a sporting dog trained to hunt raccoons

**coon·skin /ˈkɑʊnskɪn/ noun**
: the pelt of a raccoon; also: something (as a cap) made of this

1**coop /kəʊp, ˈkʌp/ noun**
: a small enclosure or building usu. for poultry

**Synonyms**
- cage, corral, pen, pound—more at **cage**

2**coop verb**

- to confine in or as if in a coop — usu. used with up

**Synonyms**
- usually coop up cage, closet, corral, encase, enclose, envelop, fence, hedge, hem, house, immure, pen, wall—more at **enclose**
co–op /ˈkōˌʌp/ noun
  : COOPERATIVE

coo·per /ˈkōˌper/ noun
  : one who makes or repairs barrels or casks
  — coo·per verb
  — coo·per·age /ˈkōˌpihr/ noun

coo·per·ate /ˈkōˌper·ət/ verb
  †: to act jointly with another or others
  — coo·per·a·tor /ˈkōˌper·ətər/ noun

  Synonyms
  † affiliate, ally, associate, band, collaborate, combine, concert, confederate, join, league, team, unite

coo·per·a·tion /ˌəˌpe̞rəˈʃən/ noun
  †: the act of cooperating : a condition marked by cooperating

  Synonyms
  † collaboration, coordination, teamwork—more at TEAMWORK

1'cooperative /ˈkōˌəˌpreˈtiv, ˈəˌpe̞rəˌrā/ adjective
  1: willing to work with others
  2: of or relating to an association formed to enable its members to buy or sell to better advantage by eliminating middlemen’s profits

2'cooperative noun
  : a cooperative association

co–opt /ˈkōˌˈəpt/ verb
  1: to choose or elect as a colleague
  2: ABSORB, ASSIMILATE; also : TAKE OVER

1'coordinate /ˈkōˌɔˈrənt/ adjective
  1: equal in rank or order
  2: of equal rank in a compound sentence <~ clause>
  3: joining words or word groups of the same rank
  — co·or·di·na·tely adverb

2'coordinate /ˈkōˌɔˈrənt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
  †: to make or become coordinate
  2 †: to work or act together harmoniously
  — co·or·di·na·tor /ˈkōˌɔˌnaˌtər/ noun

  Synonyms
  † [1, 2] accommodate, agree, blend, conciliate, conform, harmonize, key, reconcile—more at HARMONIZE

3'coordinate /ˈkōˌɔˈrənt/ noun
  1: one of a set of numbers used in specifying the location of a point on a surface or in space
  2 plural : articles (as of clothing) designed to be used together and to attain their effect through pleasing contrast
  3 †: one who is of equal rank, authority, or importance with another

  Synonyms
  † counterpart, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, match, parallel, peer, rival—more at EQUAL

co·or·di·na·tion /ˌkōˌɔˌrəˈneɪʃən/ noun
  †: the harmonious functioning of parts for effective results

  Synonyms
  † collaboration, cooperation, teamwork—more at TEAMWORK

coot /ˈkūt/ noun
  1: a dark-colored ducklike bird related to the rails
  2: any of several No. American sea ducks
3: a harmless simple person

**coo·tie** /kʊˈtɪ/ noun
a body louse

**1cop** /kɑp/ noun
: a member of a police force: POLICE OFFICER

**Synonyms**
- constable, officer, police officer—more at OFFICER

**2cop** verb
1 slang: STEAL ~ a glance>
2 slang: ADMIT — used with to ~ to the charges>
3: ADOPT ~ an attitude>

co–pay /koʊˈpɛɪ/ noun
: CO-PAYMENT

co–pay·ment /koʊˈpɛɪˌmɛnt, kɑˈpɛɪt/ noun
: a fixed fee required of a patient by a health insurer (as an HMO) at the time of each outpatient service or filling of a prescription

**1cope** /kɑp/ noun
: a long cloaklike ecclesiastical vestment

**2cope** verb coped; cop·ing
: to struggle to overcome problems or difficulties — usu. used with with

**Synonyms**
- do, fare, get along, make out, manage, shift—more at GET ALONG
- **usually cope with** contend, grapple, handle, manage, maneuver, negotiate, swing, treat—more at HANDLE

copi·er /kəˈpiər/ noun
: one that copies; especially: a machine for making copies

**copi·lot** /kəˈpiˌlət/ noun
: an assistant pilot of an aircraft or spacecraft

**cop-ing** /kəˈpiŋ/ noun
: the top layer of a wall

**cop·i·ous** /kəˈpɪəs/ adjective
: present in large quantity: LAVISH

**cop·i·ous·ly** adverb

**cop·i·ous·ness** noun

**Synonyms**
- lavish, profuse, riotous—more at PROFUSE

cop–out /kɑpˈaʊt/ noun
: an excuse for cop·ping out; also: an act of cop·ping out

**Synonyms**
- avoidance, escape, evasion, out—more at ESCAPE

cop out verb
: to back out (as of an unwanted responsibility)

**Synonyms**
- back down, renege—more at RENEGE

**cop·per** /kæˈpər/ noun
1: a malleable reddish metallic chemical element that is one of the best conductors of heat and electricity
2: a coin or token made of copper

**cop·pery** adjective
cop·per·head /ˈkɑrˌpərˌhed/ noun
: a largely coppery brown pit viper esp. of the eastern and central U.S.

cop·pice /ˈkɑpˌs/ noun
ə: a thicket, grove, or growth of small trees: THICKET

  Synonyms
ə: brake, brushwood, chaparral, covert, thicket—more at THICKET

cop·pra /ˈkɑpra/ noun
: dried coconut meat yielding coconut oil

copse /ˈkɑps/ noun
: a thicket, grove, or growth of small trees: THICKET

cop·ter /ˈkɑpˌtər/ noun
: HELICOPTER

cop·u·la /ˈkɑpələ/ noun
: LINKING VERB

  — cop·u·la·tive /ˌlə.ˈtīv/, ˌlə.ˈtiv/ adjective

cop·u·late /ˈkɑpəˌlæt, -ˌlät/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
: to engage in sexual intercourse

  — cop·u·la·to·ry /ˌkɑpəˌləˌtərē/ adjective

cop·u·la·tion /ˈkɑpəˌləˌshən/ noun
ə: sexual union

  Synonyms
ə: intercourse, sexual intercourse—more at SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

  1 copy /ˈkɑpə/ noun, plural cop·ies

1: an imitation or reproduction of an original work
2: material to be set in type

  Synonyms
ə: carbon copy, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, imitation, replica, replication, reproduction; also counterfeit, fake, forgery, phony, sham; dummy, mock-up, simulation; reconstruction, re-creation; image, likeness, semblance, shadow; impression, imprint, print

  Antonyms
ə: original

  2 copy verb cop·ied; copy·ing

1: to make a copy of
2: to attempt to resemble: IMITATE

  — copy·ist noun

  Synonyms
ə: [1] duplicate, imitate, replicate, reproduce; also counterfeit, fake, forge; simulate; reconstruct

  Antonyms
ə: originate

  — [2] ape, emulate, imitate, mime, mimic—more at IMITATE

copy·book /ˈkɑpˌbək/ noun
: a book formerly used to teach handwriting containing examples to be copied

copy·boy /ˌbəl/ noun
: a person who carries copy and runs errands (as in a newspaper office)

copy·cat /ˌkæt/ noun
: a slavish imitator

copy·desk /ˌdesk/ noun
: the desk at which newspaper copy is edited
**copy editor** noun
: one who edits newspaper copy and writes headlines; also: one who reads and corrects manuscript copy in a publishing house

**copy-reader** /ˈrē.dər/ noun
: COPY EDITOR

**copyright** /ˈrɪpt/ noun
: the sole right to reproduce, publish, and sell a literary or artistic work

**copywriter** /ˈkɑr.pəˌrɛtər/ noun
: a writer of advertising copy

**coquet** or **coquette** /ˈkɑk.t/ verb **coquett-ed; coquett-ing**
: FLIRT

— **coquetry** /ˈkɑk.t.rē, ˈkɑk.tərē/ noun

**coquette** /ˈkɑk.t/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, fem. of *coquet*, flirtatious man, dim. of *coq* cock]
: FLIRT

**coquett-ish** adjective
: having the air or nature of a coquette

  **Synonyms**
  coy, demure, kittenish—more at coy

**cor** abbreviation
corner

**Cor** abbreviation
Corinthians

**coracle** /ˈkərəkəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: W *corwgl*]
: a boat made of a frame covered usu. with hide or tarpaulin

**coral** /ˈkərəl/ noun
1: a stony or horny material that forms the skeleton of colonies of tiny sea polyps and includes a red form used in jewelry; also: a coral-forming polyp or polyp colony

2: a deep pink color

— **coral** adjective

**coral snake** noun
: any of several venomous chiefly tropical New World snakes brilliantly banded in red, black, and yellow or white

**corbel** /ˈkərˌbɛl/ noun
: a bracket-shaped architectural member that projects from a wall and supports a weight

**cord** /ˈkɔrd/ noun
1: a usu. heavy string consisting of several strands woven or twisted together
2: a long slender anatomical structure (as a tendon or nerve)
3: a small flexible insulated electrical cable used to connect an appliance with a receptacle
4: a cubic measure used esp. for firewood and equal to a stack 4×4×8 feet
5: a rib or ridge on cloth

  **Synonyms**
  cable, lace, line, rope, string, wire; also guy, lanyard, stay

**cord** verb
1: to tie or furnish with a cord
2: to pile (wood) in cords
cordage /kərdˈdʒeɪ/ noun
: ROPEs, CORDS; especially : ropes in the rigging of a ship

1cordial /ˈkɔrd.iəl/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. ML cordialis, fr. L cord-, cor heart]
▶ : warmly receptive or welcoming
— cordial-ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ amicable, companionable, comradely, friendly, genial, hearty, neighborly, warm, warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY
  ▶ affable, genial, gracious, hospitable, sociable—more at GRACIOUS

cordial-noun, kôrˈjē.ə.l, kôrˈjē.l/ noun
▶ : sincere affection and kindness
  Synonyms
  ▶ amity, benevolence, fellowship, friendliness, friendship, goodwill, kindliness—more at GOODWILL

2cordial noun
1 : a stimulating medicine or drink
2 : LIQUEUR

cordiller-a, kôrd.ə.lər.ə/ noun
[origin: Sp]: a series of parallel mountain ranges

cordless /ˈkɔrd.ləs/ adjective
: having no cord; especially : powered by a battery <a ~ phone>
— cordless noun

cordon /kɔrd.ən/ noun
1 : an ornamental cord or ribbon
2 : an encircling line (as of troops or police)
— cordon verb

cordovan /kɔrd.ə.vən/ noun
: a soft fine-grained leather

corduroy /kɔrd.əˈroʊ/ noun, plural -roys
: a heavy ribbed fabric; also, pl : trousers of this material

cordwain-er, kɔrd.wā.nər/ noun
: SHOEMAKER

1core /kɔr/ noun
1 a : the central usu. inedible part of some fruits (as the apple)
   b ▶ : an inmost part of something
2 : the essential meaning : GIST
3 ▶ : a central or most important part distinct from the enveloping part
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1b] crux, gist, heart, nub, pith, pivot—more at CRUX
  ▶ [3] base, center, cynosure, eye, focus, heart, hub, mecca, nucleus, seat—more at CENTER
  ▶ [3] body, bulk, generality, main, mass—more at BODY

2core verb cored; core-ing
: to take out the core of
— core-er noun

CORE /kɔr/ abbreviation
: Congress of Racial Equality

coreopsis /kɔrˈe.əpˌsəs/ noun, plural coreopsis
: any of a genus of widely cultivated composite herbs with showy often yellow flower heads
co·res·pon·dent /kör·ən·dent/ noun
: a person named as guilty of adultery with the defendant in a divorce suit

cor·i·an·der /kōr·ē·an·der/ noun
: an herb related to the carrot; also : its aromatic dried fruit used as a flavoring

Cor·in·thi·ans /ˌkōr·in·thē·anz/ noun
: either of two letters written by St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth and included as books in the New Testament

1 cork /körk/ noun
1 : the tough elastic bark of a European oak (cork oak) used esp. for stoppers and insulation; also : a stopper of this
2 : a tissue of a woody plant making up most of the bark
— corky adjective

cork·screw /körk·skruz/ noun
: a device for drawing corks from bottles

corn /kōrn/ noun
: a solid bulblike underground part of a stem (as of the crocus or gladiolus)

cor·mo·rant /kōr·mō·rant/ noun
: any of a family of dark-colored water birds with a long neck, hooked bill, and distensible throat pouch

1 corn /kōrn/ noun
1 : the seeds of a cereal grass and esp. of the chief cereal crop of a region (as wheat in Britain and Indian corn in the U.S.); also : a cereal grass
2 : sweet corn served as a vegetable

corn verb
: to salt (as beef) in brine and preservatives

corn noun
: a local hardening and thickening of skin (as on a toe)

1 cornball /kōrn·bəl/ noun
: an unsophisticated person; also : something corny

cornbread noun
: bread made with cornmeal

corn·cob /kōrn·kōb/ noun
: the woody core on which the kernels of Indian corn are arranged

corn·crib /kōrn·krib/ noun
: a crib for storing ears of Indian corn

cor·nea /kōr·né·a/ noun
: the transparent part of the coat of the eyeball covering the iris and the pupil
— cor·ne·al adjective

corn ear·worm /ˌkōrn·wərm/ noun
: a moth whose larva is destructive esp. to Indian corn

corner /kōrn·ner/ noun
1 : the point or angle formed by the meeting of lines, edges, or sides
2 † : the place where two streets come together
3: a quiet secluded place
4: a position from which retreat or escape is impossible
5: control of enough of the available supply (as of a commodity) to permit manipulation of the price
— cornered adjective
— around the corner:
: ready to take place : about to happen <has a birthday just around the corner>
  Synonyms
   ▶ [2] crossing, crossroad, intersection—more at CROSSROAD
   ▶ [4] fix, hole, jam, pickle, predicament, spot—more at PREDICAMENT

corner verb
1: to drive into a corner
2: to get a corner on <~ the wheat market>
3: to turn a corner

corner-stone /ˈkɔrner.stoʊn/ noun
1: a stone forming part of a corner in a wall; especially : such a stone laid at a formal ceremony
2: something of basic importance
  Synonyms
   ▶ bedrock, foundation, keystone; also base, center, core, eye, focus, heart, hub, nucleus, seat; kernel, nut, pith; essence, quintessence, soul

cornet /ˈkɔrn.et/ noun
: a brass band instrument resembling the trumpet
corn flour noun, British
: CORNSTARCH
corn-flow-er /ˈkɔrn.flaʊ(ə)r/ noun
: BACHELOR'S BUTTON
corn nice /ˈkɔrn.naɪs/ noun
: the horizontal projecting part crowning the wall of a building
corn meal /ˈkɔrn.mel/ noun
: meal ground from corn
corn-row /ˈkɔrn.rō/ noun
: a section of hair braided flat to the scalp in rows
— cornrow verb

corn stalk /ˈkɔrn.stɔk/ noun
: a stalk of Indian corn
corn starch /ˈkɔrn.stɑrk/ noun
: a starch made from corn and used in cookery as a thickening agent
corn syrup noun
: a sweet syrup obtained from cornstarch
cornu-copia /ˌkɔrn.yəˌkɔp.ɪə/ noun
[origin: LL, fr. L cornu copiae horn of plenty]
: a horn-shaped container filled with fruits and grain emblematic of abundance
corny /ˈkɔrn.nɪ/ adjective corn·i·er; -est
: tiresomely simple or sentimental
  Synonyms
   ▶ maudlin, mawkish, mushy, saccharine, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary; also dreamy, moonstruck, nostalgic; flat, insipid, tasteless, vapid, watery
  Antonyms
   unsentimental
**corolla** /kəˈrō.lə/ noun
: the petals of a flower

**corollary** /ˈkɔrəˌlɛr.i/ noun, plural -lar·ies
1: a deduction from a proposition already proved true
2: something that naturally follows: CONSEQUENCE, RESULT

**coronam** /kəˈrō.nəm/ noun
1: a colored circle often seen around and close to a luminous body (as the sun or moon)
2: the outermost part of the atmosphere of a star (as the sun)

**coronal** /kərˈənəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the heart or its blood vessels

**coronary** /kərˈə.nər.i/ adjective
1: of or relating to the heart or its blood vessels
2: a coronary blood vessel

**coronary thrombosis** noun
: the blocking by a thrombus of one of the arteries supplying the heart tissues

**carnation** /kərˈə.nən/ noun
: the act or ceremony of crowning a monarch

**coroner** [ORIGIN: ME, an officer of the crown, fr. AF, fr. corone, crown, fr. L corona]
: a public official who investigates causes of deaths possibly not due to natural causes

**coronet** /kərˈə.net/ noun
1: a small crown
2: an ornamental band worn around the temples

**corp** abbreviation
1 corporal
2 corporation

**corporal** /kərˈpər(ə)l/ adjective
1: of or relating to the body <punishment>

**corporal** noun
: a noncommissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a sergeant

**corporate** /kərˈpər.i.t/ adjective
1: INCORPORATED; also: belonging to an incorporated body
2: combined into one body

**corporation** /kərˈpər.a.ʃən/ noun
1: the municipal authorities of a town or city
2: a legal creation authorized to act with the rights and liabilities of a person <business>

**corporateize** /kərˈpər.reˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to subject to corporate control <education>

**corporeal** /kərˈpər.əl/ adjective
1 : having, consisting of, or relating to a physical material body : **PHYSICAL, MATERIAL**

2 archaic : **BODILY**

— **cor·po·re·al·i·ty** /kōrˌpōrəˈlētē/ noun
— **cor·po·re·al·ly** adverb

**corps** /kōrs/ noun, plural **corps** /kōrz/ [origin: F, fr. OF cors, fr. L corpus body]
1 : an organized subdivision of a country's military forces
2 : a group acting under common direction

**Synonyms**
- brotherhood, community, fellowship, fraternity; also calling, profession; association, club, federation, guild, organization, society

**corpse** /kōrpəs/ noun
1 : a dead body

**Synonyms**
- cadaver, remains; also deceased, decedent

**corps·man** /kōr′mən,ˌkōrz/ noun
: an enlisted man trained to give first aid

**cor·pu·lence** /kōr′pyə ləns/ noun
1 : excessive fatness : **OBESITY**

**Synonyms**
- fatness, grossness, obesity, plumpness; also heaviness; huskiness, stoutness; brawniness

**Antonyms**
- leanness, thinness

**cor·pu·lent** /ˌkōr pə lənt/ adjective
1 : having a large bulky body : **OBESE**

**Synonyms**
- chubby, fat, fleshy, full, gross, obese, overweight, plump, portly, rotund, round—more at **FAT**

**corpus** /kōrpəs/ noun, plural **cor·po·ra** /kōrˈpərə/ [origin: ME, fr. L]
1 : **BODY**; especially : **CORPSE**
2 : a body of writings or works

**corpus·cle** /kōrpəs ˈklē/ noun
1 : a minute particle
2 : a living cell (as in blood or cartilage) not aggregated into continuous tissues

— **corpu·cular** /kōrˈpyə kə lər/ adjective

**corpus de·lic·ti** /kōrˈpəs dləˈkīt/ noun, plural **corpora delicti** [origin: NL, lit., body of the crime]
1 : the substantial fact proving that a crime has been committed
2 : the body of a victim of murder

**corr** abbreviation
1 correct; corrected; correction
2 correspondence; correspondent; corresponding

**cor·ral** /kərˈral/ noun
[origin: Sp]
1 : an enclosure for confining or capturing animals
2 : an enclosure of wagons for defending a camp

**corral** verb
1 : to enclose in a corral
2 : to gain or regain control of

**Synonyms**
correct /kərˈtek/ verb
1 ▶ : to make right
2 ▶ : to punish (as a child) with a view to reforming or improving : CHASTISE
3 ▶ : to counteract the activity or effect of
   — cor·rect·able /ˈrek.te.bəl/ adjective
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] amend, debug, emend, rectify, reform, remedy; also redraft, redraw, restyle, revise, rework, rewrite; redress, right; ameliorate, better, improve; perfect, polish, touch up; fix, mend, repair; adjust, modulate, regulate; alter, change, modify
      ▶ [2] castigate, chasten, chastise, discipline, penalize, punish—more at PUNISH
      ▶ [3] annul, cancel, compensate, counteract, counterbalance, make up, neutralize, offset—more at OFFSET

2 correct adjective
1 ▶ : conforming to a conventional standard
2 ▶ : agreeing with fact or truth
3 : conforming to the standards of a specific ideology <environmentally ~>
   — cor·rect·ness noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] decent, decorous, genteel, nice, polite, proper, respectable, seemly—more at PROPER
      ▶ [2] accurate, exact, precise, proper, right, so, true; also legitimate, logical, valid; errorless, faultless, flawless, impeccable, letter-perfect, perfect; rigorous, strict, stringent
      Antonyms
      false, improper, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, untrue, wrong

cor·rec·tion /ˈrek.ʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : the action or an instance of correcting
2 ▶ : a reproving or punishing of faults or deviations from proper actions
   — cor·rec·tion·al /ˈrek.shə.nəl/ adjective
      : of or relating to correction
   — cor·rec·tive /ˈrek.tiv/ adjective
      ▶ : tending to correct
      Synonyms
      ▶ disciplinary, penal, punitive—more at PUNITIVE
      ▶ reformatory, remedial; also curative, medicinal, therapeutic; reparative, restorative; beneficial, helpful, salutary, wholesome
   — cor·rect·ly adverb
      ▶ : in a correct manner
      Synonyms
      ▶ appropriately, fittingly, happily, properly, rightly, suitably—more at PROPERLY

cor·re·late /kərˈleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 ▶ : to connect in a systematic way : establish the mutual relations of
   — cor·re·late /ˈlərət/ noun
   — cor·re·la·tion /kərˈle.ʃən/ noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ associate, connect, identify, link, relate—more at ASSOCIATE

cor·rela·tive /kərˈrelə.tiv/ adjective
1 : reciprocally related
2 : regularly used together (as either and or)
   — correlative noun
cor·rel·a·tive·ly adverb

cor·re·spond /kərˈrespənd/ verb
1 ▶: to be in agreement
2 ▶: to communicate by letter
3 ▶: to compare closely — usu. used with to or with
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, comport, conform, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally —more at CHECK
   ▶ usually correspond to [3] equal, match, parallel —more at MATCH

cor·re·spond·ence /ˌspərənsəns/ noun
1 ▶: agreement between particular things
2 ▶: communication by letters; also: the letters exchanged
   Synonyms
   ▶ community, likeness, parallelism, resemblance, similarity, similitude —more at SIMILARITY

1cor·re·spon·dent /ˌspərənˈdent/ adjective
1 ▶: having or participating in the same relationship (as kind, degree, position, correspondence, or function): SIMILAR
2 ▶: of a kind appropriate to the situation — used with with or to
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] akin, alike, analogous, comparable, like, parallel, similar, such —more at ALIKE
   ▶ usually correspondent with or correspondent to [2] compatible, conformable, congruous, consistent, consonant, harmonious —more at CONSISTENT

2correspondent noun
1 ▶: something that corresponds
2 ▶: a person with whom one communicates by letter
3 ▶: a person employed to contribute news regularly from a place

cor·re·spond·ing·ly adverb
▶ in a corresponding manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ alike, also, likewise, similarly, so —more at ALSO

cor·ri·dor /kərˈeɪdər/ noun
1 ▶: a passageway into which compartments or rooms open (as in a hotel or school)
2 ▶: a narrow strip of land esp. through foreign-held territory
3 ▶: a densely populated strip of land including two or more major cities
   Synonyms
   ▶ gallery, hall, hallway, passage —more at HALL

cor·ri·gen·dum /ˌkərəˈjen.dəm/ noun, plural -da /ˈdə/ [origin: L]
▶ an error in a printed work discovered after printing and shown with its correction on a separate sheet

cor·ri·gi·ble /kərəˈja bal/ adjective
▶ CORRECTABLE

cor·rob·o·rate /kəˈre bəˌrät/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing [origin: L corroborare, fr. robur strength]
▶ to support with evidence: CONFIRM
   Synonyms
   ▶ bear out, confirm, substantiate, support, validate, verify, vindicate —more at CONFIRM

cor·rob·o·ra·tion /ˌrəˈbe ˌrəˌshən/ noun
▶ something that corroborates
   Synonyms
   ▶ attestation, confirmation, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation,
witness—more at PROOF
cor·ro·ra·tive /ˈrā_ˌbrəˌtiv/ adjective
   • serving or tending to corroborate
      Synonyms
      • confirmatory; also auxiliary, supplementary; beneficial, helpful
      Antonyms
      • confuting, disproving, refuting
cor·ro·ra·to·ry /ˈrā_ˌbrəˌtörē/ adjective
   • serving or tending to corroborate
cor·ro·de /ˈkärəˌd/ verb cor·ro·ed; cor·ro·ing
   • to wear or be worn away gradually (as by chemical action)
      — cor·ro·sion /ˌkärəˌzhən/ noun
      — cor·ro·sive /ˌkärəˌsiv/ adjective or noun
      Synonyms
      • bite, eat, erode, fret—more at EAT
cor·ru·gate /ˈkørəˌgāt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
   • to form into wrinkles or ridges and grooves
      — cor·ru·gat·ed adjective
      — cor·ru·ga·tion /ˈkørəˌgāˈshən/ noun
1 corrupt /ˈkərəpt/ verb
   a • to make evil : DEPRAVE
   b : BRIBE
2 • to undergo decomposition from the action of bacteria or fungi : ROT, SPOIL
      Synonyms
      • [1a] abase, degrade, be debased, subvert, warp—more at DEBASE
      • [2] break down, decay, disintegrate, molder, putrefy, rot, spoil—more at DECAY
cor·rupt·ible adjective
   • capable of being corrupted
      Synonyms
      • bribe, purchasable, venal—more at VENAL
cor·rup·tion /ˈkərəpˈshən/ noun
1 • impairment of integrity, virtue, or moral principle
2 • the process of rotting
      Synonyms
      • debasement, decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, disintegration, demoralization, depravity, dissipation, dissolution, perversion; also evil, immorality, sinfulness, wickedness
      • breakdown, decay, decomposition, putrefaction, rot, spoilage; also crumbling, disintegration, dissolution; curdling, fermentation, moldering, souring
cor·sage /kərˈsäzhˌˌsāl/ noun
   1 • the waist or bodice of a dress
   2 • a bouquet to be worn or carried
cor·sair /ˈkərˌsār/ noun
: one who commits or practices piracy: **PIRATE**

**Synonyms**
- buccaneer, freebooter, pirate, rover—more at **PIRATE**

**corse** /korˈsər/ noun
: a stiffened undergarment worn for support or to give shape to the waist and hips

**corse** also **corse** /korˈlɛz,ˈkɔrlɛz/ noun
[origin: F]
1: procession; especially: a funeral procession
2: a train of attendants

**Synonyms**
- following, retinue, suite, train; also crew, personnel, staff; assistant, attendant, helper, retainer

**cortex** /ˈkɔr.tɛks/ noun, plural **cortices** /ˈkɔrtiˌsēz/ or **cortices**
: an outer or covering layer of an organism or one of its parts <the adrenal ~> -~ of a plant stem>; especially: cerebral cortex

--- **cortical** /ˈkɔrti.ˈkæl/ adjective

**cortisone** /ˈkɔr.tiˌsōn/ noun
: an adrenal hormone used in treating rheumatoid arthritis

**corundum** /ˈkɔrən.dəm/ noun
: a very hard aluminum-containing mineral used as an abrasive or as a gem

**coruscate** /ˈkɔrəskət/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
:闪光, 引人注目

--- **coruscation** /kəˈrəskəˈʃən/ noun

**corvette** /ˈkɔrvət/ noun
1: a naval sailing ship smaller than a frigate
2: an armed escort ship smaller than a destroyer

**coryza** /ˈkɔr.i.zə/ noun
: an inflammatory disorder of the upper respiratory tract; especially: COMMON COLD

**cos** abbreviation
- cosine

**COS** abbreviation
1 cash on shipment
2 chief of staff

**cosignatory** /ˈkəzˌnərē/ noun
: cosigner; especially: a joint signer of a promissory note

**cosine** /ˈkəsən/ noun
: the trigonometric function that is the ratio between the side next to an acute angle in a right triangle and the hypotenuse

1**cosmetic** /ˈkəz.mətik/ adjective
[origin: Gk kosmētikos skilled in adornment, fr. kosmein to arrange, adorn, fr. kosmos order, ornament, universe]
1: intended to beautify the hair or complexion
2: correcting physical defects esp. to improve appearance <~ dentistry>
3: superficial

2**cosmetic** noun
cos·me·tol·o·gist /ˌkɑz.ˈmɛ.təˌlɑ.ʒist/ noun
: one who gives beauty treatments

— cos·me·tol·o·gy /ˌkɑz.ˈmɛ.təˈlɑ.ji/ noun

cos·mic /ˈkɑz.mɪk/ also cos·mi·cal /ˌkɑz.ˈmi.kæl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the cosmos
2 : characterized by greatness esp. in extent, intensity, or comprehensiveness : VAST, GRAND

— cos·mi·cal·ly adverb

cosmic ray noun
: a stream of very penetrating atomic nuclei that enter the earth's atmosphere from outer space

cos·mog·o·ny /ˌkɑz.ˈmo.dʒəˌnɛ/ noun, plural -nies
: the origin or creation of the world or universe

cos·mol·o·gy /ˌkɑz.ˈmɑ.ləˈdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
: a branch of astronomy dealing with the origin and structure of the universe

— cos·mo·log·i·cal /ˌkɑz.ˈmɑ.log.ˈi.kæl/ adjective

— cos·mol·o·gist /ˌkɑz.ˈmɑ.ləˌdʒist/ noun

cos·mo·naut /ˌkɑz.ˈmɑ.nɑ.ˈtɑ/ noun
: a Soviet or Russian astronaut

cos·mo·pol·i·tan /ˌkɑz.ˈmɑ.pəˌlæt.ən/ adjective
: belonging to all the world : not local

— cosmopolitan noun

Synonyms

† smart, sophisticated, worldly, worldly-wise—more at WORLDLY-WISE

cos·mos /ˌkɑz.ˈmɑs, ˈmɑs/ also .mɑs, .mɑs/ noun
1 †: the whole body of things and phenomena observed or postulated : UNIVERSE
2: a tall garden herb related to the daisies

Synonyms

† creation, macrocosm, nature, universe, world—more at UNIVERSE

cosponsor /koʊˈspɑn.ˌsɛr,ˌspɑn.ˌsɛr/ noun
: a joint sponsor

— cosponsor verb

Cos·sack /ˈkɑs.ək, ˌsæk/ noun
[origin: Pol & Ukrainian kozak, of Turkic origin]
: a member of one of several autonomous communities drawn from various ethnic groups in southern Russia; also: a mounted soldier from one of these communities

1 cost /ˈkɑst/ noun
1 †: the amount paid or charged for something
2: the loss or penalty incurred in gaining something <knowledge is gained at the ~ of innocence>
3 plural: expenses incurred in a law suit

— at all costs
: regardless of consequences <win at all costs>

Synonyms

† disbursement, expenditure, expense, outgo, outlay—more at EXPENSE
† charge, fee, figure, price—more at PRICE

2 cost verb cost; cost·ing
1: to require a specified amount in payment
2: to cause to pay, suffer, or lose
3 †: to have a price of

Synonyms
bring, fetch, go, sell; also amount (to), come (to), total; command, exact; ask, demand

**co-star /kə_ˌstār/ noun**
: one of two leading players in a motion picture or play
— **co-star verb**

**Costa Rican /käs.ˈta.ˈrē.kan/ noun**
: a native or inhabitant of Costa Rica
— **Costa Rican adjective**

**costive /ˈkäs.tiv/ adjective**
: affected with or causing constipation

**costly /ˈkōst.lē/ adjective costlier; -est**
1 : of great cost or value : not cheap
2 : done at great expense or sacrifice <a ~ error>
— **costli·ness noun**

**Synonyms**
- dear, expensive, high, precious, valuable; also exorbitant, extravagant, prohibitive, steep, stiff, unreasonable; invaluable, priceless

**Antonyms**
- cheap, inexpensive

**costume /ˈkäs.tūm.ˌti.ˈvyōm/ noun**
1 : the style of attire characteristic of a period or country
2 : an outfit worn to create the appearance characteristic of a particular period, person, place, or thing <Halloween ~s>
— **cost·um·er /ˈkäs.tūm.ˌmer.ˌti.ˈyō/ noun**

**costume jewelry noun**
: inexpensive jewelry

**cosy chiefly British variant of COZY**

**cot /ˈkōt/ noun**
: a small house : COTTAGE

**cot noun**
: a small often collapsible bed

**cote /ˈkōt, ˈkōl/ noun**
: a small shed or coop (as for sheep or doves)

**co·ter·mi·nous /kō.tər.mə.ˈnəs/ adjective**
: having the same scope or duration

**cot·tag·er /ˈkō.təg.ər/ noun**
: a small house

**cot·tage /ˈkō.tij/ noun**
: a small house
— **cot·tage noun**

**cot·tage cheese noun**
cot·ter or cot·tar /ˈkä-tər/ noun
: a peasant or farm laborer occupying a cottage and often a small holding
cot·ter pin noun
: a metal strip bent into a pin whose ends can be spread apart after insertion through a hole or slot
cot·ton /ˈkä-tən/ noun
[origin: ME coton, fr. AF cotun, fr. Ar ܩܹܬܘܢ] 1: a soft fibrous usu. white substance composed of hairs attached to the seeds of various tropical plants related to the mallow; also: this plant 2: thread or cloth made of cotton
cot·tony adjective
: resembling cotton in appearance or character  
  Synonyms
  downy, satiny, silken, soft, velvety—more at soft
cotton candy noun
: a candy made of spun sugar
cot·ton-mouth /ˈkä-tən-maʊθ/ noun
: WATER MOCCASIN
cot·ton·seed /ˌsēd/ noun
: the seed of the cotton plant yielding a protein-rich meal and a fatty oil (cottonseed oil) used esp. in cooking
cot·ton·tail /ˌtāl/ noun
: a No. American rabbit with a white-tufted tail
cot·ton·wood /ˌwūd/ noun
: a poplar having seeds with cottony hairs
cot·y·le·don /ˌkā-lə-dən/ noun
: the first leaf or one of the first pair or whorl of leaves developed by a seed plant
couch /ˈkau̯tʃ/ verb 1: to lie or place on a couch 2: to phrase in a specified manner  
  Synonyms
  articulate, clothe, express, formulate, phrase, put, say, state, word—more at phrase
couch noun
: a piece of furniture (as a bed or sofa) that one can sit or lie on  
  Synonyms
  davenport, divan, lounge, settee, sofa; also love seat; day bed, sofa bed; bench
couch·ant /ˈkau̯-ənt/ adjective
: lying down with the head raised <coat of arms with lion ~>
couch potato noun
: one who spends a great deal of time watching television
cou·gar /ˈkō-gar/ noun, plural cougars also cougar
[origin: F couguar, fr. NL cuguacuarana, modif. of Tupi (a Brazilian Indian language) siwasuarána, fr. siwasú deer + -rana resembling] 1: a large powerful tawny brown wild American cat  
  Synonyms
  mountain lion, panther
cough /kōf/ verb
: to force air from the lungs with short sharp noises; also: to expel by coughing  
  cough noun
could /kəd, kʊd/ past of CAN
— used as an auxiliary in the past or as a polite or less forceful alternative to can in the present

cou·lee /ˈkʌli/ noun
1: a small stream
2: a dry streambed
3: a gully

cou·lomb /ˈkœləm, ˈlœm/ noun
: a unit of electric charge equal to the electricity transferred by a current of one ampere in one second

coun·cil /ˈkoʊn.ʃəl/ noun
1 ▶: an assembly or meeting for consultation, advice, or discussion
2: an official body of lawmakers <city ~>
3 ▶: an association of persons for some common object usu. jointly supported and meeting periodically
— coun·cil·lor or coun·cil·or /ˈsaˌlər/ noun
— coun·cil·man /ˈsaˌmən/ noun
— coun·cil·wom·an /ˌwʊˈmən/ noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] assembly, conference, congress, convention, convocation, gathering, get-together, huddle, meeting, powwow, seminar—more at MEETING
▶ [3] association, brotherhood, club, college, congress, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, league, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION

1counsel /ˈkoʊn.ʃəl/ noun
1: ADVICE
2: a plan of action
3: deliberation together
4 plural counsel ▶: one who gives professional advice or services: LAWYER

Synonyms
▶ advocate, attorney, lawyer—more at LAWYER

2counsel verb -seled or -selled; -sel·ing or -sel·ling
1 ▶: to give advice to
2 ▶: to ask the advice or opinion of: CONSULT

Synonyms
▶ [1] coach, guide, lead, mentor, pilot, shepherd, show, tutor—more at GUIDE
▶ [2] advise, confer, consult, parley, treat—more at CONFER

coun·sel·or or coun·sel·lor /ˈkoʊn.ʃələr/ noun
1: a person who gives advice or counseling: ADVISER
2: one that gives advice in law and manages cases for clients in court: LAWYER
3: one who has supervisory duties at a summer camp

1count /ˈkaʊnt/ verb
1 ▶: to name or indicate one by one in order to find the total number
2: to recite numbers in order
3 ▶: to take into account: CONSIDER, ACCOUNT
4 ▶: to rely or depend on someone or something: RELY — used with on <you can ~ on me>
5 ▶: to be of value or account
6 ▶: to exclude by or sas if by counting — used with out <~ him out>
7: to include by as if by counting — used with in <~ me in>
— count·able adjective

Synonyms
▶ [1] enumerate, number, tell; also add (up), tally, total; calculate, compute, reckon, table, tabulate; check, mark, tick (off)
▶ [3] account, call, consider, esteem, hold, rate, reckon, regard, take—more at CONSIDER
▶ usually count on [4] depend, lean, reckon, rely—more at DEPEND
count noun
1 : the act of counting; also : the total obtained by counting
2 : a particular charge in an indictment or legal declaration

Synonyms
charge, complaint, indictment, rap—more at CHARGE

count noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF cunte, fr. LL comes, fr. L, companion, one of the imperial court, fr. com- with + ire to go]
: a European nobleman whose rank corresponds to that of a British earl

count-down noun
: a backward counting in fixed units (as seconds) to indicate the time remaining before an event (as the launching of a rocket)

count down verb

countenance /ˈkaʊntərnəns/ noun
1 : the human face
2 : FAVOR, APPROVAL
3 : the expression of the face

Synonyms
[1] face, mug, visage
[3] cast, expression, face, look, visage—more at LOOK

countenance verb -nanced; -nancing
: to extend approval or toleration to : SANCTION, TOLERATE

Synonyms
accept, approve, care, favor, OK, sanction, subscribe
abide, bear, brook, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR

counter /ˈkaʊntər/ noun
1 : a piece (as of metal or plastic) used in reckoning or in games
2 : a level surface over which business is transacted, food is served, or work is conducted

counter noun
: a device for recording a number or amount

counter verb
: to act in opposition to

Synonyms
battle, combat, contend, fight, oppose—more at FIGHT

counter adverb
: in an opposite direction : CONTRARY

counter noun
1 : OPPOSITE, CONTRARY
2 : an answering or offsetting force or blow

counter adjective
: marked by or tending toward or in an opposite direction or effect : CONTRARY, OPPOSITE

counter-act /ˈkaʊntər.ækt/ verb
: to lessen the force of : OFFSET
— counter-active /ˈæktɪv/ adjective

Synonyms
annul, cancel, compensate, correct, counterbalance, make up, neutralize, offset—more at OFFSET

counter-attack /ˈkaʊntər.æk.tʃək/ noun
: an attack made to oppose an enemy's attack
counterattack verb

1. counterbalance /ˈkaʊnˌter·bə·lans/ noun
   : a weight or influence that balances another
   Synonyms
   balance, canceler, counterweight, equipoise, offset

2. counterbalance /ˈkaʊnˌter·bə·lans/ verb
   : to oppose with equal weight or influence

counter-claim /ˈkaʊnˌter·klɛm/ noun
   : an opposing claim esp. in law

counter-clock-wise /ˈkaʊnˌter·klæk·wɪs/ adverb
   : in a direction opposite to that in which the hands of a clock rotate
   — counter-clockwise adjective

counter-culture /ˈkaʊnˌter·ku·lər·i/ noun
   : a culture esp. of the young with values and mores that run counter to those of established society

counter-espionage /ˈkaʊnˌter·es·pə·njən/ noun
   : activities intended to discover and defeat enemy espionage

1. counterfeit /ˈkaʊnˌter·fl/ adjective
   1. not genuine or real
   2. ♦: made in imitation of something else with intent to deceive
      Synonyms
      bogus, fake, false, inauthentic, phony, sham, spurious, unauthentic; also artificial, factitious, imitation, man-made, mock, simulated, substitute, synthetic; dummy, ornamental; fabricated, manufactured; deceptive, delusive, misleading
      Antonyms
      authentic, bona fide, genuine, real

2. counterfeit verb
   1. ♦: to copy or imitate in order to deceive
   2. ♦: to imitate or feign esp. with intent to deceive: PRETEND, FEIGN

3. counterfeit noun
   ♦: something counterfeit: FORGERY
   Synonyms
   fake, forgery, hoax, humbug, phony, sham—more at FAKE

counter-insurgency /ˈkaʊnˌter·ɪnˌsər·dʒən/ noun
   : military activity designed to deal with insurgents

counter-intelligence /ˌɪnˌtɛrˌdʒəns/ noun
   : organized activities of an intelligence service designed to counter the activities of an enemy's intelligence service

counter-intuitive /ˌɪnˌtju·ɪˈtɪv/ adjective
   : contrary to what would intuitively be expected

counter-man /ˈkaʊnˌter·mæn·ˌmæn/ noun
   : one who tends a counter

countermand /ˈkaʊntərˌmænd/ verb
   : to withdraw (an order already given) by a contrary order

counter-measure /ˌkʌntərˈmjuːz/ noun
   : an action or device designed to counter another
counteroffensive /ˌkounˈterˌofˈfen·siv/ noun
: a large-scale counterattack

counterpane /ˌkounˈpairn/ noun

\[\begin{align*}
&: a usu. ornamental cloth cover for a bed : \text{BEDSPREAD} \\
&S\text{Synonyms} \\
&\quad \text{bedspread, spread; also comforter, puff, quilt; bedclothes, bedding}
\end{align*}\]
counterpart /ˌkounˈpar/ noun

\[\begin{align*}
&: a person or thing very closely like or corresponding to another person or thing \\
&S\text{Synonyms} \\
&\quad \text{coordinate, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, match, parallel, peer, rival—more at EQUAL} \\
&\quad \text{carbon copy, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, replica, ringer, spit—more at IMAGE}
\end{align*}\]
counterpoint /ˌkounˈpɔint/ noun
: music in which one melody is accompanied by one or more other melodies all woven into a harmonious whole

counterpose /ˌkounˈpoiz/ noun
: a force or influence that offsets or checks an opposing force : COUNTERBALANCE

counterrevolution /ˌkounˌterˌrev·əˈlu·shan/ noun
: a revolution opposed to a current or earlier one

\[\begin{align*}
\text{— counterrevolutionary /ˌkounˌterˌrev·əˈlu·ˈshən·ərē/ adjective or noun}
\end{align*}\]
countersign /ˌkounˌsərˌsən/ noun

\[\begin{align*}
&1: a confirmatory signature added to a writing already signed by another person \\
&2: a military secret signal that must be given by a person who wishes to pass a guard \\
&S\text{— countersign verb}
\end{align*}\]
countersink /ˌkounˈsent/ verb -sunk /ˌkounˈsentk/ -sinking

\[\begin{align*}
&1: to form a funnel-shaped enlargement at the outer end of a drilled hole \\
&2: to set the head of (as a screw) at or below the surface \\
&S\text{— countersink noun}
\end{align*}\]
counterspy /ˌkounˈspi/ noun
: a spy engaged in counterespionage

counter-tenor /ˌkounˌtəˌnər/ noun
: a tenor with an unusually high range

counterweight /ˌkounˌwāt/ verb

\[\begin{align*}
&: a force or influence that offsets or checks an opposing force : COUNTERBALANCE \\
&S\text{Synonyms} \\
&\quad \text{balance, canceler, counterbalance, equipoise, offset}
\end{align*}\]
countess /ˌkounˈtēs/ noun

\[\begin{align*}
&1: the wife or widow of a count or an earl \\
&2: a woman holding the rank of a count or an earl in her own right
\end{align*}\]
countinghouse /ˌkounˈtingˌhous/ noun
: a building or office for keeping books and conducting business

countless /ˌkounˈtaləs/ adjective

\[\begin{align*}
&: too numerous to be counted : INNUMERABLE \\
&S\text{Synonyms} \\
&\quad \text{innumerable, numberless, uncountable, unnumbered, untold; also endless, infinite, unlimited, vast; many, multitudinous, numerous}
\end{align*}\]
Antonyms
countable
coun·tri·fied also coun·try·fied /ˈkan.trɪˌfɪd/ adjective
1: RURAL, RUSTIC
2: UNSOPHISTICATED
3: played or sung in the manner of country music

1country /ˈkan.trɪ/ noun, plural countries
[origin: ME contree, fr. AF cuntree, contré, fr. ML contrata, fr. L contra against, on the opposite side]
1: REGION, DISTRICT
2: the land of a person's birth, residence, or citizenship: FATHERLAND
3: a nation or its territory
4: rural regions as opposed to towns and cities
5: COUNTRY MUSIC

Synonyms
[2] fatherland, home, homeland, motherland, sod; also old country; community, neighborhood
[3] commonwealth, land, nation, sovereignty, state—more at NATION
[4] backwoods, sticks; also exurbia; frontier, hinterland, up-country; wild, wilderness

country adjective
1: of, relating to, or characteristic of the country: RURAL
2: of or relating to country music <a ~ singer>

Synonyms
bucolic, pastoral, rural, rustic—more at RURAL

country and western noun
: COUNTRY MUSIC

country club noun
: a suburban club for social life and recreation; especially: one having a golf course
 — country–club adjective

coun·try–dance /ˈkan.trɪˌdans/ noun
: an English dance in which partners face each other esp. in rows

coun·try·man /ˈkan.trɪˌmæn/ 2 often ...man/ noun
1: an inhabitant of a specified country
2: COMPATRIOT
3: one raised or living in the country: RUSTIC

country music noun
: music derived from or imitating the folk style of the southern U.S. or of the Western cowboy

coun·try·side /ˈkan.trɪˌsайд/ noun
: a rural area or its people

coun·ty /ˈkɑn.tɪ/ noun, plural counties
1: the domain of a count
2: a territorial division of a country or state for purposes of local government

coup /kœ/ noun, plural coups /kœp/ [origin: F, blow, stroke]
1: a highly successful stroke, action, plan, or stratagem
2: COUP D'ÉTAT

Synonyms
accomplishment, achievement, attainment, success, triumph—more at ACCOMPLISHMENT

coup de grace /kœ.də ˈɡreɪs/ noun, plural coups de grace /same/
[origin: F coup de grâce, lit., stroke of mercy]
: DEATHBLow; also: a final decisive stroke or event
coup d’état /kœ̃dəta/ noun, plural coups d’état /same or _ta/-
[origin: F, lit., stroke of state]
: a sudden violent overthrow of a government by a small group

coupé or coupe /kœ̃ pa, 2 often ’kœ̃p/ noun
[origin: F coupé, fr. couper to cut]
1 : a closed horse-drawn carriage for two persons inside with an outside seat for the driver
2 usually coupe : a 2-door automobile with an enclosed body

couple /’ka>pel/ noun
1 : two persons closely associated; especially : a man and a woman married or otherwise paired
2 : two of the same kind considered together : PAIR
3 : BOND, TIE
4 : an indefinite small number : FEW <a ~ of days ago>

Synonyms
brace, duo, pair, twain, twosome—more at PAIR

couple verb coup·pled; coup·ling
1 : to link together

Synonyms
associate, combine, conjoin, connect, hitch, hook, join, link, marry, unify, unite, yoke—more at UNITE

couplet /’ka>plet/ noun
: two successive rhyming lines of verse

coupling /’ka>p]i]n (usual for 2). pa’li/ noun
1 : the act of bringing or coming together : CONNECTION; also : the point at which things are connected
2 : a device for connecting two parts or things

Synonyms
combination, connection, consolidation, junction, unification, union—more at UNION

coupon /’kœ̃ pa’n, ’kyœ̃/ noun
1 : a statement attached to a bond showing interest due and designed to be cut off and presented for payment
2 : a form surrendered in order to obtain an article, service, or accommodation
3 : a printed document or slip used to submit orders or inquiries or to obtain a discount on merchandise or services

courage /karœ̃z/ noun
1 : ability to conquer fear or despair : BRAVERY, VALOR

Synonyms
bravery, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor; also backbone, fiber, fortitude, grit, gumption, mettle, pluck, spunk; determination, perseverance, resolution; endurance, stamina, tenacity; audacity, boldness, brazenness, cheek, effrontery, gall, temerity

Antonyms
cowardice

courageous /ka’ra]jes/ adjective
— courage·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
brave, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE

courier /’kurœ̃r, ’kerœ̃/ noun
1 : one who bears messages or information esp. for the diplomatic or military services

Synonyms
go-between, messenger, page, runner—more at MESSENER

course /kœrs/ noun
1 a : the act or action of moving in a path from point to point : PROGRESS, PASSAGE
b : direction of progress
2 : the ground or path over which something moves
3 a : method of procedure
   b : CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR
4 : an ordered series of acts or proceedings : sequence of events
5 : a series of instruction periods dealing with a subject
6 : the series of studies leading to graduation from a school or college
7 : the part of a meal served at one time
   —of course : as might be expected

_Synonyms_
   ▶ [1b] line, path, route, track, way—more at PATH
   ▶ [3a] line, policy, procedure, program; also blueprint, design, plan, scheme, strategy; intent, intention, purpose; approach, direction, path, pathway, tack
   ▶ [4] operation, procedure, proceeding, process—more at PROCESS

course verb coursed; cours·ing
1 : to hunt with dogs
2 ▶ : to run or go speedily

_Synonyms_
   ▶ barrel, career, dash, fly, hurry, pelt, race, rip, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, tear, zip, zoom—more at HURRY

cours·er /ˈkɔrsər/ noun
: a swift or spirited horse

court /kœrt/ noun
1 : the residence of a sovereign or similar dignitary
2 : a sovereign's formal assembly of officials and advisers as a governing power
3 : an assembly of the retinue of a sovereign
4 ▶ : an open space enclosed by a building or buildings
5 : a space walled or marked off for playing a game (as tennis or basketball)
6 : the place where justice is administered; also : a judicial body or a meeting of a judicial body
7 : attention intended to win favor
8 ▶ : a judge or judges in session

_Synonyms_
   ▶ [4] close, courtyard, quadranagle, yard; also place, plaza, square; deck, terrace
   ▶ [8] bench, judge, justice, magistrate—more at JUDGE

court verb
1 : to try to gain the favor of
2 ▶ : to seek to gain or achieve : WOO
3 : ATTRACT, TEMPT

_Synonyms_
   ▶ ask, woo; also angle (for), fish (for); hunt, search, seek

cour·te·ous /ˈkɑrtəs/ adjective
▶ : marked by respect for others : CIVIL, POLITE

_Synonyms_
   ▶ civil, genteel, gracious, mannerly, polite, well-bred—more at POLITE

cour·te·ous·ly adverb
▶ : in a courteous manner

_Synonyms_
   ▶ kindly, nicely, thoughtfully, well—more at WELL

cour·te·san /ˈkɔrtəˌsohn/ noun
: PROSTITUTE

cour·te·sy /ˈkɑrtəsē/ noun, plural -sies
1 ▶ : courteous behavior
2 : a favor courteously performed

**Synonyms**

1. amenity, civility, formality, gesture—more at **CIVILITY**
2. civility, gentility, graciousness, mannerliness, politeness—more at **POLITE**

**court·house** /ˈkōrtˌhau/ noun

: a building in which courts of law are held or county offices are located

**court·ier** /ˈkōrtˌīər/ noun

: a person in attendance at a royal court

**court·ly** /ˈkōrtˌlē/ adjective **court·i·er; -est**

: Refined, elegant, polite

— **court·li·ness** noun

**court·mar·tal** /ˈkōrtˌmərˌshəl/ noun, plural **courts·martial**

: a military or naval court for trial of offenses against military or naval law; also : a trial by this court

— **court·mar·tal** verb

**court·room** /ˈkōrtˌrōm/ noun

: a room in which a court of law is held

**court·ship** /ˈkōrtˌʃip/ noun

: the act of courting: **WOOING**

**court·yard** /ˈkōrtˌyar/ noun

: an enclosure next to a building

**Synonyms**

1. close, court, quadrangle, yard—more at **COURT**

**cous·cous** /ˈkōsˌkəs/ noun

: a N. African dish of steamed semolina usu. served with meat or vegetables; also : the semolina itself

**cous·in** /ˈkōsən/ noun


: a child of one's uncle or aunt

**cout·ture** /ˌkōtəˈtir/ noun

[ORIGIN: F]

: the business of designing fashionable custom-made women's clothing; also : the designers and establishments engaged in this business

**cout·u·ri·er** /ˌkōtəˈtirēˌer, -ˌär/ noun

[ORIGIN: F, dressmaker]

: the owner of an establishment engaged in couture

**cove** /kōv/ noun

1. a small sheltered inlet or bay

**Synonyms**

1. bay, bight, estuary, gulf, inlet—more at **GULF**

**co·ven** /ˈkōvən/ noun

: an assembly or band of witches

**cov·e·nant** /ˈkōvənt/ noun

1. a formal binding agreement: **COMPACT**

**Synonyms**

1. accord, agreement, bargain, compact, contract, convention, deal, pact, settlement, understanding—more at **AGREEMENT**

**cov·e·nant** /ˈkōvənt, -nənt/ verb

: to promise by a covenant


**Synonyms**
- pledge, promise, swear, vow—more at PROMISE

1. **cover /ˈkaʊ.vər/ verb**
   1: to bring or hold within range of a firearm
   2: to afford protection or security to: PROTECT, SHIELD
   3: to hide from sight or knowledge: HIDE, CONCEAL
   4: to place something over or upon
   5: INCLUDE, COMPRISIE
   6: to have as one's field of activity <one salesman ~ s the state>
   7: to buy (stocks) in order to have them for delivery on a previous short sale
   8: to deal with
   9: to pass over
   10: to act as a substitute or replacement during an absence

   **Synonyms**
   - [2] defend, guard, protect, safeguard, screen, secure, shield, ward—more at DEFEND
   - [3] blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, curtain, enshroud, hide, mask, obscure, occult, screen, shroud, veil—more at HIDE
   - [4] blanket, carpet, coat, overlay, overlie, overspread; also enclose, enshroud, envelop, mantle,shawl, shroud, swathe, wrap; cloak, clothe, curtain, veil; circle, encircle, encompass
   - [8] concern, deal, pertain, treat—more at CONCERN
   - [9] crisscross, cross, cut, follow, go, pass, proceed, travel, traverse—more at TRAVERSE
   - [10] fill in, pinch-hit, stand in, sub, substitute, take over; also understudy; relieve, spell; double (as)

2. **cover noun**
   1: something that protects or shelters
   2: a movable cover for the opening of a hollow container: LID, TOP
   3: CASE, BINDING
   4: TABLECLOTH
   5: a cloth used on a bed
   6: SCREEN, DISGUISE
   7: an envelope or wrapper for mail

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] aegis, armor, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE
   - [1] armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at CASE
   - [2] cap, lid, top; also dome, hood, roof; capsule, case, casing, covering, housing, jacket, sheath, shell

3. **coverage /ˈkaʊ.vər.dʒ/ noun**
   1: the act or fact of covering
   2: the total group covered: SCOPE

4. **cover-all /ˈkaʊ.vər.əl/ noun**
   : a one-piece outer garment worn to protect one's clothes — usu. used in pl.

5. **cover charge noun**
   : a charge made by a restaurant or nightclub in addition to the charge for food and drink

6. **cover crop noun**
   : a crop planted to prevent soil erosion and to provide humus

7. **covering noun**
   : something that covers or conceals

8. **coverlet /ˈkaʊ.vər.lət/ noun**
   : a usu. ornamental cloth cover for a bed: BEDSPREAD

9. **cover /ˈkʌvər, ˈkɑːvər/ adjective**
   1: not openly shown, engaged in, or avowed: SECRET
   2: SHELTERED
   — **cover·ly adverb**
Synonyms
- cloistered, isolated, quiet, remote, secluded, secret—more at secluded
- clandestine, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhanded—more at secret

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2 covert /ˈkoʊ.vər/ noun
1 ♦: a secret or sheltered place; especially: a thicket sheltering game
2 ♦: a feather covering the bases of the quills of the wings and tail of a bird

Synonyms
- concealment, den, hideout, lair, nest—more at hideout
- brake, brushwood, chaparral, coppice, thicket—more at thicket

cover-up /ˈkoʊ.vərˌap/ noun
1 ♦: a device for masking or concealing
2 ♦: a usu. concerted effort to keep an illegal or unethical act or situation from being made public

covey /ˈkoʊ.və/ noun, plural coveys
[Origin: ME, fr. AF covee sitting (of a hen), fr. cover to sit on, brood over, fr. L cubare to lie]
1 ♦: a bird with her brood of young
2 ♦: a small flock (as of quail)

cow /ˈkau/ noun
1 ♦: the mature female of cattle or of an animal (as the moose, elephant, or whale) of which the male is called bull
2 ♦: any domestic bovine animal irrespective of sex or age

cow verb
♦: to destroy the resolve or courage of: intimidate

Synonyms
- browbeat, bully, hector, intimidate—more at intimidate

coward /ˈkauərd/ noun
♦: one who lacks courage or shows shameful fear or timidity
— cowardly adjective
— cowardice /ˈkauərd.i/ noun

Synonyms
- chicken, craven, dastard, poltroon, recreant, sissy; also defeatist, quitter; pushover, weakling, wimp; snake, sneak

Antonyms
- hero, stalwart, valiant

cowardly adverb or adjective
♦: being, resembling, or befitting a coward

Synonyms
- chicken, craven, dastardly, pusillanimous, recreant, spineless, yellow; also diffident, fainthearted, fearful,
timid, timorous; afraid, frightened, scared; careful, cautious, wary; bashful, coy, shy; feeble, soft, weak

**Antonyms**
brave, courageous, daring, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, gutsy, hardy, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, stalwart, stout, valiant, valorous

cow·bird /ˈkaʊˌbɜrd/ noun
: a small No. American blackbird that lays its eggs in the nests of other birds

cow·boy /ˈboɪ/ noun
: one (as a mounted ranch hand) who tends cattle or horses

cow·er /ˈkau(ə)r/ verb
› : to shrink or crouch down from fear or cold: **QUAIL**

**Synonyms**
cringe, grovel, quail; also flinch, recoil, shrink; blanch, blench, whiten; fawn, kowtow, toady

cow·girl /ˈkaʊˌɡɜrl/ noun
: a girl or woman who tends cattle or horses

cow·hand /ˈkaʊˌhænd/ noun
: one who tends cattle or horses: **COWBOY**
cow·hide /ˈhaɪd/ noun
1: the hide of a cow; also: leather made from it
2: a coarse whip of braided rawhide
cowl /ˈkaʊl/ noun
: a monk's hood
cow·lick /ˈkaʊˌlɪk/ noun
: a turned-up tuft of hair that resists control
cowl·ing /ˈkaʊlɪŋ/ noun
: a usu. metal covering for the engine or another part of an airplane
cow·man /ˈkaʊˌmæn/ noun
: one who tends cattle or horses: **COWBOY; also**: a cattle owner or rancher
co·work·er /ˈkoʊˌwɜrˌkær/ noun
: a fellow worker
cow·poke /ˈkaʊˌpɑk/ noun
: one who tends cattle or horses: **COWBOY**
cow·pony noun
: a strong and agile horse trained for herding cattle
cow·pox /ˈkaʊˌpɑks/ noun
: a mild disease of the cow that when communicated to humans protects against smallpox
cow·punch·er /ˈpaŋˌcher/ noun
: one who tends cattle or horses: **COWBOY**
cow·slip /ˈkaʊˌslɪp/ noun
1: a yellow-flowered European primrose
2: **MARSH MARIGOLD**
cox·comb /ˈkɔksˌkɔm/ noun
: a conceited foolish person: **FOP**
cox·swain /ˈkɔksˌswɛn/ noun
: the steersman of a ship's boat or a racing shell
coy /ˈkɔɪ/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME, quiet, shy, fr. AF quei, quoi, koi quiet, fr. L quietus]

1 ▶: shrinking from contact or familiarity: **BASHFUL, SHY**

2 ▶: marked by artful playfulness: **COQUETTISH**

— **coy-ly** adverb

— **coy-ness** noun

**Synonyms**

▶ [1] bashful, demure, diffident, introverted, modest, retiring, sheepish, shy—more at **SHY**

▶ [2] coquettish, demure, kittenish; also flirtatious; goody-goody, overmodest, priggish, prim, prudish

**coy-ote** /ˈkoʊ.ət/ noun, plural **coyotes** or **coyote**

: a mammal of No. America smaller than the related wolves

**coy-pu** /ˈkoʊ. póʊ/ noun

: **NUTRIA 2**

**coz-en** /ˈkoʊ.zən/ verb

▶: to deceive, win over, or induce to do something by artful coaxing and wheedling or shrewd trickery

— **coz-en-age** /ˈkoʊ.zən.ıdʒ/ noun

— **coz-en-er** noun

**Synonyms**

▶ beguile, bluff, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at **DECEIVE**

▶ bleed, cheat, chisel, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at **FLEECE**

1 **cozy** /ˈkɔzi/ adjective **co-zier**; -est

: enjoying or affording warmth and ease: **SNUG, COMFORTABLE**

— **coz-i-ly** /ˈkɔzi.əl/ adverb

— **coz-i-ness** /ˈkɔzi.nəs/ noun

2 **cozy** noun, plural **co-zies**

: a padded covering for a vessel (as a teapot) to keep the contents hot

**cp** abbreviation

1 compare

2 coupon

**CP** abbreviation

1 cerebral palsy

2 chemically pure

3 command post

4 communist party

**CPA** abbreviation

certified public accountant

**CPB** abbreviation

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

**cpd** abbreviation

compound

**CPI** abbreviation

consumer price index

**Cpl** abbreviation

corporal

**CPO** abbreviation

chief petty officer

**CPOM** abbreviation

master chief petty officer
CPOS  abbreviation
senior chief petty officer
CPR  abbreviation
cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CPT  abbreviation
captain
CPU  /səˈpiːˌjuː/ noun
[origin: central processing unit]
the part of a computer that performs its basic operations, manages its components, and exchanges data with memory or peripherals
CQ  abbreviation
charge of quarters
cr  abbreviation
credit; creditor
Cr  symbol
chromium
1 crab  /kræb/ noun
: any of various crustaceans with a short broad shell and small abdomen
2 crab  noun
›: an ill-natured person
Synonyms
bear, complainer, crank, grouch, grumbler, whiner—more at GROUCH
3 crab verb crabb·ed; crabb·ing
›: to complain about peevishly: COMPLAIN, GROUSE
Synonyms
beef, bellyache, carp, complain, croak, fuss, gripe, grouch, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN
crab apple  noun
:a small often highly colored sour apple; also: a tree that produces crab apples
crab·bed  /ˈkræb-id/ adjective
1: MOROSE, PEEVISH
2: CRAMPED, IRREGULAR
crab·by  /ˈkræb-ee/ adjective crabb·i·er; -est
›: marked by typically transitory bad temper: CROSS
Synonyms
choleric, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE
crab grass  /kræbˌgræs/ noun
:a weedy grass with creeping or sprawling stems that root freely at the nodes
crab louse  noun
:a louse infesting the pubic region in humans
1 crack  /kræk/ verb
1: to break with a sharp sudden sound
2: to break with or without completely separating into parts
3: to fail in tone or become harsh <her voice ~ed>
4: to subject (as a petroleum oil) to heat for breaking down into lighter products (as gasoline)
5: to strike with a sharp noise
6: to puzzle out and expose, solve, or reveal the mystery of
7: to lose control or effectiveness under pressure
2crack noun
1: a sudden sharp noise
2: a witty or sharp remark
3: a narrow break or opening: fissure
4: a sharp blow
5: an attempt or opportunity to do something
6: a potent form of cocaine in small chips used illicitly for smoking

Synonyms
- [1] bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, pop, report, slam, smash, thwack, whack—more at clap
- [2] gag, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantries, quip, sally, waggery, wisecrack, witticism—more at joke
- [3] chink, cleft, cranny, crevice, fissure, rift, split; also craze, hairline; fracture, rupture, breach, gap, opening; cut, gash, incision, slit
- [5] attempt, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, shot, stab, trial, try, whack—more at attempt

3crack adjective
: extremely proficient

Synonyms
- accomplished, adept, consummate, crackerjack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, masterly, proficient, skilled, skillful, virtuoso—more at proficient

crack·down /kræk_ˈdaʊn/ noun
: an act or instance of taking positive disciplinary action <a ~ on gambling>

crack down verb
: to take positive regulatory or disciplinary action — used with on

Synonyms
- usually crack down on clamp down, crush, put down, quash, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at quell

cracked adjective
: mentally disturbed

Synonyms
- balmy, crazy, deranged, insane, loco, lunatic, mad, nuts, nutty, screwy, unsound—more at insane

crack·er /ˈkraːkər/ noun
1: firecracker
2: a dry thin crispy baked bread product made of flour and water

crack·er·jack /ˈkrækərˌjak/ noun
: a person or thing of marked excellence

Synonyms
- ace, adept, artist, authority, expert, maestro, master, scholar, shark, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at expert

crackerjack adjective
: of striking ability or excellence

Synonyms
- accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, masterly, proficient, skilled, skillful, virtuoso—more at proficient

crack·le /ˈkraːkəl/ verb crack·led; crack·ling
1: to make small sharp snapping noises
2: to develop fine cracks in a surface

— crackle noun
— crack·ly /ˈkrækəli/ adjective

crack·pot /ˈkrækˌpɔt/ noun
an eccentric person

**Synonyms**
- character, crank, eccentric, kook, nut, oddball, screwball, weirdo—more at [ECCENTRIC](#)

**crack-up** /ˈkrækˌəp/ **noun**
1 : a wrecking or smashing esp. of a vehicle: [CRASH, WRECK](#)
2 : BREAKDOWN

**Synonyms**
- collision, crash, smash, wreck—more at [CRASH](#)

**crack up** **verb**
1 : to express a favorable judgment of: [PRAISE](#) <isn't all it's cracked up to be>
2 : to laugh or cause to laugh out loud
3 : to crash a vehicle

**Synonyms**
- acclaim, applaud, cheer, hail, laud, praise, salute, tout—more at [ACCLAIM](#)

**cradle** /ˈkrædəl/ **noun**
1 : a baby's bed or cot
2 : a framework or support (as for a telephone receiver)
3 : INFANCY <from ~ to the grave>
4 : a place of origin

**cradle** **verb** cra·dled; cra·dling
1 : to place in or as if in a cradle
2 : SHELTER, REAR

**craft** /ˈkraft/ **noun**
1 a : skill in planning, making, or executing
b : an occupation requiring special skill
2 : skill in deceiving to gain an end: [CUNNING, GUILE](#)
3 pl usu **craft** : a boat esp. of small size; also: [AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT](#)

**Synonyms**
- [1a] adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, cunning, deftness, masterfulness, skill—more at [SKILL](#)
- [1b] handicraft, trade; also art, skill; calling, occupation, profession, vocation
- [2] artfulness, artifice, caginess, canniness, craftiness, cunning, guile, slyness, wiliness—more at [CUNNING](#)
- [3] boat, bottom, vessel—more at [BOAT](#)

**craft** **verb**
: to make or produce with care, skill, or ingenuity

**Synonyms**
- cast, compose, draft, draw, formulate, frame, prepare—more at [COMPOSE](#)

**craft-i·ness** /ˈkraf tɪˌnəs/ **noun**
: the quality or state of being crafty

**Synonyms**
- artfulness, artifice, cunning, slyness, wiliness—more at [CUNNING](#)

**crafts·man** /ˈkraftsˌmən/ **noun**
: a skilled artisan

**crafts·man·ship** **noun**

**crafty** /ˈkraftɪ/ **adjective** craft·i·er; -est
: adept in the use of subterfuge and cunning: [CUNNING, SUBTLE](#)

**craft·i·ly** /ˈkraftɪlɪ/ **adverb**

**Synonyms**
- artful, cagey, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily—more at [ARTFUL](#)
crag /kræg/ noun
  1 : a steep rugged cliff or rock
  Synonyms
    • bluff, cliff, escarpment, palisade, precipice, scarp—more at CLIFF
  crag·gy adjective
  1 : having a broken, uneven, or bumpy surface
  Synonyms
    • broken, jagged, ragged, scraggly—more at RAGGED

Cram /kræm/ verb crammed; cram·ming
  1 : to pack in tight: JAM
  2 : to eat greedily
  3 : to study rapidly under pressure for an examination
  Synonyms
    • crowd, jam, ram, sandwich, squeeze, stuff, wedge—more at CROWD
    • charge, fill, heap, jam, jam-pack, load, pack, stuff—more at FILL

1 cramp /kræmp/ noun
  1 : a sudden painful contraction of muscle
  2 : sharp abdominal pain — usu. used in pl.
  Synonyms
    • spasm; also contraction, jerk, stitch, twinge, twitch

2 cramp verb
  1 : to affect with a cramp or cramps
  2 : to restrain from free action: HAMPER
  Synonyms
    • clog, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, hamper, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede,
      inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackle, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER

Cran·ber·ry /krænˌber-ə, ˌbe-rē/ noun
  : the red acid berry of any of several trailing plants related to the heaths; also: one of these plants

1 crane /kran/ noun
  1 : any of a family of tall wading birds related to the rails; also: any of several herons
  2 : a machine for lifting and carrying heavy objects

2 crane verb craned; cran·ing
  1 : to stretch one's neck to see better
  2 : to raise or lift by or as if by a crane
  Synonyms
    • boost, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, hoist, jack, lift, pick up, raise, up, uphold—more at RAISE

crane fly noun
  : any of a family of long-legged slender dipteran flies that resemble large mosquitoes but do not bite

cranial nerve noun
  : any of the nerves that arise in pairs from the lower surface of the brain and pass through openings in the skull to the
  periphery of the body

cra·ni·um /krænˌe-əm/ noun, plural -ni·ums or -nia /ə/
  : SKULL; especially: the part enclosing the brain

— cra·ni·al /əl/ adjective

1 crank /kræŋk/ noun
  1 : a bent part of an axle or shaft or an arm at right angles to the end of a shaft by which circular motion is imparted
    to or received from it
  2 : an eccentric person
  3 : a bad-tempered person: GROUCH
  Synonyms
crazy, crackpot, eccentric, kook, nut, oddball, screwball, weirdo—more at eccentric
bear, complainer, crab, grouch, grumbler, whiner—more at grouch

2crank verb
: to start or operate by or as if by turning a crank — usu. used with up
  Synonyms
  usually crank up actuate, actuate, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at activate

 crank-case /'kraŋˌkēs/ noun
  : the housing of a crankshaft

 crank out verb
  : to produce in a mechanical manner

 crank·shaft /'kraŋˌshaft/ noun
  : a shaft turning or driven by a crank

 cranky /'kraŋˌkē/ adjective crank·i·er; -est
  1 ▪ : given to fretful fussiness : irritable
  2 ▪ : operating uncertainly or imperfectly
    Synonyms
    [1] choleric, crabby, cross, crotchety, fussy, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perversive, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at irritable
    [2] awkward, clumsy, cumbersome, ungainly, unhandy, unwieldy—more at cumbersome

 cran·ny /'krānē/ noun, plural crannies
  ▪ : a small break or slit : crevice, chink
    Synonyms
    chink, cleft, crack, crevice, fissure, rift, split—more at crack

 craps /'krāps/ noun
  : a gambling game played with two dice

crap·shoot·er /'krapˌshü-tər/ noun
  : a person who plays craps

1crash /'kraʃ/ verb
  1 ▪ : to break noisily : smash
  2 ▪ : to damage an airplane in landing
  3 ▪ : to enter or attend without invitation or without paying (~ a party)
  4 ▪ : to decline suddenly and steeply
  5 ▪ : to suffer a sudden major failure usu. with loss of data (~ my computer ~ed)
    Synonyms
    [1] bang, bash, bump, collide, hit, impact, knock, ram, slam, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at hit
    [5] break, break down, conk, cut out, die, fail, stall—more at fail

2crash noun
  1 ▪ : a loud sound (as of things smashing)
  2 ▪ : an instance of crashing (~ a plane ~); also : collision
  3 ▪ : a sudden failure (as of a business)
    Synonyms
    [1] bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, pop, report, slam, smash, snap, thwack, whack—more at clap
    [2] collision, crack-up, smash, wreck; also accident; destruction, ruin
    [3] collapse, cropper, defeat, failure, fizzle, nonsuccess—more at failure

3crash adjective
  : marked by concerted effort over the shortest possible time

4crash noun
  : coarse linen fabric used for towels and draperies
crash–land /'krashˌland/ verb
: to land an aircraft or spacecraft under emergency conditions usu. with damage to the craft
— crash landing noun

crass /'kræs/ adjective
  ▶ coarse in nature or behavior: GROSS
— crass·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ coarse, common, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at COARSE

crate /'kræt/ noun
: a container often of wooden slats
— crate verb

crā·ter /'krāˌter/ noun
[Origin: L, mixing bowl, crater, fr. Gk kratēr, fr. kerannynai to mix]
  1 : the depression around the opening of a volcano
  2 : a depression formed by the impact of a meteorite or by the explosion of a bomb or shell

cra·vat /'kravət/ noun
: NECKTIE

crave /'krɑv/ verb craved; crav·ing
  1 : to ask for earnestly: BEG
  2 : to long for: DESIRE
  Synonyms
    ▶ ache, covet, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

cra·ven /'krɑrən/ adjective
  ▶ lacking the least bit of courage: contemptibly fainthearted
  Synonyms
    ▶ chicken, cowardly, dastardly, pusillanimous, recreant, spineless, yellow—more at COWARDLY

craven noun
: an avowed coward

crat·ing /'krætɪŋ/ noun
  ▶ an urgent or abnormal desire
  Synonyms
    ▶ appetite, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

craw·fish /'krɒˌfish/ noun
  1 : CRAYFISH 1
  2 : SPINY LOBSTER

craw·l /'krɔl/ verb
  1 ▶: to move slowly by drawing the body along the ground
  2 ▶: to advance feebly, cautiously, or slowly
  3 : to be swarming with or feel as if swarming with creeping things <a place ~ing with ants> <her flesh ~ed>
  Synonyms
    ▶ [1] creep, grovel, slither, snake, worm; also crouch, squat; slide; edge, inch, nose
    ▶ [2] creep, drag, inch, plod, poke; also lumber, shamble, shuffle, tramp, trudge
  Antonyms
    ▶ fly, race, speed, whiz, zip

crawl noun
  1 : a very slow pace
  2 : a prone speed swimming stroke
cray-fish /ˈkrɑː.ʃ/ noun
1 : any of numerous freshwater crustaceans usu. much smaller than the related lobsters
2 : SPINY LOBSTER

cray-on /ˈkrɑː.ən/ noun
: a stick of chalk or wax used for writing, drawing, or coloring; also : a drawing made with such material
— crayon verb

1craze /ˈkrɑːz/ verb crazed; craz·ing
[origin: ME crasen to crush, craze, of Scand origin]
\(\Rightarrow\): to make or become insane
   Synonyms
   - derange, madden, unhinge; also agitate, bother, confuse, discompose, disquiet, distract, disturb, perturb, unsettle, upset; annoy, irritate, vex

2craze noun
\(\Rightarrow\): an exaggerated and often transient enthusiasm: FAD
   Synonyms
   - fad, mode, rage, style, trend, vogue—more at FAD

cra·zi·ness /ˈzə.ˌnis/ noun
\(\Rightarrow\): the quality or state of being crazy
   Synonyms
   - absurdity, asininity, balminess, daftness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, zaniness

cra·zy /ˈkrɑː.zə/ adjective cra·zi·er; -est
1 \(\Rightarrow\): mentally disordered: INSANE
2 \(\Rightarrow\): not characterized by common sense: wildly impractical; also: ERRATIC
3 \(\Rightarrow\): distracted with desire or excitement
4 \(\Rightarrow\): absurdly fond — usu. used with about or over
   — cra·zi·ly /ˈzə.ˌli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   - [1, 2] absurd, asinine, balmy, cockeyed, cuckoo, daft, erratic, fatuous, foolish, harebrained, insane, kooky, lunatic, mad, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, sappy, screwball, senseless, silly, stupid, unwise, wacky, witless, zany—more at FOOLISH
   - [3] agog, anxious, ardent, athirst, avid, eager, enthusiastic, gung ho, hot, hungry, keen, nuts, raring, solicitous, thirsty, voracious—more at EAGER
   - usually crazy about or crazy over [4] mad, nuts

CRC abbreviation
Civil Rights Commission

creak /ˈkrēk/ verb
: to make a prolonged squeaking or grating sound
   — creak noun
   — creaky adjective

1cream /ˈkriːm/ noun
1 : the yellowish fat-rich part of milk
2 : a thick smooth sauce, confection, or cosmetic
3 \(\Rightarrow\): the choicest part
4 : a pale yellow color
   — creamy adjective
   Synonyms
   - best, choice, elect, elite, fat, flower, pick, prime—more at ELITE

2cream verb
1 : to prepare with a cream sauce
2 : to beat or blend into creamy consistency
3: to defeat decisively

- cream cheese noun
  a: a cheese made from whole milk enriched with cream

- cream·ery /'krē.mərē/ noun, plural -er·ies
  : an establishment where butter and cheese are made or milk and cream are prepared for sale

- crease /'krēs/ noun
  a: a mark or line made by or as if by folding
  Synonyms
  crimp, crinkle, furrow, wrinkle—more at wrinkle

- 2 crease verb
  : to become creased

- create /krē.āt/ verb cre·at·ed; cre·at·ing
  a: to bring into being: cause to exist
  Synonyms
  bring about, cause, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, result, work, yield—more at effect

- Synonyms
  engender, generate, induce, make, produce, spawn—more at generate

- creation /krē.ə.shan/ noun
  1: the act of creating or producing <~ of the world>
  2: : something that is created
  3: : all created things: world
  Synonyms
  [2] coinage, concoction, contrivance, innovation, invention, wrinkle—more at invention
  [3] cosmos, macrocosm, nature, universe, world—more at universe

- creation·ism /krē.ə.shə.nizəm/ noun
  : a doctrine or theory holding that matter, the various forms of life, and the world were created by God out of nothing

  — creation·ist /nɪst/ noun or adjective

- creative /'krē.tiv/ adjective
  : marked by the ability or power to create
  Synonyms
  artful, clever, imaginative, ingenious, innovative, inventive, original; also gifted, inspired, talented; resourceful; fecund, fertile, fruitful, productive, prolific
  Antonyms
  uncreative, unimaginative, unoriginal

- creat·ive·ty /krē.tiv.ə.ti/ noun
  : the ability to create
  Synonyms
  ingenuity, invention, inventiveness, originality; also resourcefulness; fecundity, fertility, fruitfulness, productiveness, productivity; freshness, newness, novelty; genius, inspiration, talent

- creator /krē.ə.1ər/ noun
  1: one that creates: maker, author
  2 cap: God
  Synonyms
  author, father, founder, maker, originator—more at father

- creature /krē.chər/ noun
  1: a lower animal
  2: a human being
**Synonyms**
- [1] animal, beast, brute, critter—more at ANIMAL
- [2] being, body, customer, devil, guy, head, heart, human, individual, life, man, mortal, party, person, scout, sort, soul, specimen, thing—more at HUMAN

*crèche* /ˈkresh/ **noun**
[origin: F, manger, crib, fr. OF creche, of Gmc origin]
: a representation of the Nativity scene

*cre·dence* /ˈkrēd·əns/ **noun**
: mental acceptance as true or real

**Synonyms**
- confidence, faith, stock, trust—more at TRUST
- belief, credit, faith—more at BELIEF

*cre·den·tial* /ˈkriˌden·chəl/ **noun**
: something that gives a basis for credit or confidence — used in pl.

**Synonyms**
- *usually credentials* capability, qualification, stuff—more at QUALIFICATION

*cre·den·za* /ˈkriˌden·za/ **noun**
[origin: It, lit., belief, confidence]
: a sideboard, buffet, or bookcase usu. without legs

*cred·i·ble* /ˈkre·da·bal/ **adjective**
: offering reasonable grounds for being believed : BELIEVABLE

— *cred·i·bil·i·ty* /ˈkre·da·bi·li·tē/ **noun**

**Synonyms**
- believable, likely, plausible, probable—more at BELIEVABLE

*credit* /ˈkre·dal/ **verb**
1 ▶: to trust in the truth of : BELIEVE
2 ▶: to give credit to

**Synonyms**
- [1] accept, believe, swallow, trust—more at BELIEVE
- [2] accredit, ascribe, attribute, impute; also blame, pin (on); associate, connect, link

*credit* **noun**
[origin: MF, fr. It credito, fr. L creditum something entrusted to another, loan, fr. credere to believe, entrust]
1 : the balance (as in a bank) in a person's favor
2 : time given for payment for goods sold on trust
3 : an accounting entry of payment received
4 ▶: reliance on the truth or reality of something : BELIEF, FAITH
5 : financial trustworthiness
6 ▶: good name
7 ▶: a source of honor or distinction
8 : a unit of academic work

**Synonyms**
- [4] belief, credence, faith—more at BELIEF
- [6] acclaim, accolade, distinction, glory, homage, honor, laurels—more at GLORY
- [7] boast, glory, honor, jewel, pride, treasure—more at GLORY

*cred·it·able* /ˈkre·da·la·bal/ **adjective**
: worthy of esteem or praise

— *cred·it·ably* /ˈbi·le/ **adverb**

**Synonyms**
- admirable, commendable, laudable, meritorious, praiseworthy—more at ADMIRABLE

*credit card* **noun**
: a card authorizing purchases on credit
creditor /kred_i_t_ər/ noun
: a person to whom money is owed

credito /kred_i_t_o̊_ə, kred_i_t_o̊/ noun, plural credos
[origin: ME, fr. L, I believe]
1 : a set of fundamental beliefs: CRED
2 : a guiding principle

credulous /kred_i_l_əs/ adjective
: inclined to believe esp. on slight evidence
— credulously /kred_i_l_ə_s_ə_l_i_t_ə/ adverb

Cree /kred_i/ noun, plural Cree or Crees
: a member of an American Indian people of Canada

creed /kred/ noun
1 : a statement of the essential beliefs of a religious faith; also: the body of such beliefs
2 : a guiding principle

Synonyms
[1] cult, faith, persuasion, religion—more at RELIGION
[2] doctrine, gospel, ideology, philosophy; also manifesto

creek /krik/ noun
1 chiefly British: a small inlet
2 : a stream smaller than a river

Synonyms
brook, rill, rivulet, streamlet; also freshet, runoff; river, stream, watercourse, waterway; canal, race, millrace, millstream

Creek /krik/ noun
: a member of an American Indian people of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida

creel /krel/ noun
: a wicker basket esp. for carrying fish

1 creep /krep/ verb crept /krep_t/; creeping
1 : to move along with the body prone and close to the ground: CRAWL
2 : to feel as though insects were crawling on the skin
3 : to grow over a surface like ivy
4 : to go very slowly
5 : to enter, advance, or progress gradually so as to be almost unnoticed <the cost of living keeps ~ing up>
— creep·er noun

Synonyms
[1] crawl, grovel, slither, snake, worm—more at CRAWL
[4] crawl, drag, inch, plod, poke—more at CRAWL

2 creep noun
: an unpleasant or obnoxious person

Synonyms
beast, boor, churl, clown, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at JERK

creeping /'krep_iŋ/ adjective
: developing or advancing by imperceptible degrees

Synonyms
dilatory, laggard, languid, poky, slow, sluggish, tardy—more at SLOW

creepy /'krep_i/ adjective creep·i·er; -est
: having or producing a nervous shivery fear

Synonyms
cremature /kriˈmætər/ verb cremated; cremating
: to reduce (a dead body) to ashes with fire
— cremation /kriˈmeɪʃən/ noun
crematory /kriˈmeɪtərē/ noun, plural -ries
: a furnace for cremating; also : a structure containing such a furnace
crème /krem/ noun, plural crèmes /kreɪmz, kremz/
[origin: F, lit., cream]
: a sweet liqueur
cremelated or cremelated /krezəˌlət/ adjective
: having battlements
— cremelation /krezəˈleɪʃən/ noun
Creole /ˈkrɛəl/ noun
1 : a descendant of early French or Spanish settlers of the U.S. Gulf states preserving their speech and culture; also : a person of mixed French or Spanish and black descent speaking a dialect of French or Spanish
2 not cap : a language that has evolved from a pidgin but serves as the native language of a speech community
creosote /kriˈəsoʊt/ noun
: an oily liquid obtained by distillation of coal tar and used in preserving wood
crêpe or crêpe /krəp/ noun
: a light crinkled fabric of any of various fibers
crêpe suzette /krəp səˈzɛt/ noun, plural crêpes suzette /səˈzet/ or crêpe suzettes /ˌsəˌzetəs/ often cap S
: a thin folded or rolled pancake in a hot orange-butter sauce that is sprinkled with a liqueur and set ablaze for serving
crescendo /ˈkresˌkəndo/ noun
[origin: It]
: increasing in loudness — used as a direction in music
— crescendo noun
crecent /ˈkresɛnt/ noun
[origin: ME cressant, fr. AF fr. prp. of crestre to grow, increase, fr. L crescere]
: the moon at any stage between new moon and first quarter and between last quarter and new moon; also : something shaped like the figure of the crescent moon with a convex and a concave edge
— crescentic /ˈkresəntɪk/ adjective
cress /ˈkres/ noun
: any of several salad plants related to the mustards
1 crest /ˈkrest/ noun
1 : a tuft or process on the head of an animal (as a bird)
2 : a heraldic device
3 : an upper part, edge, or limit <the ~ of a hill>
— crested /ˈkrestɪd/ adjective
— crestless adjective
2 crest verb
1 : CROWN
2 : to reach the crest of
3 : to rise to a crest
crest·fall·en /'krestd.falən/ adjective
: feeling shame or humiliation; also : feeling low in spirit: DISPIRITED, DEJECTED

Cre·ta·ceous /'kri.təˌsēəs/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the latest period of the Mesozoic era marked by great increase in flowering plants, diversification of mammals, and extinction of the dinosaurs
— Cretaceous noun

cré·tin /'kri.tən/ noun
1 : one affected with cretinism
2 : a stupid, vulgar, or insensitive person
  Synonyms
  ↘ blockhead, dodo, dolt, donkey, dope, dummy, dunce, fathead, goon, half-wit, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, nitwit, numskull, simpleton, stock, turkey—more at IDIOT

cré·tin·ism /ˌizəm/ noun
: a usu. congenital abnormal condition characterized by physical stunting and mental retardation

cré·tonne /'kri.tən/ noun
: a strong unglazed cotton cloth for curtains and upholstery

cre·vasse /'kri.vəs/ noun
: a deep fissure esp. in a glacier

crè·vic·e /'kre.vəs/ noun
∶ a narrow fissure
  Synonyms
  ↘ chink, cleft, crack, cranney, fissure, rift, split—more at CRACK

crèw noun
[origin: ME crue, fr. MF, a reinforcement, lit., increase, fr. croistre to grow, fr. L crescere]
1 : a body of people trained to work together for certain purposes
2 : a group of people who operate a ship, train, aircraft, or spacecraft
3 : the rowers and coxswain of a racing shell; also : the sport of rowing engaged in by a crew
— crèw·man /'mən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ↘ band, company, gang, outfit, party, squad, team—more at GANG

crèw cut noun
: a very short bristly haircut

crèw·el /'kru.əl/ noun
: slackly twisted worsted yarn used for embroidery

crib /'krib/ noun
1 : a manger for feeding animals
2 : a child's bedstead with high sides
3 : a building or bin for storage (as of grain)
4 : something used for cheating in an exam

crib verb crib·bed; crib·bing
1 : to put in a crib
2 : STEAL, PLAGIARIZE
— crib·ber noun

crib·bage /'krib.i/ noun
: a card game usu. played by two players and scored on a board (crib·bage board)

crib death noun
: SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME
crick /kriːk/ noun
: a painful spasm of muscles (as of the neck)

1 cricket /ˈkriːkɪt/ noun
[origin: ME criket, fr. AF, of imit. origin]
: any of a family of leaping insects related to the grasshoppers and noted for the chirping noises of the male

2 cricket noun
[origin: MF criquet goal stake in a bowling game]
: a game played with a bat and ball by two teams on a field centering upon two wickets each defended by a batsman

crī-er /ˈkriː(ə)r/ noun
: one who calls out proclamations and announcements

crime /kraɪm/ noun
1 ➔: a serious offense against the public law
2 ➔: something reprehensible, foolish, or disgraceful

Synonyms

[1] breach, error, malefaction, misdeed, misdoing, offense, sin, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing
—more at OFFENSE

[2] disgrace, outrage, pity, scandal, shame, sin

1 criminal /ˈkriːmən/ adjective
1 ➔: involving or being a crime
2 ➔: relating to crime or its punishment

— crim·i·nal·i·ty /ˌkriːməˈnal.i.ti/ noun
— crim·i·nal·ly adverb

Synonyms

illegal, illegitimate, illicit, unlawful, wrongful—more at ILLEGAL

2 criminal noun
: one who has committed a crime

Synonyms

crook, culprit, felon, lawbreaker, malefactor, offender; also desperado, outlaw; convict, jailbird; perpetrator;
evildoer, sinner, transgressor, trespasser, wrongdoer; gangster, gunman, hoodlum, mobster, racketeer, thug;
backslider, repeater

crim·i·nol·o·gy /ˌkriːməˈnələdʒi/ noun
: the scientific study of crime and criminals

— crim·i·nol·o·gist /ˌkriːməˈnələdʒist/ noun

1 crimp /krimp/ verb
: to cause to become crinkled, wavy, or bent

2 crimp noun
1 ➔: something (as a curl in hair) produced by or as if by crimping
2 ➔: a bend or crease formed in something
3 ➔: something that cramps or inhibits

Synonyms

crease, crinkle, furrow, wrinkle—more at WRINKLE

[3] bar, block, chain, clog, embarrassment, encumbrance, fetter, handicap, hindrance, inhibition, interference,
let, manacle, obstacle, shackles, tamble, trammel—more at ENCUMBRANCE

1 crimson /ˈkrɪm.zən/ noun
: a deep purplish red color
— crimson adjective

2 crimson verb
: to make or become crimson

Synonyms

bloom, blush, color, flush, glow, redden—more at BLUSH
cringe /ˈkriŋg/ verb cringed; cring·ing
  : to shrink in fear : COWER
    Synonyms
      cower, grovel, quail—more at COWER

1 crinkle /ˈkrinkl/ verb crin·ked; crin·kling
  : to form many short bends or curves; also : WRINKLE
    Synonyms
      crease, furrow, rumple, wrinkle—more at WRINKLE

2 crinkle noun
  : a line, mark, or ridge made by or as if by folding a pliable substance

crin·o·line /krɪˈnɑːlɪn/ noun
  1 : an open-weave cloth used for stiffening and lining
  2 : a full stiff skirt or underskirt made of crinoline

1 cripple /ˈkrɪpəl/ noun
  : one that is disabled or deficient in a specified manner <a social ~> 2

2 cripple verb crip·pled; crip·pling
  1 : to make lame
  2 : to make useless or imperfect
    Synonyms
      [1] disable, lame, maim, mutilate—more at MAIM
      [2] blemish, break, damage, deface, disfigure, flaw, harm, hurt, injure, mar, spoil, vitiate—more at DAMAGE
      [2] disable, hamstring, immobilize, incapacitate, paralyze, prostrate—more at PARALYZE

cri·sis /ˈkrɪsɪs/ noun, plural cri·ses /ˈkrɪsɪz/
  1 : the turning point for better or worse in an acute disease or fever
  2 : a decisive or critical moment
    Synonyms
      clutch, crunch, emergency, head, juncture—more at EMERGENCY

crisp /ˈkrɪsp/ adjective
  1 : CURLY, WAVY
  2 : easily crumbled : BRITTLE
  3 : FIRM, FRESH <= lettuce>
  4 : being sharp and clear; also : concise and to the point
  5 : LIVELY, SPARKLING
  6 : FROSTY, SNAPPY; also : INVIGORATING
  7 : noticeably neat
    — crisp verb
      Synonyms
        [2] brittle, crumbly, flaky, friable, short; also crunchy; breakable, delicate, fragile
        [4] brief, compact, compendious, concise, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse—more at CONCISE
        [7] neat, orderly, shipshape, snug, tidy, trim, uncluttered—more at NEAT

crisp·ly adverb
  : in a crisp manner
    Synonyms
      compactly, concisely, laconically, shortly, succinctly, summarily, tersely—more at SHORTLY

crisp·ness noun
  : the quality or state of being crisp
    Synonyms


→ brevity, briefness, compactness, conciseness, succinctness, terseness—more at succinctness

crispy adjective
: easily crumbled

crisscross /krisˈkrōs/ verb
1 : to mark with crossed lines
2 : to go or pass back and forth through or over
    Synonyms
cover, cross, cut, follow, go, pass, proceed, travel, traverse—more at traverse

crisscross adjective
: marked or characterized by crisscrossing
— crisscross adverb

3 crisscross noun
: a pattern formed by crossed lines

crit abbreviation
critical; criticism

criteria /ˌkraˈtirē/ noun, plural criteria /ˌkraˈtɪriə/
: a standard on which a judgment may be based
    Synonyms
grade, mark, measure, par, standard, touchstone, yardstick—more at standard

critic /ˈkritik/ noun
1 : a person who judges literary or artistic works
2 : one inclined to find fault
    Synonyms
carper, castigator, caviler, censurer, faultfinder, nitpicker, raider, scold; also detractor; pettifogger, quibbler; complainer, crybaby, whiner

critical /ˈkriti kel/ adjective
1 : being or relating to a condition or disease involving danger of death
2 : being a crisis
3 : inclined to criticize
4 : relating to criticism or critics
5 : requiring careful judgment
6 : uncertain
7 : marked by or indicative of significant worth or consequence
— critically /ˈkriti kə lē/ adverb
    Synonyms
[2] acute, dire, imperative, imperious, instant, pressing, urgent—more at acute
[3] captious, carping, hypercritical, overcritical; also discerning, discriminating, judicious; demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, particular
Antonyms
uncritical
[7] crucial, key, pivotal, vital—more at crucial

criticism /ˈkritə zəm/ noun
1 : the act of criticizing; especially : CENSURE
2 : a judgment or review
3 : the art of judging works of literature or art

criticize /ˈkritə siz/ verb -cized; -ciz·ing
1 : to judge as a critic : evaluate
2 : to find fault : express criticism
    Synonyms
blame, censure, condemn, denounce, fault, knock, pan, reprehend; also assail, attack, blast, slam, slash; beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine,
squawk, wail, whine, yammer; admonish, chide, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprove; berate, castigate, crucify, excoriate, flay, lambaste, lash, pillory, scold, upbraid; bad-mouth, belittle, disparage, put down

Antonyms
extol, laud, praise

crítica /ˈkrɪˌtɪkə/ noun
: a critical estimate or discussion

crítica /ˈkrɪˌtɪkə/ noun
: a lower animal: creature

Synonyms
animal, beast, brute, creature—more at animal

croak /ˈkrɒk/ noun
: a hoarse harsh cry (as of a frog)

croak verb
: to mutter in discontent

Synonyms
beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine, squawk, wail, whine—more at complain

Croat /ˈkrɒət/ noun
: croatian

croatian /ˈkrɒətɪən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Croatia
— croatian adjective

crochet /ˈkrɒʃət/ noun
[origin: F, hook, crochet, fr. MF, dim. of croche hook]
: needlework done with a single thread and hooked needle
— crochet verb

crock /ˈkræk/ noun
: a thick earthenware pot or jar

crockery /ˈkrækəri/ noun
: earthenware

crocodile /ˈkrɒkələd/ noun
: any of several thick-skinned long-bodied carnivorous reptiles of tropical and subtropical waters

crocus /ˈkrɒkəs/ noun, plural crocus or crocuses or crocuses or croci /ˈkrɒks/ or /ˈkroʊs/ or /ˈkroʊsi/ /ˈkrɒkəs/ or /ˈkroʊs/ or /ˈkroʊsi/

: a large genus of low herbs related to the irises and having brightly colored flowers borne singly in early spring

Crohn's disease /ˈkrɒnzd/ noun
: a chronic inflammatory disease of the gastrointestinal tract and esp. the ileum

croissant /ˈkrɔsɑ̃/, krwāˈsä̃/ noun, plural croissants /ˈsæ̃s/ or /ˈsɑ̃s/ or /ˈsɑ̃z/
: a rich crescent-shaped roll

Cro-Magnon /ˈkrɔˌmeɪɡ.nən, ˌmænˈjeɪn/ noun
: any of a tall erect human race known from skeletal remains found chiefly in southern France and usu. classified as the same species as present-day human beings
— Cro-Magnon adjective

crone /ˈkrɒn/ noun
: a withered old woman: hag

Synonyms
cro·ny /krəˈnē/ noun, plural cronies
  a close friend esp. of long standing
  Synonyms
  associate, cohort, companion, comrade, fellow, mate—more at ASSOCIATE
  buddy, chum, comrade, familiar, friend, intimate, pal—more at FRIEND

1 crook /krʊk/ verb
  to curve or bend sharply
  Synonyms
  arc, arch, bend, bow, curve, hook, round, sweep, swerve, wheel—more at CURVE

2 crook noun
  1: a bent or curved implement
  2: a bent or curved part; also: BEND, CURVE
  3: a person who engages in fraudulent or criminal practices: SWINDLER, THIEF

crook·ed /krʊkˈid/ adjective
  1: having a crook
  2: characterized by lack of truth, honesty, or trustworthiness: DISHONEST
  — crook·ed·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  [1] devious, serpentine, sinuous, tortuous, winding; also zigzag, zigzagging; circling, coiled, coiling, corkscrew, spiral, spiraling, swirling; circuitous, indirect, roundabout; meandering, rambling, wandering
  Antonyms
  straight, straightaway
  [2] deceptive, dishonest, fast, fraudulent, shady, sharp, shifty, underhanded—more at DISHONEST

crook·ed·ness noun
  the quality or state of being crooked
  Synonyms
  artifice, craft, craftiness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, williness—more at DECEIT

croon /krʊn/ verb
  to sing or hum in a gentle murmuring voice
  — croon·er noun

crop /krɑp/ noun
  1: the handle of a whip; also: a short riding whip
  2: a pouch in the throat of many birds and insects where food is received
  3: something that can be harvested; also: the yield at harvest
  4: two or more figures forming a complete unit in a composition
  2 crop verb cropped; crop·ping
  1: to remove the tips of: cut off short; also: TRIM
  2: to feed on by cropping
  3 a: to devote (land) to crops
  b: to grow as a crop: yield a crop
  4: to appear unexpectedly — often used with up
  Synonyms
  [1] bob, clip, curtail, cut, cut back, dock, lop, nip, prune, shave, shear, trim—more at CLIP
  [3b] cultivate, culture, grow, promote, raise, rear, tend—more at GROW
  usually crop up [4] arise, emerge, materialize, spring, surface—more at ARISE

crop duster noun
  a person who uses an airplane to spray crops with insecticidal dusts; also: an airplane so used

crop·land /ˈkrɑpˌlænd/ noun
  land devoted to the production of plant crops
crop·per /krəˈpər/ noun
: a raiser of crops; especially: SHARECROPPER

crop·per /krəˈpər/ noun
  ▶: a sudden or violent failure or collapse
  Synonyms
    ▶ collapse, crash, defeat, failure, fizzle, nonsuccess—more at FAILURE

cro·quet /krəˈkɑt/ noun
: a game in which mallets are used to drive wooden balls through a series of wickets set out on a lawn

cro·quette /krəˈket/ noun
[origin: F]
: a small often rounded mass of minced meat, fish, or vegetables fried in deep fat

cro·sier /krəˈzər/ noun
: a staff carried by bishops and abbots

cross /krɔs/ noun
1: a structure consisting of an upright beam and a crossbar used esp. by the ancient Romans for execution
2: a figure of the cross on which Christ was crucified used as a Christian symbol
3: a hybridizing of unlike individuals or strains; also: a product of this
4: a punch delivered with a circular motion over an opponent's lead
5 ▶: an affliction that tries one's virtue, steadfastness, or patience
  Synonyms
    ▶ gauntlet, ordeal, trial—more at TRIAL

cross verb
1: to lie or place across; also: INTERSECT
2: to cancel by marking a cross on or by lining through
3: THWART, OBSTRUCT
4 ▶: to go or extend across: TRAVERSE
5: HYBRIDIZE
6: to meet and pass on the way
  Synonyms
    ▶ cover, crisscross, cut, follow, go, pass, proceed, travel, traverse—more at TRAVERSE

cross adjective
1: lying across
2: CONTRARY, OPPOSED
3 ▶: marked by bad temper
4: HYBRID
  — cross·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ choleric, crabby, cranky, crotchety, grouchey, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perversive, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

cross·bar /krɔsˈbær/ noun
: a transverse bar or piece

cross·bow /ˈbrəʊ/ noun
: a short bow mounted crosswise at the end of a wooden stock that shoots short arrows

cross·breed /ˈkrɔsˌbreid, ˈbrɛd/ verb -bred /ˈbrɛd/; -breed·ing
: HYBRIDIZE

cross·coun·try /ˈkrenˈtri/ adjective
1: extending or moving across a country
2: proceeding over the countryside (as fields and woods) and not by roads
3: of or relating to racing or skiing over the countryside instead of over a track or run
  — cross·country adverb
cross-cur-rent /ˌkrərənt/ noun
1 : a current running counter to another
2 : a conflicting tendency — usu. used in pl.

crosscut /ˌkrəsˈkʌt/ verb
1 : to cut or saw crosswise esp. of the grain of wood
2 : crosscut adjective
1 : made or used for crosscutting <a ~ saw>
2 : cut across the grain
3 : crosscut noun : something that cuts through transversely
cross-ex-am-ine /ˌkrəsˌekˈsaˌmjn/ verb
1 : to examine with questions to check the answers to previous questions
— cross-ex-am-i-na-tion /ˌzəˌeksəˈmənjən/ noun
cross-eyed /ˌkrəsˈaɪd/ adjective
1 : having one or both eyes turned inward toward the nose
cross-fer-ti-li-za-tion /ˌkrəsˈfərˌtaˌlɪzəˈteɪʃən/ noun
1 : fertilization between sex cells produced by separate individuals or sometimes by individuals of different kinds; also : CROSS-POLLINATION
2 : a broadening or productive interchange (as between cultures)
— cross-fer-ti-lyze /ˌkrəsˌfərˌtɪlz/ verb
cross fire noun
1 : crossing lines of fire in combat
2 : rapid or angry interchange
cross-hair /ˌkrɔsˈhɛər/ noun
1 : a fine wire or thread in the eyepiece of an optical instrument used as a reference line
2 : cross-hatch verb
1 : to mark with two series of parallel lines that intersect
— cross-hatch-ing noun
cross-ing /ˈkrɒsɪŋ/ noun
1 : a place or structure for crossing something (as a river)
2 : a point of intersection (as of a street and a railroad track)
3 : the act or action of crossing
   Synonyms
   ➔ [2] corner, crossroad, intersection—more at CROSSROAD
   ➔ [3] cruise, passage, sail, voyage—more at SAIL
cross-over /ˈkrɔs,əʊˈver/ noun
1 : CROSSING
2 : a member of a political party who votes in the primary of the other party
3 : a broadening of the popular appeal of an artist (as a musician) by a change in the artist's style, genre, or medium
4 : an instance of breaking into another category
cross over verb
1 : to achieve broader popularity by a change of medium or style
cross-piece /ˈkrɔsˌpiːs/ noun
1 : a horizontal member
cross-pol-li-na-tion /ˌkrɔsˌpəˌleɪˈnætʃən/ noun
1 : transfer of pollen from one flower to the stigma of another
— cross-pol-li-nate /ˌkrɔsˌpəˌleɪˈneɪt/ verb
cross-purpose /ˈkrōsˌpərˌpəs/ noun
: a purpose contrary to another purpose <working at hercross-purpose

cross-question /ˈkwesˌkwestərn/ verb
— cross-question noun

cross-refer /ˈkrōsˌriˈfər/ verb
: to refer by a notation or direction from one place to another (as in a book or list)
— cross-reference /ˈkrōsˌriˈfərəns/ noun

cross-road /ˈkrōsˌrōd/ noun
1 : a road that crosses a main road or runs between main roads
2 : a place where roads meet — usu. used in pl.
3 : a crucial point where a decision must be made

Synonyms
usually crossroads corner, crossing, intersection; also overpass, underpass

cross section noun
1 : a section cut across something; also : a representation made by or as if by such cutting
2 : a number of persons or things selected from a group that show the general nature of the whole group
— cross-sectional adjective

cross-walk /ˈkrōsˌwāk/ noun
: a marked path for pedestrians crossing a street

cross-ways /ˌwāz/ adverb
: so as to cross something : CROSSWISE

cross-wind /ˌwīnd/ noun
: a wind not parallel to a course (as of an airplane)

crosswise /ˌwīz/ adverb
: so as to cross something
— crosswise adjective

Synonyms
athwart, obliquely, transversely

crossword /ˈkrōsˌword/ noun
: a puzzle in which words are put into a pattern of numbered squares in answer to clues

crostini /ˈkrōstəˌni/ noun plural
: small slices of toasted bread served with a topping

crotch /ˈkrōt/ noun
: an angle formed by the parting of two legs, branches, or members

crotchety /ˈkroθətē/ adjective
: given to crotchets : subject to whims, crankiness, or ill temper

Synonyms
choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

crouch /ˈkrəuch/ verb
1 : to stoop or bend low
2 : CRINGE, COWER
crouch
noun
Synonyms

huddle, hunch, squat; also curl up

croup /krüp/ noun
: laryngitis esp. of infants marked by a hoarse ringing cough and difficult breathing

croupy adjective

croupier /krüp ɨ r/ noun
[origin: F, lit., rider on the rump of a horse, fr. croupe rump]
: an employee of a gambling casino who collects and pays bets at a gaming table

croust-ic /krūs ɨ t/ noun
[origin: F croûtic, dim. of croûte crust]
: a small cube of bread toasted or fried crisp

croup /krūp/ noun
1 : any of various large glossy black birds related to the jays
2 cap : a member of an American Indian people of a region in Montana and Wyoming; also : the language of the Crow people

crow /krov/ verb
1 : to make the loud shrill sound characteristic of the cock
2 ▶ : to utter a sound expressive of pleasure
3 ▶ : to exult gloatingly esp. over the distress of another : EXULT
4 ▶ : to brag exultantly or blatantly : BRAG, BOAST

Synonyms
[2, 3] delight, exult, glory, joy, rejoice, triumph—more at EXULT
[4] boast, brag, plume, swagger—more at BOAST

crow noun
: the cry of the cock

crowbar /krō ɨ ˌ bär/ noun
: a metal bar usu. wedge-shaped at the end for use as a pry or lever

crowd /kraud/ verb
1 ▶ : to press close
2 ▶ : to gather in numbers : THRONG
3 ▶ : to press, force, or thrust into a small space : CRAM, STUFF

Synonyms
[1, 3] cram, jam, ram, sandwich, squeeze, stuff, wedge; also fill, heap, jam-pack, load, pack
[2] flock, mob, swarm, throng; also beset, infest, invade, overrun; clog, dam, obstruct, plug (up)

crowd noun
1 ▶ : a large number of people gathered together at random : THRONG
2 ▶ : a group of people having something (as a habit, interest, or occupation) in common

Synonyms
[1] army, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng; also masses, rabble, ruffians, gaggle, herd; heap, mountain, pile
[2] body, bunch, circle, clan, clique, community, coterie, fold, gang, lot, ring, set—more at GANG

crowded adjective
1 ▶ : filled with numerous things or people often overly compacted or concentrated
2 ▶ : pressed together

Synonyms
[1] brimful, chock-full, fat, fraught, full, loaded, packed, replete—more at FULL
[2] close, compact, dense, packed, serried, thick, tight—more at CLOSE

crown /kraun/ noun
1 : a mark of victory or honor; especially : the title of a champion in a sport
2: a royal headdress
3: the top of the head
4 ♦: the highest part (as of a tree or tooth)
5 *often cap*: sovereign power; also: MONARCH
6: a formerly used British silver coin
— crowned /ˈkraʊnd/ adjective

Synonyms
♦ acme, apex, climax, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

♦ crown verb
1: to place a crown on
2: HONOR
3: TOP, SURMOUNT
4: to fit (a tooth) with an artificial crown

crown vetch noun
: a European leguminous herb with umbels of pink-and-white flowers and sharp-angled pods

crow's-foot /ˈkrōzˌfʊt/ noun, plural crow's-feet /ˈfʊt/ : any of the wrinkles around the outer corners of the eyes — usu. used in pl.

crow's nest noun
: a partly enclosed platform high on a ship's mast for use as a lookout
crozier variant of CROSIER

cru·cial /ˈkruˌʃeəl/ adjective
1 ♦: important or essential as resolving a crisis: DECISIVE
2: IMPORTANT, SIGNIFICANT

Synonyms
♦ critical, decisive, essential, indispensable, key, necessary, pivotal, pressing, requisite, urgent, vital

cru·ci·ate /ˈkruˌʃət/ adjective
: CRUCIFORM
cru·ci·ble /ˈkruˌsəbəl/ noun
1: a heat-resistant container in which material can be subjected to great heat
2: a severe test
cru·ci·fix /ˈkruˌsəˌfiks/ noun
: a representation of Christ on the cross
cru·ci·fix·ion /ˈkruˌsəˌfiʃən/ noun
1 cap: the crucifying of Christ
2: the act of crucifying
cru·ci·form /ˈkruˌsəˌfɔrm/ adjective
: shaped like a cross
cru·ci·fy /ˈkruˌsəˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1: to put to death by nailing or binding the hands and feet to a cross
2: TORTURE, PERSECUTE

1 crude /ˈkrud/ adjective crud·er; crud·est
1 ♦: not refined: RAW <~ oil> <~ statistics>
2 ▷ : lacking grace, taste, tact, or polish

— *crude-ly* adverb

— *crude·ty* /'krud.ə.ti/ noun

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ [1] native, natural, raw, undressed, unprocessed, unrefined, untreated; also undeveloped, unfinished, unpolished; unbaked, uncooked; impure, unfiltered

  **Antonyms**
  processed, refined, treated

  ▷ [2] coarse, common, crass, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at *coarse*

  ▷ [3] artless, clumsy, rough, rude, unrefined—more at *rude*

2 *crude* noun

: unrefined petroleum

*crue·l* /'krü.ə/ adjective *cru·el·er* or *cru·el·lest*


1 ▷ : causing pain and suffering to others

2 ▷ : extremely painful

— *cru·el·ly* adverb

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ [1] barbarous, brutal, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, vicious, wanton; also cutthroat, merciless, pitiless, ruthless; fell, ferocious, grim; bloodthirsty, murderous, sanguinary, sanguine; catty, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful

  **Antonyms**
  benign, benignant, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindhearted, sympathetic, tenderhearted

  ▷ [2] agonizing, bitter, excruciating, galling, grievous, harrowing, harsh, hurtful, painful, tortuous—more at *bitter*

*crue·l·ty* /'tē/ noun

▷ : the quality or state of being cruel

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ barbarity, brutality, inhumanity, sadism, savagery, viciousness, wantonness; also ruthlessness; ferocity, fierceness; bloodthirstiness; cattiness, hatefulness, malevolence, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spitefulness

  **Antonyms**
  benignity, compassion, humanity, kindness, sympathy

2 *cruet* /'krü.ət/ noun

: a small usu. glass bottle for vinegar, oil, or sauce

1 *cruise* /'krüz/ verb cruised; cruis·ing

[ORIGIN: D *kruisen* to make a cross, cruise]

1 : to sail about touching at a series of ports

2 : to travel for enjoyment

3 : to travel about the streets at random

4 : to travel at the most efficient operating speed <the *cruising* speed of an airplane>

2 *cruise* noun

▷ : an act or an instance of cruising; especially : a tour by ship

  **Synonyms**
  ▷ crossing, passage, sail, voyage—more at *sail*

2 *cruiser* /'krüzər/ noun

1 : *SQUAD CAR*

2 : a large fast moderately armored and gunned warship

3 : a motorboat equipped for living aboard

*crul·ler* /'kru.lər/ noun

1 : a small sweet cake in the form of a twisted strip fried in deep fat
2 Northern & Midland: an unraised doughnut

1 crumb /ˈkraʊm/ noun
   1 ‣: a small fragment
   2 ‣: a small piece or quantity of some material thing
   Synonyms
   ⧿ [1, 2] atom, bit, fleck, flespieck, grain, granule, molecule, morsel, mote, particle, patch, scrap, scrunce, speck, tittle

2 crumb verb
   1 ‣: to break into crumbs
   2 ‣: to cover with crumbs

crumble /ˈkram.bəl/ verb crumbled; crumbling
   1 ‣: to break into small pieces: DISINTEGRATE
   2 ‣: to break down completely

crumbly adjective
   ‣: easily crumbled
   Synonyms
   ⧿ crisp, flaky, friable, short—more at CRISP

crum·my also crumby /ˈkramē/ adjective crum·mi·er also crum·bi·er; -est
   1 ‣: very poor or inferior: LOUSY
   2 ‣: crumbly

crum·pet /ˈkram.pət/ noun
   1 ‣: a small round unsweetened bread cooked on a griddle

1 crunch /ˈkrantʃ/ verb
   1 ‣: to chew with a grinding noise
   2 ‣: to grind or press with a crushing noise
   Synonyms
   ⧿ [1] crinkle, rumple, wrinkle; also corrugate, crease, crimp, fold, furrow, pleat; ripple, ruffle; disarrange, jumble, mess (up), muss (up)

2 crunch noun
   1 ‣: an act of or a sound made by crunching
   2 ‣: a tight or critical situation
   — crunchy adjective
   Synonyms
   ⧿ clutch, crisis, emergency, head, juncture—more at EMERGENCY

crusade /ˈkrus.dəd/ noun
   1 cap: any of the expeditions in the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries undertaken by Christian countries to take the Holy Land from the Muslims
   2 ‣: a reforming enterprise undertaken with zeal
   — crusade verb
   Synonyms
   ⧿ bandwagon, campaign, cause, drive, movement—more at CAMPAIGN

crus·ad·er noun
: one engaged in a crusade
  **Synonyms**
  fanatic, militant, partisan, zealot—more at zealot

**cruse** /krüz, 'krüs/ **noun**
: a jar for water or oil

1**crush** /krash/ **verb**
  1 ›: to squeeze out of shape
  2: HUG, EMBRACE
  3 ›: to grind or pound to small bits
  4 ›: to suppress or overwhelm as if by pressure or weight: SUPPRESS
  5 ›: to subdue completely
  **Synonyms**
  [1] mash, squash; also press, squeeze; beat, pound, powder, pulverize
  [3] atomize, grind, powder, pulverize—more at POWDER
  [4, 5] clamp down, crack down, put down, quash, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL
  [4, 5] carry away, devastate, floor, oppress, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, prostrate, snow under, swamp—more at OVERWHELM

2**crush** **noun**
  1: an act of crushing
  2 ›: a violent crowding
  3: INFATUATION
  **Synonyms**
  army, crowd, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

**crust** /krast/ **noun**
  1: the outside part of bread; also: a piece of old dry bread
  2: the cover of a pie
  3: a hard surface layer
  — crust·al **adjective**
  — crust·a·cean /krastəˈsen/ **noun**
  : any of a large class of mostly aquatic arthropods (as lobsters or crabs) having a firm crustlike shell
  — crustacean **adjective**
  — crusty **adjective** crust·i·er; -est
  1: having or being a crust
  2: giving an effect of surly incivility in address or disposition: CROSS, GRUMPY

**crutch** /krætʃ/ **noun**
: a supporting device; especially: a support fitting under the armpit for use by the disabled in walking

**crux** /kraks, 'krůks/ **noun**, plural **crux·es**
  1: a puzzling or difficult problem
  2 ›: a crucial point
  **Synonyms**
  core, gist, heart, hub, pith, pivot; also course, direction, drift, tenor; body, essence, substance

1**cry** /kri/ **verb** cried; cry·ing
  1 ›: to call out: SHOUT
  2: to proclaim publicly: ADVERTISE
  3 ›: to shed tears often noisily: WEEP
  4 ›: to protest or complain loudly or vigorously — often used with out
  **Synonyms**
  [1] bawl, call, holler, shout, vociferate, yell—more at CALL
  [3] bawl, blubber, sob, weep; also grieve, keen, lament, mourn; howl, scream, squall, wail, yowl; pule, whimper, whine; sniffle, snivel; groan, moan, sigh
usually cry out [4] blurt, bolt, ejaculate, spout

2 cry noun, plural cries
1 : a loud outcry
2 : an earnest plea : APPEAL, ENTREATY
3 : a fit of weeping
4 : the characteristic sound uttered by an animal
5 : DISTANCE — usu. used in the phrase a far cry
6 : a loud shout
7 : a word or motto that embodies a principle or guide to action of an individual or group

Synonyms
1, 6 holler, hoot, howl, shout, whoop, yell, yowl—more at SHOUT
2 appeal, entreaty, petition, plea, prayer, solicitation, suit, supplication—more at PLEA
7 shibboleth, slogan, watchword—more at SLOGAN

cry·ba·by /kriˈbāˌbā/ noun
1 : one who cries or complains easily or often

Synonyms
complainer, grumbler, whiner; also malcontent; carper, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker; weeper

cry down verb
1 : to lower in rank or reputation

Synonyms
belittle, decry, deprecate, depreciate, diminish, discount, disparage, minimize, put down, write off—more at DECRY

cryo·gen·ic /ˌkriəˈjen ik/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the production of very low temperatures; also : involving the use of a very low temperature
— cryo·gen·i·cal·ly /ˌkriəˈjen ikləl/ adverb

cryo·gen·ics /ˌkriəˈjen ikz/ noun
1 : a branch of physics that relates to the production and effects of very low temperatures

cryo·lite /kriˈlaɪt/ noun
1 : a usu. white mineral used in making aluminum

crypt /ˈkrip/ noun
1 : a chamber wholly or partly underground

cryp·tic /ˈkrip tik/ adjective
1 : meant to be puzzling or mysterious
2 : having or seeming to have a hidden or ambiguous meaning

Synonyms
1, 2 ambiguous, dark, darkling, deep, enigmatic, equivocal, inscrutable, murky, mysterious, mystic, nebulus, obscure, occult—more at OBSCURE

cryp·to·gram /ˈkrip to gram/ noun
1 : a communication in cipher or code

cryp·to·graph·y /ˌkrip to graf i/ noun
1 : the coding and decoding of secret messages

Synonyms

crys·tal /ˈkryst əl/ noun
[origin: ME cristal, fr. AF, fr. L crystallum, fr. Gk krystallos ice, crystal]
1 : transparent quartz
2 : something resembling crystal (as in transparency); especially : a clear glass used for table articles
3 : a body that is formed by solidification of a substance and has a regular repeating arrangement of atoms and often of external plane faces <a salt ~> 
4 : the transparent cover of a watch dial
crystal clear adjective
: perfectly or transparently clear

crystal-line /'kris.tleɪn/ adjective
1 : made of or resembling crystal
2 : very clear or sparkling

crystal-lize /'kris.tlɪz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
1 : to assume or cause to assume a crystalline form
2 : to take or cause to take a definite form
— crystal·li·za·tion /'kris.tlɪ.zə·shən/ noun

Synonyms
form, jell, shape, solidify

crystal·log·ra·phy /'kris.tlə.ɡrə.fɪ/ noun
: the science dealing with the forms and structures of crystals
— crystal·log·ra·pher noun

cs abbreviation
case; cases
Cs symbol
cesium

CS abbreviation
1 civil service
2 county seat

CSA abbreviation
Confederate States of America

C–section /sɛ.ək.ʃən/ noun
: CESAREAN SECTION

CSTM abbreviation
command sergeant major

CST abbreviation
central standard time

c t abbreviation
1 carat
2 cent
3 count
4 county
5 court

CT abbreviation
1 central time
2 Connecticut
ctn abbreviation
carton
ctr abbreviation
1 center
2 counter

CT scan /sɛ.ən/ noun
: CAT SCAN
cu abbreviation
cubic
Cu symbol
cub  /ˈkʌb/ noun
1 : a young individual of some animals (as a fox, bear, or lion)
2 a young person
   Synonyms
   child, juvenile, kid, youngster, youth—more at child
Cu·ban  /ˈkyūˌbæn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Cuba
   — Cuban adjective
Cu·ban sandwich  /ˈkyūˌbæn/ noun
: a usu. grilled and pressed sandwich served on a long split roll
Cu·by·hole  /ˈkʌbɪˌhoʊl/ noun
: a snug place (as for storing things)
cube  /ˈkʌb/ noun
1 : a solid having 6 equal square sides
2 : the product obtained by taking a number 3 times as a factor <27 is the ~ of 3>
cube verb cubed; cub·ing
1 : to raise to the third power
2 : to form into a cube
3 : to cut into cubes
cube root noun
: a number whose cube is a given number
cu·bic  /ˈkʌbɪk/ also cu·bi·cal adjective
1 : having the form of a cube
2 : being the volume of a cube whose edge is a specified unit
3 : having length, width, and height
cu·bi·cle  /ˈkʌbɪkl/ noun
: a small separate space (as for sleeping or studying)
   Synonyms
   bay, cabin, cell, chamber, compartment—more at compartment
cubic measure noun
: a unit (as cubic inch) for measuring volume
cubic zir·co·nia  /ˌzirˌkōˌnéə/ also cubic zirconium noun
: a synthetic gemstone resembling a diamond made from an oxide of zirconium
cub·ism  /ˈkʊbˌɪzəm/ noun
: a style of art characterized by the abstraction of natural forms into fragmented geometric shapes
   — cub·ist  /ˈkɪb·ɪst/ noun or adjective
cu·bit  /ˈkʊbɪt/ noun
: an ancient unit of length equal to about 18 inches (46 centimeters)
Cub Scout noun
: a member of the program of the Boy Scouts for boys in the first through fifth grades in school
cuck·old  /ˈkʌkəld,ˈkʊ-/ noun
: a man whose wife is unfaithful
   — cuckold verb
cuckoo  /ˈkʊkʊ,ˈkʊ-/ noun, plural cuckoos
: a largely grayish brown European bird that lays its eggs in the nests of other birds for them to hatch
2 **cuckoo** noun
   : a silly or foolish person

3 **cuckoo** adjective
   : being one that is silly or foolish

   **Synonyms**
   - absurd, asinine, balmy, cockeyed, crazy, foolish, kooky, nonsensical, nutty, screwball, senseless, silly, wacky, witless, zany—more at [FOOLISH](#)

**cu·cum·ber** /'kYʊm.bər/ noun
   : the long fleshy many-seeded fruit of a vine of the gourd family that is grown as a garden vegetable; also : this vine

**cud** /'kaʊd/ noun
   : food brought up into the mouth by some animals (as cows) from the rumen to be chewed again

**cud·dle** /'kaʊd.l/ verb cud·dled; cud·dling
   1 : to lie close : [SNUGGLE](#)
   2 : to hold close for warmth or comfort or in affection

   **Synonyms**
   - nestle, nuzzle, snug, snuggle—more at [NUZZLE](#)

**cud·gel** /'kaʊd.dʒl/ noun
   : a short heavy club

   **Synonyms**
   - bat, bludgeon, club, staff, truncheon—more at [CLUB](#)

1 **cue** /'kyʊ/ noun
   1 : a word, phrase, or action in a play serving as a signal for the next actor to speak or act
   2 : a hint, intimation, or suggestion as to what course of action to take or when to take it : [HINT](#)

   **cue** verb

   **Synonyms**
   - clue, hint, indication, inkling, intimation, lead, suggestion—more at [HINT](#)

2 **cue** noun
   : a tapered rod for striking the balls in billiards or pool

3 **cue** noun
   : a waiting line esp. of persons or vehicles

**cue ball** noun
   : the ball a player strikes with a cue in billiards or pool

1 **cuff** /'kʌf/ noun
   1 : a part (as of a sleeve or glove) encircling the wrist
   2 : the folded hem of a trouser leg

2 **cuff** verb
   : to strike esp. with the open hand : [SLAP](#)

3 **cuff** noun
   : to strike esp. with or as if with the palm of the hand

**cui·sine** /'kwɪ.zən/ noun
   : style of cooking; also : the food prepared

**cuke** /'kYʊk/ noun
   : CUCUMBER

**cul–de–sac** /'kel.də'sæk, .kʊl/ noun, plural cul·de·sacs /'sam or .kəlz, ,kʊlz/ also cul·de·sacs /'kel.de'saks/.kʌks, ,kʊl/ [origin: F, lit., bottom of the bag]
   : a street or passage closed at one end
culinary /ˈkʌləˌner.i/ adjective
: of or relating to the kitchen or cookery

1cull /kəl/ verb
  : to pick out from a group
     Synonyms
     : choose, elect, handpick, name, opt, pick, prefer, select, single, take—more at choose

2cull noun
  : something rejected from a group or lot as worthless or inferior
     Synonyms
     : discard, reject, rejection; also second, throwaway

culminate /ˈkʌlməneit/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to reach the highest point

culmination /ˈkʌlməneiʃən/ noun
  : culminating position
     Synonyms
     : acme, apex, climax, crown, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at height

culotte /ˈkʊˌlɑt.ˌkəˌlɑt.ˌkʌˌlɔt./ noun
[origin: F, breeches, fr. dim. of cul backside]
  : a divided skirt; also : a garment having a divided skirt — often used in pl.

culpable /ˈkʌlˌpəbəl/ noun
  : the quality or state of being culpable
     Synonyms
     : blame, fault, guilt, rap—more at blame

culpable /ˈkʌlˌpəbl/ adjective
  : deserving blame
     Synonyms
     : blamable, blameworthy, censurable, reprehensible—more at blameworthy

culprit /ˈkʌlprit/ noun
[origin: AF cul. (abbr. of culpable guilty) + prest, prit ready (i.e., to prove it), fr. L praestus]
  : one accused or guilty of a crime
     Synonyms
     : criminal, crook, felon, lawbreaker, malefactor, offender—more at criminal

cult /ˈkəlt/ noun
1 : formal religious veneration
2 : a religious system or its adherents
3 : faddish devotion; also : a group of persons showing such devotion
   — cultish /ˈkəltish/ adjective
   — cult·ist /ˈkəlst/ noun
     Synonyms
     : creed, faith, persuasion, religion—more at religion

cultivable /ˈkəltəˌveləbl/ adjective
  : capable of being cultivated

cultivar /ˈkəltəˌvərˌver/ noun
  : a plant variety originating and persisting under cultivation

cultivate /ˈkəltəvət/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing
1 : to prepare for the raising of crops
2 : to foster the growth of by tilling or by labor and care (~ vegetables)
3 : to improve by labor, care, or study
4: to help forward: ENCOURAGE, FURTHER

**Synonyms**

- [1] farm, tend—more at FARM
- [2] advance, encourage, forward, foster, further, nourish, nurture, promote—more at FOSTER
- [3] crop, culture, grow, promote, raise, rear, tend—more at GROW

**cultivated /kəlˈta.ˌvətəd/ adjective**

- having an education; especially: trained in the arts and social graces

**Synonyms**

- civilized, cultured, genteel, polished, refined; also cerebral, highbrow, intellectual; educated, erudite, knowledgeable, learned, literate, scholarly, well-read; civil, courteous, mannerly, polite, well-bred; cosmopolitan, sophisticated, urbane

**Antonyms**

- philistine, uncivilized, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined

**cultivation /kəlˈta.ˌvəˈʃən/ noun**

- enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training

**Synonyms**

- civilization, culture, polish, refinement—more at CULTURE

**cultivator /kəlˈta.ˌvərər/ noun**

- one that cultivates

**Synonyms**

- agriculturist, farmer, grower, planter, tiller—more at FARMER

**culture /kəlˈchar/ noun**

1: TILLAGE, CULTIVATION
2: the act of developing by education and training
3: refinement of intellectual and artistic taste
4: the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group

— **cultural /kəlˈcharəl/ adjective**

— **cultural-ly adverb**

**Synonyms**

- [3] civilization, cultivation, polish, refinement; also education, erudition, learning, literacy, scholarship; sophistication, urbanity; breeding, gentility, manners; class, elegance, grace, taste; civility, courtesy, politeness
- [4] civilization, life, lifestyle, society—more at CIVILIZATION

**cultured /kəlˈchərd/ adjective**

- having an education; especially: having an education beyond the average

**Synonyms**

- civilized, cultivated, genteel, polished, refined—more at CULTIVATED

**culvert /kəlˈvərt/ noun**

- a drain crossing under a road or railroad

**cum abbreviation**

- cumulative

**cumber /kəmˈber/ verb**

- to weigh down: BURDEN, HINDER

**cumbersome /kəmˈberˌsom/ adjective**

- hard to handle or manage because of size or weight

**Synonyms**

- awkward, clumsy, cranky, ungainly, unhandy, unwieldy; also uncontrollable, unmanageable; bulky, heavy, massive; impracticable, impractical

**Antonyms**

- handy

**cumbersome /kəmˈbrərs/ adjective**

- unwieldy because of heaviness and bulk: CUMBERSOME
— cum·brous·ly adverb
— cum·brous·ness noun

cum·in /'ka.mən/ noun
: the seedlike fruit of a small annual herb related to the carrot that is used as a spice; also : this herb

cum·mer·bund /'ka.mər.bənd/ noun
: a broad sash worn as a waistband
   Synonyms
     belt, cincture, girdle, sash—more at belt

cu·mu·la·tive /'k’yū.mə.lə.tiv/ adjective
: increasing in force or value by successive additions

cu·mu·lo·nim·bus /'k’yū.mə.lə.nləm.bəs/ noun
: an anvil-shaped cumulus cloud extending to great heights

cu·mu·lus /'k’yū.mə.lu̇s/ noun, plural -li /'lə̇/ noun
: a massive cloud having a flat base and rounded outlines

cu·ne·i·form /'k’yū.nə.i.ə.fərm/ adjective
1 : wedge-shaped
2 : composed of wedge-shaped characters

cun·ni·lin·gus /'kə.ni.lən.gəs/ also cun·ni·lin·cus /'lən.ksəs/ noun
: oral stimulation of the vulva or clitoris
   Synonyms
     [1] clever, deft, dexterous, handy—more at dexterous
     [2] artful, cagey, crafty, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily—more at artful

cun·ning /'kə.niŋ/ noun
1 : dexterous or crafty in the use of special resources (as skill or knowledge) or in attaining an end : dexterous
2 : marked by wiliness and trickery
3 : cute
— cun·ning·ly adverb
   Synonyms
     [1] clever, deft, dexterous, handy—more at dexterous
     [2] artful, cagey, crafty, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily—more at artful

cup /kəp/ noun
1 : a small bowl-shaped drinking vessel
2 : the contents of a cup
3 : the consecrated wine of the Communion
4 : something resembling a cup : a small bowl or hollow
5 : a half pint
— cup·ful noun
— cup·like /'li.kəl/ adjective

cup verb cupped; cup·ping
: to curve into the shape of a cup

cup·board /'kə.bərd/ noun
: a small closet with shelves for food or dishes
cup·cake /ˈkæpˌkāk/ noun
: a small cake baked in a cuplike mold

cu·pid /ˈkyú.ˈpɛd/ noun
: a winged naked figure of an infant often with a bow and arrow that represents the god Cupid

cu·pid·i·ty /ˈkyú.ˈpi.də.tē/ noun, plural -ties
: excessive desire for money

Synonyms
  ➤ acquisitiveness, avarice, avidity, covetousness, greed, rapaciousness

cu·po·la /ˈkyú.ˈpe.la/. noun
: a small structure on top of a roof or building

1 cur /ˈkər/ noun
  1 : a mongrel dog
  2 ➤: a surly or cowardly fellow

Synonyms
  ➤ beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake

2 cur abbreviation
  1 currency
  2 current

cu·rate /ˈkyú.rət/ noun
  1 : a member of the clergy who is in charge of a parish
  2 : a member of the clergy who assists a rector or vicar

— cu·ra·cy /ˌkəˌrē.ət/ noun

cu·ra·tive /ˌkərəˈtiv/ adjective
: relating to or used in the cure of diseases

— curative noun

cu·ra·tor /ˈkyú.ˈrə.tər/. noun
: CUSTODIAN; especially : one in charge of a place of exhibit (as a museum or zoo)

1 curb /ˈkərb/ noun
  1 : a bit that exerts pressure on a horse's jaws
  2 ➤: one that arrests, limits, or restrains : CHECK, RESTRAINT
  3 : a raised edging (as of stone or concrete) along a paved street

Synonyms
  ➤ check, condition, constraint, fetter, limitation, restraint, restriction

2 curb verb
  ➤: to hold in or back : RESTRAIN

Synonyms
  ➤ bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame

curb·ing /ˈkər.bɪŋ/ noun
  1 : the material for a curb

2 curb /ˈkərd/ noun
: the thick protein-rich part of coagulated milk

cur·dle /ˈkərd.əl/ verb cur·dled; cur·dling
: to form curds; also : SPOIL, SOUR

1 cure /ˈkyúr/ noun
  1 : spiritual care
2 : recovery or relief from disease
3 : a curative agent : REMEDY
4 : a course or period of treatment

*Synonyms*
- drug, medicine, pharmaceutical, remedy, specific—more at MEDICINE

2 *cure* verb *cured; cur·ing*
1 : to restore to health : HEAL; also : to become cured
2 : to process for storage or use (as bacon)
— *cur·able* adjective

*Synonyms*
- heal, mend, rehabilitate—more at HEAL

*cu·ré /kýˈrā/ noun*
[origin: F]
- a parish priest

*cu·re-all /kýˈyrˌəl/ noun*
- a remedy for all ills : PANACEA

*cu·ret·tage /kýˈrətˌij/ noun*
- a surgical scraping or cleaning of a body part (as the uterus)

*cu·few /ˈkərˌfyə/ noun*
[origin: ME, fr. MF covrefeu, signal given to bank the hearth fire, curfew, fr. covrir to cover + feu fire, fr. L focus hearth]
- a regulation that specified persons (as children) be off the streets at a set hour of the evening; also : the sounding of a signal (as a bell) at this hour

*cu·ria /kýˈriə,ˈkؤə/ noun, plural cu·ri·ae /kýˈriˌe,ˈkؤə/ often cap*
- the body of congregations, tribunals, and offices through which the pope governs the Roman Catholic Church

*cu·rie /kýˈri/ noun*
- a unit of radioactivity equal to 37 billion disintegrations per second

*cu·ri·o·ty /kýˈriˌo ti/ noun, plural cu·ri·os*
- an object or article valued because it is strange or rare

*cu·ri·os·i·ty /kýˈriˌo sə tē/ noun*
1 : one that arouses interest esp. for uncommon or exotic characteristics
2 : an unusual knickknack

*Synonyms*
- [1] exotic, oddity, rarity; also marvel, prodigy, wonder; abnormality, anomaly, freak, monster, monstrosity; malformation, mutant, mutation
- [2] bauble, gewgaw, knickknack, novelty, ornamental, trinket—more at KNICKKNACK

*cu·ri·ous /kýˈri əs/ adjective*
1 : having a desire to investigate and learn
2 : exciting attention as strange, novel, or unexpected : STRANGE, UNUSUAL, ODD

*Synonyms*
- [1] inquisitive, nosy, prying; also interfering, intrusive, meddlesome, meddling, obtrusive, officious; inquisitorial; concerned, interested
- *Antonyms*
  - incurious, uncurious

*cu·ri·ous·ly adverb*
1 : in a curious manner
2 : as is curious
cu·ri·um /ˈKYər.i.am/ noun
1: a metallic radioactive element produced artificially

1curl /kərl/ verb
1: to form into ringlets
2: to move or progress in curves or spirals: COIL
— curl·er noun
   Synonyms
   coil, entwine, spiral, twine, twist, wind—more at WIND

2curl noun
1: a lock of hair that coils: RINGLET
2: something having a spiral or twisted form
— curly adjective

cur·lew /ˈkərl.yü/, ˈkərl.yū/ noun, plural curlews or curlew
1: any of various long-legged brownish birds that have a down-curved bill and are related to the sandpipers and snipes

curl·i·cue /ˈkərl.i.ˈkyū/ noun
: a fancifully curved or spiral figure

curl up verb
1: to arrange oneself in or as if in a ball or curl
   Synonyms
   cuddle, nestle, snug, snuggle—more at SNUGGLE

cur·rant /ˈkər.ənt/ noun
1: a small seedless raisin
2: the acid berry of a shrub related to the gooseberry; also: this plant

cur·ren·cy /ˈkər.ən.sē/ noun, plural -cies
1: general use or acceptance
2: something that is in circulation as a medium of exchange: MONEY
   Synonyms
   cash, dough, lucre, money, pelf, tender—more at MONEY

1current /ˈkərənt/ adjective
1: occurring in or belonging to the present
2: used as a medium of exchange
3: generally accepted or practiced
   Synonyms
   [1] contemporary, hot, mod, modern, new, newfangled, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern, up-to-date—more at MODERN
   [3] conventional, customary, popular, standard, stock, usual; also: average, common, everyday, normal, ordinary; regular, routine; ubiquitous, universal, widespread; accustomed, wonted; fashionable, in, modish, stylish
   Antonyms
   nonstandard, unconventional, unpopular, unusual

2current noun
1: the part of a body of fluid moving continuously in a certain direction; also: the swiftest part of a stream
2: a flow of electric charge; also: the rate of such flow
3: a tendency or course of events that is usu. the result of an interplay of forces
   Synonyms
   drift, leaning, run, tendency, tide, trend, wind—more at TREND

cur·ric·u·lum /ˈkyər.i.kyə.lem/ noun, plural -la /ˈle/ also -lums
[origin: L, running, course, fr. currere to run]
: the courses offered by an educational institution

1curry /ˈkər.i/ verb cur·ried; cur·ry·ing
1 : to clean the coat of (a horse) with a currycomb
2 : to treat (tanned leather) esp. by incorporating oil or grease
— curry favor
  : to seek to gain favor by flattery or attention

curry noun, plural curries
  : a powder of pungent spices used in cooking; also : a food seasoned with curry
  
curry-comb /kərˈmən/ noun
  : a comb used esp. to curry horses
— currycomb verb
  
curse /kərs/ noun
  1 ▶ : a prayer for harm to come upon one
  2 : something that is cursed
  3 : evil or misfortune coming as if in response to a curse
  
  Synonyms
  ▶ anathema, execration, imprecation, malediction; also censure, damnation, denunciation; hex, spell
  
  Antonyms
  ▶ benediction, benison, blessing

curse verb cursed; cursing
  1 : to call on divine power to send injury upon
  2 : BLASPHEME
  3 ▶ : to bring great evil upon : AFFLICT
  
  Synonyms
  ▶ afflict, agonize, bedevil, harrow, martyr, persecute, plague, rack, torment, torture—more at AFFLICT

cursive /ˈkərʃəv/ adjective
  : written with the strokes of the letters joined together and the angles rounded

cursor /ˈkær.sər/ noun
  : a visual cue (as a pointer) on a computer screen that indicates position (as for data entry)

cursive /ˈkær.sər.əl/ adjective
  : rapidly and often superficially done : HASTY
  
  Synonyms
  ▶ hasty, headlong, pell-mell, precipitate, precipitous, rash—more at HASTY

cursory /ˈkær.ər.i/ adjective
  ▶ in a cursory manner
  
  Synonyms
  ▶ hastily, headlong, hurriedly, pell-mell, precipitately, rashly—more at HASTILY

curt /ˈkərt/ adjective
  ▶ : rudely short or abrupt
  — curt·ly adverb
  — curt·ness noun
  
  Synonyms
  ▶ abrupt, bluff, blunt, brusque, snippy—more at BLUNT

cur·ta·il /ˈkər.təl/ verb
  ▶ : to cut off the end of : SHORTEN
  — cur·tail·ment noun
  
  Synonyms
  ▶ abbreviate, abridge, cut back, shorten—more at SHORTEN

curtain /ˈkær.tərn/ noun
  1 : a hanging screen that can be drawn back esp. at a window
  2 : the screen between the stage and auditorium of a theater

curtain verb
curt·sy also curt·seY /kərˈtəsē/ noun, plural curtsies or curtseys
: a courteous bow made by women chiefly by bending the knees
— curtisy also curtsey verb

cur·va·ceous also cur·va·cious /ˌkərˌvaˌshəs/ adjective
: having curves suggestive of a well-proportioned feminine figure

cur·va·ture /ˈkər.və.tʃər/ noun
1 : a measure or amount of curving : BEND
2 : curved part

1curve /ˈkərv/ verb curved; curv·ing
✓ : to bend from a straight line or course

Synonyms
arc, arch, bend, bow, crook, hook, round, sweep, swerve, wheel; also circle, coil, curl, loop, spiral; turn, twist, wind; deviate, veer

Antonyms
straighten

2curve noun
1 : a line esp. when curved
2 : something that bends or curves without angles <a ~ in the road>
3 : a baseball pitch thrown so that it swerves esp. downward and to one side

Synonyms
angle, arc, arch, bend, bow, crook, turn, wind—more at BEND

cur·vet /ˈkər.vət/ noun
: a prancing leap of a horse
— curvet verb

1cushion /ˈkəshən/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME cusshin, fr. AF cussin, quissin, fr. VL *coxinus, fr. L coxa hip]
1 : a soft pillow or pad to rest on or against
2 : the springy pad inside the rim of a billiard table
3 : something soft that prevents discomfort or protects against injury

Synonyms
buffer, bumper, fender, pad; also baffle, muffler; padding; safeguard, shield

2cushion verb
1 : to provide (as a seat) with a cushion
2 : to soften or lessen the force or shock of

Synonyms
buffer, gentle, soften; also baffle, dampen, deaden, dull; moderate, modulate, temper; allay, alleviate, assuage, ease; lighten, mitigate, relieve

cusp /kəsp/ noun
✓ : a pointed end or part (as of a tooth)

Synonyms
apex, end, pike, point, tip—more at POINT

cus·pid /kəsˈpidx/ noun
: a canine tooth

cus·pi·dor /kəsˈpaˌdör/ noun
: SPITTOON

cus·tard /kəzˈtard/ noun
a sweetened cooked mixture of milk and eggs

cus·to·di·al /kas.ˈtoʊ.də.əl/ adjective
: marked by watching and protecting rather than seeking to cure << care

cus·to·di·an /kas.ˈtoʊ.də.ən/ noun

» one that protects and maintains; especially: one who has custody (as of a building)

Synonyms
» caretaker, guardian, janitor, keeper, warden, watchman; also curator; sexton; steward
» defender, defense, guard, protection, protector—more at PROTECTOR

cus·to·dy /kas.ˈtoʊ.də/ noun, plural -dies

» immediate charge and control

Synonyms
» care, guardianship, keeping, safekeeping, trust, ward; also control, governorship, management, superintendence, supervision

1 custom /ˈkəstəm/ noun
1 » habitual course of action: recognized usage
2 plural: taxes levied on imports
3: business patronage

Synonyms
» fashion, habit, pattern, practice, trick, way, wont—more at HABIT

2 custom adjective
1: made to personal order
2: doing work only on order

 cus·tom·ary /ˈkəstəm.ərē/ adjective
1 » based on or established by custom
2 » commonly practiced or observed
— cus·tom·ar·i·ly adverb

Synonyms
» [1] classical, conventional, traditional—more at TRADITIONAL
» [2] conventional, current, popular, standard, stock, usual—more at CURRENT

cus·tom–built /ˈkəstəm.bilt/ adjective
: built to individual order

cus·tom·er /ˈkəstəm.ər/ noun
1 » one that purchases a commodity or service; especially: a regular or frequent buyer
2: an individual usu. having some specified distinctive trait

Synonyms
» guest, patron; also consumer, end user, user; buyer, purchaser; prospect, shopper, window-shopper

cus·tom–house /ˈkəstəm..hauz/ noun
: the building where customs are paid

cus·tom·ize /ˈkəstəm.ɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to build, fit, or alter according to individual specifications

cus·tom–made /ˈkəstəm..mæd/ adjective

» made to individual order

Synonyms
» custom, tailored; also particular, special, specialized; handcrafted, handmade

Antonyms
mass-produced, ready-made

1 cut /kət/ verb cut; cut·ting
1 » to penetrate or divide with a sharp edge: CLEAVE, GASH; also: to experience the growth of (a tooth) through the gum
2: to hurt the feelings of
3: to strike sharply
4: to diminish or reduce by or as if by paring: **SHORTEN**, **REDUCE**
5: to remove by severing or paring
6: **INTERSECT**, **CROSS**
7: to divide into parts
8 a: to go quickly or change direction abruptly
   b: to veer from a direct line
9: to cause to stop
10: to proceed obliquely from a straight course — often used with across
   **Synonyms**
   ◁ [1] cleave, gash, rip, slash, slice, slit; also saw; rive, split; pierce, stab; bruise, hack, lacerate, mangle; rend, tear; butter, carve, dissect; chop, dice, mince; amputate, cut off, sever
   ◁ [4] bob, clip, crop, curtail, cut back, dock, lop, nip, prune, reduce, shave, shear, shorten, trim—more at **CLIP**
   ◁ usually cut across [10] cover, crisscross, cross, follow, go, pass, proceed, travel, traverse—more at **TRAVERSE**

2**cut noun**
1: something made by cutting: **GASH**, **CLEFT**
2: a portion belonging to, due to, or contributed by an individual or group: **SHARE**
3: a segment or section of a meat carcass
4: an excavated channel or roadway
5: a sharp stroke or blow
6: **REDUCTION** «~ in wages»
7: the shape or manner in which a thing is cut
8: a grade or step
   **Synonyms**
   ◁ [2] allotment, allowance, part, portion, proportion, quota, share—more at **SHARE**
   ◁ [8] degree, grade, inch, notch, peg, phase, point, stage, step—more at **DEGREE**

**cut–and–dried** /ˈkut-əndˈdrid/ also **cut–and–dry** /ˈdrɪd/ adjective
: according to a plan, set procedure, or formula

**cut–anceous** /ˈkʌtəˈnəs/ adjective
: of, relating to, or affecting the skin

**cut–back** /ˈkætˌbæk/ noun
1: something cut back
2: **REDUCTION**

**cut back** verb
1: to shorten by cutting
2: to remake in a smaller size
   **Synonyms**
   ◁ [1] bob, clip, crop, curtail, cut, dock, lop, nip, prune, shave, shear, trim—more at **CLIP**
   ◁ [2] abbreviate, abridge, curtail, shorten—more at **SHORTEN**

**cut down** verb
: to strike to the ground with or as if with a sharp blow
   **Synonyms**
   ◁ chop, fell, hew—more at **FELL**

**cute** /ˈkyʊt/ adjective **cuter**; **cutest**
[origin: short for **acute**]
1: **CLEVER**, **SHREWD**
2: daintily attractive: **PRETTY**

**cut–icle** /ˈkʌtɪˌkəl/ noun
1: an outer layer (as of skin or a leaf)
2: dead or horny epidermis esp. around a fingernail
   — **cut–icular** /ˈkʌtɪˌkələr/ adjective
cut in verb
1 ▶ : to thrust oneself between others
2 ▶ : to interrupt a dancing couple and take one as one's partner

Synonyms
▶ break, chime in, interpose, interrupt, intrude—more at INTERRUPT

cut-lass /'kætləs/ noun
: a short heavy curved sword

cut-ler /'kætlər/ noun
: one who makes, deals in, or repairs cutlery

cut-ler-y /'kætləri/ noun
: edged or cutting tools; especially: implements for cutting and eating food

cut-let /'kætlet/ noun
1 ▶ : a slice of meat (as veal) for broiling or frying
2 ▶ : a flat croquette of chopped meat or fish

Synonyms
▶ fritter, patty

cut-off /'kæt.fə/ noun
1 ▶ : the channel formed when a stream cuts through the neck of an oxbow; also: SHORTCUT
2 ▶ : a device for cutting off
3 plural: shorts orig. made from jeans with the legs cut off at the knees or higher

cut off verb
▶ to set apart from others

Synonyms
▶ insulate, isolate, seclude, segregate, separate, sequester—more at ISOLATE

cut-out /'kæt.əut/ noun
: something cut out or prepared for cutting out from something else <a page of animal skin>

1 cut out verb
1 ▶ : to determine or assign through necessity <had her work cut out for her>
2 ▶ : DISCONNECT
3 ▶ : to cease operating <the engine cut out>
4 ▶ : ELIMINATE <cut out unnecessary expense>
5 ▶ : to put an end to

Synonyms
▶ break, break down, conk, crash, die, fail, stall—more at FAIL

cut-rate /'kæt.rət/ adjective
1 ▶ : relating to or dealing in goods sold at reduced rates
2 ▶ : of second or inferior quality or value

Synonyms
▶ [1] cheap, low, reasonable—more at CHEAP
▶ [2] bad, bum, cheap, coarse, common, execrable, inferior, junky, lousy, mediocre, miserable, poor, rotten, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy, terrible, trashy, wretched—more at CHEAP

cut-ter /'kætər/ noun
1 ▶ : a tool or a machine for cutting
2 ▶ : a ship's boat for carrying stores and passengers
3 ▶ : a small armed vessel in government service
4 ▶ : a light sleigh

1 cutthroat /'kæt.thrət/ noun

▶ MURDERER

2 cutthroat adjective
1. MURDEROUS, CRUEL
2. marked by unprincipled practices (~ competition)
   
   Synonyms
   * immoral, Machiavellian, unconscionable, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous

- cutthroat trout noun
  a. a large American trout with a red mark under the jaw
  
  1. cutting /ka.tli/ noun
      a. a piece of a plant able to grow into a new plant
  2. cutting adjective
      1. made for cutting, severing, or dividing: SHARP, EDGED
      2. marked by piercing cold
  3. likely to hurt the feelings: SARCASTIC (~ remark)
      Synonyms
      * [1] edged, edgy, ground, keen, sharp—more at SHARP
      * [2] biting, bitter, keen, penetrating, piercing, raw, sharp; also brisk, invigorating, nippy, snappy; prickly, tingling; caustic, corrosive
      * [3] acrid, biting, caustic, mordant, pungent, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp, tart—more at SARCASTIC

- cut·tle·fish /ka.tle.fish/ noun
  a. any of various marine mollusks having eight arms and two usu. longer tentacles and an internal shell (cuttlebone /ka.tle bone/) composed of calcium compounds

- cut·up /ka.tup/ noun
  a. a person who clowns or acts boisterously
  b. cut up verb
      a. to behave in a comic, boisterous, or unruly manner
      Synonyms
      * act up, clown, fool, horse, monkey, show off, skylark; also carry on, misbehave; roughhouse; caper, cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp; carouse, revel, wassail

- cut·worm /ka.tworm/ noun
  a. any of various smooth-bodied moth larvae that feed on plants at night

  cw abbreviation
  clockwise

  CWO abbreviation
  1 cash with order
  2 chief warrant officer

  cwt abbreviation
  hundredweight

  -cy /sii/ noun suffix
      1. action : practice <mendicancy>
      2. rank : office <chaplaincy>
      3. body : class <constituency>
      4. state : quality <accuracy>

  cy·an /sii.an/an/ noun
  a. a greenish blue color

  cy·a·nide /sii.a.nid. .ned/ noun
  a. a poisonous compound of carbon and nitrogen with another element (as potassium)

  cy·ber /sibər/ adjective
  a. of, relating to, or involving computers or computer networks

  cyber- combining form
cy·ber·ca·fe /sīˈberˌkäf/ noun
: a small restaurant offering use of computers with Internet access

cy·ber·net·ics /sīˈberˌnetiks/ noun
: the science of communication and control theory that is concerned esp. with the comparative study of automatic control systems
— cy·ber·net·ic adjective

cy·ber·punk /sīˈberˌpünk/ noun
1 : science fiction dealing with computer-dominated future societies
2 : HACKER

cy·ber·sex /sīˈberˌseks/ noun
1 : online sex-oriented conversations
2 : sex-oriented material available on a computer

cy·ber·space /sīˈberˌspās/ noun
: the on-line world of computer networks

cy·cla·men /sīˈklaˌmən/ noun
: any of a genus of plants related to the primroses and grown for their showy nodding flowers

cy·cle /sīˈkəl/ noun
1 : a period of time occupied by a series of events that repeat themselves regularly and in the same order
2 : a recurring round of operations or events
3 : one complete occurrence of a periodic process (as a vibration or current alternation)
4 : a circular or spiral arrangement
5 : a long period of time : AGE
6 : BICYCLE
7 : MOTORCYCLE
— cy·cli·cic /sīˈkliˌsik, ’sī/ or cy·cli·cal /’kliˌkal/ adjective
— cy·cli·cal·ly adverb

Syonyms
: aeon, age, eternity—more at AGE

cy·cli·tron /sīˈkliˌträn/ noun
: a device for giving high speed to charged particles by magnetic and electric fields

cy·clo·pe·dia or cy·clo·pa·de·ia /sīˌkloˌpēˈdēə/ noun
: ENCYCLOPEDIA

cy·clo·tron /sīˌkloˌträn/ noun
: a device for giving high speed to charged particles by magnetic and electric fields

cyg·net /sidˈnet/ noun
: a young swan

cyl abbreviation
cylinder

cyl·in·der /sīˈlənˌdər/ noun
: the solid figure formed by turning a rectangle about one side as an axis; also : a body or space of this form <an engine ~> <a bullet in the ~ of a revolver>
— cy·lin· dri·cal /saˌlinˈdrip/ adjective

  cyn·ic /sīˈnik/ noun
  : one who attributes all actions to selfish motives

  — cyn·i·cal /sīˈnal/ adjective
  — cyn·i·cal·ly /ˌsīˈnəlē/ adverb
  — cyn·i·cism /ˈsaˌnizəm/ noun

  cy·no· sure /siˈnəˌshər, ˈsi/ noun
  : a center of attraction or attention
  Synonyms
  base, center, core, eye, focus, heart, hub, mecca, nucleus, seat—more at CENTER

CYO abbreviation
  Catholic Youth Organization

cy·pher chiefly British variant of CIPHER

cy·press /ˈsīˌprəs/ noun
  1: any of a genus of scaly-leaved evergreen trees and shrubs
  2: BALD CYPRESS

  Cyp·ri·ot /siˈprēət, ˈsa/ or Cyp·ri·ote /ˈsaˌo/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of Cyprus

  — Cypriot adjective

  cyst /ˈsist/ noun
  : an abnormal closed bodily sac usu. containing liquid

  — cyst·ic /ˈsis tik/ adjective

  cystic fibrosis noun
  : a common hereditary disease marked esp. by deficiency of pancreatic enzymes, by respiratory symptoms, and by excessive loss of salt in the sweat

  cy·tol· o·gy /saˌtoʊˈlo dʒē/ noun
  : a branch of biology dealing with cells

  — cy·tol· o· cal /ˌsaˌtoʊˈləjəl/ or cy·tol· o·gic /ˌsaˌtoʊˈlog ik/ adjective

  — cy·tol· o· gist /ˈsaˌtoʊləˈjist/ noun

  cy·to· plasm /ˈsīˌto pləzəm/ noun
  : the protoplasm of a cell that lies external to the nucleus

  — cy·to·plas· mic /ˈsīˌto pləˈmik/ adjective

  cy·to· sine /ˈsīˌto sin∥ noun
  : a chemical base that is a pyrimidine coding genetic information in DNA and RNA

  — CZ abbreviation
  Canal Zone

czar /zār, ˈtsär/ noun
  1: the ruler of Russia until 1917
  2: : one having great authority

  — czar·ist /ˈdzār ə st/ noun or adjective
  Synonyms
  baron, king, magnate, mogul, prince, tycoon—more at MAGNATE

cza·ri· na /zəˌre na/ noun
  : the wife of a czar
Czech /ˈtʃek/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Czechoslovakia or the Czech Republic
2: the language of the Czechs
— Czech adjective
D

1d /dɛ/ noun, plural d's or ds /dɛz/ often cap
1: the 4th letter of the English alphabet
2: a grade rating a student's work as poor

2 d abbreviation, often cap
1 date
2 daughter
3 day
4 dead
5 deceased
6 degree
7 Democrat
8 [origin L denarius, denarii] penny; pence
9 depart; departure
10 diameter

D symbol
deuterium

DA abbreviation
1 deposit account
2 district attorney
3 don't answer

1 dab /dæb/ noun
1 a: a sudden blow or thrust: POKE
b: PECK
2 a: a small amount
3 a gentle touch or stroke: PAT
4: DAUB

Synonyms
▸ [1] dig, jab, poke—more at POKE
▸ [2] bit, hint, lick, little, particle, spot, touch—more at PARTICLE

2 dab verb dabbed; dab·bing
1: to strike or touch gently: PAT
2: to apply lightly or irregularly: DAUB
— dab·ber noun

2·dab·ble /daˌbəl/ verb dab·bled; dab·bling
1: to wet by splashing: SPATTER
2: to paddle or play in or as if in water
3: to work or involve oneself without serious effort
— dab·bler noun

da·ca·po /dəˈkā(pə)/ adverb or adjective
[origin: It]
: from the beginning — used as a direction in music to repeat

da·ce /dæs/ noun, plural dace
: any of various small No. American freshwater fishes related to the carp

da·cha /dəˈcha/ noun
[origin: Russ]
: a Russian country house

da·chs·hund /dəkˈsʜənt/ noun, plural dachshunds
[origin: G, fr. Dachs badger + Hund dog]
: any of a breed of long-bodied short-legged dogs of German origin
  
  dactyl /dak-təl/ noun
  [ORIGIN: ME dactile, fr. L dactylus, fr. Gk daktylos, lit., finger; fr. the fact that the three syllables have the first one longest like the joints of the finger]
  : a metrical foot of one accented syllable followed by two unaccented syllables
    — dactyl-ic /dak-ˈti-lik/ adjective or noun
  
  dad /dad/ noun
    : a male parent: FATHER
  
  Da·da /ˈdā.ˌdā/ noun
    : a movement in art and literature based on deliberate irrationality and negation of traditional artistic values
    — da·da·ism /ˌdā.ˌizəm/ noun, often cap
    — da·da·ist /ˌdā.ˌist/ noun or adjective, often cap
  
  dad·dy /ˈda.ˌdē/ noun, plural daddies
    : a male human parent: FATHER
  
  Synonyms
    father, papa, pop—more at FATHER
  
  dad·dy long·legs /ˈda.ˌdē.ˈlông·leiz/ noun, plural daddy longlegs
    : any of an order of arachnids resembling the true spiders but having small rounded bodies and long slender legs
  
  daemon variant of DEMON
  
  daf·fo·dil /ˈda.ˌfō.ˌdēl/ noun
    : any of various bulbous herbs with usu. large flowers having a trumpetlike center
  
  daf·fy /ˈda.ˌfē/ adjective daf·fi·er; -est
  1 : exhibiting or indicative of a lack of common sense or sound judgment: FOOLISH
  2 : disordered in mind: INSANE
  
  daft /daft/ adjective
  1 : exhibiting or indicative of a lack of common sense or sound judgment: FOOLISH
  2 : disordered in mind: INSANE
  
  Synonyms
    — [1] absurd, asinine, balmy, crazy, cuckoo, fatuous, foolish, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, senseless, silly, wacky, witless, zany—more at FOOLISH
    — [2] cracked, crazy, deranged, insane, loco, lunatic, mad, maniacal, nuts, nutty, screwy, unsound—more at INSANE
  
  daft·ness /ˈnäs/ noun
    : the quality or state of being daft
  
  Synonyms
    — absurdity, asininity, balminess, craziness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, zaniness
  
  dag abbreviation
dekagram
  
  dag·ger /ˈda.ˌgər/ noun
  1 : a sharp pointed knife for stabbing
  2 : a character † used as a reference mark or to indicate a death date
  
  da·guerre·o·type /ˌda.ˌguər-ˌe.ˌtīp/ noun
    : an early photograph produced on a silver or a silver-covered copper plate
  
  dah·li·a /ˈdā.ˌli.ə/ noun
    : any of a genus of tuberous herbs related to the daisies and having showy flowers
  
  daily /ˈdā.ˌlē/ adjective
  1 : occurring, done, or used every day or every weekday
of or relating to every day \(\sim\) visitors

computed in terms of one day \(\sim\) wages

-dai·li·ness /dəˌliː.nəs/ noun

daily adverb

daily noun, plural dailies

a newspaper published everyday

daily double noun

a system of betting on races in which the bettor must pick the winners of two stipulated races in order to win

dain·ti·ness /dəˈtiːnəs/ noun

: the quality or state of being dainty

Synonyms

- delicacy, fineness, fragility—more at DELICACY

dainty /ˈdænti/ noun, plural dainties

[origin: ME deinte, fr. OF deintié, fr. L dignitas dignity, worth]

: something delicious or pleasing to the taste : DELICACY

Synonyms

- delicacy, goody, tidbit, treat—more at DELICACY

dainty adjective dain·ti·er, -est

1 : pleasing to taste

2 : delicately pretty

3 : marked by fastidious discrimination or finicky taste

-dain·ti·ly /ˈdænti.lə/ adverb

Synonyms

- [1] choice, delicate, elegant, exquisite, rare, select—more at CHOICE

- [3] choosy, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, nice, old-maidish, particular, picky—more at FINICKY

dai·qui·ri /ˈdāˌki rē/ noun

[origin: Daiquirí, Cuba]

: a cocktail made of usu. rum, lime juice, and sugar

dairy /ˈder ĕ/ noun, plural dair·ies

[origin: ME deyerie, fr. deye dairymaid, fr. OE dāge kneader of bread]

1 : CREAMERY

2 : a farm specializing in milk production

dairy·ing /ˈder ĕ.ɪŋ/ noun

: the business of operating a dairy

dairy·maid /ˈdār ĕ.məd/ noun

: a woman employed in a dairy

dairy·man /ˈdār ĕ.mən/ noun

: a person who operates a dairy farm or works in a dairy

da·is /ˈdā ēs/ noun

: a raised platform usu. above the floor of a hall or large room

Synonyms

- platform, podium, rostrum, stage, stand—more at PLATFORM

da·sy /ˈdā zē/ noun, plural daisies

[origin: ME dāyseye, fr. OE dægesēage, fr. dæg day + ēage eye]

: any of numerous composite plants having flower heads in which the marginal flowers resemble petals

da·sy·chain /ˈdāzē .ˌchān/.verb

: to link (as computer components) together in series

-daisy chain noun

**daisy wheel** noun
- a disk with spokes bearing type that serves as the printing element of an electric typewriter or printer; also: a printer that uses such a disk

**Da-ko-ta** /da_ˈkō_ˌtə/ noun, plural Dakotas also Dakota
- a member of an American Indian people of the northern Mississippi valley; also: their language

**dal** abbreviation
dekaliter

dale /ˈdāl/ noun
- a long depression between ranges of hills or mountains: VALLEY
  
  **Synonyms**
  - hollow, valley—more at VALLEY

**dal-li-ance** /ˈdāˌlē-əns/ noun
- an act of dallying
  
  **Synonyms**
  - frolic, fun, play, relaxation, sport—more at PLAY

**dal-ly** /ˈdālē/ verb dal-lied; dal-ly-ing
1 : to act playfully; especially: to play amorously
2 : to waste time
3 : to move slowly: LINGER
  
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] disport, frolic, play, recreate, rollick, sport—more at PLAY
  - [2] dawdle, dillydally, hang around, hang out, idle, loaf, loll, lounge—more at IDLE

**dal-ma-tian** /ˈdal-məˌshən/ noun, often cap
- any of a breed of medium-sized dogs having a white short-haired coat with many black or brown spots

**dam** /dām/ noun
1 : the female parent of an animal and esp. of a domestic animal
2 : a barrier (as across a stream) to stop the flow of water
  
  **Synonyms**
  - dike, embankment, levee; also breakwater, jetty, seawall; breastwork, bulwark, earthwork, rampart; canal, channel, ditch, gutter, trough; lock; barricade, barrier, block; floodgate, sluice

**dam verb**
1 : to provide or restrain with a dam
2 : to stop up: BLOCK
  
  **Synonyms**
  - block, choke, clog, close, congest, jam, obstruct, plug, stop, stuff—more at CLOG

**dam abbreviation**
dekameter

**damage** /dāmij/ noun
1 : loss or harm due to injury to persons, property, or reputation
2 plural : compensation in money imposed by law for loss or injury <bring a suit for ~s>
  
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] detriment, harm, hurt, injury—more at INJURY
  - usually damages [2] fine, forfeiture, mulct, penalty—more at FINE
  - usually damages [2] compensation, indemnity, quitclaim, recompense, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution, satisfaction—more at COMPENSATION

**damage verb** dam-aged; dam·ag·ing
- to cause damage to
  
  **Synonyms**
  - blemish, break, cripple, deface, disfigure, flaw, harm, hurt, injure, mar, spoil, vitiate; also enfeeble,
undermine, weaken; erode, scour, wash out, wear (away); blight, tarnish; dent, dint; botch, gum (up); lacerate, wound; maim, mangle, mutilate, torment, torture; annihilate, crush, dash, decimate, demolish, destroy, devastate, pulverize, raze, ruin, scourge, shatter, smash, tear down, waste, wipe out, wreck

Antonyms
fix, mend, patch, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, renovate, repair, revamp

- **dam-ag-ing adjective**
  - : causing or able to cause damage
  - **Synonyms**
    - adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at **HARMFUL**

- **dam-a-scene /da ma-seen/ verb -scened; -scen-ing**
  - : to ornament (as iron or steel) with wavy patterns or with inlaid work of precious metals

- **dam-ask /da mask/ noun**
  1 : a firm lustrous reversible figured fabric used for household linen
  2 : a tough steel having decorative wavy lines

- **dame /dām/ noun**
  1 ▶ : a woman of rank, station, or authority
  2 ▶ : an elderly woman
  3 : **WOMAN**

  - **Synonyms**
    - [1] gentlewoman, lady, noblewoman—more at **GENTLEWOMAN**
    - [2] dowager, matriarch, matron—more at **MARIARCH**

- **damn /dām/ verb**
  [ORIGIN: ME dampnen, fr. OF dampner, fr. L damnare, fr. damnnum damage, loss, fine]
  1 : to condemn to a punishment or fate; especially : to condemn esp. to hell
  2 ▶ : to condemn as invalid, illegal, immoral, bad, or harmful
  3 : **CURSE**

  - **damned adjective**
    - **Synonyms**
      - censure, condemn, decry, denounce, reprehend, reprobate—more at **CONDEMN**

- **dam-na-ble /dam na ble/ adjective**
  1 : liable to or deserving punishment
  2 : **DESTABILIZABLE** <~ weather>

  - **dam-na-bly / .bla/ adverb**

- **dam-na-tion /dam na shan/ noun**
  1 : the act of damning
  2 : the state of being damned

- **damp /damp/ noun**
  1 : a noxious gas
  2 : **MOISTURE**

  - **damp verb**
    - : to check or diminish the activity or vigor of : **DAMPEN**

- **damp adjective**
  : **MOIST**

  - **damp-ness noun**

- **damp-en /dam.ən/ verb**
  1 ▶ : to check or diminish in activity or vigor
  2 : to make or become damp

  - **Synonyms**
    - blunt, deaden, dull, numb—more at **DULL**
damp·er /dæmˈpər/ noun
1 : a dulling or deadening influence <put a ~ on the party>
2 : one that damps; especially : a valve or movable plate (as in the flue of a stove, furnace, or fireplace) to regulate the draft

dam·sel /dæmˈzəl/ noun
: a young woman : MAIDEN

dam·sel·fly /ˈdæsəfl/ noun
: any of a group of insects that are closely related to the dragonflies but fold their wings above the body when at rest

dam·son /dæmˈzan/ noun
: a plum with acid purple fruit; also : its fruit

Dan abbreviation
Daniel

1dance /dæns/ verb danced; danc·ing
1 : to glide, step, or move through a set series of movements usu. to music
2 : to move quickly up and down or about
3 : to perform or take part in as a dancer
— danc·er noun

Synonyms
[1] foot, step; also prance, strut, trip; gavotte, jig, jitterbug, jive, mambo, polka, tango, waltz; tread
[2] dart, flit, flutter, zip—more at FLIT

2dance noun
1 : an act or instance of dancing
2 : a social gathering for dancing
3 : a piece of music (as a waltz) by which dancing may be guided
4 : the art of dancing

Synonyms
ball, formal, hop, prom; also blowout, celebration, event, festival, festivity, fete, gala, masquerade, mixer, party, reception, soiree

D & C noun
[ORIGIN: dilatation and curettage]
: a surgical procedure that involves stretching the cervix and scraping the inside walls of the uterus (as to test for cancer or to perform an abortion)

dan·de·li·on /dænˈdaˌliənˌdən/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME dendelyoun, fr. AF dent de lion, lit., lion's tooth]
: any of a genus of common yellow-flowered composite herbs

dan·der /dænˈdər/ noun
: ANGER, TEMPER

dan·di·fy /dænˈdiˌfI/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to cause to resemble a dandy

dan·dle /dænˈdəl/ verb dan·dled; dan·dling
1 : to move up and down in one's arms or on one's knee in affectionate play
2 : to treat with extreme or excessive care and attention

dan·druff /dænˈdrʌf/ noun
: scaly white or grayish flakes of dead skin cells that come off the scalp
— dan·druffy /ˈdrʌfI/ adjective

dan·dy /dænˈdeI/ noun, plural dan·dies
1 : a man unduly attentive to personal appearance
2 : something excellent in its class

Synonyms
dandy adjective dan·di·er, -di·dest
: very good : FIRST-RATE

Dane /dân/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Denmark
2 : GREAT DANE

dan·ger /dân`ja(r)/ noun
[origin: ME daunger control, resistance, peril, fr. AF dangier, fr. VL *dominiarium, fr. L dominium ownership]
1 : exposure or liability to injury, harm, or evil
2 : something that may cause injury or harm

Synonyms
▷ [1] distress, jeopardy, peril, risk, trouble; also exposure, liability, vulnerability; precariousness, threat

Antonyms
▷ [2] hazard, menace, peril, pitfall, risk, threat, trouble; also snare, trap

dan·ger·ous /dân`ja reserv/ adjective
1 : exposing to or involving danger : HAZARDOUS
2 : able or likely to inflict injury

— dan·ger·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome; also insecure, precarious, treacherous, uncertain; chance, haphazard, random; distressing, sickening, unpleasant, ugly, wicked; adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, inimical, injurious, malignant, nasty, noxious, pernicious, pestilential; deadly, deathly, destructive, dire, fatal, fateful, fell, killer, lethal, mortal, murderous

Antonyms
▷ harmess, innocent, innocuous, safe

dan·gle /dan'gal/ verb dan·gled; dan·gling
1 : to hang loosely esp. with a swinging motion : SWING
2 : to be a hanger-on or dependent
3 : to be left without proper grammatical connection in a sentence
4 : to keep hanging uncertainly
5 : to offer as an inducement

Synonyms
▷ hang, sling, suspend, swing—more at HANG

Dan·iel /dan'yal/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

Dan·ish /dän`ish/ noun
: the language of the Danes

— Danish adjective

Danish pastry noun
: a pastry made of a rich yeast-raised dough

dank /dänk/ adjective
: disagreeably wet or moist : DAMP

— dank·ness noun

dan·seuse /dän·səs`ze, `sez/ dänˈsəz noun
[origin: F]
: a female ballet dancer

dap·per /dap'par/ adjective
1 neat and trim in style or appearance: **spruce**
2 being alert and lively in movement and manners: **jaunty**
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ natty, sharp, smart, spruce—more at **smart**

**dapple** /ˈdæpl/ verb dapped; dapping
▶ to mark with different-colored spots
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ blotch, dot, fleck, freckle, mottle, pepper, speck, spot, sprinkle, stipple—more at **spot**

**dappled** adjective
▶ marked with small spots or patches contrasting with the background
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ mottled, piebald, pied, spotted—more at **piebald**
   ▶ mottled, spotted, spotty, variegated—more at **variegated**

**DAR** abbreviation
Daughters of the American Revolution

**dare** /dər/ verb dared; daring
1 to have sufficient courage: be bold enough to
2 ▶ to challenge to perform an action esp. as a proof of courage
3 ▶ to confront boldly
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ [2] challenge, defy—more at **challenge**
   ▶ [3] beard, brave, brazen, confront, defy, face—more at **face**

**dare noun**
▶ an act or instance of daring: **challenge**

**daredevil** noun
▶ a recklessly bold person
   — **daredevil** adjective

**daring** /ˈdərɪŋ/ adjective
▶ venturesomely bold in action or thought
   — **daring-ly** adverb
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ adventurous, audacious, bold, enterprising, gutsy, hardy, nervy, venturesome—more at **bold**

**daring noun**
▶ venturesome boldness
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ bravery, courage, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at **courage**

**dark** /dɑrk/ adjective
1 ▶ being without light or without much light
2 : not light in color <a ~ suit>
3 a : showing or causing gloom or depression: **gloomy**
   b ▶ lacking knowledge or culture
4 ▶ not clear to the understanding
5 *often cap* : being a period of stagnation or decline *<the Dark Ages>*
6 ▶ tending to keep secrets or to act secretly: **secretive**
   — **dark-ly** adverb
   "Synonyms"
   ▶ [1] darkling, dim, dusky, gloomy, murky, obscure, somber; *also* sunless; cloudy, dull, dulled, lackluster; shadowy, shady; gray, leaden, pale
   **Antonyms**
   bright, brightened, brilliant, illuminated, illumined, light, lighted, lucent, lucid, luminous
dark noun
1 a ♦ : a place or time of little or no light
b ♦ : absence of light : darkness; especially : night
2 a ♦ : a dark or deep color
— in the dark
1 ♦ in secrecy
2 ♦ in ignorance <kept in the dark about the plans>

Synonyms
[1a, b] darkness, dusk, gloaming, gloom, murk, night, semidarkness, shade, shadow, twilight; also blackout, brownout; dullness; cloudiness, haziness, mistiness, murkiness; dimness, faintness, gloominess, grayness, paleness

Antonyms
blaze, brightness, brilliance, day, daylight, glare, glow, light, lightness

dark·en /dârkˌên/ verb
1 a ♦ : to make or grow dark or darker
b ♦ : to make or become less clear : dim
3 ♦ : besmirch, tarnish
4 ♦ : to make or become gloomy or forbidding

Synonyms
[1a, b] becloud, befog, blur, cloud, dim, fog, haze, mist, obscure, overcast, overshadow, shroud—more at cloud
[4] gloom, glower, lower; also frown, scowl; glare, stare; brood, mope, pout, sulk; anger, fume, rage, steam, intimidate, menace, threaten

Antonyms
brighten, cheer (up), lighten, perk (up)

dark horse noun
:a contestant or a political figure whose abilities and chances as a contender are not known

dark·ling /dârkˌlîn/ adjective
1 : dark: as
a : devoid or partially devoid of light
b ♦ : not clear to the understanding : mysterious
2 : done or taking place in the dark
Synonyms
ambiguous, cryptic, dark, deep, enigmatic, equivocal, inscrutable, murky, mysterious, mystic, nebulous, obscure, occult—more at obscure

dark·ness /ˈdarkˌnäs/ noun
: the quality or state of being dark

Synonyms
dark, dusk, gloaming, gloom, murk, night, semidarkness, shade, shadow, twilight—more at dark
ambiguous, murkiness, obscurity, opacity—more at obscenity

dark·room /ˈdârkˌrûmˌrûm/ noun
:a lightproof room in which photographic materials are processed

darling /ˈdârləŋ/ noun
1 ♦ : a dearly loved person
2 ♦ : one that is treated or regarded with special favor or liking : favorite

Synonyms
[1] beloved, dear, flame, honey, love, sweet, sweetheart—more at sweetheart
[2] favorite, minion, pet, preference—more at favorite

darling adjective
1 : dearly loved : **FAVORITE**
2 : very pleasing : **CHARMING**

**Synonyms**

- [1] adorable, dear, endearing, favorite, lovable, precious, sweet, winning—more at **LOVABLE**
- [2] agreeable, charming, delectable, delicious, delightful, enjoyable, heavenly, luscious, pleasurable

**darm·stadt·i·um** /ˌdärm-stä̱t-əm/ **noun**
: a short-lived radioactive chemical element produced artificially

1 **darn** /dârn/ **verb**
: to mend with interlacing stitches
— **darn·er** **noun**

2 **darn** or **darned** /dârd/ **adverb**
: **VERY**, **EXTREMELY** &gt; *a ~ good job*

**darning needle** **noun**
1 : a needle for darning
2 : **DRAGONFLY**

1 **dart** /dârt/ **noun**
1 : a small missile with a point on one end and feathers on the other; *also, pl* : a game in which darts are thrown at a target
2 : something causing a sudden pain or distress
3 : a stitched tapering fold in a garment
4 : a quick movement

**Synonyms**

- affront, barb, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, outrage, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at **INSULT**

2 **dart** **verb**
1 : to throw with a sudden movement
2 : to thrust or move suddenly or rapidly
3 : to shoot with a dart containing a usu. tranquilizing drug

**Synonyms**

- dance, flit, flutter, zip—more at **FLIT**

**dart·er** /dârt·ər/ **noun**
: any of numerous small No. American freshwater fishes related to the perches

**Dar·win·ism** /ˈdâr-wənˌizəm/ **noun**
: a theory explaining the origin and continued existence of new species of plants and animals by means of natural selection acting on chance variations
— **Dar·win·ist** /ˌdər-wənˈɪst/ **noun or adjective**

1 **dash** /dâsh/ **verb**
1 : **SMASH**
2 : to knock, hurl, or thrust violently
3 : to soil or stain with splashed liquid : **SPLASH**
4 : **RUIN**
5 : **DEPRESS**, **SADEN**
6 : to perform or finish hastily
7 : to move with sudden speed : move rapidly

**Synonyms**

- [2] cast, catapult, chuck, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at **THROW**
- [7] career, course, fly, hasten, hurry, race, rip, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, tear, zip, zoom—more at **HURRY**

2 **dash** **noun**
1 : a sudden burst or splash
2 : a stroke of a pen
3: a punctuation mark — that is used esp. to indicate a break in the thought or structure of a sentence
4: a small addition <a ~ of salt>
5: flashy showiness
6: animation in style and action
7: a sudden rush or attempt <made a ~ for the door>
8: a short foot race
9: DASHBOARD
  Synonyms
  drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, life, pep, sap, snap, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at VIGOR

dash-board /ˈbôrd/ noun
  a panel in an automobile or aircraft below the windshield usu. containing dials and controls

dash·er /ˈdashed/ noun
  a device (as in a churn) for agitating something

da·shi·ki /daˌshēˈki/ also dai·shi·ki /dē/ noun
  [ORIGIN: modif. of Yoruba (an African language) dầnṣíkí] 
  a usu. brightly colored loose-fitting pullover garment

dash·ing /ˈdashin/ adjective
  1: marked by vigorous action
  2: marked by smartness esp. in dress and manners

das·tard /ˈdastərd/ noun
  1: one who shows disgraceful fear or timidity: COWARD
  2: a person who acts treacherously
  Synonyms
  chicken, coward, craven, poltroon, recreant, sissy—more at COWARD

das·tard·ly /ˈlē/ adjective
  : showing disgraceful fear or timidity: COWARDLY
  Synonyms
  chicken, cowardly, craven, pusillanimous, recreant, spineless, yellow—more at COWARDLY

dat abbreviation
dative

da·ta /ˈdātə, ˈdā/ noun singular or plural
  [ORIGIN: L, pl. of datum] 
  : factual information (as measurements or statistics) used as a basis for reasoning, discussion, or calculation

da·ta·base /ˈdaˌbās/ noun
  a usu. large collection of data organized esp. for rapid search and retrieval (as by a computer)
  — database verb

data processing noun
  : the action or process of supplying a computer with information and having the computer use it to produce a desired result

date /ˈdāt/ noun
  : the oblong edible fruit of a tall palm; also: this palm

date noun
  [ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF, fr. LL data, fr. data (as in data Romae given at Rome), fem. of L datum, pp. of dare to give] 
  1: the day, month, or year of an event
  2: a statement giving the time of execution or making (as of a coin or check)
  3: the period to which something belongs
  4: an appointment to meet at a specified time; especially: a social engagement between two persons that often has a romantic character
  5: a person with whom one has a usu. romantic date
— to date
: up to the present moment

Synonyms
▶ [3] duration, life, lifetime, run, standing, time—more at DURATION
▶ [4] appointment, engagement, rendezvous, tryst—more at ENGAGEMENT

3 date verb dat-ed; dat-ing
1 : to record the date of or on
2 : to determine, mark, or reveal the date, age, or period of
3 : to make or have a date with
4 : ORIGinate <~s from ancient times>
5 : EXTEND <dating back to childhood>
6 : to show qualities typical of a past period

dat-ed /dəˈtæd/ adjective
1 : provided with a date
2 ▶ : no longer acceptable, stylish, current, or usable

Synonyms
▶ antiquated, archaic, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, outworn, passé—more at OBSOLETE

date-less /dəˈteləs/ adjective
1 : being or seeming to be without end : ENDLESS
2 : having no date
3 ▶ : too ancient to be dated
4 : TIMELESS

Synonyms
▶ age-old, ancient, antediluvian, antique, hoary, old, venerable—more at ANCIENT

date-line /dəˈtɛln/ noun
: a line in a publication giving the date and place of composition or issue

— dateline verb
date rape noun
: rape committed by the victim's date
da-tive /dəˈtɪv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically the indirect object of a verb

— dative noun
da-tum /dəˈtʌm, da-ˈdæ/ noun, plural da-ta /-teɪ/ or datums
: a single piece of data : FACT
dau abbreviation
daughter

1 daub /dəb/ verb
1 ▶ : to cover or smear with something sticky or dirty
2 : to apply paint or color crudely

— daub-er noun

Synonyms
▶ smear; also coat, paint, plaster

2 daub noun
1 : something daubed on : SMEAR
2 : a crude picture

daugh-ter /dəˈfər/ noun
1 : a female offspring esp. of human beings
2 : a female adopted child
3 : a human female descendant

— daughter adjective

— daugh-ter-less /ˈlɛs/ adjective
daughter-in-law /ˈdɔːtər-in-lə/ noun, plural daughters-in-law /ˈter.zən/ : the wife of one's son

daunt /dənt/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF danter, daunter, fr. L domitare to tame]
› to lessen the courage of
  Synonyms
demoralize, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, unman, unnerve—more at discouragement

daunting /ˈdəntɪŋ/ adjective
› tending to overwhelm or intimidate <a ~ task>
dauntless /ˈlez/ adjective
— dauntlessly adverb
  Synonyms
brave, courageous, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at brave

dauphin /ˈdəfən/ noun, often cap
: the eldest son of a king of France

DAV abbreviation
Disabled American Veterans
davenport /ˌdævəˈpɔrt/ noun
› a large upholstered sofa
  Synonyms
couch, divan, lounge, settee, sofa—more at couch

da·vit /ˈdɑːvət/ noun
: a small crane on a ship used in pairs esp. to raise or lower boats
dawdle /dədˌl/ verb dawdled; dawdling
1 › to spend time wastefully or idly
2 › to move lackadaisically
— dawdler noun
  Synonyms
[1] dally, dillydally, hang around, hang out, idle, loaf, loll, lounge—more at idle
[2] crawl, creep, dally, delay, dillydally, drag, lag, linger, loiter, poke, tarry—more at delay

dawn /dən/ verb
1 : to begin to grow light as the sun rises
2 › to begin to appear or develop
3 › to begin to be understood <the solution ~ed on him>
  Synonyms
arise, begin, commence, form, materialize, originate, spring, start—more at begin

dawn noun
1 › the first appearance of light in the morning
2 › a first appearance: beginning <the ~ of a new era>
  Synonyms
[1] aurora, cockcrow, morning, sunrise; also daytime, light; twilight; forenoon
  Antonyms
nightfall, sundown, sunset
[2] beginning, birth, commencement, genesis, launch, morning, onset, outset, start, threshold—more at beginning

day /dā/ noun
1 : the period of light between one night and the next; also: daylight, daytime
2 : the period of rotation of a planet (as earth) or a moon on its axis
day-bed /ˈdæ.ˌbed/ noun
: a couch that can be converted into a bed

day-book /ˌbûk/ noun
: DIARY, JOURNAL

day-break /ˌbræk/ noun
: the first appearance of light in the morning followed by sunrise: DAWN

day care noun
: supervision of and care for children or disabled adults provided during the day; also: a program offering day care

day-dream /ˈdæ.ˌdrɛm/ noun
▷ a pleasant reverie
— daydream verb

Synonyms
▷ chimera, conceit, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY

day-light /ˈdæ.ˌlɪt/ noun
1: the light of day
2: the time during which there is daylight: DAYTIME
3: the first appearance of light in the morning followed by sunrise: DAWN
4: understanding of something that has been obscure
5 plural: CONSCIOUSNESS; also: WITS
6: a perceptible space, gap, or difference

daylight saving time noun
: time usu. one hour ahead of standard time

Day of Atonement
: YOM KIPPUR

day school noun
: a private school without boarding facilities

day student noun
: a student who attends regular classes at a college or preparatory school but does not live there

day-time /ˈdæ.ˌtɪm/ noun
: the period of daylight

1 daze /dæz/ verb dazed; daž-ing
1: to stupefy esp. by a blow
2: to dazzle with light: DAZZLE
— daž-ey /dæ.ˌzed.ɪ/ adverb

2 daze noun
▷ the state of being dazed

Synonyms
▷ fog, haze, muddle, spin—more at HAZE

1 dazzle /ˈda.ˌzəl/ verb daz-zled; daz-zling
1 ▷ to overpower with light
2: to impress greatly or confound with brilliance

Synonyms
daze; also confuse, overpower, overwhelm, stun

dazzle noun
▶ the action of dazzling

Synonyms
▶ brilliance, effulgence, illumination, lightness, lucidity, luminosity, radiance, refulgence, splendor—more at BRILLIANCE

dB abbreviation
decibel

Db symbol
dubium

d/b/a abbreviation
doing business as
dbl or dble abbreviation
double

DC abbreviation
1 [ORIGIN It da capo] from the beginning
2 direct current
3 District of Columbia
4 doctor of chiropractic

DD abbreviation
1 days after date
2 demand draft
3 dishonorable discharge
4 doctor of divinity

D–day noun
[ORIGIN: D, abbr. for day]
▶ a day set for launching an operation (as an invasion)

DDS abbreviation
doctor of dental surgery

DDT /dēˌdēˌtēt/ noun
▶ a persistent insecticide poisonous to many higher animals

DE abbreviation
Delaware

dea·con /dēˈkən/ noun
▶ a subordinate officer in a Christian church

dea·con·ess /dēˈkənˌes/ noun
▶ a woman chosen to assist in the church ministry

dé·act·i·vate /dēˈakˌtīˌvāt/ verb
▶ to make inactive or ineffective

dead /dēd/ adjective
1 ▶ deprived of life: LIFELESS
2 ▶ having the appearance of death: DEATHLIKE <in a ~ faint>
3 ▶ lacking power to move, feel, or respond: NUMB
4 ▶ very tired
5 ▶ UNRESPONSIVE
6 ▶ EXTINGUISHED <~ coals>
7 ▶ INANIMATE, INERT
8 ▶ no longer active or functioning <a ~ battery>
9: lacking power, significance, or effect \(<a \sim \text{custom}>\)
10: no longer in use \(<a \sim \text{language}>\)
11: lacking in gaiety or animation \(<a \sim \text{party}>\)
12: QUIET, IDLE, UNPRODUCTIVE \(<a \sim \text{capital}'>\)
13: lacking elasticity \(<a \sim \text{tennis ball}>\)
14: not circulating: STAGNANT \(<a \sim \text{air}'>\)
15: lacking warmth, vigor, or taste \(<a \sim \text{wine}'>\)
16: absolutely uniform \(<a \sim \text{level}'>\)
17: UNERRING, EXACT \(<a \sim \text{shot}'>\)
18: ABRUPT \(<a \sim \text{shot}'>\)
19: having no exceptions or restrictions: COMPLETE \(<a \sim \text{loss}'>\)

**Synonyms**
- [1] breathless, deceased, defunct, gone, late, lifeless; also extinct; dying, fading, moribund; stillborn; finished, lapsed, terminated; barren, desert; inanimate, insensate, nonliving

**Antonyms**
- [4] beat, bushed, drained, effete, jaded, limp, prostrate, spent, tired, weary, worn-out—more at WEARY
- [8] dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative, latent, off, vacant—more at INACTIVE
- [10] bygone, defunct, extinct, gone—more at EXTINCT

**dead** noun, plural dead
1: one that is dead — usu. used collectively \(<a \sim \text{the living and the >}>\)
2: the time of greatest quiet \(<a \sim \text{the > of the night}>\)

**dead** adverb
1: in an absolute manner or condition \(<a \sim \text{right}'>\)
2: in a sudden and complete manner \(<a \sim \text{stopped ~>}>\)
3: in a direct manner: DIRECTLY \(<a \sim \text{ahead}'>\)

**Synonyms**
- altogether, completely, entirely, fast, flat, full, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY

**dead-beat** /ˈbēt/ noun
: a person who persistently fails to pay personal debts or expenses

**dead duck** noun
: GONER

**dead-en** /ˈdɛd.ən/ verb
1: to impair in vigor or sensation: BLUNT \(<a \sim \text{pain}'>\)
2: to lessen the luster or spirit of
3: to make (as a wall) soundproof

**Synonyms**
- blunt, dampen, dull, numb—more at DULL

**dead end** noun
1: an end (as of a street) without an exit
2: a position, situation, or course of action that leads to nothing further

**dead heat** noun
: a contest in which two or more contestants tie (as by crossing the finish line simultaneously)

**Synonyms**
- draw, stalemate, standoff, tie—more at TIE

**dead horse** noun
: an exhausted topic or issue

**dead letter** noun
1: something that has lost its force or authority without being formally abolished
2: a letter that cannot be delivered or returned
dead·line /ˈdeɪldən/ noun
: a date or time before which something must be done

dead·lock /ˈdeɪldəlk/ noun
1 : a stoppage of action because neither faction in a struggle will give in
2 : a tie score
— deadlock verb
  Synonyms
    • halt, impasse, stalemate, standstill—more at impasse

dead·ly /ˈdeɪldəli/ adjective dead·li·er; -est
1 : likely to cause or capable of causing death
2 : HOSTILE, IMPLACABLE
3 : very accurate : UNERRING
4 : tending to deprive of force or vitality <a ~ habit>
5 : suggestive of death
6 : very great : EXTREME
— dead·li·ness noun
  Synonyms
    • baleful, deathly, fatal, fell, lethal, mortal, murderous, pestilent, vital; also bane, destructive, harmful, noxious, pernicious; poisonous, toxic, virulent; dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, threatening, ugly, unhealthy, unsound; capital; bloody, internecine, sanguinary, sanguine
  Antonyms
    • healthful, healthy, nonfatal, nonlethal, wholesome

deadly adverb
1 : suggesting death <~ pale>
2 : to a high degree : EXTREMELY <~ dull>

deadly sin noun
: one of seven sins of pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth held to be fatal to spiritual progress

dead meat noun
: one that is doomed

deadpan /ˈdeɪdnən/ adjective
• : marked by an impassive manner or expression
— deadpan verb
— deadpan adverb
  Synonyms
    • blank, expressionless, impassive, inexpressive, stolid, vacant—more at blank

deadpan noun
: a completely expressionless face

dead reckoning noun
: the determination of the position of a ship or aircraft solely from the record of the direction and distance of its course

dead·weight /ˈdeɪwdət/ noun
1 : the unrelieved weight of an inert mass
2 : a ship's load including the weight of cargo, fuel, crew, and passengers

dead·wood /ˈdeɪwdʊd/ noun
1 : wood dead on the tree
2 : useless personnel or material
  Synonyms
    • chaff, dust, garbage, junk, litter, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste—more at garbage

def·ad /ˈdef/ adjective
1: unable to hear
2: unwilling to hear or listen <~ to all suggestions>

— deaf·ness noun
def·en /deɪn/ verb
: to make deaf

def·en·ing /ɪŋ/ adjective
  ➢: very loud
  Synonyms
    ➢ booming, clamorous, earsplitting, loud, piercing, resounding, ringing, roaring, sonorous, stentorian, thunderous—more at LOUD

def·mute /dɛmjuːt/ noun, often offensive
: a deaf person who has never learned to speak

deal /dɛl/ noun
1: a usu. large or indefinite quantity or degree <a great ~ of support>
2: the act or right of distributing cards to players in a card game; also: HAND

deal verb dealt /dɛlt/, dealing
1 a : to give as one's portion: DISTIBUTE
    b: to distribute playing cards to players in a game
2: ADMINISTER, DELIVER <dealt him a blow>
3: to concern itself: TREAT <the book ~s with crime>
4: to take action in regard to something <~ with offenders>
5 a: TRADE
    b: to sell or distribute something as a business <~ in used cars>
6: to reach a state of acceptance <~ with her child's death>
7: to engage in bargaining
  Synonyms
    ➢ [1a] administer, allocate, apportion, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, portion, prorate—more at ADMINISTER
    ➢ [3] concern, cover, pertain, treat—more at CONCERN
    ➢ [5b] market, merchandise, put up, retail, sell, vend

deal noun
1: an act of buying and selling: TRANSACTION
2: treatment received <a raw ~> 
3: an often secret agreement or arrangement for mutual advantage
4: something acquired by or as if by bargaining; especially: an advantageous purchase: BARGAIN
  Synonyms
    ➢ [1] sale, trade, transaction—more at SALE
    ➢ [3] accord, agreement, bargain, compact, contract, convention, covenant, pact, settlement, understanding—
      more at AGREEMENT
    ➢ [4] bargain, buy, steal—more at BARGAIN

deal noun
: wood or a board of fir or pine

def·er /dɛlər/ noun
 прежде one that deals; especially: a person who makes a business of buying and selling goods
  Synonyms
    ➢ merchant, trader, trafficker—more at MERCHANT
    ➢ seller, vendor—more at VENDOR

def·er·ship /dɛlərˌʃɪp/ noun
: an authorized sales agency

def·ing /dɛɪŋ/ noun
1: a way of acting or of doing business
2 plural ▶: friendly or business transactions

   Synonyms
   ▶ usually dealings intercourse, relations

dean /dēn/ noun
1 ▶: a clergyman who is head of a group of canons or of joint pastors of a church
2 ▶: the head of a division, faculty, college, or school of a university
3 ▶: a college or secondary school administrator in charge of counseling and disciplining students
4 ▶: the senior member of a body or group <the ~ of a diplomatic corps>
   — dean-ship noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ elder, senior; also better, superior
   Antonyms
   baby

dean-ery /dē_neré/ noun, plural -er-ies
: the office, jurisdiction, or official residence of a clerical dean

1 dear /dēr/ adjective
1 ▶: highly valued : PRECIOUS
2 ▶: AFFECTIONATE, FOND
3 ▶: high in price : EXPENSIVE
4 ▶: HEARTFELT
   — dear-ly adverb
   — dear-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] beloved, darling, favorite, loved, pet, precious, special, sweet
   ▶ [3] costly, expensive, high, precious, valuable—more at COSTLY

dear noun
1 ▶: a loved one : DARLING
   Synonyms
   ▶ beloved, darling, honey, love, sweet, sweetheart—more at SWEETHEART

Dear John /dēr jan/ noun
: a letter (as to a soldier) in which a woman breaks off a marital or romantic relationship

dearth /dērθ/ noun
1 ▶: scarcity that makes dear : FAMINE
2 ▶: an inadequate supply : LACK
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at DEFICIENCY

dearth noun
dead /dēd/ noun
1 ▶: the end of life
2 ▶: the cause of loss of life
3 ▶: the state of being dead
4 ▶: the passing or destruction of something inanimate
5 ▶: SLAUGHTER
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] decease, demise, doom, end, passing, quietus; also casualty, fatality; martyrdom, self-destruction, suicide; annihilation, destruction, ending, expiration, extermination, ruin
   Antonyms
   birth
   ▶ [4] demise, expiration, termination; also dispersion, dissolution; shutdown; decease, doom, end, ending, passing, quietus; suicide; annihilation, destruction, ruin
   Antonyms

Dear
beginning, creation, start

death-bed /ˈdeθˌbed/ noun  
1 : the bed in which a person dies  
2 : the last hours of life

death-blow /ˈdeθˌbləʊ/ noun  
: a destructive or killing stroke or event

death grip noun  
: an extremely tight grip or hold

death-less /ˈdeθˌləs/ adjective  
: not subject to death or destruction : IMMORTAL <~ fame>

   Synonyms  
   ceaseless, dateless, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying, unending—more at EVERLASTING

death-like /ˈdeθˌlɪk/ adjective  
: of, relating to, or suggestive of death : DEATHLY

death-ly /ˈdeθˌli/ adjective  
1 ▶ : causing death : FATAL  
2 ▶ : of, relating to, or suggesting death <a ~ pallor>
— deathly adverb

   Synonyms  
   [1] baleful, deadly, fatal, fell, lethal, mortal, murderous, pestilent, vital—more at DEADLY  
   [2] dead, mortal; also ghostly, phantom, spectral; inactive, inert, inoperative, lifeless, quiescent, still; macabre; baleful, fatal, fateful, fell, killer, lethal, murderous, pestilent

death rattle noun  
: a sound produced by air passing through mucus in the lungs and air passages of a dying person

death's–head /ˈdeθˌheed/ noun  
: a human skull emblematic of death

death-watch /ˈdeθˌwɒtʃ/ noun  
: a vigil kept over the dead or dying

deb /ˈdeib/ noun  
: DEBUTANTE

de-ba-ble /ˈdɛbəˌbæl, ˈdɛbəˌba/ also de-ba-cle /ˈdɛbəˌkla/ noun  
[ORIGIN: F débâcle]  
1 ▶ : a great disaster  
2 ▶ : a complete failure : FIASCO

   Synonyms  
   [1] calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, disaster, tragedy—more at DISASTER  
   [2] bummer, bust, catastrophe, bud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, loser, turkey, washout—more at FAILURE

de-bar /ˈdeˌbær/ verb  
: to bar from having or doing something

   Synonyms  
   ban, bar, count out, eliminate, except, exclude, rule out—more at EXCLUDE

de-bark /ˈdeˌbɑrk/ verb  
: DISEMBARK

   de-bar-ka-tion /ˈdɛˌbɑrkəˈtʃən/ noun

de-base /ˈdeˌbeɪs/ verb  
: to lower in character, quality, or value

   Synonyms
abase, corrupt, debauch, demean, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, subvert, vitiate, warp; also contaminate, pollute, taint; descend; disgrace, humble, humiliate; deface, destroy, flawed, harm, hurt, impair, mar, ruin, spoil, stain, tarnish, wreck; deprecate, downgrade

**Antonyms**
- elevate, ennoble, uplift
- discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, shame, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE

**de·base·ment** /ˈdɪˌbəs·mənt/
**noun**
1: the act or process of debasing
2: the state of being debased

**Synonyms**
- corruption, debauchery, decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, demoralization, depravity, dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at CORRUPTION

**de·bat·able** /ˈdɪˌbæt·əl/
**adjective**
- open to dispute : giving reason for being doubted, questioned, or challenged

**Synonyms**
- arguable, disputable, doubtful, moot, questionable; also controversial, debated, disputed; dubious, inconclusive, indecisive, problematic, uncertain; academic, hypothetical, speculative, theoretical; ambiguous, equivocal

**Antonyms**
- incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, undeniable, unquestionable
- doubtful, equivocal, problematic, questionable, suspect, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL

**debate** /ˈdɪˌbæt/
**noun**
1: a contention by words or arguments
2: consideration of or reflection upon a problem <after a moment of ~, she went forward>

**Synonyms**
- [1] controversy, disagreement, dissension
- [2] consideration, deliberation, thought—more at CONSIDERATION

**debate verb de·bat·ed; de·bat·ing**
1: to discuss a question by considering opposed arguments
2: to take part in a debate
3: to reflect upon (a question or problem)

**Synonyms**
- [1] argue, chew over, discuss, dispute, hash, moot, talk over—more at DISCUSS
- [3] chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at PONDER

**debater** /ˈdɪˌbæt·ər/
**noun**
- one that debates

**Synonyms**
- contender, disputant, disputer—more at DISPUTANT

**de·bauch** /ˈdɪˌbəuch/
**verb**
- to lead away from virtue or excellence : CORRUPT

**Synonyms**
- abase, corrupt, debase, degrade, demean, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, subvert, warp—more at DEBASE

**de·bauch·ed** /ˈdɪˌbəchd/
**adjective**
- having or showing looseness in morals or conduct

**Synonyms**
- corrupt, decadent, degenerate, dissolve, perverse, perverted, reprouse—more at CORRUPT

**de·bauch·ery** /ˈdɪˌbəch·ərē/
**noun**
- extreme indulgence in sensuality

**Synonyms**
- corruption, debasement, decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, demoralization, depravity,
dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at corruption

- corruption, depravity, immorality, iniquity, licentiousness, sin, vice—more at vice

de·ben·ture /diˈbenˌchar/ noun

: bond; especially : one secured by the general credit of the issuer rather than a lien on particular assets

de·bil·i·tate /diˈbiləˌtāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing

- to impair the health or strength of

Synonyms

- enervate, enfeeble, prostrate, sap, soften, tire, waste, weaken—more at weaken

de·bil·i·ty /diˈbiləˌtē/ noun, plural -ties

- an infirm or weakened state

Synonyms

- delicacy, enfeeblement, faintness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, languor, lowness, weakness—more at weakness

1 debi /deˈbeɪ/ verb

- to enter as a debit : charge with or as a debit

2 debit noun

1 : an entry in an account showing money paid out or owed

2 : disadvantage, shortcoming

debit card noun

: a card by which money may be withdrawn or the cost of purchases paid directly from the holder's bank account

de·bon·air /diˈbōnˌnair/ adjective

[Origin: ME debonere, Fr. deboneire, Fr. de bon aire of good family or nature]

1 : smoothly gracious and sophisticated : suave

2 : light-hearted

Synonyms

- smooth, sophisticated, suave, urbane—more at suave

deb·o·ch /diˈbōch, ˈbōsh/ verb

[Origin: Fr déboucher, Fr. dé- out of + bouche mouth]

- to come out into an open area : emerge

deb·rief /diˈbrēf/ verb

1 : to question (as a pilot back from a mission) in order to obtain useful information

2 : to review carefully upon completion

deb·ris /ˈdebrēs, ˈdebrəs/ noun, plural debris /ˈbrēz, ˈbrəz/

1 : the remains of something broken down or destroyed

2 : an accumulation of rock fragments

3 : rubbish

Synonyms

- remains, residue, rubble, ruins, wreck, wreckage—more at remains

debt /del/ noun

1 : an offense against religious or moral law : sin

2 : something owed : obligation

3 : a condition of owing

debt·or /ˈdeˌtohr/ noun

1 : one guilty of neglect or violation of duty

2 : one that owes a debt

de·bug /ˌdēˈbug/ verb

- to eliminate errors in

Synonyms

- amend, correct, emend, rectify, reform, remedy—more at correct
de·bunk /dəˈbæŋk/ verb
  ↘ : to expose the sham or falseness of a legend
  Synonyms
  ➤ expose, show up, uncoop, uncover, unmask—more at EXPOSE

1de·but /dəˈbyū, dəˈbyü/ noun
  1 : a first appearance
  2 : a formal entrance into society

2debut verb
  : to make a debut; also : INTRODUCE

deb·u·tante /deˌbyú.ˈtānt/ noun
  : a young woman making her formal entrance into society

dec abbreviation
  1 deceased
  2 decrease

Dec abbreviation
  December

dé·cade /dəˈkād, deˈkād/ noun
  : a period of 10 years

dé·ca·dence /dəˈkæd.əns, dəˈkād, əns/ noun
  1 : the process of becoming decadent : the quality or state of being decadent
  2 : a period of decline
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1, 2] corruption, debasement, debauchery, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, demoralization, depravity, dissipation, dissolution, perversion—more at CORRUPTION
  ➤ [2] declension, decline, descent, deterioration, downfall, downgrade, fall—more at DECLINE

1de·cadent /dəˈkæd.ənt, dəˈkād, ənt/ adjective
  1 : marked by decay or decline
  2 : characterized by or appealing to self-indulgence
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] degenerate, effete, overripe—more at EFFETE
  ➤ [1, 2] corrupt, debauched, degenerate, dissolve, perverse, perverted, profligate—more at CORRUPT

2decadent noun
  : one that is decadent
  Synonyms
  ➤ degenerate, libertine, pervert, profligate—more at DEGENERATE

dé·caf /dəˈkaf/ noun
  : decaffeinated coffee

dé·caf-fein·at·ed /dəˈkaf.əˌnætəd/ adjective
  : having the caffeine removed

deca·gon /dəˌke.ɡən/ noun
  : a plane polygon of 10 angles and 10 sides

dé·cal /dəˈkæl/ noun
  : a picture, design, or label made to be transferred (as to glass) from specially prepared paper

dé·cal·co·ma·nia /dəˈkælˌkəˌmənēə/ noun
  [origin: F décalcomanie, fr. décalquer to copy by tracing (fr. calquer to trace, fr. It calcare, lit., to tread, fr. L) + manie mania, fr. LL mania]
  : DECAL
Deca·logue /ˈdeˌkaləg/ noun
: TEN COMMANDMENTS

de·camp /dəˈkæmp/ verb
1: to break up a camp
2: to depart suddenly

de·cant /dəˈkan/ verb
: to pour (as wine) gently from one vessel into another

de·cant·er /dəˈkan.tər/ noun
: an ornamental glass bottle for serving wine

de·cap·i·tate /dəˈkap.iˌtət/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
: BEHEAD
— de·cap·i·ta·tion /ˈdəˌkap.iˌten.ʃən/ noun
— de·cap·i·ta·tor /ˈdəˌkap.iˌtər/ noun

de·cas·y·lab·ic /dəˈkezsəˌlăbık/ adjective
: having or composed of verses having 10 syllables
— decasyllabic noun

de·cat·hon /ˈdəˌkathənˌˌlən/ noun
: a 10-event athletic contest
1decay /dəˈkā/ verb
1: to decline from a sound or prosperous condition
2: to cause or undergo decomposition <radium ~s slowly>; especially: to break down while spoiling: ROT

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] decline, degenerate, descend, deteriorate, ebb, rot, sink, worsen—more at DETERIORATE
   ▶ [2] break down, corrupt, decompose, disintegrate, molder, putrefy, rot, spoil; also sour, turn; contaminate, defile, pollute, taint; curdle, ferment; crumble, degenerate, deteriorate

decay noun
1: gradual decline in strength, soundness, or prosperity or in degree of excellence or perfection
2: the process of rotting: the state of being rotten

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] declension, decline, degeneration, descent, deterioration, enfeeblement—more at DECLINE
   ▶ [2] breakdown, corruption, decomposition, putrefaction, rot, spoilage—more at CORRUPTION

decd abbreviation
deces

de·cease /dəˈsēs/ noun
: a permanent cessation of all vital functions: DEATH

   Synonyms

   ▶ death, demise, doom, end, passing, quietus—more at DEATH

1deceased /ˈdēˌsēst/ adjective
: no longer alive; especially: recently dead

   Synonyms

   ▶ breathless, dead, defunct, gone, late, lifeless—more at DEAD
2deceased noun, plural deceased
: a dead person

de·ce·dent /dəˌseˌdənt/ noun
: a deceased person

de·ceit /dəˈseı̈t/ noun
1: the act or practice of deceiving: DECEPTION
2: an attempt or device to deceive: TRICK
3 : the quality of being deceitful: DECEITFULNESS

**Synonyms**
- artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, wiliness; also equivocation, prevation; chicanery, skullduggery, subterfuge, trickery; hypocrisy, insincerity; shrewdness; underhandedness, unscrupulousness; furtiveness, secrecy, oiliness, slipperiness, slyness, smoothness

**Antonyms**
- artlessness, forthrightness, good faith, guilelessness, sincerity

**de·ceit·ful adj**
1 : practicing or tending to practice deceive
2 : tending or having power to deceive: DECEPTIVE

— **de·ceit·ful·ly adv**

**Synonyms**
- [1] crooked, dishonest, double-dealing, false, fraudulent—more at FRAUDULENT
- [2] deceptive, delusive, fallacious, false, misleading, specious—more at DECEPTIVE

**de·ceit·ful·ness n**
1 : the quality or state of being deceitful

**Synonyms**
- artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, wiliness—more at DECEIT

**de·cei·ve v**
1 : to cause to believe an untruth
2 : to use or practice deceit

— **de·cei·ver n**

**Synonyms**
- beguile, bluff, cozen, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, mislead, string along, take in, trick; also cheat, chisel, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, rook, swindle

**Antonyms**
- undeceive

**de·cel·er·ate v**
1 : to slow down

**Synonyms**
- brake, retard, slow—more at SLOW

**De·cem·ber n**
[origin: ME Decembre, fr. OF, fr. L December (tenth month), fr. decem ten]
1 : the 12th month of the year

**de·cen·cy n**, plural -cies
1 : the quality or state of being decent: PROPRIETY
2 : conformity to standards of taste, propriety, or quality
3 : a standard of propriety — usu. used in pl.

**Synonyms**
- [1] decorum, form, propriety; also civility, courtesy, politeness; dignity, grace, refinement; discretion, prudence; correctness, fitness, rightness; attention, attentiveness, care, carefulness; goodness, high-mindedness, honesty, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue

**Antonyms**
- impropriety, indecency

- [2] character, goodness, honesty, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue—more at MORALITY

**de·cen·ni·al adj**
1 : consisting of 10 years
2 : happening every 10 years

**de·cent adj**
1 • : conforming to standards of propriety, good taste, or morality
2 • : modestly clothed
3 • : free from immodesty or obscenity
4 • : ADEQUATE ~ housing

— de-cent·ly adverb

Synonyms

[1] ethical, good, honest, honorable, just, moral, right, righteous, straight, upright, virtuous—more at GOOD
[1] correct, decorous, genteel, nice, polite, proper, respectable, seemly—more at PROPER
[3] chaste, clean, immaculate, modest, pure—more at CHASTE
[4] acceptable, adequate, all right, fine, OK, passable, respectable, satisfactory, tolerable—more at ADEQUATE

decentralization /diˈsen.trəl.i·za·shən/ noun
1 : the distribution of powers from a central authority to regional and local authorities
2 : the redistribution of population and industry from urban centers to outlying areas

— decentral·ize /ˈsen.trəˌlīz/ verb

dec·eption /diˈsep.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of deceiving
2 : the fact or condition of being deceived
3 : FRAUD, TRICK

dec·ept·ive /diˈsep.tīv/ adjective

• : tending or having power to deceive

— de·cep·tive·ly adverb

— de·cep·tive·ness noun

Synonyms

deleitful, delusive, fallacious, false, misleading, specious; also devious, guileful, shady, shifty, sly, sneaking, sneaky, trick, tricky, underhand, underhanded; inaccurate, incorrect, wrong; bewildering, confounding, distracting, perplexing, puzzling; crooked, dishonest, double-dealing, faithless, fraudulent, fast, knavish; lying, mendacious, untrustworthy, untruthful; insidious, perfidious, treacherous; artificial, backhanded, feigned, hypocritical, insincere, left-handed, two-faced

Antonyms

aboveboard, forthright, straightforward

deci·bel /deˌsiˌbel/ noun

• : a unit for measuring the relative loudness of sounds

décide /diˈsid/ verb décid·ed; décid·ing
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. MF décider, fr. L. decidere, lit., to cut off, fr. de- off + caedere to cut]
1 • : to arrive at a solution that ends uncertainty or dispute about
2 : to bring to a definitive end <one blow decided the fight>
3 : to induce to come to a choice
4 • : to make a choice or judgment

Synonyms

[1] arrange, fix, set, settle—more at ARRANGE
[4] choose, conclude, determine, figure, opt, resolve; also decree, rule; cull, elect, handpick, pick, prefer, select, single (out), take
[4] adjudicate, arbitrate, determine, judge, referee, rule, settle, umpire—more at JUDGE

décid·ed /diˈsid·əd/ adjective

1 : UNQUESTIONABLE
2 : FIRM, DETERMINED

— décid·ed·ly adverb

décid·u·ous /diˈsid.jə.əs/ adjective
1 : falling off or out usu. at the end of a period of growth or function ~ leaves ~ tooth
2 : having deciduous parts ~ trees

deci·gram /deˌsiˌgram/ noun
: a metric unit of measure equal to 1/10 gram

deci·li·ter /ˌdeˌliˌtər/ noun
: a metric unit of measure equal to 1/10 liter

deci·mal /ˌdeˌsəˈməl/ adjective
1: based on the number 10 : reckoning by tens
2: any number expressed in base 10; especially : DECIMAL FRACTION

deci·mal fraction noun
: a fraction or mixed number in which the denominator is a power of 10 and that is usu. expressed with a decimal point <the decimal fraction .25 is equivalent to the common fraction 25/100>

deci·mal place noun
: the position of a digit as counted to the right of the decimal point in a decimal fraction

deci·mal point noun
: a period, centered dot, or in some countries a comma at the left of a decimal fraction (as .678) less than one or between a whole number and a decimal fraction in a mixed number (as 3.678)

deci·mate /ˌdeˌsəˈmāt/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
1: to take or destroy the 10th part of
2: to cause great destruction or harm to

deci·me·ter /ˌdeˌsəˈmiˌtər/ noun
: a metric unit of measure equal to 1/10 meter

deci·pher /ˌdeˌsiˈfər/ verb
1: to convert (as a coded message) into intelligible form : DECODE
2: to make out the meaning of despite indistinctness
—de·ci·pher·a·ble adjective

deci·sion /ˌdeˌziˈzhən/ noun
1: the act or result of deciding
2: promptness and firmness in deciding

Synonyms
1 [1] conclusion, deliverance, determination, diagnosis, judgment, opinion, resolution, verdict; also decree, mandate, order; say-so; doom, finding, ruling, sentence; choice, option, selection
2 [2] decisiveness, determination, firmness, granite, resolution, resolve—more at DETERMINATION

deci·sive /ˌdeˌsiˈvə/ adjective
1: having the power to decide <the ~ vote>
2: marked by firm determination : RESOLUTE
3: not questionable : CONCLUSIVE <a ~ victory>
—de·ci·sive·ly adverb

Synonyms
1 [2] bent, bound, determined, firm, intent, purposeful, resolute, set—more at DETERMINED
2 [3] absolute, clear, conclusive, definitive—more at CONCLUSIVE

deci·sive·ness /ˌdeˌsiˈvərəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being decisive

Synonyms
1 [2] decision, determination, firmness, granite, resolution, resolve—more at DETERMINATION

1 deck /dek/ noun
1: a floorlike platform of a ship; also: something resembling the deck of a ship
2: a pack of playing cards

2 deck verb
1: to clothe in a striking or elegant manner : ARRAY
2: to furnish with something ornamental : DECORATE
3: to furnish with a deck

4: KNOCK DOWN, FLOOR

   Synonyms
   ✈ [1] apparel, array, attire, caparison, clothe, dress, garb, invest, rig, suit—more at CLOTHE
   ✈ [2] adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE

deck-hand /dekˌhand/ noun
   : a sailor who performs manual duties

deck·le edge /dekˈel/ noun
   : the rough untrimmed edge of paper

   — deck·le-edged /ˈe ld/ adjective

   claim /klām/ verb
   ✈: to speak or deliver in the manner of a formal speech

   — de·cla·m·a·to·ry /diˌkləˌmeˌtôrē/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ✈ descant, discourse, harangue, lecture, orate, speak, talk—more at TALK

de·cla·ma·tion /ˌde kləˈmäˌshən/ noun
   ✈: the act or art of declaiming
   Synonyms
   ✈ address, harangue, oration, speech, talk—more at SPEECH

de·cla·ra·tion /ˌde kləˈreˌshən/ noun
1 ✈: the act of declaring
2 ✈: something that is declared

   Synonyms
   ✈ affirmation, assertion, avowal, claim, profession, protestation

de·clar·a·tive /diˌklärəˈtiv/ adjective
   : making a declaration <~ sentence>

de·clare /diˈklār/ verb de·clared; de·clar·ing
1 ✈: to make known formally, officially, or explicitly : ANNOUNCE <~ war>
2 ✈: to state emphatically : AFFIRM
3 ✈: to make a full statement of

   — de·cla·ra·to·ry /diˌklærəˈtôrē/ adjective

   — de·clar·er noun
   Synonyms
   ✈ [1] advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound—more at ANNOUNCE
   ✈ [2] affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, insist, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM

de·clas·si·fy /dēˈkləˌseˌfī/ verb
   : to remove the security classification of

   — de·clas·si·fi·ca·tion /ˌdēˌkləˌseˌfēˈkäˌshən/ noun

de·clen·sion /diˌklənˈshən/ noun
1 ✈: the inflectional forms of a noun, pronoun, or adjective
2 ✈: a falling off or away esp. from a standard or a high point of development
3 ✈: a bending or sloping downward

   Synonyms
   ✈ decadence, decline, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, descent, deterioration, downfall, downgrade, fall—more at DECLINE

   decline /diˈklîn/ verb de·clined; de·clin·ing
1 ✈: to slope downward : DESCEND
DROOP

WANE

to tend toward an inferior state or weaker condition

to withhold consent; also: REFUSE

INFLECT 2 "a noun"

declinable

declination 

dec·lin·a·tion

dec·lin·a·tion

dec·lin·a·tion

dec·lin·a·tion

Synonyms

descend, dip, drop, fall, lower, plummet, plunge, sink, tumble

decay, degenerate, descend, deteriorate, ebb, rot, sink, worsen

disallow, disapprove, negative, refuse, reject, repudiate, spurn, turn down; also: overrule, veto; forbid, prohibit, proscribe; dismiss; abstain, forbear, refrain; deny, dispute, gainsay; balk, stick; abjure, renounce; avoid, bypass, detour

Antonyms

accept, agree (to), approve

decline

decline

decline

decline

Synonyms

deck, dip, drop, fall, lower, plummet, plunge, sink, tumble

decay, degenerate, descend, deteriorate

disallow, disapprove, negative, refuse, reject, repudiate, spurn, turn down; also: overrule, veto; forbid, prohibit, proscribe; dismiss; abstain, forbear, refrain; deny, dispute, gainsay; balk, stick; abjure, renounce; avoid, bypass, detour

Antonyms

accept, agree (to), approve

declivity

declivity

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declivity

: a steep downward slope

decoder

decoder

Synonyms

break, crack; also: render, translate; dope (out), puzzle (out), figure out, solve, unravel, work, work out

Antonyms

cipher, code, encode

decollete /děˌkələˈti/ noun

decollete /děˌkələˈti/

decollete /děˌkələˈti/

Synonyms

wearing a strapless or low-necked gown

Antonyms

wearing a strapless or low-necked gown

demisemission /ˌdēˌkeˌmishən/ verb

demisemission /ˌdēˌkeˌmishən/

demisemission /ˌdēˌkeˌmishən/

: to remove from service

decompose /ˌděkəmˈpōz/ verb

decompose /ˌděkəmˈpōz/

decompose /ˌděkəmˈpōz/

: to separate into constituent parts

Antonyms

: to break down in decay: rot
Synonyms
- break down, corrupt, decay, disintegrate, molder, putrefy, rot, spoil—more at DECAY

de·com·po·si·tion /dē.ˈkäm.ˌpə.zi.ˈshan/ noun
- the act or process of decomposing
  Synonyms
- breakdown, corruption, decay, putrefaction, rot, spoilage—more at CORRUPTION

de·com·press /dē.ˈkäm.ˈpres/ verb
- to release from pressure or compression
  — de·com·pres·sion /ˈpre.ʃən/ noun

de·con·ges·tant /ˌdē.ˌken.ˈjes.tant/ noun
- an agent that relieves congestion (as of mucous membranes)

de·con·struc·tion /ˌdē.ˌken.ˈstrak.ʃən/ noun
- the analysis of something (as language or literature) by the separation and individual examination of its basic elements
  — de·con·struct /ˈstrakt/ verb

de·con·tam·i·nate /ˌdē.ˌken.ˈta.mə.ˌnāt/ verb
- to rid of contamination (as radioactive material)
  — de·con·tam·i·na·tion /ˌla.ˈme.ˌnā.ˌshan/ noun

de·con·trol /ˌdē.ˌken.ˈtrəl/ verb
- to end control of ◄ prices
  — decontrol noun

de·cor or dé·cor /də.ˈkôr, də.ˈkôr/ noun
- DECORATION; especially: the style and layout of interior furnishings

dec·o·rate /ˈde.ˌkə.ˌrāt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
1 - to furnish with something ornamental ◄ a room
2 - to award a mark of honor (as a medal) to
  Synonyms
- adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, deck, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim; also doll up, dress up, trick (out); brighten, freshen, spruce (up); boss, chase, empress; embroider, figure, flounce, fringe, garland, hang, lace, wreath; gild, paint; redecorate, redo
  Antonyms
- blemish, deface, disfigure, mar, scar, spoil

dec·o·ra·tion /ˈde.ˌkə.ˌrā.ˌshan/ noun
1 - the act or process of decorating
2 - something that adorns, enriches, or beautifies: ORNAMENT
3 - a badge of honor
  Synonyms
- [2] adornment, caparison, embellishment, frill, garnish, ornament, trim; also finery, frippery; flounce, flourish, furbelow, ruffle; enhancement, enrichment, improvement; embroidery, fancywork; gild, glitter; design, figure, pattern; furnishings, regalia, trappings
  — [3] award, distinction, honor, plume, prize—more at AWARD

dec·o·ra·tive /ˈde.ˌkə.ˌrā.ˌtiv/ adjective
- serving to decorate: ORNAMENTAL
  Synonyms
- ornamental; also alluring, appealing, attractive, charming, delightful, glamorous, pleasing, prepossessing; beauteous, beautiful, bonny, comely, fair, gorgeous, handsome, lovely, pretty, stunning; detailed, elaborate, fancy, ornate
  Antonyms
- functional, utilitarian
decorator /ˈdeˌkərətər/ noun
: one that decorates; especially : a person who designs or executes interiors and their furnishings

decorous /ˈdeˌkərəs, diˈkɔrəs/ adjective
▶ marked by propriety and good taste : proper

Synonyms
▶ correct, decent, genteel, nice, polite, proper, respectable, seemly—more at proper
decorum /ˈdiˌkɔrəm/ noun
[Origin: L]
1 ▶ : conformity to accepted standards of conduct
2 : orderliness

Synonyms
▶ decency, form, propriety—more at decency
decoy /ˈdēˌkō, diˈkō/ noun
[Origin: prob. fr. D de kooi, lit., the cage]
1 : something that lures or entices; especially : an artificial bird used to attract live birds within shot
2 : something used to draw attention away from another

decoy /diˈkō, ˈdēˌkō/ verb
▶ to lure by or as if by a decoy : entice

Synonyms
▶ allure, beguile, entice, lead on, lure, seduce, tempt—more at lure
decrease /ˈdiˌkrēs/ verb decreased; decreasing
▶ to grow or cause to grow less : diminish

Synonyms
▶ abate, de-escalate, decline, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane; also compress, condense, constrict, contract; evaporate, fade (away), give out, melt (away), peter (out), vanish; slacken, slow (down); alleviate, ease, relax; flag, sink, weaken; cave (in), collapse, deflate, give out

Antonyms
accumulate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, grow, increase, intensify, mount, mushroom, pick up, rise, snowball, soar, swell, wax
decrease /ˈdēˌkrēs/ noun
1 : the process of decreasing
2 : an amount of diminution : reduction

Synonyms
▶ abatement, decline, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, loss, reduction, shrinkage; also dent, depression; slip, slump; curtailment, cut, cutback

Antonyms
boost, enlargement, gain, increase, increment, raise, rise
decree /ˈdiˌkrē/ noun
1 ▶ : an order usu. having the force of law : edict
2 : a judicial decision

Synonyms
▶ behest, charge, command, commandment, dictate, direction, directive, edict, instruction, order, word
decree verb decreed; decreeing
1 ▶ : to direct authoritatively : command
2 : to determine or order judicially

Synonyms
▶ command, dictate, direct, ordain, order—more at command
decrement /ˈdeˌkrempənt/ noun
1 : gradual decrease
2 ▶ : the quantity lost by diminution or waste
Synonyms
- abatement, decline, decrease, diminution, drop, fall, loss, reduction, shrinkage—more at DECREASE

decrepit /dék'ri-pət/ adjective
: broken down with age: WORN-OUT
- decrepit-te /dék'ri-pət-ə/ noun

decrescendo /dék-kra'sen-dō/ adverb or adjective
: with a decrease in volume—used as a direction in music

decriminalize /dék-ri-man'zə-liz/ verb
: to remove or reduce the criminal status of

decry /dék'ri/ verb
: to express strong disapproval of

Synonyms
- belittle, cry down, deprecate, depreciate, diminish, discount, disparage, minimize, put down, write off; also abuse, scold; disapprove (of), dislike; censure, condemn, criticize, denounce, reprehend, reprobate; defame, malign, slander, traduce, vilify; discredit, disgrace

Antonyms
- acclaim, applaud, exalt, extol, glorify, laud, magnify, praise

dedicate /dēdi'kat/ verb -cat-ed; -cat-ing
1: to devote to the worship of a divine being esp. with sacred rites
2: to set apart for a definite purpose
3: to inscribe or address as a compliment
- dedicated /dē'di-kət-əd/ adjective
- dedication /dē'di-kā'shan/ noun
1: an act or rite of dedicating esp. to a sacred use
2: a setting aside for a particular purpose
3: self-sacrificing devotion

Synonyms
- allegiance, constancy, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fastness, fealty, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness—more at FIDELITY

deuce /di'jūs, 'dī'yūs/ verb deuced; deducing
1: to derive by reasoning: INFER
2: to trace the course of

Synonyms
- conclude, extrapolate, gather, infer, judge, reason, understand—more at INFER

deduct /di'dekt/ verb
: SUBTRACT
- deductible adjective

deduction /di'dek'shan/ noun
1: an act of taking away: SUBTRACTION
2: something that is or may be subtracted
3: the deriving of a conclusion by reasoning: the conclusion so reached
- deductive /'dēd-əktiv/ adjective
- deductively adverb

Synonyms
- abatement, discount, reduction; also kickback, rebate; dent, depreciation; decline, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, loss; forfeit, forfeiture, penalty

Antonyms
- accession, addition
1 deed /ˈdɪd/ noun
   1: something done
   2: a usu. illustrious act or action: FEAT
   3: a document containing some legal transfer, bargain, or contract
   Synonyms
   » [1, 2] act, action, doing, exploit, feat, thing—more at ACTION
2 deed verb
   » to convey or transfer by deed
   Synonyms
   » alienate, assign, cede, make over, transfer—more at TRANSFER

de·jay /dē ˈjā/ noun
   : DISC JOCKEY

deem /dēm/ verb
   » to come to think or judge
   Synonyms
   » believe, consider, feel, figure, guess, hold, imagine, suppose, think—more at BELIEVE

de·em·pha·size /dē. ˈem.fəˌsiz/ verb
   » to reduce in relative importance; also: to attach little importance to
   — de·em·pha·sis /ˌsəs/ noun
1 deep /dēp/ adjective
   1: extending far down, back, within, or outward
   2: having a specified extension downward or backward
   3: difficult to understand; also: MYSTERIOUS <a ~ dark secret>
   4: WISE
   5: ENGROSSED, INVOLVED <~ in thought>
   6: characterized by profundity of feeling or quality: INTENSE <~ grief> <~ sleep>
   7: dark and rich in color <a ~ red>
   8: having a low musical pitch or range <a ~ voice>
   9: situated well within
   10: covered, enclosed, or filled often to a specified degree
   — deep·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   » [3] ambiguous, cryptic, dark, darkling, enigmatic, equivocal, inscrutable, murky, mysterious, mystic, nebulus, obscure, occult—more at OBSCURE
   » [6] explosive, exquisite, fearful, ferocious, fierce, furious, hard, heavy, intense, profound, terrible, vehement, vicious, violent—more at INTENSE
   » [8] bass, low, throaty; also: gruff, hoarse, husky, rough
   Antonyms
   acute, high, piping, sharp, shrill, treble
2 deep adverb
   1: DEEPLY
   2: far on: LATE <~ in the night>
3 deep noun
   1: an extremely deep place or part; especially: the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three fourths of the surface of the earth: OCEAN
   2: the middle or most intense part <the ~ of winter>
   Synonyms
   » [1] blue, brine, ocean, sea—more at OCEAN
   » [2] depth, height, middle, midst, thick—more at THICK

deep·en /ˈdē ˈpən/ verb
   » to make or become deep or deeper
Synonyms
- amplify, beef, boost, consolidate, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, redouble, step up, strengthen—more at intensify

deep-freeze /dēpˈfrēz/ verb -froze /ˌfrōz/; -fro·zen /ˌfrōzən/
: QUICK-FREEZE

dep--fry verb
: to cook in enough oil to cover the food being fried

dep--pocket noun
1 : one having substantial financial resources
2 plural : substantial financial resources

dep--root·ed /dēpˈrōt·əd/ adj. /-ˈrū/ adj.
: deeply implanted or established

Synonyms
- confirmed, deep-seated, inveterate, settled—more at inveterate

dep--sea /dēpˈsē/ adj.
: of, relating to, or occurring in the deeper parts of the sea <> fishing

dep--seat·ed /dēpˈse·təd/ adj.
1 : situated far below the surface
2 : firmly established <> convictions

Synonyms
- confirmed, deep-rooted, inveterate, settled—more at inveterate

deer /dēr/ noun, plural deer
[origin: ME, deer, animal, fr. OE dēor beast]
: any of numerous ruminant mammals with cloven hoofs and usu. antlers esp. in the males

deer·fly /ˌfli/ noun
: any of numerous small horseflies

deer·skin /ˌskīn/ noun
: leather made from the skin of a deer; also : a garment of such leather

deer tick noun
: a tick that transmits the bacterium causing Lyme disease

dee·es·ca·late /dēˌes·kaˈlāt/ verb
: to decrease in extent, volume, or scope

— de·es·ca·la·tion /ˌes·kaˈlā·shən/ noun

Synonyms
- abate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane—more at decrease

dee·t /ˌdēt/ noun, often all cap
: a colorless oily liquid insect and tick repellent

1 def /def/ adj. def·fer; def·fest slang
: very good : cool

2 def abbreviation
1 defendant
2 definite
3 definition

dee·face /diˈfās/ verb
: to destroy or mar the appearance of

— de·face·ment noun

— de·fac·er noun
Synonyms
- blemish, break, cripple, damage, disfigure, flaw, harm, hurt, injure, mar, spoil, vitiate—more at DAMAGE

de·fac·to /dɪˈfæk.tə, dəˈfæk.tə/ adjective or adverb
1: actually existing <de facto segregation>
2: actually exercising power <de facto government>

def·al·ca·tion /dɪˈfæl.əˌkæ̆.ʃən, -fəl-/ noun
- EMBEZZLEMENT

def·a·ma·tion /dɪˈfæ.mə.ʃən/ noun
- the act of defaming another

Synonyms
- libel, slander, vilification—more at SLANDER

def·am·a·to·ry /dɪˈfæ.məˌtɔr.i/ adjective
- containing defamation: injurious to reputation

Synonyms
- libelous, scandalous, slanderous—more at LIBELOUS

def·ame /dɪˈfæm/ verb de·famed; de·fam·ing
- to injure or destroy the reputation of by libel or slander

Synonyms
- blacken, libel, malign, slander, smear, traduce, vilify—more at SLANDER

def·ault /dɪˈfɔlt/ noun
1: failure to do something required by duty or law; also: failure to appear for a legal proceeding
2: failure to compete in or to finish an appointed contest <lose a race by ~>
3: a choice made without active consideration due to lack of viable alternatives
4: a selection made automatically by a computer in the absence of a choice by the user
- default verb
- default·er noun

Synonyms
- delinquency, dereliction, failure, neglect, negligence, oversight—more at FAILURE

def·eat /dɪˈfɛt/ verb
1: to win victory over: BEAT

Synonyms
- beat, conquer, master, overcome, prevail, rout, subdue, surmount, triumph, win—more at BEAT

def·eat noun
1: frustration by nullification or by prevention of success: the state or face of being defeated <the bill suffered ~ in the Senate>
2: an overthrow of an army in battle
3: loss of a contest

Synonyms
- [1] collapse, crash, cropper, failure, fizzle, nonsuccess—more at FAILURE
- [3] loss, rout, shellacking; also: collapse, debacle, failure, fizzle, flop, nonsuccess, setback, upset, washout; lurch, shutout

Antonyms
- success, triumph, victory, win

def·eat·ism /dɪˈfɛtˌɪzəm/ noun
- acceptance of or resignation to defeat
- defeat·ist /ˈdɛfɪtɪst/ noun

defeatist adjective
- characterized by defeatism

Synonyms
- despairing, hopeless, pessimistic—more at PESSIMISTIC
def·e·cate /de_.fə_kāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to free from impurity or corruption
2 : to discharge feces from the bowels
— def·e·ca·tion /de_.fə_kā_.shən/ noun
1defect /dē_.fekt, di_.fekt/ noun
›: an imperfection that impairs worth or utility : BLEMISH
     Synonyms
     › blemish, deformity, disfigurement, fault, flaw, imperfection, mark, pockmark, scar—more at BLEMISH
2defect /di_.fekt/ verb
: to desert a cause or party esp. in order to espouse another
— de·fec·tion /fek_.shən/ noun
def·ector /di_.fek_.tər/ noun
›: one that defects
     Synonyms
     › deserter, recreant, renegade—more at RENEGADE
def·ec·tive /di_.fek_.tɪv/ adjective
›: imperfect in form or function : FAULTY
     Synonyms
     — defective noun
def·ence chiefly British variant of DEFENSE
def·end /di_.fend/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. OF defendre, fr. L defendere, fr. de- from + -fendere to strike]
1 ›: to repel danger or attack from
2 ›: to act as attorney for
3 ›: to oppose the claim of another in a lawsuit : CONTEST
4 ›: to maintain against opposition (~ an idea>
     Synonyms
     › [1] cover, guard, protect, safeguard, screen, secure, shield, ward; also avert, prevent; fend (off), oppose, resist, withstand; battle, contend, fight, war; conserve, keep, preserve, save; buffer, palisade, picket, wall
     Antonyms
     › [4] justify, maintain, support, uphold—more at MAINTAIN
def·end·er /di_.fend_.ər/ noun
›: one that defends
     Synonyms
     › custodian, defense, guard, protection, protector—more at PROTECTOR
def·en·dant /di_.fənd_.ənt/ noun
›: a person required to make answer in a legal action or suit
def·ense /di_.fens/ noun
1 : the act of defending : resistance against attack
2 ›: means, method, or capability of defending
3 ›: an argument in support or justification
4 : the answer made by the defendant in a legal action
5 : a defending party, group, or team
     Synonyms
     › [2] aegis, armor, cover, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall, ward; also armament, arm, munitions, weaponry, weapon; fastness, fort, fortress, palisade, stronghold
     › [3] alibi, excuse, justification, plea, reason—more at EXCUSE
def·ense·less /_ləs/ adjective
being without defense

**Synonyms**
- exposed, helpless, susceptible, undefended, unguarded, unprotected, unresistant, vulnerable—more at HELPLESS

**defense mechanism** noun
: an often unconscious mental process (as repression) that assists in reaching compromise solutions to personal problems

**defensive** /dɪˈfen.əsɪv/ adjective
1 : serving or intended to defend or protect
2 : of or relating to the attempt to keep an opponent from scoring (as in a game)
- **defensive** noun
: a defensive position

**defer** /dɪˈfɜr/ verb def·fer·red; de·fer·ring
[Origin: ME deferen, differen, fr. MF differer, fr. L differre to postpone, be different]
: to put off to a later time : POSTPONE

**deference** /dɪˈfɜr.əns/ noun
: courteous, respectful, or ingratiating regard for another's wishes

**deferential** /dɪˈfər.ənʃəl/ adjective
: showing or expressing deference

**deferment** /dɪˈfɜr.mənt/ noun
: the act of delaying; especially : official postponement of military service

**defiance** /dɛˈfɑn/ noun
1 : the act or an instance of defying
2 : disposition to resist or contend

**defiant** /dɛˈfɑnt/ adjective
: full of defiance

**defibrillator** /dɛˈfɪbrəˌlər/ noun
: an electronic device that applies an electric shock to restore the rhythm of a fibrillating heart
de·fi·bril·late /ˌdiːˈfɪrəlˌleɪt/ verb
— de·fi·bril·la·tion /ˌdiːˈfɪrələˈkeɪʃən/ noun

de·fi·cien·cy /ˌdiːˈfɪsən-sē/ noun
  : the quality or state of being deficient
  Synonyms
  → dearth, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want; also absence, omission; meagerness; necessity, need, privation
  Antonyms
  → abundance, adequacy, amplitude, plenitude, plenty, sufficiency
deficiency disease noun
  : a disease (as scurvy or beriberi) caused by a lack of essential dietary elements and esp. a vitamin or mineral

de·fi·cient /ˌdiːˈfɪsənt/ adjective
  : lacking in something necessary; also : not up to a normal standard
  Synonyms
  → inadequate, insufficient, scarce, short, shy, wanting—more at SHORT
  → bad, inferior, lousy, off, poor, punk, rotten, substandard, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong—more at BAD
def·i·cit /deˈfiːsɪt/ noun
  : a deficiency in amount; especially : an excess of expenditures over revenue
  Synonyms
  → dearth, deficiency, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at DEFICIENCY

1 de·file /ˈdiːfl/ verb de·filed; de·fil·ing
  1 : to corrupt the purity or perfection of
  2 : to make physically unclean esp. with something unpleasant or contaminating
  3 : to violate the chastity of
  4 : to violate the sanctity of : DESECRATE
  5 : DISHONOR
  Synonyms
  → [1, 2] befoul, contaminate, foul, poison, pollute, taint—more at CONTAMINATE
  → [4] desecrate, profane, violate—more at DESECRATE

2 de·file /ˈdiːfl, ˈdɛˌfɪl/ noun
  : a narrow passage or gorge
  Synonyms
  → canyon, flume, gap, gorge, gulch, gulf, notch, pass, ravine—more at CANYON
de·file·ment /ˈmɛnt/ noun
  1 : the act of defiling or state of being defiled
  2 : something that defiles
  Synonyms
  → [1] blasphemy, desecration, impiety, irreverence, sacrilege—more at BLASPHEMY
  → [2] adulterant, contaminant, impurity, pollutant—more at IMPURITY
def·ine /ˈdɛfɪn/ verb de·fin·ed; de·fin·ing
  1 : to set forth the meaning of "<~ a word>
  2 : to fix or mark the limits of
  3 : to clarify in outline or character
  → de·fin·a·ble adjective
  → de·fin·er noun
  Synonyms
  → [2] bound, circumscribe, delimit, demarcate, limit, mark, terminate—more at LIMIT
  → [3] delineate, outline, silhouette, sketch, trace—more at OUTLINE
  → [3] characterize, depict, describe, portray, represent—more at CHARACTERIZE
def·i·nite /de_1fa.nit/ adjective
1 : having distinct limits
2 : clear in meaning
3 : typically designating an identified or immediately identifiable person or thing
   — def·i·nite·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] determinate, finite, limited, measured, narrow, restricted—more at LIMITED
   ▶ [2] clear-cut, definitive, explicit, express, specific, unambiguous, unequivocal—more at EXPLICIT

def·i·nite·ly /ˌdēˌnət/ adverb
▶ in a definite way or manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ certainly, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at INDEED

def·i·ni·tion /de_1fa.ˈnɪʃən/ noun
1 : an act of determining or settling
2 : a statement of the meaning of a word or word group; also : the action or process of defining
3 : the action or the power of making definite and clear
   — def·i·ni·tion·al adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ determinate, explicit, finite, focused, precise, cleft, clear-cut, precise, pointed—more at PRECISE
   ▶ authoritative, complete, clear, defined, definitive, explicit, final, precise, settled, undivided—more at SETTLED

de·flect /de_1flɛkt/ verb
1 : to turn aside
   — de·flec·tion /ˌdeˌflek.ʃən/ noun

def·lo·ra·tion /ˌdeˌfle.ˈra.ʃən/ noun
1 : rupture of the hymen
2 : the action or process of relieving pain
   Synonyms
   ▶ agony, anguish, distress, grief, hurt, pain, torture—more at PAIN

de·foc·us /ˌdeˌfŏks/ verb
1 : to change the focus of
2 : to turn off or away from

de·for·es·ta·tion /ˌdeˌfôr.əˈto.ʃən/ noun
1 : the action or process of clearing an area of forests; also : the state of having been cleared of forests
2 : an act or instance of defoliating; also : the state of having been defoliated
de·for·est /dēˈfȯrˌəst/ verb
1 : DISFIGURE, DEFACE
2 : to make or become misshapen or changed in shape
   Synonyms
   contort, distort, screw, warp—more at CONTORT

def·or·ma·tion /dēˌfȯrˈma.ʃənˌ deˌfȯr/ noun
1 : the action of deforming
   Synonyms
   contortion, distortion—more at CONTORTION

def·formed adjective
1 : distorted or unshapely in form
   Synonyms
   distorted, malformed, misshapen, monstrous, shapeless—more at MALFORMED

def·or·ma·tion /dēˌfȯrˈma.ʃənˌ deˌfȯr/ noun, plural -tions
1 : the state of being deformed
2 : a physical blemish or distortion
   Synonyms
   blemish, defect, disfigurement, fault, flaw, imperfection, mark, pockmark, scar—more at BLEMISH

defraud /dēˈfraud/ verb
1 : to deprive of something by deception or fraud : CHEAT
   Synonyms
   bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle,
   victimize—more at FLEECE

defray /dēˈfrā/ verb
1 : to provide for the payment of : PAY
   —de·fray·al noun

defrock /dēˈfrŏk/ verb
1 : to deprive (as a priest) of the right to exercise the functions of office

defrost /dēˈfrost/ verb
1 : to thaw out
2 : to free from ice
   —de·frost·er noun

deft /dēft/ adjective
1 : characterized by facility and skill
   —deft·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   clever, cunning, dexterous, handy—more at DEXTEROUS

deft·ness /ˈdētəs/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being deft
   Synonyms
   agility, dexterity, nimbleness, sleight—more at DEXTERITY
   adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, masterfulness, skill—more at SKILL

defunct /dēˈfunkt/ adjective
1 : no longer living, existing, or functioning
   Synonyms
   bygone, dead, extinct, gone—more at EXTINCT

defuse /dēˈfyūz/ verb
1 : to remove the fuse from (as a bomb)
2 : to make less harmful, potent, or tense

de·fy /diˈf/ verb de·fied; de·fy·ing
[origin: ME, to renounce faith in, challenge, fr. AF desfier, defier, fr. de- from + fier to entrust, ultim. fr. L fidere to trust]
1 : to challenge to do something considered impossible : DARE
2 : to refuse boldly to obey or to yield to <= the law
3 : to resist attempts at : WITHSTAND <a scene that defies description>

Synonyms
   [1] challenge, dare—more at CHALLENGE
   [2] beard, brave, brazen, confront, dare, face—more at FACE
   [3] buck, fight, oppose, repel, resist, withstand—more at RESIST

deg abbreviation
degree

de·gas /dəˈgas/ verb
   : to remove gas from

deg·gen·er·a·cy /diˈje naˌre sē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : the state of being degenerate
2 : the process of becoming degenerate
3 : PERVERSION

Synonyms
   decadence, declension, decline, descent, deterioration, downfall, downgrade, fall—more at DECLINE
   corruption, debasement, debauchery, decadence, degeneration, degradation, demoralization, depravity,
dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at CORRUPTION

1 degenerate /diˈje naˌre ət/ adjective
   : fallen or deteriorated from a former, higher, or normal condition
   — deg·gen·er·a·tive /ˈje naˌrātiv/ adjective

Synonyms
   corrupt, debauched, decadent, dissolute, perverse, perverted, reprobate—more at CORRUPT

2 degenerate /diˈje naˌrāt/ verb
   : to undergo deterioration (as in morality, intelligence, structure, or function)

Synonyms
   decay, decline, descend, deteriorate, ebb, rot, sink, worsen—more at DETERIORATE

3 degenerate /ˈje ət/ noun
   : a degenerate person; especially : a sexual pervert

Synonyms
   decadent, libertine, pervert, profligate; also delinquent, derelict, incorrigible; blackguard, cad, heel, knave,
rascal, miscreant, reprobate, rogue, scoundrel, villain; playboy, satyr

deg·gen·er·a·tion /diˈje naˌrā shăn/ noun
   : the process of passing from a higher to a lower type

Synonyms
   decay, declension, decline, descent, deterioration, enfeeblement—more at DECLINE
   corruption, debasement, debauchery, decadence, degeneracy, degradation, demoralization, depravity,
dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at CORRUPTION

deg·grad·able /diˈgrā de əl/ adjective
   : capable of being chemically degraded

deg·ra·da·tion /dəˈgrā dei ən/ noun
1 : the act or process of degrading
2 a : decline to a low, destitute, or demoralized state
   b : moral or intellectual decadence

Synonyms
[2a] decadence, declension, decline, degeneracy, degeneration, descent, deterioration, downfall, downgrade, fall—more at DECLINE
[2b] corruption, debasement, debauchery, decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, demoralization, depravity, dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at CORRUPTION

**de·grade** /dəˈɡrād/ verb
1 : to reduce from a higher to a lower rank or degree
2 a : to bring to low esteem or into disrepute
   b : to drag down in moral or intellectual character : DEBASE
3 : DECOMPOSE

**Synonyms**
- [1] break, bust, demote, downgrade, reduce—more at DEMOTE
- [2a] abase, debase, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, shame, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE
- [2b] abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, subvert, warp—more at DEBASE

**degrading** adjective
1 : that degrades

**Synonyms**
- contemptuous, derogatory, disdainful, scornful, uncomplimentary—more at DEROGATORY

**de·gree** /dəˈɡri/ noun
1 : a step in a series
2 : a rank or grade of official, ecclesiastical, or social position; also : the civil condition of a person
3 : the extent, intensity, or scope of something esp. as measured by a graded series
4 : one of the forms or sets of forms used in the comparison of an adjective or adverb
5 : a title conferred upon students by a college, university, or professional school on completion of a program of study
6 : a line or space of the musical staff; also : a note or tone of a musical scale
7 : a unit of measure for angles that is equal to an angle with its vertex at the center of a circle and its sides cutting off 1/360 of the circumference; also : a unit of measure for arcs of a circle that is equal to the amount of arc extending 1/360 of the circumference
8 : any of various units for measuring temperature

**Synonyms**
- [1] cut, grade, inch, notch, peg, phase, point, stage, step; also amount, measure, plane; decrement, increment
- [2] footing, level, place, position, rank, situation, standing, station, status—more at RANK

**de·horn** /dəˈhɔrn/ verb
1 : to deprive of horns
2 : to deprive of human qualities, personality, or spirit

**Synonyms**
- dehumanize /dəˌhýəˈmeˌnɪz/ verb
def·hu·man·i·za·tion /dəˌhýəˌmeˌneɪˈzɑːn/ noun

def·hu·mid·i·fy /dəˈhýəˌmiˌdiːfl/ verb
1 : to remove moisture from (as the air)

**Synonyms**
- dehumidifier /dəˈhýəˌmiˌdiˈfɪər/ noun

**de·hy·drate** /dəˈhɪˌdrɑt/ verb
1 : to remove water from; also : to lose liquid

**Synonyms**
- dehydration /dəˈhɪˌdɾɑtʃən/ noun

**de·hy·dro·ge·na·tion** /dəˌhɪˌdrɑˈjeˌnəˈteɪʃən/ noun
1 : the removal of hydrogen from a chemical compound
2 : dehydrogenate /dəˌhɪˌdrɑˈjeˌnæt, dəˌhɪˌdrləˈjeɪt/ verb
de·ice /dēˈɪs/ verb
: to keep free or rid of ice
— de·i·er noun

de·i·fi·ca·tion /ˌdēˌi.fəˈkā.shən/ noun
: the act or an instance of deifying

Synonyms
adulation, idolatry, worship—more at WORSHIP

de·i·fy /dēˈa.ˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 a : to make a god of
b : to treat as an object of worship
2 : to glorify as of supreme worth; also : WORSHIP

Synonyms
[1b] adore, canonize, dote, idolize, worship—more at IDOLIZE
[2] adore, glorify, revere, venerate, worship—more at WORSHIP

deign /dān/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF deigner, fr. L dignare, dignari, fr. dignus worthy]
: CONDESCEND

de·ion·ize /dēˈē.əˌniz/ verb
: to remove ions from

de·ism /dēˈizəm/ noun, often cap
: a system of thought advocating natural religion based on human morality and reason rather than divine revelation
— de·ist /dēˈi.st/ noun, often cap
— de·is·tic /dēˈis.tık/ adjective

de·i·ty /dēˈa.ˌti, ˈdāˈti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being divine : DIVINITY
2 cap : the Being worshipped as the creator and ruler of the universe : GOD 1
3 : a god or goddess

Synonyms
[1] divinity, godhead—more at DIVINITY

dé·jà vu /dəˈzhāˌvū/ noun
[origin: F, adj., already seen]
: the feeling that one has seen or heard something before

de·ject·ed /diˈlek.təd/ adjective
: low in spirits : SAD
— de·ject·ed·ly adverb

Synonyms
bad, blue, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, down, forlorn, gloomy, glum, low, melancholy, miserable, mournful, sad, unhappy

de·jec·tion /diˈlek.ʃən/ noun
: lowness of spirits

Synonyms
blues, depression, desolation, despondency, doldrums, dumps, forlornness, gloom, heartsickness, melancholy, sadness—more at SADNESS

de·ju·re /dēˈju rə/ adverb or adjective
[origin: ML]
: by legal right

deka·gram /dēˈke.grəm/ noun
: a metric unit of measure equal to 10 grams
deka·li·ter /ˌdeˌlɪtər/ noun
: a metric unit of measure equal to 10 liters

deka·me·ter /ˌdeˌmēˈtər/ noun
: a metric unit of measure equal to 10 meters

del abbreviation
delegate; delegation

Del abbreviation
Delaware

Del·a·ware /ˈdeˌləwər/ noun, plural Delaware or Delawares
: a member of an American Indian people orig. of the Delaware valley; also : their language

1 delay /deˈleɪ/ noun
1 : the act of delaying : the state of being delayed
2 : the time for which something is delayed

2 delay verb
1 : to put off to a later time : POSTPONE
2 : to stop, detain, or hinder for a time
3 : to move or act slowly

Synonyms
[1] defer, hold up, postpone, put off, shelve—more at POSTPONE
[2] encumber, hamper, hinder, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, obstruct, tie up—more at HAMPER
[3] crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, dillydally, drag, lag, linger, loiter, poke, tarry; also hang around, hang out, idle, loaf, loll, lounge; amble, ease, inch, lumber, plod, saunter, shuffle, stagger, stroll; decelerate, slow (down or up); filibuster, procrastinate, stall, temporize

Antonyms
hurry, run, rush, speed

de·lec·ta·ble /ˌdiˌlekˈtəbəl/ adjective
1 : highly pleasing : DELIGHTFUL
2 : very pleasing to the taste or smell : DELICIOUS

Synonyms
[1] agreeable, congenial, delicious, delightful, dreamy, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasant, palatable, satisfying
[2] ambrosial, appetizing, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, scrumptious, tasty, toothsome, yummy—more at DELICIOUS

de·lec·ta·tion /ˌdiˌlekˈtəʃən/ noun
1 : a high degree of gratification
2 : something that gives great pleasure : DELIGHT

Synonyms
[1, 2] contentment, delight, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, pleasure, relish, satisfaction—more at PLEASURE

1 delegate /ˈdeˌliˌɡeit/ noun
1 : a person acting for another
2 : a member of the lower house of the legislature of Maryland, Virginia, or West Virginia

Synonyms
[1] ambassador, emissary, envoy, legate, minister, representative—more at AMBASSADOR
[2] agent, attorney, commissary, deputy, envoy, factor, proxy, representative—more at AGENT

2 delegate /ˈɡeɪl/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
1 : to assign (as responsibility or power to act or make decisions) to another (~ authority)
2 : to appoint as one's delegate

Synonyms
commission, deputize; also assign, charge; appoint, designate, name, nominate
**delegation** /ˌdɛl.ɪˈɡeɪ.ʃən/ noun

1 : the act of delegating
2 : one or more persons chosen to represent others

**Synonyms**

- authorization, commission, license, mandate—more at **COMMISSION**

**deleterious** /ˌdɛl.ɛ.tə.ri.əs/ adjective

- harmful often in a subtle or unexpected way : **NOXIOUS**

**Synonyms**

- adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at **HARMFUL**

**delft** /dɛlf/ noun

1 : a Dutch pottery with an opaque white glaze and predominantly blue decoration
2 : glazed pottery esp. when blue and white

**delftware** /ˈdɛlf.ɪt/ noun

- **DELFT**

**deli** /dɛl.i/ noun, plural delis

- **DELICATESSEN**

**deliberate** /ˈdɛl.ɪ.bə.ɾət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing

- to consider carefully

- **deliberative** adverb

**Synonyms**

- chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at **PONDER**

- **deliberate** adjective

1 : determined after careful thought
2 : done or said intentionally
3 : **UNHURRIED, SLOW**

**Synonyms**

- [1] advised, calculated, measured, reasoned, studied, thoughtful; also aforesaid, premeditated; educated, informed; intentional, purposeful; designed, intended, planned, projected; careful, meticulous; foresighted, provident, prudent

- Antonyms

- casual

- [2] freewill, intentional, purposeful, willful

**deliberately** /dɛl.iˈbə.ɾə.tli/ adverb

- in a deliberate manner

**Synonyms**

- consciously, intentionally, knowingly, purposely, willfully—more at **INTENTIONALLY**

**deliberation** /ˌdɛl.i.ˈbe.ɾə.ʃən/ noun

1 : the act of deliberating
2 : the quality or state of being deliberate

**Synonyms**

- consideration, debate, thought—more at **CONSIDERATION**

- argument, colloquy, conference, discourse, discussion, give-and-take, parley, talk—more at **DISCUSSION**
del·i·ca·cy /ˌde̝.liˌka.ˈse/ noun, plural -cies
1 : something pleasing to eat and considered rare or luxurious
2 a : the quality or state of being dainty : FINENESS
   b : the quality or state of being frail : FRAILTY
3 : nicety or expressiveness of touch
4 a : precise perception and discrimination
   b : extreme sensitivity and precision
5 : sensibility in feeling or conduct; also : SQUEAMISHNESS
6 : the quality or state of requiring delicate handling
   Synonyms
      ❂ [1] dainty, goody, tidbit, treat; also morsel, candy, dessert, junket, sweet, sweetmeat
      ❂ [2a] daintiness, fineness, fragility; also flimsiness
   Antonyms
      coarseness, crudity, roughness, rudeness
      ❂ [4b] accuracy, closeness, exactness, fineness, precision, veracity—more at PRECISION

del·i·cate /ˌde̝.liˌka.t/ adjective
1 : pleasing to the senses of taste or smell esp. in a mild or subtle way
2 ❂ : marked by daintiness or charm : EXQUISITE
3 a : difficult to please : FASTIDIOUS
   b : SQUEAMISH
4 a ❂ : easily damaged : FRAGILE
   b : not robust in health or constitution : SICKLY
5 ❂ : requiring skill or tact
6 ❂ : marked by care, skill, or tact
7 ❂ : marked by minute precision : very sensitive
 — del·i·cate·ly adverb
   Synonyms
      ❂ [2] dainty, exquisite, gentle, mild, refined, subtle; also choice, elegant, extraordinary, incomparable, peerless,
      preeminent, prime, rare, select, superior, superlative, supreme, transcendent, unsurpassed; picked, selected;
      fine, fragile, frail
   Antonyms
      robust, strong, sturdy
      ❂ [2] choice, dainty, elegant, exquisite, rare, select—more at CHOICE
      ❂ [4a] breakable, fragile, frail—more at FRAGILE
      ❂ [5] catchy, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at TRICKY
      ❂ [6] exact, fine, minute, nice, refined, subtle—more at FINE
      ❂ [7] acute, keen, perceptive, sensitive, sharp—more at ACUTE

del·i·ca·tes·sen /ˌde̝.liˌka.təsˈen/ noun plural
[ORIGIN: G, pl. of Delicatesse delicacy, fr. F délicatesse]
1 : ready-to-eat food products (as cooked meats and prepared salads)
2 singular, plural deli·ca·tes·sens : a store where delicatessen are sold

de·li·cious /ˈdi.liˌʃəs/ adjective
1 : affording great pleasure : DELIGHTFUL
2 ❂ : appealing to one of the bodily senses esp. of taste or smell
   Synonyms
      ❂ ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, scrumptious, tasty, toothsome,
      yummy; also digestible, eatable, edible; delightful, heavenly, pleasing; agreeable, gratifying, pleasant;
      satisfying; choice, dainty, delicate, exquisite, rare
   Antonyms
      flat, flavorless, insipid, stale, tasteless, unappetizing, unpalatable

de·li·cious·ly /ˈli.ʃəl/ adverb
1 : in a delicious manner
2 : so as to produce delight
de·li·cious·ness /ˌnas/ noun
: the quality or state of being delicious

1 delight /dəˈlɪt/ noun
1 : great pleasure or satisfaction
2 : something that gives great pleasure
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] delectation, joy, kick, manna, pleasure, treat; also amusement, diversion, entertainment, fun; comfort, relief, solace; gratification, indulgence; ambrosia
   ▶ [1, 2] contentment, delectation, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, pleasure, relish, satisfaction—more at PLEASURE

2 delight verb
1 : to take great pleasure
2 : to satisfy greatly : PLEASE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] crow, exult, glory, joy, rejoice, triumph—more at EXULT
   ▶ usually delight in [1] adore, dig, enjoy, fancy, groove, like, love, relish, revel—more at ENJOY
   ▶ [2] content, gladden, gratify, please, rejoice, satisfy, suit, warm—more at PLEASE

de·light·ed adjective
: highly pleased : GRATIFIED
— de·light·ed·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ blissful, glad, gratified, happy, joyful, pleased—more at GLAD

de·light·ful /ˈdəˌlɪftəl/ adjective
: affording great pleasure and satisfaction
   Synonyms
   ▶ agreeable, congenial, delectable, delicious, dreamy, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying
   ▶ amusing, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, fun, pleasurable—more at FUN

de·light·ful·ly /ˈdəˌlɪftəˌli/ adverb
: in a delightful manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ agreeably, favorably, felicitously, gloriously, nicely, pleasantly, pleasingly, satisfyingly, splendidly, well

de·lim·it /dəˈlɪmət/ verb
: to mark the limits of
   Synonyms
   ▶ bound, circumscribe, define, demarcate, limit, mark, terminate—more at LIMIT

de·lin·eate /dəˈlɪnət/ verb -eat·ed; -eat·ing
1 : to mark the outline of : SKETCH
2 : to picture in words : DESCRIBE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] define, outline, silhouette, sketch, trace—more at OUTLINE
   ▶ [2] depict, describe, draw, image, paint, picture, portray, sketch—more at DESCRIBE

de·lin·eation /dəˈlɪnəˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act of delineating
2 : something made by delineating
   Synonyms
   ▶ cartoon, drawing, sketch—more at DRAWING
   ▶ depiction, description, picture, portrait, portrayal, sketch—more at DESCRIPTION

de·lin·quen·cy /dəˈlɪnkwənˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
: the quality or state of being delinquent
   Synonyms
   ▶ default, dereliction, failure, neglect, negligence, oversight—more at FAILURE
1. delinquent /dəˈlɪŋkwənt/ noun
   : a delinquent person

2. delinquent adjective
   1 : offending by neglect or violation of duty or of law
   2 : being overdue in payment
   - Synonyms
     - behind, belated, late, overdue, tardy—more at LATE

del-i·quesce /dəˈliːkwəs/ verb -quesced; -ques·cing
  ‣ : to dissolve or melt away
  — del-i·ques·cent /dəˈliːkwəs·sənt/ adjective
  - Synonyms
    - flux, fuse, liquefy, melt, run, thaw—more at LIQUEFY

del·i·ri·ous /dəˈliːrəs/ adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of delirium
  2 : affected with or marked by delirium
  — del·i·ri·ous·ly adverb
  - Synonyms
    - feverish, fierce, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, furious, mad, rabid, violent, wild—more at FURIOUS

del·i·ri·um /dəˈliːrəm/ noun
  [ORIGIN: L, fr. delirare to be crazy, lit., to leave the furrow (in plowing), fr. de- from + lira furrow]
  1 : mental disturbance marked by confusion, disordered speech, and hallucinations
  2 : frenzied excitement
  - Synonyms
    - agitation, distraction, frenzy, furor, fury, hysteria, rage, rampage, uproar—more at FRENZY

delirium tre·mens /dəˌliːrēˈmæns, -ˈlirē-/ noun
  : a violent delirium with tremors that is induced by excessive and prolonged use of alcoholic liquors

de·liv·er /dəˈlivər/ verb -ered; -er·ing
  1 ‣ : to set free: rescue from actual or feared evil: SAVE
  2 ‣ : to take and hand over to or leave for another: TRANSFER << a letter>
  3 : to assist in giving birth or at the birth of; also : to give birth to
  4 : UTTER, COMMUNICATE
  5 : to send to an intended target or destination
  6 ‣ : to produce the promised, desired, or expected results
  — de·liv·er·able /dəˈlivərəbəl/ adjective
  - Synonyms
    - [1] rescue, save—more at SAVE
    - [2] commend, commit, consign, delegate, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest—more at GIVE
    - [6] click, go over, pan out, succeed, work out—more at SUCCEED

de·liv·er·ance /dəˈlivərəns/ noun
  1 : the act of delivering someone or something: the state of being delivered
  2 ‣ : something delivered: especially: an opinion or decision (as the verdict of a jury) expressed publicly
  - Synonyms
    - conclusion, decision, determination, diagnosis, judgment, opinion, resolution, verdict—more at DECISION

de·liv·er·er /dəˈlivərər/ noun
  ‣ : one that delivers
  - Synonyms
    - redeemer, rescuer, savior—more at SAVIOR

de·liv·ery /dəˈlivərē/ noun, plural -er·ies
  ‣ : the act or manner of delivering something; also : something delivered
— de·liv·er·y·man /ˌman/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ discharge, quietus, quittance, release—more at RELEASE
  ▶ childbirth, labor—more at CHILDBIRTH

dell /dəl/ noun
  : a small secluded valley

dé·louse /dəˈlaʊs/ verb
  : to remove lice from

del·phín·i·um /dəlˈfɪnɪ.əm/ noun
  : any of a genus of mostly perennial herbs related to the buttercups with tall branching spikes of irregular flowers

del·ta /ˈdel.tə/ noun
  1 : the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet — Δ or δ
  2 : something shaped like a capital Δ; especially : the triangular silt-formed land at the mouth of a river
  — del·ta·ic /ˈdel.tə.ɪk/ adjective

del·toid /ˈdel.təd/ noun
  : a large triangular muscle that covers the shoulder joint and raises the arm laterally

dé·lude /dəˈlud/ verb dé·lud·ed; dé·lud·ing
  ▶ to mislead the mind or judgment of : DECEIVE
  Synonyms
  ▶ beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

deluge /ˈdɛl.yū/ noun
  1 ▶ : a flooding of land by water
  2 ▶ : a drenching rain
  3 : a great amount or number
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] cataclysm, cataract, flood, inundation, overflow, spate, torrent—more at FLOOD
  ▶ [2] cloudburst, downpour, rain, rainstorm, storm, wet—more at RAIN

2 deluge verb del·ug·ed; del·ug·ing
  1 ▶ : to overflow with water : INUNDATE
  2 : to overwhelm as if with a deluge
  Synonyms
  ▶ drown, engulf, flood, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, submerge, swamp—more at FLOOD

de·lus·ion /diˌlʊs.ən/ noun
  ▶ a deluding or being deluded; especially : a persistent false psychotic belief
  — de·lus·ion·al /diˌlʊs.ənal/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ chimera, conceit, daydream, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY

de·lus·ive /diˌlʊs.ɪv/ adjective
  1 ▶ : likely to delude
  2 : constituting a delusion
  Synonyms
  ▶ deceitful, deceptive, fallacious, false, misleading, specious—more at DECEPTIVE

de·luxe /diˈluks/ .leks .ˈluks/ adjective
  ▶ : notably luxurious or elegant
  Synonyms
  ▶ lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, palatial, plush, sumptuous—more at LUXURIOUS

delve /dəlv/ verb delved; delv·ing
  1 : to dig or labor with or as if with a spade
2 ▶: to seek laboriously for information
  "Synonyms"
  ▶ usually delve into dig, explore, go, inquire, investigate, look, probe, research—more at EXPLORE

dely abbreviation
delivery

▲ Dem abbreviation
Democrat; Democratic

de·mag·net·ize /dēˌmaɡˈnetəˌzīz/ verb
: to cause to lose magnetic properties
  — de·mag·ne·ti·za·tion /dēˌmaɡˈnetəˌziˈzhən/ noun

dem·a·gogue also dem·a·gog /dēˌmaɡəˈgō/ noun
[origin: Gk dēmagōgos, fr. dēmos people + agōgos leading, fr. agein to lead]
  ▶: a person who appeals to the emotions and prejudices of people esp. in order to gain political power
  — dem·a·gog·u·ery /ˌdēˌmaɡəˈgəˌri/ noun
  — dem·a·gogy /ˌdēˌmaɡəˈje/ noun
  "Synonyms"
  ▶ agitator, firebrand, incendiary, inciter, rabble-rouser—more at AGITATOR

1 demand /dəˈmand/ noun
1 ▶: an act of demanding; also : something claimed as due or just
2 : the ability and desire to buy goods or services; also : the quantity of goods wanted at a stated price
3 : a seeking or being sought after : urgent need
4 ▶: a pressing need or requirement
  "Synonyms"
  ▶ [1] claim, dun, requisition; also desire, request, want, wish; drive, need, requirement, stipulation; basic, essential, must; imposition; condition, provision
  ▶ [4] condition, essential, must, necessity, need, requirement, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL

2 demand verb
1 ▶: to ask for with authority : claim as due or just
2 : to ask earnestly or in the manner of a command
3 ▶: to call for as useful or necessary : REQUIRE <a patient who ~s constant care>
  "Synonyms"
  ▶ [1] call, claim, clamor, command, enjoin, exact, insist, press, quest, stipulate; also ask, plead (for), request, want; cry (for), necessitate, need, require, take, warrant; requisition; impose; badger, dun, hound
  ▶ [3] necessitate, need, require, take, want, warrant—more at NEED

dem·and·ing adjective
1 ▶: requiring much time, effort, or attention
2 ▶: difficult in making demands
  "Synonyms"
  ▶ [1] arduous, burdensome, challenging, exacting, grueling, laborious, onerous, taxing, toilsome; also difficult, formidable, hard, Herculean, rough, rugged, stiff, strenuous, tough; oppressive, trying; rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict, stringent
  "Antonyms"
  ▶ light, undemanding
  ▶ [2] choosy, dainty, delicate, exacting, fastidious, fussy, nice, old-maidish, particular, picky—more at FINICKY

dem·ar·cate /dəˈmәrˌkæt, dēˌmәr-/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 ▶: to fix or define the limits of : DELIMIT
2 ▶: to set apart : DISTINGUISH
  "Synonyms"
  ▶ bound, circumscribe, define, delimit, limit, mark, terminate—more at LIMIT

dem·ar·ca·tion /ˌdēˌmәrˌkaˈshan/ noun
noun
: the act or process of demarcating; also: the result of demarcating

Synonyms

discrimination, distinction, separation—more at SEPARATION

dé·marche or de·marche /däˈmärsh/ noun
: a course of action: MANEUVER

1: to behave or conduct (oneself) usu. in a proper manner

Synonyms

acquit, bear, behave, comport, conduct, deport, quit—more at BEHAVE

2: to lower in character, status, or reputation: DEGRADE

Synonyms

abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, subvert, warp—more at DEBASE

de·mean /dəˈmēn/ verb de·meaned; de·mean·ing

: behavior toward others: BEARING

Synonyms

actions, bearing, behavior, comportment, conduct, deportment—more at BEHAVIOR

de·ment·ed /dəˈmentid/ adjective
: disordered in mind: INSANE
— de·ment·ed·ly adverb

de·men·tia /dəˈmenSHə/ noun
1: a deranged state of the mind: INSANITY

Synonyms

aberration, derangement, insanity, lunacy, madness, mania—more at INSANITY

de·mer·it /dəˈmərit/ noun
1: a quality that deserves blame or lacks merit: FAULT
2: a mark placed against a person's record for some fault or offense

Synonyms

failing, fault, foible, frailty, shortcoming, vice, weakness—more at FAULT

de·mesne /dəˈmən/ noun
1: manorial land actually possessed by the lord and not held by free tenants
2 a : the land attached to a mansion
b : ESTATE
3 : an indeterminate geographic area: REGION
4: a sphere of knowledge, influence, or activity: REALM

Synonyms

[2a] grounds, park, premises, yard
[3] area, field, region, zone—more at REGION

demi·god /ˈde miˌgäd/ noun
: a mythological being with more power than a mortal but less than a god

demi·john /ˈde miˌjän/ noun
[origin: F dame-jeanne, lit., Lady Jane]
: a large narrow-necked bottle usu. enclosed in wickerwork

dem·i·li·ta·rize /dəˌmiləˈta rəz/ verb
: to strip of military forces, weapons, or fortifications
— dem·i·li·tar·i·za·tion /dəˌmiləˈtar i ə zən/ noun

demi·mon·daine /ˈde miˌmən dān/ noun
: a woman of the demimonde
demi·monde /dəˌmiˌmänd/ noun
[ORIGIN: F demi-monde, fr. demi- half + monde world]
1 : a class of women on the fringes of respectable society supported by wealthy lovers
2 : a distinct isolated group having low reputation or prestige

dem·in·er·al·ize /dəˈminərəlīz/ verb
: to remove the mineral matter from

dem·ise /dəˈmīz/ noun
1 : LEASE
2 : transfer of sovereignty to a successor <~ of the crown>
3 a : a permanent cessation of all vital functions : DEATH
b : a cessation of existence or activity
4 : loss of status
   Synonyms
   -> [3a] death, expiration, termination—more at DEATH
   -> [3b] death, decease, doom, end, passing, quietus—more at DEATH

demi·tasse /dəˌmiˌtas/ noun
: a small cup of black coffee; also : the cup used to serve it

demo /dəˈmō/ noun, plural demos
1 : DEMONSTRATION
2 : a product used to show performance or merits to prospective buyers
3 : a recording used to show off a song or performer

dem·o·bi·lize /dəˈmō biˈliz/ verb
1 : DISBAND
2 : to discharge from military service
   — dem·o·bi·li·za·tion /dəˈmō baˈli zə shən/ noun

dem·oc·ra·cy /dəˈmōk rə sē/ noun, plural -cies
[ORIGIN: MF democratie, fr. LL democratia, fr. Gk dēmokratia, fr. dēmos people + kratos strength, power]
1 : government by the people; especially : rule of the majority
2 : a government in which the supreme power is held by the people
3 : a political unit that has a democratic government
4 cap : the principles and policies of the Democratic party in the U.S.
5 : the common people esp. when constituting the source of political authority
6 : the absence of hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions or privileges

dem·o·crat /dəˈmō krət/ noun
1 : one who believes in or practices democracy
2 cap : a member of the Democratic party of the U.S.

dem·o·crat·ic /dəˈmō krə tɪk/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or favoring democracy
2 often cap : of or relating to one of the two major political parties in the U.S. associated in modern times with policies of broad social reform and internationalism
3 : relating to or appealing to the common people <~ art>
4 : not snobbish
   — dem·o·crat·i·cal·ly /ˌfi k(ə)lē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   -> popular, republican, self-governing; also representative, libertarian
   Antonyms
   -> undemocratic

dem·oc·ra·tize /dəˈmō kərə tiz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
: to make democratic
dé-mo-dé /dəˈmō-dé/ adjective
[ORIGIN: F]
: no longer fashionable: OUT-OF-DATE

dé-mo-graph-ics /dəˈmōˌɡrāf·iks/, dě- / noun plural
: the statistical characteristics of human populations

dé-mog-ra-phy /dəˌmōˌɡraˌfē/ noun
: the statistical study of human populations and esp. their size and distribution and the number of births and deaths
— dé-mog-ra-pher /ˌfär/ noun
— dé-mo·graph·ic /ˌdě·məˌɡrāˈfik/, dě- / adjective
— dé-mo·graph·i-cal·ly /ˌděməˌɡrāˈfı·lē/ adverb

dem-oiselle /dəˌmwaˈzel/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a young woman

dé-mol·ish /dəˈmōˌlish/ verb
1 ▶: to destroy to the ground: RAZE
2 ▶: to break to pieces: SMASH
3 ▶: to put an end to
Synonyms
▶ [1, 3] annihilate, blot out, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, pulverize, ruin, shatter, smash, tear down, waste, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY
▶ [2] blast, blow up, burst, explode, pop, shatter, smash—more at BLAST

dé-mo·li·tion /ˌdəˌməˌləˈʃən/ noun
▶: the act of demolishing; especially: destruction by means of explosives
Synonyms
▶ annihilation, desolation, destruction, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION

de·mon or dae·mon /dəˈmən/ noun
1 ▶: an evil spirit: DEVIL
2 usually daemon: an attendant power or spirit
3: one that has unusual drive or effectiveness
Synonyms
▶ devil, fiend, ghoul, imp; also apparition, bogey, familiar, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith; brownie, dwarf, elf, faerie, fairy, fay, gnome, goblin, gremlin, hobgoblin, leprechaun, pixie, pook, sprite, troll; monster, ogre

dé·mon·e·tize /dəˌməˌnēˌtīz/ verb
: to stop using as money or as a monetary standard <~ silver>
— dé·mon·e·ti·za·tion /ˌdəˌməˌnēˌtəˈza·shənˌˌmaˌ,ˌmaˌ/ noun

dé·mo·ni·ac /dəˌmōˌnēˌak/ also dé·mo·ni·a·cal /ˌděˌməˌnēˌəˌkal/ adjective
1: possessed or influenced by a demon
2: of, relating to, or suggestive of a demon: DEVILISH

dé·mo·ni·cal /ˌděˌməˌnēˌkal/ adjective
▶ of, relating to, or suggestive of a demon: FIENDISH
Synonyms
▶ devilish, diabolical, fiendish, satanic—more at FIENDISH

dé·mon·ize /dəˌməˌnīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to convert into a demon
2: to characterize or treat as evil or harmful

de·mon·ol·o·gy /dəˌməˌnəˌjē/ noun
1: the study of demons
2 : belief in demons

*de·mon·stra·ble /di.'mon.stra.bl/ adjective
1 ▶ : capable of being demonstrated
2 ▶ : APPARENT, EVIDENT
— de·mon·stra·bly /blē/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ provable, supportable, sustainable, verifiable—more at VERIFIABLE

dem·on·strate /de.mən.'strāt/ verb -strat·ed; -strat·ing
1 ▶ : to show clearly
2 ▶ : to prove or make clear by reasoning or evidence
3 ▶ : to explain esp. with many examples
4 ▶ : to show publicly — in protest
5 ▶ : to make a public display — in protest
— dem·on·stra·tor /de.mən.'strā.tər/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] establish, prove, show, substantiate—more at ESTABLISH
  ▶ [2] document, establish, prove, substantiate, validate—more at PROVE
  ▶ [3] clarify, clear, construe, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, spell out— more at EXPLAIN

dem·on·stra·tion /de.mən.'strā.shən/ noun
1 : an act, process, or means of demonstrating to the intelligence
2 ▶ : an outward expression or display
  Synonyms
  ▶ display, exhibition, show—more at SHOW

1 demonstrative /di.'mən.strə.tiv/ adjective
1 ▶ : demonstrating as real or true
2 ▶ : characterized by demonstration
3 ▶ : pointing out the one referred to and distinguishing it from others of the same class — in pronoun
4 ▶ : marked by display of feeling : EFFUSIVE
— de·mon·stra·tive·ly adverb
— de·mon·stra·tive·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ effusive, emotional, uninhibited, unreserved, unrestrained; also dramatic, histrionic, melodramatic, theatrical; communicative, expansive; extroverted, outgoing; affectionate, loving, passionate, warm; blunt, candid, frank, outspoken, plain
  Antonyms
  ▶ inhibited, reserved, restrained, undemonstrative, unemotional

2 demonstrative noun
 : a demonstrative word and esp. a pronoun

de·mor·al·i·za·tion /di.mər.ə.lizə'shən/ noun
▶ : the act or process of demoralizing : a demoralized state
  Synonyms
  ▶ corruption, debasement, debauchery, decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, depravity, dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at CORRUPTION
  ▶ despair, despondency, discouragement, dismay—more at DISCOURAGEMENT

dem·or·al·ize /di.mər.ə.liz/ verb
1 ▶ : to corrupt in morals
2 ▶ : to weaken in discipline or spirit
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demean, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, subvert, warp—more at DEBASE
  ▶ [2] daunt, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, unman, unnerve—more at DISCOURAGE


de·mote /diˈmōt/ verb de·mot·ed; de·mot·ing
☞ : to reduce to a lower grade or rank
 — de·mo·tion /ˈmō·shən/ noun
 Synonyms
 ☞ break, bust, degrade, downgrade, reduce; also dismiss, fire, lay off, sack; abase, debase, demean, humble, humiliate, lower
Antonyms
 ☞ advance, elevate, promote, raise
de·mot·ic /diˈmōt·ık/ adjective
☞ COMMON, POPULAR
1 demur /diˈmər/ verb de·murred; de·murr·ing
[origin: ME demuren, demeren to linger, fr. AF demurer, demoerer, fr. L demorari, fr. morari to linger, fr. mora delay] 
☞ : to take exception : OBJECT
 Synonyms
 ☞ kick, object, protest, remonstrate—more at OBJECT
2 demur noun
 1 : hesitation (as in doing or accepting) usu. based on doubt of the acceptability of something offered or proposed
 2 ☞ : the act or an instance of objecting
 — de·murr·al /ˈmər·əl/ noun
 Synonyms
 ☞ challenge, complaint, expostulation, fuss, kick, objection, protest, question, remonstrance—more at OBJECTION
de·mur·rer /diˈmər·rər/ noun
☞ : a claim by the defendant in a legal action that the plaintiff does not have sufficient grounds to proceed
den /dən/ noun
 1 ☞ : the lair of a wild usu. predatory animal
 2 ☞ : a refuge or place for hiding : HIDEOUT <a robber's ~>; also : a place like a hideout or a center of secret activity <opium ~> <a ~ of iniquity>
 3 : a cozy private little room
 Synonyms
 ☞ [1] burrow, hole, lair, lodge; also nest
 ☞ [2] concealment, covert, hideout, lair, nest—more at HIDEOUT
Den abbreviation
Denmark
den·a·ture /dəˈnāˌchər/ verb de·na·tured; de·na·tur·ing
☞ : to remove or change the natural qualities of; especially : to make (alcohol) unfit for drinking
den·drol·o·gy /dənˈdrəˌlōjē/ noun
☞ : the study of trees
 — den·drol·o·gist /ˈjist/ noun
den·gue /dənˈɡā, ˈgā/ noun
[origin: Sp] 
☞ : an acute infectious disease characterized by headache, severe joint pain, and rash
den·ial /dəˈnəl/ noun
1 ➤ : rejection of a request
2 ➤ : refusal to admit the truth of a statement or charge; also : assertion that something alleged is false
3 : DISAVOWAL
4 : restriction on one's own activity or desires
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] disallowance, nay, no, refusal, rejection; also decline, rebuff, repudiation; negative
   Antonyms
   allowance, grant
   ➤ [2] contradiction, disallowance, disavowal, disclaimer, negation, rejection, repudiation; also disproof, rebuttal, refutation; negative
   Antonyms
   acknowledgment, admission, avowal, confirmation

den·ier /dəˈnjar/ noun
: a unit of fineness for yarn

den·i·gate /dəˈni·ɡæt/ verb -gate·ed; -gating
[origin: L denigrare, fr. nigrare to blacken, fr. niger black]
: to cast aspersions on : DEFAME
   — den·i·gra·tion /dəˈni·ɡrə·shən/ noun

den·im /dəˈnim/ noun
[origin: F (serge) de Nîmes serge of Nîmes, France]
1 : a firm durable twilled usu. cotton fabric woven with colored warp and white filling threads
2 plural : overalls or pants of usu. blue denim

den·i·zen /dəˈnezən/ noun
➤ : one that occupies a particular place regularly, routinely, or for a period of time : INHABITANT
   Synonyms
   ➤ dweller, inhabitant, occupant, resident—more at INHABITANT

den·om·i·nate /dəˈnoməˌneɪt/ verb
➤ : to assign a name to : DESIGNATE
   Synonyms
   ➤ baptize, call, christen, designate, dub, entitle, label, name, style, term, title—more at NAME

den·om·i·na·tion /dəˈnoməˌneɪˈshən/ noun
1 : an act of denominating
2 : a value or size of a series of related values (as of money)
3 : a word or phrase that constitutes the distinctive designation of a person or thing : NAME; especially : a general name for a category
4 : a religious organization uniting local congregations in a single body
   — den·om·i·na·tion·al /ˌshaˌnal/ adjective

den·om·i·na·tor /dəˈnoməˌneɪˈtər/ noun
: the part of a fraction that is below the line indicating division

den·o·ta·tion /dəˈnəʊˌteɪʃən/ noun
1 : an act or process of denoting
2 ➤ : the thing one conveys or intends to convey esp. by language; especially : a direct specific meaning as distinct from an implied or associated idea
3 ➤ : a denoting term : NAME
   Synonyms
   ➤ [2] drift, import, intent, meaning, purport, sense, significance, signification—more at MEANING
   ➤ [3] appellation, cognomen, designation, handle, name, title—more at NAME

den·o·ta·tive /dəˈnəʊˌteɪtɪv, dəˌnəʊˌteɪtɪv/ adjective
1 ➤ : denoting or tending to denote
2 : relating to denotation
**Synonyms**

- indicative, significant, telltale—more at **INDICATIVE**

**de·note** /dɪˈnəʊt/ **verb**

1 : to mark out plainly : **INDICATE**
2 : to make known
3 ▶ : to serve as a linguistic expression of the notion of : **MEAN**

**Synonyms**

- express, import, mean, signify, spell—more at **MEAN**

**de·nou·ment** /dəˌnəˈmənt/ **noun**

[origin: F dénouement, lit., untying]

: the final outcome of the dramatic complications in a literary work

**Synonyms**

- censure, condemn, damn, decry, reprehend, reprobate—more at **CONDEMN**
- blame, criticize, fault, knock, pan—more at **CRITICIZE**

**de no·vo** /dəˈnəʊ.voʊ/ **adverb or adjective**

[origin: L]

: over again : **ANEW**

**dense** /dɛns/ **adjective** dens·er, dens·est

1 ▶ : marked by compactness or crowding together of parts : **THICK** <~ forest> <a ~ fog>
2 ▶ : slow to understand : **STUPID**

— **dense·ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**

- [1] close, compact, crowded, packed, serried, thick, tight—more at **CLOSE**
- [2] dull, dumb, obtuse, simple, slow, stupid, thick

**dense·ness** /nəs/ **noun**

: the quality or state of being dense

**Synonyms**

- dopiness, obtuseness, stupidity

**dens·ity** /dɛns.ə.ti/ **noun, plural -ties**

1 : the quality or state of being dense
2 : the quantity of something per unit volume, unit area, or unit length

**dent** /dent/ **noun**

1 ▶ : a small depressed place made by a blow or by pressure
2 : an impression or weakening effect made usu. against resistance
3 : initial progress

— **dent** **verb**

**Synonyms**

- cavity, concavity, depression, hole, hollow, indentation, pit, recess—more at **HOLE**

**den·tal** /dɛnˈtəl/ **adjective**

: of or relating to teeth or dentistry

— **den·tal·ly** **adverb**

**dental floss** **noun**

: a thread used to clean between the teeth

**dental hygienist** **noun**

: a person licensed to clean and examine teeth
**den·tate */ˈdenˌtāt/* adjective
: having pointed projections : NOTCHED

**den·ti·frice */ˈdenˌtəˌfris/* noun
[origin: ME dentifrice, fr. L dentifricium, fr. dens, dens tooth + fricare to rub]
: a powder, paste, or liquid for cleaning the teeth

**den·tin /ˈdenˌtən/* or **den·tine /ˈdenˌtən/* noun
: a calcareous material like bone but harder and denser that composes the principal mass of a tooth

**den·tist /ˈdenˌtist/* noun
: a person licensed in the care, treatment, and replacement of teeth
— **den·tist·ry /ˈdenˌtistri/* noun

**den·ti·tion /ˈdenˌtishən/* noun
: the number, kind, and arrangement of teeth (as of a person or animal); also : TEETH

**den·ture /ˈdenˌchar/* noun
: a set of teeth; especially : a partial or complete set of false teeth

**de·nude /ˈdiˌnūd/ verb de·nud·ed; de·nud·ing
: to strip the covering from
— **de·nu·da·tion /ˈdiˌnūˈdaˌshan/* noun

**de·nun·ci·a·tion /ˌdiˌnənˌsēˌəˌshan/* noun
: the act of denouncing; especially : a public condemnation

**Synonyms**
- censure, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reproof, stricture—more at CENSURE

**de·ny /ˈdiˌnI/ verb de·nied; de·ny·ing
1İR : to declare untrue
2 : to refuse to recognize or acknowledge : DISAVOW
3İR : to refuse to grant <~ a request>
4 : to reject as false <~ a theory>

**Synonyms**
- [1] contradict, disallow, disavow, disclaim, gainsay, negate, negative, reject, repudiate; also disown, renounce; challenge, confute, disprove, rebut, refute; disagree (with), dispute

**Antonyms**
- acknowledge, admit, allow, avow, concede, confirm, own
- [3] decline, disallow, refuse, reject, withhold; also rebuff, repel, spurn; check, constrain, hold, keep, restrain, restrict

**Antonyms**
- allow, concede, grant, let, permit

**de·o·dar /ˈdēˌəˌdār/* noun
: a Himalayan cedar

**de·odor·ant /ˈdēˌəˌdaˌrənt/* noun
: a preparation that destroys or masks unpleasant odors

**de·odor·ize /ˈdēˌəˌdaˌriz/ verb
: to eliminate the offensive odor of

**de·ox·i·dize /ˈdēˌəˌdaˌız/ verb
: to remove oxygen from

**de·oxy·ri·bo·nu·cle·ic acid /ˈdēˌəˌdāˌˌkliˌˌkāˌˌsid/ noun
: DNA

**de·oxy·ri·bose /ˈdēˌəˌdāˌˌbōs/ noun
: a sugar with five carbon and four oxygen atoms in each molecule that is part of DNA
dep  abbreviation
1 depart; departure
2 deposit
3 deputy

depart /dɪˈpɑrt/ verb
1 †: to go away : go away from
2 : to cease living : DIE
3 : to turn aside : DEViate

Synonyms
† clear out, exit, get off, go, move, pull, quit, sally, shove, take off—more at GO

department /dɪˈpɑrtˌmənt/ noun
1 †: a distinct sphere or category esp. of an activity or attribute
2 †: a functional or territorial division (as of a government, business, or college)
— departmental /dɪɨˈpɑrtˌmæntəl/ adjective
— departmentally adverb

Synonyms
† [1] area, arena, demesne, discipline, domain, field, line, province, realm, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD
† [2] bureau, desk, division, office—more at DIVISION

department store noun
: a store having separate sections for a wide variety of goods

departure /dɪˈpɑrtʃər/ noun
1 †: the act of going away
2 : a starting out (as on a journey)
3 : DIVERgence

Synonyms
† exit, farewell, leave-taking, parting; also flight, retirement, retreat, running away, withdrawal; emigration, evacuation, exodus; egress; abandonment, forsaking, relinquishment

Antonyms
arrival

depend /dɪˈpɛnd/ verb
1 †: to be determined, based, or contingent <life ~ on food>
2 †: to place reliance or trust <you can ~ on me>
3 : to be dependent esp. for financial support
4 : to hang down <a vine ~ ing from a tree>

Synonyms
† [1] base, hang, rest; also establish, found, stay; ground
† [2] count, lean, reckon, rely; also commit, confide, entrust, trust

dependable /dɪˈpɛndəbəl/ adjective
†: capable of being depended on : RELIABLE

Synonyms
† good, reliable, responsible, safe, solid, steady, sure, tried, true, trustworthy; also constant, devoted, faithful, fast, loyal, staunch, steadfast; honest, sincere; infallible, unerring; firm, sound, strong; effective, telling; attested, authenticated, confirmed, proven, valid, validated, verified; blameless, irreproachable, unimpeachable, unquestionable

Antonyms
irresponsible, undependable, unreliable, untrustworthy

dependence also dependence /dɪˈpɛndəns/ noun
1: the quality or state of being dependent; especially: the quality or state of being influenced by or subject to another

2: RELIANCE, TRUST

3: something on which one relies

4: drug addiction; also: HABITUATION

Synonyms
buttress, mainstay, pillar, reliance, standby, support; also backbone, spine; crutch, prop, stay

dépen·den·cy /dəpən-dəns/ noun, plural -cies
1: DEPENDENCE
2: a territory under the jurisdiction of a nation but not formally annexed by it

1 dependent /dəpənt/ adjective
1: hanging down
2 a: determined or conditioned by another
b: affected with drug dependence
3: relying on another for support
4: subject to another's jurisdiction
5: SUBORDINATE

Synonyms
[1] pendulous
[2a] conditional, contingent, subject; also liable, open, susceptible; iffy, tentative, uncertain

Antonyms
independent

2 dependent also dépen·dant /dəpənt/ noun: one that is dependent; especially: a person who relies on another for support

de·pict /dəpɪkt/ verb
1: to represent by a picture
2: to describe in words

Synonyms
[1] image, picture, portray, represent—more at PICTURE
[2] delineate, describe, draw, image, paint, picture, portray, sketch—more at DESCRIBE

def·pic·tion /dəˈpɪkʃən/ noun
: a descriptive statement

Synonyms
delineation, description, picture, portrait, portrayal, sketch—more at DESCRIPTION

def·pi·la·to·ry /dəˈpɪlətərē/ noun, plural -ries
: a preparation for removing hair, wool, or bristles

def·plane /dəˈplān/ verb
to get out of an airplane

def·plete /dəˈplēt/ verb de·plet·ed, de·plet·ing
: to exhaust esp. of strength or resources
— de·ple·tion /dəˈplēshən/ noun

Synonyms
clean, consume, drain, exhaust, expend, spend, use up; also decrease, diminish, lessen, reduce; eat, use; bankrupt, impoverish; cripple, debilitate, disable, enfeeble, sap, undermine, weaken; dry up, empty; dissipate, squander, waste

Antonyms
renew, replace

déplor·able /dəˈplôrə-bəl/ adjective
1: that is to be regretted or lamented: LAMENTABLE
2: deserving censure or contempt: WRETCHED

— déplor·ably adverb
Synonyms

deplore /ˈplɔr/ verb deplored; deploiring
1 ▶: to feel or express grief for
2 ▶: to regret strongly
3 ▶: to consider unfortunate or deserving of disapproval

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] bemoan, bewail, grieve, lament, mourn, wail—more at LAMENT
   ▶ [2] bemoan, lament, regret, repent, rue—more at REGRET

deploy /diˈploʊ/ verb
: to spread out (as troops or ships) in order for battle

— deployment /ˌmɛnt/ noun

deponent /diˈpənənt/ noun
: one who gives evidence

depopulate /ˌpəˈpəˌlət/ verb
: to reduce greatly the population of

— depopulation /ˌpəˌpəˌləˌshan/ noun

 deport /diˈpɔrt/ verb
1 ▶: to behave or comport (oneself) esp. in accord with a code : CONDUCT
2 ▶: to send out of the country : BANISH

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] acquit, bear, behave, comport, conduct, demean, quit—more at BEHAVE
   ▶ [2] banish, displace, exile, expatriate, transport—more at BANISH

deposition /ˌdɛpəˈʃən/ noun
: an act or instance of deporting

   Synonyms
   ▶ banishment, displacement, exile, expulsion—more at EXILE

department /diˈpɔrtmənt/ noun
: the manner in which one conducts oneself : BEHAVIOR

   Synonyms
   ▶ actions, bearing, behavior, comportment, conduct, demeanor—more at BEHAVIOR

depose /diˈpɔz/ verb deposed; deposing
1 ▶: to remove from high office (as of king)
2 ▶: to testify under oath or by affidavit

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] oust; also discharge, dismiss; overthrow, usurp, subvert, topple; eject, throw out
   Antonyms
   ▶ crown, enthrone, throne
   ▶ [2] attest, swear, testify, witness—more at TESTIFY

1 deposit /diˈpæzət/ verb deposited; depositing
1 ▶: to place for safekeeping or as a pledge; especially : to put money in a bank
2 ▶: to lay down : PLACE
3 ▶: to let fall or sink <silt ~ ed by a flood>

— depositing /diˈpəˌšən/ noun

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] bank, cache, lay away, store; also hoard, reserve, salt away, save, squirrel (away), stash, stow; invest
   Antonyms
   ▶ withdraw
   ▶ [2] dispose, fix, lay, place, position, put, set, set up, stick—more at PLACE

2 deposit noun
de·po·si·tion /də'pəˌziSHən, dəˈpəsi ʃən/ noun
1 : the state of being deposited <money on ~> 
2 : something placed for safekeeping; especially : money deposited in a bank 
3 : money given as a pledge 
4 : an act of depositing 
5 : something laid down <a ~ of silt> 
6 : a natural accumulation (as of a mineral) 

Synonyms 
> [2] cache, hoard, reserve, store—more at STORE 
> [2] account, budget, fund, kitty, nest egg, pool—more at FUND 
> [5] dregs, grounds, precipitate, sediment; also lees; dross, slag, waste

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de·po·si·to·ry /də'pəˌziˈtɔrē, dəˈpəzıˈtɔrē/ noun, plural -ries
1 : a place where something is deposited esp. for safekeeping 

Synonyms 
> depot, magazine, repository, storage, storehouse, warehouse—more at STOREHOUSE

de·pot /dəˈpət/ 2 usu 'de,pət, 3 usu 'dəpət/ noun 
1 : a place for storing goods or motor vehicles : STOREHOUSE 
2 : a place where military supplies or replacements are kept or assembled 
3 : a building for railroad or bus passengers 

Synonyms 
> armory, arsenal, dump, magazine—more at ARMORY

depr abbrevation 

depreciation

de·prave /dəˈpräv/ verb de·praved; de·prav·ing 
[origin: ME, fr. MF depraver, fr. L depravare to pervert, fr. pravus crooked, bad] 
> : to make bad : CORRUPT 

Synonyms 
> abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demean, demoralize, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, subvert, warp—more at DEBASE

de·praved adjective 
: marked by corruption or evil 

de·prav·i·ty /dəˈprävətē/ noun 
1 : a corrupt act or practice 
2 : the quality or state of being depraved 

Synonyms 
> [1] corruption, debasement, debauchery, decadence, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, demoralization, dissipation, dissoluteness, perversion—more at CORRUPTION 
> [1] immorality, iniquity, licentiousness, sin, vice—more at VICE 
> [2] atrocity, atrocity, enormity, heinousness, monstrosity, vileness, wickedness—more at ENORMITY

dep·re·cate /dəˈprēˌkat/ verb -cat·ed, -cat·ing 
[origin: L deprecari to avert by prayer, fr. precari to pray] 
1 : to express disapproval of 
2 : to speak slightingly of : BELITTLE 

Synonyms 
> [1] disapprove, discountenance, disfavor, dislike, frown, reprove 
> [2] belittle, cry down, decry, depreciate, diminish, discount, disparage, minimize, put down, write off—more at DECRY
depreciation /de_pər ˈkaʃən/ noun
  ‣ an act of deprecating
  Synonyms
  ‣ disapproval, disfavor, dislike, displeasure—more at DISAPPROVAL

depectatory /də pri ˈke ˌtɔr ə/ adjective
  1 : APOLOGETIC
  2 : serving to deprecate : DISAPPROVING

depreciate /də prə ˈʃe ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
  1 : to speak slightingly of : DISPARAGE
  2 › : to lessen in price or value
  Synonyms
  › cheapen, depress, mark down, write off; also underrate, undervalue; abate, abridge, compress, contract, de-escalate, deflate, diminish, dwindle, lessen, lower, moderate, reduce, shrink
  Antonyms
  appreciate, mark up

depreciation /də prə ˈʃe ə ə ʃən/ noun
  ‣ the act of reducing in value or esteem
  Synonyms
  ‣ deprecation, detraction, disparagement, put-down; also aspersion, backbiting, defamation, libel, slander, vilification; derision, mockery, ridicule; abuse, invective, vituperation; censure, denunciation
  Antonyms
  aggrandizement, ennoblement, exaltation, glorification, magnification

depredation /də prə ˈdə ʃən/ noun
  ‣ a laying waste or plundering
  — depredate /də prə ˈdə t/ verb

depress /də prəs/ verb
  1 › : to press down : cause to sink to a lower position
  2 › : to lessen the activity or force of
  3 › : to make sad : SADDEN
  4 › : to lessen in price or value
  — depressant /də pər ˈsent/ noun
  Synonyms
  › [1] bear, press, shove, weigh—more at PRESS
  › [2] burden, oppress, sadden; also ail, distress, trouble; afflict, torment, torture; discourage, dishearten, dispirit; bother, disturb, disquiet, perturb, upset
  Antonyms
  brighten, buoy, cheer, gladden
  › [4] cheapen, depreciate, mark down, write off—more at DEPRECIATE

depressant /də prə ˈsent/ noun
  ‣ one that depresses; especially : a chemical substance (as a drug) that reduces bodily functional activity
  — depressant adjective

depressed adjective
  1 › : low in spirits; also : affected with psychological depression
  2 › : having the central part lower than the margin
  3 : suffering from economic depression
  Synonyms
  › [1] bad, blue, down, gloomy, glum, low, melancholy, miserable, mournful, sad, sorrowful, sorry, unhappy
  › [2] concave, hollow, sunken—more at HOLLOW

depressing adjective
  ‣ : that depresses; especially : causing emotional depression
Synonyms
- black, bleak, dark, desolate, dismal, dreary, funereal, gloomy, glum, gray, miserable, murky, sepulchral, somber, sullen, wretched—more at GLOOMY

de·pres·sion /diˈpresən/ noun
1: an act of depressing: a state of being depressed
2: a pressing down: LOWERING
3: a state of feeling sad
4: a psychological disorder marked esp. by sadness, inactivity, difficulty in thinking and concentration, and feelings of dejection
5: a depressed area or part
6: a period of low general economic activity with widespread unemployment

Synonyms
- [3] blues, dejection, desolation, despondency, doldrums, dumps, forlornness, gloom, heartsickness, melancholy, sadness—more at SADNESS
- [5] cavity, concavity, dent, hole, hollow, indentation, pit, recess—more at HOLE

dep·res·sur·ize /dɛˈpresɚˌraɪz/ verb
: to release pressure from

dep·ri·va·tion /dɛˈpriˌvən/ noun
1: an act or instance of depriving: LOSS
2: PRIVATION

dep·rive /dɛˈrɪv/ verb deprived; depriving
1: to take something away from
2: to stop from having something

deprived adjective
: marked by deprivation esp. of the necessities of life

dep·ri·va·tion /dɛˈpriˌvən/ noun
: the act of depriving or the state of being deprived

dep·ro·gram /dɛˈprəˌgræmˌgræm/ verb
: to dissuade from convictions usu. of a religious nature often by coercive means

department noun

de·pth /ˈdeprθ/ noun, plural depths /ˈdeprθəz/
1: something that is deep; especially: the deep part of a body of water
2: a part that is far from the outside or surface; also: the middle or innermost part
3: ABYSS
4: a profound or intense state <the ~s of reflection>; also: the worst part <during the ~s of the depression>
5: a reprehensibly low condition
6: the distance from top to bottom or from front to back
7: the quality of being deep
8: the degree of intensity

Synonyms
- deep, height, middle, midst, thick—more at THICK

depth charge noun
: an explosive device for use underwater esp. against submarines
dep·u·ta·tion /deˌpyə.ˌta.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of appointing a deputy
2 : DELEGATION

de·pute /diˈpyət/ verb de·put·ed; de·put·ing
: to appoint as one's representative : DELEGATE

dep·u·tize /ˌde.pə.ˈtīz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
≠ : to appoint or act as deputy

Synonyms
- commission, delegate—more at DELEGATE

dep·u·ty /ˈde.pə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 ≠ : a person appointed to act for or in place of another
2 : a second in command or assistant who usu. takes charge when his or her superior is absent
3 : a member of a lower house of a legislative assembly

Synonyms
- agent, attorney, commissary, delegate, envoy, factor, proxy, representative—more at AGENT

der or deriv abbreviation
derivation; derivative

dé·rail /ˈdiˌrāl/ verb
: to leave or cause to leave the rails
— de·rail·ment noun

dé·rail·leur /ˌdiˌrā.lair/ noun
[ORIGIN: F dérailleur]
: a device for shifting gears on a bicycle by moving the chain from one set of exposed gears to another

dé·range /diˈrāŋ/ verb dé·ranged; dé·rang·ing
1 ≠ : to disturb the arrangement or order of : DISARRANGE
2 ≠ : to make insane

Synonyms
- craze, madden, unhinge—more at CRAZE

deranged adjective
≠ : mentally disordered

Synonyms
- crazy, insane, lunatic, mad, maniacal, mental, unsound—more at INSANE

dé·range·ment /ˈmārənt/ noun
≠ : the state of being deranged

Synonyms
- aberration, dementia, insanity, lunacy, madness, mania—more at INSANITY

der·by /ˈdər.bē/ Brit 'dɛər./ noun, plural derbies
1 : a horse race usu. for three-year-olds held annually
2 : a race or contest open to all
3 : a stiff felt hat with dome-shaped crown and narrow brim

dé·reg·u·la·tion /ˌdēˌryəˌɡyō.ˈlā.ʃən/ noun
: the act of removing restrictions or regulations
— de·reg·u·late /ˈreˌɡyō.ˌlāt/ verb

der·elict /ˈdɛr.əˈlikt/ adjective
1 ≠ : abandoned by the owner or occupant
2 ≠ : failing to exercise the care expected : NEGLIGENT ❄~ in his duty>

Synonyms
- [1] abandoned, deserted, forsaken—more at ABANDONED
- [2] careless, lax, negligent, remiss, slack—more at NEGLIGENT
derelict noun
1: something voluntarily abandoned; especially: a ship abandoned on the high seas
2: a destitute homeless social misfit: VAGRANT, BUM

dereliction /der-i-lik-shen/ noun
1: the act of abandoning: the state of being abandoned
2: a failure in duty
   Synonyms
   > [1] abandonment, desertion; also defection; discard, dumping, jettison
   Antonyms
   reclamation
   > [2] default, delinquency, failure, neglect, negligence, oversight—more at FAILURE

deride /di-'rid/ verb de-rid-ed; de-rid-ing
[origin: L deridere, fr. ridere to laugh]
: to laugh at scornfully: RIDICULE
   Synonyms
   > gibe, jeer, laugh, mock, ridicule, scout—more at RIDICULE

dereignur /de-ri-'zar/ adjective
[origin: F]
: prescribed or required by fashion, etiquette, or custom: PROPER

derision /de-'rizh-en/ noun
1: RIDICULE
2: an object of ridicule or scorn

derisive /de-'riziv/ adjective
: expressing or causing derision
   — derisively adverb
   — derisiveness noun
   Synonyms
   > absurd, comical, farcical, laughable, ludicrous, preposterous, ridiculous, risible, silly—more at RIDICULOUS

derisory /de-'riz-a-r/ adjective
: worthy of derision

derivation /der-i-va-shen/ noun
1: the formation of a word from an earlier word or root; also: an act of ascertaining or stating the derivation of a word
2: ETYMOLOGY
3: SOURCE, ORIGIN; also: DESCENT
4: an act or process of deriving

derivative /di-'riv-at/ noun
1: a word formed by derivation
2: something derived
   — derivative adjective
   Synonyms
   > offshoot, outgrowth, spin-off; also descendant; aftermath, consequence, result; aftereffect, side affect; copy, duplicate, facsimile, replica, reproduction
   Antonyms
   origin, root, source

derive /di-'riv/ verb de-ived; de-iv-ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF deriver, fr. L derivare, lit., to draw off (water), fr. de- from + rivus stream]
1: to receive or obtain from a source
2: to obtain from a parent substance
3: INFER, DEDUCE
4: to trace the derivation of
5: to come from a certain source

**der·mal /dərˈməl/ adjective**
: of or relating to the skin: CUTANEOUS

**der·ma·ti·tis /dərˈmaˌtiːtəs/ noun, plural -ti·des /ˌtiˌdeɪz/ or -ti·tis·es**
: inflammation of the skin

**der·ma·tol·o·gy /dərˈmeɪ tolˈə dʒi/ noun**
: a branch of medical science dealing with the structure, functions, and diseases of the skin
— **der·ma·tol·o·gist /ˌdərˈmeɪ tolˈo jist/ noun**

**der·mis /dərˈmas/ noun**
: the sensitive vascular inner layer of the skin

**der·o·gate /dərˈe ə gæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing**
1: to cause to seem inferior: DISPARAGE
2: DETRACT
— **der·o·ga·tion /ˌdərˈe ə ə ʃæn/ noun**
— **der·o·ga·tive /ˌdɪˈræə tɪv/ adjective**

**de·rog·a·to·ry /ˌdɪˈræə tɔr ə/ adjective**
: intended to lower the reputation of a person or thing: DISPARAGING
— **de·rog·a·to·ri·ly /ˌdɪˈræə tɔr ə lɪ/ adverb**

**Synonyms**
- contemptuous, degrading, disdainful, disparaging, scornful, uncomplimentary; also defamatory, insulting, libelous, maligning, slandering, slanderous, vilifying; abusive, opprobrious, scurrilous; malevolent, malicious, spiteful

**Antonyms**
- complimentary

**der·rick /dərˈɪk/ noun**
[ORIGIN: obs. derrick hangman, gallows, fr. Derick, name of 17th cent. Eng. hangman]
1: a hoisting apparatus: CRANE
2: a framework over a drill hole (as for oil) for supporting machinery

**der·ri·ere or der·ri·ère /dərˈriər/ noun**
: BUTTOCKS

**der·ring–do /dərˈriŋ ˈdoʊ/ noun**
: DARING

**der·rin·ger /dərˈrɪŋ ər/ noun**
: a short-barreled pocket pistol

**der·vish /dərˈvɪsh/ noun**
: a member of a Muslim religious order noted for devotional exercises (as bodily movements leading to a trance)

**de·sal·i·nate /dəˈsæl əˌnæt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing**
: DESALT
— **de·sal·i·na·tion /ˌdəˈsæl əˌneɪ ˈteɪʃən/ noun**

**de·sal·i·nize /dəˈsæl əˌnɪz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing**
: DESALT
— **de·sal·i·ni·za·tion /ˌdəˈsæl əˌneɪ ˈneɪ ə zə ˈteɪʃən/ noun**

**de·salt /dəˌsælt/ verb**
: to remove salt from <~ seawater>
— **de·salt·er noun**

**des·cant /dɪˈsænt/ verb**
1 ▶ : to sing or play part music : SING
2 ▶ : to discourse or write at length
   Synonyms
   ▶ carol, chant, sing, vocalize—more at SING

de·send /diˈsend/ verb
1 ▶ : to pass from a higher to a lower place or level : pass, move, or climb down or down along
2 : DERIVE <ed from royalty>
3 : to pass by inheritance or transmission
4 ▶ : to incline, lead, or extend downward
5 ▶ : to swoop down or appear suddenly (as in an attack)
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 4] decline, dip, drop, fall, plunge; also cant, incline, lean, list, recline, slant, slope, tilt, tip
   Antonyms
   ▶ [5] assail, assault, attack, beset, charge, jump, pounce, raid, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK

descend also de·scen·dent /diˈsen dənt/ adjective
1 : moving or directed downward
2 : proceeding from an ancestor or source
2 descendant also descendent noun
1 : one descended from another or from a common stock
2 : one deriving directly from a precursor or prototype

de·sent /diˈsent/ noun
1 ▶ : derivation from an ancestor : LINEAGE
2 ▶ : the act or process of descending
3 : SLOPE
4 : a descending way (as a downgrade)
5 ▶ : a sudden hostile raid or assault
6 ▶ : a downward step (as in station or value) : DECLINE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] ancestry, birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, origin,
   parentage, pedigree, stock, strain—more at ANCESTRY
   ▶ [2] dip, dive, down, drop, fall, plunge; also comedown, downfall, downgrade; sinking
   Antonyms
   ▶ [5] aggression, assault, attack, charge, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, rush, strike—more at ATTACK
   ▶ [6] comedown, decline, down, downfall, fall—more at COMEDOWN

de·scribe /diˈskrip bər verb de·scribed; de·scrib·ing
1 a ▶ : to represent or give an account of in words
   b ▶ : to communicate an account of salient identifying features of
2 : to trace the outline of
   — de·scrib·able adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a, b] delineate, depict, draw, image, narrate, paint, picture, portray, recount, sketch; also characterize,
   qualify, represent; demonstrate, illustrate; narrate, recite, recount, relate; display, exhibit, show; hint, suggest;
   draft, outline

de·scrip·tion /diˈskrip ʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : an account of something; especially : an account that presents a picture to a person who reads or hears it
2 ▶ : kind or character esp. as determined by prominent features : SORT
   — de·scrip·tive /skrip tiv/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] delineation, depiction, picture, portrait, portrayal, sketch; also account, chronicle, narrative, report, story,
   tale; demonstration, exemplification, illustration
   ▶ [2] breed, class, feather,ilk, kind, like, manner, nature, order, sort, species, type—more at SORT
de·scry  /dɪˈskrɪ/ verb de·scryed; de·scry·ing
1 : to catch sight of
2 : to discover by observation or investigation
   Synonyms
   † behold, discern, distinguish, esp'y, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at see

des·e·crate /deˌsiˌkræt/ verb -crat·ed; -crat·ing
1 : to violate the sanctity of : PROFANE
   Synonyms
   † defile, profane, violate; also blaspheme, curse, swear; befoul, contaminate, foul, pollute; affront, insult, offend; crush, decimate, demolish, destroy, devastate, ravage, raze, ruin, waste, wreck; despoil, loot, pillage, plunder, raid, ransack, rob, sack, spoil, strip

des·e·cra·tion /deˌsiˈkræ·shən/ noun
1 : an act or instance of desecrating
   Synonyms
   † blasphemy, defilement, impiety, irreverence, sacrilege—more at blasphemy

des·e·gag·ate /dĕˈsiˌɡərət/ verb
: to eliminate segregation in; especially : to free of any law or practice requiring isolation on the basis of race
   — des·e·gag·a·tion /ˌse.ɡəˈɡeɪ.ʃən/ noun

des·e·ni·tize /dĕˌsen.iˈtaɪz/ verb
: to make (a sensitized or hypersensitive individual) insensitive or nonreactive to a sensitizing agent
   — des·e·ni·ti·za·tion /ˌse.ɪˈna.tɪ.zəˈneɪ.ʃən/ noun

1 des·ert /ˈdezərt/ noun
: dry land with few plants and little rainfall
   Synonyms
   † barren, desolation, waste, wasteland—more at wasteland

2 des·ert /ˈdezərt/ adjective
: of, relating to, or resembling a desert; especially : being barren and without life <a ~ island>

3 des·ert /ˈdezərt/ noun
1 : the quality or fact of deserving reward or punishment
2 : a just reward or punishment
   Synonyms
   † castigation, chastisement, correction, discipline, nemesis, penalty, punishment, wrath—more at punishment

4 des·ert /ˈdezərt/ verb
1 : to withdraw from and leave esp. permanently
2 : to leave in the lurch : ABANDON
   Synonyms
   † [1, 2] abandon, forsake, maroon, quit—more at abandon

des·ert·ed /ˈdezərt·əd/ adjective
: left without the accustomed occupants, company, or support
   Synonyms
   † abandoned, derelict, forsaken—more at abandoned

des·ert·er /ˈdezər.ər/ noun
1 : one who forsakes a duty or cause
   Synonyms
   † defector, recreant, renegade—more at renegade

des·ert·ion /ˈdezər.ʃən/ noun
: an act of deserting
   Synonyms
abandonment, dereliction—more at DERELICTION
deserve /dəˈzɜrv/ verb deserve; deserving
: to be worthy of: MERIT
  Synonyms
de·served
  : earned, merited, rated
deserving adjective
de·serving adjective
: deserving of honor or esteem
  Synonyms
des·erved·ly /ˈdɪzərvdəˌli/ adverb
de·served·ly : according to merit: JUSTLY
des·ic·cate /deˈsɪkˌteɪt/ verb -cated; -cat·ing
des·ic·cate : DRY, DEHYDRATE
des·ic·ca·tion /deˈsɪkˌkæʃən/ noun
des·ic·ca·tor /deˈsɪkˌkætər/ noun

des·is·ter·a·tum /diˌzɪˈstərətəm, ˌzɪˌstərəˌtəm/ noun, plural -ta /-tə/
[origin: L]
de·sid·er·a·tum : something desired as essential

design /dɪˈzaɪn/ verb
1 : to conceive and plan out in the mind
2 : to have as a purpose: INTEND
3 : to devise for a specific function or end
4 : to make a pattern or sketch of
5 : to conceive and draw the plans for
  Synonyms
  [1] arrange, blueprint, chart, frame, lay out, map, plan, project, scheme—more at PLAN
  [2] aim, aspire, contemplate, intend, mean, meditate, plan, propose—more at INTEND

design noun
1 : a particular purpose: deliberate planning
2 : a mental project or scheme: PLAN
3 : a secret project or scheme: PLOT
4 plural : aggressive or evil intent — used with on or against
5 : a preliminary sketch or plan
6 : an underlying scheme that governs functioning, developing, or unfolding: MOTIF
7 : the arrangement of elements or details in a product or a work of art
8 : a decorative pattern
9 : the art of executing designs
  Synonyms
  [1] arrangement, blueprint, game, plan, project, scheme, strategy, system—more at PLAN
  [2] aim, ambition, aspiration, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, pretension, purpose, thing—more at GOAL
  [3] conspiracy, intrigue, machination, plot, scheme—more at PLOT
  [7] arrangement, composition, configuration, form, format, layout, makeup, pattern—more at COMPOSITION
  [8] figure, motif, motive, pattern—more at PATTERN

designate /dəˈziɡnət/ adjective
: chosen but not yet installed <ambassador ~>
designated driver noun
a person chosen to abstain from alcohol so as to transport others safely

designated hitter noun
a baseball player designated at the start of the game to bat in place of the pitcher without causing the pitcher to be removed from the game

designation /ˈdeɪznɪʃən/ noun
1 : the act of indicating or identifying
2 ▶ : appointment to or selection for an office, post, or service
3 ▶ : a distinguishing name, sign, or title

Synonyms
[2] appointment, assignment, commission—more at APPOINTMENT
[3] appellation, cognomen, denotation, handle, name, title—more at NAME

designer /ˈdɛznər/ noun
▶ : one that designs: as
a : one who creates plans for a project or structure
b : one who designs and manufactures a new product style or design; especially : one who designs and manufactures high-fashion clothing
— designer adjective

Synonyms
developer, innovator, inventor, originator—more at INVENTOR

designer drug noun
: a synthetic version of an illicit drug that has been chemically altered to avoid its prohibition

designing /ˈdɛznɪŋ/ adjective
: CRAFTY, SCHEMING

desirable /ˈdɛzərəbl/ adjective
1 : PLEASING, ATTRACTIVE
2 ▶ : worth seeking or doing as advantageous, beneficial, or wise : ADVISABLE [<~ legislation>

— desirability /ˌdɛzərəˈbɪlətɪ/ noun
— desirability noun

Synonyms
advisable, expedient, judicious, politic, prudent, tactical, wise—more at EXPEDIENT

desire /ˈdɛzər/ verb desired; desiring
1 ▶ : to long or hope for : exhibit or feel desire for
2 : REQUEST

Synonyms
ache, covet, crave, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish, yearn; also delight (in), enjoy, fancy, like, relish

desire noun
1 ▶ : a strong wish : LONGING
2 : sexual urge or appetite
3 : a usu. formal request for action
4 : something desired

Synonyms
appetite, craving, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen; also compulsion, impulse, urge, will, zeal; liking, love, taste; eagerness, impatience; wish, want; necessity, need, requirement; avarice, cupidity, greed, rapacity

desirable /ˈdɛzərəbl/ adjective
: impelled or governed by desire
de·sist /diˈzist, ˈsist/ verb
▷ to cease to proceed, act, or continue
  Synonyms
  ▷ usually desist from break, break off, cease, cut, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, layoff, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP

desk /desk/ noun
1 ▷ a table, frame, or case esp. for writing and reading
2 ▷ a counter, stand, or booth at which a person performs duties
3 ▷ a specialized division of an organization (as a newspaper) <city ~>
  Synonyms
  ▷ bureau, department, division, office—more at DIVISION

desk·top publishing /ˈdesk.təp/ noun
▷ the production of printed matter by means of a microcomputer

1 desolate /deˈsəˌleɪt, -ˌzəl/ adjective
  1 ▷ DESERTED, ABANDONED
  2 ▷ joyless, disconsolate, and sorrowful through or as if through separation from a loved one: LONELY
  3 ▷ DILAPIDATED
  4 ▷ BARREN, LIFELESS
  5 ▷ devoid of warmth, comfort, or hope: CHEERLESS
  — des·o·late·ly adverb
  — des·o·late·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▷ [2] forlorn, lonely, lonesome—more at LONESOME
  ▷ [5] bleak, cheerless, dismal, dreary, gloomy, glum, gray, miserable, wretched

2 desolate /ˌdesəˈleɪt/ verb -lat·ed, -lat·ing
▷ to make desolate: destroy the activity, vitality, or sound condition or contentment of: make wretched

des·o·la·tion /ˌdeˌsəˌleɪˈʃənˌzəl/ noun
1 ▷ the action of desolating: state of being desolated
2 ▷ the quality or state of being sad: SADNESS
3 ▷ LONELINESS
4 ▷ a condition of neglect leading to confusion and disintegration or of natural barrenness and bleakness
5 ▷ barren wasteland
  Synonyms
  ▷ [1] annihilation, demolition, destruction, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION
  ▷ [4] dilapidation, disrepair, neglect—more at NEGLECT
  ▷ [5] barren, desert, waste, wasteland—more at WASTELAND

des·oxy·ri·bo·nu·cle·ic acid /ˌdesˌɒksɪˌrɪˈbəˌnjuˈklɪk/ noun
▷ DNA

1 despair /dəˈspār/ verb
▷ to lose all hope or confidence

2 despair noun
1 ▷ utter destruction of hope
2 ▷ a cause of hopelessness
  Synonyms
  ▷ desperation, despondency, forlornness, hopelessness; also blues, depression, dejection, desolation, doldrums, dolor, dumps, gloom, melancholy, oppression, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness; cynicism, pessimism; acceptance, resignation
  Antonyms
  ▷ hope, hopefulness
de·spair·ing adjective
›: given to, arising from, or marked by despair : having no hope
— de·spair·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
› defeatist, hopeless, pessimistic—more at PESSIMISTIC

des·per·a·do /dəsˈpərəˌdo/ noun, plural -does or -dos
› a bold or reckless criminal

des·per·ate /dəsˈpərət/ adjective
1: being beyond or almost beyond hope : causing despair
2: RASH
3: extremely intense
— des·per·a·tely adverb
— des·per·a·teness noun

des·per·a·tion /dəsˈpərəˌshən/ noun
1: a loss of hope and surrender to despair
2: a state of hopelessness leading to rashness

Synonyms
› despair, despondency, forlornness, hopelessness—more at DESPAIR

des·pi·ca·ble /dəsˈpi ka bəl/ adjective
›: deserving to be despised
— des·pi·ca·bly /bli/ adverb

Synonyms
› contemptible, lousy, nasty, pitiful, scabby, scurvy, sorry, wretched—more at CONTEMPTIBLE
› base, contemptible, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at IGNoble

despise /dəsˈpiz/ verb despised; despis·ing
1: to look down on with contempt or aversion : DETEST
2: to regard as negligible, worthless, or distasteful

Synonyms
› [1] abhor, abominate, detest, execrate, hate, loathe—more at HATE
› [2] disregard, flout, scorn—more at SCORN

1 despite /dəsˈpīt/ preposition
›: in spite of

Synonyms
› notwithstanding, regardless of, with

despite noun
›: the act of despising : CONTEMPT

despoil /dəsˈpōl/ verb
›: to strip of belongings, possessions, or value
— despoil·er noun
— despoil·ment noun

Synonyms
› loot, maraud, pillage, plunder, ransack, sack, strip—more at RANSACK

des·po·li·a·tion /ˌdəsˈpō ləˌshən/ noun
›: the act of plundering : the state of being despoiled

1 despond /dəsˈpand/ verb
›: to become discouraged or disheartened

despound noun
› DESPONDENCY
des·pon·den·cy /ˌspən-dən-sē/ noun
› the state of being despondent
   Synonyms
   ➔ blues, dejection, depression, desolation, doldrums, dumps, forlornness, gloom, heart sickness, melancholy, sadness—more at SADNESS
   ➔ despair, desperation, forlornness, hopelessness—more at DESPAIR

de·spon·dent /ˌspən-dənt/ adjective
› feeling or showing extreme discouragement, dejection, or depression
— de·spon·dent·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ brokenhearted, dejected, depressed, disconsolate, heartsick, miserable, sad, wretched—more at SAD

des·pot /ˌdes-pət/ noun
[Origin: MF despote, fr. Gk despotēs master, lord, autocrat]
1 : a ruler with absolute power and authority
2 : a person exercising power tyrannically
   Synonyms
   ➔ autocrat, dictator, oppressor, tyrant; also dominator, master, overlord, ruler; king, lord, monarch, prince, queen, sovereign; baron, czar, magnate, mogul, tycoon; authoritarian, disciplinarian, martinet

des·pot·ic /ˌdes-pə-тиk/ adjective
› of, relating to, or characteristic of a despot
   Synonyms
   ➔ authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY

des·po·tism /ˌdes-po-тиzəm/ noun
› a system of government in which the ruler has unlimited power
   Synonyms
   ➔ autocracy, dictatorship, totalitarianism, tyranny; also monarchy; fascism; domination, oppression

des·sert /ˈdez-ərt/ noun
› a course of sweet food, fruit, or cheese served at the close of a meal

des·ti·na·tion /ˌdes-tə-nä-shən/ noun
1 : a purpose for which something is destined
2 : an act of appointing, setting aside for a purpose, or predetermining
3 : a place to which one is journeying or to which something is sent

des·tine /ˈdes-tən/ verb des·tined; des·tin·ing
1 : to settle in advance
2 ➔ to designate, assign, or dedicate in advance
3 : to direct or set apart for a specific purpose or place
   Synonyms
   ➔ doom, fate, foredoom, foreordain, ordain, predestine; also forecast, foretell, predict, prognosticate, prophesy; preconceive, prejudge; condemn, sentence

des·ti·ny /ˌdes-tə-nē/ noun, plural -nēs
1 ➔ something to which a person or thing is destined : FATE
2 : a predetermined course of events
   Synonyms
   ➔ circumstance, doom, fate, fortune, lot, portion—more at FATE

des·ti·tute /ˌdes-tə-tōt/ adjective
1 : lacking something needed or desirable
2 ➔ suffering extreme poverty
   Synonyms
   ➔ [2] broke, devoid, impecunious, indigent, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken—more at POOR
destitute /de.sti.tyoo.teen/ noun
☞: the state of being destitute
   Synonyms
   ➢ beggary, impecuniousness, impoverishment, indigence, need, pauperism, penury, poverty, want—more at POVERTY

destroy /də.ˈströ/ verb
1 ➢: to put an end to: RUIN
2 ➢: to deprive of life: KILL
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] annihilate, blot out, demolish, desolate, devastate, do in, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, pulverize, ruin, shatter, smash, tear down, waste, wipe out, wreck; also gut; beat, best, clobber, conquer, crush, defeat, lick, master, overcome, prevail (over), stamp (out), subdue, surmount, thrash, triumph (over), win (against); blow up, break, damage, deface, disintegrate, dynamite, mangle, mar, mutilate, spoil, vitiate; erode, scour, wash out, wear (away); dismantle, undo; eradicate, remove, rub out; despoil, loot, pillage, plunder, ravage, sack, vandalize; assassinate, butcher, cut down, dispatch, execute, kill, massacre, murder, slaughter, slay, zap
   Antonyms
   build, construct, erect, put up, raise
   ➢ [2] dispatch, do in, fell, kill, slay—more at KILL

destroyer /də.ˈstrɔr.i/ noun
1: one that destroys
2: a small speedy warship

destructible /dɪˌstræktə.bəl/ adjective
☞: capable of being destroyed
   — destructibility /dɪˌstræktə.bɪ.lə.tɪ/ noun

destruction /dɪˌstræk.ʃən/ noun
1 ➢: the state or fact of being destroyed: RUIN
2: the action or process of destroying something
3: a destroying agency
   Synonyms
   ➢ annihilation, demolition, desolation, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage; also depredation, despoliation, despoilment; breakup, disintegration, dissolution; assassination, execution, killing, massacre, slaughter
   Antonyms
   building, construction, erection, raising

destructive /dɪˌstræk.tɪv/ adjective
1 ➢: causing destruction: RUINOUS
2 ➢: designed or tending to destroy
   — destructively adverb
   — destructiveness noun
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1, 2] calamitous, devastating, disastrous, ruinous; also deadly, fatal, lethal, mortal, vital; deleterious, detrimental, harmful, pernicious
   Antonyms
   constructive

desuetude /də.swi.tyoo.tyood/ noun
☞: DISUSE

desultory /dɛsʊl.ˈtɔr.i/ adjective
☞: passing aimlessly from one thing or subject to another
   Synonyms
   ➢ aimless, arbitrary, erratic, haphazard, random, scattered, stray—more at RANDOM

det abbreviation
1 detached; detachment
2 detail

de·tach /diˈtāch/ verb
1 : to separate esp. from a larger mass
2 : DISENGAGE, WITHDRAW
— de·tach·able adjective

de·tach·ed /diˈtāched/ adjective
1 ▶ : not joined or connected : SEPARATE
2 ▶ : exhibiting an aloof objectivity <a ~ attitude>

Synonyms
▶ [1] disconnected, discrete, freestanding, separate, single, unattached, unconnected—more at SEPARATE
▶ [2] aloof, antisocial, cold, cool, distant, frosty, remote, standoffish, unsociable—more at COOL.

de·tach·ment /diˈtachˌmant/ noun
1 : SEPARATION
2 : the dispatching of a body of troops or part of a fleet from the main body for special service; also : the portion so dispatched
3 : a small permanent military unit of special composition
4 : indifference to worldly concerns ; ALOOFNESS
5 ▶ : freedom from bias or prejudice ; IMPARTIALITY

Synonyms
disinterestedness, impartiality, neutrality, objectivity; also fairness; apathy, indifference, unconcern; broad-mindedness, tolerance

Antonyms
bias, favor, favoritism, partiality, partisanship, prejudice

detail /ˈdēˌtāl, ˈdēˌtāl/ noun
[ORIGIN: F détail, fr. OF détail slice, piece, fr. detallier to cut in pieces, fr. taillier to cut]
1 : a dealing with something item by item <go into ~>
2 ▶ : a part of a whole <the ~s of a story>
3 : selection (as of soldiers) for special duty; also : the persons thus selected

Synonyms
fact, particular, point—more at FACT

detail verb
1 ▶ : to report minutely and distinctly
2 ▶ : to assign to a special duty

Synonyms
▶ [1] enumerate, itemize, list, numerate, rehearse, tick—more at ENUMERATE
▶ [2] appoint, assign, commission, constitute, designate, name—more at APPOINT

de·tailed /ˈdēˌtāld, ˈdēˌtāld/ adjective
▶ : marked by abundant detail

Synonyms
circumstantial, elaborate, full, minute, thorough; also enumerated, itemized, listed; delineated, specific, specified; abundant, copious; comprehensive, exhausting, exhaustive, thoroughgoing; accurate, exact, precise; complete, entire, replete; distinct, explicit, precise, sharp; inclusive, mapped (out); descriptile, graphic, picturesque, vivid

Antonyms
compendious, summary

complex, complicated, elaborate, fancy, intricate, involved, sophisticated—more at ELABORATE

de·tail·ing /ˈdēˌtāl·ing/ noun
: the meticulous cleaning and refurbishing of an automobile

de·tain /diˈtān/ verb
1 : to hold in or as if in custody
2 : STOP, DELAY
de·tect /diˈtek(t)/ verb
  ‣: to discover the nature, existence, presence, or fact of
—— de·tec·tor /ˈtek,tər/ noun
  Synonyms
  ‣ ascertain, descry, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, locate, run down, scout, track—
  more at FIND

detec·table /diˈtek,tə-bal/ adjective
  ‣: capable of being detected
  Synonyms
  ‣ appreciable, discernible, distinguishable, palpable, perceptible, sensible—more at PERCEPTIBLE

detec·tion /diˈtek,shan/ noun
  ‣: the act of detecting
  Synonyms
  ‣ discovery, finding—more at DISCOVERY

detec·tive /diˈtek,friv/ adjective
  1: fitted or used for detection
  2: of or relating to detectives

detec·tive noun
  ‣: a person employed or engaged in detecting lawbreakers or getting information that is not readily accessible
  Synonyms
  ‣ investigator, operative, shadow, sleuth, tail

dé·tente or de·tente /dəˈtɛn(t)/ noun
  [ORIGIN: F]
  ‣: a relaxation of strained relations or tensions (as between nations)
detec·tion /diˈten,shan/ noun
  1: the act or fact of detaining: CONFINEMENT; especially: a period of temporary custody prior to disposition by a court
  2: a forced delay
det·er /diˈter/ verb de·tered; de·ter·ring
  [ORIGIN: L. deterrēre, fr. terrēre to frighten]
  1 ‣: to turn aside, discourage, or prevent from acting (as by fear)
  2: INHIBIT
  Synonyms
  ‣ discourage, dissuade, inhibit—more at DISCOURAGE
det·er·gent /diˈter,pənt/ noun
  ‣: a cleansing agent; especially: a chemical product similar to soap in its cleaning ability
  Synonyms
  ‣ cleaner, soap—more at CLEANER
det·er·ri·o·rate /diˌterˈri,ə,ri,ət/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
  ‣: to make or become worse in quality or condition
  Synonyms
  ‣ decay, decline, degenerate, descend, ebb, rot, sink, worsen; also recede, wane; decompose, degrade, disintegrate; sour, spoil; lessen, lower, reduce; debilitate, undermine, weaken
  Antonyms
  ‣ ameliorate, improve, meliorate
det·er·ri·o·ra·tion /diˌterˈri,əˌrā,shan/ noun
  ‣: the action or process of deteriorating
  Synonyms
  ‣ decay, declension, decline, degeneration, descent, enfeeblement—more at DECLINE
det·er·min·able /ˈter,ma,na,ba-l/ adjective
de·ter·mi·nant /ˌde ˈtər.məˌnənt/ noun
1 : something that determines or conditions
2 : GENE
de·ter·mi·na·tion /ˌde ˈtər.məˌne ˈteɪʃən/ noun
1 a : the act of coming to a decision
b : the decision or conclusion reached
2 : a fixing of the extent, position, or character of something
3 : accurate measurement (as of length or volume)
4 : firm or fixed purpose
5 : to fix conclusively or authoritatively
6 : to bring about as a result
de·ter·mine /ˌde ˈtər.mən/ verb -mined; -min·ing
1 : to fix conclusively or authoritatively
2 : to come to a decision
3 : to fix the form or character of beforehand
4 : to find out the limits, nature, dimensions, or scope of
5 : to find out or come to a decision about by investigation, reasoning, or calculation
6 : to bring about as a result
de·ter·min·ed /ˌde ˈtər.min əd/ adjective
1 : firmly resolved
2 : characterized by or showing determination
de·ter·min·ed·ness /ˌde ˈtər.min əd ˈnəs/ noun
Synonyms
[1] bent, bound, decisive, firm, intent, purposeful, resolute, set; also certain, cocksure, positive, sure; earnest, serious; steady, unflustered, unhesitating, unswerving, unwavering
Antonyms
[2] dogged, grim, implacable, relentless, unflinching, unrelenting, unyielding

de·ter·min·ing /ˌde ˈtər.min ɪŋ/ adverb
: in a determined manner
de·ter·min·ism /ˌde ˈtər.min əˌzəm/ noun
: a doctrine that acts of the will, natural events, or social changes are determined by preceding events or natural causes
de·ter·min·ist /ˌni st/ noun or adjective
de·ter·rence /ˌde ˈtər.əns/ noun
: the inhibition of criminal behavior by fear esp. of punishment

**deterrent** /ˈdərərənt/ adjective

1: serving to deter
2: relating to deterrence

— **deterrent** noun

**detest** /dəˈtest/ verb

[origin: L. detestari, lit., to curse while calling a deity to witness, fr. de- from + testari to call to witness] : to feel intense and often violent antipathy toward : **HATE**

— **detestation** /ˌdēˈtesəˈtāshən/ noun

**Synonyms**

• abhor, abominate, despise, execrate, hate, loathe—more at **HATE**

**detractable** /ˌdēˈtraktəbəl/ adjective

• : arousing or meriting intense dislike

**Synonyms**

• base, contemptible, despicable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at **IGNOBLE**

**de-throne** /dēˈthrōn/ verb

: to remove from a throne : **DEPOSE**

— **de-thronement** noun

**detonate** /dēˈtōnət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing

• : to explode or cause to explode with violence

**Synonyms**

• blow up, burst, explode, go off, pop—more at **EXPLODE**

**detonation** /ˌdēˈtōnāshən/ noun

• : the action or process of detonating

**Synonyms**

• blast, eruption, explosion—more at **EXPLOSION**

**detonator** /dēˈtōnātər/ noun

• a device for detonating an explosive

**detour** /dēˈtōr/ noun

1: an indirect way replacing part of a route

2: verb

• : to go by detour

**Synonyms**

• bypass, circumvent, skirt; also circumnavigate; avoid, dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shun

• deviate, sheer, swerve, swing, turn, turn off, veer—more at **TURN**

**detox** /dēˈtōks/ noun

• : detoxification from an intoxicating or addictive substance

— **detox** verb

**detoxify** /dēˈtōksаˌfī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing

1: to remove a poison or toxin or the effect of such from
2: to free (as a drug user) from an intoxicating or addictive substance or from dependence on it

— **detoxification** /ˌdēˈtōksəˈfīkāˈʃən/ noun

**detract** /dēˈtrakt/ verb

1: to take away or diminish the value or effect of something

2: **DIVERT**

— **detracting** /ˌdēˈtrakting/ noun

**detracti·on** /ˌdēˈtrakshən/ noun

• : a lessening of reputation or esteem esp. by envious, malicious, or petty criticism
Synonyms

- deprecation, depreciation, disparagement, put-down—more at DEPRECIATION

de-train /dɪˈtræn/ verb
- to leave or cause to leave a railroad train

det-ri-men-t /dɛtˈriːmənt/ noun
1 : hurt, damage, or loss sustained
2 : a cause of injury or damage
- Synonyms
  - damage, harm, hurt, injury—more at INJURY

det-ri-men-tal /dɛtˈriːməntəl/ adjective
- obviously harmful
  — det-ri-men-tal-ly adverb
- Synonyms
  - adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, deleterious, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL

detri-tus /dɪˈtrɪtəs/ noun, plural detri-tus
- fragments resulting from disintegration (as of rocks) : DEBRIS

deuce /ˈdjuːs, ˈdjuːs/ noun
1 : a two in cards or dice
2 : a tie in a tennis game with both sides at 40
3 : DEVIL — used chiefly as a mild oath

Deut abbreviation
Deuteronomy

deu-te-ri-um /djuːˈtriˌeɪ.əm, djuːˈriːəm/ noun
- an isotope of hydrogen that has twice the mass of ordinary hydrogen

Deu·ter·o·my /djuːˈteɪrə.mə, djuːˈteɪrə.mə/ noun
- a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

deut·sche mark /dɔtʃəˈmɑrk/ noun
- a former monetary unit of Germany

dev abbreviation
deivation

dev-alue /dɛvˈə.ljuː/ verb
- to reduce the international exchange value of <~ a currency>
  — de-val·u·a·tion /dəˈvæl.yəˌteɪʃən/ noun

dev-as·tate /dɛvəˈstæt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 : to bring to ruin
2 : to reduce to chaos or hopelessness
- Synonyms
  - [1] destroy, ravage, ruin, scourge—more at RAVAGE
  - [2] carry away, crush, floor, oppress, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, prostrate, snow under, swamp—more at OVERWHELM

devastating adjective
- serving, tending, or having the power to devastate
- Synonyms
  - calamitous, destructive, disastrous, ruinous—more at DESTRUCTIVE

dev-as·ta·tion /dɛvəˈstæʃən/ noun
- the action of devastating or state of being devastated
- Synonyms
annihilation, demolition, desolation, destruction, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION

de·vel·op /dəˈveləp/ verb
1 ▶: to unfold gradually or in detail
2 : to place (exposed photographic material) in chemicals to produce a visible image
3 : to bring out the possibilities of
4 : to make more available or usable <~ land>
5 ▶: to acquire gradually <~ a taste for olives>
6 ▶: to go through a natural process of growth, differentiation, or evolution
7 : to come into being gradually
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] amplify, elaborate, enlarge, expand—more at EXPAND
   ▶ [5] acquire, cultivate, form; also gain, get, obtain; achieve, attain, reach; foster, nourish, nurture, promote
   Antonyms
   ▶ [6] age, grow, grow up, mature, progress, ripen—more at MATURE

de·vel·op·er /dəˈpelər/ noun
▶: one that develops something new
   Synonyms
   ▶ designer, innovator, inventor, originator—more at INVENTOR

de·vel·op·ment /dəˈlp먼t/ noun
▶: the act, process, or result of developing
   — de·vel·op·men·tal /dəˈlpˌmenTL/ adjective
   — de·vel·op·men·tal·ly /dəˈlpˌmenTLi/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ elaboration, evolution, expansion, growth, maturation, progress, progression; also advancement, betterment, improvement, perfection, refinement
   Antonyms
   ▶ regression, retrogression
   ▶ aftermath, conclusion, consequence, corollary, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequence, upshot—more at EFFECT

deviant /dəˈvɛənt/ adjective
▶: deviating esp. from some accepted norm <~ behavior>
   — de·vi·ance /ˈvɛəns/ noun
   — de·vi·an·cy /ˈvɛənSı/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, atypical, irregular, unnatural; also extraordinary, preternatural; rare,
   uncommon, uncustomary, unusual, unwonted; odd, peculiar, strange, weird
   Antonyms
   ▶ natural, normal, regular, standard, typical

deviant noun
▶: one that is deviant
   Synonyms
   ▶ bohemian, individualist, loner, maverick, nonconformist—more at NONCONFORMIST

de·vi·ate /dəˈvɛət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[ORIGIN: LL deviare, fr. L de- from + via way]
▶: to turn aside from a course, standard, principle, or topic
   — de·vi·a·tion /dəˈvɛəʃən/ noun
   — de·vi·a·tion /dəˈvɛəʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ detour, sheer, swerve, swing, turn, turn off, veer—more at TURN

de·vice /dəˈvɪs/ noun
1 • a scheme to deceive: **STRATAGEM**
2 • a piece of equipment or a mechanism for a special purpose
3 • a particular disposition of mind or character: **INCLINATION** — used in pl. <left to my own ~s>
4 • an emblematic design

**Synonyms**

- [1] artifice, dodge, gimmick, jig, ploy, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at **TRICK**
- [2] implement, instrument, tool, utensil—more at **IMPLEMENT**
- **usually devices** [3] bent, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn—more at **INCLINATION**

**devil /ˈdɛ.vəl/ noun**


1 often cap: the personal supreme spirit of evil
2 •: an evil spirit: **DEMON**
3 •: a wicked person
4 a •: an energetic, reckless, or dashing person
b •: a person prone to mischief
5 •: an individual human: **FELLOW** <poor ~> <lucky ~>  

**Synonyms**

- [2] demon, fiend, ghoul, imp—more at **DEMON**
- [3] beast, evildoer, fiend, heavy, knave, no-good, rapscallion, rascal, reprobate, rogue, scalawag, scamp, varlet, villain, wretch—more at **VILLAIN**
- [4b] hellion, imp, mischief, monkey, rapscallion, rascal, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at **SCAMP**

**devil verb** -iled or -illed; -il·ing or -il·ling

1 •: to season highly <<ed eggs>>
2 •: **TEASE**, **ANNOY**

**dev-il·ish /ˌdɛ.vəˈlɪsh/ adjective**

1 •: befitting a devil: **EVIL**; also: **MISCHIEVOUS**
2 •: exceeding the ordinary, usual, or expected: **EXTREME**

**Synonyms**

- demonic, diabolical, evil, fiendish, satanic—more at **FIENDISH**
- impish, knavish, mischievous, rascally, rogueish, sly, waggish, wicked—more at **MISCHIEVOUS**

**dev-il·ish·ly /ˌlɪ/ adverb**

•: in a devilish manner

**Synonyms**

- excessively, inordinately, monstrously, overly, overmuch, too—more at **TOO**

**dev-il·ish·ness /ˌnɛs/ noun**

•: the quality or state of being devilish

**Synonyms**

- impishness, knavery, mischief, mischievousness, rascality, shenanigans, waggery, wickedness—more at **MISCHIEF**

**dev-il·ment /ˌdɛ.vəˈlɛnt/ noun**

: **MISCHIEF**

**dev-il·ry /ˌlɪrɪ/ or dev-il·try /ˌlɪtrɪ/ noun, plural -ti·ries or -ti·tries**

1 •: action performed with the help of the devil
2 •: action that annoys or irritates: **MISCHIEF**

**dev-i·ous /dəˈvi.əs/ adjective**

1 •: deviating from a straight line
2 •: **ERRANT** 3
3 a •: deviating from a right, accepted, or common course
b •: not straightforward: **CUNNING** <a ~ politician>; also: tending or having power to deceive <a ~ trick>

**Synonyms**
devise /dɪˈvɪz/ verb de·vised; de·vis·ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF deviser to divide, distinguish, invent, fr. VL *divisare, fr. L dividere to divide]
1: to form in the mind by new combinations or applications of ideas or principles: INVENT
2: PLOT
3: to give (real estate) by will

Synonyms
- concoct, contrive, cook, fabricate, invent, make up, manufacture, think—more at INVENT

devise noun
1: a disposing of real property by will
2: a will or clause of a will disposing of real property
3: property given by will

de·vi·tal·ize /dēˈvī-tələˌīz/ verb
: to deprive of life or vitality

de·void /dēˈvōd/ adjective
1: being without: VOID <a book ~ of interest>

Synonyms
- bare, blank, empty, stark, vacant, void—more at EMPTY
- bereft, destitute, empty, void; also bare, barren, blank, stark, vacant, wanting; deficient, fragmentary, incomplete, partial; absent, missing

Antonyms
- replete

de·voir /dəˈvwār/ noun
1: DUTY
2: a formal act of civility or respect

de·volve /dəˈvəlv/ verb de·vol·ved; de·vol·ving
1: to pass (as rights or responsibility) from one to another usu. by succession or transmission
— de·vo·lution /dəˈvələˈʃən/ noun
2: of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Silurian and the Mississippian
— Devonian noun

de·vote /dəˈvōt/ verb de·vot·ed; de·vot·ing
1: to commit to wholly or chiefly
2: to set apart for a special purpose: DEDICATE

Synonyms
- [1] address, apply, bend, buckle, give—more at APPLY
- [2] allocate, consecrate, dedicate, earmark, reserve, save; also hallow, sanctify; commit, confide, consign, entrust

de·vot·ed /dəˈvətəd/ adjective
1: characterized by loyalty and devotion: FAITHFUL

Synonyms
- constant, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true, true-blue—more at FAITHFUL

de·vo·tee /dəˈvē tē/ noun
1: an ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast

Synonyms
- addict, aficionado, buff, bug, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac, nut—more at FAN

de·vo·tion /dəˈvəSHən/ noun
1: religious fervor
2: an act of prayer or private worship — usu. used in pl.
**devo·tion·al /dəˈSHənəl/ adjective**
- of, relating to, or characterized by devotion

**Synonyms**
- religious, sacred, spiritual

**de·vour /dəˈvōr/ verb**
1: to eat greedily or ravenously
2: WASTE, ANNIHILATE
3: to enjoy avidly
4: a book

**de-vout /dəˈvəʊt/ adjective**
1: devoted to religion
2: expressing devotion or piety
3: EARNEST, SERIOUS

**Synonyms**
- faithful, godly, holy, pious, religious, sainted, saintly

**de·vout·ness /ˈnəs/ noun**
- the quality or state of being devout

**Synonyms**
- blessedness, godliness, holiness, piety, sainthood, sanctity

**dew /dūˈdyʊə/ noun**
- moisture that condenses on the surfaces of cool bodies at night

**dew·ber·ry /dūˈberᵻˌdɪˈvyʊə/ noun**
- any of several sweet edible berries related to and resembling blackberries; also: a trailing bramble bearing these

**dew·claw /ˈkim/ noun**
- a digit on the foot of a mammal that does not reach the ground; also: its claw or hoof

**dew·lap /ˈlap/ noun**
- loose skin hanging under the neck of an animal

**dew point noun**
- the temperature at which the moisture in the air begins to condense

**dex·ter·i·ty /ˈdɛkˈster.i.ti/ noun, plural -ties**
1: quickness and skill in managing any complicated or difficult affair
2: readiness and grace in physical activity; especially: skill and ease in using the hands

**Synonyms**
- adroitness, cleverness, craft, finesse, sleight; also ability, prowess, talent; competence, efficiency, expertise, know-how, proficiency; ingenuity, ingenuity, resourcefulness

**Antonyms**
- awkwardness, clumsiness

**dex·ter·ous also dex·trous /ˈdɛkstrəs/ adjective**
1: CLEVER
2: done with skillfulness
3 : skillful and competent with the hands
— dexterity adverb

Synonyms

[2] adroit, artful, delicate, expert, masterful, masterly, practiced, skillful, virtuoso—more at skillful

[3] clever, cunning, deft, handy; also agile, flexible, graceful, limber, lissome, lithe, nimble, spry; coordinated; adept, competent, expert, masterful, masterly, proficient, skilled, skillful; double-jointed

Antonyms

butterfingered, heavy-handed, unhandy

dextrose /dek-stros/ noun
: the naturally occurring form of glucose found in plants and blood

DFC abbreviation
Distinguished Flying Cross
dg abbreviation
decigram

DG abbreviation
1 [origin LL Dei gratia] by the grace of God
2 director general

DH /dē-ˈāch/ noun
: DESIGNATED HITTER
dhow /ˈdau/ noun
: an Arab sailing ship usu. having a long overhang forward and a high poop
dI abbreviation
drill instructor
dia abbreviation
diameter
diabetes /dī-ə-be-tēz/ noun
: an abnormal state marked by passage of excessive amounts of urine; especially: one (diabetes mellitus /ˌme-lē-tus/) characterized by deficient insulin, by excess sugar in the blood and urine, and by thirst, hunger, and loss of weight
— diabetic /bī-tik/ adjective or noun
diabolical /dī-ə-bəl-ik/ or diabolical /-ə-bəl-ik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of the devil: DEVILISH
— diabolically /bī-tik-əl-ē/ adverb

Synonyms

demonic, devilish, fiendish, satanic—more at fiendish
diagnostic /dī-ə-tig-nət-ik/ noun
: a mark accompanying a letter and indicating a sound value different from that of the same letter when unmarked
— diagnostic /-tig-nət-ik/ adjective
diadem /dī-ə-dem/ noun
: CROWN; especially: a royal headband
diagnosis /dī-ə-gə-nə-sis/ noun, plural diagnoses /-səz/
: the art or act of identifying a disease from its signs and symptoms; also: the decision reached by diagnosis
— diagnosis /-nō-sis/ noun, plural -ses /-sēz/
1 : investigation or analysis of the cause or nature of a condition, situation, or problem
b : a statement or conclusion from an investigation or analysis
— di-a-gnos-te /di-ag-nəs-tı/ adjective
— di-a-gnos-tic /di-ag-nəs-tık/ adjective
— di-a-gnos-ti-cian /di-ag-nəs-tı-shən/ noun

Synonyms

→ conclusion, decision, deliverance, determination, judgment, opinion, resolution, verdict—more at DECISION

1 diagonal /dı-ə-gə-nəl/ adjective
1 : extending from one corner to the opposite corner in a 4-sided figure
2 ▸ : running in a slanting direction (~ stripes)
3 : having slanting markings or parts (~ weave)
— di-a-gə-nə-ly adverb

Synonyms

→ canted, inclined, leaning, listing, oblique, slantwise

2 diagonal noun
1 : a diagonal line or plane
2 : a diagonal row, pattern, or direction
3 : a mark / used esp. to mean “or,” “and or,” or “per”

1 diagram /dı-ə-gram/ noun
✓ a design and esp. a drawing that makes something easier to understand
— di-a-gram-ma-ble /dı-ə-gram-mə-bəl/ adjective
— di-a-gram-ma-tic /dı-ə-gram-mə-tık/ adjective

Synonyms

→ figure, graphic, illustration, plate—more at ILLUSTRATION

2 diagram verb -grammed or -gramed /-gramld/; -gram-ing or -gram-ing
: to represent by a diagram

1 dial /dı(a)/ noun
[origin: ME dyal, fr. ML dies clock wheel revolving daily, fr. L dies day]
1 : the face of a sundial
2 : the face of a timepiece
3 : a face with a pointer and numbers that indicate something (~ of a gauge)
4 : a device used for making electrical connections or for regulating operation (as of a radio)

2 dial verb di-aled or di-alled; di-al-ing or di-al-ling
1 : to manipulate a dial so as to operate or select
2 ▸ : to make a telephone call or connection

Synonyms

→ call, telephone—more at CALL

3 dial abbreviation
dialect

di-ə-lect /dı-ə-lek/ noun
✓ a regional variety of a language

Synonyms

→ argot, cant, jargon, language, lingo, patois, patter, slang, vocabulary; also idiom, parlance, pidgin, speech, tongue, vernacular

di-ə-lec-tic /dı-ə-lek-tık/ noun
: the process or art of reasoning by discussion of conflicting ideas; also : the tension between opposing elements
— di-ə-lec-ti-cal /dı-ə-lek-tı-kəl/ adjective

di-a-lect-ical /dı-ə-lek-tı-ke-lı̃/ adverb

dialog box noun
: a window on a computer screen for choosing options or inputting information
di·a·logue /ˈdīˌəˌlōɡ/ also di·a·log noun
1: a conversation between two or more parties
2: the parts of a literary or dramatic work that represent conversation
Synonyms: colloquy, conversation, discourse, discussion, exchange—more at CONVERSATION

di·al·y·sis /ˈdīˌəˌlīs/ noun, plural -y·ses /ˌsēz/
1: the separation of substances from solution by means of their unequal diffusion through semipermeable membranes
2: the medical procedure of removing blood from an artery, purifying it by dialysis, and returning it to a vein
diam abbreviation diameter
di·am·e·ter /ˈdīˌəˌmeˌtər/ noun
1: a straight line passing through the center of a figure or body; especially: one that divides a circle in half
2: the length of a diameter
di·a·met·ric /ˌdīˌəˌmeˌtrik/ or di·a·met·ri·cal /ˌtrīˌkəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or constituting a diameter
2: completely opposed or opposite
—di·a·met·ri·cal·ly /ˌk(ə)ˈlē/ adverb
Synonyms: antipodal, antithetical, contradictory, contrary, opposite, polar—more at OPPOSITE
di·a·mond /ˈdīˌəˌmənd, ˈdīˌə/ noun
1: a hard brilliant mineral that consists of crystalline carbon and is used as a gem
2: a flat figure having four equal sides, two acute angles, and two obtuse angles
3: any of a suit of playing cards marked with a red diamond
4: infield; also: the entire playing field in baseball
di·a·mond·back rattlesnake /ˌbak/ noun
either of two large and deadly rattlesnakes of the southern U.S.
di·an·thus /ˈdīˌəˌnəθəs/ noun
1: PINK

di·a·pa·son /ˌdīˌəˌpaˌsohnˌpās/ noun
1: the organ stop governing the flue pipes that form the primary basis of organ tone
2: the entire range of musical tones
diaper /ˈdiːpar, ˈdīər/ noun
1: a cotton or linen fabric woven in a simple geometric pattern
2: a garment for a baby drawn up between the legs and fastened about the waist
diaper verb
1: to ornament with diaper designs
2: to put a diaper on
di·a·ph·a·rous /ˌdīˌəˌfəˈrōs/ adjective
of so fine a texture as to be transparent
di·a·pho·ret·ic /ˌdīˌəˌfaˌrēt/ adjective
having the power to increase perspiration
—diaphoretic noun
di·a·phragm /ˌdīˌəˌfrām/ noun
1: a sheet of muscle between the chest and abdominal cavities of a mammal
2: a vibrating disk (as in a microphone)
3: a cup-shaped device usu. of thin rubber fitted over the uterine cervix to act as a mechanical contraceptive barrier
— di·a·phrag·mat·ic /ˌdiˌaˈfrægˌmæt.ɪk/ adjective

di·a·rist /ˌdiˌaˈriːst/ noun
: one who keeps a diary

di·ar·rhea /ˌdi.əˈri.ə/ noun
[origin: ME diaria, fr. LL diarrhoea, fr. Gk diarrhoia, fr. diaper in to flow through, fr. dia- through + rhein to flow]
: abnormally frequent and watery bowel movements

di·ar·rho·e·a chiefly British variant of DIARRHEA

di·ary /ˌdi.əˈri/ noun, plural -ries
: a daily record esp. of personal experiences; also: a book used as a diary

di·as·po·ra /ˌdi.əˈspoʊrə/ noun
1 cap: the settling of scattered colonies of Jews outside Palestine after the Babylonian exile
2 cap: the Jews living outside Palestine or modern Israel
3: the migration or scattering of a people away from an ancestral homeland

di·as·to·le /ˌdi.əˈstəl/ noun
: the stretching of the chambers of the heart during which they fill with blood

— di·a·stol·ic /ˌdi.əˈstəl.ɪk/ adjective

dia·ther·my /ˌdi.əˈθər.mı/ noun
: the generation of heat in tissue by electric currents for medical purposes

di·a·tom /ˌdi.əˈtɒm/ noun
: any of a class of planktonic one-celled or colonial algae with skeletons of silica

di·a·tom·ic /ˌdi.əˈtɒm.ɪk/ adjective
: having two atoms in the molecule

di·a·tribe /ˌdi.əˈtrib/ noun
›: biting or abusive speech or writing

Synonyms
› harangue, rant, tirade—more at TIRADE

di·a·z·e·pam /ˌdi.əˈzɛp.əm/ noun
: a tranquilizer used esp. to relieve anxiety, tension, and muscle spasms

dib·ble /ˈdɪbəl/ noun
: a pointed hand tool for making holes (as for planting bulbs) in the ground
— dibble verb

1 dice /dɪs/ noun, plural dice
: DIE 1

2 dice verb diced; dic·ing
1 : to cut into small cubes <~ carrots>
2 : to play games with dice

di·chot·o·my /ˌdi.ˈkɒt.əˌmi/ noun, plural -mies
: a division or the process of dividing into two esp. mutually exclusive or contradictory groups
— di·chot·o·mous /ˌdi.ˈkɒt.əˌməs/ adjective

dick·er /ˈdɪk.ər/ verb
›: to negotiate over the terms of a purchase, agreement, or contract : BARGAIN

Synonyms
› bargain, chaffer, deal, haggle, negotiate, palter—more at BARGAIN

dick·ey or dicky /ˈdɪk.ə/ noun, plural dickeys or dick·ies
: a small fabric insert worn to fill in the neckline

di·cot·y·le·don /ˌdi.ˈkɒt.əˌlɪd.ən/ noun
: any of a group of seed plants having an embryo with two cotyledons
— di·cot·y·le·don·ous adjective

dict abbreviation
dictionary

dictate /dikˈtāt/ verb dic·tat·ed; dic·tat·ing
1 : to speak or read for a person to transcribe or for a machine to record
2 : to issue as an order : COMMAND
— dic·ta·tion /dikˈtā shən/ noun

dictate /dikˈtāt/ noun
1 : an authoritative rule, prescription, or injunction : COMMAND <the ~s of conscience>

Synonyms
behest, charge, command, commandment, decree, direction, directive, edict, instruction, order, word—more at COMMAND

dic·ta·tor /dikˈtārər/ noun
1 ▶ : a person ruling absolutely and often brutally and oppressively
2 : one that dictates

Synonyms
autocrat, despot, oppressor, tyrant—more at DESPOT

dic·ta·to·ri·al /dikˈtā ˌtō rē əl/ adjective
▷ of, relating to, or characteristic of a dictator or a dictatorship

Synonyms
arbitrary, authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, domineering, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY

dic·ta·tor·ship /dikˈtā ˌtōr ˌshəp/ noun
1 : the office of a dictator
2 : autocratic rule, control, or leadership
3 ▶ : a government or country in which absolute power is held by a dictator or a small clique

Synonyms
autocracy, despotism, totalitarianism, tyranny—more at DESPOTISM

dic·tion /dikˈshan/ noun
1 ▶ : choice of words esp. with regard to correctness, clearness, or effectiveness : WORDING
2 : ENUNCIATION

Synonyms
language, phraseology, phrasing, wording—more at WORDING

dic·tio·nary /dikˈshə ner ē/ noun, plural -nar·ies
: a reference book containing words usu. alphabetically arranged along with information about their forms, pronunciations, functions, etymologies, meanings, and syntactical and idiomatic uses

dic·tum /dikˈtəm/ noun, plural dic·ta /ˈtə/ also dictums
: a noteworthy, formal, or authoritative statement or observation

did past of do

di·dac·tic /dīˈdak ˌtik/ adjective
1 : intended to instruct, inform, or teach a moral lesson
2 : making moral observations

di·do /dēˈdō/ noun, plural didoes or didos
: a mischievous act : PRANK

1 die /dē/ verb died; dy·ing /ˈdī ɪŋ/
[origin: ME dien, fr. or akin to ON deyja to die]
1 ▶ : to cease living : EXPIRE
2 ▶ : to pass out of existence <a dying race>
3 : to disappear or subside gradually <the wind died down>
4 : to long keenly <dying to go> <dying for a snack>
5 : to cease functioning : stop <the motor died>

**Synonyms**
- [1] decease, depart, expire, pass, pass away, perish, succumb; also disappear, fade

**Antonyms**
- breathe, live
- [2] break off, break up, cease, close, conclude, discontinue, elapse, end, expire, finish, halt, lapse, leave off, let up, pass, quit, stop, terminate, wind up—more at cease
- usually die down [3] abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane—more at decrease
- [4] ache, hanker, hunger, itch, long, pant, pine, sigh, thirst, yearn

**die /deɪ/ noun**
[origin: ME dee, fr. AF dé]
1 plural dice /dɪs/ : a small cube marked on each face with one to six spots and used usu. in pairs in games and gambling
2 plural dies /dɪz/ : a device used to shape, finish, or impress an object

**die-hard /dɪˌhɑrd/ noun**
: one who is strongly devoted or determined

**dieresis** variant of diaeresis

**die-sel /dɪˈzel, -səl/ noun**
1 : DIESEL ENGINE
2 : a vehicle driven by a diesel engine
3 : DIESEL FUEL

**diesel engine noun**
: an internal combustion engine in whose cylinders air is compressed to a temperature sufficiently high to ignite the fuel

**diesel fuel noun**
: a heavy mineral oil used as fuel in diesel engines

**die-sel-ing /dɪˈze.ɪn/ noun**
: the continued operation of an internal combustion engine after the ignition has been turned off

**1 diet /dɪˈeɪt/ noun**
1 : food and drink regularly consumed : fare
2 : an allowance of food prescribed for a special reason (as to lose weight)

— di-e-ten-tics /dɪˈet.ɪ.tɪks/ noun singular or plural
: the science or art of applying the principles of nutrition to diet

— di-e-tic adjective

**di-e-tian or di-e-ti-cian /dɪˈet.ɪ.shən/ noun**
: a specialist in dietetics

**dif or diff** abbreviation

difference

**dif-fer /difˈeər/ verb dif-fered; dif-fer-ing**
difference /ˈdif.ər(ə)ns, ˈdifərəns/ noun
1 • the quality or state of being different: UNLIKENESS <~ in their looks>
2 • distinction or discrimination in preference
3 • disagreement in opinion; also: an instance or cause of disagreement <unable to settle their ~s>
4 • the amount by which one number or quantity differs from another

Synonyms
• [1] contrast, disagreement, discrepancy, disparity, distinction, diversity, unlikeness; also deviance, divergence; change, modification, variation; conflict, discord, dissension, dissent, disidence, disunity, friction, strife; variability, variance; incompatibility, incongruity; disproportion

Antonyms
• [3] controversy, disagreement, dispute, dissension

different /ˈdif.ər(ə)nt, ˈdifərənt/ adjective
1 • unlike in nature or quality
2 • not the same <~ age groups>; also: VARIOUS <~ members of the club>
3 • ANOTHER <try a ~ channel>
4 • UNUSUAL, SPECIAL

Synonyms
• [1, 2] disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, other, unalike, unlike, various; also divers, miscellaneous, several, sundry, variant, varied; individual, particular, peculiar, single; unequal; disproportionate

Antonyms
• alike, indistinguishable, like, parallel, same, similar

differently /ˈdif.ər.ənt.li/ adverb
• in a different manner

Synonyms
• else, other, otherwise—more at OTHERWISE

differential /ˈdif.ər.ən.təl/ adjective
• showing, creating, or relating to a difference

differential noun
1 • the amount or degree by which things differ
2 • DIFFERENTIAL GEAR

differential gear noun
• an arrangement of gears in an automobile that allows one wheel to turn faster than another (as in rounding curves)

differentiate /ˈdif.ər.ənt.i.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 • to make or become different
2 • to attain a specialized adult form and function during development
3 • to recognize or state the difference <~ between them>

— differentiation /ˌdif.ər.ənˈtē.ən/ noun

Synonyms
• discern, discriminate, distinguish, separate—more at DISTINGUISH

difficult /ˈdif.i(k)əlt/ adjective
1 • hard to do or make
2 • hard to understand or deal with <~ reading > <a ~ child>

Synonyms
• [1] arduous, demanding, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, herculean, laborious, murderous, rough, stiff, strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough—more at HARD
• [2] catchy, delicate, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at TRICKY
difficulty /ˈdɪfɪklɪti/ noun, plural difficulties
[origin: ME difficulte, fr. AF difficulté, fr. L difficilis not easy, fr. dis-not + facilis easy]
1 : difficult nature <the ~ of a task>
2 : DISAGREEMENT <settled their difficulties>
3 • : something that is difficult or serves to impede <overcome difficulties>
4 : an instance of trouble <in financial difficulties>

Synonyms

• adversity, asperity, hardness, hardship, rigor; also discomfort, inconvenience, nuisance; affliction, trial, tribulation; knock, misfortune, mishap, tragedy; bar, catch, check, clog, crimp, embarrassment, handicap, hindrance, hitch, hurdle, impediment, interference, let, manacle, obstacle, obstruction, rub, shackle, snag, stop, trammel; block, chain, deterrent, encumbrance, fetter, inhibition; hump
• complexity, complication, intricacy—more at COMPLICATION

dif·fi·dent /ˈdɪfədənt/ adjective
1 • : lacking confidence
2 • : RESERVED
— dif·fi·dence /ˈdəns/ noun
— dif·fi·dent·ly adverb

Synonyms

• bashful, coy, demure, introverted, modest, retiring, sheepish, shy—more at SHY

dif·frac·tion /ˈdɪfrækʃən/ noun
: the bending or spreading of waves (as of light) esp. when passing through narrow slits

1 diffuse /ˈdɪfəs/ adjective
1 • : being at once verbose and ill-organized << writing>
2 : not concentrated or localized << light>

Synonyms

• circuitous, long-winded, prolix, rambling, verbose, windy, wordy—more at WORDY

2 diffuse /ˈdɪfəs/ verb dif·fused; dif·fus·ing
1 : to pour out or spread widely
2 : to undergo or cause to undergo diffusion
3 : to break up light by diffusion

dif·fu·sion /ˈdɪfjuˈziən/ noun
1 : a diffusing or a being diffused
2 : movement of particles (as of a gas) from a region of high to one of lower concentration
3 : the reflection of light from a rough surface or the passage of light through a translucent material

1 dig /dɪg/ verb dug /dʌg/; dig·ging
1 : to turn up the soil (as with a spade)
2 : to hollow out or form by removing earth << a hole>
3 a : to uncover or seek by turning up earth << potatoes>
 b • : to penetrate below the surface in search of something hidden or buried — used with into
c • : to advance by or as if by removing or pushing aside material << through the toy box>
4 • : to come upon by searching or effort : DISCOVER << up information>
5 : POKE, THRUST << a person in the ribs>
6 : to work hard
7 a : UNDERSTAND, APPRECIATE
 b • : to feel attraction toward or take pleasure in : LIKE

Synonyms

• usually dig into [3b] delve, explore, go, inquire, investigate, look, probe, research—more at EXPLORE
• usually dig through [3c] dredge, hunt, rake, ransack, rifle, rummage, scour, search—more at SEARCH
• usually dig up [4] ascertain, descry, detect, determine, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, locate, run down, scout, track—more at FIND
• [7b] adore, delight, enjoy, fancy, groove, like, love, relish, revel—more at ENJOY

2 dig noun
1 a : a quick thrust : poke
b : a cutting remark
2 plural : living accommodations

**Synonyms**
- affront, barb, dart, indignity, insult, name, offense, outrage, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at **insult**

3 **digest abbreviation**

digest

1 **digest /dɪˈjest/ noun**
- : a summation or condensation of a body of information; especially : a summarized or shortened version esp. of a literary work

**Synonyms**
- abbreviation, condensation
- abstract, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, recapitulation, résumé, roundup, sum, summary, synopsis—more at **summary**

2 **digest /dɪˈjest, də-/ verb**
1 : to think over and arrange in the mind
2 : to convert (food) into simpler forms that can be absorbed by the body
3 : to compress into a short summary
   - di·gest·i·bil·i·ty /dɪˈjestəbᵊlᵊtᵊ/ noun
   - di·gest·i·ble adjective
   - di·ges·tion /dɪˈges·ʃən/ noun
   - di·ges·tive /dɪˈges·tɪv/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- abstract, encapsulate, epitomize, outline, recapitulate, sum up, summarize, wrap up—more at **summarize**

**di·ges·tif /dɪˈdʒes·tɪf/ noun**
: an alcoholic drink taken after a meal

**dig in verb**
1 : to take a defensive stand esp. by digging trenches
2 : to firmly set to work
3 : to begin eating

**dig·it /ˈdɪdʒɪt/ noun**
[origin: ME, fr. L digitus finger, toe]
1 : any of the Arabic numerals 1 to 9 and usu. the symbol 0
2 : **finger, toe**

**Synonyms**
- figure, integer, number, numeral, whole number—more at **number**

**di·gi·tal /dɪˈdʒɪtal/ adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or done with a finger or toe
2 : of, relating to, or using calculation by numerical methods or by discrete units
3 : relating to or employing communications signals in the form of binary digits <a ~ broadcast>
   - di·gi·tal·ly adverb
4 : providing a readout in numerical digits <a ~ watch>
5 : **electronic**; also : characterized by computerized technology <the ~ age>

**digital camera noun**
: a camera that records images as digital data instead of on film

**di·gi·tal·is /dɪˈdʒɪtal·ɪs/ noun**
: a drug from the common foxglove that is a powerful heart stimulant; also : **foxbright**

**digital versatile disc noun**
: **DVD**
digital video disc noun
: DVD

dig-ni-fied /dij.na. fi'd/ adjective
♦ : showing or expressing dignity

   Synonyms
   ♦ august, imposing, solemn, staid, stately; also decorous, formal, proper, seemly; grim, sober, somber;
     aristocratic, lordly, majestic, noble
   Antonyms
   ♦ flighty, frivolous, giddy, goofy, silly, undignified

dig-ni-fy /dij.ni 'fi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
♦ : to give dignity, distinction, or attention to
   Synonyms
   ♦ aggrandize, ennoble, exalt, glorify, magnify—more at EXALT

dig-ni-ty /dij.ni 'te/ noun, plural -tar·ies
: a person of high position or honor

di·graph /di'graf/ noun
♦ : a group of two successive letters whose phonetic value is a single sound (as ea in bread)

di·gress /di'gres, da/ verb
: to turn aside esp. from the main subject or argument
   — di·gres·sion /di'gres. shan/ noun

di·gres·sive /di'gres. iv/ adjective
♦ : characterized by digressions
   Synonyms
   ♦ desultory, discursive, rambling—more at DISCURSIVE

Di·jon mustard /dij. zhăn, di'zhăn/ noun
: a mustard made from dark mustard seeds, white wine, and spices

dike /dik/ noun
1 ♦ : an artificial watercourse : DITCH
2 ♦ : a bank of earth constructed to control water : LEVEE
   Synonyms
   ♦ [1] ditch, gutter, trench—more at DITCH
   ♦ [2] dam, embankment, levee—more at DAM

dil abbreviation
dilute

di·lap-i dat·ed /di'la.pə.dəd/ adjective
♦ : fallen into partial ruin or decay
   Synonyms
   ♦ grungy, mangy, mean, miserable, neglected, ratty, scruffy, seedy, shabby, tacky, threadbare—more at SHABBY

di·lap-i·da·tion /de la 'pa. də shən/ noun
♦ : the act of dilapidating or the state of being dilapidated
   Synonyms
   ♦ desolation, disrepair, neglect—more at NEGLECT

di·late /di'lat, 'di lat/ verb di·lat·ed; di·lat·ing
   ♦ SWELL, DISTEND, EXPAND
dilation /dɪˈleɪ.ʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : DELAYING
2 ▶ characterized by procrastination : TARDY
   Synonyms
   ▶ creeping, laggard, languid, poky, slow, sluggish, tardy—more at SLOW

dilation /dɪˈleɪ.ʃən/ noun
1 : a usu. undesirable or unpleasant choice; also : a situation involving such a choice
2 : PREDICAMENT

dilettante /dɪˈlet.ənt/ noun, plural -tantes or -tan·ti /ˈtænti, ˈtæntə/ [origin: It. fr. prp. of dilettare to delight, fr. L dilectare]
: a person having a superficial interest in an art or a branch of knowledge

diligence /dɪˈli.jəns/ noun
▶ persevering application
   Synonyms
   ▶ assiduity, industry; also application, concentration; doggedness, perseverance, persistence, tenacity, tirelessness

diligent /dɪˈli.jənt/ adjective
▶ characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort
   Synonyms
   ▶ active, assiduous, busy, engaged, laborious, occupied, sedulous, working—more at BUSY

diligently /dɪˈli.jəntli/ adverb
▶ in a diligent manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ determinedly, hard, laboriously, strenuously, tirelessly—more at HARD

dill /dɪl/ noun
: an herb related to the carrot with aromatic leaves and seeds used as seasoning and in pickles

dilly /ˈdɪli/ noun, plural dillies
: one that is remarkable or outstanding

dilly-dally /ˈdɪliˌdaˌli/ verb
▶ to waste time by loitering or delaying
   Synonyms
   ▶ crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, drag, lag, linger, loiter, poke, tarry—more at DELAY
dilute /dɪˈluːt, dɪˌluːt/ verb diluted /dɪˈluːtɪd, dɪˌluːtɪd/; diluting
▶ to lessen the consistency or strength of by mixing with something else
   Synonyms
   ▶ adulterate, thin, water, weaken—more at ADULTERATE
   ▶ impure, polluted—more at IMPURE
   ▶ diluted, thin, watery, weak—more at WEAK
dilute adjective
▶ having the consistency or strength of lessened by mixing with something else : DILUTED
   Synonyms
   ▶ impure, polluted—more at IMPURE
   ▶ diluted, thin, watery, weak—more at WEAK

dim /dɪm/ adjective dim·mer; dim·mest
1 ▶ : lacking brilliance or luster : DULL
2 ▶ : not bright or distinct : OBSCURE
3 : not seeing or understanding clearly
4 ▶ : perceived by the senses or mind indistinctly or weakly
— dim·ly adverb
— dim·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] dull, flat, lusterless
▷ [2] dark, darkling, dusky, gloomy, murky, obscure, somber—more at DARK
▷ [4] bleary, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at FAINT

2dim verb dimmed; dim·ming
1 ▷ : to make or become dim or lusterless
2 ▷ : to reduce the light from

Synonyms
▷ [1, 2] becloud, befog, blur, cloud, darken, fog, haze, mist, obscure, overcast, overshadow, shroud—more at CLOUD

3dim abbreviation
1 dimension
2 diminished
3 diminutive

dime /dim/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, tenth part, tithe, fr. AF disme, dime, fr. L decima, fr. fem. of decimus tenth, fr. decem ten]
: a U.S. coin worth 1/10 dollar

di-men·sion /diˈmen·shan, -shan/ noun
1 : the physical property of length, breadth, or thickness; also : a measure of this
2 a ▷ : the quality of spatial extension : EXTENT
b : the range over which or the degree to which something extends : SCOPE — usu. used in pl.
— di-men·sion·al /ˈmen·sha·nal/ adjective
— di-men·sion·al·i·ty /ˈmen·sha·nal·əˈti/ noun

Synonyms
▷ extent, magnitude, measure, measurement, proportion, size—more at SIZE

dim·ish /diˈmish/ verb
1 ▷ : to make less or cause to appear less
2 ▷ : to lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of : BELITTLE
3 ▷ : to become gradually less (as in size or importance) : DWINDLE
4 ▷ : to diminish gradually : TAPER

Synonyms
▷ [2] belittle, cry down, decry, deprecate, depreciate, discount, disparage, minimize, put down, write off—more at DECRY
▷ [3, 4] abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane

di·min·u·en·do /diˈmin·yəˌnəndə/ adverb or adjective
: DECRESCENDO
di·men·tion·a·tion /diˈmen·sha·ne·shən/ noun
▷ : the act, process, or an instance of diminishing

Synonyms
▷ abatement, decline, decrease, decrement, drop, fall, loss, reduction, shrinkage—more at DECREASE

dim·in·u·ti·ve /diˈmin·yəˌtiv/ noun
1 : a diminutive word or affix
2 : a diminutive individual

2diminutive adjective
1 : indicating small size and sometimes the state or quality of being lovable, pitiable, or contemptible <the ~ suffixes -ette and -ling>
2 : extremely small : TINY
dim·i·ty /ˈdiˌma-tē/ noun, plural -ties
: a thin usu. corded cotton fabric

dim·mer /ˈdiˌmar/ noun
: a device for controlling the amount of light from an electric lighting unit

di·mor·phic /ˌdiˈmər-fik/ adjective
: occurring in two distinct forms

— di·mor·phism /ˌdiˌmor-izəm/ noun

dimple /ˈdim-pəl/ noun
: a small depression esp. in the cheek or chin

dimple verb dim·pled, dim·pling
: to form dimples (as in smiling)

din /ˈdin/ noun
: a loud confused mixture of noises

Synonyms

bluster, cacophony, clamor, noise, racket, roar—more at NOISE

dine /ˈdīn/ verb dined; din·ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF disner, diner to eat, have a meal, fr. VL *disjejunare to break one's fast, ultim. fr. L jejunos fasting]
1 ✴ : to eat dinner
2 ✴ : to give a dinner to

Synonyms

[1] eat, fare, feed; also banquet, feast, fete; board, mess; breakfast, lunch, sup; picnic
[2] banquet, feast, junket, regale—more at FEAST

din·er /ˈdīn-ər/ noun
1 ✴: one that dines
2 ✴: a railroad dining car
3 ✴: a restaurant usu. resembling a dining car

Synonyms

café, grill, restaurant—more at RESTAURANT

di·nette /ˌdiˌnét/ noun
: an alcove or small room used for dining

ding /ˈdīŋ/ verb
: to cause minor damage to a surface

— ding noun

din·ghy /ˈdīn-ē/ noun, plural dinghies
1 ✴: a small boat
2 ✴: LIFE RAFT

din·gi·ness /ˈdīn-je-nəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being dingy

Synonyms

dirtiness, filthiness, foulness, grubbiness, nastiness, uncleanliness—more at DIRTINESS

din·gle /ˈdīŋ-gəl/ noun
: a small wooded valley

din·go /ˈdīŋ-gō/ noun, plural dingoes
: a reddish brown wild dog of Australia

din·gus /ˈdīŋ-gas, ˌdīn-gəs/ noun
: DOODAD

din·gy /ˈdīŋ-gə/ adjective din·gi·er; -est
1: not clean or pure: **dirty**
2: **shabby**
dink /ˈdɪŋk/ noun, often all cap
[origin: double income, no kids]
:a couple with two incomes and no children; also: a member of such a couple
dinky /ˈdɪŋkɪ/ adjective din·ki·er, -est
: overly or unattractively small
dinner /ˈdɪnər/ noun
1: the main meal of the day
2: a formal banquet
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ banquet, feast, feed, spread—more at **feast**
dinner·ware /ˈdɪnərˌwər/ noun
: tableware other than flatware
din·o /ˈdɪnə/ noun, plural dinos
dinosaur
[origin: ultim. fr. Gk deinos terrifying + sauros lizard]
: any of a group of extinct long-tailed Mesozoic reptiles often of huge size
dint /ˈdɪnt/ noun
1: **force** <by ~ of sheer grit>
2: a depression or hollow made by a blow or by pressure: **dent**
din·o·fla·gel·late /ˈdɪnəˌflaləˈgəlt/ noun
: any of an order of planktonic plantlike unicellular flagellates of which some cause red tide
dinosaur
[origin: ultim. fr. Gk deinos terrifying + sauros lizard]
dinosaurus
[plural -ces /ˌsaʊərəs/]
dino·se·re·ion /ˈdɪnəˌsərəˈjən/ noun
: the territorial jurisdiction of a bishop
diode /ˈdīəd/ noun
: an electronic device with two electrodes or terminals used esp. as a rectifier
di·ox·in /ˈdīˌoksten/ noun
: a persistent toxic hydrocarbon that occurs esp. as a by-product of industrial processes and waste incineration
dip /dip/ verb dipped, dip·ping
1 ▶: to plunge temporarily or partially under the surface (as of a liquid)
2: to thrust in a way to suggest immersion
3 ▶: to scoop up or out: **ladle**
4: to lower and then raise quickly <~ a flag in salute>
5 ▶: to drop or slope down esp. suddenly <the moon dipped below the crest>
6 ▶: to decrease moderately and usu. temporarily <prices dipped>
7: to reach inside or as if inside or below a surface <dipped into their savings>
8 ▶: to examine or read something casually or superficially <~ into a book>
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ [1] douse, duck, dunk, immerse, souse, submerge; also: drench, flood, soak, wet; plunge, thrust
  ▶ [3] ladle, scoop, spoon; also: bail; deplete, drain, eliminate, exhaust; bleed, draw (off); dish; draw, siphon
  ▶ [5, 6] decline, descend, drop, fall, lower, plummet, plunge, sink, tumble—more at **drop**
  ▶ [8] browse, glance, glimpse, peek, skim—more at **glance**
dip noun
1: an act of dipping; especially: a short swim
2 ▶: inclination downward: **drop**
3: something obtained by or used in dipping
4: a sauce or soft mixture into which food may be dipped
5: a liquid into which something may be dipped (as for cleansing or coloring)

Synonyms
- descent, dive, down, drop, fall, plunge—more at DESCENT

diph·the·ria /dɪfˌθɛr.i.ə/ noun
an acute contagious bacterial disease marked by fever and by coating of the air passages with a membrane that interferes with breathing

diph·thong /dɪfˈθɒŋ/ noun
two vowel sounds joined in one syllable to form one speech sound (as ou in out)

dip·loid /dɪˈplɔɪd/ adjective
having two haploid sets of chromosomes (~ somatic cells)
— diploid noun

di·plo·ma /dɪˈplə.mə/ noun, plural diplomas
an official record of graduation from or of a degree conferred by a school

di·plo·ma·cy /dɪˈplə.məˌsi/ noun
1: the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations
2: TACT

dip·lo·mat /dɪˈplə.mat/ noun
one employed or skilled in diplomacy
— dip·lo·mat·ic /dɪˈplə.mæt.ɪk/ adjective

di·plo·ma·tist /dɪˈplə.məˌstɪst/ noun
— DIPLOMAT

dip·per /dɪˈpər/ noun
1: any of a genus of birds that are related to the thrushes and are skilled in diving
2: something (as a ladle or scoop) that dips or is used for dipping
3 cap: BIG DIPPER
4 cap: LITTLE DIPPER

dip·so·ma·nia /ˌdɪpsəˈme.ni.ə/ noun
an uncontrollable craving for alcoholic liquors
— dip·so·ma·ni·ac /ˌdɪpsəˈme.nə.kəl/ noun

dip·stick /dɪpˈstɪk/ noun
a graduated rod for indicating depth

dip·ter·an /dɪpˈte.rən/ adjective
of, relating to, or being a fly (sense 2)
— dipteran noun
— dip·ter·ous /ˌdɪptər.əs/ adjective

dir abbreviation
1 direction
2 director

dire /dɪr/ adjective dire·er; dire·est
1: very horrible: DREADFUL
2: warning of disaster
3: EXTREME
4: demanding immediate action to fend off disastrous consequences

Synonyms
- [1] dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, scary, shocking, terrible, terrifying—more at FEARFUL
- [2] baleful, foreboding, menacing, ominous, portentous, sinister—more at OMINOUS
1. direct /drɛk/ verb
   1. ADDRESS <- a letter>; also : to impart orally : AIM <- a remark to the gallery
   2. : to regulate the activities or course of : guide the supervision, organizing, or performance of
   3. : to cause to turn, move, or point or to follow a certain course
   4. : to point, extend, or project in a specified line or course
   5. : to request or instruct with authority
   6. : to show or point out the way

   Synonyms
   - [2] administer, carry on, conduct, control, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run,
     superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT
   - [3] aim, bend, cast, head, level, set, train—more at AIM
   - [5] command, decree, dictate, ordain, order
   - [6] conduct, guide, lead, marshal, pilot, route, show, steer, usher—more at LEAD

2. direct adjective
   1. : stemming immediately from a source <- result>
   2. : being or passing in a straight line of descent : LINEAL <- ~ ancestor>
   3. : leading from one point to another in time or space without turn or stop : STRAIGHT
   4. : free from evasiveness or obscurity : STRAIGHTFORWARD <- a ~ manner>
   5. : operating without an intervening agency or step <- action>
   6. : effected by the action of the people or the electorate and not by representatives <- democracy>
   7. : consisting of or reproducing the exact words of a speaker or writer

   Synonyms
   - [1] firsthand, immediate, primary; also clinical
   - Antonyms
     - indirect, secondhand
   - [4] candid, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, open, outspoken, plain, straight, straightforward, unguarded,
     unreserved—more at FRANK

3. direct adverb
   - in a direct way

   Synonyms
   - dead, directly, due, plump, right, straight—more at DIRECTLY

4. direct deposit noun
   - a method of payment in which money is transferred to the payee's account without the use of checks or cash

5. direct broadcast satellite noun
   - a television broadcasting system in which satellite transmissions are received at the viewing location

6. direct current noun
   - an electric current flowing in one direction only

7. direction /drɛk'shən/ noun
   1. : guidance or supervision of action or conduct : MANAGEMENT
   2. : an explicit instruction : COMMAND
   3. : the course or line along which something moves, lies, or points
   4. : TENDENCY, TREND

   —di·rec·tional /sə'nəl/ adjective

   Synonyms
   - administration, conduct, control, government, guidance, management, operation, oversight, regulation,
     running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT

8. directive /drɛk'tiv/ noun
   - something that directs and usu. impels toward an action or goal; especially : an order issued by a high-level body
     or official

   Synonyms
direct, edict, fiat, ruling—more at EDICT
behest, charge, command, commandment, decree, dictate, direction, edict, instruction, order, word—more at COMMAND
di·rect·ly /dɪˈrɛktli/ adverb
1 • : in a direct manner
2 • : without delay

Synonyms
[1] dead, direct, due, plump, right, straight

Antonyms
indirectly
[2] forthwith, immediately, instantly, now, promptly, pronto, right away, right now—more at IMMEDIATELY
direct mail noun
: printed matter used for soliciting business or contributions and mailed direct to individuals
di·rect·ness /dɪˈrɛktəs/ noun
1 : the character of being accurate in course or aim
2 • : strict pertinence : FORTHRIGHTNESS

Synonyms
candor, forthrightness, frankness, openness, plainness—more at CANDOR
di·rec·tor /dəˈrek.taɪəl/ noun
1 • : one that directs : MANAGER
2 : one of a group of persons who direct the affairs of an organized body
— di·rec·tor·ship noun

Synonyms
administrator, executive, manager, superintendent, supervisor—more at EXECUTIVE
di·rec·tor·ate /dəˈrek.tər.i/ noun
1 • : the office or position of director
2 : a board of directors; also : membership on such a board
3 : an executive staff

di·rec·to·ri·al /dəˈrek.tər.i.əl/ adjective
• : serving to direct

Synonyms
executive, managerial, supervisory—more at EXECUTIVE
direct or's cut noun
: a version of a motion picture that is edited according to the director's wishes
di·rec·to·ry /dəˈrek.tɔr.i/ noun, plural -ries
• : an alphabetical or classified list esp. of names and addresses
dire·ful /ˈdaɪr.fəl/ adjective
1 • : causing great and oppressive fear : DREADFUL
2 : OMINOUS
dirge /ˈdaɪr.dʒ/ noun
• : a song of lamentation; also : a slow mournful piece of music

Synonyms
elegy, lament, requiem, threnody—more at LAMENT
di·ri·gi·ble /dəˈri.dʒə.bəl/ noun
• : AIRSHIP
dirk /ˈdɜrk/ noun
• : DAGGER 1
dirndl /ˈdɪrn.dəl/ noun
• : a full skirt with a tight waistband
dirt /dərt/ noun
1 ▶: a filthy or soiling substance (as mud, dust, or grime)
2 ▶: loose or packed earth: soil
3 ▶: moral uncleanness
4 ▶: scandalous gossip
5 ▶: embarrassing or incriminating information

Synonyms
▶ [1] filth, grime, muck, smut, soil—more at filth
▶ [2] earth, ground, soil; also clay, dust, gravel, humus, loam, loess, marl, mud, sand, silt, subsoil, topsoil

dirt·i·ness /dər.ti.nəs/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being dirty

Synonyms
▶ dinginess, filthiness, foulness, grubbiness, nastiness, uncleanliness; also impurity; shabbiness; squalor

Antonyms

dirty /dərti/ adjective dirt·i·er; -est
1 ▶: not clean: soiled
2 ▶: morally unclean or corrupt: indecent <~ jokes>
3 a ▶: lacking honor: base <~ trick>
b ▶: not characteristic of or exhibiting good sportsmanship
4 ▶: relating to, characterized by, or indicative of a storm <~ weather>
5 ▶: not clear in color: dull <~ red>

— dirty adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] dusty, filthy, foul, grubby, grungy, mucky, muddy, nasty, smutty, soiled, sordid, unclean; also contaminated, defiled, impure, polluted, tainted; uncleaned, unsanitary, unsterile, unwashed; discolored; bedraggled; chaotic, cluttered, confused, disarranged, disheveled, disordered, jumbled, littered, messed, messy, muddled, mussed, mussy, rumpled, scruffy, sloppy, slovenly, unkempt, untidy; shabby, sleazy, squalid; smutty, sooty

Antonyms

clean, cleanly, immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless, stainless, unsoiled, unstained, unsullied
▶ [2] bawdy, coarse, crude, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lascivious, lewd, nasty, obscene, pornographic, ribald, smutty, unprintable, vulgar, wanton—more at obscene
▶ [3a] base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at ignoble
▶ [3b] foul, illegal, unfair, unsportsmanlike
▶ [4] bleak, foul, inclement, nasty, raw, rough, squally, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent—more at foul

dirty verb dirt·ied; dirt·y·ing
▶: to make or become dirty

Synonyms
▶ befoul, begrime, besmirch, blacken, foul, grime, mire, muddy, smirch, soil, stain; also contaminate, defile, pollute, taint; discolor; confuse, disarrange, disarray, dishevel, disorder, jumble, mess, muddle

Antonyms

clean, cleanse

dis·able /di'səbəl/ verb dis·abled; dis·abling
1 ▶: to disqualify legally
2 ▶: to make unable to perform by or as if by illness, injury, or malfunction

— dis·abil·i·ty /di'səble.teɪ/ noun

Synonyms
▶ cripple, hamstring, immobilize, incapacitate, paralyze, prostrate—more at paralyze

dis·abled adjective
▶: incapacitated by illness, injury, or wounds; also: physically or mentally impaired

Synonyms
challenged, handicapped; also blind, deaf, dumb, halt, lame, mute, paralyzed; ailing, diseased, ill, sick, unfit, unhealthy, unsound, unwell

**Antonyms**
able-bodied

**disabuse** /dɪˈsaːbəs/ verb
: to free from error, fallacy, or misconception

**disadvantage** /dɪˈsed.ˈvæntɪdʒ/ noun
1 : loss or damage esp. to reputation or finances
2 a : an unfavorable, inferior, or prejudicial condition
b : a quality or circumstance that makes achievement unusually difficult: HANDICAP

**Synonyms**
drawback, handicap, liability, minus, penalty, strike; also detriment, disability, impairment; failing, shortcoming; bar, catch, check, clog, crimp, embarrassment, hindrance, hitch, hurdle, impediment, interference, let, manacle, obstacle, obstruction, rub, shackles, stop, trammel

**Antonyms**
advantage, asset, edge, plus

**disadvantaged** /dɪˈdɪd.ɪd/ adjective
: lacking in basic resources or conditions believed necessary for an equal position in society

**disadvantageous** /dɪˈsed.ˈvæntɪdʒəs/ adjective
: constituting a disadvantage

**Synonyms**
adverse, counter, hostile, inimical, negative, prejudicial, unfavorable, unfriendly, unsympathetic—more at ADVERSE

**disaffect** /dɪˈsɛfɛkt/ verb
: to alienate the affection or loyalty of

**Synonyms**
alienate, disgruntle, estrange, sour—more at ESTRANGE
discontent, disgruntle, displease, dissatisfy—more at DISCONTENT

**disaffection** /dɪˈsɛfɛkʃən/ noun
: alienation of affection

**Synonyms**
alienation, estrangement—more at ESTRANGEMENT

**disagree** /dɪˈseɪɡr/ verb
1 : to fail to agree
2 : to differ in opinion
3 : to cause discomfort or distress <fried foods ~ with her>

**disagreeable** /dɪˈseɪɡrəbəl/ adjective
1 : causing discomfort: UNPLEASANT
2 : marked by ill temper: ILL-TEMPERED

**disagreeableness** noun

**disagreeably** /dɪˈseɪɡrəbli/ adverb

**Synonyms**
[1] bad, distasteful, nasty, rotten, sour, uncongenial, unlovely, unpleasant, unwelcome—more at UNPLEASANT
[2] bearish, bilious, cantankerous, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic, surly

**disagreement** /dɪˈseɪɡmənt/ noun
1 : the act or instance of disagreeing
2 a : the state of being at variance: DISPARITY
b : a usu. verbal conflict between antagonists: QUARREL

**Synonyms**
[1] controversy, difference, dispute, dissension; also clash, collision, conflict, discord, strife; debate, discussion; altercation, argument, bicker, falling-out, fight, quarrel
Antonyms
accord, agreement, harmony
  ↣ [2a] contrast, difference, discrepancy, disparity, distinction, diversity, unlikeness—more at difference
  ↣ [2b] altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, dispute, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at argument

DISALLOW /diˈsaʊlə/ verb
1 ▶: to deny the force, truth, or validity of: reject <~ a claim>
2 ▶: to refuse to allow
  Synonyms
  ▷ contradict, deny, disavow, disclaim, gainsay, negate, negative, reject, repudiate—more at deny

DISALLOWANCE /diˈsaʊləns/ noun
▷: the act of disallowing
  Synonyms
  ▷ contradiction, denial, disavowal, disclaimer, negation, rejection, repudiation—more at denial

DISAPPEAR /diˈseɪpər/ verb
1 ▶: to pass out of sight
2 : to cease to be: become lost
— DISAPPEARANCE noun
  Synonyms
  ▷ dissolve, evaporate, fade, flee, go, melt, vanish; also clear, dissipate
  Antonyms
  ▷ appear, materialize

DISAPPOINT /diˈseɪpɔɪnt/ verb
▷: to fail to fulfill the expectation or hope of
  Synonyms
  ▷ cheat, dissatisfy, fail, let down; also discontent, disgruntle, displease; disenchant, disillusion
  Antonyms
  ▷ satisfy

DISAPPOINTMENT /ˌdɪsəˈpɔɪntmənt/ noun
▷: the act or an instance of disappointing: the state or emotion of being disappointed
  Synonyms
  ▷ dismay, dissatisfaction, frustration, letdown; also disenchantment, disillusionment; blues, dejection, depression, desolation, despondency, distress, doldrums, dolor, gloom, gloominess, melancholy, oppression, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness; alarm, concern, consternation; chagrin, discomfiture
  Antonyms
  ▷ contentment, gratification, satisfaction

DISAPPROBATION /diˌsa.prəˈba.ʃən/ noun
▷: the act or state of disapproving: the state of being disapproved: disapproval

DISAPPROVAL /ˌdiˌsə.prəˈvɑl/ noun
▷: the act or state of disapproving: the state of being disapproved
  Synonyms
  ▷ deprecation, disfavor, dislike, displeasure; also blame, censure, criticism, denunciation, dressing down, opprobrium, reproach, reprobation; antagonism, antipathy, hostility; disparagement, opposition
  Antonyms
  ▷ approbation, approval, favor

DISAPPROVE /ˈdɪprəv/ verb
1 ▶: to pass unfavorable judgment on
2 : to feel or express disapproval <~s of smoking>
3 ▶: to refuse approval to: reject
— DISAPPROVINGLY /ˈdɪprə.vɪŋ.ɪlɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
usually disapprove of [1] deprecate, discountenance, disfavor, dislike, frown, reprove; also blame, censure, condemn, criticize, denounce, reprehend, reprehend, scold

**Antonyms**
approve, favor, like

[3] decline, disallow, negative, refuse, reject, repudiate, spurn, turn down—more at DECLENE

dis·arm /di, sär/ verb
1 : to take arms or weapons from
2 : to reduce the size and strength of the armed forces of a country
3 ․ : to make harmless, peaceable, or friendly : win over <a ~ing smile>
— dis·ar·ma·ment /'sär-mə-mənt/ noun

**Synonyms**
appease, conciliate, mollify, pacify, placate, propitiate—more at PACIFY

dis·ar·range /di, sär·ən/ verb
1 : to disturb the arrangement or order of
2 : the act of disarranging or the state of being disarranged

dis·ar·ray /'rā/ noun
1 ․ : a lack of order or sequence : DISORDER
2 : disorderly or careless dress

**Synonyms**
chaos, confusion, disorder, disorganization, havoc, hell, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

dis·as·sem·ble /di, sa, sem-bal/ verb
1 : to take apart
2 : to spread out, disassemble, strip to parts
3 : to break down, take apart : REPAIR

**Synonyms**
dismantle, knock down, strike, take down; also detach, disengage; disconnect, divide, disjoin, disunite, separate

**Antonyms**
assemble, construct, put together

dis·as·so·ci·ate /di, so, shē, at/ verb
1 : to put or keep apart
2 : to separate
3 : to detach from association

**Synonyms**
calamity, catastrophe, disaster, debacle, tragedy; also collapse, crash, meltdown; convulsion, paroxysm, upheaval; accident, casualty, fatality; misadventure, mischance, misfortune, mishap, woe; bummer, downer

dis·as·tro·sous /di, as′trəs// noun
1 : a sudden or great misfortune
3 : attended by or causing suffering or disaster

**Synonyms**
calamitous, catastrophic, destructive, fatal, fateful, ruinous, unfortunate—more at FATAL

dis·avow /di, sa, və/ verb
1 ․ : to deny responsibility for : REPRODUCE
2 ․ : to refuse to acknowledge or accept : DISCLAIM

**Synonyms**
[1, 2] contradict, deny, disallow, disclaim, gainsay, negate, negative, reject, repudiate—more at DENY

dis·avow·al /di, sa, va′əl/ noun
1 : the act or an instance of disavowing

**Synonyms**
contradiction, denial, disallowance, disclaimer, negation, rejection, repudiation—more at DENIAL
dis·band /disˈbænd/ verb
   ✦: to break up the organization of: DISPERSE
      Synonyms
      ✦ break up, disperse, dissolve
      Antonyms
      ✦ band, join, unite

dis·bar /disˈbär/ verb
   ✦: to expel from the legal profession
 excellent at
   — dis·bar·ment noun

dis·be·lieve /ˌdɪs.bəˈliːv/ verb
1: to hold not worthy of belief: not believe
2: to withhold or reject belief
   — dis·be·lief /ˌdɪs.bəˈlɛf/ noun
   ✦: one that is not a believer
      Synonyms
      ✦ doubter, questioner, skeptic, unbeliever—more at SKEPTIC

dis·bur·den /ˈdɪs.bərdən/ verb
   ✦: to rid of a burden
      Synonyms
      ✦ clear, disencumber, free, relieve, rid, unburden—more at RID

dis·burse /ˌdɪs.bərs/ verb dis·bursed; dis·burs·ing
1 ✦: to pay out: EXPEND
2 ✦: DISTRIBUTE
      Synonyms
      ✦ expend, give, lay out, pay, spend—more at SPEND

dis·bur·se·ment /ˌdɪs.bərˈsмент/ noun
1 ✦: the act of disbursing
2 ✦: funds paid out
      Synonyms
      ✦ [1] compensation, payment, remittance, remuneration—more at PAYMENT
      ✦ [2] cost, expenditure, expense, outgo, outlay—more at EXPENSE

1 disc variant of DISK
2 disc abbreviation
dis·count
disc· brake noun
   ✦: a brake that operates by the friction of a pair of plates pressing against the sides of a rotating disc

dis·cern /ˈdɪs.ˈsɜrn, ˈdɪs.ˈzɜrn/ verb
1. to detect with the eyes: **DISTINGUISH**
2. to recognize or identify as separate and distinct: **DISCRIMINATE**
3. to come to know or recognize mentally
   - **Synonyms**
     - [1] behold, descry, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at SEE
     - [2] differentiate, discriminate, distinguish, separate—more at **DISTINGUISH**

**discernible** /dɪˈsɜːr-nə-bal, ˈzar-/ noun
- capable of being discerned
  - **Synonyms**
    - appreciable, detectable, distinguishable, palpable, perceptible, sensible—more at **PERCEPTIBLE**

**discerning** adjective
- revealing insight and understanding
  - **Synonyms**
    - insightful, perceptive, sagacious, sage, sapient, wise—more at **WISE**

**discernment** /dɪˈsɜːrn-mənt/ noun
- the ability to grasp and comprehend what is obscure
  - **Synonyms**
    - insight, perception, sagacity, sapience, wisdom—more at **WISDOM**

**discharge** /dɪsˈʃɑːr/ verb
- to relieve of a charge, load, or burden: **UNLOAD**; especially: to remove the electrical energy from a storage battery
  - **Synonyms**
    - disburden, disencumber, unburden, unload—more at **UNLOAD**

1. to let or put off: **UNLOAD**; especially: to remove the electrical energy from a storage battery
  - **Synonyms**
    - blast, fire, loose, shoot—more at **SHOOT**

2. to give outlet or vent to: **UNLOAD**; especially: to remove the electrical energy from a storage battery
  - **Synonyms**
    - cast, emit, exhale, expel, issue, release, shoot, vent—more at **EMIT**

3. to dismiss from service or employment, service, or duty: **UNLOAD**; especially: to remove the electrical energy from a storage battery
  - **Synonyms**
    - clear, foot, liquidate, pay, pay off, quit, recompense, settle, spring, stand—more at **PAY**

4. to give forth fluid: **UNLOAD**; especially: to remove the electrical energy from a storage battery
  - **Synonyms**
    - dismissal, layoff—more at **LAYOFF**

**discharge** /dɪsˈʃɑːr/ noun
- the act of discharging, unloading, releasing, or relieving
- something that discharges; especially: a certification of release or payment
  - **Synonyms**
    - delivery, quietus, quittance, release—more at **RELEASE**

2. a firing off (as of a gun)
- a flowing out (as of blood from a wound); also: something that is emitted: a purulent discharge
  - **Synonyms**
    - shot—more at **SHOT**

3. release or dismissal esp. from an office or employment; also: complete separation from military service
- a flow of electricity (as through a gas)
  - **Synonyms**
    - dismissal, layoff—more at **LAYOFF**

**disciple** /dɪˈsɪ-pl/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. LL discipulus follower of Jesus in his lifetime, fr. L, pupil]
- one who accepts and helps to spread the teachings of another; also: a convinced adherent
- a member of the Disciples of Christ
  - **Synonyms**
    - adherent, convert, follower, partisan, pupil, votary—more at **FOLLOWER**

**disciplinarian** /dɪsˈplɪ-nə-rē-ən/ noun
dis·ci·plin·ary /diˌsəˈpliˈner.i/ adjective
: of or relating to discipline; also: CORRECTIVE <take ~ action>

Synonyms
corrective, penal, punitive—more at PUNITIVE

1discipline /ˈdaɪ.səˌplɪn/ noun
1: suffering, pain, or loss that serves as retribution: PUNISHMENT
2 ▷: a field of study
3: training that corrects, molds, or perfects
4: control gained by obedience or training: orderly conduct
5: a system of rules governing conduct

Synonyms
area, arena, demesne, department, domain, field, line, province, realm, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD

2discipline verb -plined; -plin·ing
1 ▷: to punish or penalize for the sake of discipline: PUNISH
2: to train or develop by instruction and exercise esp. in self-control
3: to bring under control <~ troops>; also: to impose order upon

Synonyms
castigate, chasten, chastise, correct, penalize, punish—more at PUNISH

disc jockey or disk jockey noun
: an announcer of a radio show of popular recorded music

dis·claim /diˈklæm/ verb
1: to declare untrue: DENY
2 ▷: to refuse to admit or acknowledge: DISAVOW

Synonyms
disavow, disown, repudiate; also contradict, deny, disallow, gainsay, negate, negative, refuse, reject; challenge, confute, criticize, disprove, rebut, refute; dispute, question

Antonyms
acknowledge, avow, claim, own, recognize

dis·claim·er /diˈklæmər/ noun
1: a denial or disavowal of legal claim; also: a writing that embodies a legal disclaimer
2 : a refusal to acknowledge or accept

Synonyms
contradiction, denial, disallowance, disavowal, negation, rejection, repudiation—more at DENIAL

dis·close /diˈkləs/ verb
1: to expose to view
2 ▷: to make known or public

— dis·clo·sure /ˈklər.ʃər/ noun

Synonyms
bare, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unbosom, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at REVEAL

dis·co /ˈdɪskə/ noun, plural discos
1 ▷: a nightclub for dancing to live or recorded music
2: popular dance music characterized by hypnotic rhythm, repetitive lyrics, and electronically produced sounds

Synonyms
café, discotheque, nightclub—more at NIGHTCLUB

dis·col·or /diˈskələr/ verb
: to alter or change in hue or color esp. for the worse

— dis·col·or·a·tion /ˌdɪskəˈlər.ə.tʃən/ noun

dis·com·bob·u·late /diˌkəmˈbəbəˌleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
: UPSET, CONFUSE
dis·com·fit /dɪsˈkɒm.fɪt/ verb
  : to put into a state of perplexity and embarrassment
  
  **Synonyms**
  - abash, confound, confuse, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle—more at EMBARRASS

  **dis·com·fi·ture** /dɪsˈkɒm.fɪ.tʃər/ noun
  : the act of discomfiting : the state of being discomfited
  
  **Synonyms**
  - abashment, confusion, embarrassment, fluster, mortification—more at EMBARRASSMENT

  1 dis·comf·ort /dɪsˈkɒm.fɜrt/ verb
  : to make uncomfortable or uneasy
  
  2 dis·comf·ort noun
  : mental or physical uneasiness

  dis·com·mode /dɪsˈkɑm.ˈməʊd/ verb -mod·ed, -mod·ing
  : to cause inconvenience to
  
  **Synonyms**
  - disoblige, disturb, inconvenience, trouble—more at INCONVENIENCE

  dis·com·pose /dɪsˈkɑm.ˈpəʊz/ verb
  1 : to destroy the composure of
  2 : to disturb the order of

  **dis·com·po·sure** /dɪsˈkɑm.ˈpɜz.ər/ noun
  : agitation, bother, concern, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhinge, unsettle, upset, worry

  dis·con·cert /dɪsˈkɑn.ˈsɜrt/ verb
  : to disturb the composure of
  
  **Synonyms**
  - abash, confound, confuse, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle—more at EMBARRASS

  **dis·con·cert·ing** adjective
  : causing loss of composure or self-possession
  
  **Synonyms**
  - awkward, uncomfortable—more at AWKWARD

  dis·con·nect /dɪsˈkɑn.ˈnekt/ verb
  : to undo the connection of

  **dis·con·ne·cction** /dɪsˈkɑn.ˈnektʃən/ noun
  : break up, disjoint, dissever, dissociate, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

  **dis·con·nect·ed** adjective
  1 : not connected
  2 : lacking orderly continuity, arrangement, or relevance

  **dis·con·nect·ed·ly** adverb
  : not connected: SEPARATE
  
  **dis·con·nect·ed·ness** noun
  : detached, discrete, freestanding, separate, single, unattached, unconnected—more at SEPARATE

  : disjointed, incoherent, unconnected—more at INCOHERENT

  **dis·con·so·late** /dɪsˈkɑn.ˈsəlate/ adjective
  1 : cheerless
  2 : hopelessly sad

  **dis·con·so·late·ly** adverb
Synonyms

brokenhearted, despondent, forlorn, heartsick, miserable, sad, unhappy, wretched—more at SAD

discontent /dis_.ken_.tent/ noun

1: uneasiness of mind: DISSATISFACTION

Synonyms

displeasure, disquiet, dissatisfaction; also bitterness, resentment; perturbation, uneasiness; blues, dejection, depression, desolation, despondency, doldrums, dolor, dumps; misery, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness, wretchedness

Antonyms
contentedness, contentment, pleasure, satisfaction

discontent verb

1: to make dissatisfied or displeased

Synonyms

disaffect, discomfit, displease, dissatisfy; also alienate, estrange; agitate, discompose, disturb, disquiet, perturb, upset; annoy, irk, irritate, nettlesome, peeve; depress, sadden

Antonyms
content, gratify, please, satisfy

discontented adjective

1: expressing or showing lack of satisfaction

Synonyms

troubled, aggrieved, discontented, dissatisfied, malcontent; also disappointed, frustrated, unfulfilled; disquieted, disturbed, perturbed, upset; dejected, depressed, despairing, despondent, disconsolate, doleful, down, downcast, downhearted, forlorn, hangdog, inconsolable, joyless, miserable, mournful, sad, sorrowful, unhappy

Antonyms
content, contented, gratified, pleased, satisfied

discontinuance /dis_.ken_.tu_.n_.w_.ns/ noun

the act or an instance of discontinuing

discontinue /dis_.ken_.t_.i_.n_.y/ verb

1: to break the continuity of: cease to operate, use, or take
2: to come or bring to an end

Synonyms

[1, 2] break, break off, cease, cut, desist, drop, end, halt, knock off, lay off, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP

discontinuity /dis_.ken_.tu_.n_.t_.i_.t_.e_./.n_.y/. noun

1: lack of continuity or cohesion
2: a break in continuity: GAP

Synonyms

gap, hiatus, interim, interlude, intermission, interruption, interval—more at GAP

discontinuous /dis_.ken_.t_.i_.n_.u_.s/.noun

1: not continuous

Synonyms

casual, choppy, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, uneasy—more at FITFUL

discord /dis_.k_.ord/ noun

1: lack of agreement or harmony: DISSENSION
2: a harsh combination of musical sounds
3: a harsh or unpleasant sound

Synonyms

crash, clash, collision, competition, contention; altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, debate, disagreement, dispute, falling-out, fight, hassle, jar, quarrel, row, run-in, scrap, spat, squabbles, tiff, wrangle; incompatibility, incongruity, inconsistency;
animosity, antagonism, antipathy, enmity, hostility, ill will, rancor

Antonyms
accord, agreement, concord, concordance, harmony, peace

di·s-cor·dant /diˈs-kɔrd-ənt/ adjective
1 a : being at variance <~ opinions>
b : apt or disposed to quarrel in an often petty manner : QUARRELSOME
2 : relating to a discord <a ~ tone>
— di·s-cor·dant·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1a] discrepant, incompatible, incongruous, inharmonious
[2] dissonant, inharmonious, unmelodious, unmusical—more at DISSONANT

dis·co·theque or discothèque /diˈs-kətē-ku/ noun

: a nightclub for dancing to live or recorded music : DISCO

Synonyms
café, disco, nightclub—more at NIGHTCLUB

dis·count /diˈs-kount/ noun
1 : a deduction made from a regular or list price
2 : a deduction of interest in advance when lending money

Synonyms
[1, 2] abatement, deduction, reduction—more at DEDUCTION

dis·count /diˈs-kount, diˈs-kou̇nt/ verb
1 : to deduct from the amount of a bill, debt, or charge usu. for cash or prompt payment; also : to sell or offer for sale at a discount
2 : to lend money after deducting the discount <a note>
3 a : DISREGARD
b : to minimize the importance of
4 : to make allowance for bias or exaggeration
5 : to take into account (as a future event) in present calculations
— dis·count·able adjective
— dis·count·er noun

Synonyms
belittle, cry down, decry, deprecate, depreciate, diminish, disparage, minimize, put down, write off—more at DECRY

dis·count /diˈs-kount/ adjective
: selling goods or services at a discount; also : sold at or reflecting a discount

dis·cour·tance /diˈs-kərtəns/ verb
1 : to disturb the composure of : DISCONCERT
2 : to look with disfavor on

Synonyms
[1] abash, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconnect, embarras, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle—more at EMBARRASS
[2] deprecate, disapprove, disfavor, dislike, frown, reprove

dis·cour·age /diˈs-kər-ij/ verb -aged; -ag·ing
1 : to deprive of courage or confidence : DISHEARTEN
2 : to hinder by disfavoring
3 : to dissuade or attempt to dissuade
— dis·cour·ag·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] daunt, demoralize, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, unman, unnerve; also browbeat, bully, cow, intimidate; depress, sadden, weigh; afflict, try; damp, dampen, deaden; distress, trouble; bother, irk, vex, worry; debilitate, enfeeble, undermine, weaken; frighten, horrify, scare

Antonyms
embolden, encourage, hearten, nerve, steel
▶ [3] deter, dissuade, inhibit; also divert

**Antonyms**
encourage, persuade

dis*cour-age-ment /mənt/ noun
▶ : the act of discouraging : the state of being discouraged

**Synonyms**
demoralization, despair, despondency, dismay; also blues, dejection, depression, dumps, gloom, melancholy; defeatism, pessimism, resignation

**Antonyms**
encouragement

**discourse** /dɪsˈkɔːrəs/ noun
1 ▶ : verbal interchange of ideas
2 : formal and usu. extended expression of thought on a subject

**Synonyms**
colloquy, conversation, dialogue, discussion, exchange—more at CONVERSATION

**dis-cour-te-ous** /dɪsˈkɔːr.tiəs/ adjective
▶ : lacking courtesy : RUDE
— **dis-cour-te-ous-ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly—more at IMPOLITE

**dis-cour-te-sy** /_kar.te.sē/_ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being rude : RUDENESS; also : a rude act

**Synonyms**
brazenness, disrespect, impertinence, impudence, incivility, insolence, rudeness; also audacity, boldness, sauciness; churlishness, coarseness, vulgarity; brutality, crassness, sharpness; disagreeableness, grumpiness, sullenness, surliness; impropriety, incorrectness, indecency, unfitness; arrogance, conceit, presumption, pretense, pretention, pretentiousness

**Antonyms**
civility, consideration, courtesy, genteelness, gentility, graciousness, politeness, thoughtfulness

**dis*cov-er** /dɪsˈkʌvɚ/ verb
1 ▶ : to make known or visible
2 a ▶ : to obtain sight or knowledge of for the first time
b ▶ : to learn by study, observation, or search : FIND OUT
— **dis*cov-er-er** noun

**Synonyms**
[1] bare, disclose, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unbother, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at REVEAL
[2a] ascertain, catch on, find out, hear, learn, realize, see; also hit (on or upon), tumble (to); descry, detect, encounter, esp'y, spot; dope (out), figure out, puzzle (out); discern, note, observe, perceive, divine
[2b] ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, locate, run down, scout, track—more at FIND

**dis*cov-ery** /dɪsˈkʌvər.i/ noun, plural -er-i-es
1 ▶ : the act or process of discovering
2 : something discovered
3 : the disclosure usu. before a civil trial of pertinent facts or documents

**Synonyms**
- detection, finding; also disclosure, exposure, revelation, uncovering, unveiling; creation, invention; exploration; rediscovery

1 **discredit** /
  
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 verb

1 : DISBELIEVE
2 : to cause disbelief in the accuracy or authority of
3 : to deprive of good repute : DISGRACE

**Synonyms**
- abase, debase, degrade, demean, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, shame, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE

2 **discredit** noun
1 : loss of reputation
2 : lack or loss of belief or confidence

**Synonyms**
- disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, shame—more at DISGRACE

**dis·cred·it·able** /
  
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 _bel/
  
 adjective

: not reputable or decent : injurious to a reputation for decency

**Synonyms**
- disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, ignominious, infamous, notorious, shameful—more at DISREPUTABLE

**dis·creet** /
  
 _kɾ̩_ë̈t/
  
 adjective

: showing good judgment; especially : capable of observing prudent silence

— **dis·creet·ly** adverb

**dis·crep·an·cy** /
  
 _kɾ̩_.
  
 _P̩n_.
  
  _s̩/
  
 noun, plural -cies

1 : the quality or state of being discrepant : DIFFERENCE
2 : an instance of being discrepant

**Synonyms**
- contrast, difference, disagreement, disparity, distinction, diversity, unlikeness—more at DIFFERENCE

**dis·crep·ant** /
  
 _kɾ̩._
  
 _k̩r̩_ë̈t/
  
 adjective

1 : individually distinct
2 : NONCONTINUOUS

**Synonyms**
- detached, disconnected, freestanding, separate, single, unattached, unconnected—more at SEPARATE

**dis·cre·tion** /
  
 _kɾ̩_.
  
 _š̩n_.
  
 noun

1 : the quality of being discreet : PRUDENCE
2 : individual choice or judgment
3 : power of free decision or latitude of choice

**Synonyms**
- [1] common sense, horse sense, prudence—more at PRUDENCE
- [2] alternative, choice, option, pick, preference, way—more at CHOICE

**dis·cre·tion·ary** /
  
 _k̩r̩_.
  
 _sh̩_.
  
 _n̩r_.
  
  _ë̈/
  
 adjective

1 : left to discretion : exercised at one's own discretion
2 : available for discretionary use

**Synonyms**
- elective, optional, voluntary—more at OPTIONAL
dis·crim·i·nate /dɪsˈkrɪmɪneɪt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
1 : to recognize or give expression to a difference : DISTINGUISH
2 : to make a difference in treatment on a basis other than individual merit
   Synonyms
differentiate, discern, distinguish, separate—more at DISTINGUISH

dis·crim·i·nating adjective
: marked by discrimination; especially : DISCERNING, JUDICIOUS

dis·crim·i·na·tion /dɪsˈkrɪmɪneɪʃən/ noun
1 a : the quality or power of finely distinguishing
   b : recognition, perception, or identification esp. of differences
2 a : the act, practice, or an instance of discriminating categorically rather than individually
   b : prejudiced or prejudicial outlook, action, or treatment
   Synonyms
demarcation, distinction, separation—more at SEPARATION

dis·crim·i·na·to·ry /dɪsˈkrɪmɪnətri/ adjective
: marked by esp. unjust discrimination

dis·cur·sive /dɪsˈkɜrvɪs/ adjective
1 : moving from topic to topic without order : RAMBLING
   — dis·cur·sive·ly adverb
   — dis·cur·sive·ness noun
   Synonyms
desultory, digressive, rambling; also circuitous, deviating, devious, roundabout

dis·cus /dɪsˈkəs/ noun, plural dis·cus·es
: a disk that is hurled for distance in a track-and-field contest

dis·cuss /dɪsˈkʌs/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF discusser, fr. L discussus, pp. of discutere to disperse, fr. dis- apart + quater to shake]
1 : to argue or consider carefully by presenting the various sides
2 : to talk about
   Synonyms
argue, chew over, debate, dispute, hash, moot, talk over; also descant (on), lecture (on or about), speak
   (about), talk (about); broach, introduce; forge, hammer (out), thrash (out); consider, deliberate, weigh; reason
   (with)

dis·cus·sant /dɪskəˈsænt/ noun
: one who takes part in a formal discussion

dis·cus·sion /dɪskəˈʃən/ noun
1 : consideration of a question in open and usu. informal debate
   Synonyms
argument, colloquy, conference, conversation, deliberation, discourse, give-and-take, parley, talk; also
   debate, dialogue; forum, meeting, powwow, seminar, symposium; chat, rap

1 dis·dain /dɪsˈdeɪn/ noun
1 : a feeling of contempt for someone or something regarded as unworthy or inferior : SCORN
   Synonyms
contempt, despite, scorn—more at CONTEMPT

2 dis·dain verb
1 : to look on with scorn
2 : to reject or refrain from because of disdain
   Synonyms
high-hat, scorn, slight, sniff, snub—more at SCORN

dis·dain·ful /dɪsˈdeɪnfəl/ adjective
1 : full of or expressing disdain
— dis·tain·ful·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   ▶ haughty, highfalutin, lofty, lordly, prideful, proud, superior—more at PROUD
   ▶ contemptuous, degrading, derogatory, scornful, uncomplimentary—more at DEROGATORY

dis·ease /dɪˈziːz/ noun
   ▶ : an abnormal bodily condition that impairs normal functioning and can usu. be recognized by signs and symptoms
   : SICKNESS
— dis·eased /ˈziːzd/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ affection, ailment, bug, complaint, complication, condition, disorder, fever, ill, illness, infirmity, malady, sickness, trouble; also contagion, contagious disease; infection, infectious disease; deficiency disease; attack, bout, fit, spell; debility, decrepitude, feebleness, lameness, weakness; malaise, matter; pest, pestilence, plague
   Antonyms
   health, wellness

dis·em·bark /ˌdiːsemˈbɑːrk/ verb
   : to go or put ashore from a ship
— dis·em·bar·ka·tion /ˌdiːsemˈbɑːrˈkeɪʃən/ noun

dis·em·body /ˌdiːsemˈbɒdɪ/ verb
   : to deprive of bodily existence
— dis·em·bow·el /ˈbaʊəl/ verb
   : to take out the bowels of: EVISCERATE
— dis·em·bow·el·ment noun

dis·em·power /ˌdiːsemˈpaʊər/ verb
   : to deprive of power, authority, or influence

dis·en·chant /ˌdiːsenˈchang/ verb
   : to free from illusion: DISILLUSION
— dis·en·chant·ment noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ disillusion, undeceive—more at DISILLUSION

dis·en·chant·ed /ˌdiːsenˈchæntd/ adjective
   : DISAPPOINTED, DISSATISFIED

dis·en·cum·ber /ˌdiːsenˈkʌmber/ verb
   : to free from something that burdens
   Synonyms
   ▶ disburden, discharge, unburden, unload—more at UNLOAD

dis·en·fran·chise /ˌdiːsenˈfrænsəs/ verb
   : to deprive of a franchise, a legal right, or a privilege; especially: to deprive of the right to vote
— dis·en·fran·chise·ment noun

dis·en·gage /ˌdiːsenˈɡeɪдж/ verb
   : to release from something that engages or involves: EXTRICATE
— dis·en·gage·ment noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ clear, disentangle, extricate, free, liberate, release, untangle—more at EXTRICATE

dis·en·gaged /ˈɡægd/ adjective
   : IMPARTIAL, DETACHED (<a ~ observer>)

dis·en·tan·gle /ˌdiːsenˈtæŋgl/ verb
   : to free from entanglement
   Synonyms
   ▶ unravel, untangle, untwine—more at UNRAVEL
dis·equi·lib·ri·um /diˌsēˈlibrēəm/ noun
: loss or lack of equilibrium

dis·es·tab·lish /diˈəsˈtæblish/ verb
: to end the establishment of; especially: to deprive of the status of an established church
— dis·es·tab·lish·ment noun

dis·es·teem /diˌəsˈtēm/ noun
: lack of esteem: DISFAVOR, DISREPUTE

dis·fa·vor /ˌdisˌfāvər/ noun
1 • a feeling of aversion or disapproval: DISLIKE
2 • the state or fact of being no longer favored
   Synonyms
   • aversion, disinclination, dislike—more at DISLIKE
   • deprecation, disapproval, dislike, displeasure—more at DISAPPROVAL

dis·fig·ure /diˌsɪgˈyər/ verb
• to spoil the appearance of <disfigured by a scar>
   Synonyms
   • blemish, break, cripple, damage, deface, flaw, harm, hurt, injure, mar, spoil, vitiate—more at DAMAGE

dis·fig·ure·ment /ˌmənt/ noun
1 • the act of disfiguring or the state of being disfigured
2 • something that disfigures
   Synonyms
   • blemish, defect, deformity, fault, flaw, imperfection, mark, pockmark, scar—more at BLEMISH

dis·fran·chise /diˌfranˈchiz/ verb
: DISENFRANCHISE
— dis·fran·chise·ment noun

disfunction variant of DYSFUNCTION

dis·gorge /ˈdɪɡər/ verb
1 • to discharge by the throat and mouth: VOMIT
2 • to discharge forcefully or confusedly
   Synonyms
   • belch, eject, erupt, expel, jet, spew, spout, spurt—more at ERUPT

1 disgrace /dəˈɡræs, diˈɡræs/ verb
• to bring reproach or shame to
   Synonyms
   • abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, dishonor, humble, humiliade, lower, shame, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE

2 disgrace noun
1 a • the condition of one fallen from grace or honor: SHAME
b • a source of shame
2 • the condition of being out of favor: loss of respect
   Synonyms
   • [1a] discredit, dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, shame; also contempt, disdain, scorn; deprecation, disapprobation, disapproval, disfavor; abasement, debasement, debasing, degradation, humbling, humiliation; blot, brand, slur, smirch, spot, stain, stigma
   Antonyms
   esteem, honor, respect
   • [1b] crime, dishonesty, reflection, reproach, scandal; also smirch, spot, stain, stigma
   Antonyms
   credit, honor

dis·grace·ful /ˈɡrefl/ adjective
dis·grace·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
→ discreditable, dishonorable, disreputable, ignominious, infamous, notorious, shameful—more at DISREPUTABLE

dis·grun·tle /disˈgrun-tl/ verb dis·grun·tled; dis·grun·tling
>: to put in bad humor — usu. used as a participial adjective <They were a very disgruntled crew>

Synonyms
→ alienate, disaffect, estrange, sour—more at ESTRANGE
→ disaffect, discontent, displease, dissatisfy—more at DISCONTENT

dis·guise /disˈɡiz/ verb dis·guised; dis·guis·ing
1 : to change the appearance of to conceal the identity or to resemble another
2 : HIDE, CONCEAL

Synonyms
→ camouflage, cloak, dress up, mask; also blanket, blot out, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, hide, obscure, occult, screen, shroud, veil; affect, assume, counterfeit, dissemble, dissemble, dissimulate, feign, pose, pretend, sham, simulate

dis·guise noun
1 : clothing put on to conceal one's identity or counterfeit another's
2 : an outward appearance that hides what something really is

Synonyms
→ camouflage, guise; also domino, mask, veil, vizard; dress, getup, outfit, rig; coloring, cosmetic, makeup, paint

dis·gust /disˈgast/ noun
>: marked aversion aroused by something highly distasteful : REPUGNANCE

Synonyms
→ aversion, distaste, loathing, nausea, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion; also abhorrence, abomination, execution, hate, hatred; disapproval, disfavor, disinclination, dislike, disliking, displeasure

dis·gust verb
>: to provoke to loathing, repugnance, or aversion : be offensive to

Synonyms
→ disgust-ing /ˈgastɪŋ/ adjective
→ disgust-ing-ly adverb

Synonyms
→ nauseate, repel, repulse, revolt, sicken, turn off; also displease, distress; appall, horrify; affront, insult, offend, outrage, shock

dis·gust·ed adjective
>: affected by disgust

Synonyms
→ sick, squeamish—more at SICK

dish /dɪʃ/ noun
1 : a vessel used for serving food
2 : the food served in a dish <a ~ of berries>
3 : food prepared in a particular way
4 : something resembling a dish esp. in being shallow and concave
5 : SATELLITE DISH
6 : GOSSIP 2

dish verb
1 : to put into a dish
2 : to make concave like a dish
3 : GOSSIP
dis·ha·bille /di'sha bē/ noun
[ORIGIN: F déshabillé]
: the state of being dressed in a casual or careless manner

dis·har·mony /di'shär ma nē/ noun
: lack of harmony
  — dis·har·mo·ni·ous /di'shär ma nō o s/ adjective

dish·cloth /di'shō kloth/ noun
: a cloth for washing dishes

dis·heart·en /di'shārt ə n/ verb
  : to cause to lose spirit or morale: DISCOURAGE
    Synonyms
      ▶ daunt, demoralize, discourage, dismay, dispirit, unman, unnerve—more at DISCOURAGE

dished /di'shād/ adjective
: CONCAVE

di·shev·el /di'shev əl/ verb -shevell or -shevelled; -shev·el·ing or -shev·el·ling
[ORIGIN: ME discheveled bareheaded, with disordered hair, fr. AF deschevelé, fr. des- apart + chevoil hair, fr. L capillus]
  ▶: to throw into disorder or disarray
    Synonyms
      ▶ derange, disarray, disorder, disrupt, disturb, mess, mix, muddle, rumple, upset—more at DISORDER

di·shev·eled or di·shev·elled adjective
  ▶: marked by disorder or disarray
    Synonyms
      ▶ disordered, messy, muddled, unkempt, untidy—more at MESSY

dis·hon·est /di'shō něst/ adjective
  ▶: not honest
    — dis·hon·est·ly adverb
      Synonyms
        ▶ lying, mendacious; also erroneous, fallacious, false, misleading; double-dealing, hypocritical, two-faced
        Antonyms
          honest, truthful, veracious
        ▶ crooked, deceptive, fast, fraudulent, shady, sharp, shifty, underhanded; also unconscionable, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous; deceiving, deceitful, deluding, delusive; artful, cunning; devious, furtive, sneaking, sneaky, tricky; insidious, perfidious, treacherous
        Antonyms
          aboveboard, honest, straight

dis·hon·es·ty /di'shō na sē tē/ noun
  ▶: lack of honesty or integrity
    Synonyms
      ▶ artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, williness—more at DECEIT

1 dis·hon·or /di'shō nər/ verb
  1 ▶: to bring reproach or shame on: DISGRACE
  2 ▶: to refuse to accept or pay << a check>
    Synonyms
      ▶ abase, debase, degenerate, demean, discredit, disgrace, humble, humiliate, lower, shame, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE

2 dis·hon·or noun
  1: lack or loss of honor
  2 ▶: the state of one who has lost honor or prestige: SHAME
3 : a cause of disgrace
4 : the act of dishonoring a negotiable instrument when presented for payment

Synonyms
  2 [discredit, disgrace, disrepute, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, shame—more at DISGRACE
  3 crime, disgrace, reflection, reproach, scandal—more at DISGRACE

dis·hon·or·able /dɪˈsɑː.ner.ə.ble/ adjective
  : lacking honor
    — dis·hon·or·ably /ˈblə/ adverb

  Synonyms
    base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at IGNoble
    discreditable, disgraceful, disreputable, ignominious, infamous, notorious, shameful—more at DISREPUTABLE

dish out verb
  : to give freely

dish·rag /dɪʃ.rɑɡ/ noun
  : DISHCLOTH

dish·wash·er /ˌdɪʃ.waʃ.ər/ noun
  : a person or machine that washes dishes

dish·wa·ter /ˌdɪʃ.ˈwɑːtər/ noun
  : water used for washing dishes

dis·il·lu·sion /dɪˈsɪl.ə.ʃən/ verb
  : to leave without illusion or naive faith and trust
    — dis·il·lu·sion·ment noun

    Synonyms
      disenchant, undeceive; also debunk, expose, show up, uncloak, uncover, unmask; disclose, divulge, tell, unveil

dis·il·lu·sioned adjective
  : DISAPPOINTED, DISSATISFIED

dis·in·cli·na·tion /dɪˈsɪn.klən.ʃən/ noun
  : a preference for avoiding something : slight aversion

    Synonyms
      hesitancy, reluctance—more at RELUCTANCE

dis·in·cline /ˌdɪs.ˈɪn.klɪn/ verb
  : to make unwilling

  dis·in·clined adjective
  : unwilling because of dislike or disapproval

dis·in·fect /ˌdɪs.ˈɪnfɛkt/ verb
  : to cleanse of infection-causing germs
    — dis·in·fect·ant /ˌɪnfɛkt.ənt/ noun
    — dis·in·fect·ion /ˌɪnfɛkt.ʃən/ noun

dis·in·for·ma·tion /ˌdɪs.ˈɪnfər.mə.ʃən/ noun
  : false information deliberately and often covertly spread

dis·in·gen·u·ous /ˌdɪs.ˈɪn.dʒə.nəs/ adjective
  : lacking in candor; also : giving a false appearance of simple frankness

dis·in·her·it /ˌdɪs.ˈɪn.hɛr.ɪt/ verb
  : to deprive of the right to inherit

dis·in·te·grate /ˌdɪs.ˈɪn.tə.ˈgreɪt/ verb
1 : to break or decompose into constituent parts or small particles
2 : to destroy the unity or integrity of

— **disin-ter-** /dɪsˈɪn-tər/ **noun**

  break down, corrupt, decay, decompose, molder, putrefy, rot, spoil—more at **DECAY**

**disin-ter** /ˌdɪs.ɪnˈtər/ **verb**
1 : to take from the grave or tomb
2 : **UNEARTH**

**disin-ter-est-ed** /ˌdɪs.ɪnˌtər.ɛst.ɪd/ **adjective**
1 : not interested
2 : free from selfish motive or interest : **UNBIASED**

**disin-ter-est-ed-ness** /ˌdɪs.ɪnˌtər.ɛst.ɪd.əs/ **noun**
: the quality or state of being objective or impartial

**disjoin** /dɪsˈdʒɔɪn/ **verb**
: to end the joining of : **SEPARATE**

**disjoint** /dɪsˈdʒɔɪnt/ **verb**
1 : to disturb the orderly arrangement of
2 : to separate at the joints

**disjoint-ed** **adjective**
1 : lacking coherence or orderly sequence
2 : separated at or as if at the joint

**dislike** /dɪsˈlɪk/ **noun**
: a feeling of aversion or disapproval

**disk** or **disc** /dɪsk/ **noun**
1 : something round and flat; especially : a flat rounded anatomical structure (as the central part of the flower head of a composite plant or a pad of cartilage between vertebrae)
2 **usually disc** : a phonograph record
3 : a round flat plate coated with a magnetic substance on which data for a computer is stored
4 **usually disc** : **OPTICAL DISK**

**disk drive** **noun**
: a device for accessing or storing data on a magnetic disk

**diskette** /dɪsˈkɛt/ **noun**
: **FLOPPY DISK**

**disk jockey** variant of **DISC JOCKEY**

**dislike** /dɪsˈlɪk/ **noun**
: a feeling of aversion or disapproval

**Synonyms**
- deprecation, disapproval, disfavor, displeasure—more at **DISAPPROVAL**
- aversion, disfavor, disinclination; also disgust, distaste, loathing, nausea, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion; abomination, antipathy, detestation, hate, hatred; deprecation, disapproval, displeasure, dissatisfaction; jaundice
Antonyms
appetite, fondness, like, liking, partiality, preference, taste

2 dislike verb
  : to regard with dislike: DISAPPROVE
Synonyms
  depurate, disapprove, discountenance, disfavor, frown, reprove

dis·lo·cate /dɪsˈloʊˌkeɪt/ verb
1 : to put out of place; especially: to displace (a bone or joint) from normal connections ~ a shoulder
2 : to force a change in the usual status, relationship, or order of: DISRUPT
Synonyms
  budge, displace, disturb, move, remove, shift, transfer—more at MOVE

dis·lo·ca·tion /ˌdɪs.loˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
  : the act of dislocating: the state of being dislocated
Synonyms
  derangement, disruption, disturbance, upset—more at UPSET

dis·lodge /dɪsˈlɑːd/ verb
  : to force out of a place esp. of rest, hiding, or defense

dis·loy·al /dɪsˈloʊ.əl/ adjective
  : lacking in loyalty
Synonyms
  faithless, false, fickle, inconstant, loose, perfidious, recreant, traitorous, treacherous, unfaithful, untrue—more at FAITHLESS

dis·loy·al·ty /ˌdɪsˈloʊə.ˌlɪti/ noun
  : lack of loyalty
Synonyms
  betrayal, double cross, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness—more at BETRAYAL

dis·mal /dɪzˈmɑːl/ adjective
[Origin: ME, fr. dismal, n., days marked as unlucky in medieval calendars, fr. AF, fr ML dies mali, lit., evil days]
1 : showing or causing gloom or depression
2 : lacking merit
  — dis·mal·ly adverb
    Synonyms
     bleach, dark, depressing, dreary, gloomy, glum, gray, miserable, somber, sullen, wretched—more at GLOOMY

dis·man·tle /dɪsˈmɑːntl/ verb -tled; -ting
1 : to take apart
2 : to strip of furniture and equipment
  — dis·man·tle·ment noun
    Synonyms
     disassemble, knock down, strike, take down—more at DISASSEMBLE

dismay /dɪsˈmɑː/ verb
  : to cause to lose courage or resolution from alarm or fear: DAUNT
  — dis·may·ing·ly adverb
    Synonyms
    daunt, demoralize, discourage, dishearten, dispirit, unman, unnerve—more at DISCOURAGE

dismay noun
1 : sudden loss of courage or resolution from alarm or fear
2 : sudden disappointment
  Synonyms
  [1] demoralization, despair, despondency, discouragement—more at DISCOURAGEMENT
dis·mem·ber /disˈməmˌbər/ verb
1 : to cut off or separate the limbs or parts of
2 : to break up or tear into pieces
— dis·mem·ber·ment noun

dis·miss /disˈmɪs/ verb
1 ◁ : to send away
2 ◁ : to dismiss from service or employment
3 : to put aside or out of mind
4 : to put out of judicial consideration <~ed all charges>
— dis·mis·sive /ˌmi ˈsɪv/ adjective
— dis·mis·sive·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ [1] banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, drum, eject, expel,どうしてもrun off, throw out—more at EJECT
    ▶ [2] cashier, fire, remove, retire, sack; also downsize, furlough, lay off; boot (out), bounce
  Antonyms
employ, hire

dis·mis·sal /miˈsəl/ noun
▶ : the act of dismissing : the fact or state of being dismissed
  Synonyms
    ▶ discharge, layoff—more at LAYOFF

dis·mount /diˈmaʊnt/ verb
1 : to get down from something (as a horse or bicycle)
2 : UNHORSE
3 : DISASSEMBLE

dis·obe·di·ence /diˈsə bə dɪ əns/ noun
▶ : neglect or refusal to obey
  Synonyms
    ▶ defiance, insubordination, rebelliousness, recalcitrance, refractoriness, unruliness; also disrespect, impudence, insolence, rudeness; doggedness, headstrong, mulishness, obstinacy, pertinacity, perversity, stubbornness; mischievousness, naughtiness
  Antonyms
    compliance, docility, obedience

dis·obe·di·ent /ˌsə nənt/ adjective
▶ : refusing or neglecting to obey
  Synonyms
    ▶ contrary, defiant, froward, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful; also insurgent, mutinous; dogged, headstrong, obstinate, peevish, pertinacious, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding; obstreperous, uncontrollable, unmanageable, wild; perverse, resistant, wrongheaded; bad, disorderly, errant, misbehaving, mischievous, monkeying, naughty; undisciplined; dissident, nonconforming, nonconformist; disrespectful, ill-mannered, ill-natured, impolite, impudent, insolent, ornery, rude, uncouth
  Antonyms
    amenable, compliant, docile, obedient, tractable

dis·obey /diˈse bə/ verb
: to fail to obey : be disobedient

dis·oblige /diˌəˈlaɪ/ verb
1 : to go counter to the wishes of
2 ◁ : to subject to inconvenience
  Synonyms
    ▶ discommode, disturb, inconvenience, trouble—more at INCONVENIENCE
dis·or·der /diˈsәrdər/ verb
1 † : to disturb the order of
2 : to disturb the regular or normal functions of
   Synonyms
   † confuse, derange, disarray, discompose, dishevel, dislocate, disrupt, disturb, jumble, mess, mix, muddle, rumple, scramble, shuffle, tumble, upset; also embroil, entangle, snarl, tangle; agitate, stir (up), unsettle
   Antonyms
   arrange, array, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range, regulate, straighten (up), tidy

2 disorder noun
1 † : lack of order : CONFUSION
2 : breach of the peace or public order : TUMULT
3 : an abnormal physical or mental condition : AILMENT
   Synonyms
   † chaos, confusion, disarray, disorganization, havoc, hell, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

dis·or·der·ed adjective
1 † : marked by disorder
2 : not functioning in a normal orderly healthy way
   Synonyms
   † chaotic, confused, disheveled, messy, muddled, sloppy, unkempt, untidy—more at MESSY

dis·or·der·ly /ˈlē/ adjective
1 † : offensive to public order
2 : marked by disorder <a ~ desk>
— dis·or·der·li·ness noun
   Synonyms
   † anarchic, lawless, unruly—more at LAWLESS

dis·or·ga·ni·za·tion /diˌsәrdər gaˈne.ˈzә.ʃәn/ noun
1 : the act of disorganizing or the quality or state of being disorganized
   Synonyms
   † chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, havoc, hell, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

dis·or·ga·nize /diˌsәrdər gaˈnaˌziz/ verb
: to break up the regular system of : throw into disorder

dis·ori·ent /diˌsәrˈә.әn/ verb
† : to cause to be confused or lost
— dis·ori·en·ta·tion /diˌsәrˈә.әn.ˈә.ʃәn/ noun
   Synonyms
   † addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE

dis·own /diˌsәn/ verb
† : to repudiate any connection or identification with : DISCLAIM
   Synonyms
   † disavow, disclaim, repudiate—more at DISCLAIM

dis·par·age /diˈspәr əj/ verb -aged; -ag·ing [origin: ME to degrade by marriage below one's class, disparage, fr. AF desparager to marry below one's class, fr. parage equality, lineage, fr. per peer]
1 : to lower in rank or reputation : DEGRADE
2 † : to depreciate by indirect means (as invidious comparison) : BELITTLE
— dis·par·ag·ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   † belittle, cry down, decry, depreciate, deprecate, diminish, discount, minimize, put down, write off—more at DECRY

dis·par·age·ment /ˈmәnt/ noun


 diminution of esteem or standing

 **Synonyms**

deprecation, depreciation, detraction, put-down—more at [DEPRECIATION](#)

**dis·pa·rate** /di.'pærət/ adj

 distinct in quality or character

 **Synonyms**

different, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, other, unlike, unlike—more at [DIFFERENT](#)

**dis·par·i·ty** /di.'spar.ə.ti/ n

 the state of being disparate

 **Synonyms**

 contrast, difference, disagreement, discrepancy, distinction, diversity, unlikeness—more at [DIFFERENCE](#)

**dis·pas·sion·ate** /di.'pa.shə.nət/ adj

 not influenced by strong feeling: IMPARTIAL

— dis·pas·sion /'pa.shən/ n

— dis·pas·sion·ate·ly ad

 **Synonyms**

 disinterested, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced—more at [FAIR](#)

**1 dispatch** /di.'spætʃ/ v

 1 : to send off or away with promptness or speed esp. on official business

 2 : to put to death

 3 : to attend to rapidly or efficiently

 4 : DEFEAT

— dis·patch·er n

 **Synonyms**

 [1] consign, pack, send, ship, transfer, transmit, transport—more at [SEND](#)

 [2] do in, execute, kill, liquidate, murder, slay—more at [MURDER](#)

**2 dispatch** /di.'spætʃ/ n

 1 : a message sent with speed

 2 : a news item sent in by a correspondent to a newspaper

 3 : the act of dispatching; especially: SHIPMENT

 4 : the act of putting to death

 5 : promptness and efficiency in performing a task

**dis·pel** /di.'spel/ v dispelled; dispel·ling

 : to drive away by scattering: DISSIPATE

**dis·pen·sa·ble** /di.'spən.sə.bəl/ adj

 capable of being dispensed with

**dis·pen·sa·ry** /di.'spən.sə.rē/ n, pl -ries

 : a place where medicine or medical or dental aid is dispensed

**dis·pen·sa·tion** /di.'spən.sə.shən/ n

 1 : a system of rules for ordering affairs

 2 : a particular arrangement or provision esp. of nature

 3 : an exemption from a rule or from a vow or oath

 4 : the act of dispensing

 5 : something dispensed or distributed

 **Synonyms**

 allocation, distribution, division, issuance—more at [DISTRIBUTION](#)

**dis·pen·se** /di.'spəns/ v dispensed; dispens·ing

 1 : to portion out

 2 : ADMINISTER <~ justice>
3: EXEMPT
4: to make up and give out (remedies)
   — dispense noun
   — dispense with
1: SUSPEND
2: to do without

**Synonyms**
- administer, allocate, apportion, deal, distribute, mete, parcel, portion, prorate—more at ADMINISTER

**dispere** /di.ˈspɜːr/ verb dispersed; dispersing
- to break up and scatter about
  **Synonyms**
  - clear out, disband, dissipate, scatter—more at SCATTER
  - break up, disband, dissolve—more at DISBAND

**dispersal** /ˈsperˌsal/ noun
- the act or result of dispersing

**dispersion** /ˈsper zhan/ noun
- the act or process of dispersing: the state of being dispersed

**dispirit** /di.ˈpir.i/ verb
- to deprive of morale or enthusiasm: DISCOURAGE
  **Synonyms**
  - daunt, demoralize, discourage, dishearten, dismay, unman, unnerve—more at DISCOURAGE

**displace** /di.ˈplɑː/ verb
1: to remove from the usual or proper place; especially: to expel or force to flee from home or native land
   <dispaced persons>
2: to move out of position <water displaced by a floating object>
3: to take the place of: REPLACE
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] budge, dislocate, disturb, move, remove, shift, transfer—more at MOVE
  - [1] banish, deport, exile, expatriate, transport—more at BANISH
  - [3] replace, substitute, supersed, supplant—more at REPLACE

**displacement** /ˌmɛnt/ noun
1: the act of displacing: the state of being displaced
2: the volume or weight of a fluid (as water) displaced by a floating body (as a ship)
3: the difference between the initial position of an object and a later position
  **Synonyms**
  - banishment, deportation, exile, expulsion—more at EXILE

**display** /di.ˈsplæ/ verb
- to present to view: make evident
  **Synonyms**
  - disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, parade, show, show off, sport, strut, unveil—more at SHOW

**display** noun
1: a displaying of something
2: an electronic device (as a cathode-ray tube) that gives information in visual form; also: the visual information
  **Synonyms**
  - demonstration, exhibition, show—more at SHOW
  - exhibit, exhibition, exposition, fair, show—more at EXHIBITION

**displease** /(ˌ)dis.ˈplɛz/ verb
1: to arouse the disapproval and dislike of
2: to be offensive to: give displeasure
  **Synonyms**
  - disaffect, discontent, disgruntle, dissatisfy—more at DISCONTENT
dis·plea·sure /ˈpleɪ.zər/ noun
  : a feeling of dislike and irritation : a display of disapproval

  Synonyms
  ➢ deprecation, disapproval, disfavor, dislike—more at DISAPPROVAL

dis·port /ˈdɪspɔrt/ verb
  1 ➢ to entertain or occupy in a light, playful, or pleasant manner : AMUSE
  2 ➢ to amuse oneself in light or lively fashion : FROLIC
  3 : to make evident : DISPLAY

  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] amuse, divert, entertain, regale—more at AMUSE
  ➢ [2] caper, cavort, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp—more at FROLIC

dis·pos·able /ˈdɪspə.zə.bəl/ adjective
  1 : remaining after deduction of taxes (~ income)
  2 : designed to be used once and then thrown away (~ diapers)
      — disposable noun

  dis·pos·al /ˈdɪspə.zəl/ noun
  1 : CONTROL, COMMAND
  2 : an orderly arrangement
  3 : a getting rid of
  4 : MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION
  5 : presenting or bestowing something (~ of favors)
  6 : a device used to reduce waste matter (as by grinding)

  Synonyms
  ➢ [2] arrangement, array, disposition, distribution, order, sequence, setup—more at ORDER
  ➢ [3] disposition, dumping, jettison, removal, riddance; also clearance, clearing; demolition, destruction

dis·pose /ˈdɪspoz/ verb disposed; disposing
  1 : to give a tendency to : INCLINE <disposed to accept>
  2 ➢ to put in place <troops disposed for withdrawal>
  3 : SETTLE

  — dis·pos·er noun
  — dispose of
    1 : to transfer to the control of another
    2 : to get rid of
    3 : to deal with conclusively

  Synonyms
  ➢ deposit, fix, lay, place, position, put, set, set up, stick—more at PLACE
  ➢ arrange, array, classify, codify, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range, systematize—more at ORDER

dis·posed adjective
  ➢ having a particular temperament, disposition, or tendency : being in a particular frame of mind

  Synonyms
  ➢ amenable, game, glad, inclined, ready, willing—more at WILLING

dis·po·si·tion /ˌdɪs.pəˈzi.ʃən/ noun
  1 : the act or power of disposing : DISPOSAL
  2 : RELINQUISHMENT
  3 : an orderly arrangement
  4 : prevailing tendency, mood, or inclination
  5 : natural attitude toward things (~ a cheerful ~)

  Synonyms
  ➢ [3] arrangement, array, disposal, distribution, order, sequence, setup—more at ORDER
  ➢ [4] bent, devices, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn—more at INCLINATION
  ➢ [4] grain, nature, temper, temperament; also cheer, frame, humor, mode, mood; attitude, outlook, perspective,
point of view, standpoint, viewpoint; emotion, feeling, heart, passion, sentiment; strain; belief, conviction, mind, opinion, persuasion; expression, tone, vein; character, individuality, personality; responsiveness, sensibility, sensitivity

dis·poss·ess /dis_ˈpəzəs/ verb
: to put out of possession or occupancy
— dis·pos·ses·sion /ˈze�n/ noun

dis·praise /ðiˈprɛz/ verb
: DISPARAGE
— dispraise noun
— dispraiser noun

dis·pro·por·tion /ˌdisˌprəˈpərən/ noun
: lack of proportion, symmetry, or proper relation
— dis·pro·por·tion·ate /ˌshaˌnet/ adjective

dis·prove /ðiˈpruv/ verb
: to prove to be false or wrong
— dis·proof /ˈpruf/ noun

Synonyms
believe, confute, rebut, refute; also overthrow, overturn
Antonyms
confirm, prove, verify

dis·put·able /di_ˈsp(y)uˌte bəl/ 'diˌp(y)əˌte bəl/ adjective
: capable of being disputed or contested

Synonyms
arguable, debatable, doubtful, moot, questionable—more at DEBATABLE

dis·pu·tant /di_ˈsp(y)uˌtænt/ noun
: one that is engaged in a dispute

Synonyms
contender, debater, disputer; also advocate, defendant, plaintiff, pleader; nitpicker, petitfogger, quibbler

dis·pu·ta·tion /diˌsp(y)uˌte ʃən/ noun
1: the action of disputing: DEBATE
2: an oral defense of an academic thesis

dis·pu·ta·tious /ˈʃəsə/ adjective
: inclined to dispute: ARGUMENTATIVE

Synonyms
argumentative, contentious, quarrelsome, scrappy—more at ARGUMENTATIVE

1 dispute /diˈsp(y)u/ verb dis·put·ed; dis·put·ing
1: to engage in argument: ARGUE
2: WRANGLE
3: to question the truth or rightness of
4: to struggle against or over: OPPOSE

Synonyms
[1] argue, chew over, debate, discuss, hash, moot, talk over—more at DISCUSS
[3] challenge, contest, query, question—more at CHALLENGE

2 dispute noun
1: verbal controversy
2: a usu. verbal conflict between antagonists: QUARREL

Synonyms
[1] controversy, difference, disagreement, dissension
[2] altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, disagreement, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUMENT
dis·put·er noun
›: one that disputes
   Synonyms
   ❚ contender, debater, disputant—more at DISPUTANT

dis·qual·i·fy /dɪsˈkwɔːləˌfai/ verb
›: to make or declare unfit or not qualified
   — dis·qual·i·fi·ca·tion /ˌdɪskwɔːləˈfeɪkən/ noun

1disquiet /ˌdɪskwɪˈɛt/ verb
›: to make uneasy or restless : DISTURB
   Synonyms
   ❚ agitate, bother, concern, discompose, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhinge, unsettle, upset, worry

2disquiet noun
›: lack of peace or tranquility
   Synonyms
   ❚ agitation, anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, nervousness, perturbation, uneasiness, worry—more at ANXIETY

dis·qui·etude /ˌdɪskwɪˈɛtud/ noun
›: AGITATION, ANXIETY

dis·qui·si·tion /ˌdɪskwɪˈzeɪʃn/ noun
›: a formal inquiry or discussion

1disregard /ˌdɪsˌrɛɡər/ verb
›: to pay no attention to : treat as unworthy of notice or regard
   Synonyms
   ❚ forget, ignore, neglect, overlook, pass over, slight, slur—more at NEGLECT
   ❚ brush, condone, excuse, gloss, ignore, pardon, pass over, shrug off, wink—more at EXCUSE

2disregard noun
›: the act of disregarding : the state of being disregarded
   — dis·re·gard·ful adjective
      Synonyms
      ❚ apathy, disinterestedness, indifference, insouciance, nonchalance—more at INDIFFERENCE

dis·re·pair /ˌdɪsˌriːˈpɛər/ noun
›: the state of being in need of repair
   Synonyms
   ❚ desolation, dilapidation, neglect—more at NEGLECT

dis·rep·u·ta·ble /ˌdɪsˈrɛpəˌteɪbəl/ adjective
›: having a bad reputation
   Synonyms
   ❚ discreditable, disgraceful, dishonorable, ignominious, infamous, notorious, shameful; also bad, immoral, seamy, shady, sordid, unethical, unsavory, wicked; base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, low, mean, vile, wretched
   Antonyms
   ❚ honorable, reputable, respectable

dis·re·pute /ˌdɪsˌriːˈpjuːt/ noun
›: lack or decline of reputation : a state of being held in low esteem
   Synonyms
   ❚ discredit, disgrace, dishonor, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, shame—more at DISGRACE

dis·re·spect /ˌdɪsˌriːˈspekt/ noun
›: lack of respect : DISCOURTESY
— **dis·re·spect·ful** adjective

  Synonyms
  ‣ brazeness, discourtesy, impertinence, impudence, incivility, insolence, rudeness—more at [DISCOURTESY](#)

**dis·robe** /dɪsˈrɑb/ verb

: to strip of clothing or covering : [UNDRESS](#)

**dis·rupt** /dɪsˈrʌpt/ verb

1 : to break apart
2 ‣ : to throw into disorder
3 : [INTERRUPT](#)

— **dis·rup·tive** /dɪsˈrʌp.tɪv/ adjective

  Synonyms
  ‣ discompost, disorder, disturb, upset—more at [DISORDER](#)

**dis·robe** /dɪsˈrɑb/ noun

: the act or state of being disrupted

  Synonyms
  ‣ derangement, dislocation, disturbance, upset—more at [UPSET](#)

**dis·sat·is·fac·tion** /dɪˈsa.tɪs.ʃən/ noun

: the quality or state of being dissatisfied

  Synonyms
  ‣ disappointment, dismay, frustration, letdown—more at [DISAPPOINTMENT](#)

**dis·sat·is·fied** /dɪˈsa.tɪs.fɪd/ verb

: expressing or showing lack of satisfaction : not pleased or satisfied

  Synonyms
  ‣ aggrieved, discontent, discontented, malcontent—more at [DISCONTENTED](#)

**dis·sat·is·fy** /dɪˈsa.tɪs.fɪ/ verb

: to fail to satisfy

  Synonyms
  ‣ disappoint, fail, let down—more at [DISAPPOINT](#)

**dis·sect** /dɪˈsɛkt/ verb

1 ‣ : to divide into parts esp. for examination and study
2 ‣ : to analyze and interpret minutely

— **dis·sec·tor** /dɪˈsɛktər/ noun

  Synonyms
  ‣ [1, 2] analyze, anatomize, assay, break down, break up—more at [ANALYZE](#)

**dis·sec·tion** /dɪˈsɛk.tʃən/ noun

: the act or process of dissecting : the state of being dissected

  Synonyms
  ‣ analysis, assay, breakdown, breakup—more at [ANALYSIS](#)

**dis·sect·ed** adjective

: cut deeply into narrow lobes <a ~ leaf>

**dis·sem·ble** /dɪˈzem.bəl/ verb -bled; -bling

1 : to hide under or put on a false appearance : conceal facts, intentions, or feelings under some pretense
2 : [SIMULATE](#)

— **dis·sem·bler** noun

**dis·sem·i·nate** /dɪˈzem.ɪ.nɑt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing

: to spread abroad as if sowing seed <~ ideas>

— **dis·sem·i·na·tion** /dɪˈzem.ɪ.nə.tʃən/ noun

  Synonyms
  ‣ broadcast, circulate, propagate, spread, strew—more at [SPREAD](#)
dis·sen·sion /dɪˈsenʃən/ noun
› : disagreement in opinion  
  Synonyms  
  • controversy, difference, disagreement, dispute

1 dissent /dɪˈsent/ verb  
  1 : to withhold assent  
  2 : to differ in opinion  

2 dissent noun  
  1 a ‣ : difference of opinion; especially : religious nonconformity  
  b ‣ : contentious quarreling  
  2 : a written statement in which a justice disagrees with the opinion of the majority  
  Synonyms  
  • [1a] heresy, heterodoxy, nonconformity—more at HERESY  
  • [1a, b] conflict, discord, dissension, disunity, friction, schism, strife, variance, war, warfare—more at DISCORD

diss·sent·er /dɪˈsentər/ noun  
  1 ‣ : one that dissent  
  2 cap : an English Nonconformist  
  Synonyms  
  • dissenting, heretic, nonconformist—more at HERETIC

dis·ser·ta·tion /dɪˈsɜrtəʃən/ noun  
  : an extended usu. written treatment of a subject; especially : one submitted for a doctorate

dis·ser·vice /dɪˈsɜrvəs/ noun  
  : ill service : INJURY  
  Synonyms  
  • injury, injustice, raw deal, wrong; also insult, offense, outrage; complaint, grievance  
  Antonyms  
  • justice

dis·sev·er /dɪˈsevər/ verb  
  : to set or keep apart : SEPARATE  
  Synonyms  
  • break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissociate, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

dis·si·dence /dɪˈsɪdəns/ noun  
  : difference of opinion  

1 dissident /ˈdɪsɪdənt/ adjective  
[origin: L. dissidens, prp. of dissidēre to sit apart, disagree, fr. dis- apart + sedēre to sit]  
› : disagreeing esp. with an established religious or political system, organization, or belief  
  Synonyms  
  • religious, heterodox, nonconforming, nonconformist, nonorthodox, unconventional, unorthodox—more at HERETICAL

2 dissident noun  
  : one that is dissident

dis·sim·i·lar /dɪˈsɪmlər/ adjective  
  : not like : UNLIKE  
  Synonyms  
  • different, disparate, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, other, unalike, unlike—more at DIFFERENT

dis·sim·i·lar·i·ty /dɪˈsɪmlərəti/ noun  
  : the quality or state of being dissimilar

dis·sim·u·late /dɪˈsɪməˌleɪt/ verb  
  : to hide under a false appearance : DISSEMBLE
dis·sim·u·la·tion /dɪˌsɪməˈleɪʃən/ noun
› the act of dissembling or the fact of being dissembled
   Synonyms
     ❖ artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, wiliness—more at deceit

dis·si·pat·ed /dɪˈsɪpətəd/; -pat·ing
1 › to break up and drive off : disperse <the breeze dissipated the fog>
2 › to spend or use up wastefully or foolishly : squander
3 › to break up and vanish
4 › to be dissolve; especially : to drink alcoholic beverages to excess
   — dis·si·pat·ed adjective
   Synonyms
     ❖ [1] clear out, disband, disperse, scatter—more at scatter
     ❖ [2] blow, fritter, lavish, misspend, run through, spend, squander, throw away, waste—more at waste

dis·si·pa·tion /dɪˌsɪpəˈeɪʃən/ noun
1 › the action or process of dissipating : the state of being dissipated
2 › self-indulgence and intemperate living
   Synonyms
     ❖ [1] dispersion
     ❖ [2] blow, fritter, lavish, misspend, run through, spend, squander, throw away, waste—more at waste

dis·so·ci·ate /dɪˈsəˌsēət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
› to set or keep apart : disconnect
   — dis·so·ci·a·tion /dɪˌsəˌsēəˈeɪʃən/ noun
   — dis·so·cia·tive /dɪˌsəˌsēəˈtiv/ adjective
   Synonyms
     ❖ break up, disconnect, disjoint, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at separate

dis·so·lute /dɪˈsəˌlʌt/ adjective
› loose in morals or conduct
   — dis·so·lute·ly adverb
   Synonyms
     ❖ corrupt, debauched, decadent, degenerate, perverse, perverted, reprobate—more at corrupt

dis·so·lu·tion /dɪˌsəˌluʃən/ noun
1 › the action or process of dissolving
2 › separation of a thing into its parts
3 : decay; also : death
4 › the termination or breaking up of (as an assembly)
   Synonyms
     ❖ breakup, division, partition, schism, separation, split—more at separation

dis·solve /dɪˈsəlv/ verb
1 › to separate into component parts
2 › to pass or cause to pass into solution <sugar ~s in water>
3 › to bring or come to an end <parliament> <the organization dissolved>
4 › to waste or fade away <his courage dissolved>
5 › to be overcome emotionally <in tears>
6: to resolve itself as if by dissolution
7: to disperse or disappear or cause to disperse or disappear

**Synonyms**
- [1] break up, disband, disperse—more at **DISBAND**
- [3] abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind, void—more at **ABOLISH**
- [7] disappear, evaporate, fade, flee, go, melt, vanish—more at **DISAPPEAR**

**dis·so·nance** /diˌsoˈnans/ **noun**
: **DISCORD**

**dis·so·nant** /ˈnɑnt/ **adjective**
- marked by dissonance : **DISCORDANT**

**Synonyms**
- discordant, inharmonious, unmelodious, unmusical; also blaring, clashing, grating, harsh, jangling, jarring, metallic, raucous, scratching, screeching, shrill, squeaky, strident; disagreeable, unpleasant, unpleasing; atonal

**Antonyms**
- harmonious, harmonizing, melodious, musical

**dis·suade** /diˈswəd/ **verb** dis·suad·ed; dis·suad·ing
- to advise against a course of action : persuade or try to persuade not to do something

- dis·su·a·tion /ˌswəˈzhən/ **noun**
- dis·su·a·tive /ˌswəˌsiv/ **adjective**

**Synonyms**
- deter, discourage, inhibit—more at **DISCOURAGE**

**dist** **abbreviation**
1: distance
2: district

1**distaff** /diˈstaf/ **noun, plural distaffs /-tæfs, -tævz/
[origin: ME distaf, fr. OE distæf, fr. dis- bunch of flax + stæf stick, staff]
1: a staff for holding the flax, tow, or wool in spinning
2: a woman's work or domain
3: the female branch or side of a family

2**distaff** **adjective**
1: MATERNAL 2
2: FEMALE 1

**dist·tal** /diςˈtæl/ **adjective**
1: situated away from the point of attachment or origin esp. on the body
2: of, relating to, or being the surface of a tooth that is farthest from the middle of the front of the jaw

- **dist·tal·ly** **adverb**

1**distance** /ˈdɪsəns/ **noun**
1: measure of separation in space or time
2: EXPANSE
3: the full length <go the ~>  
4: spatial remoteness
5: COLDNESS, RESERVE
6: DIFFERENCE, DISPARITY
7: a distant point

**Synonyms**
- lead, length, remove, spread, stretch, way; also altitude, area, breadth, depth, height, rise, space, volume, width; extension, extent; cast, range, reach, scope, shot, sweep, throw; drop, fall, flight, haul; berth, clearance

2**distance** **verb** dis·tanced; dis·tanc·ing
- to leave far behind : **OUTSTRIP**

3**distance** **adjective**
- taking place via electronic media linking instructors and students <~ learning>
distant /ˈdis.tənt/ adjective
1 : separate in space : AWAY
2 ▶ : situated at a great distance : FAR-OFF
3 : far apart or behind
4 : not close in relationship <a ~ cousin>
5 : different in kind
6 ▶ : reserved or aloof in personal relationship : COLD <~ politeness>
7 : going a long distance
— distant·ly adverb
— distant·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] away, far, far-off, remote; also apart, isolated, obscure, outlying, out-of-the-way, retired, secluded, secret, sequestered
   Antonyms
   close, near, nearby, nigh
   ▶ [6] aloof, antisocial, cold, cool, detached, frosty, remote, standoffish, unsociable—more at COOL

distaste /dɪsˈtæst/ noun
▶ : a settled dislike
   Synonyms
   ▶ aversion, disgust, loathing, nausea, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion—more at DISGUST

distaste·ful /ˈfʊl/ adjective
1 ▶ : objectionable because inappropriate, unethical, or offensive to taste
2 ▶ : unpleasant to the sense of taste <~ fruit>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] bad, disagreeable, nasty, offensive, rotten, sour, uncongenial, unlovely, unpleasant, unwelcome—more at UNPLEASANT
   ▶ [2] unappetizing, unsavory; also abominable, awful, bad, filthy, foul, horrible, loathsome, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, shocking, sickening; bland, flat, flavorless, insipid, tasteless
   Antonyms
   appetizing, delectable, delicious, palatable, savory, tasty

distem·per /dɪsˈtem.pər/ noun
: a bodily disorder usu. of a domestic animal; especially : a contagious often fatal virus disease of dogs

distend /ˈdi.stend/ verb
   ▶ : EXPAND, SWELL
   — disten·si·ble /ˈsten.sə-bal/ adjective
   — disten·sion or dis·ten·tion /ˈtain.ʃən/ noun

distich /ˈdɪstik/ noun
: a unit of two lines of poetry

distill also dis·til /ˈdi stil/ verb dis·tilled; dis·til·ling
1 : to fall or let fall in drops
2 ▶ : to obtain or purify by distillation
   — dis·til·ler noun
   — dis·til·lery /ˈsti.ər.ərē/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ clarify, clear, filter, purify—more at CLARIFY

distil·late /ˈdi stil.ət/ noun
: a liquid product condensed from vapor during distillation

distil·la·tion /ˈdi stil.ə.ʃən/ noun
: the process of purifying a liquid by successive evaporation and condensation

distinct /ˈdis.tənt/ adjective

1 : distinguishable to the eye or mind as discrete : separate
2 : presenting a clear unmistakable impression

— distinct·ly adverb

Synonyms
apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at clear

distinc·tion /dɪˈsɪŋkʃən/ noun
1 : the distinguishing of a difference; also : the difference distinguished
2 : something that distinguishes
3 : special honor or recognition
4 : the quality or state of being distinguished or worthy

Synonyms
contrast, difference, disagreement, discrepancy, disparity, diversity, unlikeness—more at difference
demarcation, discrimination, separation—more at separation
acclaim, accolade, award, credit, glory, homage, honor, laurels—more at glory
excellence, merit, value, virtue—more at excellence

distinc·tive /dɪˈsɪŋktɪv/ adjective
1 a : serving to distinguish
b : set apart from others
2 : having or giving style or distinction

— distinct·ly adverb

Synonyms
characteristic, classic, distinct, individual, peculiar, proper, symptomatic, typical—more at characteristic
different, disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinguishable, diverse, other, unalike, unlike—more at different

distinc·tive·ness /nəs/ noun
the quality or state of being distinctive

distinct·ness /ˈnɛs/ noun
the quality or state of being distinct

distin·guish /dɪˈstɪŋgwɪʃ/ verb
[origin: alter. of ME distinguen, fr. AF distinguer, fr. L distinguere, lit., to separate by pricking]
1 : to recognize by some mark or characteristic
2 : to hear or see clearly : discern
3 : to make distinctions between right and wrong
4 : to give prominence or distinction to; also : to take special notice of

Synonyms
behold, descry, discern, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at see
differentiate, discern, discriminate, separate; also comprehend, grasp, know, understand; divide, part, sever; demarcate, mark (off), set off

Antonyms
confuse, mistake, mix (up)

distin·guish·able /dɪˈstɪŋgwɪʃəbəl/ adjective
: capable of being distinguished

Synonyms
appreciable, detectable, discernible, palpable, perceptible, sensible—more at perceptible

distin·guished /ˈdɪstɪŋgwɪʃt/ adjective
1 : marked by eminence or excellence
2 : befitting an eminent person

Synonyms
eminent, illustrious, noble, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star, superior—
more at EMINENT
distort /ˈdɪˌstɔrt/ verb
1 ▷: to twist out of the true meaning
2 ▷: to twist out of a natural, normal, or original shape or condition
3 ▷: to cause to be perceived unnaturally
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] color, falsify, garble, misinterpret, misrepresent, misstate, pervert, twist, warp—more at GARBAGE
   ▷ [2] contort, deform, screw, warp—more at CORRECTION
distorted adjective
▷: twisted or deformed in shape or condition
   Synonyms
   ▷ deformed, malformed, misshapen, monstrous, shapeless—more at MALFORMED
distortion /ˈdɪˌstɔr ŋ/ noun
1 ▷: the act of distorting
2 ▷: the quality or state of being distorted : a product of distorting
   Synonyms
   ▷ contortion, deformation—more at CONTORTION
distr abbreviation
distribute; distribution
distract /ˈdɪˌstrækt/ verb
1 : to draw (the attention or mind) to a different object : DIVERT
2 : to stir up or confuse with conflicting emotions or motives
distraction /ˌstræk ʃən/ noun
1 ▷: the act of distracting or the state of being distracted; especially : mental confusion <driven to ~> 
2 ▷: something that distracts; especially : AMUSEMENT <a harmless ~> 
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] bafflement, bewilderment, confusion, muddle, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl—more at CONFUSION
   ▷ [2] amusement, diversion, entertainment—more at ENTERTAINMENT
distrait /ˈdɪˌstræt/ adjective
▷: apprehensively divided or withdrawn in attention
distraught /ˈdɪˌstræt/ adjective
1 ▷: agitated with doubt or mental conflict
2 : INSANE
   Synonyms
   ▷ agitated, delirious, frantic, frenzied, hysterical—more at FRANTIC
distress /ˈdɪˌstrɛs/ noun
1 ▷: suffering of body or mind : PAIN
2 : TROUBLE, MISFORTUNE
3 ▷: a condition of danger or desperate need
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] affliction, agony, anguish, misery, pain, torment, torture, tribulation, woe; also discomfort; cross, crucible, trial; heartbreak, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness; emergency, pinch; asperity, difficulty, hardship, rigor; ache, hurt, pang, smarting, soreness, stitch, throe, twinge; danger, jeopardy, trouble
   ▷ [3] danger, jeopardy, peril, risk, trouble—more at DANGER
distress verb
1 : to subject to great strain or difficulties
2 ▷: to cause to worry or be troubled : UPSET
   Synonyms
   ▷ agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhouse, unsettle, upset, worry
distressed /ˈstrɛst/ adjective
▷ experiencing economic decline or difficulty

 distressful /ˈfʌl/ adjective
▷ causing distress : full of distress
  Synonyms
  anxious, nervous, restless, tense, unsettling, upsetting, worrisome—more at NERVOUS

distribute /ˈstriːtʃər/ verb -ut·ed; -ut·ing
1 ▷ to divide among several or many
2 ▷ to spread out : SCATTER; also : DELIVER
3 : CLASSIFY
  Synonyms
  administer, allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, mete, parcel, portion, prorate—more at ADMINISTER

distribution /ˌdistriˈbjuʃən/ noun
1 ▷ the act or process of distributing
2 ▷ the position, arrangement, or frequency of occurrence (as of the members of a group) over an area or throughout a space or unit of time
  Synonyms
  [1] allocation, dispensation, division, issuance; also disbursement; reapportionment, redistribution
  [2] arrangement, array, disposal, disposition, order, sequence, setup—more at ORDER

distributive /ˈstriːtʃətɪv/ adjective
1 : of or relating to distribution
2 : of, having, or being the property of producing the same value when an operation is carried out on a whole expression and when it is carried out on each part of an expression with the results then collected together <a(b + c) = ab + ac because multiplication is ~> dis·trib·u·tive·ly adverb

distributor /ˈstriːtʃər/ noun
1 : one that distributes
2 : one that markets goods
3 : a device for directing current to the spark plugs of an engine

district /ˈdɪstrɪkt/ noun
1 ▷ a fixed territorial division (as for administrative or electoral purposes)
2 ▷ an area, region, or section with a distinguishing character
  Synonyms
  [1, 2] neighborhood, quarter, section; also belt, zone; department, division, part; precinct, ward; area, locality, place, region; barrio, enclave, ghetto

district attorney noun
▷ the prosecuting attorney of a judicial district

 distrust /ˈdistrʌt/ noun
▷ a lack or absence of trust
  Synonyms
  doubt, incertitude, misgiving, mistrust, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty—more at DOUBT

distrust verb
▷ to hold as untrustworthy or unreliable
  Synonyms
  doubt, mistrust, question, suspect; also disbelieve, discount, discredit, negate
  Antonyms
  trust

distrustful /ˈfʌl/ adjective
▷ having or showing distrust
  Synonyms


· incredulous, leery, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious—more at SKEPTICAL.
· doubtful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uncertain, undecided, unsettled, unsure—more at DOUBTFUL.

dis·trust·ful·ly /dɪˈtrʌst.fəl.i/ adverb
· in a distrustful manner

Synonyms
· askance, dubiously, mistrustfully, suspiciously—more at ASKANCE.

dis·turb /dɪˈstɜrb/ verb
1 : to interfere with : INTERRUPT
2 : to alter the position or arrangement of; also : to upset the natural and esp. the ecological balance of
3 : to destroy the tranquillity or composure of : make uneasy
4 : to throw into disorder
5 : to put to inconvenience
— dis·tur·ber noun
— dis·tur·bing·ly /dɪˈstɜr.bɪŋˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
· [2] budge, dislocate, displace, move, remove, shift, transfer—more at MOVE.
· [3] agitate, bother, concern, discomcompose, disquiet, distress, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhinge, unsettle, upset, worry; also aggravate, anger, annoy, bug, chafe, exasperate, fret, gall, get, grate, harass, harry, irk, irritate, nettle, peev, pester, pique, put out, rile, vex; bedevil, haunt, plague; abash, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify, nonplus, rattle; daunt, demoralize, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit

Antonyms
· calm, compose, quiet, settle, soothe, tranquilize
· [5] discommode, disoblige, inconvenience, trouble—more at INCONVENIENCE.

dis·tur·bance /ˈstɜrbəns/ noun
· the act of disturbing : the state of being disturbed

Synonyms
· derangement, dislocation, disruption, upset—more at UPSET.
· commotion, fuss, hubbub.

dis·tur·bed /ˈstɜbd/ adjective
· showing symptoms of emotional illness.

dis·unite /ˌdɪs.yʊˈnit/ verb
· to destroy the unity of; : DIVIDE.

Synonyms
· break up, disconnect, disjoin, dissemble, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE.

dis·uni·ty /ˌdɪs.yʊˈne.tɪ/ noun
· lack of unity; especially : DISSENSION

Synonyms
· conflict, discord, dissension, dissent, friction, schism, strife, variance, war, warfare—more at DISCORD.

dis·use /ˈdɪs.yʊs/ noun
· a cessation of use or practice.

1 ditch /dɪtʃ/ noun
· a long narrow channel or trench dug in the earth

Synonyms
· dike, gutter, trench; also culvert, drain, draw, gully, ravine; drill, furrow

2 ditch verb
1 : to enclose with a ditch; also : to dig a ditch in
2 ♠: to get rid of: discard
3 ♠: to make a forced landing of an airplane on water
    Synonyms
    ♠ cast, discard, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload—more at discard

dit·ter /di_ˈther/ noun
    ♠: a highly nervous, excited, or agitated state
    Synonyms
    ♠ fluster, fret, fuss, huff, lather, pother, stew, tizzy, twitter—more at fret

dit·sy or dit·zy /ˈdit.sē/ adjective dits·i·er or ditz·i·er; -est
    ♠: eccentrically silly, giddy, or inane

dit·to /diˈtō/ noun, plural dittos
    [origin: It ditto, detto, pp. of dire to say, fr. L dicere]
    1 ♠: a thing mentioned previously or above — used to avoid repeating a word
    2 ♠: a mark “ or ” used as a symbol for the word ditto

dit·ty /diˈtē/ noun, plural ditties
    ♠: a short simple song

dit·zy or dit·sy /ˈdit.sē/ adjective ditz·i·er or dits·i·er; -est
    ♠: eccentrically silly, giddy, or inane

di·uret·ic /di_ˈyōr.ē.tik/ adjective
    ♠: tending to increase urine flow
    — diuretic noun

di·ur·nal /di_ˈyōr.nəl/ adjective
    1 ♠: DAILY
    2 ♠: of, relating to, occurring, or active in the daytime

div abbreviation
    1 divided
    2 dividend
    3 division
    4 divorced

di·va /di_ˈva/ noun, plural divas or di·ve /ˈva/ [origin: It, lit., goddess, fr. L, fem. of divus divine, god]
    1 ♠: prima dona
    2 ♠: a usu. glamorous and successful female performer or personality <the current ~ of the popular music world>

di·va·gate /di_ˈva.gət/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
    ♠: to wander or stray from a course or subject: DIVERGE
    — di·va·ga·tion /di_ˈva.gə.tān/ noun

di·van /di_ˈvān, di_ˈvān/ noun
    ♠: a large couch usu. without back or arms often designed for use as a bed
    Synonyms
    ♠ couch, davenport, lounge, settee, sofa—more at couch

1 dive /dīv/ verb dived /dīvld/ or dove /dīv/; dived; div·ing
    1 ♠: to plunge into water headfirst
    2 ♠: SUBMERGE
    3 ♠: to come or drop down precipitously
    4 ♠: to descend in an airplane at a steep angle
    5 ♠: to plunge into some matter or activity
    6 ♠: DART, LUNGE
    — div·er noun
    Synonyms
pitch, plunge, sound; also dip, immerse, submerge; belly flop

dive noun
1 : the act or an instance of diving
2 : a sharp decline
3 : a disreputable bar or place of amusement
   Synonyms
   ➔ [1, 2] descent, dip, down, drop, fall, plunge—more at descent

di·verge /dəˈvərj/ verb di·verged; di·verg·ing
1 : to move or extend in different directions from a common point: draw apart
2 : to differ in character, form, or opinion
3 : DEVIADE
4 : DEFLECT
   — di·ver·gence /ˈvərjəns/ noun
   — di·ver·gent /ˈvərjənt/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ➔ branch, fan, radiate—more at RADIATE
   ➔ branch, divide, fork, separate—more at SEPARATE

di·vers /dəˈvərs/ adjective
: of differing kinds: VARIOUS

di·verse /dəˈvərs, dəˈvərəs/ adjective
1 : differing from one another: UNLIKE
2 : composed of distinct forms or qualities
   — di·verse·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ different, disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, other, unalike, unlike—more at DIFFERENT

di·ver·si·fy /dəˈvərˌsəˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to make different or various in form or quality
   — di·ver·si·fi·ca·tion /ˌdəˈvərˌsəˌfiˈkā�/ noun

di·ver·sion /dəˈvərʒən/ noun
1 : a turning aside from a course, activity, or use: DEVIATION
2 : something that diverts or amuses
   Synonyms
   ➔ delight, entertainment, fun, pleasure—more at FUN
   ➔ amusement, distraction, entertainment—more at ENTERTAINMENT

di·ver·si·ty /dəˈvərˌsiˈtē, dəˈvərˌsiˈtē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the condition of being diverse
2 : an instance of being diverse
   Synonyms
   ➔ assortment, variety—more at VARIETY
   ➔ contrast, difference, disagreement, discrepancy, disparity, distinction, unlikeness—more at DIFFERENCE

di·vert /dəˈvər⟩t, dəˈvər⊥t/ verb
1 : to turn from a course or purpose: DEFLECT
2 : DISTRACT
3 : to give pleasure to esp. by distracting the attention from what burdens or distresses: ENTERTAIN
   Synonyms
   ➔ [1] deflect, swerve, swing, turn, veer, wheel, whip—more at TURN
   ➔ [3] amuse, divert, entertain, regale—more at AMUSE

di·vert·ing /dəˈvərˌtəŋ, dəˈvərˌtəŋ/ adjective
: providing amusement or entertainment
   Synonyms
amusing, delightful, enjoyable, entertaining, fun, pleasurable—more at FUN

di·vest /dəˈvest, də-/ verb
1 : to deprive or dispossess esp. of property, authority, or rights
2 : to strip esp. of clothing, ornament, or equipment

1 divide /dəˌvid/ verb di·vid·ed; di·vid·ing
1 a : to separate into two or more parts, areas, or groups
b : CLASSIFY
2 : CLEAVE, PART
3 : DISTRIBUTE, APPORTION
4 : to possess or make use of in common : share in
5 : to cause to be separate, distinct, or apart from one another
6 : to separate into opposing sides or parties
7 : to mark divisions on
8 : to subject to or use in mathematical division; also : to be used as a divisor with respect to
9 : to branch out

Synonyms
[5] break up, disconnect, disjoint, disserver, disassociate, disunite, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE
[9] branch, diverge, fork, separate—more at SEPARATE

divide noun
: WATERSHED 1

div·i·dend /diˈvəˌdənd/ noun
1 : an individual share of something distributed
2 : something in addition to what is expected or strictly due : BONUS
3 : a number to be divided
4 : a sum or fund to be divided or distributed

Synonyms
 bonus, extra, lagniappe, perquisite, tip—more at BONUS

di·vid·er /daˌvidər/ noun
1 : one that divides (as a partition) <room ~>
2 plural : COMPASS 5

di·vi·na·tion /dəˈvəˌnəˈshən/ noun
1 : the art or practice of using omens or magic powers to foretell the future
2 : unusual insight or intuitive perception

1 divine /daˈvin/ adjective di·vin·er; -est
1 : of, relating to, or being God or a god
2 : supremely good : SUPERB; also : HEAVENLY
— di·vine·ly adverb

Synonyms
 blessed, godlike, heavenly, holy, sacred, supernatural—more at HOLY

divine noun
1 : a member of the clergy : CLERGYMAN
2 : THEOLOGIAN

3 divine verb di·vined; di·vin·ing
1 : INFERR, CONJECTURE
2 : to predict with assurance or on the basis of mystic knowledge
3 : DOWSE

Synonyms
 anticipate, foreknow, foresee—more at FORESEE

di·vin·er /daˈviˌnər/ noun
1 : a person who practices divination
Synonyms

divining rod noun
: a forked rod believed to reveal the presence of water or minerals by dipping downward when held over a vein
di·vin·i·ty /da_.ˈvi.nə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : THEOLOGY
2 ▶: the quality or state of being divine
3 : a divine being; especially: GOD

divisibility noun
— di·vis·i·ble /da_.ˈvi.zə.bl/ adjective
: capable of being divided
di·vi·sion /da_.ˈvi.zhən/ noun
1 a ▶: the act or process of dividing : SEPARATION
b ▶: the act, process, or an instance of distributing among a number : DISTRIBUTION
2 ▶: one of the parts or groupings into which a whole is divided
3 : DISAGREEMENT, DISUNITY
4 : something that divides or separates
5 : the mathematical operation of finding how many times one number is contained in another
6 : a large self-contained military unit
7 ▶: an administrative or operating unit of a governmental, business, or educational organization
— di·vi·sion·al /da_.ˈvi.zhən.əl/ adjective
  Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] breakup, dissolution, partition, schism, separation, split—more at SEPARATION
   ▶ [1b] allocation, dispensation, distribution, issuance—more at DISTRIBUTION
   ▶ [2] bracket, category, class, family, grade, group, kind, order, set, species, type—more at CLASS
   ▶ [7] bureau, department, desk, office

divisive /da_.ˈvi.ziv/ adjective
: creating disunity or dissension
— di·vi·sive·ly adverb
— di·vi·sive·ness noun

divisor /da_.ˈvi.zər/ noun
: the number by which a dividend is divided

divorce /da_.ˈvərs/ noun
1 : an act or instance of legally dissolving a marriage
2 : SEPARATION, SEVERANCE
— di·vor·ce·ment noun

divorce verb
1 : to end marriage with (one's spouse) by divorce <divorced his wife>
2 : to dissolve the marriage contract between <they were divorced last year>
3 ▶ : to make or keep separate
   Synonyms
     ▶ break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissever, dissociate, disunite, divide, part, resolve, separate, sever, split,
      sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

di·vor·cé /da_.ˈvər.ˌsā/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a divorced man

di·vor·cée /da_.ˈvər.ˌsē/ noun
: a divorced woman
div·ot /diˈvət/ noun
: a piece of turf dug from a golf fairway in making a stroke

di·vulge /diˈvəlj/ verb di·vulg·ed, di·vulg·ing
: to make known (as a confidence or secret): REVEAL
  Synonyms
  bare, disclose, discover, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unbolstom, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at REVEAL

Dix·ie·land /dikˈsē.lənd/ noun
: jazz music in duple time played in a style developed in New Orleans

diz·zy /diˈzē/ adjective diz·zi·er, -est
[origin: ME disy, fr. OE dysig stupid]
1 : FOOLISH, SILLY
2 ▲ having a sensation of whirling: GIDDY
3 a : causing or caused by giddiness
b ▲ confusing or feeling confused mentally
4 ▲ extremely rapid
— diz·zi·ly /ziˈlē/ adverb
— diz·zi·ness /ziˈnəs/ noun
  Synonyms
  [2] giddy, light-headed; also faint, weak; addled, befuddled, confused, dazed
  [3b] confused, stunned; also senseless, unconscious
  Antonyms
  clearheaded
  ▲ [4] breakneck, breathless, brisk, fast, fleet, hasty, lightning, nippy, quick, rapid, rattling, snappy, speedy, swift
— more at FAST

DJ noun, often not cap
: DISC JOCKEY

dk abbreviation
1 dark
2 deck
3 dock

dl abbreviation
deciliter

DLitt or DLit abbreviation
[origin: NL doctor litterarum]
doctor of letters; doctor of literature

DLO abbreviation
dead letter office

dm abbreviation
decimeter

DMD abbreviation
[origin: NL dentariae medicinae doctor]
doctor of dental medicine

DMZ abbreviation
demilitarized zone

dn abbreviation
down

DNA /ˌdē.ˈnē.ənˈē/ noun
: any of various nucleic acids that are usu. the molecular basis of heredity and are localized esp. in cell nuclei

DNR abbreviation
do not resuscitate

`do /də/ verb did /dɪd/; done /dən/; do·ing; does /dəz/

1 to bring to pass: **accomplish**

2 **act, behave** <~ as I say>

3 to be active or busy <up and ~ing>

4 **happen** <what's ~ing?>

5 to be engaged in the study or practice of: work at <he does tailoring>

6 **cook** <steak done rare>

7 to put in order (as by cleaning or arranging) <~ the dishes>

8 to furnish with something ornamental: **decorate** <did the hall in blue>

9 **get along** <well in school>

10 to deal with something successfully: **manage**

11 **render** <sleep will ~ you good>

12 to bring to an end: **finish** <when he had done>

13 **exert** <did my best>

14 **produce** <did a poem>

15 to play the part of

16 **cheat** <did him out of his share>

17 **traverse, tour**

18 **travel**

19 to spend or serve out a period of time <did ten years in prison>

20 to serve the needs of

21 to be fitting or proper

22 **use** <doesn't ~ drugs>

23 — used as an auxiliary verb (1) before the subject in an interrogative sentence <does he work?> and after some adverbs <never did she say so>, (2) in a negative statement <I don't know>, (3) for emphasis <you ~ know>, and (4) as a substitute for a preceding predicate <he works harder than I ~> 

**do away with**

1 to put an end to

2 **destroy, kill**

— **do by**

: to deal with: **treat** <did right by her>

— **do for**

: to bring about the death or ruin of

— **do the trick**

: to produce a desired result

**Synonyms**

1 [1] accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, compass, execute, follow through, make, perform—more at **perform**

2 [10] cope, fare, get along, make out, manage, shift—more at **get along**

3 [20, 21] befit, fit, go, serve, suit; also satisfy, suffice; function, work

**do noun**

1 **affair, party**

2 a command or entreaty to do something <list of ~s and don'ts>

3 **hairdo**

**do abbreviation**

ditto

**DOA abbreviation**

dead on arrival

**do·able /də·ə-bal/ adjective**

: that can be done: **practicable**

**Synonyms**

achievabil, attainable, feasible, possible, practicable, realizable, viable, workable—more at **possible**
DOB abbreviation
date of birth

dob·bin /dəˈbæn/ noun
[ORIGIN: Dobbin, nickname for Robert]
1: a farm horse
2: a quiet plodding horse

Do·ber·man pin·scher /dəˈbɛrˌmænˈpɪnskər/ noun
: any of a German breed of short-haired medium-sized dogs

1 doc /dɑk/ noun
: DOCTOR

2 doc abbreviation
document

do·cent /dəˈsɛnt, dəˈsent/ noun
[ORIGIN: obs. G (now Dozent), fr. L docens, prp. of docēre to teach]
: TEACHER, LECTURER; also: a person who leads a guided tour

do·cil /dəˈsəl/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L docilis, fr. docēre to teach]
: easily taught, led, or managed : TRACTABLE

Synonyms
amenable, compliant, conformable, obedient, submissive, tractable—more at OBEDIENT

do·cil·i·ty /dəˈsələtɪ/ noun
: the quality or state of being docile

Synonyms
compliance, deference, obedience—more at COMPLIANCE

1 dock /dɑk/ noun
: any of a genus of coarse weedy herbs related to buckwheat

2 dock verb
1: to cut off the end of : cut short
2: to take away a part of : deduct from <a worker’s wages>

3 dock noun
1: an artificial basin to receive ships
2: slip
3 a wharf or platform for loading or unloading materials

Synonyms
float, jetty, landing, levee, pier, quay, wharf; also berth, mooring, slip; dockyard, marina, shipyard

4 dock verb
1: to bring or come into dock
2: to join (as two spacecraft) mechanically in space

5 dock noun
: the place in a court where a prisoner stands or sits during trial

dock·age /dəˈkeɪ/ noun
: docking facilities

dock·et /dəˈket/ noun
1: a formal abridged record of the proceedings in a legal action; also: a register of such records
2: a list of legal causes to be tried
3 a calendar of matters to be acted on: AGENDA
4 a label attached to a document containing identification or directions

— docket verb

Synonyms
agenda, calendar, program, schedule, timetable—more at program

dock-hand /ˈdäkˌhænd/ noun
: LONGSHOREMAN

dock-worker /ˈdäkˌwɜrkər/ noun
: LONGSHOREMAN

dock-yard /ˈdäkˌyärd/ noun
: SHIPYARD

1 doctor /ˈdäkˈtɑr/ noun
[origin: ME doctour teacher, doctor, fr. AF & ML; AF, fr. ML doctor, fr. L, teacher, fr. docère to teach]
1 : a person holding one of the highest academic degrees (as a PhD) conferred by a university
2 : a person skilled in healing arts; especially : one (as a physician, dentist, or veterinarian) academically and legally qualified to practice
3 : a person who restores or repairs things
— doctoral /ˈdäkˌrəl/ adjective

2 doctor verb
1 : to give medical treatment to
2 : to practice medicine
3 : to restore to good condition : REPAIR
4 : to adapt or modify for a desired end
5 : to alter deceptively

Synonyms
— fix, mend, patch, recondition, renovate, repair, revamp—more at mend

doctorate /ˈdäkˌtɑrət/ noun
: the degree, title, or rank of a doctor

doctrinaire /ˌdäkˌtrəˈnar/ noun
[origin: F]
: one who attempts to put an abstract theory into effect without regard to practical difficulties
— doctrinaire adjective

doctrine /ˈdäkˌtrən/ noun
1 : something that is taught
2 : a principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of knowledge or system of belief
— doctrinal /ˈdäktrənəl/ adjective

Synonyms
— creed, gospel, ideology, philosophy—more at creed

document /ˈdäkˌdokəmant/ noun
1 : a paper that furnishes information, proof, or support of something else
2 : a computer file containing information input by a computer user usu. via a word processor

2 document /ˈdokəment/ verb
: to furnish documentary evidence of
— documenter noun

Synonyms
— demonstrate, establish, prove, substantiate, validate—more at prove

documentary /ˌdäkˈdɑrəˌterɪ/ adjective
1 : consisting of documents; also : being in writing << proof>
2 a : giving a factual presentation in artistic form << a ~ movie>
b : of or relating to facts
— documentary noun
**Synonyms**
- factual, hard, historical, literal, matter-of-fact, nonfictional, objective, true—more at **FACTUAL**

**doc·u·men·ta·tion /də kyə mə nə ˈtā ʃən/ noun**
1 : the act or an instance of furnishing or authenticating with documents
2 a : the provision of documents in substantiation
   b : documentary evidence
   Synonyms
      - attestation, confirmation, corroboration, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation, witness—more at **PROOF**

**DOD abbreviation**
Department of Defense

1 **dod·der /ˈdə dər/ noun**
   : any of a genus of leafless parasitic twining vines that are highly deficient in chlorophyll

2 **dod·der verb dod·der·ed; dod·der·ing**
   1 : to tremble or shake usu. from age
   2 : to progress feebly and unsteadily
   Synonyms
      - careen, lurch, reel, stagger, teeter, totter—more at **STAGGER**

1 **dodge /dəдж/ noun**
   1 : an act of evading by sudden bodily movement
   2 : an artful device to evade, deceive, or trick
   3 : **EXPEDIENT**
   Synonyms
      - artifice, device, gimmick, jig, ploy, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at **TRICK**

2 **dodge verb dodged; dod·ging**
   1 : to evade usu. by trickery
   2 : to move suddenly aside; also : to avoid or evade by so doing
   Synonyms
      - [1] avoid, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shirk, shun—more at **ESCAPE**
      - [2] duck, sidestep; also avoid, elude, escape, evade, parry, shirk, skirt; deflect, turn; slide, slip

**dodg·er /ˈdə dər/ noun**
   : one that dodges; especially : one who uses tricky devices
   Synonyms
      - cheat, hoaxer, shark, sharper, swindler, trickster—more at **TRICKSTER**

**do·do /ˈdə do/ noun, plural do·does or do·dos**
[origin: Pg doudo, fr. doudo silly, stupid]
1 : an extinct heavy flightless bird of the island of Mauritius related to the pigeons and larger than a turkey
2 : one hopelessly behind the times
3 : a stupid person
   Synonyms
      - [2] antediluvian, fogy, fossil, fuddy-duddy, reactionary—more at **FOGY**
      - [3] dope, dummy, dunce, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, numskull, simpleton

**doe /də/ noun, plural do·es or do·es**
: an adult female of various mammals (as a deer, rabbit, or kangaroo) of which the male is called buck

**DOE abbreviation**
Department of Energy

**do·er /ˈdə ər/ noun**
: one that does

**does present 3d singular of** **DO** plural of **DOE**
doff /dəf/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. don to do + of off]
1 : to take off (the hat) in greeting or as a sign of respect
2 : to rid oneself of
3 ' : to remove (an article of wear) from the body
   Synonyms
      peel, put off, remove, take off—more at REMOVE

1 dog /dog/ noun
1 : a flesh-eating domestic mammal related to the wolves; especially : a male of this animal
2 : a worthless or contemptible person
3 : FELLOW, CHAP <you lucky ~>
4 : a mechanical device for holding something
5 : uncharacteristic or affected stylishness or dignity <put on the ~>
6 plural : RUIN <gone to the ~s>
   Synonyms
      canine, hound; also cur, mongrel, mutt; bitch; lapdog, pup, puppy, whelp; bird dog, hunter, police dog, sled dog, watchdog, wolf dog, wolfhound

2 dog verb dogged; dog·ging
1 ' : to hunt or track like a hound
2 : to worry as if by pursuit with dogs : PLAGUE
   Synonyms
      chase, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, trace, track, trail—more at FOLLOW

dog-bane /dogˌbān/ noun
: any of a genus of mostly poisonous herbs with milky juice and often showy flowers

dog-cart /ˈdōgˌkārt/ noun
: a light one-horse carriage with two seats back to back

dog-catcher /ˈdōgˌatcher/ noun
: a community official assigned to catch and dispose of stray dogs

dog·ear /ˈdōgˌiər/ noun
: the turned-down corner of a leaf of a book
   — dog·ear verb

dog·eared /ˈdōgˌird/ adjective
: ill-kept : SHABBY

dog·fight /ˈdōgˌfīt/ noun
: a fight between fighter planes at close range

dog·fish /ˈdōgˌfish/ noun
: any of various small usu. bottom-dwelling sharks

dog·ged /ˈdōgˌgəd/ adjective
   : stubbornly determined
   — dog·ged·ly adverb
      Synonyms
         insistent, patient, persevering, persistent, pertinacious, tenacious—more at PERSISTENT
dog·ged·ness /ˈnæs/ noun
: the quality or state of being dogged

dog·ger·el /ˈdōgˌgərəl/ noun
: verse that is loosely styled and irregular in measure esp. for comic effect

dog·gie bag or doggy bag /ˈdōgˌgē/ noun
: a container for carrying home leftover food from a restaurant meal

1 **doggy** or **doggie** /dɔˈɡi/ noun, plural **doggies**
   : a usu. small dog

2 **doggy** adjective **doggi-er**; **-est**
   : of or resembling a dog <a ~ odor>

**dog-house** /dɔɡˌhaʊs/ noun
   : a shelter for a dog
   — **in the doghouse**
   : in a state of disfavor

**doggie** /dɔˈɡi/ noun, chiefly West
   : a motherless calf in a range herd

**dog-leg** /dɔɡˌleg/ noun
   : a sharp bend or angle (as in a road or a golf fairway)
   — **dogleg** verb

**dogma** /dɔɡˌma/ noun, plural **dogmas** also **dog·ma·ta** /ˈdɑɡ.mə.ˈtə/ [origin: L, fr. Gk, fr. dokein to think, have an opinion]
   1 : a tenet or code of tenets
   2 : a doctrine or body of doctrines formally proclaimed by a church

**dogmatic** /dɔɡˈmatɪk/ adjective
   — **dogmat·i·cal·ly** adverb

**do-good-er** /dəˈgʊ.ˌdɛə/ noun
   : an earnest often naive humanitarian or reformer

**dog-tooth violet** /dɔɡˌtəθ ˈvlət/ noun
   : any of a genus of small spring-flowering bulbous herbs related to the lilies

**dog-trot** /dɔɡˌtræt/ noun
   : a gentle trot
   — **dogtrot** verb

**dog-wood** /dɔɡˌwʊd/ noun
   : any of a genus of trees and shrubs having heads of small flowers often with showy white, pink, or red bracts

**do·ily** /dəˈlɛl/ noun, plural **doilies**
   : a small often decorative mat

**do in** verb
   1 : to bring about the defeat or destruction of : **RUIN**
   2 ▶ : to deprive of life : **KILL**
   3 ▶ : to tire extremely or completely : **EXHAUST** <the climb did him in>
   4 : **CHEAT**

*Synonyms*
   ▶ [2] destroy, dispatch, fell, kill, slay—more at **KILL**
   ▶ [3] burn out, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at **EXHAUST**

**do·ing** /dəˈɪŋ/ noun
   1 ▶ : the act or result of performing, executing, or creating <to achieve those plans will take some ~> 
   2 doings plural : things that go on or occur <the daily ~s in the market>

*Synonyms*
   ▶ [1] act, action, deed, exploit, feat, thing—more at **ACTION**

**do-it-yourself** noun
the activity of doing or making something without professional training or help
— do–it–your·self·er noun


dol abbreviation
dollar

dol·drums /’dəl.ˈdrəmz, ’dəl/ noun plural
1 ▶: a spell of listlessness or despondency
2 often cap: a part of the ocean near the equator known for calms
3: a state or period of inactivity, stagnation, or slump

Synonyms
▶ blues, dejection, depression, despondency, dumps, forlornness, gloom, heartsickness, melancholy, sadness—more at SADNESS
▶ boredom, ennui, listlessness, restlessness, tedium, tiredness, weariness—more at BOREDOM

1dole /dəl/ noun
1: a distribution esp. of food, money, or clothing to the needy; also: something so distributed
2: a grant of government funds to the unemployed

2dole verb doled; dol·ing
▶ to give or distribute as a charity — usu. used with out
dole·ful /’dəl.ʃəl/ adjective
▶ full of grief: SAD
— dole·ful·ly adverb
dole out verb
1 ▶: to give or deliver in small portions
2: to give or dispense freely: DISH OUT

Synonyms
▶ administer, allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, portion, prorate—more at ADMINISTER

doll /dəl, ’dəl/ noun
1: a small figure of a human being used esp. as a child’s plaything
2 ▶: a pretty woman
3: an attractive person
— doll·ish /dəl.ˈiʃ, ’dəl./ adjective

Synonyms
▶ girl, lass, maid, maiden, miss—more at GIRL

dol·lar /’dəl.ər/ noun
[origin: Dutch or LG daler, fr. G Taler, short for Joachimstaler, fr. Sankt Joachimsthal, Bohemia, where talers were first made]
1: a basic monetary unit of any of several countries (as the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Singapore)
2: a coin, note, or token representing one dollar

dol·lop /’dəl.lop/ noun
1: LUMP, GLOB
2: PORTION 1
— dollop verb
doll up verb
1: to dress elegantly or extravagantly
2: to make more attractive
3: to get dolled up
dol·ly /’dəl.i/ noun, plural dollies
▶ a small cart or wheeled platform (as for a television or movie camera)
dol·men /’dəl.ˈmən, ’dəl/ noun
▶ a prehistoric monument consisting of two or more upright stones supporting a horizontal stone slab
do·lo·mite /dōˌla.ˌmīt/ noun
: a mineral found in broad layers as a compact limestone

do·lor /dōˈlər/ noun
▶: mental suffering or anguish: SORROW
  Synonyms
  ▶ affliction, anguish, grief, heartache, sorrow, woe—more at SORROW

do·lor·ous /dōˈlərəs/ adjective
▶: causing, marked by, or expressing misery or grief
— do·lor·ous·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ funeral, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, regretful, rueful, sorrowful, weeping, woeful—more at MOURNFUL

do·lour chiefly British variant of dolor

do·phin /dōˈfən/ noun
1: any of various small whales with conical teeth and an elongated beaklike snout
2: either of two active food fishes of tropical and temperate seas

dolt /dōlt/ noun
▶: a stupid individual
  Synonyms
  ▶ blockhead, dope, dummy, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, numskull—more at IDIOT

dolt·ish /dōltˈish/ adjective
▶: like a dolt: STUPID

dolt·ish·ness /ˌnəs/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being doltish: STUPIDITY

dom abbreviation
1 domestic
2 dominant
3 dominion

-dom noun suffix
1: dignity: office <dukedom>
2: realm: jurisdiction <kingdom>
3: state or fact of being <freedom>
4: those having a (specified) office, occupation, interest, or character <officialdom>

do·main /dōˈmān/ noun
1: complete and absolute ownership of land
2: land completely owned
3: a territory over which dominion is exercised
4 ▶: a sphere of knowledge, influence, or activity <the ~ of science>
5: a subdivision of the Internet made up of computers whose URLs share a characteristic abbreviation (as com or gov)
  Synonyms
  ▶ area, arena, demesne, department, discipline, field, line, province, realm, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD

domain name noun
▶: a sequence of characters (as Merriam-Webster.com) that specifies a group of online resources and forms part of its URL

do·me /dōm/ noun
1: a large hemispherical roof or ceiling
2: a structure or natural formation that resembles the dome of a building
3: a roofed sports stadium
— dome verb

dom·es·tic /dəˈmest.īk/ adjective
1: living near or about human habitations
2: reduced from a state of native wildness esp. so as to be tractable and useful to humans: **DOMESTICATED**
3: relating and limited to one's own country or the country under consideration
4: of or relating to the household or the family
5: devoted to home duties and pleasures
6: **INDIGENOUS**

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do·mes·ti·cal·ly /ˈdɪməˈtɪkal-ə-li/ adverb

2. **domestic** noun
   ‣ a household servant
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ girl, housemaid, maid, maidservant, servant—more at **MAID**

do·mes·ti·cate /ˈdɪməˈtɪkət/ verb -cated; -cat·ing
: to adapt to life in association with and to the use of humans

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do·mes·tic·i·ty /ˈdɪməˈtɪski/ noun
1: the quality or state of being domestic or domesticated
2: domestic activities or life

domestic violence noun
: the inflicting of injury by one family or household member on another

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dom·icile /ˈdəˌmaˌsi/ noun
†: a dwelling place: **HOME**
—dom·i·cil·i·ary /ˌdəˌmaˌsiˈlər-e/ adjective
**Synonyms**
†: abode, dwelling, fireside, habitation, hearth, home, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, roof—more at **HOME**

2. **domicile** verb
†: to establish in or provide with a domicile
**Synonyms**
†: accommodate, billet, chamber, harbor, house, lodge, put up, quarter, roof, shelter, take in—more at **HOUSE**

dom·i·nance /ˈdəˌmaˌnans/ noun
1 ‣: dominant position esp. in a social hierarchy
2: the property of one of a pair of alleles or traits that suppresses expression of the other when both are present
**Synonyms**
‡: ascendancy, dominion, predominance, preeminence, supremacy—more at **SUPREMACY**

1. **dominant** /ˈdəˌmaɪnənt/ adjective
1 ‣: controlling or prevailing over all others
2: overlooking from a high position
3: exhibiting genetic dominance
**Synonyms**
‡: arch, cardinal, central, chief, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at **FOREMOST**

2. **dominant** noun
: a dominant gene or trait

—dom·i·nate /ˈdəˌmaɪnət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
1 ‣: to exert control, direction, or influence on
2 ‣: to have a commanding position or controlling power over
3: to rise high above in a position suggesting power to dominate
**Synonyms**
[1] conquer, overpower, subdue, subject, vanquish—more at **CONQUER**
boss, captain, command, head, lead, spearhead—more at LEAD

dom·i·na·tion /dəˈmeɪnəˈneɪʃən/ noun
1 : supremacy or preeminence over another
2 : exercise of mastery, ruling power, or preponderant influence
   Synonyms
   - conquest, subjection—more at CONQUEST

do·mi·na·trix /dəˈmeɪnəˈtrɪks/ noun, plural -trices /-ˈtre.ˌsɛzˌne.ˈtriˌsɛz/
1 : a woman who dominates her sexual partner; also : a dominating woman

dom·i·neer /dəˈmeɪnər/ verb
1 : to rule in an arrogant manner
2 : to be overbearing
   Synonyms
   - authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY

dom·i·neer·ing /ˈniːərɪŋ/ adjective
1 : inclined to exercise arbitrary and overbearing control over others
   Synonyms
   - authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY

dom·i·nie /ˈdəˌmeɪni/ usuˈdəˌmeɪni.2 usuˈdəˌni/ noun
1 chiefly Scottish : SCHOOLMASTER
2 : a member of the clergy : CLERGYMAN

do·min·ion /dəˈmiʃən/ noun
1 : DOMAIN
2 : supreme authority
3 often cap : a self-governing nation of the Commonwealth
   Synonyms
   - ascendency, dominance, predominance, preeminence, supremacy—more at SUPREMACY

dom·i·no /dəˈmeɪno/ noun, plural -noes or -nos
1 : a long loose hooded cloak usu. worn with a half mask as a masquerade costume
2 : a flat rectangular block used as a piece in a game (dominoes)

don /dən/ verb donned; don·ning
[origin: ME, fr. don to do + on]
1 : to put on (as clothes)
   Synonyms
   - put on, slip, throw—more at PUT ON

2 don noun
[origin: Sp, fr. L dominus lord, master]
1 : a Spanish nobleman or gentleman — used as a title prefixed to the first name
2 : a head, tutor, or fellow in an English university

do·ña /dəˈnə/ noun
: a Spanish woman of rank — used as a title prefixed to the first name

do·nate /dəˈneɪt/ verb do·nat·ed; do·nat·ing
1 : to make a gift of : CONTRIBUTE
2 : to make a donation
   Synonyms
   - bestow, contribute, give, present—more at GIVE

do·na·tion /dəˈneɪʃən/ noun
1 : the making of a gift esp. to a charity
2 : a free contribution
   Synonyms
   - alms, benefaction, beneficence, charity, contribution, philanthropy—more at CONTRIBUTION
done /'dən/ past participle of do

done adjective
1: doomed to failure, defeat, or death
2: gone by : OVER <when day is ~> 
3: cooked sufficiently 
4: conformable to social convention 

Synonyms
- complete, down, over, through, up—more at COMPLETE 

done deal noun
: FAIT ACCOMPLI 

don·key /dənˈkeɪ, ˈdæn-/ noun, plural donkeys
1: a sturdy and patient domestic mammal classified with the asses
2: a stupid or obstinate person

Synonyms
- ass, jackass; also jack, jenny; mule; pack animal

don·ny·brook /dənˈnɪ.bruk/ noun, often cap 
[ORIGIN: Donnybrook Fair, annual Irish event known for its brawls]
: an uproarious brawl

do·nor /ˈdō.nər/ noun
: one that gives, donates, or presents

donut variant of DOUGHNUT 

doo·dad /ˈdū.dad/ noun
: an often small article whose common name is unknown or forgotten

doo·dle /dū dél/ verb dooded; dooding
: to draw or scribble aimlessly while occupied with something else
—— doodle noun
—— dooder noun

doom /dūm/ noun
1: a judicial decision; especially : a judicial condemnation or sentence
2: something to which a person or thing is destined : DESTINY 
3 a: RUIN 
 b: a permanent cessation of all vital functions : DEATH

Synonyms
- [1] finding, holding, judgment, ruling, sentence—more at SENTENCE 
- [2] circumstance, destiny, fate, fortune, lot, portion—more at FATE 

doom verb
1: to give judgment against : CONDEMN
2: to fix the fate of: DESTINE

Synonyms
- [1] condemn, damn, sentence—more at SENTENCE 
- [2] destine, fate, foredoom, foreordain, ordain, predestine—more at DESTINE 

dooms·day /dūmz_.dā/ noun
: JUDGMENT DAY

door /dūər/ noun
1: a usu. swinging or sliding barrier by which an entry is closed and opened; also : a similar part of a piece of furniture 
2: the opening that a door closes : DOORWAY
3: a means of access or participation : OPPORTUNITY
Synonyms
- [1] gate, hatch, portal; also Dutch door, French door, lattice, portcullis, postern, trapdoor, wicket
- [2] doorway, entrance, gate, gateway, way; also hatch, hatchway

door-keeper /dər-ˌkip-ər/ noun
  - a person who tends a door
  Synonyms
    - gatekeeper, janitor

door-knob /ˌnäb/ noun
  - a knob that when turned releases a door latch

door-man /ˌmän, ˌmən/ noun
  - a usu. uniformed attendant at the door of a building (as a hotel)

door-mat /ˌmæt/ noun
  - a mat placed before or inside a door for wiping dirt from the shoes

door-plate /ˌplæt/ noun
  - a nameplate on a door

door-step /ˌstɛp/ noun
  - a step or series of steps before an outer door

door-way /ˌwā/ noun
  1 : the opening that a door closes
  2 : a means of access or participation
  Synonyms
    - [1] door, entrance, gate, gateway, way—more at DOOR
    - [2] access, admission, entrance, entrée, gateway—more at ENTRANCE

dopa /dəpə/ noun
  - a form of an amino acid that is used esp. in the treatment of Parkinson's disease

dopamine /dəpəˈmān/ noun
  - an organic compound that occurs esp. as a neurotransmitter in the brain

dope /dōp/ noun
  1 : a preparation for giving a desired quality
  2 : an illicit, habit-forming, or narcotic drug; especially: MARIJUANA
  3 : a stupid person
  4 : information esp. from a reliable source
  Synonyms
    - [3] blockhead, cretin, dodo, dolt, donkey, dummy, dunce, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, nitwit, numskull, simpleton, turkey—more at IDIOT
    - [4] lowdown, scoop, tip; also dirt, gossip, rumor, story; hint, pointer; information, intelligence, news, tidings, word

dope verb doped; dop-ing
  1 : to treat with dope; especially : to give a narcotic to
  2 : to find a solution, explanation, or answer for : FIGURE OUT — usu. used with out
  3 : to take dope
  Synonyms
    - usually dope out answer, break, crack, figure out, puzzle, resolve, riddle, solve, unravel, work, work out—more at SOLVE

doper noun
  - an habitual or frequent drug user
  Synonyms
    - addict, fiend, user; also pothead
dop·ey also dopy /ˈdō_.pē/ adjective dop·i·er; -est
1 : dulled by alcohol or a narcotic
2 : SLUGGISH
3 : slow of mind : STUPID; also : complacently or inanely foolish
dop·i·ness /ˈnās/ noun
› : the quality or state of being dopey
Synonyms
› denseness, fatuity, foolishness, imbecility, mindlessness, obtuseness, stupidity, vacuity—more at STUPIDITY
doping noun
› : the use of a substance or technique to illegally improve athletic performance
Dopp·ler effect /ˈdā_.plər/ noun
› : a change in the frequency at which waves (as of sound) reach an observer from a source in motion with respect to the observer
do·rag /ˈdū_.rāɡ/ noun
› : a kerchief worn esp. to cover the hair
dork /ˈdōrk/ noun, slang
› NERD; also : JERK 2
dorm /ˈdōrm/ noun
› DORMITORY
dor·man·cy /ˌmen_.sē/ noun
› : the quality or state of being dormant
Synonyms
› abeyance, doldrums, latency, quiescence, suspension—more at ABEYANCE
› idleness, inaction, inactivity, inertness, quiescence—more at INACTION
dor·mant /ˈdōr_.mant/ adjective
1 › : marked by a suspension of activity
2 › : sleeping or drowsing
Synonyms
› [1] dead, fallow, free, idle, inoperative, latent, off, vacant—more at INACTIVE
› [2] asleep—more at ASLEEP
dor·mer /ˈdōr_.mar/ noun
[Origin: MF dormeor dormitory, fr. L dormitorium, fr. dormire to sleep]
› : a window built upright in a sloping roof; also : the roofed structure containing such a window
dor·mi·to·ry /ˈdōr_.mi_.tō_.rē/ noun, plural -ries
1 : a room for sleeping; especially : a large room containing a number of beds
2 : a residence hall providing sleeping rooms
dor·mouse /ˈdōr_.mōs/ noun
› any of numerous Old World rodents that resemble small squirrels
dor·sal /ˈdōr_.sāl/ adjective
› of, relating to, or located near or on the surface of the body that in humans is the back but in most other animals is the upper surface
— dor·sal·ly adverb
dor·ry /ˈdōr_.rē/ noun, plural dories
› : a flat-bottomed boat with high flaring sides and a sharp bow
DOS abbreviation
disk operating system
dose /dōs/ noun
1: a measured quantity (as of medicine) to be taken or administered at one time
2: the quantity of radiation administered or absorbed
— dosage /ˈdō.ʒəl/ noun

2 dose verb dosed; dos·ing
1: to give in doses
2: to give medicine to

do·sim·e·ter /dō.ˌsī.mə.ˈter/ noun
: a device for measuring doses of radiations (as X-rays)
— do·sim·e·try /ˌdō.ˈsim.ə.trē/ noun

dos·sier /dō.ˈsē.ər/ noun
: a file containing detailed records on a particular person or subject

1 dot /dōt/ noun
1 ▶: a small spot : SPECK
2 ▶: a small round mark
3 ▶: a precise point esp. in time <be here on the ~> Synonyms

2 dot verb dotted; dot·ting
1: to mark with a dot <~ an i>
2 ▶: to cover with or as if with dots
— dot·ter noun

Synonyms

DOT abbreviation
Department of Transportation

dot·age /ˈdōt.əj/ noun
: feebleness of mind esp. in old age : SENILITY

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: a person in dotage

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dot matrix noun
: a rectangular arrangement of dots from which alphanumeric characters can be formed (as by a computer printer)

Dou·ay Version /ˌdō.ˈe.ə.ˌvərs.ən/ noun
: an English translation of the Vulgate used by Roman Catholics

1 double /ˈdō.bl/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L duplus, fr. duo two + -plus multiplied by]
1: TWOFOLD, DUAL
2 ▶: consisting of two members or parts
3: being twice as great or as many
4: folded in two
5: having more than one whorl of petals <~ roses>

Synonyms
binary, bipartite, dual, duplex, twin; also mated, paired

Antonyms

1. double verb dou·bled; dou·bling
   1: to make, be, or become twice as great or as many
   2: to make a call in bridge that increases the trick values and penalties of (an opponent's bid)
   3: FOLD
   4: CLENCH
   5: to be or cause to be bent over
   6: to take the place of another
   7: to hit a double
   8: to turn sharply and suddenly; especially: to turn back on one's course

2. double adverb
   1: DOUBLY
   2: two together

3. double noun
   1: something twice another in size, strength, speed, quantity, or value
   2: a base hit that enables the batter to reach second base
   3: one that is the counterpart of another: DUPLICATE; especially: a person who closely resembles another
   4: UNDERSTUDY, SUBSTITUTE
   5: a sharp turn: REVERSAL
   6: FOLD
   7: a combined bet placed on two different contests
   8 plural: a game between two pairs of players
   9: an act of doubling in a card game

Synonyms

   carbon copy, counterpart, duplicate, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, replica, ringer, spit—more at IMAGE

4. double bond noun
   : a chemical bond in which two atoms in a molecule share two pairs of electrons

5. double cross noun
   : an act of betraying or cheating esp. an associate

   dou·ble–cross /da.bəlˈkrōs/ verb

   Synonyms

   betrayal, disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness—more at BETRAYAL

   dou·ble–cross·er noun

   : one that double-crosses

   Synonyms

   apostate, betrayer, quisling, recreant, traitor, turncoat—more at TRAITOR

1. double–dealing /ˌda.ˈbəlˌdiˈlēŋ/ noun
   : action contradictory to a professed attitude: Duplicity

   dou·ble–deal·er /ˈdəˌlēr/ noun

   Synonyms

   artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, duplicity, guile, wiliness—more at DECEIT

2. double–dealing adjective

   : given to or marked by duplicity

   Synonyms

   crooked, deceitful, dishonest, false, fraudulent—more at FRAUDULENT

dou·ble–deck·er /ˈdəˌdekJər/ noun
something having two decks, levels, or layers

double-deck /ˌdĭblˈdek/ or double-decked /ˌdĭblˈdek/ adjective

double-digit /ˌdĭblˈdĭgit/ adjective
: amounting to 10 percent or more

double entendre /ˌdĭblˌənˈtĕndr/ noun, plural double entendres /ˌsäm or ˌtänˈdrəz/ [origin: obs. F, lit., double meaning]
: a word or expression capable of two interpretations with one usu. risqué

double-header /ˌdĭblˈheˈdrar/ noun
: two games played consecutively on the same day

double helix noun
: a helix or spiral consisting of two strands (as of DNA) in the surface of a cylinder which coil around its axis

double-hung /ˌdĭblˈhəŋ/ adjective, of a window
: having an upper and a lower sash that can slide past each other

double-jointed /ˌdĭblˈjŏntəd/ adjective
: having a joint that permits an exceptional degree of freedom of motion of the parts joined <a ~ finger>
double-park /ˌdĭblˈpärk/ verb
: to park a vehicle beside a row of vehicles already parked parallel to the curb
double play noun
: a play in baseball by which two players are put out
double pneumonia noun
: pneumonia affecting both lungs
double standard noun
: a set of principles that applies differently and usu. more rigorously to one group of people or circumstances than to another
doublet /ˈdĭblýt/ noun
1: a man's close-fitting jacket worn in Europe esp. in the 16th century
2: one of two similar or identical things
double take /ˌdĭblˈtāk/ noun
: a delayed reaction to a surprising or significant situation after an initial failure to notice anything unusual
double-talk /ˌdĭblˈtāk/ noun
: language that appears to be meaningful but in fact is a mixture of sense and nonsense
double up verb
: to share accommodations designed for one
double whammy noun
: a combination of two usu. adverse forces, circumstances, or effects
doublloon /ˌdĭblˈlōn/ noun
: a former gold coin of Spain and Spanish America
dub-bly /ˈdĭblē/ adverb
1: in a twofold manner
2: to twice the degree
doubt /dəʊt/ verb
1: to be uncertain about
2: to lack confidence in: distrust
doubly
1: in a twofold manner
2: to twice the degree

Synonyms
: distrust, mistrust, question, suspect—more at distrust
2 **doubt noun**

1 : uncertainty of belief or opinion
2 : a condition causing uncertainty, hesitation, or suspense *<the outcome was in ~>*
3 : a lack of confidence : **DISTRESS**
4 : an inclination not to believe or accept

**Synonyms**
- distrust, incertitude, misgiving, mistrust, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty; also disbelief, incredulity, unbelief; anxiety, concern; compunction, qualm, scruple

**Antonyms**
- assurance, belief, certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, sureness, surety, trust

**doubt·able /dou̇təbəl/ adjective**
: capable of being doubted : **QUESTIONABLE**

**doubt·er /dou̇tər/ noun**
- one that doubts

**Synonyms**
- disbeliever, questioner, skeptic, unbeliever—more at **SKEPTIC**

**doubt·ful /dou̇təfəl/ adjective**

1 : giving rise to doubt : open to question
2 a : lacking a definite opinion, conviction, or determination
   b : uncertain in outcome *<the outcome of the election is ~>*
3 : marked by qualities that raise doubts about worth, honesty, or validity

— **doubt·ful·ness noun**

**Synonyms**
- [1, 3] debatable, disputable, dubious, equivocal, fishy, problematic, questionable, shady, shaky, suspect, suspicious; also moot; ambiguous, open, unclear; uncertain, undecided, undetermined; flimsy, improbable, unlikely

**Antonyms**
- certain, incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, sure, undeniable, unquestionable

— [3] distrustful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uncertain, undecided, unsettled, unsure; also diffident, insecure; hesitant, indecisive, irresolute, vacillating, wavering

**Antonyms**
- certain, convinced, positive, sure

**doubt·ful·ly /fəˈlədəli/ adverb**
: in a doubtful manner

1 **doubtless /dou̇tələs/ adverb**

1 : without doubt
2 : without much doubt : **PROBABLY**

**Synonyms**
- certainly, definitely, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at **INDEED**

2 **doubtless adjective**

- : free from doubt : **CERTAIN**

— **doubt·less·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- assured, certain, clear, cocksure, confident, positive, sanguine, sure—more at **CERTAIN**

**douche /dûsh/ noun**

[origin: F]
1 : a jet of fluid (as water) directed against a part or into a cavity of the body; also : a cleansing with a douche
2 : a device for giving douches

— **douche verb**

**dough /dô/ noun**

1 : a mixture that consists of flour or meal and a liquid (as milk or water) and is stiff enough to knead or roll
2 : something resembling dough esp. in consistency
3 : something generally accepted as a medium of exchange, a measure of value, or a means of payment: MONEY
   — doughy /ˈdō.ē/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ‣ cash, currency, lucre, money, pelf—more at MONEY

dough·boy /ˈdōˌbō/ noun
 : an American infantryman esp. in World War I

dough·nut also do·nut /ˈdo.nət/ noun
 : a small usu. ring-shaped cake fried in fat

   — dough·ty /ˈdou̇.tē/ adjective dough·ti·er; -est
   : marked by fearless resolution: VALIANT
   Synonyms
   ‣ brave, courageous, dauntless, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart,
   stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE

Doug·las fir /ˈdə.ˈglas/ noun
 : a tall evergreen timber tree of the western U.S.

dou·la /ˈdō.la/ noun
 : a woman who provides assistance to a mother before, during, and just after childbirth

do up verb
1 : to prepare (as by cleaning) for use
2 : to wrap up
3 : CLOTHE, DECORATE
4 : FASTEN

   — dour·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ‣ austere, fierce, flinty, forbidding, grim, gruff, rough, rugged, severe, stark, steely, stern—more at GRIM

douse /ˈdəūs, ˈdəūz/ verb doused; dous·ing
1 : to plunge into water
2 : to throw a liquid on: DRENCH
3 : to cause to cease burning: EXTINGUISH
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] dip, duck, dunk, immerse, souse, submerge—more at dip
   ‣ [2] bathe, drench, soak, sop, souse, wash, water, wet—more at wet
   ‣ [3] extinguish, put out, quench, snuff—more at extinguish

1 dov·e /ˈdōv/ noun
1 : any of numerous pigeons; especially : a small wild pigeon
2 : an advocate of peace or of a peaceful policy
3 : a gentle woman or child
   — dov·ish /ˈdōv.ish/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ‣ angel, innocent, lamb, sheep—more at LAMB

2 dove /ˈdōv/ past of DIVE

1 dov·etail /ˈdōvˌtāl/ noun
 : something that resembles a dove's tail; especially : a flaring tenon and a mortise into which it fits tightly
dovetail verb
1: to join by means of dovetails
2: to fit skillfully together to form a whole <our plans ~ nicely>

Synonyms
– accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square, tally—more at CHECK

dow·a·ger /daú.i.jar/ noun
1: a widow owning property or a title from her deceased husband
2: a dignified elderly woman

Synonyms
– dame, matriarch, matron—more at Matriarch

dowdy /daú.dē/ adjective dow·di·er, -est
1: lacking neatness and charm : UNTIDY
2: lacking smartness or taste

Synonyms
[1] frowsy, sloppy, slovenly, unkempt, untidy—more at SLOPPY
[2] inelegant, tacky, tasteless, trashy, unfashionable, unstylish—more at TACKY

dowel /daú.(a)/ noun
1: a pin used for fastening together two pieces of wood
2: a round rod (as of wood)

– dowel verb

1dower /daú.(ə)/ noun
[origin: ME dower, fr. AF dowere, fr. ML dotarium, fr. L dot-, dos gift, marriage portion]
1: the part of a deceased husband's real estate which the law gives for life to his widow
2: DOWRY

2dower verb
: to supply with a dower or dowry : ENDOW

dowitcher /daú.i.cher/ noun
: any of several long-billed wading birds related to the sandpipers

down /daún/ adverb
[origin: ME doun, fr. OE dūne, short for adūne, of dūne, lit., from (the) hill]
1: toward or in a lower physical position
2: to a lying or sitting position
3: toward or to the ground, floor, or bottom
4: as a down payment <paid $5 ~>
5: on paper <put ~ what he says>
6: in a direction that is the opposite of up
7: SOUTH
8: to or in a lower or worse condition or status
9: from a past time
10: to or in a state of less activity
11: into defeat <voted the motion ~>

Synonyms
– below, downward, over; also facedown; low; downgrade, downhill, downstairs
Antonyms
– up, upward, upwardly

1down preposition
: down in, on, along, or through : toward the bottom of

down verb
1: to go or cause to go or come down
2: DEFEAT
3: to cause (a football) to be out of play

**Synonyms**
- bowl, drop, fell, floor, knock, level

4. **down** adjective
1: occupying a low position; especially: lying on the ground
2: directed or going downward
3: being in a state of reduced or low activity
4: low in spirits: **DEJECTED**
5: affected with disease or ill health: **SICK** <~ with a cold>
6: arrived at or brought to an end: **DONE**
7: completely mastered <got her lines ~> 
8: being on record <you're ~ for two tickets>

**Synonyms**
- [2] downcast, downward—more at **DOWNCAST**
- [5] bad, ill, indisposed, peaked, punk, sick, unhealthy, unsound, unwell—more at **SICK**

5. **down** noun
1: a low or falling period (as in activity, emotional life, or fortunes)
2: one of a series of attempts to advance a football
3: an instance of putting down
4: a quark with a charge of -1/3 that is one of the constituents of the proton and neutron

**Synonyms**
- comedown, decline, descent, downfall, fall—more at **COMEDOWN**

6. **down** noun
- a rolling usu. treeless upland with sparse soil — usu. used in pl.

**Synonyms**
- grassland, plain, prairie, savanna, steppe, veld—more at **PLAIN**

7. **down** noun
1: a covering of soft fluffy feathers; also: such feathers
2: a downlike covering or material

**Synonyms**
- floss, fluff, fur, fuzz, lint, nap, pile—more at **FUZZ**

**downbeat** /daʊnˈbɛt/ noun
: the downward stroke of a conductor indicating the principally accented note of a measure of music

**downburst** /ˌdaʊnˈbɜːrt/ noun
: a powerful downdraft usu. associated with a thunderstorm that is a hazard for low-flying aircraft; also: **MICROBURST**

**downcast** /ˌdaʊnˈkæst/ adjective
1: low in spirit: **DEJECTED**
2: directed down <a ~ glance>

**Synonyms**
- down, downward

**downdraft** /ˈdaʊnˌdraft/ noun
: a downward current of gas (as air)

**downer** /daʊnˈer/ noun
1: a depressant drug; especially: **BARBITURATE**
2: someone or something depressing

**downfall** /daʊnˈfɔːl/ noun
1: a sudden fall (as from high rank)
2: something that causes a downfall

— **downfallen** /ˌdaʊnˈfɔːln/ adjective
Synonyms

- comedown, decline, descent, down, fall—more at COMEDOWN

1 downgrade /ˈdaʊnˌgrād/ noun

1: a downward slope (as of a road)
2: a decline toward a worse condition

Synonyms

- decadence, declension, decline, degeneracy, degeneration, degradation, descent, deterioration, downfall, fall—more at DECLINE

2 downgrade verb

: to lower in quality, value, extent, or status

Synonyms

- break, bust, degrade, demote, reduce—more at DEMOTE

downhearted /ˈdaʊnˌhɑrtıd/ adjective

: low in spirit: DEJECTED

1 downhill /ˈdaʊnˌhɪl/ adverb

: toward the bottom of a hill

— downhill /ˈhɪl/ adjective

2 downhill /ˈhɪl/ noun

: the sport of skiing downhill usu. in a race against time

1 download /ˈdaʊnˌlɒd/ noun

: an act or instance of downloading something; also: the item downloaded

2 download verb

: to transfer (data) from a computer to another device

— downloadable /ˌlɒ_ˌde_ˌbæl/ adjective

down payment noun

: a part of the full price paid at the time of purchase or delivery with the balance to be paid later

downplay /ˈdaʊnˌpleɪ/ verb

: DE-EMPHASIZE <~ ed the allegations>

downpour /ˈdaʊnˌpɔːr/ noun

: a heavy rain

Synonyms

- cloudburst, deluge, rain, rainstorm, storm, wet—more at RAIN

downrange /ˈdɑːnˌræŋ/ adverb

: away from a launching site

1 downright /ˈrait/ adverb

: THOROUGHLY

2 downright adjective

1: being completely or exactly what is stated: ABSOLUTE <a ~ lie>
2: abrupt in speech or manner: BLUNT <a ~ man>

downshift /ˈʃɪft/ verb

: to shift an automotive vehicle into a lower gear

downsize /ˈsɪz/ verb

: to reduce or undergo reduction in size or numbers

Synonyms

- abate, de-escalate, decrease, diminish, dwindle, lessen, lower, reduce

downsput /ˈspaʊt/ noun
: a vertical pipe used to drain rainwater from a roof

**Down's syndrome** /ˈdaʊns/ or **Down syndrome** /ˈdaʊn/ noun
: a birth defect characterized by mental retardation, slanting eyes, a broad short skull, broad hands with short fingers, and the presence of an extra chromosome

**down-stair** /ˈdaʊnˌstɛr/ adverb or adjective
: toward or at the front of a theatrical stage

**downstairs** /ˌstɛrз/ adverb
: on or to a lower floor and esp. the main or ground floor

— **downstairs** /ˌstɛrз/ adjective or noun

**downstream** /ˈstrɛm/ adverb or adjective
: in the direction of flow of a stream

**downstroke** /ˌstrɔk/ noun
: a downward stroke

**downswing** /ˌswɪŋ/ noun
1: a swing downward
2: **DOWNTURN**

— **down-to-earth** adjective
: having or showing concern for fact or reality and rejection of the impractical and visionary

**Synonyms**
- earthy, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, practical, pragmatic, realistic—more at **REALISTIC**

**down-town** /ˈdaʊnˌtaʊn/ noun
: the main business district of a town or city

— **downtown** /ˈdaʊntɔn/ adjective or adverb

**down-trod-den** /ˈdaʊntrodən/ adjective
: suffering oppression

**down-turn** /ˌtaʊrn/ noun
: a downward turn esp. in economic activity

1 **downward** /ˈdaʊnˌwɔrd/ or **down-wards** /ˈwɔrdz/ adverb
1: from a higher to a lower place or condition
2: from an earlier time
3: from an ancestor or predecessor

**Synonyms**
- below, down, over—more at **DOWN**

2 **downward** adjective
: directed toward or situated in a lower place or condition

**Synonyms**
- down, downcast—more at **DOWNCAST**

**down-wind** /ˈdaʊnˌwɪnd/ adverb or adjective
: in the direction that the wind is blowing

**downy** /ˈdaʊnə/ adjective **down-i-er**; -est
: resembling or covered with down

**Synonyms**
- cottony, satiny, silken, soft, velvety—more at **SOFT**

**downy mildew** noun
: any of various parasitic fungi producing whitish masses esp. on the underside of plant leaves; also: a plant disease caused by downy mildew

**downy woodpecker** noun
: a small black-and-white woodpecker of No. America
**dow·ry /dau-rē/ noun, plural dowries**
[Origin: ME dowarie, fr. AF, alter. of dower, douaire dower]
: the property that a woman brings to her husband in marriage

**dowse /dauz/ verb dowseed; dows·ing**
: to use a divining rod esp. to find water
— dows·er noun

**dow·son·gy /dāk-sən-je/ noun, plural -gies**
: a usu. short hymn of praise to God

**dow·en /dō·an, ˈdō-ən/ noun**
: the senior or most experienced person in a group

**dow·ene /dō·ēn, ˈdō-ən/ noun**
: a woman who is a doyen

doy·ley chiefly British variant of doily

doz abbreviation
dozen

1 **doze /ˈdōz/ verb dozed; doz·ing**
   : to sleep lightly
   **Synonyms**
   - catnap, drowse, nap, slumber, snooze—more at nap

2 **doze noun**
   : a light sleep
   **Synonyms**
   - catnap, drowse, forty winks, nap, siesta, snooze, wink—more at nap

**doz·en /ˈdōz-n/ noun, plural dozens or dozen**
[Origin: ME dozeine, fr. AF duzeine, fr. duze twelve, fr. L duodecim, fr. duo two + decem ten]
: a group of twelve
— doz·enth /ˈdōz-ənth/ adjective

1 **DP /ˈdē-pē/ noun, plural DP's or DPs**
   1 : a displaced person
   2 : DOUBLE PLAY

2 **DP abbreviation**
data processing

dpt abbreviation
department

DPT abbreviation
diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (vaccines)
dr abbreviation
1 debtor
2 dram
3 drive
4 drum
Dr abbreviation
doctor

DR abbreviation
1 dead reckoning
2 dining room

drab /drab/ adjective drab·ber; drab·best
1: being of a light olive-brown color
2: characterized by dullness and monotony
   — **drab·ly** adverb
   — **drab·ness** noun
   **Synonyms**
   ▸ dreary, dry, dull, monotonous, uninteresting

**dra·co·ni·an** /drä′kō.nē.an/ **adjective**, often cap
   : CRUEL; also: SEVERE

**draft** /draft, ′draft/ **noun**
1: the act of drawing or hauling
2
   a: the act or an instance of drinking or inhaling
   b: the portion drunk or inhaled in one such act
3: **DOSE**, **POTION**
4: **DELINEATION**, **PLAN**, **DESIGN**; also: a preliminary sketch, outline, or version <a rough ~ of a speech>
5: the act of drawing (as from a cask); also: a portion of liquid so drawn
6: the depth of water a ship draws esp. when loaded
7: a system for or act of selecting persons (as for compulsory military service or sports teams); also: the persons so selected
8: an order for the payment of money drawn by one person or bank on another
9: a heavy demand: **STRAIN**
10: a current of air; also: a device to regulate air supply (as in a stove)
   — **on draft**
   : ready to be drawn from a receptacle <beer on draft>
   **Synonyms**
   ▸ drag, drink, nip, quaff, shot, slug, snort, swallow, swig—more at **DRINK**

**draft** **adjective**
1: used or adapted for drawing loads <~ horses>
2: being or having been on draft <~ beer>

**draft** **verb**
1: to select usu. on a compulsory basis; especially: to conscript for military service
2: to draw the preliminary sketch, version, or plan of
3: to put into written form: **COMPOSE**
4: to draw off or away
   — **draft·ee** /draft′ē, ′draft/ **noun**
   **Synonyms**
   ▸ cast, compose, craft, draw, formulate, frame, prepare—more at **COMPOSE**

**draft·ee** /draft′ē, ′draft/ **noun**
: a person who is drafted

**drafts·man** /drafts′man, ′drafts/ **noun**
: a person who draws plans (as for buildings or machinery)

**drafty** /draft′ē, ′draft/ **adjective** **draft·i·er**, **-est**
: exposed to or abounding in drafts of air

**drag** /′drag/ **noun**
1: a device pulled along under water for detecting or gathering
2: something (as a harrow or sledge) that is dragged along over a surface
3
   a: the act or an instance of dragging
   b: a draft of liquid
4: something that hinders progress; also: something boring
5: an open way for vehicles, persons, and animals: **STREET** <the main ~>
6: clothing typical of one sex worn by a member of the opposite sex
   **Synonyms**
   ▸ bar, block, clog, crimp, embarrassment, hindrance, let, obstacle, stop, stumbling block—more at **OBSTACLE**
drag verb dragged; drag-\-ging
1 ◁ to draw slowly or heavily : Haul
2 ◁ to move with painful or undue slowness or difficulty
3 : to force into or out of some situation, condition, or course of action
4 : protract ◁ a story out
5 : to hang or lag behind
6 : to explore, search, or fish with a drag
7 : to trail along on the ground
8 : draw, puff ◁ on a cigarette
9 : to move (items on a computer screen) esp. by using a mouse
— drag-\-ger noun
— drag one's feet
also drag one's heels
: to act slowly or with hesitation

Synonyms
[1] draw, hale, haul, lug, pull, tow, tug—more at pull
[2] crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, dillydally, lag, linger, loiter, poke, tarry—more at delay

drag\-\-net / \.net\(\) noun
1 : net, trawl
2 : a network of planned actions for pursuing and catching ◁ a police ◁

drag\-\-o\-man / \(\text{dra} \, \text{g}a \, \text{m} \) noun, plural -mans or -men / \(\text{d}a \, \text{m} \) /noun
: an interpreter employed esp. in the Near East

drag\-\-on / \(\text{dra} \, \text{gan} \) noun
: a fabulous animal usu. represented as a huge winged scaly serpent with a crested head and large claws

drag\-\-on\-fly / \.fly\(\) noun
: any of a group of large harmless 4-winged insects that hold the wings horizontal and unfolded in repose

1 dragoon / \(\text{dra} \, \text{g}u \, \text{n}, \text{dra} \) noun
[origin: F dragon dragon, dragoon, fr. MF]
: a heavily armed mounted soldier

2 dragoon verb
: to force or attempt to force into submission : coerce

drag race noun
: an acceleration contest between vehicles
— drag racer noun

drag-\-ster / \(\text{drag} \, \text{s} \) ter / noun
: a usu. high-powered vehicle used in a drag race

drag strip noun
: a site for drag races

1 drain / \(\text{dr\,\,\,n} \) verb
1 : to draw off or flow off gradually or completely
2 ◁ to exhaust physically or emotionally
3 : to make or become gradually dry or empty
4 ◁ to carry away the surface water of : discharge surface or surplus water
5 ◁ to deplete or empty by or as if by drawing off by degrees or in increments : exhaust
— drain-\-er noun

Synonyms
[2] burn out, do in, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at exhaust
[4] bleed, draw off, pump, siphon, tap; also milk; suck; clear, empty, evacuate, exhaust, vacate, void

Antonyms
fill
  ▶ [5] clean, consume, deplete, exhaust, expend, spend, use up—more at deplete

drain noun
1 : a means (as a channel or sewer) of draining
2 : the act of draining
3 : a gradual outflow; also : something causing an outflow <a ~ on our savings>

  drain-age /drānj/ noun
1 : the act or process of draining; also : something that is drained off
2 : a means for draining : DRAIN, SEWER
3 : an area drained

drained adjective
▶ : exhausted physically or emotionally

  Synonyms
▶ beat, bushed, dead, effete, jaded, limp, prostrate, spent, tired, weary, worn-out—more at weary

drain-pipe /drān_.p/ noun
: a pipe for drainage

drake /drāk/ noun
: a male duck

dram /dram/ noun
1 : a unit of measure equal to 1/16 ounce
2 : FLUID DRAM
3 : a small drink

drama /'dra.mə, 'dra/ noun
[origin: LL, fr. Gk, deed, drama, fr. dran to do, act]
1 a : a literary composition designed for theatrical presentation
   b : a play, movie, or television production with a serious tone or subject
2 : dramatic art, literature, or affairs
3 : a series of events involving conflicting forces
   — drama-tist /dra_.mə_.tist, 'drā/ noun

drama-tic /'dra_.mə.tik/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the drama
2 a : suitable to or characteristic of the drama
   b : striking in appearance or effect
      — drama-ti-cal·ly /fli_.k(ə).lē/ adverb
      Synonyms
▶ [2a] histrionic, melodramatic, theatrical; also affected, emotional, sensational
▶ [2b] catchy, conspicuous, flamboyant, showy, striking—more at showy

drama-tize /'dra_.mə_.tiz, 'drā/ verb -tized, -tiz·ing
1 : to adapt for or be suitable for theatrical presentation
2 : to present or represent in a dramatic manner
   — drama-ti·za·tion /'dra_.mə.tə.zha_.nən/ noun

drama·dy /'dra_.mə.de_.də, 'dra/ noun
: a comedy having dramatic moments

drank past and past participle of drink

drape /drāp/ verb draped; drap·ing
1 : to cover or adorn with or as if with folds of cloth
2 : to cause to hang or stretch out loosely or carelessly
3 : to arrange or become arranged in flowing lines or folds

  Synonyms
▶ loose, slack, soft, suppleness, taut—more at supple

  antonyms
▶ hard, tight, tightness, taut

  Usage note
▶ Drapery, as a noun referring to cloth, is typically lowercase unless it is part of a proper name.
1: CURTAIN
2: arrangement in or of folds
3: the cut or hang of clothing

drap·er /drəˈpər/ noun, chiefly British
: a dealer in cloth and sometimes in clothing and dry goods

- drap·ery /drəˈpər.i/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 British: DRY GOODS
2: a decorative fabric esp. when hung loosely and in folds; also: hangings of heavy fabric used as a curtain

dras·tic /ˈdræs.tɪk/ adjective
: HARSH, RIGOROUS, SEVERE <~ punishment>
— dras·ti·cal·ly /ˈdræs.təˌkæl.i/ adverb

draught /ˈdræft/ draughty /ˈdræft.ti/ chiefly British variant of DRAFT, DRAFTY

draughts /ˈdræfts/ noun, British
: CHECKERS

draw /drəʊ/ verb drew /drʊ/, drawn /drɔːn/, drawing
1 ▷ to cause to move toward a force exerted
2: to cause to go in a certain direction <drew him aside>
3: to move or go steadily or gradually <night ~s near>
4: ATTRACT, ENTICE
5: PROVOKE, ROUSE <drew enemy fire>
6: INHALE <~ a deep breath>
7: to bring or pull out <drew a gun>
8: to cause to come out of a container <~ water for a bath>
9: to take out the entrails of: EVISCERATE
10: to require (a specified depth) to float in
11: ACCUMULATE, GAIN <~ing interest>
12: to take money from a place of deposit: WITHDRAW
13 ▷ to receive regularly <~ a salary>
14: to take (cards) from a stack or the dealer
15: to receive or take at random <~ a winning number>
16: to bend (a bow) by pulling back the string
17: WRINKLE, SHRINK
18: to change shape by or as if by pulling or stretching <a face drawn with sorrow>
19: to leave (a contest) undecided: TIE
20 ▷ to give a portrayal of: DELINEATE
21: to write out in due form: DRAFT <~ up a will>
22: FORMULATE <~ comparisons>
23: INFER <~ a conclusion>
24: to spread or elongate (metal) by hammering or by pulling through dies
25: to produce or allow a draft or current of air <the chimney ~s well>
26: to swell out in a wind <all sails ~ing>

— draw the line

or draw a line
: to fix an arbitrary boundary usu. between two things

 Synonyms
▷ [1] drag, hale, haul, lug, pull, tow, tug—more at PULL
▷ [13] acquire, attain, capture, carry, earn, gain, garner, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN
▷ [20] delineate, depict, describe, image, paint, picture, portray, sketch—more at DESCRIBE

draw noun
1 ▷: the act, process, or result of drawing
2: a lot or chance drawn at random
3 : a contest left undecided or deadlocked: TIE
4 : one that draws attention or patronage

**Synonyms**
- [1] haul, jerk, pluck, pull, tug, wrench—more at PULL
- [3] dead heat, stalemate, standoff, tie—more at TIE
- [4] attraction, lodestone, magnet—more at MAGNET

**draw-back** /dr̩ˈbæk/ noun
: an unfavorable, inferior, or prejudicial condition: DISADVANTAGE

**Synonyms**
- disadvantage, handicap, liability, minus, penalty, strike—more at DISADVANTAGE

**draw-bridge** /ˌbrɪdʒ/ noun
: a bridge made to be raised, lowered, or turned to permit or deny passage

**draw-er** /ˈdrɔr, ˈdrɔr/ noun
1 : one that draws
2 plural : an undergarment for the lower part of the body
3 : a sliding boxlike compartment (as in a table or desk)

**draw-ing** /ˈdrɔɪŋ/ noun
1 : an act or instance of drawing; especially: an occasion when something is decided by drawing lots <tonight's lottery ~>
2 : the act or art of making a figure, plan, or sketch by means of lines
3 : a representation made by drawing: SKETCH

**Synonyms**
- cartoon, delineation, sketch; also outline, silhouette; caricature, doodle, illustration; depiction, image, likeness, portrait, representation; engraving, etching; blueprint

**drawing card** noun
: DRAW 4

**drawing room** noun
: a formal reception room

**drawl** /drɔl/ verb
: to speak or utter slowly with vowels greatly prolonged
— drawl noun

**draw off** verb
: to remove esp. from an environment or container

**Synonyms**
- bleed, drain, pump, siphon, tap—more at DRAIN

**draw on** verb
: to draw nearer: APPROACH <night draws on>

**draw out** verb
1 : to extend beyond a minimum in time: PROLONG
2 : to cause to speak freely

**Synonyms**
- elongate, extend, lengthen, prolong, protract, stretch—more at EXTEND

**draw-string** /ˈdrɔrˌstrɪŋ/ noun
: a string, cord, or tape for use in closing a bag or controlling fullness in garments or curtains

**draw up** verb
1 : to prepare a draft or version of
2 : to pull oneself erect
3 : to bring or come to a stop
4 : to bring (as troops) into array

**Synonyms**
- [1] cast, compose, craft, draft, formulate, frame, prepare—more at compose
- [3] arrest, catch, check, fetch up, halt, hold up, stall, stay, still, stop—more at halt
- [4] arrange, array, classify, codify, dispose, marshal, order, organize, range, systematize—more at order

dray /driː/ noun
: a strong low cart for carrying heavy loads

1 dread /driːd/ verb
1 : to fear greatly
2 : to feel extreme reluctance to meet or face

2 dread noun
: great fear esp. of some harm to come

Synonyms
- alarm, anxiety, apprehension, fear, fright, horror, panic, terror, trepidation—more at fear

3 dread adjective
1 : causing great fear or anxiety
2 : inspiring awe

dread-ful /ˈdred.fəl/ adjective
1 ♠ : inspiring dread or awe : frightening
2 ♠ : extremely distasteful, unpleasant, or shocking

- dread-ful-ly adverb

Synonyms
1 dire, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightening, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, scary, shocking, terrible, terrifying—more at fearful
2 appalling, atrocious, awful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at horrible

dread-locks /dredˌlæks/ noun plural
: long braids of hair over the entire head

dread-nought /ˈdred.nʌt/ noun
: BATTLESHIP

1 dream /drɛm/ noun
[origin: ME dreem, fr. OE drēm noise, joy, and ON draumr dream]  
1 : a series of thoughts, images, or emotions occurring during sleep
2 ♠ : a dreamlike vision
3 ♠ : something notable for its beauty, excellence, or enjoyable quality
4 a ♠ : a strongly desired goal or purpose
   b : ideal

- dream-like /ˈdrɛml/ adjective

Synonyms
1 chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at fantasy
2 beauty, knockout—more at beauty
3 [a] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, pretension, purpose, thing—more at goal

2 dream /drɛm/ verb dreamed /dremt/; dreamed /dremt/; dream·ing
1 : to have a dream of
2 : to indulge in daydreams or fantasies : pass (time) in reverie or inaction
3 ♠ : to consider as a possibility : imagine

Synonyms
1 conceive, envisage, fancy, imagine, picture, vision, visualize—more at imagine

dream-boat /ˈdrem.bɔt/ noun, slang
: something highly desirable; especially : a very attractive person
dream·er /ˈdrɛ̃mər/ noun
1 : one that dreams
2 : one who lives in a world of fancy and imagination
3 : one who has ideas or conceives projects regarded as impractical
   Synonyms
   ➢ [2, 3] idealist, romantic, utopian, visionary—more at IDEALIST

dream·land /ˈdrɛ̃mlænd/ noun
: an unreal delightful country that exists in imagination or in dreams

dream up verb
: INVENT, CONCOCT

dream·world /ˈdrɛ̃mwərld/ noun
: a world of illusion or fantasy

dreamy /ˈdrɛ̃mi/ adjective
: quiet and soothing; also : pleasant
   Synonyms
   ➢ comforting, narcotic, sedative, soothing—more at SOOTHING
   ➢ agreeable, congenial, delectable, delicious, delightful, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasant, palatable, satisfying

drear /ˈdrɛər/ adjective
: DREARY

drea·ry /ˈdrɛərē/ adjective drea·ri·er; -est
[ORIGIN: ME drery, fr. OE drēorig sad, bloody, fr. drēor gore]
1 : feeling, displaying, or reflecting listlessness or discouragement
2 : having nothing likely to provide cheer, comfort, or interest
   — drea·ri·ly /ˈdrɛərēlē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ➢ black, bleak, dark, depressing, desolate, dismal, funereal, gloomy, glum, gray, miserable, murky, sepulchral, somber, sullen, wretched—more at GLOOMY

1dredge /ˈdrēдж/ verb dredged; dredg·ing
Γ : to gather or search with or as if with a dredge; especially : to bring to light or gather by deep searching — often used with up
   — dredg·er noun
   Synonyms
   ➢ dig, hunt, rake, ransack, rifle, rummage, scour, search—more at SEARCH

2dredge noun
: a machine or barge for removing earth or silt

3dredge verb dredged; dredg·ing
: to coat (food) by sprinkling (as with flour)

dregs /ˈdrɛgZ/ noun plural
1 : the matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid : SEDIMENT
2 : the most undesirable part <the ~ of humanity>
   Synonyms
   ➢ deposit, grounds, lees, precipitate, sediment—more at DEPOSIT

drench /ˈdrɛŋch/ verb
: to wet thoroughly
   Synonyms
   ➢ bathe, douse, soak, sop, souse, wash, water, wet—more at WET

1dress /ˈdrɛs/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF drescer to direct, put right, fr. VL *directiare, fr. L directus direct]
1 : to make or set straight : ALIGN
2 : to prepare for use; especially : BUTCHER
3 ▶ : to add decorative details or accessories to : EMBELLISH <~ a store window>
4 ▶ : to put clothes on : CLOTHE; also : to put on or wear formal or fancy clothes
5 : to apply dressings or medicine to
6 : to arrange (the hair) by combing, brushing, or curling
7 : to apply fertilizer to
8 ▶ : to put through a finishing process : SMOOTH <~ leather>

Synonyms
▶ [3] adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, deck, decorate, do, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE
▶ [4] apparel, array, attire, caparison, clothe, deck, garb, invest, rig, suit—more at CLOTHE
▶ [8] buff, burnish, gloss, grind, polish, rub, shine, smooth—more at POLISH

dress noun
1 ▶ : personal attire : CLOTHING
2 : a garment usu. consisting of a one-piece bodice and skirt
3 ▶ : covering, adornment, or appearance appropriate or peculiar to a particular time
—dress·mak·er /ˈdresˌmākər/ noun
—dress·mak·ing /ˈdresˌmākɪŋ/ noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] apparel, attire, clothing, duds, raiment, wear—more at CLOTHING
▶ [3] garb, getup, guise, outfit—more at OUTFIT

dress adjective
1 : suitable for a formal occasion; also : requiring formal dress

dres·sage /ˈdresˌsäzh/ noun
[origin: F]
: the execution by a trained horse of complex movements in response to barely perceptible signals from its rider

dress down verb
▶ : to scold severely

Synonyms
▶ berate, castigate, chew out, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, score, upbraid—more at SCOLD

dresser /ˈdresˌsər/ noun
: a chest of drawers or bureau with a mirror

dresser noun
: one that dresses

dress·ing /ˈdresˌsîŋ/ noun
1 : the act or process of one who dresses
2 : a sauce for adding to a dish (as a salad)
3 : a seasoned mixture usu. used as stuffing
4 : material used to cover an injury

dressing gown noun
: a loose robe worn esp. while dressing or resting

dress up verb
1 : to change the customary dress or appearance of
2 ▶ : furnish with a false appearance

Synonyms
▶ camouflage, cloak, disguise, mask—more at DISGUISE

dressy /ˈdresˌsē/ adjective dress·i·er; -est
1 : showy in dress
2 : STYLISH, SMART
drew past of DRAW

1 dribble /ˈdrɪbəl/ verb dribbled; dribbling
1 : to fall or flow in drops : TRICKLE
2 : to let saliva trickle from the corner of the mouth : DROOL
3 : to propel by successive slight taps or bounces
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] gurgle, lap, plash, ripple, slosh, splash, trickle, wash—more at GURGLE
   ▶ [2] drivel, drool, salivate, slaver, slobber—more at DROOL

2 dribble noun
1 : a small trickling stream or flow
2 : a drizzling shower
3 : the dribbling of a ball or puck

drib·let /ˈdrɪbəl/ noun
1 : a trifling amount
2 : a drop of liquid
   Synonyms
   ▶ blob, drip, drop, droplet, glob—more at DROP

dri·er or dry·er /ˈdrɪər/ noun
1 : a substance that speeds drying (as of paint or ink)
2 usually dryer : a device for drying

1 drift /ˈdrɪft/ noun
1 : the motion or course of something drifting; also : a gradual shift of position
2 : a mass of matter (as snow or sand) piled up esp. by wind
3 : earth, gravel, and rock deposited by a glacier
4 : a general underlying design or tendency : MEANING <if you catch my ~> 
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] current, leaning, run, tendency, tide, trend, wind—more at TREND
   ▶ [2] bank, bar, mound—more at BANK
   ▶ [4] denotation, import, intent, meaning, purport, sense, significance, signification—more at MEANING

2 drift verb
1 : to float or be driven along by or as if by a current of water or air; also : to move along smoothly as if drifting on a current of water or air
2 : to become piled up by wind or water
   Synonyms
   ▶ float, glide, hang, hover, poise, ride, sail, waft—more at FLOAT

drift·er /ˈdrɪftər/ noun
▶ a person without aim, ambition, or initiative
   Synonyms
   ▶ nomad, rambler, rover, stroller, vagabond, wanderer—more at NOMAD

drift net noun
▶ a fishing net often miles in extent arranged to drift with the tide or current

drift·wood /ˈdrɪft.wʊd/ noun
▶ wood drifted or floated by water

1 drill /ˈdrɪl/ noun
1 : a tool for boring holes
2 : the training of soldiers in marching and the handling of arms
3 : a regularly practiced exercise
   Synonyms
   ▶ exercise, practice, routine, training, workout—more at EXERCISE

2 drill verb
1: to instruct and exercise by repetition
2: to train in or practice military drill
3: to bore or drive a hole in
4: to shoot with or as if with a gun

— drill·er noun
   Synonyms
   bore, hole, perforate, pierce, punch, puncture—more at PERFORATE

3 drill noun
1: a shallow furrow or trench in which seed is sown
2: an agricultural implement for making furrows and dropping seed into them

4 drill noun
: a firm cotton twilled fabric

drill·mas·ter /'drɪlˌmæs.tər/ noun
: an instructor in military drill

drill press noun
: an upright drilling machine in which the drill is pressed to the work usu. by a hand lever

drily variant of DRYLY

1 drink /drɪŋk/ verb drank /dræŋk/; drunk /drʌŋk/ or drank; drinking
1: to swallow liquid: IMBIBE
2: to take in or suck up: ABSORB
3: to take in through the senses: imbibe, quaff, sup, swig, toss; also lap, lick; consume, down, mouth (down); tipple; toast, wine
4: to give or join in a toast
5: to drink alcoholic beverages esp. to excess
   — drink·able adjective
   — drink·er noun
   Synonyms
   [1] guzzle, imbibe, quaff, sup, swig, toss; also lap, lick; consume, down, mouth (down); tipple; toast, wine
   [2] absorb, imbibe, soak, sponge, suck—more at ABSORB

2 drink noun
1 a: a liquid suitable for swallowing: BEVERAGE
   b: an alcoholic beverage
2: a draft or portion of liquid
3: excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages
   Synonyms
   [1a] beverage, libation, quencher; also potion; pop, soda, soda pop, soft drink; alcohol, brew, intoxicant, liquor, spirits
   [1b] alcohol, booze, intoxicant, liquor, moonshine, spirits—more at ALCOHOL
   [2] draft, drag, nip, quaff, shot, slug, snort, swallow, swig

1 drip /drip/ verb dripped; dripped; dripp·ing
1: to fall or let fall in drops
2: to let fall drops of moisture or liquid: a dripping faucet
3: to overflow with or as if with moisture

2 drip noun
1: a falling in drops
2: liquid that falls, overflows, or is extruded in drops
3: the sound made by or as if by falling drops
   Synonyms
   blob, driblet, drop, droplet, glob—more at DROP

1 drive /dri:v/ verb drove /drʌv/; driven /drʌvn/; driv·ing
1: to urge, push, or force onward
2: to carry through strongly: a bargain
drive • verb

3: to set or keep in motion or operation
4: to direct the movement or course of
5: to convey in a vehicle
6: to bring into a specified condition <the noise ~s me crazy>
7: to exert inescapable or coercive pressure on: FORCE <driven by hunger to steal>
8: to project, inject, or impress forcefully <drove the lesson home>
9: to produce by opening a way <~ a well>
10: to progress with strong momentum <a driving rain>
11: to propel an object of play (as a golf ball) by a hard blow

— driver noun

Synonyms
1 [1] propel, push, shove, thrust—more at PUSH
2 [1] herd, punch, run; also shepherd; wrangle; egg, exhort, goad, prick, prod, spur, urge
3 [3] activate, actuate, crank, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at ACTIVATE
4 [7] coerce, compel, constrain, force, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE

drive • noun

1: a trip in a carriage or automobile
2: a driving or collecting of animals <a cattle ~> 
3: the guiding of logs downstream to a mill
4: the act of driving a ball; also: the flight of a ball
5: DRIVEWAY
6: a public road for driving (as in a park)
7: the state of being hurried and under pressure
8: a strong systematic group effort <membership ~> 
9: the apparatus by which motion is imparted to a machine
10: an offensive or aggressive move: a military attack
11 a: an urgent, basic, or instinctual need
   b: an impelling culturally acquired concern, interest, or longing
12: dynamic quality
13: a device for reading and writing on magnetic media (as magnetic tape or disks)

Synonyms
8 [8] bandwagon, campaign, cause, crusade, movement—more at CAMPAIGN
11a, b: appetite, craving, desire, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE
12: aggressiveness, ambition, enterprise, go, hustle, initiative—more at ENTERPRISE

drive-in /drɪvˈɪn/ adjective

: accommodating patrons while they remain in their automobiles

— drive-in noun

1: drib
drive /drɪv/ verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
1: to let saliva dribble from the mouth: DROOL
2: to talk or utter stupidly, carelessly, or in an infantile way

— drive·el·er noun

Synonyms
babble, chatter, gabble, gibber, jabber, prattle, sputter—more at BABBLE

2 drive noun

: language, conduct, or an idea that is absurd or contrary to good sense: NONSENSE

Synonyms
bunk, claptrap, fiddlesticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness, slush, stupidity, trash—more at NONSENSE

drive·shaft /drɪvˌʃaft/ noun

: a shaft that transmits mechanical power
drive–through also drive–thru /ˈdrid.θru/ adjective
: designed for the service of patrons remaining in their automobiles
— drive–through also drive–thru noun

drive–way /ˈdrid.wa/ noun
: a short private road leading from the street to a house, garage, or parking lot

1. drizzle /ˈdri.zəl/ noun
: a fine misty rain

2. drizzle verb driz·zled; driz·zing
: to rain in very small drops

drogue /ˈdroɡ/ noun
: a small parachute for slowing down or stabilizing something (as a space capsule)

droll /ˈdrɒl/ adjective
[origin: F drêole, fr. drêole scamp, fr. MF drolle, fr. MD, imp]
✓ : having a humorous, whimsical, or odd quality <a ~ expression>
— droll·ery /ˈdrol.eər.i/ noun
— drol·ly adverb

Synonyms
✓ antic, comic, comical, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous, risible, screaming, uproarious—more at F UNNY

drom·e·dary /ˈdrom.ə.dar.i/ noun, plural -dar·ies
✓ : a camel; especially : a domesticated one-humped camel of western Asia and northern Africa

1. drone /ˈdraʊn/ noun
1 : a male honeybee
2 : one that lives on the labors of others : PARASITE
3 : an unmanned aircraft or ship guided by remote control

2. drone verb droned; dron·ing
✓ : to sound with a low dull monotonous murmuring sound; also : speak monotonously

Synonyms
✓ buzz, hum, whir, whish, whiz, zip, zoom—more at WHIR

3. drone noun
✓ : a deep monotonous sound

Synonyms
✓ buzz, hum, purr, whir, whiz, zoom—more at HUM

drool /ˈdrʊl/ verb
1 ✓ : to let liquid flow from the mouth
2 : to talk foolishly

Synonyms
✓ dribble, drivel, salivate, slobber; also water; expectorate, spit; foam, froth; sputter

1. droop /ˈdroʊp/ verb
1 ✓ : to hang or incline downward
2 : to sink gradually
3 ✓ : to become depressed or weakened : LANGUISH

Synonyms
✓ [1] flag, hang, loll, sag, wilt; also slouch, slump; collapse, drop, fall, sink, subside
✓ [3] decay, fail, flag, go, lag, languish, sag, waste, weaken, wilt—more at WEAKEN

2. droop noun
✓ : the condition or appearance of drooping
— droopy adjective
Synonyms
  ‣ sag, slack, slaxkness—more at SAG

droopy /ˈdrʊ.əp/ adjective
1 : low in spirits
2 ‣ : drooping or tending to droop
  Synonyms
  ‣ pendulous
  ‣ flaccid, floppy, lank, limp, slack, yielding—more at LIMP

1 drop /ˈdræp/ noun
1 ‣ : the quantity of fluid that falls in one spherical mass
2 plural : a dose of medicine measured by drops
3 : a small quantity of drink
4 : the smallest practical unit of liquid measure
5 ‣ : something (as a pendant or a small round candy) that resembles a liquid drop
6 ‣ : the act or an instance of dropping : FALL
7 ‣ : a decline in quantity or quality
8 : a descent by parachute
9 : the distance through which something drops
10 : a slot into which something is to be dropped
11 : something that drops or has dropped
12 ‣ : an advantage or superiority over an opponent — usu. used in the phrase get the drop on
  Synonyms
  ‣ [1] blob, driblet, drip, droplet, glob; also raindrop, tear; spatter, dribble, trickle
  ‣ [6] descent, dip, dive, down, fall, plunge—more at DESCENT
  ‣ [7] abatement, decline, decrease, decrement, diminution, fall, loss, reduction, shrinkage—more at DECREASE
  ‣ [12] advantage, better, edge, jump, upper hand, vantage—more at ADVANTAGE

2 drop verb dropped; drop·ping
1 : to fall or let fall in drops
2 : to let fall : LOWER << a glove> <dropped his voice>
3 : SEND << me a note>>
4 : to let go : DISMISS << the subject>
5 : to knock down : cause to fall
6 ‣ : to go lower : become less <prices dropped>
7 : to come or go unexpectedly or informally << in to call>
8 : to pass from one state into a less active one << off to sleep>
9 ‣ : to move downward or with a current
10 ‣ : to desist from : QUIT
11 : to give birth to
— drop back
  : to move toward the rear
— drop behind
  : to fail to keep up
  Synonyms
  ‣ [6] decline, descend, dip, fall, lower, plummet, plunge, sink, tumble; also decrease, diminish, lessen; recede, retreat
  Antonyms
  arise, lift, rise, soar
  ‣ [9] decline, descend, dip, fall, plunge—more at DESCEND
  ‣ [10] discontinue, give up, knock off, lay off, quit—more at QUIT

drop by verb
  ‣ : to pay a brief casual visit
  Synonyms
  ‣ call, pop, stop, visit—more at CALL
drop in verb
: to pay an unexpected or casual visit
— drop·kick /ˈkik/ noun
: a kick made by dropping a ball to the ground and kicking it at the moment it starts to rebound
— drop·kick verb

drop·let /ˈdraː.pl/ noun
› a tiny drop
   Synonyms
   blob, driblet, drip, drop, glob—more at DROP

drop·off /ˈdræp.ət/ noun
1 : a steep or perpendicular descent
2 : a marked decline <a ~ in attendance>

drop off verb
: to fall asleep

drop out verb
: to withdraw from participation or membership; especially : to leave school before graduation
— drop·out /ˈdræp.ət/ noun

drop·per /ˈdræ.pər/ noun
1 : one that drops
2 : a short glass tube with a rubber bulb used to measure out liquids by drops

drop·pings noun plural
› the feces of an animal : DUNG
   Synonyms
   dung, slops, waste; also stool; dunghill, guano, manure, muck; spoor; sewage

drop·sy /ˈdræp.sē/ noun
— drop·si·cal /ˌsiˌkal/ adjective

dross /drās/ noun
1 : the scum that forms on the surface of a molten metal
2 : waste material : REFUSE

drought /draʊt/ also drouth /ˈdraʊθ/ noun
: a long spell of dry weather

drove /drōv/ noun
1 : a group of animals driven or moving in a body
2 ➔ a large number : CROWD — usu. used in pl. <tourists arriving in ~s>
   Synonyms
   army, crowd, crush, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

1 drove past of DRIVE

drov·er /ˈdrō.vər/ noun
: one that drives domestic animals usu. to market

drown /draʊn/ verb drowned /ˈdraʊnd/; drown·ing
1 : to suffocate by submersion esp. in water
2 : to become drowned
3 ➔ : to cover with water; also : to soak, drench, or cover with a liquid
4 : to cause to be muted (as a sound) by a loud noise
5 : OVERPOWER, OVERWHELM
   Synonyms
- deluge, engulf, flood, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, submerge, swamp—more at FLOOD
- drench, impregnate, saturate, soak, sop, souse, steep—more at SOAK

1 drowse /draʊz/ verb drowsed; drows·ing
   : to fall into a light slumber : DOZE
   Synonyms
   - catnap, doze, nap, slumber, snooze—more at NAP

2 drowse noun
   : the act or an instance of drowsing
   Synonyms
   - catnap, doze, forty winks, nap, siesta, snooze, wink—more at NAP

drowsy /draʊzɪ/ adjective drows·i·er; -est
1 : ready to fall asleep
2 : making one sleepy
   - drows·i·ly /zəˌli/ adverb
   - drows·i·ness /zəˌnis/ noun
   Synonyms
   - [1] sleepy, slumberous—more at SLEEPY
   - [2] hypnotic, narcotic, opiate, slumberous—more at HYPNOTIC

drub /dræb/ verb drubbed; drub·bing
1 : to beat severely
2 : to defeat decisively
   Synonyms
   - [1] bash, bat, batter, beat, pound—more at BEAT
   - [2] clobber, rout, skunk, thrash, trim, trounce, wallop, whip

1 drudge /draɪ/ verb drudged; drud·ging
   : to do hard, menial, or monotonous work
   Synonyms
   - endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, labor, peg, plod, plug, slave, slog, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work—more at LABOR

2 drudge noun
   : one whose work is menial or routine and boring
   Synonyms
   - fag, peon, slave, toiler, worker—more at SLAVE

drug·ery /draɪərē/ noun
   : dull, irksome, and fatiguing work
   Synonyms
   - grind, labor, slavery, sweat, toil, travail—more at TOIL

1 drug /draɡ/ noun
1 : a substance used as or in medicine
2 : a substance (as heroin or marijuana) that can cause addiction, habitation, or a marked change in mental status
   Synonyms
   - cure, medicine, pharmaceutical, remedy, specific—more at MEDICINE

2 drug verb drugged; drug·ging
   : to affect with or as if with drugs; especially : to stupefy with a narcotic

drug·gist /draɡˈɪst/ noun
   : a dealer in drugs and medicines; also : PHARMACIST

drug·store /draɡˈstoʊ/ noun
   : a retail shop where medicines and miscellaneous articles are sold

1 dru·id /drʊəd/ noun, often cap
: one of an ancient Celtic priesthood appearing in Irish, Welsh, and Christian legends as magicians and wizards

1. **drum** /dram/ **noun**
   1: a percussion instrument usu. consisting of a hollow cylinder with a skin or plastic head stretched over one or both ends that is beaten with the hands or with a stick
   2: the sound of a drum; also: a similar sound
   3: a drum-shaped object

2. **drum** **verb** drummed; drum·ming
   1: to beat a drum
   2: to sound rhythmically: THROB, BEAT
   3: to summon or enlist by or as if by beating a drum <drummed into service>
   4: to dismiss ignominiously: EXPEL — usu. used with out
   5: to drive or force by steady effort <~ the facts into memory>
   6: to strike or tap repeatedly so as to produce rhythmic sounds

   **Synonyms**
   - [4] banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, eject, expel, oust, rout, run off, throw out—more at EJECT
   - [6] beat, rap, tap—more at TAP

   **drum·beat** /dramˌbeɪt/ **noun**
   : a stroke on a drum or its sound

   **drum major** **noun**
   : the leader of a marching band

   **drum ma·jor·ette** /ˈdraməˌjəˌret/ **noun**
   : a girl or woman who leads a marching band; also: a baton twirler who accompanies a marching band

   **drum·mer** /dramər/ **noun**
   1: one that plays a drum
   2: a traveling salesman

   **drum·stick** /ˈdramˌstɪk/ **noun**
   1: a stick for beating a drum
   2: the lower segment of a fowl’s leg

   **drum up** **verb**
   1: to bring about by persistent effort <drum up business>
   2: INVENT, ORIGINATE

1. **drunk** **verb**
   past participle of DRINK

2. **drunk** /d्रʌŋk/ **adjective**
   1: having the faculties impaired by alcohol <~ drivers>
   2: dominated by an intense feeling <~ with power>
   3: of, relating to, or caused by intoxication

   **Synonyms**
   - high, inebriate, intoxicated, tipsy; also maudlin; befuddled, stupefied; debauched, dissipated, dissolute

   **Antonyms**
   - sober

3. **drunk** **noun**
   1: a period of excessive drinking
   2: a drunken person

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] carouse—more at CAROUSE
   - [2] inebriate, soak, sot, souse, tippler; also alcoholic, substance abuser; drinker

   **drunk·ard** /d्रʌŋkˈɑːrd/ **noun**
   : one who is habitually drunk

   **drunk·en** /d्रʌŋkˈɛn/ **adjective**
1: being under the influence of alcohol: **drunk**
2: given to habitual excessive use of alcohol
3: of, relating to, or resulting from intoxication <a ~ brawl>
4: unsteady or lurching as if from intoxication
   — drilled adverb
   — drunken-ness noun

**drupe** /dru:p/ noun
: a partly fleshy fruit (as a plum or cherry) having one seed enclosed in a hard inner shell

**dry** /drī/ adjective dri-er /drī-er/, dri-est /drī-est/
1: free or freed from water or liquid <~ fruits>; also: not being in or under water
2: characterized by lack of water or moisture <~ climate>
3: lacking freshness: stale
4: devoid of natural moisture; also: thirsty
5: no longer liquid or sticky <the ink is ~> 
6: not giving milk <a ~ cow>
7: marked by the absence of alcoholic beverages
8: prohibiting the making or distributing of alcoholic beverages
9: not sweet <~ wine>
10: solid as opposed to liquid <~ groceries>
11: containing or employing no liquid
12 a: not showing or communicating warmth, enthusiasm, or tender feeling: severe
   b: causing weariness or lack of interest: uninteresting
13: not productive
14: marked by a matter-of-fact, ironic, or terse manner of expression <~ humor>
   — dry-ly or dry-ly adverb
   — dry-ness noun
   Synonyms
   arid, sere, thirsty; also baked, dehydrated, parched
   Antonyms
   damp, dank, humid, moist, wet

**dry** verb dried; drying
1: to make or become dry
   Synonyms
   dehydrate, parch, sear; also dehumidify; evaporate; shrivel, wither
   Antonyms
   hydrate, wet

**dry** noun, plural drys
: prohibitionist

**dry-ad** /ˌdrīˈæd/ noun
: wood nymph

**dry cell** noun
: a battery whose contents are not spillable

**dry-clean** /ˌdrīˈklēn/ verb
: to clean (fabrics) chiefly with solvents other than water
   — dry cleaning noun

**dry dock** /ˌdrīˈdök/ noun
: a dock that can be kept dry during ship construction or repair

**dryer** variant of drier

**dry farm-ing** noun
: farming without irrigation in areas of limited rainfall
   — dry-farm verb
--- dry farm·er noun

dry goods /ˈdriˌgədz/ noun plural
: cloth goods (as fabrics, ribbon, and ready-to-wear clothing)

dry ice noun
: solid carbon dioxide

dry measure noun
: a series of units of capacity for dry commodities

dry rot noun
: decay of timber in which fungi consume the wood's cellulose

dry run noun
: a practice exercise : REHEARSAL

Synonyms
practice, rehearsal, trial—more at REHEARSAL

dry·wall /ˈdriˌwəl/ noun
: a wallboard consisting of fiberboard, paper, or felt over a plaster core

Ds symbol
darmstadtium

DSC abbreviation
1 Distinguished Service Cross
2 doctor of surgical chiropody

DSM abbreviation
Distinguished Service Medal

DST abbreviation
daylight saving time

DTP abbreviation
diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (vaccines)

d.t.'s /dēˈtēz/ noun plural, often cap D&T
: DELIRIUM TREMENS

du·al /ˈdyōl, ˈdyōl/ adjective
1 : consisting of two parts or elements or having two like parts : DOUBLE
2 : having a double character or nature

— du·al·ism /ˌdiˈoʊlizəm/ noun

— du·al·i·ty /ˌdiˈoʊlətē, diˈoʊliˈti/ noun

Synonyms
binary, bipartite, double, duplex, twin—more at DOUBLE

1 dub /dəb/ verb dubbed; dub·bing
1 : to confer knighthood upon
2 : to call by a distinctive title, epithet, or nickname : NAME

Synonyms
baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, entitle, label, name, style, term, title—more at NAME

2 dub noun
: a clumsy person : DUFFER

3 dub verb dubbed; dub·bing
: to add (sound effects) to a motion picture or to a radio or television production

du·bi·ety /ˈdəˌbiˌe ti, ˈdyōˌti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : UNCERTAINTY
2 : a matter of doubt
du·bi·ous /dù bē·əs, 'dyū/ adjective
1 ▶: of doubtful promise or outcome
2 ▶: questionable or suspect as to true nature or quality: QUESTIONABLE
3 ▶: feeling doubt
— du·bi·ous·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] doubtful, flimsy, improbable, questionable, unlikely—more at IMPROBABLE
   ▶ [2] debatable, disputable, doubtful, equivocal, fishy, problematic, questionable, shady, shaky, suspect,
             suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL
   ▶ [3] distrustful, doubtful, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uncertain, undecided, unsettled, unsure—more at
             DOUBTFUL

du·bi·ous·ly /ˌdəˈbēəsˌli/ adverb
    ▶: in a manner expressive of doubt, hesitation, or suspicion
    Synonyms
    ▶ askance, distrustfully, mistrustfully, suspiciously—more at ASKANCE

dub·ni·um /dūbˈnēəm, 'dab-/ noun
    : a short-lived radioactive chemical element produced artificially

du·cal /dūˈkəl, 'dyū-/ adjective
    : of or relating to a duke or dukedom

duc·at /daˈkæt/ noun
    : a gold coin formerly used in various European countries

duch·ess /daˈchəs/ noun
  1 : the wife or widow of a duke
  2 : a woman holding the rank of duke in her own right

duchy /daˈchē/ noun, plural duch·ies
  : the territory of a duke or duchess: DUKEDOM

1 duck /dak/ noun, plural ducks
    : any of various swimming birds related to but smaller than geese and swans

2 duck verb
  1 ▶: to thrust or plunge under water
  2 a ▶: to lower the head or body suddenly: BOW
  b ▶: to make a sudden movement in a new direction: DODGE
  3 ▶: to evade a duty, question, or responsibility <~ the issue>
    Synonyms
    ▶ [1] dip, douse, dunk, immerse, souse, submerge—more at DIP
    ▶ [2b] dodge, sidestep—more at DODGE
    ▶ [3] avoid, dodge, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shirk, shun—more at ESCAPE

3 duck noun
  1 : a durable closely woven usu. cotton fabric
  2 plural: light clothes made of duck

duck·bill /ˈdækˌbil/ noun
    : PLATYPUS

duck·ling /ˈdɪŋ/ noun
    : a young duck

duck·pin /ˌPin/ noun
  1 : a small bowling pin shorter and wider in the middle than a tenpin
  2 plural but singular in construction: a bowling game using duckpins

duck sauce noun
    : a thick sweet sauce made with fruits and seasonings and used in Chinese cuisine
duct /dækt/ noun
1 : a tube or canal for conveying a bodily fluid
2 : a pipe or tube through which a fluid (as air) flows
   — duct·less adjective
      Synonyms
         ∙ channel, conduit, leader, line, penstock, pipe, tube—more at PIPE

duct·tile /dækt·əl/ adjective
1 : capable of being drawn out into wire or thread
2 : easily led : DOCILE
   — duct·tile·ty /dækt·əl·tē/ noun

ductless gland noun
: an endocrine gland

duct tape noun
: a cloth adhesive tape orig. designed for sealing certain ducts and joints
   — duct tape verb

dud /dʌd/ noun
1 plural ▶ : personal attire : CLOTHING
2 ▶ : one that fails completely; also : a bomb or missile that fails to explode
   Synonyms
      ∙ duds [1] apparel, attire, clothing, dress, raiment, wear—more at CLOTHING
      ∙ [2] bummer, bust, catastrophe, debacle, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, loser, turkey, washout—more at FAILURE

dude /dʌd, ˈdʌd/ noun
1 ▶ : a man who gives exaggerated attention to personal appearance : DANDY
2 : a city dweller; especially : an Easterner in the West
3 ▶ : a male human : GUY — sometimes used as an informal form of address
   Synonyms
      ∙ [1] buck, dandy, fop, gallant—more at DANDY
      ∙ [3] buck, chap, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at MAN

dude ranch noun
: a vacation resort offering activities (as horseback riding) typical of western ranches

dud·geon /ˈdędᵽ, ˈdyʊᵽ/ noun
: a fit or state of indignation <in high ~>
   Synonyms
      ∙ huff, offense, peeve, pique, resentment, umbrage—more at PIQUE

1due /dɪ, ˈdɪə/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF deu, pp. of dever to owe, fr. L debēre]
1 : owed or owing as a debt
2 : owed or owing as a right
3 : APPROPRIATE, FITting
4 : SUFFICIENT, ADEQUAte
5 ▶ : being in accordance with some established rule, law, or principle <~ process of law>
6 ▶ : capable of being attributed — used with to <~ to negligence>
7 : PAYABLE <a bill ~ today>
8 : SCHEDULED <~ to arrive soon>
   Synonyms
      ∙ [5] just, right—more at JUST
      ∙ usually due to [6] attendant, consequent, consequential, resultant—more at RESULTANT

2due noun
1 : something that rightfully belongs to one <give everyone their ~> 
2 : DEBT
3 plural: FEES, CHARGES

3 due adverb

▷ : in a direct manner: DIRECTLY <- north>

Synonyms

▷ dead, direct, directly, plump, right, straight—more at DIRECTLY

du·el /dœl, dyəl/ noun

1: a combat between two persons; especially: one fought with weapons in the presence of witnesses

2▷: a conflict between antagonistic persons, ideas, or forces; also: a hard-fought contest between two opponents

— duel verb

— du·el·ist /əˈlɪst/ noun

Synonyms

▷ battle, combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, face-off, rivalry, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST

du·en·de /duˈen da/ noun


▷ the power to attract through personal magnetism and charm

du·en·na /duˈe na, dyə/ noun

1: an elderly woman in charge of the younger ladies in a Spanish or Portuguese family

2▷: CHAPERONE

du·et /dœt, dyət/ noun

▷ a musical composition for two performers

due to preposition

▷ as a result of: BECAUSE OF

Synonyms

▷ because of, owing to, through, with—more at BECAUSE OF

duf·fel bag /daˈfel/ noun

▷ a large cylindrical bag for personal belongings

duf·fer /ˈdəfər/ noun

▷ an incompetent or clumsy person

dug past and past participle of DIG

— dug·out /ˈdəgˌaʊt/ noun

1: a boat made by hollowing out a log

2: a shelter dug in the ground

3: a low shelter facing a baseball diamond that contains the players' bench

DUI noun

▷ the act or crime of driving while under the influence of alcohol

duke /dʊk, ˈdɪək/ noun

1: a sovereign ruler of a continental European duchy

2: a nobleman of the highest rank; especially: a member of the highest grade of the British peerage

3 slang: fist 1 <put up your ~s>

— duke·dom noun

dul·ci·er /dəlˈsər/ adjective

1: pleasing to the ear

2: AGREEABLE, SOOTHING

— dul·ci·mer /dəlˈsər mər/ noun

1: a stringed instrument of trapezoidal shape played with light hammers held in the hands

2 or dul·ci·more /ˈdəlˌsər mər/: an American folk instrument with three or four strings that is held on the lap and played by plucking or strumming
dull /dəl/ adjective
1: mentally slow: STUPID
2: slow in perception or sensibility
3: LISTLESS
4: slow in action: SLUGGISH <a ~ market>
5: lacking in force or intensity; also: not resonant or ringing
6: lacking sharpness of edge or point: BLUNT
7: lacking brilliance or luster
8: low in saturation and lightness <~ color>
9: overcast with clouds: CLOUDY
10: causing weariness or lack of interest: UNINTERESTING

— dul·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [6] blunt, obtuse; also rounded
  Antonyms
  keen, pointed, sharp, whetted
  ▶ [7] dim, flat, lusterless
  ▶ [8] light, pale, pastel, washed-out—more at PALE
  ▶ [10] dry, flat, monotonous, uninteresting, weary

dull /dəl/ verb
  ▶: to make or become dull
  Synonyms
  blunt, dampen, deaden, numb; also muffle, mute, tone (down); decrease, diminish, lessen, let up (on), reduce, subdue; debilitate, enfeeble, weaken; dwindle, recede, subside, taper (off), wane; alleviate, ease, lighten; abate, moderate
  Antonyms
  sharpen, whet

dull·ard /dəl·ard/ noun
  : a stupid person

dull·ness also dul·ness /dəl·nas/ noun
  : the quality or state of being dull

du·ly /dú·le, 'dylə/ adverb
  : in a due manner or time

dumb /dəm/ adjective
1 often offensive: lacking the power of speech
2 ▶: making no utterance: SILENT
3 ▶: not having or showing intelligence: STUPID
— dumb·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] mum, mute, silent, speechless, uncommunicative—more at SILENT
  ▶ [3] mindless, senseless, simple, stupid, unintelligent—more at STUPID

dumb·bell /dəmˌbɛl/ noun
1: a bar with weights at the end used for exercise
2: one who is stupid: DUMMY

dumb down verb
  : to lower the level of difficulty or intellectual content of

dumb·found also dum·found /dəmˌfaʊnd/ verb
  ▶: to confound briefly and usu. with astonishment: ASTONISH
  Synonyms
  amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

dumb·wait·er /dəmˌwāˈtər/ noun
a small elevator for conveying food and dishes from one floor to another

dum·my /ˈdaˌmi/ noun, plural dummies
1 a : a person who cannot speak
   b : a stupid person
2 : the exposed hand in bridge played by the declarer in addition to that player’s own hand; also : a bridge player whose hand is a dummy
3 a : an imitative substitute for something
   b : a form representing the human figure used esp. for displaying clothes
   Synonyms MANNEQUIN

dump /dəmp/ verb
1 : to let fall in a pile
2 : to get rid of unceremoniously
   Synonyms DISCARD

dump noun
1 : a place for dumping something (as refuse)
2 a : a reserve supply
   b : a place where reserve supplies are kept <an ammunition ~>
3 : a messy or objectionable place
   Synonyms ARMORY

dump·ing /ˈdæmpɪŋ/ noun
: the act of one that dumps; especially : the selling of goods in quantity at below market price
   Synonyms DISPOSAL

dump·ling /ˈdæmplɪŋ/ noun
1 : a small mass of boiled or steamed dough
2 : a dessert of fruit baked in biscuit dough

dumps /ˈdæmps/ noun plural
: a gloomy state of mind : low spirits <in the ~>
   Synonyms SADNESS

dump truck noun
: a truck for transporting and dumping bulk material

dumpy /ˈdæmpi/ adjective dump·i·er; -est
1 : short and thick in build
2 : SHABBY
   Synonyms STOCKY

dun /dən/ noun
: a brownish dark gray

dun verb dunned; dun·ning
1 : to make persistent demands for payment
2 : PLAGUE, PESTER
   — dun noun
   a
   3 dun noun
   ▸ : an urgent request
      Synonyms
      ▸ claim, demand, requisition—more at DEMAND

dunce /dun/ noun
[origin: John Duns Scotus, whose once accepted writings were ridiculed in the 16th cent.]
▸ : a slow stupid person
   Synonyms
   ▸ blockhead, cretin, dodo, dolt, donkey, dope, dummy, fathead, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, nitwit, numskull, simpleton—more at IDIOT

dunˈder·head /dən.ˈdər.hed/ noun
   ▸ DUNCE, BLOCKHEAD

dune /dūn, ˈdūn/ noun
   ▸ a hill or ridge of sand piled up by the wind

dune buggy noun
   ▸ a motor vehicle with oversize tires for use on sand
1 dung /dəŋ/ noun
   ▸ the feces of an animal : MANURE
2 dung verb
   ▸ to dress (land) with dung

dunˈgə·ree /dən.ˈɡə.rē/ noun
1 ▸ a heavy coarse cotton twill; especially : blue denim
2 plural : clothes made of blue denim

dunˌje·gon /dənˈjen/ noun
[origin: ME dongeoun fortress, prison, fr. AF donjun, fr. VL *domnion-, *domnio keep, mastery, fr. L dominus lord]
   ▸ a dark prison commonly underground

dungˌhill /dəŋˌhil/ noun
   ▸ a manure pile

dunk /dəŋk/ verb
1 ▸ : to dip or submerge temporarily in liquid
2 : to submerge oneself in water
3 : to shoot a basketball into the basket from above the rim
   Synonyms
   ▸ dip, douse, duck, immerse, souse, submerge—more at DIP

duo /dū/ noun, plural duˌos
1 ▸ : DUET
2 ▸ : two similar or associated things : PAIR
   Synonyms
   ▸ brace, couple, pair, twain, twosome—more at PAIR

duoˌdec·i·mal /ˌdūˌe.ˈdiˌsaˌməlˌdiˈyü/ adjective
   ▸ of, relating to, or being a system of numbers with a base of 12

duˌo·de·num /ˌdūˌoˌdēˌnamˌdiˈyüˌdūˌeˌdēˌnamˌdiˈyü/ noun, plural -naˌˌdēˌnamˌdiˈyüˌˌdēˌnamˌˌ
dup abbreviation
1 duplex
2 duplicate

1 dupe /düp/ noun
▶ : one who is easily deceived or cheated

Synonyms
▶ gull, pigeon, sap, sucker, tool; also victim; schlemiel; butt, derision, laughingstock, mark, mock, mockery; booby, dodo, fool, goose, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, monkey, nincompoop, ninny, nitwit, simpleton, turkey; pushover; loser

2 dupe verb duped; dup·ing
▶ : to make a dupe of : DECEIVE

Synonyms
▶ beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

du·ple /düp/ adjective
▶ : having two beats or a multiple of two beats to the measure ⟨~ time⟩

1 duplex /düp·leks/ adjective
▶ : having two principal elements or parts : DOUBLE

Synonyms
▶ binary, bipartite, double, dual, twin—more at DOUBLE

2 duplex noun
▶ : something duplex; especially : a 2-family house

1 duplicate /düp·lat/ adjective
1 : consisting of or existing in two corresponding or identical parts or examples
2 ▶ : being the same as another

Synonyms
▶ equal, even, identical, indistinguishable, same—more at SAME

2 duplicate /düp·lat/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to make double or twofold
2 ▶ : to make a copy of

Synonyms
▶ copy, imitate, replicate, reproduce—more at COPY

3 duplicate /düp·lat/ noun
▶ : a thing that exactly resembles another in appearance, pattern, or content : COPY

Synonyms
▶ carbon copy, copy, duplication, facsimile, imitation, replica, replication, reproduction—more at COPY

du·pli·ca·tion /düp·li·kā·shən, dyü̆/ noun
1 : the act or process of duplicating
2 ▶ : a thing that exactly resembles another in appearance, pattern, or content

Synonyms
▶ carbon copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, replica, ringer, spit—more at IMAGE

du·pli·ca·tor /düp·li·kā·tor, dyü̆/ noun
▶ : COPIER

du·pli·ci·ty /düp·li·sə·tē, dyü̆/ noun, plural -ties
▶ : the disguising of true intentions by deceptive words or action

— du·pli·ci·tous /tēs/ adjective
— du·pli·ci·tous·ly adverb

Synonyms
artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, guile, wiliness—more at deceit

du•ra•bil•i•ty
noun
: the quality or state of being durable
Synonyms
endurance, persistence

du•ra•ble
adjective
: able to exist for a long time without significant deterioration of qualities or capabilities <good durable goods>

du•rance
noun
: restraint by or as if by physical force <held in vile>

du•ra•tion
noun
1: continuance in time
2: the time during which something exists or lasts
Synonyms
[1] continuation, endurance, persistence, subsistence—more at continuation
[2] date, life, lifetime, run, standing, time; also spell, stretch, span, tenure, term; hitch, tour, turn

du•ress
noun
: compulsion by threat <confession made under ~> Synonyms
coercion, compulsion, constraint, force, pressure—more at force

dur•ing
preposition
1: throughout the duration of <swims every day the summer>
2: at some point in <broke in the night>
Synonyms
over, through, throughout

dusk
noun
1: the darker part of twilight esp. at night
2: partial darkness
Synonyms
evening, gloaming, nightfall, sundown, sunset, twilight; also dark, darkness, night, nighttime
Antonyms
aurora, cockcrow, dawn, dawning, daybreak, daylight, morn, morning, sunrise, sunup

dusky
adjective dusky i•er; -est
1: somewhat dark in color
2: marked by slight or deficient light

dusk•i•ness
noun
Synonyms
dark, darkling, dim, gloomy, murky, obscure, somber—more at dark

dust
noun
1: fine particles of matter
2: the particles into which something disintegrates
3: something worthless
4: the surface of the ground
Synonyms
[3] chaff, deadwood, garbage, junk, litter, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste—more at garbage
[4] dirt, earth, ground, land, soil—more at earth

verb
1: to make free of or remove dust
2: to sprinkle with fine particles
3: to sprinkle in the form of dust

- **dusty** /ˈdʌstɪ/ adjective
  1: consisting of dust: **POWDERY**
  2: covered or abounding with dust

  **Synonyms**
  - fine, floury, powdery—more at **FINE**

- **dust bowl** noun
  a: a region suffering from long droughts and dust storms

- **dust devil** noun
  : a small whirlwind containing sand or dust

- **dust·er** /ˈdʌstər/ noun
  1: one that removes dust
  2: a dress-length housecoat
  3: one that scatters fine particles; especially: a device for applying insecticides to crops

  **dust·pan** /ˈdʌstˌpæn/ noun
  a: a flat-ended pan for sweepings

- **dust storm** noun
  : a violent wind carrying dust across a dry region

- **dutch** /ˈdʌtʃ/ adverb, often cap
  : with each person paying his or her own way <go ~>

  **Dutch** /ˈdʌtʃ/ noun
  1 Dartch plural: the people of the Netherlands
  2: the language of the Netherlands
  
  — **Dutch** adjective
  — **Dutch·man** /ˈmæn/ noun

- **Dutch elm disease** noun
  : a fungus disease of elms characterized by yellowing of the foliage, defoliation, and death

- **dutch treat** noun, often cap D
  : an entertainment (as a meal) for which each person pays his or her own way
  
  — **dutch treat** adverb, often cap D

  **du·te·ous** /ˈdjuːtəs,ˈdʒuː-/ adjective
  : DUTIFUL, OBEDIENT

  **du·ti·able** /ˈdjuːtəbəl,ˈdʒuː-/ adjective
  : subject to a duty <~ imports>

  **du·ti·ful** /ˈdjuːtəful,ˈdʒuː-/ adjective
  1: motivated by a sense of duty <a ~ son>
  2: coming from or showing a sense of duty <~ affection>
  
  — **du·ti·ful·ly** adverb
  — **du·ti·ful·ness** noun

  **Synonyms**
  - deferential, regardful, respectful—more at **RESPECTFUL**

- **du·ty** /ˈdjuːtɪ,ˈdʒuː-/ noun, plural duties
  1: conduct or action required by one's occupation or position; also: obligatory tasks, conduct, or functions required by order or usage
  2: assigned service or business; especially: active military service
  3: a moral or legal obligation
  4: a charge usu. of money imposed by authority on persons or property for public purposes: **TAX**
  5: the service required (as of a machine): **USE** <a heavy-duty tire>

  **Synonyms**
[1] assignment, chore, job, stint, task—more at CHORE
[3] burden, charge, commitment, need, obligation, responsibility—more at OBLIGATION
[4] assessment, impost, levy, tax—more at TAX

DV abbreviation
1 [ORIGIN L Deo volente] God willing
2 Douay Version

DVD /ˈdēˌvē,ˈdē/ noun
[ORIGIN: digital video disk]
: a high-capacity optical disk format; also: an optical disk using such a format

DVM abbreviation
doctor of veterinary medicine

1dwarf /ˈdɔr/ noun, plural dwarfs /ˈdɔrfs/ also dwarves /ˈdɔrviz/
1 ♦: one that is much below normal size
2 ♦: a small legendary manlike being who is usu. misshapen and ugly and skilled as a craftsman
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] midget, mite, peewee, pygmy, runt, scrub, shrimp; also mini, miniature
   ➢ Antonyms
   ➢ behemoth, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan
   ➢ [2] brownie, elf, fairy, fay, gnome, leucogoblin, leprechaun, pixie, puck, troll—more at FAIRY

2dwarf verb
1: to restrict the growth or development of: STUNT
2: to cause to appear smaller <dwarfed by comparison>

3dwarf adjective
: characterized by smallness or insignificance of size, proportion, scope, strength, or power
   dwarf·ish /ˈdɔrˌish/ adjective
   ➢: of or like a dwarf
   Synonyms
   ➢ dwarf, fine, little, pocket, pygmy, slight, small, undersized—more at SMALL

dwell /dwel/ verb dwelt /dwel/ or dwelled /dwel/ /ˈdwel/; dwell·ing
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE dwellan to go astray, hinder]
1 ♦: to remain for a time: ABIDE
2 ♦: to live as a resident: RESIDE
3: to keep the attention directed
4: to write or speak insistently — used with on or upon
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] abide, hang around, remain, stay, stick around, tarry—more at STAY
   ➢ [2] abide, live, reside—more at LIVE

dwell·er /ˈdwelər/ noun
➢: one that dwells: INHABITANT
   Synonyms
   ➢ denizen, inhabitant, occupant, resident—more at INHABITANT

dwell·ing /dwel ˈing/ noun
➢: a shelter (as a house) in which people live: RESIDENCE
   Synonyms
   ➢ abode, domicile, fireside, habitation, hearth, home, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, roof—more at HOME

DWI /ˈdēˌdəb.əl/ noun
[ORIGIN: driving while intoxicated]
: DUI

dwin·dle /ˈdwinˌdəl/ verb dwin·dled; dwin·dling
: to make or become steadily less

**Synonyms**
- abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane—more at **DECREASE**

**dwt** abbreviation
pennyweight

**Dy** symbol
dysprosium

dyb·buk /ˈdɪbˌbək/ **noun**, plural dyb·buk·im /ˈdɪbˌbək.ɪm/ **also dybbuks**
: a wandering soul believed in Jewish folklore to enter and possess a person

1 **dye** /dɪ/ **noun**
1 : color produced by dyeing
2 : material used for coloring or staining

**Synonyms**
- color, pigment, stain—more at **PIGMENT**

2 **dye** verb dyed; dye·ing
1 : to impart a new color to esp. by impregnating with a dye
2 : to take up or impart color in dyeing

— **dy·er** /ˈdɪr/ **noun**

**Synonyms**
- color, paint, stain, tinge, tint—more at **COLOR**

**dye·stuff** /ˈdɪ.ʃtɛf/ **noun**
: material used for coloring or staining : **DYE**

dying present participle of **DIE**

dy·nam·ic /ˈdaɪ.nəmɪk/ **also dy·nam·i·cal** /ˈdaɪ.nəmɪkəl/ **adjective**
1 : of or relating to physical force producing motion
2 : operating with or marked by vigor or effect : **ENERGETIC**

**Synonyms**
- energetic, flush, lusty, peppy, robust, strenuous, vigorous, vital—more at **VIGOROUS**
- aggressive, assertive, emphatic, forceful, resounding, vehement—more at **EMPHATIC**

1 **dynamite** /ˈdaɪ.nə.mɪt/ **noun**
: an explosive made of nitroglycerin absorbed in a porous material; also : an explosive made without nitroglycerin

2 **dynamite** verb -mit·ed; -mit·ing
: to blow up with dynamite

3 **dynamite** **adjective**
: **TERRIFIC**, **WONDERFUL**

dy·na·mo /ˈdaɪ.nə.mə/ **noun**, plural -mos
1 : an electrical generator
2 : a forceful energetic individual

dy·na·mom·e·ter /ˈdaɪ.nə.məˌmɛ.tər/ **noun**
: an instrument for measuring mechanical power (as of an engine)

dy·nas·ty /ˈdaɪ.nə.sti/ **noun**, plural -ties
1 : a succession of rulers of the same family
2 : a powerful group or family that maintains its position for a long time

— **dy·nas·tic** /ˈdaɪ.nə.stɪk/ **adjective**

dys·en·ter·y /ˈdaɪz.ən.tər.i/ **noun**, plural -ter·ies
: a disease marked by diarrhea with blood and mucus in the feces; also : **DIARRHEA**
dys·func·tion also dis·func·tion /dɪsˌfʌŋkˈʃən/ noun
1: impaired or abnormal functioning <liver ~> 
2: abnormal or unhealthy behavior within a group <family ~> 
— dys·func·tional /ˌdɪsˈfʌŋkʃənl/ adjective

dys·lex·ia /dɪsˈlekˌsēə/ noun 
: a learning disability marked by difficulty in reading, writing, and spelling 
— dys·lex·ic /ˌdɪsˈlektsɪk/ adjective or noun

dys·pep·sia /dɪsˈpɛpˌsiə/ noun: INDIGESTION 
— dys·pep·tic /ˌdɪsˈpɛptɪk/ noun 

dys·pep·tic adjective
: having or showing ill humor 

   Synonyms
   — bearish, bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, ill-humored, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic, surly

dys·pla·sia /dɪsˈpleɪzə/ noun 
: abnormal growth or development

dys·pro·si·um /dɪsˈproʊˌziəm/ noun 
: a metallic chemical element that forms highly magnetic compounds

dys·tro·phy /dɪsˈtraʊfɪ/ noun, plural -phies 
: a disorder involving atrophy of muscular tissue; especially: MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

dz abbreviation 
: dozen
E

1e /ˈeɪ/ noun, plural e's or es /ˈɛz/ often cap
1: the 5th letter of the English alphabet
2: the base of the system of natural logarithms having the approximate value 2.71828
3: a grade rating a student's work as poor or failing
— 2e abbreviation, often cap
1 east; eastern
2 error
3 excellent
— e- combining form
: electronic <e-commerce>
— ea abbreviation
each
— 1each /ˈɛtʃ/ adjective
: being one of the class named <~ player>
— 2each pronoun
: every individual one
— 3each adverb
: to or for each : APiece <cost five cents ~> 
— each other pronoun
: each of two or more in reciprocal action or relation <looked at each other>
— ea·ger /ˈɛdɡər/ adjective
: marked by urgent or enthusiastic desire or interest <~ to learn>
— ea·ger·ly adverb

Syonyms
avid, enthusiastic, hungry, keen, raring, thirsty; also engaged, interested; hung up, obsessed; ambitious, covetous, craving, hankering, longing, pining; restive, restless; disposed, inclined, ready, willing

Antonyms
apathetic, indifferent
— ea·ger·ness noun
: the quality or state of being eager; also : an act or instance of being eager

Syonyms
alacrity, ambition, appetite, ardor, avidity, enthusiasm, excitement, hunger, impatience, keenness, quickness, thirst

Antonyms
apathy, indifference
— eagle /ˈeɪɡəl/ noun
1: a large bird of prey related to the hawks
2: a score of two under par on a hole in golf
— 2eagle verb ea·gled; ea·gling
: to score an eagle on a golf hole
— ea·get /ˈeɪɡəl/ noun
: a young eagle
— ean see -AN
— E and OE abbreviation
errors and omissions excepted
— 1ear /ˈɪr/ noun
1 : the organ of hearing; also : the outer part of this in a vertebrate
2 : something resembling a mammal's ear in shape, position, or function
3 : an ability to understand and appreciate something heard <a good ~ for music>
4 : sympathetic attention
   Synonyms
   > attention, awareness, cognizance, eye, heed, notice, observance, observation—more at ATTENTION

*ear* noun
 : the fruiting spike of a cereal (as wheat)

*ear-ache* /ˈərk/ noun
 : an ache or pain in the ear

*ear-drum* /ˈdræm/ noun
 : a thin membrane that receives and transmits sound waves in the ear

*eared* /ərd/ adjective
 : having ears esp. of a specified kind or number <a long-eared dog>

*ear-ful* /ˈər.əl/ noun
 : a verbal outpouring (as of news, gossip, anger, or complaint)

*earl* /ɜrl/ noun
 [origin: ME erl, fr. OE eorl warrior, nobleman]
 : a member of the British peerage ranking below a marquess and above a viscount
   — *earl-dom* /ˈərdm/ noun

*ear-lobe* /ˈərləb/ noun
 : the pendent part of the ear

*early* /ˈer.əl/ adverb ear-li-er; -est
 : at an early time
   Synonyms
   > beforehand, precociously, prematurely, unseasonably; also immediately, promptly, punctually
   Antonyms
   late

*early* adjective ear-li-er; -est

1 : of, relating to, or occurring near the beginning; also : ANCIENT, PRIMITIVE
2 : occurring before the usual time <an ~ breakfast>; also : occurring in the near future
   Synonyms
   > [1] ancient, primal, primeval, primitive; also aged, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, hoary
   Antonyms
   late
   > [2] precocious, premature, unseasonable, untimely; also unanticipated, unexpected; abrupt, sudden
   Antonyms
   late

*earmark* /ɜrˈmɑrk/ noun
 : an identification mark (as on the ear of an animal); also : a distinguishing mark <~s of poverty>

*earmark* verb
1 : to mark with an earmark
2 : to designate for a specific purpose
   Synonyms
   > allocate, consecrate, dedicate, devote, reserve, save—more at DEVOTE

*ear-muff* /ˈmʌf/ noun
 : one of a pair of ear coverings worn to protect against cold

*earn* /ɜrn/ verb
1 : to receive as a return for service
2 ➔: to make or come to be duly worthy of: DESERVE, MERIT
— earn·er noun
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1] acquire, attain, draw, gain, garner, get, land, make, secure, win; also clear, net; accomplish, achieve, notch (up), score; accumulate, draw, rack up; catch, pick up; occupy, take over; reacquire, recapture, regain, remake
  Antonyms
  forfeit, lose
  ➔ [2] deserve, merit, rate; also entitle, qualify

earned run noun
: a run in baseball that scores without benefit of an error before the fielding team has had a chance to make the third putout of the inning

earned run average noun
: the average number of earned runs per game scored against a pitcher in baseball

1. earnest /ˈər-nəst/ noun
: an intensely serious state of mind <spoke in ~>  
2. earnest adjective
  ➔ 1: seriously intent and sober <an ~> face> <an ~> attempt>  
  ➔ 2: marked by importance: GRAVE
— ear·nest·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1, 2] grave, humorless, serious, severe, sober, solemn, staid, unsmiling, weighty—more at SERIOUS

3. earnest noun
  1: something of value given by a buyer to a seller to bind a bargain  
  2: PLEDGE

ear·nest·ness noun
: intent and serious state or quality (as of mind)
  Synonyms
  ➔ gravity, intentness, seriousness, sobriety, solemnity; also deliberation, determination, firmness, resolve
  Antonyms
  frivolity, levity, lightheartedness

earn·ings /ˈər-ɪŋz/ noun plural
  ➔ 1: something (as wages) earned  
  ➔ 2: the balance of revenue after deduction of costs and expenses
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1] income, proceeds, profit, return, revenue, yield—more at INCOME  
  ➔ [2] gain, lucre, net, payoff, proceeds, profit, return—more at PROFIT

ear·phone /ˈɪrnəf/ noun
: a device that reproduces sound and is worn over or in the ear

ear·piece /ˈpir·pi/ noun
: a part of an instrument which is placed against or in the ear; especially: EARPHONE

ear·plug /ˈpir·pl/ noun
: a protective device for insertion into the opening of the ear

ear·ring /ˈir·ɪŋ/ noun
: an ornament for the earlobe

ear·shot /ˈør·shət/ noun
: range of hearing

ear·split·ting /ˈør·split·ɪŋ/ adjective
: intolerably loud or shrill
  Synonyms
booming, clamorous, deafening, loud, piercing, roaring, thunderous—more at loud
earth /ˈeərθ/ noun
1 ▶: the fragmental material composing part of the surface of the globe: soil, dirt
2 ▶: areas of land as distinguished from sea and air: land, ground
3 often cap ▶: the planet on which we live that is 3d in order from the sun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] dirt, dust, ground, land, soil; also continent, landmass
   ▶ [3] planet, world; also cosmos, creation, universe; orb, sphere; macrocosm, microcosm
earth·en /ˈeər-than/ adjective
: made of earth or baked clay
earth·en·ware /ˌwar/ noun
: slightly porous opaque pottery fired at low heat
earth·ling /ˈeər-lɪŋ/ noun
: an inhabitant of the earth
earth·ly /ˈeər-lɪ/ adjective
▶ characteristic of or belonging to this earth; also: relating to the human race's actual life on this earth
   — earth·li·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ material, mundane, temporal, terrestrial, worldly; also physical
   Antonyms
   ▶ heavenly, nontemporal
earth·quake /ˈkwāk/ noun
: a shaking or trembling of a portion of the earth
earth science noun
: any of the sciences (as geology or meteorology) that deal with the earth or one of its parts
earth·shak·ing /ˈeər-shə-kîŋ/ adjective
: of great importance: momentous
earth·ward /ˈwârd/ also earth·wards /ˈwârdz/ adverb
: toward the earth
earth·work /ˈwɜrk/ noun
: an embankment or fortification of earth
earth·worm /ˈwɜrm/ noun
: a long segmented worm found in damp soil
earth·y /ˈeər-thē/ adjective earth·i·er; -est
1 ▶: of, relating to, or consisting of earth; also: suggesting earth <~ flavors>
2 ▶: not theoretical or ideal: practical
3 ▶: coarse, gross
   — earth·i·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ down-to-earth, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, practical, pragmatic, realistic—more at realistic
ear·wax /ˈir-wakz/ noun
: the yellow waxy secretion from the ear
ear·wig /ˈwɪg/ noun
: any of numerous insects with slender many-jointed antennae and a pair of appendages resembling forceps at the end of the body
ease /ˈez/ noun
1 ▶: comfort of body or mind: freedom from pain, discomfort, or concern
2 ▶: naturalness of manner
3 : freedom from difficulty or effort
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] alleviation, comfort, decrease, relief; also calming, salving, soothing
   ◁ [3] leisure, relaxation, repose, rest—more at REST

ease verb eased; easing
   1 : to relieve from distress
   2 : to lessen the pressure or tension of
   3 : to make or become less difficult ◁ credit
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] allay, alleviate, assuage, help, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe—more at HELP
   ◁ [2] loosen, relax, slack, slacken—more at SLACKEN
   ◁ [3] assist, facilitate, further, hasten, help, improve, loosen, promote; also aid, smooth, speed; advance, unclog
   Antonyms
   complicate

easel /ˈzēl/ noun
   [origin: Dutch ezel, lit., ass]
   : a frame for supporting something (as an artist's canvas)

easily /ˈzē.lē/ adverb
   ◁ in an easy manner : without difficulty
   Synonyms
   ◁ effortlessly, fluently, freely, handily, lightly, painlessly, readily, smoothly; also ably, adeptly, adroitly, proficiently, skillfully
   Antonyms
   arduously, laboriously

east /ˈěst/ adverb
   : to or toward the east

east adjective
   1 : situated toward or at the east
   2 : coming from the east

east noun
   1 : the general direction of sunrise
   2 : the compass point directly opposite to west
   3 cap : regions or countries east of a specified or implied point
      — east·er·ly /ˈě.star.lē/ adverb or adjective
      — east·ward adverb or adjective
      — east·wards adverb

Easter /ˈě.stər/ noun
   : a church feast observed on a Sunday in March or April in commemoration of Christ's resurrection

eastern /ˈě.strən/ adjective
   1 often cap : of, relating to, or characteristic of a region designated East
   2 cap : of, relating to, or being the Christian churches originating in the Church of the Eastern Roman Empire
   3 : lying toward or coming from the east
      — East·ern·er noun

easy /ˈě.zē/ adjective eas·i·er; -est
   1 : marked by ease ◁ an ~ life>; especially : not causing distress or difficulty ◁ tasks
   2 : MILD, LENIENT ◁ be ~ on him
   3 : GRADUAL ◁ an ~ slope
   4 : free from pain, trouble, or worry ◁ rest ~
   5 : LEISURELY ◁ an ~ pace
   6 : NATURAL ◁ an ~ manner
   7 : giving ease, comfort, or relaxation : COMFORTABLE ◁ an ~ chair
   8 : readily taken advantage of
— eas·i·ness /ˈeɪs.nəs/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, simple, smooth, snap, soft; also apparent, clear, distinct, evident, manifest, obvious, plain; clear-cut, straightforward
  Antonyms
  arduous, difficult, hard, labored
  ▶ [7] comfortable, snug, soft—more at COMFORTABLE
  ▶ [8] gullible, naive, susceptible
  easy·go·ing /ˈeɪ.zə.ˈgə.ɪŋ/ adjective
  ▶: relaxed and casual in style or manner
  Synonyms
  ▶ affable, breezy, carefree, happy-go-lucky, informal, laid-back
  Antonyms
  uptight
  ▶ flexible, lax, loose, relaxed, slack, unrestrained, unrestricted; also careless, heedless, negligent, slipshod, sloppy, slovenly, unfussy
  Antonyms
  rigorous
  ▶ carefree, careless, cavalier, gay, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, lighthearted, unconcerned—more at CAREFREE

eat /ɪt/ verb ate /ət/; eat·en /ˈɛt.ən/; eat·ing
  1 ▶: to take in as food : take food
  2 ▶: to use up : DEVOUR
  3 ▶: to consume gradually : CORRODE
  ▶ eat·able adjective or noun
  ▶ eat·er noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] dine, fare, feed—more at DINE
  ▶ [3] bite, corrode, erode, fret; also break down, break up, decompose, disintegrate, dissolve; destroy, ruin, wreck

eat·ery /ˈeɪ.t.rər.i/ noun, plural -er·ies
  : LUNCHEONETTE, RESTAURANT

eaves /ˈeɪvz/ noun plural
  : the overhanging lower edge of a roof

eaves·drop /ˈeɪvz.d्र̥əp/ verb
  : to listen secretly
  ▶ eaves·drop·per noun

1ebb /eb/ noun
  1 ▶: the flowing back from shore of water brought in by the tide
  2 ▶: a point or state of decline
  2ebb verb
  1 ▶: to recede from the flood
  2 ▶: to fall from a higher to a lower level or from a better to a worse state : DECLINE <his fortunes ~ed>
  Synonyms
  ▶ abate, decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle, fall, lessen, recede, subside, taper—more at DECREASE

EBCDIC /ˈeɪ.bsi.desik/ noun
  [ORIGIN: extended binary coded decimal interchange code]
  : a computer code for representing alphanumeric information

Eb·o·la /ˈe.bə.ˈlə/ noun
  : an often fatal hemorrhagic fever caused by a virus (Ebola virus) of African origin
  1ebony /ˈe.bə.nə/ noun, plural -nies
  : a hard heavy wood of Old World tropical trees related to the persimmon
ebony adjective
1 : made of or resembling ebony
2 : of the color black
   Synonyms
   black, raven—more at BLACK

ebul·lient /bəˈlə(y)ənt/ adjective
1 : BOILING, AGITATED
2 : EXUBERANT
   — ebul·lience /əˈbələns/ noun
EC abbreviation
European Community

eccentric /ˈɛk.sən.trɪk/ adjective
1 : deviating from a usual or accepted pattern
2 : deviating from a circular path <~ orbits>
3 : set with axis or support off center <an ~ cam>; also : being off center
   — ec·cen·tri·cal·ly /ˌɪk.sənˈtrɪk.lɪ/ adverb
2 eccentric noun
   : an eccentric person
   Synonyms
   character, crackpot, crank, kook, nut, oddball, screwball, weirdo; also bohemian, maverick, nonconformist
   ec·cen·tri·city /ˌɛk.sənˈtrɪs.ti/ noun
   : the quality or state of being eccentric; also : odd or whimsical behavior
   Synonyms
   crotchet, idiosyncrasy, mannerism, oddity, peculiarity, quirk, singularity, trick—more at IDIOSYNCRASY

Eccles abbreviation
Ecclesiastes

Ec·cle·si·as·tes /ˌɛk.ˈklɛs.i.ə.təs/ noun
   : a book of wisdom literature in canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture

ec·cle·si·as·tic /ˌɛk.ˈklɛs.i.ə.stɪk/ noun
   : a member of the clergy : CLERGYMAN
   Synonyms
   clergyman, divine, father, minister, preacher, priest, reverend—more at CLERGYMAN

ec·cle·si·as·ti·cal /ˌɛk.ˈklɛs.i.ə.təl/ or ec·cle·si·as·tic /ˌɛk.ˈklɛs.i.ə.tɪk/ adjective
   : of or relating to a church esp. as an institution <~ art>
   — ec·cle·si·as·ti·cal·ly /ˌɛk.ˈklɛs.i.ə.təl.lɪ/ adverb

Ec·cle·si·as·ti·cus /ˌɛk.ˈklɛs.i.ə.təs.əs/ noun
   : a didactic book included in the Protestant Apocrypha and as Sirach in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament

Ecclus abbreviation
Ecclesiasticus

ECG abbreviation
electrocardiogram

ech·e·lon /ˈe.shəˌlən/ noun
[ORIGIN: F échelon, lit., rung of a ladder]
1 : a steplike arrangement (as of troops or airplanes)
2 : a level (as of authority or responsibility) within an organization

ech·i·na·cea /ˌe.kəˈnə.sə.ˌsə/ noun
the dried root of three composite herbs that is used primarily in herbal remedies to boost the immune system; also: any of these herbs

echino-derm /ˈek·nə·dərm/ noun
: any of a phylum of marine animals (as starfishes and sea urchins) having similar body parts (as the arms of a starfish) arranged around a central axis and often having a calcium-containing outer skeleton

echo /ˈeˌkō/ noun, plural ech·o·es also ech·os
: repetition of a sound caused by a reflection of the sound waves; also: the reflection of a radar signal by an object
— echo·ic /eˌkoˈɪk/ adjective

echo verb
: to produce an echo; also: to repeat or imitate (as a sound)

Synonyms
repeat, resonate, resound, reverberate—more at REVERBERATE

echo·lo·ca·tion /ˈeˌkəˌla·kən/ noun
: a process for locating distant or invisible objects by sound waves reflected back to the sender (as a bat) from the objects

echt /ekt/ adjective
[origin: G]
: true, genuine <an ~ New Yorker>

eclair /ˈeˌklar/ noun
[origin: F, lit., lightning]
: an oblong shell of light pastry with whipped cream or custard filling

eclat /ˈeklā/ noun
[origin: F]
1: a dazzling effect or success
2: acclaim

elec·tic /ˈel·kəтик/ adjective
: selecting or made up of what seems best of varied sources
— eclectic noun
— eclect·i·cism /ˈel·kəˌtsəˌizəm/ noun

eclipse /ˈekˌlaps/ noun
1: the total or partial obscuring of one heavenly body by another; also: a passing into the shadow of a heavenly body
2: a falling into obscurity or decline

eclipse verb eclipsed; eclips·ing
1: to cause an eclipse of
2: to go beyond in accomplishment: surpass

Synonyms
beat, better, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, surpass, top, transcend—more at SURPASS

eclip·tic /ˈek·lip·tik/ noun
: the great circle of the celestial sphere that is the apparent path of the sun

ecol·ogue /ˈekˌkōˌläg/ noun
: a pastoral poem

ECM abbreviation
European Common Market

ecol abbreviation
ecological; ecology

E. coli /ˈeˌkōˌlī/ noun, plural E. coli
: a rod-shaped bacterium that sometimes causes intestinal illness
ecol·o·gy /ˌkæləˈdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
[origin: G Ökologie, fr. Gk oikos house + logos word]
1: a branch of science concerned with the relationships between organisms and their environment
2: the pattern of relations between one or more organisms and the environment
— eco·log·i·cal /ˌkæləˌdʒiˈkəl/ also eco·log·ic /ˌdʒiˈkəl/ adjective
— eco·log·i·cal·ly /ˌdʒiˈkələˈli/ adverb
— ecol·o·gist /ˌkæləˈdʒi·st/ noun

e·com·merce /ˌkiˌmərks/ noun
: commerce conducted via the Internet

econ abbreviation
economics; economist; economy

eco·nom·ic /ˌe.kəˈnəmik/ adjective
: of or relating to the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services

eco·nom·i·cal /ˌnəˈməkəl/ adjective
1: marked by careful use of resources : THRIFTY
2: operating with little waste or at a saving
— eco·nom·i·cal·ly /ˌnəˈməkələˈli/ adverb

Synonyms
→ frugal, provident, sparing, thrifty—more at FRUGAL

eco·nom·ics /ˌe.kəˈnəmiks/ noun singular or plural
: a social science dealing with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services
— econ·o·mist /ˌekəˈnəmɪst/ noun

eco·nom·ize /ˌe.kəˈnəməˌzi/ verb -mized; -miz·ing
→ to practice economy : be frugal
— eco·nom·iz·er noun

Synonyms
→ save, scrimp, skimp; also conserve, husband, manage; scrape; cut back, cut down, retrench
Antonyms
→ waste

economy /ˌkænəˈme/ noun, plural -mies
[origin: MF yconomie, fr. ML oeconomia, fr. Gk oikonomía, fr. oikonomos household manager, fr. oikos house + nemein to manage]
1: thrifty and efficient use of resources; also: an instance of this
2: manner of arrangement or functioning : ORGANIZATION
3: an economic system <a money ~> 

Synonyms
→ frugality, husbandry, providence, thrift; also conservation, saving; miserliness, stinginess; discretion, prudence
Antonyms
→ wastefulness

eco·sys·tem /ˌe.kəˈsɪstəm/ noun
: the complex of an ecological community and its environment functioning as a unit in nature

eco·tour·ism /ˌe.kəˈtʊr.iˌzəm/ noun
: the touring of natural habitats in a manner meant to minimize ecological impact
— eco·tour·ist /ˌtʊr.iˈrist/ noun

ecru /ˈe.kru/ noun
[origin: F écrue, lit., unbleached]
ec·stat·ic /ˈɛkˌstæt.ɪk, ɪk-/ adjective
▷ of, relating to, or marked by ecstasy

ec·stat·i·cal·ly /ˌɪk.əˈtæst.ɪk.lɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
▷ elated, euphoric, intoxicated, rapturous, rhapsodic; also exultant, jubilant, triumphant; enthusiastic, excited, gung ho, thrilled; blissful, delighted, glad, gratified, happy, joyful, joyous, pleased, satisfied, tickled

Antonyms
▷ depressed

ec·sta·sy /ˈɛkˌstæs.eɪ/ noun, plural -sies
1 ▷ extreme and usu. rapturous emotional excitement
2 often cap : an illicit drug with hallucinogenic properties that is chemically related to amphetamine

Synonyms
▷ elation, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rapture, rhapsody, transport; also exaltation; bliss, delight, enchantment, gladness, happiness, joy, pleasure; reverie, trance; inspiration; fervor, frenzy, madness, passion

Antonyms
▷ depression

Ecua abbreviation
Ecuador

Ec·ua·dor·an /ˌɛ.kwəˈdɔr.ən/ or Ec·ua·dor·ean or Ec·ua·dor·ian /ˌɛ.ən/ noun
▷ a native or inhabitant of Ecuador

— Ecuadorean or Ecuadorian adjective

ec·u·men·i·cal /ˌɛ.kyʊˈmɛ.nə.ɫəl/ adjective
▷ general in extent or influence; especially : promoting or tending toward worldwide Christian unity

— ec·u·men·i·cal·ly /ˌɛ.k(ə)ˈmɛn.ə.lɪ/ adverb

ec·ze·ma /ˈɛkˌzə.mə, ˈɛk.zə.mə. ˈɛkˌzə.mə/ noun
▷ an itching skin inflammation with oozing and then crusted lesions

— ec·zem·a·tous /ˌɛkˌzə.mə.təs/ adjective

ed abbreviation
1 edited; edition; editor
2 education

1-ed /d after a vowel or b, g, j, l, m, n, ñ, r, th, v, z, zh; ed, id after d, t after other sounds/ verb suffix or adjective suffix
1 — used to form the past participle of regular weak verbs <ended> <faded> <tried> <patted>
2 : having : characterized by <cultured> <2-legged>; also : having the characteristics of <bigoted>

2-ed verb suffix
— used to form the past tense of regular weak verbs <judged> <denied> <dropped>

Edam /ˈɛ.ðəm/ noun
▷ a yellow Dutch pressed cheese made in balls

ed·dy /ˈɛ.də/ noun, plural eddies

— eddy verb

edel·weiss /ˈɛdə.ˌwɛs, ˈɛdə/.ˈwɛs/ noun
[origin: G, fr. edel noble + weiss white]
▷ a small perennial woolly composite herb that grows high in the Alps

ed·ema /ˈɛ.də.mə/ noun
: abnormal accumulation of watery fluid in connective tissue or in a serous cavity
— edem-a-tous /`de.mə.ˈtəs/ adjective

Eden /ˈɛdən/ noun
›: a place or state of bliss or delight: PARADISE

Synonyms
› Elysium, heaven, paradise, utopia—more at PARADISE

1 edge /ei/ noun
1 : the cutting side of a blade
2 : a noticeably harsh or sharp quality; also: FORCE, EFFECTIVENESS
3 ›: the line where something begins or ends; also: the area adjoining such an edge
4 ›: a favorable margin: ADVANTAGE
— edged /ˈeɪd/ adjective

Synonyms
› [3] border, bound, boundary, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge—more at BORDER
› [4] advantage, better, drop, jump, upper hand, vantage—more at ADVANTAGE

2 edge verb edged; edg-ing
1 ›: to give or form an edge
2 ›: to move or force gradually <~ into a crowd>
3 ›: to defeat by a small margin <edged out her opponent>
— edge·er noun

Synonyms
› grind, hone, sharpen, strop, whet—more at SHARPEN

d·e·g··i·wise /i ˌl.əz/ adverb
: SIDEWAYS

d·e·g··i·ng /ˈe.gərɪŋ/ noun
: something that forms an edge or border <a lace ~> 

e·dgy /ˈe.dʒi/ adjective edg·i·er; -est
1 ›: having an edge: SHARP <an ~ tone>
2 ›: being on edge: TENSE, NERVOUS
3 ›: having a bold, provocative, or unconventional quality
— edg·i·ness noun

Synonyms
› [1] cutting, ground, keen, sharp—more at SHARP
› [2] aflutter, anxious, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervy, tense, troubled, upset, worried—more at NERVOUS

ed·i·ble /ˈe.da.bəl/ adjective
: fit or safe to be eaten
— ed·i·bil·i·ty /ˌe.də.ˈbəl.ətii/ noun
— edible noun

e·d·i·ct /ˈe dikt/ noun
›: a proclamation having the force of law; also: ORDER, DECREE

Synonyms
› decree, directive, fiat, order, ruling; also call, decision, judgment; announcement, declaration, dictum, manifesto, proclamation, pronouncement; canon, encyclical

e·d·i·fi·ca·tion /ˌe daˌfa.ˈʃən/ noun
: instruction and improvement esp. in morality

e·d·i·fic·e /ˈe da.ˈfəs/ noun
: a usu. large building
— ed·i·fy /ˈe da.ˈfi/ verb
›: to instruct and improve esp. in moral and religious knowledge
**Synonyms**
- educate, enlighten, nurture—more at ENLIGHTEN

**edit** /'ed.i.t/ verb
1 ▶: to revise, assemble, or prepare for publication or release (as a motion picture)
2 : to direct the publication and policies of (as a newspaper)
3 : DELETE

- **editor** /'ed.i.to.r/ noun
- **editorship** noun
- **editor** /'ed.i.tres/ noun

**Synonyms**
- redraft, revamp, revise, rework; also amend, correct, emend, rectify

**edition** /'ed.ish.n/ noun
1 : the form in which a text is published
2 : the total number of copies (as of a book) published at one time
3 : VERSION

1 **editorial** /'ed.i.to.ri.al/or /'ed.i.to.ri.al/ adjective
1 : of or relating to an editor or editing
2 : being or resembling an editorial

- **editorially** adverb

2 editorial noun
: an article (as in a newspaper) giving the views of the editors or publishers; also : an expression of opinion resembling an editorial <a television ~>

- **editorialize** /'ed.i.to.ri.al.iz/ verb -ized; -izing
1 : to express an opinion in an editorial
2 : to introduce opinions into factual reporting
3 : to express an opinion

- **editorialization** /'ed.i.to.ri.al.i.ze.شن/ noun
- **editorializer** noun

**EDP** abbreviation
electronic data processing

**EDT** abbreviation
Eastern daylight (saving) time

**educ** abbreviation
education; educational

- **educable** /'ed.u.kal/ adjective
: capable of being educated

- **educate** /'ed.u.ket/ verb -ated; -ating
[origin: ME, to rear, fr. L educatus, pp. of educare, fr. educere to lead forth, draw out]
1 ▶: to provide with schooling
2 ▶: to develop mentally and morally; also : to provide with information

**Synonyms**
- [1] indoctrinate, instruct, school, teach, train, tutor—more at TEACH
- [2] edify, enlighten, nurture—more at ENLIGHTEN

**educated** adjective
: having an education; especially : having an education beyond the average

**Synonyms**
- erudite, knowledgeable, learned, literate, scholarly, well-read; also civilized, cultivated, cultured; cerebral, highbrow, intellectual; polished, refined, well-bred; academic, bookish, didactic, pedantic, professorial; instructed, schooled, skilled, trained; homeschooled, self-educated, self-taught; briefed, enlightened, informed, versed
Antonyms
ignorant, illiterate, uneducated

education /əˌdjuˈkeɪʃən/ noun
1: the action or process of educating or being educated; also: the knowledge and development resulting from an educational process
2: a field of study dealing with methods of teaching and learning
   Synonyms
   ➔ instruction, teaching, training, tutelage; also coaching, conditioning, cultivation, preparation
   ➔ erudition, knowledge, learning, scholarship, science; also culture, edification, enlightenment; literacy, reading; pedantry

educational /əˌdjuˈkeɪʃənəl/ adjective
➔ of, relating to, or concerned with education; also: serving to further education
   ➔ educationally adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ informative, instructive—more at INFORMATIVE

educational television noun
➔ PUBLIC TELEVISION

educator /əˈdjuˌkeɪtər/ noun
➔ one skilled in teaching
   Synonyms
   ➔ instructor, pedagogue, schoolteacher, teacher—more at TEACHER

educe /ɪˈdjuːs, ɪˈdjuːs/ verb educed; educing
1: to bring out (as something latent): ELICIT, EVOKE
2: DEDUCE

educationment /əˌdjuˈkeɪʃənmənt/ noun
➔ entertainment that is designed to be educational

-ee /ˈi/ noun suffix
1: one that receives or benefits from (a specified action or thing) <grantee> <patentee>
2: a person who does (a specified action) <escapee>

-ee noun suffix
1: a particular esp. small kind of <bootee>
2: one resembling or suggestive of <goatee>

EE abbreviation
electrical engineer

EEC abbreviation
European Economic Community

EEG abbreviation
1 electroencephalogram
2 electroencephalograph

eel /ˈiəl/ noun
➔ any of numerous snakelike bony fishes with a smooth slimy skin

EEO abbreviation
equal employment opportunity

ee·rie also ee·ry /ˈiəri/ adjective ee·ri·er; -est
➔ so mysterious, strange, or unexpected as to send a chill up the spine: WEIRD, UNCArNY
   ➔ eerily /ˈiər.i/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ creepy, haunting, odd, spooky, strange, uncanny, unearthly, weird; also ghostly, spectral
eff  abbreviation
  efficiency

ef·face /ɪˈfæs, ɛʃ/ verb ef·faced; ef·fac·ing
  : to obliterate or obscure by or as if by rubbing out
    — ef·face·able adjective
    — ef·face·ment noun
  1: eff ace verb

1. effect /ɪˈfekt/ noun
  1 : MEANING, INTENT
  2 : something that inevitably follows an antecedent : RESULT
  3 : APPEARANCE
  4 : power to bring about a result : INFLUENCE
  5 plural : movable property : GOODS, POSSESSIONS
  6 : the quality or state of being operative : OPERATION

  Synonyms
  ▷ [2] aftermath, conclusion, consequence, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, upshot; also ramification; denouement, repercussion; conclusion, end; by-product, side effect
  Antonyms
  ▷ [4] impact, influence, mark, repercussion, sway; also authority, clout, prestige, weight
  ▷ usually effects [5] belongings, chattels, goods, holdings, paraphernalia, possessions, things—more at POSSESSION

2. effect verb
  ▷ : to cause to happen <~ repairs> <~ changes>

  Synonyms
  ▷ bring about, cause, create, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, result; also decide, determine; advance, encourage, forward, foster, promote; enact, render, turn out

ef·fec·tive /ɪˈfɛktɪv/ adjective
  1 : producing a decisive or desired effect; also : marked by the quality of being influential or exerting positive influence <an ~ presentation>
  2 : IMPRESSIVE, STRIKING
  3 : ready for service or action
  4 : being in effect
  — ef·fec·tive·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ▷ convincing, decisive, effectual, efficacious, efficient, forceful, fruitful, persuasive, potent, productive; also adequate, capable, competent
  Antonyms
  ▷ ineffective, ineffectual, inefficient, fruitless, unproductive

ef·fec·tive·ness noun
  ▷ : the quality or state of being effective; also : power to be effective

  Synonyms
  ▷ efficacy, efficiency, force, impact, productiveness—more at EFFICACY

ef·fec·tu·al /ɪˈfɛktʃuəl/ adjective
  ▷ : producing an intended effect
  — ef·fec·tu·al·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ▷ effective, efficacious, efficient, fruitful, potent, productive—more at EFFECTIVE

ef·fec·tu·ate /ɪˈfɛktʃuət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
  ▷ : to cause to come into being : BRING ABOUT, EFFECT

  Synonyms
  ▷ bring about, cause, create, effect, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, result, work, yield—more at EFFECT
ef·fem·i·nate /eˈfem.iˈneɪt/ adjective
▶ marked by qualities more typical of women than men
— ef·fem·i·na·cy /_na.ˈsɛ/ noun
  Syonyms
  feminine, girlish, unmanly, womanly
  Antonyms
  manly, mannish, masculine

ef·fen·di /eˌfen.ˈdi/ noun
[origin: Turk efendi master, fr. ModGk αφέντης, alter. of Gk αυθέντης]
▶ a man of property, authority, or education in an eastern Mediterranean country

ef·fer·ent /eˈfe.ər.ənt/ adjective
▶ bearing or conducting outward from a more central part ◄ nerves

ef·fer·vesce /e.ˈfe.ər.ˈves/ verb -vesced; -ves·cing
  1: to bubble and hiss as gas escapes
  2: to show liveliness or exhilaration
— ef·fer·ves·cence /ˈve.ər.ˌsens/ noun

ef·fer·ves·cent /ˈər.ˌsɛnt/ adjective
▶ impossible or difficult to restrain or suppress
— ef·fer·ves·cent·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  bubbly, buoyant, exuberant, frolicsome, high-spirited, vivacious—more at EXUBERANT

ef·fete /eˈfet/ adjective
  1: having lost character, vitality, or strength; also: DECADENT
  2: EFFEMINATE
  Synonyms
  decadent, degenerate, soft, weak; also decaying, declining, dying, failing

ef·fi·ca·cious /e.ˈfa.ˈkæ.ʃəs/ adjective
▶ producing an intended effect ◄ remedies
  Synonyms
  effective, effectual, efficient, fruitful, potent, productive—more at EFFECTIVE

ef·fi·ca·cy /e.ˈfi.ke.ˈsɛ/ noun
▶ the power to produce an effect
  Synonyms
  effectiveness, efficiency, productiveness; also ability, capability, capacity
  Antonyms
  ineffectiveness, inefficiency

ef·fi·ci·en·cy /əˈfi.ʃən.ˈsɛ/ noun
▶ the quality or degree of being efficient; also: efficient operation
  Synonyms
  effectiveness, efficacy, productiveness—more at EFFICACY

ef·fi·cient /əˈfi.ʃənt/ adjective
▶ productive of desired effects esp. without waste
— ef·fi·cient·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  effective, effectual, efficacious, fruitful, potent, productive—more at EFFECTIVE

ef·fi·gy /e.ˈfi.ʒi/ noun, plural -gies
▶ IMAGE; especially: a crude figure of a hated person

ef·flo·res·cence /ˌe.ˈfla.ˈres.ən.ˈsɛ/ noun
  1: the period or state of flowering
  2: the action or process of developing
ef·flu·ence /efˈfluːəns/ noun
: something that flows out

ef·flu·ent /efˈfluənt/ noun
: something that flows out; especially: a fluid (as sewage) discharged as waste
— effluent adjective

ef·flu·vi·um /efˈfluːvēəm/ noun, plural -via /ˌvē.ə/ also -vi·ums [origin: L, outflow]
1 : a usu. unpleasant emanation
2 : a by-product usu. in the form of waste

ef·fort /efˈort/ noun
1 : hard work: EXERTION; also: a product of effort
2 : active or applied force

Synonyms
exertion, expenditure, labor, pains, sweat, trouble, work; also toil, travail

ef·fort·less adjective
: showing or requiring little or no effort

Synonyms
easy, facile, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, smooth, snap—more at EASY

ef·fort·less·ly adverb
: in an effortless manner

Synonyms
easily, fluently, freely, handily, lightly, painlessly, ready, smoothly—more at EASILY

ef·fron·tery /efˈfron.tərē/ noun, plural -ter·ies
: shameless and offensive boldness

Synonyms
audacity, brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, gall, nerve, presumption, temerity; also arrogance, cockiness, overconfidence; impertinence, impudence, insolence, rudeness

ef·ful·gence /efˈfuləns, -fal/ noun
: radiant splendor: BRILLIANCE

Synonyms
brilliance, dazzle, illumination, luminosity, radiance, splendor—more at BRILLIANCE

ef·ful·gent /efˈflənt/ adjective
: extremely radiant

Synonyms
beaming, bright, brilliant, glowing, incandescent, luminous, lustrous, radiant—more at BRIGHT

ef·fu·sion /efˈfyo.zhan, ə/ noun
: a gushing forth; also: unrestrained utterance
— e·fuse /ˈfyüz, ə/ verb

ef·fu·sive /efˈfyoo.siv, ə/ adjective
: marked by the expression of great or excessive emotion or enthusiasm
— e·fu·sive·ly adverb

Synonyms
demonstrative, emotional, uninhibited, unreserved, unrestrained—more at DEMONSTRATIVE

eft /eft/ noun
: NEWT

EFT or EFTS abbreviation
electronic funds transfer (system)

e.g. abbreviation
exempli gratia
for example

Eg abbreviation
Egypt; Egyptian

eg-al-i-tar-i-an-ism /i.gə.la.tər.i.ə.nə.zəm/ noun
: a belief in human equality esp. in social, political, and economic affairs
— eg-al-i-tar-i-an adjective or noun

1egg /eɡ/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. ON eggja; akin to OE ecg edge]
›: to urge to action — usu. used with on

Synonyms usually egg on
— encourage, exhort, goad, press, prod, prompt, urge—more at URGE

2egg noun
[origin: ME egge, fr. ON egg; akin to OE āeg egg, L ovum]
1: a rounded usu. hard-shelled reproductive body esp. of birds and reptiles from which the young hatches; also: the egg of the common domestic chicken as an article of food
2: a germ cell produced by a female

egg-beater /eɡ_.bē.tər/ noun
: a hand-operated kitchen utensil for beating, stirring, or whipping

egg cell noun
: EGG 2

egg-head /ˌ hed/ noun
: INTELLECTUAL, Highbrow

egg-nog /ˌ nāɡ/ noun
: a drink consisting of eggs beaten with sugar, milk or cream, and often alcoholic liquor

egg-plant /ˌ Plant/ noun
: the edible usu. large and purplish fruit of a plant related to the potato; also: the plant

egg roll noun
: a thin egg-dough casing filled with minced vegetables and often bits of meat and usu. deep-fried

egg-shell /ˌ shel/ noun
: the hard exterior covering of an egg

egis variant of AEGIS

eg-i-an-tine /ˌ ɡlen.tən,ˌ tən/ noun
: SWEETBRIER

ego /ˈ ɡoʊ/ noun, plural egos
[origin: L, I]
1: the self as distinguished from others
2: the one of the three divisions of the psyche in psychoanalytic theory that is the organized conscious mediator between the person and reality
3: an exaggerated sense of self-importance; also: a confidence and satisfaction in oneself

Synonyms
— complacency, conceit, pride, self-importance, self-regard, self-respect, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory, vanity—more at COMPLACENCE

ego cen-tric /ˌ ɡoʊˌ sen.trɪk/ adjective
›: concerned or overly concerned with the self; especially: SELF-CENTERED

Synonyms
— egotistic, self-seeking, selfish; also complacent, conceited, self-important, self-indulgent, self-satisfied, smug, vain
Antonyms
selfless
ego·ism /ˈeɡəˌizəm/ noun
1: a doctrine holding self-interest to be the motive or the valid end of action
2: an excessive concern for oneself with or without exaggerated feelings of self-importance
— ego·ist /ˌɪɡəˈɪst/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ egotism, self-centeredness, self-interest, self-regard, selfishness; also conceit, self-importance, self-indulgence, self-satisfaction
  Antonyms
  ➢ selflessness
ego·is·tic  /ˌeɡəˈɪstɪk/ adjective
  ➢ having an exaggerated sense of self-importance
  — ego·is·ti·cal·ly adverb
ego·tism /ˈeɡəˌtɪzəm/ noun
1: the practice of talking about oneself too much
2: an exaggerated sense of self-importance: conceit
— ego·tist /ˌɪɡəˈtɪst/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ complacency, conceit, pride, self-esteem, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory, vanity—more at complacency
  ➢: an exaggerated sense of self-importance
  — ego·tis·ti·cal·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ➢ complacent, conceited, important, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at conceited
ego trip noun
: an act that enhances and satisfies one's ego
egre·gious /ˈɡreɪʒəs/ adjective
[origin: L egregius outstanding, fr. ex, e out of + greg-, grex flock, herd]
  ➢: notably bad: flagrant
  — egre·gious·ly adverb
  — egre·gious·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ blatant, flagrant, glaring, gross, obvious, patent, pronounced, rank, striking; also salient; atrocious, awful, deplorable
egress /ˈeɡres/ noun
  ➢: a way out: exit
  Synonyms
  ➢ exit, issue, outlet—more at exit
egret /ˈeɡret/ noun
: any of various herons that bear long plumes during the breeding season
Egypt·ian /ˌɪɡəˈpæn/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Egypt
2: the language of the ancient Egyptians from earliest times to about the 3d century A.D.
  — Egyptian adjective
ei·der /ˈɪdər/ noun
: any of several northern sea ducks that yield a soft down
  — ei·der·down /ˈɪdərˌdaʊn/ noun
ei·do·lon ˈi·dōˌlən noun, plural -lons or -la /ˈlə/  
1: PHANTOM
2: IDEAL

eight /ˈeɪt/ noun
1: one more than seven
2: the 8th in a set or series
3: something having eight units
   — eight adjective or pronoun
   — eighth /ˈeɪθt̬/ adjective or adverb or noun

eight ball noun
: a black pool ball numbered 8
   — behind the eight ball
: in a highly disadvantageous position

eight·teen /ˈeɪtˌtēn/ noun
: one more than 17
   — eighteen adjective or pronoun
   — eighteenth /ˈeɪtˌthān/ adjective or noun

eighty /ˈeɪti/ noun, plural eight·ies
: eight times 10
   — eightieth /ˈeɪtˌiəθ/ adjective or noun
   — eighty adjective or pronoun

sein·stei·ni·um ˈzīnˌstēˌnēəm noun
: an artificially produced radioactive element

1 either /ˈeɪ.ðər, ˈeɪ.ˈfər, ˈeɪ.ˈfɪr/ adjective
1: being the one and the other of two: EACH <trees on ~ side>
2: being the one or the other of two <take ~ road>

2 either pronoun
: the one or the other

3 either conjunction
— used as a function word before the first of two or more words or word groups of which the last is preceded by or to indicate that they represent alternatives <a statement is ~ true or false>

ejac·u·late /ˈjakəˌlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1: to eject a fluid (as semen)
2 : to utter suddenly: EXCLAIM
   — ejac·u·la·tion /ˈjakəˌlāˈshən/ noun
   — ejac·u·la·to·ry /ˈjakəˌləˌtôrē/ adjective
Synonyms
   ▶ blurt, bolt, cry, exclaim, spout

eject /ˈjekt/ verb
▶ : to drive or throw out or off
   — ejec·tion /ˈjekˈshaŋ/ noun
Synonyms
   ▶ banish, boot, bounce, cast, expel, oust, rout, run off, throw out
   ▶ belch, disgorgie, erupt, jet, spew, spout, spurt—more at ERUPT

eke /ˈeik/ verb eked; ek·ing
▶: to gain, supplement, or extend usu. with effort — usu. used with out <~ out a living>
Synonyms usually eke out
   ▶ scrape, squeeze, wrest, wring; also acquire, earn, gain, obtain, procure, secure
EKG abbreviation
[ORIGIN: G Elektrokardiogramm]
electrocardiogram; electrocardiograph

elevation

1elaborate /ˈla.bəˌrāt/ adjective
1 •• : planned or carried out with great care
2 •• : being complex and usu. ornate
— elaborately adverb

Synonyms

1, 2 complex, complicated, detailed, fancy, intricate, involved, sophisticated; also elegant, grand, ornate, magnificent, splendid

Antonyms

simple

2elaborate /ˈla.bəˌrāt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
1 •• : to build up from simpler ingredients
2 •• : to work out in detail; develop fully

Synonyms usually elaborate on

•• amplify, develop, embellish, enlarge, expand—more at EXPAND

elaborateness noun

•• the state or quality of being elaborate

Synonyms

complexity, intricacy, sophistication—more at COMPLEXITY

elaboration /ˈla.bəˌrāʃən/ noun
1 •• : the act or process of elaborating
2 •• : something produced by elaborating

Synonyms

development, evolution, expansion, growth, progress, progression—more at DEVELOPMENT

élan /əˈlān/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]

•• ARDOR, SPIRIT

eland /ˈe.lænd, ˈe.lænd/ noun, plural eland also elands
[ORIGIN: Afrikaans]

•• either of two large African antelopes with spirally twisted horns in both sexes

elapse /ˈeləps/ verb elapsed; elaps·ing

•• to slip by: PASS

Synonyms

•• cease, end, expire, finish, pass, quit, stop, terminate, wind up—more at CEASE

1elastic /ˈeləs.tik/ adjective
1 •• : capable of recovering size and shape after deformation: SPRINGY
2 •• : capable of ready change or easy expansion or contraction: FLEXIBLE; also ADAPTABLE

— elasticity /ˈeləs.tə.tē, ˈeləs.tē/ noun

Synonyms

1 flexible, resilient, rubbery, springy, stretch, supple; also adaptable, ductile, malleable, plastic, pliable, pliant

Antonyms

inelastic, inflexible, rigid, stiff

2 adaptable, adjustable, changeable, flexible, fluid, malleable, variable—more at FLEXIBLE

2elastic noun

1 : elastic material
elate /əˈleɪt/ verb elat·ed; elat·ing
ː to fill with joy

Synonyms
- elevate, enrapture, exhilarate, transport; also excite, inspire, stimulate, uplift

Antonyms
- depress

elated adjective
ː marked by high spirits

Synonyms
- ecstatic, euphoric, intoxicated, rapturous, rhapsodic—more at ECSTATIC

eła·tion /əˈleɪ.ʃən/ noun
ː the quality or state of being elated

Synonyms
- ecstasy, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rapture, rhapsody, transport—more at ECSTASY

1 elbow /ˈel·bō/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME elbowe, fr. OE elboga, fr. el- (akin to eln ell) + boga bow]
1 : the joint of the arm; also : the outer curve of the bent arm
2 : a bend or joint resembling an elbow in shape

2 elbow verb
ː to push aside with the elbow; also : to make one's way by elbowing

Synonyms
- bulldoze, muscle, press, push—more at PRESS

elbow room /ˈel·bō.ˈrūm/ noun
ː enough space for work or operation

1 elder /ˈel·dər/ noun
ː ELDERBERRY

2 elder adjective
1 : being the older one
2 : EARLIER, FORMER
3 : of higher rank : SENIOR

3 elder noun
1 : an older individual : SENIOR
2 : one having authority by reason of age and experience
3 : a church officer

Synonyms
- [1] ancient, golden-ager, oldster, senior citizen—more at SENIOR CITIZEN
- [2] dean, senior—more at DEAN

el·der·ber·ry /ˈel·dər·ber·ər/ noun
1 : the edible black or red fruit of a shrub or tree related to the honeysuckle and bearing flat clusters of small white or pink flowers
2 : a tree or shrub bearing elderberries

el·der·ly /ˈel·dər·lē/ adjective
1 : rather old; especially : past middle age
2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of later life

Synonyms
- ancient, geriatric, old, senior; also pensioned, retired, superannuated

Antonyms
- young, youthful

el·dest /ˈel·dest/ adjective
El Do·ra·do /el do·räs′ə·dō/ noun
[origin: Sp, lit., the gilded one]
: a place of vast riches, abundance, or opportunity

electric; electrical; electricity

1 elect /iˈlektr/ adjective
1 : carefully selected: CHosen
2 : elected but not yet installed in office <the president-elect>

Synonyms
chosen, select—more at SELECT

2 elect noun, plural elect
1 : a selected person
2 plural ː: a select or exclusive group

Synonyms
best, choice, cream, elite, fat, flower, pick, prime—more at ELITE

3 elect verb
1 ː: to select by vote (as for office or membership)
2 ː: to select or choose esp. by preference: PICK

Synonyms
choose, cull, handpick, name, opt, pick, prefer, select, single, take—more at CHOOSE

election /iˈleksən/ noun
1 ː: an act or process of electing
2 : the fact of being elected

Synonyms
choice, selection—more at SELECTION

election·eer /iˈleksən ĕr/ verb
: to work for the election of a candidate or party

1 elective /iˈlektəv/ adjective
1 : chosen or filled by election
2 : permitting a choice: OPTIONAL

Synonyms
discretionary, optional, voluntary—more at OPTIONAL

2 elective noun
: an elective course or subject of study

elector /iˈlek tər/ noun
1 : one qualified to vote in an election
2 : one elected to an electoral college

electoral college noun
: a body of electors who elect the president and vice president of the U.S.

elector·ate /iˈlek tər ēt/ noun
: a body of persons entitled to vote

electric /iˈlek trik/ adjective
1 or electric·al /iˈlek trəl/ : of, relating to, operated by, or produced by electricity
2 ː: exciting as if by electric shock: ELECTRIFYing, THRILLing; also : charged with strong emotion

— electric·al·ly adverb
**Electrical Storm**
noun

: THUNDERSTORM

**Electric Chair**
noun

: a chair used to carry out the death penalty by electrocution

**Electric Eye**
noun

: PHOTOELECTRIC CELL

**Electrician**
/nən/ noun

: a person who installs, operates, or repairs electrical equipment

**Electricity**
noun, plural -ties

1: a form of energy that occurs naturally (as in lightning) or is produced (as in a generator) and that is expressed in terms of the movement and interaction of electrons

2: electric current

**Electrify**
verb -fied; -fy·ing

1: to charge with electricity

2: to equip for use of electric power

3: to excite intensely or suddenly: THRILL

— electrification

**Synonyms**

- breathtaking, electrifying, exciting, exhilarating, rousing, stirring, thrilling—more at EXCITING

**Electrocardiogram**
noun

: the tracing made by an electrocardiograph

**Electrocardiograph**
noun

: a device for recording the changes of electrical potential occurring during the heartbeat

— electrocardiographic

**Electrochemistry**
noun

: a branch of chemistry that deals with the relation of electricity to chemical changes

— electrochemical

**Electrocute**
verb -cut·ed; -cut·ing

1: to kill (a criminal) by electricity

2: to kill by electric shock

— electrocution

**Electrode**
noun

: a conductor used to establish electrical contact with a nonmetallic part of a circuit

**Electroencephalogram**
noun

: the tracing made by an electroencephalograph

**Electroencephalographic**

— electroencephalography

**Electrologist**
noun

: one that uses electrical means to remove hair, warts, moles, and birthmarks from the body

**Electrolysis**
noun

1: the production of chemical changes by passage of an electric current through an electrolyte
2 : the destruction of hair roots with an electric current

— *electrolytic* /ˌɛkˈtroʊlɪtɪk/ *adjective*

*electrolyte* /ˌɛkˈtroʊlaɪt/ *noun*
: a nonmetallic electric conductor in which current is carried by the movement of ions; *also* : a substance whose solution or molten form is such a conductor

*electrolyte* /ˌɛkˈtroʊlɪt/ *noun*
: a core of magnetic material (as iron) surrounded by a coil of wire through which an electric current is passed to magnetize the core

— *electrolytic* /ˌɛkˈtroʊlɪtɪk/ *adjective*

*electromagnetic radiation* *noun*
: energy in the form of electromagnetic waves; *also* : a series of electromagnetic waves

*electromagnetic wave* *noun*
: a wave (as a radio wave, an X-ray, or a wave of visible light) that consists of associated electric and magnetic effects and that travels at the speed of light

*electromagnetism* *noun*
1 : magnetism developed by a current of electricity
2 : a natural force responsible for interactions between charged particles which result from their charge

*electromotive force* *noun*
: the potential difference derived from an electrical source per unit quantity of electricity passing through the source

*electron* /ˈɛkˈtrɔn/ *noun*
: a negatively charged elementary particle

*electronic* /ɪˈlek.trə.nɪk/ *adjective*
1 : of or relating to electrons or electronics
2 : involving a computer

— *electronically* /ɪˈlek.trə.nɪk.lɪ/ *adverb*

*electronic mail* *noun*
*: E-MAIL

*electronics* *noun*
1 : the physics of electrons and electronic devices
2 : electronic components, devices, or equipment

*electron microscope* *noun*
: an instrument in which a beam of electrons is used to produce an enlarged image of a minute object

*electron tube* *noun*
: a device in which electrical conduction by electrons takes place within a sealed container and which is used for the controlled flow of electrons

*electron volt* *noun*
: a unit of energy equal to $1.60 \times 10^{-19}$ joule

*electrophoresis* *noun*
: the movement of suspended particles through a medium (as paper or gel) by an electromotive force

— *electrophoretic* /ˌɛkˈtroʊfərɪt/ *adjective*

*electroplate* *verb*
: to coat (as with metal) by electrolysis

— *electroplating* *noun*

*electroshock therapy* *noun*
: the treatment of mental disorder by applying electric current to the head and inducing convulsions
**electrostatics** /ɪˌlekˈtrəʊˌstætɪks/ noun
: physics dealing with the interactions of stationary electric charges

**el·ee·mos·nary** /e.ɪˈmæs.ən.ər.i/ adjective
: CHARITABLE

**el·e·gance** /e.ɪˈɡæns/ noun
1 a › : refined gracefulness
b › : tasteful richness (as of design)
2 : something marked by elegance
— el·e·gant·ly adverb

**el·e·gant** /e.ɪˈɡænt/ adjective
: marked by elegance; also : of a high grade or quality

**el·e·giac** /e.ɪˈdʒeɪ.ək/ adjective
: of or relating to an elegy

**el·e·gy** /e.ɪˈdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
› a song, poem, or speech expressing grief for one who is dead; also : a reflective poem usu. melancholy in tone

**elem** abbreviation
elementary

**el·e·ment** /e.ˈle.mənt/ noun
1 plural : weather conditions; especially : severe weather <boards exposed to the ~>s
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**el·e·men·tal** /e.ˈle.mən.təl/ adjective
› of, relating to, or being an element

**el·e·men·ta·ry** /e.ˈle.mən.tər.i/ adjective
› of, relating to, or dealing with the simplest elements or principles of something : RUDIMENTARY
1 › : of, relating to, or dealing with the simplest elements or principles of something : RUDIMENTARY
2 : of, relating to, or teaching the basic subjects of education

**Synonyms**
- graceful, handsome, majestic, refined, stately, tasteful; also grand, lavish, luxurious, magnificent, ornate, rich, splendid; polished, sophisticated; classic, exquisite; fashionable, posh, smart, stylish

**Antonyms**
- graceless, inelegant, tasteless, unhandsome
- choice, dainty, delicate, exquisite, rare, select—more at CHOICE

- dirge, lament, requiem, threnody—more at LAMENT

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advanced

elementary particle noun
: a subatomic particle of matter and energy that does not appear to be made up of other smaller particles

elementary school noun
: a school usu. including the first six or the first eight grades
el-e-phant /e'-le-fant/ noun, plural elephants also elephant
: any of a family of huge thickset nearly hairless mammals that have the snout lengthened into a trunk and two long curving pointed ivory tusks
el-e-phant-i-a-sis /e'-le-fan-ti-a-sis/ noun, plural -a-sis /-sëz/
: enlargement and thickening of tissues in response esp. to infection by minute parasitic worms
el-e-phant-i-né /e'-le-fan-të-né/ noun, 'e-le-fant/ adjective
1 ▶ of great size or strength
2 : CLUMSY, PONDEROUS
   Synonyms
   ◁ enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, jumbo, mammoth, monumental, titanic, tremendous, vast, whopping—more at HUGE

elev abbreviation

elevation
el-e-vate /e-le-vät/ verb -vat-ed; -vat-ing
1 ▶: to lift up : RAISE
2 ▶: to raise in rank or status
3 ▶: to raise the spirits of : ELATE
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] boost, hike, hoist, jack, lift, raise
   ◁ [2] advance, promote, raise, upgrade—more at PROMOTE
   ◁ [3] elate, enrapture, exhilarate, transport—more at ELATE
el-e-va-tion /e-le'-va-shen/ noun
1 : the height to which something is raised (as above sea level)
2 ▶: a lifting up
3 ▶: something (as a hill or swelling) that is elevated
   Synonyms
   ◁ [2] advancement, ascent, promotion, rise, upgrade—more at ADVANCEMENT
   ◁ [3] eminence, height, highland, hill, mound, prominence, rise—more at HEIGHT
el-e-va-tor /e-le'-va-tor/ noun
1 : a cage or platform for conveying people or things from one level to another
2 : a building for storing and discharging grain
3 : a movable surface on an airplane to produce motion up or down
eleven /le-vën/ noun
1 : one more than 10
2 : the 11th in a set or series
3 : something having 11 units; especially : a football team
   — eleven adjective or pronoun
   — eleventh /'le-vanth/ adjective or noun
elf /elf/ noun, plural elves /elvz/
▶: a mischievous fairy
   Synonyms
   ◁ brownie, fairy, gnome, hobgoblin, leprechaun, pixie, puck
ELF abbreviation
extremely low frequency
elf·in /'el-fən/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling an elf
2 ▶ : having an otherworldly or magical quality or charm
  Synonyms
  ▶ alluring, attractive, charming, engaging, fascinating, fetching—more at FASCINATING:
elf·ish /'el-fish/ adjective
▶ : of, relating to, or like an elf; also : irresponsibly playful
  Synonyms
  ▶ antic, coltish, fay, frisky, frolicsome, playful, sportive—more at PLAYFUL:
elic·it /i-lis'it/ verb
▶ : to draw out or forth
  Synonyms
  ▶ evoke, raise
elide /i-lid/ verb elid·ed; elid·ing
▶ : to suppress or alter by elision
el·i·gi·ble /e-laj'ə-bal/ adjective
▶ qualified to participate or to be chosen
  — el·i·gi·bil·i·ty /e-laj'a-bil'a-tē/ noun
  — eligible noun
elim·i·nate /i-lim'a-nät/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
[origin: L eliminatus, pp. of eliminare, fr. limen threshold]
1 ▶ : REMOVE, ERADICATE
2 ▶ : to pass (wastes) from the body
3 ▶ : to leave out
4 ▶ : to bar from participation, enjoyment, consideration, or inclusion
  — elim·i·na·tion /i-lim'a-nä-shən/ noun
  ▶ Synonyms
  ▶ ban, bar, count out, debar, except, exclude, rule out—more at EXCLUDE:
eli·sion /i-lizhən/ noun
▶ : the omission of a final or initial sound or a word; especially : the omission of an unstressed vowel or syllable in a verse to achieve a uniform rhythm
elit·ism /'el-ə-tizəm/ noun
▶ : leadership or rule by an elite; also : advocacy of such elitism
  — elit·ist /i-list/ noun or adjective
elix·ir /i-liks'ir/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. ML, fr. Ar al-iksīr the elixir, fr. al the + iksīr elixir]
1 ▶ : a substance held capable of prolonging life indefinitely; also : PANACEA
2 ▶ : a sweetened alcoholic medicinal solution
Eliz·a·be·than /i-liz'a-bə-thən/ adjective
▶ : of, relating to, or characteristic of Elizabeth I of England or her times
elk /elk/ noun, plural elk or elks
1 ▶ : MOOSE — used for one of the Old World
2 ▶ : a large gregarious deer of No. America, Europe, Asia, and northwestern Africa with curved antlers having many
branches

ell noun
: an extension at right angles to a building

el·lipse /ˈɛlɪps, ɪˈlɪps/ noun
: a closed curve of oval shape

el·lip·sis /ˈɛlɪpˌsɪs, ɪˈlɪpˌsɪs/ noun, plural el·lip·ses /ˌɛlɪpˈsɪz/
1 : omission from an expression of a word clearly implied
2 : marks (as . . .) to show omission

el·lip·soid /ˈɛlɪpˌsoʊd, ɪˈlɪpˌsoʊd/ noun
: a surface all plane sections of which are circles or ellipses
— el·lip·soi·dal /ˌɛlɪpˌsoʊdəl/ also ellipsoidal adjective

el·lip·ti·cal /ˈɛlɪpˌtɪkəl, ɪˈlɪpˌtɪkəl/ or el·lip·tic /ˈɛlɪpˌtɪk/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or shaped like an ellipse
2 : of, relating to, or marked by ellipsis
— el·lip·ti·cal·ly /ɪˌlɪpˈtiːkəli/ adverb

Synonyms
oval, ovoid—more at OVAL

elm /elm/ noun
: any of a genus of large trees that have toothed leaves and nearly circular one-seeded winged fruits and are often grown as shade trees; also : the wood of an elm

El Niño /elˈnē-nēño/ noun
: a flow of unusually warm Pacific Ocean water moving toward and along the west coast of So. America

el·o·cu·tion /ˈeləˌk(y)u̯ˈʃən/ noun
: the art of effective public speaking
— el·o·cu·tion·ist /ˌe.loˌkjuːˈʃənist/ noun

elon·gate /ˈeləˌɡæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
1 : to make or grow longer

Synonyms
draw out, extend, lengthen, prolong, protract, stretch—more at EXTEND

elon·ga·tion /ˌeləˌɡænˈʃən/ noun
: the state of being elongated or lengthened; also : the process of growing or increasing in length

Synonyms
extension, prolongation—more at EXTENSION

elope /ˈeləp/ verb eloped; elop·ing
: to run away esp. to be married
— elope·ment noun
— elop·er noun

el·o·quen·ce /ˌeləˈkwens/ noun
: forceful and persuasive expression; also : the art or power of using such expression

Synonyms
articulateness, persuasiveness, poetry, power, rhetoric; also expression, expressiveness

e·lo·quent /ˌeləˈkwənt/ adjective
1 : having or showing clear and forceful expression
2 : clearly showing some feeling or meaning
— el·o·quent·ly /ˌeləˈkwəntli/ adverb

Synonyms
[1] articulate, fluent, well-spoken—more at ARTICULATE
[2] expressive, meaning, meaningful, pregnant, significant, suggestive—more at EXPRESSIVE
else /ˈels/ adverb
1: in a different or additional manner or place or at a different or additional time <where ~ can we meet>
2: if not <obey or ~ you'll be sorry>
   Synonyms
differently, other, otherwise—more at OTHERWISE

2 else adjective
   : being another: OTHER; especially: being in addition <what ~ do you want>
   Synonyms
   additional, another, farther, further, more, other—more at ADDITIONAL

else-where /ˈelsˌwɛr/ adverb
: in or to another place

elu-ci-date /ˈluːsəˌdeɪt/ verb -dat·ed; -dat·ing
   : to make clear usu. by explanation
   Synonyms
   clarify, clear, demonstrate, explain, explicate, expound, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, spell out—more at EXPLAIN

elu-ci·da·tion /ˈluːsəˌdeɪʃən/ noun
   : the act, process, or means of elucidating
   Synonyms
   clarification, explanation, explication, exposition, illumination, illustration, interpretation—more at EXPLANATION

elude /ˈelud/ verb elud·ed; elud·ing
1: to avoid adroitly: evade
2: to escape the notice of
   Synonyms
   avoid, dodge, duck, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shirk, shun—more at ESCAPE

elu·sive /ˈluːsɪv/ adjective
1: tending to elude: evasive
—elu·sive·ly adverb
—elu·sive·ness noun
   Synonyms
   evasive, fugitive, slippery; also cagey, shifty

el·ver /ˈelvər/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of eelfare migration of eels]
   : a young eel

elves plural of ELF

Ely·sian /ˈɛliˌzən/ adjective
   : of or relating to Elysium; especially: full of bliss or delight
   Synonyms
   celestial, empyrean, heavenly, supernal—more at CELESTIAL

Ely·si·um /ˈɛliˌziːəm, ˌziːəm/ noun, plural -si·ums or -sia /ˈɛliˌziəˌmə, ˌziə/ noun
   : a place or state of bliss or delight: PARADISE
   Synonyms
   Eden, heaven, paradise, utopia—more at PARADISE

em /ˈɛm/ noun
   : a length approximately the width of the letter M
   EM abbreviation
   1 electromagnetic
   2 electron microscope
   3 enlisted man
emaci·ate /ˈmɑː.shə.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
  : to become or cause to become very thin
  — emaci·a·tion /ˈmɑː.shə.ə.ʃən/ noun

em·ail /ˈeɪ.mæl/ noun
  1 : a system for transmitting messages between computers on a network
  2 : a message or messages sent and received through an e-mail system

em·a·nate /ˈeɪ.mə.næt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
  : to come out from a source
  — em·a·nation /ˈeɪ.mə.nə.ʃən/ noun

e-man·ci·pate /ˈmæn.si.ˈpæ�/ verb -pat·ed; -pat·ing
  ♦ : to set free
  — eman·ci·pa·tor /ˈmæn.si.ˈpa.ˈtər/ noun

  Syonyms
  → discharge, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE

eman·ci·pa·tion /ˈmæn.si.ˈpa.ʃən/ noun
  ♦ : the act or process of emancipating
  → enfranchisement, liberation, manumission—more at LIBERATION

emas·cu·late /ˈeɪ.masz.kə.ˈlat/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
  1 : to deprive of virility : CASTRATE
  2 : to deprive of strength or spirit : WEAKEN
  — emas·cu·la·tion /ˈeɪ.məz.kə.ˈla.ʃən/ noun

em·balm /ˈem.ba.lm/ verb
  : to treat (a corpse) so as to protect from decay
  — em·bal·mer noun

em·bank·ment /ˈem.ˈbæŋk.mənt/ noun
  ♦ : a raised structure (as of earth) to hold back water or carry a roadway
  → dam, dike, levee—more at DAM

em·bar·go /ˈem.ˈbær.gə/ noun, plural -gos [ORIGIN: Sp, fr. embargar to bar]
  ♦ : a prohibition on commerce
  — embargo verb
  → ban, interdict, interdiction, prohibition, proscription, veto—more at PROHIBITION

em·bar·k /ˈem.ˈbärk/ verb
  1 : to put or go on board a ship or airplane
  2 ♦ : to make a start
  — em·bar·ka·tion /ˈem.ˈbær.kə.ˈshən/ noun
  → begin, commence, enter, launch, open, start—more at BEGIN

em·bar·rass /ˈem.ˈbær.əs/ verb
  1 : CONFUSE, DISCONCERT
  2 : to involve in financial difficulties
  3 ♦ : to cause to experience self-conscious distress
  4 ♦ : to hamper or impede the movement or freedom of movement of : HINDER, IMPED
  — em·bar·rass·ing·ly adverb
  → Synonyms
[3] abash, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, faze, fluster, mortify, rattle; also agitate, bother, disquiet, distress, disturb, perturb, unhinge, unsettle, upset
[4] encumber, hamper, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere

em·bar·rass·ment noun
1 : something that embarrasses; especially : a burden that impedes action or renders it difficult
2 : the state of being embarrassed: as
   a : confusion or disturbance of mind
   b : difficulty in making progress or functioning (as from lack of resources or from disease)

Synonyms
   [2a] abashment, confusion, discomfiture, fluster, mortification; also agitation, bother, chagrin, discomfort, discomposure, dismay, disquiet, distress, disturbance, perturbation, uneasiness, upset
   [2b] encumbrance, handicap, hindrance, inhibition, obstacle

em·bas·sy /emˌbaˌsē/ noun, plural -sies
1 : a group of representatives headed by an ambassador
2 : the function, position, or mission of an ambassador
3 : the official residence and offices of an ambassador

em·bat·tle /emˈbætl/ verb
: to arrange in order for battle; also : FORTIFY

em·bat·tled adjective
1 : engaged in battle, conflict, or controversy
2 : being a site of battle, conflict, or controversy
3 : characterized by conflict or controversy

em·bed /emˈbed/ verb em·bed·ded; em·bed·ding
1 : to enclose closely in a surrounding mass
2 : to make something an integral part of

Synonyms
   entrench, fix, implant, ingrain, lodge, root—more at ENTRENCH

em·bel·lish /emˈbeləsh/ verb
1 : to make beautiful with ornamentation : DECORATE
2 : to heighten the attractiveness of by adding decorative or fanciful details

Synonyms
   [1, 2] adorn, array, beautify, decorate, dress, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE
   [2] color, elaborate, embroider, exaggerate, magnify, pad, stretch—more at EMBROIDER

em·bel·lish·ment noun
   : the act or process of embellishing; also : something serving to embellish

Synonyms
   adornment, caparison, decoration, frill, garnish, ornament, trim—more at DECORATION
   elaboration, exaggeration, hyperbole, overstatement, padding—more at EXAGGERATION

em·ber /ˈem bər/ noun
1 : a glowing or smoldering fragment from a fire
2 plural : the smoldering remains of a fire

em·bez·zle /ˈem bezəl/ verb -zled; -zling
: to steal (as money) by falsifying records
    — em·bez·zle·ment noun
    — em·bez·zler noun

em·bit·ter /emˈbitər/ verb
1 : to arouse bitter feelings in
2 : to make bitter

em·bla·zon /ˈembəzlən/ verb
1 : to adorn with heraldic devices
2 : to display conspicuously
emblem /əmˈbliːm/ noun
- something (as an object or picture) suggesting another object or an idea: SYMBOL
- emblematic /əmˈbleɪmətɪk/ also emblematical /əmˈbleɪmətɪkl/ adjective
  - hallmark, logo, symbol, trademark; also icon; badge, coat of arms, crest, insignia

embodiment /əmˈbɒdɪmənt/ noun
1 : a thing in which something (as a soul, idea, principle, or type) is embodied
2 : the act of embodying: also: the state of being embodied
  - epitome, incarnation, manifestation, personification; also exemplification, incorporation, substantiation; essence, quintessence; archetype, exemplar, model, paradigm, pattern; acme, apex, culmination, peak, pinnacle, summit, zenith

embodied /əmˈbɔːdi/ verb embodied; embodying
1 : INCARNATE
2 : to express in definite form
3 : to incorporate into a system or body
4 : to represent in human or animal form: PERSONIFY
  - [3] assimilate, incorporate, integrate; also amalgamate, blend, combine, commingle, fuse, intermingle, merge, mingle
  - [4] epitomize, manifest, materialize, personify, substantiate; also actualize, realize; symbolize; exemplify; illustrate

emblen /əmˈbəl.ən/ verb
- to inspire with courage
  - buoy, cheer, comfort, encourage, hearten, inspire, steel—more at ENCOURAGE

embolism /əmˈbəl.ɪzəm/ noun
- the obstruction of a blood vessel by a foreign or abnormal particle

embonpoint /əˈbɑːnˈpɔːt/ noun
[origin: F]
- plumpness of person: STOUTNESS

emboss /əmˈbəs/ verb
- to ornament with raised work

embouchure /əmˈbʌʃər, əmˈbʌ.ʃər/ noun
[origin: F, ultim. fr. bouche mouth]
- the position and use of the lips, tongue, and teeth in playing a wind instrument

embower /əmˈbəʊ.ər/ verb
- to shelter or enclose in a bower

embrace /ɪmˈbras/ verb embraced; embracing
1 : to clasp in the arms; also: Cherish, love
2 : to surround or close in
3 : to take up esp. readily or gladly: ADOPT <embraced the cause>; also: WELCOME <embraced the opportunity>
4 : to take in or include as a part of a whole
5 : to participate in an embrace
  - [1] caress, clasp, enfold, grasp, hug; also cradle, grip, hold; encircle, entwine, envelop; fold, lock, twine, wrap; cuddle, fondle, nestle, nuzzle, pat, pet, snuggle, stroke
  - [3] adopt, borrow, take up—more at ADOPT
  - [4] carry, comprehend, contain, encompass, entail, include, involve, number, take in—more at INCLUDE

2 embrace noun
em·bra·sure /imˈbrɑːzər/ noun
1: an opening in a wall through which a cannon is fired
2: a recess of a door or window

em·bro·ca·tion /ˌem.broˈkæshən/ noun
: LINIMENT

em·broi·der /imˈbroydər/ verb
1: to ornament with or do needlework
2: to elaborate with exaggerated detail
   Synonyms
   — color, elaborate, embellish, exaggerate, magnify, stretch; also amplify, enhance, enlarge (upon), expand, flesh (out)

em·broi·dery /imˈbroydiərē/ noun, plural -der·ies
1: the forming of decorative designs with needlework
2: something embroidered

em·broil /imˈbrōil/ verb
1: to throw into confusion or disorder
2: to involve in conflict or difficulties
   — em·broil·ment noun

em·bryo /ˈem.brezəʊ/ noun, plural embryos
: a living thing in its earliest stages of development

em·bry·on·ic /ˌem.briˈōnik/ adjective

em·bry·ol·o·gy /ˌem.briˈɒlədʒi/ noun
: a branch of biology dealing with embryos and their development
   — em·bry·o·log·i·cal /ˌem.briˈɒlədʒikəl/ adjective
   — em·bry·o·log·i·st /ˌem.briˈɒlojɪst/ noun

em·cee /ˈem.si/ noun
: MASTER OF CEREMONIES
   — emcee verb

emend /ˈem.mɛnd/ verb
: to correct usu. by altering the text of
   — emen·da·tion /ˈem.mɛndəˌʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   — amend, correct, debug, rectify, reform, remedy—more at CORRECT

emer abbreviation
emeritus

emerald /ˈem.rɔld.ˈe.məl/ noun
1: a green beryl prized as a gem
2: emerald adjective
: brightly or richly green

emerge /ˈem.mər/ verb emerged, emerg·ing
: to rise, come forth, or come out into view
   — emer·gence /ˈem.mərəns/ noun
   — emer·gent /ˈem.mərənt/ adjective
   Synonyms
   — arise, crop, materialize, spring, surface—more at ARISE

em·er·gen·cy /ˈem.rəˌdʒənsi/ noun, plural -cies
: an unforeseen event or condition requiring prompt action
Synonyms

clutch, crisis, crunch, fix, hole, jam; also climax, landmark, milestone, turning point; predicament

emerGENCY ROOM noun

a hospital room for receiving and treating persons needing immediate medical care

eMEN·i·TA /em·er·ə·tal/ adjective

EMERITUS — used of a woman

eMEN·i·TUS /em·er·ə·tus/ adjective

[ORIGIN: L]

retired from active duty <professor ~> 

eMEN·i·TY /em·ə·te/ noun, plural emen·ties

a dark granular mineral consisting primarily of corundum and used as an abrasive

eMEN·i·TIC /em·ə·tik/ noun

an agent that induces vomiting

— emetic adjective

eMEN noun

[ORIGIN: electromotive force]

ELECTRONIC POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE

em·i·grate /em·ə·grät/ verb -grat·ed; -grat·ing

to leave a place (as a country) to settle elsewhere 

— em·i·gra·tion /em·ə·grä·shen/ noun

em·i·grant /em·ə·grant/ noun

one who emigrates

Synonyms

émigré, immigrant, migrant, settler; also defector, evacuee, exile, expatriate, refugee

ém·igré also emi·gré /e·mi·grä, e·mi·grä/ noun

[ORIGIN: F]

a person who emigrates esp. because of political conditions

Synonyms

emigrant, evacuee, exile, expatriate, refugee; also alien, fugitive

eMEN·ENCE /em·ə·nans/ noun

1 ♣ : high rank or position; also : a person of high rank or attainments

2 ♣ : a lofty place

Synonyms

[1] distinction, dominance, preeminence, superiority; also celebrity, fame, glory, honor, renown, reputation, repute; authority, greatness, influence, power, weight

[2] elevation, height, highland, hill, mound, prominence, rise—more at HEIGHT

eMEN·ENT /em·ə·nent/ adjective

1 : CONSPICUOUS, EVIDENT

2 ♣ : exhibiting eminence esp. in standing above others in some quality or position : DISTINGUISHED, PROMINENT

— em·i·nent·ly adverb

Synonyms

distinguished, illustrious, noble, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, prominent, superior; also celebrated, famed, famous, glorious, honored, renowned, reputable

eMEN·DANT noun

a right of a government to take private property for public use

eMIR or amIR /a·mir, ā/ noun

[ORIGIN: Ar amīr commander]

a ruler, chief, or commander in Islamic countries

— emi·rate /e·mar·ət/ noun
em·is·sary /ɪˌmaːsəri/ noun, plural -sar·ies
1 †: one designated as the agent of another
2 †: a secret agent
   Synonyms
   † ambassador, delegate, envoy, legate, minister, representative—more at AMBASSADOR

emis·sion /ɪˌmɪʃən/ noun
: something emitted; especially: substances discharged into the air

emit /ɪˈmɪt/ verb emitted; emitting
1 †: to give off or out <~ light>; also: EJECT
2 : EXPRESS, UTTER
   — emit·ter noun
   Synonyms
   † cast, discharge, eject, exhale, expel, issue, release, shoot, vent

emol·li·ent /ɪˌməlˈlɪnt/ adjective
: making soft or supple; also: soothing esp. to the skin or mucous membrane
— emol·li·ent noun

emol·u·ment /ɪˌməlˈyəmənt/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L emolumentum advantage, fr. emolere to produce by grinding]
†: the product (as salary or fees) of an employment
   Synonyms
   † hire, pay, payment, salary, stipend, wage—more at WAGE

emote /ɪˈmɑːt/ verb emot·ed; emot·ing
: to give expression to emotion in or as if in a play

emo·ti·con /ɪˈmɑːtiˌkɑn/ noun
: a group of keyboard characters (as :-) ) that represents a facial expression esp. in online communications

emo·tion /ɪˈməʃən/ noun
†: a usu. intense feeling (as of love, hate, or despair)
   Synonyms
   † feeling, passion, sentiment—more at FEELING
   † ardent, burning, charged, fervent, fervor, fiery, impassioned, passionate, red-hot, vehement—more at FERVENT

emo·tion·al /əˌʃənəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to emotion
2 †: dominated by or prone to emotion
3 †: appealing to or arousing emotion
4 †: markedly aroused or agitated in feeling or sensibilities
   — emo·tion·al·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   † [2] demonstrative, effusive, uninhibited, unreserved, unrestrained—more at DEMONSTRATIVE
   † [3] affecting, impressive, moving, poignant, stirring, touching—more at MOVING
   † [4] ardent, burning, charged, fervent, feverish, fiery, impassioned, passionate, red-hot, vehement—more at FERVENT

emot·ive /ɪˈmɑːtɪv/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the emotions
2 : appealing to or expressing emotion

emp abbreviation
emperor; empress

empanel variant of IMPANEL

em·pa·thy /ɪˈmɑːθē/ noun
: the experiencing as one's own of the feelings of another; also: the capacity for this
   — em·path·ic /ɪˈmɑːθɪk/ adjective
em·pen·nage /ˈem.pənˌnäzh/.em/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: the tail assembly of an airplane

em·per·or /ˈem.par.ər/ noun
: the sovereign male ruler of an empire

em·phas·is /em.fə.səs/ noun, plural -phases /ˈsēz/
›: a forcefulness of expression that gives special significance or prominence (as to a syllable in speaking or to a phase of action)

  Synonyms
  › accent, accentuation, stress, weight; also attention, concentration, consideration, heed, note, regard

em·pha·size /ˈsiz/ verb -sized; - siz·ing
›: to place emphasis on : STRESS

  Synonyms
  › accent, accentuate, feature, highlight, play, point, stress, underline, underscore; also focus, identify, pinpoint, spotlight

  Antonyms
  play (down)

em·phat·ic /ɪmˈfa.tɪk, em/ adjective
1 ›: uttered with emphasis
2 ›: attracting special attention
   — em·phat·i·cal·ly /ɪl.ɪk(ə)lɪ/ adverb

  Synonyms
  › [1] aggressive, assertive, dynamic, energetic, forceful, resounding, strenuous, vehement, vigorous; also decided, insistent, marked, pointed

  Antonyms
  unemphatic
  › [2] bold, catchy, conspicuous, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, striking—more at NOTICEABLE

em·phy·se·ma /ˌem.fəˈzē.maˌsē/ noun
: a condition marked esp. by abnormal expansion of the air spaces of the lungs and often by impairment of heart action

em·pire /ˈem.pər/ noun
1 : a large state or a group of states under a single sovereign who is usu. an emperor; also : something resembling a political empire
2 : imperial sovereignty or dominion

em·pir·i·cal /ɪmˈpɪr.ɪ.kəl/ also em·pir·ic /ɪˈpɪrkəl/ adjective
: based on observation; also : subject to verification by observation or experiment <~ laws
   — em·pir·i·cal·ly /ɪl.ɪk(ə)lɪ/ adverb

em·pir·i·cism /ɪmˈpɪr.i.ˌsɪz.m, em/ noun
: the practice of relying on observation and experiment esp. in the natural sciences
   — em·pir·i·cist /ˌsɪst/ noun

em·place·ment /ɪmˈpleɪsm/ noun
1 : a prepared position for weapons or military equipment
2 : PLACEMENT

'employ /ɪmp.ˈləʊ/ verb
1 ›: to make use of
2 ›: to use the services of
3 : OCCUPY, DEVOTE
   — em·ploy·er noun

  Synonyms
[1] apply, exercise, exploit, harness, operate, use, utilize—more at use
[2] engage, hire, retain, take on; also recruit, sign on

Antonyms
discharge, dismiss, fire, sack

employ /ɪmˈpləʊ/ noun
› the state of being employed: EMPLOYMENT
  Synonyms
  › employment, engagement, hire—more at HIRE

employee also employee /ɪmˈpləʊ.ɪˌ.eɪ/ em·ploy·ee, em·ploy·ee, em/ noun
› a person who works for another
  Synonyms
  › hand, hireling, jobholder, worker; also assistant, cog, flunky, subordinate, underling
  Antonyms
  › employer

employment /ɪmˈpləʊ.mənt/ noun
1 › activity in which one engages or is employed: OCCUPATION
2 › the act of employing: the condition of being employed
  Synonyms
  › [1] calling, line, occupation, profession, trade, vocation, work—more at OCCUPATION
  › [2] application, exercise, operation, play, use—more at USE
  › [2] employ, engagement, hire—more at HIRE

› a commercial center; especially: a store carrying varied articles
  Synonyms
  › shop, store—more at SHOP

empower /ɪmˈpəʊ.ər/ verb
› to give authority or power to; also: ENABLE
— empower·ment /-ment/ noun
  Synonyms
  › accredit, authorize, certify, commission, enable, invest, license, qualify—more at AUTHORIZE

empress /ˈem.prəs/ noun
1: the wife or widow of an emperor
2: a sovereign female ruler of an empire

emptiness noun
› the quality or state of being empty
  Synonyms
  › blank, blankness, vacancy, vacuity, void—more at VACANCY

empty /ˈem.plɪ/ adjective emp·ti·er, -est
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE ēmettig unoccupied, fr. ēmetta leisure]
1 › containing nothing
2: UNOCCUPIED, UNINHABITED
3 › lacking value, force, sense, or purpose
4 › feeling the need for food
  Synonyms
  › [1] bare, blank, devoid, stark, vacant, void; also barren, hollow
  Antonyms
  full
  › [3] meaningless, pointless, senseless, worthless—more at MEANINGLESS
  › [3] abortive, bootless, fruitless, futile, ineffective, unavailing, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless, vain—more at FUTILE
[4] famished, hungry—more at HUNGRY

2 empty verb emp-tied; emp-ty-ing
1 : to make or become empty
2 : to discharge contents; also : to remove from what holds or encloses
   Synonyms
clear, evacuate, vacate, void; also deplete, drain, eliminate, exhaust
   Antonyms
fill, load

3 empty noun, plural empties
: an empty bottle or can

emp-ty-hand-ed /emp.ˈti.ˌhan.dəd/ adjective
1 : having or bringing nothing
2 : having acquired or gained nothing

1 empyrean /em.ˈpi.ə.n/ noun
1 : the highest heaven; also : FIRMAMENT
2 : an ideal place or state

2 empyrean adjective
: of or relating to the empyrean
   Synonyms
celestial, Elysian, heavenly, supernal—more at CELESTIAL

EMT /ˈem.t/ noun
[ORIGIN: emergency medical technician]
: a specially trained medical technician certified to provide basic medical services before and during transport to a hospital

1 emu /ˈem.yū.ˌmū/ noun
: a swift-running flightless Australian bird smaller than the related ostrich

2 emu abbreviation
electromagnetic unit

em-u-late /ˈem.yu.ˌlāt/ verb -lat-ed; -lat-ing
1 : to strive to equal or excel : Imitate
   — em-u-la-tion /ˈem.yu.ˌlā.ʃən/ noun
   — em-u-lous /ˈem.yu.ˌlus/ adjective
   Synonyms
ape, copy, imitate, mime, mimic—more at Imitate

emul·si·fer /ˈem.əl.si.ˌfər/ noun
: a substance (as a soap) that helps to form and stabilize an emulsion

emul·si·fy /ˈem.əl.si.ˌfı/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to disperse (as an oil) in an emulsion
   — emul·si·fi-ca·tion /ˈem.əl.si.ˌfı.ka.ˌSHAHN/ noun

emul·si·on /ˈem.əl.si.ˌSHAN/ noun
1 : a mixture of mutually insoluble liquids in which one is dispersed in droplets throughout the other <an ~ of oil in water>
2 : a light-sensitive coating on photographic film or paper

en /ˈen/ noun
: a length approximately half the width of the letter M

1-en also -n adjective suffix
: made of : consisting of <earthen>
2-en verb suffix
1 : become or cause to be <sharpen>
2 : cause or come to have <lengthen>

enable /əˈnəbəl/ verb en·abled; en·abling
1 : to make able or feasible
2 : to give legal power, capacity, or sanction to
   Synonyms
   - [1] allow, let, permit; also fit, prepare, qualify, ready
   Antonyms
   - prevent
   - [2] accredit, authorize, certify, commission, empower, invest, license, qualify—more at AUTHORIZE

en·act /əˈnækt/ verb
1 : to make into law
2 : to act out
   Synonyms
   - lay down, legislate, make, pass; also bring about, effect
   Antonyms
   - repeal, rescind, revoke

en·act·ment noun
1 : the act of enacting; also : something (as a law) that has been enacted
   Synonyms
   - act, law, ordinance, statute—more at LAW
   - accomplishment, achievement, commission, discharge, execution, fulfillment, implementation, performance, perpetuation—more at COMMISSION

enam·el /əˈnæml/ noun
1 : a glasslike substance used to coat the surface of metal or pottery
2 : the hard outer layer of a tooth
3 : a usu. glossy paint that forms a hard coat
   — enamel verb

enam·el·ware /əˈnæmlwər/ noun
: metal utensils coated with enamel

en·am·or /əˈnæmor/ verb
: to inflame with love

en·am·our chiefly British variant of ENAMOR

en bloc /ənˈblak/ adverb or adjective
: as a whole : in a mass

enc or encl abbreviation
enclosure

en·camp /inˈkæmp/ verb
: to make camp

en·camp·ment noun
1 : the place where a group (as a body of troops) is encamped
   Synonyms
   - bivouac, camp—more at CAMP

en·cap·su·late /ənˈkæpsəˌleit/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to encase or become encased in a capsule
2 : to give an abstract of : SUMMARIZE
   Synonyms
   - abstract, digest, outline, recapitulate, sum up, summarize, wrap up—more at SUMMARIZE
en·cap·su·la·tion /ˌka p.ˌsa.ləˈshan/ noun
  ◊ an act, instance, or result of encapsulating
  Synonyms
  ◊ abstract, digest, outline, précis, résumé, summary, synopsis—more at SUMMARY

en·case /inˈkās/ verb
  ◊ to enclose in or as if in a case
  — en·case·ment /ˈkā.ˌsāmənt/ noun
  Synonyms
  ◊ cage, coop, corral, enclose, fence, hedge, hem, house, pen, wall—more at ENCLOS

-ence noun suffix
  1 : action or process <emergence> : instance of an action or process <reference>
  2 : quality or state <dependence>

en·ceinte /ˈn.ˌsam/ adjective
  ◊ PREGNANT

en·ceph·a·li·tis /inˌsēf.əˈlē.təs/ noun, plural -lit·i·des /ˌli.təˌdēz/ : inflammation of the brain
  — en·ceph·a·lit·ic /ˌli.tĭk/ adjective

en·ceph·a·lop·a·thy /inˌsēf.əˌlā.ˈpā.thē/ noun, plural -thies : a disease of the brain

en·chain /inˈchān/ verb
  ◊ to bind or hold with or as if with chains : FETTER, CHAIN
  Synonyms
  ◊ bind, chain, fetter, handcuff, manacle, shackle, trammel

en·chant /inˈchānt/ verb
  1 ◊ to influence by or as if by charms and incantation : BEWITCH
  2 ◊ to attract and move deeply
  — en·chant·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ◊ [1] allure, beguile, bewitch, captivate, charm, fascinate, wile—more at CHARM
  ◊ [2] arrest, enthral, fascinate, grip, hypnotize, mesmerize—more at ENTHRAL

en·chant·er noun
  ◊ one that enchants
  Synonyms
  ◊ conjurer, magician, necromancer, sorcerer, voodoo, witch, wizard—more at MAGICIAN

en·chant·ment noun
  1 ◊ the act or art of enchanting; also : the quality or state of being enchanted
  2 ◊ something that enchants
  Synonyms
  ◊ [1] allure, appeal, attractiveness, captivation, charisma, charm, fascination, glamour, magic, magnetism—more at CHARM
  ◊ [2] bewitchment, charm, conjuration, incantation, spell—more at SPELL

en·chant·ress /ˈchan.trəs/ noun
  ◊ a woman who practices magic; also : a fascinating or beautiful woman
  Synonyms
  ◊ hag, hex, witch—more at WITCH

en·chi·la·da /ˌen.chi.ləˈda/ noun
  ◊ a rolled filled tortilla covered with chili sauce and usu. baked

en·ci·pher /ˌen.ˈsīfər, ˌen/ verb
  ◊ ENCODE
en·cir·cle /ɪnˈsɜr.kəl/ verb
›: to pass completely around: SURROUND
— en·cir·cle·ment noun
  Synonyms
  › circle, circumnavigate, coil, compass, enclose, encompass, girdle, ring, round, surround

en·clave /ˈen.klæv, ˈæn.klæv/ noun
: a distinct territorial, cultural, or social unit enclosed within or as if within foreign territory

en·close /ɪnˈkləʊz/ verb
1 ›: to shut up or in; especially: to surround with a fence
2 ›: to include along with something else in a parcel or envelope <~ a check>
— en·clo·sure /ˈiŋ.kləʊ.ʃər/ noun
  Synonyms
  › cage, coop, corral, encase, envelop, fence, hedge, hem, pen; also bound, confine, contain, limit, restrict
  › circle, encircle, encompass, ring, surround—more at SURROUND

en·code /ɪnˈkɑd, ɪn/ verb
: to convert (a message) into code

en·co·mi·um /ɪnˈkɑ.məm, -miəm/ noun, plural -mi·ums also -mīa /mē.ə/
›: high or glowing praise
  Synonyms
  › accolade, citation, commendation, eulogy, homage, paean, panegyric, salutation, tribute; also award, decoration, honor, prize

en·com·pass /ɪnˌkæm.ˈpæs/ verb
1 ›: to form a circle about: ENCLOSE
2 ›: to enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering: ENVELOP, INCLUDE
3 ›: to contain or hold within a total scope, significance, or amount
  Synonyms
  › [1] circle, encircle, enclose, ring, surround—more at SURROUND
  › [3] carry, comprehend, contain, embrace, entail, include, involve, number, take in—more at INCLUDE

en·core /ˈæn.ˈkɔr/ noun
1 : a demand for repetition or reappearance
2 : a further performance or appearance demanded by an audience
3 : a second achievement that usu. surpasses the first
— encore verb

1 en·counter /ɪnˈkɑntər/ verb
1 ›: to meet as an enemy: FIGHT
2 ›: to meet usu. unexpectedly
  Synonyms
  › chance, find, happen, hit, meet, stumble—more at HAPPEN (on or upon)

2 en·counter noun
1 ›: a hostile meeting: COMBAT
2 : a chance meeting
3 : an experience shared with another <a romantic ~>
  Synonyms
  › brush, clash, hassle, run-in, scrape, skirmish; also argument, fight, quarrel

en·cour·age /ɪnˈkɑr.ɪl/ verb -aged, -ag·ing
1 ›: to inspire with courage and hope
2 ›: to spur on: STIMULATE, INCITE; also: to attempt to persuade
3 ›: to give help or patronage to: FOSTER
  Synonyms
  › [1] buoy, cheer, comfort, embolden, hearten, inspire, steel; also animate, enliven, invigorate; provoke, quicken, rally, stimulate, stir
Antonyms
daunt, discourage, dishearten, dispirit

- [2] arouse, excite, fire, incite, instigate, move, pique, provoke, stimulate, stir
- [2] egg, exhort, goad, press, prod, prompt, urge—more at URGE
- [3] advance, cultivate, forward, foster, further, nourish, nurture, promote—more at FOSTER

en·cour·age·ment noun
▶ : the act of encouraging : the state of being encouraged; also : something that encourages

  Synonyms
  ▶ boost, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, instigation, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus

en·cour·ag·ing /i'n-kər'ij/ adjective
▶ : giving hope or promise
— en·cour·ag·ing·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ▶ auspicious, bright, fair, favorable, golden, heartening, hopeful, likely, promising, propitious, rosy, upbeat—more at HOPEFUL
  ▶ comforting, gratifying, heartening, heartwarming, rewarding, satisfying—more at HEARTWARMING

en·croach /in'kroch/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME encrochen to seize, fr. AF encrocher, fr. croche hook]
▶ to enter gradually or stealthily upon another's property or rights
— en·croach·er noun
— en·croach·ment noun

en·crust also in·crust /in'krast/ verb
▶ : to provide with or form a crust

en·crus·ta·tion /i'n'kras'ta·shən/ variant of INCRUSTATION

en·cum·ber /in'kəm.bat/ verb
1 ▶ : to weigh down : BURDEN
2 ▶ : to hinder the function or activity of

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] burden, load, lumber, saddle, weight—more at LOAD
  ▶ [2] hamper, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, obstruct, tie up—more at HAMPER

en·cum·brance /brans/ noun
1 ▶ : something that encumbers
2 ▶ : a claim (as a mortgage) against property

  Synonyms
  ▶ handicap, hindrance, interference, obstacle; also catch, hitch, rub, snag

ency or encyc abbreviation
encyclopedia

-en·cy noun suffix
▶ quality or state <despondency>

en·cy·clo·cal /in'si-kəl/ adjective
▶ addressed to all the individuals of a group

en·cy·clo·cal noun
▶ an encyclical letter; especially : a papal letter to the bishops of the church

en·cy·clo·pa·dia, en·cy·clo·pa·dic chiefly British variant of ENCYCLOPEDIA, ENCYCLOPEDIC

en·cy·clo·pe·dia also en·cy·clo·pa·die /in'si-kə-pē'de-ə/ noun
[ORIGIN: ML encyclopaedia course of general education, fr. Gk enkykliai paideia general education]
▶ a work treating the various branches of learning

en·cy·clo·pe·dic /'pē-dik/ adjective
▶ : of, relating to, or suggestive of an encyclopedia or its methods of treating or covering a subject
Synonyms

- compendious, complete, comprehensive, full, global, inclusive, omnibus, panoramic, universal; also broad, catholic, extensive, far-reaching, general, overall, sweeping, vast, wide

en·cyst /ˌɛnˈsɪst/ verb
: to form or become enclosed in a cyst
— en·cyst·ment noun

1end /end/ noun
1 : the part of an area that lies at the boundary; also : a point which marks the extent or limit of something or at which something ceases to exist
2 : a ceasing of a course (as of action or activity); also: DEATH
3 : the ultimate state; also: RESULT, ISSUE
4 : something incomplete, fragmentary, or undersized: REMNANT
5 : an outcome worked toward: PURPOSE, OBJECTIVE
6 : a player stationed at the extremity of a line (as in football)
7 : a share, operation, or aspect of an undertaking

Synonyms

- [1] bound, boundary, ceiling, confines, extent, limit, limitation, line, termination—more at LIMIT
- [2] death, decease, demise, doom, passing, quietus—more at DEATH
- [2] cessation, close, closure, conclusion, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stop, stoppage, termination

Antonyms

continuation

- [4] fag end, leftover, remainder, remnant, scrap—more at SCRAP
- [5] aim, ambition, aspiration, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, purpose—more at GOAL

2end verb
1 : to bring or come to an end
2 : DESTROY; also: DIE
3 : to form or be at the end of

Synonyms

- close, conclude, finish, round, terminate, wind up, wrap up—more at CLOSE
- break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, halt, knock off, layoff, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP

en·dan·ger /ˌɛnˈdæn.ジャー/ verb
: to bring into danger; also: to create danger

en·dan·gered adjective
: being or relating to an endangered species

endangered species noun
: a species threatened with extinction

en·dear /ˈɛn.-dashboard/ verb
: to cause to become beloved or admired

endearing adjective
: arousing affection, tenderness, or admiration

Synonyms

- adorable, darling, dear, lovable, precious, sweet, winning—more at LOVABLE

en·dear·ment /ˈɛn.-dashboard/ noun
: a sign of affection: CARESS

endeavor /ˈɛn.ɹər/ verb
1 : to attempt (as the fulfillment of an obligation) by exertion of effort; also: to work with set purpose

Synonyms

- essay, attempt, essay, seek, strive, try—more at ATTEMPT

2endeavor noun
end·deav·our chiefly British variant of ENDEAVOR

en·dem·ic /en′de·mik, in′/ adjective
▶ restricted to a particular place << plants> <an ~ disease>
— endemic noun
Synonyms
▶ aboriginal, born, indigenous, native—more at NATIVE

end·ing /en′dĭng/ noun
1 ▶ something that forms an end
2 : SUFFIX
Synonyms
▶ close, conclusion, consummation, end, finale, finis, finish, windup—more at FINALE

en·dive /en′dīv/ noun
1 : an herb related to chicory and grown as a salad plant
2 : the blanched shoot of chicory

end·less /en′dĕls/ adjective
1 ▶ having or seeming to have no end : ETERNAL
2 : united at the ends : CONTINUOUS <an ~ belt>
— end·less·ly adverb
Synonyms
▶ boundless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited—more at INFINITE
▶ ceaseless, dateless, deathless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying, unending—more at EVERLASTING

end·most /′mŏst/ adjective
▶ situated at the very end

end·note /′nŏt/ noun
▶ a note placed at the end of a text

en·do·crine /en′daˌkrān, _krān, _krēn/ adjective
▶ producing secretions that are distributed by way of the bloodstream <~ glands>
— endocrine noun
— en·do·cri·nal·o·gy /ˌkriˌnələˈje/ noun

en·do·gen·ous /en′dəˌjenəs/ adjective
▶ caused or produced by factors inside the organism or system <~ psychic depression>
— en·do·gen·ous·ly adverb

en·do·me·trium /′dēm′trēəm/ noun, plural -trium /′trēəm/ : the mucous membrane lining the uterus
— en·do·me·tri·al /′trēəl/ adjective

en·dor·phin /′dər′fĭn/ noun
▶ any of a group of endogenous morphinelike proteins found esp. in the brain

en·dorse also in·dorse /′dôrs/ verb en·dorsed; en·dors·ing
[origin: ME endosen, fr. AF endosser to put on, don, write on the back of, fr. dos back, fr. L dorsum]
1 ▶ to sign one's name on the back of (as a check)
2 ▶ to express support or approval of publicly and definitely; especially : to recommend (as a product) usu. for financial compensation
— en·dorse·ment also in·dorse·ment noun
Synonyms
- advocate, back, champion, patronize, support—more at SUPPORT

en·do·scope /'en daˌskōp/ noun
: an illuminated usu. fiber-optic instrument for visualizing the interior of a hollow organ or part (as the colon or esophagus)
— en·do· scop·ic /'en daˌskōpık/ adjective
— en·do·copy /'en daˌskōpı/ noun

en·do·ther·mic /'en daˌθer myk/ adjective
: characterized by or formed with absorption of heat

en·dow /'en daʊ/ verb
1 ›: to furnish with funds for support <~ a school>
2 ›: to furnish with something freely or naturally
   Synonyms
   - [1] finance, fund, subsidize; also establish, found, organize; bequeath, contribute, donate, subscribe, support; award, grant; back, promote, sponsor
   - [2] invest; also equip, provide, supply

en·dow·ment noun
: something that is endowed: as
   a : the part of an institution’s income derived from donations
   b ›: natural capacity, power, or ability
   Synonyms
   - aptitude, faculty, flair, genius, gift, knack, talent—more at TALENT

en·due /'in du/ verb en·due·d; en·due·ing
: PROVIDE, ENDOW

en·dur·able adjective
›: bearable, sufferable, supportable, sustainable, tolerable—more at BEARABLE

en·dur·ance /'in dərn səns, .'dərəns/ noun
1 ›: continuation in the same state : DURATION
2 : the ability to withstand hardship or stress : FORTITUDE
   Synonyms
   - continuation, duration, persistence, subsistence—more at CONTINUATION

en·dure /'in dər, .'dyər/ verb en·dure·d; en·dure·ing
1 ›: to continue in the same state : LAST, PERSIST
2 ›: to suffer firmly or patiently : BEAR
3 : TOLERATE
   Synonyms
   - [1] abide, continue, hold, keep up, last, persist, run on—more at CONTINUE
   - [2] abide, bear, brook, countenance, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR

end·ways /'endˌwāz/ adverb or adjective
1 ›: LENGTHWISE
2 : with the end forward
3 : on end

end·wise /'endˌwız/ adverb or adjective
: ENDWAYS

ENE abbreviation
east-northeast
enema /əˈneɪ.mə/ noun, plural enemas also enema /əˈneɪ.məˌtə/ : injection of liquid into the rectum; also: material so injected

enemy /ˈe.nə.mē/ noun, plural -mies
[origin: ME enemi, fr. AF, fr. L inimicus, fr. in- not + amicus friend] : one that attacks or tries to harm another: foe; especially: a military opponent

Synonyms
adversary, antagonist, foe, opponent; also: assailant, combatant, invader; competitor, rival

Antonyms
friend

energetic /əˈner.ɪk/ adjective: marked by energy: active, vigorous

Synonyms
active, animated, jaunty, lively, peppy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vigorous, vital, vivacious

energetically /əˈner.ɪt.i.kəl.i/ adverb: in an energetic manner

Synonyms
forcefully, powerfully, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at hard

energise British variant of energize

energize /əˈner.ɪz/ verb -gized; -giz·ing: to give energy to

Synonyms
animate, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize

energy /ˈe.nər.jē/ noun, plural -gies
1: vigorous action: effort
2: capacity for action
3: capacity for performing work
4: usable power (as heat or electricity); also: the resources for producing such power

Synonyms
[2] force, main, might, muscle, potency, power, strength, vigor—more at power
[3] drive, life, pep, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at vigor

energy level noun: one of the stable states of constant energy that may be assumed by a physical system (as the electrons in an atom)

enervate /əˈner.vāt/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing: to lessen the strength or vigor of: weaken in mind or body
— ener·vat·ing·ly /əˈner.vāt.iŋ.lē/ adverb
— ener·vat·ion /əˈner.vā.tʃən/ noun

Synonyms
debilitate, enfeeble, prostrate, sap, soften, tire, waste, weaken—more at weaken

enerved /əˈner.vəd/ : lacking physical, mental, or moral vigor

Synonyms
lackadaisical, languid, languorous, limp, listless, spiritless—more at listless

enfeeble /əˈné·fəl/ verb -bled; -bling: to make feeble

Synonyms
debilitate, enervate, prostrate, sap, soften, tire, waste, weaken—more at weaken

enfeeblement noun: the action of enfeebling; also: the quality or state of being enfeebled

Synonyms
deblility, delicacy, faintness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, languor, lowness, weakness—more at weakness
en·fi·lade /enˌfiˈlād/ noun
: gunfire directed along the length of an enemy battle line
— enfilade verb
en·fold /ɪnˈfɔld/ verb
1 : to cover with or as if with folds : ENVELOP
2 : to clasp within the arms : EMBRACE
Synonyms
[1] caress, clasp, embrace, grasp, hug—more at EMBRACE
[2] enclose, encompass, enshroud, envelop, invest, lap, mantle, shroud, swathe, veil, wrap; also curtain, drape; encase; swaddle; blanket, overlay, overspread; camouflage, cloak, disguise, mask; circle, encircle, encompass
en·force /ɪnˈfɔrs/ verb
1 : COMPEL (<~ obedience by threats>)
2 : to execute effectively (<~ the law>)
— en·force·able adjective
— en·force·ment noun
Synonyms
administer, apply, execute, implement; also effect, effectuate; discharge, fulfill, render; cite, invoke; enact, legislate; honor, observe; prosecute; promulgate
en·forc·er /ɪnˈfɔr sər/ noun
: one that enforces; especially : an aggressive player (as in ice hockey) known for rough play
en·fran·chise /ɪnˌfrænˌʃɪz/ verb -chised, -chis·ing
1 : to set free (as from slavery)
2 : to admit to the rights of citizenship; also : to grant the vote to
Synonyms
discharge, emancipate, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE
en·fran·chise·ment /ˌfrænˌʃɪz mənt/ noun
: the act or result of enfranchising: as
a : the releasing from slavery or custody
b : admission to citizenship and its rights
Synonyms
[a] emancipation, liberation, manumission—more at LIBERATION
[b] franchise, suffrage, vote—more at VOTE
eng abbreviation
engine; engineer; engineering
Eng abbreviation
England; English
en·gage /ɪnˈgæg/ verb en·gaged; en·gag·ing
1 : to bind (as oneself) by a pledge to do something; especially : to bind by a pledge to marry
2 : to use the services of : EMPLOY, HIRE
3 : to attract and hold esp. by interesting; also : to cause to participate
4 : to commence or take part in a venture
5 : to bring or enter into conflict
6 : to connect or interlock with : MESH; also : to cause to mesh
Synonyms
[1] commit, pledge, troth—more at PLEDGE
[2] employ, hire, retain, take on—more at EMPLOY
[3] absorb, busy, engross, enthral, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy; also allure, attract, bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant
[5] battle, encounter, face, meet, take on; also contend, fight, oppose
en·gaged /ˈgāld, ən-/  
1 : involved in activity  
2 : pledged to be married  

Synonyms  
active, assiduous, busy, diligent, laborious, occupied, sedulous, working—more at BUSY

en·gage·ment /ˈgāg men/ noun  
1 : an arrangement to meet or be present at a specified time and place  
2 : a job or period of employment esp. as a performer  
3 : a mutual promise to marry  
4 : a hostile encounter  

Synonyms  
[1] appointment, date, rendezvous, tryst; also arrangement; invitation; interview; get-together, meeting; call, visit, schedule  
[2] employ, employment, hire—more at HIRE  
[3] espousal, troth  

Antonyms  
[3] disengagement

en·gag·ing adjective  
: tending to draw favorable attention or interest : ATTRACTIVE  
— en·gag·ing·ly adverb  

Synonyms  
alluring, attractive, captivating, charming, fascinating, fetching, glamorous  
absorbing, engrossing, enthralling, fascinating, interesting, intriguing—more at INTERESTING

en·gen·der /ˈgen dər/ verb  
1 : BEGET  
2 : to cause to exist or to develop : CREATE  

Synonyms  
create, generate, induce, make, produce, spawn—more at GENERATE

en·gine /ˈjen/ noun  
[ORIGIN: ME engin, fr. OF, fr. L ingenium natural disposition, talent]  
1 : a mechanical device  
2 : a machine for converting energy into mechanical motion  
3 : LOCOMOTIVE  
4 : software that performs a fundamental function esp. of a larger program  
— en·gine·less adjective

1 engi·neer /ˈenə ri/ noun  
1 : a member of a military unit specializing in engineering work  
2 : a designer or builder of engines  
3 : one trained in engineering  
4 : one that operates an engine  
2 engi·neer verb  
1 : to lay out or manage as an engineer  
2 : to guide the course of  

en·gi·neer·ing noun  
: the practical applications of scientific and mathematical principles

En·glish /ˈen glish/ noun  
1 : the language of England, the U.S., and many areas now or formerly under British rule  
2 English plural : the people of England  
3 : spin imparted to a ball that is driven or rolled  
— English adjective  
— En·glish·man /ˈman/ noun
— English woman /ˌwɪ.ˌmən/ noun

English horn noun
: a woodwind instrument longer than and having a range lower than the oboe

English setter noun
: any of a breed of hunting dogs with a flat silky coat of white or white with color

English sparrow noun
: HOUSE SPARROW

English system noun
: a system of weights and measures in which the foot is the principal unit of length and the pound is the principal unit of weight

engr abbreviation
1 engineer
2 engraved

en·gram /ˈenˌgræm/ noun
: a hypothetical change in neural tissue postulated in order to account for persistence of memory

en·grave /ˈenˌgrāv/ verb en·graved; en·grav·ing
1 † to produce (as letters or lines) by incising a surface
2 : to cut figures, letters, or designs on for printing; also : to print from an engraved plate
3 : PHOTOENGRAVE
4 †: to impress deeply as if with an engraving tool

— en·grav·er noun

en·grav·ing /ˈenˌgræv·ɪŋ/ noun
1 : the art of one who engraves
2 : an engraved plate; also : a print made from it

en·gross /ˈenˌgrōs/ verb
†: to take up the whole interest or attention of

Synonyms
absorb, busy, engage, enthrall, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy—more at ENGAGE

en·grossed /ˈenˌgrōst/ adjective
†: completely occupied or absorbed

Synonyms
absorbed, attentive, intent, observant, rapt—more at ATTENTIVE

en·gross·ing adjective
†: taking up the time or attention completely

Synonyms
absorbing, engaging, enthralling, fascinating, interesting, intriguing—more at INTERESTING

en·gulf /ˈenˌgulf/ verb
†: to flow over and enclose

Synonyms
deluge, drown, flood, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, submerge, swamp—more at FLOOD

en·hance /ˈenˌhans/ verb en·hanced; en·hanc·ing
†: to increase or improve (as in value or desirability)

Synonyms
ameliorate, amend, better, enrich, improve, perfect, refine—more at IMPROVE

en·hance·ment noun
†: the act of enhancing or state of being enhanced
Synonyms
- advance, advancement, breakthrough, improvement, refinement—more at ADVANCE

enig·ma /ɪˈnɪg.ə/ noun
[ORIGIN: L aenigma, fr. Gk inigma, fr. ainos to speak in riddles, fr. ainos fable]
- something obscure or hard to understand
  Synonyms
  - conundrum, mystery, mystification, puzzle, puzzlement, riddle, secret—more at MYSTERY

enig·mat·ic /ɪˈnɪg.əˌtɪk/ adjective
- resembling an enigma
  — en·ig·mat·i·cal·ly /ɪˈnɪg.məˌtɪklɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
  - ambiguous, cryptic, deep, equivocal, inscrutable, murky, mysterious, mystic, nebulous, obscure, occult—more at OBSCURE

en·join /əˈdʒɔɪn/ verb
1: to direct or impose by authoritative order or with urgent warning:
   Synonyms
   - call, charge, command, demand, direct, exact, insist, instruct, order, press, stipulate—more at DEMAND
2: to forbid by authority
   Synonyms
   - [1] call, charge, command, demand, direct, exact, insist, instruct, order, press, stipulate—more at DEMAND
   - [1, 2] ban, bar, forbid, interdict, outlaw, prohibit, proscribe—more at FORBID

en·joy /əˈdʒɔɪ/ verb
1: to have for one's benefit or use:
   Synonyms
   - agreeable, amusing, delectable, delicious, delightful, entertaining, fun, heavenly, luscious, pleasurable
2: to take pleasure or satisfaction in:
   Synonyms
   - [1] command, have, hold, occupy, own, possess, retain—more at HAVE
   - [2] adore, delight, dig, fancy, like, love, relish, revel; also admire, appreciate, cherish; prize, treasure, value;
     devour, drink (in), savor; dote (on), idolize; cotton (to), favor, prefer

en·joy·able /əˈdʒɔɪ.əˈbɪl/ adjective
- being a source of pleasure or enjoyment
  Synonyms
  - agreeable, amusing, delectable, delicious, delightful, entertaining, fun, heavenly, luscious, pleasurable

en·joy·ment /əˈdʒɔɪ.mənt/ noun
1: the action or state of enjoying
2: something that gives keen satisfaction
  Synonyms
  - contentment, delectation, delight, gladness, gratification, pleasure, relish, satisfaction—more at PLEASURE

enl abbreviation
1 enlarged
2 enlisted

en·large /əˈlɑːr/ verb en·larged; en·larg·ing
1: to make or grow larger
2: to give greater scope to; also: to speak or write at length:
   Synonyms
   - [1] add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise,
     swell, up—more at INCREASE
   - usually enlarge on [2] amplify, develop, elaborate, expand—more at EXPAND

en·light·en /əˈlaɪnt/ verb
1: to give knowledge to:
2: to give spiritual insight to
  Synonyms
  - instruct, inform
en·list /ɪnˈlɪst/ verb
1 : to secure the aid or support of
2 : to engage for service in the armed forces
3 : to participate heartily (as in a cause or effort) <~ed in the cause of world peace>
—en·list·ee /ɛnˈlɪst.i/ noun
—en·list·ment /ˈlɪst.mənt/ noun
  Synonyms usually enlist in [2, 3]
  » enroll, enter, join, sign on, sign up—more at ENTER
en·list·ed /ɪnˈlɪst.tɪd/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or forming the part of a military force below commissioned or warrant officers
enlisted man noun
  : a man or woman in the armed forces ranking below a commissioned or warrant officer
en·liv·en /ɪnˈlɪv.ən/ verb
  » to give life, action, or spirit to : ANIMATE
  Synonyms
  » animate, brace, energize, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE
en masse /ɛnˈmæs/ adverb
[origin: F]
  : in a body : as a whole
en·mesh /ɪnˈmɛsh/ verb
  » to catch or entangle in or as if in meshes
  Synonyms
  » ensnare, entangle, entrap, mesh, snare, tangle, trap—more at ENTANGLE
en·mi·ty /ˈen.mə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
  : positive, active, and typically mutual hatred or ill will
  Synonyms
  » animosity, antagonism, antipathy, hate, hatred, hostility, loathing, rancor, virulence, vitriol
  Antonyms
  » amity
en·no·ble /ɪnˈnə.bəl/ verb -bled; -bling
  » to raise in rank or status : EXALT; especially : to raise to noble rank
  —en·no·ble·ment noun
  Synonyms
  » aggrandize, dignify, exalt, glorify, magnify—more at EXALT
en·nui /ˈɛn.nə.wə/ noun
[origin: F]
  » a feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction : BOREDOM
  Synonyms
  » boredom, doldrums, listlessness, restlessness, tedium, tiredness, weariness—more at BOREDOM
enor·mi·ty /ˈɛn.ər.mə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : an outrageous, vicious, or immoral act
2 : great wickedness
3 : the quality or state of being huge : IMMENSITY
  Synonyms
  » [2] atrociousness, atrocity, depravity, heinousness, monstrosity, vileness, wickedness; also baseness,
devilishness; corruption, decadence, degeneracy; immorality; infamy, notoriety
   [3] hugeness, immensity, magnitude, massiveness, vastness—more at IMMENITY

en·or·mous /ɪnˈɔːr.məs/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L enormis, fr. e, ex out of + norma rule]
1 : exceedingly wicked
2 : great in size, number, or degree : HUGE
— en·or·mous·ly adverb
   Synonyms
     ➤ astronomical, colossal, elephantine, giant, gigantic, huge, jumbo, mammoth, massive, prodigious, titanic, tremendous, whopping—more at HUGE

1enough /ɪn.ˈɑːf/ adjective
   : SUFFICIENT
   2enough adverb
1 : in or to a degree or quantity that suffices : SUFFICIENTLY
2 : FULLY, QUITE
3 : in a tolerable degree
   Synonyms
     ➤ [1] adequately, satisfactorily, sufficiently; also decently, fairly, moderately, passably
Antonyms
     ➤ inadequately, insufficiently
   ➤ [3] fairly, kind of, moderately, so-so, somewhat, sort of

3enough pronoun
   : a sufficient number, quantity, or amount

en·quire /ɪnˈkwɪr/ or en·qui·ry /ɪnˌkwɪr.i/; chiefly British variant of INQUIRE, INQUIRY
en·rage /ɪnˈreɪdʒ/ verb
   ➤ : to fill with rage
   Synonyms
     ➤ anger, antagonize, incense, inflame, infuriate, madden, outrage, rankle, rile, roil—more at ANGER

en·raged /ɪnˈreɪdʒd/ adjective
   ➤ : full of fury or rage
   Synonyms
     ➤ angry, boiling, furious, irate—more at ANGRY

en·rap·ture /ɪnˈræp.tʃər/ or en·rap·tured, en·rap·tur·ing
   ➤ : to fill with delight
   Synonyms
     ➤ carry away, elate, elevate, enthral, exhilarate, transport—more at ELATE

en·rich /ɪnˈrɪtʃ/ verb
1 a : to make rich or richer
   b : to add to or improve with additions
2 : to add beauty to : ORNAMENT, ADORN
— en·rich·ment noun
   Synonyms
     ➤ [1b] ameliorate, amend, better, enhance, improve, perfect, refine—more at IMPROVE
     ➤ [2] adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, garnish, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE

en·roll also en·rol /ɪnˈrəʊl/ verb en·rolled, en·roll·ing
1 : to enter or register on a roll or list
2 : to offer (oneself) for enrolling
— en·roll·ment noun
   Synonyms
     ➤ [1] inscribe, itemize, list, matriculate, register; also catalog, tabulate, tally
• [1] catalog, enter, index, inscribe, list, put down, record—more at LIST
• usually enroll in [2] enlist, enter, join, sign on, sign up—more at ENTER

en-roll-ment noun
1 : the act or process of enrolling (as at enlistment or registration)
2 : the number enrolled

en route /ənˈroʊt/ en/ adverb or adjective
: on or along the way

ENS abbreviation
ensign

en·sconce /ɪnˈskɔns/ verb en·sconced; en·sconc·ing
1 ▷ : to place out of sight : CONCEAL
2 ▷ : to settle snugly or securely

Synonyms
▷ [1] bury, cache, conceal, hide, secrete—more at HIDE
▷ [2] install, lodge, perch, roost, settle; also curl up; park, plant

en·sem·ble /ɪnˈsɛm bəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, fr. ensemble together, fr. L insimul at the same time]
: a group (as of singers, dancers, or players) or a set (as of clothes) producing a single effect

en·sheathe /ɪnˈʃeθ/ verb
: to cover with or as if with a sheath

en·shrine /ɪnˈʃrɪn/ verb
1 : to enclose in or as if in a shrine
2 : to cherish as sacred
— en·shrine·ment /ˈmɛnt/ noun

en·shroud /ɪnˈʃraʊd/ verb
▷ : to cover or enclose with or as if with a shroud : OBSCURE

Synonyms
▷ blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, hide, mask, obscure, occult, screen, shroud, veil—more at HIDE

en·sign /ˈɛn sɛn, 1 also ˈɛn sɪn/ noun
1 ▷ : a flag that is flown (as by a ship) as the symbol of nationality and that may also be flown with a distinctive badge added to its design; also : BADGE, EMBLEM
2 : a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a lieutenant junior grade

Synonyms
▷ banner, colors, flag, jack, pennant, standard, streamer—more at FLAG

en·slave /ɪnˈslæv/ verb
: to make a slave of

en·slave·ment noun
1 : the act or process of enslaving
2 ▷ : the state of being enslaved

Synonyms
▷ bondage, servitude, slavery, thrall, yoke—more at SLAVERY

en·snare /ɪnˈsnɑr/ verb
▷ : to take in or as if in a snare : TRAP

Synonyms
▷ enmesh, entangle, entrap, mesh, snare, tangle, trap—more at ENTANGLE

en·sue /ɪnˈsju/ verb en·sued; en·su·ing
: to follow in time or as a result <the birds escaped and chaos ensued>

en·sure /ɪnˈʃʊr/ verb en·sured; en·sur·ing
▷ : to give security to : INSURE, GUARANTEE
Synonyms
▪ assure, cinch, guarantee, guaranty, insure, secure; also attest, certify, vouch, warrant, witness; pledge, promise, swear

en-tail /ˈen-təl/ verb
1: to limit the inheritance of (property) to the owner's lineal descendants or to a class thereof
2: to include or involve as a necessary step or result
— en-tail-ment noun

Synonyms
▪ carry, comprehend, contain, embrace, encompass, include, involve, number, take in—more at INCLUDE

en-tangle /ˈen-təng/ verb
1: to wrap or twist together: TANGLE; also: to make complicated
2: to take in or as if in a snare; also: to involve in a perplexing or troublesome situation

Synonyms
▪ [1] interlace, intertwine, interweave, knot, snarl, tangle; also weave, wind, wreath; braid, plait
▪ [2] enmesh, ensnare, entrap, mesh, snare, tangle, trap; also bag, capture, collar; embroil, implicate, involve, mire

Antonyms
▪ disentangle

en-tangle-ment noun
1: the action of entangling: the state of being entangled
2: something that entangles, confuses, or ensnares

Synonyms
▪ net, snare, web—more at WEB

en-tente /ˈen-ənt/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: an understanding providing for joint action; also: parties linked by such an entente

en-ter /ˈen-tər/ verb
1: to go or come in or into
2: to become a member of: JOIN <~ the ministry>
3: to make a beginning: to begin to consider a subject — usu. used with into or upon
4: to take part in: CONTRIBUTE
5: to go into or upon and take possession
6: to set down (as in a list): REGISTER <~ the data>
7: to place (a complaint) before a court; also: to put on record <~ a complaint>

Synonyms
▪ [2] enlist, enroll, join, sign on, sign up; also reenlist, reenter
▪ usually enter into or enter upon [3] begin, commence, embark, get off, launch, open, start, strike—more at BEGIN
▪ [6] catalog, enroll, index, inscribe, list, put down, record, register, schedule, slate—more at LIST

en-ter-i-tis /ˈen-tər-ə-təs/ noun
: intestinal inflammation; also: a disease marked by this

en-ter-prize /ˈen-tər-prəz/ noun
1: a project or undertaking that is esp. difficult, complicated, or risky
2: readiness for daring action: INITIATIVE
3: a business organization

Synonyms
▪ [1] chance, flier, gamble, speculation, venture—more at GAMBLE
▪ [2] aggressiveness, ambition, drive, go, hustle, initiative; also gumption, pluck, snap, spirit, spunk, starch; assertiveness, self-reliance; energy, hardihood, pep, vigor, vitality
▪ [3] business, company, concern, establishment, firm, house, outfit; also conglomerate, corporation, multinational; association, cartel, chain, combine, syndicate, trust; agency, dealer, outlet

en-ter-pris-ing /ˌprɪ-zəŋ/ adjective
• bold and vigorous in action
  Synonyms
  • adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, gutsy, hardy, nervy, venturesome—more at **bold**

**entertain** /enˈtərˌtān/ verb
1 : to treat or receive as a guest
2 : to provide entertainment for : AMUSE, DIVERT
3 : to hold in mind; also : to receive and take into consideration
— **entertainer** noun
  Synonyms
  • [2] amuse, disport, divert, regale—more at **amuse**
  • [3] consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at **ponder**

**entertaining** /ˌentərˈtānɪŋ/ adjective
• providing entertainment
  Synonyms
  • amusing, delightful, diverting, enjoyable, fun, pleasurable—more at **fun**

**entertainment** noun
1 : the act of entertaining
2 : amusement or diversion provided esp. by performers; also : something or someone diverting or engaging
  Synonyms
  • [1] amusement, distraction, diversion; also show business; delectation, delight, enjoyment, joy, mirth; performance, presentation, production, show, spectacle
  • [2] delight, diversion, fun, pleasure—more at **fun**

**enthrall or enthral** /ˈentərəl/ verb **enthralled**; **enthral-ling**
1 : **enslave**
2 : to hold the attention of as if under a spell : hold spellbound
  Synonyms
  • arrest, enchant, fascinate, grip, hypnotize, interest, intrigue, involve, mesmerize; also enrapture, entrance, thrill; beguile, bewitch, charm

**enthral-ling** adjective
• capable of holding spellbound : intensely absorbing or interesting
  Synonyms
  • absorbing, engaging, engrossing, fascinating, interesting, intriguing—more at **interesting**

**enthrone** /ˈentərn/ verb
1 : to seat on or as if on a throne
2 : **exalt**

**enthuse** /ˈentəs/ verb **enthused**; **enthusing**
1 : to make enthusiastic
2 : to show enthusiasm
  Synonyms
  • fuss, gush, rave, rhapsodize

**enthusiasm** noun
[origin: Gk enthoiasmos, fr. enthousiazein to be inspired, irreg. fr. entheos inspired, fr. theos god]
1 : strong warmth of feeling : keen interest : FERVOR
2 : something that inspires or is pursued or regarded with ardent zeal or fervor
  Synonyms
  • [1] appetite, ardor, avidity, eagerness, excitement, fervor, hunger, impatience, keenness, thirst—more at **eagerness**
  • [2] craze, fad, fashion, go, mode, rage, sensation, style, trend, vogue—more at **fashion**

**enthusiast** /ˌentəˈsiːst/ noun
• a person filled with enthusiasm
Synonyms

- addict, aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, fan, fancier, lover, nut—more at FAN

enthusiastic /enthəˈziːstık/ adjective
- filled with or marked by enthusiasm
  Synonyms
  - ardent, athirst, avid, eager, gung ho, keen, nuts, raring, thirsty—more at EAGER

entice /ɪnˈtɪs/ verb enticed, enticing
- to attract cunningly or by arousing hope or desire: ALLURE, TEMPT
  Synonyms
  - allure, beguile, decoy, lead on, lure, seduce, tempt—more at LURE

enticement noun
1: the act of enticing
2: something that entices: a means or method of enticing
  Synonyms
  - [1,2] lure, seduction, solicitation, temptation—more at TEMPTATION

entire /ˈɛntɪr/ adjective
- having no element or part left out: COMPLETE, WHOLE
  Synonyms
  - complete, comprehensive, full, grand, intact, integral, perfect, plenary, total, undivided, whole—more at COMPLETE

entirely adverb
- to the full or entire extent
  Synonyms
  - altogether, completely, dead, fast, flat, full, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY

entirety noun, plural -ties
1: COMPLETENESS
2: WHOLE, TOTALITY

entitle /ɪnˈtaɪl/ verb entitled, entitled
1: to give a title to: DESIGNATE
2: to furnish with proper grounds for seeking or claiming something <entitled to a fair trial>
  Synonyms
  - [1] baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, dub, label, name, style, term, title—more at NAME
  - [2] authorize, qualify; also empower, enable, license; approve, endorse; allow, let, permit; certify, ratify, sanction, validate
  Antonyms
  - disqualify

entitlement /ɪnˈtaɪtlmənt/ noun
- a government program providing benefits to members of a specified group

entity /enˈtiːti/ noun, plural -ties
1: EXISTENCE, BEING
2: something with separate and real existence
  Synonyms
  - being, individual, object, substance, thing; also body; material, matter, stuff

entomb /ɪnˈtəm/ verb
- to place in a tomb: BURY

entombment noun
- the act or process of entombing
  Synonyms
  - burial, interment, sepulture—more at BURIAL
en·to·mol·o·gy /ənˌtəˌmələˈjē/ noun
: a branch of zoology that deals with insects

— en·to·mo·log·i·cal /əˌməˌləjˈikəl/ adjective
— en·to·mol·o·gist /ˌməˈləjist/ noun

en·tour·age /əˈnərˌtōrˌzh/ noun
[origin: F]
: RETINUE

en·tr'acte /əˈnər.trakt/ noun
[origin: F]
1: something (as a dance) performed between two acts of a play
2: the interval between two acts of a play

en·trails /ənˈtrālz/ noun plural
: the internal organs esp. in the trunk of the body: VISCERA; especially: the tubular part of the alimentary canal that extends from the stomach to the anus

1 entrance /ənˈtrans/ noun
1 : permission or right to enter
2 : the act of entering
3 : a means or place of entry

Synonyms
▷ [1] access, admission, entry
▷ [3] door, doorway, gate, gateway, way—more at DOOR

2 entrance /ənˈtrans/ verb en·tranced; en·tranc·ing
▷ : to carry away with delight, wonder, or rapture

Synonyms
▷ carry away, enrapture, enthral, ravish, transport; also delight, gladden, gratify, please, satisfy; bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate; elate, excite, exhilarate, stir

en·trant /ənˈtrænt/ noun
: one that enters esp. as a competitor

en·trap /ənˈtrap/ verb
▷ : to catch in or as if in a trap: ENSNARE, TRAP
— en·trap·ment noun

Synonyms
▷ enmesh, ensnare, entangle, mesh, snare, tangle, trap—more at ENTANGLE

en·treat /ənˈtreť/ verb
▷ : to ask urgently: BESEECH

Synonyms
▷ appeal, beg, beseech, implore, importune, petition, plead, pray, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG

en·treaty /ənˈtrētē/ noun
▷ : an act of entreating

Synonyms
▷ appeal, cry, petition, plea, prayer, solicitation, suit, supplication—more at PLEA

en·trée or en·tree /ənˈtrē/ noun
[origin: F entrée]
1 : freedom of entry or access
2 : the main course of a meal in the U.S.

Synonyms
▷ access, admission, doorway, entrance, entry, gateway—more at ENTRANCE

en·trench /ənˈtrench/ verb
1 a : to place within or surround with a trench esp. for defense
b : to establish solidly <~ed customs>

en·ter /əntər/ verb
...
ENCROACH, TRESPASS

— en·trench·ment noun

Synonyms
- embed, fix, implant, ingrain, lodge, root; also imbue, infuse, instill; establish, place, put, settle, stick

Antonyms
- dislodge, root (out), uproot

en·tre·pre·neur /ənˈtreprəˌnər/ noun
[origin: F, fr. OF, fr. entreprendre to undertake]
: one who organizes and assumes the risk of a business or enterprise

— en·tre·pre·neur·ial /ənˈtreprəˌneərəl/ adjective

— en·tre·pre·neur·ship /ˌʃɪp/ noun

en·tro·py /ˈen.trəpē/ noun, plural -pies
1: the degree of disorder in a system
2: an ultimate state of inert uniformity

en·trust /ənˈtrəst/ verb
1: to commit something to as a trust
2: to commit to another with confidence

Synonyms
- [1] assign, charge, commission, trust; also confer, impose; commit, consign, delegate, relegate; allocate, allot; authorize, empower, invest
- [2] commend, commit, consign, delegate, deliver, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest—more at GIVE

en·try /ənˈtrē/ noun, plural entries
1: a place of entrance; also: the act, means, right, or privilege of entering
2: an entering in a record; also: an item so entered
3: a headword with its definition or identification; also: VOCABULARY ENTRY
4: one entered in a contest

Synonyms
- foyer, hall, lobby, vestibule—more at HALL
- access, admission, doorway, entrée, entrance, gateway—more at ENTRANCE

en·twine /ənˈtwīn/ verb
: to twine together or around

Synonyms
- coil, curl, spiral, twine, twist, wind—more at WIND

enu·mer·ate /əˈnər.mər.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to determine the number of: COUNT
2: to specify one after another: LIST

— enu·mer·a·tion /ənˈmər.əˌneɪ.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- [1] count, number, tell—more at COUNT
- [2] detail, itemize, list, numerate, rehearse, tick; also outline; tabulate, tally; catalog, inventory; chart, diagram, graph; calculate, compute, estimate, figure, reckon; cite, mention, name

enun·ci·ate /əˈnən.səˈeɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 a: to state definitely
b: to make known publicly: ANNOUNCE, PROCLAIM
2: to say clearly and effectively: PRONOUNCE, ARTICULATE

— enun·ci·a·tion /ənˈnən.səˌeɪ.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound
- more at ANNOUNCE

en·ure·sis /əˈnʊr.sə.ˈsɪs/ noun
en·vol·op /ɪnˈvələp/ verb
› to enclose completely with or as if with a covering
— en·vol·op·ment noun

env·en·om /ɪnˈvé.nəm/ verb
1 : a usu. paper container for a letter
2 : WRAPPER, COVERING
3 : a conventionally accepted limit <fashions that push the ~> en·ve·lo·pe /ɪnˌvɛləp/ˈan/ noun
1 : a usu. paper container for a letter
2 : WRAPPER, COVERING
3 : a conventionally accepted limit <fashions that push the ~> en·vi·able /ɪnˈvi.ə.bəl/ adjective
› : highly desirable
— en·vi·ably /ˈblə/ adverb
en·vi·ous /ɪnˈvi.əs/ adjective
› : feeling or showing envy
— en·vi·ously adverb

env·i·ous·ness noun
› : the quality or state of being envious

env·i·ron·ment /ɪnˈvɪrən.mənt/ˈvi(ə)rəm/ noun
1 › : the circumstances, objects, or conditions surrounding someone or something : SURROUNDINGS
2 : the whole complex of factors (as soil, climate, and living things) that influence the form and the ability to survive of a plant or animal or ecological community
— en·vi·ron·men·tal /ˌɪn.vɪrənˈmənt.əl/ˌvi(ə)rənˈmənt.əl/ adjective
— en·vi·ron·men·tal·ly /ˈɪn.vɪrənˌmənt.lə/ˌvi(ə)rənˌmənt.lə/ adverb

env·i·ron·men·tal·ist /ˌɪn.vɪrən.ˈmənt.ɪst/ˌvi(ə)rən.ˈmənt.ɪst/ noun
: a person concerned about environmental quality esp. with respect to control of pollution

env·i·rons /ɪnˌvɪrənz/ noun plural
1 › : the districts around a city
2 › : the circumstances, conditions, or objects by which one is surrounded : SURROUNDINGS; also : VICINITY

en·vis·age /ɪnˈvɪ.zij/ verb -aged; -ag·ing
› : to have a mental picture of

en·vi·sion /ɪn.ˈvɪ.zhən. en/ verb
en·voy /en.vɔːl, ’än/ noun
1 ▶ : a diplomatic agent
2 ▶ : one who bears a message or does an errand : REPRESENTATIVE
    Synonyms
       ▶ [1] ambassador, delegate, emissary, legate, minister, representative—more at AMBASSADOR
       ▶ [2] agent, attorney, commissary, delegate, deputy, factor, proxy, representative—more at AGENT

en·vy /en.vɛ/ noun, plural envies
[origin: ME envie, fr. OF, fr. L invidia, fr. invidius envious, fr. invidère to look askance at, envy, fr. vidère to see]
▶ : painful or resentful awareness of another's advantages; also : an object of envy
    Synonyms
       ▶ covetousness, enviousness, jealousy, resentment; also animosity, enmity, hatred, ill will; malice, spitefulness

en·vy verb en·vied; en·vy·ing
: to feel envy toward or on account of

en·zyme /en.ˈzɪm/ noun
: any of various complex proteins produced by living cells that catalyze specific biochemical reactions at body temperatures
    — en·zy·mat·ic /en.zəˈma.tɪk/ adjective

Eo·cene /ˈe.ə.sɛn/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the epoch of the Tertiary between the Paleocene and the Oligocene
    — Eocene noun

EOE abbreviation
equal opportunity employer

eo·li·an /ˈi.əˌli.ən/ adjective
: borne, deposited, or produced by the wind
    — EOM abbreviation
end of month

eon variant of AEON

EP abbreviation
European plan

EPA abbreviation
Environmental Protection Agency

ep·au·let also ep·au·lette /e.ˈpə.ˈlet/ noun
[origin: F épaulette, dim. of épaule shoulder]
: a shoulder ornament esp. on a coat or military uniform

épée /e.ˈpä, ˌpä/ noun
[origin: F]
: a fencing or dueling sword

Éph or Ephes abbreviation
Ephesians

ephed·rine /ˈfe.drən/ noun
: a stimulant drug used to treat asthma and nasal congestion

ephem·era /ˈfe.mərə/ noun plural
: collectibles (as posters or tickets) not intended to have lasting value

ephem·er·al /ˈfe.mərəl/ adjective
[origin: Gk ephēmeros lasting a day, daily, fr. epi- on + hēmera day]
▶ : lasting a very short time : SHORT-LIVED, TRANSITORY
ephemeral noun
Synonyms
evanescent, flash, fleeting, fugitive, impermanent, momentary, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient, transitory—more at momentary

Ephesian noun
a letter addressed to early Christians and included as a book in the New Testament

epic noun
a long poem in elevated style narrating the deeds of a hero
— epic adjective

epicenter noun
the point on the earth's surface directly above the point of origin of an earthquake

epicure noun
a person with sensitive and discriminating tastes esp. in food and wine
— epicurean adjective

epidemic adjective
affecting many persons at one time disease; also excessively prevalent

epidemic noun
an epidemic outbreak esp. of disease

epidemiology noun
the study of the incidence, distribution, and control of disease in a population
— epidemiological adjective
— epidemiologist noun

epidermis noun
an outer layer esp. of skin
— epidermal adjective

epidural adjective
administered into the space outside the membrane that envelops the spinal cord anesthesia
— epidural noun

epiglottis noun
a thin plate of flexible tissue protecting the tracheal opening during swallowing

epigram noun
1 a short often satirical poem
2 a terse, sage, or witty often paradoxical saying
Synonyms
adage, aphorism, byword, maxim, proverb, saying—more at saying

epigrammatic adjective
of, relating to, or resembling an epigram; also marked by or given to the use of epigrams
Synonyms
brief, compact, compendious, concise, crisp, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse—more at concise

epilepsy noun, plural -sies
[origin ultim. fr. Gk epilepsia, fr. epilambanein to seize]
a disorder marked by abnormal electrical discharges in the brain and typically manifested by sudden periods of diminished consciousness or by convulsions
— epileptic adjective or noun
**epilogue** also *ep·i·log <e·pa_·log, _lāg>/ noun
1 : a concluding section of a literary work
2 : a speech addressed to the spectators by an actor at the end of a play

**epi·neph·rine /e·pa_ne fran/ noun
: an adrenal hormone used medicinally esp. as a heart stimulant, a muscle relaxant, and a vasoconstrictor

**epiph·a·ny /i·pī·fə·nē/ noun, plural -nies
1 cap : January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi to Jesus at Bethlehem
2 : a sudden striking understanding of something

**epis·co·pa·cy /i·pis_·ka_·pa_·sē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : government of a church by bishops
2 : EPISCOPATE

**epis·co·pal /i·pis_·ka_·pal/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a bishop or episcopacy
2 : cap : of or relating to the Protestant Episcopal Church

**Epis·co·pa·lian /i·pis_·ka_·pē_·li·ən/ noun
: a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church

**epis·co·pate /i·pis_·ka_·pat_·ē/ noun
1 : the rank, office, or term of a bishop
2 : a body of bishops

**ep·i·sode /e·pē_·sōd/ noun
[origin: Gk epeisodion, fr. epeisodios coming in besides, fr. eisodios coming in, fr. eis into + hodos road, journey]
1 : a unit of action in a dramatic or literary work
2 : an incident in a course of events : OCCURRENCE <a feverish ~>

**Synonyms**
affair, circumstance, event, happening, incident, occasion, occurrence, thing—more at EVENT

**ep·i·sod·ic /e·pē_·sōd·ik/ adjective
: made up of separate esp. loosely connected episodes

**Synonyms**
periodic, serial—more at SERIAL

**epis·tle /i·pis_·tēl/ noun
1 cap : one of the letters of the New Testament
2 : a direct or personal written or printed message addressed to a person or organization : LETTER; especially : a formal or elegant letter

**ep·i·tol·ary /i·pi_·ta·lerē/ adjective

**ep·i·taph /e·pi_·tāf/ noun
: an inscription in memory of a dead person

**ep·i·tha·la·mi·um /e·pi_·tha_·la·mi·əm/ or ep·i·thi·la·mi·on /e·pi_·thē_·la·mi·ən/ noun, plural -mi·ums or -mia /me_ə/
: a song or poem in honor of a bride and bridegroom

**ep·i·thel·i·um /e·pi_·thē_·li·əm/ noun, plural -lia /li_ə/  
: a cellular membrane covering a bodily surface or lining a cavity

**epi·thet /e·pi_·thēt/ noun
: a characterizing and often abusive word or phrase

**epit·o·me /e·pi_·tō_·mē/ noun
1 : a brief presentation or statement of something : ABSTRACT, SUMMARY
2 : a typical or ideal example : EMBODIMENT

**Synonyms**
• [1] abstract, digest, encapsulation, outline, précis, recapitulation, résumé, roundup, sum, summary, synopsis
  — more at SUMMARY
• [2] embodiment, exemplar, ideal, incarnation, manifestation, personification, quintessence — more at EMBODY

epi·to·mize /ˌɛp.təˈmaɪz/ verb
1 † : to make or give an epitome of
2 † : to serve as the typical or ideal example of
Synonyms
  • [1] abstract, digest, encapsulate, outline, recapitulate, sum up, summarize, wrap up
  • [2] embody, manifest, materialize, personify — more at EMBODY

ep·och /ˈe.pək, ˌpək/ noun
• : a usu. extended period : ERA, AGE
  — ep·och·al /ˌpə.chəl, ˌpə/ adjective
  • age, era, period, time

ep·onym /ˌe.pəˈnəm/ noun
1 : one for whom something is or is believed to be named
2 : a name (as of a disease) based on or derived from an eponym
  — epon·y·mous /ˌpə.nəˈməs/ adjective

ep·oxy /ˈe.pək.sē/ verb ep·ox·ied or ep·ox·yed; ep·ox·y·ing
• : to glue, fill, or coat with epoxy resin

epoxy resin noun
• : a synthetic resin used in coatings and adhesives

ep·si·lon /ˈe.pə.sə.lən/ noun
• : the 5th letter of the Greek alphabet — E or ε

Eps·om salts /ˈe.pə.soʊm/ noun
• : a bitter colorless or white magnesium salt with cathartic properties

eq abbreviation
1 equal
2 equation

equa·ble /ˈek.wəˌbəl/ adjective
• : showing regular or consistent movement, occurrence, operation, or character; especially : free from unpleasant extremes
  — eq·ua·bil·i·ty /ˈek.wəˌbil.i.ətɪ/ noun
  — eq·ua·bly /ˈek.wə.ˌbli/ adverb
  • balmy, clement, gentle, mild, moderate, temperate — more at CLEMENT

1equal /ˈi.ks.ˌkwel/ adjective
1 † : of the same measure, quantity, value, quality, number, degree, or status as another
2 † : regarding or affecting all objects in the same way : IMPARTIAL <all citizens are due ~ treatment under the law>
3 : free from extremes
4 : able to cope with a situation or task
  — equal·ly adverb
  • [1] duplicate, even, identical, indistinguishable, same — more at SAME
  • [2] disinterested, dispassionate, equitable, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced — more at FAIR

2equal verb equaled or equalled; equal·ing or equal·ling
1 † : to be or become equal to; also : to be identical in value to
equal noun
1: one that is equal
   Synonyms
equal
equality noun
1: the quality or state of being equal
   Synonyms
equalize verb -ized; -izing
1: to make equal, uniform, or constant
   Synonyms
equality, par, parity, sameness—more at EQUIVALENCE
equalize noun
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   equalization noun
equals sign or equal sign noun
1: a sign = indicating equivalence
   Synonyms
equanimity noun
1: evenness of mind esp. under stress: COMPOSURE
   Synonyms
equit noun
1: balance, equalize, even, level; also accommodate, adjust, compensate, fit; homogenize, normalize, regularize, standardize; democratize
equator noun
1: an imaginary circle around the earth that is everywhere equally distant from the two poles
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a female rider on horseback

**equi-dis-tant** /ˌe.kwə.ˈdi.stənt/ adjective
: equally distant

**equi-lat-er-al** /ˌe.kwə.la.ˈte.rale/ adjective
: having all sides or faces equal (<- triangles)

**equi-lib-ri-um** /ˌe.kwə.ˈlib.ri.am, ˈe/ noun, plural -ri-ums or -ria /ˌbrə.ə/ 1 : a state of intellectual or emotional balance
2 ▶ : a state of balance between opposing forces or actions

**Synonyms**
- balance, equipoise, poise—more at BALANCE

**equi-ne** /ˌe.kwə.ˈnē/ adjective
[origin: L equinus, fr. equus horse]
: of or relating to the horse

**equi-nox** /ˌe.kwə.ˈnäks. e/ noun
: either of the two times each year when the sun appears directly overhead at the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length

**equip** /ˈe.kwip/ verb equipped; equip·ping
[origin: AF eskiper to load on board a ship, outfit, man, of Gmc origin]
1 ▶ : to supply with needed resources
2 ▶ : to make ready : PREPARE

**Synonyms**
- [1] accoutre, fit, furnish, outfit, rig, supply—more at FURNISH
- [2] fit, prepare, qualify, ready, season—more at QUALIFY

**equip·ment** /ˈe.kwip.ment/ noun
1 ▶ : things used in equipping : OUTFIT
2 : the equipping of a person or thing : the state of being equipped

**Synonyms**
- accoutrements, apparatus, gear, matériel, outfit, paraphernalia, tackle; also accessories, attachments, fittings; baggage, belongings, impedimenta; appliances, facilities, instruments, machinery, tools; apparel, attire, habiliments, raiment, trappings; battery

**equip·poise** /ˌe.kwip.ˈpōz, ˈe/ noun
1 ▶ : a state of equilibrium : BALANCE
2 ▶ : a weight or force that offsets another : COUNTERBALANCE

**Synonyms**
- [1] balance, equilibrium, poise—more at BALANCE
- [2] balance, counteraction, counterbalance, counterweight, offset

**equi·ta·ble** /ˌe.kwə.ˈte.bəl/ adjective
: having or exhibiting equity : JUST, FAIR
— **equi·ta·bly** /ˌbi.əˌbli/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- disinterested, dispassionate, equal, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced
—more at FAIR
equi·ta·tion /ɪˌkwaɪ.ˈtæ.ʃən/ noun
: the act or art of riding on horseback

equi·ty /ɪˌkwaɪ.tə/ noun, plural -ties
1 : JUStNESS, IMPARTIALITY
2 : value of a property or of an interest in it in excess of claims against it

equiv abbreviation
equivalent

equiv·a·lence /ɪˈlev.ə.ns/ noun
: the state or property of being equivalent

Synonyms
 equality, par, parity, sameness; also compatibility, correlation, correspondence; likeness, similarity

Antonyms
 inequality

1equiv /ɪˈkwɪ.və.lənt/ adjective
 : EQUAL; also : virtually identical

2equiv equivalent noun
: one that is equivalent (as in value, meaning, or effect)

Synonyms
 coordinate, counterpart, equal, fellow, like, match, parallel, peer, rival—more at EQUAL

equiv·o·cal /ɪˈkwɪ.və.kəl/ adjective
1 : subject to two or more interpretations and usu. used to mislead or confuse : AMBIGUOUS
2 : UNCERTAIN, UNDECIDED
3 : of doubtful advantage, genuineness, or morality : SUSPICIOUS, DUBIOUS /* behavior*/

—equiv·o·cal·ly adverb

Synonyms
 [1] ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, inscrutable, mysterious, mystic, nebulous, obscure, occult—more at OBSCURE
 [3] debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, fishy, problematic, questionable, shady, shaky, suspect, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL

equiv·o·cate /ɪˈkwɪ.və.kət/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to use misleading language
2 : to avoid committing oneself in what one says

Synonyms
 fudge, hedge, pussyfoot; also dodge, duck, evade, sidestep, skirt; bypass, circumvent; cavil, quibble

equiv·o·ca·tion /ɪˌkwɪ.və.ˈkɑ.ʃən/ noun
: an equivocal state or character; especially : the state of having more than one meaning

1-er /ər/ adjective suffix or adverb suffix
 — used to form the comparative degree of adjectives and adverbs of one or two syllables <hotter> <drier> <sillier>
 and sometimes of longer ones

2-er /ər/ also -ier /ər.ər/ or -yer /ər.ər/ noun suffix
1 : a person occupationally connected with <hatter> <lawyer>
2 : a person or thing belonging to or associated with <old-timer>
3 : a native of : resident of <New Zealander>
4 : one that has <double-decker>
5 : one that produces or yields <porker>
6 : one that does or performs (a specified action) <reporter>
7 : one that is a suitable object of (a specified action) <broiler>
8 : one that is <foreigner>

Er symbol
erbium
ER abbreviation
emergency room

era /ɪrˈeə, ˈeə, ˈeɪˌrə/ noun
[ORIGIN: LL aera, fr. L, counters, pl. of aes copper, money]
1 : a chronological order or system of notation reckoned from a given date as basis
2 a period identified by some special feature
3 : any of the four major divisions of geologic time
   Synonyms
   ▸ age, epoch, period, time

ERA abbreviation
1 earned run average
2 Equal Rights Amendment

eradicate /ɪˈræːkət/ -cat·ed; -cat·ing
[ORIGIN: L eradicus, pp. of eradicare, fr. e- out + radix root]
1 : to pull up (as a weed) by the roots : UPROOT
2 : destroy completely : ELIMINATE
   — erad·i·ca·ble /ɪˌræːkəˈbæl/ adjective
   — erad·i·ca·tion /ɪˌræːkəˈʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ annihilate, blot out, demolish, eliminate, exterminate, liquidate, obliterate, root, rub out, snuff, stamp, wipe out—more at ANNIHILATE

erase /ɪˈræs/ verb erased; erase·ing
: to rub or scratch out (as written words); also : OBLITERATE
   — erase·er noun
   — erase·sure /ɪˌræsər/ noun

erbium /ˈerˌbiəm/ noun
: a rare metallic element found with yttrium

1ere /əˈrɪ/ preposition
   ▸ preceding in time : BEFORE
   Synonyms
   ▸ ahead of, before, of, previous to, prior to, to—more at BEFORE

2ere conjunction
: BEFORE

1erect /ɪˈrekt/ adjective
1 ▸ : not leaning or lying down : UPRIGHT
2 : being in a state of physiological erection
   Synonyms
   ▸ perpendicular, standing, upright, upstanding, vertical; also elevated, lifted, upended, upraised; freestanding
   Antonyms
   ▸ flat, recumbent

2erect verb
1 ▸ : to put up by the fitting together of materials or parts : BUILD
2 ▸ : to fix or set in an upright position
3 : SET UP; also : ESTABLISH, DEVELOP
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] assemble, build, construct, fabricate, make, make up, piece, put up, raise—more at BUILD
   ▸ [2] pitch, put up, raise, rear, set up; also brace, buttress, prop (up), shore (up), support; elevate, hoist, lift

erect·ile /ɪˈrektˌɪl/ , -rekˌɪl adj·i·tive
: capable of becoming erect << tissue > < feathers of a bird>

erect·i·on /ɪˈrektʃən/ noun
1: the turgid state of a previously flaccid bodily part when it becomes dilated with blood
2: CONSTRUCTION

ere·long /ˈɛrˌlɒŋ/ adverb
: before long

er·e·mite /ˈɛr.əˌmīt/ noun
: a religious recluse: HERMIT

er·go /ˈerɡəˌər/ adverb
[ORIGIN: L]
: because of a preceding fact or premise: THEREFORE

Synonyms
: accordingly, consequently, hence, so, therefore, thus, wherefore—more at THEREFORE

er·go·nom·ics /ˈer.gəˌnəm.ɪks/ noun singular or plural
: an applied science concerned with designing and arranging things people use in order to improve efficiency and safety
—er·go·nom·ic /ˌnəmˈɪk/ adjective

er·got /ˈer.gət/ noun
1: a disease of rye and other cereals caused by a fungus; also: this fungus
2: a medicinal compound or preparation derived from an ergot fungus

Eri·tre·an /ˈer.əˌtrēˌən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Eritrea
—Eritrean adjective

er·mine /ˈer.mən/ noun, plural ermines
1: any of several weasels with winter fur mostly white; also: this white fur
2: a rank or office whose official robe is ornamented with ermine

erode /ɪˈɹəd/ verb erod·ed; erod·ing
: to diminish or destroy by degrees; especially: to gradually eat into or wear away <soil eroded by wind and water>
—erod·ible also erod·able /ˌɪˈrədəˌbəl/ adjective

Synonyms
: abrade, bite, chafe, corrode, eat, fray, fret, gall, rub, wear—more at ABRIDE

erog·e·rous /ɪˈrəˌrəs/ adjective
1: sexually sensitive <~ zones>
2: of, relating to, or arousing sexual feelings

ero·sion /ɪˈrəˌʃən/ noun
: the process or state of being eroded
—ero·sion·al /ɪˌrəˈʃənəl/ adjective
—ero·sion·al·ly adverb

ero·sive /ɪˌrəˈsɪv/ adjective
: tending to erode
—ero·sive·ness noun

erot·ic /ɪˌrəˈtɪk/ adjective
: relating to or dealing with sexual love: AMATORY
—erot·i·cal·ly /ˌɪrəˈtɪkəˌlɪ/ adverb
—erot·i·cism /ɪˌrəˌsiːzəm/ noun

Synonyms
: amatory, amorous, sexy; also carnal, sensual, sensuous; bawdy, lascivious, lewd, lustful, obscene, prurient, spicy

err /ɛr, ər/ verb
: to be or do wrong
Synonyms

- offend, sin, transgress, trespass—more at offend

er·rand /er.ənd/ noun
: a short trip taken to do something; also : the object or purpose of such a trip

er·rant /er.rant/ adjective
1 : traveling or given to traveling : WANDERING <an ~ knight>
2 : straying outside proper bounds <an ~ throw>
3 : deviating from an accepted pattern or standard (as of behavior) <an ~ child>

Synonyms
- [1] itinerant, nomad, peripatetic, roaming, vagabond, vagrant—more at itinerant
- [3] bad, contrary, froward, mischievous, naughty—more at naughty

er·ra·ta /e.ˈræ.tə/ noun
: a list of corrigenda

er·rat·ic /əˈræt.ɪk/ adjective
1 : having no fixed course
2 a : characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or uniformity : INCONSISTENT
   b : ECCENTRIC

- er·rat·i·cal·ly /əˈræt.ɪ.kəl.ə.lɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
- aimless, arbitrary, desultory, haphazard, random, scattered, stray—more at random
- choppy, discontinuous, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, uneven, unsteady—more at fitful

er·ra·tum /e.ˈræ.təm/ noun, plural -ta /-tə/
: CORRIGENDUM

er·ro·ne·ous /ɪˈrəʊ.尼斯/ adjective
: containing or characterized by error : INCORRECT

Synonyms
- false, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, invalid, off, unsound, untrue, wrong—more at false

er·ro·ne·ous·ly /ɪˈrəʊ.nəs.li/ adverb
: in an erroneous manner

Synonyms
- amiss, faultily, improperly, inaptly, incorrectly, mistakenly, wrongly

er·ror /er.ər/ noun
1 : a usu. ignorant or unintentional deviating from accuracy or truth <made an ~ in adding>
2 : a defensive misplay in baseball
3 : the state of one that errs <to be in ~> 
4 : a product of mistake <a typographical ~> 
5 : an act or condition of ignorant or imprudent deviation from a code of behavior
6 : an instance of false belief : a mistaken idea or system of ideas

Synonyms
- [1] blunder, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip, stumble; also foul-up, miff; misapprehension, miscalculation, misconception, misjudgment, misstatement, misunderstanding
- [5] breach, misdeed, misdoing, offense, violation, wrongdoing—more at offense
- [6] fallacy, falsehood, falsity, illusion, misconception, untruth—more at fallacy

er·ror·less adjective
: done, played, or performed without an error

er·sat·z /ər.ˈzæts/ adjective
[origin: G ersatz-, fr. Ersatz, n., substitute] : being usu. an artificial and inferior substitute

erst /ɜːrst/ adverb, archaic
: ERSTWHILE
1erstwhile /əˈwɪl/ adverb
: in the past: FORMERLY

2erstwhile adjective
  ›: having been or existed at some past time: FORMER
  Synonyms
  › former, late, old, onetime, past, sometime, whilom—more at FORMER

er·u·dite /əˈr.a.dɪt, əˈre.ɪt/ adjective
  ›: possessing or displaying erudition
  Synonyms
  › educated, knowledgeable, learned, literate, scholarly, well-read—more at EDUCATED
  › bookish, learned, literary—more at BOOKISH

er·u·di·tion /əˈr.a.diˈʃən, əˈre.ɪdʒən/ noun
  ›: extensive knowledge acquired chiefly from books: SCHOLARSHIP, LEARNING
  Synonyms
  › education, knowledge, learning, scholarship, science—more at EDUCATION

erupt /əˈrapt/ verb
  1 a: to burst forth: emerge with a sudden often violent rush
  b: to cause to burst forth: force out or release usu. suddenly and violently
  2: to break through a surface <teeth ~ing through the gum>
  3: to break out with or as if with a skin rash
  — erup·tive /əˈraptɪv/ adjective
  Synonyms
  › [1a] break out, burst, explode, flame, flare, go off; also gunmen, mushroom, snowball; blow up, detonate, touch off
  › [1b] belch, disgorge, eject, expel, jet, spew, spurt; also gush, pour, stream, surge; emanate, issue, spring; discharge, emit, fire; cast, fling, heave, hurl, launch, pitch, toss

erup·tion /əˈræp.ʃən/ noun
  ›: an act, process, or instance of erupting; also: a product of erupting (as a skin rash)
  Synonyms
  › agony, burst, explosion, fit, flare, flush, gush, outburst, paroxysm, spasm, storm—more at OUTBURST
  › blast, detonation, explosion—more at EXPLOSION

-ery noun suffix
  1: qualities collectively: character: NESS <snobbery>
  2: art: practice <cookery>
  3: place of doing, keeping, producing, or selling (the thing specified) <fishery> <bakery>
  4: collection: aggregate <finery>
  5: state or condition <slavery>

ery·sip·e·las /əˈsɪp.i.ə.ˌlæs, əˌsɪp.i.ə.ˌlæz/ noun
  : an acute bacterial disease marked by fever and severe skin inflammation

ery·the·ma /əˌθi.ˈthə.mə/ noun
  : abnormal redness of the skin due to capillary congestion (as in inflammation)

eryth·ro·cyte /ˌɪr.θroˈsait/ noun
  : RED BLOOD CELL

Es symbol
einsteinium

1-es /əz/ 1z after s, z, sh, ch: z after v or a vowel/ noun plural suffix
  — used to form the plural of most nouns that end in s <glasses>, z <fuzzes>, sh <bushes>, ch <peaches>, or a final y that changes to i <ladies> and of some nouns ending in f that changes to v <loaves>

2-es verb suffix
es·ca·late /es_ka_ˌlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
▶: to increase in extent, volume, number, intensity, or scope
— es·ca·la·tion /es_ka_ˌlā_shən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶: accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, expand, increase, mount, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell, wax—more at INCREASE

es·ca·la·tor /es_ka_ˌlā_tər/ noun
: a moving set of stairs

es·ca·pade /es_ka_ˌpäd/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, action of escaping]
▶: a mischievous adventure
  Synonyms
  ▶: antic, caper, frolic, monkeyshine, practical joke, prank, trick—more at PRANK

1escape /is_ˌkāp/ verb es·cap·ed; es·cap·ing
1 ▶: to get free or away
2 ▶: to avoid a threatening evil
3 ▶: miss or succeed in averting: AVOID 2 ◄ injury > escaped punishment
4 ▶: to fail to be noticed or recallable by: ELUDE <his name ~ me>
5 ▶: to be produced or uttered involuntarily by: let a sob ~ him
  Synonyms
  [1] abscond, clear out, flee, fly, get out, lam, run away, run off; also avoid, elude, evade, lose, shun; decamp, depart, exit, leave; disentangle, extricate; emancipate, free, liberate, redeem, release
  [3] avoid, dodge, duck, elude, eschew, evade, shake, shirk, shun; also miss; avert, deflect, divert, obviate, parry, prevent, ward (off); debar, exclude, preclude; bypass, circumvent, skirt; foil, frustrate, outwit, thwart

2escape noun
1 ▶: flight from or avoidance of something unpleasant
2 ▶: LEAKAGE
3 ▶: a means of escape
  Synonyms
  [1] avoidance, cop-out, evasion, out; also bypassing, circumvention; averting, deflection, prevention
  [3] flight, getaway, lam, slip; also deliverance, liberation, redemption, release, rescue, salvation

3escape adjective
: providing a means or way of escape

es·cap·ee /is_.kāˌpē.ˌē/ noun
: one that has escaped esp. from prison

escape velocity noun
: the minimum velocity needed by a body (as a rocket) to escape from the gravitational field of a celestial body (as the earth)

es·cap·ism /is_ˌkāˌpizəm/ noun
: diversion of the mind to imaginative activity as an escape from routine
— es·cap·ist /ˌpizət/ adjective or noun

es·car·got /es_ˌkärˌgōt/ noun, plural -gots /ˌgōt(z)/
: a snail prepared for use as food

es·ca·role /es_ˌkärˌrōl/ noun
: ENDIVE 1

es·car·pent /es_ˌkärˌpənt/ noun
1: a steep slope in front of a fortification
2: a long cliff

**Synonyms**
- bluff, cliff, crag, palisade, precipice, scarp—more at cliff

**es·chew /es.chū/ verb**
- to avoid habitually esp. on moral or practical grounds: SHUN, AVOID

**Synonyms**
- avoid, dodge, duck, elude, escape, evade, shake, shirk, shun—more at ESCAPE

**escort /es.kōrt/ noun**
- one (as a person or warship) accompanying another esp. as a protection or courtesy

**Synonyms**
- attendant, companion, guard, guide; also chaperon, squire; shadow, sidekick; conductor, leader, pilot

**escrow /es.krō/ noun**
- something (as a deed or a sum of money) delivered by one person to another to be delivered to a third party only upon the fulfillment of a condition; also: a fund or deposit serving as an escrow

**es·cutch·eon /is.ˈka.chən/ noun**
- the usu. shield-shaped surface on which a coat of arms is shown

**Esd abbreviation**
- Edras

**Es·dras /ez.dras/ noun**
1: either of two books of the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament:
   a: a narrative book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture
   b: narrative and historical book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture
2: either of two uncanonical books of Scripture included in the Protestant Apocrypha

**ESE abbreviation**
- east-southeast

**Es·ki·mo /es.ˈka.mō/ noun**
1: a member of a group of peoples of northern Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and eastern Siberia
2: any of the languages of the Eskimo peoples

**Eskimo dog noun**
- a sled dog of American origin

**ESL abbreviation**
- English as a second language

**esoph·a·gus /ˌsä.ˈfa.ɡəs/ noun, plural -gi /ˌsä.ˈɡi/**
- a muscular tube that leads from the cavity behind the mouth to the stomach

- **esoph·a·geal /ˌsä.ˈfa.ˈɡē.əl/ adjective**

**es·ot·er·ic /ˌes.əˈter.ik/ adjective**
1: designed for or understood only by the specially initiated; broadly: difficult to understand
2: PRIVATE, SECRET

**Synonyms**
- abstruse, deep, profound—more at PROFOUND

**esp abbreviation**
- especially

**ESP /ˌɛs.ˈpē/ noun**
**EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION**

es·pa·drille /es_.Pa_.dri/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a flat sandal usu. having a fabric upper and a flexible sole

es·pal·ier /is_.Pal_.yɛʁ, _yɑ̃/ noun
: a plant (as a fruit tree) trained to grow flat against a support
— espalier verb

es·pe·cial /is_.Pe_.shal/ adjective
: being distinctive :

  Synonyms
  • distinct, express, precise, set, special, specific—more at EXPRESS

es·pe·cial·ly adverb
1 : in a special manner; also : in particular
2 : in a particularly strong or good way — used as an intensive

  Synonyms
  • extremely, greatly, highly, hugely, most, much, so, too, very

Es·pe·ran·to /es.Pa_.ran.tɔ_.tɔ_.tɔn/ noun
: an artificial international language based esp. on words common to the chief European languages

es·pio·nage /es_.pι_.o_.naj_.ni/ noun
[ORIGIN: F espionnage]
: the practice of spying

es·pla·nade /es_.Pla_.nadj/ noun
: a level open stretch or area; especially : one for walking or driving along a shore

es·pous·al /i_.sPas_.əl/ noun
1 : the act of betrothing or fact of being betrothed : BETROTHAL; also : WEDDING
2 : a taking up (as of a cause) as a supporter
— es·pouse /i_.sPə_.z/ verb

  Synonyms
  • marriage, wedding—more at WEDDING
  • engagement, troth—more at ENGAGEMENT

espres·so /es_.Pres_.oʊ/ noun, plural -sos
: coffee brewed by forcing steam through finely ground darkly roasted coffee beans

es·prit /i_.spri/ noun
: sprightly wit

  Synonyms
  • bounce, dash, drive, ginger, pep, punch, snap, spirit, verve, vim, zing, zip—more at SPIRIT

es·prit de corps /i_.sPrɛ_.də_.kɔʁ/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: the common spirit existing in the members of a group

es·py /i_.spɛ/ verb es· pied; es·py·ing
: to catch sight of

  Synonyms
  • discern, eye, notice, observe, perceive, regard, see, sight, spy, view—more at SEE

Esq or Esqr abbreviation
esquire

es·quire /es_.kwɪr(ə)r/ noun
1 : a man of the English gentry ranking next below a knight
2: a candidate for knighthood serving as attendant to a knight

3 — used as a title of courtesy

-ess /es, .es/ noun suffix

: female <authoress>

1essay /eˈsā/, ˈeˌsā/ verb

: to make an often tentative or experimental effort to perform: ATTEMPT, TRY

Synonyms

› assay, attempt, endeavor, seek, strive, try—more at ATTEMPT

2essay noun

1 /ˈeˌsā/, ˈeˌsā/ : an initial tentative effort: ATTEMPT

2 /ˈeˌsā/ : a literary composition usu. dealing with a subject from a limited or personal point of view

— es·say·ist /ˈeˌsāˌɪst/ noun

Synonyms

› [1] attempt, crack, endeavor, fling, go, pass, shot, stab, trial, try, whack—more at ATTEMPT

› [2] article, composition, paper, theme; also column, commentary, editorial, feature, report, review, write-up; dissertation, thesis; tract, treatise; discourse, discussion, exposition, study

essence /ˈes.əns/ noun

1 ‧: fundamental nature or quality

2 ‧: a substance distilled or extracted from another substance (as a plant or drug) and having the special qualities of the original substance

3 ‧: PERFUME

4 ‧: the most significant element or aspect of something <the ~ of the issue>

Synonyms

› [1, 4] nature, quintessence, soul, stuff, substance; also heart, spirit; center, core, keynote, marrow, pith, seat; embodiment, epitome, incarnation, manifestation, personification; aspect, attribute, feature, property; gist, kernel, nub

1essential /iˈsen.təl/ adjective

1 ‧: of, relating to, or constituting an essence <voting is an ~ right of citizenship > <~ oils>

2 ‧: of the utmost importance: INDISPENSABLE; also: of, relating to, or forming the base or essence

3 ‧: being a substance that must be obtained from the diet because it is not sufficiently produced by the body <~ amino acids>

— es·sen·tial·ly adverb

Synonyms

› [1] ingrained, inherent, innate, integral, intrinsic, natural—more at INHERENT

› [2] imperative, indispensable, integral, necessary, needful, requisite, vital; also prerequisite; compulsory, mandatory, obligatory; important, momentous, significant; basic, central, fundamental, key, organic; insistent, persistent, pressing, urgent

Antonyms

dispensable, needless, nonessential

2essential noun

› something indispensable

Synonyms

› condition, demand, must, necessity, need, requirement, requisite; also precondition, prerequisite

Antonyms

nonessential

› usually essentials elements, principles, rudiments—more at ELEMENT

est abbreviation

1 established

2 estimate; estimated

EST abbreviation
eastern standard time

1. *-est /əst/, *ist/ adjective suffix or adverb suffix
   — used to form the superlative degree of adjectives and adverbs of one or two syllables <fattest> <latest> <luckiest> <oftenest> and less often of longer ones

2. *-est /əst/, *ist/ or *-st /st/ verb suffix
   — used to form the archaic second person singular of English verbs (with thou) <didst>

es·tab·lish /əˈstaːlɪʃ/ verb
1 : to institute permanently <~ a law>
2 : to bring into existence : FOUND <~ a settlement>; also : EFFECT
3 : to make firm or stable
4 : to put on a firm basis : SET UP <~ a son in business>
5 : to gain acceptance or recognition of <the movie ~ed her as a star>; also : PROVE

Synonyms
   [2] constitute, effect, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND
   [5] demonstrate, prove, show, substantiate; also attest, authenticate, bear out, document, evidence, support, sustain, uphold; confirm, corroborate, justify, validate, verify

Antonyms
disprove

es·tab·lish·ment /əˈstaːlɪʃmənt/ noun
1 : something established: as
   a : a permanent civil or military organization
   b : a public or private institution
2 : a place of residence or business with its furnishings and staff
3 : an established ruling or controlling group <the literary ~> 4 : the act or state of establishing or being established

Synonyms
   [1a, 1b] foundation, institute, institution—more at INSTITUTION
   [1b] business, company, concern, enterprise, firm, house, outfit—more at ENTERPRISE

es·te·mate /ˈes.ɪmət/ noun
1 a : mode or condition of being : STATE
   b : social standing : STATUS
2 : a social or political class <the three ~s of nobility, clergy, and commons>
3 : a person's possessions : FORTUNE
4 : a landed property

Synonyms
   [1a] condition, fettle, form, order, repair, shape, state, trim—more at CONDITION
   [2] caste, class, folk, order, stratum—more at CLASS
   [4] castle, hall, manor, mansion, palace, villa—more at MANSION

es·te·me /ˈest.mə/ noun
1 : high regard
   Synonyms
   admiration, appreciation, estimation, favor, regard, respect—more at ADMIRATION

2. es·te·me verb
1 : to view as : REGARD
2 : to set a high value on

Synonyms
   [1] account, call, consider, count, hold, rate, reckon, regard, take—more at CONSIDER
   [2] admire, appreciate, regard, respect—more at ADMIRE

es·ter /ˈes.tər/ noun
 : an often fragrant organic compound formed by the reaction of an acid and an alcohol

Esth abbreviation
Esther

**Esther /æsˈtɛər/ noun**: a narrative book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture

**esthete, esthetic, esthetically, esthetics** variant of AESTHETE, AESTHETIC, AESTHETICALLY, AESTHETICS

**est-i-ma-ble /esˈte.mə.bəl/ adjective**: worthy of esteem

1 **estimate /esˈte.məl/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing**
   1 † : to give or form an approximation (as of value, size, or cost)
   2 : JUDGE, CONCLUDE

   — es-ti·ma·tor /ˌes.təˈme.tar/ noun

   **Synonyms**
   → appraise, assess, evaluate, rate, set, value; also adjudge, deem, judge; ascertain, determine, discover, learn; price, prize; decide, settle; assay, analyze, survey, test; reappraise, reassess, reevaluate, revalue
   → calculate, call, conjecture, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, place, put, reckon, suppose

2 **estimate /esˈte.mət/ noun**
   1 † : an opinion or judgment of the nature, character, or quality of a person or thing
   2 † : a rough or approximate calculation
   3 : a statement of the cost of work to be done

   **Synonyms**
   → [1] appraisal, assessment, estimation, evaluation, judgment—more at ESTIMATION
   → [2] calculation, computation, measurement, reckoning, valuation

**es·ti·ma·tion /esˈte.mə.ʃən/ noun**

1 † : a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter : JUDGMENT
2 † : the value, amount, or size arrived at in an estimate : ESTIMATE; also : the act of estimating something
3 † : high regard : ESTEEM

   **Synonyms**
   → [1] appraisal, assessment, estimation, evaluation, judgment—more at ESTIMATE
   → [2] appraisal, assessment, estimate, evaluation, judgment; also impression, notion, perception; confidence, faith, stock, trust
   → [3] admiration, appreciation, esteem, favor, regard, respect—more at ADMIRATION

**es·ti·vate /esˈte.vət/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing**

: to pass the summer in an inactive or resting state

— es·ti·va·tion /esˈte.və.ʃən/ noun

**Est-o-nian /eˈstə.nən/ noun**

: a native or inhabitant of Estonia

— Estonian adjective

**es·trange /ˈstrən/ verb es·tranged; es·trang·ing**

† : to alienate the affections or confidence of

**Synonyms**
→ alienate, disaffect, disgruntle, sour; also antagonize, embitter; anger, disunite, divide, separate, sever, sunder; disappoint, disenchant, disillusion

**Antonyms**
→ reconcile

**es·trange·ment noun**

† : the act of estranging or the condition of being estranged : alienation esp. in friendship

**Synonyms**
→ alienation, disaffection; also antagonism, division, divorce, schism, separation; disenchantment, disillusionment

**Antonyms**
→ reconciliation
es·tro·gen /ˌes.trəˈjæn/ noun
: a steroid (as a sex hormone) that tends to cause estrus and the development of female secondary sex characteristics
  — es·tro·gen·ic /ˌes.trəˈjæn.ɪk/ adjective

es·trous cycle noun
: the cycle of changes in the endocrine and reproductive systems of a female mammal from the beginning of one
  period of estrus to the beginning of the next

es·trus /ˌes.trəs/ noun
: a periodic state of sexual excitability during which the female of most mammals is willing to mate with the male
  and is capable of becoming pregnant: HEAT
  — es·trous /ˌes.trəs/ adjective

es·tu·ary /ˌes.ty.ər.eɪ/ noun, plural -ar·ies
  : an arm of the sea at the mouth of a river

  Synonyms
  bay, bight, cove, gulf, inlet—more at GULF

ET abbreviation
eastern time

eta /ˈe.tə/ noun
: the 7th letter of the Greek alphabet — H or η

ETA abbreviation
estimated time of arrival

et al /ˈɛt.əl/ abbreviation
[origin: L et alii (masc.), et aliae (fem.), or et alia (neut.)]
and others

e tc abbreviation
et cetera

et cet·era /ˈɛt.set.ərə/
[origin: L]
: and others esp. of the same kind — used to imply that other items are to be understood

etch /ˈe.tʃ/ verb
[origin: D etsen, fr. G ätzen to etch, corrode, fr. OHG ażzen to feed]
1 ♦ : to produce (as a design) on a hard material by corroding its surface (as by acid)
2 ♦ : to delineate or impress clearly

  Synonyms
  [1] engrave, grave, inscribe—more at ENGRAVE
  [2] engrave, impress, imprint, ingrain, inscribe—more at ENGRAVE

etch·ing noun
1 : the action, process, or art of etching
2 : a design produced on or print made from an etched plate

ETD abbreviation
estimated time of departure

eter·nal /əˈtər.nəl/ adjective
: having infinite duration: EVERLASTING, PERPETUAL

  Synonyms
  ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, everlasting, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying, unending—more
  at EVERLASTING

eter·nal·ly adverb
: throughout eternity

  Synonyms
eternal /ˈɛr-nəl/ noun, plural -nals
1: infinite duration
2: the state after death: IMMORTALITY
3: a seemingly endless or immeasurable time
   Synonyms
   ➤ [2] afterlife, hereafter, immortality; also otherworld
   ➤ [3] aeon, age, cycle—more at AGE

-eth /-əθ, -iθ/ or -th /-θ/ verb suffix
   — used to form the archaic third person singular present of verbs <doth>

ethane /ˈeθən/ noun
: a colorless odorless gaseous hydrocarbon found in natural gas and used esp. as a fuel

ethanol /ˈeθənəl/ noun
: ALCOHOL 1

ether /ˈë.tər/ noun
1: the upper regions of space; also: the gaseous element formerly held to fill these regions
2: a light flammable liquid used as an anesthetic and solvent

ethereal /ˈiθ.rəl/ adjective
1: CELESTIAL, HEAVENLY
2: exceptionally delicate: AIRY, DAINTY
   — ethereally adverb
   — etherealness noun
   Synonyms
   ➤ airy, dainty, fluffy, light—more at AIRY

Ethernet /ˈiθər.nət/ noun
: a computer network architecture for local area networks

ethical /ˈiথ.ik̻l/ adjective
1: of or relating to ethics
2: conforming to accepted and esp. professional standards of conduct
   — ethically adverb
   Synonyms
   ➤ decent, good, honest, honorable, just, moral, principled, right, straight, upright, virtuous—more at GOOD

ethics /ˈeθiks/ noun singular or plural
1: a discipline dealing with good and evil and with moral duty
2: moral principles or practice
   Synonyms
   ➤ morality, morals, principles, standards; also customs, etiquette, manners, mores; beliefs, dogma, faith, tenets

Ethiopian /ˈeθ.əp.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Ethiopia
   — Ethiopian adjective

ethnic /ˈeθ.nɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to races or large groups of people classed according to common traits and customs
   — ethnically adverb

2ethnic noun
: a member of a minority ethnic group who retains its customs, language, or social views

ethnography /ˈeθ.nəgraf/ noun
: a science dealing with the races of human beings, their origin, distribution, characteristics, and relations
   — ethnographical adjective
ethnologist /eth nə,lə,lista/ noun
ethology /iθ,nə,le,jə/ noun
: the scientific and objective study of animal behavior
— ethological /iθ,nə,lə,ʒi,leɪk/ adjective
— ethnologist /iθ,nə,lə,lista/ noun
ethos /iθ,nə,θəʊs/ noun
: the distinguishing character, sentiment, moral nature, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution
ethyl alcohol noun
: ALCOHOL
ethylene /iθ,nə,le,ni/ noun
: a colorless flammable gas found in coal gas or obtained from petroleum
etiology /iθ,ə,le,jə/ noun
: the causes of a disease or abnormal condition; also: a branch of medicine concerned with the causes and origins of diseases
— etiological /iθ,nə,le,jik/ or ethological /iθ,nə,le,ʒi,leɪk/ adjective
etiquette /iθ,kə,ket/ noun
[ORIGIN: F étiquette, lit., label, list]
: the forms prescribed by custom or authority to be observed in social, official, or professional life

Synonyms
form, manners, mores
Etruscan /ə trə,skən/ noun
1: the language of the Etruscans
2: an inhabitant of ancient Etruria
— Etruscan adjective
et seq abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L et sequens]
and the following one; [ORIGIN L et sequentes (masc. & fem. pl.) or et sequentia (neut. pl.)] and the following ones
-ette /e,tə/ suffix
1: little one <dinette>
2: female <usherette>
étude /ə,tød/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, lit., study]
: a musical composition for practice to develop technical skill
etymology /e,tə,mə,le,jə/ noun, plural -gies
1: the history of a linguistic form (as a word) shown by tracing its development and relationships
2: a branch of linguistics dealing with etymologies
— etymological /e,tə,mə,le,jik/ adjective
— etymologist /e,tə,mə,lista/ noun
Eu symbol
europium
eucalyptus /ju,kə,lɪp,təs/ noun, plural -ti /-tɪ/ or -tus-es
: any of a genus of mostly Australian evergreen trees widely grown for shade or their wood, oils, resins, and gums
Eucahrist /ju,kə,rɪst/ noun
: COMMUNION
— eucharistic /ju,kə,rɪstɪk/ adjective, often cap
1 euchre /ju,kər/ noun
: a card game in which the side naming the trump must take three of five tricks to win

**euchre** verb **eu·chred; eu·chring**

: CHEAT, TRICK

**eu·clid·e·an** also **eu·clid·i·an** /ˈjuːklɪdiən/ adjective, often cap

: of or relating to the geometry of Euclid or a geometry based on similar axioms

**eu·gen·ics** /ˈjuːjənɪks/ noun

: a science dealing with the improvement (as by selective breeding) of hereditary qualities esp. of human beings

— **eu·gen·ic** /ˈjɪŋɪk/ adjective

**eu·lo·gy** /ˈjuːloʊdʒi/ noun, plural -gies

1 : a speech in praise of some person or thing esp. in honor of a deceased person

2 : high praise

— **eu·lo·gic·tic** /ˈjuːləˌdʒɪktɪk/ adjective

— **eu·lo·gize** /ˈjuːloʊdʒɪz/ verb

**Synonyms**

† accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, homage, paean, panegyric, salutation, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM

**eu·nuch** /ˈjuːnək/ noun

: a castrated man

**eu·phe·mism** /ˈjuːfəˌmizəm/ noun

[ORIGIN: Gk euphēmismo, fr. euphēmos auspicious, sounding good, fr. eu- good + phēmē speech]

: the substitution of a mild or pleasant expression for one offensive or unpleasant; also : the expression substituted

— **eu·phe·mis·tic** /ˈjuːfəˌmɪstɪk/ adjective

— **eu·phe·mis·ti·cal·ly** /ˈjuːfəˌmɪstɪkəli/ adverb

**eu·pho·ni·ous** /ˈjuːfəˌnəʊəs/ adjective

: pleasing to the ear

— **eu·pho·ni·ous·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**

† harmonious, lyric, melodious, musical, symphonic, tuneful—more at HARMONIOUS

**eu·pho·ny** /ˈjuːfəˌnəʊə/ noun, plural -nies

: the effect produced by words so combined as to please the ear

**eu·pho·ria** /ˈjuːfəˌrɪə/ noun

1 : a marked feeling of well-being or elation

**Synonyms**

† ecstasy, elation, exhilaration, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rapture, rhapsody, transport—more at ECSTASY

**eu·phor·ic** /ˈjuːfəˌrɪk/ adjective

: characterized by or based on euphoria

**Synonyms**

† ecstatic, elated, intoxicated, rapturous, rhapsodic—more at ECSTATIC

Eur abbreviation

Europe; European

**Eur·asian** /ˈjuːrəˌzænˌˌʃæn/ adjective

1 : of mixed European and Asian origin

2 : of or relating to Europe and Asia

— **Eurasian** noun

**eu·re·ka** interjection

[ORIGIN: Gk heurēka I have found, fr. heuriskein to find; fr. the exclamation attributed to Archimedes on discovering a method for determining the purity of gold]

— used to express triumph on a discovery
eu·ro /ˈyʊrə/ noun, plural euros
: the common basic monetary unit of most countries of the European Union

 Eu·ro–Amer·i·can /ˌyʊrə.ˈæ.mər.i.kən/ noun
1 : a person of mixed European and American ancestry
2 : CAUCASIAN

 Eu·ro·bond /ˈyʊrə.bænd/ noun
: a bond of a U.S. corporation that is sold outside the U.S. but that is valued and paid for in dollars and yields interest in dollars

 Eu·ro·cur·ren·cy /ˌyʊrə.ˈkər.en.sē/ noun
: moneys (as of the U.S. and Japan) held outside their countries of origin and used in the money markets of Europe

 Eu·ro·dol·lar /ˈyʊrə.ˈdələr/ noun
: a U.S. dollar held as Eurocurrency

 Eu·ro·pe·an /ˌyʊrə.ˈpē.ən/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Europe
2 : a person of European descent
   — European adjective
   — Eu·ro·pe·an·ize /ˌe.nəˌız/ verb

 European–American noun
: EURO-AMERICAN

 Eu·ro·pe·an·ism /ˌyʊrə.ˈpē.ən.əm/ noun
1 : allegiance to the traditions, interests, or ideals of Europeans
2 : advocacy of political and economic integration of Europe
   — eu·ro·pe·an·ist /ˌe.nə.ɪst/ noun

 European plan noun
: a hotel plan whereby the daily rates cover only the cost of the room

 eu·ro·pi·um /ˈyʊrə.ˈpē.əm/ noun
: a rare metallic chemical element

 eu·sta·chian tube /ˌyʊs.ˈstə.ʃən/ noun, often cap E
: a tube connecting the inner cavity of the ear with the throat and equalizing air pressure on both sides of the eardrum

 eu·tha·nas·ia /ˌyʊθ.ˈθa.ˈnə.sə/ noun
[origin: Gk, easy death, fr. eu- good + thanatos death]
: the act or practice of killing or permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured persons or animals with as little pain as possible for reasons of mercy

 EVA abbreviation
extravehicular activity

 evac·u·ate /ɪˈvæ.kyə.ˈweɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to to make empty : empty out
2 : to discharge wastes from the body
3 : to remove or withdraw from : VACATE
   — evac·u·a·tion /ɪ.ˈvæ.kyə.ˈweɪ.ʃən/ noun

 Synonyms
   ➔ clear, empty, vacate, void—more at EMPTY

 evac·uee /ɪˈvæ.kyə.ˈwi/ noun
: a person removed from a dangerous place

 Synonyms
   ➔ émigré, exile, expatriate, refugee—more at ÉMIGRÉ
evade /ˈvād/ verb evad-ed; evad-ing
  ‣: to manage to avoid esp. by dexterity or slyness: ELUDE, ESCAPE
  - Synonyms
    • avoid, dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, shake, shirk, shun—more at ESCAPE

eval-u-ate /ɪˈvaljuˌeɪt/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing
  ‣: to determine or fix the value of: APPRAISE, VALUE; also: to determine the significance, worth, or condition of usu. by careful appraisal and study
  - Synonyms
    • appraise, assess, estimate, rate, set, value—more at ESTIMATE

eval-u-a-tion /ɪˌvaljuˈeɪʃən/ noun
  ‣: the act or result of evaluating
  - Synonyms
    • appraisal, assessment, estimate, estimation, judgment—more at ESTIMATION

ev-a·nes·cent /eˌvaˈnes·sənt/ adjective
  ‣: tending to vanish like vapor
  - Synonyms
    • ephemeral, flash, fleeting, fugitive, impermanent, momentary, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient—more at MOMENTARY

evan·gel·i·cal /ɪˈvænəˌjeləkəl/ adjective
  [origin: LL evangelium gospel, fr. Gk evangelion, fr. eu- good + angelos messenger]
  1 : of or relating to the Christian gospel esp. as presented in the four Gospels
  2 : of or relating to certain Protestant churches emphasizing the authority of Scripture and the importance of preaching as contrasted with ritual
  3 : ZEALOUS << fervor>
  - Evangelical noun
  - Evan·gel·i·cal·ism /ˌkaˌli̇zəm/ noun
  - evan·gel·i·cal·ly adverb

evan·ge·li·sm /ɪˌvænəˌlizəm/ noun
  1 : the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ
  2 : militant or crusading zeal
  - evan·ge·list·ic /ˌvænəˌlɪstɪk/ adjective
  - evan·ge·list·ic·al·ly adverb

evan·ge·list /ɪˌvænəˈlist/ noun
  1 often cap: the writer of any of the four Gospels
  2 : a person who evangelizes; especially: a Protestant minister or layman who preaches at special services

evan·ge·lize /ɪˌvænəˈlɪz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
  1 : to preach the gospel
  2 : to convert to Christianity
  - evap abbreviation
  - evaporate
  - evap·o·rate /ɪˈvæpəˌræt/ verb -rat-ed; -rat-ing
  1 : to pass off or cause to pass off in vapor
  2 ‣: to disappear quickly
  3 : to drive out the moisture from (as by heat)
  - evap·o·ra-tion /ˌɪvæpəˈræ.ʃən/ noun
  - evap·o·ra·tor /ˌɪvæpəˈtər/ noun
  - Synonyms
    • disappear, dissolve, fade, flee, go, melt, vanish—more at DISAPPEAR
evap-o·rite /ɪˈvæ.ɹə.tɪ/ noun
: a sedimentary rock that originates by the evaporation of seawater in an enclosed basin

eva·sion /ɪˈvæ.zhən/ noun
1 : a means of evading
2 : an act or instance of evading
— eva·sive·ness noun
  Synonyms
  • [1, 2] avoidance, cop-out, escape, out—more at ESCAPE

eva·sive /ɪˈvæ.sɪv/ adjective
✓ : tending or intended to evade; also : not easily caught
  Synonyms
  • elusive, fugitive, slippery—more at ELUSIVE

eve /ˈɛv/ noun
1 : EVENING
2 : the period just before some important event

1 even /ˈɛv.ən/ adjective
1 : having a horizontal surface : LEVEL, FLAT
2 : REGULAR, SMOOTH
3 : EQUAL, FAIR
4 : BALANCED; also : fully revenged
5 : divisible by two
6 : having no fraction either lacking or in excess : EXACT
— even·ly adverb
— even·ness noun
  Synonyms
  • [1] flat, flush, level, plane, smooth—more at LEVEL
  • [6] exact, flat, precise, round

2 even adverb
1 : EXACTLY, PRECISELY
2 : FULLY, QUITE
3 : at the very time
4 — used as an intensive to stress the identity or character of something <~ I know that> <he looked content, ~ happy>
5 — used as an intensive to emphasize something extreme or highly unlikely <so simple ~ a child can do it>
6 — used as an intensive to stress the comparative degree <did ~ better>
7 — used as an intensive to indicate a small or minimum degree <didn't ~ try>
  Synonyms
  • indeed, nay, truly, verily, yea; also certainly, decidedly, definitely, positively, really, surely, undeniably, unquestionably

3 even verb
✓ : to make or become even
  Synonyms
  • balance, equalize, equate, level—more at EQUALIZE
  • level, plane, smooth; also clip, crop, pare, prune, shave, trim
  Antonyms
  • rough, roughen

even·hand·ed /ˈɛv.ən.hænd/ed/ adjective
✓ : FAIR, IMPARTIAL
— even·hand·ed·ly adverb

even·ning /ˈɛv.nɪŋ/ noun
1 : the end of the day and early part of the night
2 chiefly Southern & Midland : AFTERNOON
Synonyms
dusk, gloaming, nightfall, sundown, sunset, twilight—more at dusk

evening primrose noun
: a coarse biennial herb with yellow flowers that open in the evening
evening star noun
: a bright planet (as Venus) seen esp. in the western sky at or after sunset
even-song /i even sɔn/ noun, often cap
1 : VESPERS
2 : evening prayer esp. when sung
event /i vent/ noun
[origin: MF or L; MF, fr. L eventus, fr. evenire to happen, fr. venire to come]
1 : something that happens : OCCURRENCE
2 : a noteworthy happening; also : a social occasion or activity
3 : a postulated outcome, condition, or eventuality : CONTINGENCY <in the ~ of rain>
4 : a contest in a program of sports

Synonyms
[1] affair, circumstance, deed, episode, experience, occurrence; also achievement, exploit, feat; news, hap, happening, incident, landmark, milestone, occasion, occurrence, page, phenomenon, tidings, turning point; adventure
[2] affair, fete, function, get-together, party—more at PARTY
[3] case, contingency, eventuality, possibility; also probability; chance, risk
[4] bout, competition, contest, game, match, meet, tournament—more at GAME

eventful adjective
1 : full of or rich in events
2 : very important

Synonyms
big, consequential, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty—more at IMPORTANT

eventide /i even fid/ noun
: the time of evening : EVENING

eventual /i ven chə wəl/ adjective
: coming at some later time : ULTIMATE
eventually adverb
: at an unspecified later time : in the end

Synonyms
someday, sometime, ultimately, yet—more at YET

eventuality /i ven chə wə la ti/ noun, plural -ties
: a possible event or outcome

Synonyms
case, contingency, event, possibility—more at EVENT

eventuate /i ven chə wət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to result finally

ever /e var/ adverb
1 : at all times : ALWAYS
2 : at any time
3 : in any way : AT ALL

Synonyms
[1] always, eternally, everlastingly, forever, permanently, perpetually; also long, perennially

Antonyms
never, nevermore
ever·glade /ˈe vərˌɡleɪd/ noun  
: a low-lying tract of swampy or marshy land

ever·green /ˈɛvərˌɡriːn/ adjective  
: having foliage that remains green <most coniferous trees are ~>  
— evergreen noun

everlasting /ˈe vərˌləst/ adjective  
1 : enduring forever : ETERNAL  
2 : having or being flowers or foliage that retain form or color for a long time when dried  
  Synonyms  
▶ ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying, unending; also durable, enduring, lasting, persistent; imperishable, indestructible; timeless; abiding, steadfast, steady, unfailing, unaltering  
  Antonyms  
▶ impermanent, mortal, temporary

everlasting noun  
1 : ETERNITY <from ~>  
2 : a plant with everlasting flowers; also : its flower

ever·last·ing·ly adverb  
▶ in an everlasting manner  
  Synonyms  
▶ always, eternally, ever, forever, permanently, perpetually—more at EVER

ever·more /ˈe vərˌmoʊr/ adverb  
: for a limitless time : FOREVER

ever /ˈe vər/ adjective  
[ORIGIN: ME everich, every, fr. OE āfre ēlc, fr. āfre ever + ēlc each]  
1 : being each one of a group  
2 : all possible <given a chance>; also : COMPLETE <have confidence>

ever·body /ˈe vərˌbɒdi/ pronoun  
: every person

ever·day /ˈe vərˌdeɪ/ adjective  
▶ encountered or used routinely : ORDINARY  
  Synonyms  
▶ average, common, commonplace, customary, familiar, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at ORDINARY

ever·one /ˈe vərˌwʌn/ pronoun  
: every person : EVERYBODY

ever·thing /ˈe vərˌθɪŋ/ pronoun  
1 : all that exists  
2 : all that is relevant

ever·where /ˈe vərˌhwɛr/ adverb  
: in every place or part

evg abbreviation  
evening

evict /ˈɪvɪkt/ verb  
1 : to put (a person) out from a property by legal process  
2 : EXPEL  
— eviction /ˈɪvɪkʃən/ noun
evidence /ˈe-və-dəns/ noun
1: an outward sign
2: something that furnishes proof: PROOF, TESTIMONY; especially: matter submitted in court to determine the truth of alleged facts
   Synonyms
   → attestation, confirmation, corroboration, documentation, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation, witness—more at PROOF

evidence verb
: PROVE, EVINCE

evi·dent /ˈdənt/ adjective
1: clear to the vision and understanding
   Synonyms
   → apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at CLEAR

evi·dent·ly /ˈe-və-dənt-əl/ adverb
1: in an evident manner
2: on the basis of available evidence <he was born ~ in Texas>
   Synonyms
   → apparently, ostensibly, presumably, seemingly, supposedly—more at APPARENTLY

evil /ˈe-vəl/ adjective evil·er or evil·ler; evil·est or evil·lest
1: morally reprehensible: WICKED
2: causing or threatening distress or harm: PERNICIOUS
   — evil·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   → [1] bad, black, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong
   → [2] bad, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, harmful, hurtful, injurious, noxious, pernicious—more at HARMFUL

evil noun
1: the fact of suffering, misfortune, and wrongdoing; also: evil actions or deeds
2: a source of sorrow, distress, or calamity
   Synonyms
   → bad, ill, immorality, iniquity, sin, villainy, wrong; also atrociousness, badness, heinousness, sinfulness, vileness, wickedness; devilry; cancer, decay, rot, squalor; corruption, debauchery, degeneracy, depravity, indecency, perversion; abomination, anathema, taboo
   Antonyms
   → good, morality, right, virtue

evil·do·er /ˈe-vəl-ˈdō-ər/ noun
1: one who does evil
   Synonyms
   → beast, devil, fiend, no-good, reprobate, rogue, varlet, villain, wretch—more at VILLAIN
   → malefactor, sinner, wrongdoer; also criminal, crook, felon, lawbreaker, miscreant, reprobate, transgressor, villain

evil·mind·ed /ˈe-vəl-mənd/ adjective
: having an evil disposition or evil thoughts
   — evil·mind·ed·ly adverb

evince /iˈvɪn-s/ verb evinced; evinc·ing
1: to constitute outward evidence of: SHOW, REVEAL
   Synonyms
   → bespeak, betray, demonstrate, display, expose, give away, manifest, reveal, show—more at SHOW

evis·cer·ate /ˈvi-sər-ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to remove the entrails of
2: to deprive of vital content or force
   — evisceration /əˌvīsərəˈtāshən/ noun
     Synonyms
     - clean, draw, gut—more at gut
   
   evoke /əˈvōk/ verb evoked; evoking
     - to call forth or up
     — evocation /əˌvōkəˈshən/ noun
     — evocative /əˌvōkəˈtīv/ adjective
     Synonyms
     - elicit, raise
   
   evolution /əˈvyōləˈshən/ noun
     1: one of a set of prescribed movements (as in a dance)
     2: a process of change in a particular direction
     3: a theory that the various kinds of plants and animals are descended from other kinds that lived in earlier times and that the differences are due to inherited changes that occurred over many generations
   
   evolve /əˈvōləv/ verb evolved; evolving
     [origin: L. evolvere to unroll]
     - to develop or change by or as if by evolution

EW abbreviation
  enlisted woman

ewe /ˈyū/ noun
  : a female sheep

ewer /ˈyū.ər/ noun
  : a water pitcher
  
1ex /eks/ preposition
  [origin: L]
  - out of: from
  2ex noun
  - a former spouse
  3ex abbreviation
    1 example
    2 express
    3 extra

Ex abbreviation
  Exodus

ex- /eks/ also occurs in this prefix where only i is shown below (as in "express") and ks sometimes occurs where only gz is shown (as in "exact")
  1: out of: outside
  2: former <ex-president>

exacerbate /ɪɡˈzaˌsərˌbæt/ verb -bated; -bating
  - to make more violent, bitter, or severe
  
  exact /ɪɡˈzækt/ verb
  1: to demand and force or compel (as payment, surrender, concession, performance, or compliance)
2: to call for or establish as suitable or necessary
   — ex·ac·tion /'zák.shan/ noun
     Synonyms
     ▶ call, claim, command, demand, enjoin, extort, insist, press
     ▶ assess, charge, fine, impose, lay, levy, put—more at IMPOSE

exact adjective
▶: precisely accurate or correct
   Synonyms
   ▶ accurate, correct, precise, proper, right, so, true—more at CORRECT
   ▶ delicate, fine, minute, nice, refined, subtle—more at FINE

ex·act·ly adverb
1 ▶: in a manner or measure or to a degree or number that strictly conforms to a fact or condition; also: in every respect
2 ▶: quite so: as you say or state — used to express agreement
   Synonyms
   ▶ accurately, just, precisely, right, sharp, squarely, strictly

ex·act·ness noun
▶: the quality or an instance of being exact
   Synonyms
   ▶ accuracy, closeness, delicacy, fineness, precision, veracity—more at PRECISION

ex·act·ing /ək.ˈzak.tiŋ/ adjective
1 ▶: greatly demanding <an ~ taskmaster>
2 ▶: requiring close attention and precision
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] choosy, demanding, fastidious, finicky, particular, picky—more at FINICKY
   ▶ [1] inflexible, rigid, rigorous, strict, stringent, uncompromising—more at RIGID
   ▶ [2] arduous, burdensome, challenging, demanding, grueling, laborious, onerous, taxing, toilsome—more at DEMANDING

ex·act·i·tude /ək.ˈzak.təd/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being exact

ex·ag·ger·ate /iɡ.ˈzak.ərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[origin: L exaggeratus, pp. of exaggerare, lit., to heap up, fr. agger heap]
▶: to enlarge (as a statement) beyond normal
   — ex·ag·ger·at·ed·ly adverb
   — ex·ag·ger·a·tor /iɡ.ˈzak.əˌtər/ noun
     Synonyms
     ▶ color, elaborate, embellish, embroider, magnify, pad, stretch—more at EMBROIDER

ex·ag·ger·a·tion /iɡ.ˈzak.ə.ʃən/ noun
▶: the act of exaggerating; also: the state or an instance of being exaggerated
   Synonyms
   ▶ elaboration, embellishment, hyperbole, magnification, overstatement, padding; also amplification, enhancement; fabrication, misrepresentation; fudging, hedging
   Antonyms
   ▶ understatement

ex·alt /iɡ.ˈz-alt/ verb
1 ▶: to raise up esp. in rank, power, or dignity
2 ▶: to elevate in estimation: GLORIFY
   — ex·al·ta·tion /iɡ.ˈzalt.ə.ʃən/ noun
     Synonyms
     ▶ [1, 2] aggrandize, dignify, ennoble, glorify, magnify; also boost, elevate, lift, promote, raise, upgrade, uplift; heighten, intensify; idealize, sanitize; canonize, deify; acclaim, exalt, honor, laud, praise
**Antonyms**
abase, debase, degrade, demean, humble, humiliate

**ex·am /ɛkˈɛm/ noun**
: an exercise or a series of exercises designed to examine progress or test qualification : EXAMINATION

**ex·am·i·na·tion /ˌɛkˌɑm.ɪˌneɪ.ʃən/ noun**
1 : the act or process of examining; also : the state of being examined
2 : an exercise designed to examine progress or test qualification or knowledge
3 : a formal interrogation

**Synonyms**
- [1] exploration, inquiry, investigation, probe, research, study—more at INQUIRY
- [2] quiz, test; also catechism; audition; final; checkup, inspection, review; inquiry, interrogation, investigation, probe, research

**ex·am·ine /ɛkˈɑm.in/ verb·ed ex·am·ined; ex·am·in·ing**
1 : to inspect closely
2 : to attempt to determine or test by questioning

**Synonyms**
- [1] audit, check, inspect, review, scan, scrutinize, survey—more at INSPECT
- [2] grill, interrogate, pump, query, question, quiz; also debrief; cross-examine; catechize; annoy, harass, hound, pester

**ex·am·ple /ɛkˈɑm.pl/ noun**
1 : something forming a model to be followed or avoided
2 : a representative sample
3 : a problem to be solved in order to show the application of some rule

**Synonyms**
- case, exemplar, illustration, instance, representative, sample, specimen; also cross section; evidence, indication, manifestation, sign

**ex·as·per·ate /ɪɡˈza.ˌpə.ɹət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing**
: to excite the anger of : VEX, IRRITATE

**Synonyms**
- aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, grate, irk, irritate, vex—more at IRRITATE

**ex·as·per·a·tion /ɪɡˈza.ˌpə.ɹə.ʃən/ noun**
: the state of being exasperated; also : the act or source of being exasperated

**Synonyms**
- aggravation, annoyance, bother, frustration, hassle, headache, irritant, nuisance, problem, thorn, vexation—more at ANNOYANCE

**exc abbreviation**
1 excellent
2 except

**ex·ca·vate /ɪkˌske.ˌvæt/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing**
1 : to hollow out; also : to form by hollowing out
2 : to dig out and remove (as earth)
3 : to reveal to view by digging away a covering

— **ex·ca·va·tion /ɪkˌske.ˌvæ.ʃən/ noun**

— **ex·ca·va·tor /ɪkˌske.ˌvæ.tər/ noun**

**ex·ceed /ɪkˌsedd/ verb**
1 : to go or be beyond the limit of
2 : to be greater than or superior to : SURPASS

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] overreach, overrun, overshot, overstep, surpass; also encroach, entrench, infringe, invade, trespass; overdo, overuse, overwork
ex·ceed·ing·ly /ˌsēˌdēd·ĭŋ/ also ex·ceed·ing adverb
: to an extreme degree : EXTREMELY, VERY

ex·cel /ikˈsəl/ verb ex·celled; ex·cel·ling
▶ : to be superior to : SURPASS, OUTDO
  Synonyms
  ▶ beat, better, eclipse, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, surpass, top, transcend—more at SURPASS

ex·cel·lence /ekˈsəˌlens/ noun
1 ▶ : the quality of being excellent
2 ▶ : an excellent or valuable quality : VIRTUE
3 : EXCELLENCY
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] distinction, greatness, preeminence, superiority, supremacy; also flawlessness, impeccability, perfection; goodness, value, worth; consequence, importance, notability
  ▶ [2] distinction, merit, value, virtue; also advantage, edge, superiority
  Antonyms
  deficiency

ex·cel·len·cy /ˌlənˈsē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : outstanding or valuable quality : EXCELLENCE
2 — used as a title of honor

ex·cel·lent /ˈekələnt/ adjective
▶ : very good of its kind
— ex·cel·lent·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ A1, fabulous, fine, grand, great, marvelous, prime, sensational, splendid, superb, superior, unsurpassed, wonderful; also better, exceptional, fancy, premium, special
  Antonyms
  poor

ex·cel·si·or /ˈekəlˌsēər/ noun
: fine curled wood shavings used esp. for packing fragile items

1 ex·cept /ˈekəpt/ also ex·cept·ing preposition
▶ : with the exclusion or exception of <daily ~ Sundays>
  Synonyms
  ▶ aside from, bar, barring, besides, but, outside, save

2 except verb
1 ▶ : to take or leave out
2 : OBJECT
  Synonyms
  ▶ ban, bar, count out, debar, eliminate, exclude, rule out—more at EXCLUDE

3 except also excepting conjunction
1 : UNLESS ~ you repent
2 ▶ : were it not that : ONLY <I’d go, ~ it’s too far>
  Synonyms
  ▶ but, only, yet

except for preposition
1 : with the exception of <everyone was gone except for me>
2 : were it not for <except for you I would be dead>

ex·cep·tion /ˈekəpʃən/ noun
1 : the act of excepting
2 : something excepted
3 : OBJECTION
exceptionable /ɪkˈseptʃənəbəl/ adjective
: being likely to cause objection: OBJECTIONABLE

exceptional /ɪkˈseptʃənl/ adjective
1 ➤ : forming an exception: UNUSUAL <an ~ number of rainy days>
2 ➤ : SUPERIOR <~ skill>
— exception·al·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ➤ abnormal, atypical, rare, singular, uncommon, uncustomey, unique, unusual, unwonted; also conspicuous, notable, noticeable, outstanding, prominent, remarkable, salient, striking; bizarre, deviant, eccentric, outlandish, quaint, strange, weird; incomprehensible, inconceivable, incredible, unimaginable, unthinkable
  Antonyms
  ➤ common, customary, normal, ordinary, typical

excerpt /ɪkˈsɛrpt/ noun
: a passage selected or copied: EXTRACT
— excerpt /ɪkˈsɛrpt/ verb

excess /ɪkˈses/ noun
1 ➤ : the state or an instance of surpassing usual, proper, or specified limits: SUPERFLUITY, SURPLUS
2 ➤ : INTEMPERANCE; also : an instance of intemperance
  Synonyms
  ➤ fat, overabundance, overflow, superfluity, surfeit, surplus; also abundance, bounty, plenty, profusion, sufficiency; overproduction, overstock
  Antonyms
  ➤ deficiency, deficit, insufficiency

2 excess adjective
➤ : more than the usual, proper, or specified amount
  Synonyms
  ➤ extra, spare, superfluous, supernumerary, surplus—more at SPARE

excessive /ɪkˈsɛsiv/ adjective
➤ : exceeding what is usual, proper, necessary, or normal
  Synonyms
  ➤ extravagant, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, lavish, overmuch, steep, stiff; also boundless, endless, immeasurable, infinite, limitless; intolerable, unbearable, unjustifiable, unwarranted; improper, inappropriate, thick, unseemly
  Antonyms
  ➤ moderate, modest, reasonable, temperate

excessive·ly adverb
➤ : to an exceptional or even improper degree
  Synonyms
  ➤ inordinately, overly, overmuch, too—more at TOO

exchange abbreviation
exchange; exchanged

1 exchange /ɪkˈʃeɪndʒ/ noun
1 ➤ : the giving or taking of one thing in return for another: TRADE
2 ➤ : a substituting of one thing for another
3 ➤ : interchange of valuables and esp. of bills of exchange or money of different countries
4 ➤ : a place where things and services are exchanged; especially : a marketplace for securities
5 ➤ : a central office in which telephone lines are connected for communication
6 ➤ : a reciprocal interchange (as of things or ideas); also : the act of such an interchange
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] barter, commutation, swap, trade, truck; also replacement, substitution; reciprocation, recompense,
requital; bargain, deal, horse trade, negotiation, transaction; bargaining, dealing, dickering, haggling, horse trading; logrolling
  ▶ [6] colloquy, conversation, dialogue, discourse, discussion—more at CONVERSATION

exchange verb ex·changed; ex·chang·ing
  ▶ to transfer in return for some equivalent : SWAP
— ex·change·able /iks.'chän.jə.bal/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ change, commute, shift, substitute, swap, switch, trade—more at CHANGE

ex·che·quer /eks.'ker/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME escherker, fr. AF, chessboard, counting table, office charged with revenue collection, fr. eschech check (in chess), chess]
  : TREASURY; especially : a national treasury

ex·cise /ek.'siz/ noun
  : a tax on the manufacture, sale, or consumption of a commodity

ex·ci·sion /ik.'sizhən/ noun
  : removal by or as if by cutting out esp. by surgical means
— ex·cise /ik.'siz/ verb
— ex·cit·a·ble /ik.'sɪt.ɪ.leɪ./ adjective
  ▶ easily excited
— ex·cit·a·bil·i·ty /ˌsɪt.ɪ.ˈbɪ.lə.ti/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ flighty, fluttery, high-strung, jittery, jumpy, nervous, skittish, spooky; also hot-blooded, mercurial, temperamentally, unstable, volatile; anxious, edgy, jumpy, nervy, tense, uptight; emotional, hypersensitive, intense, sensitive, soulful; dramatic, histrionic, melodramatic; irascible, irritable, prickly, testy, touchy
  Antonyms
  unflappable

ex·cite /ik.'sɪt/ verb ex·cit·ed; ex·cit·ing
1 ▶ to stir up the emotions of
2 ▶ to increase the activity of : STIMULATE
— ex·ci·ta·tion /ˌsɪt.ə.'tʃen.ə./ noun
— ex·cit·ed·ly adverb
— ex·cit·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] electrify, exhilarate, galvanize, intoxicate, thrill, titillate, turn on—more at THRILL
  ▶ [2] arouse, encourage, fire, incite, instigate, move, pique, provoke, stimulate, stir

ex·cite·ment /ik.'sɪt.mənt/ noun
1 ▶ something that excites or rouses
2 ▶ the action of exciting : the state of being excited
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] incitement, instigation, provocation, stimulus—more at PROVOCATION
  ▶ [2] appetite, ardor, avidity, eagerness, enthusiasm, hunger, impatience, keenness, thirst—more at EAGERNESS

ex·cit·ing adjective
  ▶ producing excitement
  Synonyms
  ▶ breathtaking, electric, exhilarating, rousing, stirring, thrilling; also arresting, interesting, intriguing, provocative, tantalizing; absorbing, engrossing, gripping, riveting; moving, poignant, touching; enthralling, fascinating
  Antonyms
  unexciting

ex·claim /iks.'klæm/ verb
  : to cry out, speak, or utter sharply or vehemently
— ex-cla-ma·tion /eksˈklaˌmāʃən/ noun
— ex-clam-a-to-ry /eksˈklaˌməˌrē/ adjective

exclamation point noun
: a punctuation mark ! used esp. after an interjection or exclamation

ex·clude /eksˈklüd/ verb ex·clud·ed; ex·clud·ing
1 : to prevent from using or participating : BAR
2 : to put out : EXPEL
— ex·clu·sion /ˈklü.zhon/ noun

Synonyms
ban, bar, count out, debar, eliminate, except, rule out; also blackball, blacklist, ostracize; banish, deport, exile, expel, oust, throw out; block, hinder, impede, obstruct; cease, discontinue, halt, suspend; deter, stave off, ward (off)

Antonyms
admit, include

ex·clu·sive /eksˈklü.siv/ adjective
1 : reserved for particular persons
2 : snobbishly aloof; also : STYLISH
3 : having no sharer : SOLE (<~ rights>; also : UNDIVIDED
— exclusive noun
— ex·clu·sive·ness noun
— ex·clu·siv·i·ty noun

ex·clu·sive·ly adverb
: in an exclusive manner

Synonyms
alone, just, only, simply, solely—more at SOLELY

exclusive of preposition
: not taking into account

ex·cog·i·tate /ekˈskäˌjaˌtāt/ verb
: to think out : DEVISE

ex·com·mu·ni·cate /ekˌskoomˈniˌkat/ verb
: to cut off officially from the rites of the church
— ex·com·mu·ni·ca·tion /ˌskoomˈniˌkāˈshan/ noun

ex·co·ri·ate /ekˈskŏrˌēˌät/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to criticize severely
— ex·co·ri·a·tion /ˌekˌskŏrˌēˌāˈshan/ noun

Synonyms
abuse, assail, attack, belabor, blast, castigate, jump, lambaste, slam, vituperate—more at ATTACK

ex·cre·ment /ekˈskrəˌmant/ noun
: waste discharged from the body and esp. from the alimentary canal; especially : FECES
— ex·cre·men·tal /ˌekˌskrəˈmen·tal/ adjective

ex·cre·sence /ˌekˌskrəsəns/ noun
: OUTGROWTH; especially : an abnormal outgrowth (as a wart)

Synonyms
growth, lump, neoplasm, tumor—more at GROWTH

ex·cre·ta /ˌekˈskrēˌtə/ noun plural
: waste matter separated or eliminated from an organism

ex·cre·te /ˌekˈskrēt/ verb ex·cret·ed; ex·cret·ing
: to separate and eliminate wastes from the body esp. in urine or sweat
— ex·cre·tion /ˌskrēˌshan/ noun
--- ex·cre·to·ry /ekˌskrē′tərē/ adjective

ex·cruci·at·ing /ikˌskrūˈshēˌā̇tɪŋ/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L exscreciari, fr. cruciare to crucify, fr. crux cross] 
▷ intensely painful, distressing, or difficult to bear
--- ex·cruci·at·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ○ agonizing, harrowing; also acute, exquisite, extreme, fierce, intense, vehement, violent; piercing, sharp, shooting, stabbing, stinging, tearing, tingling

ex·cul·pate /ekˌskəlˈpāt/ verb -pat·ed; -pat·ing
▷ to clear from alleged fault or guilt
  Synonyms
  ○ absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate, vindicate; also atone (for), expiate; discharge, liberate, redeem, release, unburden; condone, excuse, forgive, pardon, remit; avenge, redress, revenge
  Antonyms
  ○ incriminate

ex·cur·sion /ikˌskərˈzhən/ noun
1 a : EXPEDITION
   b : a pleasure trip
2 : deviation from a direct, definite, or proper course : DIGRESSION
  Synonyms
  ○ jaunt, junket, outing, sally; also journey; circuit, tour; expedition, odyssey, safari; detour; hike, peregrination, trek, walk; pilgrimage

ex·cur·sion·ist /zha′nist/ noun
▷ a person who goes on an excursion
  Synonyms
  ○ sightseer, tourist, traveler—more at TOURIST

ex·cur·sive /ˈskər siv/ adjective
▷ constituting or characterized by digression

ex·cus·able adjective
▷ capable of or fit for being excused, forgiven, justified, or acquitted of blame
  Synonyms
  ○ forgivable, pardonable, venial—more at VENIAL

1 excuse /ikˌskyo̱z/ verb ex·cused; ex·cus·ing
1 a : to make excuse for : offer apology for
   b : to try to remove blame from
2 ▷ to forgive entirely or overlook as of little consequence : PARDON
3 : to release from an obligation
4 : JUSTIFY
  Synonyms
  ○ brush, disregard, gloss, pardon, pass over, shrug off; also explain, justify, rationalize, whitewash; absolve, acquit, clear, culpate, exonerate, vindicate

2 excuse /ikˌskyo̱z/ noun
1 : an act of excusing
2 ▷ something that excuses or is a reason for excusing : JUSTIFICATION
  Synonyms
  ○ alibi, defense, justification, plea, reason; also guise, pretense, pretext, rationale, rationalization; cop-out, out; acknowledgment, apology, atonement, confession

e·xec noun
  : EXECUTIVE

ex·e·cra·ble /ekˈskrəˌbəl/ adjective
DETESTABLE: very bad

**Synonyms**
- atrocious, awful, lousy, punk, rotten, terrible, wretched

**ex·e·crate** /ek_sə_ˈkrät/ verb -crat·ed; -crat·ing
[origin: L. exsecratus, pp. of exsecurari to put under a curse, fr. ex- out of + sacer sacred]
- to denounce as evil or detestable; also: DETEST
  **Synonyms**
  - condemn, damn, denounce; also curse, impregate; abhor, abominate, detest, hate, loathe; berate, lambaste, revile, scold; blame, censure, criticize, rebuke
  **Antonyms**
  - bless
- abhor, abominate, despise, detest, hate, loathe—more at HATE

**ex·e·cra·tion** /ek_sə_ˈkrä_ʃan/ noun
1: the act of cursing or denouncing; also: the curse so uttered
2: an object of curses: something detested
  **Synonyms**
  - anathema, curse, imprecation, malediction—more at CURSE

**ex·e·cut·e** /ek_sə_ˈkya_ʃəl/ verb -cut·ed; -cut·ing
1: to carry out fully: put completely into effect
2: to do what is called for by (as a law)
3: to put to death esp. in accordance with a legal sentence
4: to produce by carrying out a design
5: to do what is needed to give validity to <~ a deed>
  — **ex·e·cu·tion·er** noun
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, compass, do, follow through, make, perform—more at PERFORM
  - [1, 2] administer, apply, enforce, implement—more at ENFORCE
  - [3] dispatch, do in, liquidate, murder, slay—more at MURDER

**ex·e·cu·tion** /ek_sə_ˈkya_ʃən/ noun
- the act or process of executing
  **Synonyms**
  - accomplishment, achievement, commission, discharge, enactment, fulfillment, implementation, performance, perpetration—more at COMMISSION

**executive** /ɪˈɡə_ˈkiː.ə.tɪv/ adjective
1: of or relating to the enforcement of laws and the conduct of affairs
2: designed for or related to carrying out plans or purposes
  **Synonyms**
  - directorial, managerial, supervisory; also bureaucratic, governmental, ministerial, official, parliamentary; regulatory; authoritarian, despotic, dictatorial

**executive** noun
1: the branch of government with executive duties
2: one having administrative or managerial responsibility
  **Synonyms**
  - administrator, director, manager, superintendent, supervisor; also officer, official; commissioner, minister; boss, chief, head, leader, president

**ex·e·cu·tor** /ɪˈɡə_ˈkiː.ə.tər/ noun
- the person named in a will to execute it

**ex·e·cu·trix** /ɪˈɡə_ˈkiː.ə.trɪks/ noun, plural ex·e·cu·trices /ˌɪɡə_ˈkiː.ə.trɪs/ or ex·e·cu·trix·es /ˌɪɡə_ˈkiː.ə.trɪks/  : a woman who is an executor
ex·e·ge·sis /i·kˌsē·səs/ noun, plural -ses /i·sēz/
: explanation or critical interpretation of a text

ex·e·gete /i·kˌsē·jet/ noun
: one who practices exegesis
— ex·e·get·i·cal /i·kˌsē·je·təl/ adjective

ex·em·plar /i·kˌzəmˌplər/ noun
1 : one that serves as a model or example; especially : an ideal model
2 : a typical instance or example
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] beau ideal, classic, epitome, ideal, model, nonpareil, paragon, perfection, quintessence—more at QUINTESSENCE
   ▶ [2] case, example, illustration, instance, representative, sample, specimen—more at EXAMPLE

ex·em·pla·ry /i·kˌzəmˌplərē/ adjective
: serving as a pattern; also : COMMENDABLE

ex·em·pli·fy /i·kˌzəmˌplə·fī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to illustrate by example : serve as an example of
   — ex·em·pli·fi·ca·tion /i·kˌzəmˌplə·fəˌkashən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ demonstrate, illustrate, instance—more at ILLUSTRATE

1exempt /i·kˌzemp/ adjective
: free from some liability to which others are subject

2exempt verb
: to make exempt : EXCUSE
   — ex·emp·tion /i·kˌzempˌshon/ noun

1exercise /i·kˌzarˌsiz/ noun
1 : the act of bringing into play or realizing in action : EMPLOYMENT, USE "of authority"
2 : exertion made for the sake of training or physical fitness
3 : a task or problem done to develop skill
4 plural : a public exhibition or ceremony
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] application, employment, operation, play, use—more at USE
   ▶ [2] activity, exertion; also training, workout; toning, trimming; aerobics, calisthenics, isometrics, weight lifting; physical therapy
   ▶ [3] drill, practice, routine, training, workout; also assignment, homework, lesson

2exercise verb -cised; -cis·ing
1 : to make effective in action; also : to bring to bear : EXERT "of control"
2 : to train by or engage in exercise
3 : to cause anxiety, alarm, or indignation in : WORRY, DISTRESS
   — ex·er·cis·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] apply, exert, put out, wield—more at EXERT
   ▶ [1] apply, employ, exploit, harness, operate, use, utilize—more at USE

ex·ert /i·kˌzər/ verb
: to bring or put into action "of influence" "of ed himself"
   Synonyms
   ▶ apply, exercise, put out, wield; also employ, use, utilize

ex·er·tion /i·zərˌshən/ noun
: the act or an instance of exerting; especially : a laborious or perceptible effort
   Synonyms
activity, exercise—more at EXERCISE
effort, labor, pains, sweat, trouble, work—more at EFFORT

ex·fo·li·ate /eks.'fō.lē.āt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to cast off in scales, layers, or splinters
— ex·fo·li·a·tion /eks.'fō.lē.āshən/ noun

ex·ha·le /eks.'hāl/ verb ex·haled, ex·hal·ing
1 ▶: to breathe out
2 ▶: to give or pass off in the form of vapor
— ex·ha·la·tion /eks.'hā.lən/ noun

Synonyms
▶ blow, breathe, expire

Antonyms
inhale, inspire

▶ [2] cast, discharge, emit, expel, issue, release, shoot, vent—more at EMIT

1exhaust /iɡ.'zōst/ verb
1 ▶: to use up wholly
2 ▶: to tire or wear out
3 : to draw off or let out completely; also : EMPTY
4 : to develop (a subject) completely

Synonyms
▶ [1] clean, consume, deplete, drain, expend, spend, use up—more at DEPLETE
▶ [2] burn out, do in, drain, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary; also debilitate, enervate, enfeeble, sap, waste, weaken

2exhaust noun
1 : the escape of used vapor or gas from an engine; also : the gas that escapes
2 : a system of pipes through which exhaust escapes

ex·haus·tion /iɡ.'zōs.shən/ noun
▶ extreme weariness : FATIGUE

Synonyms
burnout, collapse, fatigue, lassitude, prostration, tiredness, weariness—more at FATIGUE

ex·haus·tive /iɡ.'zəs.tiv/ adjective
▶ covering all possibilities : THOROUGH

Synonyms
all-out, clean, complete, comprehensive, full-scale, out-and-out, thorough, thoroughgoing, total; also broad, extensive, far-reaching, wide; general, global, inclusive

ex·haus·tive·ly adverb
▶ in a thorough or exhaustive manner

Synonyms
completely, fully, minutely, roundly, thoroughly, totally—more at THOROUGHLY

1exhibit /iɡ.'zi.bat/ verb
1 : to display esp. publicly
2 : to present to a court in legal form
— ex·hib·i·tor /iɡ.'zi.batər/ noun

2exhibit noun
1 ▶: an act or instance of exhibiting; also : something exhibited
2 : something produced and identified in court for use as evidence

Synonyms
display, exhibition, exposition, fair, show—more at EXHIBITION

ex·hi·bi·tion /ek'se.bi.shən/ noun
▶ an act or instance of exhibiting; also : a public showing (as of works of art, objects of manufacture, or athletic
skill)

**Synonyms**
- demonstration, display, show—more at **show**
- display, exhibit, exposition, fair, show; also demonstration, performance, presentation, production; extravaganza, pageant, spectacle; auction, offering, sale

**ex-hi·bi·tion·ism** /ek.səˌbi.ʃə.nəlˌizəm/ noun
1 : a perversion marked by a tendency to indecently expose one's genitals
2 : the act or practice of behaving so as to attract attention to oneself

— **ex-hi·bi·tion·ist** /ˌnɪst/ noun or adjective

**ex-hil·a·rate** /ɪk.ˈzɪ.lə.ræt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
- to make cheerful and excited

**Synonyms**
- elate, elevate, enrapture, thrill, transport—more at **elate**

**exhilirating** adjective
- serving to exhilarate

**Synonyms**
- breathtaking, exciting, rousing, stirring, thrilling—more at **exciting**

**ex·hil·a·ra·tion** /ɪk.ˈzɪ.ləˈræʃən/ noun
1 : the action of exhilarating
2 : the feeling or the state of being exhilarated

**Synonyms**
- ecstasy, elation, euphoria, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rapture, rhapsody, thrill, transport—more at **ecstasy**

**exhort** /ɪk.ˈzɔrt/ verb
- : to urge, advise, or warn earnestly

— **ex-hor·ta·tion** /ɪk.ˈzɔr.təˌʃən/ noun

**Synonyms**
- egg, encourage, goad, press, prod, prompt, urge—more at **urge**

**ex·hume** /ɪk.ˈzʊm, ɪk.ˈhyʊm/ verb exhumed; exhum·ing

— **ex-hu·ma·tion** /ɪk.ˈzu.ˈmeɪ.ʃən/ noun

**ex·i·gen·cy** /ɪk.ˈzi.ʃən.əlˌsi/ noun, plural -cies
1 plural : **requirements**
2 : urgent need

— **ex·i·gent** /ɪk.ˈzi.ʃənt/ adjective

**ex·i·gu·ous** /ɪk.ˈzi.gwəs/ adjective
- scanty in amount

— **ex·i·gu·i·ty** /ɪk.ˈzi.gwəˌti/ noun

1 ex·ile /ɪk.ˈzi.l/ noun
1 : the state or a period of forced absence from one's country or home: **banishment**; also : voluntary absence from one's country or home
2 : a person driven from his or her native place

**Synonyms**
- 1 banishment, deportation, displacement, expulsion; also ostracism; extradition; dispersion, scattering; emigration, migration; evacuation
- 2 émigré, evacuee, expatriate, refugee—more at **émigré**

2ex·ile verb ex·i·led; ex·i·ling
- : to expel from one's own country or home: **banish**

**Synonyms**
exist /ɪɡˈzɪst/ verb
1 : to have being
2 : to continue to be : LIVE
   Synonyms
   ‣ be, breathe, live, subsist—more at be

existence /ɪɡˈzɪst.əns/ noun
1 : continuance in living
2 : actual or present occurrence ◄ of a state of war> 3 : something existing
   Synonyms
   ‣ actuality, reality, subsistence; also genuineness, realness; activity, animation, life; currency, presence, prevalence
   Antonyms
   nonexistence

existent /ɪɡˈzɪst.ənt/ adjective
牵手 having being; also : existing now
   Synonyms
   ‣ actual, concrete, factual, real, true, very—more at actual
   ‣ alive, extant, living—more at extant

existential /ɪɡˈzɪst.ən.təl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to existence
2 : EMPIRICAL
3 : having being in time and space
4 : of or relating to existentialism or existentialists

existentialism /ɪɡˈzɪst.ən.təl.iズm/ noun
: a philosophy centered on individual existence and personal responsibility for acts of free will in the absence of certain knowledge of what is right or wrong
   — existentialist /ɪɡˈzɪst.ən.təl.i스트/ adjective or noun

exit /ɪɡˈzɛt/ noun
1 : a departure from a stage
2 : a going out or away; also : DEATH
3 : a way out of an enclosed space
4 : a point of departure from an expressway
   Synonyms
   ‣ [2] departure, farewell, leave-taking, parting—more at DEPARTURE
   ‣ [3] egress, issue, outlet; also escape, release; opening, passage, vent
   Antonyms
   entrance, entry; ingress

exit verb
 Uncomment to go out or away from
   Synonyms
   ‣ clear out, depart, get off, go, move, pull, quit, sally, shove, take off—more at go

exobiology /ɪkˌsɑː.bləˈdʒi/ noun
: biology concerned with life originating or existing outside the earth or its atmosphere
   — exobiologist /ɪkˌsɑː.bləˈdʒɪst/ noun

exocrine gland /ɪkˌsɔr.ɪn.ˈkran/ noun
: a gland (as a salivary gland) that releases a secretion externally by means of a canal or duct
   Exod abbreviation
   Exodus
ex·o·dus /'ek.sə.dəs/ noun
1 cap : the mainly narrative second book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture
2 : a mass departure : EMIGRATION

ex of·fi·cio /'ek.səˌfi.shə.ˌdo/ adverb or adjective
: by virtue of or because of an office <ex officio chairman>

ex·og·e·nous /'ek.səˌjə.nəs/ adjective
: caused or produced by factors outside the organism or system
— ex·og·e·nous·ly adverb

ex·on·er·ate /'ek.səˈnər.a.tət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[origin: ME, fr. L exoneratus, pp. of exonerare to unburden, fr. ex- out + onus load]
› : to free from blame
— ex·on·er·a·tion /'zə.nər.a.ʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
    › absolve, acquit, clear, exculpate, vindicate—more at EXCULPATE

ex·or·bi·tant /'ek.ərˌba.lənt/ adjective
› : exceeding what is usual or proper
  Synonyms
    › excessive, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, lavish, steep, stiff—more at EXCESSIVE

ex·or·cise /'ek.ərˌsiz.ər/ verb -cised; -cis·ing
1 : to get rid of by or as if by solemn command
2 : to free of an evil spirit
— ex·or·cism /'si.zəm/ noun
— ex·or·cist /'si.zist/ noun

ex·o·sphere /'ek.so.ˌsfir/ noun
: the outermost region of the atmosphere

ex·o·ther·mic /'ek.so.ˌθər.mik/ adjective
: characterized by or formed with evolution of heat

ex·ot·ic /'ek.o.tək/ adjective
1 : introduced from another country
2 › : strikingly, excitingly, or mysteriously different or unusual
  Synonyms
    › fantastic, glamorous, marvelous, outlandish, romantic, strange; also colorful, picturesque, quaint; alien, foreign; distant, faraway, remote; alluring, captivating, fascinating

exp abbreviation
1 expense
2 experiment
3 export
4 express

ex·pand /'ik.sənd/ verb
1 › : to open up : UNFOLD
2 › : to increase in extent, number, volume, or scope : ENLARGE
3 › : to develop in detail
— ex·pand·er noun
  Synonyms
    › [1] extend, fan, flare, open, spread, stretch, unfold
    › [2] add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell, up—more at INCREASE
    › [3] amplify, develop, elaborate, enlarge; also add (to), complement, supplement; discourse, expatiate, ramble, run on
Antonyms
abbreviate, abridge, condense, shorten

ex·pan·se /ɪkˈspæns/ noun
▷ a broad extent (as of land or sea)

Synonyms
▷ breadth, extent, reach, spread, stretch; also domain, field, sphere, territory; compass, range, scope, sweep; gamut, scale, spectrum; depth, emptiness, void; distance, extension, latitude, length, span; amplitude, immensity, magnitude

ex·pan·sion /ɪkˈspænʃən/ noun
1 ▷ the act or process of expanding
2 ▷ the quality or state of being expanded
3 ▷ an expanded part or thing

Synonyms
▷ [1] development, elaboration, evolution, growth, progress, progression—more at DEVELOPMENT
▷ [3] accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement—more at INCREASE

expansion slot noun
▷ a socket on a motherboard for a circuit board (expansion card) offering additional capabilities

ex·pan·sive /ɪkˈspænsɪv/ adjective
1 ▷ tending to expand or to cause expansion
2 ▷ warmly benevolent, generous, or ready to talk
3 ▷ of large extent or scope
— ex·pan·sive·ly adverb
— ex·pan·sive·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ broad, extended, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, wide, widespread—more at EXTENSIVE

ex par·te /ɪkˈpær.tə/ adverb or adjective
[origin: ML]
▷ from a one-sided point of view

ex·pa·ti·ate /ɪkˈspæ.tʃət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
▷ to talk or write at length
— ex·pa·ti·a·tion /ɪkˈspæ.tʃə.tʃən/ noun

1 expatriate /ɪkˈspæ.trə.tʃət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 ▷ to leave one's native country to live elsewhere: EXILE
2 ▷ to drive into exile

Synonyms
▷ banish, deport, displace, exile, transport—more at BANISH

2 expatriate /ɪkˈspæ.trə.tʃət/ adjective
▷ living in a foreign country

3 expatriate noun
▷ one who lives in a foreign country; specif: one who has renounced his native country

ex·pa·tri·a·tion /ɪkˈspæ.trə.tʃən/ noun
▷ the act or action of expatriating

ex·pect /ɪkˈspɛkt/ verb
1 ▷ SUPPOSE, THINK
2 ▷ to look forward to: ANTICIPATE
3 ▷ to consider reasonable, due, or necessary
4 ▷ to consider to be obliged

Synonyms
anticipate, await, hope, watch; also bank on, count (on or upon), depend (on or upon), rely (on or upon); envisage, foresee; assume, presume, presuppose; contemplate, eye, view

expec·tan·cy /ˈspek,tænˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : EXPECTATION
2 : the expected amount (as of years of life)
expec·tant /ˈtænt/ adjective
1 : marked by expectation; especially : expecting the birth of a child
1 : esp. : expecting the birth of a child
— expec·tant·ly adverb

expec·ta·tion /ˌspek,taˈʃan/ noun
1 : the act or state of expecting
2 : prospect of good or bad fortune — usu. used in pl.
3 : something expected
expec·to·rant /ˈspek,təˌrant/ noun
: an agent that promotes the discharge or expulsion of mucus from the respiratory tract

expec·to·rate /ˌspek,təˈrāt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
: SPIT

expec·to·ra·tion /ˌspek,təˈra·shan/ noun

ex·pe·di·ence /ˌekˈspēˌdiˌens/ noun
: EXPEDIENCY

ex·pe·di·en·cy /ˌekˌsēˌnē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : fitness to some end
2 : use of expedient means and methods; also : something expedient
1 expedi·ent /ˌekˈspēˌdēənt/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF or L; AF, fr. L expediens, prp. of expedire to extricate, prepare, be useful, fr. ex- out + ped-, pes foot]
1 : adapted for achieving a particular end
2 : marked by concern with what is advantageous; especially : governed by self-interest

Synonyms
adviseable, desirable, judicious, politic, prudent, tactical, wise; also advantageous, beneficial, profitable; useful, utilitarian; feasible, possible, practicable, practical; opportune, seasonable, timely; opportunistic, self-seeking

Antonyms
imprudent, inadvisable, inexpedient, injudicious, unwise

2 expedi·ent noun
1 : something expedient; especially : a temporary means to an end

Synonyms
measure, move, shift, step—more at MEASURE
recourse, resort, resource—more at RESOURCE

ex·pe·dite /ˈekˌspəˌdīt/ verb -dit·ed; -dit·ing
: to carry out promptly; also : to speed up

ex·pe·dit·er /ˌekˌspəˈdiˌter/ noun
: one that expedites; especially : one employed to ensure efficient movement of goods or supplies in a business

ex·pe·di·tion /ˈekˌspəˌdiˌshan/ noun
1 : a journey for a particular purpose; also : the persons making it
2 : efficient promptness
Synonyms
- journey, passage, peregrination, trek, trip—more at JOURNEY

ex·pe·di·tion·ary /'diˌsha.ner.ə/ adjective
- of, relating to, or constituting an expedition; also : sent on military service abroad

ex·pe·di·tious /'diˌshəs/ adjective
- marked by or acting with prompt efficiency

Synonyms
- alert, prompt, quick, ready, willing—more at QUICK

ex·pel /'ekˌspel/ verb ex·pel·led; ex·pel·ling
- to drive or force out

Synonyms
- banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, oust, rout, run off, throw out—more at EJECT
- belch, disgorge, eject, erupt, jet, spew, spout, spurt—more at ERUPT

ex·pend /'ekˌspend/ verb
1 : to pay out : SPEND
2 : to make use of; also : USE UP
— ex·pend·able adjective

Synonyms
- [1] disburse, give, lay out, pay, spend—more at SPEND
- [2] clean, consume, deplete, drain, exhaust, spend, use up—more at DEplete

ex·pen·di·ture /'ekˌspəndər.ăr.ə/ noun
1 : the act or process of expending
2 : something expended

Synonyms
- cost, disbursement, expense, outgo, outlay—more at EXPENSE

ex·pen·se /'ekˌspens/ noun
1 : something expended to secure a benefit or bring about a result : EXPENDITURE
2 : COST
3 : a cause of expenditure
4 : a loss, detriment, or embarrassment that results from some action or gain <had a laugh at my ~>

Synonyms
- cost, disbursement, expenditure, outgo, outlay; also overhead; outflow; spending money; charge, price, rate, tab, tariff, toll

ex·pen·sive /'ekˌspensiv/ adjective
- involving high cost or sacrifice : COSTLY, DEAR

Synonyms
- costly, dear, high, precious, valuable—more at COSTLY

ex·pen·sive·ly adverb
- in an expensive manner

Synonyms
- extravagantly, grandly, high, lavishly, luxuriously, opulently, richly—more at HIGH

1 ex·pe·ri·ence /'ekˌspər.ens/ noun
1 : observation of or participation in events resulting in or tending toward knowledge
2 : knowledge, practice, or skill derived from observation or participation in events; also : the length of such participation
3 : something encountered, undergone, or lived through (as by a person or community)

Synonyms
- [2] expertise, know-how, proficiency, savvy; also background; command, mastery; acquaintance, familiarity, intimacy

Antonyms
- inexperience
experience verb -enced; -encing
1: FIND OUT, DISCOVER
2: to have experience of: UNDERGO
   Synonyms
   - endure, feel, have, know, see, suffer, sustain, taste, undergo; also encounter, meet; accept, receive

experience adjective
: made capable through experience
   Synonyms
   - accomplished, adept, expert, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, seasoned, skilled, skillful, versed; also able, capable, competent, fit, good, qualified; educated, prepared, schooled, trained; long-term, old
   Antonyms
   - amateurish, inexperienced, inexpert, unseasoned, unskilled

experiment /ik'sperə'mant/ noun
: a controlled procedure carried out to discover, test, or demonstrate something; also: the process of testing
   Synonyms
   - test, trial; also trial and error; dry run, shakedown; exercise, practice, rehearsal, workout; crucible, ordeal; attempt, effort, try

experiment /ˌɛksˈper.ɪˈmɛnt/ verb
: to make experiments
   - ex-per-i-men-tor noun
   - ex-per-i-men-tal /ˌɛksˈper.ɪˈmɛn.təl/ adjective
   - ex-per-i-men-tation /ikˈsper.iˈmen.tæʃən/ noun

expert /ˈek.spərt/ adjective
: showing special skill or knowledge
   - ex-pert-ness noun
   - Synonyms
     - accomplished, ace, adept, crack, experienced, master, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, seasoned, skilled, skillful, versed—more at EXPERIENCED

expert /ˈek.spərt/ noun
: an expert person
   - Synonyms
     - ace, artist, authority, master, scholar, shark, virtuoso, whiz, wizard; also pro, professional; specialist; addict, aficionado, buff, devotee, enthusiast, fan; craftsman, journeyman; jack-of-all-trades
   - Antonyms
     - amateur

expertise /ˈek.spər.ɪˌtsiz/ noun
: the skill of an expert
   - Synonyms
     - experience, know-how, proficiency, savvy—more at EXPERIENCE

expertly adverb
: in an expert manner
   - Synonyms
     - ably, adeptly, capably, masterfully, proficiently, skillfully, well—more at WELL

expert system noun
: computer software that attempts to mimic the reasoning of a human specialist
**ex·pi·ate /ek·spē.āt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing**
: to give satisfaction for: ATONE
  
  **ex·pi·a·tion /ek·spē.ā.ʃān/ noun**

**ex·pi·a·to·ry /ek·spē.a.ˈtōr.ē/ adjective**
: serving to expiate

**ex·pi·a·tion /ek·spē.ā.ʃān/ noun**
1 : the last emission of breath; also : the act or process of releasing air from the lungs through the nose or mouth
2 ▶ : the fact of coming to an end or the point at which something ends

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ death, demise, termination—more at DEATH
  ▶ cessation, close, conclusion, end, ending, finish, shutdown, stop, stoppage, termination—more at END

**expiration date noun**
1 : the date after which something is no longer in effect
2 : the date after which a product is expected to decline in quality or effectiveness

**ex·pire /ik·ˈspīr, ek/ verb ex·pired; ex·pir·ing**
1 ▶ : to breathe one's last breath: DIE
2 ▶ : to come to an end
3 ▶ : to breathe out from or as if from the lungs

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ [1] decease, depart, die, pass, pass away, perish, succumb—more at DIE
  ▶ [2] cease, close, conclude, die, discontinue, end, finish, halt, pass, quit, stop, terminate—more at CEASE
  ▶ [3] blow, breathe, exhale—more at EXHALE

**ex·pla·na·tion /ek·spə·ˈnā.ʃən/ noun**
1 : the act or process of explaining
2 ▶ : something that explains

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ clarification, construction, elucidation, explication, exposition, illumination, illustration, interpretation; also paraphrase, restatement, translation; deciphering, decoding; unscrambling; analysis; definition, meaning; demonstration, enactment; justification, rationale, rationalization, reasoning

**ex·plain /ik·ˈsplān/ verb**
[ORIGIN: ME explanen, fr. L explanare, lit., to make level, fr. planus level, flat]
1 ▶ : to make clear
2 ▶ : to give the reason for

  **ex·plan·a·to·ry /ik·ˈspla·ne·tōr.ē/ adjective**

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ [1] clarify, clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explicate, expound, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, spell out; also decipher, decode; analyze, break down; disentangle, undo, unravel, unscramble, untangle; resolve, solve; define, specify

  **Antonyms**
  obscure
  ▶ [2] account, rationalize; also condone, excuse, forgive, justify; absolve, acquit, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate

**explain away verb**
: to get rid of by or as if by explanation; also : to minimize the significance of by or as if by explanation

**ex·ple·tive /ek·sple.ˈtiv/ noun**
: a usu. profane exclamation

**ex·pi·ca·ble /ek·ˈsplə.ˈkā.bəl, ek.ˈspli/ adjective**
▶ : capable of being explained

  **Synonyms**
explicate /ˌekspliˈkeɪt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
▷ to give a detailed explanation of; especially: to interpret the meaning or sense of

   Synonyms
   ▷ clarify, clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, expound, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, spell out—more at EXPLAIN

explication /ˌekspliˈkeɪʃən/ noun
1 ▷ the act or process of explicating
2 ▷ something that explicates or that results from the act or process of explicating

   Synonyms
   ▷ clarification, construction, elucidation, explanation, exposition, illumination, illustration, interpretation—more at EXPLANATION

explicit /ɪkˈsplɪkt/ adjective
▷ clearly and precisely expressed

—explicit·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   ▷ clear-cut, definite, definitive, express, specific, unambiguous, unequivocal; also declared, stated; categorical, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full; certain, sure, unmistakable; clear, distinct, lucid, exact, precise; direct, literal, plain, simple, straightforward; comprehensible, intelligible, understandable

   Antonyms
   ▷ implicit, implied, inferred; ambiguous, circuitous

explicit·ness noun
▷ the quality or state of being explicit

   Synonyms
   ▷ clarity, lucidity, perspicuity, simplicity—more at SIMPLICITY

explode /ɪkˈspləʊd/ verb exploded; exploding
[ORIGIN: L. explodere to drive off the stage by clapping, fr. ex- out + plaudere to clap]
1 ▷ DISCREDIT <~ a belief>
2 ▷ to burst or cause to burst violently and noisily <~ a bomb> <the boiler exploded>
3 ▷ to undergo a rapid chemical or nuclear reaction with production of heat and violent expansion of gas <dynamite ~s>
4 ▷ to give forth a sudden strong and noisy outburst of emotion
5 ▷ to increase rapidly <the city's population exploded>
6 ▷ to suggest an explosion (as in appearance or effect)

   Synonyms
   ▷ [2] blow up, burst, detonate, go off, pop; also fragment, shatter, smash, splinter, discharge, fire, shoot; balloon, burgeon, mushroom

   Antonyms
   ▷ implose
   ▷ [6] break out, burst, erupt, flame, flare, go off—more at ERUPT

exploded adjective
▷ showing the parts separated but in correct relationship to each other <an ~ view of a carburetor>

1exploit /ɪkˈsplɔɪt/ noun
▷ something that is done; especially: a notable or heroic act

   Synonyms
   ▷ act, action, deed, feat, stunt, trick—more at FEAT

2exploit /ɪkˈsplɔɪt/ verb
1 ▷ to make productive use of: UTILIZE
2 ▷ to use unfairly for one's own advantage

—exploitation /ˌeksploʊˈteɪʃən/ noun

   Synonyms

—
apply, employ, exercise, harness, operate, use, utilize—more at use
[2] abuse, capitalize, cash in, impose, play, use; also manipulate, mistreat; bleed, cheat, fleece, overcharge, skin, soak, stick; commercialize

ex·plo·ra·tion /ek.sple.ˈra.ʃən/ noun
: the act or an instance of exploring

Synonyms
examination, inquiry, investigation, probe, research, study—more at inquiry

ex·plore /ɪk.sˈplɔr/ verb explored; exploring
1 †: to look into or travel over thoroughly
2 †: to examine carefully <~ a wound>

— ex·plor·a·to·ry /ɪk.sˈplɔr.a.ˈtɔr.i/ adjective
— ex·plor·er noun

1 [1] hunt, probe, prospect, search; also reconnoiter, scout; disclose, discover, reveal, unearth; fathom, plumb, sound
2 [2] delve, dig, go, inquire, investigate, look, probe, research; also examine, inspect, sift, study, view; browse, peruse, scan, skim (through), thumb (through)

ex·plo·sion /ɪk.ˈsplo.ʒən/ noun
: the act or an instance of exploding

Synonyms
agony, burst, fit, flash, flush, outburst, paroxysm, spasm, storm—more at outburst
blast, detonation, eruption; also discharge, firing, shooting; blowout, flare-up; bang, boom, pop

Antonyms
implosion

ex·plo·sive /ɪk.ˈsploʊ.ʃiv/ adjective
1 a : relating to or able to cause explosion
b : characterized by or like an explosion
2 †: tending to explode; also: likely to erupt in or produce hostile reaction or violence
— explosive noun
— ex·plor·a·to·ry /ɪk.ˈsploʊ.ə.ˈtɔr.i/ adjective

Synonyms
ferocious, fierce, furious, hot, rabid, rough, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, violent, volcanic—more at violent

ex·po /ɪk.ˈspəʊ/ noun, plural expos
: exposition 2

ex·po·ment /ɪk.ˈspəʊ.ment/ noun
1 : a symbol written above and to the right of a mathematical expression (as $a^3$ in $a^3$) to signify how many times it is to be used as a factor
2 : interpreter, expounder
3 †: one that champions, practices, or exemplifies: advocate
— ex·po·nen·tial /ɪk.ˈspə.ˈnɛn.tʃəl/ adjective
— ex·po·nen·tial·ly adverb

Synonyms
advocate, apostle, backer, booster, champion, friend, promoter, proponent, supporter; also loyalist, partisan, stalwart; adherent, cohort, disciple, follower; expounder, interpreter; cheerleader

Antonyms
adversary, antagonist, opponent

ex·po·nen·ti·a·tion /ɪk.ˈspə.ˈnen.tʃə.ˈteɪ.ʃən/ noun
: the mathematical operation of raising a quantity to a power

ex·port /ɪk.ˈspɔr.t/ verb
: to send (as merchandise) to foreign countries
ex·port·a·tion /ek.spōr.ta.ʃən, .spər/ noun
2export /ek.spōrt/ noun
1 : something exported esp. for trade
2 : the act of exporting

ex·pose /ɪk.'spəʊz/ verb ex·posed; ex·pos·ing
1 : to deprive of shelter or protection
2 : to submit or subject to an action or influence; especially : to subject (as photographic film) to radiant energy (as light)
3 ▶ : to bring to light; especially : to disclose or reveal the true nature of
4 ▶ : to cause to be open to view
  Synonyms
    [3] bare, disclose, discover, divulge, reveal, spill, tell
    [3] debunk, show up, uncloak, uncover, unmask; also discredit, disprove; disclose, divulge, tell, unveil
  Antonyms
    camouflage, cloak, disguise, mask
  ▶ [4] display, exhibit, show, unveil—more at show

ex·po·sé /ɪk.'spə.zəl/ noun
: an exposure of something discrreditable

ex·posed /ɪk.'spəzd/ adjective
: open to view; also : not shielded or protected
  Synonyms
    [3] liable, open, sensitive, subject, susceptible, unprotected, vulnerable—more at liable
    [3] bald, bare, naked, open, uncovered—more at naked

ex·po·si·tion /ek.spə.zən/ noun
1 ▶ : a setting forth of the meaning or purpose (as of a writing); also : discourse designed to convey information
2 ▶ : a public exhibition
  Synonyms
    [1] clarification, construction, elucidation, explanation, explication, illumination, illustration, interpretation—more at explanation
    [1] analysis, comment, commentary—more at commentary
    [2] display, exhibit, exhibition, fair, show—more at exhibition

ex·po·si·tor /ɪk.'spə.zə.tər/ noun
: one who explains : commentator

ex post fac·to /ɛks.'pɔst.ɪk.əl/ adverb or adjective
: after the fact

ex·pos·tu·late /ɪk.'spɑs.chəˌlæt/ verb
: to reason earnestly with a person esp. in dissuading : remonstrate

ex·pos·tu·la·tion /.ˌspɑs.chəˌlɑ.ʃən/ noun
▶ : an act or an instance of expostulating
  Synonyms
    challenge, complaint, objection, protest, question, remonstrance—more at objection

ex·po·sure /ɪk.'spər/ noun
1 ▶ : the fact or condition of being exposed
2 : the act or an instance of exposing
3 : the length of time for which a film is exposed
4 : a section of a photographic film for one picture
  Synonyms
    liability, openness, vulnerability; also susceptibility; helplessness, weakness; danger, jeopardy, peril, risk


ex·pound /ikˈspəʊnd/ verb
1 : STATE
2 : to explain by setting forth in careful and often elaborate detail : INTERPRET
— ex·pound·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ clarify, clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, explicate, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, spell out—more at EXPLAIN

1.express /ikˈsprɛs/ adjective
1 : directly, firmly, and explicitly stated; also : EXACT, PRECISE
2 : of a particular sort : SPECIFIC <this ~ purpose>
3 : traveling at high speed and esp. with few stops <an ~ train>; also : adapted to high speed use <~ roads>
— ex·press·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] clear-cut, definite, definitive, explicit, specific, unambiguous, unequivocal—more at EXPLICIT
   ▶ [1, 2] distinct, especial, exact, precise, set, special, specific; also lone, only, separate, single, sole, solitary; distinctive, exclusive, individual, peculiar, unique; limited, restricted; specified
   Antonyms
   nonspecific

2.express adverb
: by express <ship it ~> 3.express noun
1 : a system for the prompt transportation of goods; also : a company operating such a service or the shipments so transported
2 : an express vehicle
4.express verb
1 : to make known : STATE <~ regret>; also : to represent by a sign or symbol
2 : to squeeze out : extract by pressing
3 : to send by express
4 : to manifest or produce by a genetic process
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] denote, import, mean, signify, spell—more at MEAN
   ▶ [1] articulate, clothe, couch, formulate, phrase, put, say, state, word—more at PHRASE
   ▶ [1] air, give, sound, state, voice; also announce, declare, enunciate, proclaim; describe, write, write up; sound off, speak out, speak up; communicate, convey, put across, put over; offer, submit
   Antonyms
   stifle, suppress
   ▶ [2] crush, mash, press, squeeze—more at PRESS

ex·pres·sion /ikˈprɛʃən/ noun
1 : an act, process, or instance of representing in a medium (as words) : UTTERANCE
2 : something that represents or symbolizes : SIGN; especially : a mathematical symbol or combination of signs and symbols representing a quantity or operation
3 : a significant word or phrase; also : manner of expressing (as in writing or music)
4 : facial aspect or vocal intonation indicative of feeling
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] articulation, formulation, statement, utterance, voice; also outlet, vent; observation, reflection, remark, thought; speech, tongue
   ▶ [4] cast, countenance, face, look, visage—more at LOOK

ex·pres·sion·less adjective
: lacking expression
   Synonyms
   ▶ blank, deadpan, impassive, inexpressive, stolid, vacant—more at BLANK

ex·pres·sion·ism /ikˈprɛʃənˌɪzəm/ noun
expressionist noun or adjective
ex·pres·sion·ist /ˌekˈprɪzənˌɪst/ adjective
1 : of or relating to expression
2 : serving to express
— ex·pres·sive·ly adverb
— ex·pres·sive·ness noun
Synonyms
eloquent, meaningful, pregnant, significant, suggestive; also graphic, pictorial, vivid; evocative, redolent, reminiscent; sentientious, weighty; flavorful, rich

expressive adjective
1 : of or relating to expression
2 : serving to express
— express·ly adverb
— expres·siveness noun

expressive way /ikˈsPresˌwā/ noun
: a divided superhighway with limited access
ex·pro·pri·ate /eksˈpraˌprij/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to deprive of possession or the right to own
— ex·pro·pri·a·tion /ˌeksˌpraˌprēˈəʃən/ noun
expt abbreviation experiment
ex·pur·gate /eksˈpərɡət/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to clear (as a book) of objectionable passages
— ex·pur·ga·tion /ˌeksˌpərˈɡaˌʃən/ noun
ex·qui·site adjective
1 : marked by flawless form or workmanship
2 : keenly appreciative or sensitive
3 : pleasingly beautiful or delicate
4 : characterized by sharpness or severity : INTENSE <~ pain>
Synonyms
dainty, delicate, refined, subtle—more at DELICATE

ext abbreviation
1 extension
2 exterior
3 external
4 extra
5 extract
ex·tant /ˈekˌslænt; ekˈstænt/ adjective
: currently or actually existing; especially : not lost or destroyed
Synonyms
current, ongoing, present—more at PRESENT
alive, existent, living; also active, busy, functioning, operating, working
Antonyms
dead, extinct

ex·tem·po·ra·ne·ous /ɪkˈtem poʊranəs/ adjective
› not planned beforehand: IMPROMPTU
— ex·tem·po·ra·ne·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
› ad-lib, impromptu, informal, offhand, spontaneous, unplanned, unprepared, unrehearsed; also casual

Antonyms
considered, planned, premeditated, prepared, rehearsed

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ex·tem·po·ra·ne·ous /ɪkˈtem poʊrənərɪ/ adjective

: EXTEMPORANEOUS

ex·tem·po·re /ɪkˈtem poʊri/ adverb

: EXTEMPORANEOUSLY

ex·tem·po·rise British variant of EXTEMPORIZE

ex·tem·po·riz·e /ɪkˈtem poʊrəˌrɪz/ verb -rized; -riz·ing

: to do something extemporaneously

ex·tent /ɪkˈtent/ verb
1 › to spread or stretch forth or out (as in reaching)
2 : to exert or cause to exert to full capacity
3 › to make the offer of: PROFFER <~ credit>
4 : PROLONG <~ a note>
5 : to make greater or broader <~ knowledge> <~ a business>
6 : to stretch out or reach across a distance, space, or time
— ex·tent·a·ble also ex·tent·ible /ˈsten da bal/ adjective

Synonyms
› [1] expand, fan, flare, open, spread, stretch, unfold
› [1] draw out, elongate, lengthen, prolong, protract, stretch; also amplify, enlarge, expand, increase; attenuate, thin

Antonyms
abbreviate, abridge, curtail, cut, cut back, shorten
› [3] give, offer, proffer, tender—more at OFFER

ex·tent·ed adjective
1 › drawn out in length esp. of time
2 : fully stretched out
3 › having wide or considerable extent

Synonyms
› [1] far, great, lengthy, long, marathon—more at LONG
› [3] broad, expansive, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, wide, widespread—more at EXTENSIVE

ex·ten·sion /i kˈsten ʃən/ noun
1 › an extending or being extended
2 : a program that geographically extends the educational resources of an institution
3 › an additional part; also : an extra telephone connected to a line

Synonyms
› [1] elongation, prolongation

Antonyms
abbreviation, abridgment, curtailment, cutback, shortening
› [3] addition, annex, penthouse—more at ANNEX

ex·ten·sive /i kˈsten ʃəv/ adjective
› of considerable extent: FAR-REACHING, BROAD
— ex·ten·sive·ly adverb

Synonyms
› broad, expansive, extended, far-flung, far-reaching, wide, widespread; also comprehensive, general, global, inclusive; boundless, endless, limitless, unlimited; capacious, commodious, roomy, spacious

Antonyms
narrow

ex·tent /ıˈk sentient/ noun
1 †: the range or space over which something extends <a property of large ~>  
2 †: the point or degree to which something extends <to the fullest ~ of the law> <exerting the full ~ of his power>  

Synonyms  
† [1] amplitude, breadth, compass, range, reach, realm, scope, sweep, width—more at RANGE  
† [2] dimension, magnitude, measure, measurement, proportion, size—more at SIZE  
† [2] bound, boundary, ceiling, confines, end, limit, limitation, line, termination—more at LIMIT

ex·ten·u·ate /ıˈk slen.yuˈwæn/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing  
: to lessen the seriousness of  
— ex·ten·u·a·tion /ıˈk slen.yuˈwæn.ən/ noun

1exterior /ıˈk sltr.ē.at/ adjective  
1 †: being on an outside surface : EXTERNAL  
2 †: suitable for use on an outside surface <~ paint>  

Synonyms  
† external, outer, outside, outward—more at OUTER

2exterior noun  
†: an exterior part or surface  

Synonyms  
† face, outside, skin, surface, veneer; also facade, front, top; cover, covering, facing; appearance, disguise, guise, mask, semblance, show  
Antonyms  
† inside, interior

ex·ter·mi·na·tion /ıˈk ster.meˈnæ.ʃən/ noun  
: the act of exterminating or the condition of being exterminated

ex·ter·mi·nate /ıˈk ster.meˈné.tət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing  
†: to get rid of completely usu. by killing off  
— ex·ter·mi·na·tor /ıˈk ster.meˈné.tər/ noun  

Synonyms  
† annihilate, blot out, demolish, eradicate, liquidate, obliterate, root, rub out, snuff, stamp, wipe out—more at ANNIHILATE

1external /ıˈk šlarn.əl/ adjective  
1 : outwardly perceivable; also : SUPERFICIAL  
2 †: of, relating to, or located on the outside or an outer part  
3 †: arising or acting from without; also : FOREIGN <~ affairs>  
— ex·ter·nal·ly adverb  

Synonyms  
† exterior, outer, outside, outward—more at OUTER

2external noun  
†: an external feature

ex·tinct /ıˈk s̩tɪnkt/ adjective  
1 : EXTINGUISHED; also : no longer active <an ~ volcano>  
2 †: no longer existing or in use <dinosaurs are ~> <~ languages>  

Synonyms  
† bygone, dead, defunct, gone; also nonexistent; obsolete, passed; finished, lapsed, terminated; lost, missing  
Antonyms  
† alive, existent, existing, extant, living

ex·tinc·tion /ıˈk s̩tɪnshən/ noun  
1 †: the act of making extinct or causing to be extinguished  
2 †: the condition or fact of being extinct or extinguished; also : the process of becoming extinct
extinguish /ɪkˈstɪŋgwɪʃ/ verb
1 ‣ to cause to stop burning
2 ‣ to bring to an end: cause to die out <disease that extinguished an entire population> <extinguishing the last glimmer of hope>
— extin-guish-able adjective
— extin-guish-er noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] douse, put out, quench, snuff; also choke, smother, suffocate; stamp (out)
Antonyms
fire, ignite, inflame, kindle
▷ [2] annihilate, blot out, demolish, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, obliterate, ruin, shatter, smash, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY

extirpate /ɪkˈstɜrˌpeɪt/ verb -pat·ed; -pat·ing
[origin: L exstirpatus, pp. of exstirpare, fr. ex- out + stirps trunk, root]
1 : to destroy completely
2 : UPROOT
— ex·tir·pa·tion /ɪkˈstɜrˌpeɪʃən/ noun

extol also ex·toll /ɪkˈstəl/ verb ex-tolled, ex-tol·ling
▷ : to praise highly: GLORIFY
Synonyms
▷ bless, glorify, laud, magnify, praise—more at PRAISE

extort /ɪkˈstɔr/ verb
[origin: L extortus, pp. of extorquēre to wrench out, extort, fr. ex- out + torquēre to twist]
▷ : to obtain by force or improper pressure «~ a bribe»
— ex·tor·tion /ɪkˈstɔrˌshan/ noun
— ex·tor·tion·er noun

Synonyms
▷ exact, wrest, wring; also bleed, fleece, gouge, milk, skin, squeeze; cheat, gyp, racketeer, swindle; coerce, compel, force

extor·tion·ist noun
▷ : one that practices or is given to extortion
Synonyms
▷ racketeer—more at RACKETEER

ex·tor·tion·ate /ɪkˌstɔrˌшеɪt/ adjective
: EXCESSIVE, EXORBITANT
— ex·tor·tion·ate·ly adverb

1 extra /ɪkˈstrə/ adjective
1 ‣ : more than is due, usual, or necessary
2 : SUPERIOR
Synonyms
▷ excess, spare, superfluous, supernumerary, surplus—more at SPARE

2 extra noun
▷ : one that is extra or additional: as
a : a special edition of a newspaper
b : an added charge
c : an additional worker or performer (as in a motion picture)

Synonyms
▷ amenity, comfort, frill, indulgence, luxury, superfluity—more at LUXURY
▷ bonus, dividend, lagniappe, perquisite, tip—more at BONUS

3 extra adverb
▷ : beyond what is usual

Synonyms
1 extract /ɪkˈstrækt/ verb
1 \(\triangleright\): to draw out; especially: to pull out forcibly (a tooth)
2 : to withdraw (as a juice or a constituent) by a physical or chemical process
3 : to select for citation: QUOTE

— ex·tract·able adjective
— ex·tract·or /ˌɛkstrətər/ noun

Synonyms
\(\triangleright\) prize, pry, pull, root, tear, uproot, wrest; also remove, take (out), withdraw

2 extract /ˈekˌstrækt/ noun
1 : EXCERPT, CITATION
2 : a product (as a juice or concentrate) obtained by extracting

ex·trac·tion /ɪkˈstrækʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of extracting something
2 \(\triangleright\): line of descent

Synonyms
\(\triangleright\) ancestry, birth, descent, line, lineage, origin, parentage—more at ANCESTRY

ex·tra·cur·ric·u·lar /ˌɛkˌstrəkərɪˈkjuːlər/ adjective
: lying outside the regular curriculum; especially: of or relating to school-connected activities (as sports) usu. carrying no academic credit

ex·tra·di·te /ˌɛkˈstrədt/ verb -di·ted; -di·ting
: to obtain by or deliver up to extradition

ex·tra·di·tion /ˌɛkˈstrədiʃən/ noun
: the surrender of an alleged criminal to a different jurisdiction for trial

ex·tra·mar·i·tal /ˌɛkˈstrəmərəl/ adjective
: of or relating to sexual intercourse by a married person with someone other than his or her spouse

ex·tra·mu·ral /ˌɛkˈstrəmərəl/ adjective
: existing or functioning beyond the bounds of an organized unit

ex·tra·ne·ous /ˈekstrənēəs/ adjective
1 : coming from without
2 \(\triangleright\): not forming a vital part; also: IRRELEVANT
— ex·tra·ne·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
\(\triangleright\) immaterial, irrelevant—more at IRRELEVANT

ex·tra·net /ˌɛkˈstrənet/ noun
: a network like an intranet but also allowing access by certain outside parties

ex·traor·di·nary /ˌɛkˈstrərdənerē, ˌɛkˈstrərdənorē/ adjective
1 \(\triangleright\): notably unusual or exceptional (did ~ work on the project)
2 : employed on special service (an ambassador ~)
— ex·traor·di·nari·ly adverb

Synonyms
\(\triangleright\) atypical, exceptional, phenomenal, rare, uncustomary, unique, unusual—more at EXCEPTIONAL

ex·trap·o·late /ˌɛkˈstræpəˌleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
\(\triangleright\): to infer (unknown data) from known data
— ex·trap·o·la·tion /ˌɛkˈstræpəˌleɪʃən/ noun

Synonyms
\(\triangleright\) conclude, deduce, gather, infer, judge, reason, understand—more at INFER

ex·tra·sen·so·ry /ˌɛkˈstrəsənˈsɔrē/ adjective
not acting or occurring through the known senses

**extrasensory perception** noun
perception (as in telepathy) of events external to the self not gained through the senses and not deducible from previous experience

**extra-ter·res·tri·al /ˌɛkˈtrasəˌtriəl/ adjective**
originating or existing outside the earth or its atmosphere

**extraterrestrial** noun

**extra-ter·ri·to·ri·al /ˌɛkˈtrasəˌtorəl/ adjective**
existing or taking place outside the territorial limits of a jurisdiction

**extraterrestriality /ˌɛktəˈterəˌstriələti/ noun**
exemption from the application or jurisdiction of local law or tribunals

**extravagance** noun
an instance of excess or prodigality; specif: an excessive outlay of money

*Synonyms*
- lavishness, prodigality, wastefulness; also bountifulness, generosity, liberality; improvidence, squandering; indulgence, overindulgence, self-indulgence; excess, immoderation, overkill

*Antonyms*
- economy, frugality

**extravagant** adjective
1: exceeding the limits of reason or necessity: EXCESSIVE
2: spending or tending to spend much more than necessary: spending lavishly, recklessly, or wastefully
3: too costly

*Synonyms*
- [1] excessive, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, lavish, overmuch, steep—more at EXCESSIVE
- [2] prodigal, profligate, spendthrift, thriftless, unthrifty, wasteful—more at PRODIGAL

**extravagantly** adverb
in an extravagant manner

*Synonyms*
- expensively, grandly, high, lavishly, luxuriously, opulently, richly—more at HIGH

**extravaganza** noun
1: a literary or musical work marked by extreme freedom of style and structure
2: a spectacular show

**extra-veh·i·cu·lar /ˌɛkˈstrəˌvəˌkjʊələr/ adjective**
taking place outside a vehicle (as a spacecraft)

**extreme** noun
1: something located at one end or the other of a range or series

*Synonyms*
- [3] excessive, immoderate, inordinate, overmuch, unconscionable—more at EXCESSIVE
- [3] extremist, fanatic, rabid, radical, revolutionary, ultra; also subversive, violent, wild; reactionary

*Antonyms*
- middle-of-the-road
- [4] farthest, furthest, outermost, ultimate, utmost

*Antonyms*
- inmost, innermost
extreme

adverb

1: in an extreme manner: to an extreme extent

Synonyms

- greatly, most, much, very—more at VERY

extremely low frequency noun

1: a radio frequency in the lowest range of the radio spectrum

extremism noun

1: the quality or state of being extreme; especially: advocacy of extreme political measures

Synonyms

- greatly, most, much, very—more at VERY

extremist noun

1: an adherent or advocate of extremism

Synonyms

- radical, revolutionary—more at RADICAL

extremist adjective

1: of, relating to, or favoring extremism or extremists

Synonyms

- extreme, fanatic, rabid, radical, revolutionary, ultra—more at EXTREME

extremity noun

1: the most remote part or point
2: a limb of the body; especially: a human hand or foot
3: the greatest need or danger
4: the utmost degree; also: a drastic or desperate measure

ex·tri·cate verb

-ex·tri·ca·ble adjective

-ex·tri·ca·tion noun

Synonyms

- clear, disengage, disentangle, free, liberate, release, untangle; also deliver, redeem, rescue, save; disburden, disencumber, unburden; unravel, unsnarl, untie, untwine

Antonyms

- embroil, entangle

ex·trin·sic adjective

1: not forming part of or belonging to a thing

Antonyms

- inherent, innate, intrinsic

ex·trin·sic·al·ly adverb

ex·trude verb

1: to force, press, or push out

Antonyms

- hold back, suppress, withhold

ex·tro·vert noun

-ex·tro·vert·ed adjective

Antonyms

- introverted, shy, retiring

ex·tro·vert·ed adjective

Antonyms

- introverted, shy, retiring

ex·tro·vert·ed noun

Antonyms

- introverted, shy, retiring

ex·tro·vert·ed adjective

Antonyms

- introverted, shy, retiring
ex·trus·ion /ˌstrús.ən/ noun
ex·trud·er noun
ex·u·ber·ance /.tərəns/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being exuberant
2 : an exuberant act or expression

ex·u·ber·ant /ɪgˈzʊ.ər.ənt/ adjective
1 : unrestrained in enthusiasm or style
2 : PROFUSE

ex·u·ber·ant·ly adverb
1 : in an exuberant manner

ex·ude /ɪdˈzuːd/ verb ex·ud·ed; ex·ud·ing
[ORIGIN: L exsudare, fr. ex- out + sudare to sweat]
1 : to discharge slowly through pores or cuts : Ooze
2 : to display conspicuously or abundantly <~s charm>

ex·u·date /ˌek.su.ˈdeɪ.tən/ noun
ex·u·da·tion /ˌek.su.ˈdeɪ.ʃən/ noun

ex·ult /ɪgˈzült/ verb
1 : to be extremely joyful : REJOICE, GLORY
ex·ul·tant·ly adverb
ex·ul·ta·tion /ˌek.səl.tə.ʃən/ noun

ex·ul·tant /ˌzəlt.ənt/ adjective

ex·urb /ɪkˈzɜr.ba/ noun
: a region outside a city and its suburbs inhabited chiefly by well-to-do families
ex·ur·ban /ˌek.sər.ˈban/ adjective
ex·ur·ban·ite /ˌek.sər.ˈban.ət/ noun
: one who lives in an exurb
ex·ur·bia /ˌek.sər.ˈbe.ə/ noun
: the generalized region of exurbs
-ey see ENVIRONS

1 eye /ɪ/ noun
1 : an organ of sight typically consisting in vertebrates of a globular structure that is located in a socket of the skull, is lined with a sensitive retina, and is normally paired
2 : skill or ability dependent upon eyesight : VISION, PERCEPTION; also : faculty of discrimination <an ~ for bargains>
3 a : a way of looking at or thinking about something : JUDGMENT — often used in pl. <in the ~s of the law>
b : an attentive or critical observation
4 a : something having an appearance suggesting an eye <the ~ of a needle>
b : an undeveloped bud (as on a potato)
5 a : the calm center of a cyclone
b : an important or pivotal point
— eyed /ɪd/ adjective
   Synonyms
   [3a] belief, conviction, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at OPINION
   [3b] cast, gander, glance, glimpse, look, regard, sight, view—more at LOOK
   [3b] base, center, core, cynosure, focus, heart, hub, mecca, nucleus, seat—more at CENTER

2 eye verb eyed; ey·ing or ey·ing
   : to look at
   Synonyms
   distinguish, espy, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at SEE

1 eyeball /ˈɪˌbəl/ noun
   : the globular capsule of the vertebrate eye

2 eyeball verb
   : to look at intently

eye·brow /ˌbraʊ/ noun
   : the ridge over the eye or the hair growing on it

eye·drop·per /ˌdrəˌpər/ noun
   : DROPPER 2

eye·glass /ˌglas/ noun
   : a lens worn to aid vision; also plural : GLASSES
   Synonyms
   eyeglasses glasses, spectacles—more at GLASSES

eye·lash /ˈlash/ noun
1 : the fringe of hair edging the eyelid — usu. used in pl.
2 : a single hair of the eyelashes

eye·let /ˈlɛt/ noun
1 : a small hole intended for ornament or for passage of a cord or lace
2 : a typically metal ring for reinforcing an eyelet : GROMMET

eye·lid /ˈlid/ noun
   : either of the movable folds of skin and muscle that can be closed over the eyeball

eye·lin·er /ˈlɪnər/ noun
   : makeup used to emphasize the contour of the eyes

eye·open·er /ˌˌenˌpər/ noun
   : something startling or surprising

eye·open·ing adjective
that which opens the eyes (as with astonishment): surprising or enlightening

**Synonyms**
- amazing, astonishing, astounding, startling, stunning, surprising—more at [SURPRISING](#)

**eye-piece /ˌIPA.ɡ/ noun**
: the lens or combination of lenses at the eye end of an optical instrument

**eye shadow noun**
: a colored cosmetic applied to the eyelids to accent the eyes

**eye-sight /ˌIPA.t/ noun**
: the process, power, or function of seeing: [SIGHT][VISION]

**eye-sore /ˌIPA.t/ noun**
: something offensive to view

**Synonyms**
- fright, horror, mess, monstrosity, sight; also blot, smear, smudge, spot, stain

**eye-strain /ˌIPA.n/ noun**
: weariness or a strained state of the eye

**eye-tooth /ˌIPA.t/ noun**
: a canine tooth of the upper jaw

**eye-wash /ˌIPA.w/ noun**
1: an eye lotion
2: misleading or deceptive statements, actions, or procedures

**eye-wit-ness /ˌIPA.n/ noun**
: a person who actually sees something happen

**ey-rie chiefly British variant of AERIE**

**Ez or Ezr abbreviation**
Ezra

**Ézech abbreviation**
Ezechiel

**Eze-chiel /ˈzēˌkyl/ noun**
: EZEKIEL

**Ézek abbreviation**
Ezekiel

**Eze-kiel /ˈzēˌkyl/ noun**
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

**e-zine /ˈIPA.n/ noun**
: an online magazine

**Éz-ra /ˈez.rə/ noun**
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture
F

1 f /ef/ noun, plural f's or fs /efz/ often cap
1: the 6th letter of the English alphabet
2: a grade rating a student's work as failing
3: abbreviation, often cap
   1 Fahrenheit
   2 false
   3 family
   4 farad
   5 female
   6 feminine
   7 forte
   8 French
   9 frequency
  10 Friday

2 f symbol
   focal length
   =
3 F symbol
   fluorine

FAA abbreviation
Federal Aviation Administration

fab /fab/ adjective
   = FABULOUS

Fa·bi·an /fə bəˌan/ adjective
   of, relating to, or being a society of socialists organized in England in 1884 to spread socialist principles gradually
   — Fabian noun
   — Fa·bi·an·ism noun

fa·ble /fə bəl/ noun
1: a legendary story of supernatural happenings
2: a narration intended to teach a lesson; especially: one in which animals speak and act like people
3: FALSEHOOD
4: the plot, story, or connected series of events forming the theme of a literary work

fa·bled /fə bəld/ adjective
1: FICTITIOUS
2 †: told or celebrated in fable
   Synonyms
   † fabulous, legendary, mythical—more at MYTHICAL

fabric /faˈbrɪk/ noun
[origin: MF fabrique, fr. L fabrica workshop, structure]
1: STRUCTURE, FRAMEWORK <the ~ of society>
2: CLOTH; also: a material that resembles cloth

fab·ri·cate /faˈbrɪkət/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 †: to think up or imagine: concoct mentally: INVENT
2 †: to make up for the sake of deception
3: to form, make, or create by combining parts or elements: CONSTRUCT
4 †: to form by art and labor
   Synonyms
   † [1] concoct, contrive, cook, devise, invent, make up, manufacture, think—more at INVENT
   † [2] fib, lie, prevaricate—more at LIE
   † [4] fashion, form, frame, make, manufacture, produce—more at MAKE
**Fabrication** noun
1 • : the invention or utterance of something calculated to deceive
2 • : a product of the imagination

**Synonyms**
- [1] falsehood, fib, lie, story, tale, untruth, whopper—more at lie
- [2] fantasy, fiction, figment, invention—more at fiction

**Fabulous** /fəˈbləs/ adjective
1 • : resembling a fable
2 • : told in or based on fable
3 • : like the contents of fables in being so marvelous, incredible, absurd, extreme, exaggerated, or approaching the impossible
4 • : not real, actual, or historical
5 • : outstanding or remarkable esp. in some acceptable or pleasing quality

— **Fabulous** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [2] fabled, legendary, mythical—more at mythical
- [5] excellent, grand, great, sensational, splendid, superb, superior, swell, terrific, unsurpassed, wonderful—more at excellent

**Facade** also **façade** /fəˈsäd/ noun
[Origin: F façade, fr. It facciata, fr. faccia face]
1 • : the principal face or front of a building
2 • : a false, superficial, or artificial appearance or effect <a ~ of composure>
3 • : a surface or front

**Synonyms**
- [2] act, masquerade, pose, pretense, show—more at masquerade
- [3] face, front—more at front

**Face** /fæs/ noun
1 • : the front part of the head
2 • : presence <in the ~ of danger>
3 • : facial expression : look <put a sad ~ on>
4 • : a deliberate or involuntary distortion of the countenance expressive of some feeling : grimace <made a ~>
5 • : outward appearance <looks easy on the ~ of it>
6 • : confidence; also : boldness
7 • : dignity, prestige <afraid to lose ~> 
8 • : a front, upper, or outer surface or a surface presented to view or regarded as principal : surface; especially : a front, principal, or bounding surface <~ of a cliff> <the ~s of a cube>

— **Faced** /fæst/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- [3] cast, countenance, expression, look, visage—more at look
- [4] frown, grimace, pout, scowl—more at grimace
- [8] exterior, outside, skin, surface, veneer—more at exterior

**Face** verb faced; fac·ing
1 • : to confront brazenly
2 • : to line near the edge esp. with a different material; also : to cover the front or surface of <~ a building with marble>
3 • : to meet or bring in direct contact or confrontation <faced the problem>
4 • : to stand or sit with the face toward <~ the sun>
5 • : to have the front oriented toward <a house facing the park>
6 • : to have as or be a prospect <~ a grim future>
7 • : to turn the face or body in a specified direction
8: to bring directly to the attention of

— face the music
: to meet the unpleasant consequences of one's actions

Synonyms
- [1] beard, brave, brazen, confront, dare, defy
- [3] battle, encounter, engage, meet, take on—more at ENGAGE
- [4] front, look, point

face-down /ˈfæsˌdaʊn/ adverb
: with the face downward

face-less /ˈles/ noun
1: lacking a face
2: lacking character or individuality

face-lift /ˈfæsˌlɪft/ noun
1: plastic surgery on the face and neck to remove defects (as wrinkles) typical of aging: a cosmetic surgical operation for removal of facial defects (as wrinkles) typical of aging
2: MODERNIZATION

— face-lift verb

face-off /ˈfæsˌəf/ noun
1: a method of beginning play by dropping a ball or puck (as in hockey) between two opposing players each of whom attempts to control it
2: the clashing of forces or ideas: CONFRONTATION

— face off verb

Synonyms
- battle, combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, duel, rivalry, struggle—more at CONTEST

facet /ˈfæsət/ noun
[origin: F facette, dim. of face]
1: a small plane surface of a cut gem
2: any of the definable aspects that make up a subject (as of contemplation) or an object (as of consideration): ASPECT, PHASE

Synonyms
- [2] angle, aspect, hand, phase, side—more at ASPECT

facetious /ˈfæsətʃəs/ adjective
1: joking often inappropriately
2: characterized by pleasantry or levity: exciting laughter: JOCULAR

— facetious-ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] flip, flippant, pert, smart—more at FLIPPANT
- [2] clever, humorous, jocular, smart, witty—more at WITTY

facetious-ness noun
: the quality or state of being facetious

Synonyms
- flightiness, flippancy, frivolity, levity, lightness—more at FRIVOLITY

1facial /ˈfæsəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to the face
2: used to improve the appearance of the face

2facial noun
: a facial treatment

facile /ˈfæsəl/ adjective
1: easily accomplished, handled, or attained
2: SIMPLISTIC
3: readily manifested and often insincere <~ prose>
4: READY, FLUENT <a ~ writer>
   Synonyms
   - easy, effortless, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, simple, smooth, snap, soft—more at EASY

facil·i·tate /faˌsəˈli·tāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
  : to make easier
   —facil·i·ta·tion /ˌsəˌli·ta·shən/ noun
   —facil·i·ta·tor /ˌsəˌli·ta·tor/ noun
   Synonyms
   - ease, loosen, smooth, unclog—more at EASE

facil·i·ty /faˌsəˌli·tē/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality of being easily performed
2: ease in performance : APTITUDE
3: PLIANCY
4: something that makes easier an action, operation, or course of conduct; also : REST ROOM — often used in pl.
5: something (as a hospital) built or installed for a particular purpose
   Synonyms
   - complex, establishment, installation

fac·ing /faˈsin/ noun
1: a lining at the edge esp. of a garment
2 plural: the collar, cuffs, and trimmings of a uniform coat
3: an ornamental or protective layer
4: material for facing

fac·sim·i·le /faˈsɪməl/ noun
[ORIGIN: L fac similē make similar]
1: an exact copy
2: a system of transmitting and reproducing printed matter or pictures by means of signals sent over telephone lines
   Synonyms
   - carbon copy, double, duplicate, image, match, replica, reproduction—more at IMAGE

fact /fakt/ noun
1: DEED; especially: CRIME <accessory after the ~>
2: the quality of being actual
3: something that exists or occurs
4: a piece of information
   —in fact
   : in truth
   Synonyms
   - detail, particular, point

fac·tion /fakˈshen/ noun
: a group or combination (as in a government) acting together within and usu. against a larger body
   —fac·tion·al·ism /fəkˈshənəˌlizəm/ noun
   Synonyms
   - bloc, body, coalition, combination, combine, party, sect, set, side, wing

fac·ti·ous /fakˈshəs/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or caused by faction
2: inclined to faction or the formation of factions : causing dissension

fac·ti·ti·ous /fakˈti·shəs/ adjective
1 a: produced by human art, skill, or effort
b: not natural or real: SHAM <a ~ display of grief>
2: not natural or spontaneous
   Synonyms
   - [1a, b] artificial, bogus, fake, false, imitation, sham, synthetic—more at Imitation
facetoid /ˈfæk.təd/ noun
1 : an invented fact believed to be true because of its appearance in print
2 : a brief usu. trivial fact

factor /ˈfæk.tər/ noun
1 ▶ : a person that acts or transacts business for another : AGENT
2 ▶ : something that actively contributes to a result <a ~ in her decision>
3 : GENE
4 : any of the numbers or symbols in mathematics that when multiplied together form a product; especially : any of the integers that divide a given integer without a remainder

Synonyms
- [1] agent, attorney, delegate, deputy, representative—more at AGENT
- [2] component, constituent, element, ingredient, member—more at ELEMENT

factor verb
1 : to work as a factor
2 : to find the mathematical factors of and esp. the prime mathematical factors of

factorial /ˈfæk.tər.i.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a factor

factorial noun
: the product of all the positive integers from 1 to a given integer n

factory /ˈfæk.tərē/ noun, plural -ries
1 : a trading post where resident brokers trade
2 ▶ : a building or group of buildings used for manufacturing

Synonyms
- mill, plant, shop, works, workshop

factotum /ˈfæk.tətəm/ noun
[origin: NL, lit., do everything, fr. L fac do + totum everything] : a person (as a servant) having numerous or varied duties

facts of life
: the physiological processes and behavior involved in sex and reproduction

facutual /ˈfæk.chə.wəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : of or relating to facts
2 ▶ : based on fact
— factu·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] actual, concrete, existent, real, true, very—more at ACTUAL
- [2] documentary, literal, nonfictional, objective, true

faculty /ˈfæk.təlē/ noun, plural -ties
1 a ▶ : ability to act or do
b ▶ : natural aptitude
2 : one of the powers of the mind or body <the ~ of hearing>
3 : the teachers in a school or college or one of its divisions

Synonyms
- [1a] ability, capability, capacity, competence—more at ABILITY
- [1b] aptitude, endowment, flair, genius, gift, knack, talent—more at TALENT

fad /ˈfæd/ noun
▶ : a practice or interest followed for a time with exaggerated zeal : CRAZE
— fad·dish adjective
— fad·dish·ly adverb
— fad·dish·ly noun

Synonyms
- craze, mode, rage, style, trend, vogue
1 fade /fād/ verb faded; fading
1 : WITHER
2 : to lose or cause to lose freshness or brilliance of color
3 : to sink away : VANISH
4 : to grow dim or faint
Synonyms
   ✷ [2] blanch, bleach, blench, dull, pale, wash out, whiten
   ✷ [3] disappear, dissolve, evaporate, flee, go, melt, vanish—more at DISAPPEAR

2 fade noun
   a short haircut in which hair on top of the head stands high

FADM abbreviation
   fleet admiral

fa·cal, fa·ces chiefly British variant of FECAL, FECES

fa·er·ie also fa·ery /fār·ē/ noun, plural fa·er·ies
1 : FAIRYLAND
2 : FAIRY

1 fag /fag/ verb fagged; fag·ging
1 : to work hard : DRUDGE
2 : to act as a fag
3 : to tire by strenuous activity : TIRE, EXHAUST
Synonyms
   ✷ burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at EXHAUST

2 fag noun
   : one who is obliged to do menial work : DRUDGE
Synonyms
   ✷ drudge, peon, slave, toiler, worker—more at SLAVE

3 fag noun
   : an English public-school boy who acts as servant to another

4 fag verb
   : to act as a fag

5 fag noun
   : CIGARETTE

fag end noun
1 : a worn, poor, or useless ending or remnant unlikely to afford either pleasure or profit : REMNANT
2 : the extreme end
3 : the last part or coarser end of a web of cloth
4 : the untwisted end of a rope
Synonyms
   ✷ end, leftover, remainder, remnant, scrap—more at SCRAP

fag·ot or fag·got /fā·gōt/ noun
   : a bundle of sticks or twigs

fag·ot·ting or fag·got·ting noun
   : an embroidery produced by tying threads in hourglass-shaped clusters

Fah or Fahr abbreviation
   Fahrenheit

Fahr·en·heit /far·en·hīt/ adjective
   : relating to, conforming to, or having a thermometer scale with the boiling point of water at 212 degrees and the freezing point at 32 degrees above zero
faience or faience /ˈfɑːns/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: earthenware decorated with opaque colored glazes

1 fail /fāl/ verb
1 ‣ : to become feeble; especially : to decline in health
2 : to die away
3 ‣ : to stop functioning
4 ‣ : to fall short <ed in his duty>
5 : to be or become absent or inadequate
6 ‣ : to be unsuccessful
7 : to become bankrupt
8 ‣ : to disappoint the expectations or trust of
9 : neglect

Synonyms
‣ [1] decay, droop, flag, go, lag, languish, sag, waste, weaken, wilt—more at weaken
‣ [3] break, break down, conk, crash, cut out, die, stall
Antonyms
start (up)
‣ [4,8] cheat, disappoint, dissatisfy, let down—more at disappoint
‣ [6] collapse, flop, flunk, fold, wash out
Antonyms
succeed

2 fail noun
: failure <without ~> 

1 failing /ˈfāling/ noun
‣ : a usu. slight or insignificant defect in character, conduct, or ability : weakness, shortcoming

Synonyms
‣ demerit, fault, foible, frailty, shortcoming, vice, weakness—more at fault

2 failing preposition
: in the absence or lack of

faille /fəˈlɛ/ noun
: a somewhat shiny closely woven ribbed fabric (as silk)

fail-safe /ˈfɑːlˌsēf/ adjective
1 : incorporating a counteractive feature for a possible source of failure
2 : having no chance of failure

— fail-safe noun

failure /ˈfɑːlər/ noun
1 ‣ : a failing to do or perform
2 : a state of inability to perform a normal function adequately <heart ~>; also : an abrupt cessation of functioning <a power ~>
3 : a fracturing or giving way under stress
4 ‣ : a lack of success
5 : bankruptcy
6 ‣ : a falling short : deficiency
7 : deterioration, decay
8 ‣ : one that has failed

Synonyms
‣ [1] default, delinquency, dereliction, neglect, negligence, oversight
‣ [4] collapse, crash, cropper, defeat, fizzle, nonsuccess
Antonyms
accomplishment, achievement, success
‣ [6] dearth, deficiency, deficit, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity,
shortage, want—more at DEFICIENCY
▶ [8] bust, catastrophe, debacle, dud, fiasco, fizzle, flop, loser, washout

Antonyms
hit, smash, success, winner

1fain /ˈfān/ adjective
1 archaic: GLAD; also: INCLINED
2: being obliged or compelled

2fain adverb
1: with pleasure
2: by preference

1faint /ˈfānt/ adjective
[origin: ME fain, feint, fr. OF, fr. faindre, feindre to feign, lose heart]
1: COWARDLY, SPIRITLESS
2: weak, dizzy, and likely to faint
3: lacking vigor or strength: FEELING (~ praise)
4: hardly perceptible: INDIFFERENT, DIM
   — faint·ly adverb
Synonyms
   ▶ [3] delicate, feeble, frail, infirm, slight, soft, wasted, weak—more at WEAK
   ▶ [4] bleary, dim, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indistinct, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, vague
Antonyms
clear, definite

2faint verb
▶: to lose consciousness
   Synonyms
   ▶ black out, pass out, swoon
Antonyms
come around, come round, come to, revive

3faint noun
1: the action of fainting
2: the condition of one who has fainted
   Synonyms
   ▶ blackout, knock out, swoon

faint·heart·ed /ˈfāntˌhārt·əd/ adjective
▶: lacking courage: TIMID
   Synonyms
   ▶ fearful, mousy, shy, skittish, timid—more at SHY

faint·ness noun
▶: the quality or state of being faint; especially: a loss of strength or near loss of consciousness
   Synonyms
   ▶ debility, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, languor, weakness—more at WEAKNESS

1fair /fər/ adjective
1: pleasing in appearance: BEAUTIFUL
2: superficially pleasing: SPECIOUS
3: CLEAN, PURE
4: CLEAR, LEGIBLE
5: not stormy or cloudy
6: marked by impartiality and honesty: free from self-interest, prejudice, or favoritism: JUST
7: conforming with the rules: ALLOWED; also: being within the foul lines (~ ball)
8: open to legitimate pursuit or attack (~ game)
9: giving promise of success or excellence: PROMISING, LIKELY (~ chance of winning)
10: favorable to a ship's course (~ wind)
fair·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ✓ [1] attractive, beautiful, handsome, lovely, pretty—more at BEAUTIFUL
   ✓ [5] clear, cloudless, sunny, sunshiny, unclouded
   Antonyms
   bleak, cloudy, overcast, stormy, sunless
   ✓ [6] disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced
   Antonyms
   biased, partisan, prejudiced, unequal, unjust
   ✓ [12] common, indifferent, mediocre, medium, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, second-rate, so-so—more at MEDIOCRE

fair adverb
1 : in a fair manner <play ~>  
2 chiefly British: FAIRLY 4

fair noun
1 ▸ : a gathering of buyers and sellers at a stated time and place for trade
2 ▸ : a competitive exhibition (as of farm products)
3 ▸ : a sale of assorted articles usu. for a charitable purpose
4 ▸ : an exhibition designed to promote available or planned products or services <a book ~> <a job ~>  
   Synonyms
   ✓ [1, 2, 3, 4] display, exhibit, exhibition, exposition, show—more at EXHIBITION

fair·ground /ˌɡraʊnd/ noun
   : an area where outdoor fairs, circuses, or exhibitions are held

fair·ing /ˈfɛrɪŋ/ noun
   : a structure for producing a smooth outline and reducing drag (as on an airplane)

fair·ly /ˈfɛrəli/ adverb
1 : HANDSOMELY
2 : in a manner of speaking <~ bursting with pride>
3 : without bias
4 : to a full degree or extent : PLAINLY, DISTINCTLY
5 ▸ : moderately well : SOMEWHAT, RATHER <a ~ easy job>
   Synonyms
   ✓ enough, kind of, moderately, pretty, quite, rather, so-so, somewhat, sort of

fair·spo·ken /ˈfɛrˌspəˌkɛn/ adjective
   : pleasant and courteous in speech

fair·trade /ˌfɛr.trād/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or being an agreement between a producer and a seller that branded merchandise will be sold at or above a specified price
   — fair·trade verb

fair·way /ˈfɛrˌwē/ noun
   : the mowed part of a golf course between tee and green

fairy /ˈfɛr.i/ noun, plural fair·ies
   ✓ : an imaginary being of folklore and romance usu. having diminutive human form and magic powers
   — fairy adjective
   Synonyms
brownie, elf, fay, gnome, leprechaun, pixie, puck

fairy·land /ˌ lәrˈland/ noun
1 : the land of fairies
2 : a beautiful or charming place

fairy tale noun
1 : a children's story usu. about mythical beings (as fairies)
2 : an implausible, incredible, or lying story : a statement designed to delude or mislead : fib
   Synonyms
   - fabrication, falsehood, falsity, fib, lie, story, untruth

fait accompli /fɛ̃t akˈɔmpli/ noun, plural faits accomplis /sam ɑ ˈ plɛz/
[origin: F, accomplished fact]
: a thing accomplished and presumably irreversible

faith /fɑıθ/ noun, plural faiths /fɑıθz, ˈfɑıθz/
[origin: ME feith, fr. OF feid, foi, fr. L fides]
1 : allegiance to duty or a person : loyalty
2 : belief and trust in God
3 : complete trust
4 : a system of religious beliefs
   — faith·ful·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      - [1] allegiance, constancy, dedication, devotion, faithfulness, fastness, fealty, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness—more at fidelity
      - [2] devotion, piety, religion
   Antonyms
   - atheism, godlessness
   - [3] confidence, credence, stock, trust—more at trust
   - [4] creed, cult, persuasion, religion—more at religion

faith·ful /fel/ adjective
1 : true and constant in affection or allegiance
2 : conforming to the facts or to an original
   Synonyms
   - [1] constant, devoted, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true, true-blue
   Antonyms
   - disloyal, false, fickle, inconstant, perfidious, traitorous, treacherous
   - [2] accurate, authentic, exact, precise, right, strict, true, veracious
   Antonyms
   - false, imprecise, inaccurate, inexact

faith·ful·ness noun
: the quality or state of being faithful
   Synonyms
   - allegiance, constancy, dedication, devotion, fealty, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness—more at fidelity

faith·less /ˈfɑı̃ləs/ adjective
1 : false to promises or agreements : disloyal
2 : not to be relied on
   — faith·less·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - disloyal, false, fickle, inconstant, perfidious, traitorous, treacherous, unfaithful, untrue
   Antonyms
   - constant, devoted, loyal, staunch, steadfast, steady, true

faith·less·ness noun
: the quality or condition of being faithless
   Synonyms
- betrayal, disloyalty, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason

**fa·ji·ta** /fəˌhē. tä/ **noun**
: a marinated strip usu. of beef or chicken grilled or broiled and served usu. with a flour tortilla and savory fillings

1. **fake** /fāk/ **adjective**
   : one that is not what it purports to be: **SHAM**
   **Synonyms**
   - bogus, counterfeit, false, inauthentic, phony, sham, spurious—more at **COUNTERFEIT**
   - artificial, bogus, false, imitation, mock, sham, substitute, synthetic—more at **IMITATION**

2. **fake** **noun**
   1 a : someone or something that is not genuine
   b : one that assumes false identity or title for the purpose of deception
   2 : a simulated move in sports (as a pretended pass)
   **Synonyms**
   - [1a] counterfeit, forgery, hoax, humbug, phony, sham
   - [1b] charlatan, fraud, hoaxer, humbug, phony, pretender, quack

3. **fake** **verb** faked; fak·ing
   1 : to treat so as to falsify
   2 : to counterfeit or make a counterfeit of in order to deceive
   3 : to deceive (an opponent) in a sports contest by making a fake
   — fak·er **noun**
   **Synonyms**
   - affect, assume, counterfeit, feign, pretend, profess, put on, sham, simulate—more at **FEIGN**

**fa·kir** /fəˈkēr/ **noun**
[ORIGIN: Ar faqīr, lit., poor man]
1 : a Muslim mendicant: **DERVISH**
2 : a wandering Hindu ascetic

**fal·con** /fəlˈkan, -lən/ **noun**
1 : a hawk trained for use in falconry
2 : any of various swift long-winged long-tailed hawks having a notched beak and usu. inhabiting open areas

**fal·con·ry** /fəlˈkan.rē, -lən.rē/ **noun**
1 : the art of training hawks to hunt in cooperation with a person
2 : the sport of hunting with hawks
   — fal·con·er **noun**

1. **fall** /fəl/ **verb** fell /fel/; fall·en /fəl.ən/; fall·ing
   1 : to descend freely by the force of gravity
   2 : to hang freely
   3 : to come or go as if by falling <darkness fell>
   4 : to become uttered
   5 : to lower or become lowered: **DROP** <her eyes fell>
   6 : to leave an erect position suddenly and involuntarily
   7 : STUMBLE, STRAY
   8 : to drop down wounded or dead esp. in battle
   9 : to become captured <the city fell to the enemy>
   10 : to suffer ruin, defeat, or failure
   11 : to commit an immoral act
   12 : to move or extend in a downward direction
   13 : to become quiet or less: **SUBSIDE, ABATE**
   14 : to decline in quality, activity, quantity, or value
   15 : to assume a look of shame or dejection <her face fell>
   16 : to occur at a certain time
   17 : to come by chance
   18 : **DEVOLVE** <the duties fell to him>
19: to have the proper place or station <the accent ~s on the first syllable>
20: to come within the scope of something
21: to pass from one condition to another <fell ill>
22: to set about heartily or actively <~ to work>

— fall all over oneself
or fall over backward
: to display excessive eagerness
— fall flat
: to produce no response or result
— fall for
1: to fall in love with
2: to become a victim of
— fall foul
: to have a quarrel: CLASH
— fall from grace
: BACKSLIDE
— fall into line
: to comply with a certain course of action
— fall short
1: to be deficient
2: to fail to attain

Synonyms
▷ [1, 5] decline, descend, drop, lower, settle, sink
Antonyms
rise
▷ [6] slip, stumble, topple, trip, tumble
Antonyms
get up, rise, stand (up)
▷ [9] capitulate, give up, knuckle under, submit, succumb, surrender
Antonyms
stand
▷ [13] abate, decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, recede, subside, wane—more at DECREASE

2 fall noun
1 †: the act of falling
2: a falling out, off, or away: DROPPING
3: AUTUMN
4: a thing or quantity that falls <a light ~ of snow> <a ~ of 20% in the value of the stock>
5 †: loss of greatness, power, status, influence, or dominion: DOWNFALL
6: the surrender or capture of a besieged place
7: departure from virtue or goodness
8: SLOPE
9: WATERFALL — usu. used in pl.
10 †: a decrease in size, quantity, degree, or value <a ~ in price>
11: the distance which something falls
12: an act of forcing a wrestler’s shoulders to the mat; also: a bout of wrestling

Synonyms
▷ [1] descent, dip, dive, down, drop, plunge—more at DESCENT
▷ [1] slip, spill, stumble, tumble
▷ [5] comedown, decline, descent, down, downfall—more at COMEDOWN
▷ [10] decline, decrease, drop, loss, reduction, shrinkage—more at DECREASE

fal·la·cious /fa, lā,shəs/ adjective
1 †: embodying a fallacy <a ~ argument>
2 †: tending to deceive or mislead

Synonyms
▷ [1] illogical, invalid, irrational, unsound, weak—more at ILLOGICAL
fal·la·cy /ˈfæləˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
1 ▶ a false or mistaken idea
2 : an often plausible argument using false or illogical reasoning
3 : erroneous or fallacious character
   Synonyms
   ▶ error, falsehood, falsity, illusion, misconception, myth, untruth
   Antonyms
   truth, verity

fall back verb
▶ : to give way : RETREAT, RECEDE
   Synonyms
   back, recede, retire, retreat, withdraw—more at RETREAT

fall guy noun
1 : one that is easily duped
2 : one who assumes or on whom is placed the blame or responsibility : SCAPEGOAT

fal·li·ble /ˈfæləbəl/ adjective
1 : liable to be erroneous
2 : capable of making a mistake
   — fal·li·bly /ˈblē/ adverb

fall·ing–out /ˈfælinˈaut/ noun, plural fallings–out or falling–outs
   : QUARREL

calling star noun
   : METEOR

call·lo·pi·an tube /ˈkæləˌpēən/ noun, often cap F
   : either of the pair of anatomical tubes that carry the eggs from the ovary to the uterus

call·out /ˈkælˈaut/ noun
1 : the often radioactive particles that result from a nuclear explosion and descend through the air
2 : a secondary and often lingering effect or result

call out verb
▶ : to have a quarrel : QUARREL
   Synonyms
   ▶ argue, bicker, dispute, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUE

call /ˈkæl/ noun
1 : fallow land; also : the state or period of being fallow
   — call verb

2call adjective
1 : left without tilling or sowing after plowing
2 ▶ : characterized by a state of creative or recuperative rest or dormancy : DORMANT, INACTIVE <a writer's ~ period>
   Synonyms
   ▶ dead, dormant, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative

false /fəls/ adjective fals·er; fals·est
1 ▶ : not genuine : artificially made or assumed
2 : intentionally untrue
3 ▶ : adjusted or made so as to deceive << scales>
4 a ▶ : tending to mislead : DECEPTIVE << promises>
b ▶ : assumed or designed to deceive
5 ▶ : not true << concepts>
6 ▶ : not faithful or loyal : TREACHEROUS
7 : not essential or permanent << front>
false·hood /ˈfaɪsˌhuːd/ noun
1 ▶: something that is untrue; especially: an untrue statement : LIE
2 : absence of truth or accuracy
3 : the practice of lying
   Synonyms
   ▶ error, fallacy, falsity, illusion, misconception, myth, old wives' tale, untruth—more at FALLACY
   ▶ fabrication, fairy tale, falsity, fib, lie, mendacity, prevarication, story, tale, untruth, whopper—more at LIE
false·ness noun
1 ▶: the quality or state of being false
2 ▶: an instance of treachery: an act of perfidy or treason
   Synonyms
   ▶[1] fallacy, falsity, untruth
   ▶[2] betrayal, disloyalty, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness—more at BETRAYAL
fal·seto /ˈfəlˌse.tō/ noun, plural -tos
[origin: It, fr. dim. of falso false]
: an artificially high voice; especially: an artificial singing voice that overlaps and extends above the range of the full voice esp. of a tenor
fal·si·fy /ˈfəlˌsa.fī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to prove to be false
2 ▶: to alter so as to deceive
3 : LIE; also: MISREPRESENT
   — fal·si·fi·able /ˈfəlˌsa.fī.ə.bəl/ adjective
   — fal·si·fi·ca·tion /ˈfəlˌsa.fəˌkā.shən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ color, distort, garble, misinterpret, misrepresent, misstate, pervert, twist, warp—more at GARBLE
fal·si·ty /ˈfəlˌsa.tē/ noun
1 ▶: something false
2 ▶: the quality or state of being false
   Synonyms
   ▶[1] fallacy, falsehood, fib, lie, myth, tale, untruth
   ▶[2] betrayal, disloyalty, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness—more at BETRAYAL
fal·ter /ˈfəltər/ verb
1 ▶: to move unsteadily: TOTTER
2 : to hesitate in speech: STAMMER
3 ▶: to hesitate in purpose or action: WAVER
4 : to lose effectiveness <a ~ing business>
   — fal·ter·ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶[1] seesaw, sway, teeter, totter, waver, wobble—more at TEETER
   ▶[3] hesitate, shilly-shally, teeter, vacillate, waver—more at HESITATE
fam abbreviation
1 familiar
2 family

fame /fɑːm/ noun
▶ public reputation : RENOWN
  Synonyms
  ◀ celebrity, notoriety, renown
  Antonyms
  anonymity, obscurity

famed /fɑːmd/ adjective
▶ known widely and well
  Synonyms
  ◀ celebrated, famous, noted, prominent, renowned, well-known—more at FAMOUS

fa·mil·ial /fəˈmil·iəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or suggestive of a family
2 : tending to occur in more members of a family than expected by chance alone <a ~ disorder>

1familiar /ˈfəˌmil·iər/ noun
1 ▶ : an intimate associate
2 : a spirit held to attend and serve or guard a person
3 : one who frequents a place
  Synonyms
  ◀ comrade, friend, intimate—more at FRIEND

2familiar adjective
1 ▶ : closely acquainted : INTIMATE
2 : of or relating to a family
3 : INFORMAL
4 ▶ : overly free and unrestrained : PRESUMPTUOUS
5 ▶ : frequently seen or experienced
6 : of everyday occurrence
7 ▶ : having personal or intimate knowledge — often used with with
— fa·mil·iar·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ◀ [1] chummy, close, friendly, intimate, thick
  Antonyms
  ◀ [4] bold, forward, free, immodest, presumptuous—more at PRESUMPTUOUS
  ◀ [5] common, customary, everyday, frequent, ordinary, routine, usual—more at COMMON
  ◀ [7] conversant, informed, knowledgeable, up-to-date
  Antonyms
  ◀ ignorant, unacquainted, unfamiliar, uninformed

fa·mil·iar·i·ty /ˈfəˌmil·iər·e·ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 ▶ : close friendship : INTIMACY
2 : INFORMALITY
3 ▶ : an unduly bold or forward act or expression : IMPROPRIETY
4 : close acquaintance with something
  Synonyms
  ◀ [1] closeness, intimacy, nearness
  Antonyms
  ◀ distance
  ◀ [3] gaffe, impropriety, indiscretion—more at IMPROPRIETY

fa·mil·iar·ize /ˈfəˌmil·iər·iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to make known through experience or repetition : remove strangeness from
2 ▶ : to make (someone) thoroughly acquainted
family /ˈfæməlē/ noun, plural -lies
[origin: ME familie, fr. L familia household, fr. famulus servant]
1 : a group of individuals living under one roof and under one head : HOUSEHOLD
2 : a group of persons of common ancestry : CLAN
3 : a group of things having common characteristics; especially : a group of related plants or animals ranking in biological classification above a genus and below an order
4 : a social unit usu. consisting of one or two parents and their children

Synonyms
- [2] clan, folk, kin, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, stock
- [3] category, class, division, group, kind, set, type—more at CLASS

family planning noun
: planning intended to determine the number and spacing of one's children by using birth control

family tree noun
: an account or history of the descent of a person, family, or group from an ancestor or ancestors or from older forms : GENEALOGY; also : a genealogical diagram

Synonyms
- ancestry, bloodline, descent, genealogy, lineage, origin—more at ANCESTRY

famine /ˈfæmən/ noun
1 : an extreme scarcity of food
2 : a great shortage

Synonyms
- dearth, deficiency, failure, lack, paucity, poverty, scarcity, shortage—more at DEFICIENCY

famous /ˈfæməs/ adjective
1 : widely known
2 : honored for achievement
3 : EXCELLENT, FIRST-RATE

Synonyms
- celebrated, famed, noted, notorious, prominent, renowned, well-known

Antonyms
- anonymous, obscure, unknown

famously adverb
: SPLENDIDLY, EXCELLENTLY

fan /fan/ noun
: a device (as a hand-waved triangular piece or a mechanism with blades) for producing a current of air

verb fanned; fanning
1 : to drive away the chaff from grain by winnowing
2 : to move (air) with or as if with a fan
3 : to direct a current of air upon <~ a fire>
4 : to stir up to activity : STIMULATE
5 : to spread like a fan — often used with out
6 : to strike out in baseball

Synonyms

usually fan out expand, extend, flare, open, radiate, spread, unfold

fan noun
✓ an enthusiastic follower or admirer
  Synonyms
    ➢ addict, aficionado, buff, devotee, enthusiast, fancier, lover

fanatic /fəˈnātik/ or fan·a·tic·al /faqˈnəˌtik/ adjective
[origin: L. fanaticus inspired by a deity, frenzied, fr. fanum temple]
✓ marked by excessive enthusiasm and often intense uncritical devotion
  — fanaticism /ˈfænəˌtiks/ noun
    Synonyms
      ➢ extreme, extremist, rabid, radical, revolutionary, ultra—more at extreme

fanatic noun
✓ a person who is ardently attached to a cause, object, or pursuit; especially : a person exhibiting excessive enthusiasm and intense uncritical devotion usu. toward some controversial matter
  Synonyms
    ➢ crusader, militant, partisan, zealot—more at zealot

fan·ci·er /fənˈsē.ər/ noun
1 ➢ one that has a special liking or interest
2 ➢ a person who breeds or grows some kind of animal or plant for points of excellence
  Synonyms
    ➢ aficionado, buff, devotee, enthusiast, fan, lover—more at fan

fan-ci·ful /fənˈsē.əl/ adjective
1 ➢ marked by, existing in, or given to unrestrained imagination or whim rather than reason
2 ➢ curiously made or shaped
  — fan-ci·ful·ly adverb
    Synonyms
      ➢ fantastic, fictitious, imaginary, made-up, pretend, unreal—more at imaginary

fancy /fænˈsē/ verb fan·cied; fan·cy·ing
1 ➢ to be pleased with esp. on account of external appearance or manners : like
2 ➢ to form a conception of : imagine
3 ➢ to believe without evidence or certainty
4 ➢ to visualize or interpret as
  Synonyms
    ➢ [1] delight, enjoy, like, love, relish—more at enjoy
    ➢ [2] conceive, imagine, picture, visualize

fancy noun, plural fancies
1 ➢ amorous fondness : love or desire; also : love
2 ➢ an opinion or notion formed without much reflection : whim, notion <a passing ~>
3 ➢ an image or representation of something formed in the mind
4 ➢ taste, judgment
  Synonyms
    ➢ [1] favor, fondness, like, liking, love, partiality, preference—more at liking
    ➢ [2] caprice, notion, whim
    ➢ [3] chimera, conceit, dream, fantasy, illusion, phantasm, unreality, vision—more at fantasy

fancy adjective fan·ci·er; -est
1 ➢ whimsical
2 ➢ not plain : ornamented and often elegant
3 ➢ of particular excellence
4 ➢ bred esp. for a showy appearance
5 ➢ excessive
fan·cy /ˈfænsi/ adverb
complex, complicated, detailed, elaborate, intricate—more at elaborate

fancy dress noun
a costume (as for a masquerade) chosen to suit a fancy

fan·cy–free /ˈfænsēˌfrē/ adjective
free from amorous attachment; also: free to imagine

fan·cy–work /ˈfænsēˌwərk/ noun
ornamental needlework (as embroidery)

fan·dan·go /ˈfændənˌgō/ noun, plural -gos
1: a lively Spanish or Spanish-American dance
2: TOMFOOLERY

fan·fare /ˈfænfər/ noun
1: a flourish of trumpets
2: a showy display

fang /ˈfæŋ/ noun
a long sharp tooth; especially: a grooved or hollow tooth of a venomous snake
— fanged /ˈfænd/ adjective

fan·light /ˈfænlıt/ noun
a semicircular window with radiating bars like a fan that is set over a door or window

fan·ny /ˈfænē/ noun, plural fannies
BUTTOCKS

fan·ta·sia /ˈfæntəˌzeə, ˈzheəˌzeə, ˈfæntəˌzeə/ noun
a musical composition free and fanciful in form

fan·ta·sise British variant of FANTASIZE

fan·ta·size /ˈfæntəˌsaiz/ verb -sized, - siz·ing
IMAGINE, DAYDREAM

fan·tas·tic /ˈfæntəstik/ also fan·tas·ti·cal /ˈfæntasˈtikəl/ adjective
1: based on fantasy rather than reason: IMAGINARY, UNREAL
2: conceived by unrestrained fancy
3: exceedingly or unbelievably great
4: exhibiting strange, grotesque, inappropriate, or startlingly novel characteristics
— fan·tas·ti·cal·ly /ˈfæntəstikəˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
[1] fanciful, imaginary, made-up, unreal—more at imaginary
[2] absurd, bizarre, crazy, fanciful, foolish, preposterous, unreal
Antonyms
realistic, reasonable
[3] inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unimaginable
[4] exotic, glamorous, marvelous, outlandish, romantic, strange—more at EXOTIC
fantasy also phantasy /ˈfæntəˌseɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the free play of creative imagination as it affects perception and productivity usu. as expressed in an art form or as elicited by projective techniques of formal psychology: IMAGINATION, FANCY
2 : a product of the imagination: ILLUSION
3 : a chimerical or fantastic notion
   — fantasy verb
   Synonyms
   ▪ [1] creativity, fancy, imagination, invention—more at IMAGINATION
   ▪ [2, 3] chimera, dream, fancy, fiction, figment, illusion, invention, vision

FAQ abbreviation
frequently asked question

far /fər/ adverb farther /ˈfætər/ or further /ˈfər.ər/; farthest or furthest /ˈfær.əst/; farthest or furthest
1 : at or to a considerable distance in space or time << from home>>
2 : by a broad interval: WIDELY, MUCH << better>>
3 : to or at a definite distance, point, or degree <as ~ as I know>
4 : to an advanced point or extent <go ~ in his field>
5 : to a great extent
   — by far
   : by a considerable margin
   — far and away
   : DECIDEDLY
   — so far
   : until now

far adjective farther or further; farthest or furthest
1 : remote in space or time
2 : DIFFERENT
3 : involving a long distance <a ~ journey>
4 : being the more distant of two <on the ~ side of the lake>
   Synonyms
   ▪ distant, far-off, remote
   Antonyms
   close, near, nearby

farad /ˈfær.əd/ noun
: a unit of capacitance equal to the capacitance of a capacitor having a potential difference of one volt between its plates when it is charged with one coulomb of electricity

far-away /ˈfær.əˌwā/ adjective
1 : distant in space or time: DISTANT, REMOTE
2 : DREAMY

farce /ˈfærks/ noun
1 : a broadly satirical comedy with an improbable plot
2 : the humor characteristic of farce or pretense
3 : a ridiculous or empty display
   Synonyms
   ▪ [1] comedy, humor, slapstick—more at COMEDY
   ▪ [3] caricature, joke, mockery, parody, sham, travesty—more at MOCKERY

far·ci·cal /ˈfærˌsɪ.ˌkæl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or resembling farce
   Synonyms
   ▪ absurd, comical, funny, humorous, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, silly

far cry noun
1 : a long distance
2 : something notably different <a far cry from what we expected>
fare /fār/ verb fared; far·ing
1 : to go or travel : GO, TRAVEL
2 : to get along : make out or turn out : GET ALONG
3 : to consume food : EAT, DINE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] advance, go, proceed, progress, travel
   ▶ [2] cope, do, get along, make out, manage

fare noun
1 a : a range or stock of food
   b : material provided for use, consumption, or enjoyment <fine theatrical ~> 
2 : the price charged to transport a person
3 : a person paying a fare : PASSENGER
   Synonyms

farewell /far.‘wel/ verb imperative
: get along well — used interjectionally to or by one departing
farewell noun
1 : a wish of well-being at parting : GOOD-BYE
2 : act of departure : LEAVE-TAKING
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] adieu, au revoir, good-bye—more at GOOD-BYE
   ▶ [2] departure, leave-taking, parting
farewell adjective
: PARTING, FINAL <a ~ concert>

far·fetched /fär.’fet.ch/ adjective
: not easily or naturally deduced or introduced : IMPROBABLE <~ story>

far·flung /fär.‘flung/ adjective
▶ : widely spread or distributed
   Synonyms

fa·ri·na /fa.rē.na/ noun
[origin: L, meal, flour]
: a fine meal (as of wheat) used in puddings or as a breakfast cereal

far·i·na·ceous /far.a.nä.shəs/ adjective
1 : having a mealy texture or surface
2 : containing or rich in starch

farm /fārm/ noun
[origin: ME ferme rent, lease, fr. AF, fr. fermer to fix, rent, fr. L firmare to make firm, fr. firmus firm]
1 : a tract of land used for raising crops or livestock
2 : a minor-league subsidiary of a major-league team

farm verb
▶ : to use (land) as a farm <~ed 200 acres>; also : to raise crops or livestock
   Synonyms

farm·er noun
▶ : a person who cultivates land or crops or raises livestock
   Synonyms

farm·hand /fārm.händ/ noun
farm·house /ˌhaʊs/ noun
: a dwelling on a farm

farm·ing /ˈfærˌmɪŋ/ noun
: the occupation or business of a person who farms

farm·land /ˈfærmˌlænd/ noun
: land used or suitable for farming

farm out verb
: to turn over (as a task) to another

farm·stead /ˈfærmˌsted/ noun
: a farm with its buildings

farm·yard /ˈfærmˌjɑrd/ noun
: land around or enclosed by farm buildings

far–off /ˈfærˌəf/ adjective
›: remote in time or space : DISTANT
   Synonyms
   ➔ distant, remote—more at DISTANT

fa·rouche /faˈruch/ adjective
[ORIGIN: F]  
1 : WILD  
2 : marked by shyness and lack of polish

far–out /ˈfærˌəut/ adjective
›: very unconventional <-- clothes
   Synonyms
   ➔ bizarre, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, strange, wacky, weird, wild—more at ODD

far·ra·go /ˈfærəˌgō/ noun, plural -gos
[ORIGIN: L, mixed fodder, mixture]  
: a confused collection : MIXTURE

far–reach·ing /ˈfærˌrēchɪŋ/ adjective
›: having a wide range or effect
   Synonyms
   ➔ broad, extensive, widespread—more at EXTENSIVE

far·ri·er /ˈfærˌri Ir/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of ME ferrour, fr. AF, blacksmith, fr. ferrer to shoe (horses)]  
: a person who shoes horses

1 farrow /far ə/ verb
: to give birth to a litter of pigs

2 farrow noun
: a litter of pigs

far·see·ing /ˈfærˌsi ɪŋ/ adjective
1 : FARSIGHTED 1  
2 : FARSIGHTED 2  
3 : affected with an eye condition in which vision is better for distant than near objects
far·sight·ed·ness noun

Synonyms
- foresighted, prescient, provident - more at FORESIGHTED

1 farther /fərˈθɑːr/ adverb
1 : at or to a greater distance or more advanced point
2 : to a greater degree or extent

Synonyms
- beyond, further, yonder

2 farther adjective
1 : more distant
2 : going or extending beyond what exists - ADDITIONAL

Synonyms
- additional, another, more

far·ther·most /fɑrˈθɑːrˌməst/ adjective
: most remote - FARDEST

1 farthest /fərˈθɑːst/ adjective
1 : most distant

Synonyms
- extreme, outermost, ultimate, utmost - more at EXTREME

2 farthest adverb
1 : to or at the greatest distance - REMOTEST
2 : to the most advanced point
3 : by the greatest degree or extent - MOST

fas·cia /ˈfæs.i.ʃə/ noun, plural -ci·ae /ˈfæs.i.əi/ or -cias
1 : a flat usu. horizontal part (as a band or board) of or on a building
2 : a sheet of connective tissue covering body structures (as muscles)

fas·ci·cle /ˈfæs.ʃəˌkəl/ noun
1 : a small or slender bundle (as of pine needles or nerve fiber)
2 : one of the divisions of a book published in parts

— fas·ci·cled /ˈfæs.ʃəld/ adjective

fas·ci·nate /ˈfæs.ʃən.ət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
[Origin: L fascinare, fr. fascinum evil spell]
1 : to transfix and hold spellbound by an irresistable power
2 a : to have or exercise the power of charming, alluring, or entralling
b : engage and powerfully hold the attention or interest
3 : to be irresistibly attractive

Synonyms
- [2a, 2b] allure, beguile, captivate, charm, enchant, enthrall
- [2b] engage, engross, grip, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy - more at ENGAGE

fascinating
- : holding the interest as if by a spell

Synonyms
- alluring, attractive, captivating, charming, engaging, entralling, interesting, intriguing

Antonyms
- repellant, repelling, repugnant

fasc·i·na·tion /ˈfæs.ʃən.ən.ən/ noun
- : the quality of fascinating : the ability to enthral

Synonyms
- allure, appeal, attractiveness, charisma, charm, enchantment, glamour - more at CHARM

fas·cism /ˈfæs.ə.zəm/ noun, often cap
a political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation and often race and stands for a centralized autocratic often militaristic government

— fas·cist /fəˈsɪst/ noun or adjective, often cap
— fas·cist·ic /fəˈsɪst-tɪk/ adjective, often cap

1fashion /ˈfaʃən/ noun
1 : the make or form of something
2 : a distinctive or peculiar and often habitual manner or way : MANNER, WAY
3 : a prevailing usu. short-lived custom, usage, or style
4 : the prevailing style (as in dress)

Synonyms
- [2] custom, habit, manner, pattern, practice, way
- [3] craze, enthusiasm, fad, mode, rage, sensation, style, trend, vogue

2fashion verb
1 : to make or construct usu. with the use of imagination and ingenuity
2 : FIT, ADAPT

Synonyms
- fabricate, form, frame, make, manufacture, produce—more at MAKE

fash·ion·able /ˈfaʃən-əbəl/ adjective
1 : dressing or behaving according to fashion
2 : of, relating to, or being something in fashion <~ resorts>

— fash·ion·ably /ˈbaʃən-ə-bli/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] à la mode, chic, in, modish, sharp, smart, snappy, stylish—more at STYLISH
- [2] hot, in, popular

1fast /fæst/ adjective
1 : firmly fixed
2 : tightly shut
3 : adhering firmly
4 : STUCK
5 : firmly loyal : STAUNCH <~ friends>
6 a : characterized by quick motion, operation, or effect <a ~ trip> <a ~ track>
b : unusually quick and ingenious or cunning in finding or recognizing and profiting by easy and often shady ways of making or acquiring money
7 : indicating ahead of the correct time <the clock is ~> 
8 : not easily disturbed : SOUND <a ~ sleep>
9 : permanently dyed; also : being proof against fading <colors ~ to sunlight>
10 : DISSIPATED, WILD
11 : sexually promiscuous

Synonyms
- [1, 8] firm, secure, set, snug, sound, stable, tight—more at TIGHT
- [5] constant, devoted, faithful, loyal, staunch, steadfast, steady, true—more at FAITHFUL
- [6a] brisk, fleet, hasty, quick, rapid, speedy, swift

Antonyms
- slow
- [6b] deceptive, dishonest, shady, sharp, shifty

2fast adverb
1 : in a fast manner <stuck ~ in the mud> <~ asleep>
2 : in a rapid manner : SWIFTLY
3 : RECKLESSLY

Synonyms
- [1] completely, entirely, fully, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY
- [2] briskly, hastily, presto, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, speedily, swiftly

Antonyms
slow, slowly

3 fast verb
1 : to abstain from food
2 : to eat sparingly or abstain from some foods

4 fast noun
1 : the act or practice of fasting
2 : a time of fasting

fast·back /fast·bak/ noun
: an automobile having a roof with a long slope to the rear

fast·ball /.bəl/ noun
: a baseball pitch thrown at full speed

fast·ten /fas·ten/ verb
1 ▶ : to attach or join by or as if by pinning, tying, or nailing
2 ▶ : to make fast : fix securely
3 ▶ : to become fixed or joined
4 ▶ : to focus attention <<ed onto the newest trends>
— fast·ten·er noun

Synonyms
▷ [1, 2] attach, fix, secure, tie; also adhere, bolt, clamp, clasp, clinch, clip, glue, hang, harness, lace, lash, latch, nail, paste, pin, rivet, screw, staple, stick, strap, tack, tie, yoke; connect, join, link, unite; reattach, refix

Antonyms
detach, loose, loosen, undo
▷ [4] concentrate, focus, rivet, train—more at CONCENTRATE

fast·ten·ing noun
: something that fastens : FASTENER

fast·food /fastˈfūd/ adjective
: specializing in food that is prepared and served quickly << restaurant>

fast·for·ward /fərˈwərd/ noun
1 : a function of an electronic device that advances a recording rapidly
2 : a state of rapid advancement
— fast·for·ward verb

fast·i·di·ous /faˈsidəs/ adjective
1 ▶ : overly difficult to please
2 ▶ : showing a meticulous or demanding attitude << workmanship>
— fast·i·di·ous·ly adverb
— fast·i·di·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [1, 2] choosy, demanding, exacting, finicky, fussy, particular, picky—more at FINICKY

fast·ness /fast·nis/ noun
1 a : the quality or state of being fast
b : fixed attachment
c ▶ : the quality or state of being swift
2 ▶ : a fortified or secure place : STRONGHOLD

Synonyms
▷ [1c] celerity, fleetness, haste, hurry, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness, velocity—more at SPEED
▷ [2] bastion, citadel, fort, fortification, fortress, stronghold—more at FORT

fast·talk /fast·tək/ verb
: to influence by persuasive and usu. deceptive talk

fast·track /fast·trak/ verb
: to speed up the processing or production of
fast track noun
: a course leading to rapid advancement or success

1 fat /fæt/ adjective fat·ter; fat·test
1 ▶ : notable for having an unusual amount of fat : PLUMP, OBESE
2 : OILY, GREASY
3 ▶ : well filled out : unusually large
4 ▶ : well furnished, filled, or stocked : ABUNDANT
5 ▶ : richly rewarding
6 ▶ : having the quality or power of producing esp. in abundance

Synonyms
▷ [1] chubby, corpulent, obese, overweight, plump, portly, rotund, round
Antonyms
lean, slender, slim, spare, thin
▷ [3] broad, thick, wide—more at WIDE
▷ [4] abundant, chock-full, full, packed, replete—more at FULL
▷ [5] gainful, lucrative, profitable, remunerative—more at PROFITABLE
▷ [6] fertile, fruitful, productive, prolific, rich—more at FERTILE

2 fat noun
1 : animal tissue rich in greasy or oily matter
2 : any of various energy-rich esters that occur naturally in animal fats and in plants and are soluble in organic solvents (as ether) but not in water
3 ▶ : the best or richest portion <lived on the ~ of the land>
4 : OBESITY
5 ▶ : something in excess or expendable

Synonyms
▷ [3] best, choice, elite, pick, prime—more at ELITE
▷ [5] excess, overflow, surfeit, surplus—more at EXCESS

fa·tal /fæˈtel/ adjective
1 : FATEFUL <that ~ day>
2 ▶ : causing death or ruin <a ~ mistake>
— fa·tal·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ deadly, deathly, lethal, mortal, murderous, pestilent—more at DEADLY
▷ calamitous, catastrophic, destructive, disastrous, fateful, ruinous

fa·tal·ism /ˌfæ.təˈlɪzəm/ noun
: the belief that events are determined by fate

— fa·tal·ist /ˈfæ.təlist/ noun
— fa·tal·is·tic /ˌfæ.təˈlis.tɪk/ adjective
— fa·tal·is·ti·cal·ly /ˌfæ.təˌlɪs.tɪˈkəl.i/ adverb

fa·tal·i·ty /fəˈtel.i.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : DEADLINESS
2 : FATE
3 a : death resulting from a disaster or accident
   b ▶ : one who suffers a death from a disaster or accident

Synonyms
▷ casualty, loss, victim—more at CASUALTY

fat·back /fatˈbak/ noun
: a fatty strip from the back of the hog usu. cured by salting and drying

fat cat noun
1 : a wealthy contributor to a political campaign
2 : a wealthy privileged person
fate /ˈfāt/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. L fatum, lit., what has been spoken, fr. fari to speak]
1 : the cause or will that is held to determine events : DESTINY
2 : LOT, FORTUNE
3 : DISASTER; especially: DEATH
4 : ultimate lot or disposition: final outcome
5 cap, plural: the three goddesses of classical mythology who determine the course of human life

Synonyms
1, 2: circumstance, destiny, doom, fortune, lot
3: [4] consequence, effect, outcome, product, result, upshot—more at EFFECT

fat·ed /ˈfāt·id/ adjective
: decreed, controlled, or marked by fate

fat·ful /ˈfāt·fəl/ adjective
1: OMINOUS, PROPHETIC
2: IMPORTANT, DECISIVE
3: bringing on adverse fate: DESTRUCTIVE
4: determined by fate
— fat·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
— calamitous, catastrophic, destructive, disastrous, fatal, ruinous

fath abbreviation
fathom

fat·head /ˈfāt·hēd/ noun
: a stupid person
— fat·head·ed /ˈfāt·hēd·əd/ adjective

Synonyms
— blockhead, dolt, dope, dunce, idiot, jackass, nitwit, numskull, simpleton

1 father /ˈfā·ther/ noun
1 : a male parent
2 cap: God esp. as the first person of the Trinity
3 : a male ancestor more remote than a parent: FOREFAther
4 : one deserving the respect and love given to a father
5 often cap: an early Christian writer accepted by the church as an authoritative witness to its teaching and practice
6 : one that originates or institutes: ORIGINATOR <the ~ of modern radio>; also: SOURCE
7 : a priest of the regular clergy: PRIEST — used esp. as a title
8 : one of the leading men <city ~>s
— fa·ther·hood /ˈfā·ther·hōd/ noun
— fa·ther·less adjective
— fa·ther·ly adjective

Synonyms
1: daddy, papa, pop
3: ancestor, forefather, grandfather—more at ANCESTROR
6: author, creator, founder, originator; also contriver, designer, innovator, inventor, spawner; builder, maker, producer; developer, pioneer, researcher; organizer, promoter; inspiration, inspirer
7: clergyman, minister, preacher, priest, reverend—more at CLERGYMAN

2 father verb
1 : to make oneself the father of: BEGET
2 : to be the founder, producer, or author of
3 : to treat or care for as a father

Synonyms
— beget, get, produce; also breed, multiply, procreate, propagate, reproduce, spawn; bear, engender, generate

father–in–law /ˈfā·ther·in·lə/ noun, plural fa·thers–in–law /ˈfā·ther·zen/
fatherland /ˈfaːθərlænd/ noun
1 : the native land of one's ancestors
2 : one's native land
   Synonyms
   ➔ country, home, homeland—more at COUNTRY

fathom /ˈfaθəm/ noun
[origin: ME fadme, fr. OE fæthm length of the outstretched arms]
1 : a unit of length equal to 6 feet (about 1.8 meters) used esp. for measuring the depth of water
2 : to measure by a sounding line
3 : to penetrate and come to understand
   — fathomable /ˈfaθəməbəl/ adjective
   fathomless /ˈfaθəmləs/ adjective
   : incapable of being fathomed

fatigue /ˈfaːtɪdʒ/ noun
[origin: F]
1 : manual or menial work performed by military personnel
2 plural : the uniform or work clothing worn on fatigue and in the field
3 : weariness from labor or stress
4 : the tendency of a material to break under repeated stress
   Synonyms
   ➔ burnout, collapse, exhaustion, lassitude, tiredness, weariness; also enervation, faintness, feebleness, weakness; languor, lethargy, listlessness; sluggishness, slumber, stupor, torpor; apathy, inertia, passivity
   Antonyms
   refreshment, rejuvenation, revitalization

fatigue verb fa·ti·ged; fa·ti·guing
1 : to weary with labor or exertion : WEARY, TIRE
   Synonyms
   ➔ burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, tire, wear out, weary—more at EXHAUST

fat·ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being fat or rich in fats : fullness of flesh
   Synonyms
   ➔ corpulence, obesity, plumpness—more at CORPULENCE

fat·ten verb /ˈfætən/ verb
1 : to make or grow fat

Fat Tuesday noun
1 : MARDI GRAS

fatty /ˈfætē/ adjective fat·ti·er; -est
1 : containing fat esp. in unusual amounts
2 : GREASY

fatty noun, plural fat·ties
1 : a fat person

fatty acid noun
1 : any of numerous acids that contain only carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen and that occur naturally in fats and various oils

fa·tu·ity /ˈfaˌtjuəˌi tē, ′tyū-/ noun, plural -i·ties
1 : something foolish or stupid
2 ♦ : the quality or state of being stupid
   Synonyms
   ♦ [1] absurdity, folly, foolery, idiocy, inanity, stupidity—more at FOLLY
   ♦ [2] absurdity, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, stupidity

fat·u·ous /'fa.chu.ˌwəs/ adjective
   ♦ : marked by lack of intelligence and rational consideration
— fat·u·ous·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ♦ dense, dull, dumb, obtuse, stupid, unintelligent, vacuous, witless—more at STUPID

fa·bour·g /fa.buʁ/ noun
1 ♦ a suburb esp. of a French city
2 ♦ a city quarter

fa·ces /fa.säz/ noun plural
[origin: L, throat]
: the narrow passage located between the soft palate and the base of the tongue that joins the mouth to the pharynx

fa·ces·et /fa.səˌset/ noun
: a fixture for drawing off a liquid (as from a pipe)
   Synonyms
   ♦ cock, gate, spigot, tap, valve

fault /folt/ noun
1 ♦ : a weakness in character : FAILING
2 ♦ : a physical or intellectual imperfection or impairment : IMPERFECTION, DEFECT
3 ♦ : an error esp. in service in a net or racket game
4 ♦ : a failure to do what is right : an unintentional error : MISTAKE
5 ♦ : responsibility for something wrong
6 ♦ : a fracture in the earth's crust accompanied by a displacement of one side relative to the other
   Synonyms
   ♦ [1] demerit, failing, foible, frailty, shortcoming, vice, weakness; also blot, spot, stain; blemish, deficiency, flaw; Achilles' heel; corruption, depravity, evil, immorality, sinfulness, wickedness
   Antonyms
   ♦ merit, virtue
   ♦ [2] blemish, defect, flaw, imperfection—more at BLEMISH
   ♦ [4] blunder, error, fumble, goof, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip—more at ERROR
   ♦ [5] blame, culpability, guilt, rap—more at BLAME

fault verb
1 ♦ : to commit a fault : ERR
2 ♦ : to fracture so as to produce a geologic fault
3 ♦ : to find a fault in
   Synonyms
   ♦ blame, condemn, criticize, denounce, knock, pan—more at CRITICIZE

fault·find·er /'folt.fin.dər/ noun
: a person who tends to find fault or complain
— fault·find·ing noun or adjective
   Synonyms
   ♦ carper, castigator, censurer, critic, nitpicker, scold—more at CRITIC

fault·i·ly /'folt.ɪ.l̩i/ adverb
: in a faulty or blamable manner
   Synonyms
   ♦ erroneously, improperly, incorrectly, wrongly

fault·less adjective
: having no fault : free from defect, imperfection, failing, blemish, or error
Synonyms
- flawless, impeccable, perfect, unblemished—more at PERFECT
- blameless, innocent, irreproachable—more at INNOCENT

fault·less·ly adverb
- in a manner having no fault

Synonyms
- flawlessly, ideally, impeccably, perfectly—more at PERFECTLY

faulty adjective
- marked by a fault: having a fault, blemish, or defect

Synonyms
- bad, defective, imperfect; also fallible; blemished, broken, damaged, defaced, disfigured, impaired, injured, marred, spoiled; deficient, inadequate, incomplete, insufficient, wanting

Antonyms
- faultless, flawless, perfect

faun /fön/ noun
- a Roman god similar to but gentler than a satyr

fauna /fōˈnə/ noun, plural faunas also faunae /ˌnō, ˈnō/ [origin: NL, fr. L Fauna, sister of Faunus (the Roman god of animals)]
- animals or animal life esp. of a region, period, or environment
- faunal /ˈnōl/ adjective

fa·vism /ˈfāˌviz-əm/ noun, often cap
- a movement in painting characterized by vivid colors, free treatment of form, and a vibrant and decorative effect
- faivist /ˈvīst/ noun, often cap

faux pas /fōˈpäs, ˈfō-/, fōˈ/ noun, plural faux pas /ˈpäz, ˈpäz/
[origin: F, lit., false step]
- BLUNDER; especially: a social blunder

fa·va bean /ˈfā va/ noun
- the large flat edible seed of an Old World vetch; also: this plant

favor /ˈfāvər/ noun
1: friendly regard shown toward another esp. by a superior
2: the act of approving or the state of being approved of: APPROVAL
3: bias in favor: PARTIALITY
4: POPULARITY
5: gracious kindness; also: an act of such kindness
6: plural: effort in one's behalf: ATTENTION
7: a token of love (as a ribbon) usu. worn conspicuously
8: a small gift or decorative item given out at a party
9: a special privilege
10: sexual privileges — usu. used in pl.
11: BEHALF, INTEREST

Synonyms
- [1] admiration, appreciation, esteem, estimation, regard, respect—more at ADMIRATION
- [2] approbation, approval, OK—more at APPROVAL
- [3] bias, partiality, partisanship, prejudice—more at BIAS
- [6] attention, courtesy, kindness, service, turn

favor verb
1: to regard or treat with favor
2: to do a kindness for or oblige esp. with a gift: OBLIGE
3: ENDOW ~ed by nature
4: to treat gently or carefully: SPARE ~ a lame leg
5: to show partiality toward: PREFER
6: SUPPORT, SUSTAIN
7: FACILITATE <darkness ~s attack>
8: RESEMBLE <he ~s his father>

Synonyms
- [1] accept, approve, care, countenance, OK, subscribe
- [5] lean, like, prefer—more at PREFER

fa·vor·able /ˈfa.vərə.bl/ adjective
1: expressing approval: APPROVING
2: tending to promote or facilitate: HELPFUL, ADVANTAGEOUS (<< weather)
3: marked by success

Synonyms
- [1] appreciative, complimentary, friendly, good, positive; also eulogistic, laudatory; respectful; adulatory, worshipful
- Antonyms
  - adverse, disapproving, negative
  - [2] advantageous, beneficial, helpful, profitable, salutary—more at BENEFICIAL
  - [3] auspicious, bright, encouraging, hopeful, promising, propitious; also fortunate, happy, lucky, providential; advantageous, beneficial, profitable

Antonyms
discouraging, inauspicious, unfavorable, unpromising

fa·vor·ably /ˈblə/ adverb
- in a favorable manner

Synonyms
- agreeably, nicely, pleasantly, pleasingly, satisfyingly, well

1favorite /ˈfa.vər.eɪt/ noun
1: a person or a thing that is favored above others
2: a competitor regarded as most likely to win

Synonyms
- darling, pet, preference, prize, treasure

2favorite adjective
- being a favorite

Synonyms
- dear, loved, precious, special

favorite son noun
- a candidate supported by the delegates of his state at a presidential nominating convention

fa·vor·it·ism /ˈfa.vər.i.t.əm/ noun
- PARTIALITY, BIAS

1fawn /fɑn, ˈfaun/ verb
1: to show affection <a dog ~ing on its master>
2: to court favor by a cringing or flattering manner

Synonyms
- fuss, kowtow, toady; also drool, gush, slaver, slobber; endear, ingratiate; court, woo; adulate, idolize, worship; cajole, coax, flatter; cower, cringe, grovel; abase, debase, demean; defer, submit, yield

2fawn noun
1: a young deer
2: a light grayish brown
- fawny /ˈfɑni, ˈfɑn/ adjective

fax /fæks/ noun
1: FACSIMILE 2
2: a device used to send or receive facsimile communications; also: such a communication

- fax verb
fay /ˈfæ/ noun
  a mythical being of folklore and romance usu. having diminutive human form and magic powers and given to beneficial or mischievous interference in human affairs

  Synonyms
  brownie, elf, fairy, leprechaun, pixie, puck—more at FAIRY

fay adjective
  like an elf

  Synonyms
  antic, elfish, frisky, frolicsome, playful—more at PLAYFUL

faze /ˈfæz/ verb fazed; faz·ing
  to disturb the composure or courage of

  Synonyms
  confound, confuse, disconcert, embarrass, fluster, rattle—more at EMBARRASS

FBI abbreviation
  Federal Bureau of Investigation

FCC abbreviation
  Federal Communications Commission

FD abbreviation
  fire department

FDA abbreviation
  Food and Drug Administration

FDIC abbreviation
  Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Fe symbol
  iron

fe·al·ty /ˈfælətē/ noun, plural -ties
  intense fidelity : LOYALTY, ALLEGIANCE

  Synonyms
  allegiance, constancy, dedication, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fastness, fidelity, loyalty, steadfastness—more at FIDELITY

1 fear /fɪər/ verb
  1: to have a reverent awe of «God»
  2: to be afraid of : have fear «spiders»
  3: to be apprehensive

  Synonyms
  bother, fret, stew, sweat, trouble, worry—more at WORRY

2 fear noun
  1: an unpleasant often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; also : an instance of or a state marked by this emotion
  2: anxious concern : SOLICITUDE
  3: profound reverence esp. toward God

  Synonyms
  alarm, anxiety, apprehension, dread, fright, trepidation; also phobia; jitters, nervousness, willies; pang, qualm, twinge; agitation, discomposure, disquiet, perturbation; concern, dismay, worry; cowardice, timidity, timorousness

fear·ful /ˈfɪərfl/ adjective
  1: causing fear
  2: filled with fear
  3: showing or caused by fear
4 : extremely bad, intense, or large
— fear·ful·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] dire, dreadful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, scarry, shocking, terrible, terrifying; also daunting, discouraging, disheartening, dismaying, disquieting, distressing, perturbing, startling, threatening, troubling, trying; creepy, eerie, weird; ghastly, gruesome, nightmarish
  ▶ [2, 3] afraid, scared, skittish, timid—more at AFRAID
  ▶ [4] deep, fierce, furious, hard, intense, profound, terrible, violent—more at INTENSE

fear·less /liəˈles/ adjective
  ▶ : free from fear : BRAVE
— fear·less·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ brave, courageous, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant

fear·less·ness noun
  ▶ : the quality or state of being without fear
  Synonyms
  ▶ bravery, courage, daring, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE

fear·some /ˈfərsəm/ adjective
  1 : causing fear
  2 : TIMID
  3 : INTENSE <~ determination>
  — Synonyms
  ▶ fearful, formidable, hair-raising, scary, shocking, terrifying—more at FEARFUL

fea·si·ble /ˈfəzəbəl/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME faisible, fr. AF faisable, fr. fais-, stem of faire to make, do]
  1 : capable of being done or carried out <a ~ plan>
  2 : SUITABLE
  3 : REASONABLE, LIKELY
— fea·si·bil·i·ty /ˈfəzəbələtē/ noun
— fea·si·bly /ˈfəzəbəli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ achievable, attainable, doable, possible, practicable, viable, workable—more at POSSIBLE

1 feast /fēst/ noun
  1 : an elaborate meal : BANQUET
  2 : ABUNDANCE <a ~ of good books>
  3 : FESTIVAL 1
  — Synonyms
  ▶ banquet, dinner, feed, spread; also chow, repast; blowout, festival, fete, gala, party; festivity; barbecue, clambake, cookout, fry, luau, roast

2 feast verb
  1 a : to take part in a feast
  b : to give a feast for
  2 : to enjoy some unusual pleasure or delight
  3 : DELIGHT, GRATIFY
  — Synonyms
  ▶ banquet, dine, junket, regale; also cater, feed; fete, honor

feit /feɪt/ noun
  ▶ : a deed notable esp. for courage : a heroic achievement; especially : an act notable for courage, skill, endurance, or ingenuity
  — Synonyms
  ▶ deed, exploit, stunt, trick; also accomplishment, achievement, coup; adventure; performance

1 feather /ˈfe thr/ noun
1 : any of the light horny outgrowths that form the external covering of the body of a bird
2 : the vane of an arrow
3 : the entire clothing of feathers of a bird : plumage
4 : a group united by common traits or interests <birds of a ~>
5 : elaborate, showy, or ceremonial dress <in full ~> 
6 : condition, mood <in fine ~> 
  — feathered /ˈfeɪθərd/ adjective
  — featherless adjective
  — a feather in one's cap
    : a mark of distinction : honor
    Synonyms
      ▶ [4] class, ilk, kind, like, sort, type—more at sort
      ▶ [5] array, best, finery, full dress, regalia—more at finery
2 feather verb
1 : to furnish with a feather <~ an arrow>
2 : to cover, clothe, line, or adorn with or as if with feathers
  — feather one's nest
    : to provide for oneself financially esp. while exploiting a position of trust
  " feather-bedding /ˈfeɪθərˌbɛdɪŋ/ noun
    : the requiring of an employer usu. under a union rule or safety statute to employ more workers than are needed
  " feather-edge /ˈfeɪθərˌɪdʒ/ noun
    : a very thin sharp edge
  " feather-weight /ˈfeɪθərˌwɛt/ noun
    : one that is very light in weight; especially : a boxer weighing more than 116 but not over 126 pounds
  " featherly adjective
    ▶ light and delicate
    Synonyms
      ▶ airy, light—more at light
1 feature noun
1 : the shape or appearance of the face or its parts
2 : a part of the face : lineament
3 : a prominent part or characteristic
4 : a special attraction (as in a newspaper)
5 : something offered to the public or advertised as particularly attractive
  — featureless adjective
  " Synonyms
    ▶ attribute, character, characteristic, mark, peculiarity, point, property, quality, trait—more at characteristic
2 feature verb
1 : to picture in the mind : imagine
2 : to give special prominence to <the show ~s new artists>
3 : to play an important part
  " Synonyms
    ▶ accent, accentuate, emphasize, highlight, stress, underline, underscore—more at emphasize

Feb abbreviation
February

febrile /ˈfebruəl/ adjective
  : febrile
  " februous /ˈfebruəs/ noun
[origin: ME februarie, fr. L februarius, fr. februare, pl., feast of purification]
the 2d month of the year

feces /fēˈsēz/ noun plural
bodily waste discharged from the intestine: EXCREMENT
— fe-cal /ˈkāl/ adjective

feck-less /ˈfek.les/ adjective
1: WEAK, INEFFECTIVE
2: WORTHLESS, IRRESPONSIBLE

fe-cund /feˈkənd/ adjective
fruits in offspring or vegetation: FRUITFUL, PROLIFIC
— fe-cun-di-ty /ˈfē.kən.də.tē/ noun

Synonyms
fat, fertile, fruitful, luxuriant, productive, prolific, rich—more at FERTILE

fe-cun-date /feˈkən.dāt/ verb -dat-ed; -dat-ing
1: to make fecund
2: IMPREGNATE

— fe-cun-da-tion /ˈfē.kən.dəˌshən/ noun

fed abbreviation
defed; federation

feder-al /ˈfē.dər.əl/ adjective
1: formed by a compact between political units that surrender individual sovereignty to a central authority but retain certain limited powers
2: of or constituting a form of government in which power is distributed between a central authority and constituent territorial units
3: of or relating to the central government of a federation
4 cap: FEDERALIST
5 often cap: of, relating to, or loyal to the federal government or the Union armies of the U.S. in the American Civil War
— feder-al-ly adverb

Federal noun
a supporter of the U.S. government in the Civil War; especially: a soldier in the federal armies

federal district noun
a district (as the District of Columbia) set apart as the seat of the central government of a federation

feder-al-ism /ˈfē.dər.əl.izəm/ noun
1 often cap: the distribution of power in an organization (as a government) between a central authority and the constituent units
2: support or advocacy of federalism
3 cap: the principles of the Federalists

feder-al-ist /ˈfē.dər.əl.ist/ noun
1: an advocate of federalism
2 often cap: an advocate of a federal union between the American colonies after the Revolution and of adoption of the U.S. Constitution
3 cap: a member of a major political party in the early years of the U.S. favoring a strong centralized national government
— federalist adjective, often cap

feder-al-ize /ˈfē.dər.əl.iz/ verb -iz-ed; -iz-ing
1: to unite in or under a federal system
2: to bring under the jurisdiction of a federal government

feder-ate /ˈfē.dər.ət/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing
to join in a federation
**Fed·er·a·tion /fə.dərəˈshən/ noun**
1: a political or societal entity formed by uniting smaller entities
2: a federal government
3: a union of organizations
4: the forming of a federal union

**Synonyms**
- alliance, bloc, coalition, combination, combine, confederacy, confederation, league, union—more at **CONFEDERACY**

**Fed·en** abbreviation
federation

**Fe·do·ra /fləˈdərə/ noun**
: a low soft felt hat with the crown creased lengthwise

**Fed up** adjective
- satiated, tired, or disgusted beyond endurance

**Synonyms**
- jaded, sick, tired, weary—more at **WEARY**

**Fee /fē/ noun**
[Origin: ME, fr. AF fé, fief, of Gmc origin; akin to OE feoh cattle, property]
1: an estate in land held from a feudal lord
2: an inherited or heritable estate in land
3: a fixed charge; also: a charge for a service

**Synonyms**
- charge, cost, figure, price—more at **PRICE**

**Fee·ble /ˈfiːbəl/ adjective Fee·bler /ˈbaʊlər/; Fee·blest /ˈbeɪbləst/**
1: markedly lacking in strength: FRAIL
2: INEFFECTIVE, INADEQUATE <a ~ protest>

**Fee·bly /ˈbiːbli/ adverb**
- faint, frail, infirm, wasted, weak

**Fee·ble·ness noun**
- the quality or state of being feeble

**Synonyms**
- debility, frailty, infirmity, weakness

**Fee·ble·mind·ed /ˈfiːbəlˌmɪndɪd/ adjective**
: lacking normal intelligence

**Fee·ble·mind·ed·ness noun**

**1 Feed /féd/ verb Fed /fed/; Feeding**
1: to give food to; also: to give as food
2 a: to consume food: EAT
b: to seize and devour prey — used with on, upon, or off
3: to furnish what is necessary to the growth or function of
4: to supply for use or consumption

**Synonyms**
- [1] board, cater, provision; also serve, wait; nourish, nurture; banquet, dine, feast, regale; mess
- [2a] dine, eat, fare—more at **DINE**

**2 Feed noun**
1 a: a usu. large meal; especially: a sumptuous meal
b : the portion or serving of food eaten at a meal
2 : food for livestock
3 : a mechanism for feeding material to a machine

**Synonyms**
- [1a] banquet, dinner, feast, spread—more at **FEAST**
- [1b] board, chow, meal, mess, repast, table—more at **MEAL**

**feed-back** /ˈfēdˌback/ **noun**
1 : the return to the input of a part of the output of a machine, system, or process
2 : response esp. to one in authority about an activity or policy
3 : sound (as whistling) resulting from the retransmission of an amplified or broadcast signal

**feed-lot** /ˈfēdˌlāt/ **noun**
: land on which cattle are fattened for market

**feed-stuff** /ˌsted/ **noun**
: **FEED**

1** feel /fiːl/ **verb** felt /fɛlt/ **feeling**
1 : to perceive or examine through physical contact : **TOUCH**, **HANDLE**
2 : to undergo passive experience of : **EXPERIENCE**; also : to suffer from
3 : to ascertain by cautious trial <out public sentiment>
4 : to be aware of
5 : to be conscious of an inward impression, state of mind, or physical condition
6 : to be aware of by instinct or inference : **BELIEVE**, **THINK** <say what you ~> 
7 : to search for something with the fingers : **GROPE**
8 : **SEEM** <it ~ like spring>
9 : to have sympathy or pity <I ~> for you>

**Synonyms**
- [2] endure, experience, have, know, see, suffer, sustain, taste, undergo—more at **EXPERIENCE**
- [4] perceive, scent, see, sense, smell, taste; also discern, observe, view; ascertain, discover, learn; anticipate, expect, foresee [6] believe, consider, deem, figure, guess, hold, imagine, suppose, think—more at **BELIEVE**
- [7] fish, fumble, grope—more at **GROPE**
- **usually feel for [9] commiserate, pity, sympathize—more at **PITY**

2** feel **noun**
1 : the sense of touch
2 : a sensation experienced through the sense of feeling
3 : the quality of a thing as imparted through touch

**Synonyms**
- [2] feeling, sensation, sense—more at **SENSATION**

**feel-er** /ˈfɛlər/ **noun**
1 : one that feels; especially : a tactile organ (as on the head of an insect)
2 : a proposal or remark made to find out the views of other people

1** feeling /ˈfeeling/ **noun**
1 a : the sense of touch
b : a sensation perceived by touch
2 : a state of mind <a ~> of loneliness>
3 plural : general emotional condition : **SENSIBILITIES** <hurt their ~>s>
4 : often unreasoned opinion or belief : **OPINION**, **BELIEF**
5 : capacity to respond emotionally

**Synonyms**
- [1b] feel, sensation, sense—more at **SENSATION**
- [2] emotion, sentiment; also impression, perception, sense
- [4] belief, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, view—more at **OPINION**
- [5] compassion, heart, humanity, kindness, sympathy—more at **HEART**
feeling adjective
1: having the capacity to feel or respond emotionally : SENSITIVE; especially : easily moved emotionally
2: expressing emotion or sensitivity
— feel·ing·ly adverb

feet plural of FOOT

feign /fēng/ verb
1: to give a false appearance of : SHAM <illness>
2: to assert as if true : PRETEND

Synonyms
▷ affect, assume, fake, pretend, put on, sham, simulate; also act, dissemble, impersonate, masquerade; forge, imitate; camouflage, conceal, disguise, mask; bluff, feint

feigned /fēnd/ adjective
1: not genuine or real
2: not genuinely felt

Synonyms
▷ artificial, hypocritical, insincere, two-faced—more at INSINCERE

feint /fēnt/ noun
: something feigned; especially : a mock blow or attack intended to distract attention from the real point of attack
— feint verb

feisty /fē-stē/ adjective feist·i·er; -est
: having or showing a lively aggressiveness <a ~ heroine>

feldspar /fēld-spär/ noun
: any of a group of crystalline minerals consisting of silicates of aluminum with another element (as potassium or sodium)

fe·lic·i·tate /flı̃ˈsaˌtāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
: to offer congratulations to : CONGRATULATE

fe·lic·i·ta·tion /flı̃ˈsaˌtāshən/ noun
: the act or an instance of congratulating : CONGRATULATION

fe·lic·i·tous /flı̃ˈsaˌtōs/ adjective
1: suitably expressed : APT
2: highly pleasing : affording great pleasure and satisfaction : PLEASANT, DELIGHTFUL

Synonyms
▷ [1] applicable, appropriate, apt, fit, fitting, proper, right, suitable—more at FIT BECOMING
▷ [2] agreeable, congenial, delightful, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying

fe·lic·i·tous·ly adverb
▷ in a felicitous manner

Synonyms
▷ agreeably, favorably, nicely, pleasurably, pleasingly, satisfyingly, splendidly, well

fe·lic·i·ty /flı̃ˈsaˌtē/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being happy; especially : great happiness
2: something that causes happiness
3: a pleasing manner or quality esp. in art or language
4: an apt expression

Synonyms
▷ [1] blessedness, bliss, gladness, happiness, joy—more at HAPPINESS
▷ [2] benefit, blessing, boon, godsend, good, manna, windfall—more at BLESSING

fe·line /fēˈlin/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L felinus, fr. felis cat]
1: of or relating to cats or their kin
2: SLY, TREACHEROUS
3 : **STEALTHY**

*feline noun*

: a feline animal

*Synonyms*

: cat, kitty, puss—more at CAT

fell /feu/ noun

: SKIN, HIDE, PELT

fell verb

1 a : to cut, beat, or knock down

b : to deprive of life

2 : to sew (a seam) by folding one raw edge under the other

*Synonyms*

: chop, cut, hew

fell past of FALL

fell adjective

1 : violently hostile or aggressive in temperament : FIERCE

2 : killing or markedly sickening or destroying : DEADLY

—in one fell swoop

also at one fell swoop

: all at once ; with a single effort

*Synonyms*

: [1] ferocious, fierce, grim, savage, vicious—more at FIERCE

: [2] deadly, fatal, lethal, mortal, murderous, pestilent, vital—more at DEADLY

fel·lah /fe·lu. 1á/ noun, plural fel·la·hin or fel·la·heen /fe·lu. 1á·he·en/

: a peasant or agricultural laborer in Arab countries (as Egypt or Syria)

fel·la·tio /fe. 1á. shē. tē/ also fel·la·tion /shē·nən/ noun

: oral stimulation of the penis

fel·low /fe·lu/ noun

[ORIGIN: ME felawe, fr. OE fēolaga, fr. ON fēlagi, fr. fēlag partnership (fr. fē cattle, money) + lag act of laying]

1 : one that accompanies or is in the company of another : one much in the company of another

2 : an equal in rank, power, or character : EQUAL, PEER

3 : one of a pair : MATE

4 : a member of an incorporated literary or scientific society

5 : an individual human : an adult male human : MAN

6 : a frequent, regular, or favorite escort or male companion : BOYFRIEND

7 : a person granted a stipend for advanced study

*Synonyms*

: [1] associate, cohort, companion, comrade, crony, mate—more at ASSOCIATE

: [2] equal, like, match, parallel, peer

: [5] chap, dude, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, male, man—more at MAN

fell·low·man /fe·lu. la′nən/ noun

: a kindred human being

fell·low·ship /fe·lu. la′ship/ noun

1 : the condition of friendly relationship existing among persons

2 : a community of interest or feeling

3 : a group with similar interests

4 : the position of a fellow (as of a university)

5 : the stipend granted a fellow

*Synonyms*

: [1] camaraderie, companionship, company, comradeship, society—more at COMPANIONSHIP
brotherhood, community, corps, fraternity—more at corps
association, club, college, congress, council, fraternity, league, order, organization, society—more at association

fellow traveler noun
:a sympathetic supporter of another's cause; especially: a person who sympathizes with and often furthers the ideals and program of an organized group (as the Communist party) without joining it

fel-on /fe.len/ noun
1 ▶ : one who has committed a felony
2 : WHITLOW

fel-on-y /fe.le.nē/ noun, plural -nies
:a serious crime punishable by a heavy sentence
— fe-lo-ni-ous /fe.lō.nē.as/ adjective

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felt /feilt/ noun
1 : a cloth made of wool and fur often mixed with natural or synthetic fibers
2 : a material resembling felt

2 felt past and past participle of feel

fem abbreviation
1 female
2 feminine

fe-male /fe mâl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or being the sex that bears young; also: pistillate
2 ▶ : characteristic of girls or women << voices>

Synonyms
— feminine, womanly—more at feminine

female noun
:a female person: a woman

1 feminine /fe.men/ adjective
1 a : of the female sex
b ▶ : characteristic of or appropriate or peculiar to women
2 : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to females
— fe-mi-ni-ty /fe.mə.ni.tē/ noun

Synonyms
— feminine, womanly; also girlish, sissy, unmanly; ladylike
Antonyms
— male, manly, mannish, masculine

2 feminine noun
:a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the feminine gender; also: the feminine gender

fe-mi-nism /fe.mi.niz أم/ noun
1 : the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes
2 : organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests

fe-mur /fe.mar/ noun, plural fe-murs or fe-mo-ra /fe.mō ra/
femoral /fēˈmōr-əl/ adjective
fen /fēn/ noun
c: low swampy land
Synonyms
bog, marsh, mire, morass, slough, swamp—more at Swamp
fence /fēns/ noun
[origin: ME fens, short for defens defense]
1 c: a barrier (as of wood or wire) to prevent escape or entry or to mark a boundary
2: a person who receives stolen goods; also: a place where stolen goods are disposed of
— on the fence
: in a position of neutrality or indecision
Synonyms
barrier, hedge, wall—more at Barrier
1 fence verb fenced; fencing
1 c: to enclose with a fence
2: to keep in or out with a fence
3: to practice fencing
4: to use tactics of attack and defense esp. in debate
— fencer noun
Synonyms usually fence in
cage, corral, enclose, hedge, pen
fencing noun
1: the art or practice of attack and defense with the foil, épée, or saber
2: the fences of a property or region
3: material used for building fences
fend /fēnd/ verb
1: to keep or ward off: Repel
2: shift <~ for yourself>
— Synonyms usually fend off
repel, repulse, stave off—more at Repel
fender /fēn′dər/ noun
: a protective device (as a guard over the wheel of an automobile)
Synonyms
buffer, bumper, cushion, pad—more at Cushion
fenestration /fē-nəsˈtrə-shən/ noun
: the arrangement and design of windows and doors in a building
Fe·ni·an /fēˈnē-ən/ noun
: a member of a secret 19th century Irish and Irish-American organization dedicated to overthrowing British rule in Ireland
fen·nel /fēn′əl/ noun
: a garden plant related to the carrot and grown for its aromatic foliage and seeds
FEPC abbreviation
Fair Employment Practices Commission
feral /fēr′əl/ adjective
1: SAVAGE
2: not domesticated or cultivated: WILD 1
3: having escaped from domestication and become wild
Synonyms
savage, unbroken, undomesticated, untamed, wild—more at Wild
fer-de-lance /fer de' lans/ noun, plural fer-de-lance
[origin: F, lit., lance iron, spearhead]
: a large venomous pit viper of Central and So. America

ferment /fer'ment/ verb
1: to cause or undergo fermentation
2: to be or cause to be in a state of agitation or intense activity

ferment /fer'ment/ noun
1: a living organism (as a yeast) causing fermentation by its enzymes; also: enzyme
2: a state of unrest

Synonyms
> disquiet, restlessness, turmoil, uneasiness, unrest—more at unrest

fermentation /fer man'ta'shan, -man't'n/ noun
1: chemical decomposition of an organic substance (as in the souring of milk or the formation of alcohol from sugar) by enzymatic action in the absence of oxygen often with formation of gas
2: fermentation

fermium /fer'myəm/ noun
: an artificially produced radioactive metallic chemical element

fern /fern/ noun
: any of an order of vascular plants resembling seed plants in having roots, stems, and leaflike fronds but reproducing by spores instead of by flowers and seeds

fernery /fer'ner'e/ noun, plural -er-ies
1: a place for growing ferns
2: a collection of growing ferns

ferocious /fer'ə shəs/ adjective
1: exhibiting or given to extreme fierceness and unrestrained violence and brutality
2: extremely intense
— ferociously adverb
— ferociousness noun

Synonyms
> [1] fell, fierce, grim, savage, vicious—more at fierce
> [2] deep, fearful, heavy, intense, profound

ferocity /fer'ə sə lə/ noun
: the quality or state of being ferocious

ferret /fer'ət/ noun
: a partially domesticated usu. white European mammal related to the weasels

ferret verb
1: to hunt game with ferrets
2: to drive out of a hiding place
3: to find and bring to light by searching <~ out the truth>

ferric /fer'ık/ adjective
: of, relating to, or containing iron

ferric oxide noun
: an oxide of iron found in nature as hematite and as rust and used esp. as a pigment, for polishing, and in magnetic materials

Ferris wheel /fer'əs/ noun
: an amusement device consisting of a large upright power-driven wheel with seats that remain horizontal around its rim

ferromagnetic /fer'ə māg'na tık/ adjective
: of or relating to substances that are easily magnetized
ferrous /ferˈsoʊ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or containing iron

ferule /ferˈəl/ noun
: a metal ring or cap around a slender wooden shaft to prevent splitting

ferry /ˈfɛri/ verb ferried; ferrying
[origin: ME ferien, fr. OE ferian to carry, convey]
1: to carry by boat across a body of water
2: to cross by a ferry
3 ‣ : to convey from one place to another
   Synonyms
   ▶ bear, carry, convey, haul, transport—more at CARRY

ferry noun, plural ferries
1: a place where persons or things are ferried
2: FERRYBOAT

ferryboat /ˈfɛriˌboʊt/ noun
: a boat used in ferrying

fer·tile /fərˈtaɪl/ adjective
1 ‣ : producing plentifully : PRODUCTIVE <~ soils> <a ~ mind>
2: capable of developing or reproducing <~ seed> <a ~ bull>
   Synonyms
   ▶ fecund, fruitful, luxuriant, productive, prolific, rich; also bearing, producing, yielding; abounding, abundant, bountiful; copious, plenteous, plentiful; blooming, burstling, swarming, teeming, thriving; creative, inventive, original
   Antonyms
   ▶ barren, infertile, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive

fertilize /fərˈtaɪlız/ verb -ized; -izing
1: to unite with in the process of fertilization <a sperm ~s an egg>
2: to apply fertilizer to
   Synonyms
   ▶ ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fiery, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate
   Antonyms
   ▶ cold, cool, dispassionate, impassive, unemotional

fervent /fərˈven(t)/ adjective
1: very hot : GLOWING
2 ‣ : marked by great intensity of feeling
   Synonyms
   ▶ ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fiery, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate
   Antonyms
   ▶ cold, cool, dispassionate, impassive, unemotional

fervid /ˈfərvid/ adjective
1: very hot
2: marked by often extreme fervor : ARDENT
   Synonyms
   ▶ ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fiery, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate
   Antonyms
   ▶ cold, cool, dispassionate, impassive, unemotional
fer·vor /fərˈvər/ noun
1 : intense heat
2 : intensity of feeling or expression
   Synonyms
   • ardor, emotion, fervency, heat, intensity, passion, vehemence, warmth—more at ARDOR

fes·cue /fesˈkyo/ noun
: any of a genus of tufted perennial grasses

fes·tal /fesˈtal/ adjective
: FESTIVE

fester /fesˈter/ verb
1 : to form pus
2 : PUTREFY, ROT
3 : RANKLE

fes·ti·val /fesˈte-vəl/ noun
1 : a time of celebration marked by special observances; especially : an occasion marked with religious ceremonies
2 : a periodic season or program of cultural events or entertainment <a dance ~> 
   Synonyms
   • carnival, celebration, festivity, fete, fiesta, gala, jubilee; also jollification, merrymaking, revel, revelry; exhibit, exhibition, exposition, fair, show; exercises, honors

fes·tive /fesˈtiv/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or suitable for a feast or festival
2 : marked by gaiety, conviviality, or revelry
   — fes·tive·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   • gay, gleeful, jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful, sunny—more at MERRY

fes·tiv·i·ty /fesˈti-və-tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : a time of celebration marked by special observances : FESTIVAL 1
2 : the quality or state of being festive
3 : festive activity

1 festoon /fesˈtun/ noun
[origin: F feston, fr. It festone, fr. festa festival]
1 : a decorative chain or strip hanging between two points
2 : a carved, molded, or painted ornament representing a decorative chain

2 festoon verb
1 : to hang or form festoons on
2 : to shape into festoons

fe·ta /fetə/ noun
: a white crumbly Greek cheese made from sheep's or goat's milk

fe·tal /fetəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a fetus

fetch /fetʃ/ verb
1 : to go or come after and bring or take back <teach a dog to ~ a stick>
2 : to have as a price
3 : to cause to come : bring out <~ed tears from the eyes>
4 : to give by striking <~ him a blow>
   Synonyms
   • bring, cost, go, sell—more at COST

fetch up verb
• : to bring to a stop
   Synonyms
**fetching** adjective
- : tending to win interest or admiration: **ATTRACTIVE**

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**fetid** adjective
- : having an offensive smell
  - Synonyms
  - foul, malodorous, noisome, rank, reeky, smelly, strong
  - —more at **MALODOROUS**

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**fetich** /ˈfetɪʃ/ noun
[Origin: F & Pg; F fetiche, fr. Pg feitiço, fr. L facticius factitious]
1 : an object (as an idol or image) believed to have magical powers (as in curing disease)
2 : an object of unreasoning devotion or concern
3 : an object whose real or fantasied presence is psychologically necessary for sexual gratification

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**fe·tish·ism** /fiˈtishˌiz-əm/ noun
1 : belief in or devotion to fetishes
2 : the pathological transfer of sexual interest and gratification to a fetish

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**fet·lock** /ˈfetˌlək/ noun
: a projection on the back of a horse's leg above the hoof; also: a tuft of hair on this

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**fet·ter** /ˈfetər/ noun
1 : a chain or shackle for the feet
2 : something that confines

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**fetter** verb
1 : to put fetters on
2 : to restrain from motion, action, or progress

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fettle /'fetl/ noun
- a state of fitness or order: condition

Synonyms
- condition, form, order, repair, shape, trim—more at condition

fe-tus /'fetəs/ noun
- an unborn or unhatched vertebrate esp. after its basic structure is laid down; especially: a developing human in the uterus from usu. three months after conception to birth

feud /'fyud/ noun
- a prolonged quarrel; especially: a lasting conflict between families or clans marked by violent attacks made for revenge
- feud verb

feudal /'fyudəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a medieval fee
2: of, relating to, or characteristic of feudalism

feudalism /'fyudələizəm/ noun
- a system of political organization prevailing in medieval Europe in which a vassal renders service to a lord and receives protection and land in return; also: a similar political or social system

Synonyms
- feudalistic

feudatory /'fyuyəˈtɔrɪəl/ adjective
- owing feudal allegiance

feudatory noun, plural -ries
1: FIEF
2: a person who holds lands by feudal law or usage

fe-ver /'fevər/ noun
1 a: a rise in body temperature above the normal
b: an abnormal bodily state characterized by increased heat, accelerated pulse, and systemic debility
c: a disease of which a high body temperature is a chief symptom
2: a state of heightened emotion or activity
3: CRAZE
- fe-ver-ish·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1b, c] ailment, bug, disease, disorder, ill, illness, infirmity, malady, sickness

fe-verish adjective
- marked by intense emotion, activity, or instability

Synonyms
- agitated, frenzied, heated, hectic, overactive, overwrought; also fiery, impassioned; high-strung, jittery, jumpy, nervous
- delirious, fierce, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, furious, mad, violent, wild—more at FURIOUS

few /'fyu/ pronoun
- not many: a small number

few adjective
1: consisting of or amounting to a small number
2: not many but some <caught a ~ fish>
- few-ness noun
- few and far between
- RARE 3

few noun
1: a small number of units or individuals <a ~ of them>
2: a special limited number <among the ~>

Synonyms
handful, smattering, sprinkle, sprinkling; also minority

Antonyms
crowd, horde, many

few·er /fyŏlər/ pronoun
: a smaller number of persons or things

fez /fēz/ noun, plural fez·zes also fez·es
: a round red felt hat that has a flat top and a tassel but no brim

tff abbreviation
1 folios
2 [origin following] and the following ones
3 fortissimo

FHA abbreviation
Federal Housing Administration

fey /fē/ adjective
1 chiefly Scottish: fated to die; also: marked by a foreboding of death or calamity
2: able to see into the future: VISIONARY
3: marked by an otherworldly air or attitude
4: CRAZY, TOUCHED

fi·an·cé /fēənˈsā/ noun
: a man engaged to be married

fi·an·cée /fēənˈsē/ noun
: a woman engaged to be married

fi·as·co /fēˈasˌkō/ noun, plural -coes
[origin: F]
: a complete failure

Synonyms
bust, catastrophe, debacle, failure, flop, washout—more at FAILURE

fi·at /fēˈāt/ noun
[origin: L, let it be done]
: an authoritative and often arbitrary order or decree

Synonyms
decree, directive, edict, ruling—more at EDICT

1 fib /fib/ noun
: a trivial or childish lie

Synonyms
fabrication, falsehood, falsity, lie, story, tale, untruth

2 fib verb fibbed; fib·bing
: to tell a fib

Synonyms
fabricate, lie, prevaricate—more at LIE

fib·ber noun
: one that tells fibs

Synonyms
liar, prevaricator—more at LIAR

fi·ber /fīˈber/ noun
1: a threadlike substance or structure (as a muscle cell or fine root); especially: a natural (as wool or flax) or artificial (as rayon) filament capable of being spun or woven
2 : indigestible material in human food that stimulates the intestine to move its contents along
3 : an element that gives texture or substance
4 : basic toughness: STRENGTH

— fi·brous /ˈbrəs/ adjective

Synonyms

» backbone, fortitude, grit, guts, pluck, spunk—more at FORTITUDE

fi·ber·board /ˈfɪbərˌbɔrd/ noun
: a material made by compressing fibers (as of wood) into stiff sheets

fi·ber·fill /ˈfɪrfl/ noun
: synthetic fibers used as a filling material (as for cushions)

fi·ber·glass /ˈfɪrɡləs/ noun
: glass in fibrous form used in making various products (as insulation)

fiber optics noun
1 plural: thin transparent fibers of glass or plastic that are enclosed by a less refractive material and that transmit light by internal reflection; also : a bundle of such fibers used in an instrument
2 : the technique of the use of fiber optics

— fiber–optic adjective

fibre chiefly British variant of FIBRE

fi·bril /ˈfɪbrəl, ˈfɪl/ noun
: a small fiber

fi·bril·la·tion /ˈfɪbrəˌlæشن, ˈfɪl/ noun
: rapid irregular contractions of the heart muscle fibers resulting in a lack of synchronism between heartbeat and pulse

— fib·ril·late /ˈfɪbrəˌlæt, ˈfɪl/ verb

fi·brin /ˈfɪbrən/ noun
: a white insoluble fibrous protein formed in the clotting of blood

fi·broid adjective
: resembling, forming, or consisting of fibrous tissue (as tumors)

fi·bro·my·al·gia /ˌfɪbroʊˌmɪəlˈdʒiə/ noun
: any of a group of rheumatic disorders affecting soft tissues (as muscles or tendons)

fi·bro·sis /ˌfɪbrəsɪs/ noun
: a condition marked by abnormal increase of fiber-containing tissue

fib·u·la /ˈfɪbʊlə/ noun, plural -las /ˈfɪləs/ or -las
: the outer and usu. the smaller of the two bones between the knee and ankle

— fib·u·lar /ˈfɪlbərəl/ adjective

FICA abbreviation
Federal Insurance Contributions Act

-fication noun combining form
: making: production <simplification>

fiche /ˈfɪʃ/ noun, plural fiche
: MICROFICHE

fi·chu /ˈfɪ shu/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a woman's light triangular scarf draped over the shoulders and fastened in front

fick·le /ˈfɪkəl/ adjective

»: not firm or steadfast in disposition or character: INCONSTANT

— fick·le·ness noun
Synonyms
- capricious, changeable, inconstant, mercurial, uncertain, unpredictable, unsteady, variable; also aimless, erratic, haphazard, irregular, random; hesitating, shilly-shallying, vacillating, wavering; undependable, unreliable, untrustworthy; adaptable, mobile, protean, versatile

Antonyms
- certain, constant, steady, unchangeable
- disloyal, faithless, false, inconstant, unfaithful, untrue—more at Faithless

fiction /'fik.ʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : something (as a story) invented by the imagination
2 ▶ : fictitious literature (as novels)
   - Synonyms
     - fabrication, fantasy, figment, invention; also novel, story, tale
   - Antonyms
     - fact

fictional /'fik.ʃə.nl/ adjective
- of, relating to, or characteristic of fiction
- fiction-ally adverb
- fictional /'fik.ʃə.nl əd/ adjective
1 ▶ : of, relating to, or characteristic of fiction: IMAGINARY
2 : FALSE, ASSUMED <a ~ name>
3 : FEIGNED
   - Synonyms
     - imaginary, made-up, mythical, pretend, unreal—more at IMAGINARY

fiddle /'fɪdl/ noun
1 ▶ : VIOLIN
2 fiddle verb fid·dled; fid·dling
   1 : to play on a fiddle
   2 ▶ : to move the hands or fingers restlessly
   3 ▶ : to move or act aimlessly or idly — often used with around
   4 ▶ : to interest oneself in what is not one's concern
- fid·dler noun
   - Synonyms
     - [2] fidget, jerk, squirm, toss, twitch, wiggle—more at FIDGET
     - usually fiddle around [3] fool, mess, monkey, play, putter; also dally, dawdle, dillydally, hang around, hang out, idle, loaf, loll, lounge; clown (around), horse (around); tinker
     - usually fiddle with [4] fool, mess, monkey, play, tamper, tinker—more at TAMPER (WITH)

fiddlehead /'fɪdl.ˈhɛd/ noun
1 : one of the young unfurling fronds of some ferns that are often eaten as greens
2 fiddler crab noun
   : any of a genus of burrowing crabs with one claw much enlarged in the male

fiddlestick /'fɪdl.ˈstɪk/ noun
1 archaic ▶ : a violin bow
2 plural ▶ : language, conduct, or an idea that is absurd or contrary to good sense: NONSENSE — used as an interjection
   - Synonyms
     - foolishness, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, silliness—more at NONSENSE

fidelity /'fɪd.ə lɪt/ noun, plural -ties
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being faithful
   - Synonyms
     - allegiance, constancy, dedication, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fastness, fealty, loyalty, steadfastness; also
affection, attachment, fondness; determination, firmness, resolution; dependability, reliability, trustworthiness

**Antonyms**
disloyalty, infidelity, perfidy, treachery

1. **fidget** /ˈfɪdʒ/ noun
   1: uneasiness or restlessness as shown by nervous movements — usu. used in pl.
   2: one that fidgets
   — **fidgety** adjective

2. **fidget** verb
   ‣: to move or cause to move or act restlessly or nervously

**Synonyms**
fiddle, jerk, squirm, toss, twitch, wiggle; also flit, flutter, twitter; quake, quiver, shake, shiver, tremble; pace

**fi·du·cia·ry** /fiˈdyo.ˌʃe.ə.ri/ adjective
1: involving a confidence or trust
2: held or holding in trust for another <~ accounts>
   — **fiduciary** noun

**fie** /f/ interjection
— used to express disgust or disapproval

**fief** /fiː/ noun
[origin: F, fr. OF]
: a feudal estate: FEE

1. **field** /fild/ noun
   1: open country
   2: a piece of cleared land for cultivation or pasture
   3: a piece of land yielding some special product
   4: the place where a battle is fought; also: BATTLE
   5: an area, division, or sphere of activity <the ~ of science> <salesmen in the ~>  
   6: an area for military exercises
   7: an area for sports
   8: a background on which something is drawn or projected <a flag with white stars on a ~ of blue>
   9: a region or space in which a given effect (as magnetism) exists
   — **field** adjective
   ‣ 1: ground, lot, parcel, plat, plot, tract; also grass, green, greensward, lawn; glade, grassland, heath, lea, meadow, moor, pasture
   ‣ 5: area, arena, department, discipline, domain, line, province, realm, specialty, sphere; also study, subject; territory, turf; business, occupation, profession, pursuit, racket, vocation

2. **field** verb
   1: to handle a batted or thrown baseball while on defense
   2: to put into the field
   3: to answer satisfactorily <~ a tough question>
   — **field·er** noun

**field day** noun
1: a day devoted to outdoor sports and athletic competition
2: a time of extraordinary pleasure or opportunity

**field event** noun
: a track-and-field event (as weight-throwing) other than a race

**field glass** noun
: a hand-held binocular telescope — usu. used in pl.

**field guide** noun
: a manual for identifying natural objects, plants, or animals
field hockey noun
: a field game played between two teams of 11 players each whose object is to knock a ball into the opponent's goal with a curved stick

field marshal noun
: an officer (as in the British army) of the highest rank

field-test verb
: to test (as a new product) in actual situations reflecting intended use
— field test noun

fiend /ˈfɛnd/ noun
1 : DEVIL 1
2 : an infernal being : DEMON
3 : an extremely wicked or cruel person
4 : a person excessively devoted to a pursuit (as a golf ~/)
5 : one who is addicted esp. to a substance : ADDICT <dope ~/>
— fiend·ish·ly adverb

Synonyms
[2] demon, devil, ghoul, imp—more at DEMON
[3] beast, devil, evildoer, rascal, reprobate, rogue, villain—more at VILLAIN
[4] addict, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, freak, lover, maniac, nut—more at FAN
[5] addict, doper, user—more at DOPER

fiend·ish adjective
: perversely diabolical

Synonyms
: demonic, devilish, diabolical, satanic; also hellish, infernal; baleful, evil, sinister; malevolent, malicious, malignant; heinous, monstrous; barbarous, cruel, ferocious, inhuman, savage, vicious

Antonyms
: angelic

fierce /ˈfɪrəs/ adjective fierc·er; fierc·est
1 : violently hostile or aggressive in temperament
2 : given to fighting or killing : PUGNACIOUS
3 : marked by unrestrained zeal or vehemence : INTENSE
4 : furiously active or determined
5 : wild or menacing in appearance
— fierce·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] fell, ferocious, grim, savage, vicious; also bellicose, belligerent, pugnacious, warlike; contentious, quarrelsome, truculent; menacing, threatening; bestial, brute, inhuman, inhumane; barbaric, uncivilized, wild; heartless, implacable, merciless, pitiless, relentless, ruthless, unrelenting, wanton; bloodthirsty, bloody, murderous; rapacious, ravenous, voracious

Antonyms
: gentle, mild
[3] explosive, ferocious, furious, intense, terrible, vehement, vicious, violent—more at INTENSE
[4] aggressive, ambitious, assertive, enterprising, go-getting, high-pressure, militant, self-assertive—more at AGGRESSIVE
[5] austere, forbidding, grim, rough, rugged, severe, steely, stern—more at GRIM

fierce·ness noun
: the quality or state of being fierce

Synonyms
: aggressiveness, assertiveness, emphasis, intensity, vehemence—more at VEHEMENCE

fi·ery /ˈfɪərəi/ adjective fi·er·i·er; fi·er·est
1 : consisting of fire
2 : on fire : BURNING, BLAZING
3 : FLAMMABLE
4 • : hot like a fire
5 • RED <a ~ sunset>
6 • : full of emotion or spirit
7 • IRRITABLE
   — fi·er·i·ness /fër-ë-nës/ noun
      Synonyms
    • [2] ablaze, afire, burning—more at ABLAZE
    • [4] broiling, burning, hot, torrid—more at HOT
    • [6] ardent, emotional, fervent, feverish, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate, red-hot, spirited—more at FERVENT

fi·es·ta /fēs-tə/ noun
[origin: Sp]
• : a time of celebration marked by special observances : FESTIVAL
   Synonyms
    • carnival, celebration, festival, festivity, fete, gala, jubilee—more at FESTIVAL

fife /fīf/ noun
[origin: G Pfeife pipe, fife]
• : a small flute
   • FIFO abbreviation
      first in, first out

fif·teen /fif-ˈtēn/ noun
• : one more than 14
   — fifteen adjective or pronoun
   — fif·teenth /ˈfif·ˌtēn/ adjective or noun

fifth /ˈfifth/ noun
1 : one that is number five in a countable series
2 : one of five equal parts of something
3 : a unit of measure for liquor equal to 1/5 U.S. gallon
   — fifth adjective or adverb
   • fifth column noun
      : a group of secret supporters of a nation's enemy that engage in espionage or sabotage within the country
   — fifth columnist noun
   • fifth wheel noun
      : one that is unnecessary and often burdensome

fif·ty /ˈfifty/ noun, plural fifties
• : five times 10
   — fif·ti·eth /ˈfif·ˌti-əth/ adjective or noun
   — fifty adjective or pronoun

fif·ty–fif·ty /ˈfifty-ˌfifty/ adjective
1 : shared equally <a ~ proposition>
2 : half favorable and half unfavorable

1 fig /fɪg/ noun
• : a soft usu. pear-shaped edible fruit of a tree related to the mulberry; also : a tree bearing figs
   • fig abbreviation
      1 figurative; figuratively
      2 figure

1 fight /fīt/ verb fought /fət/; fight·ing
1 • : to contend against another in battle or physical combat
2 : BOX
3 : to put forth a determined effort
4 • to contend in disagreement or competition
5 • to attempt to prevent the success or effectiveness of
6 : WAGE
7 : to gain by struggle

Synonyms
4 [1] battle, clash, combat, scrimmage, skirmish, war; also beat, buffet, hit, punch, slug, strike; box, spar; brawl; grapple, scuffle, tussle, wrestle; bump, collide
5 [4] battle, compete, contend, race, vie—more at COMPETE
4 [4] argue, brawl, dispute, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble—more at ARGUE
5 [5] battle, combat, contend, counter, oppose; also baffle, foil, frustrate, resist, thwart, withstand; confront, defy, face, meet

Antonyms
advance, encourage, promote

fight noun
1 • a hostile encounter : BATTLE
2 • a boxing match
3 • a verbal disagreement
4 • a struggle for a goal or an objective
5 • strength or disposition for fighting <full of ~>

Synonyms
1 [1] battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, skirmish, struggle; also brawl, free-for-all, melee; fisticuffs; confrontation, duel, face-off; altercation, argument, disagreement, quarrel, row, wrangle
3 [3] argument, brawl, disagreement, dispute, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble—more at ARGUMENT
4 [4] battle, fray, scrabble, struggle—more at STRUGGLE
5 [5] aggression, aggressiveness, belligerence, militancy, pugnacity, truculence—more at BELLIGERENCE

fighter /ˈfi.lda/ noun
1 • one that fights; especially : WARRIOR
2 • one that engages in the sport of boxing : BOXER
3 • a fast maneuverable warplane for destroying enemy aircraft

Synonyms
1 [1] legionnaire, man-at-arms, regular, serviceman, soldier, warrior—more at SOLDIER
2 [2] boxer, prizefighter, pugilist—more at BOXER

figment /ˈfɪɡ.ment/ noun
• something imagined or made up

Synonyms
• chimera, conceit, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, fiction, illusion, invention, vision—more at FANTASY

figuration /ˈfiɡ.ə.ˈreɪ.ʃən.ɡə/ noun
1 : FORM, OUTLINE
2 : an act or instance of representation in figures and shapes

figurative /ˈfiɡ.ə.ˈreɪ.tɪv.ɡə/ adjective
1 : EMBLEMATIC
2 : expressing one thing in terms normally denoting another with which it may be regarded as analogous : SYMBOLIC, METAPHORICAL <~ language>
—figuratively adverb

figure /ˈfiɡ.ər.ɡə/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L figura, fr. fingere to shape]
1 : a number symbol : NUMERAL
2 : a written or printed character
3 • : value esp. as expressed in numbers : PRICE
4 • a combination of points, lines, or surfaces in geometry <a circle is a closed plane ~> 
5 • a body apparent chiefly in outline : an object significant or noticeable only in its form : SHAPE, FORM, OUTLINE
6 a : the graphic representation of a form esp. of a person
figure: a representation of the human figure used esp. for displaying clothes
7: a diagram or pictorial illustration of textual matter
8: an often repetitive pattern or design in a manufactured article (as cloth) or natural product (as wood): PATTERN, DESIGN
9: appearance made or impression produced <they cut quite a ~>
10: a series of movements (as in a dance)
11: a prominent personality: PERSONAGE
12: the shape of the human body

Synonyms
▷ [3] charge, cost, fee, price—more at PRICE
▷ [5] cast, configuration, form, outline, shape
▷ [7] diagram, graphic, illustration, plate—more at ILLUSTRATION
▷ [11] celebrity, notable, personage, personality—more at CELEBRITY
▷ [12] build, constitution, form, frame, physique, shape—more at PHYSIQUE

2figure verb fig·ured; fig·ur·ing
1: to represent by or as if by a figure or outline
2: to decorate with a pattern
3: to indicate or represent by numerals
4: to think of esp. with regard to taking some action
5: to be or appear important or conspicuous
6: to determine esp. by mathematical means: COMPUTE, CALCULATE
7: to reckon by exercise of practical judgment
8: to take as granted or true

Synonyms
▷ [4] choose, conclude, decide, determine, opt, resolve—more at DECIDE
▷ [6] calculate, compute, reckon, work out—more at CALCULATE
▷ [8] believe, consider, feel, imagine, suppose, think—more at BELIEVE

figure·head /fi:gərˈhed, _gər-/ noun
1: a figure on the bow of a ship
2: a head or chief in name only

figure of speech: a form of expression (as a simile or metaphor) that often compares or identifies one thing with another to convey meaning or heighten effect

figure out verb
1: FIND OUT, DISCOVER
2: to find a solution, explanation, or answer for: SOLVE

Synonyms
▷ answer, puzzle, resolve, riddle, solve, unravel, work, work out—more at SOLVE

figure skating noun
: skating that includes various jumps, spins, and dance movements

fig·u·rine /ˈfiɡərˌriːn/ noun
: a small carved or molded figure

Fi·ji·an /ˈfiˌjēˌən, fiˈjēˌen/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of the Pacific island country of Fiji
— Fijian adjective

fil·a·ment /ˈfiəˌmənt/ noun
: a fine thread or threadlike object, part, or process
— fil·a·men·tous /ˌfiəˈmen-təs/ adjective

fil·bert /ˈfilbərt/ noun
: the sweet thick-shelled nut of either of two European hazels; also: a shrub or small tree bearing filberts

filch /fiːk/.verb
• to steal furtively
  
  **Synonyms**
  • appropriate, pilfer, pocket, steal, swipe, thief—more at STEAL.

1 **file** /fi/ noun
  • a usu. steel tool with a ridged or toothed surface used esp. for smoothing a hard substance

2 **file verb** filed; fil·ling
  • to rub, smooth, or cut away with a file
  
  **Synonyms**
  • buff, grind, hone, rasp, rub, sand—more at GRIND

3 **file verb** filed; fil·ling
  [origin: ME, fr. ML *filare* to string documents on a string or wire, fr. *filum* file of documents, lit., thread, fr. L]
  1: to arrange in order
  2: to enter or record officially or as prescribed by law (as a lawsuit)
  3: to send (copy) to a newspaper

4 **file noun**
  1: a device (as a folder or cabinet) by means of which papers may be kept in order
  2: a collection of papers or publications usu. arranged or classified
  3: a collection of data (as text) treated by a computer as a unit

5 **file noun**
  • a row of persons, animals, or things arranged one behind the other
  
  **Synonyms**
  • column, cue, line, queue, range, string, train—more at LINE

6 **file verb** filed; fil·ling
  • to march or proceed in file
  
  **Synonyms**
  • march, pace, parade, stride—more at MARCH

**fi·let mi·gnon** /fiˈlɛt məˈnɔ̃/ noun, plural filets mignons /ˈfiˌlɛts məˈnɔ̃/ [origin: F, lit., dainty fillet]
  • a thick slice of beef cut from the narrow end of a beef tenderloin

**fil·ial** /fiˈleəl/, plural **file·als** /ˈfiˌleəlz/ adjective
  • of, relating to, or befitting a son or daughter

**fil·i·bus·ter** /ˈfiˌlaˌbəsˌtər/ noun
  [origin: Sp *filibustero*, lit., freebooter]
  1: a military adventurer; especially: an American engaged in fomenting 19th century Latin American uprisings
  2: the use of delaying tactics (as extremely long speeches) esp. in a legislative assembly; also: an instance of this practice
  — filibuster verb
  — fil·i·bus·ter·er noun

**fil·i·gree** /fiˈliərə/ noun
  [origin: L *filigrane*]
  • ornamental openwork (as of fine wire)
  — fil·i·greed adjective

**fil·i·m·ing** /fiˈlin/ noun
  1: the act or instance of using a file
  2: a small piece scraped off by a file

**Fil·i·pi·no** /fiˈlɛpiˈnə/ noun, plural Filipino
  • a native or inhabitant of the Philippines
  — Filipino adjective
fill /fiːl/ verb
1 : to make or become full
2 : to stop up : PLUG <~ a cavity>
3 : FEED, SATIATE
4 : to carry out the terms of (as a contract) : SATISFY, FULFILL <~ all requirements>
5 : to occupy fully
6 : to spread through <laughter ~ed the room>
7 : OCCUPY <~ the office of president>
8 : to put a person in <~ a vacancy>
9 : to supply as directed <~ a prescription>

Synonyms
[1] charge, cram, heap, jam, jam-pack, load, pack, stuff; also flood, glut, swamp; crowd, crush, press, ram, shove, squash, squeeze; refill, reload, repack

Antonyms
[2] block, dam, pack, plug, stop, stuff; also choke, clog, obstruct; caulk, chink
[4] answer, comply, fulfill, keep, meet, redeem, satisfy—more at FULFILL

fill noun
1 : a full supply; especially : a quantity that satisfies or satiates
2 : material used esp. for filling a low place

fill·er /fiˈler/ noun
1 : one that fills
2 : a substance added to another substance (as to increase bulk or weight)
3 : a material used for filling cracks and pores in wood before painting

Synonyms
fill, filling, padding, stuffing—more at FILLING

fillet /fiˈlet/ in sense 2 fiˈlēt, fiˈlēt/ also fiˈlet/ fiˈlēt, fiˈlēt/ noun
[origin: ME filet, fr. MF, dim. of fil thread]
1 : a narrow band, strip, or ribbon
2 : a piece or slice of boneless meat or fish; especially : the tenderloin of beef

fill·let /fiˈlet/ in sense 2 also fiˈlēt, fiˈlēt/ verb
1 : to bind or adorn with or as if with a fillet
2 : to cut into fillets

fill in verb
1 : to provide necessary or recent information
2 : to serve as a temporary substitute

Synonyms
[1] acquaint, brief, enlighten, familiarize, inform, instruct—more at ENLIGHTEN
[2] cover, pinch-hit, stand in, sub, substitute, take over—more at COVER

fill·ing /fiˈlin/ noun
1 : material used to fill something <a ~ for a tooth>
2 : the yarn interlacing the warp in a fabric
3 : a food mixture used to fill pastry or sandwiches

Synonyms
fill, filler, padding, stuffing; also interlining, lining, wadding; cushion

filling station noun
: a retail station for servicing motor vehicles esp. with gasoline and oil

fill·lip /fiˈlip/ noun
1 : a blow or gesture made by a flick or snap of the finger across the thumb
2 : something that serves to arouse or excite

— fillip verb
fill-up /ˈfi.ləp/ noun
: an act or instance of filling something

fill·ly /ˈfi.lə/ noun, plural fillies
: a young female horse usu. less than four years old

1 film /film/ noun
  1 : a thin skin or membrane
  2 : a thin coating or layer
  3 : a flexible strip of chemically treated material used in taking pictures
  4 : a representation (as of a story) by means of motion pictures

  Synonyms
    ➔ motion picture, movie, picture—more at MOVIE

2 film verb
  1 : to cover with a film
  2 : to make a motion picture of

film·dom /ˈfilm.dəm/ noun
: the motion-picture industry

film·og·ra·phy /ˈfilˌmäˌgrə.fē/ noun, plural -phies
: a list of motion pictures featuring the work of a film figure or a particular topic

film·strip /ˈfilmˌstrīp/ noun
: a strip of film bearing a sequence of images for projection as still pictures

filmy adjective
: light, transparent, and fluffy

fils /fi:lz/ noun
[origin: F]
: son — used after a family name to distinguish a son from his father

1 filter /ˈfil.tar/ noun
  1 : a porous material through which a fluid is passed to separate out matter in suspension; also : a device containing such material
  2 : a device for suppressing waves of certain frequencies; especially : one (as for a camera) that absorbs light of certain colors
  3 : software for sorting or blocking certain online material

2 filter verb
  1 ➔ : to remove by means of a filter
  2 : to pass through a filter

— fil·ter·able also fil·ter·ble /ˈfilˌtar·ə.bl/ adjective
— fil·tra·tion /ˈfilˌtrə.shən/ noun

  Synonyms
    ➔ clarify, clear, distill, purify—more at CLARIFY

filth /filθ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE fylth, fr. ful foul]
  1 ➔ : foul matter; especially : loathsome dirt or refuse
  2 ➔ : moral corruption
  3 : something that tends to corrupt or disgust : OBSCENITY

  Synonyms
    ➔ [1] dirt, grime, muck, refuse, smut, soil; also scum, sewage, slime, sludge, swill; garbage, trash; soot; dirtiness, filthiness, foulness, grubbiness, nastiness, uncleanliness, uncleanness
    ➔ [2] coarseness, dirt, grossness, indecency, lewdness, obscenity, smut, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY

filth·i·ness noun
  ➔ : the quality or state of being filthy

  Synonyms
dinginess, dirtiness, foulness, grubbiness, nastiness, uncleanliness—more at DIRTINESS

1. filthy /ˈfɪl.θi/ adjective
   1. : covered with, having the appearance of, or containing filth: very dirty
   2. : abhorrent to morality or virtue: designed to incite to lust or depravity
      Synonyms
      - [1] dirty, grubby, grungy, mucky, muddy, unclean—more at DIRTY
      - [2] bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, gross, indecent, lewd, obscene, pornographic, vulgar—more at OBSCENE

2. filthy adverb
   : VERY, EXTREMELY <~ dirty> <~ rich>

filter /ˈfɪlt.ər/ noun
: fluid that has passed through a filter

1. fin /fɪn/ noun
   1: one of the thin external processes by which an aquatic animal (as a fish) moves through water
   2: a fin-shaped part (as on an airplane)
   3: FLIPPER 2
      — finned /fɪnd/ adjective

2. fin abbreviation
   1: finance; financial
   2: finish

fi nale /ˈfaˌnāˌlə/ verb -gled; -ging
1: to obtain by indirect or dishonest means: WANGLE
2: to use devious dishonest methods to achieve one's ends
   — fi nagle noun
      Synonyms
      - [1, 2] contrive, finesse, frame, machinate, maneuver, wangle

1. final /ˈfɪnəl/ adjective
   1: not to be altered or undone
   2: coming at the end: being the last in a series, process, or progress
   3: relating to or occurring at the end or conclusion
      — final-ity /ˈfɪnəl.ə.tē/ noun
      — final-ly adverb
      Synonyms
      - [2] hindmost, last, latter, terminal, ultimate—more at LAST

2. final noun
   1: a deciding match or game — usu. used in pl.
   2: the last examination in a course — often used in pl.

fi nal-ist /ˈfɪnəˌlist/ noun
: a contestant in the finals of a competition

fi nal-ize /ˈfɪnəˌlaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to put in final or finished form
      Synonyms
      - complete, consummate, finish, perfect—more at FINISH
finance /ˈfaɪnəns/ noun
[origin: ME, ending, payment, fr. AF, fr. finer to end, pay, fr. fin end, fr. L finis boundary, end]
1 plural : money resources available esp. to a government or business
2 : management of money affairs
   synonyms usually finances
   * fund, pocket, resources, wherewithal—more at fund
2 finance verb fi·nanced; fi·nanc·ing
1 : to raise or provide funds for
2 : to furnish with necessary funds
3 : to sell or supply on credit
   synonyms
   * [1] capitalize, endow, fund, stake, subsidize, underwrite; also grubstake; aid, back, patronize, sponsor, support
   * [1, 2] endow, fund, subsidize—more at endow
finance company noun
: a company that makes usu. small short-term loans usu. to individuals
fi·nan·cial /ˈfɪnənʃəl/ adjective
* relating to finance or financiers
   — fi·nan·cial·ly adverb
   synonyms
   * fiscal, monetary, pecuniary; also capitalist, commercial, economic
fi·nan·cials /ˈfɪnənʃəlz/ noun plural
: financial statistics
fi·nan·cier /ˈfɪnənʃɪər/ noun
1 : a person skilled in managing public moneys
2 : a person who deals with large-scale finance and investment
finch /fɪnʃ/ noun
: any of numerous songbirds with strong conical bills
find /fænd/ verb found /fəʊnd/; find·ing
1 : to meet with either by chance or by searching or study
2 : to obtain by effort or management ~ time to read
3 : to arrive at : REACH <the bullet found its mark>
4 : EXPERIENCE, FEEL <found happiness>
5 : to gain or regain the use of <found his voice again>
6 : to determine and make a statement about <~ a verdict>
   synonyms
   * detect, determine, dig, discover, happen, hit, locate, track; also spot; look for, search (for or out), seek
   antonyms
   * miss, overlook, pass over
find noun
1 : an act or instance of finding
2 : something found; especially : a valuable item of discovery
find·er /fɪndər/ noun
* one that finds; especially : VIEWFINDER
fin de siè·cle /ˈfɛn də sɛˈkel/ adjective
[origin: F, end of century]
1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of the close of the 19th century
2 : of or relating to the end of a century
find·ing /fɪndɪŋ/ noun
1 : the act of finding
2 : FIND 2
3 : the result of a judicial proceeding or inquiry
  Synonyms
  ‣ detection, discovery—more at DISCOVERY

find out verb
  ‣ to learn by study, observation, or search : DISCOVER
  Synonyms
  ‣ ascertain, catch on, discover, hear, learn, realize, see—more at DISCOVER

1fine /fīn/ noun
  ‣ money exacted as a penalty for an offense
  Synonyms
  ‣ damages, forfeit, mulct, penalty; also reparations; award, compensation; indemnity

2fine verb fined; fin·ing
  ‣ to impose a fine on : punish by a fine
  Synonyms
  ‣ assess, charge, exact, impose, lay, levy, put—more at IMPOSE

3fine adjective fin·er; fin·est
  1 ‣ free from impurity
  2 a ‣ very thin in gauge or texture
     b ‣ very small
  3 : not coarse
  4 : SUBTLE, SENSITIVE <a ~ distinction>
  5 : superior in quality or appearance : eminently good
  6 : very precise or accurate : Refined
  7 : very well
     — fine·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ‣ [1] pure, refined, unadulterated, undiluted—more at PURE
  ‣ [2a] dusty, floury, powdery; also smooth; filtered, pulverized, refined
  Antonyms
  ‣ coarse, grainy, granular
  ‣ [2b] narrow, skinny, slender, slim, thin—more at NARROW
  ‣ [5] A1, excellent, grand, great, heavenly, prime, splendid, superb, superior, unsurpassed, wonderful—more at EXCELLENT
  ‣ [6] delicate, exact, minute, precise, refined, subtle; also petty, piddling, trifling, trivial; fastidious, finicky, fussy, particular
  Antonyms
  ‣ coarse, inexact, rough
  ‣ [7] agreeable, all right, alright, good, OK, satisfactory—more at SATISFACTORY

4fine adverb
  1 ‣ very well
  2 — used to express agreement
     Synonyms
     ‣ all right, good, nicely, OK, satisfactorily, well—more at WELL

fine art noun
  : art (as painting, sculpture, or music) concerned primarily with the creation of beautiful objects — usu. used in pl.

fine·ness noun
  1 ‣ exquisite perfection or elaborateness of form, texture, or construction : superior quality
  2 ‣ delicate, subtle, or sensitive in quality, perception, or discrimination
     Synonyms
     ‣ [1] accuracy, closeness, delicacy, exactness, precision, veracity—more at PRECISION
     ‣ [2] daintiness, delicacy, fragility—more at DELICACY
fin·ery /ˈfaɪnərē/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 : ORNAMENT, DECORATION
2 ▶ : showy clothing and jewels
   Synonyms
   ▶ array, best, feather, frippery, full dress, regalia; also apparel, attire, costume, duds, raiment

fine·spun /ˈfaɪnˌspən/ adjective
: developed with extremely or excessively fine delicacy or detail

1finesse /ˈfaɪnˌsɛs/ noun
1 : refinement or delicacy of workmanship, structure, or texture
2 ▶ : skillful handling of a situation : adroit maneuvering
   Synonyms
   ▶ adroitness, cleverness, craft, dexterity, sleight—more at DEXTERITY

2finesse verb
▶ : to bring about, direct, or manage by adroit maneuvering
   Synonyms
   ▶ finagle, maneuver, mastermind, negotiate, wangle

fine·tune /ˈfaɪnˌtūn/ verb
: to adjust so as to bring to the highest level of performance or effectiveness

fin·fish /ˈfɪnfɪʃ/ noun
: FISH 2

1finger /ˈfɪŋɡər/ noun
1 : any of the five divisions at the end of the hand; especially : one other than the thumb
2 : something that resembles or does the work of a finger
3 : a part of a glove into which a finger is inserted

2finger verb fin·ger·ed; fin·ger·ing
1 : to touch or feel with the fingers : HANDLE
2 : to perform with the fingers or with a certain fingering
3 : to mark the notes of a piece of music as a guide in playing
4 : to point out

fin·ger·board /ˈfɪŋɡərbɔrd/ noun
: the part of a stringed instrument against which the fingers press the strings to vary the pitch

finger bowl noun
: a small water bowl for rinsing the fingers at the table

fin·ger·ing /ˈfɪŋɡərɪŋ/ noun
1 : handling or touching with the fingers
2 : the act or method of using the fingers in playing an instrument
3 : the marking of the method of fingering

fin·ger·ling /ˈfɪŋɡərlɪŋ/ noun
: a small fish

fin·ger·nail /ˈfɪŋɡərnɔl/ noun
: the nail of a finger

fin·ger·print /ˌfɪŋɡərprint/ noun
: the pattern of marks made by pressing the tip of a finger or thumb on a surface; especially : an ink impression of such a pattern taken for the purpose of identification
— fingerprint verb

fin·ger·tip /ˈfɪŋɡərtɪp/ noun
: the tip of a finger

fin·i·al /ˈfɪnəl/ noun
: an ornamental projection or end (as on a spire)

fin·ick·ing /ˈfiˌɪkɪŋ/ adjective
: FINICKY

fin·icky /ˈfiˌɪkɪ/ adjective
›: excessively particular in taste or standards

Synonyms
› choosy, dainty, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, fussy, particular, picky; also discerning, discriminating, insightful, knowledgeable; carping, critical; careful, meticulous, punctilious, scrupulous; queasy, squeamish; peevish, petulant, prickly, touchy

Antonyms
› undemanding, unfussy

fi·nis /ˈfiˌnas/ noun
1 : a point that marks the extent of something
2 ›: cessation of a course of action, pursuit, or activity : END, CONCLUSION

Synonyms
› close, conclusion, consummation, end, ending, finale, finish, windup—more at FINALE

1 finish /ˈfiˌnɪʃ/ verb
1 ›: to come to an end : TERMINATE
2 : to use or dispose of entirely
3 ›: to bring to completion
4 : to put a final coat or surface on
— finish·er noun

Synonyms
› [1] break off, cease, close, conclude, die, end, expire, quit, stop, terminate—more at CEASE
› [3] complete, consummate, finalize, perfect; also follow through, see out, stick out; accomplish, achieve, effect; discharge, execute, fulfill, perform; machine, polish, refine, round (off or out), shine, touch up

2 finish noun
1 ›: final stage : END, CONCLUSION
2 : something that completes or perfects
3 : the final treatment or coating of a surface

Synonyms
› close, conclusion, consummation, end, ending, finale, finis, windup—more at FINALE

fi·nite /ˈfiˌnɪt/ adjective
1 ›: having definite or definable limits; also : having a limited nature or existence
2 : being less than some positive integer in number or measure and greater than its negative
3 : showing distinction of grammatical person and number <a ~ verb>

Synonyms
› definite, determinate, limited, measured, narrow, restricted—more at LIMITED

fink /ˈfɪŋk/ noun
1 : a contemptible person
2 : STRIKEBREAKER
3 : INFORMER

Finn /ˈfɪn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Finland

fin·nan had·die /ˈfiˌnən ˈhɑːdˌdi/ noun
: smoked haddock

1 Finnish /ˈfiˌniʃ/ adjective
: of or relating to Finland, the Finns, or Finnish

2 Finnish noun
: the language of the Finns
fin·ny /fiˈnē/ adjective
1 : having or characterized by fins
2 : relating to or being fish

fiord variant of fjord

fir /fır/ noun
: any of a genus of usu. large evergreen trees related to the pines; also : the light soft wood of a fir

fiord variant of fjord

1 fire /fīr/ noun
1 : the light or heat and esp. the flame of something burning
2 : ENTHUSIASM, ZEAL
3 : fuel that is burning (as in a stove or fireplace)
4 : destructive burning (as of a house)
5 : the firing of weapons
— fire·less adjective

Synonyms

conflagration, holocaust, inferno; also blaze, flare-up; backfire, bonfire, forest fire, wildfire; arson

2 fire verb fired; fir·ing
1 : to set on fire : set fire to : KINDLE, IGNITE <<< a house>
2 a : to give life or spirit to : STIR, ENLIVEN <<< the imagination>
b : to become irritated : become angry or inflamed with passion
3 : to dismiss from employment
4 : to cause to be driven forward with force from a bow, sling, or similar device or from a firearm : SHOOT <<< a gun> <<< an arrow>
5 : BAKE <<<firing pottery in a kiln>
6 : to apply fire or fuel to something <<< a furnace>
7 : to throw with speed or force

Synonyms

[1] burn, ignite, inflame, kindle, light—more at BURN
[2a] animate, energize, enliven, invigorate, pep, quicken, stimulate, stir, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE
usually fire (up) [2b] arouse, encourage, excite, incite, instigate, move, pique, provoke, stimulate, stir
[3] cashier, dismiss, remove, retire, sack—more at DISMISS
[4] blast, discharge, loose, shoot—more at SHOOT
[7] dash, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

fire ant noun
: either of two small fiercely stinging So. American ants introduced into the southeastern U.S. where they are agricultural pests

fire·arm /ˈf(ə)rərm/ noun
1 : a weapon (as a pistol) from which a shot is discharged by gunpowder

Synonyms

arm, gun, piece—more at GUN

fire·ball /ˌbōl/ noun
1 : a ball of fire
2 : a very bright meteor
3 : the highly luminous cloud of vapor and dust created by a nuclear explosion
4 : a highly energetic person

fire·boat /ˌbōt/ noun
: a boat equipped for fighting fires

fire·bomb /ˌbämb/ noun
: an incendiary bomb
— firebomb verb
**fire-box** /ˌbāks/ *noun*
1: a chamber (as of a furnace) that contains a fire
2: a box containing a fire alarm

**fire-brand** /ˌbrænd/ *noun*
1: a piece of burning wood
2: a person who creates unrest or strife: AGITATOR

_Synonyms_
- agitator, demagogue, incendiary, inciter, rabble-rouser—more at AGITATOR

**fire-break** /ˌbrāk/ *noun*
: a barrier of cleared or plowed land intended to check a forest or grass fire

**fire-bug** /ˌbaɡ/ *noun*
: a person who deliberately sets destructive fires

**fire-crack-er** /ˈkra_ˌkar/ *noun*
: a paper tube containing an explosive and a fuse and set off to make a noise

**fire department** *noun*
: an organization for preventing or extinguishing fires; also: its members

**fire engine** *noun*
: a motor vehicle with equipment for extinguishing fires

**fire escape** *noun*
: a stairway or ladder for escape from a burning building

**fire-fight-er** /ˈfɪr_ˌfɪtər/ *noun*
: a person who fights fires; especially: a member of a fire department

**fire-fly** /ˌflaɪ/ *noun*
: any of various small night-flying beetles that produce flashes of light for courtship purposes

**fire-house** /ˌhaʊs/ *noun*
: FIRE STATION

**fire irons** *noun plural*
: tools for tending a fire esp. in a fireplace

**fire-man** /ˈfɪr_ˌmæn/ *noun*
1: STOKER
2: FIREFIGHTER

**fire off** *verb*
: to write and send

**fire-place** /ˌplæs/ *noun*
1: a framed opening made in a chimney to hold an open fire
2: an outdoor structure of brick or stone for an open fire

**fire-plug** /ˌplæɡ/ *noun*
: HYDRANT

**fire-power** /ˌpraʊ(ə)n/ *noun*
: the ability to deliver gunfire or warheads on a target

1**fireproof** /ˈpraʊf/ *adjective*

_Synonyms_
- noncombustible, nonflammable, noninflammable

2**fireproof** *verb*
: to make fireproof
fire–sale /_ˈsāl/ adjective : heavily discounted <~ prices

fire screen noun : a protective screen before a fireplace

1fireside /_ˈfaɪəˌsid/ noun
1 : a place near the fire or hearth
2 : one's place of residence : HOME
  Synonyms
   abode, domicile, dwelling, habitation, hearth, home, house, lodging—more at HOME

2fireside adjective : having an informal or intimate quality

fire station noun : a building housing fire engines and usu. firefighters

fire·storm /_ˈfaiərˌstōm/ noun
1 : a large destructive very hot fire
2 : a sudden or violent outburst <~ of criticism

fire tower noun : a tower (as in a forest) from which a watch for fires is kept

fire·trap /_ˈfaiəˌtræp/ noun : a building or place apt to catch on fire or difficult to escape from in case of fire

fire truck noun : FIRE ENGINE

fire·wall /_ˈfaiərˌwɔl/ noun : computer hardware or software for preventing unauthorized access to data

fire·wa·ter /_ˈfaiərˌwātər/ _`wātər/ noun : intoxicating liquor

fire·wood /_ˈfaiərˌwūd/ noun : wood used for fuel

fire·work /_ˈfaiərˌwurk/ noun
1 : a device designed to produce a striking display by the burning of explosive or flammable materials — usu. used in pl. <a display of ~s at the end of the festival>
2 : pl a display of temper or intense conflict
  Synonyms usually fireworks
   blowup, dudgeon, explosion, fit, huff, scene, tantrum—more at TANTRUM

firing line noun
1 : a line from which fire is delivered against a target
2 : the forefront of an activity

1firm /_fərm/ adjective
1 : securely fixed in place
2 : SOLID, VIGOROUS <a ~ handshake>
3 : having a solid or compact texture
4 : not subject to change or fluctuation : STEADY <~ prices>
5 : not easily moved or disturbed : STEADFAST
6 : indicating firmness or resolution
  Synonyms
   1 fast, frozen, secure, set, snug, tight—more at TIGHT
   3 compact, hard, rigid, solid, stiff, unyielding; also compacted, compressed, hardened, indurated, tempered; close, dense, heavy, thick, thickset; inelastic, inflexible, ramrod, unbending; compressed, condensed; sturdy,
substantial; impenetrable, impermeable, nonporous

**Antonyms**
flabby, soft, spongy

- [5] fast, sound, stable, stalwart, steady, strong, sturdy—more at **STABLE**
- [6] decisive, determined, intent, purposeful, resolute, set—more at **DETERMINED**

**firm** verb
- : to make or become firm
  **Synonyms** usually **firm up**
  - concrete, congeal, freeze, harden, set, solidify—more at **HARDEN**

**firm** noun
[origin: G *Firma*, fr. It, signature, ultim. fr. L *firmare* to make firm, confirm]
1 : the name under which a company transacts business
2 : a business partnership of two or more persons
3 : a business enterprise
  **Synonyms**
  - business, company, concern, enterprise, establishment, house, outfit—more at **ENTERPRISE**

**firmament** /ˈfir.mə.ment/ noun
- : the arch of the sky : **HEAVENS**

**firmly** adverb
- : in a firm manner
  **Synonyms**
  - forcefully, forcibly, hard, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, vigorously—more at **HARD**

**firmness** noun
- : the quality or state of being firm
  **Synonyms**
  - decision, decisiveness, determination, resolution, resolve, stability, strength—more at **DETERMINATION**

**firmware** /ˈfɪrm.wɛər/ noun
- : computer programs contained permanently in a hardware device

**first** /ˈfɜrs/ adjective
- : preceding all others as in time, order, or importance
  **Synonyms**
  - chief, dominant, foremost, key, paramount, predominant, primary, principal—more at **FOREMOST**
  - initial, original, pioneer, premier; also ancient, early, primal, primary, primeval, primitive, primordial; antecedent, preceding, previous
  **Antonyms**
  - final, last, terminal, ultimate

**first** adverb
1 : before any other
2 : for the first time
3 : in preference to something else
  **Synonyms**
  - preferably, rather, readily, soon—more at **RATHER**

**first** noun
1 : number one in a countable series
2 : something that is first
3 : the lowest forward gear in an automotive vehicle
4 : the winning or highest place in a competition or examination

**first aid** noun
- : emergency care or treatment given an injured or ill person
first-born /ˈfaːrstˈbɔrn/ adjective
  : ELDEST
  — firstborn noun
first class noun
  : the best or highest group in a classification
  — first-class adjective or adverb
first-hand /ˈfaːrst.hænd/ adjective
  : coming from direct personal observation or experience
  — firsthand adverb
      Synonyms
  ▶ direct, immediate, primary—more at DIRECT
first lady noun, often cap F&L
  : the wife or hostess of the chief executive of a political unit (as a country)
first lieutenant noun
  : a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a captain
first-ling /ˈfaːrst.lɪŋ/ noun
  : one that comes or is produced first
first-ly /ˈfaːrst.lɪ/ adverb
  : in the first place : FIRST
      Synonyms
  ▶ first, initially, originally, primarily—more at ORIGINALLY
1first-rate /ˈfaːrst.rɛt/ adjective
  : of the first order of size, importance, or quality
2first-rate adverb
  : very well
first sergeant noun
  1 : a noncommissioned officer serving as the chief assistant to the commander of a military unit
  2 : a rank in the army below a sergeant major and in the marine corps below a master gurney sergeant
first strike noun
  : a preemptive nuclear attack
first-string /ˈfaːrst.ˈstrɪŋ/ adjective
  : being a regular as distinguished from a substitute
  — first-stringer /ˈstrɪŋ.ɪr/ noun
firth /ˈfɑːrθ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. ON fjørthr]
  : a narrow arm of the sea : the opening of a river into the sea : ESTUARY
fiscal /ˈfɪs.kəl/ adjective
[origin: L fiscalis, fr. fiscus basket, treasury]
  1 : of or relating to taxation, public revenues, or public debt
  2 ▶ : of or relating to financial matters
  — fiscal-ly adverb
      Synonyms
  ▶ financial, monetary, pecuniary—more at FINANCIAL
fish /fɪʃ/ noun, plural fish or fishes
1 : a water-dwelling animal — usu. used in combination <starfish> <shellfish>
2 : any of numerous cold-blooded water-breathing vertebrates with fins, gills, and usu. scales that include the bony fishes and usu. the cartilaginous and jawless fishes
3 : the flesh of fish used as food
fish verb
1: to attempt to catch fish
2: to seek something by roundabout means (~ for praise)
3: to search for something underwater
4: to engage in a search by groping
5: to draw forth

Synonyms

feel, fumble, grope—more at ROPE

fish·and·chips noun plural
: fried fish and French fried potatoes

fish·bowl /fishˌbōl/ noun
1: a bowl for the keeping of live fish
2: a place or condition that affords no privacy

fish·er /fiˈsha(r)/ noun
1: one that fishes
2: a dark brown No. American carnivorous mammal related to the weasels

fish·er·man /ˈmən/ noun
1: a person engaged in fishing
2: a fishing boat

fish·ery /fiˈsha(r)i/ noun, plural -er·ies
1: the business of catching fish
2: a place for catching fish

fish·hook /fishˈhuk/ noun
: a usu. barbed hook for catching fish

fish ladder noun
: an arrangement of pools in steps by which fish can pass over a dam in going upstream

fish·net /fishˈnet/ noun
1: netting for catching fish
2: a coarse open-mesh fabric

fish·tail /ˈfis/ verb
: to have the rear end slide from side to side out of control while moving forward

fish·wife /ˈwif/ noun
1: a woman who sells fish
2: a vulgar abusive woman

fishy /fiˈshē/ adjective fish·i·er, -i·est
1: of or resembling fish
2: inspiring doubt or suspicion: QUESTIONABLE (~ to me)

Synonyms

debatable, doubtful, problematic, questionable, shady, shaky, suspect, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL

fis·sion /fiˈshon, ˈshən/ noun
[origin: L fissio, fr. findere to split]
1: a cleaving into parts
2: a method of reproduction in which a living cell or body divides into two or more parts each of which grows into a whole new individual
3: the splitting of an atomic nucleus resulting in the release of large amounts of energy

— fis·sion·al·be /fiˈshən·əl·bə, ˈzha/ adjective

fis·sure /fiˈshur/ noun
: a narrow opening or crack

Synonyms
fist /fist/ noun
1: the hand with fingers folded into the palm
2: INDEX 6

fistful /fist-fuhl/ noun
: HANDFUL

fist·i·cuffs /fist-i-kufs/ noun plural
: a fight with the fists

fis·tu·la /fis-tu-luh/ noun, plural -las or -lae
: an abnormal passage leading from an abscess or hollow organ
— fis·tu·lous /las/ adjective

1fit /fit/ adjective fit·ter; fit·test
1: adapted to a purpose
2: PROPER, RIGHT <a movie ~ for children>
3: put into a suitable state : made ready
4: physically and mentally sound
— fit·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] appropriate, apt, good, happy, proper, right, suitable; also just, justified, right; needed, required, requisite; able, capable, competent, qualified, trained; acceptable, adequate, decent, satisfactory, tolerable; correct, decorous, respectable, seemly
Antonyms
inapplicable, inappropriate, unsuitable, wrong
[1, 3] go, ready, set—more at READY
[3] available, functional, operable, practicable, serviceable, usable, useful—more at USABLE
[4] able-bodied, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, well—more at HEALTHY

2fit noun
1: a sudden violent attack (as in epilepsy)
2: a sudden outburst

Synonyms
[1] attack, bout, case, seizure, siege, spell—more at ATTACK
[2] blowup, dudgeon, explosion, fireworks, huff, outburst, scene, tantrum—more at TANTRUM

3fit verb fit·ted also fit; fit·ting
1: to be suitable for or to
2: to be correctly adjusted to or shaped for
3: to insert or adjust until correctly in place
4: to make a place or room for
5: to be in agreement or accord with
6: to put into a condition of readiness : PREPARE
7: to make or adjust to the right shape and size : ADJUST
8: to supply with something that is adjusted or designed for the use required — usu. used with out
9: to be in harmony or accord : BELONG
— fit·ter noun

Synonyms
[1] befit, do, go, serve, suit—more at DO
[1, 6] equip, prepare, qualify, ready, season—more at QUALIFY
usually fit in or fit into [3] inject, insert, insinuate, interject, interpose, introduce—more at INSERT
[4] accommodate, hold, take—more at ACCOMMODATE
[5] agree, answer, check, conform, correspond, dovetail, go, harmonize—more at CHECK
[7] acclimate, accommodate, adapt, adjust, condition, conform, shape—more at ADAPT

4fit noun
: the fact, condition, or manner of fitting or being fitted
fit·ful /'fit.fəl/ adjective
▶ not regular: INTERMITTENT <~ sleep>
— fit·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ erratic, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, unsteady; also convulsive, sudden, violent; broken, disconnected, fragmentary, interrupted; desultory, haphazard, random; changing, fluctuating, unstable, varying, wavering; changeable, fickle, variable

Antonyms
constant, continuous, regular, steady

fit·ness noun
▶ the quality or state of being fit

Synonyms
▶ health, robustness, soundness, wellness—more at HEALTH
▶ appropriateness, aptness, rightness, suitability—more at APPROPRIATENESS

1fit·ting /'fit.tiŋ/ adjective
▶ of a kind appropriate to the situation: APPROPRIATE, SUITABLE

Synonyms
▶ applicable, appropriate, apt, fit, proper, right, suitable—more at FIT

fit·ting·ly adverb
▶ in a fitting manner

Synonyms
▶ appropriately, correctly, happily, properly, rightly, suitably—more at PROPERLY

2fitting noun
1: the action or act of one that fits; especially: a trying on of clothes being made or altered
2: a small often standardized part <a plumbing ~> five /'fi/ noun
1: one more than four
2: the 5th in a set or series
3: something having five units; especially: a basketball team
4: a 5-dollar bill
— five adjective or pronoun

1fix /fiks/ verb
1: to make firm, stable, or fast
2: to give a permanent or final form to
3 ▶: to attach physically: AFFIX, ATTACH
4: to hold or direct steadily <~es his eyes on the horizon>
5 ▶: to set or place definitely: SET
6: ASSIGN <~ the blame>
7: to set in order: ADJUST
8: to get ready: PREPARE
9 ▶: to make whole or sound again
10: to get even with
11: to influence by improper or illegal methods <~ a race>
12 ▶: to assign precisely: settle on: arrange
— fix·er noun

Synonyms
▶ [3] affix, attach, fasten—more at FASTEN
▶ [5] deposit, place, position, put, set, set up, stick—more at PLACE
▶ [9] doctor, mend, patch, recondition, renovate, repair, revamp—more at MEND
▶ [12] arrange, decide, set, settle—more at ARRANGE

2fix noun
1 ▶: a position of difficulty or embarrassment: PREDICAMENT
2: a determination of position (as of a ship)
3: an accurate determination or understanding
4: an act of improper influence
5: a supply or dose of something (as an addictive drug) strongly desired or craved
6: something that fixes or restores

**Synonyms**
- corner, hole, jam, pickle, predicament, spot—more at [PREDICAMENT](#)

**fix·a·tion** /fik_ə_sā_ʃən/ noun
- an obsessive or unhealthy preoccupation or attachment

— **fix·ate** /fik_ət/ verb

**Synonyms**
- fetish, mania, obsession, preoccupation, prepossession; also complex, hang-up, problem; compulsion, craving, enthusiasm, fascination, infatuation, passion; idiosyncrasy, quirk; penchant, predilection, proclivity

**fix·a·tive** /fik_ə_tiv/ noun
- something that stabilizes or sets

**fixed** /fikst/ adjective
1: securely placed or fastened: [STATIONARY](#)
2: not volatile
3: not subject to change or fluctuation
4: [INTENT, CONCENTRATED](<a ~ stare>)
5: supplied with a definite amount of something needed (as money)

— **fixed·ly** /fikst_ə_lē/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- certain, determinate, final, firm, flat, frozen, hard, hard-and-fast, set, settled, stable; also nonadjustable, nonnegotiable, unchangeable; constant, steady, unchanging, uniform, unwavering; definite, exact, explicit, specific; stated, stipulated
- fast, hard-and-fast, immutable, inflexible, unalterable, unchangeable—more at [INflexible](#)

**fixed·ness** /fikst_ə_nas/ noun
- the quality or state of being fixed

**Synonyms**
- constancy, immutability, stability, steadiness—more at [CONSTANCY](#)

**fix·i·ty** /fiksi_ə_tē/ noun, plural -ties
- the quality or state of being fixed or stable

**fix·ture** /fikst_ər/ noun
1: something firmly attached as a permanent part of some other thing
2: a familiar feature in a particular setting; especially: a person associated with a place or activity

1**fizz** /fiz/ verb
- to make a hissing or sputtering sound

**Synonyms**
- hiss, sizzle, swish, whish, whiz

2**fizz** noun
1: a hissing sound
2: an effervescent beverage

1**fizzle** /fi_za/ verb fiz·zled, fiz·zing
1: [FIZZ](#)
2: to fail after a good start—often used with out

2**fizzle** noun
- lack of satisfactory performance or effect: [FAILURE](#)

**Synonyms**
- collapse, crash, cropper, defeat, failure, nonsuccess—more at [FAILURE](#)

**fjord** /fj_ərd/ noun
[ORIGIN: Norw]
: a narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or steep slopes

fl abbreviation
1 [ORIGIN L floruit] flourished
2 fluid

FL or Fla abbreviation
Florida

flab /flab/ noun
: soft flabby body tissue

flab·ber·gast /fla.ber. gast/ verb
: to overwhelm with shock, surprise, or wonder : ASTOUND

Synonyms
amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

flab·by /fla bē/ adjective flab·bi·er; -est
: lacking firmness : FLACCID <~ muscles>
— flab·bi·ness /bē.nas/ noun

Synonyms
flaccid, mushy, pulpy, soft, spongy—more at SOFT

flac·cid /flak sed/ adjective
: lacking firmness <~ muscles>

Synonyms
droopy, floppy, lank, limp, slack, yielding—more at LIMP

flag /flag/ noun
1 : any of various irises; especially : a wild iris
2 flag noun
1 : a usu. rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol (as of a nation) or as a signaling device
2 : something used like a flag to signal or attract attention
3 : one of the cross strokes of a musical note less than a quarter note in value

Synonyms
to amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

flag verb flagged; flag·ging
1 : to signal with or as if with a flag; especially : to signal to stop <~ a taxi>
2 : to mark or identify with or as if with a flag
3 : to call a penalty on

Synonyms
gesture, motion, signal, wave—more at MOTION

flag noun
1 : to hang loose or limp
2 : to become unsteady, feeble, or spiritless
3 : to decline in interest or attraction <the topic flagged>

Synonyms
[1] droop, hang, loll, sag, wilt—more at DROOP
[2] decay, droop, fail, go, lag, languish, sag, waste, weaken, wilt—more at WEAKEN

flag /flag/ noun
: a hard flat stone suitable for paving

flag·el·late /fla.ją lāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
: to punish by whipping

flag·el·la·tion /fla.ją ˈlu.ʃən/ noun
fla·gel·hum /flaˈjeˌləm/ noun, plural -la /ˌlə/ also -lums
: a long whiplike process that is the primary organ of motion of many microorganisms
— fla·gel·lar /ˈlələr/ adjective

fla·geo·let /fləˈjeˌlət/ noun
[origin: F]
: a small wind instrument belonging to the flute class

fla·gi·tious /fləˈjəʃəs/ adjective
: grossly wicked : VILLAINOUS

flag·on /flaˈgən/ noun
: a container for liquids usu. with a handle, spout, and lid

flag·pole /flaˈpol/ noun
: a pole on which to raise a flag

flag·rant /fləˈgrant/ adjective
[origin: L flagrans, prp. of flagrare to burn]
>r> conspicuously bad <~ abuse of power>
— fla·grant·ly adverb

Synonyms
> blatant, conspicuous, egregious, gross, pronounced, rank, striking—more at EGREGIOUS

flag·rant·te de·lic·to /fləˈgran·tə diˈlikˌtō/ adverb
: the act of committing a misdeed — used in the phrase in flagrante delicto

flag·ship /flaˈship/ noun
1: the ship that carries the commander of a fleet or subdivision thereof and flies his flag
2: the most important one of a group

flag·staff /ˈflæstf/ noun
: FLAGPOLE

flag·stone /ˈflæstn/ noun
: 5FLAG

1flail /flā/ noun
: a tool for threshing grain by hand

2flail verb
>r> to strike or swing with or as if with a flail

Synonyms
> flog, hide, lash, switch, thrash, whale, whip

flair /flār/ noun
[origin: F, lit., sense of smell, fr. OF, odor, fr. flairier to give off an odor, fr. VL *flagrare, alter. of L fragrare]
1>r> ability to appreciate or make good use of something : TALENT
2: a unique style

Synonyms
> aptitude, endowment, faculty, genius, gift, knack, talent—more at TALENT

flak /flāk/ noun, plural flak
[origin: G, fr. Fliegerabwehrkanone(n), fr. Flieger flyer + Abwehr defense + Kanonen cannons]
1: antiaircraft guns or bursting shells fired from them
2: CRITICISM, OPPOSITION

1flake /ˈflāk/ noun
1: a small loose mass or bit
2>r> a thin flattened piece or layer : CHIP

Synonyms
flake verb flaked, flak·ing
: to form or separate into flakes

flake noun
: a markedly eccentric person : ODDBALL
— flak·i·ness /flāˈkē-nəs/ noun
— flaky adjective

flam·beau /ˈfləmˌbo/ noun, plural flambeaux /ˌfləmˈbo/ or flambeaus
[origin: F, fr. MF, fr. flambe flame]
: a flaming torch

flam·boy·ant /ˈfləmˌbō·ənt/ adjective
: marked by or given to strikingly elaborate or colorful display or behavior
— flam·boy·an·cy /ˈfləmˌbō·ən·sē/ noun
  Synonyms
  — flashy, garish, gaudy, glitzy, loud, ostentatious, swank, tawdry—more at GAUDY

flam·boy·ance /ˈfləmˌbō·əns/ noun
: the quality or state of being flamboyant
  Synonyms
  — flashiness, gaudiness, glitz, ostentation, pretentiousness, showiness, swank—more at OSTENTATION

flam·boy·ant·ly adverb
: in a flamboyant manner : with flamboyance
  Synonyms
  — flashily, gaily, jauntily, rakishly—more at GAILY

flame /ˈflām/ noun
1: the glowing gaseous part of a fire
2: a state of blazing combustion
3: a flamelike condition
4: burning zeal or passion
5: BRILLIANCE
6: a person beloved : SWEETHEART
7: an angry, hostile, or abusive electronic message
  Synonyms
  — beloved, darling, dear, honey, love, sweet, sweetheart—more at SWEETHEART

flame verb
1: to burn with a flame
2: to burst or break out violently or passionately
3: to shine brightly
  Synonyms
  — [1] blaze, burn, glow—more at BURN
  — [2] break out, burst, erupt, explode, flare, go off—more at ERUPT
  — [3] beat, blaze, burn, glare—more at GLARE

fla·men·co /ˈfləmenˌkō/ noun, plural -cos
[origin: Sp, fr. flamenca of the Gypsies, lit., Flemish, fr. MD Vlaminc Fleming]
: a vigorous rhythmic dance style of the Spanish Gypsies

flame·throw·er /ˈflāmˌthır·ər/ noun
: a device that expels from a nozzle a burning stream of liquid or semiliquid fuel under pressure
fla·min·go /ˈflaˌmɪnˌgəʊ/ noun, plural -gos also -goes
: any of several long-legged long-necked tropical water birds with scarlet wings and a broad bill bent downward

flam·ma·ble /ˈfla.mə.bəl/ adjective
▶ : easily ignited and quick-burning
— flam·ma·bil·i·ty /ˈfla.məˌbil.i.teɪ/ noun
— flammable noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ combustible, ignitable, inflammable—more at COMBUSTIBLE

flan /ˈflæn, ˈflæn/ noun
1 : an open pie with a sweet or savory filling
2 : custard baked with a caramel glaze

flange /ˈflæn/ noun
: a rim used for strengthening or guiding something or for attachment to another object

1 flank /flaŋk/ noun
1 : the fleshy part of the side between the ribs and the hip; also : the side of a quadruped
2 : SIDE
3 : the right or left of a formation

2 flank verb
1 : to attack or threaten the flank of
2 ▶ : to be situated on the side of
  Synonyms
  ▶ abut, adjoin, border, fringe, join, skirt, touch, verge—more at ADJOIN

flan·ker /ˈflæŋkər/ noun
: a football player stationed wide of the formation slightly behind the line of scrimmage as a pass receiver

flan·nel /ˈflæn.əl/ noun
1 : a soft twilled wool or worsted fabric with a napped surface
2 : a stout cotton fabric napped on one side
3 plural : flannel underwear or pants

1 flap /flæp/ noun
1 : a stroke with something broad : SLAP
2 : something broad, limber, or flat and usu. thin that hangs loose
3 : the motion or sound of something broad and limber as it swings to and fro
4 : a state of excitement or confusion

2 flap verb flapped; flap·ping
1 : to beat with something broad and flat
2 : FLING
3 ▶ : to move (as wings) with a beating motion
4 : to sway loosely usu. with a noise of striking
  Synonyms
  ▶ beat, flail, flop, flutter, whip; also bang, batter, buffet, knock, pound, smack, spank, thump; flick, flicker, flit; oscillate, sway, swing; undulate, wave; palpitate, pulse, throb

flap·jack /ˈflapˌjæk/ noun
▶ : a flat cake made of thin batter and cooked (as on a griddle) on both sides : PANCAKE
  Synonyms
  ▶ griddle cake, pancake—more at PANCAKE

flap·per /ˈflap.pər/ noun
1 : one that flaps
2 : a young woman of the 1920s who showed freedom from conventions (as in conduct)

1 flare /flær/ noun
1: a blaze of light used esp. to signal or illuminate; also: a device for producing such a blaze
2: an unsteady glaring light
3: a sudden outburst (as of sound, excitement, or anger)

**Synonyms**
- [1] blaze, illumination, incandescence, light, luminescence, radiance, shine—more at LIGHT
- [3] agony, burst, eruption, explosion, fit, flare-up, flash, outburst, spasms, storm—more at OUTBURST

**flare verb** flared; flaring
1: to flame with a sudden unsteady light
2: to spread outward <her skirt flaring at the bottom> <a boat with the gunwales flaring out>
3: to become suddenly excited or angry — usu. used with up <she ~s up at the slightest provocation>
4: to break out or intensify usu. suddenly or violently — often used with up <fighting flared up after a 2-week lull>

**Synonyms**
- [1] beat, blaze, burn, flame, glare—more at GLARE
- usually flare out [2] expand, extend, fan, open, spread, stretch, unfold
- usually flare up [4] break out, burst, erupt, explode, flame, go off—more at ERUPT

**flare–up** noun
: a sudden outburst or intensification

**Synonyms**
- burst, flare, flash, outbreak, outburst, spurt—more at OUTBREAK

**flash** /flaʃ/ verb
1: to break forth in or like a sudden flame
2: to appear or pass suddenly or with great speed
3: to send out in or as if in flashes <~ a message>
4: to make a sudden display (as of brilliance or feeling)
5: to gleam or glow intermittently
6: to fill by a sudden rush of water
7: to expose to view very briefly <~ a badge>

**flash–er** noun
- flame, gleam, glimmer, glisten, glitter, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink; also beam, radiate, shine; blind, bedazzle, daze, dazzle; blaze, burn, flare, glare, glow

**flash** noun
1: a sudden burst of light
2: a movement of a flag or light in signaling
3: a sudden and brilliant burst (as of wit)
4: a brief time
5: SHOW, DISPLAY; especially: ostentatious display
6: something or someone that attracts notice; especially: an outstanding athlete
7: GLIMPSE, LOOK
8: a first brief news report
9:FLASHLIGHT
10: a device for producing a brief and very bright flash of light for taking photographs
11: a quick-spreading flame or momentarily intense outburst of radiant heat

**Synonyms**
- [4] instant, jiffy, minute, moment, second, shake, twinkling, wink—more at INSTANT
- [6] marvel, miracle, phenomenon, prodigy, sensation, wonder—more at WONDER

**flash** adjective
: of sudden origin and short duration <a ~ flood>

**Synonyms**
- fleeting, momentary, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient—more at MOMENTARY

**flash** adverb
: by very brief exposure to an intense agent (as heat or cold) <~ freeze>
flash·back /ˈflaʃˌbæk/ noun
1: interruption of the chronological sequence (as of a film or literary work) by an event of earlier occurrence
2: a past event remembered vividly

flash back verb
1: to vividly remember a past incident
2: to employ a flashback

flash·bulb /ˈflaʃˌbəl/ noun
: an electric bulb that can be used only once to produce a brief and very bright flash of light for taking photographs

flash card noun
: a card bearing words, numbers, or pictures briefly displayed usu. as a learning aid

flash·cube /ˈflaʃˌkʌb/ noun
: a cubical device incorporating four flashbulbs

flash·gun /ˈflaʃˌɡun/ noun
: a device for producing a bright flash of light for photography

flash·i·ly /ˈʃaʃˌəli/ adverb
› in a flashy manner or style

Synonyms
› flamboyantly, gaily, jauntily, rakishly—more at GAILY

flash·i·ness /ˈʃaʃˌənəs/ noun
› the quality or state of being flashy

Synonyms
› flamboyance, gaudiness, glitz, ostentation, pretentiousness, showiness, swank—more at OSTENTATION

flash·ing /ˈflaʃəŋ/ noun
: sheet metal used in waterproofing (as at the angle between a chimney and a roof)

flash·light /ˈflaʃˌlɪt/ noun
: a battery-operated portable electric light

flash memory noun
: a computer memory chip not requiring connection to a power source to retain its data

flashy /ˈflaʃə/ adjective flash·i·er; -est
1: momentarily dazzling
2 ›: superficially attractive or impressive : SHOWY

Synonyms
› flamboyant, garish, gaudy, glitzy, loud, ostentatious, showy, swank, tawdry—more at GAUDY

flask /ˈflaʃk/ noun
: a flattened bottle-shaped container <a whiskey ~>

flat /flæt/ adjective flat·ter; flat·test
1: spread out along a surface; also: being or characterized by a horizontal line
2 ›: having a smooth, level, or even surface
3: having a broad smooth surface and little thickness
4: clearly unmistakable: DOWNRIGHT <a ~ refusal>
5: not varying: FIXED <charge a ~ rate>
6 ›: having no fraction either lacking or in excess: EXACT, PRECISE <in four minutes ~>
7 a ›: lacking in animation, zest, or vigor: DULL, UNINTERESTING
b ›: lacking savor: INSIPID
8: DEFLATED <a ~ tire>
9: lower than the true pitch; also: lower by a half step
10 ›: free from gloss: DULL, UNINTERESTING
11: lacking depth of characterization
— flat·ly adverb
— flat·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] even, flush, level, plane, smooth—more at LEVEL
   ▶ [6] even, exact, precise, round—more at EVEN
   ▶ [7a] dull, monotonous, uninteresting
   ▶ [7b] flavorless, insipid, tasteless—more at INSIPID
   ▶ [10] dim, dull, lusterless

2 flat noun
   1 : a level surface of land : PLAIN
   2 : a flat part or surface
   3 : a character ♭ that indicates that a specified note is to be lowered by a half step; also : the resulting note
   4 : something flat
   5 : an apartment on one floor
   6 : a deflated tire

3 flat adverb
   1 : FLATLY
   2 : without qualification or reservation : COMPLETELY <~ broke>
   3 : below the true musical pitch
   Synonyms
   ▶ completely, entirely, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, wholly—more at FULLY

4 flat verb flat·ted; flat·ting
   1 : FLATTEN
   2 : to lower in pitch esp. by a half step

flat·bed /flʌtˈbɛd/ noun
   : a truck or trailer with a body in the form of a platform or shallow box

flat·boat /.bɔt/ noun
   : a flat-bottomed boat used esp. for carrying bulky freight

flat·car /ˈkær/ noun
   : a railroad freight car without sides or roof

flat·fish /ˈfish/ noun
   : any of an order of flattened marine bony fishes with both eyes on the upper side

flat·foot /ˈfʊt, ˈfʊt/ noun, plural flat·feet /ˈfʊt, ˈfʊt/ : a condition in which the arch of the foot is flattened so that the entire sole rests upon the ground — flat·foot·ed /ˈfʊtˌɪd/ adjective

Flat·head /ˈhed/ noun, plural Flatheads or Flathead
   : a member of an American Indian people of Montana

flat·iron /ˈɪrən/ noun
   : IRON 3

flat·land /ˈlænd/ noun
   : land lacking significant variation in elevation

flat·out /ˈflɔtˌaʊt/ adjective
   1 : being or going at maximum effort or speed
   2 : OUT-AND-OUT, DOWNRIGHT <it was a ~ lie>

flat out adverb
   1 : BLUNTLY, DIRECTLY
   2 : at top speed
   3 usually flat·out : to the greatest degree : COMPLETELY <is just flat-out confusing>

flat·panel /ˈpænəl/ adjective
flat·ten /flat ˈten/ verb
: to make or become flat

flat·ter /ˈfla tər/ verb
[Origin: ME flatteren, fr. AF flater to lap, flatter]
1 : to praise too much or without sincerity
2 : to represent too favorably <the portrait ~s him>
3 : to display to advantage
4 : to judge (oneself) favorably or too favorably
— flat·ter·er noun
  Synonyms
→ blarney, overpraise; also cajole, coax, wheedle; fawn, kowtow, toady; idolize, worship; eulogize, extol, laud,
  praise; applaud, commend, compliment; congratulate, felicitate; drool, gush, slaver, slobber; endear, ingratiate;
court, woo

flat·tery /ˈfla tə rē/ noun, plural -ter·ies
→ flattering speech or attentions : insincere or excessive praise
  Synonyms
→ adulation, blarney, overpraise; also endearments; compliments, greetings, regards, respects; adoration,
  idolatry, worship; cajolery, endearment; acclaim, applause, commendation, praise

flat·top /ˈflat təp/ noun
1 : AIRCRAFT CARRIER
2 : CREW CUT

flat·u·lent /ˈfla tə lənt/ adjective
1 : full of gas <a ~ stomach>
2 : INFLATED, POMPOS
— flat·u·lence /ˈfla tə ləns/ noun

fla·tus /ˈfla təs/ noun
: gas formed in the intestine or stomach

flat·ware /ˈflat wər/ noun
: eating and serving utensils

flat·worm /ˈflat wərn/ noun
: any of a phylum of flattened mostly parasitic segmented worms (as trematodes and tapeworms)

flaunt /ˈfla nт/ verb
1 : to display oneself to public notice
2 : to wave or flutter showily
3 : to display ostentatiously or impudently : PARADE
— flaunt noun
  Synonyms
→ display, disport, exhibit, flash, parade, show, show off—more at SHOW

flau·ta /ˈflō tə/ noun
: a tortilla rolled around a filling and deep-fried

flau·tist /ˈflō tist, ˈflaʊtist/ noun
[Origin: It flautista]
→ FLUTIST

flavor /ˈfla vər/ noun
1 : the quality of something that affects the sense of taste or of taste and smell
2 : a substance that adds flavor
3 : characteristic or predominant quality
  ⇒ fla·vored /ˈfla vərd/ adjective
  ⇒ fla·vor·some adjective
flavor verb
▶: to give or add flavor to
   Synonyms
   ▶ savor, season, spice—more at SEASON

flavorful adjective
▶: full of flavor
   Synonyms
   ▶ appetizing, delectable, delicious, savory, tasty, toothsome, yummy—more at DELICIOUS

flavoring noun
▶: a substance that flavors : FLAVOR

flavorless adjective
▶: lacking in flavor
   Synonyms
   ▶ flat, insipid, tasteless—more at INSIPID

flavour chiefly British variant of FLAVOR

flaw /flō/ noun
▶: a small often hidden defect
   —flavorlessness noun
   ▶ blemish, defect, fault, imperfection, mark—more at BLEMISH

flawless adjective
▶: lacking any flaw or imperfection
   Synonyms
   ▶ absolute, faultless, ideal, impeccable, letter-perfect, perfect, unblemished—more at PERFECT

flawlessly /ˌflō-lēs/ adverb
▶: faultlessly, ideally, impeccably, perfectly—more at PERFECTLY

flax /flāks/ noun
▶: a fiber that is the source of linen; also : a blue-flowered plant grown for this fiber and its oily seeds
   —flaxen /ˈflak·sən/ adjective
   1: made of flax
   2 ▶: resembling flax esp. in pale soft straw color
   Synonyms
   ▶ blond, fair, golden, sandy, straw—more at BLOND

flay /flā/ verb
▶: to strip off the skin or surface of
   ▶: to criticize harshly
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] bark, hull, husk, peel, shell, skin
   ▶ [2] berate, castigate, lambaste, lecture, rail, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, upbraid—more at SCOLD

fl dr abbreviation
fluid dram

flea /flē/ noun
▶: any of an order of small wingless leaping bloodsucking insects
   —flea-bane /ˈflē·bān/ noun
▶: any of various plants of the daisy family once believed to drive away fleas
flea–bit·ten /ˈbit-tən/ adjective
: bitten by or infested with fleas

flea market noun
: a usu. open-air market for secondhand articles and antiques

1 fleck /flēk/ verb
: to mark in or with spots: STREAK, SPOT

2 fleck noun
1 ▷ : a small area visibly different (as in color, finish, or material) from the surrounding area: SPOT, MARK
2 ▷ : a small loose mass or bit: PARTICLE

Synonyms
▷ [1] blotch, dapple, dot, mark, speck, spot—more at SPOT
▷ [2] atom, bit, crumb, grain, granule, molecule, particle, speck

fledge /flēd/ verb fledged; fledg·ing
: to develop the feathers necessary for flying or independent activity

fledg·ling /ˈflēd-lɪŋ/ noun
1 ▷ : a young bird with flight feathers newly developed
2 ▷ : an immature or inexperienced person

Synonyms
▷ beginner, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, novice, tyro—more at BEGINNER

flee /flē/ verb fled; fleec·ing
1 ▷ : to run away often from danger or evil
2 ▷ : to pass away swiftly from perception

Synonyms
▷ [1] clear out, escape, fly, get out, lam, run away, run off—more at ESCAPE
▷ [2] disappear, dissolve, evaporate, fade, go, melt, vanish—more at DISAPPEAR

fleece /flēs/ noun
1 ▷ : the woolly coat of an animal and esp. a sheep
2 ▷ : a soft or woolly covering

Synonyms
▷ coat, fur, hair, pelage, pile, wool

fleece verb fleeced; fleec·ing
1 ▷ : to strip of money or property by fraud or extortion
2 ▷: SHEAR

Synonyms
▷ cheat, defraud, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize; also extort, wrench, wrest, wring; gouge, overcharge, soak; exploit, milk; deceive, dupe, fool, gull, trick; rope (in); betray

fleecy adjective
▷ : covered with, made of, or resembling fleece

Synonyms
▷ furry, hairy, unshorn, woolly—more at HAIRY

fleet /flēt/ verb
: to pass rapidly

2 fleet noun
[origin: ME flèt, fr. OE flēot ship, fr. fliotan to float]
1 ▷ : a group of warships under one command
2 ▷ : a group (as of ships, planes, or trucks) under one management

Synonyms
▷ armada, caravan, cavalcade, line, motorcade, train; also convoy, flotilla, navy; column, cortege, parade, procession
fleet adjective
1 ▶ : swift in motion: SWIFT, NIMBLE
2 : not enduring: FLEETING
   Synonyms
   ◀ breakneck, fast, hasty, lightning, nimble, nippy, quick, rapid, speedy, swift—more at FAST
fleet·ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being fleet
   Synonyms
   ◀ celerity, fastness, haste, hurry, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness, velocity—more at SPEED
fleet admiral noun
1 : an admiral of the highest rank in the navy
fleet·ing  /ˈfleɪ.tɪŋ/ adjective
1 : passing swiftly
   Synonyms
   ◀ ephemeral, evanescent, momentary, short-lived, temporary, transient—more at MOMENTARY
Flem·ing  /ˈfle mɪŋ/ noun
1 : a member of a Germanic people inhabiting chiefly northern Belgium
Flem·ish  /ˈfle mɪʃ/ noun
1 : the Dutch language as spoken by the Flemings
2 Flemish plural: FLEMINGS
   — Flemish adjective
flesh  /fleʃ/ noun
1 : the soft parts of an animal's body; especially: muscular tissue
2 : MEAT
3 : the physical nature of humans as distinguished from the soul
4 : human beings; also: living beings
5 : STOCK, KINDRED
6 : fleshy plant tissue (as fruit pulp)
   — fleshed  /ˈfleʃt/ adjective
flesh verb
1 : to make fuller or more nearly complete — usu. used with out
flesh fly noun
1 : a dipteran fly whose maggots feed on flesh
fleshy  /ˈfleʃ.i/ adjective
1 ▶ : of or relating to the flesh or body: CORPoreal, BODILY
2 ▶ : not spiritual: WORLDLY
3 ▶ : of or relating to bodily appetites: CARNAL, SENSUAL
   Synonyms
   ◀ [1] animal, bodily, carnal, corporal, corporeal, material, physical, somatic—more at PHYSICAL
   ◀ [2] carnal, earthly, material, mundane, temporal, terrestrial, worldly—more at EARTHY
   ◀ [3] carnal, luscious, sensual, sensuous, voluptuous—more at SENSUAL
flesh·pot  /ˈfleʃ.pət/ noun
1 plural: bodily comfort: LUXURY
2 : a place of lascivious entertainment — usu. used in pl.
fleshy  /ˈfle shē/ adjective flesh·i·er; -est
1 : consisting of or resembling animal flesh
2 ▶ : marked by abundant flesh: PLUMP, FAT
3 ▶ : full of juice
   Synonyms
   ◀ [2] chubby, fat, plump, portly, rotund, round—more at FAT
juicy, pulpy, succulent—more at JUICY

flew past of FLY

flex /flex/ verb
: to bend esp. repeatedly
— flex noun

flex·i·ble /flexˈsi-bal/ adjective
1 : capable of being flexed
2 : yielding to influence
3 : readily changed or changing
— flex·i·bil·i·ty /flexˈsi-bəl-i-te/ noun

Synonyms
1 limber, lissome, lithe, pliable, supple, willowy—more at WILLOWY
2 elastic, resilient, rubbery, springy, stretch, supple—more at ELASTIC
3 adaptable, adjustable, changeable, elastic, fluid, malleable, variable; also changing, fluctuating, inconstant, unstable, unsteady

Antonyms
established, fixed, immutable

flex·or /flexˈsər/ noun
: a muscle serving to bend a body part

flex·ure /flexˈyar/ noun
: TURN, FOLD

flib·ber·ti·gib·bet /ˈflib.ber.ti.ɡib.bet/ noun
: a silly flighty person

1flick /flɪk/ noun
1 : a light sharp jerky stroke or movement
2 : a sound produced by a flick
3 : FLICKER

2flick verb
1 : to strike lightly with a quick sharp motion
2 : FLUTTER, FLIT

3flick noun
: MOVIE <can't wait to catch the new flick at the theater>

1flicker /ˈflɪkər/ verb
1 : to move irregularly or unsteadily : FLUTTER
2 : to burn fitfully or with a fluctuating light
— flick·er·ing·ly adverb

2flicker noun
1 : an act of flickering
2 : a sudden brief movement <a ~ of an eyelid>
3 : a momentary stirring <a ~ of interest>
4 : a slight indication : HINT
5 : a wavering light

3flicker noun
: a large barred and spotted No. American woodpecker with a brown back that occurs as an eastern form with yellow on the underside of the wings and tail and a western form with red in these areas

flied past and past participle of FLY

fli·er /ˈflɪər/ noun
1 : one that flies; especially : PILOT
2 •: a reckless or speculative undertaking
3 usually fly·er •: an advertising circular
   Synonyms
   [1] airman, aviator, pilot—more at PILOT
   [2] chance, enterprise, gamble, speculation, venture—more at GAMBLE
   usually fly·er [3] circular, leaflet, pamphlet—more at PAMPHLET

flight /flıt/ noun
1 : an act or instance of flying
2 : the ability to fly
3 : a passage through air or space
4 : the distance covered in a flight
5 : swift movement
6 : a trip made by or in an airplane or spacecraft
7 : a group of similar individuals (as birds or airplanes) flying as a unit
8 : a passing (as of the imagination) beyond ordinary limits
9 : a series of stairs from one landing to another
   — flight·less adjective

flight noun
1 : an act or instance of running away
   Synonyms
   escape, getaway, lam, slip—more at ESCAPE

flight bag noun
1 : a lightweight traveling bag with zippered outside pockets
2 : a small canvas satchel

flight·i·ness /ˈflɪtnəs/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being flighty
   Synonyms
   facetiousness, flippancy, frivolity, levity, lightness—more at FRIVOLITY

flight line noun
: a parking and servicing area for airplanes

flighty /ˈflɪti/ adjective flight·i·er; -est
1 : easily upset : VOLATILE
2 •: easily excited : SKITTISH
3 •: governed or characterized by caprice : CAPRICIOUS, SILLY
   Synonyms
   [2] excitable, fluttery, high-strung, jittery, jumpy, nervous, skittish, spooky—more at EXCITABLE
   [3] capricious, frivolous, giddy, harebrained, scatterbrained, silly—more at GIDDY

flim·flam /ˈflɪmˌflæm/ noun
1 : DECEPTION, FRAUD
   — flim·flam·mery /ˌflɪmˈflæmərē/ noun

flim·sy /ˈflɪmˌzi/ adjective flim·si·er; -est
1 •: lacking strength or substance
2 •: of inferior materials and workmanship
3 •: having little worth or plausibility <a ~ excuse>
   — flim·si·ly /ˈflɪmˌzi lē/ adverb
   — flim·si·ness /ˈflɪmˌzi nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] gauzy, insubstantial, unsubstantial; also dainty, delicate, fine; feeble, fragile, frail; sheer, transparent
   Antonyms
   sturdy, substantial
   [3] doubtful, dubious, improbable, questionable, unlikely—more at IMPROBABLE
flinch /ˈflɪnch/ verb
[ORIGIN: MF flenchir to bend]
› : to shrink from or as if from pain : Wince
— flinch noun
  Synonyms
    › blench, quail, recoil, shrink, wince; also blanch, pale, whiten; quake, quiver, shake, shudder, tremble; crouch; jerk, start, twitch; recede, retire, retreat, withdraw; falter, hesitate, reel, waver

1 fling /flɪŋ/ verb flung /flʌŋ/; fling·ing
  1 : to move hastily, brusquely, or violently <flung out of the room>
  2 : to kick or plunge vigorously
  3 a : to throw with force or recklessness
  b : to cast as if by throwing
  4 : to put suddenly into a state or condition
  Synonyms
    › cast, catapult, chuck, hurl, hurtle, launch, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

2 fling noun
  1 : an act or instance of flinging
  2 : a casual try : ATTEMPT
  3 : a period of self-indulgence
  Synonyms
    › [2] attempt, shot, stab, trial, try—more at ATTEMPT
    › [3] frolic, gambol, lark, revel, rollick, romp; also caper, escapade, prank; antic, shenanigans; field day; festivity, merriment, merrymaking; enjoyment, indulgence, pleasure, self-indulgence; amusement, diversion, entertainment

flint /flɪnt/ noun
  1 : a hard quartz that produces a spark when struck by steel
  2 : an alloy used for producing a spark in lighters

flinty adjective
  › : harsh and unyielding : rigorous and stern
  Synonyms
    › austere, authoritarian, hard, harsh, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE

flint glass noun
: heavy glass containing an oxide of lead and used in lenses and prisms

flint·lock /ˈflɪntˌlɑk/ noun
  1 : a lock for a gun using a flint to ignite the charge
  2 : a firearm fitted with a flintlock

1 flip /flɪp/ verb flipped; flip·ping
  1 : to turn by tossing <~ a coin>
  2 : to turn over; also : to leaf through
  3 : FLICK, JERK <~ a light switch>
  4 : to lose self-control
— flip noun
  Synonyms
    › [2] reverse, turn—more at REVERSE
    › [4] break, crack, freak—more at CRACK

2 flip adjective
: glib or pert in speech : FLIPPANT

flip·pan·cy /ˈflɪpˌpæn.si/ noun
  › the quality or state of being flippant
  Synonyms
    › facetiousness, flightiness, frivolity, levity, lightness—more at FRIVOLITY
flip·pant /fliˈpant/ adjective
☞ lacking proper respect or seriousness
  Synonyms
  facetious, flip, pert, smart; also flighty, frivolous; cheeky, cocky, cute, fresh, impertinent, impish, impudent, mischievous, playful, roguish, sassy, saucy, waggish; disrespectful, rude; breezy, casual, glib, inappropriate, thoughtless
  Antonyms
  earnest, sincere

flip·per /fliˈpat/ noun
1: a broad flat limb (as of a seal) adapted for swimming
2: a paddlelike shoe used in skin diving

flip side noun
☞ the reverse and usu. less popular side of a phonograph record

1flirt /flərt/ verb
1: to move erratically: FLIT
2: to behave amorously without serious intent
3: to show casual interest <~ with the idea>; also: to come close to <~ with danger>
  — flirt·a·tion /flərˈtaʃən/ noun
  — flirt·a·tious /ˈflərtəʃəs/ adjective
  2flirt noun
1: an act or instance of flirting
2: a person who flirts

flit /flit/ verb flit·ted; flit·ting
☞ to pass or move quickly or abruptly from place to place: DART
  — flit noun
  Synonyms
  dance, dart, flutter, zip; also dash, fly, sail, shoot, speed, sprint, zoom; scamper, scud, scurry, scuttle, skip, skitter; meander, ramble, roam, wander

flitch /flitch/ noun
☞ a side of cured meat; especially: a side of bacon

fliv·ver /flɪvər/ noun
☞ a small cheap usu. old automobile

1float /flɔt/ noun
1: something (as a raft) that floats; also: a floating platform anchored near a shoreline for use by swimmers or boats
2: a cork buoying up the baited end of a fishing line
3: a hollow ball that floats at the end of a lever in a cistern or tank and regulates the liquid level
4: a vehicle with a platform to carry an exhibit
5: a soft drink with ice cream floating in it
  Synonyms
  dock, jetty, landing, levee, pier, quay, wharf—more at DOCK
  2float verb
1: to rest on the surface of or be suspended in a fluid
2: to move gently on or through a fluid
3: to cause to float
4: WANDER
5: to offer (securities) in order to finance an enterprise
6: to finance by floating an issue of stocks or bonds
7: to arrange for <~ a loan>
  — float·er noun
  Synonyms
drift, glide, hang, hover, poise, ride, sail, waft; also bob, dangle, suspend; buoy; balloon, raft

Antonyms
settle, sink

1 flock /flæk/ noun
1 : a group of birds or mammals assembled or herded together
2 : a group of people under the guidance of a leader; especially: CONGREGATION
3 : a large number <a ~ of tourists>

Synonyms
army, crowd, crush, drove, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

2 flock verb
: to gather or move in a flock <people ~d to the beach>

Synonyms
crowd, mob, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

floe /fləʊ/ noun
: a flat mass of floating ice

flog /flɒɡ/ verb flocked; flog·ging
1 : to beat with or as if with a rod or whip
2 : SELL <~ encyclopedias>

— flog·ger noun

Synonyms
bash, bat, batter, beat, belt, bludgeon, buffet, club, drub, hammer, hide, lace, lambaste, lick, maul, pelt, pound, thrash, thump, wallop, whale, whip—more at BEAT

1 flood /fləʊd/ noun
1 : a great flow of water over the land
2 : the flowing in of the tide
3 : an overwhelming volume

Synonyms
[1, 3] cataclysm, cataract, deluge, inundation, overflow, spate, torrent; also current, river, stream, tide; discharge, flush, gush, outflow, outpouring; flux, inflow, influx; washout; avalanche; cascade, waterfall; excess, glut, overabundance, overage, overkill, overmuch, oversupply, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus

Antonyms
drought

2 flood verb
1 : to cover or become filled with a flood
2 : to fill abundantly or excessively; especially: to supply an excess of fuel to <~ed the engine>
3 : to pour forth in a flood

— flood·er noun

Synonyms
delve, drown, engulf, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, submerge, swamp; also overcome, flow, flush, gush, pour, sluice, spout, spurt, stream; douse, drench

Antonyms
drain

flood·gate /ˈflɒdˌɡeɪt/ noun
: a gate for controlling a body of water: SLUICE

flood·light /ˈflɒldˌlaɪt/ noun
: a lamp that throws a broad beam of light; also: the beam itself

— floodlight verb

flood·plain /ˈflɔdˌplæn/ noun
: a plain along a river or stream subject to periodic flooding
flood tide noun
1: a rising tide
2: an overwhelming quantity
3: a high point

flood·wa·ter /ˈflɔdˌwātər/ noun
1: the water of a flood

1floor /ˈfloʊr/ noun
1: the bottom of a room on which one stands
2: a ground surface
3: a story of a building
4: a main level space (as in a legislative chamber) distinguished from a platform or gallery
5: audience
6: the right to address an assembly
7: a lower limit <put a ~ under wheat prices>
— floor·ing noun

2floor verb
1: to furnish with a floor
2: to knock down
3: to overwhelm with shock, surprise, or wonder
4: to press (a vehicle's accelerator) to the floorboard esp. rapidly

Synonyms
[2] bowl, down, drop, fell, knock, level
[3] amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, overwhelm, shock, startle, stun, surprise

floor·board /ˈfloʊrˌbɔrd/ noun
1: a board in a floor
2: the floor of an automobile

floor leader noun
: a member of a legislative body who has charge of a party's organization and strategy on the floor

floor show noun
: a series of acts presented in a nightclub

floor·walk·er /ˈfloʊrˌwɔkər/ noun
: a person employed in a retail store to oversee the sales force and aid customers

floozy or floozie /ˈfluˌzi/ noun, plural floozies
: a usu. young woman of loose morals

1flop /ˈflɒp/ verb flopped; flop·ping
1: to swing or move loosely: flap
2: to throw oneself down heavily, clumsily, or in a relaxed manner <flopped into a chair>
3: to fall short of success: fail <the show flopped>
— flop adverb
— flop·per noun

Synonyms
[1] beat, flail, flap, flutter, whip—more at flap
[2] plop, plump, plunk; also fling, heave, sling, toss; ensconce, install, plant, settle
[3] collapse, fail, flunk, fold, wash out—more at fail

2flop noun
1: something that is a failure

Synonyms
bust, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, loser, washout—more at failure

flop·house /ˈflɒp.ˈhauz/ noun
: a cheap hotel
1 floppy /ˈfləʊp-/ adjective flop·pi·er; -est
   ▶: tending to flop; especially: soft and flexible
   — flop·pi·ly /ˈfləʊp-lə/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶: droopy, flaccid, lank, limp, slack, yielding—more at limp

2 floppy noun, plural flop·pies
   : FLOPPY DISK
   floppy disk noun
   : a thin plastic disk with a magnetic coating on which computer data can be stored
   flop sweat noun
   : sweat caused by the fear of failing

flora /ˈflɔrə/ noun, plural flor·as also flo·rae /
   [ORIGIN: L Flora, Roman goddess of flowers]
   : plants or plant life esp. of a region or period
   Synonyms
   ▶: foliage, green, greenery, herbage, leafage, vegetation, verdure—more at greenery

floral /ˈflɔrəl/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or depicting flowers <a ~ design>

flo·res·cence /ˌflɔrər-əns/ noun
   : a state or period of being in bloom or flourishing
   — flo·res·cent /ˌflɔrər-sənt/ adjective
flor·id /ˈflɔrəd/ adjective
   1 ▶: very flowery in style <> prose
   2 ▶: tinged with red: ruddy
   3 ▶: marked by emotional or sexual fervor
   Synonyms
   ▶: [1] flowery, grandiloquent, high-flown, highfalutin—more at flowery
   ▶: [2] flush, glowing, rosy, ruddy, sanguine—more at ruddy

flo·rin /ˈflɔrən/ noun
   1 : an old gold coin first struck at Florence, Italy, in 1252
   2 : a gold coin of a European country patterned after the florin of Florence
   3 : any of several modern silver coins issued in Commonwealth countries
flo·rist /ˈflɔrɪst/ noun
   : a person who sells flowers or ornamental plants

1 floss /fləs/ noun
   1 : soft thread of silk or mercerized cotton for embroidery
   2 : DENTAL FLOSS
   3 ▶: fluffy fibrous material
   Synonyms
   ▶: down, fluff, fur, fuzz, lint, nap, pile—more at fuzz

2 floss verb
   : to use dental floss on (one’s teeth)
flossy /ˈfləs-ə/ adjective floss·i·er; -est
   1 ▶: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of floss
   — floss·i·ly /ˈfləs-lə/ adverb
flo·ta·tion /ˈflō-tā-shən/ noun
   : the process or an instance of floating
flo·til·la /ˈflō-tələ/ noun
flot·sam /ˈflōtˌsām/ noun
: floating wreckage of a ship or its cargo

1flounce /ˈfləns/ verb flounced; flounc·ing
1 : to move with exaggerated jerky or bouncy motions
2 : to go with sudden determination

2flounce noun
: an act or instance of flouncing
— flouncy /ˈflənjˌsē/ adjective

3flounce noun
› : a strip of fabric attached by one edge; also : a wide ruffle
Synonyms
› frill, furbelow, ruffle—more at RUFFLE

flounder /ˈflaʊndər/ noun, plural flounder or flounders
: FLATFISH; especially : any of various important marine food fishes

2flounder verb
1 : to struggle to move or obtain footing
2 › : to proceed clumsily <~ed through the speech>
Synonyms
› limp, lumber, plod, stumble; also shamble, shuffle; wallow, welter; falter, lurch, reel, stagger, sway, teeter, totter; blunder, fumble, muddle

1flour /ˈflaʊr/ noun
[origin: ME, flower, best of anything, flour, fr. AF flur flower]
: finely ground and sifted meal of a grain (as wheat); also : a fine soft powder
floury adjective
› : of or resembling flour esp. in fine powdery texture
Synonyms
› dusty, fine, powdery—more at FINE

2flour verb
: to coat with or as if with flour

1flourish /ˈflər.ish/ verb
1 › : to grow luxuriantly : THRIVE, PROSPER
2 : to be in a state of activity or production <~ed about 1850>
3 › : to reach a height of development or influence
4 : to make bold and sweeping gestures
5 : BRANDISH
Synonyms
› [1] burgeon, prosper, thrive—more at THRIVE
› [3] prosper, succeed, thrive—more at SUCCEED

2flourish noun
1 : a florid bit of speech or writing; also : an ornamental touch or decorative detail
2 : FANFARE
3 : WAVE <with a ~ of his cane>
4 : showiness in doing something

1flout /ˈflōt/ verb
› : to treat with contemptuous disregard <~ the law>
— flout·er noun
Synonyms
› despise, disregard, scorn—more at SCORN
flow noun

1 : an act of flowing
2 : FLOOD 1, 2
3 : a smooth uninterrupted movement
4 : STREAM; also : a mass of material that has flowed when molten
5 : the quantity that flows in a certain time
6 : MENSTRUATION
7 : a continuous transfer of energy

— flow·age /ˈflō-ij/ noun

flow·chart /ˈflō-chārt/ noun

: a symbolic diagram showing step-by-step progression through a procedure

flow diagram noun

: FLOWCHART

flower /ˈflaʊ(ə)r/ noun

[origin: ME flour, fr. AF flur, flour, fr. L flor-, flos]
1 : a plant shoot modified for reproduction and bearing leaves specialized into floral organs; especially : one of a seed plant consisting of a calyx, corolla, stamens, and carpels
2 : a plant cultivated for its blossoms
3 : the best part or example
4 : the finest most vigorous period
5 : a state of blooming or flourishing

— flow·ered /ˈflaʊ(ə)rd/ adjective
— flow·er·less adjective
— flow·er·like /ˈflaʊərlik/ adjective

Synonyms

➤ [3] best, choice, cream, elite, pick, prime—more at ELITE
➤ [4] bloom, blossom, flush, heyday, prime—more at BLOOM

flower verb

1 : DEVELOP; also : FLOURISH
2 : to produce flowers : BLOOM

Synonyms

➤ bloom, blossom, blow, burgeon, unfold—more at BLOOM
flower girl noun
: a little girl who carries flowers at a wedding

flower head noun
: a compact cluster of small flowers without stems suggesting a single flower

flowering plant noun
: any of a major group of vascular plants (as magnolias, grasses, or roses) that produce flowers and fruit and have the seeds enclosed in an ovary

flower·pot /ˈfloʊ(ə)rˌpOt/ noun
: a pot in which to grow plants

flow·ery /ˈflouəri/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling flowers
2 : full of fine words or phrases
— flow·er·i·ly /ˈflouəri li/ adverb
— flow·er·i·ness /ˈflouəri nəs/ noun

Synonyms
> florid, grandiloquent, high-flown, highfalutin; also affected, grandiose, inflated, pompous, pretentious, stilted; excessive, fulsome; boastful, bombastic; elevated, eloquent, lofty

flown /flaʊn/ past participle of FLY

fl oz abbreviation
fluid ounce

flu /ˈflu/ noun
1 : INFLUENZA
2 : any of several virus diseases marked esp. by respiratory or intestinal symptoms
— flu·like /ˈflu lik/ adjective

flub /flʌb/ verb flubbed; flub·bing
1 : to make a mess of : BOTCH

Synonyms
> bobble, botch, bungle, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, muff

flub noun
1 : a clumsy or stupid failure

Synonyms
> blunder, error, fault, fumble, goof, mistake, slip, stumble—more at ERROR

fluc·tu·ate /ˈflʌk tʃəˌwæt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to become wavering, unsteady, irresolute, or undetermined
2 : to move up and down or back and forth
— fluc·tu·a·tion /ˈflʌk tʃəˌwænʃən/ noun

Synonyms
> change, mutate, shift, vary—more at CHANGE

flu·et /ˈfljuət/ noun
: a passage (as in a chimney) for directing a current (as of smoke or gases)

flu·ent /ˈfljuənt/ adjective
1 : capable of flowing : FLUID
2 : ready or facile in speech <~ in French>; also : having or showing mastery in a subject or skill
3 : effortlessly smooth and rapid <~ speech>
— flu·en·cy /ˈfljuən sə/ noun

Synonyms
> [2] articulate, eloquent, well-spoken—more at ARTICULATE
> [3] easy, effortless, facile, fluid, ready, simple, smooth

flu·ent·ly /ˈfljuənt lɪ/ adverb
flue pipe noun
: an organ pipe whose tone is produced by an air current striking the beveled opening of the pipe

fluff /flʌf/ noun
1 : DOWN 1 <~ from a pillow>
2 : something fluffy
3 : something inconsequential
4 : BLUNDER; especially : an actor's lapse of memory

Synonyms
- down, floss, fur, fuzz, lint, nap, pile—more at FUZZ

fluff verb
1 : to make or become fluffy <~ up a pillow>
2 : to make a mistake

fluffy /ˈflʌfi/ adjective fluff·i·er; -est
1 : covered with or resembling fluff
2 : being light and soft or airy
3 : lacking in meaning or substance
— fluff·i·ly /ˈflʌfi lē/ adverb

Synonyms
- airy, ethereal, light—more at AIRY

fluid /fljuːd/ adjective
1 : capable of flowing
2 : subject to change or movement
3 : showing a smooth easy style <~ movements>
4 : available for a different use; especially : LIQUID 5 <~ assets>
— fluid·i·ty /ˈfljuːdi tē/ noun
— fluid·i·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] fluent, liquid, runny; also diluted, thin, watery, weak

Antonyms
- hard, solid

- [2] adaptable, adjustable, changeable, elastic, flexible, malleable, variable—more at FLEXIBLE

- [3] easy, effortless, facile, fluent, light, ready, smooth

fluid noun
: a substance (as a liquid or gas) tending to flow or take the shape of its container

fluid dram or flu·i· dram /ˈfljuː idrəm/ noun
: a unit of liquid measure equal to 1/8 fluid ounce

fluid ounce noun
: a unit of liquid measure equal to 1/16 pint in the U.S. or 1/20 pint in the U.K.

fluke /flʊk/ noun
: any of various trematode flatworms

fluke noun
1 : the part of an anchor that fastens in the ground
2 : a lobe of a whale's tail

fluky also fluk·ey /ˈflʊk ē/ adjective
1 : happening or depending on chance rather than skill
light and uncertain

flume /ˈflʊm/ noun
1 ▷: an inclined channel for carrying water
2 ▷: a ravine or gorge with a stream running through it

flung past and past participle of fling

flunk /fləŋk/ verb
▷: to fail esp. in an examination or course
— flunk noun

flunky also flunk-ey or flunk-kie /ˈflunk̩.ki/ noun, plural flunkies also flunkeys
1 a: a liveried servant
b: one performing menial or miscellaneous duties
2: YES-MAN

fluo·res·cence /ˌflö-ər-ˈresəns/ noun
1: luminescence caused by radiation absorption that ceases almost immediately after the incident radiation has stopped
2: visible emitted radiation
— fluo·res·ce /ˌflö-ər-ˈres/ verb
— fluo·res·cent /ˌflö-ər-ˈres-ənt/ adjective

fluorescent lamp noun
: a tubular electric lamp in which light is produced by the action of ultraviolet light on a fluorescent material that coats the inner surface of the lamp

fluo·ri·date /ˌflö-ər-i-ˈdat/ verb -dat·ed; -dat·ing
: to add a fluoride to (as drinking water) to reduce tooth decay
— fluo·ri·da·tion /ˌflö-ər-i-ˈda-shən/ noun

flu·o·ride /flö·rid/ noun
: a compound of fluorine

flu·o·ri·nate /flö·rə-ˈnät/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to treat or cause to combine with fluorine or a compound of fluorine
— fluo·ri·na·tion /flö·rə-ˈnä-shən/ noun

flu·o·rine /flö-ər·in/ noun
: a pale yellowish flammable irritating toxic gaseous chemical element

flu·o·rite /flö·rət/ noun
: a mineral that consists of the fluoride of calcium used as a flux and in making glass

flu·o·ro·car·bon /ˌflö-ər-o-ˈkar·bən/ noun
: a compound containing fluorine and carbon used chiefly as a lubricant, refrigerant, or nonstick coating; also: CHLOROFLUOROCARBON

flu·o·ro·scope /ˌflö-ər-ə-skōp/ noun
: an instrument for observing the internal structure of an opaque object (as the living body) by means of X-rays

— flu·ro·scope /ˈflorˌskəp/ adjective

— flu·ro·scopy /ˈflorˌskəpē/ noun

flu·ro·sis /ˈflōrəˌsis/ noun
: an abnormal condition (as spotting of the teeth) caused by fluorine or its compounds

fluo·rox·e·tine /ˌflōrˌakˈsētən/ noun
: an antidepressant drug that enhances serotonin activity

flur·ry /ˈflərē/ noun, plural flurries
1 ▶: a gust of wind
2 ▶: a brief light snowfall
3 ▶: COMMOTION, BUSTLE
4 ▶: a brief outburst of activity <a ~ of trading>

— flurry verb

Synonyms
[1] blast, blow, gust, williwaw—more at GUST
[4] burst, flash, outbreak, outburst, spurt—more at OUTBREAK

1flush /flash/ verb
: to cause (a bird) to fly away suddenly

2flush noun
: a hand of cards all of the same suit

3flush noun
1 : a sudden flow (as of water)
2 : a surge esp. of emotion <a ~ of triumph>
3 : a tinge of red : BLUSH
4 ▶: a fresh and vigorous state <in the ~ of youth>
5 : a passing sensation of extreme heat

Synonyms
[1] bloom, blossom, flower, heyday, prime—more at BLOOM

4flush verb
1 : to flow and spread suddenly and freely
2 : to glow brightly
3 ▶: to glow brightly : BLUSH
4 ▶: to wash out with a rush of fluid
5 : INFAME, EXCITE
6 : to cause to blush

Synonyms
[3] bloom, blush, color, crimson, glow, redden—more at BLUSH
[4] irrigate, rinse, sluice, wash; also deluge, engulf, flood, inundate, swamp; flow, gush, rush, stream; douche, hose; drench, saturate, soak; douse, slosh, splash

5flush adjective
1 ▶: of a ruddy healthy color
2 : full of life and vigor
3 ▶: filled to overflowing
4 ▶: fully or generously supplied usu. with money : AFFLUENT
5 : readily available : ABUNDANT
6 ▶: having an unbroken or even surface
7 : directly abutting : immediately adjacent
8 : set even with an edge of a type page or column

— flush·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] florid, glowing, rosy, ruddy
flush adverb
1 : in a flush manner
2 : SQUARELY <a blow ~ on the chin>
flush verb
: to make flush
1 flusher /flas̻.lar/ verb
: to put into a state of agitated confusion
Synonyms
abash, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, embarrass, rattle—more at EMBARRASS
2 flusher noun
: a state of agitated confusion
Synonyms
abashment, confusion, discomfiture, dither, embarrassment, fret
flute /flut/ noun
1 : a hollow pipelike musical instrument
2 : a grooved pleat
3 : GROOVE
— flute verb
— flut·ed adjective
flut·ing noun
: fluted decoration
flut·ist /flút.ist/ noun
: a flute player
1 fluther /flu.θər/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME floteren to float, flutter, fr. OE flotian, fr. flotian to float]
1 : to flap the wings rapidly
2 : to move with quick waving or flapping motions
3 : to vibrate in irregular spasms
4 : to move about or behave in an agitated aimless manner
Synonyms
beat, flail, flap, flop, whip—more at FLAP
2 fluther noun
1 : an act of fluttering
2 : a state of nervous confusion
3 : a sudden but usu. slight stir : FLURRY
flut·tery /flut.əri/ adjective
: given to or characterized by fluttering
Synonyms
excitable, flighty, high-strung, jittery, jumpy, nervous, skittish, spooky—more at EXCITABLE
flux /flaks/ noun
1 : an act of flowing
2 : a state of continuous change
3 : a substance used to aid in fusing metals
2 flux verb
: to become or cause to become fluid
Synonyms
deliquesce, fuse, liquefy, melt, run, thaw—more at LIQUEFY
fly /fly/ noun, plural flies
1 : the action or process of flying : FLIGHT
2 plural : the space over a theater stage
3 : a garment closing concealed by a fold of cloth
4 : the length of an extended flag from its staff or support
5 : a baseball hit high into the air
6 : the outer canvas of a tent with a double top
— on the fly
: while still in the air

fly casting noun
: the casting of artificial flies in fly-fishing or as a competitive sport

fly–by–night /flɪˈbaɪˌnaɪt/ adjective
1 : seeking a quick profit usu. by shady acts
2 : TRANSITORY, PASSING

fly–by /flɪˈbaɪ/ noun, plural flybys
1 : a usu. low-altitude flight by an aircraft over a public gathering
2 : a flight of a spacecraft past a heavenly body (as Jupiter) close enough to obtain scientific data

fly·catch·er /flɪˌkætʃər/ noun
: any of various passerine birds that feed on insects caught in flight
fly·er variant of **FLIER**

**fly–fish·ing /ˈflɪ.ˌflɪʃ.ɪŋ/ noun**
: a method of fishing in which an artificial fly is used for bait

**flying boat noun**
: a seaplane with a hull designed for floating

**flying buttress noun**
: a projecting arched structure to support a wall or building

**flying fish noun**
: any of numerous marine bony fishes capable of long gliding flights out of water by spreading their large fins like wings

**flying saucer noun**
: an unidentified flying object reported to be saucer-shaped or disk-shaped

**flying squirrel noun**
: either of two small nocturnal No. American squirrels with folds of skin connecting the forelegs and hind legs that enable them to make long gliding leaps

**fly·leaf /ˈflɪ.lɛf/ noun, plural fly·leaves /ˌflɪ.ˈlevz/**
: a blank leaf at the beginning or end of a book

**fly·pa·per /ˌflɪ.ˈpe.ər/ noun**
: paper poisoned or coated with a sticky substance for killing or catching flies

**fly·speck /ˌflɪ.ˈspek/ noun**
1 : a speck of fly dung
2 › : something small and insignificant
   **Synonyms**
   atom, bit, crumb, fleck, grain, particle, speck

**fly·way /ˈflɪ.weɪ/ noun**
: an established air route of migratory birds

**fly·wheel /ˈflɪ.ˌhweɪl/ noun**
: a heavy wheel for regulating the speed of machinery

**fm abbreviation**

fathom

**Fm symbol**
fermium

**FM /ef.ˈem/ noun**
: a broadcasting system using frequency modulation; also : a radio receiver of such a system

**fn abbreviation**

footnote

fo or fol abbreviation

folio

**FO abbreviation**

foreign office

**foal /foʊl/ noun**
: a young horse or related animal; especially : one under one year

**foal verb**
: to give birth to a foal

**foam /fəʊm/ noun**
1 : a mass of bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid: froth, spume
2 : material (as rubber) in a lightweight cellular form
— foamy adjective

Synonyms
- froth, head, lather, spume; also mousse; mist, spindrift, spray; scum

foam verb
1 : to form foam: froth

fob /fəb/ noun
1 : a short strap, ribbon, or chain attached esp. to a pocket watch
2 : a small ornament worn on a fob

FOB abbreviation
free on board

fob off verb
1 : to put off with a trick, excuse, or inferior substitute
2 : to pass or offer as genuine
3 : to put aside

FOC abbreviation
free of charge

focal length noun
: the distance of a focus from a lens or curved mirror

fo'c'sle variant of forecastle

focus /fəkəs/ noun, plural fo·ci /ˈsē/ also fo·cus·es
[origin: NL, fr. L, hearth]
1 : a point at which rays (as of light, heat, or sound) meet or diverge or appear to diverge; especially: the point at which an image is formed by a mirror, lens, or optical system
2 : focal length
3 : adjustment (as of eyes or eyeglasses) that gives clear vision
4 : a central point: center
— fo·cal /ˈfəkal/ adjective
— fo·cal·ly adverb

Synonyms
- base, center, core, heart, hub, nucleus, seat—more at center

focus verb -cused also -cussed; -cuss·ing also -cuss·ing
1 : to bring or come to a focus << rays of light>>
2 : to cause to be concentrated << attention on a problem >>
3 : to adjust the focus of

Synonyms
- concentrate, fasten, rivet, train—more at concentrate

fod·der /ˈfadər/ noun
1 : coarse dry food (as cornstalks) for livestock
2 : available material used to supply a heavy demand

foe /fō/ noun
[origin: ME fo, fr. OE fāh, fr. fāh hostile]
1 : one who has personal enmity for another: enemy

Synonyms
- adversary, antagonist, enemy, opponent—more at enemy

FOE abbreviation
Fraternal Order of Eagles

foehn or föhn /ˈfyan/ noun
[origin: G Föhn]
a warm dry wind blowing down a mountainside

foe·man /fōˈmən/ noun

foe·tal, foe·tus chiefly British variant of fetal, fetus

1 f·og /fōg, ˈfäg/ noun
1 : fine particles of water suspended in the lower atmosphere
2 : mental confusion
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] haze, mist, murk, smog, soup—more at haze
   ➤ [2] daze, haze, muddle, spin—more at haze

2 fog verb fogged, fog·ging
1 : to obscure or be obscured with or as if with fog
   Synonyms
   ➤ blur, cloud, confuse, dim, haze, mist, obscure
   ➤ becloud, befog, blur, cloud, confuse, muddy—more at confuse

fog·gy /fōˌjē, ˈfäd/ adjective
1 a : filled or abounding with fog
   b : covered or made opaque by moisture or grime
2 : blurred or obscured as if by fog
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1b] cloudy, hazy, misty, murky, smoggy, soupy—more at hazy
   ➤ [2] bleary, dim, faint, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, murky, obscure, unclear

fog·horn /fōgˈhôrn, ˈfäd/ noun
: a horn sounded in a fog to give warning

fog·gy also fo·gey /fōˌjē, ˈfäd/ noun, plural fogies also fogeys
: a person with old-fashioned ideas <an old ~> Synonyms
   ➤ antediluvian, dodo, fossil, fuddy-duddy, reactionary; also conservative; old hand, old-timer, veteran; old maid
   Antonyms
   ➤ modern

foi·ble /fōˈbel/ noun
: a minor failing or weakness in character or behavior
   Synonyms
   ➤ demerit, failing, fault, frailty, shortcoming, vice, weakness—more at fault

foie gras /fwa̯ˈgrä/ noun [origin: F, lit., fat liver]
: the fattened liver of an animal and esp. of a goose usu. served as a pâté

1 foil /fōl/ verb
[origin: ME, alter. of fullen to full cloth, fr. AF foller]
1 : to prevent from attaining an end
2 : to bring to naught: thwart Synonyms
   ➤ [1, 2] baffle, balk, beat, checkmate, frustrate, thwart—more at frustrate

2 foil noun
[origin: ME, leaf, fr. AF fuille, foille, fr. L folia, pl. of folium leaf]
1 : a very thin sheet of metal <aluminum ~> 2 : one that serves as a contrast to another <acted as a ~> for a comedian

3 foil noun
: a light fencing sword with a flexible blade tapering to a blunt point
**foist /fɔɪst/ verb**  
: to pass off (something false or worthless) as genuine  

**fold /fɔld/ noun**  
1 : an enclosure for sheep  
2 : a group of people with a common faith, belief, or interest  
   **Synonyms**  
   - body, circle, clan, clique, community, coterie, set—more at GANG  

**fold verb**  
: to house (sheep) in a fold  

**fold verb**  
1 : to lay one part over or against another part  
2 : to clasp together  
3 : EMBRACE  
4 : to bend (as a layer of rock) into folds  
5 : to incorporate into a mixture by overturning repeatedly without stirring or beating  
6 : to become doubled or pleated  
7 : to fail completely : FAIL, COLLAPSE  
   **Synonyms**  
   - collapse, fail, flop, flunk, wash out—more at FAIL  

**fold noun**  
1 : a doubling or folding over  
2 : a part doubled or laid over another part  

**fold-away /fɔldˌeɪ/ adjective**  
: designed to fold out of the way or out of sight  

**fold·er /fɔldər/ noun**  
1 : one that folds  
2 : a folded printed circular  
3 : a folded cover or large envelope for loose papers  
4 : an object in a computer operating system used to organize files or other folders  
   **Synonyms**  
   - booklet, brochure, circular, leaflet, pamphlet—more at PAMPHLET  

**fol·de·rol /fɔldəˈrəl/ noun**  
1 : a useless trifle  
2 : NONSENSE  

**fold·out /fɔldˈaʊt/ noun**  
: a folded leaf (as in a magazine) larger in some dimension than the page  

**fo·liage /fəˈliˌij/ noun**  
: a mass of leaves (as of a plant or forest)  
   **Synonyms**  
   - flora, green, greenery, herbage, leafage, vegetation, verdure—more at GREENERY  

**fo·li·at·ed /fəˈliətəd/ adjective**  
: composed of or separable into layers  

**fo·lic acid /fəˈlɪk/ noun**  
: a vitamin of the vitamin B complex used esp. to treat nutritional anemias  

**fo·lio /fəˈliəʊ/ noun, plural fo·li·os**  
1 : a leaf of a book; also : a page number  
2 : the size of a piece of paper cut two from a sheet  
3 : a book printed on folio pages  

**folk /fɔlk/ noun, plural folk or folks**
1: the largest number or most characteristic part of a group of people forming a tribe or nation
2 a plural ▶: a certain kind, class, or group of people: PEOPLE, PERSONS <country ~> <old ~>s
b ▶: people generally
3 folks plural ▶: the persons of one's own family
   Synonyms
   ▶ usually folks [2a, 2b] humanity, humankind, people, persons, public, society, world—more at PEOPLE
   ▶ usually folks [3] blood, clan, family, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people—more at FAMILY

folk adjective
   ▶: of, relating to, or originating among the common people <~ music>
folk art noun
   ▶: the traditional anonymous art of usu. untrained people
   a folk·lore /fɔkˈloʊr/ noun
      ▶: customs, beliefs, stories, and sayings of a people handed down from generation to generation
      — folk·lor·ic /ˌlɔrˈɪk/ adjective
      — folk·lor·ist /ˈɪst/ noun
         Synonyms
         ▶ legend, lore, myth, mythology, tradition; also information, knowledge, wisdom; anecdote, fable, old wives' tale, tale, yarn
folk mass noun
   ▶: a mass in which traditional liturgical music is replaced by folk music
   a folk·sing·er /fɔkˈsɪŋər/ noun
      ▶: a singer of folk songs
      — folk·sing·ing noun
folk·sy /fɔkˈsɛ/ adjective folks·i·er; -est
   1: SOCIABLE, FRIENDLY
   2: informal, casual, or familiar in manner or style
   a folk·way /fɔkˈweɪ/ noun
      ▶: a way of thinking, feeling, or acting common to a given group of people; especially: a traditional social custom
fol·li·cle /fəlˈliːkl/ noun
   1: a small anatomical cavity or gland <a hair ~><
   2: a small fluid-filled cavity in the ovary of a mammal enclosing a developing egg
fol·low /fəˈloʊ/ verb
   1 ▶: to go or come after
   2 ▶: to proceed along
   3 ▶: to engage in as a way of life <~ the sea> <~ a profession>
   4 ▶: to be or act in accordance with: to accept as authority: OBEY
   5 ▶: to pursue in an effort to overtake: PURSUE
   6 ▶: to come after in order or rank or natural sequence
   7 ▶: to keep one's attention fixed on
   8 ▶: to result from
      — follow suit
         1: to play a card of the same suit as the card led
         2: to follow an example set
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] succeed; also displace, replace, supersede, supplant; ensue
   Antonyms
   ▶ anedate, precede, predate
   ▶ [2] go, pass, proceed, travel, traverse—more at TRAVERSE
   ▶ [4] comply, conform, mind, obey, observe—more at OBEY
   ▶ [5] chase, pursue, tail, trace, track, trail; also accompany, chaperon, escort; hunt, search (for), seek; eye, observe, watch
Antonyms
guide, lead, pilot
  > [7] heed, listen, mind, note, observe, regard, watch—more at heed

follower noun
  : one that follows the opinions or teachings of another
Synonyms
  adherent, convert, disciple, partisan, pupil, votary; also apostle; faithful, loyalist; advocate, backer, champion, supporter; scholar, student; ideologist, sectarian; admirer, cultist, devotee, enthusiast, fan, idolater, worshiper, zealot; flunky, hanger-on, henchman, lackey, satellite, stooge, sycophant, toady, yes-man
Antonyms
  leader

1 following /ˈfəʊ.lɪŋ/ adjective
  1 : next after: succeeding <the ~ day>
  2 : that immediately follows <trains will leave at the ~ times>
Synonyms
  coming, next, succeeding—more at next

2 following noun
  : a group of followers, adherents, or partisans
Synonyms
  cortege, retinue, suite, train—more at cortege

3 following preposition
  : subsequent to: after

follow through verb
  : to press on in an activity or process esp. to a conclusion
Synonyms
  accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, compass, do, execute, fulfill, make, perform—more at perform

follow-up /ˈfəʊ.ləp/ noun
  : a system or instance of pursuing an initial effort by supplementary action

folly /ˈfəʊ.lɪ/ noun, plural follies
[Origin: ME folie, fr. OF, fr. fol fool]
  1 : lack of good sense
  2 : a foolish act or idea
  3 : an excessively costly or unprofitable undertaking
Synonyms
  absurdity, foolery, foolishness, idiocy, inanity, madness, stupidity

fo·ment /ˈfəʊ.mənt/ verb
  : to promote the growth or development of: incite
Synonyms
  abet, ferment, incite, instigate, provoke, raise, stir, whip—more at incite

fo·men·ta·tion /ˌfəʊ.mənˈteɪ.ʃən/ noun
  1 : a hot moist material (as a damp cloth) applied to the body to ease pain
  2 : the act of fomenting: instigation

fond /ˈfɒnd/ adjective
[Origin: ME, fr. fonne fool]
  1 : FOOLISH, SILLY <~ pride>
  2 : prizing highly: DESIRIOUS <~ of praise>
  3 : strongly attracted or predisposed <~ of music>
  4 a : foolishly tender: indulgent
  b : feeling or expressing love: LOVING, AFFECTIONATE
  5 : CHERISHED, DEAR <his ~est hopes>
  — fond·ly adverb
Synonyms
- [3] inclined, partial; also crazy (about or over), enamored, enraptured, gone (on), infatuated, mad (about), nuts (about); desirous, eager, enthusiastic, excited, gung ho, keen

Antonyms
- averse, disinclined
- [4b] affectionate, devoted, loving, tender, tenderhearted—more at LOVING

fondant /fón.dant/ noun
: a creamy preparation of sugar used as a basis for candies or icings

fondle /fón dél/ verb fondled; fondling
- : to touch or handle lovingly: CARESS
  Synonyms
  - caress, love, pat, pet, stroke; also cuddle, nestle, nose, nuzzle, snuggle; cradle, embrace, enfold, hug; bounce, dandle; knead, massage; baby, coddle, indulge, mollified, pamper, spoil

fondness /fón(d) nes/ noun
1 : tender affection
2 : enjoyment of or delight in something that satisfies one's tastes, inclinations, or desires
  Synonyms
  - [1] affection, attachment, devotion, love, passion—more at LOVE
  - [1, 2] appetite, fancy, favor, like, liking, love, partiality, preference—more at LIKING

fondu also fon- du /fón' dū, 'dūā/ noun
[origin: F]
: a preparation of melted cheese often flavored with white wine

font /fönt/ noun
1 : a receptacle for baptismal or holy water
2 : FOUNTAIN, SOURCE

2 font noun
: an assortment of printing type of one size and style

food /foud/ noun
1 : material taken into an organism and used for growth, repair, and vital processes and as a source of energy; also: organic material produced by green plants and used by them as food
2 : nourishment in solid form
3 : something that nourishes, sustains, or supplies <- for thought>
  Synonyms
  - chow, fare, meat, provisions, viands, victuals; also rations; aliment, nutriment; diet, nurture, sustenance; mess, pap; feed, fodder, forage, slop, swill; feast, meal, refreshments, repast, spread; board; dish, plate, serving

food chain noun
1 : a hierarchical arrangement of organisms in an ecological community such that each uses the next usu. lower member as a food source
2 : a hierarchy based on power or importance

food court noun
: an area (as within a shopping mall) set apart for food concessions

food poisoning noun
: a digestive illness caused by bacteria or by chemicals in food

foodstuff /foud stiff/ noun
: a substance with food value; especially: a specific nutrient (as fat or protein)

fool /fūl/ noun
1 : a person who lacks sense or judgment
2 : JESTER
3 : DUPE
4: 

**IDIOT**

*Synonyms*
- booby, goose, jackass, lunatic, nitwit, nut, simpleton; also daredevil; madman, madwoman; blockhead, cretin, dodo, dolt, dope, dumbbell, dummy, dunce, idiot, imbecile, moron; scatterbrain; but, dupe, laughingstock, mockery, monkey; chump, loser, schlemiel

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2: **fool** verb

1: : to spend time idly, aimlessly, or frivolously
2: : to meddle or tamper thoughtlessly or ignorantly
3: : to speak in jest: **JOKE**
4: : to make a fool of: **DECEIVE**
5: **Fritter** <<ed away his time>

*Synonyms*
- [1] fiddle, monkey, play, trifle
- [2] fiddle, mess, monkey, play, tamper, tinker—more at TAMPER (WITH)
- [3] banter, fun, jest, jive, joke, josh, kid, quip, wisecrack—more at JOKE
- [4] deceive, delude, dupe, gull, hoodwink, mislead, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

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**fool·er·y /ˌfu ə lə ri/ noun, plural -er·ies**

1: : a foolish act, utterance, or belief
2: : foolish behavior

*Synonyms*
- [1] absurdity, asininity, fatuity, folly—more at FOLLY
- [2] high jinks, horseplay, monkeyshines, shenanigans, tomfoolery—more at HORSEPLAY

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**fool·har·dy /ˌfu ə lˈhär dē/ adjective**

: foolishly daring: **RASH**

— **fool·har·di·ness /ˌdē nəs/ noun**

*Synonyms*
- brash, madcap, overbold, overconfident, rash, reckless; also adventurous, adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, venturesome, venturous; brave, courageous, dauntless, fearless, intrepid, lionhearted, undaunted, valiant; hotheaded; impetuous, impulsive, rash; brainless, foolish, harebrained, scatterbrained; careless, heedless, thoughtless; hasty, headlong, precipitate

*Antonyms*
- careful, cautious, heedful, prudent

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**fool·ish /ˈfu ə lish/ adjective**

1: : showing or arising from folly or lack of judgment
2: : ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, or incongruous: **ABSURD**
3: **ABASHED**

— **fool·ish·ly adverb**

*Synonyms*
- [1] absurd, bizarre, crazy, fanciful, fantastic, insane, nonsensical, preposterous, unreal, wild—more at FANTASTIC
- [2] absurd, asinine, crazy, cuckoo, fatuous, mad, nonsensical, nutty, senseless, silly, stupid; also dumb, idiotic, imbecile, moronic, fallacious, illogical, invalid, irrational, unreasonable; farcical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous

*Antonyms*
- judicious, prudent, sensible, sound, wise

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**fool·ish·ness noun**

1: : foolish behavior
2: : a foolish act or idea

*Synonyms*
- [1, 2] folly, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness—more at NONSENSE

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**fool·proof /ˈfu ə lprōft/ adjective**

: so simple or reliable as to leave no opportunity for error, misuse, or failure <a ~ plan>
fools·cap /ˈfuːlz·kæp/ noun
[origin: fr. the watermark of a fool's cap formerly applied to such paper]
: a size of paper typically 16×13 inches

fool's gold noun
: PYRITE

foot /fʊt/ noun, plural feet /fʊt/ also foot
1 : the end part of a leg below the ankle of a vertebrate animal
2 : a unit of measure equal to 12 inches
3 : a group of syllables forming the basic unit of verse meter
4 : something resembling an animal's foot in position or use
5 ➔: the lowest part: BOTTOM
6 : the part at the opposite end from the head
7 : the part (as of a stocking) that covers the foot
   Synonyms
   ➔ base, bottom—more at BOTTOM

foot verb
1 ➔: to tread to music: DANCE
2 ➔: to go on foot
3 : to add up
4 ➔: to pay or provide for paying
   Synonyms
   ➔ usually foot it [1] dance, step—more at DANCE
   ➔ usually foot it [2] leg, pad, step, tramp, tread, walk—more at WALK
   ➔ [4] clear, discharge, liquidate, pay, recompense, settle, spring, stand—more at PAY

foot·age /ˈfʊtˌɪdʒ/ noun
1 : length expressed in feet
2 : the length of film used for a scene; also: the material contained on such footage

foot·and·mouth disease noun
: an acute contagious viral disease esp. of cattle

foot·ball /ˈfʊtˌbɔːl/ noun
1 : any of several games played by two teams on a rectangular field with goalposts at each end in which the object is to get the ball over the goal line or between goalposts by running, passing, or kicking
2 : the ball used in football

foot·board /ˈfʊtˌbɔːrd/ noun
1 : a narrow platform on which to stand or brace the feet
2 : a board forming the foot of a bed

foot·bridge /ˈfʊtˌbrɪdʒ/ noun
: a bridge for pedestrians

foot·ed /ˈfʊtˌɪd/ adjective
: having a foot or feet of a specified kind or number <flat-footed> <four-footed>

-foot·er /ˈfʊtˌɪər/ combining form
: one that is a specified number of feet in height, length, or breadth <a six-footer>

foot·fall /ˈfʊtˌfɔːl/ noun
: the sound of a footstep

foot·hill /ˈfʊtˌhɪl/ noun
: a hill at the foot of higher hills or mountains

foot·hold /ˈfʊtˌhəld/ noun
1 : a hold for the feet: FOOTING
2 : a position usable as a base for further advance
foot·ing noun
1: the placing of one's feet in a stable position
2: the act of moving on foot
3: a place or space for standing: FOOTHOLD
4: position with respect to one another: STATUS
5: an underlying condition or state of affairs: BASIS

foot·less /ˈlʊtˌləs/ adjective
1: having no feet
2: INEPT, INEFFECTUAL

foot·lights /ˈlɪts/ noun plural
1: a row of lights along the front of a stage floor
2: the stage as a profession

foo·tling /ˈlʊtˌlɪŋ/ adjective
1: INEPT
2: TRIVIAL

foot·lock·er /ˈlʊtˌlɑkər/ noun
1: a small trunk designed to be placed at the foot of a bed (as in a barracks)

foot·loose /ˈlʊs/ adjective
1: having no ties: FREE
2: free, loose, unbound, unconfined, unrestrained—more at FREE

foot·man /ˈmæn/ noun
1: a male servant who attends a carriage or waits on table, admits visitors, and runs errands

foot·note /ˈnɔt/ noun
1: a note of reference, explanation, or comment placed usu. at the bottom of a page
2: COMMENTARY

foot·pad /ˈpæd/ noun
1: a round somewhat flat foot on the leg of a spacecraft for distributing weight to minimize sinking into a surface

foot·path /ˈpæθ, ˈpɑθ/ noun
1: a narrow path for pedestrians
2: path, trace, track, trail—more at TRAIL

foot·print /ˈprɪnt/ noun
1: an impression of the foot
2: the area on a surface covered by something

foot·race /ˈræs/ noun
1: a race run on foot

foot·rest /ˈrest/ noun
1: a support for the feet

foot·sore /ˈsɔr/ adjective
1: having sore or tender feet (as from much walking)

foot·step /ˈstɛp/ noun
1: the mark of the foot: TRACK
2: TREAD
3 : distance covered by a step : **PACE**
4 : a step on which to ascend or descend
5 : a way of life, conduct, or action

**footstool** /ˌstʊl/ noun
: a low stool to support the feet

**footwear** /ˌwɑr/ noun
: apparel (as shoes or boots) for the feet

**footwork** /ˌwɜrk/ noun
: the management of the feet (as in boxing)

**fop** /fɔp/ noun
▷ a man who is devoted to or vain about his appearance or dress : **DANDY**
— **foppery** /ˌfɒp.rərɪ/ noun
— **foppish** adjective
     Synonyms
        ▷ buck, dandy, dude, gallant—more at **DANDY**

1 **for** /fɔr/ preposition
1 : as a preparation toward <dress ~ dinner>
2 : toward the purpose or goal of <need time ~ study> <money ~ a trip>
3 : so as to reach or attain <run ~ cover>
4 : as being <took him ~ a fool>
5 : because of <cry ~ joy>
6 — used to indicate a recipient <a letter ~ you>
7 : in support of <fought ~ his country>
8 : directed at : **AFFECTING** <a cure ~ what ails you>
9 — used with a noun or pronoun followed by an infinitive to form the equivalent of a noun clause <~ you to go would be silly>
10 : in exchange as equal to : so as to return the value of <a lot of trouble ~ nothing> <pay $10 ~ a hat>
11 : **CONCERNING** <a stickler ~ detail>
12 : **CONSIDERING** <tall ~ her age>
13 : through the period of <served ~ three years>
14 : in honor of

2 **for** conjunction
▷ : for the reason that : **BECAUSE**
     Synonyms
        ▷ because, now, since, whereas—more at **SINCE**

3 **for** abbreviation
1 foreign
2 forestry

**fora** plural of **FORUM**

1 **forage** /fɔr/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. fuerre, foer fodder, straw, of Gmc origin]
1 : food for animals esp. when taken by browsing or grazing
2 : a search for food or supplies

2 **forage** verb **foraged; for·ag·ing**
1 : to collect forage from
2 : to search for food or supplies
3 : to get by foraging
4 ▷ : to make a search : **RUMMAGE**
     Synonyms usually **forage for**
        ▷ cast about, hunt, pursue, quest, rummage, search, seek—more at **SEEK**
for·ay /ˈfɔr-ə, ˈfɔr-ˌā/ verb
  1 : to raid esp. in search of plunder
     Synonyms usually foray into
     ➔ invade, overrun, raid—more at INVADER

  foray noun
  1 : a sudden or irregular incursion for war or spoils
     Synonyms
     ➔ descent, incursion, invasion, irruption, raid—more at RAID

  for·bear /ˈfər-ber/ verb -bore /ˈbōr/; -borne /ˈbörn/; -bear·ing
  1 : to refrain from : ABSTAIN
  2 : to be patient
     Synonyms
     ➔ abstain, forgo, keep, refrain; also avoid, eschew, shun; check, constrain, curb, inhibit; deny, refuse, withhold; buck, combat
     Antonyms
     ➔ give in (to), succumb (to), yield (to)

  forbear variant of FOREBEAR

  for·bear·ance /ˈber-əns/ noun
  1 : the act of forbearing
     Synonyms
     ➔ long-suffering, patience, sufferance, tolerance—more at PATIENCE

  forbearing adjective
  ➔ marked by calm patience
     Synonyms
     ➔ long-suffering, patient, stoic, tolerant, uncomplaining—more at PATIENT

  for·bid /ˈber-bid/ verb -bade /ˈbād/; -bad /ˈbad/; -bid·den /ˈbīd·n/; -bid·ding
  1 : to command against : PROHIBIT
  2 : HINDER, PREVENT
     Synonyms
     ➔ ban, bar, enjoin, interdict, outlaw, prohibit, proscribe; also deter, discourage, dissuade; repress, suppress; halt, preclude, prevent, stop; embargo, exclude, rule out, shut out; debar, deprive, disallow, reject, veto; check, curb, inhibit, restrain; block, hinder, impede, obstruct
     Antonyms
     ➔ allow, let, permit, suffer

  forbidden adjective
  ➔ : not allowed : not permitted
     Synonyms
     ➔ impermissible, taboo—more at IMPERMISSIBLE

  forbidding adjective
  1 : causing discomfort
  2 : presenting, suggesting, or constituting a menace
     Synonyms
     ➔ austere, grim, menacing, scary, severe—more at GRIM

  force /fors/ noun
  1 : strength or energy esp. of an exceptional degree : active power
  2 : capacity to persuade or convince
  3 : military strength; also, pl : the whole military strength (as of a nation)
  4 : a body (as of persons or ships) available for a particular purpose
  5 : violence, compulsion, or constraint used on or against a person or thing : COMPULSION
  6 : an influence (as a push or pull) that causes motion or a change of motion
     — in force
1: in great numbers
2: VALID, OPERATIVE

Synonyms
- [1] energy, main, might, muscle, potency, power, strength, vigor
- [2] cogency, effectiveness, persuasiveness—more at COGENCY
- [4] help, personnel, pool, staff; also labor, proletariat, rank and file; band, company, crew, gang, outfit, party, team; employee, helper, hireling, worker
- [5] coercion, compulsion, constraint, duress, pressure; also browbeating, bullying; fear, intimidation, menace, sword, terror, terrorism, threat, violence; might, muscle, strength; hardheadedness, self-will; strain, stress

\textbf{force} verb \textit{forced; forcing}
1: to compel by physical, moral, or intellectual means: \textit{COERCE}
2: to cause through necessity \textit{forced to admit defeat}
3: to press, attain to, or effect against resistance or inertia \textit{forced to admit defeat}
4: to raise or accelerate to the utmost \textit{forced to admit defeat}
5: to produce with unnatural or unwilling effort \textit{forced to admit defeat}
6: to hasten (as in growth) by artificial means

\textbf{Synonyms}
- coerce, compel, constrain, drive, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, press, pressure; also browbeat, bulldoze, bully; high-pressure, intimidate, menace, terrorize, threaten

\textbf{forceful} /ˈfɔrsˌfəl/ adjective
1: possessing or filled with force

\textbf{Synonyms}
- cogent, compelling, convincing, decisive, emphatic, persuasive, strong—more at COGENT
- authoritative, influential, weighty—more at INFLUENTIAL

\textbf{forcefully} /ˈfɔrsˌfəlē/ adverb
1: in a forceful manner

\textbf{Synonyms}
- firmly, forcibly, hard, mightily, powerfully, strongly, vigorously—more at HARD

\textbf{forceps} /ˈfɔrˌsəps/ noun, plural \textit{forceps}

[ORIGIN: L]
: a hand-held instrument for grasping, holding, or pulling objects esp. for delicate operations (as by a surgeon)

\textbf{forcible} /ˈfɔrˈsəbl/ adjective
1: obtained or done by force
2: showing force or energy: \textit{POWERFUL}

\textbf{forcibly} /ˈfɔrsˌbli/ adverb
1: in a forcible manner

\textbf{Synonyms}
- energetically, firmly, forcefully, hard, mightily, powerfully, strongly, vigorously—more at HARD

\textbf{ford} /ˈfɔrd/ noun
1: a place where a stream may be crossed by wading
2: to cross (a body of water) by wading

\textbf{fore} /ˈfɔr/ adverb
1: in, toward, or adjacent to the front: \textit{FORWARD}
2: \textbf{fore} adjective
: being or coming before in time, order, or space
3: \textbf{fore} noun
: something that occupies a front position
4: \textbf{fore} interjection
— used by a golfer to warn anyone within range of the probable line of flight of the ball

fore-and-aft /ˈfɔr-aˌnæft/ adjective
: lying, running, or acting along the length of a structure (as a ship)

1forearm /ˈfɔr-ərm/ verb
: to arm in advance : PREPARE

Synonyms
brace, fortify, nerve, prepare, ready, steel, strengthen—more at FORTIFY

2forearm /ˈfɔr-ərm/ noun
: the part of the arm between the elbow and the wrist

forebear /ˈfɔr-bər/ noun
: one from whom a person is descended and who is usu. more remote in the line of descent than a grandparent : ANCESTOR, FOREFATHER

Synonyms
ancestor, father, forefather, grandfather—more at ANCESTOR

forebode /ˈfɔr-bəd/ verb
1 : to give promise of
2 : PREDICT, FORETELL

foreboding noun
: an omen, prediction, or presentiment esp. of coming evil

forebodingly adverb

Synonyms
omen, portent, premonition, presage, presentiment—more at PREMONITION
alarm, apprehension, dread, misgiving

forecast /ˈfɔr-kast/ verb -cast also -cast·ed, -cast·ing
1 : to calculate or predict (some future event or condition) : PREDICT <~ weather conditions>
2 : to indicate as likely to occur

Synonyms
[1, 2] augur, foretell, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy—more at FORETELL

forecast noun
: a prophecy, estimate, or prediction of a future happening or condition

Synonyms
prediction, prognostication, prophecy

forecaster noun
: one that forecasts

Synonyms
diviner, fortune-teller, futurist, prognosticator, prophet, seer

forecastle or fo’c’sle /ˈfɔrksl/ noun
1 : the forward part of the upper deck of a ship
2 : the crew's quarters usu. in a ship's bow

foreclose /ˈfɔrkloʊ/ verb
1 : to shut out : PRECLUDE
2 : to take legal measures to terminate a mortgage and take possession of the mortgaged property

foreclosure /ˈfɔrkluər/ noun
: the act of foreclosing; especially : the legal procedure of foreclosing a mortgage

foredoom /ˈfɔrdəm/ verb
: to doom beforehand

Synonyms
destine, doom, fate, foreordain, ordain, predestine—more at DESTINE

forefather /ˈfɔr-ə-thər/ noun
1 : one from whom a person is descended and who is usu. more remote in the line of descent than a grandparent
   ANCESTOR

2 : a person of an earlier period and common heritage
   Synonyms
   » ancestor, father, forebear, grandfather—more at ANCESTOR

forefend variant of FORFEND

forefinger /ˈfərˌfɪŋɡər/ noun
   INDEX FINGER

forefoot /ˈfɔːft/ noun
   : either of the front feet of a quadruped; also : the front part of the human foot

forefront /ˈfɔːrfrʌnt/ noun
   : the foremost part or place

foregather variant of FORGATHER

1forego /fɔːrˈɡoʊ/ verb -went /-went/, -gone /-gən/, -going
   » to go before : PRECEDE
   Synonyms
   » antedate, precede—more at PRECEDE

2forego variant of FORGO

foregoing adjective
   » listed, mentioned, or occurring before : PRECEDING
   Synonyms
   » antecedent, anterior, preceding, previous, prior—more at PREVIOUS

foregone /fɔːrˈgən/ adjective
   : determined in advance <a ~ conclusion>

foreground /ˈfɔːrɡraʊnd/ noun
1 : the part of a scene or representation that appears nearest to and in front of the spectator
2 : a position of prominence

forehand /ˈfɔːr.hænd/ noun
   : a stroke (as in tennis) made with the palm of the hand turned in the direction in which the hand is moving; also : the side on which such a stroke is made
   —forehand adjective

forehand ed /ˈfɔːr.hænd.əd/ adjective
   : mindful of the future : PRUDENT
   Synonyms
   » farsighted, foresighted, prescient, provident, prudent—more at FORESIGHTED

forehead /ˈfɔːr.hed/ noun
   : the part of the face above the eyes

foreign /ˈfɔr.iŋ/ adjective
[origin: ME forien, fr. OF, fr. LL foranus on the outside, fr. L foris outside]
1 : situated outside a place or country and esp. one's own country
2 : born in, belonging to, or characteristic of some place or country other than the one under consideration <~ language>
3 : not connected, pertinent, or characteristically present
4 : related to or dealing with other nations <~ affairs>
5 : occurring in an abnormal situation in the living body <a ~ body in the eye>
   Synonyms
   » alien, extraneous, extrinsic—more at EXTRINSIC

foreigner /ˈfɔr.i.nər/ noun
foreign minister noun
: a governmental minister for foreign affairs

fore-know /fɔrˈnɔːr/ verb -knew /ˈnɔːr-ɪ/; -known /ˈnɔːn-/; -know·ing
☞ to have previous knowledge of
— fore-knowledge /fɔrˈnəklˌdʒiː/ noun

Synonyms
☞ anticipate, divine, foresee—more at FORESEE

fore-la·dy /fɔrˈlæ.ˌdɪ/ noun
☞ FOREWOMAN

fore·leg /ˌleɡ/ noun
: a front leg

fore·limb /ˌliːm/ noun
: a front or upper limb (as a wing, arm, fin, or leg)

fore·lock /ˌlək/ noun
: a lock of hair growing from the front part of the head

fore·man /ˌmæn/ noun
1 : a spokesperson of a jury
2 ☞ : a person in charge of a group of workers

Synonyms
☞ boss, captain, chief, head, headman, leader, master, taskmaster—more at BOSS

fore·mast /ˌmɑːst/ noun
: the mast nearest the bow of a ship

fore·most /ˌmɔːst/ adjective
☞ first in time, place, or order : most important : PREEMINENT
— foremost adverb

Synonyms
☞ chief, dominant, first, key, main, predominant, preeminent, primary, principal

Antonyms
☞ last, least

fore·name /ˈnæm/ noun
: a first name

fore·named /ˈnæmd/ adjective
: previously named : AFORESAID

fore·noon /ˌnʊn/ noun
: MORNING

forensic /fəˈrɛn.sɪk/ adjective
[origin: L. forensis public, forensic, fr. forum forum]
1 : belonging to, used in, or suitable to courts of law or to public speaking or debate
2 : relating to the application of scientific knowledge to legal problems <~ medicine>

forensic noun
1 : an argumentative exercise
2 plural : the art or study of argumentative discourse
3 plural : scientific analysis of physical evidence (as from a crime scene)

fore·or·dain /fɔrˈɔr.ˌdæn/ verb
☞ to ordain or decree beforehand : PREDESTINE

Synonyms

destine, doom, fate, foredoom, ordain, predestine—more at DESTINE

fore-part /förˈpært/ noun
1: the anterior part of something
2: the earlier part of a period of time

fore-quar-ter /ˌkwɔrˈtər/ noun
: the front half of a lateral half of the body or carcass of a quadruped (a ~ of beef)

fore-runner /ˌfoʊˈrɛnər/ noun
1 ▶ : one that goes before to give notice of the approach of others: HARBINGER
2 ▶ : something belonging to a relatively early developmental period of a contemporary or fully developed object or phenomenon: PREDECESSOR, ANCESTOR
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] angel, harbinger, herald, precursor
  ▶ [2] ancestor, antecedent, precursor, predecessor—more at ANCESTOR

fore-sail /ˈfɔrˌsɛl/ noun
1: the lowest sail on the foremast of a square-rigged ship or schooner
2: the principal sail forward of the foremast (as of a sloop)

fore-see /fɔrˈsi/ verb -saw /ˈsɔː/; -seen /ˈsɛn/; -see·ing
: to see or realize beforehand
  — fore-see·able adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ anticipate, divine, foreknow

fore-shad·ow /ˈʃaʊdər/ verb
: to give a hint or suggestion of beforehand

fore-short·en /fɔrˈʃɔrtən/ verb
: to shorten (a detail) in a drawing or painting so that it appears to have depth

fore-sight /fɔrˈsɪt/ noun
1: the act or power of foreseeing
2 ▶ : care or provision for the future: PRUDENCE
3: an act of looking forward; also: a view forward
  — fore-sight·ed·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ forethought, prescience, providence, prudence
  Antonyms
  improvidence, shortsightedness

fore-sight·ed /ˈfɔrˌsɪtəd/ adjective
: having foresight
  Synonyms
  ▶ farsighted, forehanded, prescient, provident, prudent
  Antonyms
  improvident, shortsighted

fore-skin /ˌfɔrˈskɪn/ noun
: a fold of skin enclosing the end of the penis

for·est /ˈfɔrəst/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. LL forestis (silva) unenclosed (woodland), fr. L foris outside]
: a large thick growth of trees and underbrush
  — for·est·ed /ˈfɔrəstəd/ adjective
  — for·est·land /ˈfɔrəstland/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ timberland, woodland
forestall /fɔrˈstəl/ verb
1 ▶ to keep out, hinder, or prevent by measures taken in advance
2 : ANTICIPATE
   Synonyms
   ▶ avert, help, obviate, preclude, prevent—more at PREVENT

forest ranger noun
: a person in charge of the management and protection of a portion of a forest

forest-ry /fɔrˈɛstrɪ/ noun
: the science of growing and caring for forests
— forest-er /fɔrˈɛstrər/ noun

foreswear variant of FORSWEAR

1 foretaste /fɔrˈtɑːst/ noun
: an advance indication, warning, or notion
2 foretaste /fɔrˈtɑːst/ verb
: to taste beforehand : ANTICIPATE

fore·tell /fɔrˈtɛl/ verb -told /ˈtəld/ -tell·ing
▶ to tell of beforehand : PREDICT
   Synonyms
   ▶ augur, forecast, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy

fore·thought /fɔrˈθɔːt/ noun
1 : PREMEDITATION
2 ▶ : consideration for the future
   Synonyms
   ▶ foresight, prescience, providence—more at FORESIGHT

fore·to·ken /fɔrˈtəʊken/ verb
▶ to indicate in advance

fore·top /fɔrˈtɑːp/ noun
: a platform near the top of a ship's foremast

for·ev·er /fɔrˈe vər/ adverb
1 ▶ for a limitless time
2 ▶ at all times : ALWAYS
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] always, eternally, ever, everlastingly, permanently, perpetually—more at EVER
   ▶ [2] always, constantly, continually, incessantly, invariably, unfailingly—more at ALWAYS

for·ev·er·more /ˌfɔrˈe vərˈmɔr/ adverb
: for a limitless time or endless ages : FOREVER

fore·warn /fɔrˈwɔrn/ verb
▶ to warn beforehand
   Synonyms
   ▶ alert, caution, warn—more at WARN

forewent past of FOREGO

fore·wing /fɔrˈwɪŋ/ noun
: either of the anterior wings of a 4-winged insect

fore·wom·an /fɔrˈwʊmən/ noun
: a woman having the responsibilities of a foreman

fore·word /ˌfɔrˈwɔrd/ noun
▶ prefatory comments (as for a book) esp. when written by someone other than the author : PREFACE
   Synonyms
introduction, preamble, preface, prologue—more at INTRODUCTION

1 forfeit /fərˈfæt/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME forfait, fr. AF, fr. pp. of forfaire, forsaire to commit a crime, forfeit, fr. fors outside + faire to do]
1 : something forfeited : PENALTY, FINE
2 : FORFEITURE
3 : something deposited and then redeemed on payment of a fine
4 plural : a game in which forfeits are exacted

Synonyms
  • damages, fine, mulct, penalty—more at FINE

2 forfeit verb
: to lose or lose the right to by some error, offense, or crime

forfeit /fərˈfæt/ noun
: a furnace or shop with its furnace where metal is heated and worked

2 forge verb forged; forging
1 : to form (metal) by heating and hammering
2 : to form or bring into being esp. by an expenditure of effort : FASHION, SHAPE <~ an agreement>
3 : to make or imitate falsely esp. with intent to defraud <~ a signature>

forgery /fərˈgərē/ noun
: something forged

Synonyms
  • counterfeit, fake, hoax, humbug, phony, sham—more at FAKE

for-get /fərˈget/ verb -got /ˈgæt/; -got·ten /ˈgæt·ən/ or -got; -get·ting
1 : to be unable to think of or recall
2 : to fail to become mindful of at the proper time
3 : to treat with inattention or disregard : NEGLECT, DISREGARD
4 : to give up hope for or expectation of

Synonyms
  • [2] fail, neglect, omit—more at NEGLECT
  • [3] disregard, ignore, neglect, overlook, pass over, slight, slur—more at NEGLECT

forget ful /ˈfərˌfætl/ adjective
likely to forget
— **for-get-ful-ly** adverb
— **for-get-ful-ness** noun

**for-get-me-not** /forˈgɛtˌmɛˌnət/ noun
: any of a genus of small herbs with bright blue or white flowers

**for-ging** noun
: a piece of forged work

**for-giv-able** adjective
  : being of a kind that can be forgiven

  **Synonyms**
  ✗ excusable, pardonable, venial—more at **VENIAL**

**for-give** /forˈgiv/ verb -gave /ˈgäv/; -giv·en /ˈgivən/; -giv·ing
  1 : to give up resentment of or claim to requital for
  2 : to give up resentment of : **PARDON, ABSOLVE**
  3 : to grant relief from payment of

**for-giv·ness** noun
  : an act of forgiving or state of being forgiven

  **Synonyms**
  ✗ absolution, amnesty, pardon, remission—more at **PARDON**

**for-giv·ing** adjective
  1 : willing or able to forgive
  2 : allowing room for error or weakness

**for-go** /forˈgə/ verb -went /ˈwənt/; -gone /ˈgöŋ/; -go·ing
  : to give up the enjoyment or advantage of : do without

  **Synonyms**
  ✗ abstain, forbear, keep, refrain—more at **FORBEAR**

1 **fork** /fɔrk/ noun
  1 : an implement with two or more prongs for taking up (as in eating), pitching, or digging
  2 : a forked part, tool, or piece of equipment
  3 : a dividing into branches or a place where something branches; also : a branch of such a fork

2 **fork** verb
  1 ✗ : to divide into two or more branches
  2 : to give the form of a fork to <<ing her fingers>>
  3 : to raise or pitch with a fork <<hay>>
  4 : **PAY, CONTRIBUTE** — used with over, out, or up

  **Synonyms**
  ✗ branch, diverge, divide, separate—more at **SEPARATE**

**forked** /fɔrkt, fɔrˈkæd/ adjective
: having a fork : shaped like a fork <<lightning>>

**fork·lift** /fɔrkˈlift/ noun
: a machine for lifting heavy objects by means of steel fingers inserted under the load

**for-lorn** /fərˈlorn, fɔr/ adjective
  1 ✗ : sad and lonely because of isolation or desertion
  2 : being in poor condition : **WRETCHED**
  3 : nearly hopeless

  — **for-lorn·ly** adverb

  **Synonyms**
  ✗ desolate, lonely, lonesome, sad—more at **LONESOME**

**for-lorn·ness** noun
form /fɔːrm/ noun
1 : SHAPE, STRUCTURE
2 : a body esp. of a person : FIGURE
3 : the essential nature of a thing
4 : an established manner of doing or saying something
5 : FORMULA
6 : a document with blank spaces for insertion of information <tax ~> 
7 : conduct regulated by extraneous controls (as of custom or etiquette) : CEREMONY 
8 : manner of performing according to recognized standards 
9 : a long seat : BENCH
10 : a model of the human figure used for displaying clothes 
11 : MOLD <a ~ for concrete>
12 : type or plates in a frame ready for printing
13 : one of the different modes of existence, action, or manifestation of a particular thing or substance : MODE, KIND, VARIETY <coal is a ~ of carbon>
14 : orderly method of arrangement; also : a particular kind or instance of such arrangement <the sonnet ~ in poetry>
15 : the structural element, plan, or design of a work of art
16 : a bounded surface or volume
17 : a grade in a British school or in some American private schools
18 : RACING FORM
19 : a known ability to perform
a : condition (as of an athlete) suitable for performing
b : one of the ways in which a word is changed to show difference in use <the plural ~ of a noun>

form /fɔːrm/ verb
1 : to give form or shape to : FASHION, MAKE
2 : TRAIN, INSTRUCT
3 : to serve to make up or constitute : CONSTITUTE, COMPOSE
4 : to acquire gradually : DEVELOP, ACQUIRE << a habit>
5 : to arrange in order << a battle line>
6 : to take form : ARISE <clouds are ~ing>
7 : to take a definite form, shape, or arrangement

Synonyms
[1] fabricate, fashion, frame, make, manufacture, produce—more at PHYSIQUE
[4] manner, method, style, system, technique, way—more at METHOD
[6] blank, document, paper
[7] ceremonial, ceremony, formality, observance, rite—more at RITE
[10] dummy, figure, mannequin
[15] arrangement, composition, configuration, design, format, layout, makeup, pattern—more at COMPOSITION
[19b] condition, estate, fettle, order, repair, shape, trim—more at CONDITION

formal /ˈfɔr-məl/ adjective
1 : according with conventional forms and rules <a ~ dinner party>
2 : done in due or lawful form <a ~ contract>
3 : rigidly ceremonious : CEREMONIOUS <a ~ manner>
4 : having the appearance without the substance : NOMINAL
— for·mal·ly adverb
formal noun
- something (as a social event) formal in character
  Synonyms
  - ball, dance, prom—more at DANCE

formaldehyde /fɔrˈmeɪldəˌhid/ noun
- a colorless pungent gas used in water solution as a preservative and disinfectant
formalise British variant of formalize
formalism /fɔrˈmeɪliзəm/ noun
- strict adherence to set forms
formality /fɔrˈmeɪteɪli/ noun, plural -ties
1: compliance with formal or conventional rules
2: the quality or state of being formal
3: an established form that is required or conventional
  Synonyms
  [1, 3] ceremonial, ceremony, form, observance, rite, ritual, solemnity—more at rite
  [3] amenity, civility, courtesy, gesture—more at civility
formalize /fɔrˈmeɪliˌziː/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to give a certain or definite form to
2: to make formal; also: to give formal status or approval to
  Synonyms
  homogenize, normalize, regularize, standardize—more at standardize

format /fɔrˈmeɪt/ noun
1: the general composition or style of a publication
2: the general plan or arrangement of something
3: a method of organizing data <various file ~s>
  Synonyms
  [1, 2, 3] arrangement, composition, configuration, design, form, layout, makeup, pattern—more at composition

format verb format·ted; format·ting
- to arrange (as material to be printed) in a particular format
  — for·mat·ter noun

formation /fɔrˈmeɪʃən/ noun
1: an act of giving form to something: DEVELOPMENT
2: something that is formed
3: the manner in which a thing is formed: STRUCTURE, SHAPE
4: an arrangement of persons or things in a prescribed manner or for a certain purpose
formative /fɔrˈmeɪtɪv/ adjective
1: giving or capable of giving form: CONSTRUCTIVE
2: of, relating to, or characterized by important growth or formation <a child's ~ years>

former /fɔrˈmeɪr/ adjective
1: PREVIOUS, EARLIER
2: FOREGOING
3: being first mentioned or in order of two or more things
4: having been previously
  Synonyms
erstwhile, late, old, onetime, past, sometime

form·ly /fərmˈli/ adverb
: in time past: PREVIOUSLY

form·fit·ting /fɔrmˈfɪtɪŋ/ adjective
: conforming to the outline of the body

form·da·ble /fɔrˈmeɪ-da-bal, fɔrˈmɪ-/ adjective
1 : exciting fear, dread, or awe
2 : imposing serious difficulties
— for·mi·da·bly /ˌblɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, frightful, redoubtable, scary
  ▶ [2] arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, hard, strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough—more at HARD

form·less adjective
: having no regular form or shape
  Synonyms
  ▶ amorphous, shapeless, unformed, unshaped, unstructured
  Antonyms
  ▶ formed, shaped, structured

form letter noun
1 : a letter on a frequently recurring topic that can be sent to different people at different times
2 : a letter for mass circulation sent out in many printed copies

form·u·la /fɔrˈmyə.lə/ noun, plural -las or -læs /ˌlæs, ˌləs/
1 : a set form of words for ceremonial use
2 : RECIPE, PRESCRIPTION
3 : a milk mixture or substitute for a baby
4 : a group of symbols or figures joined to express information concisely
5 : a customary or set form or method

form·u·late /ˌlət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to express in a formula
2 : to put into a systematized statement or expression <> a policy>
3 : to prepare according to a formula
  Synonyms
  ▶ articulate, clothe, couch, express, phrase, put, say, state, word—more at PHRASE
  ▶ cast, compose, draft, draw, frame, prepare—more at COMPOSE

form·u·la·tion /ˌlə-shən/ noun
: an act or the product of formulating
  Synonyms
  ▶ articulation, expression, statement, utterance, voice—more at EXPRESSION

for·ni·ca·tion /fərˈni-kə-shən/ noun
: consensual sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other
  — for·ni·cate /fərˈni-kət/ verb
  — for·ni·ca·tor /ˌkə-tər/ noun

for·sake /fərˈsæk, fərˈsɑk/ verb for·sook /ˈsʊk/, for·sak·en /ˌsɑkən/, for·sak·ing [origin: ME, fr. OE for·sacan, fr. sacan to dispute]
: to renounce or turn away from entirely
  Synonyms
  ▶ abandon, desert, leave, quit—more at LEAVE

forsaken adjective
: left desolate or empty
  Synonyms
abandoned, derelict, deserted—more at **ABANDONED**

**for·sooth /fərˈsoθ/ adverb**
1 : in truth
2 : without any question

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] certainly, definitely, doubtless, indeed, really, surely, truly, undoubtedly

**for·swear /fərˈswɛr/ verb -swore /ˈswɔr/; -sworn /ˈswɔrn/; -swear·ing**
1 : to swear falsely : commit perjury
2 : to renounce earnestly or under oath
3 : to deny under oath

**for-syth·ia /fərˈsɪθiə/ noun, plural -ias also -ia**
: any of a genus of shrubs related to the olive and having yellow bell-shaped flowers appearing before the leaves in early spring

**fort /fɔrt/ noun**
[origin: ME forte, fr. MF fort, fr. fort strong, fr. L fortis]
1 : a fortified place
2 : a permanent army post

**Synonyms**
- bastion, bulwark, citadel, fastness, fortification, fortress, hold, stronghold

**1_for·te /fɔrt, fərˌtē/ noun**
[origin: F fort, fr. fort, adj., strong]
: one's strong point

**2_for·te /fərˌtē/ adverb or adjective**
[origin: It, fr. forte strong]
: **LOUD** — used as a direction in music

**forth /fɔrθ/ adverb**
1 : onward in time, place, or order : **FORWARD, ONWARD** <from that day ~> 
2 : out into view <put ~ leaves>

**Synonyms**
- ahead, along, forward, on, onward—more at **ALONG**

**forth·com·ing /fɔrθˈkəmɪŋ/ adjective**
1 : coming or available soon <the ~ holidays>
2 : marked by openness and candor : **OUTGOING**

**Synonyms**
- coming, imminent, impending, oncoming, pending

**Antonyms**
- late, recent

**forth·right /fɔrθˌrīt/ adjective**
1 : free from ambiguity or evasiveness
2 : going straight to the point <a ~ answer>

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] candid, direct, frank, honest, open, plain, straight, straightforward, unreserved—more at **FRANK**

**forth·right·ly adverb**
: in a forthright manner

**Synonyms**
- directly, foursquare, plain, plainly, straight, straightforward

**forth·right·ness noun**
: the quality or state of being forthright

**Synonyms**
- candor, directness, frankness, openness, plainness—more at **CANDOR**
forthwith /ˈfɔrθwɪθ/ adverb
   : with dispatch : without delay : IMMEDIATELY
   Synonyms
   ▶ directly, immediately, instantly, now, promptly, pronto, right away, right now

fortify /fɔrtɪˌfaɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to strengthen by military defenses
2 ▶ : to give physical strength or endurance to
3 ▶ : to add mental or moral strength to : ENCOURAGE
4 : to strengthen or enrich with a material (~ bread with vitamins)
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] harden, season, steel, strengthen, toughen—more at HARDEN
   ▶ [3] brace, encourage, forearm, nerve, ready, steel, strengthen; also season, toughen; bolster, boost, buoy (up), buttress, prop (up), reinforce, support, sustain

fortification /fɔrtəˈfiˌkæʃən/ noun
   : something that fortifies, defends, or strengthens; especially : works erected to defend a place or position
   Synonyms
   ▶ bastion, citadel, fastness, fort, fortress, hold, stronghold—more at FORT

fortissimo /fɔrtəˈliːsəˌmō/ adverb or adjective
: very loud — used as a direction in music

fortitude /fɔrtəˈtjuːdəˌtjuːd/ noun
   : strength of mind that enables one to meet danger or bear pain or adversity with courage
   Synonyms
   ▶ backbone, fiber, grit, guts, pluck, spunk; also determination, resoluteness, resolution; bravery, courage, fearlessness, intrepidity; endurance, stamina, tolerance; heart, mettle, spirit; audacity, boldness, brass, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, hardihood, nerve, temerity

fortnight /ˈfɔrtˌnɪt/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME fourtenight, alter. of fourtene night fourteen nights]
   : two weeks
   — fortnightly /ˈfɔrtˌnɪk/ adjective or adverb

fortress /fɔrˈtreʃ/ noun
   : a fortified place : FORT
   Synonyms
   ▶ bastion, citadel, fastness, fort, fortification, hold, stronghold—more at FORT

fortuitous /fɔrˌtʃuːɪˌtəsəˌˈtjuː/ adjective
1 ▶ : happening by chance
2 ▶ : producing or resulting in good by chance : FORTUNATE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] accidental, casual, chance, fluky, unplanned
   ▶ [2] fortunate, happy, lucky, providential—more at FORTUNATE

fortune /ˈfɔrتشən/ noun, plural -ities
1 : the quality or state of being fortuitous
2 : a chance event or occurrence

fortunate /ˈfɔrʧəˌnet/ adjective
1 ▶ : bringing some good thing not foreseen
2 : receiving some unforeseen or unexpected good
   Synonyms
   ▶ fluky, fortuitous, happy, lucky, providential
   Antonyms
   luckless, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky

fortunately /ˈfɔrtəˌnetɪ/ adverb
1 : in a fortunate manner
2 : it is fortunate that

fortune /ˈfɔr tən/ noun
1 : prosperity attained partly through luck; also : CHANCE, LUCK
2 : what happens to a person : good or bad luck
3 : a predetermined course of events often held to be an irresistible power or agency : FATE, DESTINY
4 : abundance of valuable material possessions or resources : RICHES, WEALTH

Synonyms
▷ [3] circumstance, destiny, doom, fate, lot, portion—more at FATE
▷ [4] assets, capital, means, opulence, riches, substance, wealth, wherewithal—more at WEALTH

fortune hunter noun
: a person who seeks wealth esp. by marriage

fortune-tell·er /ˌfɔrtəˈtələr/ noun
▷ : a person who professes to foretell future events
— fortune-tell·ing noun or adjective

Synonyms
▷ augur, diviner, forecaster, futurist, prognosticator, prophet, seer, soothsayer—more at PROPHET

forty /ˈfɔrti/ noun, plural forties
: four times 10
— fortieth /ˈfɔrti əθ/ adjective or noun
— forty adjective or pronoun

forty-five /ˌfɔrtiˈfɪv/ noun
1 : a .45 caliber handgun — usu. written .45
2 : a phonograph record designed to be played at 45 revolutions per minute

forty-nin·er /ˌfɔrtiˈnənər/ noun
: a person in the rush to California for gold in 1849

forty winks noun singular or plural
▷ : a short sleep

Synonyms
▷ catnap, doze, drowse, nap, siesta, snooze, wink—more at NAP

forum /ˈfɔrəm/ noun, plural forums also fo·ra /ˈfο rə/ [ORIGIN: L]
1 : the marketplace or central meeting place of an ancient Roman city
2 : a medium (as a publication) of open discussion
3 : COURT
4 : a public assembly, lecture, or program involving audience or panel discussion

Synonyms
▷ colloquy, conference, council, panel, parley, powwow, seminar, symposium

forward /ˈfɔrdər/ adjective
1 : being near or at or belonging to the front
2 : EAGER, READY
3 : lacking modesty or reserve : BOLD
4 : notably advanced or developed : PRECOCIOUS
5 : moving, tending, or leading toward a position in front
6 : EXTREME, RADICAL
7 : of, relating to, or getting ready for the future
— forward·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ bold, familiar, free, immodest, presumptuous—more at PRESUMPTUOUS

forward adverb
▷ : to or toward what is ahead or in front
Synonyms

- ahead, along, forth, on, onward—more at ALONG

3 forward verb
1 • to help onward: ADVANCE
2 • to send forward: TRANSMIT
3 • to send or ship onward

Synonyms

- advance, cultivate, encourage, foster, further, nourish, nurture, promote—more at FOSTER

4 forward noun

- a player who plays at the front of a team's offensive formation near the opponent's goal

for·ward·er /fər.wərdər/ noun

- one that forwards; especially: an agent who forwards goods

for·wards /fər.warz/ adverb

• FORWARD

forwent past of FORGO

1 fossil /ˈfɒs.əl/ adjective

[ORIGIN: L fossilis obtained by digging, fr. fodere to dig]
1 • preserved from a past geologic age (<~ plants>)
2 • of or relating to fossil fuels

2 fossil noun

1 • a trace or impression or the remains of a plant or animal of a past geologic age preserved in the earth's crust
2 • a person whose ideas are out-of-date

— fos·sil·ize /ˈfɑːs.əˌlaɪz/ verb

Synonyms

- antediluvian, dodo, fogy, fuddy-duddy, reactionary—more at FOGY

fossil fuel noun

• a fuel (as coal or oil) that is formed in the earth from plant or animal remains

1 foster /ˈfɒstər/ adjective

[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE fōst-, fr. fōstor food, feeding]
• affording, receiving, or sharing nourishment or parental care though not related by blood or legal ties (<~ parent) (<~ child>)

2 foster verb

1 • to give parental care to
2 • to promote the growth or development of: ENCOURAGE

Synonyms

- [1] breed, bring up, raise, rear—more at BRING UP
- [2] advance, cultivate, encourage, forward, further, nourish, nurture, promote

Antonyms

discourage, frustrate, hinder, inhibit

foster home noun

• a household in which an orphaned, neglected, or delinquent child is placed for care

foster·ling /ˈfɑːstər.lɪŋ/ noun

• a foster child

Fou·cault pendulum /fuːˈkɔːlt/ noun

• a device that consists of a heavy weight hung by a long wire and that swings in a constant direction which appears to change showing that the earth rotates

fought past and past participle of FIGHT

1 foul /fɔːl/ adjective
1 a ‣ : offensive to the senses
   b ‣ : clogged with dirt
2 ‣ : arousing or deserving hatred or repugnance : ODIOUS
3 ‣ : abhorrent to morality or virtue : OBSCENE
4 ‣ : being wet and stormy : STORMY <~ weather>
5 : characterized by or manifesting treachery : DISHONORABLE, UNFAIR
6 : marking the bounds of a playing field <~ lines>; also : being outside the foul line <~ ball> <~ territory>
7 : containing marked-up corrections
8 : ENTANGLED

— **foul·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**

[1a] fetid, malodorous, noisome, rank, reeky, smelly, strong—more at MALODOROUS
[1b] dirty, filthy, muddy, unclean
[1, 2, 3] abhorrent, awful, distasteful, nasty, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive
[4] bleak, dirty, inclement, nasty, raw, rough, squally, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent

**Antonyms**
clement, fair

**foul noun**

1 : an entanglement or collision in fishing or sailing
2 : an infraction of the rules in a game or sport; also : a baseball hit outside the foul line

**foul verb**

1 : to make or become foul or filthy
2 : to entangle or become entangled
3 : OBSTRUCT, BLOCK
4 : to collide with
5 : to make or hit a foul

**Synonyms**

befoul, blacken, contaminate, dirty, muddy, smirch, soil, stain, taint

**foul adverb**

: in a foul manner

**foulard** /fu:l(e)d/ noun

: a lightweight silk of plain or twill weave usu. decorated with a printed pattern

**foul-mouthed** /fu:l(m)aʊθtɪd/ adjective

: given to the use of obscene, profane, or abusive language

**foul-ness noun**

: the quality or state of being foul

**Synonyms**

dirtiness, filth, filthiness, grossness, nastiness, obscenity, smut, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY

**foul play noun**

1 : unfair, dishonest, or treacherous conduct or dealing : VIOLENCE
2 : the crime of unlawfully killing a person esp. with malice aforethought : MURDER

**foul-up** /fu:l(ə)up/ noun

1 : a state of being fouled up
2 : a mechanical difficulty

**foul up verb**

1 : to spoil by mistakes or poor judgment
2 : to cause a foul-up : BUNGLE

**Synonyms**

botch, bungle, flub, fumble, mess

**found** /fau(ə)n/ past and past participle of FIND
found verb
1 : to take the first steps in building
2 : to set or ground on something solid : base
3 : to establish (as an institution) often with provision for future maintenance
   synonyms
   establish, inaugurate, initiate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start
   antonyms
   close (down), phase out, shut (up)

foundation /founˈdeɪʃən/ noun
1 : the act of founding
2 : a basis upon which something stands or is supported
3 a : funds given for the permanent support of an institution or cause : endowment
   b : an endowed institution
4 : supporting structure : base
5 : corset
   -- foundational /ˌfounˈdaʃənəl/ adjective
   synonyms
   [2] base, basis, bedrock, footing, ground, groundwork, keystone, underpinning—more at base
   [3b] establishment, institute, institution—more at institution

founder /founˈder/ verb
1 : to make or become lame <the horse ed>
2 : collapse
3 : sink <a ing ship>
4 : fail
   synonyms
   : one that founds or establishes
   synonyms
   author, creator, father, originator—more at father

foundling /founˈdlin/ noun
: an infant found after its unknown parents have abandoned it

foundry /founˈdrē/ noun, plural foundries
: a building or works where metal is cast

fount /foun/ noun
: source, fountain

fountain /faʊnt/ noun
1 : a spring of water
2 : source
3 : an artificial jet of water
4 : a container for liquid that can be drawn off as needed

fountainhead /ˌfaʊntˈhed/ noun
: source

fountain pen noun
: a pen with a reservoir that feeds the writing point with ink

four /fɔr/ noun
1 : one more than three
2 : the 4th in a set or series
3 : something having four units
   -- four adjective or pronoun

4x4 also four–by–four /ˈfɔrˌbaɪˌfɔr/ noun
: a four-wheel automobile with four-wheel drive

four–flush /ˈflaʃ/ verb
: to make a false claim : BLUFF

four–flush·er noun
: one that cannot back up his pretensions

four·fold /ˈfɔːld, ˈfəʊld/ adjective
1 : being four times as great or as many
2 : having four units or members
— four·fold /ˈfɔːld/ adverb

4–H /ˈfoʊ.ər/ adjective
[origin: fr. the fourfold aim of improving the head, heart, hands, and health]
: of or relating to a program set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help young people become productive citizens
— 4–H·er noun

Four Hundred or 400 noun
: the exclusive social set of a community — used with the

four–in–hand /ˈfɔːrˌɛnˈhænd/ noun
1 : a team of four horses driven by one person; also : a vehicle drawn by such a team
2 : a necktie tied in a slipknot with long ends overlapping vertically in front

four–o’clock /ˈfɔːrˌoʊˈklæk/ noun
: a garden plant with fragrant yellow, red, or white flowers without petals that open late in the afternoon

four–post·er /ˈfɔːrˌpəstər/ noun
: a bed with tall corner posts orig. designed to support curtains or a canopy

four·score /ˈfɔːrˌskɔr/ adjective
: being four times twenty : EIGHTY

four·some /ˈfɔːrˌsʌm/ noun
1 : a group of four persons or things
2 : a golf match between two pairs of partners

four·square /ˈfɔːrˌskweər/ adjective
1 : SQUARE
2 ▶ : marked by boldness and conviction : FORTHRIGHT

Synonyms
▶ candid, direct, forthright, frank, honest, open, outspoken, plain, straightforward, unreserved—more at FRANK

foursquare adverb
▶ : in a foursquare manner

Synonyms
▶ directly, forthrightly, plainly, straight, straightforward

four·teen /ˈfɔːrˌtiːn/ noun
: one more than 13
— fourteen adjective or pronoun
— four·teenth /ˈfɔːrˌtiːnθ/ adjective or noun

fourth /ˈfɔːrθ/ noun
1 : one that is number four in a countable series
2 : one of four equal parts of something
— fourth adjective or adverb

fourth estate noun, often cap F&E
: the public press

fourth wall noun
: an imaginary wall that keeps performers from recognizing or directly addressing their audience

4WD abbreviation
four-wheel drive

four-wheel /fʊər.ˈhwɛl/ or four·wheeled /ˌhwɛld/ adjective
: acting on or by means of four wheels of a motor vehicle

four-wheel drive noun
: an automotive drive mechanism that acts on all four wheels of the vehicle; also: a vehicle with such a drive

1fowl /ˈfaʊ(ə)l/ noun, plural fowl or fowls
1: BIRD
2: a cock or hen of the domestic chicken; also: the flesh of these used as food

2fowl verb
: to hunt wildfowl

1fox /ˈfɒks/ noun, plural fox·es also fox
1: any of various flesh-eating mammals related to the wolves but smaller and with shorter legs and a more pointed muzzle; also: the fur of a fox
2: a clever crafty person
3 cap: a member of an American Indian people formerly living in what is now Wisconsin

2fox verb
: to trick by ingenuity or cunning: OUTWIT

Synonyms
outfox, outmaneuver, outsmart, outwit, overreach—more at OUTWIT

fox·glove /ˈfɑks.ɡlov/ noun
: a common plant related to the snapdragons that is grown for its showy spikes of dotted white or purple tubular flowers and as a source of digitalis

fox·hole /ˌ.hɑl/ noun
: a pit dug for protection against enemy fire

fox·hound /ˌ.hɑʊnd/ noun
: any of various large swift powerful hounds used in hunting foxes

fox·ing /ˈfɑks.ɪŋ/ noun
: brownish spots on old paper

fox terrier noun
: a small lively terrier that occurs in varieties with smooth dense coats or with harsh wiry coats

fox·trot /ˈfɑks.traɪt/ noun
1: a short broken slow trotting gait
2: a ballroom dance in duple time

foxy /ˈfɑks.ə/ adjective fox·i·er; -est
1: resembling or suggestive of a fox
2: cunningly shrewd: WILY
3: physically attractive

Synonyms
artful, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily—more at ARTFUL

foy·er /ˈfɔɪ.ər, ˈfoɪ.ər/ noun
1: an anteroom or lobby esp. of a theater
2: an entrance hallway

Synonyms
[1, 2] entry, hall, lobby, vestibule—more at HALL
frpm  abbreviation
feet per minute

FPO  abbreviation
fleet post office

fps  abbreviation
feet per second

fr  abbreviation
1 father
2 franc
3 friar
4 from

Fr  abbreviation
1 France; French
2 Friday

Fr  symbol
francium

fracas /fraˌkæs, fra/ noun, plural fracases /ˌkaˌsēz/ [origin: F, din, row, fr. It fracasso, fr. fracassare to shatter]
› a noisy quarrel

Synonyms
- brawl, fray, free-for-all, melee, row—more at BRAWL

fracal /ˈfrækəl/ noun
: an irregular curve or shape that repeats itself at any scale on which it is examined

— fractal adjective

fraction /ˈfrækʃən/ noun
1 : a numerical representation (as 1/2, 3/4, or 3.323) indicating the quotient of two numbers
2 : FRAGMENT
3 : PORTION

— fractional /ˈfrækʃənəl/ adjective
— fractionally adverb

fracious /ˈfrækʃəs/ adjective
1 : tending to be troublesome : hard to handle or control
2 : QUARRELsome, IRRITABLE

fracture /ˈfrækchar/ noun
1 : a breaking of something and esp. a bone
2 : CRACK, LEFT

— fracture verb
› to break or cause to break

Synonyms
- break, bust, fragment—more at BREAK

fragile /ˈfræjəl, ˈʒɪl/ adjective
› easily broken : DELICATE

Synonyms
- breakable, delicate, frail

Antonyms
- nonbreakable, strong, sturdy, tough, unbreakable

fragility /ˈfræjələtē/ noun
› the quality or state of being fragile

Synonyms
daintiness, delicacy, fineness—more at DELICACY

fragment /ˈfrag.mənt/ noun
  1: a part broken off, detached, or incomplete

fragment /ˈfrag.mənt/ verb
  1: to break into fragments

frag·ment·ary /ˈfrag.mən.tərē/ adjective
  : made up of fragments

fragrance /ˈfræŋ.grəns/ noun
  1: a sweet or delicate odor

frailer /ˈfrål/or adjective
  1: morally or physically weak
  2: easily broken or destroyed

frame /frām/ verb framed; fram·ing
  1: to make plans
  2: to form, make, or create by combining parts or elements
  3: to give expression to
  4: to make a draft of or draw up
  5: to make appear guilty
  6: to fit or adjust for a purpose
  7: to provide with or enclose in a frame

frail·ty /ˈfræl.tē/ noun, plural frailties
  1: the quality or state of being frail
  2: a fault due to weakness

frame /ˈfrām/ noun
  1: a frame
frame noun
1 : something made of parts fitted and joined together
2 : the physical makeup of the body
3 : an arrangement of structural parts that gives form or support
4 : a supporting or enclosing border or open case (as for a window or picture)
5 : one picture of a series (as on a length of film)
6 : FRAME-UP

Synonyms
- [2] build, constitution, figure, form, physique, shape—more at PHYSIQUE
- [3] configuration, framework, shell, skeleton, structure

frame adjective
: having a wood frame

frame of mind noun
: mental attitude or outlook : MOOD

frame-up /frēˌma-p/ noun
1 : an act or series of actions in which someone is framed
2 : an action that is planned, contrived, or formulated

frame-work /frāmˌwərk/ noun
1 : a basic supporting part or structure

Synonyms
- configuration, frame, shell, skeleton, structure—more at FRAME

franc /fräŋk/ noun
1 : any of various former basic monetary units (as of Belgium, France, and Luxembourg)
2 : a basic monetary unit of any of several countries esp. in Africa

franchise /frənˈzhīz/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF, fr. franchir to free, fr. OF franc free]
1 : a right or license granted to an individual or group <a ~ to operate a ferry>
2 a : a constitutional or statutory right or privilege
b : the right to vote
3 : the right of membership in a professional sports league; also : a team having such membership

Synonyms
- enfranchisement, suffrage, vote—more at VOTE

franchisee /frənˈzhīz·i/ noun
: one granted a franchise

franchiser /frənˈzhīz·ər/ noun
1 : FRANCHISEE
2 : FRANCHISOR

franchisee /frənˈzhīz·ər/ noun
: one that grants a franchise

francium /fräŋsē-əm/ noun
: a radioactive metallic chemical element

Franco-American /franˈkōˌəmərəˈkan/ noun
: an American of French or esp. French-Canadian descent
— Franco-American adjective

fragile /ˈfræɡəl/ adjective
: BREAKABLE
— fran·gi·bil·i·ty /ˌfran-dʒə-bi-lə-tē/ noun

1 frank /fräŋk/ adjective
   : marked by free, forthright, and sincere expression
   **Synonyms**
   → candid, direct, forthright, honest, open, outspoken, plain, straight, straightforward

   **Antonyms**
   → dissembling

2 frank verb
   : to mark (a piece of mail) with an official sign so that it can be mailed free; also : to mail free

3 frank noun
   1 : the signature or mark on a piece of mail indicating free or paid postage
   2 : the privilege of sending mail free

4 frank noun
   : FRANKFURTER

Fran·ken·stein /ˈfran-kən-stən/ noun
   1 : a monstrous creation that usu. ruins its originator
   2 : a monster in the shape of a man

frank·fur·ter /ˈfränk-fər-tər, -fər-tər/ or frank·furt /ˈfränk-furt/ noun
   : a seasoned sausage (as of beef or beef and pork)

frank·in·cense /ˈfränk-in-səns/ noun
   : a fragrant resin burned as incense

frank·ly /ˈfränk-lē/ adverb
   1 : in a frank manner
   2 : in truth
   **Synonyms**
   → actually, forsooth, honestly, really, truly, truthfully, verily—more at ACTUALLY

frank·ness noun
   : the quality or state of being frank
   **Synonyms**
   → candor, directness, forthrightness, openness, plainness—more at CANDOR

fran·tic /ˈfran-tik/ adjective
   : marked by or showing uncontrolled emotion or disordered anxious activity
   **Synonyms**
   → agitated, distraught, feverish, frenetic, frenzied, hysterical

   **Antonyms**
   → collected, composed, self-possessed

fran·ti·cal·ly /ˈfran-ti-kəl-ē/ adverb
   : in a frantic manner
   **Synonyms**
   → berserk, hectically, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wild, wildly—more at HELTER-SKELTER

frap·pé /ˈfrap-pə/ or frappe /ˈfrap/ noun
   [origin: F frappé, fr. pp. of frapper to strike, chill]
   1 : an iced or frozen drink
   2 : a thick milk shake

frap·pé /ˈfrap-pə/ adjective

fra·ter·nal /ˈfræ-trə-nəl/ adjective
   1 : of, relating to, or involving brothers
   2 : of, relating to, or being a fraternity or society
3: derived from two ova — twins
4: FRIENDLY, BROTHERLY
— frater·nally adverb

frater·ni·ty /fra·ter·ne·tē/ noun, plural -ties
1: a social, honorary, or professional group; especially: a men's student organization
2: BROTHERLINESS
3: persons of the same class, profession, or tastes

Synonyms
association, brotherhood, club, council, fellowship, guild, league, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION

frater·ni·zation /fra·ter·nē·za·shen/ noun

Synonyms
associate, chum, consort, hang around, hobnob, pal—more at ASSOCIATE

frat·ri·cide /fra·tri·sid/ noun
1: one that kills a sibling or countryman
2: the act of a fratricide

— frat·ri·cid·al /fra·tri·sid·ēl/ adjective

fraud /frōd/ noun
1: deceit, trickery
2: trick
3: a person who is not what he or she pretends to be: IMPOSTOR

Synonyms
charlatan, fake, hoaxter, humbug, impostor, mountebank, phony, pretender, quack

fraud·ster /frōd·ster/ noun, chiefly British
: a person who engages in fraud

— fraud·u·lent /frōd·u·lent/ adjective

: characterized by, based on, or done by fraud

— fraud·u·lent·ly adverb

Synonyms
crooked, deceitful, deceptive, dishonest, double-dealing, false, misleading, specious

Antonyms
aboveboard, honest, truthful

fraught /frōt/ adjective

: full of or accompanied by something specified — with danger

Synonyms
flush, replete, rife

1 fray /frā/ noun

: a usu. disorderly or protracted fight, struggle, or dispute: FIGHT, STRUGGLE

Synonyms
battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, hassle, struggle

2 fray verb
1: to wear (as an edge of cloth) by rubbing
2: to separate the threads at the edge of
3: STRAIN, IRRITATE — ed nerves

Synonyms
abrade, chafe, erode, fret, gall, rub, wear—more at ABRIDE

fraz·zle /frāz·lē/ verb fraz·zled; fraz·zling
1: FRAY
frazzle noun

1 : to put in a state of extreme physical or nervous fatigue

freak /frēk/ noun

1 : a sudden and odd or seemingly pointless idea or turn of the mind : a seemingly capricious action or event
2 : a strange, abnormal, or unusual person or thing
3 slang : a person who uses an illicit drug
4 : an ardent enthusiast

freaky /frēk/ adjective

Synonyms
[1] caprice, fancy, notion, vagary, whim—more at whim
[2] abnormality, monster, monstrosity

Antonyms
average, norm

[4] addict, aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, lover, maniac, nut—more at fan

freak verb

1 : to experience the effects (as hallucinations) of taking illicit drugs — often used with out
2 : to distress or become distressed — often used with out

freak-out /frēk-ōt/ noun

Synonyms
usually freak out agitate, bother, concern, distress, disturb, exercise, perturb, unsettle, upset, worry

freckle /frēk/ noun

: a brownish spot on the skin

freckle verb

: to sprinkle or mark with freckles or small spots

Synonyms
dot, fleck, pepper, speck, spot, sprinkle

free /frē/ adjective free-er; free-est

1 : having liberty
2 : enjoying political or personal independence; also : not subject to or allowing slavery
3 : made or done voluntarily : spontaneous
4 : relieved from or lacking something unpleasant
5 : not subject to a duty, tax, or charge
6 : not obstructed : open
7 : not being used or occupied
8 : not fastened
9 : lavish
10 : open, frank
11 a : given without charge
   b : made, done, or given voluntarily or spontaneously
12 : not literal or exact
13 : not restricted by conventional forms
14 : overly familiar or forward in action or attitude

Synonyms
[1] footloose, loose, unbound, unconfined, unrestrained

Antonyms
bound, confined, restrained, unfree

[2] autonomous, independent, self-governing, separate, sovereign

Antonyms
dependent, subject, unfree

[6] clear, open, unobstructed—more at open
[11a] complimentary, gratuitous
[11b] bountiful, charitable, generous, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing—more at
generous

- [14] bold, familiar, forward, immodest, presumptuous—more at presumptuous

2 free verb freed; freeing
1 • to set free
2 • to relieve or rid of what restrains, confines, restricts, or embarrasses
3 • to clear from what obstructs or is unneeded: clear
   Synonyms
   • [1, 2] discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, liberate, manumit, release, unchain, unfetter
   Antonyms
   • bind, confine, enchain, fetter, restrain
   • [2] clear, disburden, disencumber, relieve, rid, unburden—more at rid
   • [2, 3] clear, disengage, disentangle, extricate, liberate, release, untangle—more at extricate
   • [3] clear, open, unclog, unstop

3 free adverb
1 • freely
2 • without charge

free-base /frēˌbās/ noun
: purified cocaine smoked as crack or heated to produce vapors for inhalation
— freebase verb

freebie or free-bee /frēˌbē/ noun
: something given without charge
   Synonyms
   • bestowal, donation, gift, lagniappe, present—more at gift

free-board /frēˌbōrd/ noun
: the vertical distance between the waterline and the upper edge of the side of a boat

free-booter /ˌbùtər/ noun
[Origin: D vrijbutter, fr. vrijbuit plunder, fr. vrij free + buit booty]
: one who commits or practices piracy: pirate
   Synonyms
   • buccaneer, corsair, pirate, rover—more at pirate

free-born /ˈbərn/ adjective
1 • not born in vassallage or slavery
2 • of, relating to, or befitting one that is freeborn

freed-man /ˈfrēdˌmənˌˈmən/ noun
: a person freed from slavery

freedom /ˈfrēdəm/ noun
1 • the quality or state of being free: independence
2 • exemption, release
3 • ease, facility
4 • frankness
5 • unrestricted use
6 • a political right; also: franchise, privilege
7 • the ability or capacity to act without undue hindrance or restraint
   Synonyms
   • [1] autonomy, independence, liberty, self-government, sovereignty
   Antonyms
   • dependence, subjection
   • [7] authorization, latitude, license, run; also authority, mandate, power

freedom fighter noun
: a person who takes part in a resistance movement against an oppressive political or social establishment
free enterprise noun
: freedom of private business to operate with little regulation by the government

1 free–for–all /frēˌfərˈal/ adjective
  : unrestricted as to entries, participants, or users
  Synonyms
  open, public, unrestricted—more at OPEN

2 free–for–all noun
  : a competition or fight open to all comers and usu. with no rules : BRAWL
  Synonyms
  brawl, fracas, fray, melee, row—more at BRAWL

free–hand /ˌfrēˈhænd/ adjective
: done without mechanical aids or devices

free–hold /ˌfrēˈhōld/ noun
: ownership of an estate for life usu. with the right to bequeath it to one's heirs; also : an estate thus owned
  — free–hold·er noun

free–lance /ˌfrēˈlans/ noun
: one who pursues a profession (as writing) without a long-term commitment to any one employer
  — free–lance adjective or verb

free–living /ˌfrēˈli.viŋ/ adjective
  1 : unrestricted in pursuing personal pleasures
  2 : being neither parasitic nor symbiotic <~ organisms>

free–load /ˌfrēˈlōd/ verb
: to impose upon another's hospitality
  — free–load·er noun

free love noun
  1 : the practice of living openly with one of the opposite sex without marriage
  2 : sexual relations without any commitments by either partner

free–ly adverb
  : in a free manner
  Synonyms
  easily, effortlessly, fluently, handily, lightly, painlessly, readily, smoothly—more at EASILY

free–man /ˌfrēˈmän/ noun
  1 : one who has civil or political liberty
  2 : one having the full rights of a citizen

Free–ma·son /ˌfrēˈməsən/ noun
: a member of a secret fraternal society called Free and Accepted Masons
  — Free–ma·son·ry /ˌfrēˈməsən rē/ noun

free radical noun
: an esp. reactive atom or group of atoms with one or more unpaired electrons; especially : one that can cause bodily damage (as by altering the chemical structure of cells)

free–range /ˌfrēˈrān/ adjective
: allowed to range and forage with relative freedom <~ chickens>; also : produced by free-range animals <~ eggs>

free speech noun
: speech that is protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

free spirit noun
: NONCONFORMIST

free–stand·ing /ˌfrēˌstānˈdīŋ/ adjective
: standing alone or on its own foundation free of support

**Synonyms**
- detached, disconnected, discrete, separate, single, unattached, unconnected—more at SEPARATE

free·stone /ˈfrē.ston/ noun
1: a stone that may be cut freely without splitting
2: a fruit stone to which the flesh does not cling; also: a fruit (as a peach or cherry) having such a stone

free·think·er /ˈfrē.thiŋ.kər/ noun
: one who forms opinions on the basis of reason independently of authority; especially: one who doubts or denies religious dogma
— free·think·ing noun or adjective

free trade noun
: trade between nations without restrictions (as high taxes on imports)

free verse noun
: verse whose meter is irregular or whose rhythm is not metrical

free·ware /ˈfrē.wār/ noun
: software that is free or that has a small usu. optional cost

free·way /ˈfrē.wā/ noun
: an expressway without tolls

free-wheel /ˈfrē.wēl/ verb
: to move, live, or play freely or irresponsibly

free-wheel·ing /ˈfrē.wēl.ɪŋ/ adjective
: free and loose in form or manner

free·will /ˈfrē.will/ adjective
: produced in or by an act of choice

**Synonyms**
- deliberate, intentional, purposeful, voluntary, willful, willing

free will noun
: voluntary choice or decision

**Synonyms**
- accord, choice, option, self-determination, volition, will

1 freeze /frīz/ verb froze /frōz/; frozen /frōz·ən/
1: to harden or cause to harden into a solid (as ice) by loss of heat
2: to withstand freezing
3: to chill or become chilled with cold
4: to damage by frost
5: to adhere solidly by or as if by freezing
6: to become fixed, motionless, or incapable of speech
7: to cause to grip tightly
8: to become clogged with ice
9: to fix at a certain stage or level

**Synonyms**
- concrete, congeal, firm, harden, set, solidify—more at HARDEN

2 freeze noun
1: an act or instance of freezing
2: the state of being frozen
3: a state of weather marked by low temperature

freeze–dry /frīzˈdrī/ verb
: to dry in a frozen state under vacuum esp. for preservation
— freeze–dried adjective
**freezer** /frēˈzər/ *noun*
: a compartment, device, or room for freezing food or keeping it frozen

**freezing** adjective
▶️: very cold

*Synonyms*
▶️ arctic, cold, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, polar, wintry

**freight** /frēt/ *noun*
1: payment for carrying goods
2: something that is loaded for transportation: CARGO
3: BURDEN
4: the carrying of goods by a common carrier
5: a train that carries freight

*Synonyms*
▶️ burden, cargo, draft, haul, lading, load, payload, weight—more at LOAD

**freight** verb
1: to load with goods for transportation
2: BURDEN, CHARGE
3: to ship or transport by freight

**freight·er** /frētˈer/ *noun*
: a ship or airplane used chiefly to carry freight

**French** /frēnsic/ *noun*
1: the language of France
2 French plural: the people of France
3: strong language
   — French adjective
   — French·man /ˈmæn/ *noun*
   — French·wom·an /ˈwəʊ.man/ *noun*

**French door** *noun*
: a door with small panes of glass extending the full length

**French dressing** *noun*
1: a thin salad dressing usu. made of vinegar and oil with spices
2: a creamy salad dressing flavored with tomatoes
   — french fry noun, often cap 1st F
: a strip of potato fried in deep fat until brown
   — french fry verb, often cap 1st F

**French horn** *noun*
: a curved brass instrument with a funnel-shaped mouthpiece and a flaring bell

**French press** *noun*
: a coffeepot in which ground beans are infused and then pressed by a plunger

**French toast** *noun*
: bread dipped in a mixture of eggs and milk and fried at a low heat

**French twist** *noun*
: a woman's hairstyle in which the hair is coiled at the rear and secured in place

**fren·tic** /frēˈtik/ *adjective*
▶️: marked by fast and nervous, disordered, or anxiety-driven activity: FRANTIC
   — fren·tic·al·ly /ˈtik(ə.)li/ *adverb*

*Synonyms*
▶️ delirious, feverish, fierce, frantic, frenzied, furious, mad, rabid, violent, wild—more at FURIOUS

**fren·zied** /ˈfrenzd/ *adjective*
fren·zy /frenˌzi/ noun, plural frenzies
1 ◁: temporary madness or a violently agitated state
2 ◁: intense often disordered activity
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1, 2] agitation, chaos, confusion, disorder, furor, fury, hysteria, rage, rampage, tumult, turmoil, uproar

freq abbreviation
frequency; frequent; frequently

fre·quen·cy /frēˈkwən sē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : the fact or condition of occurring frequently
2 : rate of occurrence
3 : the number of cycles per second of an alternating current
4 : the number of waves (as of sound or electromagnetic energy) that pass a fixed point each second
   frequency modulation noun
   : variation of the frequency of a carrier wave according to another signal; also : FM
   
1 frequent /frēˈkwənt/ adjective
   ◁: to associate with, be in, or resort to habitually
   Synonyms
   ◁ hang around, hang out, haunt, resort, visit
   Antonyms
   ◁ avoid, shun

2 frequent /frēˈkwənt/ verb
   ◁: at frequent or short intervals
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] common, commonplace, customary, everyday, familiar, ordinary, routine, usual—more at COMMON
   ◁ [2] constant, habitual, periodic, regular, repeated, steady—more at REGULAR

fre·quent·er noun
: one that frequents

fre·quent–fi·er /frēˈkwəntˌfīər/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being an airline program offering awards for specified numbers of air miles traveled

fre·quent·ly adverb
◁: at frequent or short intervals
   Synonyms
   ◁ constantly, continually, often, repeatedly—more at OPEN

fres·co /frēˈskō/ noun, plural frescoes
[origin: It, fr. fresco fresh]
: the art of painting on fresh plaster; also : a painting done by this method

fresh /frēsh/ adjective
1 : VIGOROUS, REFRESHED
2 : not containing salt
3 : not altered by processing (as freezing or canning)
4 : free from taint : PURE
5 : fairly strong : BRISK ◁ breeze
6 ◁: not stale, sour, or decayed ◁ bread
7 : not faded
8 ◁: not worn or rumpled
9 ◁: experienced, made, or received newly or anew
10 : ADDITIONAL, ANOTHER ◁ made a ◁ start
11: **ORIGINAL, VIVID**
12: **INEXPERIENCED**
13: newly come or arrived <~ from school>
14: disposed to take liberties: **IMPUDENT**

**Synonyms**
- [6, 8] brand-new, pristine, virgin; also unaltered, unblemished, unbruised, uncontaminated, undamaged, undefiled, unharmed, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured, unpolluted, unsoiled, unspoiled, unsullied, untainted, untouched, unused, unworn

**Antonyms**
- [9] new, novel, original, unfamiliar—more at NEW
- [14] bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVOUS

**fresh·en** /fre·shan/ verb
- to make, grow, or become fresh

**Synonyms**
- refresh, rejuvenate, renew, restore, revitalize, revive—more at RENEW

**fresh·et** /fre·shät/ noun
- an overflowing of a stream (as by heavy rains)

**fresh·ly** adverb
- in a fresh manner

**Synonyms**
- just, late, lately, new, newly, now, only, recently—more at NEWLY

**fresh·man** /fresh·man/ noun
1: a 1st-year student
2: one that begins something; especially: an inexperienced person

**Synonyms**
- beginner, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, novice, recruit, rookie, tenderfoot, tyro—more at BEGINNER

**fresh·ness** noun
- the quality or state of being fresh

**Synonyms**
- newness, novelty, originality—more at NOVELTY

**fresh·wa·ter** /ˌfreshwəˈtər/ noun
- water that is not salty
- **freshwater** adjective

**fret** /frit/ verb fret·ted; fret·ting
[origin: ME, to devour, fret, fr. OE fretan to devour]
1: to eat or gnaw into
2: to chafe with or as if with friction: **RUB**
3: to make by wearing away
4: to become irritated: **WORRY**
5: **GRATE**; also: **AGITATE**

**Synonyms**
- [2] abrade, chafe, erode, fray, gall, rub, wear—more at ABRIDE
- [4] bother, fear, stew, sweat, trouble, worry—more at WORRY

**fret** noun
- an irritated or worried state <in a ~ about the interview>

**Synonyms**
- dither, fluster, fuss, huff, lather, pother, stew, tizzy, twitter

**fret** noun
- ornamental work esp. of straight lines in symmetrical patterns

**fret** noun
one of a series of ridges across the fingerboard of a stringed musical instrument

— fret·ted adjective

fret·ful /fret.fəl/ adjective
: IRRITABLE
— fret·ful·ly adverb
— fret·ful·ness noun

fret·saw /ˌfret.soʊ/ noun
: a narrow-bladed saw used for cutting curved outlines

fret·work /ˌfret.wərk/ noun
1 : decoration consisting of frets
2 : ornamental openwork or work in relief

Fri abbreviation
Friday

fri·a·ble /ˈfri.ə.bəl/ adjective
: easily crumbled or pulverized <~ soil>

Synonyms

crisp, crumbly, flaky, short—more at CRISP

fri·ar /ˈfri.ər/ noun
[origin: ME frere, fryer, fr. AF friere, friere, lit., brother, fr. L frater]
: a member of a religious order that orig. lived by alms

fri·ary /ˈfri.ər.i/ noun, plural -ar·ies
: a monastery of friars

Synonyms

abbey, cloister, monastery, priory—more at MONASTERY

1fricassee /ˈfrıˌkeˌsē, ˈfrıˌkəˌsē/ noun
: a dish made of meat (as chicken) cut into pieces, stewed in stock, and served in sauce

2fricassee verb -seed; -see·ing
: to cook as a fricassee

fric·tion /ˈfrıˌkʃən/ noun
1 : the rubbing of one body against another
2 : the force that resists motion between bodies in contact
3 ▶ : clash in opinions between persons or groups : DISAGREEMENT

— fric·tion·al adjective

Synonyms

conflict, disagreement, discord, dissension, dissent, disunity, schism, strife, variance—more at DISCORD

friction tape noun
: a usu. cloth adhesive tape impregnated with insulating material and used esp. to protect and insulate electrical conductors

Fri·day /ˈfrıˌde, ˌfrıˈde/ noun
: the sixth day of the week

fridge /frıd/ noun
: REFRIGERATOR

fried·cake /ˈfrıdˌkāk/ noun
: DOUGHNUT, CRULLER

fried rice noun
: a dish of boiled or steamed rice that is stir-fried with soy sauce and typically includes egg, meat, and vegetables

friend /ˈfrınd/ noun
1 ▶ : one attached to another by respect or affection
2: **ACQUAINTANCE**
3: one who is not hostile
4: one who supports or favors something <a ~ of art>
5 **cap**: a member of the Society of Friends: **QUAKER**

— **friend·less** adjective
  
  **Synonyms**
  🔄 [1] buddy, chum, comrade, crony, familiar, intimate, pal
  
  **Antonyms**
  enemy, foe
  🔄 [4] advocate, apostle, backer, booster, champion, exponent, promoter, proponent, supporter—more at **EXPONENT**

**friend·li·ness** /ˈfrendˌli·nis/ noun
  🔄: the quality or state of being friendly
  
  **Synonyms**
  amity, benevolence, cordiality, fellowship, friendship, goodwill, kindliness—more at **GOODWILL**

**friend·ly** /ˈfrendli/ adjective
  🔄: of, relating to, or befitting a friend
  
  **Synonyms**
  appreciative, complimentary, favorable, good, positive—more at **FAVORABLE**
  🔄 amicable, companionable, comradely, cordial, genial, hearty, neighborly, warm, warmhearted
  
  **Antonyms**
  antagonistic, hostile, unfriendly

**friend·ship** /ˈfrendʃip/ noun
  🔄: the state of being friends
  
  **Synonyms**
  amity, benevolence, cordiality, fellowship, friendliness, goodwill, kindliness—more at **GOODWILL**

**frieze** /frɪz/ noun
  🔄: an ornamental often sculptured band extending around something (as a building or room)

**frig·ate** /ˈfrɪgət/ noun
  1: a square-rigged warship
  2: a warship smaller than a destroyer

**fright** /fraɪt/ noun
  1: sudden terror: **ALARM**
  2: something that is ugly or shocking
  
  **Synonyms**
  🔄 [1] alarm, anxiety, apprehension, dread, fear, horror, panic, terror, trepidation—more at **FEAR**
  🔄 [2] eyesore, horror, mess, monstrosity, sight—more at **EYESORE**

**fright·en** /fraɪtˈən/ verb
  1: to make afraid
  2: to drive away or out by frightening
  3: to become frightened
  
  — **fright·en·ing** adjective
  — **fright·en·ing·ly** adverb
  
  **Synonyms**
  🔄 alarm, horrify, panic, scare, shock, spook, startle, terrify, terrorize
  
  **Antonyms**
  reassure

**fright·ful** /ˈfraɪtfəl/ adjective
  1: causing intense fear or alarm: **TERRIFYING**
  2: startling esp. in being bad or objectionable
  3: **EXTREME** &~ thirst
  
  **Synonyms**
fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, hair-raising, scary, shocking, terrifying—more at FEARFUL

fright·ful·ly adverb
▶ in a frightful manner
  Synonyms
▶ extremely, greatly, highly, much, very

fright·ful·ness noun
▶ the quality or state of being frightful
  Synonyms
▶ atrociousness, atrocity, hideousness, horror, monstrosity, repulsiveness—more at HORROR

frig·id /frɪˈjɪd/ adjective
1 ▶: intensely cold
2 ▶: lacking warmth or ardor : INDIFFERENT
3 : abnormally averse to or unable to achieve orgasm during sexual intercourse — used esp. of women
  — fri·gid·i·ty /frɪˈjiːdəˈtɪ/ noun
  Synonyms
▶ [1] arctic, bitter, cold, freezing, frosty, glacial, icy, polar, wintry—more at COLD
▶ [2] chill, chilly, cold, cool, frosty, icy, indifferent, unfriendly, wintry

frigid zone noun
▶ the area or region between the arctic circle and the north pole or between the antarctic circle and the south pole

frill /frɪl/ noun
1 ▶: a gathered, pleated, or ruffled edging
2 ▶: something unessential
  — frilly adjective
  Synonyms
▶ [1] flounce, furbelow, ruffle—more at RUFFLE
▶ [2] amenity, comfort, extra, indulgence, luxury, superfluity—more at LUXURY

1 fringe /frɪn/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME frenge, fr. AF, fr. VL *frimbia, alter. of L fimbriae (pl.)]
1 : an ornamental border consisting of short threads or strips hanging from an edge or band
2 ▶: something that resembles a fringe : EDGE
3 : something that is additional or secondary to an activity, process, or subject
  Synonyms
▶ border, boundary, edge, margin, perimeter, periphery—more at BORDER

2 fringe verb
1 ▶: to furnish or adorn with a fringe
2 ▶: to serve as a border or fringe for
  Synonyms
▶ border, bound, margin, rim, skirt—more at BORDER

fringe benefit noun
1 : an employment benefit paid for by an employer without affecting basic wage rates
2 : any additional benefit

frip·pery /frɪˈpɛrɪ/ noun, plural -per·ies
[ORIGIN: MF friperie]
1 a ▶: dressy or showy clothing and jewels : FINERY
   b ▶: something showy, frivolous, or nonessential
2 : pretentious display
  Synonyms
▶ [1a] array, best, bravery, caparison, feather, finery, full dress, gaiety, regalia—more at FINERY
▶ [1b] child's play, nothing, trifle, triviality—more at TRIFLE

frisk /frɪsk/ verb
1 ▶: to leap, skip, or dance in a lively or playful way : GAMBOL
2 : to search (a person) esp. for concealed weapons by running the hand rapidly over the clothing

**Synonyms**
- caper, cavort, disport, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp, sport—more at *frolic*

**frisk-**

**frisk-i-ness /frisk-ə-ˈnis/ noun**
- the quality or state of being inclined to frisk

**Synonyms**
- impishness, mischief, mischievousness, playfulness—more at *playfulness*

**frisky** /ˈfrɪsk-i/ adjective frisk-i-er; -est
- inclined to frisk : *playful*
- *frisk-i-ly /frisk-ə-ˈli/ adverb*

**Synonyms**
- antic, coltish, elfish, fay, frolicsome, playful, sportive—more at *playful*
- active, animated, energetic, lively, peppy, perky, spirited, sprightly

1 **fritter** /ˈfri-tər/ noun
- a small lump of fried batter often containing fruit or meat

2 **fritter** verb
- 1 : to reduce or waste piecemeal — usu. used with *away*
- 2 : to break into small fragments

**Synonyms**
- usually fritter away blow, dissipate, lavish, misspend, run through, spend, squander, throw away, waste—more at *waste*

**fritz** /ˈfrɪts/ noun
- a state of disorder or disrepair — used in the phrase *on the fritz*

**friv-o·lus /ˈfrɪv-ə-ləs/ adjective**
- 1 : of little importance : *trivial*
- 2 : lacking in seriousness
- *friv-o·lous-ly adverb*

**Synonyms**
- [1] insignificant, little, minor, minute, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at *unimportant*
- [2] flighty, giddy, goofy, harebrained, light-headed, scatterbrained, silly—more at *giddy*

**frizz** /ˈfrɪz/ verb
- to form into small tight curls
- *frizz noun*
- *frizzy adjective*

**friz·zies /ˈfrɪz-iz/ noun plural**
- hair which has become difficult to manage (as due to humidity)

1 **frizzle** /ˈfrɪz-l/ verb friz·zled; friz·zling
- *frizz, curl*
- *frizzle noun*

2 **frizzle** verb friz·zled; friz·zling
- 1 : to fry until crisp and curled
- 2 : to cook with a sizzling noise

**fro** /ˈfrō/ adverb
frock /fræk/ noun
1: an outer garment worn by monks and friars
2: an outer garment worn esp. by men
3: a woman's or girl's dress

frock coat noun
: a man's knee-length usu. double-breasted coat with knee-length skirts

frog /frəg, fræg/ noun
1: any of various largely aquatic smooth-skinned tailless leaping amphibians
2: an ornamental braiding for fastening the front of a garment by a loop through which a button passes
3: a condition in the throat causing hoarseness
4: a small holder (as of metal, glass, or plastic) with perforations or spikes that is placed in a bowl or vase to keep cut flowers in position

frogman /frɒɡˌmən, fræɡˌmən/ noun
: a swimmer equipped to work underwater for long periods of time

frolic /frælik/ verb frolicked; frolick-ing
1: to make merry
2: to play about happily: ROMP

Synonyms
- [1, 2] caper, cavort, disport, frisk, gambol, lark, play, rollick, romp, sport

frolicsome /ˌsəm/ adjective
: full of gaiety

Synonyms
- antic, coltish, elfish, fay, frisky, playful, sportive—more at PLAYFUL

from /frɛm, fræm/ preposition
1 — used to show a starting point <a letter ~ home>
2 — used to show removal or separation <subtract 3 ~ 9>
3 — used to show a material, source, or cause <suffering ~ a cold>

frond /frɒnd/ noun
: a usu. large divided leaf esp. of a fern or palm tree

front /frɔnt/ noun
1: FOREHEAD: also: the whole face
2: external and often feigned appearance
3: a region of active fighting; also: a sphere of activity
4: a political coalition
5: the side of a building containing the main entrance
6: the forward part or surface
7: FRONTAGE
8: a boundary between two dissimilar air masses
9: a position directly before or ahead of something else
10: a person, group, or thing used to mask the identity of the actual controlling agent

Synonyms
- [2] act, airs, facade, guise, masquerade, pose, pretense, put-on, semblance, show—more at MASQUERADE
- [6] facade, face; also exterior, outside, skin, surface, veneer
Antonyms
back, rear, reverse

front verb
1 : to have the principal side adjacent to something
2 : to serve as a front
3 : CONFRONT

front-age /fron-tij/ noun
1 : a piece of land lying adjacent (as to a street or the ocean)
2 : the length of a frontage
3 : the front side of a building

front-al /front-əl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or next to the forehead
2 : of, relating to, or directed at the front <a ~ attack>
— front·al·ly adverb

frontier /fron-tir/ noun
1 ▶ : a border between two countries
2 ▶ : a region that forms the margin of settled territory
3 : the outer limits of knowledge or achievement <the ~s of science>

Synonyms
[1] border, borderland, march; also no-man’s-land
[2] backwoods, bush, hinterland, up-country; also country, countryside, sticks

frontiersman /fron-tirz-man/ noun
▶ : a person who lives or works on a frontier

Synonyms
colonist, homesteader, pioneer, settler; also explorer, pathfinder, trailblazer

frontispiece /fron-tis-piece/ noun
▶ : an illustration preceding and usu. facing the title page of a book

front man noun
▶ : a person serving as a front or figurehead

frontward /front-wərd/ or frontwards /-wardz/ adverb or adjective
▶ : toward the front

frost /fröst/ noun
1 : freezing temperature
2 : a covering of tiny ice crystals on a cold surface

frosty adjective
1 ▶ : briskly cold
2 : covered or appearing as if covered with frost
3 ▶ : marked by coolness or extreme reserve in manner

Synonyms
[1] chill, chilly, cold, cool, nippy, raw, snappy, wintry—more at COLD
[3] aloof, antisocial, cold, cool, detached, distant, remote, standoffish, unfriendly, unsociable—more at COOL

frost verb
1 : to cover with frost
2 : to put icing on (as a cake)
3 : to produce a slightly roughened surface on (as glass)
4 : to injure or kill by frost

frostbite /fröst-bit/ verb -bit /-bit/; -bit·ten /-bit·ten/; -bit·ing
▶ : to injure by frost or frostbite

frostbite noun
frost heave noun
: an upthrust of pavement caused by freezing of moist soil
frost-ing /frō stiŋ/ noun
1 : ICING
2 : dull finish on metal or glass
froth /frōth/ noun, plural froths /frōths, frōthz/
[origin: ME, fr. ON frotha]
1 ▷ : bubbles formed in or on a liquid
2 : something light or worthless
— frothy adjective
Synonyms
▷ foam, head, lather, spume—more at FOAM
frou-frou /frö frü/ noun
[origin: F]
1 : a rustling esp. of a woman's skirts
2 : showy or frilly ornamentation
frow·ward /frö ward/ adjective
▷ : habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition
Synonyms
▷ contrary, defiant, disobedient, headstrong, intractable, rebellious, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT
1frown /fraun/ verb
1 : to wrinkle the forehead (as in displeasure or thought)
2 ▷ : to look with disapproval — usu. used with on in transitive senses
3 : to express with a frown
Synonyms
▷ glare, gloom, glower, lower, scowl; also gape, gaze, ogle, stare; grimace, pout; growl, snarl, sneer
Antonyms
beam, smile
▷ usually frowned on deprecate, disapprove, discountenance, disfavor, dislike, reprove
2frown noun
▷ : a wrinkling of the brow esp. in a severe, reproving, or stern look
Synonyms
▷ face, grimace, lower, mouth, pout, scowl—more at GRIMACE
frow·sy or frow·zy /fraul zē/ adjective frow·si·er or frow·zi·er; -est
▷ : having a slovenly or uncared-for appearance
Synonyms
▷ dowdy, sloppy, slovenly, unkempt, untidy—more at SLOPPY
froze past of FREEZE
fro·zen /frö zən/ adjective
1 : treated, affected, or crusted over by freezing
2 : subject to long and severe cold
3 ▷ : incapable of being changed, moved, or undone ~ wages
4 : not available for present use ~ capital
5 : expressing or characterized by cold unfriendliness
Synonyms
▷ certain, determinate, final, firm, fixed, flat, hard, hard-and-fast, set, settled, stable
FRS abbreviation
Federal Reserve System
related terms:

- frt abbreviation freight
- fruc·ti·fy /ˈfrʊk.təˌfi/ -fied; -fy·ing
  1: to bear fruit
  2: to make fruitful or productive

- fruc·tose /ˈfrʊk.təs/ noun
  : a very sweet soluble sugar that occurs esp. in fruit juices and honey

- fru·gal /ˈfrʊɡəl/ adjective
  : characterized by or reflecting economy in the use of resources: ECONOMICAL, THRIFTY
  — fru·gal·ly adverb

- fru·gal·i·ty /ˈfrʊɡəˌle.tē/ noun
  : the quality or state of being frugal

- fruit /ˈfrʊt/ noun
  [ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF frut, fruit, fr. L fructus fruit, use, fr. frui to enjoy, have the use of]
  1: a product of plant growth; especially: a usu. edible and sweet reproductive body (as a strawberry or apple) of a seed plant
  2: a product of fertilization in a plant; especially: the ripe ovary of a seed plant with its contents and appendages
  3: the effect or consequence of an action or operation
    — fruit·ed /ˈfrʊt.ɪd/ adjective

- fruit·cake /ˈfrʊt.kæks/ noun
  : a rich cake containing nuts, dried or candied fruits, and spices

- fruit·fly noun
  : any of various small dipteran flies whose larvae feed on fruit or decaying vegetable matter

- fruit·ful /ˈfrʊt.fəl/ adjective
  1: yielding or producing fruit
  2: very productive (<a ~ soil>); also: bringing results (<a ~ idea>)
    — fruit·ful·ly adverb
    — fruit·ful·ness noun

- fru·ition /ˈfrʊ.əˌʃan/ noun
  1: ENJOYMENT
  2: the state of bearing fruit
  3: the state of being realized: REALIZATION, ACCOMPLISHMENT

  Synonyms
  : accomplishment, achievement, actuality, attainment, consummation, fulfillment, realization

  Antonyms
  : naught, nonfulfillment
fruit·less /fru̇t·less/ adjective
1 : not bearing fruit
2 ▼ : not successful : UNSUCCESSFUL <a ~ attempt>
— fruit·less·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ abortive, futile, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless, vain—more at FUTILE

fruit·y /fru̇t·ē/ adjective fruit·i·er; -est
: resembling a fruit esp. in flavor

frumpy /frum·pē/ adjective frump·i·er; -est
: DOWDY, DRAB

frus·trate /fras·traɪt/ verb frus·trat·ed; frus·trat·ing
1 ▼ : to balk or defeat in an endeavor
2 : to induce feelings of insecurity, discouragement, or dissatisfaction in
3 : to bring to nothing
— frus·trat·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ baffle, balk, beat, checkmate, foil, thwart

frus·trat·ing adjective
▷ : tending to produce or characterized by frustration

Synonyms
▷ aggravating, annoying, bothersome, galling, irksome, irritating, pesty, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

frus·trat·ion /fras·traɪ·shən/ noun
1 ▼ : the state or an instance of being frustrated
2 ▼ : something that frustrates

Synonyms
▷ [1] disappointment, dismay, dissatisfaction, letdown—more at DISAPPOINTMENT
▷ [2] aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, vexation—more at ANNOYANCE

frus·tum /fras·təm/ noun, plural frustums or frus·ta /frəsta/
: the part of a cone or pyramid formed by cutting off the top by a plane parallel to the base

frwy abbreviation
freeway

1 fry /fri/ verb fried; fry·ing
[ORIGIN: ME frien, fr. AF frire, fr. L fricare to rub]
1 : to cook in a pan or on a griddle over heat esp. with the use of fat
2 : to undergo frying

2 fry noun, plural fries
1 : a social gathering where fried food is eaten
2 : a dish of something fried; esp, pl : FRENCH FRIES

3 fry noun, plural fry
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF frie, fr. freier, frier to rub, spawn, fr. L fricare to rub]
1 : recently hatched fishes; also : very small adult fishes
2 : members of a group or class <small ~>

fry·er /fri·er/ noun
1 : something (as a young chicken) suitable for frying
2 : a deep utensil for frying foods

FSLIC abbreviation
Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation

ft abbreviation
1 feet; foot
2 fort

**FTC** abbreviation
Federal Trade Commission

**FTP** /ɪ̞fˌtɛp/, noun
[ORIGIN: file transfer protocol]
: a system for transferring computer files esp. via the Internet
— **FTP** verb

**fuchsia** /ˈfyʊ.ʃə/ noun
1 : any of a genus of shrubs related to the evening primrose and grown for their showy nodding often red or purple flowers
2 : a vivid reddish purple color

**fuddle** /ˈfʌd.l̩/, verb fudled; fuddling
: MUDLE, CONFUSE

**fuddy–dud-** /ˈfʌdi.dʌdi/ noun, plural -dies
› : one that is old-fashioned, unimaginative, or conservative

**1fudge** /fʌd/ verb fugged; fudging
1 : to exceed the proper bounds of something
2 : to act dishonestly : CHEAT; also : FALSIFY
3 : to fail to come to grips with

**Synonyms**
› equivocate, hedge, pussyfoot—more at EQUIVOCATE

**2fudge** noun
1 › : a piece of foolish nonsense
2 : a soft candy of milk, sugar, butter, and flavoring

**Synonyms**
› bunk, folly, foolishness, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness—more at NONSENSE

**fuel** /ˈfyʊəl/ noun
: a material used to produce heat or power by burning; also : a material from which nuclear energy can be liberated

**2fuel** verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
: to provide with or take in fuel

**fuel cell** noun
: a device that continuously changes the chemical energy of a fuel directly into electrical energy

**fuel injection** noun
: a system for injecting a precise amount of atomized fuel into an internal combustion engine
— **fuel–in·ject·ed** /ˈfyʊəln.i.-ˈɛkt.d/ adjective

**1fugitive** /ˈfyʊ.ə.tɪv/ noun
1 : one who flees or tries to escape
2 : something elusive or hard to find

**2fugitive** adjective
1 : running away or trying to escape
2 › : likely to vanish suddenly : not fixed or lasting

**Synonyms**
› ephemeral, evanescent, flash, fleeting, impermanent, momentary, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient—more at MOMENTARY

**fugue** /ˈfyʊɡ/ noun
1 : a musical composition in which different parts successively repeat the theme
 fullest adjective suffix, sometimes -ful-er; sometimes -ful-est
1: full of <prideful>
2: characterized by <peaceful>
3: having the qualities of <masterful>
4: tending, given, or liable to <helpful>

fulcrum noun, plural fulcrums or fulcra /ˈfloyd/ noun suffix
: number or quantity that fills or would fill <roomful>

fulfill or fulfil verb fulfilled; fulfillment noun
1: to put into effect
2 ▶: to bring to an end
3 ▶: to meet the requirements of : SATISFY

Synonyms
» [2] accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, compass, do, execute, follow through, make, perform—more at PERFORM
» [3] answer, comply, fill, keep, meet, redeem, satisfy; also complete, conclude, finalize, finish; accomplish, achieve, bring about, bring off, effect; discharge, execute, perform

Antonyms
breach, break, violate

ful·ment noun
» : the act or process of fulfilling

Synonyms
» accomplishment, achievement, actuality, attainment, consummation, fruition, realization—more at FRUITION

full adjective
1 ▶: containing as much or as many as is possible or normal : FILLED
2 ▶: complete esp. in detail, number, or duration
3 ▶: having all the distinguishing characteristics <a ~ member>
4 ▶: being at the highest or greatest degree : MAXIMUM
5 : rounded in outline : being full or plump in form <a ~ figure>
6 : possessing or containing an abundance <~ of wrinkles>
7 : having an abundance of material <a ~ skirt>
8 ▶: satisfied esp. with food or drink
9 : having volume or depth of sound
10 : completely occupied with a thought or plan
— full-ness noun

Synonyms
» [1] brimful, crowded, filled, loaded, packed, replete, rife

Antonyms
bare, empty, stark, vacant
» [2] complete, comprehensive, detailed, encyclopedic, inclusive, universal—more at ENCYCLOPEDIC
» [3] complete, comprehensive, entire, total, whole—more at COMPLETE
» [4] maximum, top, utmost; also high

Antonyms
least, lowest, minimal, minimum
» [8] sated, satiate, satiated; also glutted, gorged

Antonyms
empty, hungry, starving

2 full adverb
1 : to a high degree : VERY, EXTREMELY
2 ▶ : to a complete degree : ENTIRELY
3 ▶ : STRAIGHT, SQUARELY <hit him ~ in the face>
   Synonyms
   ▶ altogether, completely, entirely, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY

3 full noun
1 : the highest or fullest state or degree
2 : the utmost extent
3 ▶ : the requisite or complete amount
   Synonyms
   ▶ aggregate, sum, total, totality, whole—more at WHOLE

4 full verb
: to shrink and thicken (woolen cloth) by moistening, heating, and pressing
   — full·er noun

full·back /'ful,bak/ noun
: a football back stationed between the halfbacks

full·blood·ed /'ful,blood·id/ adjective
▶ : of unmixed ancestry : PUREBRED
   Synonyms
   ▶ purebred, thoroughbred—more at PUREBRED

full·blown /'ful,blōn/ adjective
1 : being at the height of bloom
2 ▶ : fully mature or developed
   Synonyms
   ▶ adult, full-fledged, mature, ripe—more at MATURE

full·bod·ied /'ful,bod·id/ adjective
▶ : marked by richness and fullness
   Synonyms
   ▶ concentrated, full, potent, rich, robust, strong; also heavy; straight, undiluted, unmixed
   Antonyms
   ▶ light, mild, thin, weak

full dress noun
▶ : the style of dress worn for ceremonial or formal occasions
   Synonyms
   ▶ array, best, bravery, caparison, feather, finery, frippery, gaiety, regalia—more at FINERY

full·fledged /'ful,frid/ adjective
1 ▶ : fully developed
2 : having attained complete status <a ~ lawyer>
   Synonyms
   ▶ adult, full-blown, mature, ripe—more at MATURE

full house noun
: a poker hand containing three of a kind and a pair

full moon noun
: the moon with its whole disk illuminated

full·on /'ful,ōn, ...ən/ adjective
▶ COMPLETE, FULL-FLEDGED

full·scale /'ful,skāl/ adjective
1 : identical to an original in proportion and size (drawing)
2 : involving full use of available resources (revolt)

**Synonyms**
- all-out, clean, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, out-and-out, thorough, thoroughgoing, total—more at exhaustive

**full-tilt** /ˈfəl-təlt/ adjective
- : retained in the uterus for the normal period of gestation before birth (baby)

**full tilt** adverb
- : at high speed : with a rush

**Synonyms**
- fast, hastily, posthaste, rapidly, speedily, swiftly—more at fast

**full-time** /ˈfəl-tīm/ adjective or adverb
- : involving or working a normal or standard schedule

**ful·ly** /ˈfʌl.i/ adverb
1 : in a full manner or degree : COMPLETELY
2 : at least

**Synonyms**
- altogether, chiefly, completely, entirely, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, perfectly, primarily, principally, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly

**Antonyms**
- partially, partly

**ful·mi·nate** /ˈfəl-мə-nət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
[origin: ME, fr. ML fulminatus, pp. of fulminare, fr. L, to strike (of lightning), fr. fulmen lightning]
- : to utter or send out censure or invective : condemn severely

**Synonyms**
- bluster, rant, rave, spout—more at rant

**ful·mi·na·tion** /ˈfəl-мə-nə-shən/ noun
- : vehement menace or censure

**Synonyms**
- abuse, invective, vitriol, vituperation—more at abuse

**ful·some** /ˈfəl-səm/ adjective
1 : COPIOUS, ABUNDANT (detail)
2 : generous in amount or extent (victory)
3 : excessively flattering (praise)

**Synonyms**
- adulatory, unctuous

**fu·ma·role** /ˈfə-mə-rol/ noun
- : a hole in a volcanic region from which hot gases issue

**fumble** /ˈfʌm-bəl/ verb fum·bled; fum·bling
1 a : to grope about clumsily
b : make awkward attempts to do or find something
2 : to fail to hold, catch, or handle properly

**Synonyms**
- [1a] feel, fish, grope—more at groove
- [2] bobble, botch, bungle, flub, foul up, mangle, mess, muff

**fumble** noun
- : an act or instance of fumbling

**fume** /ˈfʌm/ noun
- : a usu. irritating smoke, vapor, or gas

**fume** verb fumed; fum·ing
1 : to treat with fumes
2 : to give off fumes
3 a † : to express anger or annoyance
   b ‡ : to be in a state of excited irritation or anger
   Synonyms
   † [3a] rage, storm—more at RAGE
   ‡ [3b] boil, burn, rage, seethe, steam—more at BOIL

fu·mi·gant /fyūˈmiɡənt/ noun
: a substance used for fumigation

fu·mi·gate /fyūˈmeɡət/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to treat with fumes to disinfect or destroy pests
   — fu·mi·ga·tion /fyūˈmeɡəˈkeiʃən/ noun
   — fu·mi·ga·tor /fyūˈmeɡəˈtər/ noun

1 fun /fən/ noun
[ORIGIN: E dial. fun to hoax]
1 ▷ : something that provides amusement or enjoyment
2 ▷ : the action or state of enjoying : ENJOYMENT
3 ▷ : a mood for finding or making amusement
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] delight, diversion, entertainment, pleasure
   Antonyms
   bore, bummer, downer, drag
   ▷ [3] game, jest, play, sport; also facetiousness, flippancy, levity
   Antonyms
   earnest

2 fun adjective
▷ : full of fun <a ~ person> <had a ~ time>
   Synonyms
   amusing, delightful, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, pleasurable

1 function /ˈfən(k)ʃən/ noun
1 ▷ : professional or official position of employment
2 : special purpose
3 ▷ : the particular purpose for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists <the ~ of a hammer>; also : the natural or proper action of a bodily part in a living thing <the ~ of the heart>
4 ▷ : a formal ceremony or social affair
5 ▷ : a mathematical relationship that assigns to each element of a set one and only one element of the same or another set
6 ▷ : a variable (as a quality, trait, or measurement) that depends on and varies with another <height is a ~ of age in children>
7 : a computer subroutine that performs a calculation with variables provided by a program
   — func·tion·al·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] appointment, billet, capacity, job, place, position, post, situation—more at JOB
   ▷ [3] capacity, job, part, place, position, purpose, role, task, work—more at ROLE
   ▷ [4] affair, blowout, event, fete, get-together, party—more at PARTY

2 function verb
▷ : to have or carry on a function
   Synonyms
   act, perform, serve, work; also operate, run; control, direct, manage

func·tion·al /fənʃən/ adjective
1 ▷ : performing or able to perform a regular function
2 : of, connected with, or being a function
Synonyms
- active, alive, living, on, operational, operative, running, working—more at ACTIVE
- applicable, practicable, practical, serviceable, usable, useful, workable—more at PRACTICAL

function-ary /fənˈʃənˌerē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
- one who performs a certain function; especially: one who holds a public office

  Synonyms
- officeholder, officer, official, public servant—more at OFFICIAL

function word noun
- a word (as a preposition, auxiliary verb, or conjunction) expressing the grammatical relationship between other words

1 fund /fund/ noun
[origin: L fundus bottom, country estate]
- a sum of money or resources intended for a special purpose
- STORE, SUPPLY
- a plural
- available money
- an available quantity of material or intangible resources
- an organization administering a special fund

  Synonyms
- [1] account, budget, deposit, kitty, nest egg, pool
- usually funds [3a] assets, capital, finances, pocket, purse, resources, wealth, wherewithal
- [3b] budget, pool, supply—more at SUPPLY

2 fund verb
- to provide funds for
- to convert (a short-term obligation) into a long-term interest-bearing debt

  Synonyms
- capitalize, endow, finance, stake, subsidize, underwrite—more at FINANCE

fun·da·men·tal /fənˈdaˌmen-təl/ adjective
- serving as an origin: PRIMARY
- serving as a basis supporting existence or determining essential structure or function: BASIC, ESSENTIAL
- of central importance: PRINCIPAL
- fundamental noun
- fundamental-ly adverb

  Synonyms
- basic, elemental, elementary, essential, rudimentary, underlying—more at ELEMENTARY

fun·da·men·tal·ism /ˌfən.daˌmenˈtal-ɪzəm/ noun
- a Protestant religious movement emphasizing the literal infallibility of the Bible
- a movement or attitude stressing strict adherence to a set of basic principles

  Synonyms
- the ceremonies held for a dead person usu. before burial
  - dolorous, funereal, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, sorrowful, woeful

2 funeral noun
- of, used for, or associated with burial

fun·e·real /ˌfən.əˈrēəl/ adjective
- of, relating to, or constituting a funeral

  Synonyms
- dolorous, funereal, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, sorrowful, woeful
1: of or relating to a funeral
2: suggesting a funeral

Synonyms
- black, bleak, depressing, dreary, gloomy, gray, somber

fungicide /ˈfʌŋ.d.ɪ.k.i.d/- noun
: an agent that kills or checks the growth of fungi

— fungicidal /ˈfʌŋ.d.ɪ.k.i.d.əl/ adjective

fungus /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/- noun, plural fungi /ˈfʌŋ.gi/- also fungi /ˈfʌŋ.gi/. /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/- also fungi /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/. also fungous /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/ adjective
: any of a kingdom of parasitic spore-producing organisms (as molds, mildews, and mushrooms) formerly classified as plants

— fungal /ˈfʌŋ.gəl/ adjective

funigus /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/ noun
: a cone-shaped utensil with a tube used for catching and directing a downward flow (as of liquid)

2: funnel verb -nelled also -nelled; -nelling also -nelling
1: to pass through or as if through a funnel
2: to move to a central point or into a central channel

Synonyms
- channel, conduct, direct, pipe, siphon—more at CHANNEL

funnies /ˈfʌn.ni.z/ noun plural
: a comic strip or a comic section (as of a newspaper)—used with the

1funny /ˈfʌn.ə/ adjective funny-er; -est
1: affording light mirth and laughter
2: seeking or intended to amuse
3: differing from the ordinary in a suspicious, perplexing, quaint, or eccentric way: peculiar
4: underhanded

— funny adverb

Synonyms
- [1, 2] amusing, antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, hilarious, humorous, laughable, ludicrous, mirthful, risible

Antonyms
- humorless, lame, uncomic, unfunny

— [3] bizarre, curious, odd, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, strange, weird

2funny noun, plural funnies
: a comic strip or a comic section (as of a newspaper)

funny bone noun
: a place at the back of the elbow where a blow easily compresses a nerve and causes a painful tingling sensation

fun·gi·cide /ˈfʌŋ.d.ɪ.k.i.d/- noun
: an agent that kills or checks the growth of fungi

— fungicidal /ˈfʌŋ.d.ɪ.k.i.d.əl/ adjective

fungus /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/- noun, plural fungi /ˈfʌŋ.gi/- also fungi /ˈfʌŋ.gi/. /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/- also fungi /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/. also fungous /ˈfʌŋ.gəs/ adjective
: any of a kingdom of parasitic spore-producing organisms (as molds, mildews, and mushrooms) formerly classified as plants

— fungal /ˈfʌŋ.gəl/ adjective

funicu·lar /ˌfʊ.nɪ.kju.ˈlær/ noun
: a cable railway ascending a mountain

1funk /ˈfʌŋk/- noun
: a strong offensive smell

2funk noun
: a depressed state of mind

funky /ˈfʌŋk.ki/- adjective funky-er; -est
1: having an earthy unsophisticated style and feeling; especially: having the style and feeling of older black American music
2: odd or quaint in appearance or style

1funnel /ˈfʌn.l/- noun
1: a cone-shaped utensil with a tube used for catching and directing a downward flow (as of liquid)

2: flue, smokestack

2funnel verb -nelled also -nelled; -nelling also -nelling
1: to pass through or as if through a funnel
2: to move to a central point or into a central channel

Synonyms
- channel, conduct, direct, pipe, siphon—more at CHANNEL

funnies /ˈfʌn.ni.z/ noun plural
: a comic strip or a comic section (as of a newspaper)—used with the

1funny /ˈfʌn.ə/ adjective funny-er; -est
1: affording light mirth and laughter
2: seeking or intended to amuse
3: differing from the ordinary in a suspicious, perplexing, quaint, or eccentric way: peculiar
4: underhanded

— funny adverb

Synonyms
- [1, 2] amusing, antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, hilarious, humorous, laughable, ludicrous, mirthful, risible

Antonyms
- humorless, lame, uncomic, unfunny

— [3] bizarre, curious, odd, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, strange, weird

2funny noun, plural funnies
: a comic strip or a comic section (as of a newspaper)

funny bone noun
: a place at the back of the elbow where a blow easily compresses a nerve and causes a painful tingling sensation
Fun·plex /fu:nˈpleks/ noun
: a center containing various entertainment facilities

Fur /fər/ noun
1 • an article of clothing made of or with fur
2 • the hairy coat of a mammal esp. when fine, soft, and thick
3 • an animal's coat dressed for use
4 • a coating resembling fur
— fur adjective
— furred /fərd/ adjective
Synonyms
• [2] coat, fleece, hair, pelage, pile, wool; also hide, pelt, skin
• [3] hide, pelt, skin—more at hide

Fur /fər/ abbreviation
Furlong

Fur·be·low /fərˈbɛˌləʊ/ noun
1 • a pleated or gathered piece of material
2 • showy trimming
Synonyms
• flounce, frill, ruffle—more at ruffle

Fur·blish /fərˈblish/ verb
1 • to make lustrous : polish
2 • to give a new look to : renovate

Fu·ri·ous /fyʊrˈe.əs/ adjective
1 • exhibiting or goaded by anger : indicative of or proceeding from anger
2 • boisterous
3 • existing in an extreme degree : intense
4 • full of activity
— fu·ri·ous·ly adverb
Synonyms
• [1] angry, enraged, irate—more at angry
• [3] deep, ferocious, fierce, hard, heavy, intense, profound, terrible—more at intense
• [4] crazy, delirious, excessive, extreme, feverish, fierce, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, inordinate, insane, intense, irrational, mad, rabid, vehement, violent, wild
Antonyms
relaxed

Furl /fərl/ verb
1 • to wrap or roll (as a sail or a flag) close to or around something
2 • to curl in furls
— furl noun

Fur·long /fərˈlɒŋ/ noun
: a unit of distance equal to 220 yards (about 201 meters)

Fur·lough /fərˈləʊ/ noun
[Origin: D verlof, lit., permission]
1 • a leave of absence from duty granted esp. to a soldier
2 • a leave of absence granted by an employer to an employee
— furlough verb

Fur·nace /fərˈnɑs/ noun
: an enclosed structure in which heat is produced

Fur·nish /fərˈnɪsh/ verb
1 • to provide with what is needed : equip
2 • to make available for use: SUPPLY, GIVE

*Synonyms*

• [1] accoutre, allocate, allot, assign, bestow, deal, dispense, distribute, donate, equip, fit, give, outfit, present, rig, store, supply
• [2] deliver, feed, give, hand, hand over, provide, supply

*Antonyms*

• hold (back), keep (back), reserve, retain, withhold

*fur-nish·ings/ˈnərˌshiŋz/ noun plural

1: articles or accessories of dress
2: an object that tends to increase comfort or utility; especially: an article of furniture

*fur-ni·ture/ˈfərnərē/ noun

1: equipment that is necessary or desirable
2: movable articles (as chairs or beds) for a room

*fur·ror/ˈfurˌrō/ noun

1: an angry or maniacal fit: RAGE
2: a contagious excitement; especially: a fashionable craze
3: furious or hectic activity: UPROAR

*Synonyms*

• [1] anger, fury, indignation, ire, outrage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness—more at ANGER
• [3] commotion, disturbance, pandemonium, tumult, turmoil, uproar—more at COMMOTION

*fu·rore/ˈfyərō/ noun

[ORIGIN: It]

1: a contagious excitement; especially: a fashionable craze
2: furious or hectic activity: UPROAR

*fur·ri·er/ˈfərər/ noun

: one who prepares or deals in fur

*fur·ring/ˈfərəŋ/ noun

: wood or metal strips applied to a wall or ceiling to form a level surface or an air space

1furrow/ˈfərō/ noun

1: a trench in the earth made by a plow
2: a narrow groove or wrinkle

*Synonyms*

• crease, crimp, crinkle, wrinkle—more at WRINKLE

2furrow verb

: to make or form furrows, grooves, wrinkles, or lines

fur·ry/ˈfərē/ adjective fur·ri·er; -est

1: resembling or consisting of fur
2: covered with fur

*Synonyms*

• [1] fuzzy, hairy, rough, shaggy, woolly—more at HAIRY
• [2] fleecy, hairy, hirsute, rough, shaggy, unshorn, woolly—more at HAIRY

1further/ˈfərthər/ adverb

1: at or to a greater distance or more advanced point: FARTHER
2: in addition: MOREOVER
3: to a greater extent or degree

*Synonyms*

• [1] beyond, farther, yonder—more at FARTHER
• [2] additionally, again, also, besides, more, moreover, then, too

2further verb

• to promote or help advance


**Synonyms**
- advance, cultivate, encourage, forward, foster, nourish, nurture, promote—more at [FOSTER](#)

### further adjective
1 : [FARTHER](#)
2 : going or extending beyond what exists : [ADDITIONAL](#)

**Synonyms**
- additional, another, else, farther, more, other—more at [ADDITIONAL](#)

### further-ance /ˈfər.ðər.əns/ noun
- the act of furthering

**Synonyms**
- advance, advancement, passage, process, procession, progress, progression—more at [ADVANCE](#)

### further-more /ˈfər.ðər.ˌmɔr/ adverb
- in addition to what precedes : [BESIDES](#)

**Synonyms**
- additionally, again, also, besides, more, too, withal, yet

### further-most /ˈfər.ðər.məst/ adjective
- most distant : [FARTHEST](#)

**furthest noun**
- to or at the greatest distance in space : [FARTHEST](#)

### fur·tive /ˈfɜr.tiv/ adjective
- done by stealth

— [fur·tive·ly](#) adverb
— [fur·tive·ness](#) noun

**Synonyms**
- clandestine, covert, secret, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover

### fury /ˈfɜr.i/ noun, plural furies
1 : intense and often destructive rage
2 : extreme fierceness or violence
3 : a state of inspired exaltation : [FRENZY](#)
4 : one who resembles an avenging spirit; especially : a spiteful woman

**Synonyms**
- [1] anger, furor, indignation, ire, outrage, rage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness—more at [ANGER](#)
- [3] agitation, delirium, distraction, frenzy, furor, hysteria, rage, rampage, uproar—more at [FRENZY](#)
- [4] harpy, shrew, termagant, virago—more at [SHREW](#)

### furze /ˈfɜr.zə/ noun
- [GORSE](#)

#### 1 fuse /ˈfyʊz/ verb fused; fusing
1 : to reduce to a liquid or plastic state by heat : [MELT](#)
2 : to unite by or as if by melting together

— [fus·ible](#) adjective

**Synonyms**
- [1] deliquesce, flux, liquefy, melt, run, thaw—more at [LIQUEFY](#)
- [2] associate, coalesce, combine, couple, join, link, marry, unify, unite—more at [UNITE](#)
- [2] amalgamate, blend, commingle, merge, mingle—more at [MIX](#)

#### 2 fuse noun
- an electrical safety device having a metal wire or strip that melts and interrupts the circuit when the current becomes too strong
3 fuse noun
1 : a cord or cable that is set afire to ignite an explosive charge
2 usually fuse : a mechanical or electrical device for setting off the explosive charge of a projectile, bomb, or torpedo

4 fuse also fuze /ˈfyúz/ verb fused or fuzed; fus·ing or fuz·ing : to equip with a fuse

fuse·lage /ˈfyū_.səˌlāzhˌ.zə/ noun
: the central body portion of an aircraft

fuse·lade /ˈfyū_.səˌlādˌlād/ noun
1 : a number of shots fired simultaneously or in rapid succession
2 ▶ : something that gives the effect of a fusillade

Synonyms
 ▶ barrage, bombardment, cannonade, hail, salvo, shower, storm, volley—more at BARRAGE

fu·sion /ˈfyū_zhən/ noun
1 : the act or process of melting or making plastic by heat
2 ▶ : union by or as if by melting
3 : the union of light atomic nuclei to form heavier nuclei with the release of huge quantities of energy

Synonyms
 ▶ [2] admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, composite, compound, intermixture, mix, mixture—more at BLEND

fuss /fus/ noun
1 ▶ : needless bustle or excitement : COMMOTION
2 : effusive praise
3 ▶ : a state of agitation
4 ▶ : an act of objecting
5 ▶ : DISPUTE

Synonyms
 ▶ [1] bother, bustle, commotion, hubbub, hullabaloo, pandemonium, stir, tumult, turmoil, uproar—more at COMMOTION
 ▶ [3] dither, fluster, fret, huff, lather, pother, stew, tizzy, twitter—more at FRET
 ▶ [4] complaint, demur, grievance, gripe, objection, protest, question, remonstrance—more at OBJECTION

2 fuss verb
1 : to make a fuss
2 a ▶ : to give flattering or doting attention to
b : to pay close or undue attention to small details
3 ▶ : to express annoyance or complaint

Synonyms
 ▶ [2a] enthuse, fawn, gush, rave, rhapsodize, slobber—more at GUSH
 ▶ [3] beef, carp, complain, crab, gripe, grouse, moan, squawk

fuss·bud·get /ˈfus_.bə.jət/ noun
: one who fusses or is fussy about trifles

fussy /ˈfə_.sē/ adjective fuss·i·er; -est
1 ▶ : nervous or easily upset
2 : overly decorated
3 ▶ : requiring or giving close attention or concern to details or niceties; also : overly difficult to please

— fuss·i·ly /ˌsaˌlē/ adverb
— fuss·i·ness /ˈsaˌnəs/ noun

Synonyms
 ▶ [1] crabby, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, querulous; also fidgety, restive, restless, uneasy; discontented, disgruntled, displeased, dissatisfied; fretful, nervous, worrisome; cantankerous, crotchety, irascible, irritable, ornery

Antonyms
uncomplaining
    ✧ [3] choosy, dainty, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, meticulous, painstaking, particular, picky—more at FINICKY

fus·tian /ˈfus.ʃən/ noun
1 : a strong usu. cotton fabric
2 : pretentious writing or speech
    — fustian adjective

fus·ty /ˈfus.ti/ adjective fus·ti·er; -est
[origin: prob. alter. of ME foisted, foist musty, fr. foist wine cask, fr. AF fust, fuist wood, tree trunk, cask]
1 ✧ saturated with dust and stale odors : MUSTY
2 : OLD-FASHIONED
    ✧ Synonyms
      malodorous, musty, smelly—more at MALODOROUS

fut abbreviation
future

fu·tile /ˈfyū.təl, ˈfyū.əl/ adjective
1 ✧ serving no useful purpose : USELESS, VAIN
2 : FRIVOLOUS, TRIVIAL
    — futile·ly adverb
    — fu·tile·ty /ˈfyū.təl.i.ti/ noun
    ✧ Synonyms
      empty, fruitless, hopeless, ineffective, meaningless, pointless, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless, vain
    ✧ Antonyms
      effective, fruitful, productive, profitable, successful

fu·ton /ˈfyū.tən/ noun
[origin: Jp]
: a usu. cotton-filled mattress used on the floor or in a frame as a bed, couch, or chair

futu·rism /ˈfyū.chəˌrizəm/ noun
: a modern movement in art, music, and literature that tries esp. to express the energy and activity of mechanical processes

futu·rist /ˈfyū.chəˌrist/ noun
✧ : one who studies and predicts the future esp. on the basis of current trends
    ✧ Synonyms
      augur, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, prognosticator, prophet, seer, soothsayer—more at PROPHET

fu·tu·ri·tic /ˈfyū.chəˌrīs.tik/ adjective
: of or relating to the future or to futurism; also : very modern

fu·tu·ri·ty /ˈfyū.chəˌri.ti, ˈfyū.rə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : time that is to come : FUTURE
2: the quality or state of being future
3 plural: future events or prospects

fuze variant of FUSE

fuzz /fuz/ noun
›: fine light particles or fibers (as of down or fluff)

Synonyms
› down, floss, fluff, fur, lint, nap, pile; also batting

fuzzy /ˈfuz·ə/ adjective fuzz·i·er; -est
1›: having or resembling fuzz
2›: lacking in clarity or definition
3›: being or relating to pleasant usu. sentimental emotions (<~ feelings>)
— fuzz·i·ness /ˈfuz·əˌnis/ noun

Synonyms
› [1] furry, hairy, rough, shaggy, woolly—more at HAIRY
› [2] indefinite, unclear, vague—more at VAGUE

fuzzy logic noun
: a system of logic in which a statement can be true, false, or any of a continuum of values in between

fwd abbreviation
forward

FWD abbreviation
front-wheel drive

FY abbreviation
fiscal year

-fy verb suffix
: make : form into <dandy>

FYI abbreviation
for your information
g /g/ noun, plural g's or gs /gз/ often cap
1: the 7th letter of the English alphabet
2: a unit of force equal to the force exerted by gravity on a body at rest and used to indicate the force to which a body is subjected when accelerated
3: slang: a sum of $1000

2g abbreviation, often cap
1 game
2 gauge
3 good
4 gram
5 gravity

ga abbreviation
1 game
2 gauge
3 general purpose
4 gram
5 gravity

Ga abbreviation
1 game
2 gauge
3 general purpose
4 gram
5 gravity

Ga abbreviation
1 game
2 gauge
3 general purpose
4 gram
5 gravity

Ga abbreviation
1 game
2 gauge
3 general purpose
4 gram
5 gravity

Gab /gæb/ verb gabbed; gab·bing
✓: to talk in a rapid or thoughtless manner: CHATTER
— gab noun
  Synonyms
  — babble, blab, chat, chatter, gas, jabber, jaw, palaver, patter, prattle, run on, talk—more at CHAT

Gab·bard·ine /'gaˌbәrdən/ noun
1: GABERDINE 1
2: a firm durable twilled fabric having diagonal ribs and made of various fibers; also: a garment of gabardine

Gab·ble /gæb/ verb gab·bled; gab·bling
✓: to talk fast or foolishly: JABBER, BABBLE
  Synonyms
  — babble, chatter, drivel, gibber, jabber, prattle, sputter—more at BABBLE

Gab·by /gæb/ adjective gab·bi·er; -est
✓: pointlessly or annoyingly talkative: GARRULOUS
  Synonyms
  — chatty, conversational, garrulous, loquacious, talkative—more at TALKATIVE

Gab·er·dine /'gaˌbәrdən/ noun
1: a long loose outer garment worn in medieval times and associated esp. with Jews
2: GABARDINE 2

Gab·fest /gæbˌfest/ noun
1: an informal gathering for general talk
2: an extended conversation
  Synonyms
  — chat, chatter, chitchat, gossip, palaver, rap, talk—more at CHAT

Gab·ble /'gәˌbәl/ noun
: the vertical triangular end of a building formed by the sides of the roof sloping from the ridge down to the eaves
  — ga·bled  /bauld/ adjective

Gab·o·nese  /gaˌboʊˈnes/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Gabon
  — Gabonese adjective

gad  /gad/ verb gad·ded; gad·ding
  1: to be constantly active without specific purpose — usu. used with about
  — gad·der noun
  Synonyms usually gad about
  • gallivant, knock, meander, rove, traipse, wander—more at WANDER

gad·about  /gaˌdəˈboʊt/ noun
: a person who flits about in social activity

gad·fly  /gadˈfl/ noun
  1: a fly that bites or harasses livestock
  2: a person who annoys esp. by persistent criticism
  Synonyms
  • annoyance, bother, nuisance, persecutor, pest, tease—more at NUISANCE

gad·get  /gædʒ/ noun
: an often small mechanical or electronic device with a practical use but often thought of as a novelty:
  CONTRIVANCE
  — gad·get·ry  /gædʒəˈri/ noun
  Synonyms
  • contraption, contrivance, gimmick, gizmo, jigger; also implement, instrument, tool, utensil; ingenuity, innovation, invention; accessory, adjunct; mechanism, trick

gad·o·lin·i·um  /ɡɑdəˈlɪnɪəm/ noun
: a magnetic metallic chemical element
  1Ga·el  /ɡæl/ noun
: a Celtic inhabitant of Ireland or Scotland
  2Ga·el  abbreviation
  Gaelic
Gael·ic  /ɡælik/ adjective
: of or relating to the Gaels or their languages
  — Gaelic noun

gaff  /gæf/ noun
  1: a spear used in taking fish or turtles; also: a metal hook for holding or lifting heavy fish
  2: the spar supporting the top of a fore-and-aft sail
  3: rough treatment
  — gaff verb

gaffe  /ɡæf/ noun
  1: a usu. social blunder
  Synonyms
  • familiarity, impropriety, indiscretion—more at IMPROPRIETY

gaf·fer  /ɡæfər/ noun
  1: an old man
  2: a lighting electrician on a motion-picture or television set
  — gaff verb

gag  /gæɡ/ verb gagged; gag·ging
  1: to restrict use of the mouth with a gag
  2: to prevent from speaking freely
3 v : to retch or cause to retch
4 : OBSTRUCT, CHOKE
5 : BALK
6 : to make quips
— gag-ger noun
  Synonyms
    heave, spit up, throw up, vomit—more at VOMIT
2 gag noun
  1 : something thrust into the mouth esp. to prevent speech or outcry
  2 : an official check or restraint on free speech
  3 v : a laugh-provoking remark or act
  4 : PRANK, TRICK
  Synonyms
    crack, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantry, quip, sally, waggy, wisecrack, witticism—more at JOKE
1 gage /gā/ noun
  1 : a token of defiance; especially : a glove or cap cast on the ground as a pledge of combat
  2 v : something deposited as a pledge of performance : SECURITY
    Synonyms
      guarantee, guaranty, pawn, pledge, security—more at PLEDGE
2 gage variant of GAUGE

gag·gle /gag·gəl noun
[origin: ME gagyl, fr. gagelen to cackle]
  1 : a flock of geese
  2 : an unorganized group

gai·ety /gā·ə·tē/ noun, plural -eties
  1 v : festive activity : MERRYMAKING
  2 : MERRIMENT
  3 v : dressy or showy clothing and jewels : FINERY
    Synonyms
      [1] conviviality, festivity, jollification, merriment, merrymaking, revelry—more at MERRYMAKING
      [3] array, best, bravery, caparison, feather, finery, frippery, full dress, regalia—more at FINERY

gai·ly /gā·lē/ adverb
  1 v : in a gay manner
    Synonyms
      cheerfully, happily, heartily, jovially, merrily, mirthfully; also blithely, breezily, brightly; cheerily, gladly; good-naturedly
      Antonyms
        bleakly, cheerlessly, darkly, heavily, miserably, morosely, unhappily
      exuberantly, jauntily, sprightly; also friskily, playfully, briskly, crisply, breezeily
    Antonyms
      dully, inanimately, sluggishly, tardily
      flamboyantly, flashily, jauntily, rakishly; also gaudily, loud, loudly; fancily, gallantly, ornately; nattily, neatly, smartly; conspicuously, luridly, strikingly; splendidly
      Antonyms
        conservatively, plain, quietly

1 gain /gān noun
  1 v : resources or advantage acquired or increased : PROFIT
  2 : ACQUISITION, ACCUMULATION
  3 v : an increase in amount, magnitude, or degree
    Synonyms
      [1] earnings, lucre, net, payoff, proceeds, profit, return—more at PROFIT
      [3] accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise,
supplement—more at INCREASE

gain verb
1 : to get possession of usu. by effort, merit, or craft : EARN
2 : WIN ~ a victory
3 : to increase in ~ momentum
4 : PERSUADE
5 : to arrive at
6 : ACHIEVE ~ strength
7 : to run fast <the watch ~ s a minute a day
8 : PROFIT
9 : INCREASE
10 : to improve in health
— gain·er noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, garner, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN
▷ [3] build, gather, grow, pick up; also accrue, accumulate, amass; excite, stimulate; enhance, enrich, maximize; boost, jack (up), mount, step up
Antonyms
decrease (in), lose
▷ [10] convalesce, heal, mend, rally, recover, recuperate, snap back—more at CONVALESC

gain·ful /gân.fål/ adjective
▷ : productive of gain : PROFITABLE
— gain·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ fat, lucrative, profitable, remunerative—more at PROFITABLE

gain·say /gân.'sā/ verb -said /.'sād/, -sed/, -say·ing; -saying; -says /.'sāz.,.'sez/ [origin: ME gainsayen, fr. gain against + -sayen to say] 1 : to declare to be untrue or invalid : DENY 2 : to speak against
— gain·say·er noun

Synonyms
▷ contradict, deny, disallow, disavow, disclaim, negate, negative, reject, repudiate—more at DENY

gait /gāt/ noun
: manner of moving on foot; also : a particular pattern or style of such moving
— gait·ed adjective

gai·ter /gā.tər/ noun
1 : a leg covering reaching from the instep to ankle, mid-calf, or knee
2 : an overshoe with a fabric upper
3 : an ankle-high shoe with elastic gores in the sides

1 gal /gal/ noun
: a young unmarried woman : GIRL

gal abbreviation
gallon

Gal abbreviation
Galatians

gá·la /gā.lə, 'gə., 'gā.lə/ noun
▷ a festive celebration : FESTIVITY
— gala adjective

Synonyms
▷ carnival, celebration, festival, festivity, fete, fiesta, jubilee—more at FESTIVAL
galactic /ˈɡælə-tɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to a galaxy

Galatians /ˈɡælə-ˌtiːənz/ noun

galaxy /ˈɡælə-ˌsē/ noun, plural -axies
1 often cap: MILKY WAY GALAXY — used with the
2: a very large group of stars
3: an assemblage of brilliant or famous persons or things

gale /ˈɡæl/ noun
1: a strong wind
2: an emotional outburst <~s of laughter>

Synonyms
agony, burst, eruption, explosion, fit, flare, flare-up, flash, flush, gush, gust, outburst, paroxysm, spasm, storm
—more at OUTBURST

galena /ˈɡælə-ənə/ noun
: a lustrous bluish gray mineral that consists of the sulfide of lead and is the chief ore of lead

gall /ˈɡɔl/ noun
1: BILE
2: something bitter to endure
3: bitterness of spirit: RANCOR
4: brazen boldness coupled with impudent assurance and insolence: IMPUDENCE

Synonyms
[3] animosity, antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, enmity, grudge, hostility, rancor—more at ENMITY
[4] audacity, brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, impudence, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness, tenuity—more at EFFRONTERY

gall noun
: a skin sore caused by chafing

gall verb
1: to make or become sore or worn by rubbing: CHAFE
2: to provoke impatience, anger, or displeasure in: VEX

Synonyms
[1] abrade, chafe, erode, fray, fret, rub, wear—more at ABRIDE
[2] aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettlesome, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE

gall noun
: an abnormal outgrowth of plant tissue usu. due to parasites

gallant /ˈɡæl.lənt/ noun
1: a young man of fashion
2: a man who shows a marked fondness for the company of women and who is esp. attentive to them
3: one who courts a woman or seeks to marry her: SUITOR

Synonyms
buck, dandy, dude, fop—more at DANDY

gallant (usual for 2, 3, 4); Ga. /ˈɡæl.lənt/ adjective
1: showy in dress or bearing: SMART
2: impressive in size or splendor: SPLENDID, STATELY
3: full of energy, animation, or courage: SPIRITED, BRAVE
4: nobly chivalrous and often self-sacrificing
5: polite and attentive to women

Synonyms
• [3] brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, heroic, intrepid, spirited, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE
• [4] chivalrous, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lofty, lordly, magnanimous, noble, sublime—more at NOBLE

gal·lant·ly adverb
 treści
: in a gallant manner
Synonyms
	: grandly, greatly, heroically, honorably, magnanimously, nobly—more at GREATLY

gal·lant·ry /ga.lan.tri/ noun, plural -ries

1 archaic : gallant appearance
2 : an act of marked courtesy
3 : courteous attention to a woman
4 : conspicuous bravery
Synonyms
	: bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE

gall-blad·der /ga.ləd.ər/ noun
	: a membranous muscular sac attached to the liver and serving to store bile

gal·le·on /ga.ən/ noun
	: a large square-rigged sailing ship formerly used esp. by the Spanish

gal·le·ria /ga.lə.ə/ noun

[origin: It]
	: a roofed and usu. glass-enclosed promenade or court

gal·ler·y /ga.lər.i/ noun, plural -ler·ies

1 : an outdoor balcony; also : PORCH, VERANDA
2 : a long narrow passage, apartment, or hall
3 : a narrow passage (as one made underground by a miner or through wood by an insect)
4 : a room where works of art are exhibited; also : an organization dealing in works of art
5 : a balcony in a theater, auditorium, or church; especially : the highest one in a theater
6 : the spectators at a tennis or golf match
7 : a photographer's studio
— gal·ler·ied /rəd/ adjective
Synonyms
	: corridor, hall, hallway, passage—more at HALL

gal·ley /ga.əl/ noun, plural galleys

1 : a long low ship propelled esp. by oars and formerly used esp. in the Mediterranean Sea
2 : the kitchen esp. of a ship or airplane
3 : a proof of typeset matter esp. in a single column

Gal·lic /ga lik/ adjective
	: of or relating to Gaul or France

gal·li·mau·fry /ga la.mə.frə/ noun, plural -fries

[origin: MF galimafree stew]
	: HODGEPODGE

gall·ing /go lin/
	: markedly irritating
Synonyms
	: aggravating, annoying, bothersome, frustrating, irksome, irritating, pesty, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

gal·li·nule /gə la.nələ/ noun
	: any of several aquatic birds related to the rails
gal-li·um /ˈgæliˌəm/ noun
: a bluish white metallic chemical element

gal-li·vant /ˈgæliˌvant/ verb
▸ : to travel, roam, or move about for pleasure

Synonyms
▸ gad, knock, moulder, meander, mope, ramble, range, roam, rive, traipse, wander—more at WANDER

gal·lon /ˈgælən/ noun
: a unit of liquid capacity equal to 231 cubic inches or four quarts

1 gallop /ˈgælop/ verb
1 : to go or cause to go at a gallop
2 : to run fast

— gal·lop·er noun

Synonyms
▸ dash, jog, run, scamper, sprint, trip—more at RUN

2 gallop noun
1 : a bounding gait of a quadruped; especially : a fast 3-beat gait of a horse
2 : a ride or run at a gallop

gal·lows /ˈgæləlz/ noun, plural gallows or gal·lows·es
: a frame usu. of two upright posts and a crosspiece from which criminals are hanged; also : the punishment of hanging

gall·stone /ˈgɔlˌstān/ noun
: an abnormal concretion occurring in the gallbladder or bile passages

gal·lus·es /ˈgæləsˌēz/ noun plural
: SUSPENDERS

gal·lore /ˈgælərər/ adjective
[origin: Ir go leor enough] : amply supplied : characterized by, constituting, or existing in plenty

gal·louch /ˈgæləush/ noun
: a high overshoe

galv abbreviation

galvanized
gal·va·nise British variant of GALVANIZE

gal·va·nize /ˈgal-ve-niz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
1 ▸ : to stimulate as if by an electric shock
2 : to coat (iron or steel) with zinc

— gal·va·ni·za·tion /ˈgal-veˌne.ˈzä-shən/ noun
— gal·va·ni·zer noun

Synonyms
▸ electrify, excite, exhilarate, intoxicate, thrive, titillate, turn on—more at THRILL

gal·va·nom·e·ter /ˈgal-vo-ˌnom-ə-tər/ noun
: an instrument for detecting or measuring a small electric current

Gam·bi·an /ˈgam-bē-ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Gambia
— Gambian adjective

gam·bit /ˈgam-bit/ noun
[origin: It gambetto, lit., act of tripping someone, fr. gamba leg] 1 : a chess opening in which a player risks one or more minor pieces to gain an advantage in position
2: a calculated move: STRATAGEM

1 gambler /'gam bal/ verb gam·bled: gam·bling
1: to play a game for money or property
2: to bet on an uncertain outcome: WAGER
3: to expose to hazard: VENTURE, HAZARD
   Synonyms
   • [2] bet, go, lay, stake, wager—more at BET
   • usually gamble on [2] chance, hazard, risk, venture—more at RISK
   • usually gamble with [3] adventure, compromise, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, menace, risk, venture

2 gamble noun
•: something chancy
   Synonyms
   • chance, enterprise, flier, speculation, venture; also bet, hazard, stake, wager; dark horse, long shot, play

gam·bol /'gam bol/ verb -boled or -bolled; -bol·ing or -bol·ling
•: to skip about in play: FRISK
   Synonyms
   • caper, cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, lark, rollick, romp, sport—more at FROLIC

gambol noun
•: a skipping or leaping about in play

gam·brel roof /'gam brel/ noun
•: a roof with a lower steeper slope and an upper flatter one on each side

1 game /'gäm/ noun
1: AMUSEMENT, DIVERSION
2: often derisive or mocking jesting: SPORT, FUN
3: a procedure or strategy for gaining an end: SCHEME, PROJECT
4: a line of work: PROFESSION
5: a physical or mental competition conducted according to rules with the participants in direct opposition to each other: CONTEST
6: animals hunted for sport or food; also: the flesh of a game animal
   Synonyms
   • [2] fun, jest, play, sport—more at FUN
   • [3] arrangement, blueprint, design, plan, project, scheme, strategy, system—more at PLAN
   • [5] bout, competition, contest, event, match, meet, tournament; also athletics, sport; battle, conflict, scrimmage, skirmish, struggle, tug-of-war, tussle; championship, final, nightcap, play-off, semifinal; derby, field day, open; marathon, race; heat, round, run, set; rally, volley; rubber, runoff, sudden death; dead heat, photo finish, seesaw; classic

2 game verb gamed; gam·ing
•: to play for a stake: GAMBLE

3 game adjective
•: having or showing a resolute unyielding spirit; also: willing or ready to proceed
   — game·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   • amenable, disposed, glad, inclined, ready, willing—more at WILLING

4 game adjective
•: LAME <a ~ leg>

game·cock /'gäm .. kæk/ noun
•: a rooster trained for fighting

game fish noun
•: SPORT FISH
game·keeper /ˈgāmˌkēpər/ noun
: a person in charge of the breeding and protection of game animals or birds on a private preserve

game·ness noun
▷: the state or quality of being game
   Synonyms
   ▷ alacrity, goodwill, willingness—more at ALacrITY

game·some /ˈgāmˌsəm/ adjective
: MERRY

game·ster /ˈgāmˌstər/ noun
: a person who gambles

gam·ete /ˈgā.mēt/ noun
: a mature germ cell
   — ga·met·ic /ˈgā.mē.tik/ adjective

game theory noun
: the analysis of a situation involving conflicting interests (as in business) in terms of gains and losses among opposing players

gam·in /ˈgā.mən/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1: a boy who hangs around on the streets
2: GAMINE 2

ga·mine /ˈgā.mən/ noun
1: a girl who hangs around on the streets
2: a small playfully mischievous girl

gam·ma /ˈgā.mə/ noun
: the 3d letter of the Greek alphabet — Γ or γ

gamma globulin noun
: a blood protein fraction rich in antibodies; also: a solution of this from human blood donors that is given to provide immunity against some infectious diseases (as measles)

gamma ray noun
: a photon emitted by a radioactive substance; also: a high-energy photon — usu. used in pl.

gam·mer /ˈgā.mər/ noun, archaic
: an old woman

gam·mon /ˈgā.mən/ noun, chiefly British
: a cured ham or side of bacon

gam·ut /ˈgā.mət/ noun
▷: an entire range or series
   Synonyms
   ▷ range, scale, spectrum, spread, stretch—more at RANGE

gamy or gam·ey /ˈgā.mē/ adjective gam·i·er; -est
1: GAME, PLUCKY
2: having the flavor of game esp. when near tainting
3: SCANDALOUS; also: DISREPUTABLE
   — gam·i·ness /ˈmē.nəs/ noun
1: gander /ˈgāndər/ noun
: a male goose
2: gander noun
▷: the act of looking: GLANCE
**Synonyms**
- cast, eye, glance, glimpse, look, peek, peep, regard, sight, view—more at [LOOK](#)

1. **gang** /'gæn/ noun
   - 1: a set of implements or devices arranged to operate together
   - 2 a : a group of persons working or associated together
   - b : a group of criminals or young delinquents

   **Synonyms**
   - [2a] band, company, crew, outfit, party, squad, team; also army, battalion, brigade, corps, troop; force, host, posse, stable, troupe; administration, department, help, personnel, staff
   - [2a] body, bunch, circle, clan, clique, community, coterie, crowd, fold, lot, ring, set; also bevy, covey, flock, herd, horde, mob, swarm, throng; club, college, fellowship, guild, league, organization, society; cohort, pack; camp, faction, sect, side, tribe; mess, squad; brotherhood, fraternity, order, sisterhood, sorority; commune; alliance, bloc, coalition, confederation, congress, council, federation, union
   - [2b] cabal, conspiracy, mob, ring, syndicate—more at [RING](#)

2. **gang** verb
   - 1: to attack in a gang — usu. used with up
   - 2: to form into or move or act as a gang

**gang-land** /'gæn_.land/ noun
: the world of organized crime

**gangling** /'gæn_.glin/ adjective
- loosely and awkwardly built: [LANKY](#)

**ganglion** /'gæn_.glē.ən/ noun, plural -glia /-ə/ also -gli-ons
: a mass of nerve tissue containing cell bodies of neurons outside the central nervous system; also: [NUCLEUS](#)

- **ganglionic** /'gæn_.gli.ə_.nik/ adjective

**gangly** /'gæn_.gli.ə/ adjective
: [GANGLING](#)

**gangplank** /'gæn_.plank/ noun
: a movable bridge from a ship to the shore

**gang-plow** /'pləu/ noun
: a plow that turns two or more furrows at one time

**gangrene** /'gæn_.grēn, gæn_.grēn/ noun
: the death of soft tissues in a local area of the body due to loss of the blood supply

- **gangrene** verb

- **gangrous** /'gæn_.grəs/ noun

**gangster** /'gæn_.stər/ noun
- a member of a gang of criminals: [RACKETEER](#)

**gangway** /'gæn_.wā/ noun
- 1: PASSAGEWAY; also: [GANGPLANK](#)
- 2: clear passage through a crowd

**gannet** /'gæn_.nət/ noun, plural gannets also gannet
: any of several large fish-eating usu. white and black seabirds that breed chiefly on offshore islands

**gantlet** variant of [GAUNTLET](#)

**gantry** /'gæn_.trē/ noun, plural gantries
gap /gæp/ noun
1: BREACH, CLEFT
2: a mountain pass
3: a blank space; also: an incomplete or deficient area
4: a wide difference in character or attitude
5: a problem caused by a disparity <credibility ~> 

Synonyms
- [2] canyon, defile, flume, gorge, gulch, gulf, notch, pass, ravine—more at CANYON
- [3] breach, break, gulf, hole, opening, rent, rift, separation; also chink, cleft, crack, cranny, crevice, fissure; notch, slit, slot, split; pore, space; abyss, aperture, cavity, chasm, gape, orifice; fracture, rupture, severance, sundering
- [3] discontinuity, hiatus, interim, interlude, intermission, interruption, interval; also caesura, pause, space; lapse, suspension; lull, recess, respite, rest

Antonyms
- continuation, continuity

gape /ɡæp/ verb gaped; gap·ing
1: to open the mouth wide
2: to open or part widely
3: to stare with mouth open
4: YAWN

Synonyms
- gawk, gaze, goggle, peer, rubberneck, stare; also glare, gloat, glower; eye, observe, watch; leer, ogle

gar /ɡær/ noun
: any of several fishes that have a long body resembling that of a pike and long narrow jaws

Gar abbreviation

garage /ˈɡærɪdʒ/ noun
[Origin: F, act of docking, garage, fr. garer to dock, fr. MF garrer, prob. ultim. fr. ON vara to beware, take care] 
: a shelter or repair shop for automobiles

garage verb ga·rag·ed; ga·rag·ing
: to keep or put in a garage

garage sale noun
: a sale of used household or personal articles held on the seller's own premises

garb /ˈɡɑr/ noun
1: style of dress
2: outward form: APPEARANCE

Synonyms
- dress, getup, guise, outfit—more at OUTFIT

garb verb
- to cover with or as if with clothing

Synonyms
- apparel, array, attire, caparison, clothe, deck, dress, invest, rig, suit—more at CLOTHE
gar-bage /gærˌbæd/ noun
1 : food waste
2 : unwanted or useless material
— gar-bage-man /ˌmæn/ noun

Synonyms
- chaff, deadwood, dust, junk, litter, refuse, ruff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste; also offal, sewage, slop, swill, wash; debris, detritus, rubble, ruins; odds and ends; flotsam, jetsam; cull, discard, reject, throwaway

Antonyms
- find, prize

gar-ble /gærˈbəl/ verb gar-bled; gar-bling

: to distort the meaning of a story

Synonyms
- color, distort, falsify, misinterpret, misrepresent, misstate, pervert, twist, warp; also belie, camouflage, disguise, mask, veil; complicate, confuse, confound, mix up; mystify, obscure, puzzle; equivocate, fib, lie, palter, prevaricate

gar-con /gærˈsɔːr/ noun, plural garcons /ˈsɔr ˌsɔr/2
[origin: F, boy, servant]
1: WAITER

gard-en /gærˈdɛn/ noun
1 : a plot for growing fruits, flowers, or vegetables
2 : a public recreation area; especially : one for displaying plants or animals

garden verb
: to lay out or work in a garden
— gar-den-er noun

gar-de-nia /gærˈdɛn.iə/ noun
[origin: NL, genus name, fr. Alexander Garden †1791 Scot. naturalist]
: any of a genus of tropical trees or shrubs that are related to the madder and have fragrant white or yellow flowers; also : one of these trees

garden-vari-ety adjective
: COMMONPLACE, ORDINARY

gar-fish /gærˈfish/ noun
: GAR

gar-gan-tuan /gærˈgæn.tʃoʊn/ adjective, often cap
: of tremendous size or volume

gar-gle /gærˈɡeɪl/ verb gar-gled; gar-gling
: to rinse the throat with liquid agitated by air forced through it from the lungs
— gargle noun

gar-goyle /gærˈgoʊ(ə)l/ noun
1 : a waterspout in the form of a grotesque human or animal figure projecting from the roof or eaves of a building
2 : a grotesquely carved figure

gar-ish /gærˈiʃ/ adjective
1 : clothed in vivid colors : excessively or disturbingly vivid
2 : tastelessly showy : FLASHY, GAUDY

Synonyms
- flamboyant, flashy, gaudy, glitzy, loud, ostentatious, swank, tawdry—more at GAUDY

gar-lan-dy /gærˈlænd/ noun
: WREATH, CHAPLET

garland verb

gar·lic /ˈɡɑːr lɪk/ noun
[origin: ME garlek, fr. OE gārlēac, fr. gār spear + lēac leek]
: an herb related to the lilies and grown for its pungent bulbs used in cooking; also: its bulb
—gar·licky /ˈɡɑːrləkə/ adjective

gar·ment /ˈɡɑːr mənt/ noun
: an article of clothing

gar·ner /ˈɡɑːrnər/ verb
1: to gather into storage
2: to acquire by effort
3: to pick up: ACCUMULATE, COLLECT
   Synonyms
   - [2] acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN
   - [3] accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, concentrate, gather, group, lump, pick up, round up, scrape—more at GATHER

gar·net /ˈɡɑːrnət/ noun
[origin: ME gernet, fr. AF gernete, fr. gernet, dark red, fr. pume gernete pomegranate]
: a transparent deep red mineral sometimes used as a gem

1 garnish /ˈɡɑːr nɪsh/ verb
1: to furnish with something ornamental: DECORATE, EMBELLISH
2: to add decorative or savory touches to (food)
3: GARNISHEE
   Synonyms
   - adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, grace, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE

2 garnish noun
1: something that lends grace or beauty
2: something (as lemon wedges or parsley) used to garnish food or drink
   Synonyms
   - adornment, caparison, decoration, embellishment, frill, ornament, trim—more at DECORATION

garnish·ee /ˈɡɑːr nɪsh·e/ verb -eed; -eed·ing
1: to serve with a garnishment
2: to take (as a debtor’s wages) by legal authority

garnish·ment /ˈɡɑːr nɪsh·mənt/ noun
1: GARNISH
2: a legal warning concerning the attachment of property to satisfy a debt; also: the attachment of such property

gar·ni·ture /ˈɡɑːr nɪchar, ˌɡar nɪchar/ noun
: EMBELLISHMENT, TRIMMING

gar·ret /ˈɡɑːr ət/ noun
: the part of a house just under the roof: ATTIC

gar·ri·son /ˈɡɑːr rəsən/ noun
[origin: ME garisoun protection, fr. AF garisun healing, protection, fr. garir to heal, protect, of Gmc origin]
1: a military post; especially: a permanent military installation
2: the troops stationed at a garrison
   — garrison verb

garrison state noun
: a state organized on a primarily military basis
1 **garrote or ga·ro·tte /gaˈrətə/ noun**

[Origin: Sp *garrote*]

1 : a method of execution by strangulation; also : the apparatus used
2 : an implement (as a wire with handles) for strangulation

2 **garrote or ga·ro·tte** verb

: to strangle with or as if with a garrote

_Synonyms_  
choke, strangle, throttle—more at **choke**

**gar·ru·lous /ˈgarələs/ adjective**

1 : **WORDY**
2 : pointlessly or annoyingly talkative

— **gar·ru·li·ty /ˈɡərləˌtē/ noun**  
— **gar·ru·lous·ly adverb**  
— **gar·ru·lous·ness noun**

_Synonyms_  
chatty, conversational, gabby, loquacious, talkative—more at **talkative**

**gar·ter /ˈɡɑrtər/ noun**

: a band or strap worn to hold up a stocking or sock

**garter snake** noun

: any of a genus of harmless American snakes with longitudinal stripes on the back

1 **gas /gas/ noun, plural gas·es also gas·ses**

[Origin: NL, alter. of L *chaos* space, chaos]

1 : a fluid (as hydrogen or air) that tends to expand indefinitely
2 : a gas or mixture of gases used as a fuel or anesthetic
3 : a substance that can be used to produce a poisonous, asphyxiating, or irritant atmosphere
4 : **GASOLINE**
5 : empty talk

_Synonyms_  
bombast, grandiloquence, hot air, rhetoric, wind—more at **rhetoric**

2 **gas** verb gassed; gas·sing

1 : to treat with gas; also : to poison with gas
2 : to fill with gasoline  
3 : to talk idly or garrulously

**gas·eous /ˈgasəs/ adjective**

1 : having the form of or being gas
2 : characterized by many words but little content

_Synonyms_  
bombastic, grandiloquent, oratorical, rhetorical, windy—more at **rhetorical**

1 **gash /ˈgash/ noun**

: a deep long cut

_Synonyms_  
laceration, rent, rip, slash, slit, tear; also abrasion, score, scrape, scratch; injury, wound

2 **gash** verb

: to make a gash in

**gas·ket /ˈgæskət/ noun**

: material (as rubber) or a part used to seal a joint

**gas·light /ˈgæslit/ noun**

1 : light made by burning illuminating gas
2 : a gas flame; also : a gas lighting fixture
gas mask noun
: a mask with a chemical air filter used to protect the face and lungs against poison gas

gas·o·line /ˈgæsˌəˌlaɪn, ˈgæsˌəˌlɛn/ noun
: a flammable liquid mixture made from petroleum and used esp. as a motor fuel

gasp /gæsp/ verb
1 : to catch the breath audibly (as with shock)
2 : to breathe laboriously : PANT
3 : to utter in a gasping manner
   — gasp noun
      Synonyms
         † blow, pant, puff, wheeze; also choke, gulp, huff; exhale, expire

gas·tri·c /ˈgæsˌtrɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to the stomach

gas·tri·c juice noun
: the acid digestive secretion of the stomach

gas·tri·tis /ˈgæsˌtrɪtəs/ noun
: inflammation of the lining of the stomach

gas·t·o·en·ter·ol·o·gy /ˈgæsˌtrəˌenˌtərəˈlaˌje/ noun
: a branch of medicine concerned with the structure, functions, and diseases of the stomach and intestines
   — gas·t·o·en·ter·ol·o·gist /ˈjɪst/ noun

gas·tro·in·tes·ti·nal /ˌgæsˌtrəˌɪnˈtɛstənal/ adjective
: of, relating to, affecting, or including both the stomach and intestine ◯ tract ◯ distress

gas·tron·omy /ˈgæsˌtrəˌnəˌmə/ noun
: the art of good eating
   — gas·tron·om·ic /ˌgæsˌtrəˌnəˌmɪk/ also gas·tron·om·i·cal /ˌmɪˌkəl/ adjective

gas·tro·pod /ˈgæsˌtrəˌpəd/ noun
: any of a large class of mollusks (as snails and slugs) with a muscular foot and a spiral shell or none
   — gastropod adjective

gas·works /ˈgæsˌwɜːks/ noun singular or plural
: a plant for manufacturing gas

gate /ˈgæt/ noun
1 : an opening for passage in a wall or fence
2 : a city or castle entrance often with defensive structures
3 : the frame or door that closes a gate
4 : a device (as a valve) for controlling the passage of a fluid or signal
5 : the total admission receipts or the number of people at an event
   Synonyms
      † [1] door, doorway, entrance, gateway, way—more at DOOR
      † [4] cock, faucet, spigot, tap, valve—more at FAUCET

-gate /ˈgæt/ noun combining form
[Origin: Watergate, scandal that resulted in the resignation of President Richard Nixon in 1974]
: usu. political scandal often involving the concealment of wrongdoing

gate·crash·er /ˈgætˌkraˌsher/ noun
: a person who enters without paying admission or attends without invitation

gate·keep·er /ˈgætˌkiˌpər/ noun
   † a person who tends or guards a gate
gate-post /ˌɡeɪtˈpɒst/ noun
: the post to which a gate is hung or the one against which it closes

gate-way /ˌɡeɪtˈweɪ/ noun
1 : an opening for a gate
2 ➤: a means of entrance or exit

Synonyms
➤ access, admission, doorway, entrance, entry, entrée—more at ENTRANCE

1 gather /ˈɡætər/ verb
1 ➤: to bring or come together: COLLECT
2 ➤: to bring in a crop: PICK, HARVEST
3 ➤: to pick up little by little
4 ➤: to gain or win by gradual increase: ACCUMULATE <~ speed>
5 ➤: to summon up <~ courage to dive>
6 ➤: to draw about or close to something
7 ➤: to pull (fabric) along a line of stitching into puckers
8 ➤: to reach a conclusion often intuitively from hints or through inferences: DEDUCE, INFER
9 ➤: ASSEMBLE
10 ➤: to swell out and fill with pus
11 ➤: GROW, INCREASE

— gather·er noun

Synonyms
➤ [1] accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, concentrate, garner, group, lump, pick up, round up, scrape; also aggregate, agglomerate, ball, bunch, cluster, huddle; heap, pile, stack; muster, raise, rally; flock, herd, hive, pack, press, swarm, throng, troop; congregate, forgather, meet, rendezvous; affiliate, ally, combine, connect, join, link, merge, unite; arrange, organize, systematize; regather, regroup

Antonyms
➤ dispel, disperse, dissipate, scatter
➤ [1] assemble, congregate, convene, forgather, meet, rendezvous—more at ASSEMBLE
➤ [2] harvest, pick, reap—more at HARVEST
➤ [3] build, gain, grow, pick up—more at GAIN
➤ [8] conclude, deduce, extrapolate, infer, judge, reason, understand—more at INFER

2 gather noun
: a puckering in cloth made by gathering

gathering noun
1 ➤: a company of persons gathered for deliberation and legislation, worship, or entertainment
2 ➤: something compiled

Synonyms
➤ [1] assemblage, assembly, conference, congregation, convocation, meeting, muster; also aggregation, collection, conglomerate; company, coterie, gang, pack; caucus, forum, market, panel, rally, symposium, synod; crowd, flock, horde, legion, multitude, press, swarm, throng; crush, mob, rabble
➤ [2] accumulation, assemblage, collection—more at ACCUMULATION

GATT /ˈɡæt/ abbreviation
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

gauche /ˈɡɑːʃ/ adjective
[ORIGIN: F, lit., left]
1 ➤: lacking social experience or grace; also: not tactful
2 ➤: crudely made or done

Synonyms
➤ awkward, clumsy, graceless, inelegant, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungraceful, wooden—more at AWKWARD
gau·che·rie /ˈɡoʊʃərē/ noun
: a tactless or awkward action

gau·cho /ˈɡoʊˌchō/ noun, plural gauchos
: a cowboy of the So. American pampas

gaud /ˈɡōd/ noun
: a small ornament (as a jewel or ring)

gaud·i·ness /ˈɡōdəˌnis/ noun
❖: the quality or state of being gaudy

Synonyms
❖ flamboyance, flashiness, glitz, ostentation, pretentiousness, showiness, swank—more at OSTENTATION

gaudy /ˈɡōdē/ adjective gaud·i·er; -est
1 ❖: ostentatiously or tastelessly ornamented
2: marked by showiness or extravagance
— gaud·ily /ˈɡōdəˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
❖ flamboyant, flashy, garish, glitzy, loud, ostentatious, swank, tawdry; also meretricious, pretentious; graceless, inelegant, tacky, tasteless, vulgar; extravagant, fancy, florid, glittery, spectacular; lurid, ornate, overdone, overwrought

Antonyms
conservative, quiet, understated

1 gauge also gage /ˈɡāɡ/ noun
1: measurement according to some standard or system
2: DIMENSIONS, SIZE
3 usually gage: an instrument for measuring, testing, or registering

2 gauge also gage verb gauged also gaged; gaug·ing also gag·ing
1 ❖: to measure precisely the size, dimensions, or other measurable quantity of
2: to determine the capacity or contents of
3 ❖: to determine roughly the size, extent, or nature of: ESTIMATE, JUDGE

Synonyms
❖ [1] measure, scale, span—more at MEASURE
❖ [3] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, guess, judge, make, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE

gaunt /ˈɡoʊnt/ adjective
1 ❖: excessively thin and angular
2: BARREN, DESOLATE

— gaunt·ness noun

Synonyms
❖ cadaverous, haggard, skeletal, wasted

1 gauntlet /ˈɡoʊntəl/ noun
1: a protective glove
2: an open challenge (as to combat)
3: a dress glove extending above the wrist

2 gauntlet noun
1 ❖: a severe trial: ORDEAL
2: a double file of men armed with weapons (as clubs) with which to strike at an individual who is made to run between them

Synonyms
❖ cross, ordeal, trial—more at TRIAL

gauze /ˈɡoʊz/ noun
: a very thin often transparent fabric used esp. for draperies and surgical dressings
gauzy adjective gauz·i·er; -est
  ➔ made of or resembling gauze; also: marked by vagueness, elusiveness, or fuzziness

  Synonyms
  ➔ flimsy, insubstantial, sheer, unsubstantial—more at flimsy

gave past of give

gav·el /gā.val/ noun
  ➔ the mallet of a presiding officer or auctioneer

gav·otte /gā.ˈvāl/ noun
  ➔ a dance of French peasant origin marked by the raising rather than sliding of the feet

gawk /gōk/ verb
  ➔ to gape or stare stupidly

  - gawk·er noun

  Synonyms
  ➔ gape, gaze, goggle, peer, rubberneck, stare—more at gape

gawky /gōk.ˈkē/ adjective gawk·i·er; -est
  ➔ lacking ease or grace (as of movement or expression): awkward, clumsy

  - gawk·i·ly /gōk.ˈlē/ adverb

  Synonyms
  ➔ awkward, clumsy, graceless, heavy-handed, lubberly, lumpish, ungainly, unhandy—more at clumsy

gay /gā/ adjective
  1 ➔: happily excited: merry
  2 ➔: bright and lively in appearance
  3: brilliant in color
  4: given to social pleasures; also: licentious
  5: homosexual; also: of, relating to, or used by homosexuals

  Synonyms
  ➔ [1] active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, jaunty, jazzy, lively, peppy, perky, pert, racy, snappy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at lively
  ➔ [1] blithe, boon, festive, gleeful, jocund, jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful, sunny—more at merry
  ➔ [2] bright, cheerful, cheery, glad, upbeat—more at cheerful

gayety, gayly variant of gaiety, gaily

gaz abbreviation

gazette

gaze /gāz/ verb gazed, gaz·ing
  ➔ to fix the eyes in a steady intent look

  - gaze noun

  - gaz·er noun

  Synonyms
  ➔ gape, gawk, goggle, peer, rubberneck, stare—more at gape

gaz·e·bo /gā.ˈzē.bō/ noun, plural gaz·e·bos
  1: belvedere
  2: a freestanding roofed structure usu. open on the sides

gaz·elle /gā.ˈzēl/ noun, plural gaz·elles also gazelle
  ➔ any of numerous small swift graceful antelopes

gaz·ette /gā.ˈzet/ noun
  1: newspaper
  2: an official journal

gaz·et·teer /gā.ˈzet.ir/ noun

ga·zil·lion /gəˈzil.ən/ noun  
-ZILLION  
— gazillion adjective  
— ga·zil·lionth /ˌyanθ/ adjective  
gaz·pa·cho /gæz.ˈpæ.ˌtʃoʊ, ɡæ.ˈspæ/ noun, plural -chos  
[ORIGIN: Sp]  
: a spicy soup usu. made from raw vegetables and served cold  
GB abbreviation  
Great Britain  
GCA abbreviation  
ground-controlled approach  
gd abbreviation  
good  
Gd symbol  
gadollinium  
GDR abbreviation  
German Democratic Republic  
Ge symbol  
germanium  
gear /gɪər/ noun  
1 : CLOTHING  
2 : movable property : GOODS  
3 : the implements used in an operation or activity : EQUIPMENT <fishing ~>  
4 : a mechanism that performs a specific function <steering ~>  
5 : a toothed wheel  
6 : working adjustment of gears <in ~>  
7 : an adjustment of transmission gears (as of an automobile or bicycle) that determines speed and direction of travel  
— gear verb  
 Synonyms  
¥ accoutrements, apparatus, equipment, matériel, outfit, paraphernalia, tackle—more at EQUIPMENT  
gear·box /gɪər.ˈbɑks/ noun  
: TRANSMISSION 3  
gear·shift /ˈʃɪft/ noun  
: a mechanism by which transmission gears are shifted  
gear·wheel /ˈhwɛl/ noun  
: GEAR 5  
gecko /ˈɡɛkə/ noun, plural geck·os also geck·oes  
: any of numerous small chiefly tropical insect-eating lizards  
GED abbreviation  
1 General Educational Development (tests)  
2 general equivalency diploma  
geek /ˈɡiːk/ noun  
: a person of an intellectual bent who is often disliked  
— geeky adjective  
gee·ser plural of GOOSE  
gee·zer /ˈɡe.ˌzər/ noun
Gei-ger counter /ˌjē.ɡər/ noun
: an electronic instrument for detecting the presence of cosmic rays or radioactive substances

gēsha /ˈgəˌsha, ˈgə/ noun, plural geisha or geishas
[origin: Jp, fr. gei art + -sha person]
: a Japanese girl or woman who is trained to provide entertaining company for men

gel /ˈjel/ noun
: a solid jellylike colloid (as gelatin dessert)

gel verb
: to change into or take on the form of a gel

Synonyms
  clot, coagulate, congeal, jell, set—more at COAGULATE

gelatin also gel-a-tine /ˈje.ɡəˌtən/ noun
: glutinous material and esp. protein obtained from animal tissues by boiling and used as a food, in dyeing, and in photography; also: an edible jelly formed with gelatin

gelatinous /ˈje.ɡəˌti.nəs/ adjective
: resembling gelatin or jelly

Synonyms
  adhesive, gluey, glutinous, gooey, gummy, sticky, viscid, viscous—more at STICKY

geld /ˈgeld/ verb
: CASTRATE

gelding noun
: a castrated male horse

gelid /ˈjel.ɪd/ adjective
: extremely cold

gem /ˈjem/ noun
1: a usu. valuable stone cut and polished for ornament
2: something valued for beauty or perfection

Synonyms
  [1] brilliant, jewel; also birthstone; baguette, cameo, scarab, solitaire; paste, rhinestone, zircon
  [2] catch, jewel, pearl, plum, prize, treasure—more at PRIZE

Gem-i-ni /ˈgəˌməˌnēˌnī, ˈgəˌməˌnē/ noun
1: a zodiacal constellation between Taurus and Cancer usu. pictured as twins sitting together
2: the 3d sign of the zodiac in astrology; also: one born under this sign

gem-ol-o-gy or gem-mol-o-gy /ˌjē.məˌlō.ˌjē.ˌɡē/ noun
: the science of gems

— gem-ol-i-cal /ˌjē.məˌlēˌi.ˈkəl/ adjective
— gem-ol-o-gist also gem-mol-o-gist /ˌjē.məˌlō.ˌjē.ˈstist/ noun

gem-stone /ˌjē.məˌstōn/ noun
: a mineral or petrified material that when cut and polished can be used in jewelry

gen abbreviation
1 general
2 genitive

Gen abbreviation
Genesis

Gen AF abbreviation
general of the air force
gendarme /ˈzhānˌdärm, ˈjęn/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, intended as sing. of gensdarmes, pl. of gent d’armes, lit., armed people]
: a member of a body of soldiers esp. in France serving as an armed police force

gen·der /ˈjen.dər/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME gendre, fr. AF genre, gendre, fr. L gener-, genus birth, race, kind, gender]
1 : any of two or more divisions within a grammatical class that determine agreement with and selection of other words or grammatical forms
2 : SEX 1

gene /ˈjen/ noun
: a part of DNA or RNA that contains chemical information needed to make a particular protein (as an enzyme) controlling or influencing an inherited bodily trait (as eye color) or activity or that influences or controls the activity of another gene or genes
— gen·ic /ˈjen.ɪk, ˈje(n)i/ adjective

gene·al·o·gy /ˈjenəˌlōjē/ noun, plural -gies
› an ancestral line: PEDIGREE, LINEAGE; also: the study of family pedigrees
— gene·al·o·gical /ˈjenəˌlōjəˈkəl, ˈje(n)əˈlōjəl/ adjective
— gene·al·o·gic·al·ly /ˌjenəˈlojələˈli/ adverb
— gene·al·o·gist /ˈjenəˌlojəst, ˈje(n)əˈlojist/ je(n)əˈlojist noun

Synonyms
ancestry, birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, line, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, stock, strain—more at ANCESTRY

gen·era plural of GENUS

gen·eral /ˈjenərəl, ˈjenərəl/ adjective
1 › : of or relating to the whole
2 : taken as a whole
3 : relating to or covering all instances
4 › : not special or specialized
5 › : common to many <a ~ custom>
6 : not limited in meaning: not specific
7 : holding superior rank <Inspector ~>

Synonyms
[1] blanket, common, generic, global, overall, universal; also broad, collective, comprehensive, extensive, pervasive, sweeping, ubiquitous, wholesale, wide, widespread; complete, full, plenary; planetary, worldwide
Antonyms
individual, particular
[4] all-around, broad, nonspecific, overall, unlimited, wide; also comprehensive, inclusive; absolute, boundless, expansive, extensive, infinite, panoramic, sweeping, vast; indeterminate, nebulous, nondescript, vague; nonspecific, unrestricted, unspecified
Antonyms
delineated, detailed, particularized, specific
[5] characteristic, common, communal, contemporary, current, dominant, everyday, familiar, household, popular, predominant, present, public, rife, typical, universal, usual, well-known, widespread
Antonyms
uncommon, unpopular

gen·eral noun
1 : something that involves or is applicable to the whole
2 : a commissioned officer ranking next below a general of the army or a general of the air force
3 : a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the marine corps
—in general
: for the most part

general assembly noun
gen·er·al·i·za·tion, gen·er·al·ise, gen·er·al·ised  British variant of generalization, generalize, generalized

gen·er·a·lis·si·mo /ˈje.nəˌral.iˌzi.əm/ noun, plural -mos
[origin: It, fr. generale general] the chief commander of an army

gen·er·al·i·ty /ˈje.nəˌral.i.tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being general
2 : a general statement, law, principle, or proposition : generalization 2
3 : a vague or inadequate statement
4 : the greatest part : bulk

Synonyms
body, bulk, core, main, mass, staple, weight—more at body

gen·er·al·i·za·tion /ˈje.nəˌral.iˌza.শান. ˌje.nə.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of generalizing
2 : a general statement, law, principle, or proposition

Synonyms
aphorism, generality, maxim, stereotype; also concept, conception, notion; precept, rule, rule of thumb; adage, proverb, saw, saying; cliché, commonplace, platitude, truism; hypothesis, proposition, theory

gen·er·al·ize /ˈje.nəˌral.i.zə/ ˌje.nəˌriz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to make general
2 : to draw general conclusions from
3 : to reach a general conclusion esp. on the basis of particular instances
4 : to extend throughout the body

gen·er·al·ly /ˈje.nəˌral.i.lē, ˈje.nəˌná/ adverb
1 : in a general manner
2 : as a rule

Synonyms
commonly, naturally, normally, ordinarily, typically, usually—more at naturally
altogether, basically, chiefly, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally—more at chiefly

general of the air force
: a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the air force

general of the army
: a commissioned officer of the highest rank in the army

general practitioner noun
: a physician or veterinarian whose practice is not limited to a specialty

gen·er·al·ship /ˈje.nəˌral.ʃəp, ˈjen.əˌral/ noun
1 : office or tenure of office of a general
2 : leadership
3 : military skill as a high commander

general store noun
: a retail store that carries a wide variety of goods but is not divided into departments

gen·er·ate /ˈje.nəˌrāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to bring into existence : produce

Synonyms
create, engender, induce, make, produce, spawn; also begin, establish, father, found, inaugurate, initiate, institute, introduce, set, set up; bring about, effect; concoct, contrive, cook (up), design, devise, fabricate, hatch, make up
**Generation** /ˈɡenərəʃən/ noun
1: a body of living beings constituting a single step in the line of descent from an ancestor; also: the average period between generations
2: PRODUCTION

**Generation X** noun
: the generation of Americans born in the 1960s and 1970s

**generative** /ˈɡenərətiv/ adjective
: having the power or function of generating, originating, producing, or reproducing (~ organs)

**generator** /ˈɡenərətər/ noun
1: one that generates
2: a machine by which mechanical energy is changed into electrical energy

**generic** /ˈɡenərɪk/ adjective
1: not specific: GENERAL
2: not protected by a trademark (~ drug)
3: of or relating to a biological genus
   — generic noun
   — gen·er·i·cal·ly /ˈɡenərɪkəl·lɪ/ adverb

   **Synonyms**
   ~ blanket, common, general, global, overall, universal—more at GENERAL

**generous** /ˈɡenərəs/ adjective
1: free in giving or sharing
2: HIGH-MINDED, NOBLE
3: marked by abundance or ample proportions: COPIOUS
   — generousness noun

   **Synonyms**
   ~ bountiful, charitable, free, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing; also extravagant, handsome, lavish, profuse, unstinting; altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, hospitable, humanitarian, philanthropic; compassionate, good-hearted, greathearted, kindly, magnanimous

   **Antonyms**
   ~ cheap, close, closefisted, miserly, niggardly, parsimonious, penurious, selfish, stingy, tight, tightfisted, uncharitable
   ~ [3] abundant, ample, bountiful, comfortable, copious, liberal, plentiful—more at PLENTIFUL

**generosity** /ˈɡenərəsətɪ/ noun
1: the quality or fact of being generous
2: a generous act

   **Synonyms**
   ~ bounty, liberality, philanthropy, unselfishness—more at LIBERALITY

**generously** /ˈɡenərəsli/ adverb
: in a generous manner

   **Synonyms**
   ~ bountifully, handsomely, liberally, well—more at WELL

**genesis** /ˈdʒenəsɪs/ noun, plural -es /-əz/
: the origin or coming into existence of something

   **Synonyms**
   ~ beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, launch, morning, onset, outset, start, threshold—more at BEGINNING

**Genesis** noun
: the mainly narrative first book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scriptures

**gene-splic·ing** /ˈgɛnəspliŋ/ noun
: the process of preparing recombinant DNA
gene therapy  noun
: the insertion of normal or altered genes into cells usu. to replace defective genes esp. in the treatment of genetic
disorders

ge·net·ic /əˈneɪtɪk/ adjective
1  : of or relating to the origin, development, or causes of something
2  a  : of or relating to genetics
   b  : of, relating to, caused by, or controlled by genes
   — ge·net·i·cal·ly /əˈnetɪkl/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ hereditary, heritable, inborn, inherited—more at HEREDITARY

generic code  noun
: the chemical code that is the basis of genetic inheritance and consists of units of three linked chemical groups in
DNA and RNA which specify particular amino acids used to make proteins or which start or stop the process of
making proteins

gene tic engineering  noun
: the alteration of genetic material esp. by cutting up and joining together DNA from one or more species of
organism and inserting the result into an organism
   — genetically engineered  adjective

gene·tics /ˈneɪ.tɪks/ noun
: a branch of biology dealing with heredity and variation
   — ge·net·i·cist /əˈnet.i.st/ noun

gen·ial /ˈdʒəˌne.əl/ adjective
1  : favorable to growth or comfort <~ sunshine>
2  : marked by or diffusing sympathy or friendliness <a ~ host>
   — gen·ial·ly  adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ affable, agreeable, amiable, good-natured, gracious, nice, sweet, well-disposed—more at AMIABLE
   ➔ amicable, companionable, comradely, cordial, friendly, hearty, hospitable, neighborly, sociable, warm,
   warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY

gen·ial·ity /ˈdʒəˌne.əl.i.ti/ noun
: the quality of being genial; especially : warmth of disposition and manners
   Synonyms
   ➔ agreeableness, amenity, amiability, graciousness, niceness, pleasantness, sweetness—more at AMIABILITY

-gen·ic /ˈdʒen.i.k/ adjective combining form
1  : producing : forming
2  : produced by : formed from
3  : suitable for production or reproduction by (such) a medium

gene·tie /ˈdʒen.ə.tik/ noun, plural gene·ties also gene·nis /ˈdʒen.ə.təs/ [origin: F génie, fr. Ar jinnîy]
: a supernatural spirit that often takes human form usu. serving the person who calls on it

gen·i·tal /ˈdʒəˌnet.əl/ adjective
1  : concerned with reproduction <~ organs>
2  : of, relating to, or characterized by the stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory in which oral
and anal impulses are subordinated to adaptive interpersonal mechanisms
   — gen·i·tal·ly  adverb

gen·i·tal·ia /ˈdʒəˌnet.əl.əˌlə/ noun plural
: reproductive organs; especially : the external genital organs
   — gen·i·tal·ic /ˈdʒəˌnet.əl.ək/ adjective

gen·i·tals /ˈdʒəˌnet.əlz/ noun plural
gen·i·tive /ˈje_ˌnə_tiv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically a relationship of possessor or source
— genitive noun

gen·i·to·uri·nary /ˈje_ˌnə_tō_ˌyúr_ə_ner/ adjective
: of or relating to the genital and urinary organs or functions

gē·nius /ˈɡē_ˌnē_əs/ noun, plural gē·nius·es or gē·nii /ˈɡē_ˌnē_ə/ [origin: L, tutelary spirit, natural inclinations, fr. gignere to beget]
1 plural genii: an attendant spirit of a person or place; also: a person who influences another for good or evil
2 ➔: a strong leaning or inclination
3 ➔: a peculiar or distinctive character or spirit (as of a nation or a language)
4 plural usually genii: SPIRIT, GENIE
5 plural usually geniuses ➔: a single strongly marked capacity or aptitude
6 a ➔: extraordinary intellectual power
    b ➔: a person having extraordinary intellectual power

Synonyms
[2] bent, devices, disposition, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn
[3] character, complexion, constitution, nature, personality, tone—more at NATURE
[5] aptitude, endowment, faculty, flair, gift, knack, talent—more at TALENT
[6b] brain, intellect, thinker, whiz, wizard; also egghead, highbrow, intellectual; master, virtuoso; ace, crackerjack, natural; sage, savant

Antonyms
dumbbell, dummy, dunce, idiot, imbecile, moron

genl abbreviation
general

gen·o·cide /ˈje_ˌnəˌsid/ noun
: the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group

gen·ome /ˈɡen_əm/ noun
1: one haploid set of chromosomes
2: the genetic material of an organism

gen·o·mics /ˈɡen_əˌmiks/ noun
: a branch of biotechnology concerned esp. with investigating and collecting data about the structure and function of all or part of an organism’s genome
-genous /ˈɡen_əs/ adjective combining form
1: producing : yielding <erogenous>
2: having (such) an origin <endogenous>

genre /ˈzhān_ˌrē, ˈzhānˌrē/ noun
1: a distinctive type or category esp. of literary composition
2: a style of painting in which everyday subjects are treated realistically

gens /ˈjen_ˌz/ plural gens·es /ˈjen_ˌtēz, ˈgen_ˌtēs/ [origin: L]
: a Roman clan embracing the families of the same stock in the male line

gent noun
➔: a man of any social class or condition: GENTLEMAN

    Synonyms
    buck, chap, dude, fellow, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at MAN

gen·teel /ˈjen_ˌtēl/ adjective
1 ➔: having an aristocratic quality or flavor; also: of or relating to the gentry or upper class
ELEGANT, STYLISH
3 : free from vulgarity or rudeness : POLITE
4 : maintaining the appearance of superior social status
5 : marked by false delicacy, prudery, or affectation
   — gen-teel-ly adverb
   — gen-teel-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] aristocratic, gentle, grand, highborn, noble, patrician, wellborn—more at NOBLE
   ▶ [1] civilized, cultivated, cultured, polished, refined—more at CULTIVATED
   ▶ [3] civil, courteous, gracious, mannerly, polite, well-bred—more at POLITE
   ▶ [3] correct, decent, decorous, nice, polite, proper, respectable, seemly—more at PROPER

gentian /jen.ʃən/ noun
: any of numerous herbs with opposite leaves and showy usu. blue flowers in the fall

gen-tile /jen.təl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. LL gentilis heathen, pagan, fr. L gent-, gens clan, nation]
1 often cap : a person who is not Jewish; especially : a Christian as distinguished from a Jew
2 : a person who does not acknowledge the God of the Bible : HEATHEN, PAGAN
   — gentile adjective, often cap
   gen-til-i-ty /jen.təli.te/ noun, plural -ties
   1 : good birth and family
   2 ▶ : the qualities characteristic of a well-bred person
   3 : good manners
   4 : superior social status shown in manners or mode of life
   Synonyms
civility, courtesy, graciousness, mannerliness, politeness—more at POLITENESS
1 gentle /jen.təl/ adjective gen-tler /jen.tər.ər/; gen-tlest /jen.təlst/:
1 ▶ : belonging to a family of high social station
2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a gentleman
3 : KIND, AMIABLE
4 : TRACTABLE, DOCILE
5 ▶ : not harsh, stern, or violent
6 : SOFT, DELICATE
7 ▶ : marked by moderation : MODERATE
   — gen-tle-ness noun
   — gen-tly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] aristocratic, genteel, grand, highborn, noble, patrician, wellborn—more at NOBLE
   ▶ [5] balmy, benign, bland, delicate, light, mellow, mild, soft, soothing, tender; also sleek, slick, smooth; calm,
   pacific, peaceful, placid, quiet, serene, tranquil; clement, compassionate, easy, lenient, merciful; cushioning,
   softening
   Antonyms
   abrasive, caustic, coarse, hard, harsh, rough
   ▶ [7] balmy, clement, equitable, mild, moderate, temperate—more at CLEMENT

gentle verb gen-tled; gen-tling
1 : to make or become mild, docile, soft, or moderate
2 : MOLLIFY, PLACATE

gen-teel-folk /jen.təl.fək/ also gen-teel-folks /-fəks/ noun
: persons of good family and breeding

gen-teel-man /-man/ noun
1 ▶ : a man of good family
2 : a well-bred man
3 ▶ : an adult male human being : MAN — used in pl. as a form of address
— **gentlemanly** adjective
  
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] aristocrat, grandee, noble, patrician; also squire; cavalier, knight; don, seigneur, sheikh; baron, baronet, count, duke, earl, esquire, lord, marquess, marquis, prince, thane, viscount; magnate, mogul, nabob, czar; socialite, swell
  - [3] buck, chap, dude, fellow, gent, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at MAN

**gentlewoman** /ˌwʊ.ˌmən/ noun

1 » a woman of good family
2 : a woman attending a lady of rank
3 : a woman with very good manners : LADY

**Synonyms**
- dame, lady, noblewoman; also ladyship, madam; baroness, countess, duchess, marchioness; czarina, empress, queen; dowager, matriarch, matron, mistress

**gentrification** /ˈjen.trəˌfik.ʃən/ noun
  
  the process of renewal accompanying the influx of middle-class people into deteriorating areas that often displaces earlier usu. poorer residents

— **gentrify** /ˈjen.trəˌfī/ verb

**gentle** /ˈjen.təl/ noun, plural gentries

1 : people of good birth, breeding, and education : ARISTOCRACY
2 : the class of English people between the nobility and the yeomanry
3 : persons of a designated class

— **gentle** /ˈjen.təl/ verb
  
  to bend the knee esp. in worship

— **gentle** /ˈjen.təl/ noun

— **gentle** /ˈjen.təl/ adverb
  
  in a genuine manner : ACTUALLY

**Synonyms**
- actually, authentically, really, veritally, very—more at VERY

**genus** /ˈdʒən.əs/ noun, plural genera /ˈdʒə.nə.riə/

[origin: L, birth, race, kind]
  
  a category of biological classification that ranks between the family and the species and contains related species

**geocentric** /ˈdʒi.ˌsən.trɪk/ adjective

1 : relating to or measured from the earth's center
2 : having or relating to the earth as a center

**geochimistry** /ˈdʒi.ˌkə.ˌmɪ.ˌtrɪ.ʃə/ noun
  
  a branch of geology that deals with the chemical composition of and chemical changes in the earth

— **geochimical** /ˌdʒi.ˌkə.ˌmɪ.ˌkəl/ adjective
— **geochimist** /ˌdʒi.ˌkə.ˌmɪ.ˌstɪt/ noun

**geode** /ˈdʒə.ˌdəd/ noun
  
  a nodule of stone having a cavity lined with mineral matter

— **geodesic** /ˈdʒe.ˌdēˌsɪk/ adjective
  
  made of light straight structural elements <a ~ dome>
geodesic noun
: the shortest line between two points on a surface

geo-det-ic /ˌjē-ə.ˈde.tik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being precise measurement of the earth and its features <a ~ survey>

genealogy
geographic; geographical; geography

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genealogical; genealogically
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geo·ther·mal /ˈɡe ŏˌθər ˌməl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or using the heat of the earth's interior

ger abbreviation
gerund

Ger abbreviation
German; Germany

gē·ra·ni·um /ˈɡe rrəˌnē əm/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, fr. Gk geranion, fr. geranos crane]
: any of a genus of herbs with usu. deeply cut leaves and typically pink, purple, or white flowers; also: any of a related genus of herbs that are native to southern Africa and are widely grown for their clusters of showy usu. red, pink, or white flowers

ger·bil also ger·bile /ˈɡer ˌbəl/ noun
: any of numerous Old World burrowing desert rodents with long hind legs

gē·ri·at·ric /ˈɡer ee ˌatr ɪk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to geriatrics or the process of aging
2 : of, relating to, or appropriate for elderly people
3 : advanced in years or age : OLD

Synonyms
ancient, elderly, old, senior—more at ELDERLY

gē·ri·at·rics /ˌtri ɪks/ noun
: a branch of medicine dealing with the problems and diseases of old age and aging

germ /ɜrm/ noun
1 : a bit of living matter capable of growth and development (as into an organism)
2 : SOURCE, RUDIMENTS
3 : MICROORGANISM; especially : one causing disease

Ger·man /ˈgər man/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Germany
2 : the language of Germany, Austria, and parts of Switzerland
— German adjective
— Ger·man·ic /ˈgər man ɪk/ adjective

gē·r·ma·ne /ˈɡar mən/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME germain, lit., having the same parents, fr. AF, fr. L germanus, fr. germen sprout, bud]
: being at once relevant and appropriate

Synonyms
applicable, apposite, apropos, material, pertinent, pointed, relative, relevant—more at PERTINENT

gē·r·ma·ni·um /ˈɡər məˌnē əm/ noun
: a grayish white hard chemical element used esp. in semiconductors

German measles noun singular or plural
: an acute contagious virus disease milder than typical measles but damaging to the fetus when occurring early in pregnancy

German shepherd noun
: any of a breed of intelligent responsive working dogs of German origin often used in police work and as guide dogs for the blind

germ cell noun
: an egg or sperm or one of their antecedent cells

gē·mi·cide /ˈɡər miˌsid/ noun
: an agent that destroys germs
— ger·mi·cid·al /ˈɡər miˌsid əl/ adjective
ger·mi·nal /ˈger mi nəl/ adjective
: of or relating to a germ or germ cell; also: EMBRYONIC

ger·mi·nate /ˈger mi nət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
1 : to cause to develop : begin to develop: SPROUT
2 : to come into being: EVOLVE
   — ger·mi·na·tion /ˈger mi nə shən/ noun

ger·on·tol·o·gy /ˈje rə nə tə lə jē/ noun
: a scientific study of aging and the problems of the aged
   — ge·ron·to·log·i·cal /ˈje rə nə tə lə kəl/ adjective
   — ger·on·tol·o·gist /ˈje rə nə təl ə jist/ noun

ger·ry·man·der /ˈjər e man dər/ verb
: to divide into election districts so as to give one political party an advantage
   — gerrymander noun

ger·und /ˈjər und/ noun
: a verb having the characteristics of both verb and noun

ge·sta·po /ˈjə stə pō/ noun, plural -pos
[origin: G, fr. Geheime Staatspolizei, lit., secret state police]
: a usu. terrorist secret-police organization operating against persons suspected of disloyalty

ge·sta·tion /ˈjə stə shən/ noun
: PREGNANCY, INCUBATION
   — ges·tate /ˈjes tət/ verb

ges·tic·u·late /ˈjes tək lət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
: to make gestures esp. when speaking

ge·sic·tu·la·tion /ˈjes tik lə shən/ noun
: the act of making gestures; also: an expressive gesture made in showing strong feeling or in enforcing an argument

1 ges·ture /ˈjes char/ noun
   1 : a movement usu. of the body or limbs that expresses or emphasizes an idea, sentiment, or attitude
   2 : something said or done by way of formality or courtesy, as a symbol or token, or for its effect on the attitudes of others
   — ges·tur·al /ˈche rəl/ adjective

   Synonyms
   ◦ [1] pantomime, sign, signal; also: beck, flourish, shrug, wave; body language, posture; indication, motion
   ◦ [2] amenity, civility, courtesy, formality—more at CIVILITY

2 ges·ture verb
   ◦ : to make a gesture; also: to express or direct by a gesture

   Synonyms
   ◦ flag, motion, signal, wave—more at MOTION

ges·und·heit /ˈgə zʊnt hīt/ interjection
[origin: G, lit., health]
: used to wish good health esp. to one who has just sneezed

1 get /ɡet/ verb /ɡät/; got or got·ten /ɡät·ən/; get·ting
   1 : to gain possession of (as by receiving, acquiring, earning, buying, or winning): PROCURE, OBTAIN
   2 : to succeed in coming or going <got away to the lake>
   3 : to cause to come or go <got the car to the station>
   4 : to become the father of: BEGET
   5 : to cause to be in a certain condition or position <don’t ~ wet>
   6 : to undergo change or development: BECOME <~ sick>
7: to make ready: PREPARE
8: to take possession of: SEIZE
9: to move emotionally; also: IRRITATE
10: BAFFLE, PUZZLE
11: KILL
12: HIT
13: to be subjected to <the measles>
14: to receive as punishment
15: to find out esp. by calculation
16 a: HEAR
b: to grasp the meaning of: UNDERSTAND
17: to prevail on: PERSUADE, INDUCE
18: HAVE <he's got no money>
19: to have as an obligation or necessity <you have got to come>
20: to establish communication with
21: to be able <finally got to go to med school>
22: to come to be <got talking about old times>
23: to leave at once

Synonyms
   [1] acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN
   [6] become, come, go, grow, run, turn, wax—more at BECOME
   [8] bag, capture, catch, collar, corral, grab, grapple, hook, land, nab, seize, snare, trap—more at CATCH
   [13] catch, come down, contract, sicken, take—more at CONTRACT
   [15] ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, hit, hunt, learn, locate, run down, scout, track—more at FIND
   [16b] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, grasp, make, make out, perceive, see, seize, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND

get /'gɛt/[noun]
  1: to meet one's needs
  2: to be on friendly terms
  3: to proceed toward a destination

Synonyms
   [1] cope, do, fare, make out, manage, shift; also carry on, contrive, fend, handle, scrape (by or through), survive; eke out, scrape (out), scrounge, squeeze, wrest, wring; afford, swing
   [3] advance, fare, forge, go, march, proceed, progress—more at GO

get·away /'gɛ.t.eɪ/.noun
  1: an act or instance of getting away: ESCAPE
  2: START

Synonyms
   escape, flight, lam, slip—more at ESCAPE

get by verb
  : to meet one's needs: GET ALONG

get off verb
  : to go away from; also: to do or experience the first stages or actions of <got off on the trip early>

Synonyms
   clear out, depart, exit, go, move, pull, quit, sally, shove, take off—more at GO
   begin, commence, embark, enter, launch, open, start, strike—more at BEGIN

get on verb
  1: to proceed toward a destination
  2: to meet one's needs: GET ALONG

get out  verb
1  ▶: to become known;  also: to produce or release for distribution  
2  ▶: to get away (as by flight);  also: to cause to leave or escape  
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] come out, leak, out, spread;  also break, develop, transpire, unfold;  circulate, disclose, reveal, spill, tell  
   ▶ [1] issue, print, publish—more at publish  
   ▶ [2] abscond, clear out, escape, flee, fly, lam, run away, run off—more at escape  

get-to-gether  /ˈɡeɪ.tə.ˈɡeɪ.tər/  noun
▶: an assembly for a common purpose;  especially: an informal social gathering  
   Synonyms
   ▶ assembly, conference, gathering, meeting—more at meeting  

get-up  /ˈɡet.up/  noun
1  ▶: a clothing ensemble often for a special occasion or activity:  outfit, costume  
2  : general composition or structure  
   Synonyms
   ▶ dress, garb, guise, outfit—more at outfit  

gew-gaw  /ˈɡuː.ɡɑː,ˈɡyʊ/  noun
▶: a showy trifle:  bauble, trinket  
   Synonyms
   ▶ bauble, curiosity, knickknack, novelty, ornamental, trinket—more at knickknack  

gey-ser  /ˈgɛ.zər/  noun
[origin: Icelandic Geysir, hot spring in Iceland]  
: a spring that intermittently shoots up hot water and steam  

g-force  /ˈɡərˠfɔːs/  noun
: the force of gravity or acceleration on a body  

Ghanaian  /ɡəˌnɑː.ˈɛn/  noun
: a native or inhabitant of Ghana  
— Ghanaian  adjective  

ghast-ly  /ˈgast.lə/  adjective  ghast-li-er;  -est
1  ▶: terrifyingly horrible to the senses:  shocking  
2  : resembling a ghost:  deathlike, pale  
   Synonyms
   ▶ appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, horrible, horrid, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at horrible  

ghat  /ˈɡɑːt/  noun
[origin: Hindi & Urdu ghāṭ]  
: a broad flight of steps on an Indian riverbank that provides access to the water  

ger-kin  /ˈɡer.ken/  noun
1  : a small prickly fruit of a vine related to the cucumber used to make pickles  
2  : an immature cucumber  

ghet-to  /ˈɡeɪ.tə.ʊ/  noun, plural  ghettos  or  ghettoes
: a quarter of a city in which members of a minority group live because of social, legal, or economic pressure  

ghost  /ˈɡoʊst/  noun
1  : the seat of life:  soul  
2  : a disembodied soul;  especially:  the soul of a dead person believed to be an inhabitant of the unseen world or to appear in bodily form to living people  
3  : spirit, demon  
4  : a faint trace <a ~ of a smile>  
5  : a false image in a photographic negative or on a television screen
— ghost-ly adverb
   Syonyms
   • apparition, bogey, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith; also banshee, demon, familiar, genie, imp, incubus, puck; vampire, zombie

2 ghost verb
   : GHOSTWRITE

ghost-write /gə-st/ verb -wrote /-rɪt/; -written /-ri-ten /
   : to write for and in the name of another
   — ghost-writer noun

ghoul /gʊl/ noun
   [origin: Ar ghūl]
   • a legendary evil being that robs graves and feeds on corpses
   — ghoul-ish adjective
   Syonyms
   • demon, devil, fiend, imp—more at DEMON

GHQ abbreviation
   general headquarters

gi abbreviation
   gill

1 GI /gəˈi/ adjective
   [origin: galvanized iron; fr. abbr. used in listing such articles as garbage cans, but taken as abbr. for government issue]
   1 : provided by an official U.S. military supply department (<~ shoes>
   2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of U.S. military personnel
   3 : conforming to military regulations or customs (<a ~ haircut>

2 GI noun, plural GIs or GI's /ˈɡaɪ/:
   : a member or former member of the U.S. armed forces; especially: an enlisted man

gi abbreviation
   1 galvanized iron
   2 gastrointestinal
   3 general issue
   4 government issue

1 giant /ˈɡaɪənt/ noun
   1 : a legendary humanlike being of great size and strength
   2 • : a living being or thing of extraordinary size or powers
   Syonyms
   • behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whale, whopper; also amazon; bulk, hulk; heavyweight
   Antonyms
dwarf, midget, mini, miniature, peewee, pygmy, runt, shrimp

2 giant adjective
   • : having extremely large size, proportion, or power
   Syonyms
   • astronomical, colossal, enormous, gigantic, grand, huge, jumbo, mammoth, massive, monumental, prodigious, titanic, tremendous—more at HUGE

1 giantess /ˈɡaɪəntɪs/ noun
   : a female giant

0 giant panda noun
   : PANDA 2
gib·ber /ˈɡɪbər/ verb
› : to speak rapidly, inarticulately, and often foolishly
  Synonyms
   › babble, chatter, drivel, gabble, jabber, prattle, sputter—more at BABLE

=**gib·ber·ish /ˈɡɪbər.ɪʃ/ noun
› : unintelligible or confused speech or language
  Synonyms
   › babble, bunk, claptrap, drivel, gabble, gobbledygook, hogwash, nonsense, piffle, prattle, rot; also abracadabra; chatter, clatter, gab, gibber, prate, tattle, twaddle; double-talk, hocus-pocus, jive; hot air, gas, wind

1 gib·bet /ˈɡɪbet/ noun
   : GALLOWS

2 gib·bet verb
1 : to hang on a gibbet
2 : to expose to public scorn
3 : to execute by hanging

1 gib·bon /ˈɡɪbən/ noun
   : any of several tailless apes of southeastern Asia

1 gib·bous /ˈɡɪbəs/ adjective
1 : rounded like the exterior of a sphere or circle
2 : seen with more than half but not all of the apparent disk illuminated <~ moon>
3 : having a hump : HUMPBACKED

1 gibe or jibe /jib/ verb gibed or jibed; gib·ing or jib·ing
› : to utter taunting words : SNEER
   — gibe or jibe noun
   Synonyms
   › deride, jeer, laugh, mock, ridicule, scout—more at RIDICULE

1 gib·lets /ˈɡɪbətəlz/ noun plural
   : the edible viscera of a fowl

1 Gib·son girl /ˈɡɪb.son ɡərəl/ adjective
   : of or relating to a style in women's clothing characterized by high necks, full sleeves, and slender waistlines

1 gid·dy /ˈɡɪd.i/ adjective gid·di·er, -est
1 : having a whirling sensation in the head with a tendency to fall : DIZZY
2 : causing dizziness
3 : not serious : FRIVOLOUS, SILLY
   — gid·di·ness /ˈɡɪd.i.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   › [1] dizzy, light-headed—more at DIZZY
   › [3] flighty, frivolous, goofy, harebrained, light-headed, scatterbrained, silly; also foolish, fatuous, inane, nonsensical, thoughtless, witless; crazy, daffy, daft, exuberant, flippant, fluttery, light, lighthearted, playful; sappy, shallow, superficial
   Antonyms
   › earnest, serious, sober

GIF /ɡɪf, ɡɪf/ noun
   [origin: graphic interchange format]
   : a computer file format for digital images; also : the image itself

1 gift /ɡɪft/ noun
1 : a special ability : TALENT
2 : something given : PRESENT
3 : the act or power of giving
Synonyms
[1] aptitude, endowment, faculty, flair, genius, knack, talent — more at TALENT
[2] bestowal, donation, freebie, lagniappe, present; also alms, benefaction, beneficence, benevolence, charity, contribution, dole, generosity, offering, philanthropy; grant, subsidy; remembrance, tribute; bonus, boon, windfall; favor, valentine; gratuity, tip; award, prize, reward; bequest, legacy; sacrifice

gift·ed /gɪft·ɪd/ adjective
: TALENTED
  1. gig /gɪg/ noun
  1: a long light ship’s boat
  2: a light 2-wheeled one-horse carriage
  2. gig noun
  : a pronged spear for catching fish
    — gig verb
  3. gig noun
  : a job for a specified time; especially: an entertainer’s engagement
    — gig verb
  4. gig noun
  : a military demerit
    — gig verb

giga·byte /ɪˌɡeɪ·biːt, ˈɡiː-/ noun
: 1024 megabytes or 1,073,741,824 bytes; also: one billion bytes

gi·gan·tic /ˌgɪɡənˈtɪk/ adjective
: exceeding the usual (as in size or force)
  Synonyms
  — colossal, enormous, giant, huge, jumbo, mammoth, massive, prodigious, titanic, tremendous — more at HUGE

gig·gle /ɡɪɡ·ɡəl/ verb gig·gled; gig·gling
: to laugh with repeated short catches of the breath
    — gig·gly /ˌɡɪɡ·ɡli/ adjective

giggle noun
: the act of giggling

GIGO abbreviation
garbage in, garbage out

gig·o·lo /ˈɡɪɡələʊ/ noun, plural -los
  1: a man supported by a woman usu. in return for his attentions
  2: a professional dancing partner or male escort

Gi·la monster /ˈhɪlə-/ noun
: a large orange and black venomous lizard of the southwestern U.S.

1. gild /ɡɪld/ verb gild·ed or gilt /ɡɪlt/; gild·ing
  1: to overlay with or as if with a thin covering of gold
  2: to give an attractive but often deceptive appearance to

2. gild variant of GUILD

1. gill /ɡɪl/ noun
: a British measure of capacity equal to 5 fluid ounces; also: a U.S. measure of capacity equal to 5 fluid ounces

2. gill /ɡɪl/ noun
: an organ (as of a fish) for obtaining oxygen from water

1. gilt /ɡɪlt/ adjective
: of the color of gold
gilt noun
: gold or a substance resembling gold laid on the surface of an object

3 gilt noun
: a young female swine

gim·crack /ˈɡimˌkræk/ noun
: a showy object of little use or value

2 gimcrack adjective
: CHEAP, SHODDY

gim·let /ˈɡimˌlɛt/ noun
: a small tool with screw point and cross handle for boring holes

gim·mick /ˈɡimˌmɪk/ noun
1 : an ingenious or novel mechanical device : CONTRIVANCE, GADGET
2 : an important feature that is not immediately apparent : CATCH
3 : a new and ingenious scheme
— gim·micky /ˈɡimˌmɪkɪ/ adjective

Synonyms
[1] contraption, contrivance, gadget, gizmo, jigger—more at GADGET
[3] artifice, device, dodge, jig, ploy, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at TRICK

gim·mick·ry /ˈɡimˌmɪkərɪ/ noun, plural -ries
: an array of or the use of gimmicks

gimpy /ˈɡimˈpi/ adjective
: LAME

gin /ˈɡɪn/ noun
[origin: ME gin, fr. AF, short for engin engine]
1 : TRAP, SNARE
2 : a machine to separate seeds from cotton
— gin verb

2 gin noun
[origin: by shortening & alter. fr. geneva, kind of gin]
: a liquor distilled from a grain mash and flavored with juniper berries

gin·ger /ˈɡɪnʒər/ noun
1 : the pungent aromatic rootstock of a tropical plant used esp. as a spice and in medicine; also : the spice or the plant
2 : brisk energy or initiative and high spirits
— Synonyms
  dash, drive, energy, go, hardihood, life, pep, sap, snap, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at VIGOR

ginger ale noun
: a carbonated soft drink flavored with ginger

gin·ger·bread /ˈɡɪŋərˌbrɛd/ noun
1 : a cake made with molasses and flavored with ginger
2 : lavish or superfluous ornament

gin·ger·ly /ˈɡɪŋərˌli/ adjective
: very cautious or careful
— gingerly adverb
— Synonyms
  alert, careful, cautious, circumspect, considerate, guarded, heedful, safe, wary—more at CAREFUL

gin·ger·snap /ˈɡɪŋərˌsnɑp/ noun
: a thin brittle molasses cookie flavored with ginger
gingham /ˈɡɪŋ.əm/ noun
: a clothing fabric usu. of yarn-dyed cotton in plain weave

gingivitis /ˈjɪn.ə.ˈvɪtəs/ noun
: inflammation of the gums

ginkgo also gingko /ˈɡɪŋ.kəʊ/ noun, plural ginkgoes or ginkgos
: a tree of eastern China with fan-shaped leaves often grown as a shade tree

ginkgo biloba /ˌgɪŋ.kəʊ.ˈbɪ.lə蓬勃/ noun
: an extract of the leaves of ginkgo that is held to enhance mental functioning

ginseng /ˈɡɪn.sən/ noun
: an aromatic root of a Chinese or No. American herb used esp. in Chinese medicine; also: one of these herbs

Gipsy chiefly British variant of GYPSY

giraffe /ˈje.ə.ɹə/ noun, plural giraffes
[origin: It giraffa, fr. Ar zirāfah]
: an African ruminant mammal with a very long neck and a short coat with dark blotches

gird /gərd/ verb gird·ed or girt /gərt/; gird·ing
1 ▶: to encircle or fasten (as a sword) with or as if with a belt
2: to invest esp. with power or authority
3: PREPARE, BRACE
Synonyms
band, belt, girdle, wrap; also tie up, truss; circle, loop, wind, wreathe; bandage, swathe; chain, cord, enchain, lash, rope, shackle, tape, wire
Antonyms
unwrap
band, bind, tie, truss—more at TIE

gird·er /ˈɡɜr.dər/ noun
: a horizontal main supporting beam

girdle /ˈɡɜrdəl/ noun
1: something (as a belt or sash) that encircles or confines
2: a woman's supporting undergarment that extends from the waist to below the hips
2-girdle verb gir·dled gir·dling /ˈɡɜrd.əld/ln
1 ▶: to encircle with or as if with a girdle
2 ▶: to move around
Synonyms
[1] band, belt, gird, wrap—more at GIRD
[2] circle, circumnavigate, coil, compass, encircle, loop, orbit, ring, round—more at ENCIRCLE

girl /ˈɡɔrl/ noun
1: a female child
2: a young woman
3: SWEETHEART
— girl·hood /ˌɡɔrl.ˈhəud/ noun
Synonyms
doll, lass, maid, maiden, miss; also gamine; hoyden, tomboy; hussy; ingenue; belle, deb, debutante, sylph; schoolgirl

girl Friday noun
: a female assistant (as in an office) entrusted with a wide variety of tasks

girl·friend /ˈɡɔrl.ˈfrɛnd/ noun
1: a female friend
2: a regular female companion in a romantic or sexual relationship
**girl·ish adjective**
- : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a girl or girlhood

**Synonyms**
- effeminate, feminine, unmanly, womanly—more at **EFFEMINATE**

**Girl Scout noun**
- : a member of any of the scouting programs of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America

**girth /ˈgærθ/ noun**
- 1 : a band around an animal by which something (as a saddle) may be fastened on its back
- 2 : a measure around something

**gist /ˈgist/ noun**
- [origin: AF, it lies, fr. gesir to lie, ultim. fr. L jacēre]
- : the main point or part

**git dialect variant of get**

**Synonyms**
- core, crux, heart, nub, pith, pivot—more at **CRUX**

**give /gɪv/ verb gave /gɑːv/; gave·en /ˈɡɪvən/; giv·ing**
- 1 : to make a present of
- 2 : to bestow by formal action
- 3 : to accord or yield to another
- 4 : to yield to force, strain, or pressure
- 5 : to put into the possession or keeping of another
- 6 : to offer to the action of another : PROFFER
- 7 : to put into the possession of another : DELIVER
- 8 : to present in public performance or to view
- 9 : PROVIDE << a party>
- 10 : ATTRIBUTE
- 11 : to make, form, or yield as a product or result <cows ~ milk>
- 12 : to yield possession of by way of exchange : PAY
- 13 : to deliver by some bodily action <gave me a push>
- 14 : to offer as a pledge <I ~ you my word>
- 15 : to apply freely or fully : DEVOTE
- 16 : to cause to have or receive

**Synonyms**
- [1] bestow, contribute, donate, present; also chip in, kick in, pitch in; award, confer, dole (out), endow; afford, furnish, provide; lavish, regale; aid, assist, benefit, help; administer, dispense, issue, impart, render; extend, offer, pay, proffer, tender; sacrifice
- [4] cave, collapse, crumple, go, yield—more at **COLLAPSE**
- [5] commend, commit, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest; also confer, grant; assign, deal (out), dispense, disperse, distribute, divide; release, relinquish, submit, surrender, turn in, yield; bequeath, hand down, will; advance, lend, loan; furnish, supply

**Antonyms**
- hold, keep, retain
- [6] extend, offer, proffer, tender—more at **OFFER**
- [8] carry, mount, offer, present, stage—more at **PRESENT**

**give noun**
- 1 : capacity or tendency to yield to force or strain
- 2 : the quality or state of being springy

**give–and–take /ˈɡɪv.ən.tɑːk/ noun**
- 1 : the practice of making mutual concessions : COMPROMISE
- 2 : a usu. good-natured exchange (as of remarks or ideas)

**Synonyms**
- [1] accommodation, compromise, concession, negotiation—more at **CONCESSION**
[2] argument, colloquy, conference, deliberation, discourse, discussion, parley, talk—more at **DISCUSSION**

give·away /ˈgīˌəˌwā/ noun
1 : an unintentional revelation or betrayal
2 : something given away free; especially: **PREMIUM**

give away verb
1 : to make a present of
2 : to deliver (a bride) ceremonially to the bridegroom at a wedding
3 ▶ : to reveal or make known sometimes unintentionally
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ bespeak, betray, demonstrate, display, evince, expose, manifest, reveal, show—more at **SHOW**

give in verb
▶ : to yield under insistence or entreaty: **SUBMIT, SURRENDER**
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ bow, budge, capitulate, concede, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at **YIELD**

given /ˈgī.vən/ adjective
1 ▶ : having a tendency or inclination: **INCLINED** << to swearing>>
2 : **SPECIFIED, PARTICULAR** <at a ~ time>
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ apt, inclined, prone—more at **PRONE**
   ▶ accustomed, used, wont—more at **ACCUSTOMED**

given preposition
▶ : **CONSIDERING**

given name noun
: a name that precedes one’s surname

give out verb
1 : **EMIT**
2 : **BREAK DOWN**
3 : to become exhausted: **COLLAPSE**

give up verb
1 ▶ : to yield control or possession of: **SURRENDER**
2 : to abandon (oneself) to a feeling, influence, or activity
3 ▶ : to cease doing or attempting something esp. as an admission of defeat: **QUIT**
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ [1] cede, deliver, hand over, leave, relinquish, render, surrender, turn over, yield—more at **SURRENDER**
   ▶ [3] discontinue, drop, knock off, lay off, quit—more at **QUIT**
giz·mo also giz·mo /ˈgiz.ˌmo/ noun, plural gizmos also gismos
▶ : an often small mechanical or electronic device with a practical use but often thought of as a novelty: **GADGET**
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ contraption, contrivance, gadget, gimmick, jigger—more at **GADGET**
giz·zard /ˈgiz.ˌzard/ noun
: the muscular usu. horny-lined enlargement of the alimentary canal of a bird used for churning and grinding up food

gla·cial /glāˈshēəl/ adjective
1 : suggestive of ice: as
   ▶ : extremely cold
2 ▶ : devoid of warmth and cordiality
3 : of or relating to glaciers
4 cap: **PLEISTOCENE**
5 : very slow <<a ~ pace>>
   — gla·cial·ly adverb
**Synonyms**

- [1a] arctic, bitter, cold, freezing, frigid, polar, raw, wintry—more at COLD
- [1b] chill, chilly, cold, cold-blooded, cool, frigid, frosty, icy, unfriendly, unsympathetic, wintry—more at COLD

**glaci·ate** /gla·shē·āt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to subject to glacial action
2 : to produce glacial effects in or on

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**gla·ci·a·tion** /gla·shē·ā·shān·shēn·shēn/ noun

**gla·ci·er** /gla·shēr/ noun
[origin: F, fr. MF dial. (Savoy), fr. glace ice, fr. L glacies]
: a large body of ice moving slowly down a slope or spreading outward on a land surface

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1 **glad** /glaď/ adjective glad·der; glad·dest
1 : experiencing pleasure, joy, or delight
2 : PLEASED
3 : very willing
4 : PLEASANT, JOYFUL
5 : causing happiness and joy : CHEERFUL

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**glad·ly** adverb

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**Synonyms**

- [1] blissful, delighted, happy, joyful, pleased; also beamimg, blithe, blithesome, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, gay, gladsome, lighthearted, sunny, upbeat; gleeful, jocund, jolly, jovial, laughing, merry, mirthful, smiling; carried away, ecstatic, elated, enraptured, entranced, euphoric, exhilarated, intoxicated, rapturous, rhapsodic; exuberant, exultant, jubilant, rapt, rejoicing, thrilled; hopeful, rosy, sanguine

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**Antonyms**

displeased, joyless, sad, unhappy, unsatisfied

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2 **glad** noun

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**glad·den** /gla·dēn/ verb

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**Synonyms**

- content, delight, gratify, please, rejoice, satisfy, suit, warm—more at PLEASE

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**glade** /gla·dē/ noun

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**glad·a·tor** /gla·dē·a·tōr/ noun
1 : a person engaged in a fight to the death for public entertainment in ancient Rome
2 : a person engaging in a public fight or controversy; also : PRIZEFIGHTER

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**glad·i·a·tor·al** /gla·dē·a·tōr·ē·al/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or suggestive of gladiators or the combats of gladiators
2 : inclined toward controversy or contention

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**glad·i·o·lus** /gla·dē·ō·lus/ noun, plural -o·li /gla·dē·ō·li/ or -olus
[origin: L, fr. dim. of gladius sword]
: any of a genus of chiefly African plants related to the irises and having erect sword-shaped leaves and stalks of bright colored flowers

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**glad·ness** noun

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**Synonyms**

- blessedness, bliss, felicity, happiness, joy—more at HAPPINESS
- contentment, delectation, delight, enjoyment, gratification, pleasure, relish, satisfaction—more at PLEASURE
glad·some /ˈɡladˌsəm/ adjective
: giving or showing joy: CHEERFUL

glad·stone /ˈɡladˌstōn/ noun, often cap
: a suitcase with flexible sides on a rigid frame that opens flat into two compartments

glam /ˈɡlæm/ noun
: extravagantly showy glamour
— glam adjective

glam·or·ise British variant of GLAMORIZE

— glam·or·ize also glam·our·ize /ˈɡlaˌmərˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
› to make or look upon as glamorous; also: treat as idealized or heroic

Synonyms
dream, glorify, idealize—more at IDEALIZE

— glam·or·ous also glam·our·ous /ˈɡlaˌmərəs/ adjective
›: full of glamour: exciteingly attractive

Synonyms
exotic, fantastic, marvelous, outlandish, romantic, strange—more at EXOTIC
alluring, attractive, captivating, charming, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, magnetic, seductive—more at FASCINATING

— glam·our /ˈɡlæmər/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sc glamour magic spell, alter. of E grammar; fr. the popular association of erudition with occult practices]
›: an exciting and often illusory and romantic attractiveness; especially: alluring personal attraction

Synonyms
allure, appeal, attractiveness, captivation, charisma, charm, enchantment, fascination, magic, magnetism—more at CHARM

— glance /ˈɡlans/ verb glanced; glanc·ing
1 ›: to strike and fly off to one side
2 ›: to flash or gleam with quick intermittent rays of light
3 ›: to give a quick look

Synonyms
[1] bounce, carom, rebound, ricochet, skim, skip; also brush, graze, nudge, shave, sweep; bump, contact, hit, kiss, touch; sideswipe; reflect
[2] flame, flash, gleam, glimmer, glisten, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH
[3] browse, dip, glimpse, peek, skim; also peep; blink, squint; look over, scan

Antonyms
stare, gaze

— glance noun
1: a quick intermittent flash or gleam
2: a deflected impact or blow
3 ›: a quick look

Synonyms
cast, eye, gander, glimpse, look, peek, peep, regard, sight, view—more at LOOK

gland /ˈɡlænd/ noun
: a cell or group of cells that prepares and secretes a substance (as saliva or sweat) for further use in or discharge from the body

— glan·du·lar /ˈɡlænˌduər/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving glands

— glans /ˈɡlænz/ noun, plural glan·des /ˈɡlænˌdēz/ [ORIGIN: L, lit., acorn]
: a conical vascular body forming the extremity of the penis or clitoris
1. **glare** /ɡlɛr/ verb glared, glaring
   1. ‣: to shine with a harsh dazzling light
   2. ‣: to stare fiercely or angrily
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ [1] beat, blaze, burn, flame, flare; also beam, glow, radiate; flash, glance, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glister, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle; bedazzle, blind, daze, dazzle
   ‣ [2] frown, gloom, glower, lower, scowl—more at **FROWN**

2. **glare** noun
   1: a harsh dazzling light
   2: an angry or fierce stare

3. **glaring** adjective
   ‣: very conspicuous
   — **glaring·ly** adverb
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ blatant, conspicuous, egregious, flagrant, gross, obvious, patent, prominent, pronounced, rank, striking—more at **EGREGIOUS**

4. **glass** /ɡlɑːs/ noun
   1: a hard brittle amorphous usu. transparent or translucent material consisting typically of silica
   2: something made of glass; especially: **TUMBLER 2**
   3 plural 1: a pair of lenses used to correct defects of vision: **SPECTACLES**
   4: the quantity held by a glass container
   — **glass** adjective
   — **glass·ful** /ˈɡlɑːsfəl/ noun
   — **glassy** adjective
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ eyeglasses, spectacles; also bifocals; monocle, pince-nez; sunglasses; goggles; contact lens

5. **glass·blow·ing** /ˈɡlæsˌbləʊɪŋ/ noun
   : the art of shaping a mass of glass that has been softened by heat by blowing air into it through a tube
   — **glass·blow·er** noun

6. **glass·ware** /ˈɡlæsˌwɛr/ noun
   : articles made of glass

7. **glau·co·ma** /ˈɡlɔːkəmə/ noun
   : a disease of the eye marked by increased pressure within the eyeball resulting in damage to the retina and gradual loss of vision

1. **glaze** /ɡlæz/ verb glazed, glazing
   1: to furnish (as a window frame) with glass
   2: to apply glaze to

2. **glaze** noun
   : a glassy coating or surface

3. **gleam** /ɡliːm/ noun
   1: a transient subdued or partly obscured light
   2 a ‣: a small bright light
   b: **GLINT**
   3: a faint trace <a ~ of hope>
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ blaze, flare, fluorescence, glare, glow, illumination, incandescence, light, luminescence, radiance, shine—more at **LIGHT**
gleam verb
1 : to shine with subdued light or moderate brightness
2 : to appear briefly or faintly
   Synonyms
   ▪ flame, flash, glance, glimmer, glisten, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

glean /glen/ verb
1 : to gather grain left by reapers
2 : to collect little by little or with patient effort
   — glean·able adjective
   — glean·er noun

glean·ings /glen·nings/ noun plural
: things acquired by gleaning

glee /glee/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE glēo entertainment, music]
1 : exultant high-spirited joy : HILARITY
2 : a part-song for three usu. male voices
   Synonyms
   ▪ cheer, cheerfulness, festivity, hilarity, joviality, merriment, mirth, mirthfulness—more at MIRTH

glee club noun
: a chorus organized for singing usu. short choral pieces

glee·ful adjective
▪ : full of glee
   Synonyms
   ▪ blithe, boon, festive, gay, jocund, jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful, sunny—more at MERRY

glen /glen/ noun
: a narrow hidden valley

glen·gar·ry /glen·gar·rē/ noun, plural -ries often cap
: a woolen cap of Scottish origin

glib /glib/ adjective glib·ber, glib·best
: speaking or spoken with careless ease
   — glib·ly adverb

glide /glid/ verb glid·ed, glid·ing
1 ▪ : to move smoothly and effortlessly
2 ▪ : to descend gradually without engine power <~ in an airplane>
   — glide noun
   Synonyms
   ▪ [1] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, roll, sail, skim, slide, slip, stream, sweep, whisk—more at FLOW
   ▪ [2] fly, plane, soar, wing—more at FLY

glid·er /glid·er/ noun
1 : one that glides
2 : an aircraft resembling an airplane but having no engine
3 : a porch seat suspended from an upright frame

glimmer /glim·er/ verb
▪ : to shine faintly or unsteadily
   Synonyms
   ▪ flame, flash, glance, gleam, glisten, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

glimmer noun
1 : a faint unsteady light
2 : INKLING
3 • a small amount: HINT

**Synonyms**
- hint, little, mite, particle, touch, trace—more at PARTICLE

1 **glimpse** /glimp/ verb glimpsed; glimps·ing
- to take a brief look: see momentarily or incompletely

**Synonyms**
- browse, dip, glance, peek, skim—more at GLANCE

2 **glimpse** noun
1 • a faint idea: GLIMMER
2 • a short hurried look

**Synonyms**
- cast, eye, gander, glance, look, peek, peep, regard, sight, view—more at LOOK

**glint** /glink/ verb
1 • to shine by reflection: SPARKLE, GLEAM
2 • to appear briefly or faintly

— **glint** noun

**glis·san·do** /gli.sən.də/ noun, plural -di /də/ or -dos
• a rapid sliding up or down the musical scale

1 **glisten** /glistn/ verb
- to shine by reflection with a soft luster or sparkle

**Synonyms**
- flame, flash, glance, gleam, glimmer, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

2 **glisten** noun
- GLITTER, SPARKLE

**glis·ter** /glistər/ verb
• to shine by reflection with many small flashes of brilliant light: GLITTER

**glitch** /gli:tʃ/ noun
- MALFUNCTION; also: SNAG

1 **glitter** /glistər/ verb
1 • to shine with brilliant or metallic luster: SPARKLE
2 • to shine with strong emotion: FLASH <eyes ~ing in anger>
3 • to be brilliantly attractive esp. in a superficial way

**Synonyms**
- flame, flash, glance, gleam, glimmer, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

2 **glitter** noun
1 • sparkling brilliancy, showiness, or attractiveness
2 • small glittering objects used for ornamentation

— **glit·tery** /glistər.i/ adjective

**glitz** /gli:tz/ noun
• extravagant showiness

**Synonyms**
- flamboyance, flashiness, gaudiness, ostentation, pretentiousness, showiness, swank—more at OSTENTATION

**glitzy** /gli:tzi/ adjective
• having glitz

**Synonyms**
- flamboyant, flashy, garish, gaudy, loud, ostentatious, swank, tawdry—more at GAUDY

**gloam·ing** /gloom/ noun
• the light from the sky between full night and sunrise or between sunset and full night: TWILIGHT, DUSK
Synonyms
- dusk, evening, nightfall, sundown, sunset, twilight—more at dusk

gloat /ɡlɔːt/ verb
  : to think about something with triumphant and often malicious delight

glob /ɡləb/ noun
  1 : a small drop
  2 : a large rounded mass
  Synonyms
    - [1] blob, drilet, drip, drop, droplet—more at drop
    - [2] blob, chunk, clod, clump, gob, hunk, lump, nub, wad—more at lump

global /ɡləˈboʊl/ adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or involving the entire world : worldwide
  2 : of, relating to, or applying to a whole : comprehensive, general
  — glob·al·ly adverb
    Synonyms
      - blanket, common, general, generic, overall, universal—more at general
      - compendious, complete, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, inclusive, omnibus, panoramic, universal—more at encyclopedic

global·iza·tion /ɡləˈboʊləˌzeɪʃən/ noun
  : the development of an increasingly integrated global economy

global Positioning System noun
  : gps

global warming noun
  : an increase in the earth's atmospheric and oceanic temperatures due to an increase in the greenhouse effect

globe /ɡləb/ noun
  1 : a round body : ball, sphere
  2 : the planet on which we live that is third in order from the sun : earth; also : a spherical representation of the earth

globe–trot·ter /ɡləbˌtrɒtər/ noun
  : a person who travels widely
  — globe–trot·ting noun or adjective

glob·u·lar /ɡləbˈyələr/ adjective
  : having the shape of a globe or globule

glob·ule /ɡləbˈyəl/ noun
  : a tiny globe or ball esp. of a liquid

glob·u·lin /ɡləbˈyəlɪn/ noun
  : any of a class of simple proteins insoluble in pure water but soluble in dilute salt solutions that occur widely in plant and animal tissues

glock·en·spiel /ɡləkˈɛnˌspyl/ noun
  [origin: g, fr. Glocke bell + Spiel play]
  : a percussion musical instrument consisting of a series of metal bars played with two hammers

gloom /ɡlʊm/ noun
  1 : partial or total darkness
  2 : lowness of spirits : dejection
  3 : an atmosphere of despondency
  Synonyms
    - [1] dark, darkness, dusk, gloaming, murk, night, semidarkness, shade, shadow, twilight—more at dark
    - [2] blues, dejection, depression, doldrums, dumps, melancholy, sadness—more at sadness
gloom·i·ness /mē.nas/ noun
: the quality or state of being gloomy

gloomy /glū.mē/ adjective gloom·i·er -est
1 : partially or totally dark
2 : causing gloom; also : lacking in promise or hopefulness
3 : low in spirits
   — gloom·i·ly /glū.malē/ adverb

Synonyms
   ➤ [1] dark, darkling, dim, dusky, murky, obscure, somber—more at DARK
   ➤ [2] bleak, dark, depressing, desolate, dismal, dreary, glum, gray, miserable, murky, somber; also dejected, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, droopy, inconsolable, low, melancholy, sad, unhappy, woebegone, woeful; discomfiting, discouraging, disheartening, dismayng, dispiriting, distressing, distressful, upsetting; desperate, hopeless, pessimistic; elegiac, lamentable, lugubrious, mournful, sorrowful; cloudy, colorless, drab, dull; dour, grim, lowering, menacing, negative, oppressive, threatening

Antonyms
   ➤ [3] bright, cheerful, gay, festive, friendly, heartwarming, sunshine

Gloomy Gus /ˈgus/ noun, plural Gloomy Gus·es
: a person who is habitually gloomy

glop /glāp/ noun
: a messy mass or mixture

glo·ri·fy /ˈglōr.aˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to raise to heavenly glory
2 : to light up brilliantly
3 : to represent as glorious : EXTOL
4 : to give glory to (as in worship)
5 : to cause to be or seem to be better than the actual condition
6 : to make glorious by bestowing honor, praise, or admiration
   — glo·ri·fi·ca·tion /ˈglōr.aˌfī.ka.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
   ➤ [3] bless, extol, laud, magnify, praise—more at PRAISE
   ➤ [4] adore, deify, revere, venerate, worship—more at WORSHIP
   ➤ [5] dream, glorimize, idealize—more at IDEALIZE
   ➤ [6] aggrandize, dignify, ennoble, exalt, magnify—more at EXALT

glo·ri·ous /ˈglōr.əs/ adjective
1 : possessing or deserving glory : PRAISEWORTHY
2 : conferring glory
3 : marked by great beauty or splendor : MAGNIFICENT
4 : DELIGHTFUL, WONDERFUL

Synonyms
   ➤ August, baronial, gallant, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND

glo·ri·ous·ly adverb
: in a glorious manner

Synonyms
   ➤ agreeably, delightfully, favorably, felicitously, nicely, pleasantly, pleasingly, satisfyingly, splendidly, well

1 glory /ˈglōr.i/ noun, plural glories
1 : praise, honor, or distinction extended by common consent : RENOWN
2 : honor and praise rendered in worship
3 : something that secures praise or renown
4: a distinguishing quality or asset
5: great beauty and splendor: RESPLENDENCE, MAGNIFICENCE
6: heavenly bliss
7: a height of prosperity or achievement

Synonyms
1: acclaim, accolade, credit, distinction, fame, homage, honor, laurels, praise, renown; also compliment, encomium, eulogy, panegyric, toast, tribute; acclamation, ovation, plaudit, rave, rhapsody; citation, commendation, note, recommendation; elevation, exaltation, glorification
2: boast, credit, honor, jewel, pride, treasure; also pièce de résistance, showpiece; attraction, feature, highlight; distinction, excellence, merit, value, virtue
3: augustness, brilliance, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE

2: glory verb glo·ried, glo·ry·ing
1: to rejoice proudly: EXULT

Synonyms
1: crow, delight, exult, joy, rejoice, triumph—more at EXULT

1: gloss /glos, glos/ noun
1: a surface luster or brightness: SHEEN
2: outward show

Synonyms
1: luster, polish, sheen, shine—more at SHINE

2: gloss verb
1: to give a false appearance of acceptableness to <~ over inadequacies>
2: to deal with too lightly or not at all
3: to give a gloss to

Synonyms
1: usually gloss over [1] excuse, palliate, whitewash—more at PALLIATE
2: usually gloss over [2] brush, condone, disregard, excuse, ignore, pardon, pass over, shrug off, wink—more at EXCUSE
3: buff, burnish, dress, grind, polish, rub, shine, smooth—more at POLISH

3: gloss noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of gloze, fr. ME glose, fr. AF, fr. ML glosa, glossa, fr. Gk glōssa, glōtta tongue, language, unusual word]
1: an explanatory note (as in the margin of a text)
2: GLOSSARY
3: an interlinear translation
4: a continuous commentary accompanying a text

4: gloss verb
: to furnish glosses for

1: glossy /glos·ē, glós/ adjective gloss·i·er; -est
1: having a surface luster or brightness
gleaming, reflective, glittering, shining

Antonyms

dim, dull, flat, lusterless, matte

glossy noun, plural gloss-ies

: a photograph printed on smooth shiny paper

*glot-tis /glo̞t-tis/ noun, plural glot-tis-es or glot-ti-des /glo̞t-ə-dēz/

: the slitlike opening between the vocal cords in the larynx

— glot-tal /glo̞t-təl/ adjective

glove /glōv/ noun

1 : a covering for the hand having separate sections for each finger
2 : a padded leather covering for the hand for use in a sport

*glow /glō/ verb

1 ▶: to shine with or as if with intense heat
2 ▶: to have a rich warm usu. ruddy color: FLUSH, BLUSH
3 : to feel hot
4 : to show exuberance or elation << with pride>

Synonyms

[1] blaze, burn, flame—more at BURN
[2] bloom, blush, color, crimson, flush, redden—more at BLUSH

*glow noun

1 : brightness or warmth of color; especially: REDNESS
2 : warmth of feeling or emotion
3 : a sensation of warmth
4 ▶: light such as is emitted from a heated substance

Synonyms

blaze, flare, fluorescence, gleam, illumination, incandescence, light, luminescence, radiance, shine—more at LIGHT

*glow·er /glō(ə)/ verb

▶: to stare angrily: SCOWL

— glower noun

Synonyms

frown, glare, gloom, lower, scowl—more at FROWN

glowing adjective

1 ▶: giving off light esp. because of heat
2 ▶: marked by a rich warm coloration; also: marked by a radiant healthfully ruddy coloration
3 : highly enthusiastic

Synonyms

[1] beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, shiny—more at BRIGHT
[2] florid, flush, rosy, ruddy, sanguine—more at RUDDY

*glow-worm /glo̞w-wərm/ noun

: any of various insect larvae or adults that give off light

glox-in-ia /glokˈsi-nēə/ noun

: any of a genus of tropical herbs related to the African violets; especially: one with showy bell-shaped or slipper-shaped flowers

gloze /gloz/ verb glozed; gloz·ing

: to make appear right or acceptable: GLOSS

— glozer noun

glu·cose /ɡluˈkões/ noun

1 : a form of crystalline sugar; especially: DEXTROSE
2 : a sweet light-colored syrup made from cornstarch

**glue /gloy/ noun**

▷ a jellylike protein substance made from animal materials and used for sticking things together; also : any of various other strong adhesives

— glue verb

*Synonyms*

▷ adhesive, cement, size; also epoxy, epoxy resin, mucilage; dope, goo, gum

**glu·ey /gloy/ adjective**

1 ▶ having the quality of glue; also : resembling or suggestive of glue (as in stickiness or consistency)
2 ▶ daubed, smeared, or covered with glue

*Synonyms*

▷ adhesive, gelatinous, glutinous, gooey, gummy, sticky, viscous, viscous—more at **STICKY**

**glum /gla姆/ adjective glum·mer; glum·mest**

1 ▶ broodingly morose : **SULLEN**
2 ▶ having nothing likely to provide cheer, comfort, or interest : **DREARY**, **GLOOMY**

*Synonyms*

1 ▶ sulky, sullen, surly—more at **SULKY**
2 ▶ bleak, dark, dismal, dreary, gloomy, gray, miserable, murky, sullen—more at **GLOOMY**

**glut /glaüt/ verb glut·ted; glut·ting**

1 ▶ to supply with more than is needed or than can be handled
2 ▶ to fill esp. with food to satiety : **SATIATE**

*Synonyms*

▷ gorge, sate, satiate, stuff, surfeit—more at **GORGE**

**glut noun**

: an excessive supply

**glu·ten /gloy·ten/ noun**

: a gluey protein substance that causes dough to be sticky

**glu·ti·nous /gloy·ta·nas/ adjective**

▷ having the quality of glue : **STICKY**

*Synonyms*

▷ adhesive, gelatinous, gluey, gooey, gummy, sticky, viscous, viscous—more at **STICKY**

**glut·ton /glaüt·n/ noun**

: one that eats to excess

— glut·ton·y /glaüt·na·nē/ noun

**glut·ton·ous /glaüt·n·ōs/ adjective**

▷ marked by or given to excessive eating or drinking

*Synonyms*

▷ greedy, hoggish, piggish, rapacious, ravenous, voracious—more at **VORACIOUS**

**glycer·in or glycer·ine /glik·sa·ran/ noun**

: **GLYCEROL**

**glycer·ol /glik·sə·rol/.rōl/ noun**

: a sweet syrupy alcohol usu. obtained from fats and used esp. as a solvent

**gly·co·gen /glik·ka·jen/ noun**

: a white tasteless substance that is the chief storage carbohydrate of animals

**gm abbreviation**

gram

**GM abbreviation**

1 general manager
2 guided missile

G–man /ˈɡeɪ.mən/ noun
: a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

GMT abbreviation
Greenwich mean time

gnarled /ˈnɑrld/ adjective
1: KNOTTY
2: GLOOMY, SULLEN

gnash /ˈnɑsh/ verb
\(\rightarrow\): to grind (as teeth) together

 Synonyms

\(\rightarrow\) crush, grate, grind, grit, scrape—more at GRIND

gnat /ˈnæt/ noun
: any of various small usu. biting dipteran flies

gnaw /ˈnɔ/ verb
1 \(\rightarrow\): to consume, wear away, or make by persistent biting or nibbling
2: to affect as if by gnawing

 Synonyms usually gnaw on

\(\rightarrow\) bite, champ, chew, chomp, crunch, nibble

gnaw·er noun
: one that gnaws

gneiss /ˈnɪs/ noun
: a layered rock similar in composition to granite

gnome /ˈnɑm/ noun
\(\rightarrow\): a dwarf of folklore who lives inside the earth and guards precious ore or treasure

—gnom·ish adjective

 Synonyms

\(\rightarrow\) brownie, dwarf, elf, fairy, fay, hobgoblin, leprechaun, pixie, puck, troll—more at FAIRY

GNP abbreviation
gross national product

gnu /ˈnju/ noun, plural gnu or gnus
: WILDEBEEST

go /ɡoʊ/ verb went /ˈwɛnt/, gone /ˈɡɑn, ˈɡɑn/, go·ing: goes /ɡoʊz/
1 \(\rightarrow\): to move on a course: PROCEED \(\sim\) slow
2 \(\rightarrow\): to move out of or away from a place expressed or implied: LEAVE, DEPART
3: to take a certain course or follow a certain procedure <reports ~ through department channels>
4 \(\rightarrow\): to extend from point to point or in a certain direction: RUN <his land ~es to the river>; also: LEAD <that door ~es to the cellar>
5: to be habitually in a certain state ~es armed after dark
6: to become lost, consumed, or spent; also: DIE
7: ELAPSE, PASS
8 \(\rightarrow\): to pass by sale <went for a good price>
9: to become impaired or weakened
10: to give way under force or pressure
11: to move along in a specified manner <it went well>
12: to be in general or on an average <cheap, as yachts ~>
13: to become esp. as the result of a contest <the decision went against him>
14: to put or subject oneself \(\sim\) to great expense
15 \(\rightarrow\): to have recourse to another: RESORT <went to court to recover damages>
16: to begin or maintain an action or motion <here ~es>
17: to function properly <the clock doesn't ~> 
18: to be known <~ by an alias> 
19: to be or act in accordance <a good rule to ~ by> 
20: to come to be applied 
21: to pass by award, assignment, or lot 
22: to contribute to a result <qualities that ~ to make a hero> 
23: to be about, intending, or expecting something <is ~ing to leave town> 
24: to arrive at a certain state or condition <~ to sleep> 
25: to come to be <the tire went flat> 
26: to be capable of being sung or played <the tune ~es like this> 
27: to be suitable or becoming : HARMONIZE 
28: to be capable of passing, extending, or being contained or inserted <this coat will ~ in the trunk> 
29: to have a usual or proper place or position : BELONG <these books ~ on the top shelf> 
30: to be capable of being divided <3 ~es into 6 twice> 
31: to have a tendency <that ~es to show that he is honest> 
32: to be acceptable, satisfactory, or adequate 
33: to empty the bladder or bowels 
34: to proceed along or according to : FOLLOW 
35: to travel through or along : TRAVERSE 
36: to make a wager or offer of : BET, BID <willing to ~ $50> 
37: to assume the function or obligation of <~ bail for a friend> 
38: to participate to the extent of <~ halves> 
39: WEIGH 
40: ENDURE, TOLERATE 
41: AFFORD <can't ~ the price> 
42: SAY — used chiefly in oral narration of speech 
43: to engage in <don't ~ telling everyone> 
— go at 
 1: ATTACK, ATTEMPT 
 2: UNDERTAKE 
— go back on 
 1: ABANDON 
 2: BETRAY 
 3: FAIL 
— go by the board 
: to be discarded 
— go for 
 1: to pass for or serve as 
 2: to try to secure 
 3: FAVOR 
— go one better 
: OUTDO, SURPASS 
— go over 
 1: EXAMINE 
 2: REPEAT 
 3: STUDY, REVIEW 
— go places 
: to be on the way to success 
— go steady 
: to date one person exclusively 
— go to bat for 
: DEFEND, CHAMPION 
— go to town 
 1: to work or act efficiently 
 2: to be very successful 

Synonyms
[1] advance, fare, forge, get along, march, proceed, progress; also accelerate, fast-forward, speed; approach, near; journey, pass, repair, run, travel, wend; actuate, drive, impel, propel, push; do, go off, take out

**Antonyms**
remain, stand, stay, stop

[2] clear out, depart, exit, get off, leave, move, pull, quit, sally, shove, take off; also set out, start, strike out; abscond, decamp, escape, evacuate, flee, fly, get out, run away, scram, skip; go out, light out, step out; abandon, desert, forsake, vacate; emigrate; remove, retire, retreat, withdraw

**Antonyms**
arrive, come, show up, turn up

[4] extend, head, lead, lie, run—more at **RUN**
[7] [35] cover, crisscross, cross, cut, follow, pass, proceed, travel, traverse—more at **TRAVERSE**

2 **go**, plural **goes**

1: the act or manner of going
2: the height of fashion <boots are all the ~> 
3: a turn of affairs: **OCCURRENCE**
4: active bodily or mental strength or force: **ENERGY, VIGOR**
5: an experimental trial or attempt
6: a spell of activity
— **no go**
: **USELESS, HOPELESS**
— **on the go**
: constantly active

**Synonyms**

- attempt, crack, endeavor, essay, fling, pass, shot, stab, trial, try, whack—more at **ATTEMPT**

3 **go**, adjective

- : functioning properly

**Synonyms**

- fit, ready, set—more at **READY**

1 **goad** /gōd/ noun

[origin: ME gode, fr. OE gād spear, goad]

1: a pointed rod used to urge on an animal
2: : something that urges

**Synonyms**

- boost, encouragement, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeast—more at **IMPULSE**

2 **goad** verb

- : to incite or rouse as if with a goad

**Synonyms**

- egg, encourage, exhort, press, prod, prompt, urge—more at **URGE**

**go–ahead** /gō–ā′hed/ noun

: authority to proceed

1 **goal** /gōl/ noun

1: the mark set as limit to a race; also: an area to be reached safely in children's games
2: : the end toward which effort is directed: **AIM, PURPOSE**
3: an area or object toward which play is directed to score; also: a successful attempt to score

**Synonyms**

- aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, pretension, purpose, thing; also plot, project, scheme; desire, hope, wish; destination, terminus

2 **goalie** /gōl'e/ noun

: **GOALKEEPER**
goal·keep·er /gōlˌkiːpər/ noun
: a player who defends the goal in various games

goal·post /gōlˈpōst/ noun
: one of the two vertical posts with a crossbar that constitute the goal in various games

goat /gōt/ noun, plural goats or goat
: any of various hollow-horned ruminant mammals related to the sheep that have backward-curving horns, a short tail, and usu. straight hair

goat·tee /gōtˈtē/ noun
: a small trim pointed or tufted beard on a man's chin

goat·herd /gōtˈhərd/ noun
: a person who tends goats

goat·skin /gōtˈskin/ noun
: the skin of a goat or a leather made from it

1 gob /gōb/ noun
1 › : a piece or mass of indefinite size and shape : LUMP, MASS
2 › : a large amount — usu. used in pl. <~s of money>
   Synonyms
   > [1] blob, chunk, clod, clump, glob, hunk, lump, mass, nub, wad—more at LUMP
   > usually gobs [2] abundance, lot, much, plenty, quantity, scads—more at LOT

2 gob noun
› : a member of a ship's crew : SAILOR
   Synonyms
   > jack, jack-tar, mariner, sailor, seaman, swab, tar—more at SAILOR

gob·bet /gōbˈbet/ noun
: a piece or mass of indefinite size and shape : LUMP, MASS

1 gobble /gōb/ verb gob·bled; gob·bling
1 : to swallow or eat greedily
2 : to take eagerly : GRAB

2 gobble verb gob·bled; gob·bling
: to make the natural guttural noise of a male turkey

gob·ble·dy·gook also gob·ble·de·gook /gōbˈbəl’dēˌguk, ...guk/ noun
› : generally unintelligible jargon
   Synonyms
   > babble, gabble, gibberish, hogwash, jabber, jabberwocky, nonsense—more at GIBBERISH

gob·bler /gōbˈlər/ noun
: a male turkey

go·be·tween /gōˈbiˌtwēn/ noun
› : an intermediate agent : BROKER
   Synonyms
   > arbiter, arbitrator, broker, intercessor, intermediary, mediator, middleman, peacemaker—more at MEDIATOR

gob·let /gōbˈlɛt/ noun
: a drinking glass with a foot and stem

gob·lin /gōbˈlɛn/ noun
: an ugly or grotesque sprite that is mischievous and sometimes evil and malicious

go·by /gōˈbē/ noun, plural gobies also goby
: any of numerous spiny-finned fishes usu. having the pelvic fins united to form a ventral sucking disk
god /gäd, 'god/ noun
1 cap: the supreme reality; especially: the Being worshiped as the creator and ruler of the universe
2: a being or object believed to have supernatural attributes and powers and to require worship
3: a thing of supreme value
4: an extraordinarily attractive person

god-child /gäd_child, 'god/ noun
: a person for whom another person stands as sponsor at baptism

god-daugh-ter /_dö_ëv/ noun
: a female godchild

god-dess /gä_dës, 'gë/ noun
1 : a female god
2 : a woman whose charm or beauty arouses adoration

god-fa-ther /gäd_få_ther, 'gød/ noun
1 : a man who sponsors a person at baptism
2 : the leader of an organized crime syndicate

god-head /_hëd/ noun
1 ▶: divine nature or essence
2 cap: god 1 : also: the nature of God esp. as existing in three persons

Synonyms
divinity, deity—more at DIVINITY

god-hood /_höd/ noun
: the quality or state of being a god: DIVINITY

god-less /_äs/ adjective
: not acknowledging a deity or divine law
— god-less-ness noun

god-like /_lik/ adjective
▶: resembling or having the qualities of God or a god

Synonyms
blessed, divine, heavenly, holy, sacred, supernatural—more at HOLY

god-li-ness noun
▶: the quality or state of living a godly life

Synonyms
blessedness, devoutness, holiness, piety, sainthood, sanctity—more at HOLINESS

god-ly /_lä/ adjective god-li-er, -est
1 : DIVINE
2 ▶: marked by or showing reverence for deity and devotion to divine worship: PIOUS, DEVOUT

Synonyms
devout, faithful, holy, pious, religious, sainted, saintly—more at HOLY

god-moth-er /_ma_ðer/ noun
: a woman who sponsors a person at baptism

god-par-ent /_par_ënt/ noun
: a sponsor at baptism

god-send /_sënd/ noun
▶: a desirable or needed thing or event that comes unexpectedly

Synonyms
benefit, blessing, boon, felicity, good, manna, windfall—more at BLESSING

god-son /_son/ noun
: a male godchild
God·speed /'spɔːd/ noun
: a prosperous journey : SUCCESS <bade him ~>  

go·fer or go·pher /'ɡəfər/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of go for]  
: an employee whose duties include running errands  

go·get·ter /'ɡə_.ɡə.tər/ noun  
¬ adjective or noun  
  Synonyms  
  hustler, live wire, powerhouse, self-starter; also dasher; doer; he-man  

go·get·ting adjective  
¬ : marked by driving forceful energy, ambition, or initiative  
— go-getting noun  
  Synonyms  
  aggressive, ambitious, assertive, enterprising, fierce, high-pressure, militant, self-assertive—more at AGGRESSIVE  

gog·gle /ˈɡæ_ɡəl/ verb gog·gled; gog·gling  
¬ : to stare with wide or protuberant eyes  
  Synonyms  
  gape, gawk, gaze, peer, rubberneck, stare—more at GAPE  

gog·gles /ˈɡæ_ɡəlz/ noun plural  
: protective glasses set in a flexible frame that fits snugly against the face  

go·go /'ɡə_.ɡə/ adjective  
1 : related to, being, or employed to entertain in a disco <~ dancers>  
2 : aggressively enterprising and energetic  

go·ings–on /ˈɡə_.ɪŋ.ˈzən. ˈzæn/ noun plural  
: ACTIONS, EVENTS  

goi·ter /ˈɡə_.tər/ noun  
: an abnormally enlarged thyroid gland visible as a swelling at the base of the neck  
— goi·rous /ˈtrəs. ˈla_rəs/ adjective  

goi·tre chiefly British variant of GOITER  

go–kart /ˈɡə_.kɑrt/ noun  
: a small motorized vehicle used esp. for racing  

gold /ˈɡɔld/ noun  
1 : a malleable yellow metallic chemical element used esp. for coins and jewelry  
2 : gold coins; also : MONEY  
3 : a yellow color  

gold·brick /ˈɡɔld_.brik/ noun  
: a person who shirks assigned work  
— goldbrick verb  

gold coast noun, often cap G&C  
: an exclusive residential district  

gold digger noun  
: a person who uses charm to extract money or gifts from others  

gold·en /ˈɡɔld_.ən/ adjective  
1 : made of or relating to gold  
2 : : having the color of gold; also : BLOND
3: SHINING, LUSTROUS
4: SUPERB
5: marked by success or economic well-being: PROSPEROUS
6: radiantly youthful and vigorous
7: tending to promote or facilitate: FAVORABLE, ADVANTAGEOUS <a ~ opportunity>
8: rich and full but free from garishness or stridency: MELLOW, RESONANT

**Synonyms**
- [2] blond, fair, flaxen, sandy, straw—more at BLOND
- [5] booming, palmy, prosperous, roaring, successful—more at PROSPEROUS
- [7] advantageous, auspicious, bright, encouraging, favorable, heartening, hopeful, promising, propitious—more at FAVORABLE

**gold·en·ag·er /gōlˌdiːn.ˈeɪˌjər/ noun**
: an elderly and often retired person usu. engaging in club activities

**Synonyms**
- ancient, elder, oldster, senior citizen—more at SENIOR CITIZEN

**golden hamster noun**
: a small tawny hamster often kept as a pet

**golden handcuffs noun plural**
: special benefits offered to an employee as an inducement to continue service

**golden handshake noun**
: a generous severance agreement given esp. as an inducement to early retirement

**golden retriever noun**
: any of a breed of retrievers with a flat golden coat

**gold·en·rod /ˈɡɑldən.ˈrɑd/ noun**
: any of numerous herbs related to the daisies that have tall slender stalks with many tiny usu. yellow flower heads

**golden years noun plural**
: the advanced years in a lifetime

**gold·finch /ˈɡɔldfɪn/ noun**
1: a small largely red, black, and yellow Old World finch often kept in a cage
2: any of three small related American finches of which the males usu. become bright yellow and black in summer

**gold·fish /ˈɡɔldfɪʃ/ noun**
: a small usu. golden-orange carp often kept as an aquarium or pond fish

**gold·smith /ˈɡɔldsmɪθ/ noun**
: a person who makes or deals in articles of gold

**golf /ˈɡɑlf, ˈɡɔlf/ noun**
: a game played with a small ball and various clubs on a course having 9 or 18 holes
- golf verb
- golf·er noun

-gon /ˈgɑn/ noun combining form
: figure having (so many) angles <hexagon>

**go·nad /ˌɡōˌnɑd/ noun**
: a sperm- or egg-producing gland: OVARY, TESTIS
- go·nad·al /ˌɡōˌnɑdˈɑl/ adjective

**go·nad·o·trop·ic /ˌɡōˌnɑdˌɒtroʊˈpık/ also go·nad·o·tro·phic /ˌɡōˌnædˌɒtroʊˈfɪk, ˌtrɑˌfish/ adjective**
: acting on or stimulating the gonads

**go·nad·o·tro·pin /ˌɡōˌnædˌɒtroʊˈpin/ also go·nad·o·tro·phin /ˌfɪn/ noun**
: a gonadotropic hormone
gon·do·la /gän.də.lə/ (usual for 1), gân.'dō/ noun
[origin: It. dial. (Venice), prob. fr. MGk kontoura small vessel]
1: a long narrow boat used on the canals of Venice
2: a railroad car used for hauling loose freight (as coal)
3: an enclosure beneath an airship or balloon
4: an enclosed car suspended from a cable and used esp. for transporting skiers

gon·do·lier /gän.də.lir/ noun
: a person who propels a gondola

gone /gôn/ past participle of go

gone adjective
1 ▶: no longer alive: DEAD
2 ▶: no longer possessed: LOST, RUINED
3 ▶: SINKING, WEAK
4 ▶: INVOLVED, ABSORBED
5 ▶: INFATUATED
6 ▶: PREGNANT
7 ▶: having existed or taken place in a period before the present: PAST

Synonyms
- bygone, dead, deceased, defunct, extinct—more at EXTINCT

gon·er /gôn.ar/ noun
: one whose case is hopeless

gong /gôn/. 'gôn/ noun
: a metallic disk that produces a resounding tone when struck

gono·coc·cus /gä.nə.'kä.kas/ noun, plural -coc·ci /'kä.ki.si. (.sə). 'käs. 'kä.ki. (.kä)/
: a pus-producing bacterium causing gonorrhea
— gono·coc·cal /'kä.kal/ adjective

gon·or·rhea /gä.nə.'rē.a/ noun
: a contagious sexually transmitted inflammation of the genital tract caused by the gonococcus
— gon·or·rhe·al /'rē.al/ adjective

goo /gū/ noun
1 ▶: a viscid or sticky substance
2 ▶: sentimental tripe

goo·ber /gū.bər, 'gū./ noun, Southern & Midland
: PEANUT

good /gūd/ adjective better /'be.tar/; best /'best/
1 ▶: of a favorable character or tendency
2 ▶: BOUNTIFUL, FERTILE
3 ▶: COMELY, ATTRACTIVE
4 ▶: adapted to a use or purpose: SUITABLE, FIT
5 ▶: SOUND, WHOLE
6 ▶: having qualities that tend to give pleasure: AGREEABLE, PLEASANT
7 ▶: SALUTARY, WHOLESOME
8 ▶: of a noticeably large size or quantity: CONSIDERABLE
9 ▶: FULL
10 ▶: based on excellent reasoning, information, judgment, or grounds
11 ▶: TRUE <holds ~ for everybody>
12 ▶: legally valid or effectual
13 ▶: sufficient for a specific requirement: SATISFACTORY
14 ▶: conforming to a standard
15 ▶: DISCRIMINATING
16: worthy of being commended
17: KIND
18: UPPER-CLASS
19: having or displaying competence or skill
20: unswerving in allegiance: LOYAL, CLOSE
— good·ish adjective
— good·look·ing /ˈgʊdˌlʊkɪŋ/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ◆ [1] appreciative, complimentary, favorable, friendly, positive—more at FAVORABLE
  ◆ [4] applicable, appropriate, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, happy, meet, proper, right, suitable—more at FIT
  ◆ [6] agreeable, congenial, delightful, felicitous, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying
  ◆ [10] hard, informed, just, logical, rational, reasonable, reasoned, sensible, solid, valid, well-founded; also actual, real, true; certain, sure; certified, validated, verified; confirmed, substantiated; cogent, convincing, credible
Antonyms
  baseless, illogical, invalid, unfounded, uninformed, unreasonable, unsound
  ◆ [14] decent, ethical, honest, honorable, just, moral, right, straight, virtuous; also correct, decorous, proper, seemly; high-minded, noble, principled; commendable, creditable, exemplary, legitimate; esteemed, reputable, self-righteous
Antonyms
  bad, evil, unethical, wrong
  ◆ [19] accomplished, adept, capable, competent, proficient, skilled, skillful—more at PROFICIENT

good noun
1: something good
2: GOODNESS
3: advancement of prosperity or well-being: BENEFIT, WELFARE <for the ~ of mankind>
4: something that has economic utility
5 plural: personal property
6 plural: CLOTH
7 plural: something manufactured or produced for sale: WARES, MERCHANDISE
8: good persons <the ~ die young>
9 plural: proof of wrongdoing
— for good
  : FOREVER, PERMANENTLY
— to the good
  : in a position of net gain or profit <$10 to the good>
  Synonyms
  ◆ [1] blessing, boon, felicity, godsend, manna, windfall—more at BLESSING
  ◆ [3] benefit, interest, weal, welfare, well-being—more at WELFARE

good adverb
1: in a good or proper manner: WELL
  Synonyms
  ◆ OK, adequately, all right, fine, nicely, passably, satisfactorily, so-so, tolerably, well—more at WELL

good·bye or good·by /ˌɡʊdˈbaɪ, ˌɡʊd-/ noun
1: a concluding remark at parting
  Synonyms
  ◆ adieu, au revoir, bon voyage, farewell; also leave-taking, send-off
Antonyms
  hello

good cholesterol noun
  : HDL
good–for–noth·ing /ˈgʊdˌfərˌnəθˈɪŋ/ adjective : of no use or value
— good–for–nothing noun

Good Friday noun : the Friday before Easter observed as the anniversary of the crucifixion of Christ

good–heart·ed /ˈhɑːrtɛd/ adjective : having a kindly generous disposition
   Synonyms
   ▷ beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, humane, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted—more at HUMANE

good·ly /ˈɡʊdlɪ/ adjective good·li·er; -est
1 : of pleasing appearance
2 ▷ : significantly large : CONSIDERABLE
   Synonyms
   ▷ considerable, good, healthy, respectable, significant, sizable, substantial, tidy—more at CONSIDERABLE

good·man /ˈɡʊdˌmən/ noun, archaic
   : MR.

good–na·tured /ˈɡʊdˌnəˈchɑrd/ adjective
   ▷ : of a cheerful disposition
— good–na·tured·ly /ˌchɑrdɪli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▷ affable, agreeable, amiable, genial, gracious, nice, sweet, well-disposed—more at AMIABLE

good·ness /ˌnɛs/ noun
   ▷ : the quality or state of being good : VIRTUE
   Synonyms
   ▷ character, decency, honesty, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue—more at MORALITY

good–tem·pered /ˈtemˌpərd/ adjective
   : not easily angered or upset

good·wife /ˌwɪf/ noun, archaic
   : MRS.

good·will /ˌwɪl/ noun
1 ▷ : kindly feeling of approval and support : BENEVOLENCE
2 : the value of the trade a business has built up over time
3 : cheerful consent
4 ▷ : willing effort
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] amity, benevolence, cordiality, fellowship, friendliness, friendship, kindness; also camaraderie, community, companionship, comradeship; civility, comity, concord, harmony, rapport; charity, generosity, neighborliness; affinity, communion, empathy, sympathy, tolerance; altruism, philanthropy, selflessness
   Antonyms
   ill will, malevolence
   ▷ [4] alacrity, gameness, willingness—more at ALACRITY

goody or good·ie /ˈɡʊdi/ noun, plural good·ies
   ▷ : something that is good esp. to eat
   Synonyms
   ▷ dainty, delicacy, tidbit, treat—more at DELICACY

goody–goody /ˈɡʊdiˌdɛ/ˈɡʊdiˌdɛ/ adjective
   : affectedly good
— goody-goody noun

goo•ey /gü•ē/ adjective
  ▪ having a sticky or thick quality
    Synonyms
      ▪ adhesive, gelatinous, gluey, glutinous, gummy, sticky, viscid, viscous—more at STICKY

goof /'gūf/ verb
  1 ▪ to spend time idly or foolishly — often used with off
  2 ▪ BLUNDER — often used with up

2 goof noun
  1 ▪ a silly or stupid person
  2 ▪ a gross error or mistake resulting usu. from stupidity, ignorance, or carelessness
    Synonyms
      ▪ blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, lapse, miscue, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip, stumble—more at ERROR

goof•ball /gūf•bāl/ noun
  1 slang ▪ a barbiturate sleeping pill
  2 ▪ a goofy person

go off verb
  1 ▪ to burst forth with sudden violence or noise from internal energy : EXPLODE
  2 ▪ to follow a course <the party went off well>
    Synonyms
      ▪ blow up, burst, detonate, explode, pop—more at EXPLODE

goof•off /'gūf•ōf/ noun
  : one who evades work or responsibility

goofy /gū•fē/ adjective goof•i•er; -est
  ▪ being crazy, ridiculous, or mildly ludicrous : SILLY
  — goof•i•ness /fē•nis/ noun
    Synonyms
      ▪ flighty, frivolous, giddy, harebrained, light-headed, scatterbrained, silly—more at GIDDY

goon /gūn/ noun
  1 ▪ a man hired to terrorize or kill opponents
  2 ▪ a stupid person
    Synonyms
      ▪ [1] bully, gangster, hood, hoodlum, mobster, mug, punk, rowdy, ruffian, thug, tough—more at HOODLUM
      ▪ [2] blockhead, cretin, dodo, dolt, donkey, dope, dummy, dunce, fathead, half-wit, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, nitwit, numskull, simpleton, stock, turkey—more at IDIOT

go on verb
  1 ▪ to continue in a course of action
  2 ▪ to take place : HAPPEN
    Synonyms
      ▪ be, befall, betide, chance, come, happen, occur, pass, transpire—more at HAPPEN

goose /gūs/ noun, plural geese /gēz/
  1 ▪ any of numerous long-necked web-footed birds related to the swans and ducks; also : a female goose as distinguished from a gander
  2 ▪ a foolish person
  3 plural goos•es : a tailor's smoothing iron
    Synonyms
      ▪ booby, fool, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, nitwit, nut, simpleton, turkey—more at FOOL

goose•ber•ry /gūz•ber•ē•'gūz• ber•ē/ noun
  : the acid berry of any of several shrubs related to the currant and used esp. in jams and pies
goose bumps noun plural
: roughening of the skin caused usu. by cold, fear, or a sudden feeling of excitement

goose·flesh /ˌgle什/ noun
: GOOSE BUMPS

goose pimples noun plural
: GOOSE BUMPS

go out verb
1 : to become extinguished
2 : to become a candidate <went out for the football team>

go over verb
▶ to win approval : SUCCEED

Synonyms
▶ click, deliver, pan out, succeed, work out—more at SUCCEED

GOP abbreviation
Grand Old Party (Republican)

gopher /ˈgōpər/ noun
1 : a burrowing American land tortoise
2 : any of a family of No. American burrowing rodents with large cheek pouches opening beside the mouth
3 : any of several small ground squirrels of the prairie region of No. America

gopher variant of GOFER

gore /ɡɔːr/ noun
1 : BLOOD
2 : vivid gruesomeness

Synonyms
▶ a tapering or triangular piece (as of cloth in a skirt)

gore verb gored; gor·ing
▶ to pierce or wound with something pointed

Synonyms
▶ harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

gorge /ˈgɔr/ noun
1 : THROAT
2 ▶ a narrow ravine
3 : a mass of matter that chokes up a passage

Synonyms
▶ canyon, defile, flume, gap, gulch, gulf, notch, pass, ravine—more at CANYON

gorge verb gorged; gorg·ing
▶ to eat greedily : stuff to capacity

Synonyms
▶ glut, sate, stuff, surfeit; also gobble, gulp, guzzle; fill
▶ bolt, cram

gor·geous /ˈgɔrəs/ adjective
▶ resplendently beautiful

Synonyms
▶ attractive, beautiful, fair, handsome, knockout, lovely, pretty, ravishing, stunning—more at BEAUTIFUL

Gor·gon·zo·la /ˌgōr.ɡən.zəˌlə/ noun
: a blue cheese of Italian origin

go·ril·la /ˈɡərlə/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. Gk Gorillai, a tribe of hairy women in an account of a voyage around Africa]
an African anthropoid ape related to but much larger than the chimpanzee

**gor·man·dise** chiefly British variant of GORMANDIZE

**gor·man·dize** /'görˌmanˌdiz/ verb -dized, -diz·ing
: to eat ravenously

**gor·man·diz·er** /ˌdizə(r)/ noun
: one who eats glutotonously or ravenously

**gorp** /görp/ noun
: a snack consisting of high-calorie food (as raisins and nuts)

**gorse** /ˈgɔrs/ noun
: a spiny yellow-flowered European evergreen shrub of the legume family

**gory** /ˈgɔr.ə/ adjective gor·i·er; -est
1. BLOODSTAINED
2. HORRIBLE, SENSATIONAL

**gos·hawk** /ˈgɑsˌhɑk/ noun
: any of several long-tailed hawks with short rounded wings

**gos·ling** /ˈɡɑsˌlin, ˈɡɔz/ noun
: a young goose

**gos·pel** /ˈɡɑsˌpel/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE gödspel, fr. gōd good + spell message, news]
1. the teachings of Christ and the apostles
2. cap: any of the first four books of the New Testament
3. ▶: something accepted as infallible truth
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ creed, doctrine, ideology, philosophy—more at CREED

**gos·parable** adjective
1. of, relating to, or emphasizing the gospel
2. relating to or being American religious songs associated with evangelism

**gos·samer** /ˈɡɑsˌsəmər/ noun
[origin: ME gossomer, fr. gos goose + somer summer]
1. a film of cobwebs floating in the air
2. something light, delicate, or tenuous

**gos·sipy** adjective
: characterized by, full of, or given to gossip

**got** past and past participle of GET

**Goth** /ɡɑθ/ noun
: a member of a Germanic people that early in the Christian era overran the Roman Empire
1. **Gothic** /gäˈθik/ *adjective*
   1. of or relating to the Goths
   2. of or relating to a style of architecture prevalent in western Europe from the middle 12th to the early 16th century

2. **Gothic** *noun*
   1. the Germanic language of the Goths
   2. the Gothic architectural style or decoration

**gotten** past participle of GET

**Gou·da** /gōˈدا/ *noun*
   a mild Dutch milk cheese shaped in balls

1. **gouge** /gau/ *noun*
   1. a rounded troughlike chisel
   2. a hole or groove made with or as if with a gouge

2. **gouge** *verb*; **goug·ing**
   1. to cut holes or grooves in with or as if with a gouge
   2. to charge too much or too fully
   - **Synonyms**
     - overcharge, soak, sting—more at OVERCHARGE

**gou·lash** /gōˈlash, ˈlāsh/ *noun*
[origin: Hungarian gulyás]
   a stew made with meat, assorted vegetables, and paprika

**go under** *verb*
   1. to be overwhelmed, defeated, or destroyed

1. **gourd** /gōrd/ *noun*
   1. any of a family of tendril-bearing vines including the cucumber, squash, and melon
   2. the fruit of a gourd; especially: any of various inedible hard-shelled fruits used esp. for ornament or implements

2. **gour·mand** /gōrˈmænd/ *noun*
   1. one who is excessively fond of eating and drinking

2. **gour·met** /ɡʊrˈmɛt, ˈɡʊr-/ *noun*
[origin: F, fr. MF, alter. of gromet boy servant, vintner's assistant]
   a connoisseur of food and drink

2. **gout** /gōt/ *noun*
   a metabolic disease marked by painful inflammation and swelling of the joints
   - **gouty** *adjective*

**gov** *abbreviation*
1. government
2. governor

1. **govern** /ˈɡəvən/ *verb*
   1. to control and direct the making and administration of policy in
   2. to prevail or have decisive influence over
   3. to determine, regulate
   4. to hold in check
   - **Synonyms**
     - [1] boss, captain, command, control, preside, rule; also conduct, direct, head, lead; administer, manage, oversee, regulate, superintend, supervise; dictate, dominate, domineer, lord (it over), master, oppress, reign (over), tyrannize; conquer, subdue, subjugate
     - [2] administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run,
superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT

[4] bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, curb, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain, tame—more at CONTROL

governance /'gəvərnəns/ noun
the act or process of governing; specif: authoritative direction or control

governess /'gəvərnəs/ noun
a woman who teaches and trains a child esp. in a private home

government /'gəvərnəmənt/ noun
1 : authoritative direction or control : RULE
2 : the making of policy
3 : the organization or agency through which a political unit exercises authority
4 : the complex of institutions, laws, and customs through which a political unit is governed
5 : the governing body

—governmental /'gəvərnəməntl/ adjective

Synonyms
[1] administration, authority, jurisdiction, regime, rule—more at RULE

[2] conduct, control, direction, guidance, management, operation, oversight, regulation, running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT

governor /'gəvərnər/ noun
1 : one that governs; especially: a ruler, chief executive, or head of a political unit (as a state)
2 : an attachment to a machine for automatic control of speed

—governorship noun

govt abbreviation
government

gown /'goun/ noun
1 : a loose flowing outer garment
2 : an official robe worn esp. by a judge, clergyman, or teacher
3 : a woman's dress <evening ~>s>
4 : a loose robe

gown verb
: to dress in or invest with a gown

gp abbreviation
group

GP abbreviation
general practitioner

GPO abbreviation
1 general post office
2 Government Printing Office

GPS /ˈɡeɪ.pəˌɛs/ noun
[Origin: Global Positioning System]
: a navigation system that uses satellite signals to fix location; also: the signal receiver itself

GQ abbreviation
general quarters

gr abbreviation
1 grade
2 grain
3 gram
4 gravity
5 gross
grab /ˈɡræb/ verb grabbed; grabbing
   : to take hastily : SNATCH
   Synonyms
   bag, capture, catch, collar, corral, get, grapple, hook, land, nab, seize, snare, trap—more at CATCH

grab noun
   1 : something grabbed; also : an act or instance of grabbing
   2 : an unlawful or unscrupulous seizure
   Synonyms
   rip-off, theft—more at THEFT

grace /ˈɡreɪs/ noun
   1 : unmerited help given to people by God (as in overcoming temptation)
   2 : freedom from sin through divine grace
   3 : a virtue coming from God
   4 — used as a title for a duke, a duchess, or an archbishop
   5 : a short prayer at a meal
   6 : a temporary respite (as from the payment of a debt)
   7 : APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE <in his good ~s>
   8 : CHARM
   9 : ATTRACTIVENESS, BEAUTY
   10 : fitness or proportion of line or expression
   11 : ease of movement
   12 : a musical trill or ornament
   13 : disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy, or clemency
   — graceful·ly adverb
   — graceful·ness noun
   Synonyms
   [10] class, elegance, handsomeness, majesty, refinement, stateliness—more at ELEGANCE
   [13] boon, courtesy, favor, indulgence, kindness, mercy, service, turn—more at FAVOR

grace verb graced; gracing
   1 : to endow with grace : ADORN, EMBELLISH
   Synonyms
   adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, ornament, trim—more at DECORATE

grace·ful /ˈɡreɪs(ə)l/ adjective
   : displaying grace in form or action : pleasing or attractive in line, proportion, or movement
   Synonyms
   elegant, handsome, majestic, refined, stately, tasteful—more at ELEGANT
   agile, light, lissome, lithe, nimble, spry; also flexible, limber, pliable, pliant, supple; adroit, deft, dexterous
   Antonyms
   awkward, clumsy, gawky, graceless, lumbering, ungainly, ungraceful

grace·ful·ness noun
   : the quality or state of being graceful

grace·less adjective
   1 : artistically inept or unbeautiful
   2 : lacking a sense of propriety
   Synonyms
   [1] awkward, clumsy, gawky, heavy-handed, lubberly, lumpish, ungainly, unhandy—more at CLUMSY
   [1] gauche, inelegant, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungraceful, wooden—more at Awkward
   [2] improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong

gra·cious /ˈɡrɑ.ʃəs/ adjective
1: marked by kindness and courtesy
2: GRACEFUL
3: characterized by charm and good taste
4: MERCIFUL
— graciously adverb

Synonyms
- affable, agreeable, amiable, congenial, convivial, cordial, friendly, genial, hospitable, kind, kindly, sociable

Antonyms
- inhospitable, ungracious, unsociable

graciousness noun
: the quality or state of being gracious

Synonyms
- civility, courtesy, gentility, mannerliness, politeness—more at POLITUDE
- agreeableness, amenity, amiability, geniality, niceness, pleasantness, sweetness—more at AMIABILITY

grackle /ˈgrækˌlə/ noun
: any of several large American blackbirds with glossy iridescent plumage

graduate; graduated

gradation /ˈɡræˌdeɪʃən, ˈɡreɪ-/ noun
1: a series forming successive stages
2: a step, degree, or stage in a series
3: an advance by regular degrees
4: the act or process of grading

1 grade /ˈɡreɪd/ verb graded; grading
1: to arrange in grades: SORT; also: to arrange in a scale or series
2: to make level or evenly sloping <~ a highway>
3: to give a grade to <~ a pupil in history>
4: to assign to a grade

Synonyms
- assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, group, peg, place, range, rank, rate, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY

2 grade noun
[origin: L. gradus step, degree, fr. gradire to step, go]
1: a degree or stage in a series, order, or ranking
2: a position in a scale of rank, quality, or order
3: a class of persons or things of the same rank or quality
4: a division of the school course representing one year's work; also: the pupils in such a division
5 plural: the elementary school system
6: a mark or rating esp. of accomplishment in school
7: the degree of slope (as of a road); also: SLOPE
8: a reference level or starting point used for measuring or calculating

Synonyms
- [1] cut, degree, inch, notch, peg, phase, point, stage, step—more at DEGREE
- [2] caliber, class, quality, rate—more at QUALITY
- [3] bracket, category, class, division, family, group, kind, order, set, species, type—more at CLASS
- [7] cant, diagonal, inclination, incline, lean, pitch, slant, slope, tilt, upgrade—more at SLANT
- [8] criterion, mark, measure, par, standard, touchstone, yardstick—more at STANDARD

grader /ˈɡræ.ðər/ noun
: a machine for leveling earth

grade school noun
: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
gradient /grəˈdeɪənt/ noun
: the rate of regular or graded ascent or descent : SLOPE, GRADE

gradual /ˈɡrædʒʊəl/ adjective
: proceeding or changing by steps or degrees
— gradual·ly adverb

Synonyms
imperceptible, progressive

Antonyms
sudden

gradualism /ˈɡrædʒʊəlɪzəm/ noun
: the policy of approaching a desired end gradually

1 graduate /ˈɡrædʒʊət/ noun
1 : a holder of an academic degree or diploma
2 : a graduated container for measuring contents

2 graduate adjective
1 : holding an academic degree or diploma
2 : of or relating to studies beyond the first or bachelor's degree <~ school>

3 graduate /ˈɡrædʒʊət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to grant or receive an academic degree or diploma
2 : to divide into grades, classes, or intervals
3 : to admit to a particular standing or grade

graduation /ˈɡrædʒʊəʃən/ noun
1 : a mark that graduates something
2 : arrangement in degrees or ranks
3 : COMMENCEMENT 2

Synonyms
ladder, scale—more at SCALE

graffiti /ˈɡræfɪtɪ/ noun
: unauthorized writing or drawing on a public surface

graffito /ˈɡræftəʊ, ˈɡræftəʊ/ noun, plural -ti /ti/ noun
: an inscription or drawing made on a public surface (as a wall)

1 graft /ɡrɑːft/ noun
1 : a grafted plant; also : the point of union in this
2 : material (as skin) used in grafting
3 : the getting of money or advantage dishonestly; also : the money or advantage so gained

2 graft verb
1 : to insert a shoot from one plant into another so that they join and grow; also : to join one thing to another as in plant grafting <~ skin over a burn>
2 : to get (as money) dishonestly

— graft·er noun

graham cracker /ˈɡræm ˈkreɪ.ər/ noun
: a slightly sweet cracker made chiefly of whole wheat flour

Grail /ˈɡreɪl/ noun
: the cup or platter used according to medieval legend by Christ at the Last Supper and thereafter the object of knightly quests

grain /ɡreɪn/ noun
1 : a seed or fruit of a cereal grass
2 : seeds or fruits of various food plants and esp. cereal grasses; also : a plant (as wheat) producing grain
3 : a small hard particle
4 : a unit of weight based on the weight of a grain of wheat
5 : TEXTURE; also : the arrangement of fibers in wood
6 : natural disposition
   — grained /Grænd/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [3] bit, granule, molecule, particle
   ▶ [6] disposition, nature, temper, temperament—more at DISPOSITION

grain alcohol noun
   : ALCOHOL 1

grainy /Græ.ni/ adjective grain·i·er; -est
1 : resembling or having some characteristic of grain : not smooth or fine
2 of a photograph : appearing to be composed of grain-like particles
   Synonyms
   ▶ coarse, granular—more at COARSE

gram /Gram/ noun
[ORIGIN: fr. LL gramma, a small weight, fr. Gk gramma letter, writing, a small weight, fr. graphein to write]
   : a metric unit of mass and weight equal to 1/1000 kilogram
   2 gram abbreviation
   grammar; grammatical
   -gram /Gram/ noun combining form
   : drawing : writing : record <telegram>

gram·mar /'gra.mar/ noun
1 : the study of the classes of words, their inflections, and their functions and relations in the sentence
2 : a study of what is to be preferred and what avoided in inflection and syntax
3 : speech or writing evaluated according to its conformity to grammatical rules
   — gram·mar·i·an /'gra.mer.ən, 'mar/ noun
   — gram·mat·i·cal /'gram.təˌkəl/ adjective
   — gram·mat·i·cal·ly /'kəˌləl/ adverb

gram·mar school noun
1 : a secondary school emphasizing Latin and Greek in preparation for college; also : a British college preparatory school
2 : a school intermediate between the primary grades and high school

gram·me /'gram/ chiefly British variant of GRAM

gram·o·phone /'gra.məˌfən/ noun
   : PHONOGRAPH

gra·na·ry /Græ.na.ri/ noun, plural -ries
1 : a storehouse for grain
2 : a region producing grain in abundance

grand /Grænd/ adjective
1 : higher in rank or importance : FOREMOST, CHIEF
2 : large and striking in size, scope, extent, or conception
3 : covering or intended to cover all items, costs, or services : COMPLETE <a ~ total>
4 : MAGNIFICENT, SPLENDID
5 : showing wealth or high social standing
6 : fine or imposing in appearance or impression : IMPRESSIVE, STATELY
7 : very good : FINE
Synonyms
- [1] chief, dominant, first, foremost, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal—more at FOREMOST
- [2] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately; also colossal, monstrous, prodigious, stupendous, tremendous; kingly, lordly, princely, queenly; awful, awesome, cosmic, sublime, wondrous; formidable, impressive, prepossessing, redoubtable; marvelous, superb, terrific, wonderful; extravagant, lavish, luxurious, opulent, sumptuous; gorgeous, resplendent; extraordinary, remarkable, sensational, striking; celestial, divine, heavenly
Antonyms
- humble, unheroic, unimposing, unimpressive
- [2] big, considerable, goodly, great, large, outsize, oversize, sizable, substantial
- [3] complete, comprehensive, entire, full, intact, integral, perfect, plenary, total, whole—more at COMPLETE
- [5] aristocratic, genteel, gentle, highborn, noble, patrician, wellborn—more at NOBLE

grand noun, plural grand slang
- : a thousand dollars

gran·dam /gránˈdəm, _dəm/ or gran·dame /_dəm/ noun
- : an old woman

grand-child /grándˈchəld/ noun
- : a child of one's son or daughter

grand-daught·er /grándˈdətər/ noun
- : a daughter of one's son or daughter

grande dame /grándˈdäm/ noun, plural grandes dames
- : a usu. elderly woman of great prestige or ability

gran·de /gránˈdē/ noun
- : a high-ranking Spanish or Portuguese nobleman

Synonyms
- aristocrat, gentleman, noble, patrician—more at GENTLEMAN

gran·deur /gránˈ deər/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being grand : MAGNIFICENCE
2 : something that is grand

Synonyms
- augustness, brilliance, glory, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE

grand·fa·ther /grándˈfæθər/ noun
- : the father of one's father or mother; also : ANCESTOR

Synonyms
- ancestor, father, forebear, forefather—more at ANCESTOR
grandfather clock noun
- : a tall clock that stands on the floor

gran·di·o·quence /gránˌdi ə kwan/ noun
- : pompous eloquence

Synonyms
- bombast, gas, hot air, rhetoric, wind—more at RHETORIC

gran·di·o·quent /ˌkwənt/ adjective
- : marked by a lofty, extravagantly colorful, pompous, or bombastic style, manner, or quality esp. in language

Synonyms
- florid, flowery, high-flown, highfalutin—more at FLOWERY
- bombastic, gaseous, oratorical, rhetorical, windy—more at RHETORICAL

gran·di·ose /gránˌdi ə s/ or gran·di·əs/ adjective
impressive because of uncommon largeness, scope, effect, or grandeur: **imposing**; also: affectedly splendid

— **grandiose** adverb

**Synonyms**
- august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at **grand**
- affected, highfalutin, ostentatious, pompous, pretentious—more at **pretentious**

**grandiosity** /grænˈdiːəsɪəti/ noun
: the quality or state of being grandiose

**grand jury** noun
: a jury that examines accusations of crime against persons and makes formal charges on which the persons are later tried

— **grandly** adverb
: in a grand manner

**Synonyms**
- expensively, extravagantly, high, lavishly, luxuriously, opulently, richly—more at **high**
- gallantly, greatly, heroically, honorably, magnanimously, nobly—more at **greatly**

**grand mal** /grænˈmæl/ noun
[origin: F, lit., great illness]
: severe epilepsy

— **grandmother** /ˈgrænd.məθər/ noun
: the mother of one's father or mother; also: a female ancestor

— **grandness** /ˈgrænd.nəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being grand

**Synonyms**
- augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at **magnificence**
- bigness, greatness, largeness—more at **largeness**

— **grandparent** /ˈgrændˌpær.ənt/ noun
: a parent of one's father or mother

— **grand piano** noun
: a piano with horizontally framed strings

— **grand prix** /ˈgrænd prɛː/ noun, plural **grand prix** /ˌsɛm or ˈprɛːz/ often cap G&P
: a long-distance auto race over a road course

— **grand slam** noun
1: a total victory or success
2: a home run hit with three runners on base

— **grandson** /ˈgrændˌsɔn/ noun
: a son of one's son or daughter

— **grandstand** /ˈgrændˌstænd/ noun
: a usu. roofed stand for spectators at a racecourse or stadium

— **grange** /ˈgræŋ/ noun
1: a farm or farmhouse with its various buildings
2 cap: one of the lodges of a national association originally made up of farmers; also: the association itself

— **granger** /ˈgræŋˌjɛr/ noun

— **granite** /ˈɡreɪnɪt/ noun
1: a hard granular igneous rock used esp. for building
2: unyielding firmness or endurance

— **granitic** /ˈɡreɪni.tɪk/ adjective
Synonyms
- decision, decisiveness, determination, firmness, resolution, resolve—more at determination

granite /ˈgraɪt/ noun
: ironware with mottled enamel

granola /ˈɡrɑːnələ/ noun
: a cereal made of rolled oats and usu. raisins and nuts

grant /ɡrænt/ verb
1: to consent to: ALLOW, PERMIT
2: to bestow or transfer formally: GIVE
3: to admit as true
   — grantee /ɡrænti/ noun
   — grantor /ɡræntɔr/ noun

Synonyms
- [2] accord, award, confer, give—more at confer
- [3] acknowledge, admit, agree, allow, concede, confess, own—more at admit

grant noun
1: the act of granting
2: something granted; especially: a gift for a particular purpose "a ~ for study abroad"
3: a transfer of property by deed or writing; also: the instrument by which such a transfer is made
4: the property transferred by grant
   — grantee /ɡrænti/ noun
   — grantor /ɡræntɔr/ noun

Synonyms
- allocation, allotment, appropriation, subsidy—more at appropriation

granular /ˈɡrænələr/ adjective
- consisting of or appearing to consist of granules
   — granularity /ˈɡrænələrɪti/ noun

Synonyms
- coarse, grainy—more at coarse

granulate /ˈɡrænəleɪt/ verb -lated; -lating
: to form into grains or crystals
   — granulation /ˈɡrænəleɪʃən/ noun

granule /ˈɡrænəl/ noun
- a small grain or particle
   — Synonyms
   - bit, grain, molecule, particle

grape /ˈɡrɑːp/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, grape stalk, bunch of grapes, grape, of Gmc origin]
1: a smooth-skinned juicy edible greenish white, deep red, or purple berry that is the chief source of wine
2: any of numerous woody vines widely grown for their bunches of grapes

grapefruit /ˈɡrɑːpˌfruːt/ noun
1 plural grapefruits or grapefruits: a large edible yellow-skinned citrus fruit
2: a tree bearing grapefruit

grape hyacinth noun
- any of several small bulbous spring-flowering herbs with clusters of usu. blue flowers that are related to the lilies

grape-shot /ˈɡrɑːpˌʃeɪt/ noun
- a cluster of small iron balls formerly fired at people from short range by a cannon

grape-vine /ˈɡrɑːp ˌvɪn/ noun
1: grape 2
RUMOR: also: an informal means of circulating information or gossip

graph /'græf/ noun
: a diagram that usu. by means of dots and lines shows change in one variable factor in comparison with one or more other factors
— graph verb

-graph /'græf/ noun combining form
1: something written <autograph>
2: instrument for making or transmitting records <seismograph>

graphic /'græfık/ also graphic /'græfık/ adjective
1: being written, drawn, or engraved
2: vividly described
3: of or relating to the arts (graphic arts) of representation, decoration, and printing on flat surfaces
— graphic·ly /'græfıkli/ adverb

Synonyms
vivid; also depicted, descriptive, expressive; concrete, explicit, specific; faithful, lifelike, natural, realistic; fresh, incisive, sharp

graphic noun
1: a picture, map, or graph used for illustration
2 plural: a pictorial image displayed on a computer screen

Synonyms
diagram, figure, illustration, plate—more at ILLUSTRATION

graphical user interface noun
: a computer program designed to allow easy user interaction esp. by having graphic menus or icons

graph-ics tablet /'græfıs/ noun
: a computer input device for entering pictorial information by drawing or tracing

graph-ite /'græfıt/ noun
[origin: G Graphit, fr. Gk graphein to write]
: a soft black form of carbon used esp. for lead pencils and lubricants

grap-nel /'græpnəl/ noun
: a small anchor with usu. four claws used esp. in dragging or grappling operations

gripple /'græpl/ noun
[origin: MF grappelle, dim. of grape hook]
: the act of grappling

Synonyms
clap, grasp, grip, hold—more at HOLD

gripple verb grap·pled, grap·pling
1: to seize or hold with or as if with a hooked implement
2: to engage in a hand-to-hand struggle : WRESTLE
3: to attempt to deal with something — used with with

Synonyms
[1] bag, capture, catch, collar, corral, get, grab, hook, land, nab, seize, snare, trap—more at CATCH
[2] scuffle, tussle, wrestle—more at WRESTLE
usually grapple with [3] contend, cope, handle, manage, maneuver, negotiate, swing, treat—more at HANDLE

ggrass /'græsp/ verb
1: to make the motion of seizing
2: to take or seize firmly
3: to enclose and hold with the fingers or arms
4: to lay hold of with the mind : COMPREHEND

Synonyms
[3] clasp, grip, hold, take—more at TAKE
grasp noun
1 : HANDLE
2 : EMBRACE
3 : HOLD, CONTROL
4 : the reach of the arms
5 a : the act or manner of holding
   b : the power of seizing and holding
6 : mental hold or comprehension esp. when broad

Synonyms
[5a] clasp, grapple, grip, hold—more at HOLD
[6] appreciation, apprehension, comprehension, grip, perception, understanding—more at COMPREHENSION

grasping adjective

grasp·ing adjective

grass /gras/ noun
1 : herbage for grazing animals
2 : any of a large family of plants (as wheat, bamboo, or sugarcane) with jointed stems and narrow leaves
3 : grass-covered land
4 : MARIJUANA

grass·hop·per /ˌgras.ˈhəpər/ noun
: any of numerous leaping plant-eating insects

grass·land /ˌgras.ˈlænd/ noun
: land covered naturally or under cultivation with grasses and low-growing herbs

Synonyms
down, plain, prairie, savanna, steppe, veld—more at PLAIN

grass roots noun plural
: society at the local level as distinguished from the centers of political leadership

grate /grāt/ verb grated; grating
1 : to pulverize by rubbing against something rough
2 : to grind or rub against with a rasping noise
3 : to provoke impatience, anger, or displeasure in : IRRITATE

Synonyms
[2] grind, rasp, scrape, scratch—more at SCRAPE
[3] aggravate, annoy, bother, exasperate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, put out, vex—more at IRRITATE

grate noun
1 : GRATING
2 : a frame of iron bars for holding fuel while it burns

grate·ful /ˈɡrāt.fəl/ adjective
1 : appreciative of benefits received : THANKFUL; also : expressing gratitude
2 : giving pleasure or contentment : PLEASING

Synonyms
appreciative, obliged, thankful; also beholden, indebted; gratified, pleased

Antonyms
thankless, unappreciative, ungrateful

**grateful-ness** noun
- : the quality or state of being grateful
  - **Synonyms**
  - appreciation, gratitude, thanks—more at **THANKS**

**grat-i-fication** /grəˌfəˈkeɪʃən/ noun
- : the act of gratifying : the state of being gratified
  - **Synonyms**
  - contentment, delectation, delight, enjoyment, gladness, pleasure, relish, satisfaction—more at **PLEASURE**

**grat-i-fy** /grəˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to afford pleasure to
2 : to give in to
  - **Synonyms**
  - [1] content, delight, gladden, please, rejoice, satisfy, suit, warm—more at **PLEASE**
  - [2] cater, humor, indulge—more at **INDULGE**

**grat-i-fy·ing** adjective
- : giving pleasure or satisfaction
  - **Synonyms**
  - agreeable, felicitous, good, grateful, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying
  - comforting, encouraging, heartening, heartwarming, rewarding, satisfying—more at **HEARTWARMING**

**grating** /ˈgræ.tiŋ/ noun
- : a framework with parallel bars or crossbars

**grati·tude** /ˌɡrætəˈtjuːd, -tyúd/ noun
- : the state of being grateful : **THANKFULNESS**
  - **Synonyms**
  - appreciation, gratefulness, thanks—more at **THANKS**

**grau·titous** /ˌɡræˈtjuːəˌtəs, -tyʊˈtəs/ adjective
1 : done or provided without recompense : **FREE**
2 : UNWARRANTED
  - **Synonyms**
  - complimentary, free—more at **FREE**

**grau·i·ty** /ˌɡræ.ɪˈteɪ/ noun, plural -ties
- : something given voluntarily or beyond obligation usu. for some service : **TIP**

**grau·va·men** /ˌɡræ.ˈvɑː.mən/ noun, plural -va·mens or -vam·i·na /ˌvɑː.me.nə/ [origin: LL, burden]
- : the basic or significant part of a grievance or complaint
  1 : grave /ˈɡræv/ verb graved; grav·en /ˈɡrævən/ or graved; grav·ing
   1 : to carve or shape with a chisel : **SCULPTURE**
   2 : to carve or cut (as letters or figures) into a hard surface : **ENGRAVE**
  2 : grave noun
   : an excavation in the earth as a place of burial; also : **TOMB**
  3 : grave /ˈɡræv/ 5 also ‘gräv/ adjective
   1 : deserving serious consideration
   2 : threatening great harm or danger
   3 : having a serious and dignified quality or demeanor : **SOLEMN**
   4 : drab in color : **SOMBER**
   5 : of, marked by, or being an accent mark having the form `
--- **grave·ly** adverb
--- **grave·ness** noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] heavy, serious, weighty—more at **SERIOUS**
- [2] dangerous, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome—more at **DANGEROUS**
- [3] earnest, humorless, serious, severe, sober, solemn, staid, unsmiling, weighty—more at **SERIOUS**

**gravel** /ˈɡrævəl/ noun
: pebbles and small pieces of rock larger than grains of sand

**grave·ly** adjective
1 : of, containing, or covered with gravel
2 ▶: having a rough or grating sound

**Synonyms**
- coarse, gruff, hoarse, husky, scratchy, throaty—more at **HOARSE**

**Graves' disease** /ˈɡrɑːvəz/ noun
: hyperthyroidism characterized by goiter and often protrusion of the eyeballs

**grave·stone** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌstōn/ noun
- a burial monument

**Synonyms**
- headstone, monument, tombstone—more at **TOMBSTONE**

**grave·yard** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌjad/ noun
: CEMETERY

**gravid** /ˈɡrɑːvid/ adjective
- [ORIGIN: L gravidus, fr. gravis heavy]

**grav·i·me·ter** /ˈɡrɑːvɪˌmiːtər, ˈɡrɑːvəˌmiːtər/ noun
: a device for measuring variations in a gravitational field

**grav·i·tate** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌteɪt/ verb -tat·ed, -tat·ing
: to move or tend to move toward something

**grav·i·ta·tion** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌteɪʃən/ noun
1 : a natural force of attraction that tends to draw bodies together and that occurs because of the mass of the bodies
2 : the action or process of gravitating
- **grav·i·ta·tion·al** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌteɪʃənˌəl/ adjective
- **grav·i·ta·tion·al·ly** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌteɪʃənˌəl·li/ adverb

**grav·i·ty** /ˈɡrɑːvəˌteɪtɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 a : IMPORTANCE
b ▶: the quality or state of being serious
2 : ²MASS 5
3 : the gravitational attraction of the mass of a celestial object (as earth) for bodies close to it; also : **GRAVITATION 1**

**Synonyms**
- earnestness, intenntness, seriousness, sobriety, solemnity—more at **EARNESTNESS**

**gra·vure** /ˈɡrɑːvər/ noun
- [ORIGIN: F]

: PHOTOGRAVURE

**gravy** /ˈɡrɑːvə/ noun, plural gravies
1 : a sauce made from the thickened and seasoned juices of cooked meat
2 : unearned or illicit gain : **GRAFT**

**gray** /ˈɡreɪ/ adjective
1 : of the color gray; also : dull in color
2 : having gray hair
3 : lacking cheer or brightness in mood, outlook, style, or flavor: CHEERLESS, DISMAL
4 : intermediate in position or character
— gray·ness noun

Synonyms
  • [1] leaden, pewter, silver, silvery, slate, steely; also achromatic, neutral; dirty, dull, faded, washed-out; ashen, ashy, chalky, livid, mousy, pale, white, whitish; chocolate, dun, sandy, sepia; brindled, grizzled, hoary
  • [3] bleak, desolate, dismal, dreary, gloomy, murky

2 gray noun
1 : something of a gray color
2 : a neutral color ranging between black and white

3 gray verb
: to make or become gray

gray·beard /ˈgrāˌbērd/ noun
: an old man

gray·ish adjective
: somewhat gray

gray·ling /ˈgrāˌling/ noun, plural graylings also graylings
: any of several slender freshwater food and sport fishes related to the trouts

gray matter noun
1 : the grayish part of nervous tissue consisting mostly of nerve cell bodies
2 : capacity for knowledge and learning: INTELLIGENCE

Synonyms
  • intellect, intelligence, reason, sense—more at INTELLIGENCE

gray wolf noun
: a large wolf of northern No. America and Asia that is usu. gray

1 graze /grāz/ verb grazed; grazing
[origin: ME grasen, fr. OE grasian, fr. gras grass]
1 : to feed on herbage or pasture
2 : to feed (livestock) on grass or pasture
— grazer noun

Synonyms
  • browse, forage, pasture; also eat, feed, nibble

2 graze verb grazed; grazing
1 : to touch lightly in passing
2 : to irritate or roughen by rubbing: SCRATCH, ABRAD

Synonyms
  • [1] brush, kiss, nick, shave, skim—more at BRUSH
  • [2] abrade, scrape, scratch, scuff—more at SCRAPE

1 grease /grēs/ noun
1 : rendered animal fat
2 : oily material
3 : a thick lubricant

2 grease /ˈgrēz, ˈgrēz/ verb greased; greasing
: to smear or lubricate with grease

Synonyms
  • lubricate, oil, slick, wax—more at LUBRICATE

greasy /ˈgrēˌsēˌzē/ adjective
1 : smeared or soiled with grease; also : oily in appearance, texture, or manner  
2 : causing or tending to cause something to slide or fall  
3 : containing an unusual amount of grease  
   Synonyms  
   \[ slick, slippery, slithery — more at SLICK \]

grease·paint /ˈgrēz-ˌpānt/ noun  
: theater makeup

great /ˈgrāt/ adjective  
1 : large in size : BIG  
2 : ELABORATE, AMPLE  
3 : large in number : NUMEROUS  
4 : being beyond the average: MIGHTY, INTENSE <a ~ weight> <in ~ pain>  
5 : EMINENT, GRAND  
6 : long continued <a ~ while>  
7 : MAIN, PRINCIPAL  
8 : more distant in a family relationship by one generation <a great-grandfather>  
9 : markedly superior in character, quality, or skill <~ at bridge>  
10 : very good of its kind : EXCELLENT, FINE <had a ~ time>  
   Synonyms  
   \[ [1] big, hefty, large, outsize, oversize, sizable, substantial \]  
   \[ [6] extended, far, lengthy, long, marathon — more at LONG \]  
   \[ [9] accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, crackerjack, expert, good, master, masterful, masterly, proficient, skilled, skillful, virtuoso — more at PROFICIENT \]  
   \[ [10] excellent, fabulous, fine, grand, marvelous, splendid, superb, superior, swell, terrific, wonderful — more at EXCELLENT \]

great ape noun  
: any of a family of primates including the gorilla, orangutan, and chimpanzees

great blue heron noun  
: a large crested grayish blue American heron

great circle noun  
: a circle on the surface of a sphere that has the same center as the sphere; especially : one on the surface of the earth an arc of which is the shortest travel distance between two points

great-coat /ˈgrāt-kōt/ noun  
: a heavy overcoat

Great Dane noun  
: any of a breed of tall massive powerful smooth-coated dogs

great-heart·ed /ˈgrātˌhārt·id/ adjective  
1 : characterized by bravery : COURAGEOUS  
2 : characterized by a noble or forbearing spirit : MAGNANIMOUS  
   Synonyms  
   \[ brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous — more at BRAVE \]

great·ly adverb  
1 : to a great extent or degree : very much  
2 : in a great manner  
   Synonyms  
   \[ [1] broadly, considerably, extremely, highly, hugely, largely, much, sizably, tremendously, very \]  
   Antonyms  
   slightly  
   \[ [2] gallantly, grandly, heroically, honorably, magnanimously, nobly; also loftily; magnificently, majestically \]  
   Antonyms
basely, dishonorably, ignobly

great·ness noun
  : the quality or state of being great
  
  Synonyms
  ➤ distinction, excellence, preeminence, superiority, supremacy—more at EXCELLENCE
  ➤ bigness, grandness, largeness—more at LARGENESS

great power noun, often cap G&P
  : one of the nations that figure most decisively in international affairs

great white shark noun
  : a large and dangerous shark of warm seas that has large saw-edged teeth and is whitish below and bluish or brownish above

grebe /ˈɡreɪb/ noun
  : any of a family of lobe-toed diving birds related to the loons

gre·cian /ˈɡrɛ.ʃən/ adjective
  : GREEK

greed /ˈɡrɛd/ noun
  : acquisitive or selfish desire beyond reason
  ➤ greed·i·ly /ˈɡrɛ.da.li/ adverb
  
  Synonyms
  ➤ acquisitiveness, avarice, avidity, covetousness, cupidity, rapaciousness; also materialism, possessiveness; appetite, craving, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, ravenousness, thirst, voracity, yearning, yen

greed·i·ness /ˈɡrɛ.dəˌnis/ noun
  : the quality or state of being greedy; especially: extreme or excessive desire for wealth or gain

greedy /ˈɡrɛ.də/ adjective
  1 ➤ : having a strong desire for food or drink
  2 ➤ : marked by greed: having or showing a selfish desire for wealth and possessions
  
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] gluttonous, hoggish, piggish, rapacious, ravenous, voracious—more at VORACIOUS
  ➤ [2] acquisitive, avaricious, avid, covetous, grasping, mercenary, rapacious; also materialistic; desirous, eager, itchy, miserly; hoggish, piggish, swinish; devouring, gluttonous, gorging, insatiable, ravenous, voracious, unquenchable; discontent, discontented, malcontent, unsatisfied; begrudging, grudging, resentful

1Greek /ˈɡrɛk/ noun
  1 : a native or inhabitant of Greece
  2 : the ancient or modern language of Greece

2Greek adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of Greece, the Greeks, or Greek
  2 : ORTHODOX

1green /ˈɡrɛn/ adjective
  1 : of the color green
  2 ➤ : covered with verdure; also: consisting of green plants or of the leafy parts of plants <a ~ salad>
  3 : UNRIPE; also: IMMATURE
  4 ➤ : having a sickly appearance
  5 : not fully processed or treated <~ liquor> <~ hides>
  6 ➤ : lacking in training, knowledge, or experience: INEXPERIENCED; also: NAIVE
  7 : concerned with or supporting environmentalism
  
  — green·ish adjective
  
  Synonyms
  ➤ [2] leafy, lush, luxuriant, verdant
  ➤ [4] cadaverous, lurid, pale, pasty, peaked, sallow, sickly—more at SICKLY
  ➤ [6] adolescent, callow, immature, inexperienced, juvenile, raw—more at CALLOW
green verb
  1: to make or become green

3. green noun
   1: a color between blue and yellow in the spectrum: the color of growing fresh grass or of the emerald
d    2: something of a green color
d    3: green vegetation; especially plural: leafy herbs or leafy parts of a vegetable <collard -s> <beet -s>
d    4: a grassy plot; especially: a smooth grassy area around the hole into which the ball must be played in golf
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green-back /'grēnˌbak/ noun
d  a U.S. legal-tender note
g  green bean noun
d   : a kidney bean that is used as a snap bean when the pods are colored green
g  green-belt /'grēnˌbelt/ noun
d   : a belt of parks or farmlands around a community
g  green card noun
d   : an identity card attesting the permanent resident status of an alien in the U.S.
g  green-ery /'grēnˌneri/ noun, plural -er-ies
d   : green foliage or plants
   1: flora, foliage, green, herbage, leafage, vegetation, verdure; also grassland, prairie
   Synonyms
   a flora, foliage, green, herbage, leafage, vegetation, verdure; also grassland, prairie

green-eyed /'grēnˌaid/ adjective
   : JEALOUS

green-gro-cer /'grēnˌgrōsər/ noun
   : a retailer of fresh vegetables and fruit
green-horn /ˌhōrn/ noun
   : an inexperienced person; also: NEWCOMER
   Synonyms
   a beginner, fledgling, freshman, neophyte, newcomer, novice, recruit, rookie, tenderfoot, tyro—more at
   BEGINNER

green-house /ˌhaʊs/ noun
   : a glass structure for the growing of tender plants
greenhouse effect noun
   : warming of a planet's atmosphere that occurs when the sun's radiation passes through the atmosphere, is absorbed
   by the planet, and is reradiated as radiation of longer wavelength that can be absorbed by atmospheric gases
green manure noun
   : an herbaceous crop (as clover) plowed under when green to enrich the soil
green-ness noun
   : the quality or state of being green; especially: being unaffectedly simple and candid
   Synonyms
   a artlessness, ingenuousness, innocence, naturalness, naïveté, simplicity, unworldliness—more at
   NAÏVETÉ

green onion noun
   : a young onion pulled before the bulb has enlarged and used esp. in salads; also: SCALLION

green pepper noun
   : a sweet pepper before it turns red at maturity
green-room /'grēnˌrōm. ˌrōm/ noun
   : a room in a theater or concert hall where actors or musicians relax before, between, or after appearances
green-sward /ˌswôrd/ noun
turf that is green with growing grass

**green thumb** noun
: an unusual ability to make plants grow

**green-washing** /ˈɡriːnˌwās.ɪŋ/ noun
: expressions of environmentalist concerns as a cover for products, policies, or activities deleterious to the environment

**Greenwich mean time** /ˈɡriːnˌwɪtʃ, ˈɡreɪn-ˌwɪtʃ/ noun
[origin: *Greenwich*, England]
: the time of the meridian of Greenwich used as the basis of worldwide standard time

**Greenwich time** noun
: GREENWICH MEAN TIME

**green-wood** /ˈɡriːnˌwʊd/ noun
: a forest green with foliage

**greet** /ɡriːt/ verb
1: to address with expressions of kind wishes
2: to meet or react to in a specified manner
3: to be perceived by
— **greet·er** noun
— **greet·ing** noun
1 ➤: a salutation on meeting
2 plural ➤: best wishes: REGARDS

**Synonyms**
➤ [1] hello, salutation, salute—more at HELLO
➤ **greetings** [2] compliment, regards, respects—more at COMPLIMENT

**greeting card** noun
: a card that bears a message usu. sent on a special occasion

**gre·gar·i·ous** /ɡriˈɡərēəs/ adjective
[origin: L *gregarius* of a flock or herd, fr. *greg-, grex* flock, herd]
1 ➤: marked by or indicating a liking for companionship: SOCIAL, COMPANIONABLE
2: tending to flock together
— **gre·gar·i·ous·ly** adverb
— **gre·gar·i·ous·ness** noun

**Synonyms**
➤ boon, companionable, convivial, extroverted, outgoing, sociable, social—more at CONVIVIAL

**grem·lin** /ɡrɛmˈlɛn/ noun
: a cause of error or equipment malfunction conceived of as a small gnome

**gre·nade** /ɡrɛˈnæd/ noun
: a small bomb that is thrown by hand or launched (as by a rifle)

**gren·a·dier** /ɡrɛˈnə.deɪr/ noun
: a member of a European regiment formerly armed with grenades

**gren·a·dine** /ɡrɛˈnə.dən, ˈɡreɪ.nə.dən/ noun
: a syrup flavored with pomegranates and used in mixed drinks

**grew** past of GROW

**grey** variant of GRAY

**grey·hound** /ˈɡreɪ.haʊnd/ noun
: any of a breed of tall slender dogs noted for speed and keen sight
grid /ˈgriːd/ noun
1 : GRATING
2 : a network of conductors for distributing electric power
3 : a network of horizontal and perpendicular lines (as for locating points on a map)
4 : GRIDIRON 2; also : FOOTBALL

grid·dle /ˈɡridl/ noun
: a flat usu. metal surface for cooking food

griddle cake noun
: a flat cake made of thin batter and cooked (as on a griddle) on both sides : PANCAKE

grid·iron /ˈɡridr.ən/ noun
1 : a grate for broiling food
2 : a football field

grid·lock /ˈɡridlək/ noun
: a traffic jam in which an intersection is so blocked that vehicles cannot move

grief /ˈɡriːf/ noun
1 : emotional distress caused by or as if by bereavement; also : a cause of such distress
2 : MISCHAP
3 : DISASTER

Synonyms
affliction, anguish, dolor, heartache, sorrow, woe

griev·ance /ˈɡriːvəns/ noun
1 : a cause of distress affording reason for complaint or resistance
2 : the formal expression of a grievance : COMPLAINT

Synonyms
[1] grudge, resentment, score
[2] beef, complaint, fuss, gripe, grumble, murmur, plaint, squawk

grieve /ˈɡriːv/ verb griev·ed; griev·ing
[origin: ME greven, fr. OF grever, fr. L gravare to burden, fr. gravis heavy, grave]
1 : to cause grief or sorrow to : DISTRESS
2 : to feel grief

Synonyms
agonize, bleed, feel, hurt, mourn, sorrow, suffer; also ache, long (for), pine (away); rack, torment, torture; bemoan, bewail, deplore, lament, rue; bawl, cry, groan, howl, keen, moan, take on, wail, weep, yammer

usually grieve for bemoan, bewail, deplore, lament, mourn, wail

Synonyms
agonizingly, bitterly, hard, hardly, sadly, sorrowfully, unhappily, woefully, wretchedly

griev·ous /ˈɡriːvəs/ adjective
1 : causing or characterized by severe suffering, grief, or sorrow : SEVERE <a ~ wound>
2 : unreasonably burdensome or severe : OPPRESSIVE, ONEROUS
3 : having important or dangerous possible consequences : SERIOUS, GRAVE

Synonyms
[1, 2] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH
[3] dangerous, grave, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome—more at DANGEROUS

griev·ous·ly adverb
1 : in a grievous manner : in a manner characterized by sorrow or grief
2 : to a grievous degree

Synonyms
agonizingly, bitterly, hard, hardly, sadly, sorrowfully, unhappily, woefully, wretchedly

grill /grɪl/ verb
1 : to broil on a grill; also : to fry or toast on a griddle
2 : to question intensely
   Synonyms
   examine, interrogate, pump, query, question, quiz—more at EXAMINE

grill noun
1 : a cooking utensil of parallel bars on which food is grilled
2 : an informal restaurant
   Synonyms
   café, diner, restaurant—more at RESTAURANT

grille or grill /grɪl/ noun
: a grating that forms a barrier or screen

grill-work /grɪlˌwɜːk/ noun
: work constituting or resembling a grille

grim /grɪm/ adjective grimmer; grimmest
1 : fierce in disposition or action: CRUEL
2 : harsh and forbidding in appearance
3 : ghastly or repellent in character
4 : not flinching or shrinking: RELENTLESS
   — grimly adverb
   — grimness noun
   Synonyms
   [1] cruel, fell, ferocious, fierce, savage, vicious—more at FIERCE
   [2] austere, dour, fierce, flinty, forbidding, gruff, rough, rugged, severe, stark, steely, stern; also bleak, cold, hostile, unfriendly; adamant, determined, firm, resolute, steadfast, unflinching; fixed, hard, immovable, implacable, inflexible, obdurate, rigid, set, stiff, unyielding; immutable, unchangeable; black, cheerless, dark, gloomy, grim; ghastly, repellent, joyless, morose, sulky, sullen, surly; brooding, grave, melancholy, serious, sober, solemn, somber, unsmiling, weighty
   Antonyms
   benign, benignant, gentle, mild, tender
   [4] determined, dogged, implacable, relentless, unflinching, unrelenting, unyielding—more at UNYIELDING

grimace /grɪməs, grɪˈmɑːs/ noun
: a facial expression usu. of disgust or disapproval
   — grimace verb
   Synonyms
   face, frown, lower, mouth, pout, scowl; also flinch, wince; growl, snarl; simper, smirk; scoff, sneer; glare, glower, look, stare

grit /grɪt/ noun
: soot, smut, or dirt adhering to or embedded in a surface; also : accumulated dirtiness and disorder
   Synonyms
   dirt, filth, muck, smut, soil—more at FILTH

grimy adjective
: full of or covered with grime

grin /grɪn/ verb grinned; grinning
: to draw back the lips so as to show the teeth esp. in amusement
   — grin noun

grind /grɪnd/ verb ground /graʊnd/; grinding
1 : to reduce to small particles
2 : to wear down, polish, or sharpen by friction
3 : OPPRESS
4: to press with a grating noise: **GRIT** <- the teeth
5: to operate or produce by turning a crank
6: **DRUDGE**: especially: to study hard
7: to move with difficulty or friction <gears ~ing>

**Synonyms**
- [1] atomize, crush, powder, pulverize—more at **POWDER**
- [2] buff, burnish, edge, file, hone, plane, polish, rasp, rub, sand, sharpen, whet
- [4] crunch, gnash, grate, grit, rasp, scrape, scratch

2 **grind** noun
1: dreary monotonous labor, routine, or study
2: one who works or studies excessively
3: the act or sound of grinding

**Synonyms**
- [1] drudgery, labor, slavery, sweat, toil, travail—more at **TOIL**
- [3] rasp, scrape, scratch—more at **RASP**

**grinder** /ˈɡrɪndər/ noun
1: **MOLAR**
2 plural: **TEETH**
3: one that grinds
4: a large sandwich on a long split roll: **SUBMARINE 2**

**Synonyms**
- hoagie, poor boy, sub, submarine—more at **SUBMARINE**

**grind out** verb
: to produce in a mechanical way

**Synonyms**
- build, carve, forge, hammer, work out

**grindstone** /ˈɡrɪndstən/ noun
: a flat circular stone of natural sandstone that revolves on an axle and is used for grinding, shaping, or smoothing

1 **grip** /ɡriːp/ verb **griped; grip·ping**
1: to seize or hold firmly
2: to hold the interest of strongly

**Synonyms**
- [1] clasp, clench, cling, clutch, grasp, hang on, hold, hold on—more at **HOLD**
- [2] absorb, busy, engage, engross, enthral, fascinate, immerse, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy—more at **ENGAGE**

2 **grip** noun
1: **GRASP**; also: strength in gripping
2: a firm tenacious hold typically giving control, mastery, or understanding
3: mental grasp: **UNDERSTANDING**
4: a device for gripping
5: portable case designed to hold a traveler's clothing and personal articles: **TRAVELING BAG**

**Synonyms**
- [2] arm, authority, clutch, command, control, dominion, hold, mastery, power, sway—more at **POWER**
- [3] appreciation, apprehension, comprehension, grasp, perception, understanding—more at **COMPREHENSION**
- [5] carryall, handbag, portmanteau, suitcase, traveling bag—more at **TRAVELING BAG**

1 **gripe** /ɡrɪp/ verb **griped; grip·ping**
1: **IRRITATE**, **VEX**
2: to cause or experience spasmodic pains in the bowels
3: to complain with grumbling

**Synonyms**
- beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine, squawk, wail, whine—more at **COMPLAIN**
gripe noun
▶: expression of grief, pain, or dissatisfaction

Synonyms
▶ beef, complaint, fuss, grievance, grumble, murmure, plaint, squawk—more at complaint

gripe /GrI/p noun
▶ INFLUENZA

gris-gris /GrI,sGrI/ noun, plural gris-gris /..GrIz/
[ORIGIN: F]
▶ an amulet or incantation used chiefly by people of black African ancestry

gris·ly /GrI,lI/ adjective gris·li·er, -est
▶: inspiring horror, intense fear, disgust, or distaste: HORRIBLE, GRUESOME

Synonyms
▶ appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE

grist /GrI스트/ noun
▶ grain to be ground or already ground

grist·tle /GrI,tI/ noun
▶ CARTILAGE

—grist·tly /GrI,tI/I adjective

grist·mill /GrIstr,mIl/ noun
▶ a mill for grinding grain

1 grist /GrI/ noun
1: a hard sharp granule (as of sand); also: material composed of such granules
2 ▶: unyielding courage

—grit·ty adjective

Synonyms
▶ backbone, fiber, fortitude, guts, pluck, spunk—more at FORTITUDE

2 grit verb grit·ted; grit·ting
▶ to give forth a grating sound: GRIND, GRATE

grits /GrIIts/ noun plural
▶ coarsely ground hulled grain <hominy ~> 

griz·zled /GrIz,lI/ adjective
▶ streaked or mixed with gray

griz·zly /GrIz,lI/ adjective griz·zli·er; -est
▶ GRIZZLED

grizzly bear noun
▶ a large pale-coated bear of western No. America

gro abbreviation
▶ gross

groan /GrIOn/ verb
1 ▶: to utter a deep moan indicative of pain, grief, or annoyance: MOAN
2 ▶: to make a harsh sound under sudden or prolonged strain <the chair ~ed under his weight>

—groan noun

Synonyms
▶ howl, keen, lament, moan, plaint, wail—more at LAMENT

groat /GrI,t/ noun
▶ an old British coin worth four pennies
grocer /ˈgroʊ.ʊr/ noun
: a dealer esp. in staple foodstuffs

— grocery /ˈgroʊ.ər.i/ noun

grog /ˈgrɑɡ/ noun
[Origin: Old Grog, nickname of Edward Vernon †1757 Eng. admiral responsible for diluting the sailors' rum]
: alcoholic liquor; especially: liquor (as rum) mixed with water

— groggy /ˈgrɑɡ.ɡi/ adjective grog·gi·er; -est
: weak and unsteady on the feet or in action

— grog·gi·ly /ˈɡrɑɡ.ɡi.lɛ/ adverb

— grog·gi·ness /ˈɡrɑɡ.ɡi.nɛs/ noun

groin /ˈɡrɔɪn/ noun
1: the juncture of the lower abdomen and inner part of the thigh; also: the region of this juncture
2: the curved line or rib on a ceiling along which two vaults meet

— grok /ˈɡrɒk/ verb grokked grok·king
: to understand profoundly and intuitively

gro·met /ˈɡrɔ̃.mɛt, ˈɡrã/ noun
1: a ring of rope
2: an eyelet of firm material to strengthen or protect an opening

1groom /ˈɡruːm, ˈɡrʊm/ noun
1: a person responsible for the care of horses
2: BRIDEGROOM

2groom verb
1: to clean and care for (an animal)
2: to make neat or attractive
3: PREPARE

— grooms·man /ˈɡrʊms.man, ˈɡrʊmz.ˌman/ noun
: a male friend who attends a bridegroom at his wedding

1groove /ˈɡruːv/ noun
1: a long narrow channel
2: a fixed routine

— Synonyms
  ♦ pattern, rote, routine, rut, treadmill—more at ROUTINE

2groove verb
1 ♦ : to make a groove in; also: to form a groove
2 ♦ : to enjoy oneself intensely

— Synonyms
  ♦ [1] score, scribe—more at SCORE
  ♦ usually groove on [2] adore, delight, dig, enjoy, fancy, like, love, relish, revel—more at ENJOY

groovy /ˈɡru.ˈvɛ/ adjective groo·vi·er; -est
1: unusually good : EXCELLENT
2: HIP

— Synonyms
  ♦ feel, fish, fumble; also cast about, hunt, look, reach, seek (out); clutch, grab, scrabble, snatch
gros·beak /ˈɡrōsˌbēk/ noun
: any of several finches of Europe or America with large stout conical bills

gros·grain /ˈɡrōsˌɡrān/ noun
[origin: F gros grain coarse texture]
: a silk or rayon fabric with crosswise cotton ribs

1gros /ˈɡrōs/ adjective
1 ▶ : glaringly noticeable
2 ▶ : OUT-AND-OUT, UTTER
3 ▶ : physically large : BIG, BULKY; especially : excessively fat
4 ▶ : GENERAL, BROAD
5 ▶ : consisting of an overall total exclusive of deductions <- earnings>
6 ▶ : CARNAL, EARTHY <- pleasures>
7 ▶ : coarse in nature or behavior : UNREFINED; also : crudely vulgar
8 ▶ : lacking knowledge
— gross·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] blatant, conspicuous, egregiously, flagrant, glaring, obvious, patent, prominent, pronounced, rank, striking
▶ —more at EGREGIOUS
▶ [3] chubby, corpulent, fat, fleshy, full, obese, overweight, plump, portly, rotund, round—more at FAT
▶ [7] coarse, common, crass, crude, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at COARSE

gross /ˈɡrōs/ noun
: an overall total exclusive of deductions
— gross verb

3gross noun, plural gross
: a total of 12 dozen things <a ~ of pencils>
gross domestic product noun
: the gross national product excluding the value of net income earned abroad
gross national product noun
: the total value of the goods and services produced in a nation during a year
gross-ness noun
▶ : the quality or state of being gross

Synonyms
▶ corpulence, fatness, obesity, plumpness—more at CORPULENCE
▶ coarseness, indelicacy, lowness, rudeness, vulgarity—more at VULGARITY

grot /ˈɡrōt/ noun
: a natural underground chamber or series of chambers open to the surface : GROTTO

gro·tesque /ˈɡrōtˌsk/ adjective
1 ▶ : FANCIFUL, BIZARRE
2 ▶ : absurdly incongruous
3 ▶ : departing markedly from the natural, the expected, or the typical
— gro·tesque·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [2] harsh, unaesthetic—more at HARSH
▶ [3] hideous, ugly, unappealing, unattractive

grot·to /ˈɡrōtəʊ/ noun, plural grottoes also grottos
1 ▶ : a natural underground chamber or series of chambers open to the surface : CAVE
2 : an artificial cavelike structure

Synonyms
▶ cave—more at CAVE
grouch /ˈɡraʊtʃ/ noun
1 : a fit of bad temper
2 ▶ : a habitually irritable or complaining person
— grouch verb
  Synonyms
    ▶ bear, complainer, crab, crank, grumbler, whiner; also malcontent, sorehead; killjoy, spoilsport; defeatist, pessimist; faultfinder, kicker, nitpicker, quibbler

grouchy adjective
  ▶ : given to grumbling : marked by ill temper
  Synonyms
    ▶ choleric, cross, crotchety, irascible, irritable, peevish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at irritable
    ▶ crabby, cranky, fussy, grumpy, querulous—more at fussy

ground /ˈɡraʊnd/ noun
1 : the bottom of a body of water
2 plural ▶ : sediment at the bottom of a liquid
3 ▶ : a basis for belief, action, or argument
4 : a surrounding area : background
5 ▶ : the surface of the earth; also : soil
6 : an area with a particular use <fishing area>
7 plural ▶ : the area about and belonging to a building
8 : a conductor that makes electrical connection with the earth
  Synonyms
    ▶ grounds [2] deposit, dregs, precipitate, sediment—more at deposit
    ▶ [3] base, basis, bedrock, footing, foundation, groundwork, keystone, underpinning—more at base
    ▶ usually grounds [3] motive, reason, wherefore, why—more at reason
    ▶ [5] dirt, earth, soil—more at dirt
    ▶ grounds [7] demesne, park, premises, yard; also acres, estate, land, lot, parcel, plot, property, real estate, realty; campus; churchyard

2 ground verb
1 : to bring to or place on the ground
2 : to run or cause to run aground
3 ▶ : to provide a reason or justification for
4 : to furnish with a foundation of knowledge
5 : to connect electrically with a ground
6 : to restrict to the ground; also : prohibit from some activity
  Synonyms
    ▶ base, rest—more at base

3 ground past and past participle of grind

ground ball noun
: a batted baseball that rolls or bounces along the ground

ground cover noun
: low plants that grow over and cover the soil; also : a plant suitable for use as ground cover

grounded /ˈɡraʊnˌdəd/ adjective
: mentally and emotionally stable

grounded /ˈɡraʊnd(ed)/ noun
: ground ball

grounded /ˈɡraʊnd(ə)d/ adjective
: having no ground or foundation
Synonyms

ground·ling /ˈɡraʊndˌlɪŋ/ noun
: a spectator in the pit of an Elizabethan theater

ground rule noun
1 : a sports rule adopted to modify play on a particular field, court, or course
2 : a rule of procedure

ground squirrel noun
: any of various burrowing rodents of No. America and Eurasia that are related to the squirrels and live in colonies in open areas

ground swell noun
1 : a broad deep ocean swell caused by an often distant gale or earthquake
2 usually ground·swell : a rapid spontaneous growth (as of political opinion)

ground·wa·ter /ˈɡraʊndˌwɔːtər/ noun
: water within the earth that supplies wells and springs

ground·work /ˈɡraʊndˌwɜrk/ noun
: something that forms a foundation or support : BASIS; also : preparation made beforehand

Synonyms

base, basis, bedrock, footing, foundation, ground, keystone, underpinning—more at BASE

ground zero noun
1 : the point above, below, or at which a nuclear explosion occurs
2 : the center or origin of rapid, intense, or violent activity

1 group /grʊp/ noun
1 : a number of individuals related by a common factor (as physical association, community of interests, or blood)
2 : a combination of atoms commonly found together in a molecule <a methyl ~>

Synonyms

bracket, category, class, division, family, grade, kind, order, set, species, type—more at CLASS

2 group verb
: to associate in groups

Synonyms

assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, peg, place, range, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY

accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, concentrate, garner, gather, lump, pick up, round up, scrape—more at GATHER

group·ing /ˈɡrʊpˌɪŋ/ noun
1 : the act or process of combining in groups
2 : a set of objects combined in a group

grouper /ˈɡrʊpər/ noun, plural groupers also grouper
: any of numerous large solitary bottom fishes of warm seas

group home noun
: a residence for persons requiring care or supervision

group·ie /ˈɡrʊpˌi/ noun
: a fan of a rock group who usu. follows the group around on concert tours; also : ENTHUSIAST, FAN

group therapy noun
: therapy in the presence of a therapist in which several patients discuss their personal problems

groupware /ˈɡrʊpˌweɪr/ noun
: software that enables users to work jointly via a network on projects or files

1 grouse /ɡruːs/ noun, plural grouse or grousers
: any of numerous ground-dwelling game birds that have feathered legs and are usu. of reddish brown or other
protective color

2. **grouse** verb groused; grous·ing
   1: to mutter in discontent: COMPLAIN, GRUMBLE
   - **Synonyms**
   - beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, fuss, gripe, grumble, kick, moan, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN

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**grout** /graʊt/ noun
: material (as mortar) used for filling spaces
— **grout** verb

**grove** /grəʊv/ noun
: a small wood usu. without underbrush

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**grow** /grəʊ/ verb grew /grʊ/; grown /grʊn/; grow·ing
1 ➤: to spring up and develop to maturity
2 ➤: to be able to grow: THRIVE
3 ➤: to take on some relation through or as if through growth <tree limbs grown together>
4 ➤: to become progressively greater
5 ➤: to develop from a parent source
6 ➤: to pass into a condition: BECOME
7 ➤: to have an increasing influence
8 ➤: to cause to grow
   - **Synonyms**
   - [1] age, develop, grow up, mature, progress, ripen—more at MATURE
   - usually grow in [4] build, gain, gather, pick up—more at GAIN
   - [6] become, come, get, go, run, turn, wax—more at BECOME
   - [8] crop, cultivate, culture, promote, raise, rear, tend; also breed, produce, propagate; plant, sow; gather, glean, harvest, reap; germinate, quicken, root, sprout

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**grow·er** noun
1: one that grows esp. in a specified way
2 ➤: a person who grows a specified fruit or other product
   - **Synonyms**
   - agriculturist, cultivator, farmer, planter, tiller—more at FARMER

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**growing pains** noun plural
1: pains in the legs of growing children having no known relation to growth
2: the stresses and strains attending a new project or development

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**growl** /graʊl/ verb
1: **RUMBLE**
2 ➤: to utter a deep throaty sound
3 ➤: to complain angrily: GRUMBLE
   — **growl** noun
   - **Synonyms**
   - bellow, boom, roar, thunder—more at ROAR

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**grown–up** adjective
: not childish: ADULT
   — **grown–up** noun

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**growth** /grəʊθ/ noun
1: stage or condition attained in growing
2: a process of growing esp. through progressive development or increase
3 a: a result or product of growing <a fine ~ of hair>
b: an abnormal mass of tissue (as a tumor)

**Synonyms**
- [2] development, elaboration, evolution, expansion, maturation, progress, progression—more at DEVELOPMENT
- [3b] excretion, lump, neoplasm, tumor; also outgrowth; cancer, carcinoma, lymphoma, malignancy, melanoma; cyst, tubercle, wart

**growth hormone noun**
: a vertebrate hormone that is secreted by the pituitary gland and regulates growth

**growth industry noun**
: a business, interest, or activity that is increasingly popular, profitable, or trendy

**grow up verb**
: to grow toward or arrive at full stature or physical or mental maturity

**Synonyms**
- age, develop, grow, mature, progress, ripen—more at MATURE

**grub /grəb/ verb grubbed; grub·bing**
1: to clear or root out by digging
2: to dig in the ground usu. for a hidden object
3: to search about
4: to work hard and long

**grub noun**
1: a soft thick wormlike insect larva <beetle ~s>
2: DRUDGE; also: a slovenly person
3: nourishment in solid form: FOOD

**Synonyms**
- chow, fare, food, meat, provender, provisions, viands, victuals—more at FOOD

**grub·bi·ness /bəˈnis/ noun**
: the state of being grubby

**Synonyms**
- dinginess, dirtiness, filthiness, foulness, nastiness, uncleanliness—more at DIRTINESS

**grub·by /ˈgrʌb·ə/ adjective grub·bi·er; -est**
: full of or covered with grime: DIRTY, SLOVENLY

**Synonyms**
- dirty, filthy, foul, grungy, mucky, muddy, slovenly, unclean—more at DIRTY

**grub·stake /ˈgrʌbˌstæk/ noun**
: supplies or funds furnished a mining prospector in return for a share in his finds

**grudge /ɡrʌd/ verb grudged; grudg·ing**
: to be reluctant to give: BEGRUDGE

**grudge noun**
: a feeling of deep-seated resentment or ill will

**Synonyms**
- animosity, antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, enmity, gall, hostility, rancor—more at ENMITY
- grievance, resentment, score; also offense, umbrage; complaint; pique, peeve

**gruel /ˈɡruːəl/ noun**
: a thin porridge

**gruel·ing or gruel·ling /ˈɡruːliŋ, ˈɡruːəl/ adjective**
: requiring extreme effort: EXHAUSTING
Synonyms
- arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, hard, herculean, laborious, murderous, rough, stiff, strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough—more at HARD

gruesome /ˈgrüˌsəm/ adjective
[origin: fr. earlier growsome, fr. E dial. grow, grue to shiver]
- inspiring horror or repulsion
  Synonyms
  - appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE

gruff /ˈgruf/ adjective
1 ▶: rough in speech or manner
2 ▶: being deep and harsh: HOARSE
  — gruff·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  - [1] flinty, grim, rough, rugged, severe, stark, steely, stern—more at GRIM
  - [2] coarse, gravelly, hoarse, husky, scratchy, throaty—more at HOARSE

grumble /ˈgrumber/ verb grum·bled; grum·bling
1 ▶: to mutter in discontent
2 ▶: to utter a growl: GROWL, RUMBLE
  Synonyms
  - [1] beef, bellyache, complain, fuss, gripe, grouse, kick, moan, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN
  - [2] growl, lumber, roll, rumble—more at RUMBLE

grum·bler noun
- one that grumbles
  Synonyms
  - bear, complainer, crab, crank, grouch, whiner—more at GROUCH

grump·i·ness /ˈgrumpəˌnis/ noun
- the quality or state of being grumpy
  Synonyms
  - biliousness, irritability, peevishness, perverseness, perversity

grumpy /ˈgrumpi/ adjective grump·i·er; -est
- moodily cross: SURLY
  — grump·i·ly /ˈgrumpəˌli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  - choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, irascible, irritable, peevish, petulant, short-tempered, surly, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

grunge /ˈgrungi/ noun
1 : one that is grungy
2 : heavy metal rock music expressing alienation and discontent
3 : untidy or tattered clothing typically worn by grunge fans

grun·gy /ˈgrungi/ adjective grun·gi·er; -est
- shabby or dirty in character or condition
  Synonyms
  - dirty, grubby, mucky, muddy, unclean—more at DIRTY
  - neglected, ratty, scruffy, seedy, shabby, tacky—more at SHABBY

grun·ion /ˈgrun.ən/ noun
- a fish of the California coast which comes inshore to spawn at nearly full moon

grunt /ˈgrant/ noun
1 a : a deep throaty sound (as that of a hog)
2grunt verb
: to utter a grunt; also: to utter with a grunt

GSA abbreviation
1 General Services Administration
2 Girl Scouts of America

G suit noun
[origin: gravity suit]
: a suit for a pilot or astronaut designed to counteract the physiological effects of acceleration

GSUSA abbreviation
Girl Scouts of the United States of America

gt abbreviation
great

Gt Brit abbreviation
Great Britain

gtd abbreviation
guaranteed

GU abbreviation
Guam

gua·ca·mo·le /gu̇äˌka.ˈmōlē/ noun
: mashed and seasoned avocado

gua·nine /ˈɡwəˌnēn/ noun
: a purine base that codes genetic information in the molecular chain of DNA and RNA

gua·no /ˈɡwəˌnō/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. Quechua wanu fertilizer, dung]
: excrement esp. of seabirds or bats; also: a fertilizer composed chiefly of this excrement

1guarantee /ˈɡar анˌti/ noun
1: GUARANTOR
2: GUARANTY 1
3: an agreement by which one person undertakes to secure another in the possession or enjoyment of something
4: an assurance of the quality or of the length of use to be expected from a product offered for sale
5: something given as security : GUARANTY

Synonyms
[3] bond, contract, covenant, guaranty, surety, warranty; also oath, pledge, vow, word; bargain, compact, pact, treaty; assurance, insurance; bail, deposit, pawn, security
[5] gage, guaranty, pawn, pledge, security—more at PLEDGE

2guarantee verb -teed; -tee·ing
1: to undertake to answer for the debt, failure to perform, or faulty performance of (another)
2: to undertake an obligation to establish, perform, or continue
3: to give security to

Synonyms
assure, cinch, ensure, guaranty, insure, secure—more at ENSURE

guar·an·tor /ˈɡar анˌtər/ noun
: one who gives a guarantee

Synonyms
backer, patron, sponsor, surety—more at SPONSOR

1guaranty /ˈɡar анˌtē/ noun, plural -ties
1: an undertaking to answer for another's failure to pay a debt or perform a duty
2: an agreement by which one person undertakes to secure another in the possession or enjoyment of something:
GUARANTEE
3 : GUARANTOR
4 : something given as security : PLEDGE
   Synonyms
   → gage, guarantee, pawn, pledge, security—more at PLEDGE

guaranty verb -tied; -ty-ing
: to give security to : GUARANTEE

guard /gär/ noun
1 : a person or a body of persons on sentinel duty
2 plural : troops assigned to protect a sovereign
3 : a defensive position (as in boxing)
4 : the act or duty of protecting or defending
5 : one that protects : PROTECTION
6 : a protective or safety device
7 : a football lineman playing between center and tackle; also : a basketball player stationed toward the rear
   — on guard
   : WATCHFUL, ALERT
   Synonyms
   → [1] custodian, guardian, keeper, lookout, picket, sentry, warden, warder, watch, watchman; also observer, patrol, spotter, watchdog; bodyguard, convoy, defender, escort
   → [4] aegis, armor, cover, defense, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE
   → [5] custodian, defender, defense, protection, protector—more at PROTECTOR

guard verb
1 : to protect from danger esp. by watchful attention : DEFEND
2 : to watch over
3 : to be on guard
   Synonyms
   → [1] cover, defend, protect, safeguard, screen, secure, shield, ward—more at DEFEND
   → usually guard against [3] beware, mind—more at BEWARE (OF)

guarded adjective
: careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences
   Synonyms
   → alert, careful, cautious, circumspect, considerate, gingerly, heedful, safe, wary—more at CAREFUL

guard-house /gär.hä斯/ noun
1 : a building occupied by a guard or used as a headquarters by soldiers on guard duty
2 : a military jail

guardian /gär.dé-an/ noun
1 : one that guards : CUSTODIAN
2 : one who has the care of the person or property of another
   Synonyms
   → [1, 2] caretaker, custodian, janitor, keeper, warden, watchman—more at CUSTODIAN

guardian-ship noun
: supervision or support of one that is smaller and weaker; specif : the relationship existing between guardian and ward
   Synonyms
   → care, custody, keeping, safekeeping, trust, ward—more at CUSTODY

guard-room /gär.d.räüm/ noun
1 : a room used by a military guard while on duty
2 : a room where military prisoners are confined

guards-man /gärdz.men/ noun
: a member of a military body called guard or guards
Guate·ma·lan /gwa·ta·mə·lan/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Guatemala
— Guatemalan adjective

gua·va /gwa·va/ noun
: the sweet yellow or pink acid fruit of a shrubby tropical American tree used esp. for making jam and jelly; also : the tree

gu·ber·na·to·ri·al /ˌgəbər.nəˈtȯrē.əl/ adjective
: of or relating to a governor

guer·don /ˈgurdən/ noun
: REWARD, RECOMPENSE

Guern·sey /ˈgərn.zē/ noun, plural Guernseys
: any of a breed of usu. reddish brown and white dairy cattle that produce rich yellowish milk

guer·ril·la or gue·ril·la /ɡwɛəˈrilə/ noun
[origin: Sp guerrilla, fr. dim. of guerra war, of Gmc origin]
: one who engages in irregular warfare esp. as a member of an independent unit

guess /ˈgɛs/ verb
1 ▶ : to form an opinion from little or no evidence
2 ▶ : to hold as an opinion : BELIEVE, SUPPOSE
3 ▶ : to conjecture correctly about
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] assume, conjecture, presume, speculate, suppose, surmise, suspect; also conclude, deduce, gather, infer; hypothesize, theorize; believe, conceive, expect, imagine, take, think
   ➤ [2] believe, consider, deem, feel, figure, hold, imagine, suppose, think—more at BELIEVE
   ➤ [3] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, judge, make, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE

guess noun
▶ : a conclusion deduced by surmise or guesswork
   Synonyms
   ➤ conjecture, supposition, surmise—more at CONJECTURE

guest /ˈɡest/ noun
1 : a person to whom hospitality (as of a house or a club) is extended
2 ▶ : a patron of a commercial establishment (as a hotel)
3 : a person not a regular member of a cast who appears on a program
   Synonyms
   ➤ customer, patron—more at CUSTOMER

guest·house /ˈɡest.haʊs/ noun
: a house run as a boarding house or bed-and-breakfast

guf·faw /ɡəˈfə/ noun
: a loud burst of laughter
   — guf·faw verb

guid·ance /ˈɡidˌəns/ noun
1 ▶ : the act or process of guiding
2 : the direction provided by a guide : ADVICE
   Synonyms
   ➤ administration, conduct, control, direction, government, management, operation, oversight, regulation, running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT

guide /ˈɡid/ noun
1 ▶ : one who leads or directs another's course
2 ▶ : one who shows and explains points of interest
3: something that provides guiding information; also: SIGNPOST
4: a device to direct the motion of something
   • Synonyms
     • [1, 2] attendant, companion, escort, guard—more at ESCORT

guide verb guid·ed; guid·ing
1 †: to act as a guide to
2 †: to direct, supervise, or influence usu. to a particular end
3: to superintend the training of
   — guid·able /ˈɡaɪdəbəl/ adjective
   • Synonyms
     • [1] conduct, direct, lead, marshal, pilot, route, show, steer, usher—more at LEAD
     • [1, 2] administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT
     • [2] coach, counsel, lead, mentor, pilot, shepherd, show, tutor; also direct, steer; accompany, escort, see; oversee, superintend, supervise; drill, train; brief, enlighten, inform; instruct, school, teach; inculcate, indoctrinate; cultivate, foster, nurture

guide·book /ˈɡaɪdˌbək/ noun
: a book of information for travelers

guided missile noun
: a missile whose course may be altered during flight

guide dog noun
: a dog trained to lead the blind

guide·line /ˈɡaɪdˌlīn/ noun
: an indication or outline of policy or conduct

guide word noun
: a term at the head of a page of an alphabetical reference work that indicates the alphabetically first or last word on that page

gui·don /ˈɡədən, ˈɡədən/ noun
: a small flag (as of a military unit)

guild /ˈɡild/ noun
: an association of people with common aims and interests; especially: a medieval association of merchants or craftsmen
   — guild·hall /ˈɡildˌhəl/ noun
   • Synonyms
     • association, brotherhood, club, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, institute, institution, league, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION

guile /ˈɡaɪl/ noun
: deceitful cunning: DUPLICITY
   • Synonyms
     • artfulness, artifice, caginess, cunningness, craft, craftiness, cunning, slyness, wiliness—more at CUNNING
     • craft, craftiness, crookedness, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity—more at DECEIT

guile·ful adjective
: full of guile: characterized by cunning, deceit, or treachery
   • Synonyms
     • artful, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, slick, sly, subtle, wily—more at ARTFUL

guil·lo·tine /ˈɡələˌtīn, ˈɡələˌtīn/ noun
[origin: F, fr. Joseph Guillotin †1814 Fr. physician]
: a machine for beheading persons
   — guillotine verb
guilt /guilt/ noun
1 : the fact of having committed an offense esp. against the law
2 : the state of one who has committed an offense esp. consciously
3 : a feeling of responsibility for wrongdoing
   Synonyms
   ◁ [2] blame, culpability, fault, rap—more at blame
   ◁ [3] contrition, penitence, remorse, repentance, self-reproach, shame; also misgiving, qualm, scruple; compunction; blame, fault, responsibility; chagrin, regret

guilt·less adjective
▷ : free from guilt or evil
   Synonyms
   ◁ blameless, clear, faultless, impeccable, innocent, irreproachable—more at innocent

guilt·trip /giilt-trip/ verb
▷ to cause feelings of guilt in

guilty /'guilt·li/ adjective guilt·i·er; -est
1 : having committed a breach of conduct or a crime
2 : suggesting or involving guilt
— guilt·i·ly /'li·li/ adverb
— guilt·i·ness /li·nis/ noun
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] accountable, answerable, blamable, blameworthy, censurable, culpable, reprehensible
   Antonyms
   ◁ blameless, guiltless, innocent
   ◁ [3] ashamed, contrite, hangdog, penitent, remorseful, repentant, shamefaced; also apologetic, sorry; regretful, rueful; penitential; chagrined, embarrassed, sheepish
   Antonyms
   ◁ impenitent, remorseless, shameless, unashamed, unrepentant

guine·a /'gwi·ne·ə/ noun
1 : a British gold coin no longer issued worth 21 shillings
2 : a unit of value equal to 21 shillings

guinea fowl noun
▷ a gray and white spotted West African bird related to the pheasants and widely raised for food; also : any of several related birds

guinea hen noun
▷ a female guinea fowl; also : GUINEA FOWL

Guin·ean /'gwi·ne·ən/ noun
▷ a native or inhabitant of Guinea
   — Guinean adjective

guinea pig noun
1 : a small stocky short-eared and nearly tailless So. American rodent often kept as a pet or used in lab research
2 : a subject of research or testing

guise /'giiz/ noun
1 : a form or style of dress : COSTUME
2 : external appearance : SEMBLANCE
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] dress, garb, getup, outfit—more at OUTFIT
   ◁ [2] appearance, face, name, semblance, show—more at APPEARANCE

gui·tar /'gwi·tar/ noun
▷ a musical instrument with usu. six strings plucked with a pick or with the fingers
gulch /'galch/ noun
  †: a deep or precipitous cleft : RAVINE
  Synonyms
  † canyon, defile, flume, gap, gorge, gulf, notch, pass, ravine—more at CANYON

gulf /gulf/ noun
  1 †: a part of an ocean or sea partly or mostly surrounded by land
  2: ABYSS, CHASM
  3: a wide separation
  Synonyms
  † bay, bight, cove, estuary, inlet; also harbor, port, roadstead; narrow, sound, strait; bayou

1. gull /gul/ noun
  : any of numerous mostly white or gray long-winged web-footed seabirds

2. gull verb
  †: to make a dupe of : DECEIVE
  Synonyms
  † deceive, delude, dupe, fool, misinform, mislead, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

3. gull noun
  : a person who is easily deceived or cheated : DUPE

gul·let /gul'let/ noun
  : ESOPHAGUS; also : THROAT

gull·ible /'gul-ə-bal/ adjective
  †: easily duped or cheated
  Synonyms
  † easy, naive, susceptible—more at EASY

gul·ly /'gul-ə/ noun, plural gullies
  : a trench worn in the earth by and often filled with running water after rains

1. gulp /gulp/ verb
  1: to swallow hurriedly or greedily
  2: SUPPRESS <~ down a sob>
  3: to catch the breath as if in taking a long drink

2. gulp noun
  1: the act or an instance of gulping
  2: the amount taken in a single large swallow

1. gum /gum/ noun
  : the oral tissue that surrounds the necks of the teeth

2. gum noun
  1: a sticky plant exudate; especially : one that hardens on drying
  2: a sticky substance
  3: a preparation usu. of a plant gum sweetened and flavored and used for chewing

  gum arabic noun
  : a water-soluble gum obtained from several acacias and used esp. in making inks, adhesives, confections, and pharmaceuticals

  gum·bo /gum'bə/ noun
[origin: AmerF gombo, of Bantu origin]
  : a rich thick soup usu. thickened with okra

  gum·drop /'gum-drəp/ noun
a candy made usu. from corn syrup with gelatin and coated with sugar crystals

**gun·my** adjective
- having a thick or sticky quality; also: consisting, containing, or covered with gum
  - **Synonyms**
    - adhesive, gelatinous, gluey, glutinous, gooey, sticky, viscid, viscous—more at **STICKY**

**gump·tion** /'gamp_.shan/ noun
1: shrewd common sense
2: **ENTERPRISE, INITIATIVE**

**gun·shoe** /'gam_.shü/ noun
- **DETECTIVE**
- **gun** /'gan/ noun
  1: **CANNON**
  2: a portable firearm
  3: a discharge of a gun
  4: something suggesting a gun in shape or function
  5: **THROTTLE**
- **gunned** /'gand/ adjective
  - **Synonyms**
    - arm, firearm, piece; also: handgun, pistol, revolver, six-gun, six-shooter; blunderbuss, flintlock, matchlock, musket, rifle, shotgun; automatic, machine gun, repeater, submachine gun, tommy gun

**gun** verb gunned; gun·ning
1: to hunt with a gun
2: to hit with a missile (as a bullet) from a gun: **SHOOT**
3: to open up the throttle of so as to increase speed

**gun·boat** /'gan_.bōl/ noun
- a small lightly armed ship for use in shallow waters

**gun·fight** /'gɪnt/ noun
- a duel with guns
- **gun·fighter** noun

**gun·fire** /'gɪnf/ noun
- the firing of guns

**gung ho** /'gən_.hō/ adjective
- **Synonyms**
  - avid, eager, enthusiastic, keen, nuts, raring—more at **EAGER**

**gun·man** /'gum_.mən/ noun
- a man armed with a gun; especially: a professional killer

**gun·ner** /'gən_.ner/ noun
1: a soldier or airman who operates or aims a gun
2: one who hunts with a gun

**gun·nery** /'gən_.neri/ noun
- the use of guns; especially: the science of the flight of projectiles and effective use of guns

**gunner sergeant** noun
- a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking next below a master sergeant

**gun·ny·sack** /'gən_.nē_.sak/ noun
gun·point /'gənˌpɔɪnt/ noun
: the muzzle of a gun
— at gunpoint
: under a threat of death by being shot

gun·pow·der /'gən.pədər/ noun
: an explosive powder used in guns and blasting

gun·shot /'gənˌʃoʊt/ noun
1: shot fired from a gun
2: the range of a gun <within ~>

gun·shy /ˈɡənˌʃi/ adjective
1: afraid of a loud noise
2: markedly distrustful

gun·sling·er /ˈɡənˌslɪŋər/ noun
: a skilled gunman esp. in the old West

gun·smith /ˈɡənˌsmɪθ/ noun
: one who designs, makes, or repairs firearms

gun·wale also gun·nel /ˈɡənˌnəl/ noun
: the upper edge of a ship's or boat's side

gup·py /ˈɡəp.pi/ noun, plural guppies
[origin: R.J.L. Guppy †1916 Trinidadian naturalist]
: a small brightly colored tropical fish

gur·gle /ˈɡɜrl/ verb gur·gled; gur·gling
1: to make a sound like that of an irregularly flowing or gently splashing liquid
2: to flow in a broken irregular current
— gurgle noun
	Synonyms
dribble, lap, plash, ripple, slosh, splash, trickle, wash; also eddy, purl, swirl; swash, swish, whish; drip, drop; gush, jet, spout, spurt, squirt, rush
	Antonyms
roll, pour, stream

Gur·kha /ˈɡɜrkə, ˈɡər-/ noun
: a soldier from Nepal in the British or Indian army

gur·ney /ˈɡərnə/ noun, plural gurneys
: a wheeled cot or stretcher

gur·ru /ˈɡɜrˌrʊ/ noun, plural gurus
[origin: ultim. Sanskrit guru, fr. guru, adj., heavy, venerable]
1: a personal religious and spiritual teacher in Hinduism
2: a teacher in matters of fundamental concern
3: EXPERT <a fitness ~>

gush /ˈɡəsh/ verb
1: to issue or pour forth copiously or violently : spout
2: to make an effusive display of affection or enthusiasm
— gush verb
	Synonyms
jet, pour, rush, spew, spout, spurt, squirt; also cascade, issue, run, stream; plash, slosh, splash; surge, swell; flush, sluice; deluge, engulf, flood, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, submerge, swamp
	Antonyms
dribble, drip, drop, trickle
gush·er /ˈɡaˌʃər/ noun
: one that gushes; especially: an oil well with a large natural flow

gushy /ˈɡaˌʃē/ adjective gush·i·er; -est
: marked by effusive sentimentality

gus·set /ˈɡasət/ noun
: a triangular insert (as in a seam of a sleeve) to give width or strength
— gusset verb

gus·sy up /ˈɡasə/ verb
1: to dress up in best or formal clothes
2: to make more attractive, glamorous or fancy

1gust /ˈɡast/ noun
1: a sudden brief rush of wind
2: a sudden outburst: SURGE

Synonyms
  ➢ blast, blow, flurry, williwaw; also breeze, zephyr; air, breath, waft; puff, whiff; gale, hurricane, squall, tempest, tornado, windstorm; northeaster, norther, northerly, westerly

2gust verb
: to blow in gusts

gus·ta·to·ry /ˈɡas.təˌtərē/ adjective
: relating to or associated with the sense of taste

gus·to /ˈɡas.to/ noun
: enthusiastic and vigorous enjoyment, appreciation, or delight

— gusty adjective
  ➢: blowing in gusts

Synonyms
  ➢ blowy, blustery, breezy, windy—more at WINDY

1gut /ˈɡat/ noun
1 plural: internal organs of the body: BOWELS, ENTRAILS
2: the alimentary canal or a part of it (as the intestine); also: BELLY, ABDOMEN
3 plural: the inner essential parts
4 plural: fortitude and stamina in coping with what alarms, repels, or discourages: COURAGE, PLUCK

Synonyms
  ➢ [2] abdomen, belly, solar plexus, stomach, tummy—more at STOMACH
  ➢ guts [4] bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, hardihood, nerve, stoutness—more at COURAGE
  ➢ guts [4] backbone, fiber, fortitude, grit, pluck, spunk—more at FORTITUDE

2gut verb gut·ted; gut·ting
1: to take out the entrails of: EVISCERATE
2: to destroy the inside of

Synonyms
  ➢ clean, draw, eviscerate; also bone, dress; cut, excise, extract, remove, withdraw; transplant

gut check noun
: a test of courage, character, or determination

gutsy /ˈɡaˌsē/ adjective guts·i·er; -est
: marked by courage and determination

Synonyms
  ➢ adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, enterprising, hardy, nervy, venturesome—more at BOLD

gut·ter /ˈɡatər/ noun
a groove or channel for carrying off esp. rainwater

Synonyms
- spout; also drain, flume, sluice; conduit, duct

gut-ter-snipe /ˌsnip/ noun
: a street urchin

gut-tur-al /ˈɡə tərəl/ adjective
1: sounded in the throat
2: being or marked by an utterance that is strange, unpleasant, or disagreeable
   — guttural noun

gut-ty /ˈɡə ti/ adjective gut-ti-er; -est
1: GUTSY
2: having a vigorous challenging quality

gut–wrench-ing /ˈɡutˌrɛn ʃən/ adjective
: causing emotional anguish

1 guy /ɡi/ noun
: a rope, chain, or rod attached to something as a brace or guide

2 guy verb
: to steady or reinforce with a guy

3 guy noun
: an adult male human: MAN, FELLOW; also, pl: PERSONS <all the ~s came>

Synonyms
- buck, chap, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at MAN

4 guy verb
: to make fun of: RIDICULE

Guy-a-nese /ˈɡa ə nɛs/ noun, plural Guyanese
: a native or inhabitant of Guyana
   — Guyanese adjective

guz·zle /ˈɡə zəl/ verb guz·zled; guz·zling
: to drink greedily

Synonyms
- drink, imbibe, quaff, sup, swig, toss—more at DRINK

gym /jɪm/ noun
: GYMNASIUM

gym·kha·na /ˈɡɪmˌkɑː nə/ noun
: a meet featuring sports contests; especially: a contest of automobile-driving skill

[ORIGIN: L, exercise ground, school, fr. Gk gymnasion, fr. gymnazein to exercise naked, fr. gymnos naked]
1: a room or building for indoor sports
2: a European secondary school that prepares students for the university

gym·nas·tics /ˈɡɪmˌnæs tɪks/ noun
: a competitive sport developed from physical exercises designed to demonstrate strength, balance, and body control
   — gym-nast /ˈɡɪmˌnæst/ noun
   — gym-nas·tic adjective

gym·no·sperm /ˈɡɪmˌnə spərm/ noun
: any of a class or subdivision of woody vascular seed plants (as conifers) that produce naked seeds not enclosed in an ovary
gyn or gynecol abbreviation

Gynecology

Gyne-col-o-gy chiefly British variant of GYNECOLOGY

Gy-ne-col-o-gy /ˌɡiːnəˈkælədʒiː/ noun

: a branch of medicine dealing with the diseases and hygiene of women

— Gy-ne-co-log-i-cal /ˌɡiːnəˌkæləˈjikəl/ adjective

— Gy-ne-co-log-i-est /ˌɡiːnəˈkæləˌiːst/ noun

Gy-no-ce-tric /ˌɡiːnəˈsɛtrɪk/ adjective

: emphasizing feminine interests or a feminine point of view

1 gyp /dʒɪp/ noun

1 : CHEAT, SWINDLER

2 : FRAUD, SWINDLE

2 gyp verb

: to deprive of something valuable by the use of deceit or fraud

Synonyms

— bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at FLEECE

Gyp-sum /ˈdʒɪpsəm/ noun

: a calcium-containing mineral used in making plaster of paris

Gyp-sy /ˈdʒɪpsi/ noun, plural Gypsies

[Origin: by shortening & alter. fr. Egyptian] : a member of a traditionally traveling people coming orig. from India and living chiefly in Europe, Asia, and No. America; also : the language of the Gypsies

Gypsy moth noun

: an Old World moth that was introduced into the U.S. where its caterpillar is a destructive defoliator of many trees

Gy-rate /ˈdʒɪrət/ verb Gy-rate·ed; Gy-rate·ing

1 : to revolve around a point or axis

2 : to oscillate with or as if with a circular or spiral motion

Synonyms

— pirouette, revolve, roll, rotate, spin, turn, twirl, wheel, whirl—more at SPIN

Gy-ra-tion /ˈdʒɪrəˌʃən/ noun

: an act or instance of gyrating

Synonyms

— pirouette, reel, revolution, roll, rotation, spin, twirl, wheel, whirl—more at SPIN

Gyr-fal-con /ˈdʒɜːrˌfæl.ken/ noun

: an arctic falcon with several color forms that is the largest of all falcons

1 gyro /ˈdʒɪrəʊ/ noun, plural gyros

: GYROSCOPE

2 gyro /ˈdʒɜːroʊ, ˈdʒɪrəʊ/ noun, plural gyros

: a sandwich esp. of lamb and beef, tomato, onion, and yogurt sauce on pita bread

Gy-ro·scope /ˈdʒɪrəˌskɔp/ noun

: a wheel or disk mounted to spin rapidly about an axis that is free to turn in various directions

Gy Sgt abbreviation

gunnery sergeant

gyve /ˈdʒɪv/ noun

: FETTER
— gyve verb

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1 h /h/ noun, plural h's or hs /h,ch/ often cap
   : the 8th letter of the English alphabet

2 h abbreviation, often cap
   1 hard; hardness
   2 heroin
   3 hit
   4 husband
   5 H symbol
   hydrogen
   1 ha /hə/ interjection
   — used esp. to express surprise or joy
   2 ha abbreviation
   hectare

   Hab abbreviation
   Habacuc; Habakkuk

   Ha·ba·cuc /ha ba kek, ha ba kek/ noun
   : HABACUK

   Ha·bak·kuk /ha ba kek, ha ba kek/ noun
   : a book of the canonical Jewish and Christian Scriptures

   ha·ba·ne·ra /hā.ba ne rə/ noun
   [ORIGIN: Sp (danza) habanera, lit., dance of Havana]
   : a Cuban dance in slow time; also : the music for this dance

   ha·ba·ne·ro also ha·ba·ñe·ro /hā.ba ne ro, hā ba ne ro/ noun
   : a very hot chili pepper that is usu. orange when mature

   ha·be·as cor·pus /hā be as kər pus/ noun
   [ORIGIN: ME, fr. ML, lit., you should have the body (the opening words of the writ)]
   : a writ issued to bring a party before a court

   hab·er·dash·er /ha ber da sher/ noun
   : a dealer in men's clothing and accessories

   hab·er·dash·ery /ha ber da rē/ noun, plural -er·ies
   1 : goods sold by a haberdasher
   2 : a haberdasher's shop

   ha·bil·i·ment /ha bil i mant/ noun
   1 plural : TRAPPINGS, EQUIPMENT
   2 : DRESS; especially : the dress characteristic of an occupation or occasion — usu. used in pl.

   hab·it /ha bit/ noun
   1 : DRESS, GARB
   2 : BEARING, CONDUCT
   3 : PHYSIQUE
   4 : mental makeup
   5 : a usual manner of behavior : CUSTOM
   6 : a behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition
   7 : ADDICTION
   8 : mode of growth or occurrence <trees with a spreading ~>

   Synonyms
   · custom, fashion, pattern, practice, trick, way, wont; also addiction; disposition; bent, inclination, proclivity,
tendency, turn; convention, form, mode, style; usage; manners, mores; groove, rote, routine, rut; affectation, airs, pose; attribute, characteristic, mark, trait; oddity, peculiarity, quirk, singularity, tic; strangeness, weirdness

hab·it·able /ha.ˈbat.ə.bəl/ adjective
: capable of being lived in

— hab·it·abil·ity /ha.ˈbat.ə.ˈbil.ə.tē/ noun

hab·i·tat /ha.ˈbat.ə.tə/ noun
[origin: L, it inhabits]
▶ the place or environment where a plant or animal naturally occurs

Synonyms
▶ home, niche, range, territory—more at HOME

hab·i·ta·tion /ha.ˈbat.ə.ˈshən/ noun
1 : OCCUPANCY
2 ▶ a dwelling place : RESIDENCE
3 : SETTLEMENT

Synonyms
▶ abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, hearth, home, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, roof—more at HOME

hab·it–form·ing /ha.ˈbat.ˌfȯr.mĭŋ/ adjective
: causing addiction : ADDICTIVE

ha·bit·u·al /ha.ˈbat.u.əl/ adjective
1 ▶ having the nature of a habit
2 ▶ doing, practicing, or acting by force of habit <∼ drunkards>
3 : inherent in an individual
— ha·bit·u·al·ly adjective
— ha·bit·u·al·ness noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] constant, frequent, periodic, regular, repeated, steady
▶ [2] chronic, confirmed, inveterate; also incorrigible, unregenerate; born, natural; persistent, regular, steady, unfailing; addicted; accustomed, habituated, used; deep-rooted, entrenched, inbred, inherent, innate

ha·bit·u·ate /ha.ˈbat.u.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : ACCUSTOM
2 : to cause or undergo habituation

ha·bit·u·a·tion /ha.ˈbat.u.ə.ˈshən/ noun
1 : the process of becoming or state of being accustomed to or dependent on something
2 : psychological dependence on a drug after a period of use

ha·bi·tué also ha·bi·tue /ha.ˈbi.chə.ˌwā/ noun
[origin: F]
▶ one who may be regularly found in or at (as a place of entertainment)

ha·ci·en·da /hā.ˈsē.ə.nə.nə/ noun
1 : a large estate in a Spanish-speaking country
2 : the main building of a farm or ranch

1 hack /hak/ verb
1 : to cut or sever with repeated irregular blows
2 : to cough in a short dry manner
3 : to manage successfully; also : TOLERATE

2 hack noun
1 : an implement for hacking
2 : a short dry cough
3 : a hacking blow
4 ▶ : a V-shaped indentation
**Synonyms**
- chip, indentation, nick, notch—more at [NOTCH]

3**hack** noun
1: a horse hired or used for varied work
2: a horse worn out in service
3: a light easy often 3-gaited saddle horse
4 a: **HACKNEY**
   b: an automobile that carries passengers for a fare usu. determined by the distance traveled: TAXICAB
5: a person who works solely for mercenary reasons; especially: a writer working solely for commercial success—**hack** adjective

4**hack** verb
: to operate a taxicab

**hack-er** /hak.ər/ noun
1: one that hacks; also: a person unskilled at something
2: an expert at using a computer
3: a person who illegally gains access to and sometimes tampers with information in a computer system

**hack-ie** /hak.ē/ noun
: a taxicab driver

**hack-le** /hak.əl/ noun
1: one of the long feathers on the neck or back of a bird
2 plural: hairs (as on a dog's neck) that can be erected
3 plural: TEMPER, DANDER

**hack-man** /hak.ən/ noun
: HACKIE

1**hackney** /hak.nē/ noun, plural **hackneys**
1: a horse for riding or driving
2: a carriage or automobile kept for hire

2**hackney** verb
: to make trite

**hack-neyed** /hak-nēd/ adjective
: lacking in freshness or originality

**Synonyms**
- banal, commonplace, musty, stale, stereotyped, threadbare, tired, trite—more at [STALE]

**hack-saw** /hak.so/ noun
: a fine-tooth saw in a frame for cutting metal

**hack-work** /hak.wərk/ noun
: work done on order usu. according to a formula

**had** past and past participle of **HAVE**

**had-dock** /hə.dək/ noun, plural **haddock** also **haddocks**
: an Atlantic food fish usu. smaller than the related cod

**Ha-des** /hə.dez/ noun
1: the abode of the dead in Greek mythology
2 often not cap: HELL

**haem** chiefly British variant of **HEME**

**hae-ma-tite** British variant of **HEMATITE**

**haf-ni-um** /haf.nē.əm/ noun
: a gray metallic chemical element
haft /hæft/ noun
: the handle of a weapon or tool

hag /hæg/ noun
1 : an ugly or evil-looking old woman
2 : a woman that is credited with usu. malignant supernatural powers
   **Synonyms**
   - crone, witch—more at CRONE

Hag abbreviation
Haggai

Hag·gai /ha ˈgā/ i,ˈha-ˌg/ noun
: a book of the canonical Jewish and Christian Scriptures

hag·gard /ˈhæg-gərd/ adjective
: having a worn or emaciated appearance
   — hag·gard·ly adverb
   — hag·gard·ness noun
   **Synonyms**
   - cadaverous, gaunt, skeletal, wasted

hag·gis /ˈhæg-gəs/ noun
: a traditionally Scottish dish made of the heart, liver, and lungs of a sheep or a calf minced with suet, onions, oatmeal, and seasonings

hag·gle /ˈhæg-gəl/ verb hag-gled; hag·gling
: to argue in bargaining
   — hag·gler noun
   **Synonyms**
   - bargain, chaffer, deal, dicker, negotiate, palter—more at BARGAIN

Ha·gi·og·ra·pha /ha ˌgæ-ə-græ-ˈfe, ˌhā ˌjē/ noun plural
: the third part of the Jewish Scriptures

ha·gio·graph·ic /ha ˌgē-o-ˈgra-fik, ˈhā-ˌjē/ adjective
: of or relating to hagiography; especially : excessively flattering

ha·gi·og·ra·phy /ha ˌgē-əˈgre-ˌfe, ˌhā-ˌjē/ noun
1 : biography of saints or venerated persons
2 : idealizing or idolizing biography
   — ha·gi·og·ra·pher /ˈfeər/ noun

hai·ku /ˈhā-ˌkō/ noun, plural haiku
[origin: Jp]
: an unrhymed Japanese verse form of three lines containing usu. 5, 7, and 5 syllables respectively; also : a poem in this form

1 hail /hāl/ noun
1 : precipitation in the form of small lumps of ice
2 : something that gives the effect of falling hail
   **Synonyms**
   - rain, shower, storm—more at RAIN
   - barrage, bombardment, cannonade, fusillade, salvo, shower, storm, volley—more at BARRAGE

2 hail verb
1 : to precipitate hail
2 : to pour down and strike like hail

3 hail interjection
[origin: ME, fr. ON heill, fr. heill healthy]
— used to express acclamation

4hail verb
1 a : SALUTE, GREET
b : to greet with enthusiastic approval : ACCLAIM
2 : SUMMON
   Synonyms
   ➔ acclaim, applaud, cheer, crack up, laud, praise, salute, tout—more at ACCLAIM

5hail noun
1 : an expression of greeting, approval, or praise
2 : hearing distance

Hail Mary noun
: a salutation and prayer to the Virgin Mary

hail·stone /haɪlˌstoʊn/ noun
: a pellet of hail

hail·storm /ˌstoʊrm/ noun
: a storm accompanied by hail

hair /hɑːr/ noun
1 a : a threadlike outgrowth esp. from the skin of a mammal
b : a covering or growth of hairs of an animal or a body part
2 : a minute distance or amount
   — haired /hɑːrd/ adjective
   — hairless adjective
   Synonyms
   ➔ [1b] coat, fleece, fur, pelage, pile, wool
   ➔ [2] ace, inch; also bit, crumb, mite, jot, particle, smidgen, trace, trifle

hair·breadth /ˈhɑːrˌbredθ/ or hairs·breadth /ˈhɑːz/ noun
: a very small distance or margin

hair·brush /ˌbrʌʃ/ noun
: a brush for the hair

hair·cloth /ˈkloth/ noun
: a stiff wiry fabric used esp. for upholstery

hair·cut /ˈkɑːt/ noun
: the act, process, or style of cutting and shaping the hair

hair·do /ˈdɑː/ noun, plural hairdos
: a way of wearing the hair

hair·dress·er /ˈdresər/ noun
: one who dresses or cuts hair
   — hair·dress·ing noun

hair·line /ˈliːn/ noun
1 : a very thin line
2 : the outline of the hair on the head

hair·piece /ˈpiːs/ noun
1 : supplementary hair (as a switch) used in some women's hairdos
2 : TOUPEE

hair·pin /ˈpin/ noun
1 : a U-shaped pin to hold the hair in place
2 : a sharp U-shaped turn in a road
— hairpin adjective

hair-raising /ˈhɑr-ə ziŋ/ adjective
▶: causing terror or astonishment

Synonyms
▶ fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, scary, shocking, terrible, terrifying—more at FEARFUL

hair-splitter /ˈspiltər/ noun
▶: a person who makes excessively fine distinctions in reasoning

— hair-splitting /ˈspiltəŋ/ noun

hair-splitting adjective
▶: made or done with extreme care and accuracy

hair-spray /ˈhɑrˌsprɑ/ noun
▶: a liquid sprayed onto the hair to hold it in place

hair-style /ˈheər.stilaɪ/ noun
▶: HAIRDO

— hair-styling noun

hair-stylist /ˈheər.stɪlist/ noun
▶: HAIRDRESSER

hair-trigger adjective
▶: immediately responsive to the slightest stimulus

hairy /ˈhɑri/ adjective hair·i·er; -est
1 ▶: covered with or as if with hair
2 ▶: tending to cause nervous tension <a few ~ moments>
3 ▶: composed of or being like hair

— hair·i·ness /ˈhəri.ni/ noun

Synonyms
▶ [1] fleecy, furry, hirsute, rough, shaggy, unshorn, woolly; also bearded, whiskered; downy, fluffy, fuzzy

Antonyms
▶ bald, hairless, shorn, smooth

[3] furry, fuzzy, rough, shaggy, woolly; also downy, fluffy

hairy woodpecker noun
▶: a common No. American woodpecker with a white back that is larger than the similarly marked downy woodpecker

Hai·tian /hɑtʃən/ noun
▶: a native or inhabitant of Haiti

— Haitian adjective

hajj /ˈhɑ j/ noun
▶: a pilgrimage to Mecca prescribed as a religious duty for Muslims

hajji /ˈhɑ jɪ/ noun
▶: one who has made a pilgrimage to Mecca — often used as a title

hake /ˈhɑk/ noun
▶: any of several marine food fishes related to the cod

hal·berd /ˈhɑlˌbərd, ˈhɑlˌbard, ˈhɑlˌbɔr/ also hal·bert /ˈbɑrt/ noun
▶: a weapon esp. of the 15th and 16th centuries consisting of a battle-ax and pike on a long handle

hal·cy·on /ˈhɑlˌsə.ən/ adjective
[origin: Gk halkyōn, alkyōn a mythical bird believed to nest at sea and to calm the waves]
▶: marked by calm: PEACEFUL

Synonyms
▶ calm, hushed, peaceful, placid, quiet, serene, still, tranquil, untroubled—more at CALM
1 hale /ˈhāl/ adjective
   : free from defect, disease, or infirmity
     Synonyms
     able-bodied, chipper, fit, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, well, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY

2 hale verb haled, haling
1 : to exert force upon so as to cause or tend to cause motion toward the force : Haul, pull
2 : to compel to go
   Synonyms
   drag, draw, haul, lug, pull, tow, tug—more at PULL

1 half /ˈhāf, ˈhāf/ noun, plural halves /ˈhāvz, ˈhāvz/
1 : either of two equal parts that compose something
2 : one of a pair
   Synonyms
   companion, fellow, match, mate, twin—more at MATE

2 half adjective
1 : being one of two equal parts
2 : amounting to nearly half
3 : PARTIAL, INCOMPLETE

3 half adverb
1 a : in an equal part or degree
   b : not completely
2 : by any means : AT ALL

half–and–half /ˌhāf ˈand ˈhāf/ noun
: something that is half one thing and half another

half-back /ˌhāf ˈbæk, ˈhāf/ noun
1 : a football back stationed on or near the flank
2 : a player stationed immediately behind the forward line

half–baked /ˈhālˌbāk/ adjective
1 : not thoroughly baked
2 : poorly planned; also : lacking common sense

half–breed /ˌhāfˈbrēd/ noun, often disparaging
: one of mixed racial descent
   — half–breed adjective, often disparaging

half brother noun
: a brother related through one parent only

half–caste /ˌhāfˈkast, ˈhāf/ noun
: one of mixed racial descent : HALF-BREED
   — half–caste adjective

half–dol·lar /ˌdāˈlər/ noun
1 : a coin representing one half of a dollar
2 : the sum of fifty cents

half-heart·ed /ˈhārt ˈed/ adjective
   : lacking spirit or interest
   — half-heart·ed·ly adverb
   — half-heart·ed·ness noun
     Synonyms
     tepid, uneager, unenthusiastic—more at TEPID

half–life /ˈlif/ noun
: the time required for half of something (as atoms or a drug) to undergo a process
half–mast /'məst/ noun
: a point about halfway down from the top of a mast or staff

half note noun
: a musical note equal in time to one half of a whole note

half-penny /ˈhɑp nɛn/ noun, plural half-pence /ˈhɑp pəns/ or halfpennies
: a formerly used British coin representing one half of a penny

half–pint /ˈhɑp pənt, hɑf/ adjective
: of less than average size
— half–pint noun

half sister noun
: a sister related through one parent only

half sole noun
: a shoe sole extending from the shank forward
— half–sole verb

half–staff /ˈhɑf ˈstaf, hɑf/ noun
: HALF-MAST

half step noun
: a musical interval equivalent to one twelfth of an octave

half–time /ˈhɑf ˈtaɪm, hɑf/ noun
: an intermission between halves of a game

half–track /ˈhɑf ˈtræk/ noun
: a motor vehicle propelled by an endless chain-track drive system; especially : such a vehicle lightly armored for military use

half–truth /ˈhɑf ˈtrʌθ/ noun
: a statement that is only partially true; especially : one that deliberately mixes truth and falsehood

half–way /ˈhɑ ˈweɪ/ adjective
1 ▶ : midway between two points
2 : of or relating to a part rather than the whole : not general or total : PARTIAL
— half–way adverb

Synonyms
intermediary, intermediate, median, medium, middle, midmost—more at MIDDLE

half–wit /ˈhɑf ˈwɪt/ noun
▶ : a foolish or imbecilic person

Synonyms
booby, fool, goose, jackass, lunatic, nitwit, nut, simpleton, turkey—more at FOOL
blockhead, cretin, dodo, dolt, donkey, dope, dummy, dunce, fathead, goon, idiot, imbecile, jackass, moron, nitwit, numskull, simpleton, stock, turkey—more at IDIOT

half–wit·ted /ˈhɑf ˈwɪt ɪd/ adjective
1 : exhibiting or indicative of a lack of common sense or sound judgment
2 : mentally deficient
— half–wit·ted·ness noun

hal·i·but /ˈhæl ɪ bæt/ noun, plural halibut also halibuts
[ORIGIN: ME halybute, fr. haly, holy holy + butte flatfish; fr. its being eaten on holy days]
: any of several large edible marine flatfishes

ha·lite /ˈhæ ˌlɪt, ˈhæt/ noun
: ROCK SALT

hal·i·to·sis /ˈhæl ɪ ˈtɔsɪs/ noun

hall /hɔl/ noun
1 : the residence of a medieval king or noble; also : the house of a landed proprietor
2 : a large public building
3 : a college or university building; also : DORMITORY
4 a : the entrance room of a building : LOBBY
   b : a corridor or passage in a building
5 : a large room for assembly : AUDITORIUM
6 : a place used for public entertainment

Synonyms
- [4a] entry, foyer, lobby, vestibule; also antechamber, anteroom, waiting room; doorway, entrance, threshold
- [4b] corridor, gallery, hallway, passage; also arcade, breezeway, cloister
- [6] arena, theater; also amphitheater, hippodrome, house, playhouse; ballroom; lyceum; chamber, senate

hal·le·lu·jah /haˌləˌlēˈya/ interjection
[origin: Heb hallēlūyāh praise (ye) the Lord]
— used to express praise, joy, or thanks

hall·mark /hɔlˈmɑrk/ noun
1 : a mark put on an article to indicate origin, purity, or genuineness
2 : a distinguishing characteristic

Synonyms
- emblem, logo, symbol, trademark—more at EMBLEM

hal·low /ˈhɔl/ verb
1 : to make holy or set apart for holy use
2 : REVERE

Synonyms
- bless, consecrate, sanctify—more at BLESS

hal·lowed /ˈhɔld/ adj. /ˈhed/ adjective
1 : made or declared sacred
2 : regarded as worthy of great honor

Synonyms
- [1] blessed, holy, sacred, sacrosanct, sanctified—more at HOLY
- [2] reverend, venerable—more at VENERABLE

Hal·low·een also Hal·low·e’en /ˌhɑˌləˈwen, ˌhɔ/ noun
: the evening of October 31 observed esp. by children in merrymaking and masquerading

hal·lu·ci·nate /ˈhæləˌkjən/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to have hallucinations or experience as a hallucination

hal·lu·ci·na·tion /ˈhæləˌkjən·ən/ noun
1 : perception of objects with no reality due usu. to use of drugs or to disorder of the nervous system
2 : something perceived by hallucination

— hal·lu·ci·na·to·ry /ˌhæləˌkjənˌtərē/ adj.
Synonyms
- chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY

hal·lu·ci·no·gen /ˈhæləˌkjənˌiŋ/ noun
: a substance that induces hallucinations

— hal·lu·ci·no·gen·ic /ˌhæləˌkjənˈiŋ/ adj. or noun

hall·way /ˈhɔlˌwe/ noun
1 : an entrance hall
2 : a passageway into which compartments or rooms open : CORRIDOR

Synonyms
• corridor, gallery, hall, passage—more at HALL

**halo** /ˈhā.ˌlo/ noun, plural halos or haloes

[origin: L. halos, fr. Gk halōs threshing floor, disk, halo]
1: a circle of light appearing to surround a shining body (as the sun)
2: the aura of glory surrounding an idealized person or thing

**halogen** /ˈhələ.ˌjan/ noun
1: any of the five elements fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine
2**halogen** adjective
: containing, using, or being a halogen <a ~ lamp>

**halt** /ˈhəlt/ adjective
• : LAME

**halt** noun
• : a stop in an action or process
  • Synonyms
    • cessation, close, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, lapse, shutdown, stop, stoppage, termination—more at END

**halt** verb
1 : to stop marching or traveling
2 • : to come or bring to an end : DISCONTINUE
  • Synonyms
    • break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, knock off, layoff, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP
    • arrest, catch, check, draw up, fetch up, hold up, stall, stay, still, stop; also balk, block, blockade, dam, detain, hinder, hold, hold back, impede, obstruct, stem; conclude, end, terminate; call, discontinue, suspend; clamp down, rein (in), squelch, squash, stamp, stanch, stunt, suppress, turn back

**halter** /ˈhəltər/ noun
1 : a rope or strap for leading or tying an animal; also : HEADSTALL
2 : NOOSE
3 : a brief blouse held in place by straps around the neck and across the back

**halter** verb hal·tered; hal·ter·ing
1 : to catch with or as if with a halter; also : to put a halter on (as a horse)
2 : HANG
3 : IMPEDE, RESTRAIN

**halting** /ˈhəltəŋ/ adjective
: UNCERTAIN, FALTERING
  — halting·ly adverb

**halve** /hav, ˈhāv/ verb halved; halv·ing
1 : to divide into two equal parts
2 : to reduce to one half

**halves** /ˈhālvz, ˈhāv/ noun plural
: half shares : HALVES

**halves** plural of HALF

**hal·yard** /ˈhəl.ˌyärd/ noun
: a rope or tackle for hoisting and lowering (as sails)

**ham** /ˈham/ noun
1 : a buttock with its associated thigh — usu. used in pl.
2 : a cut of meat and esp. pork from the thigh
3 : a showy performer
4 : an operator of an amateur radio station
— ham adjective

2 ham verb hammed, ham·ming
: to overplay a part : OVERACT

ham·burg·er /hamˌbərɡər/ or ham·burg /ˌhæmbərg/ noun
[origin: G Hamburger of Hamburg, Germany]
1 : ground beef
2 : a sandwich consisting of a ground-beef patty in a round roll

ham·let /ˈhæmˌlɛt/ noun
: a small village

1 hammer /ˈhæmər/ noun
1 : a hand tool used for pounding; also : something resembling a hammer in form or function
2 : the part of a gun whose striking action causes explosion of the charge
3 : a metal sphere hurled for distance in a track-and-field event (hammer throw)
4 : ACCELERATOR 2

2 hammer verb
1 : to beat, drive, or shape with or as if with repeated blows of a hammer : POUND
2 : to produce or bring about as if by repeated blows — usu. used with out
3 : to criticize severely
   Synonyms
   beat, forge, pound; also chase, fashion, form, knead, mold, model, work; coin, mint, stamp; carve, chisel, hew, sculpt, sculpture

ham·mer·head /ˈhæmərˌhɛd/ noun
1 : the striking part of a hammer
2 : any of a family of medium-sized sharks with eyes at the ends of lateral extensions of the flattened head

ham·mer·lock /ˈhæmərˌlək/ noun
: a wrestling hold in which an opponent's arm is held bent behind the back

hammer out verb
: to produce or bring about as if by repeated blows
   Synonyms
   build, carve, forge, grind, work out; also cobble (together or up), create, construct, fabricate, fashion, form, frame, manufacture, model, shape, tailor; conceive, concoct, contrive, cook (up), devise, hatch, invent, originate; bring forth, effect; accomplish, achieve, bring off

ham·mer·toe /ˈhæmərˌtoʊ/ noun
: a toe deformed by having one or more joints permanently flexed

1 hammock /ˈhæmək/ noun
[origin: Sp hamaca, of AmerInd origin]
: a swinging couch hung by cords at each end

2 hammock noun
: a fertile elevated area of the southern U.S. and esp. Florida with hardwood vegetation and soil rich in humus

1 hamper /ˈhæmpər/ verb
1 : to restrict the movement or operation of : IMPEDE
2 : RESTRAIN
   Synonyms
   clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackle, tie up, trammel; also arrest, brake, check, constrain, curb, rein, restrain, snag; bind, chain, handcuff, leash, muzzle, strap, tether, tie; barricade, block, blockade, dam, head (off), plug; balk, choke, hurt, repress, retard, stifle, strangle, straiten, stunt; baffle, foil, frustrate, interrupt, thwart, sabotage; bog (down), confine, hedge (in), hem (in), limit, tie (down)
Antonyms
aid, assist, facilitate, help

hamper noun
: a large usu. lidded basket

hamster /'ham.stər/ noun
[origin: G, fr. OHG hamastro, of Slavic origin]
: any of a subfamily of small Old World rodents with large cheek pouches

hamstring /'ham.strɪŋ/ noun
: any of several muscles at the back of the thigh or tendons at the back of the knee

hamstring verb -strung /-strʌŋ/; -string·ing
1 : to cripple by cutting the leg tendons
2 : to make ineffective or powerless

Synonyms
» cripple, disable, immobilize, incapacitate, paralyze, prostrate—more at PARALYZE

hand /'hænd/ noun
1 : the end of a front limb when modified (as in humans) for grasping
2 : an indicator or pointer on a dial
3 : personal possession — usu. used in pl. and in the phrase in one's hands; also : CONTROL
4 : a position regarded as opposite to another : SIDE — usu. used in the phrase on the other hand
5 : a pledge esp. of betrothal
6 : style of penmanship : HANDWRITING
7 : SKILL, ABILITY; also : a significant part
8 : ASSISTANCE; also : PARTICIPATION
9 : an outburst of applause
10 : a single round in a card game; also : the cards held by a player after a deal
11 : one employed by another usu. for wages or salary and in a position below the executive level : WORKER, EMPLOYEE; also : a member of a ship's crew
— hand·less adjective
— at hand
: near in time or place
— on hand
: in present possession or readily available

Synonyms
» [2] index, indicator, needle, pointer—more at POINTER
» usually hands [3] control, keeping, possession—more at POSSESSION
» [4] angle, aspect, facet, phase, side—more at ASPECT
» [11] employee, hireling, jobholder, worker—more at EMPLOYEE

hand verb
1 : to lead, guide, or assist with the hand
2 : to give, pass, or transmit with the hand

Synonyms
» deliver, feed, furnish, give, hand over, provide, supply—more at FURNISH
» hand over, pass, reach, transfer—more at PASS

hand·bag /'hænd.bæg/ noun
» a bag for carrying small personal articles and money

Synonyms
» bag, pocketbook, purse—more at PURSE

hand·ball /'hænd.bɔl/ noun
: a game played by striking a small rubber ball against a wall with the hand

hand·bill /'hænd.bɪl/ noun
: a small printed sheet for distribution by hand
hand·book /ˈhāndbək/ noun
  : a concise reference book: MANUAL
  Synonyms
  manual, primer, textbook—more at TEXTBOOK

hand·car /ˈhændkər/ noun
  : a small 4-wheeled railroad car propelled by hand or by a small motor

hand·clasp /ˈhændklɑsp/ noun
  : HANDSHAKE

hand·craft /ˈhændkrɑft/ verb
  : to fashion by manual skill
  1handcuff /ˈhændkaft/ noun
  : a metal fastening that can be locked around a wrist and is usu. connected with another such fastening — usu. used in pl.
  2handcuff verb
     1: to apply handcuffs to: MANACLE
     2: to hold in check: make ineffective or powerless
     Synonyms
     [1, 2] bind, chain, enchain, fetter, manacle, shackle, trammel

hand·ed /ˈhændid/ adjective
  : having or using such or so many hands <a left-handed person>
  — hand·ed·ness noun

hand·ful /ˈhændful/ noun, plural hand·fuls /ˈhændfulz/ also hands·ful /ˈhændz.fʊl/
  1: as much or as many as the hand will grasp
  2: a small number
  3: as much as one can manage
  Synonyms
  few, smattering, sprinkle, sprinkling—more at FEW

hand·gun /ˈhændgən/ noun
  : a firearm held and fired with one hand

1handicap /ˈhændˌkap/ noun
  [ORIGIN: obs. E handicap, a game in which forfeits were held in a cap, fr. hand in cap]
  1: a contest in which an artificial advantage is given or disadvantage imposed on a contestant to equalize chances of winning: also: the advantage given or disadvantage imposed
  2: a disadvantage that makes achievement difficult
  Synonyms
  disadvantage, drawback, liability, minus, penalty, strike—more at DISADVANTAGE

2handicap verb -capped; -cap·ping
  1: to give a handicap to
  2: to put at a disadvantage
  Synonyms
  clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, hamper, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackle, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER

hand·i·capped adjective, sometimes offensive
  : having a physical or mental disability
  Synonyms
  challenged, disabled

hand·i·cap·per /ˈhændˌkapər/ noun
  : a person who predicts the winners in a horse race usu. for a publication
hand·i·craft /ˈhænd.iˌkraft/ noun
1 : manual skill
2 : an occupation requiring manual skill
3 : the articles fashioned by those engaged in handicraft
   — hand·i·craft·man /ˈhænd.iˌkraft.mən/ noun
   Synonyms
   • craft, trade—more at CRAFT

hand·i·craft·er /ˈhænd.iˌkraft.ər/ noun
♣ : one that engages in a handicraft usu. as a hobby or avocation
   Synonyms
   • artificer, artisan, craftsman—more at ARTISAN

hand·i·ly /ˈhænd.iˌli/ adverb
♣ : in an easy manner : without difficulty
   Synonyms
   • easily, effortlessly, fluently, freely, lightly, painlessly, readily, smoothly—more at EASILY
hand in glove or hand and glove adverb
♣ : in an extremely close relationship

hand·i·work /ˈhænd.iˌwɜːk/ noun
1 : work done personally or by the hands
2 : the product of handiwork
   Synonyms
   • affair, fruit, output, produce, product, thing, work, yield—more at PRODUCT

hand·ker·chief /ˈhænd.kərˌchef, ˈhænd-ˌ/ noun, plural -chiefs /ˈchefs, ˈchefs/ also -chieves /ˈchēvz/
♣ : a small piece of cloth used for various personal purposes (as the wiping of the face)

1 handle /ˈhænd.əl/ noun
1 : a part (as of a tool) designed to be grasped by the hand
2 : a word or phrase that constitutes the distinctive designation of a person or thing : NAME
   — han·dled /ˈhænd.dld/ adjective
   — off the handle
   : into a state of sudden and violent anger — usu. used with fly

2 handle verb han·dled; han·dling
1 : to touch, hold, or manage with the hands
2 : to have responsibility for
3 : to deal or trade in
4 : to behave in a certain way when managed or directed <a car that ~s well>
5 : to act on or perform a required function with regard to
   — han·dler noun
   Synonyms
   • [2] contend, cope, grapple, manage, maneuver, negotiate, swing, treat; also bring off, carry out, pull, swing; command, direct, guide, steer; control, regulate, run
   Antonyms
   • fumble, muddle (through)
   • [2] administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT
   • [5] act, be, deal, serve, treat, use—more at TREAT

hand·le·bar /ˈhænd.lə ˈbær/ noun
♣ : a usu. bent bar with a grip at each end (as for steering a bicycle) — usu. used in pl.

hand·made /ˈhænd.məd/ adjective
♣ : made by hand or by a hand process

hand·maid·en /ˈmād.ən/ also hand·maid /ˈmād/ noun
hand·me·down ˈhānd-mē-ˌdoun adjective
: used by one person after having been used by another
  — hand·me·down noun

hand·out ˈhānd-ət noun
1: a portion (as of food) given to a beggar
2: a piece of printed information for free distribution; also: a prepared statement released to the press

hand over verb
  : to yield control of
  Synonyms
    • cede, deliver, give up, leave, relinquish, render, surrender, turn over, yield—more at surrender
    • hand, pass, reach, transfer—more at pass

hand·pick ˈhānd-ˈpik verb
  : to select personally <a ~ed candidate>
  Synonyms
    • choose, cull, elect, name, opt, pick, prefer, select, single, take—more at choose

hand·rail ˈhānd-rāl noun
: a narrow rail for grasping as a support

hand·saw ˈhānd-sō noun
: a saw designed to be used with one hand

hands down adverb
1: with little effort
2: without question

hand·sel ˈhānd-səl noun
1: a gift made as a token of good luck
2: a first installment : earnest money

hand·set ˈhānd-set noun
: a combined telephone transmitter and receiver mounted on a handle

hand·shake ˈhānd-shāk noun
: a clasping usu. of right hands by two people

hands·off ˈhāndz-ˈōf adjective
: characterized by noninterference

hand·some ˈhānd-sam adjective hand·som·er; -est
[origin: ME handsom easy to manipulate]
1: moderately large : sizable
2: generous, liberal
3: pleasing and usu. impressive in appearance
  Synonyms
    • attractive, beautiful, fair, gorgeous, knockout, lovely, pretty, ravishing, stunning—more at beautiful

hand·some·ly ˈhānd-sam-li adverb
  : in a handsome manner
  Synonyms
    • bountifully, generously, liberally, well—more at well

hand·some·ness ˈhānd-sam-ə-nəs noun
  : the quality or state of being handsome
  Synonyms
    • class, elegance, grace, majesty, refinement, stateliness—more at elegance
    • attractiveness, beauty, comeliness, looks, loveliness, prettiness—more at beauty
hands-on /ˈhændz-ən, -ən/ adjective
1 : being or providing direct practical experience in the operation of something
2 : characterized by active personal involvement <~ management>

hand-spring /ˈhændˌspring/ noun
: an acrobatic feat in which the body turns in a full circle from a standing position and lands first on the hands and then on the feet

hand-stand /ˈhændˌstænd/ noun
: an act of supporting the body on the hands with the trunk and legs balanced in the air

hand-to-hand adjective
: involving physical contact or very close range <~ fighting>
— hand to hand adverb

hand-to-mouth adjective
: having or providing nothing to spare

hand-woven /ˈhændˌwʊvn/ adjective
: produced on a hand-operated loom

hand-writing /ˈhændˌriŋ/ noun
1 : writing done by hand
2 : the form of writing peculiar to a person
— hand-written /ˈhændˌriˈtʌn/ adjective

Synonyms
[1] manuscript, penmanship, script; also lettering; shorthand
Antonyms
print, type
[2] hand, penmanship, script; also scratch, scrawl, scribble; backhand, print; autograph, signature

handy /ˈhændi/ adjective hand-i-er; -est
1 : conveniently near
2 : easily used
3 : clever in using the hands : DEXTEROUS
— hand-i-ness /ˈhændiˌnas/ noun

Synonyms
[1] accessible, convenient, reachable—more at CONVENIENT
[3] clever, cunning, deft, dexterous—more at DEXTEROUS

handyman /ˈhændiˌmæn/ noun
1 : one who does odd jobs
2 : one competent in a variety of small skills or repair work

hang /haŋ/ verb hung /haŋt/ also hanged; hang-ing
1 : to fasten or remain fastened to an elevated point without support from below; also : to fasten or be fastened so as to allow free motion on the point of suspension <~ a door>
2 : to suspend by the neck until dead; also : to die by hanging
3 : to hold or bear in a suspended or inclined manner : DROOP <hung his head in shame>
4 : to fasten to a wall <~ wallpaper>
5 : to prevent (a jury) from coming to a decision
6 : to display (pictures) in a gallery
7 : to remain stationary in the air
8 : to be imminent : IMPEND <doom hung over the nation>
9 : DEPEND
10 : to take hold for support
11 : to be burdensome
12 : to undergo delay
13 : to incline downward; also : to fit or fall from the figure in easy lines
14 : to be raptly attentive
15 : LINGER, LOITER
— hang-er noun
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] dangle, sling, suspend, swing; also hook, pin, tack; drape, festoon, garland, string; extend (out), jut, project, stick out; overhang, protrude; cascade, depend, fall
   ➤ [7] drift, float, glide, hover, poise, ride, sail, waft—more at FLOAT
   ➤ usually hang over [8] hover, impend, menace, overhang, threaten—more at THREATEN

2 hang noun
1 : the manner in which a thing hangs
2 : an understanding of something

han-gar /ˈhæŋər/ noun
[origin: F]
: a covered and usu. enclosed area for housing and repairing aircraft

hang around verb
1 ➤ : to pass time or stay aimlessly in or at
2 ➤ : to spend one's time in company esp. idly
   Synonyms
   ➤ usually hang around in [1] frequent, hang out, haunt, resort, visit—more at FREQUENT
   ➤ [1] abide, dwell, remain, stay, stick around, tarry—more at STAY
   ➤ [2] associate, chum, consort, fraternize, hobnob, pal—more at ASSOCIATE

hang back verb
1 : to be reluctant
   Synonyms
   ➤ falter, hesitate, shilly-shally, stagger, teeter, vacillate, waver, wobble—more at HESITATE

han-dog /ˈhændəg/ adjective
1 ➤ : affected by or showing embarrassment caused by consciousness of a fault : ASHAMED, GUILTY
2 : ABJECT, COWED
   Synonyms
   ➤ ashamed, contrite, guilty, penitent, remorseful, repentant, shamefaced—more at GUILTY

han-er /ˈhænər/ noun
1 : one that hangs
2 : a device that fits inside or around a garment for hanging from a hook or rod

han-er-on /ˈhænər-, ˈhænər-On/ noun, plural hangers-on
1 : one who hangs around a person or place esp. for personal gain
   Synonyms
   ➤ leech, parasite, sponge—more at LEECH

hang in verb
1 : to persist tenaciously

hang-ing noun
1 : an execution by strangling or snapping the neck by a suspended noose
2 : something hung

han-gman /ˈhæŋmən/ noun
: a public executioner
2 : a game in which players must identify an unknown word by guessing the letters that comprise it within a designated number of chances

han-nail /ˈnænl/ noun
: a bit of skin hanging loose at the edge of a fingernail

hang on verb
1 : HANG IN
2 : to keep a telephone connection open
3 : to keep hold onto something
   "Synonyms"
   - usually hang on to hold, keep, reserve, retain, withhold—more at KEEP
   - usually hang on to clench, cling, clutch, grip, hold, keep on—more at HOLD

hang·out /ˈhanˌaʊt/ noun
   - a favorite place for spending time
   "Synonyms"
   - haunt, rendezvous, resort; also camp, canteen, club, clubhouse, den, harbor, haven, nest, refuge, retreat

hang out verb
   - to spend time idly or in loitering around or in a particular place
   "Synonyms"
   - usually hang out at frequent, hang around, haunt, resort, visit—more at FREQUENT
   - dally, dawdle, dillydally, hang around, idle, loaf, loll, lounge—more at IDLE

hang·over /ˈhanˌəvər/ noun
   1 : something that remains from what is past
   2 : disagreeable physical effects following heavy drinking or the use of drugs

hang·up /ˈhanˌəp/ noun
   - a source of mental or emotional difficulty

hang up verb
   1 : to place on a hook or hanger
   2 : to end a telephone conversation by breaking the connection
   3 : to keep delayed or suspended

hank /ˈhank/ noun
   - COIL, LOOP

han·ker /ˈhan kər/ verb
   - to desire strongly or persistently — often used with for or after
   "Synonyms" usually hanker for or hanker after
   - ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

han·ker·ing noun
   - the experience of one that hankers : strong desire
   "Synonyms"
   - appetite, craving, desire, drive, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

han·kie or han·ky /ˈhan kē/ noun, plural hankies
   - HANDKERCHIEF

han·ky–pan·ky /ˈhan kēˌpan kē/ noun
   1 : questionable or underhanded activity
   2 : sexual dalliance
   "Synonyms"
   - artifice, chicanery, subterfuge, trickery, wile—more at TRICKERY

hansel variant of HANDSEL

han·som /ˈhen sam/ noun
   - a 2-wheeled covered carriage with the driver's seat elevated at the rear

han·ta·vi·rus /ˈhan tə vi rəs, ˈhan tə ˈhan tə/ noun
   - any of a genus of viruses including some transmitted by rodents that cause pneumonia or hemorrhagic fevers

Ha·nuk·kah /ˈhā nə kə hə/ noun
   [ORIGIN: Heb Ḥanukkah dedication]
   - an 8-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after its defilement by Antiochus of Syria
hap /ˈhæp/ noun
1 : something that happens : HAPPENING
2 : a force which shapes events unpredictably : CHANCE

1hap hazard /ˈhæp.ˈhærzd/ noun
: CHANCE

2hap hazard adjective
: marked by lack of plan or order
— hap·haz·ard·ly adverb
— hap·haz·ard·ness noun
Synonyms
aimless, arbitrary, desultory, erratic, random, scattered, stray—more at RANDOM

hap·less /ˈhæp.ˈlɛs/ adjective
: having no luck : UNFORTUNATE
— hap·less·ly adverb
— hap·less·ness noun
Synonyms
ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky—more at UNLUCKY

hap·loid /ˈhæp.ˈloid/ adjective
: having the number of chromosomes characteristic of gametic cells
— haploid noun

hap·ly /ˈhæp.ˈleɪ/ adverb
: by chance

hap·pen /ˈhæp.ən/ verb
1 : to occur by chance
2 : to come into being or occur as an event, process, or result
3 : to come casually or unexpectedly : CHANCE 2 — used with on or upon
Synonyms
[2] be, befall, betide, chance, come, go, occur, pass, transpire; also arise, develop, materialize, crop (up), spring (up); intervene; fall out, go off, proceed, turn out
usually happen on or happen upon [3] chance, encounter, find, hit, meet, stumble; also confront, face; discover, turn up

1hap·pening noun
1 : something that happens : OCCURRENCE
2 : an event that is esp. interesting, entertaining, or important
Synonyms
[1] affair, circumstance, episode, event, incident, occasion, occurrence, thing—more at EVENT
[2] adventure, experience, time—more at ADVENTURE

2hap·pening adjective
1 : very fashionable
2 : offering much stimulating activity <a ~ nightclub>

hap·pi·ly /ˈhæp.ə.ˈleɪ/ adverb
1 : LUCKILY
2 : in a happy manner or state <lived ~ ever after>
3 : in an adequate or fitting manner
Synonyms
[2] cheerfully, gaily, heartily, jovially, merrily, mirthfully—more at GAILY
[3] appropriately, correctly, fittingly, properly, rightly, suitably—more at PROPERLY

hap·pi·ness /ˈhæp.ə.ˈnes/ noun
1 a : a state of well-being and contentment
b : a pleasurable satisfaction
2: **APTNESS**

**Synonyms**
- [1a] blessedness, bliss, felicity, gladness, joy; also elation, exhilaration, exultation, intoxication; ecstasy, euphoria, heaven, rapture; delectation, delight, enjoyment, pleasure; cheer, cheerfulness, exuberance, gaiety, glee, jollity, joyousness, jubilation, lightheartedness; content, contentedness, gratification, satisfaction

**Antonyms**
- misery, sadness, unhappiness, wretchedness
- [1b] content, contentedness, contentment, gratification, pleasure, satisfaction

**hap·py** /haˈpi/ adjective hap·pi·er; -est
1: favored by luck or fortune: **FORTUNATE**
2: notably fitting, effective, or well adapted: **APT, FELICITOUS**
3: enjoying well-being and contentment
4 a: **PLEASANT**
b: made pleased, satisfied, or grateful

**Synonyms**
- [1] fluky, fortuitous, fortunate, lucky, providential—more at **FORTUNATE**
- [2] applicable, appropriate, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, meet, proper, right, suitable—more at **FIT**
- [4b] blissful, content, delighted, glad, joyful, pleased—more at **GLAD**

**hap·py–go–lucky** /haˌpē.gōˈleˌki/ adjective
- blithely unconcerned

**Synonyms**
- carefree, careless, cavalier, easygoing, gay, insouciant, lighthearted, unconcerned

**happy hour** noun
- a period of time when the price of drinks at a bar is reduced

**hara–kiri** /haˈrajəri/ noun
- [ORIGIN: Jp harakiri, fr. hara belly + kiri cutting]
- ritual suicide by disembowelment

1 **harangue** /haˈraŋ/ noun
- a ranting speech or writing
- a speech addressed to a public assembly

**Synonyms**
- [1] diatribe, rant, tirade—more at **TIRADE**
- [2] address, declamation, oration, speech, talk—more at **SPEECH**

2 **harangue** verb
- to make a harangue
- **ha·rang·u·er** noun

**Synonyms**
- declaim, descant, discourse, lecture, orate, speak, talk—more at **TALK**

**ha·rass** /haˈræs, ˈhar.əs/ verb
- [ORIGIN: F harasser, fr. MF, fr. harer to set a dog on, fr. OF hare, interj. used to incite dogs, of Gmc origin]
- EXHAUST, FATIGUE
- to worry and impede by repeated raids
- to annoy continually

**ha·rass·ment** /ˈhar.əs.mənt/ noun
- the act or an instance of harassing
- the condition of being harassed

**Synonyms**
- aggravation, annoyance, disturbance, vexation—more at **ANNOYANCE**

**ha·bin·ger** /ˈhär.bən.jər/ noun
- one that announces or foreshadows what is coming: **PRECURSOR**
- PORTENT
**Synonyms**

- angel, forerunner, herald, precursor—more at FORERUNNER

**1. harbor** /ˈhār.bər/ noun

1. a place of security and comfort
2. a part of a body of water protected and deep enough to furnish anchorage:
   - Synonyms: asylum, haven, refuge, retreat, sanctuary, shelter—more at SHELTER

**2. harbor** verb

1. to give or take refuge: SHELTER
2. to be the home or habitat of
3. to hold a thought or feeling ~ a grudge

**Synonyms**

- [2a] accommodate, billet, chamber, domicile, house, lodge, put up, quarter, roof, shelter, take in—more at HOUSE
- [3] bear, cherish, entertain, have, hold, nurse; also cultivate, foster, nurture, sustain, support; carry, keep, maintain, preserve, remember, retain, treasure; cleave (to), clinging (to), hang on (to), stick (to)

**harbor-age** /ˈhār.bərˌij/ noun

1. a place of security and comfort
2. a part of a body of water protected and deep enough to furnish anchorage:

**harbour** chiefly British variant of HARBOR

**hard** /hɑrd/ adjective

1. not easily penetrated; not easily yielding to pressure
2. high in alcoholic content
3. containing salts that prevent lathering with soap ~ water
4. stable in value ~ currency
5. physically fit
6. resistant to stress or disease
7. not subject to change or revision: FIRM ~ agreement
8. based on clear fact ~ evidence
9. close, searching ~ look
10. free from sentimentiality or illusion: REALISTIC ~ good ~ sense
11. lacking in responsiveness: OBDOURATE, UNFEELING ~ heart
12. difficult to bear ~ times; also: HARSH, SEVERE
13. caused or marked by resentment: RESENTFUL ~ feelings
14. making no concession: STRICT
15. rigidly firm in will or purpose: UNRELENTING
16. INCEMENT ~ winter
17. intense in force, manner, or degree ~ blow
18. demanding the exertion of considerable effort: ARDUOUS, STRENIOUS ~ work
19. sounding as in arcing and geese respectively — used of c and g
20. troublesome ~ problem
21. having difficulty in doing something ~ of hearing
22. addictive and gravely detrimental to health ~ drugs
23. of or relating to the natural sciences and esp. the physical sciences

**Synonyms**

- [1] compact, firm, rigid, solid, stiff, unyielding—more at FIRM
- [5b] hard-bitten, hardy, rugged, stout, strong, sturdy, tough, vigorous—more at HARDY
- [6a] certain, determinate, final, firm, fixed, flat, frozen, hard-and-fast, set, settled, stable—more at FIXED
- [6b] documentary, factual, historical, literal, matter-of-fact, nonfictional, objective, true—more at FACTUAL
- [9] callous, cold-blooded, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, soulless,
stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic; also inconsiderate, thoughtless, unfriendly, unloving, unthinking; hard-bitten, grim, harsh, heavy-handed, oppressive, rough, severe, stern, tough, ungentle; abusive, acrimonious, disagreeable, hateful, ill-natured, ill-tempered, malevolent, malicious, mean, rancorous, spiteful, surly, virulent; barbarous, brutal, brutish, bestial, cruel, evil-minded, savage, vicious

**Antonyms**
charitable, compassionate, humane, merciful, sensitive, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warm, warmhearted

» [11] acrid, acrimonious, bitter, rancorous, resentful, sore—more at BITTER
» [12a] austere, authoritarian, flinty, harsh, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE
» [15] arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, herculean, laborious, murderous, rough, stiff, strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough; also abstract, abstruse, complex, complicated, insoluble, intricate, involved, knotty, problematic, recondite, serious, spiny, thorny, ticklish, tricky, stubborn; burdensome, exhausting, labored, onerous, oppressive, problem, sore, stressful, taxing, tight, trying, uphill; annoying, distressing, bothersome, irksome, troublesome, vexatious; grievous, grim, heavy, strict, stringent; brutal, cruel, inhuman, painful

**Antonyms**
easy, effortless, facile, simple, soft, undemanding

**2** hard adverb
1 a : with great or utmost effort or energy
   b : in a fierce or violent manner
2 a : in such a manner as to cause hardship, difficulty, or pain
   b : with rancor, bitterness, or grief
3 : close in time or space

**Synonyms**
» [1a] determinedly, diligently, hardly, laboriously, mightily, slavishly, strenuously, tirelessly; also actively, briskly, busily, energetically, feverishly, vehemently, vigorously, zealously; continuously, indefatigably, ploddingly, steadily, unrelentingly, unremittingly; ardently, attentively, conscientiously, earnestly, exhaustively, meticulously, painstakingly, seriously, thoroughly
» [1b] energetically, firmly, forcibly, mightily, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, suitably, vigorously; also robustly, sharply, vehemently, violently; briskly, crisply, heartily, lustily, vivaciously; decidedly, determinedly, directly, emphatically, fast, fixedly, intensively, intently, resolutely, rigidly, smartly, solidly, soundly, squarely, steadfastly, surely; aggressively, manfully

**Antonyms**
feebly, gently, softly, weakly
» [2a] hardly, harshly, ill, oppressively, roughly, severely, sternly, stiffly—more at HARDLY
» [2b] agonizingly, bitterly, grievously, hardly, sadly, sorrowfully, unhappily, woefully, wretchedly; also abjectly, dejectedly, despondently, blackly, darkly, forlornly, gloomily, miserably; acutely, harshly, keenly, severely, sharply; cruelly, ill

**Antonyms**
gladly, happily, joyfully, joyously
» [3] around, by, close, in, near, nearby, nigh—more at NEAR

**hard–and–fast** adjective
: rigidly binding <a ~ rule>

**Synonyms**
» certain, determinate, final, firm, fixed, flat, frozen, hard, set, settled, stable—more at FIXED
» fast, fixed, immutable, inflexible, unalterable, unchangeable—more at INFLEXIBLE

**hard–back** /ˈhɑrdˌbæk/ noun
: a hardcover book

**hard–ball** /ˈhɑrdˌbɔl/ noun
1 : BASEBALL
2 : forceful uncompromising methods

**hard–bit·ten** /ˈhɑrdˌbɪtn/ adjective
: seasoned or steeled by difficult experience : TOUGH <~ campaigners>
Synonyms

- hard, hardy, rugged, stout, strong, sturdy, tough, vigorous—more at HARDY

hard-board /ˈhɑːrd bɔːrd/ noun
: a very dense fiberboard

hard-boiled /ˈhɑːrd bɔɪld/ adjective
1 of an egg: boiled until both white and yolk have solidified
2 a lacking sentiment
   b: HARDHEADED 2

hard-bound /ˈhɑːrd baʊnd/ adjective
: HARDCOVER

hard copy noun
: copy of textual or graphic information (as from computer storage) produced on paper

hard·core /ˈhɑːrd kɔːr/ adjective
1: extremely resistant to solution or improvement
2: being the most determined or dedicated members of a specified group
3: containing explicit depictions of sex acts
   — hard core noun

hard·cover /ˈhɑːrd kəvər/ adjective
: having rigid boards on the sides covered in cloth or paper "books"

hard disk noun
: a sealed rigid metal disk used as a computer storage device

hard·drive noun
: a data-storage device consisting of a drive and one or more hard disks

hard·en /ˈhɑːrd ŏn/ verb
1 ▷: to make or become hard or harder
2 ▷: to confirm or become confirmed in disposition or action
3 ▷: to make harder or robust
   — hard·en·er noun

   Synonyms
   - [1] concrete, congeal, firm, freeze, set, solidify; also cake, callus, encrust; coagulate, clot, gel, jell, jelly, stiffen, thicken; calcify, crystallize, ossify, petrify; anneal, temper

   Antonyms
   - [3] fortify, season, steel, strengthen, toughen; also acclimate, acclimatize, adapt, adjust; anneal, temper; invigorate, vitalize; immunize; bolster, boost, brace, buttress, forearm, prop (up), reinforce, support; break in, limber (up), train; accustom, condition, habituate, naturalize

   Antonyms
   - soften

hard·hack /ˈhɑːrd.hɑk/ noun
: an American spirea with dense clusters of pink or white flowers and leaves having a hairy rusty yellow underside

hard hat noun
1: a protective hat worn esp. by construction workers
2: a construction worker

hard-head·ed /ˈhɑːrd.hɛ.dəd/ adjective
1 ▷: unreasonably or perversely unyielding: STUBBORN, WILLFUL
2 ▷: concerned with or involving practical considerations
   — hard·head·ed·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   - [1] dogged, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at OBSTINATE
- [2] astute, canny, knowing, sharp, shrewd, smart—more at SHREW
- [2] down-to-earth, earthy, matter-of-fact, practical, pragmatic, realistic

**hard-head-ed-ness /nəs/ noun**
- the quality or state of being hardheaded

  **Synonyms**
  - mulishness, obduracy, obstinacy, peevishness, pertinacity, self-will, stubbornness, tenacity—more at OBSTINACY

**hard-heat-ed /ˈhɑr.ɪ.tɪd/ adjective**
- down-to-earth, earthy, matter-of-fact, practical, pragmatic, realistic

**har-di-hood /ˈhɑr.ði.ˌhʊd/ noun**
1 - resolute courage and fortitude
2 - active bodily or mental strength or force: VIGOR

  **Synonyms**
  - [1] bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, heart, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE
  - [2] dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, life, pep, sap, snap, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at VIGOR

**hard-line /ˈhɑrd.lɪn/ adjective**
- advocating or involving a rigidly uncompromising course of action

  **hard-lin-er /ˈlɪn.ner/ noun**

**hard-luck /ˈhɑrd.lʌk/ adjective**
- marked by or relating to bad luck <~ losing teams>

**hard-ly /ˈhɑrd.lɪ/ adverb**
1 - with force
2 a - in a severe manner: HARSHLY
b - with great or excessive grief or resentment
3 - with difficulty: by hard work or struggle
4 - only just: BARELY
5 - certainly not

  **Synonyms**
  - [2a] hard, harshly, ill, oppressively, roughly, severely, sternly, stiffly; also callously, inhumanly, mercilessly, pitilessly, ruthlessly, uncharitably, unfeelingly, unmercifully, tyrannically; abusively, brutally, savagely, viciously; aggressively, decidedly, determinedly, firmly, grimly, gruffly, resolutely, strongly, toughly

  **Antonyms**
  - gently, leniently, lightly, mildly, softly

  [3] determinedly, diligently, hard, laboriously, mightily, slavishly, strenuously, tirelessly—more at HARD

  [4] barely, just, marginally, scarcely, slightly—more at JUST

  [5] no, none, scarcely; also near, never, nothing, nowhere, nowise

  **Antonyms**
  - absolutely, certainly, completely, definitely, positively, surely

**hard-ness /nəs/ noun**
1 - the quality or state of being hard
2 - a condition that makes life difficult, challenging, or uncomfortable

  **Synonyms**
  - [1] harshness, inflexibility, rigidity, severity, sternness, strictness—more at SEVERITY

  [2] adversity, asperity, difficulty, hardship, rigor—more at DIFFICULTY

**hard-nosed /ˈhɑrd.nɑz/ adjective**
- TOUGH, UNCOMPROMISING; also: HARDHEADED

**hard palate noun**
- the bony anterior part of the palate forming the roof of the mouth
hard·pan /ˈhɑrdˌpæn/ noun
: a compact layer in soil that is impenetrable by roots

hard–pressed /ˈhɑrdˌpresh/ adjective
: HARD PUT; especially : being under financial strain

hard put adjective
1 : barely able
2 : faced with difficulty or perplexity

hard rock noun
: rock music marked by a heavy beat, high amplification, and usu. frenzied performances

hard–shell /ˈhɑrdˌshel/ adjective
: HIDEBOUND, UNCOMPROMISING <a ~ conservative>

hard·ship /ˈhɑrdˌʃip/ noun
1 : SUFFERING, PRIVATION
2 ▶ : something that causes suffering or privation
Synonyms
adversity, asperity, difficulty, hardness, rigor—more at DIFFICULTY

hard·tack /ˈhɑrdˌtæk/ noun
: a saltless hard biscuit, bread, or cracker

hard·top /ˈhɑrdˌtɒp/ noun
: an automobile having a permanent rigid top

hard·ware /ˈhɑrdˌwər/ noun
1 : ware (as cutlery or tools) made of metal
2 : the physical components (as electronic devices) of a vehicle (as a spacecraft) or an apparatus (as a computer)

hard·wired /ˈhɑrdˌwɜrd/ adjective
1 : connected or incorporated by or as if by permanent electrical connections
2 : genetically or innately determined or predisposed <~ reactions> <is ~ to avoid change>

hard·wood /ˈhɑrdˌwʊd/ noun
: the wood of a broad-leaved usu. deciduous tree as distinguished from that of a conifer; also : such a tree
— hardwood adjective

hard·work·ing /ˈhɑrdˌwɜrkɪŋ/ adjective
: INDUSTRIOUS

har·dy /ˈhɑrˌdi/ adjective har·di·er; -est
1 : BOLD, BRAVE
2 ▶ : intrepidly daring : AUDACIOUS
3 a : ROBUST
b ▶ : able to withstand adverse conditions <~ shrubs>
— har·di·ly /ˈhɑrdəˌli/ adverb
— har·di·ness /ˈhɑrdəˌnis/ noun
Synonyms
[2] adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, enterprising, gutsy, nervy, venturesome—more at BOLD
[3b] hard, hard-bitten, rugged, stout, strong, sturdy, tough, vigorous; also flinty, leathery, resilient, stalwart; durable, enduring, everlasting, immortal, imperishable, lasting, permanent, stable, staunch, staying, tenacious, unyielding; prospering, thriving; able-bodied, brawny, muscular; fit, fortified, hale, healthy, husky, lusty, robust, sound, strapping, virile; annealed, seasoned, tempered
Antonyms
delicate, soft, tender, weak

hare /ˈhɑr/ noun, plural hare or hares
: any of various swift timid long-eared mammals like the related rabbits but born with open eyes and fur
hare·bell /ˈhɑːrˌbel/ noun
: a slender herb with bright blue bell-shaped flowers

hare-brained /ˈbrænd/ adjective
▷: lacking in sense, judgment, or discretion
  Synonyms
  ◊ cockeyed, crazy, cuckoo, foolish, insane, mad, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, sappy, screwball, senseless, silly—more at FOOLISH

hare·lip /ˈhæp/ noun, sometimes offensive
: a birth defect characterized by one or more clefts in the upper lip
  — hare·lipped /ˈhæpt/ adjective

ha·rem /ˈhær.m/ noun
[Origin: Ar ḥarīm, lit., something forbidden & haram, lit., sanctuary]
1: a house or part of a house allotted to women in a Muslim household
2: the women and servants occupying a harem
3: a group of females associated with one male

hark /hɑrk/ verb
▷: to pay close attention : LISTEN
  Synonyms
  ◊ attend, hear, heed, listen, mind—more at LISTEN

harken variant of HEARKEN

har·le·quin /ˈhɑr.liˌkən, ˈkwɑn/ noun
1 cap: a character (as in comedy) with a shaved head, masked face, variegated tights, and wooden sword
2 ▷: a fool or comedian in an entertainment (as a circus): CLOWN
  Synonyms
  ◊ buffoon, clown, zany—more at CLOWN

har·lot /ˈhɑr.ət/ noun
: a woman who engages in sexual activities esp. for money: PROSTITUTE

1 harm /hɑrm/ noun
1: physical or mental damage: INJURY
2: MISCHIEF, HURT
  Synonyms
  ◊ damage, detriment, hurt, injury—more at INJURY
2 harm verb
▷: to cause harm to: INJURE
  Synonyms
  ◊ damage, hurt, injure, wound—more at INJURE

harm·ful /ˈfəl/ adjective
▷: of a kind likely to be damaging
  — harm·ful·ly adverb
  — harm·ful·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ◊ adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damageous, deleterious, detrimential, evil, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial; also hostile, inimical, unfriendly; contagious, deadly, infectious, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, venomous; insidious, menacing, ominous, sinister, threatening; dangerous, hazardous, imperilling, parlous, perilous, risky, unsafe, unsound; nasty, noisome, unhealthful, unhealthy, unwholesome; destructive, fatal, lethal, malignant, ruinous
  Antonyms
  ◊ harmless, innocent, innocuous, inoffensive, safe

harm·less /ˈləs/ adjective
▷: lacking capacity or intent to injure
— harm·less·ly adverb
— harm·less·ness noun

    Synonyms
    ▶ innocent, innocuous, safe, white; also healthful, healthy, salubrious, wholesome; benign, benignant; sound, trustworthy; gentle, gracious, mild; nontoxic, nonlethal, nonpoisonous, nontoxic, nonvenomous
    
    Antonyms
    adverse, bad, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious

1 harmonic /härˈmən·ik/ adjective
    1 : of or relating to musical harmony or harmonics
    2 : pleasing to the ear

— har·mon·i·cal·ly /ˌnɔrkəˈlalē/ adverb

2 harmonic noun
    : a musical overtone

har·mon·i·ca /härˈmən·iˌkə/ noun
    : a small wind instrument in which the sound is produced by metal reeds

har·mo·ni·ous /härˈmən·ē·əs/ adjective
    1 ▶ : musically concordant
    2 ▶ : having the parts agreeably related : CONGRUOUS
    3 ▶ : marked by accord in sentiment or action

— har·mo·ni·ous·ly adverb
— har·mo·ni·ous·ness noun

    Synonyms
    ▶ [1] euphonious, melodious, musical, symphonic, tuneful; also blending, chiming, flowing, mellifluous; dulcet, mellow, melodic, sweet; resonant, sonorous; quavering, trilling, warbling; agreeable, appealing, pleasant; cadenced, lyric, lyrical, rhythmic; harmonic, orchestral, polyphonic, tonal
    
    Antonyms
    discordant, dissonant, inharmonious, unmelodious, unmusical
    ▶ [2] balanced, congruous, consonant; also even, proportioned, regular, symmetrical; aesthetic, artistic, becoming, elegant, graceful, tasteful; agreeable, felicitous, pleasant, pleasing, satisfying; compatible, coordinated, correspondent, matched, matching
    
    Antonyms
    incongruous, inharmonious, unbalanced
    ▶ [3] agreeable, amicable, compatible, congenial, kindred, unanimous, united; also pacific, peaceable, peaceful; collaborating, cooperative, symbiotic; noncompeting, noncompetitive, nonconflicting; sympathetic, tolerant, understanding; affable, amiable, cordial, friendly, genial, neighborly; collaborating
    
    Antonyms
    disagreeable, disunited, incompatible, inharmonious, uncongenial

har·mo·nise British variant of HARMONIZE
har·mo·ni·um /härˈmən·ē·əm/ noun
    : a keyboard wind instrument in which the wind acts on a set of metal reeds

har·mo·nize /härˈma.nɪz/ verb -nized, -niz·ing
    1 : to play or sing in harmony
    2 ▶ : to be in harmony
    3 ▶ : to bring into consonance or accord

— har·mo·ni·za·tion /härˌma.nəˈzaˌshən/ noun

    Synonyms
    ▶ [2, 3] agree, blend, conform, coordinate; also balance, correlate, correspond, dovetail, match; meet, parallel; bond, coalesce, cohere, conjoin, fuse, merge, square, tally
    
    Antonyms
    clash, collide, conflict
    ▶ [3] accommodate, conciliate, conform, coordinate, key, reconcile; also adapt, attune, tune; blend, combine,
connect, correlate, dovetail, fit, fuse, integrate, join, match, merge, orchestrate, pair, square, suit, synchronize, synthesize, unify, unite; align, arrange, array, balance, equalize, even, order, proportion, regularize, standardize

**Antonyms**
alienate, disjoin

har·mo·ny /ˈhär.məˌnal/ noun, plural -nies
1 : musical agreement of sounds; especially : the combination of tones into chords and progressions of chords
2 a : a pleasing arrangement of parts
b : balanced interrelationship
3 : internal calm

**Synonyms**
▷ [2a] balance, coherence, consonance, proportion, symmetry, symphony, unity; also coordination, correlation, correspondence, equalization, equilibrium, evenness, order, orderliness, regularity, uniformity

**Antonyms**
asymmetry, disproportion, disunity, imbalance, incoherence
▷ [2b] compatibility, concord, peace; also amity, congeniality, fellowship, fraternization, friendship; collaboration, reciprocity, symbiosis; consensus, unanimity, unity; affinity, connection, empathy, kinship, oneness, rapport, solidarity, sympathy, understanding; serenity, tranquillity

**Antonyms**
conflict, discord, dissension

harness /ˈhär.nəs/ noun
1 : the gear other than a yoke of a draft animal
2 : something that resembles a harness

**harness** verb
1 : to put a harness on; also : YOKE
2 ▷ : to make use of : UTILIZE

**Synonyms**
apply, employ, exercise, exploit, operate, use, utilize—more at USE

harp /härp/ noun
: a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame set with strings plucked by the fingers

— harp·ist /ˈhär.pist/ noun

**harp** verb
1 : to play on a harp
2 : to dwell on a subject tiresomely

— harp·er noun

1 harpoon /härˈpūn/ noun
: a barbed spear used esp. in hunting whales

**harpoon** verb
▷ : to strike or capture with or as if with a harpoon

— harpoon·er noun

**Synonyms**
gore, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

**harp·si·chord /ˈhär.pəˌk Orchard/ noun
: a keyboard instrument producing tones by the plucking of its strings with quills or with leather or plastic points

**harp·py /ˈhär.pə/ noun, plural harpies
[origin: L Harpyia, a mythical predatory monster having a woman's head and a bird's body, fr. Gk]
1 : a predatory person : LEECH
2 : a shrewish woman

**Synonyms**
fury, shrew, termagant, virago—more at SHREW
har·ri·dan /ˈhɑːri.dən/ noun
  : SHREW 2

1harrier /ˈhɑːri.ər/ noun
  1 : any of a breed of medium-sized foxhounds
  2 : a runner on a cross-country team

2harrier noun
  : a slender long-legged hawk

1harrow /ˈhɑːr.ə/ noun
  : a cultivating tool that has spikes, spring teeth, or disks and is used esp. to pulverize and smooth the soil

2harrow verb
  1 : to cultivate with a harrow
  2 ▶ : to cause distress or suffering to : TORMENT

  Synonyms
  ▶ afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, martyr, persecute, plague, rack, torment, torture—more at AFFLICT

harrowing adjective
  ▶ : acutely distressing or painful

  Synonyms
  ▶ agonizing, bitter, cruel, excruciating, galling, grievous, harsh, hurtful, painful, tortuous—more at BITTER

har·umph /ˈhɑːm.pf/ verb
  : to comment disapprovingly as though clearing the throat

har·ry /ˈhɑːri/ verb har·ried; har·ry·ing
  1 : RAID, PILLAGE
  2 : to torment by or as if by constant attack

harsh /ˈhɑːrsh/ adjective
  1 : disagreeably rough
  2 ▶ : causing discomfort or pain
  3 ▶ : unduly exacting : SEVERE
  4 ▶ : lacking in aesthetic appeal or refinement

  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying; also austere, bleak, discomforting, forbidding, hostile, inhospitable, uncomfortable; biting, inclement, intemperate; rigorous, strict, stringent; agonizing, heartbreaking, heartrending, painful, wretched; crushing, grinding, overwhelming, wearing; insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unbearable, unendurable; harrowing, tortuous; bad, disagreeable, hostile, unpleasant, unfriendly

  Antonyms
  easy, light, soft
  ▶ [3] austere, authoritarian, flinty, hard, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE
  ▶ [4] grotesque, unaesthetic; also flashy, garish, gaudy, loud, tawdry; tacky, tasteless, vulgar; inartistic, unartistic; artless, clumsy, crude, graceless, inelegant, rude; uncouth, uncultured, unrefined; disgusting, gross, obscene, repugnant, repulsive, ugly; disagreeable, jolting, unpleasant, unpleasing; glaring, clashing, discordant, dissonant, inharmonious, jangling, raucous, unmelodious, unmusical; bizarre, kinky, odd, outlandish, shocking

  Antonyms
  aesthetic

harsh·en /ˈhɑːsh.ən/ verb
  : to make or become harsh <–ed his voice>

harsh·ly /ˈhɑːsh/ adverb
  ▶ : in a harsh manner

  Synonyms
  ▶ hard, hardly, ill, oppressively, roughly, severely, sternly, stiffly—more at HARDLY
harshness /ˈhärshnəs/ noun
  ▶: the quality or state of being harsh

  Synonyms
  ▶ acidity, acrimony, acuteness, asperity, bite, bitterness, edge, keenness, pungency, sharpness, tartness
  ▶ harshness, inflexibility, rigidity, severity, sternness, strictness—more at severity

hart /ˈhɑːrt/ noun, chiefly British
  ▶ stag

harum–scarum /ˈhær.əm-ˈskær.əm/ adjective
  ▶ RECKLESS, IRRESPONSIBLE

harum–scarum adverb
  ▶: in a rash or heedless way

  Synonyms
  ▶ amok, berserk, frantically, hectically, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wild, wildly—more at helter-skelter

harvest /ˈhɑːr.vɛst/ noun
  1: the season for gathering in crops; also: the act of gathering in a crop
  2: a mature crop
  3: the product or reward of effort

harvest verb
  1: to gather in a crop: reap
  2: to gather, hunt, or kill (as deer) for human use or population control

— harvest noun

  Synonyms
  ▶ gather, pick, reap; also clam, fish, shrimp, seal, whale; accumulate, garner; glean; cut, hay, mow; bag, capture, hunt, net, snare, trap; crop, grow, raise

has present 3d singular of have

has–been /ˈhæs.ˈbɛn/ noun
: one that has passed the peak of ability, power, effectiveness, or popularity

hash /ˈhɑːʃ/ verb
  [origin: F hacher, fr. OF hachier, fr. hache battle-ax, of Gmc origin]
  1: to chop into small pieces
  2: to talk about—often used with over or out
  3: to make a confused muddle of

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] chop, mince—more at chop
  ▶ usually hash over [2] argue, chew over, debate, discuss, dispute, moot, talk over—more at discuss

hash noun
  1: chopped meat mixed with potatoes and browned
  2: a mass of things mingled together without order or plan: Hodgepodge, Jumble

  Synonyms
  ▶ assortment, clutter, hodgepodge, jumble, litter, medley, miscellany, motley, muddle, mélange, potpourri, rummage, scramble, shuffle, tumble, variety, welter—more at miscellany

hash noun
  : HASHISH

hash browns noun plural
: boiled potatoes that have been diced, mixed with chopped onions and shortening, and fried

hashish /ˈhɑːʃɪʃ, ˈhɑːʃɪʃ/ noun
  [origin: Ar hashish]
: the intoxicating concentrated resin from the flowering tops of the female hemp plant

hasp /ˈhæsp/ noun
a fastener (as for a door) consisting of a hinged metal strap that fits over a staple and is secured by a pin or padlock

has·si·um /haz·səˌəm/ noun
an artificially produced radioactive metallic chemical element

1 hassle /hazəl/ noun
1 a : a heated often protracted argument
   b : a violent skirmish : FIGHT
2 : an annoying or troublesome concern
   Synonyms
   - [1a] altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, disagreement, dispute, fight, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUMENT
   - [2] aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, headache, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, peeve, pest, problem, thorn—more at ANNOYANCE

2 hassle verb
1 : to contend or disagree in words
2 : to annoy persistently or acutely
   Synonyms
   - argue, bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUE

has·sock /hazˌsək/ noun
: a cushion that serves as a seat or leg rest; also : a cushion to kneel on in prayer

haste /hāst/ noun
1 : rapidity of motion or action : SPEED
2 : rash or headlong action
3 : excessive eagerness
   Synonyms
   - [1] celerity, fastness, fleetness, hurry, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness, velocity—more at SPEED
   - [2] hurry, hustle, precipitation, rush—more at HURRY

has·ten /hāsˈtən/ verb
1 : to urge on
2 : to move or act quickly : HURRY; also : to cause to move or act faster
   Synonyms
   - accelerate, hurry, quicken, rush, speed, step up, whisk—more at HURRY

hast·i·ly /hāstəˈlē/ adverb
: in haste
   Synonyms
   - cursorily, headlong, hurriedly, pell-mell, precipitately, rashly; also hotheadedly, impatiently, impetuously, impulsively, recklessly, thoughtlessly; automatically, haphazardly; impromptu, spontaneously; abruptly, suddenly; offhand
   Antonyms
   - deliberately
   - apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, posthaste, presto, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, soon, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at FAST

hast·i·ness /hāstəˈnis/ noun
: the quality or state of being hasty

hasty /hāst/ adjective
: made, done, or acting in haste
   Synonyms
   - cursorily, headlong, pell-mell, precipitate, precipitous, rash; also breakneck, breathtaking; heady, hotheaded, headstrong, impatient, impetuous, impulsive, madcap, reckless; quick, rapid, speedy, swift; impromptu, makeshift, offhand, snap, spontaneous; abrupt, sudden
   Antonyms
   - deliberate, unhurried
hat /hæt/ noun
  • : a covering for the head usu. having a shaped crown and brim

  **Synonyms**
  • cap, headgear; also beret, biretta, boater, bonnet, bowler, derby, fedora, fez, hard hat, helm, helmet, homburg, hood, leghorn, miter, nightcap, Panama, pillbox, skullcap, sombrero, sou'wester, sunbonnet, tam-o'-shanter, top hat, toque, turban; coronet, crown, diadem, headband, tiara; coif, babushka, kerchief, mantilla, scarf, shawl, veil, wimple

hat·box /hætˈbɑks/ noun
  : a round piece of luggage esp. for carrying hats

hatch /hætʃ/ noun
  1 • : a small door or opening
  2 : a door or cover for access down into a compartment of a ship

  **Synonyms**
  • door, gate, portal—more at **door**

hatch verb
  1 a : to produce by incubation
  b • : to incubate eggs
  2 : to emerge from an egg or pupa; also : to give forth young

  3 : ORIGINATE

  — hatch·ery /ha_ˈchaˌrē/ noun

  **Synonyms**
  • brood, incubate, set, sit—more at **set**

hatch·back /hætˈbæk/ noun
  : an automobile with a rear hatch that opens upward

hatchet /ˈha_ˌchæt/ noun
  1 : a short-handled ax with a hammerlike part opposite the blade
  2 : TOMAHAWK

hatchet man noun
  : a person hired for murder, coercion, or unscrupulous attack

hatch·ing /ˈha_ˌchɪŋ/ noun
  : the engraving or drawing of closely spaced fine lines chiefly to give an effect of shading; also : the pattern so created

hatch·way /ˈhætˌwā/ noun
  : a hatch giving access usu. by a ladder or stairs

hate /hæt/ noun
  1 • : intense hostility and aversion
  2 • : an object of hatred

  **Synonyms**
  • [1] abhorrence, abomination, execration, hatred, loathing; also cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malevolence, malice, malignancy, malignity, meanness, spite, spitefulness; aversion, disgust, distaste, horror, odium, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion; animosity, antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, contempt, disdain, enmity, grudge, hostility, jealousy, pique, resentment, scorn; bile, jaundice, rancor, spleen, venom, virulence, vitriol

  **Antonyms**
  • affection, love, devotion, fondness

  • [2] abhorrence, abomination, anathema, antipathy, aversion, bête noire; also dread, hang-up, horror, phobia; bogey, bugaboo, bugbear; enemy, adversary; annoyance, grievance, hassle, nuisance, peeve

  **Antonyms**
  • love

hate verb hat·ed; hat·ing
  1 • : to express or feel extreme enmity
2: to find distasteful
— hater noun

  Synonyms
  • abhor, abominate, despise, detest, execrate, loathe; also deplore, deprecate, disapprove (of), discountenance, disdain, disfavor, scorn
  
  Antonyms
  • love

hateful /ˈfælt/ adjective
  • full of hate: MALICIOUS

  Synonyms
  • catty, cruel, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful, virulent; also devious, scurvy; acrimonious, bitter, envious, jaundiced, jealous, rancorous, resentful; contemptuous, deprecating, disdainful, obnoxious, opprobrious, scornful, snide, unkind, unkindly, unloving; baleful, baneful, evil; harsh, hostile, inimical; acrid, caustic, scathing, venomous
  
  Antonyms
  • benevolent, benign, benignant, loving, unmalicious

hateful·ly /ˈfæltli/ adverb
  • in a hateful manner

  Synonyms
  • maliciously, meanly, nastily, spitefully, viciously, wickedly—more at NASTILY

hateful·ness /ˈfæltnəs/ noun
  • the quality or state of being hateful

  Synonyms
  • cattiness, despite, malice, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, spleen, venom, viciousness—more at MALICE

hatred /ˈhætred/ noun
  • intense hostility and aversion: HATE; also: prejudiced hostility or animosity

  Synonyms
  • abhorrence, abomination, execration, hate, loathing—more at HATE

hatter /ˈhætər/ noun
  • one that makes, sells, or cleans and repairs hats

hau·berk /ˈhō.bərk/ noun
  • a coat of mail

haugh·ti·ness /ˈhō.ˈtənəs/ noun
  • the quality or state of being haughty

  Synonyms
  • arrogance, loftiness, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, self-importance, superiority—more at ARROGANCE

haugh·ty /ˈhō.ˈti/ adjective haugh·ti·er; -est
  [origin: obs. haught, fr. ME haute, fr. AF halted, haut, lit., high, fr. L altus]
  • disdainfully proud

  — haugh·ti·ly /ˈfæltli/ adverb

  Synonyms
  • disdainfully, highfalutin, lofty, lordly, prideful, proud, superior—more at PROUD

haul /ˈhōl/ verb
  1 • : to exert traction on: DRAW, PULL
  2 • : to furnish transportation: CART

  — haul·er noun

  Synonyms
  • [1] drag, draw, hale, lug, pull, tow, tug—more at PULL
  • [2] bear, carry, cart, convey, ferry, lug, pack, tote, transport—more at CARRY

haul noun
  1 • : the act or process of hauling: PULL, TUG
2 †: the result of an effort to obtain, collect, or win
3 a: the length or course of a transportation route
   SYN: load
   b: a quantity transported: LOAD

haul·age /hóˈliˌij/ noun
1: the act or process of hauling
2: a charge for hauling

haunch /hounch/ noun
1: 2HIP 1
2: HINDQUARTER 2 — usu. used in pl.
3: HINDQUARTER 1

haunt /ˈhɒnt/ verb
1 †: to visit often: FREQUENT
2: to have a disquieting effect on; also: to reappear continually in
3: to visit or inhabit as a ghost
   — haunt·er noun
   SYN: frequent, hang around, hang out, resort, visit — more at FREQUENT

haunting adjective
†: having a disquieting effect
   — haunt·ing·ly adverb
   SYN: creepy, eerie, spooky, uncanny, unearthly, weird — more at EERIE

haunt·er /ˈhɒnt.ər/ noun
1: a place habitually frequented
2 chiefly dialect: GHOST
   SYN: hangout, rendezvous, resort — more at HANGOUT

haute cou·ture /ˌhōt.küˈtyo/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: the establishments or designers that create exclusive and often trend-setting fashions for women; also: the fashions created

haute cui·sine /ˌhōt.ˈkwi.zən/ noun
: artful or elaborate cuisine

hau·teur /ˈhōt.ar, ˈhœ./ noun
: ARROGANCE, HAUGHTINESS

have /hav, hav, v/ in sense 2 before “to” usu ‘haf/ verb had /ˈhæd, hæd/; hav·ing; has /hæz, hæz/ in sense 2 before “to” usu ‘haz
1 †: to hold in possession; also: to hold in one's use, service, or regard
2 †: to be compelled or forced — usu. used with an infinitive with to <> to go now>
3: to stand in relationship to <has many enemies>
4: OBTAIN; also: RECEIVE, ACCEPT
5: to be marked by
6: SHOW; also: USE, EXERCISE
7 a †: to experience esp. by submitting to, undergoing, or suffering <~ a cold>
   b: TAKE ~ a look>
8 †: to entertain in the mind <> an idea>
9 : to cause to
10 : to consent to: ALLOW <I won't ~ you jumping on the bed>
11 : to be competent in
12 a : to hold in a disadvantageous position
b : to take advantage of: TRICK
13 : to give birth to
14 : to partake of
15 — used as an auxiliary with the past participle to form the present perfect, past perfect, or future perfect
   — have at : ATTACK
   — have coming : DESERVE
   — have done with : to be finished with
   — have had it : to have endured all one will permit or can stand
   — have to do with : to have in the way of relation with or effect on

   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] command, enjoy, hold, occupy, own, possess, retain; also keep, reserve, withhold; bear, carry; boast, show off, sport
   Antonyms
   ◁ [2] lack, want
   ◁ usually have to [2] must, need, ought, shall, should—more at NEED
   ◁ [7a] endure, experience, feel, know, see, suffer, sustain, taste, undergo—more at EXPERIENCE
   ◁ [8] bear, cherish, entertain, harbor, hold, nurse—more at HARBOR
   ◁ [12b] beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

2 have /hav/ noun
   : one that has material wealth

haven /hāˈven/ noun
1 : a part of a body of water protected and deep enough to furnish anchorage: HARBOR, PORT
2 ◁ : a place of safety
3 : a place offering favorable conditions <a tourist's ~> 

Synonyms
   ◁ asylum, harbor, refuge, retreat, sanctuary, shelter—more at SHELTER

have–not /ˌhāˈnət/ noun
   : one that is poor in material wealth

haver·sack /ˈhavərˌsak/ noun
[origin: F havresac, fr. G Habersack bag for oats]
   : a bag similar to a knapsack but worn over one shoulder

havoc /ˈhāvək/ noun
1 ◁ : wide and general destruction
2 ◁ : great confusion and disorder

Synonyms
   ◁ [1] annihilation, demolition, desolation, destruction, devastation, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION
   ◁ [2] chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, hell, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

haw /hō/ noun
   : a hawthorn berry; also: HAWTHORN

Ha·wai·ian /ˌhā.ˈwā.ˈiən/ noun
   : the Polynesian language of Hawaii
1 hawk /hɔːk/ noun
1 : any of numerous mostly small or medium-sized day-flying birds of prey (as a falcon or kite)
2 : a supporter of a war or a warlike policy
   — hawk·ish adjective
2 hawk verb
: to offer goods for sale by calling out in the street
   — hawk·er noun
3 hawk verb
: to make a harsh coughing sound in or as if in clearing the throat; also : to raise by hawking
hawk·weed /hɔːkˌwɛd/ noun
: any of several plants related to the daisies usu. having yellow flowers
haw·ser /hɔːsər/ noun
: a large rope for towing, mooring, or securing a ship
haw·thorn /hɔːθɔrn/ noun
: any of a genus of spiny spring-flowering shrubs or small trees related to the apple
1 hay /hæi/ noun
1 : herbage (as grass) mowed and cured for fodder
2: REWARD
3 slang : BED <hit the ~>
4 : a small amount of money
2 hay verb
: to cut, cure, and store for hay
hay·cock /hæɪˌkɔk/ noun
: a small conical pile of hay
hay fever noun
: an acute allergic reaction esp. to plant pollen that resembles a cold
hay·loft /hæɪˌlɒft/ noun
: a loft for hay
hay·mow /ˌmeɪə/ noun
: a mow of or for hay
hay·rick /ˈrɪk/ noun
: a large sometimes thatched outdoor stack of hay
hay·seed /ˌsɛd/ noun, plural hay·seed or hay·seeds
1 : clinging bits of straw or chaff from hay
2: BUMPKIN, YOKEL
hay·stack /ˈslæk/ noun
: a stack of hay
hay·wire /ˈwaɪər/ adjective
: being out of order or control : CRAZY
1 haz·ard /ˈhæzərd/ noun
[origin: ME, a dice game, fr. AF hasard, fr. Sp azar, Ar al-zahr the die]
1 : a source of danger
2 : the assumed impersonal purposeless determiner of unaccountable happenings : CHANCE; also : ACCIDENT
3 : an obstacle on a golf course
   Synonyms
   1 [1] danger, menace, peril, pitfall, risk, threat, trouble—more at DANGER
   2 [2] accident, chance, circumstance, luck—more at CHANCE
1 hazard verb
   1: to expose to possible risk of loss or damage: VENTURE, RISK
   2: to undertake the risks and dangers of
   3: to offer at the risk of rebuff, rejection, or censure

   Synonyms
   chance, gamble, risk, venture—more at RISK

2 hazardous /həzərˈdəs/ adjective
   involving or exposing one to risk (as of loss or harm)

   Synonyms
   dangerous, grave, grievous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome—more at DANGEROUS

1 haze /ˈhæz/ noun
   1: fine dust, smoke, or light vapor causing lack of transparency in the air
   2: vагueness of mind or perception

   Synonyms
   [1] fog, mist, murk, smog, soup; also cloud, fume, miasma, smoke, steam
   [2] daze, fog, muddle, spin; also reverie, stupor, trance; bewilderment, perplexity, puzzlement; delirium, malaise, paralysis; cloudiness

2 haze verb
   to make or become hazy, dull, or cloudy

3 haze verb hazed; haz·ing
   to harass by abusive and humiliating tricks usu. by way of initiation

ha·zel /ˈhɑːzəl/ noun
   1: any of a genus of shrubs or small trees related to the birches and bearing edible brown nuts (ha*zel*nuts/ˌnəts/
   2: a light brown color

hazy /ˈhæzi/ adjective haz·i·er; -i·est
   1: obscured or darkened by haze
   2: not clearly perceived or understood: VAGUE, INDEFINITE

   Synonyms
   [1] cloudy, foggy, misty, murky, smoggy, soupy; also overcast, rainy, stormy, thick; dirty, miry, mucky, muddy, slimy, slushy, turbid; smoky, sooty; filmy, milky, opaque

   Antonyms
   clear, cloudless, limpid, pellucid, unclouded

   [2] bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at FAINT

Hb abbreviation
hemoglobin

HBM abbreviation
Her Britannic Majesty; His Britannic Majesty

H–bomb /ˈeɪn.ˈbɒm/ noun
HYDROGEN BOMB

HC abbreviation
1 Holy Communion
2 House of Commons

dd abbreviation
head

HD abbreviation
heavy-duty

**hdbk** abbreviation
handbook

**hdkg** abbreviation
handkerchief

**HDL** /ˈhēˌdl/ noun
[Origin: high-density lipoprotein]
: a cholesterol-poor protein-rich lipoprotein of blood plasma correlated with reduced risk of atherosclerosis

**hdwe** abbreviation
hardware

**he** /ˈhe/ pronoun
1 : that male one
2 : a person : the person *~ who hesitates is lost*

**He** symbol
helium

**HE** abbreviation
1 Her Excellency
2 His Eminence
3 His Excellency

**head** /ˈhēd/ noun
1 a : the front or upper part of the body containing the brain, the chief sense organs, and the mouth
2 a : the seat of the intellect : MIND; also : mental or emotional control
b : natural aptitude
3 : POISE
4 : the obverse of a coin
5 : a single human being : INDIVIDUAL; also plural head : one of a number (as of cattle)
6 : the end that is upper or higher or opposite the foot; also : either end of something (as a drum) whose two ends need not be distinguished
7 : the source of a stream
8 a : a person who leads : LEADER; also : a leading element (as of a procession)
9 : a projecting part; also : the striking part of a weapon
10 : the place of leadership or honor
11 : a separate part or topic
12 : the foam on a fermenting or effervescing liquid
13 : culminating point of action : CRISIS
— **head·ed** /ˈhē.dəd/ adjective
— **head·less** adjective

**Synonyms**
1 [1] noggin, pate, poll; also cranium, crown, scalp, skull
2 [2a] mind, reason, sanity, wit—more at MIND
3 [8] boss, captain, chief, foreman, headman, helmsman, kingpin, leader, master, taskmaster—more at BOSS
4 [10] chair, headship, helm, rein; also chieftainship, directorship; foremost, lead, preferment; chairmanship, deanship, dictatorship, governorship, kingship, mastery, presidency, superintendency; dominance, dominion, jurisdiction, sovereignty, sway, upper hand; eminence, height, pedestal, pinnacle, seat, throne, top
5 [12] foam, froth, lather, spume—more at FOAM

**head** adjective
1 : most important, consequential, or influential : PRINCIPAL, CHIEF

**Synonyms**
1 chief, first, foremost, high, lead, preeminent, premier, primary, prime, principal, supreme; also senior;
controlling, directing, officiating, overseeing, reigning, ruling, supervisory; paramount, predominant, main,
major; dominant, grand, superior, topmost, upmost, upper, uppermost
3 **head** verb
1 : to provide with or form a head; also : to form the head of
2 ▶ : to act as leader or head to
3 : to get in front of esp. so as to stop; also : SURPASS
4 : to put or stand at the head
5 ▶ : to point or proceed in a certain direction

*Synonyms*

▶ [2] boss, captain, command, dominate, lead, spearhead, supervise—more at LEAD
▶ [5] extend, go, lead, lie, run—more at RUN

**headache** /ˈhɛdˌæk/ noun
1 : pain in the head
2 ▶ : a vexatious or baffling situation or problem

*Synonyms*

▶ aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, peeve, pest, problem, thorn—more at ANNOYANCE

**headband** /ˈhedˌbænd/ noun
: a band worn on or around the head

**headbanger** /ˌhɛdˈbæŋər/ noun
: one who performs or enjoys hard rock

**headboard** /ˈhɛdˌboʊrd/ noun
: a board forming the head (as of a bed)

**headcold** noun
: a common cold centered in the nasal passages and adjacent mucous tissues

**headdress** /ˈhɛdˌdrɛs/ noun
: an often elaborate covering for the head

**headfirst** /ˌhɛdˈfɪrst/ adverb
: HEADLONG 1
— **headfirst** adjective

**headgear** /ˈhɛdˌgɛr/ noun
▶ : a covering or protective device for the head

*Synonyms*

▶ cap, hat—more at HAT

**headhunting** /ˌhɛdˌhʌntɪŋ/ noun
: the practice of seeking out and decapitating enemies and preserving their heads as trophies
— **headhunter** /ˌhɛdˈhʌntər/ noun

**heading** /ˈhɛdˌɪŋ/ noun
1 : the compass direction in which the longitudinal axis of a ship or airplane points
2 ▶ : something that forms or serves as a head; especially : an inscription, headline, or title standing at the top or beginning (as of a letter or chapter)

*Synonyms*

▶ title; also guide word, legend; greeting, salutation; subhead, subheading, subtitle

**headland** /ˈhɛdˌlænd/ noun
▶ : a high point of land or rock projecting into a body of water : PROMONTORY

*Synonyms*

▶ arm, cape, peninsula, point, promontory, spit—more at CAPE

**headlight** /ˈhɛdˌlaɪt/ noun
: a light mounted on the front of a vehicle to illuminate the road ahead

1 **headline** /ˈhɛdˌlaɪn/ noun
: a head of a newspaper story or article usu. printed in large type

2 headline verb
1 : to provide with a headline
2 : to publicize highly
3 : to be a leading performer in

head·lock /ˈhækl/ noun
: a wrestling hold in which one encircles the opponent's head with one arm

1 headlong /ˈhɛldən/ adverb
1 : with the head foremost
2 ▶ : without deliberation : RASHLY
3 : without delay

Synonyms
cursorily, hastily, hurriedly, pell-mell, precipitately, rashly—more at HASTILY

2 headlong /ˈhɛldən/ adjective
1 ▶ : lacking in calmness or restraint : PRECIPITATE, RASH
2 : plunging with the head foremost

Synonyms
cursory, hasty, pell-mell, precipitate, precipitous, rash—more at HASTY

head·man /ˈhedˌmæn, -mən/ noun
▶ : one who is a leader : CHIEF

Synonyms
boss, captain, chief, foreman, head, helmsman, kingpin, leader, master, taskmaster—more at BOSS

head·mas·ter /ˈhedˌmæstər/ noun
: a man who is head of a private school

head·mis·tress /ˈhedˌmirəs/ noun
: a woman who is head of a private school

head of stream
: strong driving force : MOMENTUM

head–on /ˈhedˌənˌˈæn/ adjective
: having the front facing in the direction of initial contact or line of sight

— head·on adverb

head·phone /ˈhɛdˌfən/ noun
: an earphone held on by a band over the head

head·piece /ˈhɛdpˌpiːs/ noun
: a covering for the head

head·pin /ˈhɛdpˌpɪn/ noun
: a bowling pin that stands foremost in the arrangement of pins

head·quar·ters /ˈheekwɔrˌtərz/ noun singular or plural
1 : a place from which a commander exercises command
2 : the administrative center of an enterprise

head·rest /ˈhɛdˌrest/ noun
1 : a support for the head
2 : a pad at the top of the back of an automobile seat

head·room /ˈhɛdˌrʊm, -rʊm/ noun
: vertical space in which to stand, sit, or move

head·scratcher /ˈhɛdˌskrætʃər/ noun
head·set /ˌset/ noun
: a pair of headphones

head·ship /ˌship/ noun
▸: the position, office, or dignity of a head

Synonyms
▸ care, charge, guidance, oversight, regulation, superintendence, supervision—more at supervision
▸ chair, head, helm, rein—more at head

heads·man /ˈhedzˌmæn/ noun
: executioner

head·stall /ˈhedˌstɔl/ noun
: a part of a bridle or halter that encircles the head

head·stone /ˈstõn/ noun
▸: a memorial stone at the head of a grave

Synonyms
▸ gravestone, monument, tombstone—more at tombstone

head·strong /ˈstrɒŋ/ adjective
1 ▸: not easily restrained
2 ▸: directed by ungovernable will

Synonyms
▸ [1] froward, intractable, recalcitrant, refractory, uncontrollable, unmanageable, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at uncontrollable
▸ [2] dogged, hardheaded, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at obstinate

heads·up /ˈhedzˌəp/ noun
: warning

head·wait·er /ˈwɑ.tər/ noun
: the head of the dining-room staff of a restaurant or hotel

head·wa·ter /ˈwɑˌtər/ noun
: the source of a stream — usu. used in pl.

head·way /ˈwɑ/ noun
▸: forward motion; also: progress

Synonyms
▸ advance, advancement, furtherance, march, onrush, passage, process, procession, progress, progression—more at advance

head wind noun
: a wind blowing in a direction opposite to a course esp. of a ship or aircraft

head·word /ˈhedˌwɔrd/ noun
1 : a word or term placed at the beginning
2 : a word qualified by a modifier

head·work /ˈhedˌwɜrk/ noun
: mental work or effort : thinking

heady /ˈhe.də/ adjective head·i·er; -est
1 : willful, rash; also: impetuous
2 : intoxicating
3 : shrewd

heal /hɛl/ verb
1 ▸: to make or become healthy, sound, or whole
health /heθ/ noun
1 : sound physical or mental condition; also : overall condition of the body <in poor ~>
2 : WELL-BEING
3 : a toast to someone's health or prosperity  
   — Synonyms
   fitness, heartiness, robustness, soundness, wellness, wholeness, wholesomeness; also fettle, shape; cleanliness, hygiene; hardiness, lustiness, stamina, ruggedness, strength, toughness, vigor, vigorousness, vitality; bloom, flush, flushness; activeness, agility, liveliness; weal, welfare, well-being  
   — Antonyms
   illness, sickness, unsoundness

health care noun  
: efforts made to maintain or restore health — usu. hyphenated when used attributively

health club noun  
: a commercial establishment providing health and fitness facilities and equipment for members

health·ful /heθ'fal/ adjective
1 : beneficial to health
2 : enjoying good health  
   — health·ful·ly adverb
   — health·ful·ness noun
   — Synonyms
   healthy, restorative, salubrious, salutary, wholesome; also corrective, curative, remedial, tonic; advantageous, beneficial, useful; antiseptic, clean, hygienic, sanitary; nonfattening, nonpoisonous, nontoxic  
   — Antonyms
   insalubrious, noxious, unhealthful, unhealthy, unwholesome

health·i·ness /helθ'i·nas/ noun  
: the quality or state of being healthy

health maintenance organization noun
: HMO

healthy /helθi/ adjective health·i·er, -est
1 : enjoying or typical of good health : WELL
2 : evincing or conducive to health
3 a : PROSPEROUS
b : not small or feeble : CONSIDERABLE  
   — health·i·ly /θi le/ adverb
   — Synonyms
   [1] able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, hearty, robust, sound, well, whole, wholesome; also hardy, lusty, rugged, stalwart, strong, sturdy, tough; active, agile, lively, sprightly, spry, vigorous, vital; blooming, clean-cut, flush, thriving; all right, good, right  
   — Antonyms
   ailing, diseased, ill, sick, unfit, unhealthy, unsound, unwell
   [2] healthful, restorative, salubrious, salutary, wholesome—more at HEALTHFUL
   [3b] considerable, good, goodly, respectable, significant, sizable, substantial, tidy—more at CONSIDERABLE

heap /hehp/ noun
1 : a collection of things thrown one on another : PILE
2 : a great number or large quantity : LOT
   — Synonyms
   "health" noun
   1 : sound physical or mental condition; also : overall condition of the body <in poor ~>
   2 : WELL-BEING
   3 : a toast to someone's health or prosperity
   "health·ful" adjective
   : beneficial to health
   "health·ful·ly" adverb
   "health·ful·ness" noun
   "health·i·ness" noun
   : the quality or state of being healthy
   "health·i·ly" adverb
   "health·i·er", "health·i·est" adjectives
   "healthy" adjective
   : enjoying or typical of good health : WELL
   "healthy·ly" adverb
   "healthy·ness" noun
   "health·ful·ly" adverb
   "health·ful·ness" noun
   "health·i·ness" noun
   "health·i·ly" adverb
   "healthy·er", "healthy·est" adjectives
   "heap" noun
   1 : a collection of things thrown one on another : PILE
   2 : a great number or large quantity : LOT
   "heap·ful·ly" adverb
   "heap·ful·ness" noun
   "heap·i·ly" adverb
   "heap·i·ness" noun
   "heap·ful·ly" adverb
   "heap·ful·ness" noun
   "heap·i·ly" adverb
   "heap·i·ness" noun
heap

verb

1 : to throw or lay in a heap : pile or collect in great quantity
2 a : to give in large quantities
   b : to load heavily

Synonyms

[1] accumulate, collect, conglomerate, gather, pile—more at COLLECT
[1] hill, mound, pile, stack—more at PILE
[2a] lavish, pour, rain, shower—more at RAIN
[2b] charge, cram, fill, jam, jam-pack, load, pack, stuff—more at FILL

hear /hɪər/ verb heard /hɜːrd/; hearing

1 : to perceive by the ear
2 a : to gain knowledge of by hearing : LEARN
3 : to listen to with attention : HEED; also : ATTEND
4 : to give a legal hearing to or take testimony from

— hear·er noun

Synonyms

[2] ascertain, catch on, discover, find out, learn, realize, see—more at DISCOVER
[3] attend, hark, heed, listen, mind—more at LISTEN

hearing noun

1 : the process, function, or power of perceiving sound; especially : the special sense by which noises and tones are received as stimuli
2 : EARSIGHT
3 : opportunity to be heard
4 : a listening to arguments (as in a court); also : a session of (as of a legislative committee) in which testimony is taken from witnesses

hear·ken /hɜːr·kən/ verb

: to give attention : LISTEN

hear·say /hɪərˈseɪ/ noun

: RUMOR

hearse /hɜːrs/ noun

: a vehicle for carrying the dead to the grave

heart /hɑrnt/ noun

1 : a hollow muscular organ that by rhythmic contraction keeps up the circulation of the blood in the body; also : something resembling a heart in shape
2 : any of a suit of playing cards marked with a red figure of a heart; also, pl : a card game in which the object is to avoid taking tricks containing hearts
3 a : the whole personality
   b : the emotional or moral as distinguished from the intellectual nature
   c : generous disposition : COMPASSION
4 : mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty : COURAGE
5 : one's innermost being
6 a : CENTER
   b : the essential part
7 : the younger central part of a compact leafy cluster (as of lettuce)
8 : a single human being <dear ~>

— heart·ed /hɑr·təd/ adjective

— by heart

: by rote or from memory

Synonyms

[3c] charity, commiseration, compassion, feeling, humanity, kindliness, kindness, mercy, pity, sympathy; also responsiveness, sensitivity; affection, regard, love; affinity, empathy, rapport; altruism, benevolence, benignity,
generosity, goodwill, humanitarianism, philanthropy

Antonyms
inhumanity

[4] bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heroism, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE

[5] core, quick, soul

[6b] core, crux, gist, nub, pith, pivot—more at CRUX

heartache /ˈhɑːtˌeɪk/ noun

: anguish of mind

Synonyms

affliction, anguish, dolor, grief, sorrow, woe—more at SORROW

heart attack noun

: an acute episode of heart disease due to insufficient blood supply to the heart muscle

heartbeat /ˈhɑrtˌbɛt/ noun

: one complete pulsation of the heart

heartbreak /ˈhɑrtˌbræk/ noun

: crushing grief

heartbreak ing /ˈhɑrtˌbrækɪŋ/ adjective

: causing extreme sorrow or distress

— heartbreaker /ˈhɑrtˌbrɛkr/ noun

Synonyms

depressing, dismal, dreary, melancholy, pathetic, sad, sorry, tearful—more at SAD

deplorable, distressful, grievous, lamentable, regrettable, unfortunate, woeful—more at REGRETTABLE

heartbroken /ˈhɑrtˌbrəkən/ adjective

: overcome by sorrow

heartburn /ˈhɑrtˌbɜrn/ noun

: a burning distress behind the sternum due to the backward flow of acid from the stomach to the esophagus

heart disease noun

: an abnormal organic condition of the heart or of the heart and circulation

hearten /ˈhɑrt.ən/ verb

: to give heart to: ENCOURAGE, CHEER

Synonyms

buoy, cheer, comfort, embolden, encourage, inspire, steel—more at ENCOURAGE

heartening adjective

: tending or serving to hearten, inspire, or give fresh courage

Synonyms

auspicious, bright, encouraging, fair, golden, hopeful, likely, promising, propitious, rosy, upbeat—more at HOPEFUL

comforting, encouraging, gratifying, heartwarming, rewarding, satisfying—more at HEARTWARMING

heartfelt /ˈhɑrt.felt/ adjective

: deeply felt: SINCERE

hearth /ˈhɑrt/ noun

1 : an area (as of brick) in front of a fireplace; also : the floor of a fireplace

2 : one's place of residence: HOME

Synonyms

abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, habitation, home, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, roof—more at HOME

hearthstone /ˈhɑrt.ston/ noun

1 : stone forming a hearth
2: one's place of residence: HOME

heart·i·ly /ˈhɑːrˌɪli/ adverb
➤ in a hearty manner
   ✔ Synonyms
   ➤ cheerfully, gaily, happily, jovially, merrily, mirthfully—more at GAILY

heart·i·ness /ˈhɑːrˌɪnəs/ noun
➤ the quality or state of being hearty
   ✔ Synonyms
   ➤ fitness, health, robustness, soundness, wellness, wholeness, wholesomeness—more at HEALTH

heart·less /ˈhɑːrˌles/ adjective
➤ lacking feeling or affection
   ✔ Synonyms
   ➤ callous, cold-blooded, hard, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, soulless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD

heart·rend·ing /ˈhɑːrˌrɛnˌdɪŋ/ adjective
➤ causing extreme sorrow or distress: HEARTBREAKING

heart·sick /ˈhɑːrtˌsɪk/ adjective
➤ very despondent
   ✔ Synonyms
   ➤ bad, blue, brokenhearted, dejected, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, miserable, mournful, sad, wretched—more at SAD

heart·sick·ness /ˈhɑːrtˌsɪkəs/ noun
➤ the quality or state of being heartsick
   ✔ Synonyms
   ➤ blues, dejection, depression, desolation, despondency, doldrums, dumps, forlornness, gloom, melancholy, sadness—more at SADNESS

heart·stop·ping /ˈhɑːrtˌstop·ɪŋ/ adjective
➤ extremely shocking or exciting

heart·strings /ˈhɑːrtˌstræŋz/ noun plural
➤ the deepest emotions or affections

heart·throb /ˈhɑːrt·θrəb/ noun
1: the throb of a heart
2: sentimental emotion
3: SWEETHEART
4: an entertainer noted for his sex appeal

heart·to·heart adjective
➤ SINCERE, FRANK

heart·warm·ing /ˈhɑːrtˌwɔr·mɪŋ/ adjective
➤ inspiring sympathetic feeling
   ✔ Synonyms
   ➤ comforting, encouraging, gratifying, heartening, rewarding, satisfying; also affecting, inspiring, moving, poignant, stirring, touching; elevating, uplifting; sympathetic, tender; kind, kindly, loving, warm; exciting, exhilarating, rousing, stimulating, thrilling; pleasing, welcoming
   ✔ Antonyms
   ➤ depressing, discouraging, disheartening, dispiriting

heart·wood /ˈhɑːrtˌwʊd/ noun
➤ the older harder nonliving and usu. darker wood of the central part of a tree trunk

heart·y /ˈhɑːrtˌɪ/ adjective heart·i·er; -est
1 a: giving full support
b : enthusiastically or exuberantly cordial  
2 : vigorously healthy  
3 : ABUNDANT; also : NOURISHING  
4 : carried out forcefully and energetically  

**Synonyms**  
[1b] amicable, companionable, comradely, cordial, friendly, genial, neighborly, warm, warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY  
[2] able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, healthy, robust, sound, well, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY  
[4] firm, forceful, lusty, robust, solid, stout, strong, sturdy, vigorous  

**hearty noun, plural hearties**  
: an enthusiastic jovial fellow; also : SAILOR  

**heat /hēt/ verb**  
1 : to make or become warm or hot  
2 : EXCITE  
   — heatedly adverb  
   — heater noun  

**heat noun**  
1 : a condition of being hot : WARMTH  
2 : a form of energy that when added to a body causes the body to rise in temperature, to fuse, to evaporate, or to expand  
3 : high temperature  
4 a : intensity of feeling  
   b : sexual excitement esp. in a female mammal  
5 : a preliminary race for narrowing the competition  
6 : pungency of flavor  
7 slang : POLICE  
8 : PRESSURE, COERCION; also : ABUSE, CRITICISM  

**Synonyms**  
ardor, emotion, fervency, fervor, intensity, passion, vehemence, warmth—more at ARDOR  

**heat·ed /hē·tēd/ adjective**  
1 : made or become hot or warm  
2 : marked by anger or passion  

**Synonyms**  
agitated, feverish, frenzied, hectic, overactive, overwrought—more at FEVERISH  

**heat exchanger noun**  
: a device (as an automobile radiator) for transferring heat from one fluid to another without allowing them to mix  

**heat exhaustion noun**  
: a condition marked by weakness, nausea, dizziness, and profuse sweating resulting from physical exertion in a hot environment  

**heat /hēth/ noun**  
1 : any of a large family of often evergreen shrubby plants (as a blueberry or heather) of wet acid soils  
2 : a tract of wasteland  
   — heathy adjective  

**heathen /hē·than/ adjective**  
1 : of or relating to heathens, their religions, or their customs  
2 : not civilized  

**heathen noun, plural heathens or heathen**  
1 : an unconverted member of a people or nation that does not acknowledge the God of the Bible  
2 : an uncivilized or irreligious person  
   — heathen·dom noun  
   — heathen·ism noun
heathenish /ˈhē.θən.əs/ adjective
▶ resembling or characteristic of heathens: BARBAROUS
  Synonyms
  ▶ Neanderthal, barbarous, heathen, rude, savage, uncivil, uncultivated, wild—more at SAVAGE

heath-er /ˈhē.thər/ noun
▶ a northern and alpine evergreen heath with usu. lavender flowers
  — heath-ery adjective

heat lightning noun
▶ flashes of light without thunder ascribed to distant lightning reflected by high clouds

heat-stroke /ˈheɪtˌstrək/ noun
▶ a disorder marked esp. by high body temperature without sweating and by collapse that follows prolonged exposure to excessive heat

1 heave /hēv/ verb heaved or hove /ˈhōv/; heaving
  1 ▶ to rise or lift upward
  2 ▶ to propel through the air by a forward motion of the hand and arm: THROW
  3 ▶ to rise and fall rhythmically; also: PANT
  4 ▶ to disgorge the stomach contents through the mouth; also: to make an effort to vomit
  5 ▶ PULL, PUSH
  — heaver noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] boost, heft, hoist, jack; also elevate, hike, raise, rear, up, uplift, upraise
  ▶ [2] cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

2 heave noun
  1 ▶ an effort to lift or raise
  2 ▶ THROW, CAST
  3 ▶ an upward motion
  4 plural: a chronic lung disease of horses marked by difficult breathing and persistent cough

heaven /ˈheɪvən/ noun
  1 ▶ FIRMAMENT — usu. used in pl.
  2 often cap: the abode of the Deity and of the blessed dead; also: a spiritual state of everlasting communion with God
  3 cap: GOD 1
  4 ▶ a place or condition of supreme happiness
  — heavenward adverb or adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ Eden, Elysium, paradise, utopia—more at PARADISE
  ▶ ecstasy, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, intoxication, paradise, rapture, rhapsody, transport—more at ECSTASY

heavenly /ˈheɪ.vənl/ adjective
  1 ▶ of or relating to heaven or the heavens
  2 a ▶ suggesting the blessed state of heaven
  b ▶ highly pleasing
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] Elysian, celestial, empyrean, supernal—more at CELESTIAL
  ▶ agreeable, darling, delectable, delicious, delightful, enjoyable, luscious, pleasurable

heavily /ˈheɪ.vəli/ adverb
▶ to a large degree

1 heavy /ˈhe.vē/ adjective heavi-er; -est
  1 ▶ having great weight
  2 ▶ hard to bear
  3 ▶ of weighty import: SERIOUS
  4 ▶ characterized by intensity of quality: DEEP, PROFOUND
5: burdened with something oppressive; also: PREGNANT
6: SLUGGISH
7 a: lacking sparkle or vivacity: DRAB
   b: DOLEFUL
8: DROWSY
9: greater than the average of its kind or class
10: very rich and hard to digest; also: not properly raised or leavened
11: producing goods (as steel) used in the production of other goods
12: threatening to rain or snow

heavy /ˈhē.ve/ noun
  Synonyms
  [1] hefty, massive, ponderous, weighty; also burdensome, leaden, lumpish; bulky, elephantine, outsize;
  overweight, top-heavy; solid, substantial
  Antonyms
  light, lightweight, weightless
  [2] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, inhuman, murderous, onerous,
  oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH
  [12] cloudy, dull, hazy, overcast—more at OVERCAST

heavy adjective
  1: able to withstand unusual strain
  Synonyms
  [1] awkward, clumsy, gawky, graceless, lubberly, lumpish, ungainly, unhandy—more at CLUMSY
  [2] austere, authoritarian, flinty, hard, harsh, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE

heavy-hearted /ˈhär.təd/ adjective
  : SADDED, DESPONDENT

heavy lifting noun
  : a burdensome or laborious duty

heavy metal noun
  : energetic and highly amplified electronic rock music

heavy-set /ˈhē.ve.ˈset/ adjective
  : stocky and compact in build
  Synonyms
  chunky, dumpy, squat, stocky, stout, stubby, stumpy, thickset—more at STOCKY

heavy water noun
  : water enriched in deuterium

heavy-weight /ˈhē.ve.ˈwält/ noun
  : one above average in weight; especially: a boxer weighing over 175 pounds

Heb abbreviation
  Hebrews

Hebraism /ˈhē.brəˌizəm/ noun
  : the thought, spirit, or practice characteristic of the Hebrews
  — Hebraic /ˈhē.brəˌik/ adjective

Hebraist /ˈhē.brəˌist/ noun
  : a specialist in Hebrew and Hebraic studies
He·brew /hēˈbr(y)ə/ noun
1 : the language of the Hebrews
2 : a member of or descendant from a group of Semitic peoples; especially : ISRAELITE
— Hebrew adjective

He·brews /hēˈbr(ə)z/ noun

hec·a·tomb /heˈkətom/ noun
: an ancient Greek and Roman sacrifice of 100 oxen or cattle

heck·le /heˈkəl/ verb heck·led; heck·ling
1 : to harass with questions or gibes
   Synonyms
   → bait, bug, hassle, needle, ride, taunt, tease—more at TEASE

heck·ler /heˈklər/ noun
1 : one that heckles
   Synonyms
   → oppressor, persecutor, taunter, tormentor, torturer—more at TORMENTOR

hect·are /hektər/ noun
: a metric measure equal to 10,000 square meters

hec·tic /hektik/ adjective
1 : being hot and flushed
2 : filled with excitement, activity, or confusion
   Synonyms
   → agitated, feverish, frenzied, heated, overactive, overwrought—more at FEVERISH

hec·ti·cal·ly /hektiˈkālē/ adverb
: in a hectic manner
   Synonyms
   → amok, berserk, frantically, harum-scarum, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wild, wildly—more at HELTER-SKELTER

hec·to·gram /hektəˈɡram/ noun
: a metric measure equal to 100 grams

hec·to·li·ter /hektəˈliːtər/ noun
: a metric measure equal to 100 liters

hec·to·me·ter /hektəˈmiːtər, hektəˈmiːtaɪr/ noun
: a metric measure equal to 100 meters

hec·tor /hektər/ verb
[ origin: Hector bully, fr. Hector, champion of Troy in Greek legend ]
1 : SWAGGER
2 : to intimidate by bluster or personal pressure
   Synonyms
   → browbeat, bully, cow, intimidate—more at INTIMIDATE

1 hedge /hel/ noun
1 : a fence or boundary formed of shrubs or small trees
2 : something that impedes or separates : BARRIER
3 : a means of protection (as against financial loss)
   Synonyms
   → barrier, fence, wall—more at BARRIER

2 hedge verb hedged; hedg·ing
1 : to enclose or protect with or as if with a hedge
2 : HINDER
3 : to protect oneself financially by a counterbalancing action

4 ▶ : to evade the risk of commitment

— **hedg·er** noun
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ [1] cage, closet, coop, corral, encase, enclose, envelop, fence, hem, house, immure, pen, wall—more at **ENCLOSE**
  ▶ [4] equivocate, fudge, pussyfoot—more at **EQUIVOCATE**

**hedge-hog** /̰̰ˈdʒeɪ hɒg, ˈhedʒ-/ noun
: a small Old World insect-eating mammal covered with spines; *also* : **PORCUPINE**

**hedge-hop** /ˌhɛdʒ-/ verb
: to fly an airplane very close to the ground

**hedge-row** /ˌrəʊ/ noun
: a row of shrubs or trees bounding or separating fields

**he·do·nism** /ˈhɛdəˌnɪzəm/ noun
[**ORIGIN**: Gk ἰδονία pleasure]
: the doctrine that pleasure is the chief good in life; *also* : a way of life based on this

— **he·do·nist** /ˌɪst/ noun
— **he·do·nis·tic** /ˌhɛdəˌnɪsˈtɪk/ adjective

**1 heed** /ˈhɛd/ verb
  ▶ : to pay attention
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ attend, hark, hear, listen, mind—more at **LISTEN**
  ▶ follow, listen, mind, note, observe, regard, watch; *also* consider, contemplate, mull, ponder, weigh; comply (with), keep, obey, respect; hark (to), hear, hearken (to); mark, notice, see
  
  **Antonyms**
  disregard, ignore, tune out

— **heed noun**
  ▶ : the act or state of attending or noticing
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ attention, awareness, cognizance, ear, eye, notice, observance, observation—more at **ATTENTION**

**heed·ful** /ˈhɛdəfl/ adjective
  ▶ : taking heed

— **heed·ful·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
  ▶ alert, careful, cautious, circumspect, considerate, gingerly, guarded, safe, wary—more at **CAREFUL**

**heed·ful·ness** /ˈnæs/ noun
  ▶ : the quality or state of being heedful

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ alertness, care, carefulness, caution, circumspection—more at **CAUTION**
  ▶ care, carefulness, heed, pains, scrupulousness—more at **CARE**

**heed·less** /ˈles/ adjective
  ▶ : not taking heed

— **heed·less·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
  ▶ careless, mindless, unguarded, unsafe, unwary—more at **CARELESS**

**heed·less·ness** /ˈlesˌnæs/ noun
  ▶ : the quality or state of being heedless

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ carelessness, dereliction, laxness, negligence, remissness, slackness—more at **NEGLIGENCE**

— **heel** /ˈhel/ noun
1 : the hind part of the foot
2 : one of the crusty ends of a loaf of bread
3 : a solid attachment forming the back of the sole of a shoe
4 : a rear, low, or bottom part
5 ▶ : a contemptible person

Synonyms
▶ beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at JERK

2 heel verb
▶ : to tilt to one side : LIST

1 heft /ˈhɛft/ noun
▶ WEIGHT, HEAVINESS

2 heft verb
1 ▶ : to heave up : HOIST
2 : to test the weight of by lifting

Synonyms
▶ boost, heave, hoist, jack—more at HEAVE

hefty /ˈheftɪ/ adjective heft·i·er; -i·est
1 : marked by bigness, bulk, and usu. strength
2 ▶ : impressively large
3 ▶ : quite heavy

Synonyms
▶ [2] big, large, outsize, oversize, sizable, substantial—more at LARGE
▶ [3] heavy, massive, ponderous, weighty—more at HEAVY

he·ge·mo·ny /hɪˈdʒe.məˈnɛ/ noun
▶ preponderant influence or authority over others : DOMINATION

he·gi·ra /hɪˈdʒe.ɾə/ noun
[origin: the Hegira, flight of Muhammad from Mecca in A.D. 622, fr. ML, fr. Ar hijra, lit., departure]
▶ a journey esp. when undertaken to escape a dangerous or undesirable environment

heif·er /ˈheɪ.ʃər/ noun
▶ a young cow; especially : one that has not had a calf

height /hɪt/ noun
1 ▶ : the highest or most advanced part or point
2 ▶ : the distance from the bottom to the top of something standing upright
3 : ALTITUDE
4 ▶ : an extent of land rising to a considerable degree above the surrounding country

Synonyms
▶ [1] acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith; also bloom, flood tide, flower, glory, heyday; high; cap, ceiling, crest, roof; crescendo, extremity, maximum, tip, vertex

Antonyms
▶ [1] depth, limit; also consummation, epitome, quintessence, ultimate
▶ [2] altitude, elevation; also rise; highness, loftiness, tallness
▶ [4] elevation, eminence, highland, hill, mound, prominence, rise; also alp, mount, mountain, peak; butte, mesa, plateau, table, tableland, cliff, crag, precipice, tor; ridge, sierra; dome; foothill, hillock, knob, knoll; down

Antonyms
▶ lowland

height·en /ˈhɪt.ən/ verb
1 ▶ : to increase in amount or degree
2 ▶ : to make or become high or higher
Heim·lich maneuver /hīmˌlīch/ noun
[origin: Henry J. Heimlich b1920 Am. surgeon]
: the manual application of sudden upward pressure on the upper abdomen of a choking victim to force a foreign object from the trachea

hei·nous /hēˈnas/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF hainous, heinous, fr. haine hate, fr. hair to hate]
: hatefully or shockingly evil
— hei·nous·ly adverb

hei·nous·ness /ˈnas/ noun
: the state or quality of being heinous

Synonyms
  • atrocioussness, atrocity, depravity, enormity, monstrosity, vileness, wickedness—more at ENORMITY

heir /aır/ noun
: one who inherits or is entitled to inherit property, rank, title, or office
— heir·ship noun

heir apparent noun, plural heirs apparent
: an heir whose right to succeed (as to a title) cannot be taken away if he or she survives the present holder

heir·ess /aɹəs/ noun
: a female heir esp. to great wealth

heir·loom /aɹˈlüm/ noun
1 : a piece of personal property that descends by inheritance
2 : something handed on from one generation to another

heir presumptive noun, plural heirs presumptive
: an heir whose present right to inherit could be lost through the birth of a nearer relative

heist /ˈhist/ verb, slang
: to commit armed robbery on; also : STEAL
— heist noun, slang

held past and past participle of HOLD

he·li·cal /ˈheləˌkāl, ˈhēləˌkāl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or having the form of a helix : SPIRAL

Synonyms
  • spiral, winding—more at SPIRAL

he·li·cop·ter /ˈheləˌkämpər, ˈhēləˌkämpər/ noun
[origin: F hélicoptère, fr. Gk helik-, helix spiral + pteron wing]
: an aircraft that is supported in the air by one or more rotors revolving on substantially vertical axes

he·lio·cen·tric /ˌheləˈlēsˌsentrik/ adjective
: having or relating to the sun as center

he·lio·sphere /ˌheləˈlēsˌsfir, ˈhēləˌlēsˌsfir/ noun
: the region in space influenced by the sun or solar wind

he·lio·trope /ˌheləˌlēˌtrōp/ noun
[origin: L heliopórum, fr. Gk hēliotropion, fr. hēlos sun + tropos turn; fr. its flowers’ turning toward the sun]
: any of a genus of herbs or shrubs related to the forget-me-not that have small white or purple flowers

he·li·port /ˈheləˌport/ noun
: a landing and takeoff place for a helicopter
he·li·um /hēˈliəm/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. Gk hēlōs sun]
: a very light nonflammable gaseous chemical element occurring in various natural gases

he·lix /hēˈlik/ noun, plural he·li·ces /ˈheləˌsēz,ˈhē-/: something spiral in form

hell /ˈhel/ noun
1 : a nether world in which the dead continue to exist
2 : the realm of the devil in which the damned suffer everlasting punishment
3 ▶ : a place or state of torment or wickedness
4 ▶ : a place or state of turmoil, disorder, or destruction
— hell·ish adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [3] agony, horror, misery, murder, nightmare, torment, torture; also cross, ordeal, trial, tribulation; gall, thorn; bummer, downer, drag
   Antonyms
   ▶ [4] bedlam, circus, madhouse—more at MADHOUSE
   ▶ [4] chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, havoc, jumble, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

hel·la·cious /helˈləˌchēz/ adjective
1 : exceptionally powerful or violent
2 : remarkably good
3 : extremely difficult
4 : extraordinarily large

hell–bent /helˈbent/ adjective
: stubbornly determined

hell·cat /ˈhēˌkat/ noun
1 : WITCH
2 : a violently temperamental person; especially : an ill-tempered woman

hel·le·bore /ˈheləˌbôr/ noun
1 : any of a genus of poisonous herbs related to the buttercups; also : the dried root of a hellebore
2 : a poisonous plant related to the lilies; also : its dried roots used in medicine and insecticides

Hel·lene /helˈlən/ noun
: GREEK

Hel·le·nism /helˈləˌnizəm/ noun
: a body of humanistic and classical ideals associated with ancient Greece
— Hel·le·ni·c /helˈləˌnik/ adjective
— Hel·le·nist /helˈləˌnist/ noun

Hel·le·nis·tic /helˈləˌnɪstik/ adjective
: of or relating to Greek history, culture, or art after Alexander the Great

hell–for–leather adverb
: at full speed

hell·gram·mite /ˈhelˌɡramˌmīt/ noun
: an aquatic insect larva that is used as bait in fishing

hell·hole /ˈhelˌhōl/ noun
: a place of extreme misery or squalor

hel·lion /ˈhelˌleɪən/ noun
▶ : a troublesome or mischievous person
SYNONYMS

devil, imp, mischief, monkey, rapscallion, rascal, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP

HELLO /heˈloʊ/, he/ noun, plural hellos

: an expression of greeting—used interjectionally

SYNONYMS

greeting, salutation, salute; also amenities, civilities, pleasantries; regards, respects

ANTONYMS

adieu, bon voyage, farewell, Godspeed, good-bye

HELM /helm/ noun

1: a lever or wheel for steering a ship
2: a position of control

SYNONYMS

chair, head, headship, rein—more at HEAD

HELMET /helˈmat/ noun

: a protective covering for the head

HELMSMAN /ˈhelmz.mən/ noun

: the person at the helm

SYNONYMS

boss, captain, chief, foreman, head, headman, kingpin, leader, master, taskmaster—more at BOSS

HELOT /ˈhel.ət/ noun

: SLAVE, SERF

1 HELP /help/ verb

1: to give assistance or support to: AID
2: to make more pleasant or bearable
3: to be of use; also: PROMOTE
4: to change for the better
5 a: to refrain from
b: to keep from occurring: PREVENT
6: to serve with food or drink <~ yourself>

SYNONYMS

[1] abet, aid, assist, back, prop, support; also advance, facilitate, forward, foster, further; champion, endorse, patronize, promote, sponsor; attend, care (for), comfort, minister (to), succor; bolster, boost, buttress, reinforce; advise, counsel, guide, mentor, nurture; bail out, deliver, rescue, save; embolden, encourage, hearten; benefit, favor, profit, serve

Antonyms

hinder

[2] allay, alleviate, assuage, ease, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe; also abate, lighten, moderate, soften, temper; cure, heal, remedy; amend, correct, emend, fix, mend, rectify, reform, repair; ameliorate, better, enhance, enrich, improve, meliorate, perfect, refine

Antonyms

 aggravated

HELP noun

1 a: the act of helping: help given
b: a source of aid
2: REMEDY, RELIEF
3: one who assists another
4: one employed by another usu. for wages or salary and in a position below the executive level — often used collectively

SYNONYMS

[1a] aid, assist, assistance, backing, boost, lift, support; also advancement, encouragement, forwarding, furtherance, furthering; benefaction, patronage, promotion, sponsorship; advice, care, counsel, guidance; attendance, attention, service; beneficence, charity, favor, kindness, philanthropy; relief, succor
Antonyms
hindrance
  ▶ [1b] advantage, aid, benefit, boon; also lift; support, sustenance; blessing, godsend, windfall; recourse, resort, resource; asset

Antonyms
disadvantage, drawback, hindrance, impediment
  ▶ [4] force, personnel, pool, staff—more at FORCE

help·er /hel'par/ noun
  ▶: one that helps

Synonyms
  ▶ aid, apprentice, assistant, deputy, helpmate, mate, sidekick; also attendant, handmaiden, maid, maidservant, scullion, servant; auxiliary, subordinate, underling; employee, hand, help, hireling, laborer, worker

helper T cell noun
: a T cell that participates in the immune response by recognizing foreign antigens and has a protein on its surface to which HIV attaches

help·ful /'hel-ful/ adjective
  ▶: of service or assistance
  — help·ful·ly adverb
  — help·ful·ness noun

Synonyms
  ▶ advantageous, beneficial, favorable, profitable, salutary—more at BENEFICIAL

help·ing noun
: a portion of food

help·less /'hel-less/ adjective
  1 ▶: lacking protection or support: DEFENSELESS
  2 ▶: marked by an inability to act or react
  — help·less·ly adverb
  — help·less·ness noun

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] defenseless, exposed, susceptible, undefended, unguarded, unprotected, unresistant, vulnerable; also indefensible, untenable; uncovered, unsafe; overcome, preyed (on or upon); passive, resistless, unarmed; feeble, frail, weak; abandoned, marooned

Antonyms
  ▶ [2] impotent, powerless, weak—more at POWERLESS

help·mate /'hel-p.mät/ noun
  1 ▶: one that helps: HELPER
  2 ▶: a female partner in a marriage: WIFE

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] aid, apprentice, assistant, deputy, helper, mate, sidekick—more at HELPER
  ▶ [2] lady, wife—more at WIFE

help·meet /'hel-mēt/ noun
  1: one that helps: HELPMATE
  2: a female partner in a marriage: WIFE

hel·ter–skel·ter /hel'tar.'skel.tar/ adverb
  1: in undue haste or disorder
  2 ▶: in a haphazard manner

Synonyms
  ▶ amok, berserk, frantically, harum-scarum, hectically, madly, pell-mell, wild, wildly; also confusedly, crazily, desperately, feverishly, uncontrollably; heedlessly, hotheadedly, recklessly, wantonly; chaotically, turbulently; aimlessly, haphazardly
helve /ˈhelv/ noun
: a handle of a tool or weapon
— Hel·ve·tian /helˈvē.ʃən/ adjective
: SWISS
   — Helvetian noun
hem /ˈhem/ noun
1 : a border of an article (as of cloth) doubled back and stitched down
2 : RIM, MARGIN
hem verb hemmed; hem·ming
1 : to make a hem in sewing; also : BORDER, EDGE
2 ▶: to surround restrictively
   Synonyms
cage, closet, coop, corral, encase, enclose, envelop, fence, hedge, house, immure, pen, wall—more at ENCLOSE
he·man /ˈhēˌmān/ noun
: a strong virile man
he·ma·tite /ˈhēˌməˌtīt/ noun
: a mineral that consists of an oxide of iron and that constitutes an important iron ore
he·ma·tol·o·gy /ˌhēˌməˌtəˈlōjē/ noun
: a branch of biology that deals with the blood and blood-forming organs
   — he·ma·to·log·ic /ˌhēˌməˌtəˈlog·ik/ also he·ma·to·log·i·cal /ˌhēˌməˌtəˈlog·i·kəl/ adjective
   — he·ma·tol·o·gist /ˌhēˌməˌtəˌlōjəst/ noun
he·ma·to·ma /ˈhēˌməˌtōma/, plural he·ma·to·mas also he·ma·to·mas /ˈhēˌməˌtōma/ : a usu. clotted mass of blood forming as a result of a broken blood vessel
heme /ˈhēm/ noun
: the deep red iron-containing part of hemoglobin
hem·i·sphere /ˈhēˌmēˌspār/ noun
1 : one of the halves of the earth as divided by the equator into northern and southern parts or by a meridian into eastern and western parts
2 : either of two half spheres formed by a plane through the sphere's center
   — hemi·spher·ic /ˌhēˌmēˌspərˈik, ˌˈsfirˌik/ or hemi·spher·i·cal /ˌhēˌmēˌspərˈikəl, ˌˈsfirˌikəl/ adjective
hem·line /ˈhēmˌlin/ noun
: the line formed by the lower edge of a garment
hem·lock /ˈhēmˌlōk/ noun
1 : any of several poisonous herbs related to the carrot
2 : an evergreen tree related to the pines; also : its soft light wood
he·mo·glo·bin /ˈhēˌmōˌgloˈbīn/ noun
: an iron-containing compound found in red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs to the body tissues
he·mo·phil·ia /ˈhēˌmōˌfilˈēə/ noun
: a hereditary blood defect usu. of males that slows blood clotting with resulting difficulty in stopping bleeding
   — he·mo·phil·ic /ˌlēˌak/ adjective or noun
hem·or·rhage /ˈhēˌmörˌrāj, ˈheˌmōˌrāj/ noun
: a large discharge of blood from the blood vessels
   — hemorrhage verb
   — hem·or·rhag·ic /ˌhēˌmōˌrāˈjik/ adjective
hem·or·rhoid /ˈhēˌmōˌrōid, ˈheˌmōˌrōid/ noun
: a swollen mass of dilated veins at or just within the anus — usu. used in pl.
hemp /ˈhemp/ noun
: a tall widely grown Asian herb related to the mulberry that is the source of a tough fiber used in rope and of marijuana and hashish from its flowers and leaves; also: the fiber

d— hemp·en /ˈhemp.ən/ adjective

hem·stitch /ˈhem.stiŋ/ verb
: to embroider (fabric) by drawing out parallel threads and stitching the exposed threads in groups to form designs

hen /hen/ noun
: a female chicken esp. over a year old; also: a female bird

hence /ˈhens/ adverb
1: AWAY
2: from this time
3: because of a preceding fact or premise: CONSEQUENTLY
4: from this source or origin

Synonyms
accordingly, consequently, ergo, so, therefore, thus, wherefore—more at THEREFORE

d— hence·for·th /ˈhensˌfərθ/ adverb
: from this point on

d— hence·for·ward /ˈhensˌfərwd/ adverb
: HENCEFORTH

hen·ch·man /ˈhen.ch.mən/ noun
[origin: ME hengestman groom, fr. hengest stallion]
: a trusted follower or supporter

hen·na /ˈhe.nə/ noun
1: an Old World tropical shrub with fragrant white flowers; also: a reddish brown dye obtained from its leaves and used esp. on hair
2: the color of henna dye

hen·peck /ˈhen.pek/ verb
: to nag and boss one's husband

Synonyms
hound, nag, needle—more at NAG

hep /hep/ adjective
: HIP

d— hep·a·rin /hep.ə.rən/ noun
: a compound found esp. in liver that slows the clotting of blood and is used medically

he·pat·ic /ˈhepəˌtik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or associated with the liver

he·pat·i·ca /ˈhepəˌtiːkə/ noun
: any of a genus of herbs related to the buttercups that have lobed leaves and delicate white, pink, or bluish flowers

hep·a·ti·tis /hep.əˈtəs/ noun, plural -ti·tis /ˈti.təs/ : inflammation of the liver; also: a virus disease of which this is a feature

hep·ta·me·ter /ˈhep.təˌma.tər/ noun
: a line of verse containing seven metrical feet

hep·tath·lon /ˈhep.təθˌlan/, -lən/ noun
: a 7-event athletic contest for women

her /hər/ adjective
: of or relating to her or herself
2 his pronoun, objective case of SHE

1 herald /ˈhɛrəld/ noun
1: an official crier or messenger
2 : one that precedes or foreshadows : HARINGER
3 : ANNOUNCER
4 : ADVOCATE
   Synonyms
   angle, forerunner, harbinger, precursor—more at FORERUNNER

2 herald verb
1: to give notice of
2: HAIL, GREET; also: PUBLICIZE

he·ral·dic /heˈrəldik, ha/ adjective
: of or relating to heralds or heraldry

he·ral·dy /heˈrəldi/ noun, plural -dies
1: the practice of devising and granting armorial insignia and of tracing genealogies
2: INSIGNIA
3: PAGEANT

herb /ɜrb/ noun
1: a seed plant that lacks woody tissue and dies to the ground at the end of a growing season
2: a plant or plant part valued for medicinal or savory qualities
   — her·ba·ceous /ˈhɜrbaˌsēəs, ˈhər-/ adjective

her·biv·o·rous /ˈhɜrbəˌrōs, ˈhər-/ adjective
: feeding on plants
   — her·bi·vore /ˈhɜrbiˌvôr, ˈhər-/ noun

her·cu·le·an /ˈhɜrkəˌlēən/ adjective,
often cap [ORIGIN: Hercules, hero of Greek myth renowned for his strength]
: of extraordinary power, size, or difficulty
   Synonyms
   arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, laborious, murderous, rough, stiff,
strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough—more at HARD

1 herd /ˈhɜrd/ noun
1: a group of animals of one kind kept or living together
2: a group of people with a common bond
3: the undistinguished masses: **mob**

_Synonyms_
- commoners, masses, mob, people, plebeians, populace, rank and file

2: *herd* verb
- to assemble or move in or as if in a herd
  — *herd·er* noun
  _Synonyms_
  - drive, punch, run—more at **drive**

*herds·man* /ˈhɜrdzˌmən/ noun
- one who manages, breeds, or tends livestock

1: *here* /ˈhɪr/ adverb
- 1: in or at this place; also: **now**
- 2: at or in this point, particular, or case
- 3: in the present life or state
- 4: to this place

2: *here* noun
- this place <get away from ~>

*here·abouts* /ˈhɪrˌəˈbɔːts/ or *here·about* /ˈhɪrˌəˈbaʊt/ adverb
- in this vicinity

1: *hereafter* /ˈhɪrˌəˈfər/ adverb
- 1: after this in sequence or in time
- 2: in some future time or state

2: *hereafter* noun, often cap
- 1: time that is to come: **future**
- 2: an existence beyond earthly life
  _Synonyms_
  - afterlife, eternity, immortality—more at **eternity**

*here·by* /ˈhɪrˌbɪ/ adverb
- by means of this

*he·red·i·tary* /həˌrɛdəˈteri/ adjective
- 1: genetically passed or passable from parent to offspring
- 2: passing by inheritance; also: having title or possession through inheritance
- 3: of a kind established by tradition
  _Synonyms_
  - genetic, heritable, inborn, inherited; also: congenital, inbred, inherent, innate, native, natural

*he·red·i·ty* /həˈreidi/ noun
- the characteristics and potentialities genetically derived from one's ancestors; also: the passing of these from ancestor to descendant

*Her·e·ford* /ˈhɜrəˌfɜrd/ noun
- any of a breed of red-coated beef cattle with white faces and markings

*here·in* /ˈhɪrˌɪn/ adverb
- in this

*here·of* /ˈhɪrˌəʊv/ adverb
- of this

*here·on* /ˈhɪrˌən/ adverb
- on this

*her·e·sy* /həˈrɛsi/ noun, plural -sies
take]  
1 : adherence to a religious opinion contrary to church dogma  
2 : an opinion or doctrine contrary to church dogma  
3 : dissent from a dominant theory, opinion, or practice

**Synonyms**
- dissenter, dissentent, nonconformist; also apostate, defector, renegade; schismatic, sectarian, separatist; disbeliever, infidel, unbeliever; bohemian, individualist

**Antonyms**
- conformity, orthodoxy

**her·e·tic** /ˈhɪərˌɛtɪk/ noun
1 : one who dissents from an accepted belief or doctrine

**Synonyms**
- dissenter, dissident, nonconformist; also apostate, defector, renegade; schismatic, sectarian, separatist; disbeliever, infidel, unbeliever; bohemian, individualist

**Antonyms**
- conformity, orthodoxy

**he·ret·i·cal** /ˈhɪərˌɛtɪkəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards

**Synonyms**
- dissident, heterodox, nonconforming, nonconformist, nonorthodox, unconventional, unorthodox; also nontraditional; apostate, defecting, renegade; schismatic, sectarian, separatist

**Antonyms**
- conforming, conventional, orthodox

**here·to** /ˈhɪərˌtō/ adverb
1 : to this document

**here·to·fore** /ˈhɪərˌtərəˌfɔr/ adverb
1 : up to this time

**Synonyms**
- hitherto, yet—more at HITHERTO

**here·un·der** /ˈhɪərˌʌnˌdər/ adverb
: under this or according to this writing

**here·un·to** /ˈhɪərˌʌnˌtu/ adverb
: to this

**here·upon** /ˈhɪərˌaˌpɔnˌˌpɔn/ adverb
: on this or immediately after this

**here·with** /ˈhɪərˌwɪθˌˌwɪθ/ adverb
1 : with this  
2 : HEREBY

**her·i·ta·ble** /ˈhɪərˌɪtəˈble/ adjective
1 : capable of being inherited

**Synonyms**
- genetic, hereditary, inborn, inherited—more at HEREDITARY

**her·i·tage** /ˈhɪərˌɪtɪdʒ/ noun
1 : property that descends to an heir  
2 : something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor : LEGACY
3 : BIRTHRIGHT

**Synonyms**
- bequest, birthright, inheritance—more at INHERITANCE

**her·maph·ro·dite** /ˈhɪərˌmæfroʊˌdɪt/ noun
: an animal or plant having both male and female reproductive organs

**Antonyms**
- HERMAFPHRODITE adjective

**her·maph·ro·dit·ic** /ˈhɪərˌmæfroʊˌdiˌtɪk/ adjective
her·met·ic /hərˈmɛtɪk/ also her·met·i·cal /hərˈmetəl/ adjective
  AIRTIGHT
— her·met·i·cal·ly /hərˈmetəlɪ/ adverb
her·mit /hərˈmɪt/ noun
  ➔ one who lives in solitude esp. for religious reasons
SYNONYMS
  ➔ anchorite, recluse, solitary—more at RECLUSE
her·mit·age /ˈmɪtɪdʒ/ noun
1: the dwelling of a hermit
2: a secluded dwelling
hermit crab noun
  ➔ any of numerous crabs that occupy empty mollusk shells
her·nia /hərˈnɪə/ noun, plural -ni·as or -ni·ae /hərˈnɪ.ə/ noun
  ➔ a protrusion of a bodily part (as a loop of intestine) into a pouch of the weakened wall of a cavity in which it is normally enclosed
— her·ni·ate /hərˈnɪ.ət/ verb
— her·ni·a·tion /hərˈnɪ.ə.ʃən/ noun
he·ro /ˈhɛrəʊ/ noun, plural heroes
1: a mythological or legendary figure of great strength or ability
2: a man admired for his achievements and qualities
3: the chief male character in a literary or dramatic work
4 pl usu heroes: a large sandwich on a long split roll: SUBMARINE
he·ro·ic /hərˈrɪək/ adjective
1: of, relating to, resembling, or suggesting heroes esp. of antiquity
2 ➔: exhibiting or marked by courage and daring
3 ➔: of impressive size, power, extent, or effect
SYNONYMS
  ➔ [2] brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE
  ➔ [3] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandios, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND
he·ro·i·cal·ly /hərˈrɪ.ələ/ adverb
  ➔ in a heroic manner
SYNONYMS
  ➔ gallantly, grandly, greatly, honorably, magnanimously, nobly—more at GREATLY
he·ro·ic·cou·plet /hərˈrɪəkˌkʌpət/ noun
  ➔ a rhyming couplet in iambic pentameter
he·ro·ics /hərˈrɪəks/ noun plural
  ➔ heroic or showy behavior
her·o·in /ˈhɛrə.ɪn/ noun
  ➔ an illicit addictive narcotic drug made from morphine
her·o·ine /ˈhɛrə.ɪn/ noun
1: a woman admired for her achievements and qualities
2: the chief female character in a literary or dramatic work
her·o·ism /ˈhɛrə.ɪzəm/ noun
1 ➔: heroic conduct
2: the qualities of a hero
Synonyms

- bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, nerve, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE

her·on /'hər.ən/ noun, plural herons also heron
: any of various long-legged long-billed wading birds with soft plumage

her·pes /'hər.pəz/ noun
: any of several virus diseases characterized by the formation of blisters on the skin or mucous membranes

herpes sim·plex /'sɪm.ˈpleks/ noun
: either of two virus diseases marked in one by watery blisters above the waist (as on the mouth and lips) and in the other on the sex organs

herpes zos·ter /'zəs.tər/ noun
: SHINGLES

her·pe·tol·o·gy /'hər.ˈpɛ.tə.lə.jeɪ/ noun
: a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians
— her·pe·tol·o·gist /'hər.ˈpɛ.tə.lə.jɪst/ noun

her·ring /'hər.ɪŋ/ noun, plural herring or herrings
: a valuable narrow-bodied food fish of the north Atlantic; also: a related fish of the north Pacific harvested esp. for its roe

her·ring·bone /'hər.ɪŋ.bōn/ noun
: a pattern made up of rows of parallel lines with adjacent rows slanting in reverse directions; also: a twilled fabric with this pattern

hers /'hɜrˌz/ pronoun
: one or the ones belonging to her

her·self /'hɜr.ˈsɛlf/ pronoun
: SHE, HER—used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions

hertz /'hɜr.ts, 'hɜr.ɪts/ noun, plural hertz
: a unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second

hes·i·tance /'he.zə.təns/ noun
: HESITANCY

hes·i·tan·cy /'he.zə.tən.sə/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being hesitant
2 : an act or instance of hesitating

Synonyms
- [1] disinclination, reluctance—more at RELUCTANCE
- [2] hesitation, indecision, irresolution, vacillation—more at HESITATION

hes·i·tant /'he.zə.tənt/ adjective
- hes·i·tant·ly adverb

Synonyms
- afraid, dubious, indisposed, reluctant; also uneager, unenthusiastic; averse, unwilling; doubtful, faltering, irresolute, questioning, uncertain, undecided, unsure, vacillating, wobbly; fainthearted, shy, timid

Antonyms
- disposed, inclined

hes·i·tate /'he.zə.ˌtæt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 : to hold back (as in doubt)
2 : PAUSE

Synonyms
- falter, hang back, shilly-shally, stagger, teeter, vacillate, waver, wobble; also haw, hem; dally, dawdle, delay, linger, procrastinate, pause, wait; back down, chicken (out); consider, debate, deliberate, ponder, weigh;
oscillate; equivocate, hedge, pussyfoot

**Antonyms**
dive (in), plunge (in)

**hes·i·ta·tion /he_ze.ˈtaundra/ noun**
>: an act or instance of hesitating

**Synonyms**
>: hesitancy, indecision, irresolution, vacillation; also delay, procrastination, waiting; consideration, debate, deliberation, doubt, incertitude, uncertainty; avoidance, equivocation; aversion, disinclination, indisposition, reluctance; shyness

**het·ero·dox /he_ˈra.ðaʊks/ adjective**
1 >: differing from an acknowledged standard
2 >: holding unorthodox opinions

**Synonyms**
>: dissident, heretical, nonconforming, nonconformist, nonorthodox, unconventional, unorthodox—more at HERETICAL

**het·ero·doxy /he_ˈra.ðaʊks.ə/ noun**
>: the quality or state of being heterodox

**Synonyms**
>: dissent, heresy, nonconformity—more at HERESY

**het·er·o·ge·ne·ous /he_ˈɡe.ˌnaʊəs/ adjective**
>: consisting of dissimilar ingredients or constituents:

- **Synonyms**
  >: dissident, heretical, nonconforming, nonconformist, nonorthodox, unconventional, unorthodox—more at HERETICAL

- **het·er·o·ge·ne·ity /ˌhə.ˈnə.ʒə.ti/ noun**
- **het·er·o·ge·neous·ly adverb**

**het·ero·glos·sia /ˌhe_ˈro.ɡlosˈsoʊ.ə/ noun**
>: a diversity of voices, styles of discourse, or points of view in a literary work

**het·ero·sex·ism /ˌhe_ˈro.ˈsek.səˌzam/ noun**
>: discrimination or prejudice by heterosexuals against homosexuals

**het·ero·sex·u·al /ˌhe_ˈro.ˈsek.ʃəˈwəl/ adjective**
1 >: of, relating to, or marked by sexual interest in the opposite sex; also of, relating to, or involving sexual intercourse between members of opposite sex
2 >: of or relating to different sexes

- **heterosexual noun**
- **het·ero·sex·u·al·i·ty /ˌsek.ʃəˈwəˌli.ti/ noun**

**hew /ˈhjuː/ verb**
1 >: to cut or fell with blows (as of an ax)
2 >: to give shape to with or as if with an ax
3 >: to conform or adhere strictly <~ to tradition>

- **hew·er noun**

**Synonyms**
>: [1] chop, cut, fell—more at FELL
- **usually hew to [3] adhere, cling, stick—more at STICK**

**HEW abbreviation**
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

**hex /heks/ verb**
1 >: to practice witchcraft
2 >: JINX
3 >: to put a hex on

**Synonyms**
bewitch, charm, enchant, spell—more at BEWITCH

2 hex noun
1 : a person who practices witchcraft : WITCH
2 : SPELL, JINX
   Synonyms
   enchantress, hag, witch—more at WITCH

3 hex adjective
   : HEXAGONAL

4 hex abbreviation
hexagon

hexa·gon /hek'sa.ɡən/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. Gk hex six + gōnia angle]
: a polygon having six angles and six sides
   — hex·a·gon·al /hek'sa.ɡə nl/ adjective

hex·a·me·ter /hek'sa.mə.tər/ noun
: a line of verse containing six metrical feet

hey /hē/ interjection
   — used esp. to call attention or to express doubt, surprise, or joy

hey-day /hē.dā/ noun
   : a period of greatest strength, vigor, or prosperity
   Synonyms
   — bloom, blossom, flower, flush, prime—more at BLOOM

hf abbreviation
half

Hf symbol
hafnium

HF abbreviation
high frequency

hg abbreviation
hectogram

Hg symbol
[origin: NL hydrargyrum, lit. water silver] mercury

hgt abbreviation
height

hgwy abbreviation
highway

HH abbreviation
1 Her Highness
2 His Highness
3 His Holiness

HHS abbreviation
Department of Health and Human Services

HI abbreviation
1 Hawaii
2 humidity index

hi·a·tus /hiˈe.ə.təs/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, fr. hiare to yawn]
1 : a break in an object : GAP
2 : a lapse in continuity
   Synonyms
   
   discontinuity, gap, interim, interlude, intermission, interruption, interval—more at GAP

hi-ba-chi /hiˈbaˌchē/ noun
[ORIGIN: Jp]
: a charcoal brazier

hi-bere-nate /hiˌberˈné-at/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to pass the winter in a torpid or resting state
   — hi·ber·na·tion /hiˌberˈnə-shən/ noun
   — hi·ber·na·tor /hiˌberˈnə-tər/ noun

hi-bis-cus /hiˌbɪsˌkəs, -kəs/ noun
: any of a genus of herbs, shrubs, and trees related to the mallows and noted for large showy flowers

hic-cup also hic-cough /hiˈkup/ noun
1 : a spasmodic breathing movement checked by sudden closing of the glottis accompanied by a peculiar sound;
   also, pl : an attack of hiccuping
2 : a slight irregularity, error, or malfunction
3 : a brief minor interruption or change
   — hiccup verb

hick /ˈhɪk/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hick, nickname for Richard]
: an awkward provincial person
   — hick adjective
   Synonyms
   
   bumpkin, clodhopper, hillbilly, provincial, rustic, yokel; also boor, clod, gawk, lout, oaf; greenhorn,
   tenderfoot; peasant, peon; mountaineer

Antonyms
   cosmopolitan

hic·o·ry /ˈhɪk.ərē/ noun, plural -ries
: any of a genus of No. American hardwood trees related to the walnuts; also : the wood of a hickory
   — hickory adjective

hi-dal·go /hiˈdal.ɡō/ noun, plural -gos often cap
[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. earlier fijo dalgo, lit., son of something]
: a member of the lower nobility of Spain

hidden tax noun
1 : a tax ultimately paid by someone other than the person on whom it is formally levied
2 : an economic injustice that reduces one's income or buying power

hide /hid/ verb hid /hid/; hid·den /hid·ən/ or hid; hid·ing
1 : to put or remain out of sight
2 : to conceal for shelter or protection; also : to seek protection
3 : to keep secret
4 : to turn away in shame or anger
   — hid·er noun
   Synonyms
   
   [1] bury, cache, conceal, ensconce, secrete; also hoard, squirrel (away), stash; entomb, inter

Antonyms
   display, exhibit
   
   [3] blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, mask, obscure, occult, screen, shroud, veil; also
   camouflage, cover (up), disguise, smother; gild, gloss (over), varnish, whitewash; becloud, befog, cloud,
   darken, eclipse, overcast, overshadow, shade
Antonyms
bare, disclose, display, divulge, expose, reveal, show, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil

1 hide noun

: the skin of an animal

Synonyms
fur, pelt, skin; also badger, beaver, chamois, chinchilla, ermine, fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, otter, Persian lamb, raccoon, sable, seal; calfskin, coonskin, cowhide, bearskin, buckskin, deerskin, goatskin, horsehide, kidskin, lambskin, pigskin, rawhide, sealskin, sharkskin, sheepleather; fleece, mouton; alligator; cordovan, morocco, suede

2 hide verb

: to give a beating to

hide-and-seek /ˈhaɪdˌəndˈsiːk/ noun

: a children's game in which everyone hides from one player who tries to find them

hide-away /ˈhaɪd.əˌweɪ/ noun

: a place of refuge, retreat, or concealment: HIDEOUT

hide-bound /ˈhaɪd.bʌnd/ adjective

: being inflexible or conservative

hideous /ˈhaɪd.əs/ adjective

[origin: ME hideous, fr. AF hisdo, hisde, hide terror]
1 : offensive to one of the senses: UGLY
2 : morally offensive: SHOCKING
— hideous-ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] grotesque, ugly, unappealing, unattractive, unlovely, unsightly, vile—more at UGLY
[2] appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE

hideous-ness /-nəs/ noun

: the quality or state of being hideous

Synonyms
atrociousness, atrocity, frightfulness, horror, monstrosity, repulsiveness—more at HORROR

hide-out /ˈhaɪd.əʊt/ noun

: a place of refuge or concealment

Synonyms
concealment, covert, den, lair, nest; also blind, cover, nook, recess; hangout, harbor, haunt, haven, refuge, retreat, shelter

hie /hi/ verb hied; hy-ing or hie-ing

: HASTEN

hi-er-archy /ˈhaɪər.ər.kə/ noun, plural -chies

1 : a ruling body of clergy organized into ranks
2 : persons or things arranged in a graded series
— hi-er-arch-i-cal /ˈhaɪ.ər.ər.kə.ˈkæl/ adjective
— hi-er-arch-i-cal-ly /-kə.ˈli/ adverb

hi-er-o-glyph-ic /hi.ər.o.ˈɡlɪf.ɪk/ noun

[origin: MF hieroglyphique, adj., ultim. fr. Gk hieroglyphikos, fr. hieros sacred + glyphein to carve]
1 : a character in a system of picture writing (as of the ancient Egyptians)
2 : a symbol or sign difficult to decipher

hi-fi /ˈhaɪˌfɪ/ noun

1 : HIGH FIDELITY
2 : equipment for reproduction of sound with high fidelity
higgledy–piggledy /ˈhɪɡ.əld.əˌpiɡ.əld.ə/ adverb
1 : in confusion
2 : lacking order
   Synonyms
   - chaotic, disheveled, disordered, disorderly, hugger-mugger, messy, pell-mell, topsy-turvy, unkempt, untidy

high /hī/ adjective
1 a : having large extension upward <a ~ wall>
   b : having a specified elevation : TALL <six feet ~>  
2 : advanced toward fullness or culmination; also : slightly tainted
3 : advanced esp. in complexity <~er mathematics>
4 : long past
5 : SHRILL, SHARP
6 : far from the equator <~ latitudes>
7 : exalted in character
8 : of greater degree, size, or amount than average <~ in cholesterol> <~ prices>
9 : of relatively great importance
10 : FORCIBLE, STRONG <~ winds>
11 : showing elation or excitement
12 : excited or stupefied by alcohol or a drug : INTOXICATED; also : excited or stupefied as if by a drug
13 : dear in price : EXPENSIVE
   Synonyms
   - [1a] lofty, tall, towering; also dominant, dominating, eminent, prominent; elevated, lifted, raised, uplifted, upswept; high-rise, statuesque
   Antonyms
   - low, short, squat
   - [8] advanced, up; also extreme, full, maximized, maximum, peaked, utmost; inflated, over, overflowing, overlarge, oversize, oversized
   Antonyms
   - down, low
   - [9] chief, first, foremost, head, lead, preeminent, premier, primary, prime, principal, supreme—more at HEAD
   - [12] drunk, inebriate, intoxicated, tipsy—more at DRUNK
   - [13] costly, dear, expensive, precious, valuable—more at COSTLY

high adverb
1 : at or to a high place or degree
2 : in a luxurious manner <living ~>  
   Synonyms
   - expensively, extravagantly, grandly, lavishly, luxuriously, opulently, richly; also imposingly, impressively, magnificently, splendidly; grandiosely, ostentatiously, pretentiously; comfortably, fine; immoderately, indulgently, wantonly, wastefully
   Antonyms
   - austerely, humbly, modestly, plainly, simply

high noun
1 a : an elevated place
   b : the space overhead : SKY
2 : a region of high barometric pressure
3 : a high point or level
4 : the gear of a vehicle giving the highest speed
5 : an excited or stupefied state produced by or as if by a drug

high-ball /ˈhīˌbāl/ noun
: a usu. tall drink of liquor mixed with water or a carbonated beverage

high beam noun
: the long-range focus of a vehicle headlight
**high-born** /hɪˈbɔːrn/ adjective
- : of noble birth
  
  *Synonyms*
  - aristocratic, genteel, gentle, grand, noble, patrician, wellborn—more at NOBLE

**high-boy** /ˌhɔɪˈbɔɪ/ noun
- : a high chest of drawers mounted on a base with legs

**high-bred** /ˌhɔɪˈbred/ adjective
- : coming from superior stock

**high-brow** /ˌhɔɪˈbraʊ/ noun
- : a person of superior learning or culture
  - *highbrow* adjective
  - *high-brow-ism* /ˌhɔɪˈbraʊ.ɪzəm/ noun

**high-definition** adjective
- : being or relating to a television system with twice as many scan lines per frame as a conventional system

**high-density li-po-pro-tein** /ˌhaɪ.ˈdɛn.təˌlɪp.əˈproʊ.ˌtiːn/ noun
- : HDL

**high-er-up** /ˌhɔɪ.ˈɛr.əp/ noun
- : a superior officer or official

**high-fa-lu-tin** /ˌhɔɪ.ˈfeɪ.lət.ɪn/ adjective
1 : characterized by or reflecting an attitude of self-importance or superciliousness
2 : expressed in or marked by the use of high-flown bombastic language
  - *Synonyms*
    - [1] disdainful, haughty, lofty, lordly, prideful, proud, superior—more at PROUD
    - [1, 2] affected, grandiose, ostentatious, pompous, pretentious—more at PRETENTIOUS
    - [2] florid, flowery, grandiloquent, high-flown—more at FLOWERY

**high fashion** noun
1 : HIGH STYLE
2 : HAUTE COUTURE

**high fidelity** noun
- : the reproduction of sound or image with a high degree of faithfulness to the original

**high five** noun
- : a slapping of upraised right hands by two people (as in celebration)
  - *high-five* verb

**high-flown** /ˌhɔɪ.ˈfliːn/ adjective
1 : exceedingly or excessively high or favorable
2 : having an excessively embellished or inflated character
  - *Synonyms*
    - [1] eloquent, formal, lofty, majestic, stately, towering
    - [2] florid, flowery, grandiloquent, highfalutin—more at FLOWERY

**high frequency** noun
- : a radio frequency between 3 and 30 megahertz

**high gear** noun
1 : HIGH 4
2 : a state of intense or maximum activity

**high-handed** /ˌhɔɪˈhænd/ adjective
- : having or showing no regard for the rights, concerns, or feelings of others
  - *high-handed* adverb
  - *high-handed-ness* noun
Synonyms
- arbitrary, dictatorial, imperious, peremptory, willful—more at ARBITRARY

1. high-hat /ˈhæt/ adjective
   - assuming an attitude of superiority : SUPERCILOUS
     Synonyms
     - arrogant, cavalier, haughty, high-handed, highfalutin, imperious, important, lofty, lordly, masterful, overweening, peremptory, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, supercilious, superior, uppity—more at ARROGANT

2. high-hat verb
   - to treat snobbishly
     Synonyms
     - disdain, scorn, slight, sniff, snub—more at SCORN

high jinks /haɪdʒɪks/ noun plural
- boisterous or rambunctious carryings-on

Synonyms
- foolery, horseplay, monkeyshines, roughhouse, shenanigans, tomfoolery—more at HORSEPLAY

high·land /ˈhaɪ.lænd/ noun
- elevated or mountainous land

Synonyms
- elevation, eminence, height, hill, mound, prominence, rise—more at HEIGHT

high·land·er /ˈhaɪ.lændər/ noun
1: an inhabitant of a highland
2 cap: an inhabitant of the Scottish Highlands

high·lev·el /ˈhaɪˌlevəl/ adjective
1: being of high importance or rank
2: being or relating to highly concentrated and environmentally hazardous nuclear waste

1. highlight /ˈhaɪli/ noun
- an event or detail of major importance

2. highlight verb
1: to center attention on : EMPHASIZE
2: to constitute a highlight of
   Synonyms
   - accent, accentuate, emphasize, feature, play, point, stress, underline, underscore—more at EMPHASIZE

high-light·er /′haɪˈlaɪtər/ noun
- a pen with transparent ink used for marking text passages

high·ly /ˈhaɪli/ adverb
1: in or to a high place, level, or rank
2: in or to a high degree or amount
3: with approval : FAVORABLY
   Synonyms
   - especially, extremely, greatly, very

high·mind·ed /ˈmɪnˌdɪd/ adjective
- marked by elevated principles and feelings
  — high·mind·ed·ness noun
    Synonyms
    - chivalrous, gallant, great, greathearted, high, lofty, lordly, magnanimous, noble, sublime—more at NOBLE

high·ness /ˈhaɪˌnes/ noun
1: the quality or state of being high
2: — used as a title (as for kings)

high·pres·sure /ˈhaɪˌpre.sər/ adjective
high-rise adjective
: having several stories and being equipped with elevators; also: of or relating to high-rise buildings

high road noun
: HIGHWAY

high school noun
: a school usu. including grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12

high sea noun
: the open sea outside territorial waters — usu. used in pl.

high-sounding adjective
: characterized by a bold or energetic spirit

high-spirited adjective
: having an extremely nervous or sensitive temperament

high style noun
: the newest in fashion or design

high-tail verb
: to retreat at full speed

high tech noun
: HIGH TECHNOLOGY

high technology noun
: technology involving the use of advanced devices

high-tension adjective
: having or using a high voltage

high-test adjective
: having a high octane number

high-ticket adjective
: EXPENSIVE

high-toned adjective
1: high in social, moral, or intellectual quality
2: PRETENTIOUS, POMPOUS

high-way noun
: a main direct road

high-way-man noun
: a person who robs travelers on a road

hi-jack also high-jack verb
: to steal esp. by stopping a vehicle on the highway; also: to commandeer a flying airplane
hijack noun
hi-jack·er noun
hike /ˈhɪk/ verb hiked; hik·ing
1 : to move or raise with a sudden motion
2 : to take a long walk
hik·er noun
Synonyms
boost, crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hoist, jack, lift, pick up, raise, up, uphold—more at raise
hike noun
1 : a long walk
2 : rise, increase
hi·lar·i·ous /ˈhɪl.ər.i.əs, hɪ-/ adjective
: marked by or providing boisterous merriment
hi·lar·i·ous·ly adverb
Synonyms
antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous, risible, screaming, uproarious—more at funny
hi·lar·i·ty /ˈhɪl.ər.i.ti/ noun
: boisterous and high-spirited merriment or laughter
Synonyms
cheer, cheerfulness, festivity, glee, joviality, merriment, mirth, mirthfulness—more at mirth
hill /hil/ noun
1 : a usu. rounded elevation of land
2 : a little heap or mound (as of earth)
hilly adjective
Synonyms
[1] elevation, eminence, height, highland, mound, prominence, rise—more at height
[2] cock, heap, mound, mountain, pile, rick, stack—more at pile
hill·bil·ly /hilˈbɪl.i/ noun, plural -lies
: a person from a backwoods area
Synonyms
bumpkin, clodhopper, hick, provincial, rustic, yokel—more at hick
hill·ock /hilˈək/ noun
: a small hill
hill·side /hilˈsid/ noun
: the part of a hill between the summit and the foot
hill·top /ˌhɪlˈtɒp/ noun
: the top of a hill
hilt /hil/ noun
: a handle esp. of a sword or dagger
him /him/ pronoun, objective case of he
Hi·ma·la·yan /hiˈmeɪ.ləˌjan, hiˌməl.yən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of the Himalaya mountains or the people living there
him·self /himˈself/ pronoun
: him, him—used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions
hind /hind/ noun, plural hinds also hind
: a female of a common Eurasian deer
hind adjective
hinder /ˈhin-dər/ verb
1 ▶️ : to impede the progress of
2 ▶️ : to hold back

Synonyms
▶️ clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, hamper, handicap, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackle, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER

hinder /ˈhin-dər/ adjective
▶️ HIND

Hindi /ˈhɪndə/ noun
▶️ a literary and official language of northern India

hind·most /ˈhɪnd-məst/ adjective
▶️ farthest to the rear

Synonyms
▶️ final, last, latter, terminal, ultimate—more at LAST

hind·quar·ter /ˈhɪnd-kwər-tər/ noun
1 ▶️ one side of the back half of the carcass of a quadruped
2 plural : the part of the body of a quadruped behind the junction of hind limbs and trunk

hindrance /ˈhɪnd-rəns/ noun
1 ▶️ the state of being hindered; also : the action of hindering
2 ▶️ : something that impedes : IMPEDIMENT

Synonyms
▶️ bar, block, chain, clog, cramp, embarrassment, encumbrance, fetter, handicap, impediment, inhibition, interference, let, manacle, obstacle, shackle, trammel—more at ENCUMBRANCE

hind·sight /ˈhɪnd-sɪt/ noun
▶️ understanding of an event after it has happened

Hindu–Arabic adjective
▶️ relating to, being, or composed of Arabic numerals

Hindu·ism /ˈhɪndu-ism/ noun
▶️ a body of religious beliefs and practices native to India

hind wing noun
▶️ either of the posterior wings of a 4-winged insect

hinge /ˈhɪŋ/ noun
▶️ a jointed device on which a swinging part (as a door, gate, or lid) turns

hinge verb hinged; hing·ing
1 ▶️ : to attach by or furnish with hinges
2 ▶️ : to be contingent on a single consideration

hint /ˈhɪnt/ noun
1 ▶️ : an indirect or summary suggestion
2 ▶️ : a slight indication of the existence, approach, or nature of something : CLUE
3 ▶️ : a very small amount

Synonyms
▶️ [1, 2] clue, cue, indication, inkling, intimation, lead, suggestion; also breath, flicker, glimmer, glimpse, mention, scent, whiff, wind; hunch, idea, inspiration, notion; allusion, implication, innuendo, insinuation; evidence, mark, overtone, pointer, sign, signal, telltale, token; assistance, nod, prompt, tip, tip-off, wink; feeling, foreboding, intuition, premonition, presentiment, suspicion; augury, foretaste, omen, portent, symptom
hint verb
▶ to give a hint
  Synonyms
  ◀ allude, imply, indicate, infer, insinuate, intimate, suggest; also advert, mention, point, refer, signal, signify; smack (of), smell (of)

hinterland /hin_tər_land/ noun
1 ▶ a region behind a coast
2 ▶ a region remote from cities
  Synonyms
  ◀ backwoods, bush, frontier, up-country—more at FRONTIER

1hip /hɪp/ noun
  ▶ the fruit of a rose

2hip noun
  1 ▶ the part of the body on either side below the waist consisting of the side of the pelvis and the upper thigh
  2 ▶ HIP JOINT

3hip adjective hip·per; hip·pest
  ▶ keenly aware of or interested in the newest developments or styles
  — hip·ness noun

4hip verb hipped; hip·ping
  ▶ TELL, INFORM

hip·bone /hɪp_ˈbɑːn_. ˈbaɪn/ noun
  ▶ the large flaring bone that makes a lateral half of the pelvis in mammals

hip·hop /hɪp_ˈhɑːp/ noun
  1 ▶ a subculture esp. of inner-city youths who are devotees of rap music
  2 ▶ the stylized rhythmic music that accompanies rap

hip·hug·gers /hɪp_ˈha_ˌɡɜːz/ noun plural
  ▶ low-slung close-fitting pants that rest on the hips

hip joint noun
  ▶ the articulation between the femur and the hipbone

hipped /ˈhɪpɪd/ adjective
  ▶ having hips esp. of a specified kind <broad-hipped>

hippie or hippy /ˈhɪpɪ/ noun, plural hippies
  ▶ a usu. young person who rejects established mores and advocates nonviolence; also: a long-haired unconventionally dressed young person

hip·po /ˈhɪpəʊ/ noun, plural hippos
  ▶ HIPPOPOTAMUS

hip·po·drome /ˈhɪpəˌdrəʊm/ noun
  ▶ an arena for equestrian performances

hip·po·pot·a·mus /ˈhɪpəˌpɔtəˈmæs/ noun, plural -mus·es or -mi /ˈmiː/ [origin: L, fr. Gk hippopotamos, alter. of hippos potamios, lit., river horse]
  ▶ a large thick-skinned aquatic mammal of sub-Saharan Africa that is related to the swine

1hire /hɪr/ noun
  1 ▶ payment for labor or personal services: WAGES
  2 ▶ the state of being hired: EMPLOYMENT
  3 ▶ one who is hired
  Synonyms

[3] bit, dab, little, particle, suspicion, touch, trace—more at PARTICLE
hire 

verb hired; hir·ing
1 ▶ : to employ for pay
2 ▶ : to engage the temporary use of for pay
3 : to take employment
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] employ, engage, retain, take on—more at EMPLOY
   ▶ [2] engage, lease, let, rent; also sublease, sublet; check out; arrange (for), bespeak, book, contract (for), order, reserve, sign up (for)

hire·ling /ˈhɪrˌlɪŋ/ noun
▶ : a hired person; especially : one with mercenary motives
   Synonyms
   ▶ employee, hand, jobholder, worker—more at EMPLOYEE

hir·sute /ˈhıərˌsüt, ˈhıər/ adjective
▶ : covered with hair or hairlike material : HAIRY
   Synonyms
   ▶ fleecy, furry, hairy, rough, shaggy, unshorn, woolly—more at HAIRY

his /ˈhiz/ adjective
▶ : of or relating to him or himself
  ◀ his pronoun
▶ : one or the ones belonging to him

His·pan·ic /ˈhis·pa·nik/ adjective
▶ : of, relating to, or being a person of Latin-American descent living in the U.S.
   — Hispanic noun
  1 hiss /ˈhis/ verb
▶ : to make a sharp sibilant sound; also : to express disapproval of by hissing
  2 hiss noun
  1 ▶ : a prolonged sibilant sound
  2 ▶ : a hiss used to express disapproval
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] fizz, sizzle, swish, whish, whiz; also wheeze, whistle, zip; sibilant
   ▶ [2] boo, catcall, hoot, jeer, raspberry, snort—more at CATCALL

hissy fit /ˈhi·sē/ noun
▶ : TANTRUM

hist abbreviation
historian; historical; history

his·ta·mine /ˈhıstəˌmein/ noun
▶ : a compound widespread in animal tissues that plays a major role in allergic reactions (as hay fever)

his·to·gram /ˈhıstəˌgræm/ noun
▶ : a representation of statistical data by rectangles whose widths represent class intervals and whose heights usu. represent corresponding frequencies

his·to·logy /ˈhıstəˌlә·jә/ noun, plural -gies
1 ▶ : a branch of anatomy dealing with tissue structure
2 ▶ : tissue structure or organization
   — his·to·log·i·cal /ˌhıstəˌlәˌjikl/ or his·to·log·ic /ˌhıstəˌlәˌjik/ adjective
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his·tol·o·gist /ˈtɪləˌdʒɪst/ noun

his·to·ri·an /ˈhɪstrəˌiən/ noun
: a student or writer of history

his·tor·i·cal /ˈhɪstrəˌkeɪl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or having the character of history
2 •: based on history

his·tor·i·cal·ly /ˌhɪstrəˌkeɪli/ adverb

Synonyms

• documentary, factual, hard, literal, matter-of-fact, nonfictional, objective, true—more at FACTUAL

his·tor·ic·i·ty /ˈhɪstrəˌsaɪtɪ/ noun
: historical actuality

his·tor·iog·ra·pher /ˈhɪstrəˌɔrəˈfər/ noun
: HISTORIAN

his·to·ry /ˈhɪstrəri/ noun, plural -ries
1 •: a chronological record of significant events often with an explanation of their causes
2 •: a branch of knowledge that records and explains past events
3 •: events that form the subject matter of history
4: an established record <a convict’s ~ of violence>

his·tor·ic /ˈhɪstrəˌɪk/ adjective

Synonyms

• [1] annals, chronicle, record; also autobiography, diary, journal, memoir; biography, life; epic, legend, narrative, saga, story, tale; archives, documentation, log, register, report; chronology, genealogy
• [1] account, chronicle, narrative, record, report, story—more at ACCOUNT
• [3] past, yesteryear, yore—more at PAST

his·tri·on·ic /ˈhɪstrɪəˌnɪk/ adjective
[origin: LL histrionicus, fr. L histrio actor]
1 •: deliberately affected
2 •: of or relating to actors, acting, or the theater

his·tri·on·i·cal·ly /ˌhɪstrɪəˌnɪkli/ adverb

Synonyms

• dramatic, melodramatic, theatrical—more at THEATRICAL

his·tri·on·ics /ˈnɪks/ noun plural
1: theatrical performances
2: deliberate display of emotion for effect

hit /hɪt/ verb hit, hit·ting
1 •: to reach with a blow: STRIKE; also: to arrive with a force like a blow <the storm ~>
2 •: to make or bring into contact: COLLIDE
3 •: to affect detrimentally <was ~ by the flu>
4 •: to make a request of
5 •: to come upon: to discover or meet esp. by chance
6 •: to accord with: SUIT
7 •: to reach as an end: ATTAIN
8 •: to indulge in often to excess
9 •: to succeed in attaining or coming up with something — often used with on or upon

hit·ter noun

Synonyms

• [1] bang, bash, bat, belt, clout, crack, knock, pound, punch, slug, strike, swat, wallop, whack; also batter, beat, buffet, bung, chop, drub, lace, lambaste, lick, mangle, maul, pelt, pepper, pummel, rough; bunt, flick, stroke, tap; bump, butt, jab, jostle, kick, knee, poke, prod, push, shove, stamp; bowl (over), knock (down); cane, club, cudgel, flail, flog, lash, slash, spear, stab, switch, thrash, whip; brain
hit noun
1: an act or instance of hitting or being hit
2: a great success
3: BASE HIT
4: a dose of a drug
5: a murder committed by a gangster
6: a successful match in a search (as of the Internet)
   Synonyms
   blockbuster, smash, success, winner; also crackerjack, dandy, jim-dandy, pip, prizewinner; gem, jewel, treasure; marvel, phenomenon, sensation, wonder; coup, triumph, victory
   Antonyms
   bummer, bust, catastrophe, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, flop, turkey, washout

hitch /hitch/ verb
1: to move by jerks
2: to catch or fasten esp. by a hook or knot
3: HITCHHIKE
   Synonyms
   [1] buck, jerk, jolt, twitch—more at JERK
   [2] anchor, catch, clamp, fasten, fix, moor, secure, set

hitch noun
1: JERK, PULL
2: a sudden halt
3: a connection between something towed and its mover
4: KNOT
5: a delimited period esp. of military service
   Synonyms
   stint, tenure, term, tour—more at TERM

hitch-hike /hitchˌhik/ verb
: to travel by securing free rides from passing vehicles
   — hitch-hiker noun

hither /hiˈðer/ adverb
: to this place
   2hither adjective
: being on the near or adjacent side

hither-to /ˈhɪðərəʊ/ adverb
: up to this time
   Synonyms
   heretofore, yet; also before, formerly, previously
   Antonyms
   henceforth, henceforward, hereafter, henceforth, thenceforward, thereafter

HIV /ˈhɪv/ noun
[origin: human immunodeficiency virus]
: any of several retroviruses that infect and destroy helper T cells causing the great reduction in their numbers that is diagnostic of AIDS
hive /ˈhɪv/ noun
1 : a container for housing honeybees
2 : a colony of bees
3 : a place swarming with busy occupants
— hive verb

hives /ˈhɪvz/ noun singular or plural
: an allergic disorder marked by raised itching patches on the skin or mucous membranes

hl abbreviation
hectoliter

HL abbreviation
House of Lords

hm abbreviation
hectometer

HM abbreviation
1 Her Majesty; Her Majesty's
2 His Majesty; His Majesty's

HMO /ˈhæm.ə(r)/ noun
[ORIGIN: health maintenance organization]
: a comprehensive health-care organization financed by periodic fixed payments by voluntarily enrolled individuals and families

HMS abbreviation
1 Her Majesty's ship
2 His Majesty's ship

Ho symbol
holmium

hoa·gie also hoa·gy /ˈhō.ɡe/ noun, plural hoagies
ı: a large sandwich on a long split roll : SUBMARINE

Synonyms

1 hoard /ˈhôrd/ noun
ı: a hidden accumulation

Synonyms

2 hoard verb
ı: to lay up a hoard
— hoard·er noun

Synonyms

hoar·frost /ˈhōr.ˈfræst/ noun
ı: FROST 2

hoarse /ˈhɔrs/ adjective hoars·er; hoars·est
ı: rough and harsh in sound
2 : having a grating voice
— hoarse·ly adverb
— hoarse·ness noun

Synonyms

coarse, gravelly, gruff, husky, scratchy, throaty; also guttural; abrasive, cacophonous, discordant, grinding, jarring, rough, scraping, scratching; cawing, raucous, strident; choked, cracked, strained, strangled
hoary /ˈhɔr.i/ adjective hoar-i-er; -est
1 : gray or white with or as if with age
2 ▶ : extremely old : ANCIENT
   — hoar-i-ness /ˈhɔr.i.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ age-old, ancient, antediluvian, antique, dateless, old, venerable—more at ANCIENT
1hoax /ˈhɔks/ verb
   ▶ : to trick into believing or accepting as genuine something that is false
   Synonyms
   ▶ beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoodwink, humbug, misinformation, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE
2hoax noun
1 : an act intended to trick or dupe
2 ▶ : something accepted or established by fraud
   Synonyms
   ▶ counterfeit, fake, forgery, humbug, phony, sham—more at FAKE
hoax-er noun
   ▶ : one that hoaxes another
   Synonyms
   ▶ cheat, dodger, shark, sharper, swindler, trickster—more at TRICKSTER
   ▶ charlatan, fake, fraud, humbug, mountebank, phony, pretender, quack
hob /ˈhɔb/ noun
   : action that annoys or irritates : MISCHIEF — used with play and raise <always raising ~> 
1hobble /ˈhɔbl/ verb hob-bled, hob-bling
1 : to limp along; also : to make lame
2 : to fasten together the legs of (as a horse) to prevent straying : FETTER
3 ▶ : to place under handicap : HAMPER
   Synonyms
   ▶ clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, hamper, handicap, hinder, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackles, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER
2hobble noun
1 : a hobbling movement
2 : something used to hobble an animal
   ▶
hob-by /ˈhɔb.ə/ noun, plural hobbies
   : a pursuit or interest engaged in for relaxation
   — hob-by-ist /ˈɪst/ noun
   ▶
hob-by-horse /ˈhɔb.ə.hɔr/ noun
1 : a stick with a horse's head on which children pretend to ride
2 : a toy horse mounted on rockers
3 : a topic to which one constantly reverts
   ▶
hob-gob-lin /ˈhɔb.gəb.lən/ noun
1 ▶ : a mischievous goblin
2 ▶ : a source of fear, perplexity, or harassment : BOGEY
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] brownie, dwarf, elf, fairy, fay, gnome, leprechaun, pixie, puck, troll—more at FAIRY
   ▶ [2] bogey, bugbear, bête noire, ogre—more at BOGEY
   ▶
hob-nail /ˈnɔld/ noun
   : a short large-headed nail for studding shoe soles
   — hob-nailed /ˈnɔld/ adjective
hob·nob /ˈhōbˌnōb/ verb hob·nobbed; hob·nob·bing
›: to associate familiarly

  Synonyms
  ‹› associate, chum, consort, fraternize, hang around, pal—more at ASSOCIATE
  ‹› associate, fraternize, mingle, mix, socialize—more at SOCIALIZE

ho·bo /ˈhōbəʊ/ noun, plural hoboes also hobos
›: a homeless and usu. penniless vagabond: TRAMP

  Synonyms
  ‹› bum, tramp, vagabond, vagrant—more at TRAMP

1 hock /ˈhök/ noun
›: a joint or region in the hind limb of a quadruped just above the foot and corresponding to the human ankle

2 hock noun
[origin: D hok pen, prison]
›: pawn; also: DEBT
— hock verb

hock·ey /ˈhökˌē/ noun
1: FIELD HOCKEY
2: ICE HOCKEY

ho·cus–po·cus /ˌhōˌkəsˌpōˈkəs/ noun
1: SLEIGHT OF HAND
2: nonsense or sham used to conceal deception

hod /ˈhōd/ noun
›: a long-handled carrier for mortar or bricks

hodge·podge /ˈhôjdiˈpôdʒ/ noun
›: a heterogeneous mixture: JUMBLE

  Synonyms
  ‹› assortment, clutter, hash, jumble, litter, medley, miscellany, motley, muddle, mêlée, potpourri, rummage, scramble, shuffle, tumble, variety, welter—more at MISCELLANY

Hodgkin's disease /ˈhōdˌginz/ noun
›: a neoplastic disease of lymphoid tissue characterized esp. by enlargement of lymph nodes, spleen, and liver

hoe /ˈhō/ noun
›: a long-handled implement with a thin flat blade used esp. for cultivating, weeding, or loosening the earth around plants
— hoe verb

hoe·cake /ˈhōˌkēk/ noun
›: a small cornmeal cake

hoe·down /ˌhōˌdaʊn/ noun
1: SQUARE DANCE
2: a gathering featuring hoedowns

1 hog /ˈhōɡ, ˈhāɡ/ noun, plural hogs also hog
1: a domestic swine esp. when grown
2: a selfish, gluttonous, or filthy person

2 hog verb hogged; hog·ging
›: to take or hold selfishly

ho·gan /ˈhōgən/ noun
›: a Navajo Indian dwelling usu. made of logs and mud

hog·back /ˈhōgˌbæk, ˈhāɡ/ noun
›: a ridge with a sharp summit and steep sides
**hog·dish** /ˈhō_dish, ˈhā/ *adjective*
: grossly selfish, gluttonous, or filthy

*Synonyms*
- gluttonous, greedy, piggish, rapacious, ravenous, voracious—more at VORACIOUS

**hog·nose snake** /ˈhōg_nōzˌ ˈhāg/ or **hog·nosed snake** /ˌnōzd/ *noun*
: any of a genus of rather small harmless stout-bodied N. American snakes that seldom bite but hiss wildly and often play dead when disturbed

**hogs·head** /ˈhōgsˌhedˌ ˈhāgzd/ *noun*
: a large cask or barrel

*Synonyms*
- barrel, cask, keg, pipe, puncheon—more at CASK

**hog·tie** /ˈhōg_tīˌ ˈhāg/ *verb*
1: to tie together the feet of ← a calf>
2: to make helpless

**hog·wash** /ˌwōshˌwāsh/ *noun*
1: SWILL, SLOP
2: language, conduct, or an idea that is absurd or contrary to good sense : NONSENSE

*Synonyms*
- bunk, claptrap, drivel, fiddlesticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, humbug, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness, slush, stupidity, trash—more at NONSENSE

**hog·wild** /ˌwīld/ *adjective*
: lacking in restraint

**hoi pol·loi** /ˌhōi_pōlˌō.i/ *noun plural*
[ORIGIN: Gk, the many]
: the general populace

**hoi·sin sauce** /ˌhōiˌsin/ *noun*
: a thick reddish sauce of soybeans, spices, and garlic used in Asian cookery

**hoist** /ˈhoist/ *verb*
1: to raise from a lower to a higher position

*Synonyms*
- boost, crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, jack, lift, pick up, raise, up, uphold—more at RAISE

2: hoist *noun*
1: LIFT
2: an apparatus for hoisting

**hoke** /ˈhōk/ *verb hoked; hok·ing*
: FAKE — usu. used with up

**hok·ey** /ˈhōk.i/ *adjective hok·i·er; -est*
: CORNY; also: PHONY

**ho·kum** /ˈhōkəm/ *noun*
: NONSENSE

1: hold /ˈhōld/ *verb held /ˈhōldˌ; hold·ing*
1: to have possession or ownership of or have at one’s disposal
2: RESTRAIN
3: to have a grasp on
4: to support, remain, or keep in a particular situation or position
5: SUSTAIN; also: RESERVE
6: BEAR, COMPORT
7: to maintain in being or action : PERSIST
8: to enclose and keep in a container or within bounds: ACCOMMODATE
9a: to have in the mind or express as a judgment, opinion, or belief
   b: to think of in a particular way: CONSIDER, REGARD
10: to carry on by concerted action; also: CONVOKÉ
11: to occupy esp. by appointment or election
12: to be valid
13: HALT, PAUSE
   — hold forth
     : to speak at length
   — hold to
     : to adhere to: MAINTAIN
   — hold with
     : to agree with or approve of

Synonyms
   [1] hang on, keep, reserve, retain, withhold—more at KEEP
   [1] command, enjoy, have, occupy, own, possess, retain—more at HAVE
   [3] clench, cling, clutch, grip, hang on, hold on; also bear, carry; catch, grapple, nab, seize, snatch, take; feel, finger, handle, paw; clasp, grasp, embrace, hug
   [9a] believe, consider, deem, feel, figure, guess, imagine, suppose, think—more at BELIEVE
   [9a] bear, cherish, entertain, harbor, have, nurse—more at HARBOR
   [9b] account, call, consider, count, esteem, rate, reckon, regard, take—more at CONSIDER

2 hold noun
1: a fortified place: STRONGHOLD
2: CONFINEMENT; also: PRISON
3: the act or manner of holding: GRIP
4: a restraining, dominating, or controlling influence
5: something that may be grasped as a support
6: an order or indication that something is to be reserved or delayed
   — on hold
     : in a temporary state of waiting (as during a phone call); also: in a state of postponement <plans on hold>

Synonyms
   [1] bastion, citadel, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, stronghold—more at FORT
   [3] clasp, grapple, grasp, grip; also anchorage, leverage, purchase; grab, seizure; foothold, footing, toehold; embrace, hug
   [4] arm, authority, clutch, command, control, dominion, grip, mastery, power, sway—more at POWER

3 hold noun
1: the interior of a ship below decks; especially: a ship's cargo deck
2: an airplane's cargo compartment

hold back verb
     : to hinder the progress or achievement of

Synonyms
   clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, fetter, hamper, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackles, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER

hold·er noun
1: a person that holds
2: a device that holds

Synonyms
   [1] owner, possessor, proprietor—more at PROPRIETOR
   [2] container, receptacle, vessel—more at CONTAINER

hold·ing noun
1: land or other property owned — usu. used in plural
2: a ruling of a court esp. on an issue of law

Synonyms
   usually Holdings [1] belongings, chattels, effects, paraphernalia, possessions, things—more at POSSESSION

holding pattern noun
: a course flown by an aircraft waiting to land

hold on verb
1 : to maintain a condition or position : PERSIST
2 : to maintain a grasp on something
3 : to await something (as a telephone connection) desired or requested

Synonyms
[1] endure, hold, last, persist
usually hold on to [2] clench, cling, clutch, grip, hang on, hold—more at HOLD
[3] await, bide, stay, wait—more at WAIT

hold out verb
1 : to continue to fight or work
2 : to refuse to come to an agreement

— hold·out /ˈhōld-/ noun

... Synonyms
[2] arrest, catch, check, draw up, fetch up, halt, stall, stay, still, stop—more at HALT
[2] clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, fetter, hamper, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold back, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, obstruct, shackle, tie up, trammel—more at HAMPER
[4] abide, continue, endure, keep up, last, persist, run on—more at CONTINUE

hole /hoʊl/ noun
1 : an opening into or through something
2 : a hollow place (as a pit or cave)
3 : the resting or living place of a wild animal : DEN, BURROW
4 : a wretched or dingy place
5 : a unit of play from tee to cup in golf
6 : an awkward position

... Synonyms
[1] breach, break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, interval, opening, rent, rift, separation—more at GAP
[1] aperture, opening, orifice, perforation; also chink, cleft, crack, cranny, crevice, cut, breach, break, fissure, gash, notch, rent, rift, rupture, slash, slit, split; gap, slot, space; exit, mouth, outlet, pore, vent; entrance, inlet, intake; pinprick, punch, puncture; armhole, buttonhole, knothole, peephole, pinhole, wormhole
[2] cavity, concavity, dent, depression, hollow, indentation, pit, recess; also burrow, cave, cavern, ditch, excavation, furrow, groove, trench, trough; basin, bowl, valley; alcove, cleft, niche, nook, opening, recess, socket; dimple, gouge, notch, impression, pocket; chuckhole, crater, posthole, pothole, sinkhole, wallow, well; abyss, chasm, gulf, vacancy, vacuum, void

Antonyms
bulge, convexity, protrusion, protuberance

- [4] pigpen, shambles—more at PIGPEN
- [6] corner, fix, jam, pickle, predicament, spot—more at PREDICAMENT

2 hole verb

› to make a hole in
  Synonyms
  • bore, drill, perforate, pierce, punch, puncture—more at PERFORATE

hol-i-day /ˈhɑː.ləˌdeɪ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE hāligdeeg, fr. hālig holy + deeg day]
1: a day set aside for special religious observance
2: a day of freedom from work; especially: one in commemoration of an event
3: VACATION
— holiday verb

ho-li-ness /ˈhɑː.ləˌnis/ noun
› the quality or state of being holy — used as a title for various high religious officials
  Synonyms
  • blessedness, devoutness, godliness, piety, sainthood, sanctity; also asceticism, devotion, morality, spirituality; righteousness

Antonyms
  godlessness, impiety, ungodliness, unholliness

ho-lis-tic /ˈhɑː.lɪs.tɪk/ adjective
: relating to or concerned with integrated wholes or complete systems rather than with the analysis or treatment of separate parts <~ medicine> <~ ecology>

hol·lán·daise /ˈhɔ.ˌlɑn.dɑz/ noun
: a rich sauce made basically of butter, egg yolks, and lemon juice or vinegar

1 holler /ˈhɑː.lə/ verb

› to cry out: SHOUT

2 holler noun
› a loud cry or call
  Synonyms
  • cry, hoot, howl, shout, whoop, yell—more at SHOUT

1 hollow /ˈhɑː.lɔ/ noun
1: CAVITY, HOLE
2: a surface depression
  Synonyms
  • dale, valley—more at VALLEY
  • cavity, concavity, dint, depression, hole, indentation, pit, recess—more at HOLE

2 hollow adjective hol·low·er /ˈhɑː.ləwər/; hol·low·est /ˈhɑː.ləwəst/
1: having an indentation or inward curve: CONCAVE, SUNKEN
2: having a cavity within
3: lacking in real value, sincerity, or substance; also: FALSE
4: MUFFLED <a ~ sound>
— hol·low·ness noun
  Synonyms
  • concave, depressed, sunken; also cavernous, cupped; dimpled, pockmarked; compressed, condensed, contracted, diminished, reduced

Antonyms
  convex, bulging, protruding, protuberant

3 hollow verb

› to make or become hollow
hol·low·ware or hol·lo·ware /həˈloʊˌwər/ noun
: vessels (as bowls or cups) with a significant depth and volume

hol·ly /ˈhɒli/ noun, plural hollies
: either of two trees or shrubs with branches of usu. evergreen glossy spiny-margined leaves and red berries

hol·ly-hock /ˈhɑːˌlēˌhɔk, ˈhɔlk/ noun
[origin: ME hollyhoc, fr. holi holy + hoc mallow] : a biennial or perennial herb related to the mallows that is widely grown for its tall stalks of showy flowers

hol·mi·um /ˈhɒlmɪəm/ noun
: a metallic chemical element

ho·lo·caust /ˈhɑːˌlɔkst, hɔː/ noun
1 : a thorough destruction esp. by fire
2 often cap : the killing of European Jews by the Nazis during World War II; also : GENOCIDE

Synonyms
conflagration, fire, inferno—more at FIRE

Ho·lo·cene /ˈhɑːˌləˌkən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the present geologic epoch
— Holocene noun

ho·lo·gram /ˈhɑːˌləˌgram, ˈhʌ/ noun
: a three-dimensional image produced by an interference pattern of light (as laser light)

ho·lo·graph /ˈhɑːˌləˌɡrafl, ˈhʌ/ noun
: a document wholly in the handwriting of its author

ho·lo·graph·phy /ˈhɑːˌləˌɡrafləˌfi/ noun
: the process of making a hologram
— ho·lo·graph·ic /ˈhɑːˌləˌɡraflɪk, ˈhʌ/ adjective

Hol·stein /ˈhɒlˌstɛn, ˈhɔlˌstɛn/ noun
: any of a breed of large black-and-white dairy cattle that produce large quantities of comparatively low-fat milk

Hol·stein–Frie·sian /ˈfriːˌzən/ noun
: HOLLSTEIN

hol·ster /ˈhɑlstər/ noun
[origin: D] : a usu. leather case for a firearm

ho·ly /ˈhɒli/ adjective ho·li·er; -est
1 : worthy of absolute devotion
2 : to be treated with veneration or the utmost respect : SACRED
3 : having a divine quality
4 : devoted to the deity or the work of the deity
— ho·li·ly /ˈlɛli/ adverb

Synonyms
[1, 2] inviolable, sacred, sacrosanct, untouchable—more at SACRED
[1, 2] blessed, hallowed, sacred, sacrosanct, sanctified; also adored, glorified, revered, venerated, worshiped; ceremonial, liturgical, priestly, religious, ritual, spiritual; biblical, scriptural

Antonyms
unconsecrated, unhallowed
[3] blessed, divine, godlike, heavenly, sacred, supernatural; also everlasting, eternal, immortal; almighty, omnipotent, omniscient, supreme
[4] devout, faithful, godly, pious, religious, sainted, saintly; also ascetic, prayerful, reverent, reverential, spiritual, worshipful; beatified, blessed, canonized, venerable; angelic, cherubic; chaste, pure, righteous, virtuous

Antonyms
faithless, godless, impious, irreligious, ungodly, unholy

**Holy Spirit** noun
: the third person of the Christian Trinity

**ho·ly·stone** /həˈlēˌstān/ noun
: a soft sandstone used to scrub a ship's wooden decks
— **holystone** verb

**hom·age** /əˈmāj/ noun
: expression of high regard; also: **TRIBUTE**

**Synonyms**
- accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, eulogy, panegyric, salutation, tribute—more at **ENCOMIUM**
- acclaim, accolade, credit, distinction, glory, honor, laurels—more at **GLORY**

**hom·bre** /hōmˈbrē/ noun
: an adult male human: **GUY, FELLOW**

**Synonyms**
- buck, chap, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, jack, joker, lad, male, man—more at **MAN**

**hom·burg** /hōmˈburg/ noun
[Origin: Homburg, Germany]
: a man's felt hat with a stiff curled brim and a high crown creased lengthwise

**home** /hōm/ noun
1 : one's residence; also: **HOUSE**
2 : the social unit formed by a family living together
3 : a congenial environment; also: **HABITAT**
4 : a place of origin
5 : the objective in various games
6 : the place or environment where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows

**Synonyms**
- [1] abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, habitation, hearth, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, rood; also accommodations, housing, nest, residency, shelter; bungalow, cabin, chalet, cottage; duplex, ranch, town house, tract house, triplex; apartment, condominium, flat, tenement, walk-up; penthouse, salon, suite; barracks, boardinghouse, dorm, dormitory, lodging; castle, estate, manor, mansion, palace, villa; farmhouse, grange, hacienda, homestead, ranch house; houseboat, mobile home, motor home, trailer; hermitage, manse, parsonage, vicarage; hovel, hut, shack
- [4] country, fatherland, homeland, motherland, sod—more at **COUNTRY**
- [6] habitat, niche, range, territory; also element, environment, environs, haunt, locality, milieu, neighborhood, setting, surroundings

**home** verb homed; hom·ing
1 : to go or return home
2 : to proceed to or toward a source of radiated energy used as a guide

**home·body** /hōmˈbōdē/ noun
: one whose life centers on home

**home·boy** /ˌhōmˈbō/ noun
1 : a boy or man from one's neighborhood, hometown, or region
2 : a fellow member of a youth gang
3 : an inner-city youth

**home·bred** /ˈbred/ adjective
: produced at home: **INDIGENOUS**

**home·com·ing** /ˌhōmˈkām/ noun
1 : a return home
an annual celebration for alumni at a college or university

home computer noun
a small inexpensive microcomputer

home economics noun
the theory and practice of homemaking

home girl /ˈhəmˌgərl/ noun
1: a girl or woman from one's neighborhood, hometown, or region
2: a girl or woman who is a member of one's peer group
3: an inner-city girl or woman

home grown /ˈhəmˌgrən/ adjective
1: grown domestically
2: LOCAL, INDIGENOUS

home land /ˌlænd/ noun
1: native land
2: an area set aside to be a state for a people of a particular national, cultural, or racial origin

Synonyms
country, fatherland, home, motherland, sod—more at COUNTRY

homeless /ˈles/ adjective
1: having no home or permanent residence
2: homeless noun plural
persons esp. in urban areas that have no home

home ly /ˈhəmˌli/ adjective home li er; -est
1 : FAMILIAR
2: unaffectedly natural
3: lacking beauty or proportion
— home li ness /ˈliˌnəs/ noun

home made /ˈhəmˌmēd/ adjective
made in the home, on the premises, or by one's own efforts

home maker /ˌmēˌkār/ noun
one who manages a household esp. as a wife and mother
— home making /ˌmēkˈing/ noun

homeopathy /ˈhōməˌpæθē/ noun
a system of medical practice that treats disease esp. with minute doses of a remedy that would in healthy persons produce symptoms similar to those of the disease treated
— homeopath /ˌhōməˈpæθ/ noun
— homeopathic /ˌhōməˈθāpətik/ adjective

homeostasis /ˌhōməˌstāsēs/ noun
the maintenance of a relatively stable state of equilibrium between interrelated physiological, psychological, or social factors characteristic of an individual or group
— homeostatic /ˌhōməˈstātik/ adjective

home page noun
the page usu. encountered first at a Web site that usu. contains hyperlinks to the other pages of the site

home plate noun
a slab at the apex of a baseball diamond that a base runner must touch in order to score

hom er /ˈhōmˌeər/ noun
HOME RUN
— homer verb
home·room /ˈhōmˌrōm, ˈrōm/ noun
: a classroom where pupils report at the beginning of each school day

home run noun
: a hit in baseball that enables the batter to go around all the bases and score a run

home·school /ˈhōmˌskōl/ verb
: to teach school subjects to one's children at home
— home·school·er /ˌskōlˈer/ noun

home·sick /ˈhōmˌsĭk/ adjective
: longing for home and family while absent from them
— home·sick·ness noun

home·spun /ˌspən/ adjective
1 : spun or made at home; also : made of a loosely woven usu. woolen or linen fabric
2 : SIMPLE, HOMELY

1 homestead /ˈhōmˌstēd/ noun
: the home and land occupied by a family
2 homestead verb
: to acquire or settle on public land

home·stead·er /ˌstēdˈer/ noun
: one who seeks, establishes, or possesses a homestead under a homestead law

home·stretch /ˈstrēch/ noun
1 : the part of a racecourse between the last curve and the winning post
2 : a final stage (as of a project)

home theater noun
: an entertainment system (as a television with surround sound and a DVD player) for the home

home video noun
: prerecorded videocassettes or videodiscs for home viewing

1 homeward /ˈwərd/ or home·wards /ˈwərdz/ adverb
: toward home
2 homeward adjective
: being or going toward home

home·work /ˈwərk/ noun
1 : an assignment given a student to be completed outside the classroom
2 : preparatory reading or research

1 homey /ˈhōmē/ adjective home·ier; -est
: characteristic of home
2 homey or hom·ie /ˈhōmj/ noun, plural homeys or homies
: HOMEBOY

hom·i·cid·al /ˈhōməˌsɪdəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or tending toward homicide

home·ic·ide /ˈhōməˌsایd, ˈhō/ noun
[origin: L. homicida murderer & homicidium manslaughter; both fr. homo human being + caedere to cut, kill]
1 : a person who kills another
2 ▶: a killing of one human being by another

   *Synonyms*
   ▶ murder; also killing, manslaughter; bloodshed, butchery, carnage, destruction, massacre, slaughter; assassination, execution; euthanasia, mercy killing

**hom·i·ly** /ˈhō.məˌli/ **noun**, plural **-lies**
: SERMON

   *Synonym*
   ▶ hom·i·let·ic /ˈhō.məˌle.tik/ **adjective**

**hom·ing pigeon** **noun**
: a racing pigeon trained to return home

**hom·i·nid** /ˈhō.məˌnid/ **noun**
: any of a family of primate mammals that comprise all living humans and extinct ancestral and related forms
   * — hominid **adjective**

**hom·i·ny** /ˈhō.məˌni/ **noun**
: hulled corn with the germ removed

**ho·mo·cys·te·ine** /ˌhō.mōˌsē.tē.ən/ **noun**
: an amino acid associated with an increased risk of heart disease when occurring at high levels in the blood

**ho·mo·er·ot·ic** /ˌhō.mōˌer·ōˌtik/ **adjective**
: marked by or portraying homosexual desire
   * — ho·mo·er·ot·i·cism /ˌrōˌōˌrēˌtiz·əm/ **noun**

**ho·mo·ge·ne·ous** /ˌhō.mōˌgəˈne.əs/ **adjective**
: of the same or a similar kind; also: of uniform structure
   * — ho·mo·ge·ne·i·ty /ˈjōˌme.əˌne.tē/ **noun**
   * — ho·mo·ge·neous·ly **adverb**

**ho·mog·e·ni·sa·tion, ho·mog·e·ni·se** British variant of HOMOGENIZATION, HOMOGENIZE

**ho·mog·e·ni·ze** /ˌhō.mōˌgēˌniz/ **verb** -nized; -niz·ing
1 ▶: to make homogeneous
2 : to reduce the particles in (as milk) to uniform size and distribute them evenly throughout the liquid
   * — ho·mog·e·ni·za·tion /ˌmōˌjēˌnaˌzhən/ **noun**
   * — ho·mog·e·ni·zer **noun**

   * — Synonyms*
   ▶ formalize, normalize, regularize, standardize—more at STANDARDIZE

**ho·mo·graph** /ˌhō.mōˈgrāf/ **noun**
: one of two or more words spelled alike but different in origin, meaning, or pronunciation (as the bow of a ship, a bow and arrow)

**ho·mol·o·gy** /ˌhō.mōˌlō.jē/ **noun**, plural **-gies**
1 : structural likeness between corresponding parts of different plants or animals due to evolution from a common ancestor
2 : structural likeness between different parts of the same individual
   * — ho·mol·o·gous /ˌhō.mōˌlō.ˌgəs/ **adjective**

**ho·mon·ym** /ˌhō.məˌnīm/ **noun**
1 : HOMOPHONE, HOMOGRAPH
2 : one of two or more words spelled and pronounced alike but different in meaning (as pool of water and pool the game)

**ho·mo·pho·bia** /ˌhō.mōˌfō.bē.a/ **noun**
: irrational fear of, aversion to, or discrimination against homosexuality or homosexuals
   * — ho·mo·pho·be /ˌhō.mōˌfō.ˌbē/ **noun**
   * — ho·mo·pho·bic /ˌhō.mōˌfō.ˌbik/ **adjective**
ho·mo·phone /ˈhō.məˌfo.n/ noun
: one of two or more words (as to, too, two) pronounced alike but different in meaning or derivation or spelling

Ho·mo sa·pi·ens /ˌhō.mō.ˈsā.pi.ənz/ noun
: the human race : HUMANKIND

Synonyms
  humanity, humankind, man, mankind—more at MANKIND

ho·mo·sex·u·al /ˌhō.mō.ˈsek.shə.ˈwəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or marked by sexual interest in the same sex as oneself; also: of, relating to, or involving sexual intercourse between members of the same sex

— homosexual noun
— ho·mo·sex·u·al·i·ty /ˌhō.mō.ˈsek.shə.ˈwəl.ə.tē/ noun

hon abbreviation
honor; honorable; honorary

Hon·du·ran /hənˈdûrən/ or Hon·du·ra·ne·an or Hon·du·ra·ni·an /hənˈdû.rə.nē.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Honduras

— Honduran or Honduran or Honduranian adjective

1 hone /hōn/ noun
: WHETSTONE

2 hone verb
1 : to sharpen or smooth with a whetstone
2 : to make more acute, intense, or effective

— hon·er noun

Synonyms
  edge, grind, sharpen, strop, whet—more at SHARPEN

hone in verb
: to move toward or direct attention to an objective

1 honest /ˈhānst/ adjective
1 : free from deception : TRUTHFUL; also: GENUINE, REAL
2 : REPUTABLE
3 : CREDITABLE
4 : marked by integrity
5 : marked by free, forthright, and sincere expression : FRANK

Synonyms
  [1] artless, genuine, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, real, simple, sincere, true, truthful, unaffected, unpretentious
  [4] decent, ethical, good, honorable, just, moral, principled, right, righteous, straight, upright, virtuous—more at GOOD
  [5] candid, direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, open, outspoken, plain, straightforward, unguarded, unreserved—more at FRANK

2 honest adverb
: HONESTLY; also: with all sincerity <I didn't do it, ~>

hon·est·ly /ˈhā.nəst.lē/ adverb
1 : in an honest manner
2 : to be honest <~, I don't know>

Synonyms
  actually, forsooth, frankly, really, truly, truthfully, verily—more at ACTUALLY

hon·es·ty /ˈhā.nə.stē/ noun
1 : fairness and straightforwardness of conduct
2 : adherence to the facts
Synonyms

[1] character, decency, goodness, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue—more at Morality

[2] integrity, probity, truthfulness, veracity, verity; also honor, incorruptibility; candidness, candor, frankness, good faith, sincerity; dependability, reliability, reliableness, trustworthiness; accuracy, objectivity; authenticity, correctness, genuineness; credibility

Antonyms

deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, lying, mendacity

honey /ˈhaʊni/ noun, plural honeys
1 : a sweet sticky substance made by honeybees from the nectar of flowers
2 ▶ : a loved one

Synonyms

beloved, darling, dear, flame, love, sweet, sweetheart—more at SWEETHEART

honeybee /ˈhaʊniˌbɪ/ noun
: a social and colonial 4-winged insect often kept in hives for the honey it produces

1honeycomb /ˈhəʊniˌkəm/ noun
: a mass of 6-sided wax cells built by honeybees; also : something of similar structure or appearance

2honeycomb verb
: to make or become full of cavities like a honeycomb

honeydew /ˈhaʊniˌdjuː/ noun
: a sweetish deposit secreted on plants by aphids, scale insects, or fungi

honeydew melon noun
: a smooth-skinned muskmelon with sweet green flesh

honey locust noun
: a tall usu. spiny No. American leguminous tree with hard durable wood and long twisted pods

honey-moon /ˈhaʊniˌmʊn/ noun
1 : a period of harmony esp. just after marriage
2 : a holiday taken by a newly married couple

— honeymoon verb

honey-suckle /ˈhaʊniˌsəkəl/ noun
: any of a genus of shrubs with fragrant tube-shaped flowers rich in nectar

honk /hɑːnk/,ˈhɑːnk/ noun
: the cry of a goose; also : a similar sound (as of a horn)

— honk verb

— honker noun

honky-tonk /ˈhaʊnˌkəˌtɑŋk,ˈhɑnˌkəˌtɑŋk/ noun
: a tawdry nightclub or dance hall

— honky-tonk adjective

1honor /ˈɑːnər/ noun
1 : good name : REPUTATION; also : outward respect
2 ▶ : an exclusive or special right, power, or privilege
3 : a person of superior standing — used esp. as a title
4 : one that brings respect or fame
5 ▶ : an evidence or symbol of distinction
6 : CHASTITY, PURITY
7 ▶ : a keen sense of ethical conduct : INTEGRITY

Synonyms

[2] boon, concession, privilege—more at PRIVILEGE

[5] acclaim, accolade, credit, distinction, glory, homage, laurels—more at GLORY
[5] award, decoration, distinction, plume, prize—more at AWARD
[7] honesty, integrity, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness; also blamelessness, character, decency, fairness, high-mindedness, incorruptibility, justice, morality, nobility, respectability, scrupulousness, virtue

Antonyms
baseness, lowness

2honor verb
1: to regard or treat with honor
2: to confer honor on
3: to fulfill the terms of; also: to accept as payment
— hon·or·ee /əˈnaʊrri/ noun
— hon·or·er noun
hon·or·able /əˈnaʊrəbəl/ adjective
1: deserving of honor
2: of great renown
3: accompanied with marks of honor
4: doing credit to the possessor
5: characterized by integrity
— hon·or·able·ness noun

Synonyms
decent, ethical, good, honest, just, moral, right, righteous, straight, upright, virtuous—more at GOOD
decent, ethical, honest, just, noble, principled, respectable, righteous, upright, upstanding; also decorous, proper, seemly; blameless, guiltless, irreproachable, unassailable, unimpeachable; chivalrous, high-minded; conscientious, fair, good, incorruptible, moral, reputable, respected, scrupulous, virtuous

Antonyms
base, dishonest, ignoble, low, unethical, unjust, unprincipled, unethical

hon·or·ably /əˈnaʊrəbli/ adverb
: in an honorable manner

Synonyms
gallantly, grandly, greatly, heroically, magnanimously, nobly—more at GREATLY

hon·o·rar·i·um /əˈnaʊrərərēəm/ noun, plural -ia /əˈeəi/ also -i·ums
: a reward usu. for services on which custom or propriety forbids a price to be set

hon·or·ary /əˈnaʊrərēəl/ adjective
1: having or conferring distinction
2: conferred in recognition of achievement without the usual prerequisites
3: UNPAID, VOLUNTARY
— hon·or·ari·ly /əˈnaʊrərərēli/ adverb

hon·or·if·ic /əˈnaʊrərəfık/ adjective
: conferring or conveying honor
<~ titles>

hon·our, hon·our·able chiefly British variant of HONOR, HONORABLE

1hood /hūd/ noun
1: a covering for the head and neck and sometimes the face
2: an ornamental fold (as at the back of an ecclesiastical vestment)
3 a : something resembling a hood in form or use
   b: a cover for parts of mechanisms; especially: the covering over an automobile engine
— hood·ed /hūd·ed/ adjective

Synonyms
cloak, curtain, mantle, mask, shroud, veil—more at CLOAK

2hood /hūd, hūd/ noun
: a brutal ruffian: HOODLUM

3hood /hūd/ noun
-hood /ˈhʊd/ noun suffix
1: state : condition : quality : character <boyhood> <hardihood>
2: instance of a (specified) state or quality <falsehood>
3: individuals sharing a (specified) state or character <brotherhood>

hood·ie /ˈhʊ.d/i noun
: a hooded sweatshirt

hood·lum /ˈhʊd.ləm/ˈhʊd./ noun
1: a brutal ruffian : THUG
2: a young ruffian or loafer

Synonyms
bully, gangster, goon, hood, mobster, mug, punk, rowdy, ruffian, thug, tough; also cutthroat, scoundrel, villain; assassin, bandit, bravo, brigand, criminal, crook, desperado, felon, gunman, highwayman, lawbreaker, mafioso, outlaw, perpetrator, pickpocket, racketeer, robber, swindler, thief

hoo·doo /ˈhʊ.dú/ noun, plural hoodoos
1: a body of magical practices traditional esp. among blacks in the southern U.S.
2: something that brings bad luck
— hoodoo verb

hood·wink /ˈhʊd.wɪŋk/ verb
†: to deceive by false appearance
Synonyms
beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, humbug, misinform, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

hoo·ey /ˈhʊ.ɪ/ noun
: NONSENSE

hoof /ˈhʊf/ˈhʊf/ noun, plural hooves /ˈhʊvz/ˈhʊvz/ or hoofs
: a horny covering that protects the ends of the toes of ungulate mammals (as horses or cattle); also: a hoofed foot
— hooved /ˈhʊfd/ˈhʊfd/ adjective

1hook /ˈhʊk/ noun
1: a curved or bent device for catching, holding, or pulling
2: something curved or bent like a hook
3: a flight of a ball (as in golf) that curves in a direction opposite to the dominant hand of the player propelling it
4: a short punch delivered with a circular motion and with the elbow bent and rigid

2hook verb
1 †: to form into a hook : CURVE, CROOK
2 a: to seize or make fast with a hook
b †: to connect by or as if by a hook — often used with up
3 †: to take the property of another wrongfully : STEAL
4: to work as a prostitute
Synonyms
[1] arc, arch, bend, bow, crook, curve, round, sweep, swerve, wheel—more at CURVE
[2] chain, compound, connect, couple, hitch, join, link, yoke—more at CONNECT
[3] appropriate, filch, misappropriate, nip, pilfer, pocket, purloin, snitch, steal, swipe, thieve—more at STEAL

hoo·kah /ˈhʊ.kə,ˈhʊ./ noun
[origin: Ar ḥuqaq bottle of a water pipe]
: WATER PIPE

hook·er /ˈhʊ.kər/ noun
1: one that hooks
2: PROSTITUTE

hook·up /ˈhʊ.kəp/ noun
1 : a state of cooperation or alliance
2 : an assemblage (as of apparatus or circuits) used for a specific purpose (as in radio)

Synonyms
affiliation, alliance, association, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, liaison, partnership, relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION

hook·worm /ˌhükˌwərn/ noun
: any of several parasitic intestinal nematode worms having hooks or plates around the mouth; also : infestation with or disease caused by hookworms

hoo·li·gan /ˌhú.lıˈgən/ noun
: RUFFIAN, HOODLUM

hook /ˈhük/ noun
1 : a circular strip used esp. for holding together the staves of a barrel
2 : a circular figure or object : RING
3 : a circle of flexible material for expanding a woman's skirt
4 : BASKETBALL — usu. used in pl.

Synonyms
band, circle, eye, loop, ring, round—more at RING

hook·la /ˈhükˌlä, ˈhük-/ noun
[origin: Fr houp-là, interj.]
: TO-DO; also : BALLYHOO

hook·ster /ˈhükˌstər/ noun
: a basketball player

hoo·ray /ˈhú.ri/ interjection
— used to express joy, approval, or encouragement

hoose·gow /ˈhūz.ɡä/ noun
[origin: Sp juzgado panel of judges, courtroom]
: JAIL

hoot /ˈhūt/ verb
1 : to shout or laugh usu. in contempt
2 : to make the natural throat noise of an owl
— hoot·er noun

hoot noun
1 : a sound of hooting
2 : the least bit <don't give a ~>
3 : something or someone amusing <the play is a real ~>

Synonyms
[1] cry, holler, howl, shout, whoop, yell, yowl—more at SHOUT
[1] boo, catcall, hiss, jeer, raspberry, snort—more at CATCALL
[2] jot, lick, modicum, rap, title, whit—more at JOT

hoot·e·nan·ny /ˈhūt.əˌna.ni/ noun, plural -nies
: a gathering at which folksingers entertain often with the audience joining in

hop /həp/ verb hopped; hop·ping
1 : to move by a quick springy leap or in a series of leaps
2 : to make a quick trip
3 : to ride on esp. surreptitiously and without authorization

Synonyms
bound, jump, leap, spring, vault—more at JUMP

hop noun
1 : a short brisk leap esp. on one leg
2: a social gathering for dancing: **DANCE**

3: a short trip by air

3. **hop** noun

: a vine related to the mulberry whose ripe dried pistillate catkins are used esp. in flavoring malt liquors; also, pl: its pistillate catkins

1. **hope** /həʊp/ verb hoped; hoping

: to desire with expectation of fulfillment <hopes for a promotion>

Synonyms usually hope for

- anticipate, await, expect, watch—more at **EXPECT**

2. **hope** noun

1: **TRUST**, **RELIANCE**
2: desire accompanied by expectation of fulfillment; also: something hoped for
3: one that gives promise for the future

**HOPE** abbreviation
Health Opportunity for People Everywhere

3. **hopeful** /həʊˈpɛl/ adjective

1: having qualities which inspire hope
2: full of hope

— **hopeful-ness** noun

Synonyms

- auspicious, bright, encouraging, fair, golden, heartening, likely, promising, propitious, rosy, upbeat; also
  cheering, comforting, reassuring; assured, confident, decisive, doubtless, positive, sure, unhesitating; bullish, favorable, good

Antonyms

- bleak, dark, desperate, discouraging, disheartening, dismal, dreary, gloomy, hopeless, inauspicious, pessimistic, unlikely, unpromising

3. **hopeful-ly** /həʊˈpɛl-li/ adverb

1: in a hopeful manner
2: it is hoped

3. **hopeless** /həʊpˈɛlz/ adjective

1: having no expectation of good or success
2 a: incapable of solution, management, or accomplishment: **IMPOSSIBLE**
b: not susceptible to remedy or cure; also: incapable of redemption or improvement

— **hopeless-ly** adverb

Synonyms

- [1] defeatist, despairing, pessimistic—more at **PESSIMISTIC**
- [2a] impossible, unattainable, unsolvable, unworkable—more at **IMPOSSIBLE**
- [2b] incorrigible, incurable, irredeemable, irremediable, unrecoverable, unredeemable; also irreparable, irreversible; unpromising; impotent, unregenerate, unrepentant

Antonyms

- curable, correctable, reclaimable, recoverable, redeemable, reformable, remediable, retrievable

3. **hopeless-ness** /_nes/ noun

: the quality or state of being hopeless

Synonyms

- despair, despondency, forlornness—more at **DESPAIR**

**Hop** /həʊp/ noun, plural Hopi or Hops

: a member of an American Indian people of Arizona; also: the language of the Hopi people

3. **hopped-up** /hɔptˈap/ adjective

1: being under the influence of a narcotic; also: full of enthusiasm or excitement
2: having more power than usual <a ~ engine>
hop·per  /hʌˈpər/  noun
1: a usu. immature hopping insect (as a grasshopper)  
2: a usu. funnel-shaped container for delivering material (as grain)  
3: a freight car with hinged doors in a sloping bottom  
4: a box into which a bill to be considered by a legislative body is dropped  
5: a tank holding a liquid and having a device for releasing its contents through a pipe

hop·scotch  /hʌpˈskɑtʃ/  noun  
: a child's game in which a player tosses an object (as a stone) into areas of a figure drawn on the ground and hops through the figure to pick up the object

hor  abbreviation
horizontal

horde  /hɔrd/  noun  
: a teeming crowd or throng : SWARM

 Synonyms
army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

ho·ri·zon  /hərˈizən/  noun
1: the apparent junction of earth and sky  
2: range of outlook or experience

ho·ri·zon·tal  /hərˌziˈnəl/  adjective  
: parallel to the horizon : LEVEL
 — horizontal  noun
 — horizontally  adverb

ho·rmon·al  /hərˈmənəl/  adjective  
: of, relating to, or effected by hormones

ho·rmon·e  /hərˈmən/  noun  
[Origin: Gk hormōn, prp. of horman to stir up, fr. hormē impulse, assault]  
: a product of living cells that circulates in body fluids and has a specific effect on the activity of cells remote from its point of origin

horn  /hɔrn/  noun  
1: one of the hard projections of bone or keratin on the head of many hoofed mammals  
2: something resembling or suggesting a horn  
3: a brass wind instrument  
4: a usu. electrical device that makes a noise <automobile ~>  
 — horned  /hɔrnid/  adjective
 — horn·less  adjective

horn·book  /hɔrnˌbuk/  noun  
1: a child's primer consisting of a sheet of parchment or paper protected by a sheet of transparent horn  
2: a rudimentary treatise

horned toad  noun  
: any of several small harmless insect-eating lizards with spines on the head resembling horns and spiny scales on the body

hor·net  /hɔrˈnɛt/  noun  
: any of the larger social wasps

horn  in verb  
: to participate without invitation : INTRUDE

horn·pipe  /hɔrnˌpip/  noun  
: a lively folk dance of the British Isles

horny  /hɔrnə/  adjective horn·i·er; -est

1: of or made of horn; also: HARD, CALLOUS
2: having horns
3: desiring sexual gratification; also: excited sexually

**hour** /ˈhɔr/ noun
the science of measuring time or constructing time-indicating instruments

**horology** /ˈhɔrəˌlədʒi/ noun
: the science of measuring time or constructing time-indicating instruments

**horologic** /ˈhɔrəˌlədʒik/ adjective

**horologist** /ˈhɔrəˌlədʒist/ noun

**horoscope** /ˈhɔrəˌskōp/ noun
1: a diagram of the relative positions of planets and signs of the zodiac at a particular time for use by astrologers to foretell events of a person's life
2: an astrological forecast

**horrendous** /ˈhɔrəˌdəs/ adjective
: inspiring horror: DREADFUL, HORRIBLE

**horrible** /ˈhɔrəbəl/ adjective
1: marked by or arousing horror
2: highly disagreeable

**horribleness** noun

**horribly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] dreadful, fearful, fearsome, hair-raising, scary, terrifying
- [2] abhorrent, abominable, distasteful, horrid, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, scandalous, ugly

**horrid** adjective
1: inspiring horror: HIDEOUS
2: highly disagreeable

**horridly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, distasteful, dreadful, horrible, obnoxious, offensive, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, scandalous, shocking, ugly
- [2] appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrid, lurid, macabre, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking, terrible
- [3a] agony, hell, misery, murder, nightmare, torment, torture

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1: highly disagreeable

**horribly** adverb

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- [2] abhorrent, deplorable, disagreeable, disgusting, distasteful, loathsome, nauseating, obnoxious, offensive, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, sickening, abominable, evil, foul, heinous, noxious, odious, unspeakable, vile

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**horror** /ˈhɔrər/ noun
1: painful and intense fear, dread, or dismay
2: intense repugnance
3 a: something that horrifies
b: a repulsive or dismal quality or character
4: the quality of inspiring horror

**Synonyms**
- [1] alarm, anxiety, apprehension, dread, fear, fright, panic, terror, trepidation
- [3a] agony, hell, misery, murder, nightmare, torment, torture
atrociousness, atrocity, frightfulness, hideousness, monstrosity, repulsiveness; also badness, baseness, evil, foulness, heinousness, immorality, iniquity, ungodliness, viciousness, vileness, wickedness; hatefulness; agony, misery, torment, torture

**horror story** noun
: an account of an unsettling or unfortunate occurrence

**hors de com·bat** /ˈɔr də kəˌbæt/ adverb or adjective
: in a disabled condition

**hors d’oeuvre** /ˈɔr dəv/ noun, plural hors d’oeuvres /ˈɔr dəvərz/ also hors d’oeuvre
[origin: F hors-d’oeuvre, lit., outside of the work]
: any of various savory foods usu. served as appetizers

**horse** /ˈhɔrs/ noun, plural horses also horse
1 : a large solid-hoofed herbivorous mammal domesticated as a draft and saddle animal
2 : a supporting framework usu. with legs
— **horse-less** adjective

**Synonyms**

- nag; also colt, filly, foal, gelding, mare, stallion; bronco, mustang, pony; charger, courser, cow pony, mount, palfrey, prancer, quarter horse, racehorse, saddle horse, trotter, workhorse; bay, black, buckskin, chestnut, dun, palomino, pinto, roan, sorrel; cob, jade, plug

**horseback** /ˈhɔrs.bæk/ noun
: the back of a horse

**horseback** adverb
: on horseback

**horse chestnut** noun
: a large tree with palmate leaves, erect conical clusters of showy flowers, and large glossy brown seeds enclosed in a prickly bur; also : its seed

**horse-flesh** /ˈhɔrs.fleʃ/ noun
: horses for riding, driving, or racing

**horse-fly** /ˈflaɪ/ noun
: any of a family of large dipteran flies with bloodsucking females

**horse-hair** /ˈhɔr.hær/ noun
1 : the hair of a horse esp. from the mane or tail
2 : cloth made from horsecost

**horsetrack** /ˌhɔr.stræk/ noun
: a racecourse for horse racing

**horse hide** /ˌhɔr.haɪd/ noun
1 : the dressed or raw hide of a horse
2 : the ball used in baseball

**horse latitudes** noun plural
: either of two calm regions near 30°N and 30°S latitude

**horse-laugh** /ˈhɔrs.lɑːf...lɑf/ noun
: a loud boisterous laugh

**horse-man** /ˈhɔrsmən/ noun
1 : one who rides horseback; also : one skilled in managing horses
2 : a breeder or raiser of horses
— **horsemanship** noun

**horse-play** /ˈhɔr.spɛl/ noun
: rough boisterous play

**Synonyms**

- foolery, high jinks, monkeyshines, roughhouse, shenanigans, tomfoolery; also buffoonery, clownishness, foolishness, joking, nonsense, waggery; rowdiness; devilry, impishness, mischief, mischievousness,
horse·play·er /ˈhɔrˌpleɪər/ noun
: a bettor on horse races

horse·pow·er /ˈhɔrˌpər/ noun
: a unit of power equal in the U.S. to 746 watts

horse·rad·ish /ˈhɔrˌrædɪʃ/ noun
: a tall white-flowered herb related to the mustards whose pungent root is used as a condiment; also : the pungent condiment

horse sense noun
: sound and prudent judgment based on a simple perception of the situation or facts

Synonyms
common sense, prudence, sense, wisdom, wit—more at COMMON SENSE

horse·shoe /ˈhɔrˌshu/ noun
1 : a usu. U-shaped protective metal plate fitted to the rim of a horse's hoof
2 plural : a game in which horseshoes are pitched at a fixed object
— horse·shoe verb
— horse·sho·er noun

horseshoe crab noun
: any of several marine arthropods with a broad crescent-shaped combined head and thorax

horse·tail /ˈhɔrˌtāl/ noun
: any of a genus of primitive spore-producing plants with hollow jointed stems and leaves reduced to sheaths about the joints

horse·whip /ˈhɔrˌwɪp/ verb
: to flog with a whip made to be used on a horse

horse·wom·an /ˈhɔrˌwomən/ noun
: a woman skilled in riding horseback or in caring for or managing horses; also : a woman who breeds or raises horses

hors·ey also horsy /ˈhɔrˌsi/ adjective hors·i·er; -est
1 : of, relating to, or suggesting a horse
2 : having to do with horses or horse racing

hort abbreviation
horticultural; horticulture

hor·ta·tive /ˈhɔrˌti ˈtəv/ adjective
: giving exhortation

hor·ta·to·ry /ˈhɔrˌti ˈtɔrəl/ adjective
: HORTATIVE

hor·ti·cul·ture /ˈhɔrˌti kəl ˈkʌrəl/ noun
: the science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants
— hor·ti·cul·tur·al /ˈhɔrˌti kəl ˈkʌrəl/ adjective
— hor·ti·cul·tur·ist /ˈhɔrˌti kəl ˈkʌrəst/ noun

Hos abbreviation
Hosea

ho·san·na /ˈhɔsəna, ˈhɔsəna/ interjection
[Origin: Gk hôsanna, fr. Heb ḥōṣīni ʾāh-nā pray, save (us)!]
— used as a cry of acclamation and adoration
— hosanna noun
1 hose /hoʊsi/ noun, plural hose or hos·es
1 plural hose: STOCKING, SOCK; also: a close-fitting garment covering the legs and waist
2: a flexible tube for conveying fluids (as from a faucet)

2 hose verb hosed; hos·ing
: to spray, water, or wash with a hose

Ho·sea /hōˈzaˌeə, -zēə/ noun
: a book of the canonical Jewish and Christian Scriptures

ho·siery /hōˈzərē, -zēə/ noun
: STOCKINGS, SOCKS

hosp abbreviation
hospital

hos·pice /hōsˈpiks/ noun
1: a lodging for travelers or for young persons or the underprivileged
2: a facility or program for caring for dying persons

Synonyms
hotel, inn, lodge, public house, tavern—more at HOTEL

hos·pi·ta·ble /hōˈspi·tə·bəl, -zēə/ adjective
1: given to generous and cordial reception of guests
2: readily receptive

hos·pi·ta·bly /-bli/ adverb

Synonyms
affable, cordial, genial, gracious, sociable—more at GRACIOUS

hos·pi·tal /hōsˈpital/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF, fr. ML hospitale hospice, guest house, fr. neut. of L hospitalis of a guest, fr. hospit-, hospes guest, host]
: an institution where the sick or injured receive medical or surgical care

hos·pi·tal·ise British variant of HOSPITALIZE

hos·pi·tal·i·ty /hōsˈpi·tal·əti/ noun, plural -ties
: hospitable treatment, reception, or disposition

hos·pi·tal·ize /hōsˈpi·tal·iz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
: to place in a hospital as a patient

hos·pi·tal·i·za·tion /hōsˈpi·tal·əˌza·shən/ noun

1 host /hōst/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF ost, fr. LL hostis, fr. L, stranger, enemy]
1: a large organized body of armed personnel trained for war esp. on land: ARMY
2: a very large number: MULTITUDE

Synonyms
army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

2 host noun
[ORIGIN: ME hoste host, guest, fr. AF, fr. L hospit-, hospes]
1: one who receives or entertains guests
2: an animal or plant on or in which a parasite lives

host verb

3 host noun, often cap
[ORIGIN: ultim. fr. L hostia sacrifice]
: the eucharistic bread

hos·tage /hōstij/ noun
1: a person kept as a pledge pending the fulfillment of an agreement
2: a person taken by force to secure the taker's demands

**hostel** /ˈhāstəl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. ML hospitale hospice]
1: an establishment for the lodging and entertaining of travelers: INN
2: a supervised lodging for youth

— **hostel-er** noun

— **hostel-ry** /ˈrēl/ noun, plural -ries
: an establishment for the lodging and entertaining of travelers: INN, HOTEL

**hostess** /ˈhōstəs/ noun
: a woman who acts as host

**hostel** /ˈhōstəl, ˈhōstəl/ adjective

— **hostel-ly** adverb

**hostile** /ˈhōstəl/ adjective

— **hostile-ly** adverb

Hot /ˈhōt/ adjective hotter; hottest

1: marked by a high temperature or an uncomfortable degree of body heat
2: giving a sensation of heat or of burning
3: Ardent, Fiery
4: sexually excited
5: marked by enthusiastic or impatient desire or interest: Eager
6: newly made or received
7: Pungent
8: unusually lucky or favorable (<~ dice>)
9: recently and illegally obtained (<~ jewels>)
10: currently popular or in demand
11: marked by extreme force or sudden intense activity: Violent

— **hot** adverb
— **hot-ly** adverb

**hostler** /ˈhōstələr, ˈhōstələr/ noun
: one who takes care of horses or mules
hot air noun
- empty talk
  Synonyms
  - bombast, gas, grandiloquence, rhetoric, wind—more at RHE TORIC

hot-bed /ˌbed/ noun
1. a glass-covered bed of soil heated (as by fermenting manure) and used esp. for raising seedlings
2. an environment that favors rapid growth or development

hot-blooded /ˈbla_ded/ adjective
- easily roused or excited
  Synonyms
  - ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, glowing, impassioned, passionate, red-hot, vehement, warm—more at FERVENT

hot-box /ˈbɑks/ noun
- a bearing (as of a railroad car) overheated by friction

hot button noun
- an emotional issue or concern that triggers immediate intense reaction

hot-cake /ˌkɑk/ noun
- a flat cake made of thin batter and cooked (as on a griddle) on both sides: PANCAKE

hot dog noun
- a cooked frankfurter usu. served in a long split roll

hotel /ˈhɔ.tel/ noun
[Origin: F hôtel, fr. OF hostel, fr. ML hospitale hospice]
- a building where lodging and usu. meals, entertainment, and various personal services are provided for the public
  Synonyms
  - hospice, inn, lodge, public house, tavern; also bed-and-breakfast; accommodations, lodgings, rest; motel, motor court, resort, spa, youth hostel; camp, campground; dorm, dormitory; boardinghouse, lodging house, rooming house

hot flash noun
- a sudden brief flushing and sensation of heat usu. associated with menopausal endocrine imbalance

hot-headed /ˈhæt_ˈhe_ded/ adjective
- FIERY, IMPETUOUS
  - hot-headed /ˈhed/ noun
  - hot-headed-ly adverb
  - hot-headed-ness noun

hot-house /ˈhaʊs/ noun
- a heated greenhouse esp. for raising tropical plants

hot-line /ˈhæt_ˈlɪn/ noun
- a telephone line for emergency use (as between governments or to a counseling service)

hotness /ˈnæs/ noun
- the quality or state of being hot

hot pants noun plural
- very short shorts

hot pepper noun
- a small usu. thin-walled pepper with a pungent taste; also: a plant bearing hot peppers

hot plate noun
hot potato noun
: an embarrassing or controversial issue

hot rod noun
: an automobile modified for high speed and fast acceleration
— hot–rod·der / ˈhöt-.rōd-ər / noun

hats /ˈhāts/ noun plural
: strong sexual desire — usu. used with the

hot seat noun
: a position of anxiety or embarrassment

hot shot /ˈhär,.shōt/ noun
: a showily skillful person

hot tub noun
: a large tub of hot water for one or more bathers

hot water noun
: TROUBLE, DIFFICULTY

hot–wire /ˈhär-wī/ verb
: to start (an automobile) by short-circuiting the ignition system

hound /haʊnd/ noun
1 : a domestic mammal closely related to the gray wolf; especially : any of various hunting dogs that track prey by scent or sight
2 : FAN, ADDICT

hound verb
: to pursue relentlessly

Synonyms
— chase, dog, follow, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, trace, track, trail—more at FOLLOW
— henpeck, nag, needle—more at NAG

hour /aʊ(.ə)/ noun
1 : the 24th part of a day : 60 minutes
2 : the time of day
3 : a particular or customary time
4 : a class session
— hourly adverb or adjective

hourglass /aʊ(.ə)r.ˌgla스/ noun
: a glass vessel for measuring time in which sand runs from an upper compartment to a lower compartment in an hour

hou·ri /ˈhʊr.ə/ noun

house /ˈhau(.ə)s/ noun, plural houses /ˈhau.ˌzəz/
1 : a building for human habitation
2 : an animal shelter (as a den or nest)
3 : a building in which something is stored
4 a : those who dwell under the same roof and compose a family : HOUSEHOLD
 b : a family including ancestors, descendants, and kindred : FAMILY
5 : a residence for a religious community or for students; also : those in residence
6 : a legislative body
7 : a place of business or entertainment
8 : a business organization
9: the audience in a theater or concert hall

— houseful noun

Synonyms

- [1] abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, habitation, hearth, home, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, roof
  — more at HOME
- [4b] blood, clan, family, folk, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY
- [8] business, company, concern, enterprise, establishment, firm, outfit—more at ENTERPRISE

house /ˈhaʊz/ verb housed; housing

1: to provide with or take shelter: LODGE

2: to encase, enclose, or shelter as if by putting in a house

Synonyms

- [1] accommodate, billet, chamber, domicile, harbor, lodge, put up, quarter, roof, shelter, take in; also board, bunk, enconce, home, roost, secure, stable, tent
- [2] cage, closet, coop, corral, encase, enclose, envelop, fence, hedge, hem, immure, pen, wall—more at ENCLOSE

houseboat /ˈhaʊsbɔt/ noun

: a pleasure boat fitted for use as a dwelling or for leisurely cruising

houseboy /ˈhaʊzbɔɪ/ noun

: a boy or man hired to act as a household servant

housebreak /ˈhaʊzbreɪk/ verb -broke; -broke·en; -break·ing

: to train (a pet) in excretory habits acceptable in indoor living

housebreaking /ˈhaʊzbreɪkɪŋ/ noun

: the act of breaking into a dwelling with the intent of committing a felony

houseclean /ˈhaʊsklɛn/ verb

: to clean a house and its furniture

— housecleaning noun

housecoat /ˈhaʊskət/ noun

: a woman's often long-skirted informal garment for wear around the house

housefly /ˈhaʊsfli/ noun

: a dipteran fly that is common about human habitations

1household /ˈhɔld/ noun

: those who dwell as a family under the same roof

— householder noun

Synonyms

- house; also folks, kin, kindred, kinfolk, kith; brood; nuclear family; clan, community

2household adjective

1: DOMESTIC

2: frequently seen or experienced: FAMILIAR, COMMON <a ~ name>

Synonyms

- common, commonplace, customary, everyday, familiar, frequent, ordinary, routine, usual—more at COMMON

housekeeper /ˈhaʊskɛr/ noun

: a woman employed to take care of a house

housekeeping /ˈhaʊskɛpiŋ/ noun

: the care and management of a house or institutional property

houselights /ˈhaʊslɪts/ noun plural

: the lights that illuminate the auditorium of a theater

housemaid /ˈhaʊzmād/ noun

: a female servant employed to do housework
Synonyms

- domestic, maid, maidservant—more at **maid**

**house-mother** /ˌmaθər/ noun
: a woman acting as hostess, chaperone, and often housekeeper in a group residence

**house-plant** /ˌplænt/ noun
: a plant grown or kept indoors

**house sparrow** noun
: a Eurasian sparrow widely introduced in urban and agricultural areas

**house-top** /ˈhɔːsˌtɒp/ noun
: roof

**house-wares** /ˌwɔrəz/ noun plural
: small articles of household equipment

**house-warming** /ˌhɔrəmɪŋ/ noun
: a party to celebrate the taking possession of a house or premises

**house-wife** /ˌhaʊsˌwaɪ/ noun
: a married woman in charge of a household
  — **house-wife-ly** adjective
  — **house-wif-ery** /ˌwaɪfərɪ/ noun

**house-work** /ˌhɔːswɜrk/ noun
: the work of housekeeping

1 **housing** /ˈhauzɪŋ/ noun
  1 : shelter; also : dwellings provided for people
  2 : something that covers or protects

  - Synonyms
    - armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, husk, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at **case**

2 **housing** noun
: **caparison**

**HOV** abbreviation
high-occupancy vehicle

**hove** past and past participle of **heave**

**hovel** /ˈhʌvəl/ noun
: a small, wretched, and often dirty house : **hut**

**hover** /ˈhɑvər, ˈhɑvər/ verb hovered; hovering
1 a : **flutter**
 b : to remain suspended over a place or object
  2 : to move to and fro
  3 : to be in an uncertain state of uncertainty, irresolution, or suspense

  - Synonyms
    - [1b] drift, float, glide, hang, poise, ride, sail, waft—more at **float**
    - [3] hang, menace, overhang, threaten—more at **threaten**

**hovercraft** /ˌhɑvərˌkɑrt/ noun
: a vehicle that rides on a cushion of air over a surface

1 **how** /haʊ/ adverb
  1 : in what way or manner <~ was it done>
  2 : with what meaning <~ do we interpret such behavior>
  3 : for what reason <~ could you have done such a thing>
  4 : to what extent or degree <~ deep is it>
5: in what state or condition <~ are you>
— how about
: what do you say to or think of <how about coming with me>
— how come
: why is it that
2how conjunction
1: the way or manner in which <remember ~ they fought>
2: HOWEVER <do it ~ you like>
1howbeit /haʊˈbɛt/ conjunction
: even though : ALTHOUGH
Synonyms
   albeit, although, though, when, while—more at ALTHOUGH
2howbeit adverb
: on the other hand : NEVERTHELESS
Synonyms
   but, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still, though, withal, yet—more at HOWEVER
how·dah /hauˈda/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi & Urdu hauda, fr. Ar hadaj]
: a seat or covered pavilion on the back of an elephant or camel
1however /hauˈə.vər/ conjunction
: in whatever manner that
2however adverb
1: to whatever degree; also : in whatever manner
2: on the other hand
Synonyms
   but, howbeit, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still, though, withal, yet; also after all, anyhow, regardless
how·it·zer /hauˈɪt.ər/ noun
: a short cannon that shoots shells at a high angle
1how /hau/ verb
1: to emit a loud long doleful sound characteristic of dogs
2: to cry loudly
Synonyms
   [1] bay, keen, wail, yowl; also bawl, caterwaul, squall, yawp, yell, yelp
   [2] scream, shriek, shrill, squeal, yell, yelp—more at SCREAM
2how noun
1: a loud protracted mournful cry characteristic of dogs
2a: a prolonged cry of distress
b: a yell or outcry of disappointment, rage, or protest
Synonyms
   [2a] groan, keen, lament, moan, plaint, wail—more at LAMENT
   [2b] cry, holler, hoot, shout, whoop, yell, yowl—more at SHOUT
   [2b] clamor, hubbub, hue and cry, hullabaloo, noise, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar—more at CLAMOR
howl·er /hauˈlər/ noun
1: one that howls
2: a humorous and ridiculous blunder
howl·ing adjective
1: DESOLATE, WILD
2: very great <a ~ success>
how·so·ev·er /hauˈsoʊ.ər/ adverb
hoy·den /ˈhoɪdən/ noun
: a girl or woman of saucy, boisterous, or carefree behavior

hoy·den·ish /ˈiʃn/ adjective
: being or acting as a hoyden

hp abbreviation
horsepower

HP abbreviation
high pressure

HPF abbreviation
highest possible frequency

HQ abbreviation
headquarters

hr abbreviation
1 here
2 hour

HR abbreviation
House of Representatives

HRH abbreviation
1 Her Royal Highness
2 His Royal Highness

hrzn abbreviation
horizon

Hs symbol
hassium

HS abbreviation
high school

HST abbreviation
Hawaiian standard time

ht abbreviation
height

HT abbreviation
1 Hawaii time
2 high-tension

HTML /ˈhætˌlɛk.ɪm.ɛl/ noun
[ORIGIN: hypertext markup language]
: a computer language used to create World Wide Web documents

http abbreviation
hypertext transfer protocol

hua·ra·che /ˈweɪ.ɾə.ɾa.ɾa.ɾe/ noun
[ORIGIN: MexSp]
: a sandal with an upper made of interwoven leather strips

hub /ˈhæb/ noun
1 : the central part of a circular object (as a wheel)
2 a : a center of activity
   b : an airport or city through which an airline routes most of its traffic

Synonyms
1 hub·bub /haˈbəb/ noun
1 : a noisy confusion of sound : UPROAR
2 : a state of tumultuous confusion or excitement : TURMOIL
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] clamor, howl, hue and cry, hullabaloo, noise, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar—more at CLAMOR
   ➢ [2] commotion, disturbance, fuss, pandemonium, tumult, turmoil—more at COMMOTION

2 hub·cap /ˈhaˌkæp/ noun
: a removable metal cap over the end of an axle

3 hu·bris /ˈhyəbrɪs/ noun
: exaggerated pride or self-confidence

4 huck·le·ber·ry /ˈhʌk.ləˌbɛri/ noun
1 : any of a genus of American shrubs of the heath family; also : its edible dark blue berry
2 : BLUEBERRY

5 huck·ster /ˈhʌk.stər/ noun
: PEDDLER, HAWKER
— huckster verb

6 HUD abbreviation
Department of Housing and Urban Development

1 huddle /ˈhʌdl/ verb hud·dled; hud·dling
1 : to crowd together
2 : CONFER
3 : to curl up : CROUCH
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] bunch, cluster, crowd, press—more at PRESS
   ➢ [3] crouch, hunch, squat—more at CROUCH

2 huddle noun
1 : a closely packed group
2 : an assembly for a common purpose : MEETING, CONFERENCE
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, bunch, clump, cluster, collection, group, knot, lot, package, parcel, set, suite
   ➢ [2] assembly, conference, congress, convention, convocation, council, gathering, get-together, meeting, powwow, seminar—more at MEETING

7 hue /ˈhju/ noun
1 : a phenomenon of light or visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical objects : COLOR; also : gradation of color
2 : the attribute of colors that permits them to be classed as red, yellow, green, blue, or an intermediate color
   — hued /ˈhjuid/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ➢ cast, color, shade, tinge, tint, tone—more at COLOR

8 hue and cry noun
1 : a clamor of pursuit or protest
   Synonyms
   ➢ clamor, howl, hubbub, hullabaloo, noise, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar—more at CLAMOR

9 huff /ˈhʌf/ noun
1 : a fit of anger or pique
   — huff verb
   — huffy adjective
   Synonyms
   ➢
dither, fluster, fret, fuss, lather, pother, stew, tizzy, twitter—more at FRET
dudgeon, offense, peeve, pique, resentment, umbrage—more at PIQUE

**hug /ˈhʌɡ/** verb hugged; hugging
1: to press tightly esp. in the arms: EMBRACE
2: to stay close to
— hug noun
    Synonyms
    caress, clasp, embrace, enfold, grasp—more at EMBRACE

**huge /ˈhjuː/** adjective hug·er; hug·est
1: very large or extensive
    Synonyms
    astronomical, colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, grand, jumbo, mammoth, massive, prodigious, titanic, tremendous, vast, whopping; also big, bulky, considerable, extensive, good, goodly, great, gross, handsome, hefty, hulking, major, sizable, substantial, voluminous; august, considerable, imposing, lofty, majestic; cavernous, monolithic, overwhelming, staggering, stupendous, towering; boundless, cosmic, immeasurable, infinite
    Antonyms
diminutive, microscopic, minute, teeny, tiny, wee

huge·ly adverb
1: to a great extent or degree
    Synonyms
    broadly, considerably, greatly, largely, massively, monstrously, much, sizably, stupendously, tremendously, utterly, vastly—more at GREATLY

huge·ness /ˈnæs/ noun
1: the quality or state of being huge
    Synonyms
    enormity, immensity, magnitude, massiveness, vastness—more at IMMENSITY

1 **hugger–mugger /ˈhʌɡ._ˈmʌɡ._r/ noun
1: SECRECY
2: CONFUSION, MUDDLE

2 **hugger–mugger adjective
1: kept from knowledge or view
2: of a confused or disorderly nature
    Synonyms
    [1] clandestine, covert, furtive, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhanded—more at SECRET
    [2] chaotic, disheveled, disordered, disorderly, higgledy-piggledy, messy, pell-mell, topsy-turvy, unkempt, untidy

Hu·gue·not /ˈhʏɡ._.ɡe_.nɔl/ noun
1: a French Protestant of the 16th and 17th centuries

**hua (chinese) /ˈhʊ.ḷa/ noun
1: a sinuous Polynesian dance usu. accompanied by chants

**hulk /ˈhʌlk/ noun
1: a heavy clumsy ship
2: an old ship unfit for service
3: a bulky or unwieldy person or thing
    Synonyms
    clod, gawk, lout, lubber, lug, oaf—more at OAF

hulk·ing /ˈhʌlkɪŋ/ adjective
1: BURLY, MASSIVE
1 hull /hound/ noun
1 : the outer covering of a fruit or seed
2 : the frame or body esp. of a ship or boat

2 hull verb
✓ : to remove the hulls of

— hull-er noun

Synonyms
✓ bark, flay, husk, peel, shell, skin—more at peel

hul-la-ba-loo /ha.la.ba.lu/ noun, plural -loos
✓ : a confused noise : uproar

Synonyms
✓ clamor, howl, hubbub, hue and cry, noise, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar—more at clamor

hul-lo /ha.lu/ chiefly British variant of hello

1 hum /ham/ verb hummed; humming
1 : to utter a sound like that of the speech sound m prolonged
2 ✓ : to make the natural noise of an insect in motion or a similar sound : drone
3 : to be busily active
4 : to run smoothly
5 : to sing with closed lips

Synonyms
✓ buzz, drone, whir, whish, zip, zoom—more at whir

2 hum noun
✓ : the act of humming or the sound made by humming

Synonyms
✓ buzz, drone, purr, whir, whiz, zoom; also coo, babble, gurgle, hiss, moan, murmur, rustle, sigh, whisper; whish, zing, zip

1 human /'hju.men, 'yu/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, being, or characteristic of humans
2 : having human form or attributes

— hu-man-ly adverb
— hu-man-ness noun

2 human noun
✓ : any of a species of bipedal primate mammals comprising all living persons and their recent ancestors; also : hominid

Synonyms
✓ being, body, creature, individual, life, man, mortal, person, soul

hu-mane /'hju.men, 'yu/ adjective
1 ✓ : marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for others
2 : humanistic

— hu-mane-ly adverb
— hu-mane-ness noun

Synonyms
✓ beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted; also attentive, considerate, thoughtful; affable, benign, cordial, friendly, gentle, good, good-natured, good-tempered, gracious, mild, nice, pleasant; clement, forbearing, forgiving, lenient, merciful, soft; patient, pitying, tolerant, understanding; altruistic, brotherly, charitable, generous, greathearted, humanitarian, magnanimous, noble, philanthropic, unselfish, unsparing

Antonyms
✓ barbarous, bestial, brutal, brutish, callous, cold-blooded, cruel, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, insensate, savage, unfeeling, unkind, unkindly, unsympathetic

human immunodeficiency virus noun
humanism /ˈhjuːˌmæn.i.zəm/ noun
1 : devotion to the humanities; also : the revival of classical letters characteristic of the Renaissance
— hu·man·ist /ˈnɪst/ noun or adjective
— hu·man·is·tic /ˈhjuːˌmæn.i.ˈtɪs.tɪk/ adjective

humanitarian /ˈhjuːˌmæn.i.ˈtɛr.i.ən/ noun
: one who practices philanthropy
— hu·man·i·tar·i·an·ism noun

humanitarian adjective
▶ : concerned for or active in the promotion of human welfare
  Synonyms
  altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, charitable, philanthropic—more at CHARITABLE

human·i·ty /ˈhjuː.mæ.nə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being human or humane
2 plural : the branches of learning dealing with human concerns (as philosophy) as opposed to natural processes (as physics)
3 ▶ : the human race
  Synonyms
  [1] charity, commiseration, compassion, feeling, heart, kindliness, kindness, mercy, pity, sympathy—more at HEART
  [3] folks, humankind, people, persons, public, society, world—more at PEOPLE

human·ize /ˈhjuːˌmæn.i.ˈzaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to make human or humane
— hu·man·iza·tion /ˈhjuːˌmæn.i.ˈza.ʃən/ noun
— hu·man·iz·er noun

human·kind /ˈhjuːˌmæn.kɪnd/ noun
▶ : the human race
  Synonyms
  Homo sapiens, humanity, man, mankind—more at MANKIND

humanoid /ˈhjuːˌmæ.nə.ɪd/ adjective
: having human form or characteristics
— humanoid noun

human pap·il·lo·ma·virus /ˌhjuː.ˌpeɪ.ˌlə.ˌme.ˌvərəs/ noun
: any of numerous DNA-containing viruses that cause various human warts

1 : not proud or haughty
2 ▶ : not pretentious : UNASSUMING
3 ▶ : ranking low in a hierarchy or scale
  Synonyms
  demure, lowly, meek, modest, retiring, unassuming, unpretentious; also acquiescent, compliant, deferential, resigned, submissive, unaggressive, unassertive, yielding; cowering, cringing, shrinking; ingenuous, naive, plain, simple, unaffected; bashful, diffident, mousy, overmodest, passive, quiet, reserved, shy, subdued, timid, unobtrusive
  Antonyms
  arrogant, conceited, presumptuous, proud, self-important
  [3] common, ignoble, inferior, low, lowly, mean, plebeian, vulgar—more at IGNoble

humble verb hum·bled; hum·bling
1 : to make humble
2  : to destroy the power or prestige of
   — hum·bler noun
     Synonyms
     ˅ abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humiliate, lower, shame, smirch, take down;
     also abash, discomfit, discountenance, embarrass, fluster, mortify; belittle, castigate, criticize, decry,
     depreciate, detract, disparage, minimize, put down, ridicule; bad-mouth, defame, defile, libel, malign, slander;
     affront, insult; censure, condemn, damn, denounce, repudiate
     Antonyms
     aggrandize, elevate, exalt
   
   hum·ble·ness /ˌnəmˈbi:liŋ/ noun
   ˅ : the quality or state of being humble
     Synonyms
     ˅ humility, lowliness, meekness, modesty—more at HUMILITY
   
   hum·bly /ˈhʌmˌbli/ adverb
   ˅ : in a humble manner
     Synonyms
     ˅ lowly, meekly, modestly, sheepishly
   
1 humbug /ˈhʌmˌbɪg/ noun
   1  : something designed to deceive and mislead : HOAX
   2  : language, conduct, or an idea that is absurd or contrary to good sense : NONSENSE
   3  : a willfully false, deceptive, or insincere person
     Synonyms
     1 [1] counterfeit, fake, forgery, hoax, phony, sham—more at FAKE
     2 [2] bunk, claptrap, drivel, fiddleticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness,
       slush, stupidity, trash—more at NONSENSE
     3 charlatan, fake, fraud, hoaxer, mountebank, phony, pretender, quack
   
2 humbug verb hum·bug·ged; hum·bug·ging
   ˅ : to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid : DECEIVE
     Synonyms
     ˅ beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, misinform, mislead, string
       along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE
   
hum·ding·er /ˈhʌmdɪŋər/ noun
   : a person or thing of striking excellence
   
hum·drum /ˈhʌmdrəm/ adjective
   ˅ : tediously uniform or unvarying : MONOTONOUS, DULL
   — humdrum noun
     Synonyms
     ˅ drab, dull, flat, monotonous, ponderous, stuffy, uninteresting
   
hu·mer·us /ˈhjuːˌmɛrəs/ noun, plural hu·meri /ˈhjuːˌmɛri/ : the long bone extending from shoulder to elbow
   
hu·mid /ˈhjuːˌmɪd/ˈyuː/ adjective
   ˅ : containing or characterized by perceptible moisture
   — hu·mid·ly adverb
     Synonyms
     ˅ muggy, sticky, sultry; also summery, sweltering, torrid; subtropical, tropic, tropical; close, heavy, oppressive,
       smothering, stifling, stuffy, suffocating; clammy, damp, dank, moist; drenched, dripping, soaked, sodden,
       soggy, sopping, waterlogged, wet
     Antonyms
     dry
   
hu·mid·i·fy /ˈhjuːˌmɪdiˌfaɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
   : to make humid
— humidification /ˌhjuːˈmɪd.ɪ.ʃən/ noun
— humidifier /ˌhjuːˈmɪd.ɪ.fər/ noun

hu·mid·i·ty /ˈhjuː.mɪ.d.ə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
: the amount of atmospheric moisture

hu·mid·or /ˈhjuː.mə.ˈdɔr/ noun
: a case (as for storing cigars) in which the air is kept properly humidified

hu·mil·i·ate /ˈhjuː.mɪ.ˈle.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to injure the self-respect of
— hu·mil·i·at·ing·ly adverb
— hu·mil·i·a·tion /ˈhjuː.ˌmɪ.ˈle.ə.ʃən/ noun
 Synonyms
 ‣ abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, lower, shame, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE

hu·mil·i·ty /ˈhjuː.mɪ.ˈle.ə.ti/ noun
: the quality or state of being humble
 Synonyms
 ‣ humbleness, lowliness, meekness, modesty; also acquiescence, compliance, deference, submission; ingenuousness, naïveté; directness, plainness, simpleness; bashfulness, diffidence, passivity, quietness, reserve, reservedness, shyness, timidity
 Antonyms
 ‣ arrogance, conceit, egoism, egotism, haughtiness, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, pride, superiority

hum·mer /ˈhʌ.mər/ noun
: one that hums

hum·ming·bird /ˈhʌ.mɪŋ.ˈbɜrd/ noun
: any of a family of tiny brightly colored American birds related to the swifts

hum·mock /ˈhʌ.mɑk/ noun
: a rounded mound : KNOLL
— hum·mocky /ˈhʌ.mɑk.ə/ adjective

hum·mus /ˈhʌ.məs/ noun
[ORIGIN: Ar ḥummuṣ chickpeas]
: a paste of pureed chickpeas usu. mixed with sesame oil or paste

hu·mon·gous /ˈhʌ.mən.ˈgəs/ adjective
[ORIGIN: perh. alter. of huge + monstrous]
: extremely large

1humor /ˈhjuːˌmɔr/ noun
 1: TEMPERAMENT
 2: a conscious state of mind or predominant emotion : MOOD
 3: WHIM
 4: a quality that appeals to a sense of the ludicrous or incongruous; also : a keen perception of the ludicrous or incongruous
 5: comical or amusing entertainment
 Synonyms
 ‣ [2] cheer, frame, mode, mood, spirit, temper—more at MOOD
 ‣ [5] comedy, farce, slapstick—more at COMEDY

2humor verb
: to comply with the wishes or mood of
 Synonyms
 ‣ cater, gratify, indulge—more at INDULGE

hu·mor·ist /ˈhjuː.ˌmɔr.ist/ noun
humor

hu·mor·less /ˈh(y)u-mər-ləs/ adverb
1 : lacking a sense of humor
2 : lacking humorous characteristics

hu·mor·less·ly adverb

hu·mor·less·ness noun

hu·mor·less adjective
1 : lacking a sense of humor
2 : lacking humorous characteristics

hu·mor·ous /ˈh(y)u-mər-əs/ adverb
1 : full of or characterized by humor
2 : indicating or expressive of a sense of humor

hu·mor·ous·ly adverb

hu·mor·ous·ness noun

hu·mor /ˈh(y)u-mər/ noun
chiefly British variant of HUMOR

hump /hæmp/ noun
1 : a rounded protuberance (as on the back of a camel)
2 : a difficult phase or obstacle <over the ~>

humped adjective

hump·back /ˈhæmp·bæk/ 1 also ′bæk/ noun
1 : HUNCHBACK
2 : HUMPBACK WHALE

hump·backed adjective

hump·back whale noun

hù·mus /ˈh(y)u-məs, ˈyuː-/ noun
the dark organic part of soil formed from decaying matter

Hun /hʌn/ noun
a member of an Asian people that invaded Europe about a.d. 450

hunch /hæŋch/ verb
1 : to thrust oneself forward
2 : to assume or cause to assume a bent or crooked posture

hunch noun

hunch·back /′hæŋch·bæk/ noun
a person with a crooked back; also : a back with a hump

hunch·backed adjective

hun·dred /ˈhʌndrəd/ noun, plural hundreds or hundred
10 times 10
— hundred adjective
— hun·dredth /ˌhənˈdridθ/ adjective or noun

hun·dred·weight /ˌhʌndrɪdˈwɛt/ noun, plural hundredweight or hundredweights
: a unit of measurement typically equal to 100 pounds

1 hung past and past participle of HANG
2 hung adjective
: unable to reach a decision or verdict <a ~ jury>

Hung abbreviation
Hungarian; Hungary

Hun·gar·i·an /ˈhʌŋɡərɪən/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Hungary
2 : the language of the Hungarians

— Hungarian adjective

1 hunger /ˈhʌŋɡər/ noun
1 : a craving or urgent need for food
2 : a strong desire

Synonyms
vertices: appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

2 hunger verb
1 : to feel or suffer hunger
2 : to have an eager desire

Synonyms
vertices: ache, die, hanker, itch, long, pant, pine, sigh, thirst, yearn

usually hunger for ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

hung·over /ˈhʌŋɡəvr/ adjective
: having a hangover

hung·ry /ˈhʌŋɡri/ adjective
1 : feeling hunger
2 : marked by enthusiastic or impatient desire or interest

— hun·gri·ly adverb

Synonyms
vertices: [1] empty, famished; also rapacious, ravenous, voracious, wolfish; malnourished, undernourished, underfed; glutonous, gormandizing, greedy, hoggish, insatiable, piggish

Antonyms
full, satisfied
vertices: [2] agog, anxious, ardent, athirst, avid, crazy, eager, enthusiastic, gung ho, hot, keen, nuts, raring, solicitous, thirsty, voracious—more at EAGER

hung up adjective
1 : DELAYED
2 : ENTHUSIASTIC; also : PREOCCUPIED
3 : anxiously nervous

hunk /ˈhʌŋk/ noun
1 : a large piece
2 : an attractive well-built man

— hunky adjective

Synonyms
vertices: blob, chunk, clod, clump, glob, gob, lump, nub, wad—more at LUMP
hun·ker /ˈhʌnkər/ verb
1 : CROUCH, SQUAT — usu. used with down
2 : to settle in for a sustained period — used with down

hun·ky–do·ry /ˈhʌŋkəˌdərē/ adjective
: quite satisfactory : FINE

hunt /ˈhʌnt/ verb
1 : to pursue for food or in sport; also : to take part in a hunt
2 : to try to find : SEEK
3 : to drive or chase esp. by harrying
4 : to traverse or go over in search of prey or quarry
5 : to find, uncover, or obtain after diligent search — used with through, up, or down
— hunt·er noun

Synonyms
▷ [2] cast about, forage, pursue, quest, search, seek—more at SEEK
▷ usually hunt through [5] dig, dredge, rake, ransack, rifle, rummage, scour, search—more at SEARCH
▷ usually hunt down or hunt up [5] ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, learn, locate, run down, scout, track—more at FIND

hunt noun
: an act, practice, or instance of hunting

Hun·ting·ton’s disease /ˈhʌntəngtən/ noun
: a chorea that usu. begins in middle age and leads to dementia

hunt·ress /ˈhʌntrəs/ noun
: a woman who hunts game

hunts·man /ˈhʌntsˌmæn/ noun
1 : HUNTER
2 : a person who manages a hunt and looks after the hounds

hur·dle /ˈhərdəl/ noun
1 : a barrier to leap over in a race
2 : something that impedes progress or achievement : OBSTACLE
— hurdle verb
— hur·dler noun

hur·dy–gur·dy /ˈhərdēˌgərdē, ˈhurˌdēˌgərdē/ noun, plural -gur·dies
: a musical instrument in which the sound is produced by turning a crank

hurl /hərl/ verb
1 : to move or cause to move vigorously
2 : to throw down with violence
3 a : to throw forcefully : FLING
b : to throw (a baseball) to a batter : PITCH
— hurl noun
— hurl·er noun

Synonyms
▷ cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

hur·ly–bur·ly /ˈhərlēˌbarəlē/ noun
: a state of commotion, excitement, or violent disturbance : UPROAR

Hu·ron /ˈhuːrən, ˈhuːrən/ noun, plural Hurons or Huron
: a member of a confederacy of American Indian peoples formerly living between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario

hur·rah /ˈhʊrə, ˈhʊˌrə/ interjection
— used to express joy, approval, or encouragement
hur·ri·cane /ˈhər.rəˌkān/ noun
[起源: Sp huracán, of AmerInd origin]
: a tropical cyclone with winds of 74 miles (118 kilometers) per hour or greater that is usu. accompanied by rain, thunder, and lightning

hur·ried·ly /ˈhər.ədˌleɪ/ adverb
› in a hurried manner

  Synonyms
  › cursorily, hastily, headlong, pell-mell, precipitately, rashly—more at hastily

1hurry /ˈhər.ə/ verb hurry·ing; hurry·ed
1: to carry or cause to go with haste
2: to impel to a greater speed
3: to move or act with haste
— hurry·ness noun

  Synonyms
  › [1,3] accelerate, hasten, quicken, rush, speed, step up, whisk; also drive, goad, prod, propel, push, race, spur, stir, urge; advance, aid, dispatch, ease, encourage, expedite, facilitate, forward, further
  Antonyms
  › [3] course, dash, fly, hasten, hurtle, hustle, pelt, race, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, step, tear, zip, zoom; also dart, flit, scamper, scud, scuffle; stampede, streak, whiz; gallop, jog, sprint; accelerate, quicken; catch up, fast-forward, outrun, outstrip, overtake
  Antonyms
  › crawl, creep, poke

2hurry noun
› extreme haste or eagerness

  Synonyms
  › celerity, fastness, fleetness, haste, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness, velocity—more at speed
  › haste, hustle, precipitation, rush; also bustle, flurry, flutter, scurry, scuttle, stir, whirl; beeline, dash, scramble, stampede; hotheadedness, impetuosity, impulsiveness, rashness; fleetness, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness; celerity, dispatch, promptness
  Antonyms
  › deliberateness, deliberation

1hurt /hɑrt/ verb hurt; hurting
1: to feel or cause to feel physical or emotional pain
2: to do harm to: DAMAGE
3: OFFEND
4: HAMPER
5: to be in need — usu. used with for
— hurt adjective

  Synonyms
  › [1] agonize, bleed, feel, grieve, mourn, sorrow, suffer—more at grieve
  › [1] ache, pain, smart; also bleed, bite, burn, chafe, cramp, fester, itch, nag, pinch, pound, rack, sting, swell, throb, tingle, twinge; agonize, suffer
  › [2] damage, harm, injure, wound—more at injure
  › [2] blemish, break, cripple, damage, deface, disfigure, flaw, harm, injure, mar, spoil, vitiate—more at damage

2hurt noun
1: a bodily injury or wound
2: SUFFERING
3: physical or mental damage: HARM

  Synonyms
  › damage, detriment, harm, injury—more at injury

hurt·ful /ˈhɑrt.fəl/ adjective
hurt·ful·ness noun

Synonyms
- adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL.

hur·tle /hurt_1l/ verb hur·tled; hur·tling
1 : to move rapidly or forcefully
2 : to throw forcefully : HURL, FLING

Synonyms
- dash, fly, hasten, hurry, rocket, run, rush, speed, tear, zip, zoom—more at HURRY

hus·band /'haz.band/ noun
[origin: ME husonde, fr. OE hūsbonde master of a house, fr. ON hūsbōndi, fr. hūs house + bōndi householder]
: a male partner in a marriage

hus·band·man /'haz.band.man/ noun
: FARMER

hus·band·ry /'haz.band.rē/ noun
1 : the control or judicious use of resources
2 : AGRICULTURE
3 : the production and care of domestic animals

Synonyms
- economy, frugality, providence, thrift—more at ECONOMY

hush /hush/ verb
1 : to make or become quiet or calm
2 : SUPPRESS

Synonyms
- calm, cool, quiet, settle—more at QUIET
- mute, quell, settle, silence, still—more at SILENCE

hushed /hushed/ adjective
1 : free of noise or agitation
2 : marked by secrecy or caution

Synonyms
- [1] calm, halcyon, peaceful, placid, quiet, serene, still, tranquil, untroubled—more at CALM
- [1] muted, noiseless, quiet, silent, soundless, still—more at SILENT
- [2] confidential, inside, intimate, private, secret—more at PRIVATE

husk /husk/ noun
1 : a usu. thin dry outer covering of a seed or fruit
2 : an outer layer : SHELL

Synonyms
- armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, jacket, pod, sheath, shell—more at CASE

husk verb
1 : to strip the husk from

hush·er noun
Synonyms
- bark, flay, hull, peel, shell, skin

1. husky /hasˈki/ adjective hus-ki-er; -est
   - : hoarse with or as if with emotion
     - hus-ki-ly /ˈke.ɪli/ adverb
     - hus-ki-ness /ˈke.ɪnəs/ noun
   - Synonyms
     - coarse, gravelly, gruff, hoarse, scratchy, throaty—more at hoarse

2. husky adjective
   1 : strongly formed or constructed : BURLY
   2 : LARGE
   - Synonyms
     - beefy, brawny, burly; also able-bodied, athletic, heavy, hefty, herculean, mighty, muscle-bound, muscular, powerful, robust, rugged, stalwart, strapping, strong, sturdy; chunky, compact, heavyset, solid, squat, stocky, thickset; dumpy, lumpish, portly, pudgy, stout

3. husky noun, plural huskies
   : a heavy-coated working dog of the New World arctic region

husár /ˈha.ʃər/ noun
[origin: Hung huszár]
: a member of any of various European cavalry units

hus·sy /ˈha.ʃəsi, _sē/ noun, plural hussies
[origin: alter. of housewife]
1 : a lewd or brazen woman
2 : a pert or mischievous girl

hus·tings /ˈha.ʃətnz/ noun plural
: a place where political campaign speeches are made; also : the proceedings in an election campaign

1. hustle /ˈha.ʃəl/ verb hustled; hustling
   1 : JOSTLE, SHOVE
   2 : to move or act quickly : HASTEN, HURRY
   3 : to work energetically
   4 : to sell something to or obtain something from by energetic and esp. underhanded activity
   - Synonyms
     - bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at fleece

2. hustle noun
   1 : energetic activity
   2 : an act or instance of fraud
   - Synonyms
     - [1] haste, hurry, precipitation, rush—more at hurry
     - [2] racket, swindle

hus·tler /ˈha.ʃələr/ noun
: one that hustles
   - Synonyms
     - go-getter, live wire, powerhouse, self-starter—more at go-getter

hut /ˈhæt/ noun
: an often small and temporary dwelling of simple construction : SHACK
   - Synonyms
     - cabin, camp, hutch, shack, shanty—more at shack

hutch /ˈhætʃ/ noun
1 : a chest or compartment for storage
2 : a cupboard usu. surmounted with open shelves
3 : a pen or coop for an animal
4 : a small and often temporary dwelling : **HUT**

**Synonyms**
- buffet, cabinet, closet, cupboard, locker, sideboard—more at **CABINET**

**huz·zah or huz·za /həˈzā/noun**
: a shout of acclaim — often used interjectionally to express joy or approbation

**HV abbreviation**
1 high velocity
2 high voltage

**HVAC abbreviation**
heating, ventilating and air-conditioning

**hvy abbreviation**
heavy

**HW abbreviation**
hot water

**hwy abbreviation**
highway

**hy·a·cinth /hī.əˈsənt/noun**
: a bulbous Mediterranean herb related to the lilies that is widely grown for its spikes of fragrant bell-shaped flowers

**hy·brid /hīˈbrīd/noun**
1 : an offspring of genetically differing parents (as members of different breeds or species)
2 : one of mixed origin or composition
   — **hy·brid·i·za·tion /hīˈbrīd.əlˈzaˌʃen/noun**
   — **hy·brid·ize /hīˈbrīd.iˌzər/noun**
   — **hy·brid·iz·er**
   **Synonyms**
   - cross, mongrel

**hy·brid adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or being a hybrid
   **Synonyms**
   - mixed, mongrel—more at **MIXED**

**hy·dra /hīˈdrə/noun**
: any of numerous small tubular freshwater coelenterates that are polyps having at one end a mouth surrounded by tentacles

**hy·dran·gea /hīˈdrənˌジə/noun**
: any of a genus of shrubs related to the currants and grown for their showy clusters of white or tinted flowers

**hy·drant /hīˈdrant/noun**
: a pipe with a valve and spout at which water may be drawn from a main pipe

**hy·drate /hīˈdrát/noun**
: a compound formed by union of water with some other substance
   — **hydrate verb**

**hy·drau·lic /hīˈdrəˌlɪk/adjective**
[origin: ultim. fr. Gk **hydráulis** pipe organ using water pressure, fr. **hydor** water + **aulos** reed instrument]
1 : operated, moved, or effected by means of water
2 : of or relating to hydraulics
3 : operated by the resistance offered or the pressure transmitted when a quantity of liquid is forced through a small orifice or through a tube
4 : hardening or setting under water
hy·drau·lics /ˈhaɪdrəˌlɪks/ noun
: a science that deals with practical applications of liquid (as water) in motion

hydro /ˈhaɪdرو/ noun
: HYDROPOWER

hy·dro·car·bon /ˈhaɪdروˌkærˌbɔn/ noun
: an organic compound containing only carbon and hydrogen

hy·dro·ceph·a·lus /ˈhaɪdروˌsɛfəˌləs/ noun
: abnormal increase in the amount of fluid in the cranial cavity accompanied by enlargement of the skull and atrophy of the brain

hy·dro·chlo·ric acid /ˈhaɪdروˌklɔrɪk/ noun
: a sharp-smelling corrosive acid used in the laboratory and in industry and present in dilute form in gastric juice

hy·dro·dy·nam·ics /ˈhaɪdروˌdɪˌnæmɪks/ noun
: a science that deals with the motion of fluids and the forces acting on moving bodies immersed in fluids
— hy·dro·dy·nam·ic adjective

hy·dro·elec·tric /ˈhaɪdروˌɪlektrɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to production of electricity by waterpower
— hy·dro·elec·tric·i·ty /ˌɪlekˈtrɪsɪtɪ/ noun

hy·dro·foil /ˈhaɪdروˌfɔɪl/ noun
: a boat that has fins attached to the bottom by struts for lifting the hull clear of the water to allow faster speeds

hy·dro·gen /ˈhaɪdروˌdʒən/ noun
[ORIGIN: F hydrógène, fr. Gk hydōr water + -génēs born; fr. the fact that water is generated by its combustion]
: a gaseous colorless odorless highly flammable chemical element that is the lightest of the elements
— hy·dro·ge·nous /ˈhaɪdروˌdʒeɪnəs/ adjective

hy·dro·ge·nate /ˈhaɪdروˌdʒeɪnət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to combine or treat with hydrogen; especially: to add hydrogen to the molecule of
— hy·dro·ge·na·tion /ˈhaɪdروˌdʒeɪneɪʃən/ noun

hydrogen bomb noun
: a bomb whose violent explosive power is due to the sudden release of atomic energy resulting from the fusion of light nuclei (as of hydrogen atoms)

hydrogen peroxide noun
: an unstable compound of hydrogen and oxygen used esp. as an oxidizing and bleaching agent, an antiseptic, and a propellant

hy·dro·graph·ic /ˈhaɪdروˌgræfɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to the description and study of bodies of water
— hy·dro·gra·pher noun
— hy·dro·gra·phy /ˈhaɪdروˌgræfɪ/ noun

hy·drol·o·gy /ˈhaɪdروˌlədʒɪ/ noun
: a science dealing with the properties, distribution, and circulation of water
— hy·dro·log·ic /ˈhaɪdروˌlædʒɪk/ or hy·dro·log·i·cal /ˌlɔdʒəˈkæl/ adjective
— hy·drol·o·gist /ˈhaɪdروˌlədʒɪst/ noun

hy·dro·ly·sis /ˈhaɪdروˌlaˌsɪs/ noun
: a chemical decomposition involving the addition of the elements of water

hy·dro·me·ter /ˈhaɪdروˌmɛtər/ noun
: a floating instrument for determining specific gravities of liquids and hence the strength (as of alcoholic liquors)

hy·dro·pho·bia /ˈhaɪdروˌfəˌbɪə/ noun
[ORIGIN: LL, fr. Gk, fr. hydōr water + phobos fear]
hy·dro·phone /ˈhī.ˈdraˌpən/ noun
: an underwater listening device

1 hy·dro·plane /ˈhī.ˈdraˌplān/ noun
1 : a powerboat designed for racing that skims the surface of the water
2 : seaplane

2 hy·dro·plane verb
: to skid on a wet road due to loss of contact between the tires and road

hy·dro·pon·ics /ˈhī.ˈdraˌpōnəˌsiks/ noun
: the growing of plants in nutrient solutions
— hy·dro·pon·ic adjective

hy·dro·pow·er /ˈhī.ˈdraˌpau(ə)r/ noun
: hydroelectric power

hy·dro·sphere /ˈhī.ˈdraˌsfēr/ noun
: the water (as vapor or lakes) of the earth

hy·dro-stat·ic /ˈhī.ˈdraˌstā.tik/ adjective
: of or relating to fluids at rest or to the pressures they exert or transmit

hy·dro·ther·a·py /ˈhī.ˈdraˌther.əˈpē/ noun
: the use of water esp. externally in the treatment of disease or disability

hy·dro·ther·mal /ˈhī.ˈdraˌther.məl/ adjective
: of or relating to hot water

hy·drous /ˈhī.ˈdrōs/ adjective
: containing water

hy·dro·xide /ˈhī.ˈdroksīd/ noun
1 : a negatively charged ion consisting of one atom of oxygen and one atom of hydrogen
2 : a compound of hydroxide with an element or group

hy·e·na /ˈhi.ˈje.nə/ noun
: any of several large doglike carnivorous mammals of Asia and Africa

hy·giene /ˈhi.ˌjīn/ noun
1 : a science concerned with establishing and maintaining good health
2 : conditions or practices conducive to health
— hy·gien·i·cal·ly /ˌhi.ˈjēnəˈkāl.i/ adverb
— hy·gien·ist /ˌhi.ˈjēn.ɪst, ˌhi.ˈje.nɪst/ noun

hy·gien·ic /ˌhi.ˈje.nik, ˌjīn.ik/ adjective
: having or showing good hygiene

Synonyms
  ▶ aseptic, sanitary, sterile—more at sanitary

hy·grom·e·ter /ˈhi.ˈgrəˌmē.ter/ noun
: any of several instruments for measuring the humidity of the atmosphere

hy·gro·scop·ic /ˈhi.ˈgrōˌskōp.ik/ adjective
: readily taking up and retaining moisture

hy·men /ˈhi.ˈmən/ noun
: a fold of mucous membrane partly closing the opening of the vagina
hy·me·ne·al /hɪˈmənəl/ adjective
  : NUPTIAL

hymn /hɪm/ noun
  : a song of praise esp. to God
— hymn verb
  Synonyms
  ➢ anthem, canticle, carol, chorale, psalm, spiritual; also dirge, lament, requiem, threnody; hallelujah, paean; mass, oratorio; processional, recessional

hym·nal /ˈhɪm.nəl/ noun
  : a book of hymns

hyp abbreviation
  hypothesis; hypothetical

hype /hɪp/ verb hyped; hyp·ing
  1 : STIMULATE — usu. used with up
  2 : INCREASE
  ➢ hyped–up adjective

hype verb hyped; hyping
  1 : DECEIVE
  2 : PUBLICIZE

hype noun
  1 : DECEPTION, PUT-ON
  2 : PUBLICITY

hy·per /hɪˈper/ adjective
  1 : HIGH-STRUNG, EXCITABLE
  2 : extremely active

hy·per·acid·i·ty /hɪˈper.əˈsɪd.ə.ti/ noun
  : the condition of containing excessive acid esp. in the stomach
— hy·per·ac·id /ˈhɪpəˌsɪd/ adjective

hy·per·ac·tive /ˈhɪpəˌæktɪv/ adjective
  : excessively or pathologically active
— hy·per·ac·tiv·i·ty /ˈhɪpəˌæktɪv.ɪ.ti/ noun

hy·per·bar·ic /ˌhɪpəˈbær.ɪk/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or utilizing greater than normal pressure (as of oxygen)

hy·per·bo·la /hɪˈpɜr.bə.lə/ noun, plural -las or -lae /ˌlæz/ or /ˈlæi/ : a curve formed by the intersection of a double right circular cone with a plane that cuts both halves of the cone
— hy·per·bol·ic /ˌhɪpəˈbɜl.ɪk/ adjective

hy·per·bo·le /hɪˈpɜr.bə(ˌ)lə/ noun
  ➢ : extravagant exaggeration used as a figure of speech
  Synonyms
  ➢ caricature, elaboration, embellishment, exaggeration, magnification, overstatement, padding—more at EXAGGERATION

hy·per·crit·i·cal /hɪˈpɜr.krɪt.iˈkəl/ adjective
  ➢ excessively critical
— hy·per·crit·i·cal·ly /ˌkrait.ɪˈkəli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ➢ captious, carping, critical, overcritical—more at CRITICAL

hy·per·drive /hɪˈpɜr.drɪv/ noun
  : a state of extremely heightened activity
hyperextend /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˌɪkˈstend/ verb  
: to extend beyond the normal range of motion
  — hyperextension /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˌɛksˈtenʃən/ noun

hyperglycemia /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˈɡlɪsˈmiə/ noun  
: excess of sugar in the blood
  — hyperglycemic /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˈɡlɪsˈmɪk/ adjective

hyperki netic /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˈkiːnˈtɪk/ adjective  
: characterized by fast-paced or frenetic activity

hyperl knk /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˌlɪnk/ noun  
: a connecting element (as highlighted text) between one place in a hypertext or hypermedia document and another

hypermedia /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˌmeɪdiə/ noun  
: a database format offering direct access to text, sound, or images related to that on display

hyperopia /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˌɒpɪə/ noun  
: a condition in which visual images come to focus behind the retina resulting esp. in defective vision for near objects
  — hyperopic /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˈɒpɪk, ˌrāpɪk/ adjective

hyper sensitivity /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˌsɛnˈsɪtɪvəti/ noun

hyper tension /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˌtenʃən/ noun  
: high blood pressure
  — hypertensive /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˌtɛnsɪv/ adjective or noun

hyper text /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrtekst/ noun  
: a database format in which information related to that on display can be accessed directly from the display

hyperthyroidism /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˌθaɪrəˈraɪdɪzəm/ noun  
: excessive activity of the thyroid gland; also : the resulting bodily condition
  — hyperthyroid /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrθaɪrəˈraɪd/ adjective

hyper trophy /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˈtrɒfɪ/ noun, plural -phies  
: excessive development of a body part
  — hypertrophic /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrtraʊˈfɪk/ adjective

hyperventilate /ˈhaɪˌpɜːrˈventəˌleɪt/ verb  
: to breathe rapidly and deeply esp. to the point of losing an abnormal amount of carbon dioxide from the blood
  — hyperventilation /ˌhaɪˌpɜːrˈventəˌleɪʃən/ noun

hyphen /ˈhaɪˈfən/ noun  
: a punctuation mark - used esp. to divide or to compound words or word parts
  — hyphen verb

hyphen ate /ˈhaɪˌfən ət/ verb -at ed; -at ing  
: to connect or divide with a hyphen
  — hyphenation /ˈhaɪˌfənəˈneɪʃən/ noun

hypo sis /ˈhaɪˌpəˌsaɪsəs/ noun, plural -soses /ˌsɔːz/  
: an induced state that resembles sleep and in which the subject is responsive to suggestions of the inducer
  (hypo*notist/haɪˈpəˌnoʊˌtɪst/)
  — hypnosis /ˈhaɪˌpəˌnoʊˈzɪzm/ noun
hypnotic /ˈhɪpˌnɑː.tɪk/ adjective
1 ▶: inducing sleep
2 ▶: of or relating to hypnosis or hypnotism
3 ▶: readily holding the attention
— hypnoti-cal-ly /ˌhɪpˈnə.tɪk.lɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ drowsy, narcotic, opiate, slumberous; also depressant, relaxant, sedative, tranquilizing; calming, lulling, quieting, relaxing, restful, settling, soothing; analgesic, anesthetic, benumbing, deadening, dulling; mesmerizing, stupefying

Antonyms
stimulant

hypnotic noun
▶: a sleep-inducing drug

hypno-tize /ˈhɪpˌnə.tɪz/ verb
1 ▶: to induce hypnosis in
2 ▶: to dazzle or overcome by or as if by suggestion
— hypnotiz-able /ˌhɪpˈnə.tɪz.ə.bəl/ adjective

Synonyms
▶ arrest, enchant, enthral, fascinate, grip, mesmerize—more at ENTHRAL

hy-po /ˈhɪ.pə/ noun, plural hypos
▶: SODIUM THIOSULFATE

hy-po-al-ler-gen·ic /ˌhɪ.pə.ˈæl.ər.gən.ɪk/ adjective
▶: having little likelihood of causing an allergic response

hy-po-cen·ter /ˌhɪ.pə.ˈsen.tər/ noun
▶: the point of origin of an earthquake

hy-po-chon·dria /ˌhɪ.pə.ˈkɒn.driə/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. LL, pl., upper abdomen (formerly regarded as the seat of hypochondria), fr. Gk, lit., the parts under the cartilage (of the breastbone), fr. hypo- under + chondros cartilage]
▶: depression of mind often centered on imaginary physical ailments
— hypochondri-ac /ˌhɪ.pə.ˈkɒndrɪ.ək/ adjective or noun

hy-poc ri·sy /ˌhɪ.pə.ˈkrɪs.ə/ noun, plural -sies
▶: a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; especially: the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion

Synonyms
▶ cant, dissimulation, insincerity, piety; also deception, deceptiveness, dishonesty, falsity, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, self-satisfaction; duplicity, falseness, shamming; artificiality, oiliness, smoothness

Antonyms
▶ genuineness, sincerity

hyp·o·crit·i-cal /ˌhɪp.ə.ˈkrɪt.ɪ.kəl/ adjective
▶: characterized by hypocrisy; also: being a hypocrite
— hypocrite /ˌhɪp.ə.ˈkrɪt/ noun
— hypocr·i·cal-ly /ˌhɪp.ə.ˈkrɪ.tə.lɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ artificial, double-dealing, feigned, insincere, left-handed, mealy, mealymouthed, two-faced, unctuous—more at INSINCERE

1 hypodermic /ˌhɪp.ə.ˈdɜr.mɪk/ adjective
▶: administered by or used in making an injection beneath the skin

2 hypodermic noun
▶: a small syringe with a hollow needle for injecting material into or through the skin: HYPODERMIC SYRINGE; also: an
injection made with this

**hypodermic needle** noun
1: [needle 3](#).
2: a small syringe with a hollow needle for injecting material into or through the skin: [hypodermic syringe](#).

**hypodermic syringe** noun
1: a small syringe with a hollow needle for injecting material into or through the skin

*Synonyms*
- needle, syringe—more at [needle](#).

**hypoglycemia** /hiˈpäg-lə-ˌsē-mēə/ noun
1: abnormal decrease of sugar in the blood

*— hypoglycemic* /ˌhi-päg-ˈlī-mik/ adjective

**hypotenuse** /hiˈpä.tənˌyüz, ˌyös, ˌyüz, ˌyūz/ noun
1: the side of a triangle having a right angle that is opposite the right angle; also: its length

**hypothalamus** /hiˈpä.təˌlə-məs/ noun
1: a part of the brain that lies beneath the thalamus and is a control center for the autonomic nervous system

**hypothesis** /hiˈpæθ-əˌsis/ noun, plural -theses /ˌsiːz/
1: an assumption made esp. in order to test its logical or empirical consequences

*Synonyms*
- conjecture, proposition, supposition, theory—more at [THEORY](#).

**hypothetical** /hiˈpæθ-iˈtəl/ adjective
1: being or involving a hypothesis

*— hypothetically* /ˌhi-pæθ-əˈtek-stē-lē/ adverb

*Synonyms*
- conjectural, speculative, theoretical—more at [THEORETICAL](#).

**hypothyroidism** /hiˈpä-thəˈrəd-əl-izəm/ noun
1: deficient activity of the thyroid gland; also: a resultant lowered metabolic rate and general loss of vigor

*— hypothyroid* adjective

**hysop** /ˈhīsp/ noun
1: a European mint sometimes used as a potherb

**hysterectomy** /hiˈster-əˌkə-mē/ noun, plural -ectomies /ˌstir-əˌkēz/ surgical removal of the uterus

**hysteria** /hiˈster-ē-əˌster-iə/ noun
[Origin: NL, fr. E *hysteric*, adj., fr. L *hystericus*, fr. Gk *hysterikos*, fr. *hystera* womb; fr. the Greek notion that hysteria was peculiar to women and caused by disturbances in the uterus]
1: a nervous disorder marked esp. by defective emotional control
2: unmanageable fear or outburst of emotion

*— hysterical* /ˈstir-əl/ noun

*— hysterically* /ˌstir-əˌlē/ adverb

*Synonyms*
- agitation, delirium, distraction, frenzy, furor, fury, rage, rampage, uproar—more at [FRENZY](#).

**hysterical** /ˈstir-əl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or marked by hysteria
2: exhibiting unrestrained emotionalism

*Synonyms*
- agitated, delirious, distraught, frantic, frenzied—more at [FRANTIC](#).

**hysteric** /ˈstir-ək/ noun plural

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**hysteric** /ˈstir-ək/ noun plural
a fit of uncontrollable laughter or crying

Hz abbreviation
hertz
I

1i /ˈaɪ/ noun, plural iˈs or is /ɪz/ often cap
: the 9th letter of the English alphabet
2i abbreviation, often cap
island; isle
3i symbol
imaginary unit
1I /ˈaɪ, ɪ/ pronoun
: the one speaking or writing
2I abbreviation
interstate
3I symbol
iodine
1a or 1A abbreviation
Iowa
-lal adjective suffix
: -AAL <manorial>
iamb /ˈaɪ.m/ or iamb·us /ˈaɪ.m.bəs/ noun, plural iamb·s /ˈaɪ.mz/ or iamb·us·es
: a metrical foot of one unaccented syllable followed by one accented syllable
— iamb·ic /ˈaɪ.m.bɪk/ adjective or noun
-i-at·ric /eɪˈæ.trɪk/ also -i-at·ri-cal /eɪˌat.rɪˈkəl/ adjective combining form
: of or relating to (such) medical treatment or healing <pediatric>
i-at·rics /eɪˈæ.trɪks/ noun plural combining form
: medical treatment <pediatrics>
ib or ibid abbreviation
ibidem
ibex /ˈɪ.bɛks/ noun, plural ibex or ibex·es
[origin: L]
: any of several Old World wild goats with large curved horns
ibi·dem /iˈbe.deɪm, iˈbi.dəm/ adverb
[origin: L]
: in the same place
ibis /ˈɪ.bəs/ noun, plural ibis or ibis·es
: any of various wading birds related to the herons but having a downwardly curved bill
ibu·pro·fen /ˈɪ.byu.ˈprɔ.fən/ noun
: a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug used to relieve pain and fever
1IC /ˈaɪ.sɛ/ noun
: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
1-ic /ɪk/ adjective suffix
1: of, relating to, or having the form of: being <panoramic>
2: related to, derived from, or containing <alcoholic>
3: in the manner of: like that of: characteristic of
4: associated or dealing with: utilizing <electronic>
5: characterized by: exhibiting <nostalgic>: affected with <allergic>
6: caused by
-ic noun suffix
: one having the character or nature of: one belonging to or associated with: one exhibiting or affected by: one that produces

-i·cal /iˌkæl/ adjective suffix
: -IC <symmetrical> <geological>
—i·cal·ly /iˌkæl.ə.lē/ adverb suffix

ICBM /ˌɪˌsɛm/ noun, plural ICBM's or ICBMs /ˈemz/
: an intercontinental ballistic missile

ICC abbreviation
Interstate Commerce Commission

1 ice /īs/ noun
1: frozen water
2: a substance resembling ice
3: a state of coldness (as from formality or reserve)
4: a flavored frozen dessert; especially: one containing no milk or cream

2 ice verb iced; ic·ing
1: FREEZE
2: CHILL
3: to cover with or as if with icing

ice age noun
: a time of widespread glaciation

ice bag noun
: a waterproof bag to hold ice for local application of cold to the body

iceberg /īsˌbərɡ/ noun
: a large floating mass of ice broken off from a glacier

iceberg lettuce noun
: any of various crisp light green lettuces that form a compact head like a cabbage

ice·boat /īsˌbōt/ noun
: a boatlike frame on runners propelled on ice by sails

ice·bound /ˌbaʊnd/ adjective
: surrounded, obstructed, or covered by ice

ice·box /ˌbāks/ noun
: REFRIGERATOR

ice·break·er /ˌbrāˌker/ noun
: a ship equipped to make a channel through ice

ice cap noun
: a glacier forming on relatively level land and flowing outward from its center

ice cream noun
: a frozen food containing sweetened or flavored cream or butterfat

ice hockey noun
: a game in which two teams of ice-skating players try to shoot a puck into the opponent's goal

ice·house /īsˌhaʊs/ noun
: a building in which ice is made or stored

Ice·land·er /ˌlanˈdɑr, ˈlɛn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Iceland
**Icelandic** /ɪsˌlandɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of Iceland, the Icelanders, or their language

**Icelandic noun**
: the language of Iceland

**ice•man /ɪsˌmæn/ noun**
: one who sells or delivers ice

**ice milk noun**
: a sweetened frozen food made of skim milk

**ice pick noun**
: a hand tool ending in a spike for chipping ice

**ice•skate /ɪsˌskæt/ verb**
: to skate on ice

— **ice•skater noun**

**ice storm noun**
: a storm in which falling rain freezes on contact

**ice water noun**
: chilled or iced water esp. for drinking

**ich•thy•ol•ogy /ɪkˌθɪ.əˌleɪdʒ/ noun**
: a branch of zoology dealing with fishes

— **ich•thy•ol•ogist /ˌɪkjəˈlɒdʒɪst/ noun**

**icicle /ɪsˈsɪkl/ noun**
[Origin: ME isikel, fr. ice + ikel icicle, fr. OE gicel]
: a hanging mass of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water

**icing /ɪsˈsɪŋ/ noun**
: a sweet usu. creamy mixture used to coat baked goods

**ICJ abbreviation**
International Court of Justice

**icky /ɪˈkɛ/ adjective ick•ier; -est**
: offensive, distasteful

— **ick•iness noun**

**icon /ɪˈkɑn/ noun**
1: image; especially: a religious image painted on a wood panel
2: a small picture on a computer display that suggests the purpose of an available function

**icon•oclasm /ɪˈkɑ.ˌnaˌklɑ.zəm/ noun**
: the doctrine, practice, or attitude of an iconoclast

**icon•oclast /ˌɪkjəˈklɑst/ noun**
[Origin: ML iconoclastes, fr. MGk eikonoklastēs, lit., image destroyer, fr. Gk eikōn image + klan to break]
1: one who destroys religious images or opposes their veneration
2: one who attacks cherished beliefs or institutions

- ics /iks/ noun singular or plural suffix
1: study: knowledge: skill: practice <linguistics> <electronics>
2: characteristic actions or activities <acrobatics>
3: characteristic qualities, operations, or phenomena <mechanics>

**ict•us /ɪkˈtɔs/ noun**
: the recurring stress or beat in a rhythmic or metrical series of sounds

**ICU abbreviation**
icy /ˈaɪˌsi/ adjective ic·i·er; -est
1: covered with, abounding in, or consisting of ice
2: intensely cold
3: being cold and unfriendly
— ic·i·ly /ˈaɪˌsi.əl/ adverb
— ic·i·ness /ˈaɪˌsi.nəs/ noun

Synonyms
- [2] arctic, bitter, chill, cold, freezing, frigid, frosty, glacial, polar, raw, wintry—more at COLD
- [3] chill, chilly, cold, cold-blooded, cool, frigid, frosty, glacial, unfriendly, unsympathetic, wintry—more at COLD

1id /ɪd/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, it] : the part of the psyche in psychoanalytic theory that is completely unconscious and concerned with instinctual needs and drives

2id abbreviation
iden

1ID /ɪd/ verb ID’d or IDed; ID’ing or IDing
: IDENTIFY

2ID abbreviation
1 Idaho
2 identification

idea /ˈaɪ.ˌdēə/ noun
1: a plan for action: DESIGN
2: something (as a thought, concept, sensation, or image) present in the mind
3: a central meaning or purpose

Synonyms
- concept, image, impression, notion, picture, thought; also apprehension, premonition, presentiment; chimera, illusion, phantasm; caprice, conceit, fancy, freak, notion, vagary, whim; observation, perception, reflection; assumption, belief, conclusion, conviction; conjecture, guess, hunch, hypothesis, speculation, supposition, surmise, theory; brainstorm, inspiration

1ideal /ˈaɪ.ˌdēəl/ adjective
1: existing only in the mind: IMAGINARY; also: lacking practicality
2: of or relating to an ideal or to perfection: PERFECT

Synonyms
- absolute, faultless, flawless, impeccable, letter-perfect, perfect, unblemished—more at PERFECT

2ideal noun
1: a standard of excellence
2: one regarded as a model worthy of imitation
3: GOAL

Synonyms
- [1] classic, epitome, exemplar, perfection, quintessence—more at QUINTESSENCE
- [2] beau ideal, classic, exemplar, model, nonpareil, paragon; also role model; embodiment, epitome, incarnation, manifestation, personification; archetype, example, paradigm, pattern; guideline, principle, rule; gauge, standard, touchstone; essence, quintessence; acme, apex, culmination, peak, pinnacle, summit, zenith

ide·al·ise British variant of IDEALIZE

ide·al·ism /ˌɪdəˌlɪzəm/ noun
: the practice of forming ideals or living under their influence; also: an idealized representation

— ide·al·is·tic /ˌɪdəˌlɪstık/ adjective
— ide·al·is·ti·cal·ly /ˌɪdəˌlɪstəkəl/ adverb
ide·al·ist /ˈɪdəlɪst/ noun
▸ one guided by ideals; also: one that places ideals before practical considerations
  ➢ Synonyms
    ➢ dreamer, romantic, utopian, visionary; also sentimentalist; theorist; perfectionist; thinker
  ➢ Antonyms
    ➢ realist

de·al·ize /ɪˈdɛləˌɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
▸ to think of or represent as ideal
  ➢ Synonyms
    ➢ dream, glamorize, glorify; also daydream, imagine, romance, theorize, vision; better, perfect

ide·al·ly /ɪˈdɛləˌli/ adverb
  1: in idea or imagination: MENTALLY
  2 ▸: in agreement with an ideal: PERFECTLY
  ➢ Synonyms
    ➢ faultlessly, flawlessly, impeccably, perfectly—more at PERFECTLY

de·a·tion /ɪˈdɛə.ˈkeɪn/ noun
  ➢ the forming of ideas

ide·ate /ɪˈdɛə.ˈɛt/ verb
  ➢ ide·a·tion al /ɪˈdɛə.ˈkeɪ.ən/ adjective

de·n.ˈɛm.ˈə, ˈɪ prono
  [ORIGIN: L, same]
  ➢ the same as something previously mentioned

de·n·ti·cal /ɪˈdɛn.tɪ.kəl/ adjective
  1 ▸: being the same
  2 ▸: essentially alike
  ➢ Synonyms
    ➢ [1, 2] duplicate, equal, even, indistinguishable, same—more at SAME

de·n·ti·fi·ca·tion /ɪˈdɛn.tɪ.fɪ.ˈkeɪn/ noun
  1: an act of identifying: the state of being identified
  2: evidence of identity
  3: an unconscious psychological process by which an individual models thoughts, feelings, and actions after another person or an object

de·n·ti·fy /ɪˈdɛn.tɪˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  1: to regard as identical
  2 ▸: to think of as united (as in spirit, outlook, or principle): ASSOCIATE
  3 ▸: to establish the identity of
  4: to practice psychological identification
  ➢ Synonyms
    ➢ [2] associate, connect, correlate, link, relate—more at ASSOCIATE
    ➢ [3] distinguish, pinpoint, single; also diagnose; find, determine; locate, pick out, place, recognize, spot; check, examine, inspect, investigate, notice, observe, scrutinize; betray, disclose, discover, reveal

de·n·ti·ty /ɪˈdɛn.tɪ.ti/ noun, plural -ties
  1: sameness of essential character
  2 ▸: the distinguishing character or personality of an individual: INDIVIDUALITY
  3: the fact of being the same person or thing as claimed
  ➢ Synonyms
    ➢ character, individuality, personality, self-identity—more at INDIVIDUALITY
identity crisis noun
: psychological conflict esp. in adolescence involving confusion about one's social role and one's personality

identity theft noun
: the illegal use of someone else's personal information to obtain money or credit

ideo·gram /ɪˈdɛ.ə.ɡræm/ noun
1: a picture or symbol used in a system of writing to represent a thing or an idea
2: a character or symbol used in a system of writing to represent an entire word

ideo·logue also idea·logue /ɪˈdɛ.ə.ˈlɒɡ/ noun
: a partisan advocate or adherent of a particular ideology

ideo·logy /ɪˈdɛ.ə.ˈlɒdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
1: the body of ideas characteristic of a particular individual, group, or culture
2: the assertions, theories, and aims that constitute a political, social, and economic program

Synonyms
creed, doctrine, gospel, philosophy

ides /ɪdɪz/ noun singular or plural
: the 15th day of March, May, July, or October or the 13th day of any other month in the ancient Roman calendar

id·i·ocy /ɪˈdɪ.ə.sɪ/ noun, plural -cies
1 usually offensive: extreme mental retardation
2: something notably stupid or foolish

Synonyms
absurdity, asininity, fatuity, folly, foolery, imbecility, inanity, insanity, lunacy, stupidity

id·i·om /ɪˈdɪ.əm/ noun
1: the language peculiar to a person or group
2: the characteristic form or structure of a language
3: an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its separate words (as give way)

Synonyms
idiomatic, idiomatic

id·i·opath·ic /ɪˈdɪ.ə.ˈpæθɪk/ adjective
: arising spontaneously or from an obscure or unknown cause <an ~ disease>

id·i·osyn·cra·sy /ɪˈdɪ.ə.ˈsɪn.krə.ˈsɪ/ noun, plural -sies
: personal peculiarity

Synonyms
crochet, eccentricity, mannerism, oddity, peculiarity, quirk, singularity, trick; also affectation, airs; attribute, characteristic, property, mark, trait; custom, habit, pattern, practice, way, wont; addiction; abnormality, perversion; disposition, genius, leaning, partiality; bent, inclination, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn; attitude, character, humor, identity, individuality, nature, personality, temperament

id·i·ot /ɪˈdɪ.ət/ noun
1 usually offensive: a person affected with extreme mental retardation
2: a foolish or stupid person

Synonyms
- blockhead, cretin, dodo, dolt, dope, dummy, imbecile, jackass, moron, nitwit, numskull, simpleton; also booby, fool, goose, loony, lunatic, madman, nut, zany; loser gawk; scatterbrain; beast, boor, cad, churl, clown, creep, cur, heel, jerk, skunk, snake, stinker, villain

**Antonyms**
- brain, genius

**id·i·ot·proof** /ɪdˈeɪ.ət.ˌpruːt/ adjective
: extremely easy to operate or maintain

**idle** /ɪld/ adjective **idler** /ɪld.ər/; **idlest** /ɪld.əst/
1 : GROUNDLESS, WORTHLESS, USELESS
2 ♦ : not occupied or employed : INACTIVE
3 ♦ : lacking in ambition or incentive : LAZY

— idly /ɪld.ɪ/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- [2] dead, dormant, fallow, free, inactive, inert, inoperative, latent, off, vacant—more at INACTIVE
- [3] indolent, lazy, shiftless, slothful—more at LAZY

**idle** verb idled; idling
1 ♦ : to spend time doing nothing
2 : to make idle
3 : to run without being connected so that power is not used for useful work

**Synonyms**
- dally, dawdle, dillydally, hang around, hang out, loaf, loll, lounge; also fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, play, potter, putter, trifle; estivate, hibernate; lag, loiter, linger, poke, relax, rest; amble, mosey, saunter, stroll; bum, furlough, goldbrick, malingering

**idleness** noun
- : the quality or state of being idle (as through lack of worth, occupation, employment, industry)

**Synonyms**
- indolence, inertia, laziness, sloth—more at LAZINESS
- dormancy, inaction, inactivity, inertness, quiescence—more at INACTION

**idler** noun
- : one that idles or is unoccupied : a lazy person

**Synonyms**
- drone, lazybones, loafer, slouch, slug, sluggard—more at LAZYBONES

**idol** /ɪdəl/ noun
1 : an image worshipped as a god; also : a false god
2 : an object of passionate devotion

**idol·a·ter or idol·a·tor** /ɪdələˈtər/ noun
- : a worshiper of idols

**idol·a·try** /ɪdələˈtrɪ/ noun, plural -tries
1 : the worship of a physical object as a god
2 ♦ : excessive devotion

— idol·a·trous /ɪdələˈtrəs/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- adulation, deification, worship—more at WORSHIP

**idol·i·za·tion** /ɪdələˈzi.ʃən/ noun
- : the act of idolizing or state of being idolized

**idol·ize** /ɪdəlɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
- : to make an idol of

**Synonyms**
- adore, canonize, deify, dote, worship; also appreciate, cherish, esteem, prize, treasure, value; fancy, favor, like, prefer; regard; respect, revere, venerate; approve, endorse, support
idyll /ˈidəl/ noun
1 : a simple work of writing or poetry that describes country life or suggests a peaceful setting
2 : a fit subject for an idyll
— idyl·lic /ˈidəlik/ adjective
i.e. /ˈi.si/ abbreviation
[origin: L id est]
that is
IE abbreviation
industrial engineer
if /ɪf/ conjunction
1 : in the event that ~ he stays, I leave>
2 : WHETHER <ask ~ he left>
3 — used as a function word to introduce an exclamation expressing a wish <~ it would only rain>
4 : even though <an interesting ~ untenable argument>
IF abbreviation
intermediate frequency
if·fy /ˈɪfə/ adjective
: full of contingencies or unknown conditions
-i·fy /əˌfi/ verb suffix
: -FY
IG abbreviation
inspector general
ig·loo /ˈɪgləʊ/ noun, plural igloos
[origin: Inuit (an Eskimo language) iglu house]
: an Eskimo house or hut often made of snow blocks and in the shape of a dome
ig·ne·ous /ˈɪgnəs/ adjective
1 : FIERY
2 : formed by solidification of molten rock
ig·nit·able /ˈɪgnɪtəbəl/ adjective
▶ : capable of being ignited
Synonyms
▶ combustible, flammable, inflammable—more at COMBUSTIBLE
ig·nite /ˈɪgnət/ verb ig·nit·ed; ig·nit·ing
▶ : to set afire or catch fire
Synonyms
▶ burn, fire, inflame, kindle, light—more at BURN
ig·ni·tion /ˈɪgnəʃən/ noun
1 : a setting on fire
2 : the process or means (as an electric spark) of igniting the fuel mixture in an engine
ig·no·ble /ˈɪgnəbəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : of common birth
2 ▶ : not honorable : BASE, MEAN
— ig·no·bly adverb
Synonyms
▶ [1] common, humble, inferior, low, lowly, mean, plebeian, vulgar; also bourgeois; peasant, plain, poor, simple
Antonyms
aristocratic, high, highborn, lofty, noble, wellborn
▶ [2] base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, low, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched;
also bad, black, evil, foul, immoral, iniquitous, wicked, wrong; cruel, nasty, vicious; blamable, blameworthy, censurable, reprehensible; corrupt, debased, debauched, degenerate, depraved, dissolute, perverted; atrocious, villainous; unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous; discreditable, disgraceful, disreputable, ignominious, shameful

Antonyms
high, high-minded, honorable, lofty, noble, straight, upright, venerable, virtuous

**ignore** /əˈɡnoʊr/ verb ig-nored: ig-nor-ing

1: to refuse to take notice of

Synonyms
- disregard, forget, neglect, overlook, pass over, slight, slur—more at NEGLECT
- brush, condone, disregard, excuse, gloss, pardon, pass over, shrug off, wink—more at EXCUSE

**iguana** /ɪˈɡwə.nə/ noun

: any of various large tropical American lizards

**ihp** abbreviation
indicated horsepower

IHS /I,ˈæchˌes/  
[ORIGIN: LL, part transliteration of Gk ΗΣ, abbr. for ΗΣΟΥΣ Iēsous Jesus]  
— used as a Christian symbol and monogram for Jesus

ikon variant of ICON

IL abbreviation  
Illinois

il·e·itis /ˌɪl.ē.ˈtē.əs/ noun  
: inflammation of the ileum

il·e·um /ˌɪl.ē.əm/ noun, plural il·ea /ˌɪl.ē.ə/  
: the part of the small intestine between the jejunum and the large intestine

il·i·ac /ˌɪl.ē.ək/ adjective  
: of, relating to, or located near the ilium

il·i·um /ˌɪl.ē.əm/ noun  
: the uppermost and largest of the three bones making up either side of the pelvis

ilk /ɪlk/ noun  
›: a group set up on the basis of any characteristic in common: SORT, KIND

Synonyms
› breed, class, description, feather, kind, like, manner, nature, order, sort, species, type—more at SORT

1ill /ɪl/ adjective worse /ˈwɜrs/; worst /ˈwɜrst/  
1 ›: attended or caused by an evil intent <~ deeds>
2 a: not normal or sound <~ health>
   b: not in good health: SICK; also: feeling nauseated
3: BAD, UNLUCKY <~ omen>
4: not right or proper <~ manners>
5: UNFRIENDLY, HOSTILE <~ feeling>

Synonyms
› [1] adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, injurious, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL
› [2b] nauseous, queasy, queer, sick, squeamish—more at NAUSEOUS
› [2b] bad, down, indisposed, peaked, punk, sick, unhealthy, unsound, unwell—more at SICK

2ill adverb worse; worst  
1: with displeasure
2: in a harsh manner
3: probably not: HARDLY <can ~ afford it>
4: BADLY, UNLUCKILY
5: in a faulty way

Synonyms
› hard, hardly, harshly, oppressively, roughly, severely, sternly, stiffly—more at HARDLY

3ill noun  
1 ›: the reverse of good: EVIL
2: MISFORTUNE, DISTRESS
3: AILMENT, SICKNESS; also: TROUBLE

Synonyms
› bad, evil, immorality, iniquity, sin, villainy, wrong—more at EVIL

4ill abbreviation  
illustrated; illustration; illustrator

Ill abbreviation  
Illinois
ill–ad·vised /ɪlˈædˌvɪzd/ adjective
›: not well counseled <~ efforts>
— ill–ad·vis·ed·ly /ˌɪlˌædˌvɪzd.lɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
› imprudent, indiscreet, tactless, unwise—more at INDISCREET

ill–bred /ˈbred/ adjective
›: showing bad upbringing : IMPOLITE
  Synonyms
› discourteous, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly—more at IMPOLITE

il·le·gal /ɪˈle.ɡəl/ adjective
›: not lawful; also : not sanctioned by official rules
— il·le·gal·i·ty /ˌɪl.ˈɡe.ɡə.tɪ/ noun
— il·le·gal·ly adverb
  Synonyms
› criminal, illegitimate, illicit, unlawful, wrongful; also bad, evil, immoral, shameful, sinful, unethical, wicked, wrong; blameworthy, censurable, reprehensible; banned, barred, disallowed, discouraged, forbidden, interdicted, outlawed, prohibited, proscribed; unauthorized, unlicensed, unsanctioned; corrupt, unprincipled, unscrupulous, villainous
  Antonyms
lawful, legal, legitimate
› dirty, foul, unfair, unsportsmanlike

il·le·gi·ble /ɪˈli.gə.bl/ adjective
: not legible
— il·le·gi·bil·i·ty /ˌɪl.ˈli.gə.bl.i.tɪ/ noun
— il·le·gi·bil·ly adverb

il·le·git·i·mate /ɪˈli.ɡət.ɪˌmeɪt/ adjective
1 ›: born of unmarried parents
2: ILLOGICAL
3 ›: not sanctioned by law : ILLEGAL
— il·le·git·i·ma·cy /ˌɪl.ˈli.gət.ɪˈmeɪ.sɪ/ noun
— il·le·git·i·mate·ly adverb
  Synonyms
› [1] natural; also fatherless, motherless; adopted
  Antonyms
legitimate
› [3] criminal, illegal, illicit, unlawful, wrongful—more at ILLEGAL

ill–fat·ed /ɪlˈfæ.tɛd/ adjective
›: having or destined to a hapless fate : UNFORTUNATE
  Synonyms
› hapless, ill-starred, luckless, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky—more at UNLUCKY

ill–fa·vored /ɪlˈfæ.vaɾd/ adjective
: unattractive in physical appearance : UGLY

ill–got·ten /ɪlˈgɑt.ˈtən/ adjective
: acquired by improper means <~ gains>

ill–hu·mored /ɪlˈhu.ˈmɔrd/ adjective
›: irritably sullen and churlish in mood or manner : SURLY
  Synonyms
› bearish, bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic, surly

il·lib·er·al /ɪlˈli.bər.əl/ adjective
snappish, testy, touchy; argumentative, contrary, contentious; angry, indignant, irate, mad, upset, uptight; depressed, dour, glum, morose, sullen

**Antonyms**
amiable, good-natured, good-tempered

**ill-treat /ˈɪtɹɪt/ verb**
- to treat cruelly or improperly: **MALTREAT**
- **ill-treat-ment noun**
  - **Synonyms**
  - abuse, maltreat, manhandle, mishandle, mistreat, misuse—more at **ABUSE**

**il·lu·mi·nate /ɪlˈjuː.mə.nət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing**
- **ill-treat-ment noun**
  - **Synonyms**
  - [1] light; also brighten; beam, beat (down), radiate, shine; floodlight; highlight, spotlight; blaze, burn, fire, flame, glare, glow, ignite, incinerate, kindle; bedazzle, blind, daze, dazzle; gleam, glisten, glitter
  - **Antonyms**
  - blacken, darken
  - [2] clarify, clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, illustrate, interpret, spell out—more at **EXPLAIN**

**il·lu·mi·na·tion /ɪlˈjuː.mə.nə.shən/ noun**
- [1] the action of illuminating
- [2] the state of being illuminated
  - **Synonyms**
  - [1] blaze, flare, fluorescence, glare, gleam, glow, incandescence, light, luminescence, radiance, shine—more at **LIGHT**
  - [2] brilliance, dazzle, effulgence, lightness, lucidity, luminosity, radiance, refugence, splendor—more at **BRILLIANCE**

**il·lu·mine /ɪlˈjuː.mən/ verb -mined; -min·ing**
- to make clear or bright: **ILLUMINATE**

**ill-us·age /ɪlˈyuː.səl/ noun**
- harsh, unkind, or abusive treatment

**ill-use /ˈɪljuːz/ verb**
- to use badly: **MALTREAT, ABUSE**

**il·lu·sion /ɪlˈjuː.zhən/ noun**
- [1] a mistaken idea: **MISCONCEPTION**
- [2] a misleading visual image; also: **HALLUCINATION**
  - **Synonyms**
  - [1] error, fallacy, falsehood, falsity, misconception, myth, old wives' tale, untruth—more at **FALLACY**
  - [2] chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at **FANTASY**

**il·lu·sion·ist /ɪlˈjuː.zhə.nɪst/ noun**
- one that produces illusions; especially: a sleight-of-hand performer

**il·lu·sive /ɪlˈjuː.ʃɪv/ adjective**
- **DECEPTIVE**

**il·lu·so·ry /ɪlˈjuː.sər.əˌri/ adjective**
- **DECEPTIVE**
illustrate /ɪlˈstrət/ verb -trat·ed; -trat·ing
[origin: L. illustrare, fr. lustrare to purify, make bright]
1: to explain by use of examples; also: DEMONSTRATE
2: to provide with pictures or figures that explain or decorate
3: to serve to explain or decorate
— il·lus·tra·tor /ɪlˈstrə.tər/ noun
Synonyms
demonstrate, exemplify, instance; also cite, instance, mention, quote; name, specify; analyze, break down; clarify, clear (up), explain, explicate, expound; edify, elucidate, enlighten; illuminate; construe, interpret; simplify, spell out; detail, enumerate, list

illustration /ɪlˈstrə.ʃən/ noun
1: the act of illustrating; the condition of being illustrated
2: an example or instance that helps make something clear
3: a picture or diagram that explains or decorates
Synonyms
[2] clarification, construction, elucidation, explanation, explication, exposition, illumination, interpretation—more at EXPLANATION
[3] diagram, figure, graphic, plate; also drawing, illumination, image, picture; caption, key, legend; depiction, portrait, portrayal, representation; clarification, elucidation, explanation, explication, exposition

illustrative /ɪlˈstrə.tɪv/ adjective
: serving, tending, or designed to illustrate
— il·lus·tra·tive·ly adverb

illustrious /ɪˈləstr.iəs/ adjective
: notably outstanding because of rank or achievement
— il·lus·tri·ous·ness noun
Synonyms
distinguished, eminent, noble, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star, superior
—more at EMINENT

ill will noun
: unfriendly feeling

ILS abbreviation
instrument landing system

image /ɪmˈɡeɪ/ noun
1: a likeness or imitation of a person or thing; especially: STATUE
2: a picture of an object formed by a device (as a mirror or lens)
3: a person strikingly like another person <he is the ~ of his father>
4: a mental picture or conception: IMPRESSION, IDEA, CONCEPT
5: a vivid representation or description
Synonyms
[3] carbon copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, likeness, match, picture, replica, ringer, spit; also effigy, portrait, portrayal; companion, counterpart, fellow, mate; equal, equivalent, identical twin; analogue, parallel
[4] concept, idea, impression, notion, picture, thought—more at IDEA

imaged verb im·aged; im·ag·ing
1: to call up a mental picture of
2: to describe or portray in words
3: to create a representation of
4: REFLECT, MIRROR
5: to make appear: PROJECT
**Synonyms**

- [2] delineate, depict, describe, draw, paint, picture, portray, sketch—more at DESCRIBE
- [3] depict, picture, portray, represent—more at PICTURE

**im·ag·ery** /im'ajərē/ noun, plural -er·ies
1: IMAGES; also: the art of making images
2: figurative language
3: mental images; especially: the products of imagination

**imag·in·able** /im'ajə.nəl/ adjective
: capable of being imagined: CONCEIVABLE
—imag·in·ably adverb

**imag·i·nary** /im'ajə.ner·ē/ adjective
1: existing only in the imagination
2: containing or relating to a quantity (imaginary unit) that is the positive square root of minus 1 (√-1)

**imag·i·na·tion** /im'ajə.na'shən/ noun
1: the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or not previously known or experienced
2: creative ability
3: RESOURCEFULNESS
4: a mental image: a creation of the mind

**imag·i·na·tive** /im'ajə.nəтив/ adjective
—imag·i·na·tive·ly adverb

**imag·ine** /im'ajən/ verb imagined; imag·in·ing
1: to form a mental picture of something not present
2: to hold as an opinion: THINK, GUESS <I ~ it will rain>

**imag·in·ings** /im'ajənɪŋz/ noun plural
: products of the imagination

**imag·ag·ism** /im'ajəgəzəm/ noun, often cap
: a movement in poetry advocating free verse and the expression of ideas and emotions through clear precise images

**ima·go** /im'a.gə/ noun, plural imagoes or im·a·gi·nes /im'a.gə.nēz/
示范区 NL, fr. L, image
: an insect in its final adult stage
— im·gi·nal /im.ˈgi-nəl/ adjective
im·bal·ance /im.ˈbal-nəns/ noun
: lack of balance : the state of being out of equilibrium or out of proportion
im·be·cile /im.ˈbe-səl/ noun
1 usually offensive : a person affected with moderate mental retardation
2 ➔ : a person lacking in judgment or prudence : IDIOT
— imbecile or im·be·cil·ic /im.ˈbe-səl.ik/ adjective

Synonyms
blockhead, dope, dummy, idiot, jackass, nitwit, numskull, simpleton—more at IDIOT
im·be·cil·i·ty /im.ˈbe-səl.ə-tē/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being imbecile or an imbecile
2 ➔ : something that is foolish or nonsensical

Synonyms
absurdity, asininity, fatuity, folly, foolery, idiocy, inanity, insanity, lunacy, stupidity—more at FOLLY
im·bed variant of EMBED
im·bibe /im.ˈbīb/ verb im·bibed; im·bib·ing
1 : to receive and retain in the mind
2 ➔ : to take through the mouth and esophagus into the stomach : DRINK
3 ➔ : to take in or up : ABSORB
— im·bib·er noun

Synonyms
[2] drink, guzzle, quaff, sup, swig, toss—more at DRINK
[3] absorb, drink, soak, sponge, suck—more at ABSORB
im·bri·ca·tion /im.ˈbrē-kə-shən/ noun
1 : an overlapping of edges (as of tiles)
2 : a pattern showing imbrication
im·bri·cate /im.ˈbrē-kāt/ adjective
im·bro·gli·o /im.ˈbrō-glē-ō/ noun, plural -glios
[origin: It, fr. imbrogliare to entangle]
1 : a confused mass
2 : a complicated situation; also : a serious or embarrassing misunderstanding
im·brue /im.ˈbrō/ verb im·bru·ed; im·bru·ing
: STAIN <hands imbrued with blood>
im·bue /.ˈbō/ verb im·bued; im·bu·ing
1 ➔ : to permeate or influence as if by dyeing
2 : to tinge or dye deeply

Synonyms
inculcate, infuse, ingrain, invest, steep, suffuse—more at INFUSE
IMF abbreviation
International Monetary Fund
imit abbreviation
imitative
im·i·ta·ble /im.ˈi-tə-bal/ adjective
: capable or worthy of being imitated or copied
im·i·tate /im.ˈi-tāt/ verb -tated; -tat·ing
1 ➔ : to follow as a model
2 : RESEMBLE
3 : to produce a copy of : REPRODUCE
4 : to copy or feign esp. with intent to deceive : MIMIC

**Synonyms**
- [1] ape, copy, emulate, mime, mimic; also burlesque, caricature, lampoon, mock, parody, travesty; impersonate, perform, play; pantomime
- [3] copy, duplicate, replicate, reproduce—more at COPY
- [4] burlesque, caricature, mimic, mock, parody, take off, travesty—more at MIMIC

**imitation** /i.mə.təˈʃan/ noun
1 : an act of imitating
2 : something produced as a copy
3 : a literary work that reproduces the style of another author

**Synonyms**
- carbon copy, copy, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, replica, replication, reproduction—more at COPY

**imitation** adjective
- resembling something else that is usu. genuine and of better quality : not real

**Synonyms**
- artificial, bogus, factitious, fake, false, mimic, mock, sham, substitute, synthetic; also dummy, phony; cultured, manufactured; unauthentic; adulterated, doctored, fudged, juggled, manipulated, tampered (with); concocted, fabricated; counterfeit, deceptive, forged, fraudulent, misleading; affected, feigned, pseudo, spurious

**Antonyms**
- genuine, natural, real

**imitative** /i.məˈtā.tiv/ adjective
1 : marked by imitation
2 : inclined to imitate
3 : COUNTERFEIT

**Synonyms**
- mimic, slavish, unoriginal; also copied, cribbed, plagiarized; artificial, bogus, factitious, fake, false, imitation, man-made, mock, sham, simulated, substitute, synthetic; duplicated, reproduced, transcribed; backup; counterfeit, deceptive, forged, fraudulent, misleading; uninspired

**Antonyms**
- original

**imitator** /i.məˈtā.tar/ noun
1 : one that imitates

**Synonyms**
- impersonator, impressionist, mimic—more at MIMIC

**immaculate** /i.məˈkələt/ adjective
1 : being without stain or blemish : PURE
2 : spotlessly clean (<~ linen>)

**Antonyms**
- chaste, clean, decent, modest, pure—more at CHASTE
- clean, spick-and-span, spotless, stainless, unsoiled, unsullied—more at CLEAN

**immaterial** /i.məˈmə.təˈri.əl/ adjective
1 : not consisting of matter : SPIRITUAL
2 : of no substantial consequence : UNIMPORTANT, TRIFLING
3 : not material or essential
im·ma·te·ri·al·ity /ˌɪm.ə.təˈri.ə.lə.tē/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] bodiless, incorporeal, insubstantial, nonmaterial, nonphysical, spiritual, unsubstantial; also metaphysical, supernatural; impalpable, insensible, intangible, invisible; airy, diaphanous, ethereal, tenuous, thin, vaporous
  Antonyms
  ➢ bodily, corporeal, material, physical, substantial
  ➢ [3] extraneous, irrelevant—more at IRRELEVANT

im·ma·ture /ɪ.ˈma.tʃər/ adjective
  ➢ lacking complete development: not yet mature

im·ma·tu·ri·ty /ˌɪ.mə.ˈtəri.tē/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ adolescent, babyish, childish, infantile, juvenile, kiddish—more at CHILDISH
  ➢ adolescent, callow, green, inexperienced, juvenile, raw—more at CALLOW

im·mea·sur·able /ɪm.ˌme.zər.ə.bl/ adjective
  ➢ not capable of being measured: indefinitely extensive

im·mea·sur·ably /ˌɪ.mə.zərə.bli/ adverb
  ➢ boundless, endless, illimitable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited—more at INFINITE

im·me·di·a·cy /ɪ.ˈmi.ˌdi.ə.sē/ noun, plural -cies
1 ➢ the quality or state of being immediate
2 ➢ something that is of immediate importance
  Synonyms
  ➢ closeness, contiguity, nearness, proximity—more at PROXIMITY

im·me·di·ate /ɪ.ˈmi.ˌdi.ət/ adjective
1 ➢ acting directly and alone: DIRECT <the ~ cause of death>
2 ➢ being next in line or relation <members of the ~ family>
3 ➢ not distant: CLOSE
4 ➢ made or done at once <an ~ response>
5 ➢ near to or related to the present time <the ~ future>
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] direct, firsthand, primary—more at DIRECT
  ➢ [3, 5] close, near, nearby, nigh—more at CLOSE
  ➢ [4] prompt, punctual, timely—more at PROMPT

im·me·di·ate·ly adverb
1 ➢ in direct connection or relation
2 ➢ without interval of time
  Synonyms
  ➢ directly, forthwith, instantly, now, promptly, pronto, right away, right now; also away, freely; anon, momentarily, shortly, soon; apce, briskly, fast, posthaste, quick, quickly, rapidly, readily, speedily, swiftly, abruptly, presto, suddenly, unexpectedly; hastily, impetuously, impulsively, rashly, recklessly; exactly, opportune, punctually, seasonably

im·me·mo·ri·al /ˌɪ.mə.ˈmər.ə.ləl/ adjective
  ➢ extending beyond the reach of memory, record, or tradition

im·mense /ɪˈməns/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. MF, fr. L immensus immeasurable, fr. mensus, pp. of metiri to measure]
1 ➢ very great in size or degree: VAST
2 ➢ EXCELLENT

im·men·si·ty /ɨˈmən.si.ti/ noun
1 ➢ the quality or state of being immense
2 ➢ something immense
Synonyms
- enormity, hugeness, magnitude, massiveness, vastness; also bigness, greatness, largeness, voluminosity; grandness; extravagance, immoderacy

Antonyms
- minuteness

**im·merse** /ɪˈmɜːrs/ verb *im·mersed; im·mers·ing*
1 : to plunge or dip esp. into a fluid
2 : to take or engage the whole attention of: ENGROSS, ABSORB
3 : to baptize by immersing

**Synonyms**
- [1] dip, douse, duck, dunk, souse, submerge—more at DIP
- [2] absorb, busy, engage, engross, enthral, fascinate, grip, interest, intrigue, involve, occupy—more at ENGAGE

**im·mer·sion** /ɪˈmɜːr.zhən/ noun
: the act of immersing or the state of being immersed; especially: absorbing involvement

**im·mi·grant** /ɪˈmi.ɡrənt/ noun
1 : a person who immigrates
2 : a plant or animal that becomes established where it did not previously occur

**Synonyms**
- emigrant, émigré, migrant, settler—more at EMIGRANT

**im·mi·grate** /ɪˈmi.ɡrət/ verb -grat·ed; -grat·ing
: to come into a foreign country and take up residence

**Synonyms**
- coming, forthcoming, impending, oncoming, pending—more at FORTHCOMING
- impending, pending; also approaching, coming, forthcoming, future, near, nearing, oncoming, upcoming; brewing, gathering; likely, possible, probable; inevitable, unavoidable; menacing, ominous, portentous; anticipated, awaited, expected, foreseen, predicted

**im·mis·ci·ble** /ɪˈmiˌsa.ˈbəl/ adjective
: incapable of mixing

**im·mis·ci·bil·i·ty** /ɪˌmiˌsa.ˈbɪl.i.ˈti/ noun
: IMPOVERISHMENT

**im·mo·bil·i·ze** /ɪˈmoˌbaˌlaɪz/ verb
: to make immobile

**Synonyms**
- cripple, disable, hamstring, incapacitate, paralyze, prostrate—more at PARALYZE

**im·mod·er·ate** /ɪˌmoˌdər.ət/ adjective
: lacking in moderation: EXCESSIVE

**im·mod·er·a·cy** /ɪˌmoˌdər.əˈsē/ noun

im·mod·er·ate·ly adverb

Synonyms
- devilish, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, inordinate, lavish, overmuch, overweening, steep, stiff, towering, unconscionable—more at EXCESSIVE

im·mod·est /ˈɪ mə dəst/ adjective
- : not modest <> conduct>; specif: not conforming to the sexual mores of a particular time or place <an ~ dress>
- im·mod·est·ly adverb
- im·mod·es·ty /ˌde ˌstē/ noun

Synonyms
- bold, familiar, forward, free, presumptuous—more at PRESUMPTUOUS

im·mo·late /ɪˈme, ˌlæt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing

[ORIGIN: L immolare, to sprinkle with meal before sacrificing, sacrifice, fr. mola sacrificial barley cake, lit., millstone]
- : to offer in sacrifice; especially: to kill as a sacrificial victim

im·mo·la·tion /ˌɪˌlæ ˌshən/ noun
1 : the act of immolating: the state of being immolated
2 : something that is immolated

im·mor·al /ɪˈmɔr əl/ adjective
- : not moral
- im·mor·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
- bad, black, evil, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong
- cutthroat, Machiavellian, unconscionable, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous—more at UNPRINCIPLED

im·mor·al·i·ty /ˈɪˌmɔrəˌla ti/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being immoral; especially: UNCHASTITY
2 : an immoral act or practice

Synonyms
- [1] bad, evil, ill, iniquity, sin, villainy, wrong—more at EVIL
- [2] corruption, debauchery, depravity, iniquity, licentiousness, sin, vice—more at VICE

im·mor·tal /ɪˈmɔr təl/ adjective
1 : not mortal: exempt from death <> gods
2 : destined to be remembered forever <those ~ words>
- im·mor·tal·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1, 2] ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, everlasting, permanent, perpetual, undying, unending—more at EVERLASTING

im·mor·tal noun
1 : one exempt from death
2 plural often cap: the gods in Greek and Roman mythology
3 : a person whose fame is lasting <an ~ of baseball>

im·mor·tal·ise British variant of IMMORTALIZE
in·div·id·u·al·ise British variant of INDIVIDUALIZE
im·mor·tal·i·ty /ˌɪˌmɔrˈtəla ti/ noun
- the quality or state of being immortal; especially: unending existence

Synonyms
- afterlife, eternity, hereafter, immortality—more at ETERNITY

im·mor·tal·ize /ɪˈmɔrtəlˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
- to make immortal
im·mov·a·ble /ɪˈmʊ.və.bəl/ adjective
1 : firmly fixed, settled, or fastened <~ mountains>
2 : firm in belief, determination, or adherence : UNYIELDING
3 : IMPASSIVE
   — im·mov·a·bil·i·ty /ɪˌmʊ.və.ˈbɪ.lə.ti/ noun
   — im·mov·a·bly /ɪˈmʊ.və.lɪ/ adverb
   Synonyms
   › immobile, nonmotile, unbudging, unmovable; also motionless, static, stationary, still; fast, fixed, rooted, steadfast, stuck, wedged
   Antonyms
   mobile, motile, movable, moving

im·mune /ɪˈmju:n/ adjective
1 : EXEMPT
2 : having a special capacity for resistance (as to a disease)
3 : containing or producing antibodies
   — im·mu·ni·ty /ɪˈmju.nə.ti/ noun
   — immune response noun
   : a response of the body to an antigen resulting in the formation of antibodies and cells designed to react with the antigen and render it harmless
   — immune system noun
   : the bodily system that protects the body from foreign substances, cells, and tissues by producing the immune response and that includes esp. the thymus, spleen, lymph nodes, and lymphocytes
   — im·mu·nize /ɪˈmju.nайz/ verb -nized, -nizing
   : to make immune
   — im·mu·ni·za·tion /ɪˌmju.ˈnɪ.zə.tʃən/ noun
   — im·mu·no·de·fi·ci·en·cy /ɪˌmju.nə.ˈdi fiˌsən.tʃə/ noun
   : inability to produce the normal number of antibodies or immunologically sensitized cells esp. in response to specific antigens
   — im·mu·no·de·fi·cient /ɪˌmju.nə.ˈdi fiˌsənt/ adjective
   — im·mu·no·glob·u·lin /ɪˌmju.nə.ˈɡlə bəˈla lin/ noun
   : ANTIBODY
   — im·mu·no·log·gy /ɪˌmju.nə.ˈlɔg ə ji/ noun
   : a science that deals with the immune system, immunity, and the immune response
   — im·mu·no·log·ic /ˌɪˌmju nəˈlɒd.ɪk/ or im·mu·no·log·i·cal /ˌɪˌmju nəˈlɒd.ɪkəl/ adjective
   — im·mu·no·log·i·cal·ly /ˌɪˌmju nəˈlɒd.ɪkə lɪ/ adverb
   — im·mu·no·log·i·gist /ˌɪˌmju nəˈlɒd.ɪjɪst/ noun
   — im·mu·no·sup·pres·sion /ˌɪˌmju.nəˈsəp ˌpreʃən/ noun
   : suppression (as by drugs) of natural immune responses
   — im·mu·no·sup·press /ˌɪˌmju.nəˈsəpˌpres/ verb
   — im·mu·no·sup·pres·sive /ˌɪˌmju.nəˈsəpˌpres.ɪv/ adjective
   — im·mu·no·ther·a·py /ˌɪˌmju.nəˈθeə rə pə/ noun
   : treatment or prevention of disease by attempting to induce immunity
   — im·mure /ɪˌmju r/ verb im·mured; im·mur·ing
   1 : to enclose within or as if within walls; also : IMPRISON
   2 : to build into a wall; especially : to entomb in a wall
   Synonyms
   › cage, closet, coop, corral, encaise, enclose, envelop, fence, hedge, hem, house, pen, wall—more at ENCLOSE
   › commit, confine, imprison, jail—more at IMPRISON
immutable /iˈmjuːtəbəl/ adjective
   : not capable of or susceptible to change : UNCHANGEABLE, UNCHANGING
   — immutable /iˈmjuːtəbli/ adverb

   Synonyms
      fast, fixed, hard-and-fast, inflexible, unalterable, unchangeable, unchanging—more at INlexible

immutability /iˌmjuːtəˈbɪləti/ noun
   : the quality or state of being immutable

   Synonyms
      constancy, fixedness, stability, steadiness—more at CONSTANCY

imp /ɪmp/ noun
1 : a small demon : FIEND
2 : a mischievous child

   Synonyms
      [1] demon, devil, fiend, ghoul—more at DEMON
      [2] devil, hellion, mischief, monkey, rapscallion, rascal, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP

2 imp abbreviation
   1 imperative
   2 imperfect
   3 imperial
   4 import; imported

impact /ɪmˈpækt/ verb
   1 : to press together
   2 : to have an impact on
   3 : to strike forcefully

   Synonyms
      [2] affect, impress, influence, move, strike, sway, tell, touch—more at AFFECT
      [3] bang, bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, knock, ram, slam, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at HIT

2 impact /ɪmˈpækt/ noun
   1 : a forceful contact, collision, or onset; also : the impetus communicated in or as if in a collision
   2 : the force of impression of one thing on another : EFFECT

   Synonyms
      [1] bump, collision, concussion, crash, jar, jolt, shock, smash, strike, wallop; also blow, buffet, hit, knock, punch, rap, slap, thump; bashing, bludgeoning, clobbering, hammering, licking, pounding, pummelling, thrashing; contact, encounter, meeting, touch
      [2] effect, influence, mark, repercussion, sway—more at EFFECT

impacted /ɪmˈpæktɪd/ adjective
   1 : packed or wedged in
   2 : wedged between the jawbone and another tooth

impair /ɪmˈpær/ verb
   : to diminish in quantity, value, excellence, or strength : DAMAGE, LESSEN
   — impairment noun

impaired /ɪmˈpærɪd/ adjective
   : being in a less than perfect or whole condition; especially : disabled or functionally defective — often used in combination <hearing-impaired>

impala /ɪmˈpæla/ noun, plural impalas or impala
   : a large brownish African antelope that in the male has slender curved horns with ridges

im pale /ɪmˈpæl/ verb impaled; impal·ing
   : to pierce with or as if with something pointed
   — impalement noun

   Synonyms
gore, harpoon, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, stick, transfix; also spindle; perforate; jab, poke, prick, punch, thrust; cut, knife, slice

im-pal-pa-ble /ˌim-pal-pa-bəl/ adjective
1: unable to be felt by touch: INTANGIBLE
2: not easily seen or understood
—im-pal-pa-bly /ˌim-pal-pə-bli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ＞ imperceptible, inappreciable, indistinguishable—more at IMPERCEPTIBLE

im-pan-el /ˌim-pən-əl/ verb
: to enter in or on a panel: ENROLL <~ a jury>

im-part /imˈpār/ verb
1: to give from one's store or abundance <the sun ~s warmth>
2: to make known
   Synonyms
   ＞ [1, 2] communicate, convey, spread, transfer, transfuse, transmit—more at COMMUNICATE

im-par-tial /imˈpər-shal/ adjective
—im-par-tial·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ＞ disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced
      —more at FAIR

im-par-tial·i·ty /ˌim-par-təl-i-tee/ noun
: the quality or state of being impartial: freedom from bias or favoritism
   Synonyms
   ＞ detachment, disinterestedness, neutrality, objectivity—more at DETACHMENT

im-pass-able /imˈpä-sə-bal/ adjective
—im-pass-ably /bəl-/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ＞ impenetrable, impervious

im-passe /imˈpās/- noun
1: an impassable road or way
2: a predicament from which there is no obvious escape
   Synonyms
   ＞ deadlock, halt, stalemate, standstill; also dead end; bottleneck, corner, dilemma, fix, hole, jam, pickle, pinch, plight, predicament, quagmire, quandary, spot; difficulty; problem

im-pass-i-ble /imˈpä-sə-bal/ adjective
: incapable of feeling: IMPASSIVE

im-pass-ion·ed /imˈpä-shən-d/ adjective
: filled with passion or zeal: showing great warmth or intensity of feeling
   Synonyms
   ＞ ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, glowing, hot-blooded, passionate, red-hot, vehement, warm—more at FERVENT

im-pass·ive /imˈpä-siv/ adjective
: showing no signs of feeling, emotion, or interest: EXPRESSIONLESS; also: lacking or not feeling emotion
   —im-pass·ive·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ＞ blank, deadpan, expressionless, inexpressive, stolid, vacant—more at BLANK
   ＞ apathetic, cold-blooded, phlegmatic, stoic, stolid, unemotional; also cold, cool, dispassionate, unmoved; calm, collected, composed; unflappable; reserved, reticent, taciturn; blank, empty, deadpan, dry, expressionless,
inexpressive, vacant, wooden; enigmatic, impenetrable, inscrutable; aloof, detached, unconcerned, unsentimental; impersonal, objective, unresponsive; unfeeling, pitiless; inconsiderate, thoughtless

Antonyms
demonstrative, emotional, fervent, fervid, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate

im-pas-siv-i-ty /im-ˈpa-sə-siv-ə-tē/ noun
›: the quality or state of being impassive: lack or absence of feeling or expression

Synonyms
apathy, numbness, phlegm, stupor—more at APATHY

im-pas-to /im-ˈpas-tō, ˈpās-tō/ noun
: the thick application of a pigment to a canvas or panel in painting; also: the body of pigment so applied

im-pa-tience /im-ˈpa-təns/ noun
›: the quality or state of being impatient

Synonyms
appetite, ardor, avidity, eagerness, enthusiasm, excitement, hunger, keeness, thirst—more at EAGERNESS

im-pa-tienς /im-ˈpa-ti-əns/ noun
: any of a genus of herbs with usu. spurred flowers and seed capsules that readily split open

im-pa-tient /im-ˈpa-tent/ adjective
1: not patient: restless or short of temper esp. under irritation, delay, or opposition
2: INTOLERANT <~ of poverty>
3: prompted or marked by impatience
4: eagerly desirous: ANXIOUS
—im-pa-tient-ly adverb

im-peach /im-ˈpech/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME empechen to accuse, fr. MF empeechier to hinder, fr. LL impedicare to fetter, fr. L pedica fetter, fr. ped-, pes foot]
1: to charge (a public official) before an authorized tribunal with misconduct in office
2: to challenge the credibility or validity of
3: to remove from public office for misconduct
—im-peach-ment noun

im-pec-ca-bil-i-ty /im-ˈpek-kə-bil-ə-tē/ noun
›: the quality or state of being impeccable

im-pec-cable /im-ˈpek-ə-bal/ adjective
1: not capable of sinning or wrongdoing
2: free from fault or blame: FAULTLESS <a man of ~ character>

Synonyms
faultless, flawless, irreproachable; also: accurate, correct, exact, perfect, precise; appropriate, becoming, decorous, fitting, proper, right, seemly; immaculate, unblemished, unmarred, unspoiled; infallible, unerring, unfailing

Antonyms
censurable, defective, faulty, reproachable
absolute, ideal, letter-perfect, perfect, unblemished—more at PERFECT

im-pec-ca-bly /im-ˈpek-ə-blē/ adverb
›: in an impeccable manner

Synonyms
faultlessly, flawlessly, ideally, perfectly—more at PERFECTLY

im-pec-cu-nious /im-ˈpek-ə-nē-əs/ adjective
›: having little or no money

Synonyms
broke, destitute, indigent, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken—more at POOR

im-pec-cu-nious-ness noun
im·ped·ance /imˈpɛdəns/ noun
: the opposition in an electrical circuit to the flow of an alternating current

im·ped·ed /imˈpɛd/ verb im·ped·ed; im·ped·ing
[origin: L. impedire, fr. ped-, pes foot]
: to interfere with the progress of

Synonyms
  - encumber, fetter, hamper, hinder, hold back, hold up, inhibit, interfere, obstruct—more at HAMPER

im·ped·i·ment /imˈpɛdəmənt/ noun
1: something that impedes, hinders, or obstructs
2: a speech defect

im·ped·i·men·ta /imˌpɛdəˈmentə/ noun plural
: things that impede

im·pel /imˈpel/ verb im·pelled; im·pel·ling
: to urge or drive forward or on; also: PROPEL

Synonyms
  - actuate, drive, move, propel, work

im·pel·ler also im·pel·lor /imˈpelər/ noun
: a rotor esp. in a pump

im·pend /imˈpɛnd/ verb
1: to hover or hang over threateningly: MENACE
2: to be about to occur

impending adjective
: that is about to occur

Synonyms
  - coming, forthcoming, imminent, oncoming, pending—more at FORTHCOMING

im·pen·e·tra·ble /imˈpɛnəˈtreɪəl/ adjective
1: incapable of being penetrated or pierced <an ~ jungle>
2: incapable of being comprehended: INSCRUTABLE <an ~ mystery>

— im·pen·e·tra·bil·i·ty /ˌimˈpɛnəˈtreɪəbələti/ noun
— im·pen·e·tra·bly /ˌimˈpɛnəˈtreɪəbli/ adverb

Synonyms
  - [1] impervious, tight—more at TIGHT
  - [2] cryptic, darkling, deep, enigmatic, inscrutable, mysterious, mystic, occult, uncanny—more at MYSTERIOUS
  - [2] incomprehensible, unfathomable—more at INCOMPREHENSIBLE

im·pen·i·tent /imˈpɛnəˈtənt/ adjective
: not penitent: not repenting of sin

— im·pen·i·tence /ˌiːnˈtəns/ noun

im·per·a·tive /imˈpərətiv/ adjective
1: expressing a command, request, or encouragement <~ sentence>
2: having power to restrain, control, or direct
3: not to be avoided or evaded

— imperative noun
— im·per·a·tive·ly adverb

Synonyms
  - [2] compulsory, incumbent, involuntary, mandatory, necessary, nonelective, obligatory, peremptory—more at MANDATORY
im·per·cep·ti·ble /im.ˈper.ˌsɛp.tə.bəl/ adjective
▶ : not perceptible; especially : too slight to be perceived `<~ changes>
— im·per·cep·ti·bly /ˌbiː.prəˈsɛptəˌbli/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ impalpable, inappreciable, indistinguishable; also inaudible, intangible, invisible, inconspicuous, indistinct, unnoticeable, unseen; faint, insignificant, slight, trivial; buried, concealed, covert, disguised, hidden, obscure, shrouded, unapparent, vague

Antonyms
▶ appreciable, discernible, palpable, perceptible, sensible

im·per·cep·tive /im.ˈper.ˌsɛp.tɪv/ adjective
▶ : not perceptive

imperf abbreviation
imperfect
1 ▶ imperfect /ˈim.prɪk.tər/ adjective
1 ▶ : not perfect esp. by having a fault or a lack
2 : of, relating to, or being a verb tense used to designate a continuing state or an incomplete action esp. in the past
— im·per·fect·ly /ˌim.prɪkˈtərli/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ bad, defective, faulty—more at FAULTY

2 imperfect noun
▶ : the imperfect tense; also : a verb form in it

im·per·fec·tion /im.ˈper.ˌfek.shən/ noun
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being imperfect
2 ▶ : the quality or aspect which makes something incomplete or defective : FAULT, BLEMISH

Synonyms
▶ blemish, defect, deformity, disfigurement, fault, flaw, mark, pockmark, scar—more at BLEMISH

im·pe·ri·al /im.ˈper.iəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : of, relating to, or befitting an empire or an emperor; also : of or relating to the United Kingdom or to the Commonwealth or British Empire
2 ▶ : ROYAL, SOVEREIGN; also : REGAL, IMPERIOUS
3 ▶ : of unusual size or excellence

im·pe·ri·al·ism /im.ˈper.iəlˌizəm/ noun
▶ the policy of seeking to extend the power, dominion, or territories of a nation
— im·pe·ri·al·ist /ˈi.mprəˌɪl.ɪst/ noun or adjective
— im·pe·ri·al·is·tic /ˌi.mprəˌɪl.əˈstɪk/ adjective
— im·pe·ri·al·is·ti·cal·ly /ˌi.mprəˌɪl.əˌtɪk.əˈlɪ/ adverb

im·per·il /im.ˈper.iəl/ verb -iled or -illed; -il·ing or -il·ling
▶ : to bring into peril : ENDANGER

Synonyms
▶ adventure, compromise, gamble, hazard, jeopardize, menace, risk, venture

im·pe·ri·ous /im.ˈper.iəs/ adjective
1 ▶ : befitting or characteristic of one of eminent rank or attainments : COMMANDING, LORDLY
2 ▶ : marked by arrogant assurance : DOMINEERING
3 ▶ : intensely compelling : IMPERATIVE, URGENT
— im·pe·ri·ous·ly /ˌi.mprəˈiərəˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ [2] authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY
▶ [2] arbitrary, dictatorial, high-handed, peremptory, willful—more at ARBITRARY
im·per·ish·able /ɪmˈpɜr.iʃ.əl/ adjective
: not perishable or subject to decay
im·per·ma·nent /ɪmˈpɜr.mə.nənt/ adjective
: not permanent
— im·per·ma·nent·ly adverb
SYNONYMS
interim, provisional, short-term, temporary—more at TEMPORARY
ephemeral, evanescent, flash, fleeting, fugitive, momentary, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient—more at MOMENTARY
im·per·me·able /ɪmˌpɜr.məˈbəl/ adjective
: not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through its substance
im·per·mis·si·ble /ɪmˌpɜr.mɪs.ə.bəl/ adjective
: not permissible
SYNONYMS
forbidden, taboo; also intolerable, unacceptable, unbearable, unendurable; illegal, illegitimate, illicit, improper, inappropiate, unauthorized, unlawful, unlicensed, unmentionable; unseemly, unsuitable; objectionable; disallowed, disapproved, discouraged; refused, rejected, revoked, unsanctioned, vetoed; repressed, suppressed; precluded, prevented, stopped; excluded, ruled out, shut out; blocked, hindered, impeded, obstructed
ANTONYMS
allowable, permissible, permissive, sufferable
im·per·son·al /ɪmˌpɜr.se.ˈnəl/ adjective
1 : not referring to any particular person or thing
2 : not involving human emotions
— im·per·son·al·i·ty /ɪmˌpɜr.se.ˈnəl.ə.ti/ noun
— im·per·son·al·ly adverb
im·per·son·ate /ɪmˌpɜr.se.ˈneɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to assume or act the character of
— im·per·son·a·tion /ɪmˌpɜr.se.ˈneɪ.ʃən/ noun
SYNONYMS
act, perform, play, portray—more at ACT
masquerade, play, pose; also ape, copy, imitate, mine, mimic, mock, parody, travesty; act, perform, portray
im·per·son·a·tor /ɪmˌpɜr.se.ˈnə.tər/ noun
: one that impersonates; especially : an entertainer who impersonates an individual, a type of person, an animal, or an inanimate object
SYNONYMS
imitator, impressionist, mimic—more at MIMIC
im·per·ti·nence /ɪmˈpɜr.tən.sns/ noun
: the quality or state of being impertinent; also : an instance of impertinence
SYNONYMS
brazenness, discourtesy, disrespect, impudence, incivility, insolence, rudeness—more at DISCOURTESY
im·per·ti·nent /ɪmˌpɜr.tən.tənt/ adjective
1 : IRRELEVANT
2 : not restrained within due or proper bounds
— im·per·ti·nent·ly adverb
SYNONYMS
arch, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVY
discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly—more at IMPOLITE
im·per·tur·vable /ɪmˈpɜər.tər.ˈveɪ.l/ adjective  
› marked by extreme calm, impassivity, and steadiness
  
  **Synonyms**
  ‹ nerveless, unflappable, unshakable—more at **UNFLAPPABLE**

im·per·vi·ous /ɪmˈpɜər.və.ˈes/ adjective
1 › incapable of being penetrated (as by moisture)
2 : not capable of being affected or disturbed (as by criticism)
  
  **Synonyms**
  ‹ impenetrable, tight—more at **TIGHT**

im·pe·ti·go /ɪmˈpɛ.ˌti.ɡo/ noun
: a contagious skin disease characterized by vesicles, pustules, and yellowish crusts

im·pet·u·ous /ɪmˈpɛ.tə.ˈəs/ adjective
1 : marked by impulsive vehemence (as by temper)
2 : marked by force and violence (as with speed)

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im·pe·ti·go·ty /ɪmˈpɛ.ti.ˈɡə.ti/ noun

im·pe·tus /ɪmˈpɛ.təs/ noun
[origin: L, assault, impetus, fr. impetere to attack, fr. petere to go, seek]
1 › a driving force: **IMPULSE**; also: **INCENTIVE**
2 : MOMENTUM
  
  **Synonyms**
  ‹ boost, encouragement, goad, impulse, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeas—more at **IMPULSE**

im·pi·e·ty /ɪmˈpi.ə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being impious
2 › an impious act

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im·pinge /ɪmˈpɪŋ/ verb im·pinged; im·ping·ing
1 : to strike or dash esp. with a sharp collision
2 : ENCROACH, INFRINGE

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im·pi·ous /ɪmˈpɪ.əs/ adjective
: not pious: **IRREVERENT**, **PROFANE**

imp·ish /ɪmˈpiʃ/ adjective
› of, relating to, or befitting an imp; especially: **MISCHIEVOUS**

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imp·ish·ness noun
  
  **Synonyms**
  ‹ devilish, knavish, mischievous, rascally, roguish, sly, waggish, wicked—more at **MISCHIEVOUS**

imp·ish·ness noun
› the quality or state of being impish

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im·pla·ca·ble /ɪmˈpla.kə.ˈbəl/ adjective
› not capable of being appeased, pacified, mitigated, or changed (as an enemy)

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im·pla·ca·bil·i·ty /ɪmˈpla.kə.ˈbil.ə.ti/ noun

im·pla·ca·bly /ɪmˈpla.kə.bl/ adverb
  
  **Synonyms**
  ‹ friskiness, mischief, mischievousness, playfulness—more at **PLAYFULNESS**

im·pla·ca·ble /ɪmˈpla.kə.ˈbəl/ adjective
› not capable of being appeased, pacified, mitigated, or changed (as an enemy)

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im·pla·ca·bil·i·ty /ɪmˈpla.kə.ˈbil.ə.ti/ noun

im·pla·ca·bly /ɪmˈpla.kə.bl/ adverb
  
  **Synonyms**
adamant, hard, immovable, inflexible, pat, rigid, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting, unyielding

implant /imˈplænt/ verb
1 : to set firmly or deeply
2 : to fix in the mind or spirit
3 : to insert in living tissue (as for growth or absorption)
— implant /imˈplænt/ noun
— implantation /ɪmˈplæntəˈʃən/ noun

Synonyms
▸ embed, entrench, fix, ingrain, lodge, root—more at ENTRENCH

implausible /ɪmˈplɔːsəbəl/ adjective
▸ : not plausible
— implausibility /ɪmˈplɔːsəbɪlɪtɪ/ noun
— implausibly /ɪmˈplɔːsəbli/ adverb

Synonyms
▸ fantastic, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unconvincing, unimaginable, unthinkable—more at INCREDIBLE

1 implement /ɪmˈplɛmənt/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. ML implementum item making a full complement, appurtenance, tool, fr. LL, act of filling up, fr. L implēre to fill up]
▸ : a device used in the performance of a task : TOOL, UTENSIL

Synonyms
▸ device, instrument, tool, utensil; also apparatus, appliance, mechanism; contraption, contrivance, gadget, gizmo, jigger

2 implement /ɪmˈplɛmənt/ verb
1 ▸ : to put into execution or bring to completion
2 : to provide implements for

Synonyms
▸ administer, apply, enforce, execute—more at ENFORCE

implementation /ɪmˈplɛməntəˈʃən/ noun
▸ : the act of implementing or the state of being implemented

Synonyms
▸ accomplishment, achievement, commission, discharge, enactment, execution, fulfillment, performance, perpetration—more at COMMISSION

implode /ɪmˈpləʊd/ verb -ploded; -ploding
1 : to burst or collapse inward
2 : SELF-DESTRUCT

Synonyms
▸ potential, tacit, unexpressed, unspoken, unvoiced, wordless; also inferred; unannounced, undeclared, unsaid, untold; intimated, suggested

Antonyms
▸ explicit, express, expressed, spoken, stated

implosion /ɪmˈplɔːzən/ noun
— im-plo-sive /siv/ adjective

im-plore /im'plɔr/ verb im- prowess; im-plor-ing
▷ to call upon in supplication : BESPEECH, ENTREAT
  Synonyms
  appeal, beg, beseech, entreat, importune, petition, plead, pray, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG

im-ply /im'pli/ verb im-plied, im-plor-ing
1 : to involve or indicate by inference, association, or necessary consequence rather than by direct statement <war implies fighting>
2 ▷ to express indirectly : hint at
  Synonyms
  allude, hint, indicate, infer, insinuate, intimate, suggest—more at HINT

im-po-lite /im'po.lət/ adjective
▷ not polite : RUDE, DISCOURTEOUS
  Synonyms
  discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly; also audacious, bold, bold-faced, brash, brassy, disrespectful, impudent, insolent, saucy, shameless; boorish, churlish, clownish, loutish, uncouth, vulgar; undiplomatic, unsportsmanlike; abrupt, blunt, brusque, crusty, curt, gruff, sharp, snippy; antisocial, crabbed, cross, disagreeable, grumpy, sullen, surly; improper, inappropriate, incorrect, indecent, indecorous, unseemly; arrogant, conceited, presumptuous, pretentious
  Antonyms
  civil, considerate, courteous, genteel, gracious, mannerly, polite, thoughtful, well-bred

im-pol-i-tic /im'pol.i.tik/ adjective
▷ not politic : UNWISE

im-pon-der-a-ble /im'pon.dər.o.bəl/ adjective
▷ incapable of being weighed or evaluated with exactness
 —in imponderable noun

1 import /im'pɔrt/ verb
1 : to bear or convey as meaning or portent : MEAN
2 : to bring (as merchandise) into a place or country from a foreign or external source
 —in import-er noun

2 import /im'pɔrt/ noun
1 : IMPORTANCE, SIGNIFICANCE
2 ▷ : meaning conveyed, professed, or implied : SIGNIFICATION
3 : something (as merchandise) brought in from another country
  Synonyms
  denotation, drift, intent, meaning, purport, sense, significance, signification—more at MEANING

im-por-tance /im'pɔr.təns/ noun
▷ the quality or state of being important : MOMENT, SIGNIFICANCE

im-port-ant /im'pɔrt.ənt/ adjective
1 ▷ : marked by importance : SIGNIFICANT
2 ▷ : giving an impression of self-importance
 —in import-antly adverb
  Synonyms
  [1] big, consequential, eventful, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty; also decisive, fatal, fateful, strategic; earnest, grave, serious, sincere; distinctive, exceptional, impressive, outstanding, prominent, remarkable; valuable, worthwhile, worthy; distinguished, eminent, great, illustrious, preeminent, prestigious; famous, notorious, renowned all-important, critical, crucial
  Antonyms
  insignificant, little, minor, slight, small, trivial, unimportant
[1] influential, mighty, potent, powerful, significant, strong; also senior, top; able, capable, competent, effective, efficient; authoritarian, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, magisterial, tyrannical, distinguished, dominant, eminent, famous, great, illustrious, notorious, preeminent, prestigious, renowned; dynamic, energetic, forceful, robust, sturdy, tough, vigorous

*Antonyms*
impotent, insignificant, little, powerless, unimportant, weak

[2] complacent, conceited, egotistic, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at CONCEITED

**importation** /imˈpɔːrˌteɪ.ʃən, ˌpər-/ noun
1: the act or practice of importing
2: something imported

**importunate** /ɪmˈpɔːr.təˌnət/ adjective
1: troublesomely urgent or persistent
2: BURDENSOME, TROUBLESOME

**importune** /ɪmˈpɔːr.tən/ verb -tuned, -tun·ing
✓ to urge or beg with troublesome persistence

— **importun·ity** /ɪmˈpɔːr.təˌnɪ.ti, ˌpər.ˈtəˌnə.ti/ noun

*Synonyms*
appeal, beg, beseech, entreat, implore, petition, plead, pray, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG

**impose** /ɪmˈpɔːz/ verb imposed, im·pos·ing
1: to establish or apply by authority <~ a tax>; also: to establish by force <imposed a government>
2: OBTRUDE ~imposed herself on others>
3: to take unwarranted advantage of something <~ on her good nature>

*Synonyms*
assess, charge, exact, fine, lay, levy, put; also dock, mulct, penalize, tax; extort, shake down, wrest, wring; bleed, fleece, gouge, milk, skin, squeeze; coerce, compel, force; inflict, wreak; set

*Antonyms*
remit

**imposing** adjective
✓: impressive because of size, bearing, dignity, or grandeur

— **impos·ing·ly** adverb

*Synonyms*
august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND

**imposition** /ɪmˌpɑːz.ʃən/ noun
: something imposed: as
a: an amount levied
b: an excessive or uncalled-for requirement or burden

**impos·si·ble** (ˌɪmˈpəz.ə.bl/) adjective
1: incapable of being or of occurring
2: enormously difficult: felt to be incapable of being done, attained, or fulfilled
3: extremely undesirable: UNACCEPTABLE

— **impos·si·bil·i·ty** /ˌɪmˌpəz.əˈbl.i.ti/ noun

— **impos·si·bly** adverb

*Synonyms*
hopeless, unattainable, unsolvable, unworkable; also impracticable, impractical; doubtful, dubious, improbable, unlikely; implausible, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unthinkable; futile, useless; absurd, fantastic, outlandish, preposterous, ridiculous

*Antonyms*
achievable, attainable, doable, feasible, possible, realizable, workable

**impost** /ɪmˈpɔːst/ noun
impost noun
: a block, capital, or molding from which an arch springs

impositor or impostor /imˈpāsˌtôr/ noun
: one that assumes an identity or title not one’s own in order to deceive

imposture /imˈpāstər/ noun
: deception; especially: fraudulent impersonation

imposture /ˈlens/ noun
: the quality or state of being impotent

impoison /ˈpā.tən/ adjective
1 : lacking in power or strength: deficient in capacity
2 a : unable to copulate
b : failing to produce or incapable of producing offspring: sterile

impotency /ˈtenˌsē/ noun
—impotently adverb

impoison /ˈpā.ən/ verb
1: confine, enclose (~ stray dogs)
2: to seize and hold in legal custody
3: to collect in a reservoir (~ water)

impoverish /ˈpā.vər.iSH/ verb
: to make poor; also: to deprive of strength, richness, or fertility

impoverished adjective, of a fauna or flora
: represented by few species or individuals

impoverishment noun
: the act of impoverishing or the state of being impoverished

impractical /imˈprak.ti·kəl/ adjective
: not practicable: incapable of being put into practice or use

impracticable /imˈprak.ti·kəbəl/ adjective
: incapable of being done by the means available: impracticable

impractical /ˈprak.tiˌkāl/ noun
1 : not practical
2 : incapable of being done by the means available: impracticable

imprecate /imˈpriˌkāt/ verb -cated; -cating
: curse

imprecation /ˈpriˌkā.ʃən/ noun
impress, impression, print, stamp—more at PRINT

impressionable /imˌprɪʃəˈneɪbəl/ adjective
: capable of being easily impressed : easily molded or influenced

impressionism /imˌprɪʃəˈnɪzəm/ noun, often cap
: a theory or practice in modern art of depicting the natural appearances of objects by dabs or strokes of primary unmixed colors in order to simulate actual reflected light

— impressionistic /ˌprɪʃəˈnɪstɪk/ adjective

impressionist /imˌprɪʃəˈnɪst/ noun
1 often cap: a painter who practices impressionism
2 : an entertainer who does impressions

impressive /imˈprɪʃəs/ adjective
: making or tending to make a marked impression <an ~ speech>

— impressively adverb

impressiveness noun

Synonyms
affecting, emotional, moving, poignant, stirring, touching—more at MOVING

imprimatur /imˈprɪmətər/ noun
[origin: NL, let it be printed]
1 : a license to print or publish; also: official approval of a publication by a censor
2 : explicit or official approval, permission, or ratification

Synonyms
approbation, approval, blessing, favor, OK—more at APPROVAL

imprint /imˈprɪnt, ɪmˈprɪnt/ verb
1 : to stamp or mark by or as if by pressure: IMPRESS
2 : to fix firmly (as on the memory)

Synonyms
engrave, etch, impress, ingrain, inscribe—more at ENGRAVE

imprint /imˈprɪnt/ noun
1 : something imprinted or printed; also: a mark or depression made by pressure
2 : a publisher’s name printed at the foot of a title page
3 : an indelible distinguishing effect or influence

Synonyms
trace, track, trail—more at TRACK
press, impression, print, stamp—more at PRINT

imprison /imˈprɪzn/ verb
: to put in or as if in prison: CONFINE

Synonyms
commit, confine, immure, jail; also: constrain, limit, restrain, restrict, shut; apprehend, arrest, capture, catch, detain; impress, shanghai; hold, keep; enslave, subjugate

Antonyms
discharge, free, liberate, release

imprisonment noun
: the act of imprisoning or the state of being imprisoned
Improbable adjective unlikely to be true or to occur

Improbable probability noun

Improbable adverb or noun

Improper adjective not proper, fit, or suitable

Improperly adverb or noun

Improper fraction noun

Improperly adverb or noun

Propriety noun, plural -ties

Improving verb improved; improving

Improvisation noun

Improv noun
im·prov·a·ble /ˈɪmˌprəʊ.və.bəl/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ➔ ameliorate, amend, better, enhance, enrich, perfect, refine; also correct, emend, rectify, reform, remedy; help; edit, revise; upgrade; fortify, intensify, strengthen; retouch, touch up
  Antonyms
  worsen

im·prove·ment /ˌɪmˌpru.ˈvə.mənt/ noun
  1 : the act or process of improving
  2 : increased value or excellence of something
  3 ➔ something that adds to the value or appearance of a thing
  Synonyms
  ➔ advance, advancement, breakthrough, enhancement, refinement—more at ADVANCE

im·prov·i·dent /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.və.ˈdɛnt/ adjective
  ➔ not providing for the future
  ➔ im·prov·i·dence /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.və.ˈdəns/ noun

im·pro·vise /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.vɪs/ verb -vised; -vis·ing
  1 : to compose, recite, play, or sing on the spur of the moment : EXTEMPORIZE
  2 : to make, invent, or arrange offhand <~ a sail out of shirts>

im·pro·vi·sa·tion /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.və.ˈzə.ʃənˌs, ˌɪmˌprəʊ.və.ˈveɪn/ noun
  im·pro·vi·ser or im·pro·vi·sor /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.vɪs.ərˌn, ˌɪmˌprəʊ.vɪˈzər/ noun

im·pru·dent /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.rə.ˈdɛnt/ adjective
  ➔ not prudent : lacking discretion
  ➔ im·pru·den·ce /ˌɪmˌprəʊ.ru.ˈdəns/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➔ ill-advised, indiscreet, tactless, unwise—more at INDISCREET

im·pu·dence /ˌɪmˌpju.ˈdəns/ noun
  ➔ the quality or state of being impudent; also : an impudent remark or act
  Synonyms
  ➔ brazenness, discourtesy, disrespect, impertinence, incivility, insolence, rudeness—more at DISCOURTESY

im·pu·dent /ˌɪmˌpju.ˈdɛnt/ adjective
  ➔ marked by contemptuous boldness or disregard of others
  ➔ im·pu·dent·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ➔ arch, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, insolent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVOUS

im·pu·gn /ˌɪmˌpju.ˈgən/ verb
  [Origin: ME, to assail, fr. AF empugner, fr. L impugnare, fr. pugnare to fight]
  ➔ to attack by words or arguments : oppose or attack as false or as lacking integrity

im·pu·sance /ˌɪmˌpju.ˈsənsˌ, ˌɪmˌpju.ə.ˈsens/ noun
  [Origin: ME, fr. MF]
  ➔ the quality or state of being powerless : WEAKNESS

im·pulse /ˌɪmˌpəls/ noun
  1 : a force that starts a body into motion; also : the motion produced by such a force
  2 ➔ an arousing of the mind and spirit to some usu. unpremeditated action
  3 : NERVE IMPULSE
  Synonyms
  ➔ boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeast; also inducement, invitation; cause, consideration, motive, reason

im·pul·sion /ˌɪmˌpəl.ˈʃən/ noun
1: the act of impelling; the state of being impelled
2: a force that impels
3: IMPULSE; also: COMPULSION

im·pul·sive /imˈpəlsiv/ adjective
1: having the power of or actually driving or compelling
2: acting or prone to act on impulse <~ buying>
— im·pul·sive·ly adverb
— im·pul·sive·ness noun

Synonyms
- capricious, whimsical—more at WHIMSICAL

im·pu·ni·ty /i$mˈpənətē/ noun
[origin: MF or L; MF impunité, fr. L impunitas, fr. impune without punishment, fr. poena penalty, punishment]
: exemption from punishment, harm, or loss

im·pure /imˈpərē/ adjective
1: not pure: UNCHASTE, OBSCENE
2: DIRTY, FOUL
3: mixed or impregnated with an extraneous and usu. unwanted substance: ADULTERATED

Synonyms
- dilute, polluted; also befouled, corrupted, debased, defiled, dirtied, fouled, soiled, spoiled, sullied; blended, commingled, incorporated, intermingled, intermixed, merged, mingled, mixed; coalesced, combined, compounded; cheapened, doctored

Antonyms
- pure, unadulterated, unalloyed, uncontaminated, undiluted, unpolluted, untainted

im·pu·ri·ty /i$mˈpərətē/ noun
- something that is impure or makes something else impure; also: the quality or state of being impure

Synonyms
- adulterant, contaminant, defilement, pollutant; also blot, blotch, spot, stain, taint; dirt, filth, grime; blemish, defect, disfigurement, fault, flaw; abnormality, imperfection, irregularity

im·pute /imˈpəyt/ verb im·put·ed; im·put·ing
1: to lay the responsibility or blame for often falsely or unjustly
2: to credit to a person or a cause: ATTRIBUTE

— im·put·a·ble /i$mˈpətəbəl/ adjective
— im·pu·ta·tion /i$mˈpətəshən/ noun

Synonyms
- accredit, ascribe, attribute, credit—more at CREDIT

1 in /in/ preposition
1 — used to indicate physical surroundings <swim ~ the lake>
2: INTO 1 <ran ~ the house>
3: DURING <~ the summer>
4: WITH <written ~ pencil>
5: used to indicate one’s situation or state of being <~ luck> <~ love>
6: used to indicate manner or purpose <~ a hurry> <said ~ reply>
7: INTO 2 <broke ~ pieces>

2 in /in/ adverb
1: to or toward the inside <come ~>; also: to or toward some destination or place <flew ~ from the South>
2: at close quarters: NEAR <the enemy closed ~>
Synonyms
   ▶ around, by, close, hard, near, nearby, nigh—more at NEAR

3 in adjective
  1: located inside or within
  2: that is in position, operation, or power <the ~ party>
  3: directed inward: INCOMING <the ~ train>
  4: keenly aware of and responsive to what is new and fashionable <the ~ crowd>; also: extremely fashionable <the ~ thing to do>

Synonyms
   ▶ à la mode, chic, fashionable, modish, popular, sharp, smart, snappy, stylish—more at STYLISH

4 in noun
  1: one who is in office or power or on the inside
  2: INFLUENCE, PULL <he has an ~ with the owner>

5 in abbreviation
  1 inch
  2 inlet

In symbol
  indium

IN abbreviation
  Indiana

in- /ɪn// prefix
  : not: absence of: NON-, UN-
   List of self-explanatory words with the prefix in-:
      inadmissibility
      inadmissible
      inadvisability
      inadvisable
      inapparent
      inapplicable
      inapposite
      inapproachable
      inaptitude
      inarguable
      inartistic
      inaudible
      inaudibly
      incautious
      incombustible
      incomprehension
      inconclusive
      incongruent
      inconsistency
      incoordination
      indecipherable
      indemonstrable
      indestructible
      indeterminable
      indiscernible
      inedible
      ineducable
      ineffaceable
      inefficacious
      inefficacy
      inelastic
inelasticity  
inequitable  
inequity  
ineradicable  
inearrant  
inexpedient  
inextinguishable  
inefeasible  
injudicious  
inoffensive  
inoffensive  
isanitary  
isensitive  
isensitivity  
isignificance  
insolvable  
inusceptible  

in·abil·i·ty /ɪˌneɪˈbɪ.ə.lɪ.ti/ noun  
▶: the quality or state of being unable  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ impotence, inadequacy, incapability, incompetence, ineptitude; also inaptitude; ineffectiveness, inefficiency  
   Antonyms  
   ◀ ability, adequacy, capability, capacity, competence, potency  

in·ac·ces·si·ble /ɪnˈeɪ.səs.ˈsɪ bli/ adjective  
▶: not accessible  
   — in·ac·ces·si·bil·i·ty /ɪnˈeɪ.səs.ˈsɪ bə.lɪ.ti/ noun  
   ▶: inaccessible, unapproachable, unattainable, unavailable, unobtainable, unreachable, untouchable; also distant, far, faraway, far-off, remote, removed; apart, hidden, isolated, out-of-the-way, secluded  
   Antonyms  
   ◀ accessible, approachable, attainable, convenient, obtainable, reachable  

in·ac·cu·ra·cy /ɪnˈæk.yə ˈræs.i/ noun, plural -cies  
1: the quality or state of being inaccurate  
2: something (as a statement or act) that is inaccurate  

in·ac·cu·rate /ɪnˈæk.yə rət/ adjective  
▶: not accurate  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ erroneous, false, incorrect, inexact, invalid, off, unsound, untrue, wrong—more at FALSE  

in·ac·tion /ɪnˈæk.ʃən/ noun  
▶: not occupied or employed  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ dormancy, idleness, inactivity, inertness, quiescence; also indolence, languor, lassitude, laziness, lethargy, listlessness, sleepiness, sloth, sluggishness  
   Antonyms  
   ◀ action, activeness, activity  

in·ac·ti·vate /ɪnˈæk.tə vət/ verb  
▶: to make inactive  
   — in·ac·ti·va·tion /ɪnˈæk.tə vəˈʃən/ noun  

in·ac·tive /ɪnˈæk.tiv/ 
▶: not active, energetic, or in use
**Synonyms**
- dull, inert, lethargic, quiescent, sleepy, sluggish, torpid; also apathetic, indolent, languorous, lazy, listless, slothful; dormant, inanimate, motionless, sedentary, static, still; dead; dopey, drugged

**Antonyms**
- active
  - dead, dormant, fallow, free, idle, inert, inoperative, latent, off, vacant; also arrested, interrupted; asleep, lifeless, quiescent, sleepy; inoperable, unusable, unworkable, useless; dead, dull, slow

**Synonyms**
- dormancy, idleness, inaction, inertness, quiescence—more at INACTION

**Antonyms**
- active, alive, busy, employed, functioning, on, operating, operative, running, working

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**in·ac·tiv·i·ty /ˌɪn.əkˈtɪv.i.ti/ noun**
- : the quality or state of being inactive

**Synonyms**
- dormancy, idleness, inaction, inertness, quiescence—more at INACTION

**Antonyms**
- active, alive, busy, employed, functioning, on, operating, operative, running, working

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**in·ad·e·qua·cy /ˌɪn.əˈdeɪ.kwə.sɪ/ noun**
- : the quality or state of being inadequate or insufficient

**Synonyms**
- dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at DEFICIENCY
- impotence, inability, incapability, incompetence, ineptitude—more at INABILITY

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**in·ad·e·quate /ˌɪn.əˈdɛk.tɪt/ adjective**
- not adequate : INSUFFICIENT
  - in·ad·e·quate·ly adverb
  - in·ad·e·quate·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- deficient, insufficient, scarce, short, shy, wanting—more at SHORT

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**in·ad·ver·tent /ˌɪn.əˈdɛvər.tənt/ adjective**
- 1: HEEDLESS, INATTENTIVE
- 2: not intentional : UNINTENTIONAL
  - in·ad·ver·ten·ce /ˌɪn.əˈdɛvər.təns/ noun
  - in·ad·ver·ten·cy /ˌɪn.əˈdɛvər.təns/ noun
  - in·ad·ver·ten·tly adverb

**in·alien·able /ˌɪn.əˌlɛn.əˈbəl/ adjective**
- : incapable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred <~ rights>
  - in·alien·abil·i·ty /ˌɪn.əˌlɛn.əˈbɪl.i.ti/ noun
  - in·alien·ably adverb

**in·a·mo·ra·ta /ˌɪn.əˈmoʊ.rə.tə/ noun**
- : a woman with whom one is in love

**inane /ˈɪn.ən/ adjective inan·er, -est**
- 1: EMPTY, INSUBSTANTIAL
- 2: lacking significance, meaning, or point

**inan·i·ty /ˈɪn.ən.i.ti/ noun**
- 1: the quality or state of being inane
- 2: something that is inane

**Synonyms**
- 1, 2: absurdity, asinine, balminess, craziness, daftness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, zaniness

**in·an·i·mate /ˌɪn.ən.iˈmeɪt/ adjective**
- not animate or animated : lacking the qualities of living things
  - in·an·i·mate·ly adverb
  - in·an·i·mate·ness noun
in·ap·pre·cia·ble /i.ˌna.prē.shəˌbal/ adjective
›: too small to be perceived
— in·ap·pre·cia·bly /ˌblee/or adjective
Synonyms
› impalpable, imperceptible, indistinguishable—more at IMPERCEPTIBLE

in·ap·pro·pri·ate /i.ˌnaprəˈprɪət/ adjective
›: not appropriate or in good taste
— in·ap·pro·pri·ly adverb
›: in an inapt manner
Synonyms
› amiss, erroneously, faultily, improperly, incorrectly, mistakenly, wrongly

in·ap·t /ˈɪnəpt/ adjective
1 ›: not suitable
2 ›: inappropriate or incompetent often to an absurd degree: INEPT
— in·ap·t·ness noun
Synonyms
› [1, 2] graceless, improper, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong

in·ap·ly adverb
›: in an inapt manner
Synonyms
› amiss, erroneously, faultily, improperly, incorrectly, mistakenly, wrongly

in·ar·tic·u·late /ɪnˌɑrtɪkəˈleɪt/ adjective
1 ›: not understandable as spoken words
2 ›: incapable of speech esp. under stress of emotion: MUTE
3 ›: incapable of being expressed by speech; also: UNSPOKEN
4 ›: not having the power of distinct utterance or effective expression
— in·ar·tic·u·late·ly adverb
Synonyms
› dumb, mute, speechless, voiceless—more at MUTE

in·as·much as /ˈɪnəməks/ conjunction
›: seeing that: SINCE

in·at·ten·tion /ɪnəˈtenʃən/ noun
›: failure to pay attention: DISREGARD

in·at·ten·tive /ɪnəˈten.tɪv/ adjective
›: not paying attention: not attentive
1 inaugural /ˈɪnəˈɡʊrəl/ adjective
1 ›: of or relating to an inauguration
2 ›: marking a beginning
Synonyms
› first, initial, maiden, original, pioneer, premier—more at FIRST
2 inaugural noun
1 ›: an inaugural address
2 ›: an act of inaugurating: INAUGURATION; especially: a ceremonial induction into office

in·au·gu·rate /ˈɪnəˌɡyərət/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
1 ›: to introduce into an office with suitable ceremonies: INSTALL
2 ›: to dedicate ceremoniously
3 ›: to bring about the beginning of: INITIATE
Synonyms
› [1] baptize, induct, initiate, install, invest—more at INSTALL
› [3] constitute, establish, found, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND

in·au·gu·ra·tion /ˈɪnəˌɡyərəˈʃən/ noun
›: an act of inaugurating; also: a ceremonial induction into office
Synonyms
- inaugural, induction, installation, investiture—more at INSTALLATION

in·aus·pi·cious /in·nō′spi·shəs/ adjective
- not auspicious
  Synonyms
  - foreboding, ominous, portentous, prophetic

in·au·then·tic /in·nō′then·tik/ adjective
- not authentic
  Synonyms
  - bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, phony, sham, spurious, unauthentic—more at COUNTERFEIT

in·board /in·bōrd/ adverb
1: inside the hull of a ship
2: close or closest to the center line of a vehicle or craft
  — inboard adjective

in·born /in·bōrn/ adjective
1: present from or as if from birth
2: genetically transmitted or transmittable from parent to offspring: HEREDITARY, INHERITED
  Synonyms
  - [1] essential, ingrained, inherent, innate, integral, intrinsic, natural—more at INHERENT
  - [2] genetic, hereditary, heritable, inherited—more at HEREDITARY

in·bound /in·bound/ adjective
- inward bound (~ traffic)

in·box /in·bōks/ noun
- a receptacle for incoming interoffice letters; also: a computer folder for incoming e-mail

in·bred /in·bred/ adjective
1: ingrained in one’s nature as deeply as if by heredity
2: subjected to or produced by inbreeding

in·breed·ing /in·bred·ing/ noun
1: the interbreeding of closely related individuals esp. to preserve and fix desirable characters of and to eliminate unfavorable characters from a stock
2: confinement to a narrow range or a local or limited field of choice
  — in·breed /ˈbrēd/ verb

inc abbreviation
1: incomplete
2: incorporated
3: increase

In·ca /in·ka/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. Quechua inka ruler of the Inca empire]
1: a noble or a member of the ruling family of an Indian empire of Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador until the Spanish conquest
2: a member of any people under Inca influence

in·cal·cu·la·ble /in·kəl·kyə·la·bəl/ adjective
- not capable of being calculated; especially: too large or numerous to be calculated
  — in·cal·cu·la·bly /-kəl·kyə·lə·bli/ adverb

in·can·des·cence /ˌin·kan·des·əns/ noun
- the quality or state of being incandescent; especially: emission by a hot body of radiation that makes it visible
  Synonyms
  - blaze, flare, fluorescence, glare, gleam, glow, illumination, light, luminescence, radiance, shine—more at LIGHT
incandescent /ˌɪnˈkæn.dəˌsɛnt/ adjective
1 : glowing with heat
2 : strikingly bright, radiant, or clear: SHINING, BRILLIANT

Synonyms
beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, shiny—more at BRIGHT

incandescent lamp noun
a lamp in which an electrically heated filament emits light

in-can-ta-tion /ˌɪnˌkæntəˈʃən/ noun
a use of spells or verbal charms spoken or sung as a part of a ritual of magic; also: a formula of words used in or as if in such a ritual

Synonyms
bewitchment, charm, conjuration, enchantment, incantation, spell—more at SPELL

in-cap-a-bil-i-ty /ˌɪnˌkæpəˈbiləti/ noun
the quality or state of being incapable

Synonyms
impotence, inability, inadequacy, incompetence, ineptitude—more at INABILITY

in-cap-a-ble /ˌɪnˌkæpəˈbəl/ adjective
lacking ability or qualification for a particular purpose; also: UNQUALIFIED

Synonyms
incompetent, inept, inexpert, unfit, unqualified, unskilled, unskillful—more at INCOMPETENT

in-cap-i-tate /ˌɪnˌkæpəˈtæt/ verb -tat-ed; -tat-ing
make incapable or unfit: DISABLE

Synonyms
criple, disable, hamstring, immobilize, paralyze, prostrate—more at PARALYZE

in-cap-i-ty /ˌɪnˌkæpəˈtəti/ noun, plural -ties
the quality or state of being incapable

in-car-cer-ate /ˌɪnˈkærərət/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing
put in prison: IMPRISON, confine

in-car-cer-a-tion /ˌɪnˌkærərəˈʃən/ noun
a confining or state of being confined

Synonyms
captivity, confinement, imprisonment, internment—more at INTERNMENT

in-car-na-dine /ˌɪnˈkærnəˈdən/ verb -dined; -din-ing
redden

1incarnate /ɪnˈkærnət/ adjective
1 : having bodily and esp. human form and substance
2 : PERSONIFIED

2incarnate /ɪnˈkærnət/ verb
to make incarnate: as
a : to give bodily form and substance to
b : to give a concrete or actual form to

in-car-na-tion /ˌɪnˈkærnəˈʃən/ noun
1 a : the embodiment of a deity or spirit in an earthly form
b : a concrete or actual form of a quality or concept
2 cap : the union of divine and human natures in Jesus Christ
3 : a person showing a trait or typical character to a marked degree
4 : the act of incarnating : the state of being incarnate

Synonyms
embodiment, epitome, manifestation, personification—more at EMBODIMENT

1 incendiary /ɪnˈsɛn.dər.i/ adjective
1: of or relating to a deliberate burning of property
2: tending to excite or inflame
3: designed to start fires <an ~ bomb>

2 incendiary noun
1 a: a person who commits arson
   b: an incendiary agent (as a bomb)
2: a person who excites factions, quarrels, or sedition
   Synonyms
   ➢ agitator, demagogue, firebrand, inciter, rabble-rouser—more at AGITATOR

1 incense /ɪnˈsɛns/ noun
1: material used to produce a fragrant odor when burned
2: the perfume or smoke from some spices and gums when burned
   Synonyms
   ➢ aroma, bouquet, fragrance, perfume, redolence, scent, spice—more at FRAGRANCE

2 incense /ɪnˈsɛns/ verb in-censed; in-cens-ing
1: to make extremely angry
   Synonyms
   ➢ anger, antagonize, enrage, inflame, infuriate, madden, outrage, rile, roil—more at ANGER

in-centive /ɪnˈsɛntɪv/ noun
[Origin: ME, fr. LL incentivum, fr. incentivus stimulating, fr. L, setting the tune, fr. incinerare to play (a tune), fr. canere to sing]
1: something that incites or is likely to incite to determination or action
   Synonyms
   ➢ boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeast—more at IMPULSE

in-cip-tion /ɪnˈsɛpʃən/ noun
: an act, process, or instance of beginning : COMMENCEMENT

in-cert-i-tude /ɪnˈsɜrt.i.ted, .ɪnˈtɪtjuːd/ noun
1: absence of assurance or confidence : UNCERTAINTY, DOUBT
2: INSECURITY, INSTABILITY
   Synonyms
   ➢ distrust, doubt, misgiving, mistrust, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty—more at DOUBT

in-ces-ant /ɪnˈsɛns.t/ adjective
1: continuing or flowing without interruption <> rains
   Synonyms
   ➢ ceaseless, continual, continuous, unbroken, unceasing, uninterrupted—more at CONTINUOUS

in-ces-ant-ly adverb
1: in an unceasing manner or course : without intermission or relief
   Synonyms
   ➢ always, constantly, continually, ever, forever, invariably, perpetually, unfailingly—more at ALWAYS

in-cest /ɪnˈsɛst/ noun
: sexual intercourse between persons so closely related that marriage is illegal
   — in-ces-tu-ous /ɪnˈsɛst.chu.əs/ adjective

1 inch /ɪncharset='utf-8'

in-ces-ant-ly adverb
1: in an unceasing manner or course : without intermission or relief
   Synonyms
   ➢ always, constantly, continually, ever, forever, invariably, perpetually, unfailingly—more at ALWAYS

in-cest /ɪnˈsɛst/ noun
1: a unit of length equal to 1/36 yard
2: a small amount, distance, or degree
Synonyms
- ace, hair—more at HAIR

**inch** verb
- to move by small degrees

**Synonyms**
- crawl, creep, drag, plod, poke—more at CRAWL

**in·cho·ate** /in.cho.at/ adjective
- being only partly in existence or operation: INCOMPLETE, INCIPIENT

**inch·worm** /inch.worm/ noun
- LOOPER

**in·ci·dence** /in.se.dans/ noun
- rate of occurrence or effect

1. **incident** /i.n.sed⁄/ noun
   1: an occurrence of an action or situation that is a separate unit of experience: HAPPENING
   2: an action likely to lead to grave consequences esp. in diplomatic matters
   **Synonyms**
   - affair, circumstance, episode, event, happening, occasion, occurrence, thing—more at EVENT

2. **incident** adjective
   1: occurring or likely to occur esp. in connection with some other happening
   2: falling or striking on something &lt; light rays>

1. **incidental** /i.n.se.dent⁄/ adjective
   1: subordinate, nonessential, or attendant in position or significance &lt; expenses>
   2: occurring merely by chance or without intention or planning: CASUAL, CHANCE
   **Synonyms**
   - accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated, unwitting—more at ACCIDENTAL

2. **incidental** noun
   1 plural: minor items (as of expense) that are not individually accounted for
   2: something incidental

1. **incidentally** /i.n.se.den.tal⁄/ adverb
   1: in an incidental manner
   2: by the way

**in·cin·er·ate** /in.sen.tar/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
- to burn to ashes

**in·cin·er·a·tor** /i.n.se.ner.tar/ noun
- a furnace for burning waste

**in·cip·i·ent** /i.n sep.ent/ adjective
- beginning to be or become apparent

**in·cise** /i.n.sis/ verb in·cised; in·cis·ing
- 1: to cut into
- 2: to carve figures, letters, or devices into: ENGRAVE

**in·ci·sion** /i.n.sishən/ noun
- a wound made by something sharp: GASH; especially: a surgical cut

**in·ci·sive** /i.n.siv/ adjective
- impressively direct and decisive
   — in·ci·sive·ly adverb

**in·ci·sor** /i.n.sər/ noun
incite /ɪnˈsaɪt/ verb in·cit·ed; in·cit·ing
☞ : to arouse to action
    Synonyms
    ▪ abet, ferment, foment, instigate, provoke, raise, stir, whip; also forward, foster, further, promote, sow, stimulate; set off, trigger; excite, galvanize, inflame, inspire, motivate, rouse; activate, energize, quicken, vitalize
    ▪ arouse, encourage, excite, fire, instigate, move, pique, provoke, stimulate, stir

incite·ment noun
☞ : the act of inciting or the state of being incited
    Synonyms
    ▪ excitement, instigation, provocation, stimulus—more at PROVOCATION

incit·er noun
☞ : one that incites
    Synonyms
    ▪ agitator, demagogue, firebrand, incendiary, rabble-rouser—more at AGITATOR

inci·vil·i·ty /ɪnˈsaɪvəli·teɪ/ noun
1 ▪ : the quality or state of being uncivil : RUDENESS, DISCOURTESY
2 : a rude or discourteous act
    Synonyms
    ▪ brazenness, discourtesy, disrespect, impertinence, impudence, insolence, rudeness—more at DISCOURTESY
incl abbreviation
include; included; including; inclusive

in·clem·ent /ɪnˈklemənt/ adjective
☞ : lacking mildness; especially : physically severe : STORMY <~ weather>
    — in·clem·en·cy /ɪnˈklemənSI/ noun
    ▪ bleach, dirty, foul, nasty, raw, rough, squally, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent—more at FOUL

in·cli·na·tion /ɪnˈklɪnəʃən/ noun
1 ▪ : a particular disposition of mind or character : PROPENSITY; especially : LIKING
2 : BOW, NOD <an ~ of the head>
3 : a tilting of something
4 ▪ : the degree of deviation from the true vertical or horizontal : SLANT, SLOPE
    Synonyms
    ▪ [1] bent, devices, disposition, genius, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn; also bias, prejudice; aptitude, faculty, flair, gift, knack, talent; addiction, fondness, liking; forte, specialty; convention, custom, habit, pattern, practice, routine, trick, way, wont; oddity, peculiarity, quirk, singularity
    ▪ [4] cant, diagonal, grade, incline, lean, pitch, slant, slope, tilt, upgrade—more at SLANT

1 incline /ɪnˈklaɪn/ verb in·clined; in·clin·ing
   1 : BOW, BEND
   2 ▪ : to be drawn toward an opinion or course of action
   3 ▪ : to deviate from the vertical or horizontal : SLOPE
   4 : INFLUENCE, PERSUADE
   — in·clin·er noun
       Synonyms
       ▪ [2] lean, run, tend, trend—more at LEAN
       ▪ [3] angle, cant, cock, heel, lean, list, slant, slope, tilt—more at LEAN

2 incline /ɪnˈklaɪn/ noun
   : an inclined plane : SLOPE

in·clined adjective
1 › : having inclination, disposition, or tendency
2  a  › : having a leaning or slope
   b  › : making an angle with a line or plane

**Synonyms**
- [1] amenable, disposed, game, glad, ready, willing—more at **WILLING**
- [1] apt, given, prone—more at **PRONE**
- [2a, b] canted, diagonal, leaning, listing, oblique, slantwise—more at **DIAGONAL**

**inclose, inclosure** variant of **ENCLOSE, ENCLOSURE**

**in·clude /inˈklüd/ verb in-clu·ded; in-clu·ing**
› : to take in or comprise as a part of a whole <the price ~s tax>
— **in·clu·sion /inˈklü.zhən/ noun**

**Synonyms**
- carry, comprehend, contain, embrace, encompass, entail, involve, number, take in; also comprise, consist (of); have, hold, own, possess; admit, receive; compose, constitute, form, make; assimilate, embody, incorporate, integrate

**Antonyms**
- exclude, omit

**in·clu·sive /ˈiŋ.kləsiv/ adjective**
1 : comprehending stated limits or extremes
2  › : broad in orientation or scope; also : covering or intended to cover all items, costs, or services

**Synonyms**
- compendious, complete, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, global, omnibus, panoramic, universal—more at **ENCYCLOPEDIC**

**incog abbreviation**
incognito

1 **incognito /ˌinˌkägˈno.ti, ˌinˌkägəˌna.ti/ noun, plural -tos**
1 : one appearing or living incognito
2 : the state or disguise of an incognito

2 **incognito adverb or adjective**
[origin: It, fr. L incognitus unknown, fr. cognoscere to know] : with one's identity concealed

**in·co·her·ent /inˈkō jury.ənt, ˈhər/ adjective**
1 : not sticking closely or compactly together : **LOOSE**
2  › : not clearly or logically connected : **RAMBLING**
— **in·co·her·ence /ˈin.kō jury.əns/ noun**
— **in·co·her·ent·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- disconnected, disjointed, rambling, unconnected; also baffling, bewildering, confounding, confused, confusing, disordered, disorderly, disorganized, muddled, perplexing, puzzling; disconcerting, frustrating; fallacious, illogical, inconsistent, invalid, irrational, unsound; asinine, absurd, eccentric, foolish, odd, peculiar, strange, unreasonable, unusual, weird; meaningless, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, ridiculous, senseless, silly; unconvincing; inexplicable, unaccountable

**Antonyms**
- coherent, connected

**in·come /inˈkäm/ noun**
› : a gain usu. measured in money that derives from labor, business, or property

**Synonyms**
- earnings, proceeds, profit, return, revenue, yield; also killing, windfall; salary, tips, wages; capital finances, funds, money

**income tax noun**
› : a tax on the net income of an individual or business concern
in·com·ing /ˈɪnˌkərnɪŋ/ adjective
: coming in <the ~ tide> <~ freshmen>

in·com·men·su·rate /ˌɪn.kəˈmɛn.sərət/ adjective
: not commensurate; especially: INADEQUATE

in·com·mode /ˌɪn.kəˈmɒd/ verb -mod·ed; -mod·ing
: to give inconvenience or distress to: DISTURB

in·com·mu·ni·ca·ble /ˌɪn.kəˌmyʊˌni.kaˈbəl/ adjective
: not capable of being communicated or imparted; also: UNCOMMUNICATIVE

in·com·mu·ni·ca·do /ˌɪn.kəˌmyʊˌni.kaˈdoʊ/ adverb or adjective
: without means of communication; also: in solitary confinement <a prisoner held ~>
obscure; unanswerable, unknowable; baffling, bewildering, confounding, confusing, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling

**Antonyms**
fathomable, intelligible, understandable

**in·con·ceiv·able** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɛv.ə.bəl/ adjective
1 : impossible to comprehend
2 ▼ : impossible to believe : **UNBELIEVABLE**
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ fantastic, implausible, incredible, unbelievable, unconvincing, unimaginable, unthinkable—more at **INCREIBLE**

**in·con·gru·ous** /ˌɪn.kənˈgrəʊ.əs/ adjective
1 : not consistent with or suitable to the surroundings or associations
2 ▼ : lacking harmony
   — **in·con·gru·i·ty** /ˌɪn.kənˈgrəʊ.ə.ti/ noun
   — **in·con·gru·ous·ly** adverb
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ discordant, discrepant, incompatible, inharmonious

**in·con·se·quan·tial** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɛkənˈtʃeɪ.əl/ adjective
1 : **ILLOGICAL**; also : **IRRELEVANT**
2 ▼ : of no significance : **UNIMPORTANT**
   — **in·con·se·quence** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɛkənˈsəns/ noun
   — **in·con·se·quan·tial·ly** adverb
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ frivolous, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, minute, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at **UNIMPORTANT**

**in·con·sid·er·able** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɪdər.ə.bəl/ adjective
▼ : not considerable : **SLIGHT**, **TRIVIAL**
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ inconsequential, insignificant, measly, minute, negligible, nominal, paltry, petty, slight, trifling, trivial—more at **NEGIBLE**

**in·con·sid·er·ate** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɪdər.ət/ adjective
▼ : not taking heed : **THOUGHTLESS**; especially : not respecting the rights or feelings of others
   — **in·con·sid·er·ate·ly** adverb
   — **in·con·sid·er·ate·ness** noun
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly—more at **IMPOLITE**

**in·con·sis·tent** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɪs.tənt/
: lacking consistency : not compatible with facts or claims

**in·con·sol·able** /ˌɪn.kənˌsɔl.ə.bəl/ adjective
: incapable of being consoled
   — **in·con·sol·a·bly** /ˌbʌli/ adverb

**in·con·spic·u·ous** /ˌɪn.kənˈskɪp.ə.əs/ adjective
: not readily noticeable
   — **in·con·spic·u·ous·ly** adverb

**in·con·stan·cy** /ˌɪn.kənˌstænsi/ noun
▼ : the quality or state of being inconstant
   **Synonyms**
   ▶ disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, unfaithfulness—more at **INFIDELITY**

**in·con·stant** /ˌɪn.kənˌstænt/ adjective
in·con·stant·ly adverb

Synonyms
- capricious, changeable, fickle, fluid, mercurial, mutable, temperamental, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at FICKLE

in·con·test·able /ˌin.kan.ˈtes.tə.bəl/ adjective

- not contestable : INDISPUTABLE

Synonyms
- indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, unanswerable, undeniable, unquestionable—more at IRREFUTABLE

in·con·test·ably /ˌles.ə.blə/ adverb

- in an incontestable degree or level : with certainty

Synonyms
- certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at INDEED

in·con·ti·nent /ˌin.kan.tən/ adjective

1 : lacking self-restraint
2 : unable to retain urine or feces voluntarily

in·con·ti·nence /ˌans/ noun

in·con·tro·vert·ible /ˌin.ˈkon.trə.vər.tə.bəl/ adjective

- not open to question : INDISPUTABLE

in·con·tro·vert·ibly /ˌbi.lə/ adverb

- not open to question

1 inconvenience /ɪnˈkʌn.vənəns/ noun

1 : something that is inconvenient
2 : the quality or state of being inconvenient

Synonyms
- aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, irritant, nuisance, peve, pest, problem, thorn—more at ANNOYANCE

2 inconvenience verb -nienced, -niencing

- to subject to inconvenience

Synonyms
- discommod, disoblige, disturb, trouble; also burden, encumber, saddle, weigh; hamper, hamstring, hinder, hobble, impede; aggravate, anger, annoy, bother, bug, exasperate, gall, get, nettie, pieve, pique, put out, rile, vex; grate, inflame, provoke; agitate, perturb, upset

Antonyms
- accommodate, oblige

in·con·ve·nient /ˌin.ˈkʌn.və.nənt/ adjective

1 : not convenient
2 : causing trouble or annoyance

in·con·ve·nient·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] inaccessible, unapproachable, unattainable, unavailable, unobtainable, unreachable, untouchable—more at INACCESSIBLE
- [2] awkward; also bothersome, burdensome, onerous, troublesome; annoying, irritating

Antonyms
- convenient

in·cor·po·rate /ɪnˈkɔr.pəˌreɪt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing

1 : to unite closely or so as to form one body
2 : to form, form into, or become a corporation
3 : to give material form to : EMBODY

in·cor·po·ra·tion /ˌɪn.kɔr.ˈpa.rray.ʃən/ noun
Synonyms

in·cor·po·re·al /ˌinˌkôrˈpo ri əl/ adjective
- having no material body or form

in·cor·rect /ˌin kərˈekt/ adjective
- 1: marked by fault or defect: INACCURATE
- 2: not true: WRONG
- 3: not according with appropriate standards: UNBECOMING, IMPROPER

Synonyms
- [2] erroneous, false, inaccurate, inexact, invalid, off, unsound, untrue, wrong—more at FALSE
- [3] graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong

in·cor·rect·ly adverb
- in an incorrect manner

Synonyms
- amiss, erroneously, faultily, improperly, inaptly, mistakenly, wrongly

in·cor·rect·ness noun
- the quality or state of being incorrect

Synonyms
- impropriety, indecency—more at IMPROPRIETY

in·cor·ri·gi·ble /ˌinˌkôr ə ˈje bəl/ adjective
- incapable of being corrected, amended, or reformed

in·cor·ri·gi·bil·i·ty /ˌinˌkôr ə ˈje bi ə lē/ noun

in·cor·ri·gi·bly /ˌinˌkôr ə ˈje bli/ adverb

Synonyms
- hopeless, incurable, irredeemable, irremediable, unrecoverable, unredeemable—more at HOPELESS

in·cor·rupt·ible /ˌinˌkôr ə ˈrupt ə bəl/ adjective
- 1: not subject to decay or dissolution
- 2: incapable of being bribed or morally corrupted

in·cor·rupt·ibil·i·ty /ˌinˌkôr ə ˈrupt ə bi ə lē/ noun

in·cor·rupt·ibly /ˌinˌkôr ə ˈrupt ə blē/ adverb

incr abbreviation
- increase; increased

increase /ɪnˈkriːs, ɪnˈkris/ verb in·creased; in·creas·ing
[origin: ME encreisen, fr. AF encreistre, fr. L. increscere, fr. crescere to grow]
- 1: to become greater: GROW
- 2: to multiply by the production of young <rabbits ~ rapidly>
- 3: to make greater

in·creas·ing·ly /ˌɪnˈkrē zən lē/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, grow, mount, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell, wax; also rocket, skyrocket; heighten, intensify; blow up, distend, inflate; crest, peak, surge

Antonyms
- contract, decrease, diminish, lessen, wane
- [3] add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, multiply, raise, swell, up; also skyrocket; blow up, dilate, distend, inflate; elongate, lengthen, prolong, protract; enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify; complement, supplement; beef (up), reinforce, strengthen; maximize; accumulate, amass, collect; follow up, parlay
Antonyms
abate, contract, decrease, diminish, lessen, lower, reduce, subtract (from)

increase /ˈɪn.krɛs, ɪn.ˈkrɛs/ noun
1 ▶ : addition or enlargement in size, extent, or quantity : GROWTH
2 ▶ : something that is added to an original stock or amount (as by growth)
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, growth, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement; also accumulation; complement; appendix, continuation, extension uptrend, upturn; jump
   Antonyms
   abatement, decrease, lessening, lowering, reduction

in·cred·i·ble /ɪn.ˈkred.ə.bl/ adjective
▶ : too extraordinary and improbable to be believed; also : hard to believe
— in·cred·i·bil·i·ty /ɪn.ˈkred.ə.bl.i.ti/ noun
— in·cred·i·bly /ˈkred.ə.bl̩li/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ fantastic, implausible, inconceivable, unbelievable, unconvincing, unimaginable, unthinkable; also doubtful, dubious, fishy, flimsy, questionable, suspect, unlikely, unreasonable; hopeless, impossible; absurd, outlandish, preposterous, ridiculous; indefensible, insupportable, untenable
   Antonyms
   believable, conceivable, convincing, credible, imaginable, plausible

in·cred·u·lous /ɪn.ˈkred.ə.ləs/ adjective
1 ▶ : unwilling to admit or accept what is offered as true : SKEPTICAL
2 ▶ : expressing disbelief
— in·cre·du·li·ty /ɪn.ˈkred.ə.l̩.t̩i/ noun
— in·cre·du·lously /ˈkred.ə.l̩.li/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ distrustful, leery, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious—more at SKEPTICAL

in·cre·ment /ˈɪn.kre.mənt, ɪn/ noun
1 ▶ : the action or process of increasing esp. in quantity or value : ENLARGEMENT; also : QUANTITY
2 ▶ : something gained or added; especially : one of a series of regular consecutive additions
   Synonyms
   ▶ accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, plus, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement
— more at INCREASE

in·cre·men·tal /ˈɪn.kre.məˌntəl, ɪn/ adjective
▶ of, relating to, being, or occurring in esp. small increments
— in·cre·men·tal·ly /ɪnˌkri.məˌntəl.li/ adverb

in·cri·min·ate /ˈɪn.ˈkri.məˌnæt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
▶ to charge with or prove involvement in a crime or fault : ACCUSE
— in·cri·min·a·tion /ˈɪn.ˈkri.məˌneɪ.ʃən/ noun
— in·cri·min·a·to·ry /ˈɪn.ˈkri.məˌneɪ.tɔr.i/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ accuse, charge, indict—more at ACCUSE

incrust variant of ENCRUST

in·crus·ta·tion /ɪn.ˈkrəs.ˈta.ʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : CRUST; also : an accumulation (as of habits, opinions, or customs) resembling a crust
2 ▶ : the act of encrusting : the state of being encrusted

in·cu·bate /ˈɪn.ˈkyù.ˈbæt/ verb -bat·ed; -bat·ing
▶ to sit on (eggs) to hatch by the warmth of the body; also : to keep (as an embryo) under conditions favorable for development
— in·cu·ba·tion /ˈɪn.ˈkyʊ.ˈbæ.ʃən, ɪn/ noun
Synonyms
brood, hatch, set—more at SET

in-cu-ba-tor /ɪn'kyu.bæ.tər/ noun
: one that incubates; especially: an apparatus providing suitable conditions (as of warmth and moisture) for incubating something (as a premature baby)

in-cu-bus /ɪn'kyu.bəs.ɪn/ noun, plural -bi /bɪ, ˌbɪˌbəz/ also -bus-es
[origin: ME, fr. LL, fr. L incubare to lie on]
1: a spirit supposed to work evil on persons in their sleep
2: NIGHTMARE
3: one that oppresses like a nightmare

in-culcate /ɪnˈkʌl.keɪt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
[origin: L inculcare, lit., to tread on, fr. calcare to trample, fr. calx heel]
: to teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions
— in·cul·ca·tion /ɪnˌkuːlkəˈʃən/ noun
Synonyms
im·bue, infuse, ingrain, invest, steep, suffuse—more at INFUSE

in-cul·pa·ble /ɪnˈkʌl.pə.bəl/ adjective
: free from guilt : INNOCENT

in-cul·pate /ɪnˈkʌl.pət/ verb -pat·ed; -pat·ing
: INCRIMINATE

in-cum·ben·cy /ɪnˈkʌm.bəŋsi/ noun, plural -cies
1: something that is incumbent
2: the quality or state of being incumbent
3: the office or period of office of an incumbent

1 incumbant /ɪnˈkʌmbənt/ noun
: the holder of an office or position
2 incumbent adjective
1: imposed as a duty
2: occupying a specified office
3: lying or resting on something else
Synonyms
compulsory, imperative, involuntary, mandatory, necessary, nonelective, obligatory, peremptory—more at MANDATORY

in-cu·nab·u·lum /ɪnˈkjuː.nəbəˌləm/ noun, plural -la /lə/ [origin: NL, fr. L incunabula, pl., bands holding the baby in a cradle, fr. cuna cradle]
: a book printed before 1501

in-cur /ɪnˈkər/ verb in-curred, in-cur·ring
: to become liable or subject to : bring down upon oneself

in-cur·a·ble /ɪnˈkjuːr.a.bəl/ adjective
1: not curable
2: not likely to be changed
— in·cur·a·ble noun
— in-cur·a·bly /ɪnˈkjuːr.a.blɪ/ adverb
Synonyms
[1, 2] hopeless, incorrigible, irredeemable, irremediable, unrecoverable, unredeemable—more at HOPELESS

in-cur·i·ous /ɪnˈkjuːr.i.əs/ adjective
: lacking a normal or usual curiosity

in-cur·sion /ɪnˈkɜːr.zhən/ noun
1: a sudden hostile invasion : RAID
2: an entering in or into (as an activity)

**Synonyms**
- descent, foray, invasion, irruption, raid—more at RAID

**in-cus** /inˈkas/ noun, plural **in-cus-es** /inˈkyū.(ˌ)dēz/
[origin: NL, fr. L, anvil]
: the middle bone of a chain of three small bones in the middle ear of a mammal

**ind** abbreviation
1 independent
2 index
3 industrial; industry

**Ind** abbreviation
1 Indian
2 Indiana

**in-debt-ed** /inˈdē.təd/ adjective
1: owing gratitude or recognition to another
2: owing money
— **in-debt-ed-ness** noun

**in-dec-en-cy** /ˈin.dēsˌn.sē/ noun
- the quality or state of being indecent

**Synonyms**
- impropriety, incorrectness—more at IMPROPRIETY

**in-de-cent** /ˈin.dēsˌnt/ adjective
- not decent; especially: morally offensive
— **in-de-cent-ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, lascivious, lewd, nasty, obscene, pornographic, ribald, smutty, unprintable, vulgar, wanton—more at OBSCENE

**in-de-ci-sion** /ˈin.dē.si.ʒən/ noun
- a wavering between two or more possible courses of action: IRRESOLUTION

**Synonyms**
- hesitancy, hesitation, irresolution, vacillation—more at HESITATION

**in-de-ci-sive** /ˈin.dē.si.ív/ adjective
1: leading to no conclusion or definite result
2: marked by or prone to indecision
3: INDEFINITE
— **in-de-ci-sive-ly** adverb
— **in-de-ci-sive-ness** noun

**in-de-co-rous** /ˈin.de.ka.ros/ adjective
- not decorous
— **in-de-co-rous-ly** adverb
— **in-de-co-rous-ness** noun

**Synonyms**
- graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong

**in-deed** /ˈin.dēd/ adverb
1: without any question—often used interjectionally to express irony, disbelief, or surprise
2: in reality
3: all things considered

**Synonyms**
- [1] certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indubitably, really, surely, truly, undeniably,
undoubtedly, unquestionably; also conceivably, likely, perhaps, possibly, probably; clearly, obviously, unmistakably
  ▶ [2] even, nay, truly, verily, yea—more at EVEN

indef abbreviation
indefinite
  ▲ in·de·fat·i·g-a·ble /in_də'fa ti'ga-bal/ adjective
  ▶ : incapable of being fatigued : UNTIRING
    • Synonyms
    ▶ inexhaustible, tireless, unflagging, untiring—more at TIRELESS

in·de·fat·i·g-a·bly /-blə/ adverb
  : in an indefatigable manner

in·de·fe·si·ble /'iŋ·di·fəs·ə·bəl/ adjective
  : not capable of being annulled or voided
  — in·de·fe·si·bly /-blə/ adverb

in·de·fen·si·ble /'iŋ·di·fən·sə·bəl/ adjective
  1 : incapable of being maintained as right or valid
  2 ▶ : incapable of being justified or excused : INEXCUSABLE
  3 : incapable of being protected against physical attack
    • Synonyms
    ▶ inexcusable, unforgivable, unjustifiable, unpardonable, unwarrantable—more at INEXCUSABLE

in·de·fin·a·ble /'iŋ·di·fəna·bəl/ adjective
  : incapable of being precisely described or analyzed
  — in·de·fin·a·bly /-blə/ adverb

in·de·fi·nite /'iŋ·di·fe·nət/ adjective
  1 : not defining or identifying <can is an ~ article>
  2 ▶ : not precise : VAGUE
  3 ▶ : having no fixed limit
  — in·de·fi·nite·ly adverb
  — in·de·fi·nite·ness noun
    • Synonyms
    ▶ [2] bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at FAINT
    ▶ [3] boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited—more at INFINITE

in·del·i·ble /'iŋ·di·le·bəl/ adjective
  [origin: ME, fr. ML indebilis, alter. of L indebilis, fr. delēre to delete, destroy]
  1 : not capable of being removed or erased
  2 : making marks that cannot be erased
  3 : LASTING, UNFORGETTABLE
  — in·del·i·bly /-blə/ adverb

in·del·i·ca·cy /'iŋ·di·le·ka·sə/ noun
  1 ▶ : the quality or state of being indelicate
  2 : something that is indelicate
    • Synonyms
    ▶ coarseness, grossness, lowness, rudeness, vulgarity—more at VULGARITY

in·del·i·cate /'iŋ·di·li·kat/ adjective
  : not delicate; especially : IMPROPER, COARSE, TACTLESS

in·dem·ni·fi·ca·tion /'in·dəm·ni·fa·kən/ noun
  1 : the action of indemnifying; also : the condition of being indemnified
  2 : something that indemnifies
indemnify /ɪnˈdɛm(n)əˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
[origin: L indemnīs unharmed, fr. in- not + damnōm damage]
1: to secure against hurt, loss, or damage
2: to make compensation to for hurt, loss, or damage
synonyms
- compensate, recompense, recoup, remunerate, requite—more at Compensation

indemnity /ɪnˈdɛm(n)əˌtɪti/ noun, plural -ties
1: security against hurt, loss, or damage; also: exemption from incurred penalties or liabilities
2: something that indemnifies
synonyms
- compensation, damages, quittance, recompense, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution, satisfaction—more at Compensation

indent /ɪnˈdɛnt/ verb
1: to notch the edge of
2: indenture
3: to set (as a line of a paragraph) in from the margin

indent verb
1: to force inward so as to form a depression
2: to form a dent in

indentation /ɪnˈdɛntəˈʃən/ noun
1: a V-shaped cut usu. on an edge or a surface: notch; also: a usu. deep recess (as in a coastline)
2: the action of indenting: the condition of being indented
3: a depression or hollow made by a blow or by pressure: dent
4: indentation
synonyms
- [1] chip, hack, nick, notch—more at notch
- [3] cavity, concavity, dent, depression, hole, hollow, pit, recess—more at hole

indent noun
1: INDENTATION
2: the blank space produced by indenting

indenture /ɪnˈdɛntər/ noun
1: a written certificate or agreement; especially: a contract binding one person (as an apprentice) to work for another for a given period of time — usu. used in pl.
2: indenture
3: dent
4: indenture verb indentured; indenturing
: to bind (as an apprentice) by indentures

independence /ɪnˈdɪpendəns/ noun
1: the quality or state of being independent: freedom
synonyms
- autonomy, freedom, liberty, self-government, sovereignty—more at freedom

Independence Day noun
: July 4 observed as a legal holiday in commemoration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776

independent /ɪnˈdɛpəndənt/ adjective
1: not subject to control by others: self-governing; also: not affiliated with a larger controlling unit
2: not requiring or relying on something else or somebody else <an ~ conclusion> <~ of her parents>
3: not easily influenced: showing self-reliance and personal freedom <an ~ mind>
4: not committed to a political party <an ~ voter>
5: main <~ clause>
— **independent** *noun*

  **Synonyms**
  - [1] autonomous, free, self-governing, separate, sovereign—more at *FREE*
  - [2] self-reliant, self-sufficient, self-supporting—more at *SELF-SUFFICIENT*

  **in·de·pen·dent·ly** *adverb*

  — in an independent manner : without dependence on another

  **Synonyms**
  - alone, singly, solely, unaided, unassisted—more at *ALONE*

  **independent variable** *noun*

  : a variable whose value is not determined by that of any other variable in a function

  **in·de·scrib·able** */in. diˈskripəbə/* *adjective*

  1 : that cannot be described
  2 : being too intense or great for description

  — **in·de·scrib·ably** */əˈblē/* *adverb*

  **Synonyms**
  - ineffable, inexpressible, nameless, unspeakable, unutterable; also inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable; featureless, nondescript

  **Antonyms**
  - communicable, definable

  **in·de·ter·mi·nate** */in. diˈtər.məna/* *adjective*

  1 : VAGUE; also : not known in advance
  2 : not limited in advance; also : not leading to a definite end or result

  — **in·de·ter·mi·na·cy** */na. sē/ *noun*

  — **in·de·ter·mi·na·ble·ly** *adverb*

  1 : **INDEX** noun, plural **indices** or **in·di·ces** */dē. sēz/*

  1 : a device (as the pointer on a scale) that serves to indicate a value or quantity
  2 : SIGN, INDICATION <an ~ of character>
  3 : a guide for facilitating references; especially : an alphabetical list of items treated in a printed work with the page number where each item may be found
  4 : a list of restricted or prohibited material
  5 plural usually indices : a number or symbol or expression (as an exponent) associated with another to indicate a mathematical operation or use or position in an arrangement or expansion
  6 : a character used to direct attention (as to a note)

  — **INDEX NUMBER**

  2 : **INDEX** verb

  1 : to provide with or put into an index
  2 : to serve as an index of
  3 : to regulate by indexation

  **Synonyms**
  - catalog, enroll, enter, inscribe, list, put down, record, register, schedule, slate—more at *LIST*

  **in·dex·a·tion** */in. dekˈshən/ *noun*

  : a system of economic control in which a body of variables (as wages and interest) rise or fall at the same rate as an index of the cost of living

  **index finger** *noun*

  : the finger next to the thumb

  **in·dex·ing** *noun*

  : **INDEXATION**

  **index number** *noun*

  : a number used to indicate change in magnitude (as of cost) as compared with the magnitude at some specified time usu. taken as 100
index of refraction
: REFRACTIVE INDEX

in·dia ink /ˈɪndə.aɪk/ noun, often cap 1st I
1 : a solid black pigment used in drawing
2 : a fluid made from india ink

In·di·an /ˈɪndə.en/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of India or of the East Indies
2 : a person of Indian descent
3 ▶ : a member of any of the native peoples of the western hemisphere except often the Eskimos : AMERICAN INDIAN
   — Indian adjective
      Synonyms
       ▶ American Indian—more at AMERICAN INDIAN

Indian corn noun
: a tall widely grown American cereal grass bearing seeds on long ears; also : its ears or seeds

Indian meal noun
: CORNMEAL

Indian paintbrush noun
: any of a genus of herbaceous plants related to the snapdragon that have brightly colored bracts

Indian pipe noun
: a waxy white leafless saprophytic herb of Asia and the U.S.

Indian summer noun
: a period of mild weather in late autumn or early winter

In·dia paper /ˈɪndə.ɑpər/ noun
1 : a thin absorbent paper used esp. for taking impressions (as of steel engravings)
2 : a thin tough opaque printing paper

indic abbreviation
indicative

in·di·cate /ˈɪndə.kæt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to point out or to
2 ▶ : to show indirectly
3 : to state briefly
   Synonyms
       ▶ allude, hint, imply, infer, insinuate, intimate, suggest—more at HINT

in·di·ca·tion /ˈɪndə.kæ.tʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : something that serves to indicate; also : something that is indicated as advisable or necessary
2 : the action of indicating
   Synonyms
       ▶ clue, cue, hint, inkling, intimation, lead, suggestion—more at HINT

1indicative /ˈɪndɪˌkeɪтив/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or being a verb form that represents an act or state as a fact <~ mood>
2 ▶ : serving to indicate <actions ~ of fear>
   Synonyms
       ▶ denotative, significant, telltale; also alluding, allusive, referring; characteristic, symptomatic; demonstrative, exhibiting, expressive; symbolic; connoting, implying, insinuating, suggestive

2indicative noun
1 : the indicative mood of a language
2 : a form in the indicative mood

in·di·ca·tor /ˈɪndə.kæ.tər/ noun
▶ : one that indicates; especially : an index hand (as on a dial)
Synonyms
- hand, index, needle, pointer—more at pointer

in·di·cia /in.də.shə_.shə/ noun plural
1: distinctive marks
2: postal markings often imprinted on mail or mailing labels

in·dict /in.ḍikt/ verb
[origin: alter. of earlier indite, fr. ME, fr. AF to write, point out, indict, ultim. fr. L indicere to make known formally, fr. dicere to say]
1 : to charge with a fault or offense
2 : to charge with a crime by the finding of a jury
- in·dict·able adjective
  Synonyms
  - accuse, charge, incriminate, indict—more at accuse

in·dict·ment /ˈmənt/ noun
- the action or the legal process of indicting
  Synonyms
  - charge, complaint, count, rap—more at charge

in·die /ˈin.deɪ/ noun
1: one that is independent; especially : an unaffiliated record or motion-picture production company
2: something produced by an indie
- indie adjective

in·dif·fer·ence /ˈin.dɪ.fərəns/ noun
- the quality, state, or fact of being indifferent; also : absence of compulsion to or toward one thing or another
  Synonyms
  - apathy, disinterestedness, disregard, insouciance, nonchalance; also halfheartedness; carelessness, heedlessness, recklessness, unawaresness; lethargy, listlessness; calmness, detachment, dispassion; callousness, hardness, insensitivity; impassivity, phlegm; aloofness, coldness
  Antonyms
  - concerned, interest, regard

in·dif·fer·ent /ˈɪn.dɪ.fər.ənt/ adjective
1: unbiased, unprejudiced
2: of no importance one way or the other
3: marked by no special liking for or dislike of something
4: being neither excessive nor inadequate
5: being neither good nor bad : passable, mediocre
6: being neither right nor wrong
- in·dif·fer·ent·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  - [3] apathetic, casual, disinterested, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory, unconcerned, uncurious, uninterested; also halfhearted, lukewarm; aloof, cold, numb, remote, unemotional; calm, detached, dispassionate; careless, heedless, mindless; impassive, phlegmatic, stoic, stolid; lethargic, listless; unimpressed
  Antonyms
  - concerned, interested
  - [5] common, fair, mediocre, medium, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, second-rate, so-so—more at mediocre

in·di·gence /ˈɪndʒəns/ noun
- a level of poverty in which real hardship and deprivation are suffered and comforts of life are wholly lacking
  Synonyms
  - beggary, destitution, impecuniousness, impoverishment, need, pauperism, penury, poverty, want—more at poverty

in·di·e·ous /ˈɪndʒə.əs/ adjective
- produced, growing, or living naturally in a particular region
Synonyms
- aboriginal, born, endemic, native—more at NATIVE

in·di·gen·t /ˈɪndədʒənt/ adjective
- : suffering from indigence : NEEDY
  Synonyms
- broke, destitute, impecunious, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken—more at POOR

in·di·gest·i·ble /ɪnˈdiːdʒəsˌtəbl/, -əbəl/ adjective
- : not readily digested

in·di·ges·tion /ˈɪndʒəʃən/ noun
- : inadequate or difficult digestion : DYSPEPSIA

in·di·gnant /ˈɪndʒənənt/ adjective
- : filled with or marked by indignation
- in·di·gnant·ly adverb

in·di·gnation /ˈɪndʒəneɪʃən/ noun
- : anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean
  Synonyms
- anger, furor, fury, ire, outrage, rage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness—more at ANGER

in·di·go /ˈɪndʒəɡoʊ/ noun, plural -gos or -goes
1: a blue dye obtained from plants or synthesized
2: a deep reddish blue color

in·di·rect /ˈɪndərɛkt, -rekət/ adjective
1: not straight <an ~ route>
2: not straightforward and open <~ methods>
3: not having a plainly seen connection <an ~ cause>
4: not directly to the point <an ~ answer>
- in·di·rec·tion /ˈɪndərɛkʃən/ noun
- in·di·rect·ly adverb
- in·di·rect·ness noun
  Synonyms
- circuitous, circular, roundabout; also crooked, serpentine, sinuous, tortuous, twisting, winding; meandering, rambling, wandering; long-winded, prolix, verbose; deceitful, deceptive, devious, dishonest, insidious, misleading, sneaky, underhand, underhanded; calculating, crafty, cunning, subtle, tricky
  Antonyms
- direct, straight, straightforward

in·dis·creet /ˈɪndəskrɪət/ adjective
- : not discreet : IMPRUDENT
- in·dis·creet·ly adverb
  Synonyms
- ill-advised, imprudent, tactless, unwise; also dumb, idiotic, moronic, stupid; inconsiderate, thoughtless; ill-mannered, improper, inappropriate, indecorous, uncivil, unseemly; foolish, harebrained, nonsensical, preposterous, senseless, silly
  Antonyms
- advisable, discreet, judicious, prudent, tactful, wise

in·dis·cre·tion /ˈɪndəskrɪʃən/ noun
IMPRUDENCE
something marked by lack of discretion; especially: an act deviating from accepted morality

Synonyms
familiarity, gaffe, impropriety—more at IMPROPIETY

indiscreet /in.dɪskrɪˈmiːnt/ adjective
1: not marked by discrimination or careful distinction
2: HAPHAZARD, RANDOM
3: UNRESTRAINED
4: MOTLEY
—in·dis·cre·ete·ly adverb

indispensable /ɪndɪˈspɛnsəbl/ adjective
1: absolutely essential: REQUISITE
—in·dis·per·sabil·i·ty /ɪndɪˈspɛnsəˌbɪliːti/ noun
—in·dis·per·sably /ɪndɪˈspɛnsəˌbəli/ adverb

Synonyms
essential, imperative, integral, necessary, needful, requisite, vital—more at ESSENTIAL

indisposed /ɪn.dɪˈspəʊzd/ adjective
1: slightly ill
2: having an active feeling of reluctance or dislike: AVERSE

Synonyms
[1] bad, down, ill, peaked, punk, sick, unhealthy, unsound, unwell—more at SICK
[2] afraid, dubious, hesitant, reluctant—more at HESITANT

indisposition /ˌɪn.dɪsˌpəzən/ noun
: the condition of being indisposed: as
a: slight aversion
b: a usu. slight illness

indisputable /ˌɪn.dɪsˈpʌtəbl/ adjective
: not disputable: UNQUESTIONABLE

Synonyms
incontestable, indubitable, irrefutable, unanswerable, undeniable, unquestionable—more at IRREFUTABLE

—in·dis·put·ably /ˈbɪlɪ/ adverb
: not open to question

Synonyms
certainly, definitely, doubtless, incontestably, indeed, really, surely, truly, undeniably, unquestionably—more at INDEED

indissoluble /ˌɪn.dɪsˈsɔːrəbl/ adjective
: not capable of being dissolved, undone, or broken: PERMANENT

indistinguishable /ˌɪn.dɪsˈtɪnʃəbl/ adjective
a: not determinate in shape or structure
b: not clearly recognizable or understandable
c • : lacking identifying or individualizing qualities

**Synonyms**
- [b] impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable—more at IMPERCEPTIBLE
- [c] duplicate, equal, even, identical, same—more at SAME

in-dite /ɪnˈdɪt/ verb in·dit·ed; in·dit·ing
: COMPOSE
<~ a poem>; also : to put in writing <~ a letter>

in-di-um /ɪnˈdɪ.əm/ noun
: a malleable silvery metallic chemical element

indiv abbreviation

individual

1 • **individual** /ɪnˈdɪ.ə.vəl.ər/ adjective

1 • of, relating to, or associated with an individual <~ traits>
2 : being an individual : existing as an indivisible whole
3 : intended for one person
4 : SEPARATE <~ copies>
5 • : having marked individuality <~ style>

—in·di·vid·u·al·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] particular, peculiar, personal, private, separate, singular, unique; also characteristic, distinctive, intimate; identifying, idiosyncratic; special, specific; independent, nonconformist, self-sufficient; custom, customized, specialized

**Antonyms**
- general, generic, public, popular, shared, universal

— [5] different, respective, separate—more at SEPARATE

2 • **individual** noun

1 • a single member of a category : a particular person, animal, or thing
2 • a single human being <a disagreeable ~> 

**Synonyms**
- [1] being, entity, object, substance, thing—more at ENTITY
- [2] being, body, creature, customer, human, party, person, sort, soul, specimen, thing—more at HUMAN

in·di·vid·u·al·ise British variant of INDIVIDUALIZE

in·di·vid·u·al·ism /ɪnˌdɪ.ə.vəl.əl.i.zəm/ noun

1 : a doctrine that the interests of the individual are primary
2 : a doctrine holding that the individual has political or economic rights with which the state must not interfere
3 : INDIVIDUALITY

in·di·vid·u·al·ist /ˌɪn.dɪˈvɪdʒəˌlist/ noun

1 • one that pursues a markedly independent course in thought or action
2 • one that advocates or practices individualism

— individualist or in·di·vid·u·al·is·tic /ˌɪn.dɪˈvɪdʒəˌlɪs.tɪk/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- bohemian, deviant, loner, maverick, nonconformist—more at NONCONFORMIST

in·di·vid·u·al·i·ty /ˌɪn.dɪˈvɪdʒəˌla.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties

1 • the sum of qualities that characterize and distinguish an individual from all others; also : PERSONALITY
2 • separate or distinct existence
3 • INDIVIDUAL, PERSON

**Synonyms**
- character, identity, personality, self-identity; also distinctiveness, oneness, peculiarity, singleness, singularity, uniqueness; disposition, humor, nature, temper, temperament; independence

in·di·vid·u·al·ize /ˌɪn.dɪˈvɪdʒəˌlaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

1 • to make individual in character
2 • to treat or notice individually : PARTICULARIZE
3: to adapt to the needs of an individual

individual retirement account noun
: IRA

individuate /in·da·Vi·ja·wät/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to give individuality to: form into an individual

individualization /ˌVi·ze·ba·l/ noun
impossible to divide or separate

invisibility /ˌVi·ze·bi·l·e·t/ noun

invisibly adverb

Indo-Aryan /ˌIn·do·Ar·ya·n/ noun
: a branch of the Indo-European language family that includes Hindi and other languages of south Asia

Indo-European /ˌIn·do·Eu·ro·pe·an/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting a family of languages comprising those spoken in most of Europe and in the parts of the world colonized by Europeans since 1500 and also in Persia, the subcontinent of India, and some other parts of Asia

Indoensian /ˌIn·do·nē·zhən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of the Republic of Indonesia

Indonesian adjective

indoor /in·ˈdoːr/ adjective
1: of or relating to the inside of a building
2: living, located, or carried on within a building

indoors /in·ˈdoːrz/ adverb
: in or into a building

indorse, indorsement variant of ENDORSE, ENDORSEMENT
in·du·bi·ta·ble /inˈdəbiˌtaˈbl/ adjective
  ▷ too evident to be doubted: UNQUESTIONABLE
— in·du·bi·ta·bly /ˈblē/ adverb
  Synonyms
    ▷ incontestable, indisputable, irrefutable, unanswerable, undeniable, unquestionable—more at IRREFUTABLE

in·duce /inˈdəs/ verb in·duc·ed; in·duc·ing
1 ▷ to move by persuasion or influence: PERSUADE
2 : to serve as the cause of: BRING ABOUT
3 : to produce (as an electric current) by induction
4 : to determine by induction; especially: to infer from particulars
— in·duc·er noun
  Synonyms
    ▷ argue, convince, get, move, persuade, prevail, satisfy, talk, win—more at PERSUADE

in·duce·ment /ˈmənt/ noun
1 : something that induces: MOTIVE
2 ▷ the act or process of inducing
  Synonyms
    ▷ convincing, persuasion—more at PERSUASION

in·duct /inˈdakt/ verb
1 ▷ to place in office
2 ▷ to admit as a member
3 : to enroll for military training or service
— in·duct·ee /ˈdaktˌi/ noun
  Synonyms
    ▷ [1, 2] baptize, inaugurate, initiate, install, invest—more at INSTALL

in·duc·tance /inˈdaktəns/ noun
: a property of an electric circuit by which a varying current produces an electromotive force in that circuit or in a nearby circuit; also: the measure of this property

in·duc·tion /inˈdaktən/ noun
1 ▷ the act or process of inducting; also: INITIATION
2 : the formality by which a civilian is inducted into military service
3 : inference of a generalized conclusion from particular instances; also: a conclusion so reached
4 : the act of causing or bringing on or about
5 : the process by which an electric current, an electric charge, or magnetism is produced in a body by the proximity of an electric or magnetic field
  Synonyms
    ▷ inaugural, inauguration, installation, investiture—more at INSTALLATION

in·duc·tive /inˈdaktəv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or employing induction

in·duc·tor /inˈdaktər/ noun
: an electrical component that acts upon another or is itself acted upon by induction

in·dulge /inˈdal/ verb in·dul·ged; in·dulg·ing
1 ▷ to give free rein to: GRATIFY
2 : HUMOR
3 : to gratify one’s taste or desire for <~ in alcohol>
  Synonyms
    ▷ cater, gratify, humor; also bask, luxuriate, revel, wallow; coddle, mollycoddle, pamper, spoil; delight, please, pleasure; sate, satiate, satisfy

in·dul·gence /inˈdalˌjan/ noun
1 : remission of temporal punishment due in Roman Catholic doctrine for sins whose eternal punishment has been remitted by reception of the sacrament of penance
2: the act of indulging: the state of being indulgent
3: an indulgent act
4: the thing indulged in
5: SELF-INDULGENCE

— in·dul·gent /inˈdəlˈdʒənt/ adjective
— in·dul·gent·ly adverb

Synonyms
a amenity, comfort, extra, frill, luxury, superfluity—more at LUXURY

in·du·rat·ed /ˈɪndəˌreɪtəd/ adjective
: physically or emotionally hardened
— in·du·ra·tion /ˈɪndəˌreɪʃən/ noun

in·dus·tri·al /ɪndəˈstreɪəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to industry; also: HEAVY-DUTY
2: characterized by highly developed industries
— in·dus·tri·al·ly adverb

in·dus·tri·al·ise British variant of INDUSTRIALIZE

in·dus·tri·al·ist /ɪndəˈstraɪəlist/ noun
: a person owning or engaged in the management of an industry

in·dus·tri·al·ize /ɪndəˈstraɪəlaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to make or become industrial
— in·dus·tri·al·i·za·tion /ˈɪndəˌstraɪəlaɪzəˈʃən/ noun

in·dus·tri·ous /ɪndəˈstreɪəs/ adjective
: constantly, regularly, or habitually active or occupied: DILIGENT, BUSY

in·dus·tri·ous·ly adverb
: in an industrious manner

in·dus·tri·ous·ness noun
: the quality or state of being industrious

in·dus·try /ɪndəˈstreɪərɪ/ noun, plural -tries
1: steady or habitual effort: DILIGENCE
2: a department or branch of a craft, art, business, or manufacture; especially: one that employs a large personnel and capital
3: a distinct group of productive enterprises
4: manufacturing activity as a whole

Synonyms
a assiduity, diligence—more at DILIGENCE

in·dwell /ɪnˈdwel/ verb
: to exist within as an activating spirit or force

In·dy car /ɪnˈdeɪ/ noun
: a single-seat, open-cockpit racing car with the engine in the rear

1 inebriate /ɪnˈebruət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to make drunk: INTOXICATE
— in·eb·ri·a·tion /ˌɪnəˈbrɪəˈʃən/ noun

2 inebriate /ɪnˈebruət/ noun
: one that is drunk; especially: DRUNKARD

Synonyms
a drunk, soak, sot, souse, tippler—more at DRUNK

in·ef·fa·ble /ˌɪnɪˈfəbəl/ adjective
1: incapable of being expressed in words: INDESCRIBABLE <~ joy>
2: **UNSPEAKABLE** <<< disgust
3: not to be uttered: **TABOO**
   — in·ef·fa·bly /ˌblē/ adverb
     Synonyms
     › indescribable, inexpressible, nameless, unspeakable, unutterable—more at **INDESCRIBABLE**

in·ef·fec·tive /ˌi.nəˈfek.tiv/ adjective
1: not producing an intended effect: **INEFFECTUAL**
2: incapable of performing efficiently
   — in·ef·fec·tive·ly adverb
   — in·ef·fec·tive·ness noun

in·ef·fec·tu·al /ˌfek.chəˈwəl/ adjective
: **INEFFECTIVE**
   — in·ef·fec·tu·al·ly adverb

in·ef·fi·cient /ˌi.nəˈfik.tənt/ adjective
1: not producing the desired effect
2: wasteful of time or energy
3: **INCAPABLE, INCOMPETENT**
   — in·ef·fi·ci-ency /ˌi.nəˈfiˌsən.sē/ noun
   — in·ef·fi·ci-ent·ly adverb

in·el·e·gant /iˈnel.əˌgant/ adjective
›: lacking in refinement, grace, or good taste
   — in·el·e·gance /ˈɡænς/ noun
   — in·el·e·gant·ly adverb
     Synonyms
     › awkward, clumsy, gauche, graceless, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungraceful, wooden—more at **AWKWARD**
     › dowdy, tacky, tasteless, trashy, unfashionable, unstylish—more at **TACKY**

in·el·i·gi·ble /ˈi.nəˌli.ɡəbəl/ adjective
: not qualified for an office or position
   — in·el·i·gi·bil·i·ty /ˈi.nəˌli.ɡəˈbil.i.ti/ noun

in·eluc·ta·ble /ˌi.nəˌlukˈtəbl/ adjective
: not to be avoided, changed, or resisted
   — in·eluc·ta·bly /ˌblē/ adverb

in·ept /ˈi.nempt/ adjective
1›: lacking in fitness or aptitude: **UNFIT**
2: **FOOLISH**
3›: inappropriate to the time or circumstances
4›: generally incompetent: **BUNGLING**
   — in·ept·ly adverb
   — in·ept·ness noun
     Synonyms
     › [1, 4] incapable, incompetent, inexpert, unfit, unqualified, unskilled, unskillful—more at **INCOMPETENT**
     › [3] graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, uncomfortable, unsuitable, wrong

in·ept·ti·ude /ˌi.nəˈempt.təd, ˌept.təd/ noun
›: the quality or state of being inept; especially: **INCOMPETENCE**
     Synonyms
     › impotence, inability, inadequacy, incapability, incompetence—more at **INABILITY**

in·equal·i·ty /ˌi.nəˌkwɔ.ˌla.ti/ noun
1: the quality of being unequal or uneven; especially: **UNEVENNESS, DISPARITY**
2 : an instance of being unequal

in·ert /ˈinərt/ adjective
[origin: L inert-, iners, unskilled, idle, fr. art-, ars, skill]
1 ▷ powerless to move
2 ▷ : averse to activity or exertion : SLUGGISH
3 : lacking in active properties <chemically ~> —in·ert·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] dead, dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inoperative, latent, off, vacant—more at INACTIVE
   ▷ [2] dull, inactive, lethargic, quiescent, sleepy, sluggish, torpid—more at INACTIVE

in·er·t·ness noun
▷ : the quality or state of being inert : lack of activity
   Synonyms
   ▷ dormancy, idleness, inaction, inactivity, quiescence—more at INACTION

in·e·r·ti·a /ˌinərˈtēə/ noun
1 : a property of matter whereby it remains at rest or continues in uniform motion unless acted upon by some outside force
2 ▷ : indisposition to motion, exertion, or change —in·er·ti·al /ˌi-nərˈtē-ləl/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▷ idleness, indolence, laziness, sloth—more at LAZINESS

in·es·cap·a·ble /ˌi-nəˈskāpə bal/ adjective
▷ incapable of being escaped : INEVITABLE
▷ in·es·cap·a·bly /ˈi-nēskəpə bal-ə/ adverb
▷ in an inevitable way

in·es·ti·ma·ble /ˌinēsˈti-mə-bal/ adjective
1 : incapable of being estimated or computed <~ errors>
2 : too valuable or excellent to be fully appreciated —in·es·ti·ma·bly /ˌi-nēsˈti-mə-bəl-ə/ adverb

in·ev·i·ta·ble /ˌinˈevə-tə-bal/ adjective
▷ incapable of being avoided or evaded : bound to happen —in·ev·i·ta·bil·i·ty /ˌinˈevə-tə-bəl-i-tē/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▷ certain, necessary, sure, unavoidable; also decided, definite, settled; likely, possible, probable; destined, fated, foreordained, predestined, preordained; inexorable, relentless, unremitting
   Antonyms
   ▷ avoidable, uncertain, unsure

in·ev·i·ta·bly /ˌi-nēvə-tə-bal-ə/ adverb
1 : in an inevitable way
2 ▷ : as is to be expected
   Synonyms
   ▷ necessarily, needs, perfuse, unavoidably—more at NEEDS

in·ex·act /ˈinəkst/ adjective
1 ▷ : not precisely correct or true : INACCURATE
2 : not rigorous and careful —in·ex·act·ly adverb
   —in·ex·act·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▷ erroneous, false, inaccurate, incorrect, invalid, off, unsound, untrue, wrong—more at FALSE
   ▷ imprecise, inaccurate, loose; also approximate; erroneous, false, incorrect, off, wrong; general, indefinable, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, undefined, undetermined, unsettled, vague; faulty, mistaken; specious;
distorted, fallacious, misleading; doubtful, dubious, questionable, uncertain; inconclusive, indecisive; debatable, disputable; unconfirmed, unsubstantiated, unsupported

**Antonyms**
accurate, dead, exact, precise

**in-ex·cus·able /ɪˌnɪkˈsʌsəbəl/ adjective**
› being without excuse or justification
— **in-ex·cus·ably /ˈbli/ adverb**

**Synonyms**
indefensible, unforgivable, unjustifiable, unpardonable, unwarantable; also insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unbearable, unendurable; abominable, atrocious, heinous, monstrous, outrageous, scandalous, shocking; egregious, flagrant, glaring, gross, rank; unacceptable, untenable; black, evil, iniquitous, vicious, wicked; base, contemptible, deplorable, despicable, dirty, execrable, ignoble, vile, reprobate, wretched; cruel, nasty; blamable, blameworthy, censurable, reprehensible; banned, barred, condemned, disallowed, forbidden, interdicted, outlawed, prohibited, proscribed

**Antonyms**
defensible, excusable, forgivable, justifiable, pardonable

**in-ex·haust·ible /ɪˌnɪgˈzɔtʃfəbəl/ adjective**
1 : incapable of being used up <an ~ supply>
2 ›: incapable of being wearied or worn out : UNTIRING
— **in-ex·haust·ibly /ˈbli/ adverb**

**Synonyms**
d indefatigable, tireless, unflagging, untiring—more at TIRELESS

**in-ex·o·ra·ble /ɪˌnɪkˈsɔrəbəl/ adjective**
: not to be moved by entreaty : RELENTLESS
— **in-ex·o·ra·bly adverb**

**in-ex·pen·sive /ɪˌnɪkˈspɛnsəv/ adjective**
: reasonable in price

**in-ex·pe·ri·ence /ɪˌnɪkˈspɛriəns/ noun**
: lack of experience or of knowledge gained by experience
— **in-ex·pe·ri·enced /ˌɛnst/ adjective**
› lacking practical experience

**Synonyms**
amateur, amateurish, inexpert, nonprofessional, unprofessional, unskilled, unskillful—more at AMATEURISH

**in-ex·pert /ɪˌnɪkˌspɜrt/ adjective**
›: not expert : UNSKILLED
— **in-ex·pert·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
amateur, amateurish, inexperienced, nonprofessional, unprofessional, unskilled, unskillful—more at AMATEURISH

**in-ex·pi·a·ble /ɪˌnɪkˈspɛəbəl/ adjective**
: not capable of being atoned for

**in-ex·pi·ca·ble /ɪˌnɪkˈspɛkaˌbəl/ adjective**
: incapable of being explained or accounted for
— **in-ex·pi·ca·bly /ˈbli/ adverb**

**in-ex·press·ible /ˈspɛrəsəbəl/ adjective**
›: not capable of being expressed
— **in-ex·press·ibly /ˈbli/ adverb**

**Synonyms**
indescribable, ineffable, nameless, unspeakable, unutterable—more at INDESCRIBABLE

**in-ex·pres·sive /ˈspresəv/ adjective**
†: lacking expression or meaning

**Synonyms**
- blank, deadpan, expressionless, impassive, stolid, vacant—more at BLANK

in ex·tre·mis /ɪn.ɪk.ˈstræ.məs.ˈstrē/ adverb
: in extreme circumstances; especially : at the point of death

in·ex·tri·ca·ble /ɪ.nɪk.ˈstrɪ.kə.bəl.ɪˌnek.ˈstrɪ/ adjective
1: forming a maze or tangle from which it is impossible to get free
2: incapable of being disentangled or untied
- in·ex·tri·ca·bly /ˌɪn.ɪk.ˈstrɪ.kə.blɪ/ adverb

inf abbreviation
1 infantry
2 infinitive

in·fal·li·ble /ɪnˈfæl.ə.bl/ adjective
1: incapable of error : UNERRING
2: not liable to mislead, deceive, or disappoint : SURE, CERTAIN <an ~ remedy>
- in·fal·li·bil·i·ty /ɪnˈfæl.ə.ˌbɪl.ə.tɪ/ noun
- in·fal·li·bly /ɪnˈfæl.ə.blɪ/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- certain, sure, unfailing; also dependable, reliable, surefire; deadly, unerring

**Antonyms**
fallible

in·fa·mous /ɪnˈfa.ms/ adjective
1: having a reputation of the worst kind
2: causing or bringing infamy : DISGRACEFUL
- in·fa·mous·ly /ˈɪn.fæ.məs.ˌlɪ/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] discreditable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, ignominious, notorious, shameful—more at DISREPUTABLE

in·fa·my /ɪnˈmeɪ/ noun, plural -mies
1: evil reputation brought about by something grossly criminal, shocking, or brutal
2: an extreme and publicly known criminal or evil act
3: the state of being infamous

**Synonyms**
- discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, shame—more at DISGRACE

in·fan·cy /ɪnˈfæn.si/ noun, plural -cies
1: early childhood
2: a beginning or early period of existence

in·fant /ɪnˈfænt/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME enfant, fr. AF enfant, fr. L infant-, infants, adj., incapable of speech, young, fr. fant-, fans, prp. of fari to speak]
- a child in the first period of life : BABY; also : a person who is a legal minor

**Synonyms**
- baby, child, newborn—more at BABY

in·fan·ti·cide /ɪnˈfæn.təˌsɪd/ noun
: the killing of an infant

in·fan·tile /ɪnˈfæn.təl/ adjective
- of or relating to infants; also : CHILDISH

**Synonyms**
- adolescent, babyish, childish, immature, juvenile, kiddish—more at CHILDISH

infantile paralysis noun
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| infect        | 1: to contaminate with disease-producing matter  
|               | 2: to communicate a pathogen or disease to  
|               | 3: to cause to share one's feelings                                                                                                                                                                     |
| in·fect·ion   | 1: a disease or condition caused by a germ or parasite; also: such a germ or parasite  
|               | 2: an act or process of infecting                                                                                                                                                                       |
| in·fectious   | 1: capable of causing infection; also: communicable by infection  
|               | 2: spreading or capable of spreading rapidly to others                                                                                                                                                  |
| infectious    | mononucleosis: an acute infectious disease characterized by fever, swelling of lymph glands, and increased numbers of lymph cells in the blood                                                               |
| in·fer         | 1: to derive as a conclusion from facts or premises  
|               | 2: GUESS, SURMISE  
|               | 3: to lead to as a conclusion or consequence  
|               | 4: to convey indirectly and by allusion rather than explicitly: HINT, SUGGEST                                                                                                                            |
| inferior      | 1: situated lower down  
|               | 2: of low or lower degree or rank  
|               | 3: of lesser quality  
|               | 4: of little or less importance, value, or merit                                                                                                                                                        |

**Synonyms**

- catching, contagious—more at CONTAGIOUS
- graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong
- allude, hint, imply, indicate, insinuate, intimate, suggest—more at HINT
- common, humble, ignoble, low, lowly, mean, plebeian, vulgar—more at IGNORABLE
cheap, cut-rate, junky, lousy, mediocre, shoddy, sleazy, trashy—more at **CHEAP**

junior, less, lesser, lower, minor, subordinate, under—more at **LESSE**

mean, minor, second-rate, secondary; also junior, lesser, lower, petty, subordinate, under; average, common, fair, middling, ordinary; amiss, bad, defective, unsatisfactory, wrong; deficient, inadequate, insufficient, unacceptable; littler; jerkwater

**Antonyms**
superior

2 **inferior** noun

: a person or thing inferior to another (as in worth, status, or importance)

**Synonyms**
junior, subordinate, underling—more at **UNDERLING**

**in-fer-nal** /ˈɪnˌfɜr-nəl/ adjective

1 : of or relating to hell
2 : HELLISH, FIENDISH 〈~ schemes〉
3 : DAMNABLE 〈an ~ pest〉
—in-fer-nal-ly adverb

**in-fer-no** /ˈɪnˌfɜr-nəʊ/ noun, plural -nos

: a place or a state that resembles or suggests hell; also : intense heat

**Synonyms**
confabulation, fire, holocaust—more at **FIRE**

**in-fer-tile** /ˈɪnˌfɜr-təl/ adjective

: not fertile or productive : BARREN
—in-fer-ti·li·ty /ˈɪnˌfɜr-təl-ə-tē/ noun

**Synonyms**
barren, impotent, sterile, unproductive—more at **STERILE**

**in-fest** /ˈɪnˌfɛst/ verb

: to trouble by spreading or swarming in or over; also : to live in or on as a parasite
—in-fes·ta·tion /ˈɪnˌfɛs·ta·ʃən/ noun

**in-fi-del** /ˈɪnˌfɪdəl/ noun

1 : one who is not a Christian or opposes Christianity
2 : an unbeliever esp. with respect to a particular religion

**in-fi-del·i·ty** /ˈɪnˌfɪdəl-ə-tē, ˈɪnfɪˌdəl-ə-tē/ noun, plural -ties

1 : lack of belief in a religion
2 : unfaithfulness to a moral obligation : **DISLOYALTY**
3 : marital unfaithfulness or an instance of it

**Synonyms**
[2, 3] betrayal, disloyalty, double cross, treachery, treason—more at **BETRAYAL**

[3] disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, inconstancy, perfidy, unfaithfulness; also adultery; betrayal, double-dealing, duplicity, treachery, treason; deceit, deception, lying

**Antonyms**
allegiance, constancy, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fealty, fidelity, loyalty

**in-field** /ˈɪnˌfi ld/ noun

: the part of a baseball field inside the baselines
—in-field·er noun

**in-fight·ing** /ˈɪnˌfɪt·ɪŋ/ noun

1 : fighting at close quarters
2 : dissension or rivalry among members of a group

**in-fil·trate** /ˈɪnfəlˈtrāt, ˈɪnfəlˈtrāt/ verb -trat·ed; -trat·ing

1 : to enter or filter into or through something
2 ‣ : to pass into or through by or as if by filtering or permeating
— in-fi·tra·tion /inˈfi-trəˌshən/ noun
— in-fi·tra·tor noun
  Synonyms
  ‣ insinuate, slip, sneak, work, worm—more at INSINUATE

in·fi·nite /inˈfənit/ adjective
1 ‣ : extending indefinitely : LIMITLESS, ENDLESS << space> << patience>
2 : VAST, IMMENSE; also : INEXHAUSTIBLE << wealth>
3 : greater than any preassigned finite value however large << number of positive integers>; also : extending to infinity << plane surface>
— infinite noun
— in·fi·nite·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ‣ boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited; also abysmal, bottomless; countless, incalculable, inestimable, innumerable, unmeasured; inexhaustible; far-flung, immense, vast
  Antonyms
  ‣ bounded, circumscribed, confined, definite, finite, limited, restricted

in·fi·nites·i·mal /inˈfənˌtəsəm/ adjective
  ‣ immeasurably or incalculably small
— in·fi·nites·i·mally adverb
  Synonyms
  ‣ atomic, microscopic, miniature, minute, teeny, tiny, wee—more at TINY

in·fi·ni·te·ive /inˈfənˌtəvi/ noun
  : a verb form having the characteristics of both verb and noun and in English usu. being used with to

in·fi·ni·tude /inˈfənˌtəd/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being infinite
2 : something that is infinite esp. in extent

in·fi·ni·ty /inˈfənəti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality of being infinite
2 : unlimited extent of time, space, or quantity : BOUNDLESSNESS
3 : an indefinitely great number or amount

in·firm /inˈfərm/ adjective
1 ‣ : deficient in vitality; especially : feeble from age
2 : weak of mind, will, or character : IRRESOLUTE
3 : not solid or stable : INSECURE
  Synonyms
  ‣ delicate, faint, feeble, frail, wasted, weak—more at WEAK

in·fir·ma·ry /inˈfərəˌrē/ noun, plural -ries
  : a place for the care of the infirm or sick

in·fir·mi·ty /inˈfərəˌtē/ noun, plural -ties
1 ‣ : the condition of being feeble : FEEBLENESS
2 ‣ : a disease or disorder of the animal body : AILMENT
3 : a personal failing : FOIBLE
  Synonyms
  ‣ [1] debility, delicacy, enfeeblemment, fainness, feebleness, frailty, languor, lowness, weakness—more at WEAKNESS
  ‣ [2] affection, ailment, bug, complaint, complication, condition, disease, disorder, fever, ill, illness, malady, sickness, trouble

infl abbreviation
  influenced
in·fla·gran·te de·lic·to /inˈflə-graˌnətə dəˈliːk,tə/ adverb
1: in the very act of committing a misdeed
2: in the midst of sexual activity

in·flame /ˈɪnˌflæm/ verb in·flamed; in·flam·ing
1 †: to set on fire: KINDLE
2 †: to excite to excessive or uncontrollable action or feeling; also: INTENSIFY
3: to affect or become affected with inflammation

Synonyms
† [1] burn, fire, ignite, kindle, light—more at BURN
† [2] anger, antagonize, enrage, incense, infuriate, intensify, madden, outrage, rankle, rile, roil—more at ANGER

in·flam·ma·ble /inˈflæm.məˌbəl/ adjective
1 †: capable of being easily ignited and of burning quickly: FLAMMABLE
2: easily inflamed, excited, or angered: IRASCIBLE

Synonyms
combustible, flammable, ignitable—more at COMBUSTIBLE

in·flam·ma·tion /inˌflæm.əˈʃen/ noun
: a bodily response to injury in which an affected area becomes red, hot, and painful and congested with blood

in·flam·ma·to·ry /inˌflæm.əˈtɔr.i/ adjective
1: tending to excite the senses or to arouse anger, disorder, or tumult: SEDITIOUS
2: causing or accompanied by inflammation <a ~ disease>

in·flat /ˈɪnˌflæt/ verb in·flat·ed; in·flat·ing
1: to swell with air or gas <~ a balloon>
2: to puff up: ELATE
3: to expand or increase abnormally <~ prices>

— in·flat·able adjective

in·fla·tion /inˌflæ.ʃən/ noun
1: an act of inflating: the state of being inflated
2: empty pretentiousness: POMPOSITY
3: a continuing rise in the general price level usu. attributed to an increase in the volume of money and credit

in·fla·tion·ary /ˌɪnˌflæ.ʃən.ər.i/ adjective
: of, characterized by, or productive of inflation

in·flect /ˈɪnflɛkt/ verb
1: to turn from a direct line or course: CURVE
2: to vary a word by inflection
3: to change or vary the pitch of the voice

in·flec·tion /ˈɪnflɛk.ʃən/ noun
1: the act or result of curving or bending
2: a change in pitch or loudness of the voice
3: the change of form that words undergo to mark case, gender, number, tense, person, mood, or voice

— in·flec·tional /ˌɪnflɛkˈʃənal/ adjective

in·flex·i·bil·i·ty /ˌɪnˈflɛks.aˌbɪli.ˈti/ noun
†: the quality or state of being inflexible

Synonyms
hardness, harshness, rigidity, severity, sternness, strictness—more at SEVERITY

in·flex·i·ble /ˈɪnˌflɛks.aˌbəl/ adjective
1 †: rigidly firm in will or purpose: UNYIELDING
2 †: not readily bent: RIGID
3 †: incapable of change

— in·flex·i·bly /ˌɪnˈflɛks.aˌbli/ adverb

Synonyms
adamant, hard, immovable, implacable, pat, rigid, steadfast, unbending, uncompromising, unflinching, unrelenting, unyielding; also grim, severe, stern, strict; determined, firm; dogged, intractable, obdurate, obstinate, relentless, stubborn, tenacious; confirmed, inveterate, unregenerate; demanding, exacting

Antonyms
acquiescent, agreeable, amenable, compliant, flexible, pliant, pliable

[3] fast, fixed, hard-and-fast, immutable, unalterable, unchangeable; also constant, determinate, established, set, settled, stable, steadfast, steady, unaltered, unchanging, unvarying; immovable, unmovable

Antonyms
changeable, flexible, mutable, variable

in·flex·ion /ɪnˈfleksən/ chiefly British variant of inflection
in·flict /ɪnˈflikt/ verb
: AFFLICT; also : to give by or as if by striking
— in·flic·tion /ɪnˈfleksən/ noun

in·flo·res·cence /ɪnˈflɔrəsəns/ noun
: the manner of development and arrangement of flowers on a stem; also : a flowering stem with its appendages: a flower cluster

in·flow /ɪnˈfləʊ/ noun
: a flowing in

1fluence /ɪnˈfljuːns/ noun
1 : the act or power of producing an effect without apparent force or direct authority
2 : the power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways <under the ~ of liquor>
3 : a person or thing that exerts influence

Synonyms
[1] authority, clout, pull, sway, weight; also command, dominance, dominion, mastery, predominance, scepter, sovereignty, supremacy; consequence, eminence, importance, moment; impact, impression, mark
[2] effect, impact, mark, repercussion, sway—more at EFFECT

in·flu·en·tial /ɪnˈfluənʃəl/ adjective
: exerting or possessing influence; also : having authority or ascendancy

Synonyms
important, mighty, potent, powerful, significant, strong—more at IMPORTANT
authoritative, forceful, weighty; also controlling, dominating, masterful; dominant, predominant, sovereign, supreme; eminent, important, momentous

2 influence verb -enced; -encing
1 : to affect or alter by influence : SWAY
2 : to have an effect on the condition or development of : MODIFY

Synonyms
affect, impact, impress, move, strike, sway, tell, touch—more at AFFECT

in·flu·en·za /ɪnˈfljuənˈzə/ noun
[origin: It, lit., influence, fr. ML influenza; fr. the belief that epidemics were due to the influence of the stars]
: an acute and highly contagious virus disease marked by fever, prostration, aches and pains, and respiratory inflammation; also: any of various feverish usu. virus diseases typically with respiratory symptoms

in·flux /ɪnˈflʌks/ noun
: a coming in

Synonyms
flux; also deluge, flood, flow, inundation, overflow, spate, torrent; rush, stampede; flow, river, stream, tide

Antonyms
outflow, outpouring

in·fo /ɪnˈfəʊ/ noun
: INFORMATION

in·fold /ɪnˈfəʊd/ verb
1: ENFOLD
2: to fold inward or toward one another

in·for·mer·ial /ɪnˌfɔrˈmərəl/ noun
: a television program that is an extended advertisement often including a discussion or demonstration

in·form /ɪnˈfɔrm/ verb
1 †: to communicate knowledge to: TELL
2: to give information or knowledge
3 †: to act as an informer

Synonyms
† [1] acquaint, advise, apprise, brief, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, instruct, tell, wise—more at ENLIGHTEN
† [3] snitch, squeal, talk, tell—more at SQUEAL

in·for·mal /ɪnˈfɔrməl/ adjective
1 †: conducted or carried out without formality or ceremony <an ~ party>
2 †: characteristic of or appropriate to ordinary, casual, or familiar use <~ clothes>

in·for·mal·i·ty /ɪnˌfɔrˈmələtɪ/ noun
in·for·mal·ly /ɪnˌfɔrmələ/ adverb

Synonyms
† [1] irregular, unceremonious, unconventional, unorthodox; also unauthorized, unofficial; casual, easygoing, lax, loose, relaxed
Antonyms
ceremonial, ceremonious, conventional, formal, orthodox, regular, routine
† [2] casual, everyday, workaday—more at CASUAL

in·for·mant /ɪnˌfɔrmənt/ noun
: a person who gives information: INFORMER

in·for·ma·tion /ɪnˌfɔrˈmeɪʃən/ noun
1: the communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence
2: knowledge obtained from investigation, study, or instruction: FACTS, DATA

in·for·ma·tion·al /ɪnˌfɔrˈmeɪʃənəl/ adjective
: relating to or giving information

information superhighway noun
: INTERNET

in·for·ma·tive /ɪnˌfɔrˈmeɪtɪv/ adjective
†: imparting knowledge: INSTRUCTIVE

Synonyms
† educational, instructive; also detailed, comprehensive, full; enlightening, explanatory, illuminating; chatty, gossipy, newsy; availing, beneficial, constructive, helpful, profitable; practical, serviceable, usable, useful, worthwhile
Antonyms
uninstructive

in·formed /ɪnˈfɔrd/ adjective
1 †: having or based on information
2 †: having an education: KNOWLEDGEABLE

Synonyms
† [1] good, hard, just, levelheaded, logical, rational, reasonable, reasoned, sensible, sober, solid, valid, well-founded—more at GOOD
† [2] abreast, conversant, familiar, knowledgeable, up, up-to-date, versed—more at FAMILIAR

informed consent noun
: consent to a medical procedure by someone who understands what is involved

in·form·er /ɪnˈfɔrər/ noun
†: one that informs; especially: a person who informs against others for illegalities esp. for financial gain
Synonyms
- betrayer, stool pigeon, tattletale, telltale; also collaborator; gossip; snoop, spy

in·fo·tain·ment /inˈfoʊˌtānˌment/ noun
: a television program that presents information (as news) in a manner intended to be entertaining

in·frac·tion /inˈfrakˌshən/ noun
- the act of infringing: VIOLATION
  Synonyms
  - breach, infringement, transgression, trespass, violation—more at BREACH

in·fra dig /inˈfraˌdʒ/ adjective
[origin: short for L infra dignitatem]
- being beneath one's dignity
- being, relating to, or using radiation having wavelengths longer than those of red light
  — infrared noun

in·fra·struc·ture /inˈfrəstrəkchər/ noun
1: the underlying foundation or basic framework (as of a system or organization)
2: the system of public works of a country, state, or region; also: the resources (as buildings or equipment) required for an activity

in·fre·quent /inˈfrēkwənt/ adjective
1: seldom happening: RARE
2: placed or occurring at wide intervals in space or time
  Synonyms
  - occasional, rare, sporadic; also scarce, scattered, uncommon, unique, unusual; choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, spasmodic, spotty, unsteady
  Antonyms
  - frequent

in·fre·quent·ly /ˌlē/ adverb
- in an infrequent manner
  Synonyms
  - little, rarely, seldom—more at Seldom

in·fringe /inˈfring/ verb in-fringed; in-fring·ing
1: to encroach upon in a way that violates law or the rights of another: VIOLATE, TRANSGRESS (<< a patent)
2: ENCROACH, TRESPASS

in-fringe·ment noun
- the act of infringing; also: an encroachment or trespass on a right or privilege
  Synonyms
  - breach, infringement, transgression, trespass, violation—more at BREACH

in·fu·ri·ate /inˈfrəriˌät/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
- to make furious: ENRAGE
  — in·fu·ri·at·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  - anger, antagonize, enrage, incense, inflame, madden, outrage, rankle, rile, roil—more at ANGER

in·fuse /inˈfyüz/ verb in·fused; in·fus·ing
1: to instill a principle or quality in
2: INSPIRE, ANIMATE
3: to steep (as tea) without boiling
  — in·fu·sion /ˌɪnˈfyü.zhən/ noun
  Synonyms
  - imbue, inculcate, ingrain, invest, steep, suffuse; also animate, enliven, invigorate; implant, instill, plant;
impregnate, permeate, pervade, saturate; deluge, drown, fill, flood, inundate, overwhelm, submerge

-ing /ɪŋ/ noun suffix
1 : action or process <sleeping> : instance of an action or process <a meeting>
2 : product or result of an action or process <an engraving> <earnings>
3 : something used in an action or process <a bed covering>
4 : something connected with, consisting of, or used in making (a specified thing) <scaffolding>
5 : something related to (a specified concept) <offing>

-ing noun suffix
: one of a (specified) kind

-ing verb suffix or adjective suffix
— used to form the present participle <sailing> and sometimes to form an adjective resembling a present participle but not derived from a verb <swashbuckling>

in·ga·ther /ɪn_.gɑ_.ðər/ verb
: to gather in : ASSEMBLE

in·ge·nious /ɪn_.jɛ_.nɪ_.ʒəs/ adjective
1 ▶ : marked by special aptitude at discovering, inventing, or contriving
2 ▶ : marked by originality, resourcefulness, and cleverness in conception or execution
— in·ge·nious·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1, 2] creative, imaginative, innovative, inventive, original—more at CREATIVE
▶ [2] artful, clever, creative, imaginative—more at CLEVER

in·ge·nious·ness noun
: the power or quality of ready invention

in·ge·nue or in·gé·nue /ɪn_.jɛ_.nə_.nʊ, ‘ɛn_.zhe_.nə_.nə/ noun
: a naive girl or young woman; especially : an actress portraying such a person

in·ge·nu·i·ty /ɪn_.jɛ_.nə_.nɪ_.tɪ_.ə_.tɪ_.s, ‘ɛn_.yʊ_.nɪ_.tɪ_.ə_.tɪ_.s/ noun, plural -ties
▶ : skill or cleverness in planning or inventing : INVENTIVENESS

Synonyms
▶ creativity, invention, inventiveness, originality—more at CREATIVITY

in·gen·u·ous /ɪn_.jɛ_.nə_.wəs/ adjective
[origin: L ingenuus native, freeborn, fr. signere to beget]
1 ▶ : STRAIGHTFORWARD, FRANK
2 ▶ : showing innocent or childlike simplicity and candidness : NAIVE

Synonyms
▶ green, innocent, naive, simple, unknowing, unsophisticated, unworldy—more at NAIVE

in·gen·u·ous·ly adverb
▶ : in an ingenuous manner

Synonyms
▶ artlessly, naively, naturally, unaffectedly—more at NATURALLY

in·gen·u·ous·ness noun
▶ : the quality of being ingenuous : absence of guile, reserve, or disguise

Synonyms
▶ artlessness, greenness, innocence, naïveté, naturalness, simplicity, unworldliness—more at NAIVETÉ

in·gest /ɪn_.ʒes/. verb
: to take in for or as if for digestion
— in·ges·tion /ɪn_.ʒes_.ʃə_.nə_.nə/ noun

in·gle·nook /ɪn_.ɡæ_.nʊk/ noun
: a nook by a large open fireplace; also : a bench occupying this nook
inglorious /ɪnˈɡlər.i.əs/ adjective
1 : SHAMEFUL
2 : not glorious : lacking fame or honor
— in·glo·ri·ous·ly adverb

ingot /ɪnˈɡɔt/ noun
: a mass of metal cast in a form convenient for storage or transportation

1 ingrain /ɪnˈɡreɪn/ verb
› : to work indelibly into the natural texture or mental or moral constitution
  Synonyms
    › imbue, inculcate, infuse, invest, steep, suffuse—more at INFUSE

2 ingrain /ɪnˈɡreɪn/ adjective
1 : made of fiber that is dyed before being spun into yarn
2 : made of yarn that is dyed before being woven or knitted
3 : INNATE
— in·grain noun

in·grained adjective
1 : worked into the grain or fiber
2 : forming a part of the essence or inmost being
  Synonyms
    › essential, inborn, inherent, innate, integral, intrinsic, natural—more at INHERENT

ingrate /ɪnˈɡræt/ noun
: an ungrateful person

in·gra·ti·ate /ɪnˈɡræ.ti.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to gain favor by deliberate effort

in·gra·ti·at·ing adjective
1 › : capable of winning favor <an ~ smile>
2 : FLATTERING <an ~ manner>
  Synonyms
    › endearing, winning, winsome; also adorable, charming, likable, lovable; affecting, poignant, touching;
    adulatory, deferential, groveling, kowtowing, obsequious, servile, sycophantic; drooling, slobbering; soapy,
    sugary, unctuous

ingrat·i·tude /ˌɪnˈɡræ.tɪˌtjuːd, ˌɪnˈɡræ.ˌtiːd/ noun
: lack of gratitude : UNGRATEFULNESS

in·gre·di·ent /ɪnˈɡri.dənt/ noun
› : one of the substances that make up a mixture or compound : CONSTITUENT
  Synonyms
    › component, constituent, element, factor, member—more at ELEMENT

in·gress /ɪnˈɡres/ noun
: ENTRANCE, ACCESS
— in·gres·sion /ɪnˈɡres.ʃən/ noun

in·grow·ing /ɪnˈɡráʊ.ɪŋ/ adjective
: growing or tending inward

in·grown /ɪnˈɡrán/ adjective
: grown in; especially : having the free tip or edge embedded in the flesh <~ toenail>

in·gui·nal /ɪnˈɡwɪn.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or situated in or near the region of the groin

in·hab·it /ɪnˈhæb.ɪt/ verb
: to live or dwell in
in·hab·i·tant /ˌɪn.həˈbeɪ.tənt/ noun
: a permanent resident in a place
  Synonyms
  denizen, dweller, occupant, resident; also aborigine, native; citizen, national, subject; colonist, émigré, migrant, newcomer, settler; burgher, townie, villager
  Antonyms
  transient

in·hal·ant /ˌɪn.həˈleɪnt/ noun
: something (as a medicine) that is inhaled

in·ha·la·tor /ˌɪn.həˈleɪ.tər/ noun
: a device that provides a mixture of carbon dioxide and oxygen for breathing

in·hale /ɪnˈhæl/ verb inhaled, in·hal·ing
: to breathe in
  — in·ha·la·tion /ˌɪn.hæˈleɪ.ʃən/ noun

in·hal·er /ɪnˈhæ.lər/ noun
: a device by means of which medicinal material is inhaled

in·har·mo·ni·ous /ˌɪnˈhær.mə.ˈnɑs/ adjective
  1 : not harmonious
  2 : not fitting or congenial
  Synonyms
  [1, 2] discordant, discrepant, incompatible, incongruous, inharmonious

in·here /ɪnˈhɪr/ verb in·hered, in·her·ing
: to be inherent

in·her·ent /ɪnˈhɪr.ənt, ˈhɜr/ adjective
  : established as an essential part of something : INTRINSIC
  Synonyms
  essential, inborn, ingrained, innate, integral, intrinsic, natural; also basic, constitutional, elemental, fundamental; congenital, hereditary, inherited, inmost, inner, interior; internal; characteristic, distinctive, peculiar; normal, regular, typical
  Antonyms
  adventitious, extraneous, extrinsic

in·her·ent·ly /ˈlʌ/ adverb
  : in an inherent manner
  Synonyms
  constitutionally, innately, intrinsically, naturally—more at NATURALLY

in·her·it /ɪnˈhɜr.ɪt/ verb
  1 : to receive esp. from one's ancestors
  2 : to receive by genetic transmission
  — in·her·i·tor /ˌɪn.həˈreɪ.tər/ noun

in·her·it·able /ˌɪnˈhɜr.ɪtə.bl/ adjective
  1 : capable of being inherited
  2 : capable of taking by inheritance

in·her·i·tance /ˌɪn.hɜr.ɪ.təns/ noun
  1 : the act of inheriting
  2 : something that is or may be passed on to another generation
  Synonyms
  bequest, birthright, heritage; also heirloom; bestowal, gift, offering, present

in·herited adjective
  : being something received by inheritance
Synonyms
- genetic, hereditary, heritable, inborn, inherited—more at HEREDITARY

in-hib-it /ɪnˈhaɪbɪt/ verb
1: PROHIBIT, FORBID
2: to hold in check
   Synonyms
   - bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, regulate, rein, restrain, tame—more at CONTROL

in-hi-bi-tion /ɪnˈhaɪbɪʃən/ noun
1: something that forbids or restricts
2: a usu. inner check on free activity, expression, or functioning
   Synonyms
   - constraint, repression, restraint, self-control, self-restraint, suppression

in-hos-pi-ta-ble /ɪnˈhɒs.pɪ.ta.bəl/ adjective
1: not showing hospitality : not friendly or receptive
2: providing no shelter or sustenance
   Synonyms
   - antagonistic, hostile, inimical, jaundiced, negative, unfriendly, unsympathetic—more at HOSTILE

in-house /ɪnˈhɔʊs/ adjective
: existing, originating, or carried on within a group or organization

in-hu-man /ɪnˈhuːmən/ adjective
1: lacking pity, kindness, or mercy
2: not engaging the human personality or emotions
3: not worthy of or conforming to the needs of human beings <= conditions>
4: of or suggesting a nonhuman class of beings
   — in-hu-man-ly adverb
   — in-hu-man-ness noun
   Synonyms
   - [1] callous, cold-blooded, hard, heartless, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, soulless, stony, uncharitable, unfearing, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD
   - [3] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH

in-hu-man-e /ɪnˈhuːmən/ adjective
: not humane : not devoted or sympathetic to humans or human needs
   Synonyms
   - barbarous, brutal, cruel, heartless, sadistic, savage, vicious, wanton—more at CRUEL

in-hu-man-i-ty /ɪnˈhuːmən.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being cruel or barbarous
2: a cruel or barbarous act
   Synonyms
   - barbarity, brutality, cruelty, sadism, savagery, viciousness, wantonness—more at CRUELTY

in-im-i-cal /ɪnˈɪmɪ.kəl/ adjective
1: being adverse often by reason of hostility
2: having the disposition of an enemy: HOSTILE, UNFRIENDLY
   — in-im-i-cal-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - antagonistic, hostile, inhospitable, jaundiced, negative, unfriendly, unsympathetic—more at HOSTILE

in-im-i-ta-ble /ɪnˈɪmɪ.teɪ.bəl/ adjective
: not capable of being imitated
   Synonyms
   - incomparable, matchless, nonpareil, only, peerless, unequalled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed—more at ONLY
in·iqu·i·tous /ɪn.ɪˈkwɪ.təs/ adjective
› : characterized by iniquity
  Synonyms
  › bad, black, evil, immoral, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong

in·iqu·i·ty /ɪn.ɪˈkwɪ.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 : gross injustice : WICKEDNESS
2 › : a wicked act
  Synonyms
  › corruption, debauchery, depravity, immorality, licentiousness, sin, vice—more at VICE

1 initial /ˈɪn.ʃəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the beginning : INCIPIENT
2 › : placed at the beginning : FIRST
  Synonyms
  › first, inaugural, maiden, original, pioneer, premier—more at FIRST

2 initial noun
› : the first letter of a word or name
3 initial verb -tialed or -tialled; -tial·ing or -tial·ling
› : to affix an initial to

initial·ly adverb
› : in the first place : at the beginning
  Synonyms
  › firstly, originally, primarilyp—more at ORIGINALY

1 initiate /ɪˈniʃət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 › : set going : START, BEGIN
2 › : to induct into membership by or as if by special ceremonies
3 › : to instruct in the rudiments or principles of something
  Synonyms
  › [1] begin, constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, innovate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND
  › [2] baptize, inaugurate, induct, install, invest—more at INSTALL
  › [3] acquaint, familiarize, introduce, orient—more at ACQUAINT

2 initiate /ɪˈniʃət/ noun
1 : a person who is undergoing or has passed an initiation
2 : a person who is instructed or adept in some special field

ini·ti·a·tion /ɪn.ˈʃə.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act or an instance of initiating
2 : the process of being initiated; specif : the rites, ceremonies, ordeals, or instructions with which one is made a member of a sect or society or is invested with a particular function or status

ini·ti·a·tive /ɪn.ˈʃə.tɪv/ noun
1 : an introductory step
2 › : self-reliant enterprise <showed great ~> 
3 : a process by which laws may be introduced or enacted directly by vote of the people
  Synonyms
  › aggressiveness, ambition, drive, enterprise, go, hustle—more at ENTERPRISE

ini·ti·a·to·ry /ɪn.ˈʃə.tə.rɪ/ adjective
1 : INTRODUCTORY
2 : tending or serving to initiate << rites>

in·ject /ɪn.ˈdʒekt/ verb
1: to force into something (<~ serum with a needle>)
2: to introduce as an element into some situation or subject (<~ a note of suspicion>)

**injection** /ˈɪn.ʃən/ noun

*Synonyms*
- fit, insert, insinuate, interject, interpose, introduce—more at INSERT

**injection** /ˈɪn.ʃən/ noun

1: ORDER, ADMONITION
2: a court writ whereby one is required to do or to refrain from doing a specified act

**injure** /ˈɪn.dʒər/ verb injured; injuring

1: to do an injustice to: WRONG
2: to inflict bodily hurt on: HURT; also: to impair the soundness of
*Synonyms*
- damage, harm, hurt, wound; also batter, bruise, contuse, gash, gore, lacerate, scald, scar, tear; cripple, lame, maim, mangle, mutilate; afflict, torment, torture; lay up; blemish, impair, mar, scrape, spoil

**injurious** /ˈɪn.dʒər.əs/ adjective

- inflicting or tending to inflict injury
*Synonyms*
- adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, mischievous, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL

**injury** /ˈɪn.ʒər.i/ noun, plural -ries

1: an act that damages or hurts
2: hurt, damage, or loss sustained

*Synonyms*
- damage, detriment, harm, hurt; also disservice, injustice, outrage, wrong; affront, dart, indignity, insult, offense; crippling, mayhem, mutilation; defacement, disability, disfigurement; abrasion, bruise, bump, contusion, scald, scar, scrape, scratch, sear

**injustice** /ˈɪn.ʒəst.s/ noun

1: violation of a person's rights: UNFAIRNESS
2: an unjust act or deed: WRONG

*Synonyms*
- [1, 2] disservice, injury, raw deal, wrong—more at DISSERVICE

**ink** /ɪŋk/ noun


- a usu. liquid and colored material for writing and printing
  *inky* adjective

**ink** verb

- to put ink on; especially: SIGN

**inkblot test** /ɪŋk.ˈblɑːt/ noun

- any of several psychological tests based on the interpretation of irregular figures

**inkhorn** /ˈɪŋk.ɔrn/ noun

- a small bottle (as of horn) for holding ink

**in-kind** /ˈɪŋ.kɪnd/ adjective

- consisting of something (as goods) other than money

**inkjet** noun

- a computer printer that sprays electrically charged droplets of ink onto paper
  *inkjet* adjective

**inkling** /ˈɪŋ.klɪŋ/ noun

1: a slight indication or suggestion: HINT, INTIMATION
2 : a vague idea

_Synonyms_
- clue, cue, hint, indication, intimation, lead, suggestion—more at HINT

_in·stand /ˌɪŋkˈstænd/ noun
: INKWELL; also : a pen and ink stand

_in·well /ˌɪŋkˈwel/ noun
: a container for ink

_in·laid /ˌɪnˌlæd/ adjective
: decorated with material set into a surface

1_inland /ˌɪnˈlænd, _lænd/ adjective
1 chiefly British : not foreign : DOMESTIC <~ revenue>
2 : of or relating to the interior of a country

2_inland noun
: the interior of a country

3_inland adverb
: into or toward the interior

_in·law /ˌɪnˌlɔ/ noun
: a relative by marriage

1_inlay /ˈɪnˌlɑ, ˈɪnˌlæ/ verb in·laid /ˌɪnˌlæd/; in·lay·ing
: to set (a material) into a surface or ground material esp. for decoration

2_inlay /ˈɪnˌlæ/ noun
1 : inlaid work
2 : a shaped filling cemented into a tooth

_in·let /ˌɪnˈlɛt, _leɪt/ noun
1 : a small or narrow bay
2 : an opening for intake esp. of a fluid

_Synonyms_
- bay, bight, cove, estuary, gulf—more at GULF

_in·line skate noun
: a roller skate whose four wheels are set in a straight line

_in·mate /ˌɪnˈmeɪt/ noun
: any of a group occupying a single place of residence; especially : a person confined (as in a hospital or prison)

_in me·di·as res /ˌɪnˌmeˌdēˌas rēz/ adverb
[ORIGIN: L, lit., into the midst of things]
: in or into the middle of a narrative or plot

_in me·mo·ri·am /ˌɪnˌmeˌmōrəˈē am/ preposition
[ORIGIN: L]
: in memory of

_in·most /ˌɪnˌmōst/ adjective
: deepest within : INNERMOST

_inn /ɪn/ noun
- : an establishment for the lodging and entertaining of travelers : HOTEL, TAVERN

_Synonyms_
- hospice, hotel, lodge, public house, tavern—more at HOTEL

_in·nards /ˈɪnˌnɑrdz/ noun plural
[ORIGIN: alter. of inwards]
1: the internal organs of a human being or animal; especially: **VISCERA**
2: the internal parts of a structure or mechanism

**innate** /ɪˈnæt/ adjective
1: existing in, belonging to, or determined by factors present in an individual from birth: **NATIVE**
2: belonging to the essential nature of something: **INHERENT**, **INTRINSIC**

*Synonyms*
- essential, inborn, ingrained, inherent, integral, intrinsic, natural—more at **INHERENT**

**innately** adverb
- in an innate manner

*Synonyms*
- constitutionally, inherently, intrinsically, naturally—more at **NATURALLY**

**inner** /ˈɪnər/ adjective
1: located farther in <the ~ bark>
2: near a center esp. of influence <the ~ circle>
3: of or relating to the mind or spirit

*Synonyms*
- [1] inside, interior, internal, inward; also inmost, innermost; central, mid, middle
*Antonyms*
- exterior, external, outer, outside, outward

- [3] cerebral, intellectual, mental, psychological—more at **MENTAL**

**inner city** noun
- the usu. older, poorer, and more densely populated section of a city

— **inner–city** adjective

**inner–directed** /ˈɪnər daˈrɛktəd/ adjective
- directed in thought and action by one's own scale of values as opposed to external norms

**inner ear** noun
- the part of the ear that is most important for hearing, is located in a cavity in the temporal bone, and contains sense organs of hearing and of awareness of position in space

**inner–most** /ˈɪnərˈməʊst/ adjective
- farthest inward: **INMOST**

**inner–sole** /ˈɪnərˌsɒl/ noun
- **INSOLE**

**inner–spring** /ˈɪnərˈspring/ adjective
- having coil springs inside a padded casing

**inner tube** noun
- an airtight rubber tube inside a tire to hold air under pressure

**inning** /ˈɪnɪŋ/ noun
1: singular or plural: a division of a cricket match
2: a baseball team's turn at bat; also: a division of a baseball game consisting of a turn at bat for each team

**inn–keeper** /ˈɪnˌkɛpər/ noun
1: a proprietor of an inn
2: a hotel manager

**innocence** /ˈɪnəns/ noun
1: freedom from guilt or sin through being unacquainted with evil: **BLAMELESSNESS**; also: freedom from legal guilt
2: freedom from guile or cunning: **SIMPLICITY**; also: **IGNORANCE**

*Synonyms*
- [1] decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, righteousness

*Antonyms*
innocent /ɪnˈsɛnt/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L innocens wicked, fr. nocēre to harm]
1 ▶: free from guilt or sin: BLAMELESS
2 ▶: harmless in effect or intention; also: CANDID
3 : free from legal guilt or fault: LAWFUL
4 ▶: lacking or reflecting a lack of sophistication, guile, or self-consciousness: INGENUOUS
5 : UNAWARE

Synonyms
▶ blameless, clear, faultless, guiltless, impeccable, irreproachable; also absolved, acquitted, cleared, exonerated, vindicated; ethical, moral, righteous, upright, virtuous
Antonyms
▶ guilty

in·no·cent·ly /ɪnˈnərənt·li/ adverb
: in an innocent manner

in·noc·u·ous /ɪnˈnɔkərəs/ adjective
1 ▶: producing no injury: HARMLESS
2 : not offensive; also: INSIPID
Synonyms
▶ harmless, innocent, safe, white—more at HARMLESS

in·nom·i·nate /ɪnˈnəˌmeɪnt/ adjective
: having no name; also: ANONYMOUS

in·no·vate /ɪnˈnəvət/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing
▶ to introduce as or as if new; also: to make changes
Synonyms
▶ constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND

in·no·va·tion /ɪnˈnəˌvæ.ʃən/ noun
1 : the introduction of something new
2 ▶: a new idea, method, or device
Synonyms
▶ coinage, concoction, contrivance, creation, invention, wrinkle—more at INVENTION

in·no·va·tive /ɪnˈnəˈveɪtɪv/ adjective
▶ characterized by, tending to, or introducing innovations
Synonyms
▶ creative, imaginative, ingenious, inventive, original—more at CREATIVE

in·no·va·tor /ɪnˈnəˌveɪtər/ noun
▶ one that innovates
Synonyms
▶ designer, developer, inventor, originator—more at INVENTOR

in·nu·en·do /ɪnˈnjuːˌdəʊ/ noun, plural -dos or -does
[origin: L, by nodding, fr. innuere to nod to, make a sign to, fr. nuere to nod]: HINT, INSINUATION; especially: a veiled reflection on character or reputation
in·nu·mer·a·ble /ˌɪnˈnjuː.mərə.bəl/ adjective
  ▪ too many to be numbered
    Synonyms
    ▪ countless, numberless, uncountable, unnumbered, untold—more at COUNTLESS

in·oc·u·late /ɪnˈɒk.juˌleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
  ▪ to introduce something into: as
    a: to introduce a serum or antibody into (an organism) to treat or prevent a disease
    b: to introduce information to
  — in·oc·u·la·tion /ˌɪn.əˌkjuˈleɪʃən/ noun

in·op·er·a·ble /ɪnˈɒp.ər.ə.bəl/ adjective
  1: not suitable for surgery
  2 ▪ not operable
    Synonyms
    ▪ inoperative, nonfunctional; also broken; off; deactivated, ineffective, ineffectual, nonproductive, unproductive, unusable, unworkable, useless
    Antonyms
    ▪ functional, functioning, operable, operating, operational, operative, running, working
    ▪ impractical, unusable, unworkable, useless—more at IMPRACTICAL

in·op·er·a·tive /ɪnˈɒp.ər.ə.tɪv/ adjective
  ▪ not functioning
    Synonyms
    ▪ dead, dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inert, off, vacant—more at INACTIVE

in·op·por·tune /ɪnˈɒp.pɔr.tu.nə/ adjective
  ▪ not opportune: INCONVENIENT

in·op·por·tun·ly /ɪnˈɒp.pɔr.tu.nə.lɪ/ adverb
  ▪ in an inopportune manner

in·or·di·nate /ɪnˈɔr.dən.tət/ adjective
  ▪ exceeding reasonable limits: IMMODERATE <an ~ curiosity>
    Synonyms
    ▪ devilish, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, lavish, overmuch, overweening, steep, stiff, towering, unconscionable—more at EXCESSIVE

in·or·di·nate·ly adverb
  ▪ to an excessive or unreasonable degree
    Synonyms
    ▪ devilishly, excessively, monstrously, overscrupulously, too—more at too

in·or·gan·ic /ɪnˈɔr.gən.ɪk/ adjective
  ▪ being or composed of matter of other than plant or animal origin: MINERAL

in·pa·tient /ɪnˈpæt.ʃənt/ noun
  ▪ a hospital patient who receives lodging and food as well as treatment

in·put /ɪnˈpʊt/ noun
  1: something put in
  2: power or energy put into a machine or system
  3: information fed into a computer or data processing system
  4: ADVICE, OPINION
    — input verb

in·quest /ɪnˈkwest/ noun
  1: an official inquiry or examination esp. before a jury
  2: a systematic investigation: INQUIRY, INVESTIGATION
in·qui·etude /inˈkwɪəˌtjuːd/ noun : UNEASINESS, RESTLESSNESS

in·quire /ɪnˈkwɪr/ verb in·quired; in·quir·ing
1 : to ask about : ASK
2 : to make investigation or inquiry : INVESTIGATE — often used with into

— in·quir·er noun
— in·quir·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
† usually inquire of [1] ask, interrogate, query, question, quiz—more at ASK
† usually inquire into [2] delve, dig, explore, go, investigate, look, probe, research—more at EXPLORE

in·qui·ry /ɪnˈkwɪr.i/ in·quir·ies /ɪnˈkwɪr.i·zəz/ noun, plural -ries
1 : a request for information; also : RESEARCH
2 : a systematic investigation of a matter of public interest

Synonyms
† [1] call, query, question, request—more at QUESTION
† [1, 2] examination, exploration, investigation, probe, research, study; also quest; audit, check; checkup, diagnosis, inspection; hearing, interrogation, trial; feeler, query, question; poll, questionnaire; challenge, cross-examination, grilling, quiz

in·qui·si·tion /ɪnˈkwɪz.ɪ.ʃən/ noun
1 : a judicial or official inquiry usu. before a jury
2 cap : a former Roman Catholic tribunal for the discovery and punishment of heresy
3 : a severe questioning
4 : the act of inquiring

— in·quis·i·tor /ɪnˈkwɪz.ɪ.ˈtɔr/ noun
— in·quis·i·to·ri·al /ɪnˈkwɪz.ɪ.ˈtɔr.əl/ adjective

in·quis·i·tive /ɪnˈkwɪz.ɪ.ˈtɪv/ adjective
1 : given to examination or investigation <an ~ mind>
2 : unduly curious

— in·quis·i·tive·ly adverb

Synonyms
† curious, nosy, prying—more at CURIOUS

in·quis·i·tive·ness noun : the quality or state of being inquisitive

in re /ɪnˈrɛ/ preposition
: in the matter of

INRI abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L. Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum] Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews

in·road /ɪnˈroid/ noun
1 : a sudden hostile incursion : INVASION, RAID
2 : an advance made usu. at the expense of another

in·rush /ɪnˈrʌʃ/ noun
: a crowding or flooding in

ins abbreviation
1 inches
2 insurance

INS abbreviation
Immigration and Naturalization Service

in·sa·lu·bi·rous /ɪnˈsʌl.bri.əs/ adjective
UNWHOLESOME, NOXIOUS

**ins and outs** noun plural
1 : characteristic peculiarities
2 : RAMIFICATIONS

**in-sane** (in'săn) adjective
1 : exhibiting serious and debilitating mental disorder; also : used by or for the insane
2 : ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, or incongruous : ABSURD
   — in-sane-ly adverb

_Synonyms_
- [1] crazy, cuckoo, deranged, loco, lunatic, mad, nuts, nutty, screwy, unsound, wacky; also off; aberrant, delusional, disordered; eccentric, odd, queer, strange; foolish, senseless, witless; irrational, unreasonable; berserk, delirious; depressed; distraught, frantic, frenzied, hysterical

_Antonyms_
balanced, sane, sound
- [2] absurd, bizarre, crazy, fanciful, fantastic, foolish, nonsensical, preposterous, unreal, wild—more at FANTASTIC

**in-san-i-ty** (in'sa-nā-ˈtē) noun
1 : a deranged state of the mind usu. occurring as a specific disorder (as schizophrenia)
2 : extreme folly or unreasonableness; also : something utterly foolish or unreasonable

_Synonyms_
- [1] aberration, dementia, derangement, lunacy, madness, mania; also irrationality, unreasonableness; delirium, frenzy, hysteria; neurosis, psychosis, schizophrenia; delusion, hallucination, obsession, phobia; abnormality, unsoundness

_Antonyms_
mind, sanity
- [2] absurdity, asininity, balminess, craziness, daftness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, inanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, zaniness

**in-sat-i-a-ble** (in'sat-i-ˈa-bəl) adjective
: incapable of being satisfied
— in-sat-i-a-bil-i-ty (in'sat-i-ˈa-bil-ə-tē) noun
— in-sat-i-a-bly adverb

**in-sat-i-a-tion** (in'sat-i-ˈa-shən) noun
: INSATIABLE
— in-sat-i-a-tely adverb

**in-scribe** (in'skrīb) verb
1 : to write, engrave, or print as a lasting record
2 : to enter on a list : ENROLL
3 : to write, engrave, or print characters upon
4 : to dedicate to someone
5 : to draw within a figure so as to touch in as many places as possible

_Synonyms_
- [2] catalog, enroll, enter, index, list, put down, record, register, schedule, slate—more at LIST
- [3] engrave, etch, grave, inscribe—more at ENGRAVE

**in-scr-u-ta-ble** (in'skrū-ˈta-bəl) adjective
: not readily comprehensible : MYSTERIOUS
— in-scr-u-ta-bly (in'skrū-ˈta-bli) adverb

_Synonyms_
- cryptic, darkling, deep, enigmatic, impenetrable, mysterious, mystic, occult, uncanny—more at MYSTERIOUS

**in-seam** (in'sĕm) noun
: the seam on the inside of the leg of a pair of pants; also : the length of this seam
in·sect /inˌsek(t)/ noun
[origin: L. insectum, fr. insectus, pp. of insecare to cut into, fr. secare to cut]

: any of a class of small usu. winged arthropod animals (as flies, bees, beetles, and moths) with usu. three pairs of legs as adults

in·sec·ti·cide /inˌsek.təˈsid/ noun

: an agent for destroying insects

— in·sec·ti·cid·al /ˈinˌsek.təˌsid.əl/ adjective

in·sec·tiv·ous /ˌin.sek.ˈtə蔬əs/ adjective

: feeding on insects

in·sec·ure /inˈsi.kyər/ adjective

1: UNCERTAIN
2: not protected: UNSAFE
3: not firmly fastened or fixed: LOOSE
4: not highly stable; also: lacking assurance: ANXIOUS, FEARFUL

—in·sec·ure·ly adverb

Synonyms

lax, loose, relaxed, slack—more at LOOSE

in·sec·u·ri·ty /ˈin siˌkyər.tē/ noun

: the quality or state of being insecure

Synonyms

instability, precariousness, shakiness, unsteadiness—more at INSTABILITY

in·sem·i·nate /inˌse.məˈnät/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing

: to introduce semen into the genital tract of (a female)

—in·sem·i·na·tion /ˌin.se.məˈne.a.ˈne.ʃən/ noun

in·sen·sate /ˌinˌsenˈsāt/ adjective

1: lacking sense or understanding; also: FOOLISH
2: INANIMATE
3: lacking humane feeling: INHUMAN

—in·sen·si·ble /ˈinˌsen.səbəl/ adjective

1: not perceptible by a sense or by the mind: IMPERCEPTIBLE; also: SLIGHT, GRADUAL
2: INANIMATE
3: not knowing or perceiving: UNCONSCIOUS
4: lacking sensory perception or ability to react (~ to pain)
5: APATHETIC, INDIFFERENT; also: UNAWARE (~ of their danger)
6: MEANINGLESS
7: lacking delicacy or refinement

—in·sen·si·bly /ˈinˌsen.səˈbli/ adverb

in·sen·si·bil·i·ty /ˌinˌsen.səˈbil.ə.tē/ noun

: the quality or state of being insensible: as

a: lack of mental or emotional feeling or response
b: an unconscious or comatose state

in·sen·tient /ˈinˌsen.tijənt/ adjective

: lacking perception, consciousness, or animation

—in·sen·ti·ence /ˌinˌsen.tiˈens/noun

in·sep·a·ra·ble /ˌinˌse.pəˈrəbəl/ adjective

1: incapable of being separated or disjoined
2: very close or intimate

—in·sep·a·ra·ble noun

—in·sep·a·ra·bly /ˌinˌse.pəˈrəbli/ adverb
**in·sep·a·ra·bil·i·ty /ˌinЗ_per_ə_bər_lə_ˌtē_ˌpa_rə/ noun**
the quality or state of being inseparable

1

**insert /inˈsərt/ verb**
1 : to put or thrust in <~ a key in a lock> <~ a comma>
2 : to put or introduce into the body of something : INTERPOLATE
3 : to set in (as a piece of fabric) and make fast
   **Synonyms**
   fit, inject, insinuate, interject, interpose, introduce; also inlay, inset, install, weave, work (in); cram, sandwich, shove, thrust, wedge; add, append, attach

2

**insert /inˈsərt/ noun**
something that is inserted or is for insertion; especially : written or printed material inserted (as between the leaves of a book)

**insert·tion /inˈsər_shən/ noun**
1 : something that is inserted
2 : the act or process of inserting

**in·set /ˈinset/ verb**
inset or inset·ted; in·set·ting
: to set in : INSERT

—inset noun

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**inshore /inˈshōr/ adjective**
1 : situated, living, or carried on near shore
2 : moving toward shore

2

**inshore adverb**
: to or toward shore

1

**inside /ˈinˌsid, ˈinˌsid/ noun**
1 : an inner side or surface : INTERIOR
2 : inward nature, thoughts, or feeling
3 plural : VISCERA, ENTRAILS
4 : a position of power, trust, or familiarity

2

**inside adverb**
1 : on the inner side
2 : in or into the interior

3

**inside preposition**
1 : in or into the inside of
2 : WITHIN <~ an hour>

4

**inside adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or being on or near the inside
2 : relating or known to a select group
   **Synonyms**
   [1] inner, interior, internal, inward—more at INNER
   [2] confidential, hushed, intimate, private, secret—more at PRIVATE

**inside of preposition**
: INSIDE

**inside out adverb**
1 : in such a manner that the inner surface becomes the outer <turned the shirt inside out>
2 : in a state of disarray or reorganization <turned her life inside out>

**in·sid·er /inˌsidər/ noun**
a person who is in a position of power or has access to confidential information

**in·sid·i·ous /ˌinˈsidəsəs/ adjective**
[origin: L insidiosus, fr. insidiae ambush, fr. insidēre to sit in, sit on, fr. sedēre to sit]
1: SLY, TREACHEROUS
2: SEDUCTIVE
3: having a gradual and cumulative effect: SUBTLE
   — in·sid·i·ous·ly adverb
   — in·sid·i·ous·ness noun
   in·sight /'in.sīt/ noun
   : the power, act, or result of seeing into a situation
   Synonyms
   → discernment, perception, sagacity, sapience, wisdom—more at WISDOM

   in·sight·ful /'in.sīt.fəl, 'in.sīt/ adjective
   : exhibiting or characterized by insight
   Synonyms
   → discerning, perceptive, sagacious, sage, sapient, wise—more at WISE

   in·sig·nia /'in.sīg.nē.ə/ also in·sig·ne /'in.sīn/ noun, plural -nia or -ni·as
   : a distinguishing mark esp. of authority or honor: BADGE

   in·sig·nif·i·cant /'in.sig.nif.ə·kənt, in siz/ adjective
   : not significant: as
   a: lacking meaning or import
   b: not worth considering
   Synonyms
   → [a, b] frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, little, minor, minute, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT

   in·sin·cere /'in.sin.sər/ adjective
   : not sincere: HYPOCRITICAL
   — in·sin·cere·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   → artificial, double-dealing, feigned, hypocritical, left-handed, mealy, mealymouthed, two-faced, unctuous; also empty, hollow, meaningless; deceitful, devious, dishonest, untruthful; facile, glib, superficial; bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, phony, sham; facetious, jocular
   Antonyms
   → genuine, heartfelt, honest, sincere, unfeigned

   in·sin·cer·i·ty /'in.sin.sər.ə.tē/ noun
   : the quality or state of being insincere
   Synonyms
   → cant, dissimulation, hypocrisy, piety—more at HYPOCRISY

   in·sin·u·ate /'in.sin.yə.wāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
   [origin: L insinuare, fr. sinuare to bend, curve, fr. sinus curve]
   1: to introduce gradually or in a subtle, indirect, or artful way
   2: to imply in a subtle or devious way
   — in·sin·u·a·tion /'in.sin.yə.wā.ʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   → [1] infiltrate, insert, interpose, introduce, slip, sneak, work, worm
   → [2] allude, hint, imply, indicate, infer, intimate, suggest—more at HINT

   in·sin·u·at·ing adjective
   1: winning favor and confidence by imperceptible degrees
   2: tending gradually to cause doubt, distrust, or change of outlook

   in·sip·id /'in.si.pəd/ adjective
   1: lacking taste or savor
   2: lacking in qualities that interest, stimulate, or challenge: FLAT
   — in·sip·i·ty /'in.si.pi.tə.tē/ noun
   Synonyms
[1] flat, flavorless, tasteless; also bland, dilute, thin, watery, weak; plain, unflavored

**Antonyms**
flavorful, savory, tasty

[2] banal, flat, wishy-washy—more at WISHY-WASHY

**in­sist** /inˈsɪst/ verb
[Origin: MF or L; MF insister, fr. L insistere to stand upon, persist, fr. sistere to take a stand]
› to take a resolute stand

**Synonyms**
affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, maintain, profess, protest, warrant—more at CLAIM
› usually insist on call, claim, clamor, command, demand, enjoin, exact, press, quest, stipulate—more at DEMAND

**in­sist­ence** /inˈsɪstəns/ noun
: the act of insisting; also : an insistent attitude or quality : URGENCY

**in­sist­ent** /inˈsɪstənt/ adjective
› disposed to insist
— in­sist­ent­ly adverb

**Synonyms**
dogged, patient, persevering, persistent, pertinacious, tenacious—more at PERSISTENT

**in si­tu** /inˈsətə/ adverb or adjective
[Origin: L, in position]
› in the natural or original position

**in­so­far as** /ˈɪnˌsoʊˌfər əs/ conjunction
› to the extent or degree that

**insol** abbreviation
insoluble

**in­so­la­tion** /ˈɪnˌsoʊˈleɪʃən/ noun
: solar radiation that has been received

**in­sole** /ˈɪnˌsəl/ noun
1 : an inside sole of a shoe
2 : a loose thin strip placed inside a shoe for warmth or comfort

**in­so­len­ce** /ˈɪnˌsələns/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being insolent
2 : an instance of insolent conduct or treatment

**Synonyms**
back talk, cheek, impertinence, impudence, sauce—more at BACK TALK
brazenness, discourtesy, disrespect, impertinence, impudence, incivility, rudeness—more at DISCOURTESY

**in­so­lent** /ˈɪnˌsələnt/ adjective
› contemptuous, rude, disrespectful, or bold in behavior or language

**Synonyms**
bold, brash, fresh, impertinent, impudent, nervy, sassy, saucy—more at NERVY

**in­sol­u­ble** /ˈɪnˌsələb/ adjective
1 : having or admitting of no solution or explanation
2 : difficult or impossible to dissolve
— in­sol­u­bil­ity /ˈɪnˌsələˈbilətɪ/ noun

**in­sol­vent** /ˈɪnˌsəlvənt/ adjective
1 : unable or insufficient to pay all debts <an ~ estate>
2 : IMPOVERISHED, DEFICIENT
— in­sol­ven­cy /ˈɪnˌsəlvən sɪ/ noun
in·som·nia /inˈsəm-nē-ə/ noun
: prolonged and usu. abnormal sleeplessness
  — in·som·ni·ac /nē-ak/ noun

in·so·much as /in.ˈso-mək/ conjunction
: INASMUCH AS

insomuch that conjunction
: to such a degree that : so
  — in·so·ci·ance /inˈsō-sə-ans/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
  : lighthearted unconcern
  Synonyms
    apathy, disinterestedness, disregard, indifference, nonchalance—more at INDIFFERENCE

in·so·ci·ant /inˈsō-sə-nt/ adjective
  : exhibiting or characterized by insouciance
  Synonyms
    carefree, careless, cavalier, easygoing, gay, happy-go-lucky, lighthearted, nonchalant, unconcerned

insp abbreviation
  inspector

in·spect /inˈspekt/ verb
  : to view closely and critically : EXAMINE
  — in·spec·tor /ˈteər/ noun
  Synonyms
    audit, check, examine, review, scan, scrutinize, survey; also notice, observe, watch; peruse, pore (over);
    analyze, dissect; delve (into), explore, investigate, probe, research, study; categorize, classify

in·spec·tion /ˈspek-shən/ noun
  1 : the act of inspecting
  2 ▶ : a checking or testing of an individual against established standards
  Synonyms
    audit, check, checkup, examination, review, scan, scrutiny, survey; also analysis, dissection; exploration,
    investigation, probe, research, study; inquisition, interrogation; perusal; observation, surveillance, watch

inspector general noun
  : the head of a system of inspection (as of an army)

in·spi·ra·tion /inˈspi-rā-shən/ noun
  1 : the act or power of moving the intellect or emotions
  2 : INHALATION
  3 : the quality or state of being inspired; also : something that is inspired
  4 : an inspiring agent or influence
  — in·spi·ra·tional /ˌspa-rə-nəl/ adjective

in·spire /inˈspər/ verb in·spired; in·spir·ing
  1 : to influence, move, or guide by divine or supernatural inspiration
  2 ▶ : to exert an animating, enlivening, or exalting influence upon; also : AFFECT
  3 : to communicate to an agent supernaturally; also : to bring out or about
  4 : INHALE
  5 : INCITE
  6 : to spread by indirect means
  — in·spir·er noun
  Synonyms
    affect, buoy, cheer, comfort, embolden, encourage, hearten, steel—more at ENCOURAGE

in·spir·it /inˈspir-ət/ verb
  : ENCOURAGE
  HEARTEN
inst abbreviation
1 instant
2 institute; institution; institutional

in·sta·bil·i·ty /in.staˈbil.i.teɪ/ noun
▷ lack of steadiness; especially: lack of emotional or mental stability
Synonyms
▷ insecurity, precariousness, shakiness, unsteadiness; also unsoundness; inconstancy, mutability
Antonyms
fixedness, security, stability, steadiness

in·stal chiefly British variant of INSTALL
in·stall or in·stal /in.ˈstæl/ verb in·stalled; in·stall·ing
1 ▷ to place formally in office: induct into an office, rank, or order
2 ▷ to establish in an indicated place, condition, or status
3 ▷ to set up for use or service
Synonyms
[1] baptize, inaugurate, induct, initiate, invest; also swear in; accept, admit, receive, take in; enlist, enroll
[2] enconce, lodge, perch, roost, settle—more at ENSCONCE

in·stal·la·tion /in.ˈstælə.ʃən/ noun
1 ▷ the act of installing: the state of being installed
2 ▷ a military camp, fort, or base
Synonyms
[1] inaugural, inauguration, induction, investiture; also enlistment, enrollment; promotion
[2] complex, establishment, facility—more at FACILITY

1 installment also in·stal·ment /in.ˈstæl.ment/ noun
▷ INSTALLATION

2 installment also instalment noun
1 ▷ one of the parts into which a debt or sum is divided for payment
2 ▷ one of several parts presented at intervals

1 instance /in.ˈstæns/ noun
1 ▷ INSTIGATION, REQUEST
2 ▷ an individual illustrative of a category or brought forward in support or disproof of a generalization: EXAMPLE <for ~>
3 ▷ an event or step that is part of a process or series
Synonyms
case, example, exemplar, illustration, representative, sample, specimen—more at EXAMPLE

2 instance verb in·stan·ced; in·stan·cing
1 ▷ to mention as a case or example
2 ▷ to explain by reference to examples
Synonyms
[1] advert, cite, mention, name, note, notice, quote, refer, specify, touch—more at MENTION
[2] demonstrate, exemplify, illustrate—more at ILLUSTRATE

1 instant /in.ˈstænt/ noun
1 ▷ an immeasurably small space of time: MOMENT <the ~ we met>
2 ▷ the present or current month
Synonyms
flash, jiffy, minute, moment, second, shake, trice, twinkle, twinkling, wink; also microsecond, nanosecond; snatch, spurt

2 instant adjective
1 ▷ calling for immediate attention: URGENT
2 ▷ PRESENT, CURRENT
3: occurring, acting, or accomplished without loss or interval of time: **IMMEDIATE**

4: premixed or precooked for easy final preparation **<~ cake mix>**; also: immediately soluble in water **<~ coffee>**

**instantaneous** /inˈstən·tə·nē·əs/ adjective
- done or occurring in an instant or without delay

- **SYNONYMS**
  - immediate, instant; also summary; fast, prompt, quick, rapid, speedy, swift

**instanter** /inˈstən·ter/ adverb
- at once

**instantiate** /inˈstən·chē·āt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
- to represent (an abstraction) by a concrete example

- **SYNONYMS**
  - directly, forthwith, immediately, now, promptly, pronto, right away, right now—more at **IMMEDIATELY**

**instate** /inˈstāt/ verb
- to establish in a rank or office: **INSTALL**

**instead** /inˈsted/ adverb
1: as a substitute or equivalent
2: as an alternative: **RATHER**

- **INSTEAD OF**
  - as a substitute for or alternative to

**in-step** /inˈstep/ noun
- the arched part of the human foot in front of the ankle joint; especially: its upper surface

**institute** /inˈstaˌgāt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
- to goad or urge forward: **PROVOKE**, **INCITE** **<~ a revolt>**

- **SYNONYMS**
  - abet, ferment, foment, incite, provoke, raise, stir, whip—more at **INCITE**

**institution** /inˈstaˌgā·shən/ noun
1: an act of instigating or the state of being instigated
2: something that instigates

- **SYNONYMS**
  - boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitement, momentum, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeast—more at **IMPULSE**

**institutor** /inˈstaˌgō·tər/ noun
- one that instigates

**instill** chiefly British variant of **INSTILL**

**instill** also **instill** /inˈstil/ verb -stilled; -still·ing
1: to cause to enter drop by drop
2: to impart gradually

1**instinct** /inˈstĭŋkt/ noun
1: a natural aptitude
2: a largely inheritable and unalterable tendency of an organism to make a complex and specific response to environmental stimuli without involving reason; also: behavior originating below the conscious level

2**instinct** /inˈstĭŋkt, inˈstĭŋkt/ adjective
- **IMBUED**, **INFUSED**
in-stinctive /inˈstɪŋktɪv/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or being instinct
2: prompted by natural instinct or propensity: arising spontaneously
— in-stinctive-ly adverb

in-stinct-ual /inˈstɪŋktəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or based on instinct

in-sti-tute /ɪnˈstɪtjuːt/ verb -tut-ed; -tut-ing
1: to establish in a position or office
2: ORGANIZE
3: to bring about the beginning of: INAUGURATE, INITIATE
   Synonyms
   ▶ constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, introduce, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND

in-sti-tute noun
1: an elementary principle recognized as authoritative; also, pl: a collection of such principles and precepts
2: an organization for the promotion of a cause: ASSOCIATION
3: an educational institution
4: a brief course of instruction on a particular field
   Synonyms
   ▶ association, brotherhood, club, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institution, league, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION

in-sti-tu-tion /ɪnˈstɪtjuːʃən/ noun
1: an act of originating, setting up, or founding
2: an established practice, law, or custom
3: a society or corporation esp. of a public character <a charitable ~>
4: ASYLUM
— in-sti-tu-tion-al /ɪnˈstɪtjuːˈʃənəl/ adjective
— in-sti-tu-tion-al-ize /ɪnˈstɪtjuːˈʃənalʌɪz/ verb
   — in-sti-tu-tion-al-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ establishment, foundation, institute; also body, collective, group; corporation, enterprise; charity, philanthropy; think tank

in-str instr abbreviation
1 instructor
2: instrument; instrumental

in-struct /ɪnˈstrʌkt/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. L instructus, pp. of instruere, fr. struere to build]
1: to give knowledge to: TEACH
2: to provide with authoritative information or advice: INFORM
3: to give an order or a command to
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] educate, indoctrinate, school, teach, train, tutor—more at TEACH
   ▶ [2] acquaint, advise, apprise, brief, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, tell, wise—more at ENLIGHTEN
   ▶ [3] bid, boss, charge, command, direct, enjoin, order, tell—more at COMMAND

in-stract /ɪnˈstrækt/ noun
1: LESSON, PRECEPT
2: a direction calling for compliance: COMMAND, ORDER
3 plural: DIRECTIONS
4: the action, practice, or profession of a teacher
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] behest, charge, command, commandment, decree, dictate, direction, directive, edict, order, word—more at COMMAND
- [4] education, teaching, training, tutelage—more at EDUCATION

in·struc·tal /inˈstrəktəl/ adjective
1 : relating to, serving for, or promoting instruction
2 : containing or conveying instruction or information

in·struc·tive /inˈstrəktiv/ adjective
→ carrying a lesson
Synonyms
→ educational, informative—more at INFORMATIVE

in·struc·tor /inˈstrəktər/ noun
→ one that instructs; especially : a college teacher below professorial rank
→ in·struc·tor·ship noun
Synonyms
→ educator, pedagogue, schoolteacher, teacher—more at TEACHER

in·stru·ment /inˈstrəment/ noun
1 : a device used to produce music
2 → a means by which something is done
3 → a device for doing work and esp. precision work
4 : a legal document (as a deed)
5 : a device used in navigating an airplane
→ in·stru·ment /ˌmenˈtərn/ verb
Synonyms
→ [2] agency, agent, instrumentality, machinery, means, medium, organ, vehicle—more at AGENT
→ [3] device, implement, tool, utensil—more at IMPLEMENT

in·stru·men·tal /inˈstrəməntəl/ adjective
1 : acting as a crucial agent or means
2 : of, relating to, or done with an instrument
3 : relating to, composed for, or performed on a musical instrument

in·stru·men·tal·ist /ˌmenˌtərnəlist/ noun
→ a player on a musical instrument

in·stru·men·tal·i·ty /inˈstrəməntələtē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being instrumental
2 → something useful or helpful to a desired end : MEANS, AGENCY
Synonyms
→ agency, agent, instrument, machinery, means, medium, organ, vehicle—more at AGENT

in·stru·men·ta·tion /inˈstrəməntəˈteiʃən/ noun
1 : ORCHESTRATION
2 : instruments for a particular purpose

instrument panel noun
→ DASHBOARD

in·sub·or·di·nate /ˌinˈsubərdənət/ adjective
→ disobedient to authority

in·sub·or·di·na·tion /ˌinˈsubərdənəˈteiʃən/ noun
→ the quality or state of being insubordinate : defiance of authority
Synonyms
→ defiance, disobedience, rebelliousness, recalcitrance, refractoriness, unruliness—more at DISOBEDIENCE

in·sub·stan·tial /ˌinˈsəbstanʃəl/ adjective
1 : lacking substance or reality
2 → lacking firmness or solidity
Synonyms
flimsy, gauzy, unsubstantial—more at **flimsy**

**insufferable** /ɪnˈsaːfuərəb(ə)l/ adjective

✧ not to be endured **: intolerable** <an ~ bore>

— **insufferably** /ˌɪnsəˈfərlɪ/ adverb

  **Synonyms**

✧ insupportable, intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, unsupported—more at **unbearable**

**insufficiency** /ˌɪnˈsʌfiʃənsi/ noun

: the quality or state of being insufficient: as

a ✧ lack of mental or moral fitness

b ✧ lack of adequate supply

  **Synonyms**

✧ dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at **deficiency**

**insufficient** /ˌɪnˈsʌfɪʃənt/ adjective

✧ not sufficient

— **insufficiently** /ˌɪnˈsʌfɪʃəntli/ adverb

  **Synonyms**

✧ deficient, inadequate, scarce, short, shy, wanting—more at **short**

**insular** /ˈɪn.sələr/ adjective

1 ✧ of, relating to, or forming an island

2 ✧ dwelling or situated on an island

3 ✧ being, having, or reflecting a narrow provincial viewpoint : **narrow-minded**

— **insularity** /ˌɪn.seˈlər.i.ti/ noun

  **Synonyms**

✧ little, narrow, narrow-minded, parochial, petty, provincial, sectarian, small—more at **narrow**

**insulate** /ˌɪnˌsəˌleɪt/ verb -lated; -lating

[origin: L *insula* island]

1 ✧ to place in a detached situation : **isolate**

2 ✧ to separate a conductor of electricity, heat, or sound from other conducting bodies by means of a nonconductor

— **insulator** /ˌɪnˌsəˌlæt.ər/ noun

  **Synonyms**

✧ cut off, isolate, seclude, segregate, separate, sequester—more at **isolate**

**insulation** /ˌɪnˌsaˌleɪ.ʃən/ noun

1 a ✧ the action of insulating

b ✧ the state of being insulated

2 ✧ material used in insulating

  **Synonyms**

✧ isolation, seclusion, segregation, sequestration, solitude—more at **isolation**

**insulin** /ˌɪnˌsaˌlɪn/ noun

: a pancreatic hormone essential esp. for the metabolism of carbohydrates and the regulation of glucose in the blood

1 ✧ **insult** /ˌɪnsəlt/ verb

[origin: MF or L; MF *insulter*, fr. L *insultare*, lit., to spring upon, fr. *saltare* to leap]

✧ to treat with insolence or contempt : **affront**

— **insultingly** adverb

  **Synonyms**

✧ affront, offend, outrage, slight, wound; also cut, snub; displease, distress, disturb, hurt, pain, trouble, upset; jeer, mock, ridicule, sneer (at), taunt; defame, disparage, libel, malign, revile, slander, slur, smear; oppress, persecute, torment, torture

2 ✧ **insult** /ˌɪnsəlt/ noun

✧ a gross indignity
Synonyms
- affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, name, offense, outrage, put-down, slight, slight, slur, wound; also gibe, jeer, sneer, taunt; abuse, invective, vituperation; disapproval, opprobrium; disgrace, dishonor, shame; attack, criticism, slum; torment, torture

**in-super-able** /ɪnˈsjuːpərəbəl/ adjective
- incapable of being surmounted, overcome, passed over, or solved
- **in-super-a-bly** /ˈbliː/ adverb

**in-support-able** /ɪnˈsə*pərtəbəl/ adjective
1 ▶: more than can be endured: UNENDURABLE
2 ▶: UNJUSTIFIABLE

**Synonyms**
- insufferable, intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, unsupportable—more at UNBEARABLE

**in-sur-able** /ɪnˈʃʊərəbəl/ adjective
- capable of being or proper to be insured

**in-sur-ance** /ɪnˈʃʊrəns/ noun
1 : the business of insuring persons or property
2 : coverage by contract whereby one party agrees to guarantee another against a specified loss
3 : the sum for which something is insured
4 : a means of guaranteeing protection or safety

**in-sure** /ɪnˈʃʊər/ verb insulated; insuring
1 : to provide or obtain insurance on or for: UNDERWRITE
2 ▶: to make certain: ENSURE

**Synonyms**
- assure, cinch, ensure, guarantee, guaranty, secure—more at ENSURE

**in-sured** /ɪnˈʃʊərd/ noun
- a person whose life or property is insured

**in-sur-er** /ɪnˈʃʊrər/ noun
- one that insures; especially: an insurance company

**in-sur-gency** /ɪnˈsɜːr dʒənsi/ noun
- the quality or state of being insurgent; specif: a condition of revolt against a government that is less than an organized revolution and that is not recognized as belligerency

**1 insurgent inˈsɜːrˌdʒənt/ noun
1 : a person who revolts against civil authority or an established government: REBEL
2 : a member of a political party who rebels against it
- **in-sur-gence** /ˌɪnˈsɜːrəns/ noun

**2 insurgent adjective
- rising in opposition to civil authority or established leadership

**Synonyms**
- mutinous, rebellious, revolutionary—more at REBELLIOUS

**in-sur-mount-able** /ɪnˈsɜːrməntəbəl/ adjective
- incapable of being surmounted, overcome, passed over, or solved
- **in-sur-mount-ably** /ˈbliː/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- impregnable, indomitable, invincible, invulnerable, unbeatable, unconquerable—more at INvincible

**in-sur-rec-tion** /ɪnˈsɜːrəˈrekʃən/ noun
- an act or instance of revolting against civil authority or an established government

**Synonyms**
- mutiny, rebellion, revolt, revolution, uprising—more at REBELLION

**in-sur-rec-tion-ist** /ˌɪnˌsɜːrəˈrɪst/ noun
in·ta·gral /ˈin-tə-grəl/ adjective
1 : essential to completeness
2 : formed as a unit with another part
3 : composed of parts that make up a whole
4 : lacking nothing essential : ENTIRE
5 : being or involved in the essential nature of a thing

Synonyms
[1] essential, imperative, indispensable, necessary, needful, requisite, vital—more at ESSENTIAL
[4] complete, comprehensive, entire, full, grand, intact, perfect, plenary, total, whole—more at COMPLETE
[5] essential, inborn, ingrained, inherent, innate, intrinsic, natural—more at INHERENT

integral calculus noun : calculus concerned esp. with advanced methods of finding lengths, areas, and volumes

in·te·gra·tion /ˈin-tə-gra-shən/ noun
— Synonyms
[1] assimilate, embody, incorporate—more at EMBODY
integrated circuit noun
: a group of tiny electronic components and their connections that is produced in or on a small slice of material (as silicon)

in·teg·ri·ty /ɪnˈteɡrəti/ noun
1 : adherence to a code of values
2 : Soundness
3 : Completeness

Synonyms
- character, decency, goodness, honesty, honor, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue—more at Morality

in·teg·u·ment /ɪnˈteɡəmənt/ noun
: a covering layer (as a skin or cuticle) of an organism or one of its parts

in·tel·lect /ɪnˈtelɛkt/ noun
1 : the power of knowing : the capacity for knowledge
2 : the capacity for rational or intelligent thought esp. when highly developed
3 : a person with great intellectual powers

Synonyms
- brain, genius, thinker, whiz, wizard—more at Genius

in·tel·lec·tu·al /ɪnˈtelɪkJʊəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or performed by the intellect
2 : given to study, reflection, and speculation
3 : engaged in activity requiring the creative use of the intellect
— intellectual noun
— in·tel·lec·tu·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] cerebral, inner, mental, psychological—more at Mental
- [2] cerebral, erudite, learned, literate, scholarly; also cultivated, cultured; well-read; academic, bookish, professorial; didactic, pedantic; high-hat, snobby, snooty; educated, schooled; brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, quick-witted, smart

Antonyms
- lowbrow, nonintellectual

in·tel·lec·tu·al·ism /ɪnˌtelɪkjʊəˈlɪzəm/ noun
: devotion to the exercise of intellect or to intellectual pursuits

in·tel·li·gence /ɪnˈteɪlijəns/ noun
1 : ability to learn and understand or to deal with new or trying situations
2 : mental acuteness
3 : Information, News
4 : an agency engaged in obtaining information esp. concerning an enemy or possible enemy; also : the information so gained

Synonyms
- gray matter, intellect, reason, sense; also acumen, alertness, astuteness, discernment, insight, judgment, mentality, perception, perspicacity; sagacity, sapience, wisdom, wit; head, mind, skull

intelligence quotient noun
: IQ

in·tel·li·gent /ɪnˈtelɪʤənt/ adjective
[Origin: L. intelligens, fr. intelligere to understand, fr. inter between + legere to select]
1 : having or showing intelligence or intellect
— in·tel·li·gent·ly adverb

Synonyms

alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart; also apt, ingenuous, resourceful; acute, astute, discerning, insightful, knowing, perceptive, perspicacious, sagacious, sapient, savvy, wise; cerebral, erudite, highbrow, knowledgeable, learned, literate, scholarly, well-read; educated, informed, schooled, skilled, trained; creative, inventive, judicious, prudent, sage, sane, sapient, sensible, sound, wise; crafty, cunning, foxy, shrewd, wily; logical, rational, reasonable

Antonyms
brainless, dumb, mindless, stupid, thick, unintelligent

rational, reasonable, reasoning—more at RATIONAL

in·tel·li·gen·tsia /in_tel_i_len_ts_e_e_ə_/ noun
[ORIGIN: Russ intelligentsiya, fr. L intelligensia intelligence]
: intellectuals forming a vanguard or elite

in·tel·li·gi·ble /in_tel_i_gi_b_əl/ adjective
: capable of being understood or comprehended
— in·tel·li·gi·bil·i·ty /_iᵗeᵣ_lᵋ_gᵋ_i_bᵋ_lᵋ_i_tᵋ_/ noun
— in·tel·li·gi·bly /_iᵗeᵣ_lᵋ_gᵋ_i_bᵋ_lᵋ_/ adverb

in·tem·per·ance /_iᵗᵣᵋ_mᵋ_pᵋ_rᵋ_sᵋ_/ noun
: lack of moderation; especially: habitual or excessive drinking of intoxicants
— in·tem·per·a·tive·ness noun

in·tem·per·ate /_Pᵋ_rᵋ_sᵋ_/ adverb
: not temperate; also: given to excessive use of intoxicating liquors

Synonyms
rampant, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhampered, unhindered, unrestrained—more at RAMPANT

in·tend /in_tend/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME entendre, intenden, fr. AF entendre, fr. L intendere to stretch out, direct, aim at, fr. tendere to stretch]
1 ▶ : to have in mind as a purpose or aim
2 : to design for a specified use or future

Synonyms
aim, aspire, contemplate, design, mean, meditate, plan, propose; also dream, hope, wish; consider, debate, mull (over), ponder; attempt, endeavor, strive, struggle, try; plot, scheme; accomplish, achieve, effect, execute, perform

in·ten·dant /_tᵋn_dᵃnt_/ noun
: an official (as a governor) esp. under the French, Spanish, or Portuguese monarchies

1 intended adjective
1 : expected to be such in the future; especially: BETROTHED
2 : INTENTIONAL

2 intended noun
▶ : an engaged person

Synonyms
betrothed—more at BETROTHED

in·tense /_tᵋn_sᵋ_/ adjective
1 ▶ : existing in an extreme degree
2 : marked by great zeal, energy, or eagerness
3 : showing strong feeling; also: deeply felt

Synonyms
deep, explosive, exquisite, fearful, ferocious, fierce, furious, hard, heavy, profound, terrible, vehement, vicious, violent; also accentuated, aggravated, concentrated, deepened; emphasized, enhanced, heightened, intensified, magnified; stressed; exhaustive, thorough; harsh, rigorous, severe

Antonyms
light, moderate, soft

in·tense·ly /_tᵋn_sᵋ_/ adverb
intensify  /ɪnˈtɛnˌsaɪ fi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 ː to make or become intense or more intensive
2 ː to make more acute: SHARPEN

— intensification /ɪnˌtɛnˌsaʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ amplify, beef, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, magnify, redouble, step up, strengthen; also broaden, enlarge, expand, extend, lengthen; accelerate, hasten, quicken; accentuate, emphasize, stress; augment, reinforce, supplement; maximize; enliven, jazz (up); aggravate, exacerbate
   Antonyms
   abate, moderate

intensity /ɪnˈtɛn.sɪ/tə/ noun, plural -ties
   ː the quality or state of being intense; especially: degree of strength, energy, or force
   Synonyms
   ▶ ardor, emotion, fervency, fervor, heat, passion, vehemence, warmth—more at ARDOR

intensive /ɪnˈtɛn.sɪv/ adjective
1 ː marked by intensity: highly concentrated
2 ː serving to give emphasis

intensive noun
   ː an intensive word, particle, or prefix

intensive care noun
   ː continuous monitoring and treatment of seriously ill patients; also: an area of a hospital providing this treatment

intensively /ɪnˈtɛn.sɪv.i/ adverb
   ː in an intensive manner

intent /ɪnˈtɛnt/ noun
1 ː the state of mind with which an act is done: VOLITION
2 ː a usu. clearly formulated or planned intention: PURPOSE, AIM
3 ː the thing that is conveyed or intended to be conveyed esp. by language: MEANING, SIGNIFICANCE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, pretension, purpose, thing—more at GOAL
   ▶ [3] denotation, drift, import, meaning, purport, sense, significance, signification—more at MEANING

intent adjective
1 ː directed with keen attention <an ~ gaze>
2 ː having the mind, attention, or will concentrated on something or some end or purpose
   Synonyms
   ▶ bent, bound, decisive, determined, firm, purposeful, resolute, set—more at DETERMINED
   ▶ absorbed, attentive, engrossed, observant, rapt—more at ATTENTIVE

intention /ɪnˈtɛn.tʃən/ noun
1 ː a determination to act in a certain way
2 ː what one intends to do or bring about: PURPOSE, AIM

intentional /ɪnˈtɛn.tʃən.əl/ adjective
   ː done by intention or design: INTENDED
   Synonyms
   ▶ deliberate, freewill, purposeful, willful; also knowing, witting; designed, intended, planned; conscious; advised, calculated, considered, measured, reasoned, studied, thoughtful, weighed; premeditated; discretionary, elective, optional, volunteer
   Antonyms
   coerced, forced, involuntary, unintentional

intentionally /ɪnˈtɛn.tʃən.ə.lɪ/ adverb
in·tent·ly adverb
: in an intent manner

in·tent·ness noun
: the quality or state of being intent

Synonyms
- earnestness, gravity, seriousness, sobriety, solemnity—more at EARNINESS

in·ter /iˈnɛr/ verb in·terred; in·ter-ling
: BURY

in·ter'action /iˈnɛrˌæk.ʃən/ noun
: mutual or reciprocal action or influence
— in·ter-act /iˈæk/ verb

in·ter·active /ˈak.tɪv/ adjective
1 : mutually or reciprocally active
2 : allowing two-way electronic communications (as between a person and a computer)
— in·ter·ac·tive·ly adverb

in·ter alia /iˈnɛr.əˌlē.ə/ adverb
: among other things

in·ter·atom·ic /iˈnɛr.əˌtā.mək/ adjective
: existing or acting between atoms

in·ter·breed /ˈbrɛd/ verb -bred /ˈbred/; -breed·ing
: to breed together

in·ter·cal·a·ry /iˈnɛrˌkə.lə.rē/ adjective
1 : INTERCALATED <February 29 is an ~ day>
2 : INTERPOLATED

in·ter·ca·late /iˈnɛrˌkə.lät/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to insert (as a day) in a calendar
2 : to insert between or among existing elements or layers
— in·ter·ca·la·tion /iˈnɛrˌkə.lə.shən/ noun

in·ter·cede /iˈnɛrˌsēd/ verb -ced·ed; -ced·ing
: to act between parties with a view to reconciling differences

Synonyms
- interpose, intervene, mediate—more at INTERVENE

1 intercept /iˈnɛrˌsept/ verb
1 : to stop or interrupt the progress or course of
2 : to include (as part of a curve or solid) between two points, curves, or surfaces
3 : to gain possession of (an opponent's pass in football)
— in·ter·cep·tion /iˈnɛrˌsep.ʃən/ noun

2 intercept /iˈnɛrˌsept/ noun
: INTERCEPTION; especially : the interception of a target by an interceptor or missile

in·ter·cep·tor /iˈnɛrˌsep.tər/ noun
: a fighter plane designed for defense against attacking bombers

in·ter·ces·sion /iˈnɛrˌse.shən/ noun
1: **MEDIATION**
2: prayer or petition in favor of another
   — in·ter·ces·sor /ˌse.sər/ **adjective**
   in·ter·ces·sor /ˌse.sər/ **noun**
   †: one who intercedes
   **Synonyms**
   † arbiter, arbitrator, go-between, intermediary, mediator, middleman, peacemaker—more at [MEDIATOR](#)

1**interchange** /ˌin.tar.ˈkān/ **verb**
1: to put each in the place of the other
2: EXCHANGE
3: to change places mutually
   — in·ter·change·able /ˌchān.jə.ˈbāl/ **adjective**
   — in·ter·change·ably /ˌbē.ˈlē/ **adverb**

2**interchange** /ˌin.tar.ˈkān/ **noun**
1: EXCHANGE
2: a highway junction that by separated levels permits passage between highways without crossing traffic streams

in·ter·col·le·giate /ˌin.tar.ˈkō.lē.ˌjät/ **adjective**
: existing or carried on between colleges

in·ter·com /ˌin.tar.ˈkōm/ **noun**
: a two-way system for localized communication

in·ter·con·nect /ˌin.tar.ˈkon.ˈnek/ **verb**
: to connect with one another
   — in·ter·con·nect·ion /ˌnek.ˈshan/ **noun**

in·ter·con·ti·nen·tal /ˌin.tar.ˈkōn.tən.ˈtāl/ **adjective**
1: extending among or carried on between continents <~ trade>
2: capable of traveling between continents <~ ballistic missiles>

in·ter·course /ˌin.tar.ˈkōrs/ **noun**
1 †: connection or dealings between persons or nations
2 †: physical sexual contact between individuals that involves the genitalia of at least one person <anal ~>;
   especially : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE
   **Synonyms**
   † [1] dealings, relations
   † [2] copulation, sexual intercourse—more at [SEXUAL INTERCOURSE](#)

in·ter·de·nom·i·na·tion·al /ˌin.tar.dəˌnə.məˈne.ˈnəl/ **adjective**
: involving different denominations

in·ter·de·part·men·tal /ˌin.tar.dəˌpərt.ˈmən.ˈtəl/ **adjective**
: carried on between or involving different departments (as of a college)

in·ter·de·pen·dent /ˌin.tar.ˈdiˌpen.dənt/ **adjective**
: dependent upon one another
   — in·ter·de·pen·dence /ˌdən.sən/ **noun**

in·ter·dict /ˌin.tar.ˈdik/ **verb**
1 †: to prohibit by decree
2: to destroy, cut off, or damage (as an enemy line of supply)
3: INTERCEPT
   **Synonyms**
   † ban, bar, enjoin, forbidding, outlaw, prohibit, proscribe—more at [FORBID](#)

in·ter·dic·tion /ˌdik.ˈshan/ **noun**
†: the act of interdicting or state of being interdicted; also : a prohibitory decree
Synonyms

- Synonyms for "barring, forbidding, prohibition, proscription"—more at PROHIBITION

Interdisciplinary

Adjective

- Involving two or more academic, scientific, or artistic disciplines

Interest

Noun

1: Right, title, or legal share in something
2: A charge for borrowed money that is generally a percentage of the amount borrowed; also: The return received by capital on its investment

3a: A benefit resulting from some course of action: Welfare

4: Curiosity, concern

5: Readiness to be concerned with or moved by an object or class of objects

6: A quality in a thing that arouses interest

Synonyms

- [1] Claim, share, stake; also ownership, part, partnership, possession, title
- [3a] Good, weal, welfare, well-being—more at Welfare

Verb

1: To persuade to participate or engage

2: To engage the attention of

Synonyms

- Absorb, busy, engage, engross, enthrall, fascinate, grip, immerse, intrigue, involve, occupy—more at engage

Interesting

Adjective

- Holding the attention

Interestingly

Adverb

Synonyms

- Absorbing, engaging, engrossing, enthralling, fascinating, intriguing; also breathtaking, electric, electrifying, exciting, exhilarating, galvanizing, inspiring, rousing, stimulating, stirring, thrilling; provocative, tantalizing; emphatic, showy, striking; alluring, attractive, bewitching, captivating, charming; mesmerizing; curious, odd, unusual, weird; amazing, astounding, astonishing, eye-opening, fabulous, marvelous, surprising, wonderful, wondrous; amusing, entertaining

Antonyms

Boring, drab, dry, dull, heavy, monotonous, tedious, uninteresting

Interface

Noun

1: A surface forming a common boundary of two bodies, spaces, or phases<br>2: The place at which two independent systems meet and act on or communicate with each other<br>3: The means by which interaction or communication is achieved at an interface

Interfacial

Noun

1: The means by which interaction or communication is achieved at an interface

Interface

Verb

1: To connect by means of an interface
2: To serve as an interface

Interfaith

Adjective

- Involving persons of different religious faiths

Interferer

Verb

1: To come in collision or be in opposition: To interpose in a way that hinders or impedes
2: To take an unwarranted active part in the affairs of others
3: To affect one another

Synonyms

- Usually interfere with [1] Delay, embarrass, encumber, hamper, hinder, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit,
interference /ˈɪnˌtərˌfərn/ noun
1: the act or process of interfering
2: something that interferes: OBSTRUCTION
3: the mutual effect on meeting of two waves resulting in areas of increased and decreased amplitude
4: the blocking of an opponent in football to make way for the ballcarrier
5: the illegal hindering of an opponent in sports

Synonyms
- bar, block, encumbrance, hindrance, inhibition, obstacle—more at ENCUMBRANCE

interferometer /ˌɪnˌtərˌfərəˈmɛtər/ noun
an apparatus that uses the interference of waves (as of light) for making precise measurements
— interferometry /ˌɪnˌtərˌfərəˈmətrɪ/ noun

interfon /ˌɪnˌtərˌfɔn/ noun
any of a group of antiviral proteins of low molecular weight produced usu. by animal cells in response to a virus, a parasite in the cell, or a chemical

intergalactic /ˌɪnˌtərˈɡælətɪk/ adjective
relating to or situated in the spaces between galaxies

intergenerational /ˌɪnˌtərˌɡenəˈrɛʃənal/ adjective
existing or occurring between generations

interglacial /ˌɪnˌtərˈɡlæʃəl/ noun
a warm period between successive glaciations

intergovernmental /ˌɪnˌtərˌɡəvərnməntəl/ adjective
existing or occurring between two governments or levels of government

interim /ˈɪnˌtərəm/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, adv., meanwhile, fr. inter between]
1: a time intervening: INTERVAL

Synonyms
- discontinuity, gap, hiatus, interlude, intermission, interruption, interval—more at GAP

2 interim adjective
done, made, appointed, or occurring for an interim

Synonyms
- impermanent, provisional, short-term, temporary—more at TEMPORARY

interior /ˈɪnˌtərər/ adjective
1: lying, occurring within the limiting boundaries: INSIDE
2: remote from the surface, border, or shore: INLAND

Synonyms
- inner, inside, internal, inward—more at INNER

interior noun
1: the inland part (as of a country)
2: INSIDE
3: the internal affairs of a state or nation
4: a scene or view of the interior of a building

interior decoration noun
— interior decorator noun

interior design noun
the art or practice of planning and supervising the design and execution of architectural interiors and their
furnishings
— interior designer noun
interj abbreviation
interjection

in·ter·ject /inˈterˌjet/ verb
▷ : to throw in between or among other things

Synonyms
▷ fit, inject, insert, insinuate, interpose, introduce—more at INSERT

in·ter·jec·tion /inˌterˌjekʃən/ noun
— in·ter·jec·tion·al·ly /ˌshaˌnəˈlē/ adverb

in·ter·lace /inˌterˈlās/ verb
▷ : to unite by or as if by lacing together : INTERWEAVE

Synonyms
▷ intersperse, intertwine, interweave, lace, thread, weave, wreath—more at THREAD

in·ter·lard /inˌterˈlard/ verb
▷ to vary by inserting or interjecting something

in·ter·leave /inˌterˈlēv/ verb -leaved; -leav·ing
▷ to arrange in alternate layers

in·ter·leu·kin /inˌterˈlyuŋkən/ noun
▷ any of several proteins of low molecular weight that are produced by cells of the body and regulate the immune system and immune responses

1interline /inˌterˈlin/ verb
▷ to insert between lines already written or printed

2interline verb
▷ to provide (as a coat) with an interlining

in·ter·lin·ear /inˌterˈliːnər/ adjective
▷ inserted between lines already written or printed <an ~ translation of a text>

in·ter·lin·gual /inˌterˈlinɡwəl/ adjective
▷ of, relating to, or existing between two or more languages

in·ter·lin·gual /inˌterˈlinəŋ/ noun
▷ a lining (as of a coat) between the ordinary lining and the outside fabric

in·ter·link /inˌterˈlīnk/ verb
▷ to link together

in·ter·lock /inˌterˈlāk/ verb
1 : to engage or interlace together : lock together : UNITE
2 : to connect so that action of one part affects action of another part

— in·ter·lock /inˌterˈlāk/ noun

in·ter·loc·u·tor /inˌterˈlākˈyösəˌtər/ noun
▷ one who takes part in dialogue or conversation

in·ter·loc·u·to·ry /ˌlərˈtərē/ adjective
▷ made during the progress of a legal action and not final or definite <an ~ decree>

in·ter·lope /inˌterˈlop/ verb -loped; -lop·ing
1 : to encroach on the rights (as in trade) of others
2 : INTRUDE, INTERFERE
**interloper** noun
- : one who interlopes; especially: one that intrudes in a place or sphere of activity
  - Synonyms
    - busybody, intruder, kibitzer, meddler—more at **BUSYBODY**

**interlude** /inˈtərˌlud/ noun
1 : a usu. short simple play or dramatic entertainment
2 ➔: an intervening period, space, or event
3 : a piece of music inserted between the parts of a longer composition or a religious service
  - Synonyms
    - discontinuity, gap, hiatus, interim, intermission, interruption, interval—more at **GAP**

**intermarriage** /inˈtərˌmər-ij/ noun
1 : marriage within one's own group as required by custom
2 : marriage between members of different groups

**intermarry** /ˈmər-ə/ verb
1 : to marry each other
2 : to marry within a group
3 : to become connected by intermarriage

1 **intermediary** /inˈtərˌmē-de-ər-ē/ adjective
- : being or occurring at the middle place, stage, or degree or between extremes: **INTERMEDIATE**
2 : acting as a mediator
  - Synonyms
    - arbiter, arbitrator, go-between, intercessor, mediator, middleman, peacemaker—more at **MEDIATOR**

2 **intermediary** noun, plural -ar·ies
- : one that mediates: **MEDIATOR**, **GO-BETWEEN**
  - Synonyms
    - arbiter, arbitrator, go-between, intercessor, mediator, middleman, peacemaker—more at **MEDIATOR**

**intermediate** /ˈmər-əd/ adjective
- : being or occurring at the middle place or degree or between extremes
  - Synonyms
    - halfway, intermediary, median, medium, middle, midmost—more at **MIDDLE**

2 **intermediate** noun
1 : one that is intermediate
2 : **INTERMEDIARY**

**intermediate school** noun
1 : **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**
2 : a school usu. comprising grades 4–6

**interment** /inˈtər-ment/ noun
- : the act or ceremony of interring: **BURIAL**
  - Synonyms
    - burial, entombment, sepulture—more at **BURIAL**

**intermezzo** /inˈtərˌmez-ə/ noun, plural -zi /sə, ˈzə/ or -zos
[Origin: It, ultim. fr. L intermedius intermediate]
- : a short movement connecting major sections of an extended musical work (as a symphony); also: a short independent instrumental composition

**interminable** /ˈinˌtarˌma-nə-bal/ adjective
- : ENDLESS; especially: wearisomely protracted
  - **interminably** /ˈblə/ adverb

**intermingle** /ˈinˌtarˌmĭn-gəl/ verb
- : to mingle or mix together
  - Synonyms
    - amalgamate, blend, combine, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, merge, mingle, mix—more at **MIX**
**in·ter·mis·sion** /ˈɪntərmɪʃən/ **noun**
1 : the act of interrupting : the state of being interrupted : **INTERUPTION**
2 : a temporary halt esp. in a public performance

**Synonyms**
- discontinuity, gap, hiatus, interim, interlude, interruption, interval—more at **GAP**

**in·ter·mit** /ˈɪntərmɪt/ **verb** -mit·ted; -mit·ting : **DISCONTINUE**; also : to be intermittent

**in·ter·mit·tent** /ˈɪntərmɪtənt/ **adjective**
- coming and going at intervals

— **in·ter·mit·tent·ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**
- casual, choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, unsteady—more at **FITFUL**

**in·ter·mix** /ˈɪntərmɪks/ **verb** : to mix together : **INTERMINGLE**

**in·ter·mix·ture** /ˈɪntərmɪksˌtʃʊər/ **noun**
- a mass formed by mixture : a mass of ingredients mixed

**Synonyms**
- admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, composite, compound, fusion, mix, mixture—more at **BLEND**

**in·ter·mo·lec·u·lar** /ˈɪntərmoʊləkəl/ **adjective**
- existing or acting between molecules

**in·ter·mon·tane** /ˈɪntərməntən/ **adjective**
- situated between mountains

1 **intern** /ˈɪntərn, inˈtərn/ **verb**
- to confine or impound esp. during a war

2 **intern** also **in·terne** /ˈɪntərn/ **noun**
- an advanced student or recent graduate (as in medicine) gaining supervised practical experience

— **in·tern·ship** **noun**

3 **intern** /ˈɪntərn/ **verb**
- to work as an intern

**in·ter·nal** /ˈɪntərnɔl/ **adjective**
1 : existing or situated within the limits or surface of something
2 : relating to or located in the inside of the body [<~ pain>]
3 : of, relating to, or occurring within the confines of an organized structure [<~ affairs>]
4 : of, relating to, or existing within the mind
5 : **INTRINSIC, INHERENT**

— **in·ter·nal·ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**
- inner, inside, interior, inward—more at **INNER**

**internal combustion engine** **noun**
- an engine in which the fuel is ignited within the engine cylinder

**in·ter·nal·ise** British variant of **INTERNALIZE**

**in·ter·nal·ize** /ˈɪntərnəlایz/ **verb** -ized; -iz·ing
- to incorporate (as values) within the self through learning or socialization

— **in·ter·nal·i·za·tion** /ˈɪntərnələˌzaʃən/ **noun**

**internal medicine** **noun**
- a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases not requiring surgery
1 international /ˌɪntəˈnæʃənəl/ adjective
1 : common to or affecting two or more nations
2 : of, relating to, or constituting a group having members in two or more nations
   — inter·na·tion·al·ly adverb
2 international noun
   : one that is international; especially : an organization of international scope
in·ter·na·tion·al·ise British variant of INTERNATIONALIZE
in·ter·na·tion·al·ism /ˌɪntəˈnæʃənəlɪzəm/ noun
   : a policy of cooperation among nations; also : an attitude favoring such a policy
in·ter·na·tion·al·ize /ˌɪntəˈnæʃənəlɪz/ verb
   : to make international; especially : to place under international control
International System of Units noun
   : a system of units based on the metric system and used by international convention esp. for scientific work
in·ter·ne·cine /ˌɪntəˈnɛsənˌnɛsən/ adjective
   [ORIGIN: L internecinus, fr. internecare to destroy, kill, fr. necare to kill, fr. nec-, nex violent death]
1 : DEADLY; especially : mutually destructive
2 : of, relating to, or involving conflict within a group
   — inter·ne·cine·al adj
in·ter·nee /ˌɪntəˈnɛ/ noun
   : a person interned
   Synonyms
      captive, capture, prisoner—more at CAPTIVE
In·ter·net /ˈɪntər·net/ noun
   : an electronic communications network that connects computer networks worldwide
in·ter·nist /ˌɪntəˈnɪst/ noun
   : a physician who specializes in internal medicine
in·tern·ment /ˌɪntərˈnəmənt/ noun
   : the act of interning or the state of being interned
   Synonyms
      captivity, confinement, imprisonment, incarceration; also bondage, enslavement, servitude; restraint, restriction; arrest, capture, entrapment; custody, detention
in·ter·nun·cio /ˌɪntəˈnʌnˌnjuːʃənˌnjuːʃən/ noun
   [ORIGIN: It internunzio]
   : a papal legate of lower rank than a nuncio
in·ter·of·fice /ˈɪntərˌɒfɪs/ adjective
   : functioning or communicating between the offices of an organization
in·ter·per·son·al /ˌɪntərˈpɜrˌsənl/ adjective
   : being, relating to, or involving relations between persons
   — inter·per·son·al·ly adverb
in·ter·plan·e·tary /ˌɪntərˌplænəˈtərisi/ adjective
   : existing, carried on, or operating between planets
   — inter·plan·e·tar·ly adverb
in·ter·play /ˈɪntərˌpleɪ/ noun
   : INTERACTION
in·ter·po·late /ˌɪntərˈpɔːlət/ verb -lated; -lat·ing
1 : to change (as a text) by inserting new or foreign matter
2 : to insert (as words) into a text or into a conversation
3 : to estimate values of (data or a function) between two known values
4 : to insert between other things or parts
— inter-po-la-tion /ˌiŋˈpōˌləˈshən/ noun

inter-pose /ˌiŋˈpōz/ verb -posed; -pos·ing
1 : to place between
2 : to thrust in : INTRUDE, INTERRUPT
3 : to inject between parts of a conversation or argument
4 : to come or be between
— inter-po-si-tion /ˌiŋˈpōzəˈshən/ noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] fit, inject, insert, insinuate, interject, introduce—more at INSERT
▷ [2] break, chime in, cut in, interrupt, intrude—more at INTERRUPT

-inter-pref /ˈinˌtərˌprɛf/ verb
1 : to explain the meaning of; also : to act as an interpreter
2 : to understand according to individual belief, judgment, or interest
3 : to represent artistically
— inter-pre-t·er noun
— inter-pre-tive /ˌinˈtərˌprɛtəv/ adjective

Synonyms
▷ clarify, clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, illuminate, illustrate, spell out—more at EXPLAIN

-inter-pre-ta·tion /ˌinˌtərˌprɛtəˈshən/ noun
1 : the act or the result of interpreting : EXPLANATION
2 : an instance of artistic interpretation in performance or adaptation
— inter-pre-ta-tive /ˌinˌtərˌprɛtəˈtīv/ adjective

Synonyms
▷ clarification, construction, elucidation, explanation, explication, exposition, illumination, illustration—more at EXPLANATION

-inter-ra-cial /ˈɪntrəˈʃəl/ adjective
: of, involving, or designed for members of different races

inter·re·gate /ˌɪnˈtrəˌɡæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to question esp. formally and systematically
— inter·ro·ga·tion /ˌɪnˈtrəˌɡæʃən/ noun

Synonyms
▷ ask, examine, grill, pump, query, question, quiz—more at EXAMINE

-inter·rog·a·tive /ˌɪnˈtrəˌɡəˈtɪv/ adjective
: asking a question
— interrogative noun
— interrog·a·tive·ly adverb

-inter·rog·a·to·ry /ˌɪnˈtrəˌɡərərē/ adjective
interrupt /ˈɪntərˌrʌpt/ verb
1 : to stop or hinder by breaking in
2 : to break the uniformity or continuity of
3 ▶ : to break in by speaking while another is speaking
— interrupter noun
— interruptive /ˈɪn.tər.ˈrʌptɪv/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ break, chime in, cut in, interpose, intrude; also barge (in), bother; add, chip in, contribute, put in

interruption /ɪnˈtər.rpʃən/ noun
▶ an act of interrupting or state of being interrupted; also : temporary cessation

Synonyms
▶ discontinuity, gap, hiatus, interim, interlude, intermission, interval—more at GAP
▶ break, breath, breathe, lull, pause—more at PAUSE

interscholastic /ɪnˈtər.ʃəl.əs.tɪk/ adjective
1 : existing or carried on between schools

intersect /ɪnˈtər.ˈsɛkt/ verb
1 : to divide by passing through or across
2 : to meet and cross (as at a point); also : overlap

intersection /ɪnˌsɛk.ʃən/ noun
▶ a place or area where two or more things (as streets) intersect

Synonyms
▶ corner, crossing, crossroad—more at CROSSROAD

intersperse /ɪnˈtər.ˈspɜrs/ verb -spersed; -spers·ing
1 : to place something at intervals in or among
2 ▶ : to insert at intervals among other things
— interspersion /ɪnˈtər.spər.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
▶ interlace, intertwine, interweave, lace, thread, weave, wreath—more at THREAD

1 interstate /ɪnˈtər.ˈstæt/ adjective
: relating to, including, or connecting two or more states esp. of the U.S.

2 interstate /ɪnˈtər.ˈstæt/ noun
: an interstate highway

intersellar /ɪnˈtər.ˈsellər/ adjective
: located or taking place among the stars

interstice /ɪnˈtər.ˈstɪs/ noun, plural -stices /-sɪs, -sɪz/ : a space that intervenes between things : CHINK
— interstitial /ɪnˈtər.ˈstiʃəl/ adjective

intertidal /ɪnˈtər.ˈtɪd.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the area that is above low-tide mark but exposed to tidal flooding <life in the ~ mud>

intertwine /ˈɪntərˈtwɪn/ verb
▶ to twine or cause to twine about one another : INTERLACE
— intertwine·ment noun

Synonyms
▶ interlace, interweave, lace; also blend, fuse, join, link, mix

intertwine /ˈɪntərˈtwɪn/ verb
: INTERTWINE

urban /ˈər.bən/ adjective
**interval**

noun

[ORIGIN: ME intervalle, fr. AF & L; AF entreval, fr. L intervallum space between ramparts, interval, fr. inter-between + vallum rampart]

1: a space of time between events or states

2: a space between objects, units, or states

3: the difference in pitch between two tones

**Synonyms**

- discontinuity, gap, hiatus, interim, interlude, intermission, interruption, pause—more at GAP
- breach, break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, opening, rent, rift, separation—more at GAP

**intervene**

verb -vened; -ving

1: to occur, fall, or come between points of time or between events

2: to enter or appear as an unrelated feature or circumstance

3: to come in or between in order to stop, settle, or modify

4: to occur or lie between two things

**Synonyms**

- intercede, interpose, mediate; also butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, obtrude, pry, snoop; arbitrate, moderate, negotiate; barge (in), bother; break (in), chime in, cut in; infringe, invade, trespass

**intervention**

noun

**Synonyms**

- interference by one country in the political affairs of another

**interview**

noun

1: a formal consultation usu. to evaluate qualifications

2: a meeting at which a writer or reporter obtains information from a person; also: the recorded or written account of such a meeting

**interviewee**

noun

**interviewer**

noun

**interweave**

verb -wove; -weaved; -woven; -weaving

1: to weave or blend together

**Synonyms**

- interlace, intersperse, intertwine, lace, thread, weave, wreathe—more at THREAD

**intestate**

adjective

1: having made no valid will

2: not disposed of by will

**intestine**

noun

**Synonyms**

- the tubular part of the alimentary canal that extends from stomach to anus and consists of a long narrow upper part (small intestine) followed by a broader shorter lower part (large intestine)

**intimacy**

noun

1: the state of being intimate

2: something of a personal or private nature

**Synonyms**

- closeness, familiarity, nearness—more at FAMILIARITY
intimate /ɪnˈtɪmət/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
[ORIGIN: LL intimare to put in, announce, fr. L intimus innermost]
1 : ANNOUNCE, NOTIFY
2 ▶ : to communicate indirectly : HINT
   Synonyms
   ▶ allude, hint, imply, indicate, infer, insinuate, suggest—more at HINT

intimate /ɪnˈtɪmət/ adjective
1 : INTRINSIC; also : INNERMOST
2 ▶ : marked by very close association, contact, or familiarity
3 : marked by a warm friendship
4 : suggesting informal warmth or privacy
5 ▶ : of a very personal or private nature
   — in·ti·mate·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] bosom, chummy, close, familiar, friendly, thick—more at FAMILIAR
   ▶ [5] confidential, hushed, inside, private, secret—more at PRIVATE

intimate /ɪnˈtɪmət/ noun
▶ : an intimate friend, associate, or confidant
   Synonyms
   ▶ buddy, chum, comrade, cron y, familiar, friend, pal—more at FRIEND

inti·mate·ly /ɪnˈtɪmət·li/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] bosom, chummy, close, familiar, friendly, thick—more at FAMILIAR
   ▶ [5] confidential, hushed, inside, private, secret—more at PRIVATE

in·ti·ma·tion /ɪnˈtɪmə·ʃən/ noun
▶ : an indirect usu. hinted suggestion or notice; also : something intimated
   Synonyms
   ▶ clue, cue, hint, indication, inkling, lead, suggestion—more at HINT

intl or intnl abbreviation
international

in·to /ɪnˈtʊ/ preposition
1 : to the inside of <ran ~ the house>
2 : to the state, condition, or form of <got ~ trouble>
3 : AGAINST <ran ~ a wall>

intol·er·a·ble /ɪnˈtələrəbəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : not tolerable : UNBEARABLE
2 : EXCESSIVE
   — in·tol·er·a·bly /ɪnˈtələrəbli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ insufferable, insupportable, unbearable, unendurable, unsupportable—more at UNBEARABLE

intol·er·ant /ɪnˈtələrənt/ adjective
1 : unable or unwilling to tolerate
2 : unwilling to grant equality, freedom, or other social rights : BIGOTED
   — in·tol·er·ance /ɪntələrəns/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ bigoted, narrow, narrow-minded, prejudiced; also conservative, hidebound, old-fashioned, reactionary;
insular, parochial, provincial; biased, one-sided, partial, partisan

**Antonyms**
liberal, broad-minded, open-minded, tolerant, unprejudiced

**intonation** /ˈɪn.tə.nəˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act of intoning and esp. of chanting
2 : something that is intoned
3 : the manner of singing, playing, or uttering tones
4 : the rise and fall in pitch of the voice in speech

**intone** /ˈɪn.tən/ verb intoned; intoning
: to utter in musical or prolonged tones : CHANT

**in to to** /ˈɪn.tə.tə/ adverb
[origin: L, on the whole]
: TOTALLY, ENTIRELY

**intoxicant** /ˌɪn.təˈsɪk.tənt/ noun

- something that intoxicates; especially : an alcoholic drink

**intoxicant** adjective

**Synonyms**
alcohol, booze, drink, liquor, moonshine, spirits—more at ALCOHOL

**intoxicate** /ˌɪn.təˈsɪk.ət/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to affect by a drug (as alcohol or cocaine) esp. to the point of physical or mental impairment
2 ▶ : to excite to enthusiasm or frenzy

**intoxicated** adjective

**Synonyms**
electrify, excite, exhilarate, galvanize, thrill, titillate, turn on—more at THRILL

**intoxication** /ˌɪn.təˈsɪk.əˈʃən/ noun

- the condition of being drunk; also : a strong excitement or elation

**Synonyms**
eccstasy, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, paradise, rapture, rhapsody, transport—more at ECSTASY

**intractable** /ˈɪn.træk.tə.bəl/ adjective

- not easily controlled

**Synonyms**
froward, headstrong, recalcitrant, refractory, uncontrollable, unmanageable, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at UNCONTROLLABLE

**intramural** /ˈɪn.trəˈmərəl/ adjective

- being or occurring within the walls or limits (as of a city or college) << sports

**intramuscular** /ˌɪn.trəˈmjuːs.kələr/ adjective

- situated within, occurring in, or administered by entering a muscle

- **intramuscularly** adverb

**intranet** /ˌɪn.trəˈnet/ noun

- a network similar to the World Wide Web but having access limited to certain authorized users

**intrans** abbreviation
intransitive

**intransigent** /ˌɪnˈtræn.sədʒənt/ adjective

- UNCOMPROMISING; also : IRRECONCILABLE
— in·tran·si·gence /inˈtrænsəˈdʒens/ noun
— intransigent noun

in·tran·si·tive /inˈtrænsəˌtɪv/ adjective
: not transitive; especially: not having or containing an object <an ~ verb>
— in·tran·si·tive·ly adverb
— in·tran·si·tive·ness noun

in·tra·state /inˈtræs.tæt/ adjective
: existing or occurring within a state

in·tra·uter·ine device /inˈtræ.ə.tər.ín/ noun
: a device inserted into and left in the uterus to prevent pregnancy

in·tra·ve·nous /inˈtræ.vəˈnəs/ adjective
: being within or entering by way of the veins; also: used in or using intravenous procedures
— in·tra·ve·nous·ly adverb

intrachn variant of ENTRENCH

in·tre·pid /inˈtrɛpəd/ adjective
: characterized by resolute fearlessness, fortitude, and endurance

Synonyms
brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE

in·tre·pid·i·ty /inˈtrɛpəˌdɪti/ noun
: the quality or state of being intrepid: resolute bravery

in·tri·ca·cy /inˈtrɪkə.sə/ noun
: the quality or state of being intricate: something intricate

Synonyms
complexity, complication, difficulty, intricacy—more at COMPLICATION
complexity, elaborateness, sophistication—more at COMPLEXITY

in·tri·cate /inˈtrɪkat/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. L intricatus, pp. of intricare to entangle, fr. tricae trifles, complications]
1 : having many complexly interrelated parts: COMPLICATED
2 : involving or done with precision; also: difficult to follow, understand, or solve
— in·tri·cate·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1, 2] complex, complicated, convoluted, detailed, elaborate, involved, knotty, sophisticated—more at COMPLEX

1 in·trigue /inˈtrɪɡ/ verb in·trigued; in·trigu·ing
1 : to accomplish by intrigue
2 : to carry on an intrigue; especially: PLOT, SCHEME
3 : to arouse the interest, desire, or curiosity of

Synonyms
[2] conspire, contrive, machinate, plot, scheme—more at PLOT
[3] absorb, busy, engage, engross, enthral, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, involve, occupy—more at ENGAGE

2 in·trigue /inˈtrɪɡ, inˈtrɪɡ/ noun
1 : a secret scheme: MACHINATION
2 : a clandestine love affair

Synonyms
conspiracy, design, machination, plot, scheme—more at PLOT

intriguing adjective
: engaging the interest to a marked degree

Synonyms
absorbing, engaging, engrossing, enthralling, fascinating, interesting—more at INTERESTING

in·trin·sic /ɪnˈtrɪn.sɪk/ adjective
Ⅰ: belonging to the essential nature or constitution of a thing
    Synonyms
        essential, inborn, ingrained, inherent, innate, integral, natural—more at INHERENT

in·tri·si·cal·ly /ɪnˈtrɪn.sɪk.ə.lɪ/ adverb
Ⅰ: in an intrinsic manner: having an intrinsic quality
    Synonyms
        constitutionally, inherently, innately, naturally—more at NATURALLY

intro abbreviation
introduction

in·tro·duce /ɪnˈtraː.dʒəs, -dʒəs/ verb -duced; -duc·ing
1 : to lead or bring in esp. for the first time
2 : to bring into practice or use
3 : to cause to be acquainted
4 : to present for discussion
5 : to put in : INSERT
    — in·tro·duc·to·ry /ɪnˌtraˈdəʊ.tɔr.i/ adjective
        Synonyms
            [2] constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, launch, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND
            [3] acquaint, familiarize, initiate, orient—more at ACQUAINT
            [4] bring up, broach, moot, raise; also allude (to), cite, mention, name, refer (to); offer, propose, suggest; air, express, speak (of), talk (about), vent, ventilate; interject, interrupt; debate, discuss, thrash (out or over)
            [5] fit, inject, insert, insinuate, interject, interpose—more at INSERT

in·tro·duc·tion /ˌɪn.trəˈdʒən/ noun
1 : something that introduces
2 : the act or process of introducing: the state of being introduced; also : something introduced
    Synonyms
        foreword, preamble, preface, prologue; also beginning, commencement, initiation, opening, origin, outset, start
    Antonyms
        epilogue

in·troit /ɪnˈtraɪt, -trə.t̬/ noun
1 often cap : the first part of the traditional proper of the Mass
2 : a piece of music sung or played at the beginning of a worship service

in·tro·spec·tion /ˌɪnˈtrəspek.ʃən/ noun
Ⅰ: a reflective looking inward: an examination of one’s own thoughts or feelings
    — in·tro·spect /ˌɪnˈtra.ˌspekt/ verb
    — in·tro·spec·tive /ˌɪnˈtrəspektɪv/ adjective
    — in·tro·spec·tive·ly /ˌɪnˌtrəspektɪv.ə.lɪ/ adverb

in·tro·vert /ɪnˈtra.ˌvɜːrt/ noun
Ⅰ: a reserved or shy person
    — in·tro·ver·sion /ˌɪnˌtra.ˌvɜːr.zhən/ noun
    — introvert adjective

in·tro·vert·ed /ɪnˈtra.ˌvɜːrt.ɪd/ adjective
Ⅰ: turned in upon itself; specif: marked by being wholly or predominantly concerned with and interested in one’s own mental life
    Synonyms
        bashful, coy, demure, diffident, modest, retiring, sheepish, shy—more at SHY
intrude /ɪnˈtrʌd/ verb intruded; intruding
1 : to thrust, enter, or force in or upon
2 : ENCROACH, TRESPASS
— intrusion /ɪnˈtrʌʒən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ✷ break, chime in, cut in, interpose, interrupt—more at INTERRUPT
  ✷ butt in, interfere, meddle, mess, nose, obtrude, poke, pry, snoop—more at INTERFERE
  ✷ usually intrude upon bother, bug, disturb, pester—more at BOTHER

intruder noun
  ✷ : one that intrudes
  Synonyms
  ✷ busybody, interloper, kibitzer, meddler—more at BUSYBODY

intrusive /ɪnˈtrʌsɪv/ adjective
  ✷ : characterized by intrusion : intruding where one is not welcome or invited
— intrusive-ness noun
  Synonyms
  ✷ meddlesome, nosy, obtrusive, officious, presumptuous, prying; also bold, brazen, impertinent, impudent, insolent, rude; invading, trespassing; curious, inquisitive; annoying, harassing, pestiferous
  Antonyms
  ✷ unobtrusive

intrust variant of ENTRUST

intuit /ɪnˈtjuːɪt/ verb
  : to know, sense, or understand by intuition

intuition /ɪnˈtjuːɪʃən/ noun
  1 : quick and ready insight
  2 : the power or faculty of knowing things without conscious reasoning
— intuitive /ɪnˈtjuːɪətɪv/ adjective
— intuitively /ɪnˈtjuːɪtɪvli/ adverb

Inuit /ɪnjuːɪt/ noun
[origin: Inuit inuit, pl. of inuk person]
1 plural Inuit or Inuits : a member of the Eskimo people of No. America and Greenland
2 : the language of the Inuit people

inundate /ˈɪnʌndət/ verb -dated; -dating
  ✷ : to cover with or as if with a flood : OVERFLOW
  Synonyms
  ✷ deluge, drown, engulf, flood, overflow, overwhelm, submerge, swamp—more at FLOOD

inundation /ɪnʌndəˈteɪʃən/ noun
  ✷ : an overflowing of the land by water; also : an overwhelming amount or number
  Synonyms
  ✷ cataclysm, cataract, deluge, flood, overflow, spate, torrent—more at FLOOD

inure /ɪnˈjuːr/ verb inured; inuring
[origin: ME enuren, fr. in ure customary, fr. putten in ure to use, put into practice, part trans. of AF mettre en ovre, en uevre]
1 : to accustom to accept something undesirable
2 : to become of advantage

in utero /ɪnˈjuːtəro/ adverb or adjective
[origin: L]
: in the uterus : before birth

inv abbreviation
1 inventor
in vac·uo /ɪnˈvækwəʊ/ adverb
[origin: L]
: in a vacuum

in·vade /ɪnˈvæd/ verb in·vad·ed; in·vad·ing
1 : to enter in a hostile manner
2 : to encroach upon
3 : to spread through and usu. harm <germs ~ the tissues>
— in·vad·er noun
   Synonyms
   foray, overrun, raid; also despoil, loot, maraud, pillage, plunder, ravage, sack; conquer, crush, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, subdue, subjugate; assault, assault, attack; battle, combat, fight, war (with); encroach, infringe, trespass; besiege, blockade; occupy

invalid (/ɪnˈvæld/ adjective
1: being without foundation or force in fact, reason, or law
— in·va·lid·i·ty /ɪnˈvæld.ɪ.ti/ noun
— in·va·lid·i·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   baseless, groundless, unfounded, unreasonable, unsubstantiated, unsupported, unwarranted—more at BASELESS
   null, void—more at NULL
   erroneous, false, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, off, unsound, untrue, wrong—more at FALSE

2invalid (/ɪnˈvæld/ adjective
: being in ill health : SICKLY

3invalid /ɪnˈvæld/ noun
: a person in usu. chronic ill health
— in·va·lid·ism /ɪnˌvæl.iˈdiz.əm/ noun

4invalid /ɪnˈvæld. ɪd/ verb
1 : to remove from active duty by reason of sickness or disability
2 : to make sickly or disabled
— in·val·i·date /ɪnˈvæl.i.deɪt/ verb
   : to make invalid; especially : to weaken or make valueless
   — in·val·i·da·tion /ɪnˌvæl.i.ˈdeɪ.ʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, negate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind, void—more at ABOLISH

in·valu·able /ɪnˈvælu.ə.bl/ adjective
: valuable beyond estimation

in·vari·able /ɪnˈværi.ə.bl/ adjective
: not changing or capable of change : CONSTANT

in·vari·ably /ɪnˈværi.ə.bl.i/ adverb
: on every occasion
   Synonyms
   always, constantly, continually, ever, forever, incessantly, perpetually, unceasingly—more at ALWAYS

in·va·sion /ɪnˈvæ.zən/ noun
: an act or instance of invading; especially : entry of an army into a country for conquest
   Synonyms
   descent, foray, incursion, irruption, raid—more at RAID

in·va·sive /ɪnˈvæs.iv, ˈziv/ adjective
1 : tending to spread <~ cancer cells>
in·vec·tive /ɪn.ˈvek.tɪv/ noun
1: an abusive expression or speech
2: abusive language
— invective adjective

Synonyms
abuse, fulmination, vitriol, vituperation—more at ABUSE

in·veigh /ɪn.ˈveɪ/.ˈvɛ̃/ verb
: to protest or complain bitterly or vehemently : RAIL

in·vei·gle /ɪn.ˈveɪ.ɡəl/.ˈveɪ/.ˈvɛ̃/ verb in·vei·gled; in·vei·gling
[origin: AF enveegler, aveogler to blind, hoodwink, fr. avogle, enveugle blind, fr. ML ab oculis, lit., lacking eyes]
1: to win over by flattery : ENTICE
2: to acquire by ingenuity or flattery

in·vent /ɪn.vɛnt/ verb
1: to think up
2: to create or produce for the first time

Synonyms
[1, 2] concoct, contrive, cook, devise, fabricate, make up, manufacture, think; also coin, contrive, create, design, hatch, produce; daydream, dream, fantasize; conceive, envisage, imagine, picture, visualize

in·ven·tion /ɪn.vɛn.tʃən/ noun
1: productive imagination : INVENTIVENESS
2: a creation of the imagination; especially : a false conception
3: a device, contrivance, or process originated after study and experiment
4: the act or process of inventing

Synonyms
[1] creativity, fancy, fantasy, imagination, inventiveness—more at IMAGINATION
[2] fabrication, fantasy, fiction, figment, invention—more at FICTION
[3] coinage, concoction, contrivance, creation, innovation, wrinkle; also contraption, device, gadget, gizmo, novelty; design, product, work; dream, fantasy, picture, vision; conception, imagining

in·ven·tive /ɪn.ˈveɪ.tɪv/ adjective
1: adept or prolific at producing inventions : CREATIVE, INGENIOUS <an ~ composer>
2: characterized by invention <an ~ turn of mind>

Synonyms
creative, imaginative, ingenious, innovative, original—more at CREATIVE

in·ven·tive·ness noun
the quality or state of being inventive

Synonyms
creativity, ingenuity, invention, originality—more at CREATIVITY

in·ven·tor /ˈveɪn.tər/ noun
a: one that invents: as
b: one that conceives by creative imagination
b: one that creates a new device or process

Synonyms
designer, developer, innovator, originator; also author, creator, father, founder, originator; pioneer, researcher, builder, maker, producer, dreamer

in·ven·tory /ɪn.vɛn.tɔr.i/ noun, plural -ries
1: an itemized list of current goods or assets
2: SURVEY, SUMMARY
3: STOCK, SUPPLY
4: the act or process of taking an inventory

in·ven·tory verb -ried; -ry·ing
› to make an inventory of

**Synonyms**
- enumerate, itemize, list, numerate—more at **LIST**

1. **inverse** /ɪnˈvɜrs, inˈvɜrəs/ adjective
   : opposite in order, nature, or effect: **REVERSED**
   — **in·verse·ly** adverb

2. **inverse** noun
   : something inverse or resulting in or from inversion: **OPPOSITE**

   **in·ver·sion** /ɪnˈvɜr.zən/ noun
   1: a reversal of position, order, or relationship; especially: an increase of temperature with altitude through a layer of air
   2: the act or process of inverting

3. **invert** /ɪnˈvɜrt/ verb
   1: to reverse in position, order, or relationship
   2: to turn upside down or inside out
   3: to turn inward

4. **in·ver·te·brate** /ɪnˈvɜrt.i.brel/ adjective
   1: lacking a backbone; also: of or relating to invertebrate animals
   2: lacking in strength or vitality
   — **invertebrate** noun

5. **invest** /ɪnˈvɛst/ verb
   1: to install formally in an office or honor
   2: to furnish with power or authority
   3: to cover completely: **ENVELOP**
   4: to cover with or as if with cloth or clothing: **CLOTHE, ADORN**
   5: to surround with troops or ships so as to prevent escape or entry: **BESIEGE**
   6: to bestow with a quality or characteristic

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] baptize, inaugurate, induct, initiate, install—more at **INSTALL**
   - [2] accredit, authorize, certify, commission, empower, enable, license, qualify—more at **AUTHORIZE**
   - [6] imbue, inculcate, infuse, ingrain, steep, suffuse—more at **INFUSE**

6. **invest** verb
   1: to commit (money) in order to earn a financial return
   2: to expend for future benefits or advantages
   3: to make an investment
   — **in·ves·tor** /ɪnˈvɛstər/ noun

7. **investigate** /ɪnˌvest.iˈgæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
   [origin: L *investigare* to track, investigate, fr. *vestigium* footprint, track]
   †: to study by close examination and systematic inquiry

   **Synonyms**
   - delve, dig, explore, go, inquire, look, probe, research—more at **EXPLORE**

8. **investigation** /ˌɪnvest.iˈɡeɪʃən/ noun
   †: the action or process of investigating; especially: detailed examination or a searching inquiry

   **Synonyms**
   - examination, exploration, inquiry, probe, research, study—more at **INQUIRY**

9. **investi·ga·tor** /ˌɪn.vɛst.iˈɡæ.tər/ noun
   †: one that investigates; especially: one employed or engaged in detecting lawbreakers or in getting information that is not readily or publicly accessible

   **Synonyms**
detective, operative, shadow, sleuth, tail—more at DETECTIVE

investiture /inˈvestərər/ noun
1 : the act of ratifying or establishing in office
2 : something that covers or adorns
   Synonyms
   ▶ inaugural, inauguration, induction, installation—more at INSTALLATION

investment /inˈvestmənt/ noun
1 : an outer layer : ENVELOPE
2 : INVESTITURE 1
3 : BLOCKADE, SIEGE

investment noun
: the outlay of money for income or profit; also : the sum invested or the property purchased

in-vet-er-at /inˈveərət/ adjective
1 ▶ : firmly established by age or long persistence
2 ▶ : confirmed in a habit
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] confirmed, deep-rooted, deep-seated, settled; also fixed, immutable, set; implanted, instilled; inborn, inbred, innate, inherent, natural; accustomed, chronic, customary, habitual, regular, typical, usual; abiding, enduring, lifelong, persistent, persisting
   ▶ [2] chronic, confirmed, habitual—more at HABITUAL

in-vi-a-ble /inˈviəbəl/ adjective
: incapable of surviving

in-vi-di-ous /inˈviˌdisəs/ adjective
1 : tending to cause discontent, animosity, or envy
2 : feeling or showing envy : ENVIOUS
3 : OBNOXIOUS
   — in-vi-di-ous-ly adverb

in-vig-o-rate /inˈvı̃gərāt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
▶ : to give life and energy to : ANIMATE
   — in-vig-o·ra·tion /ˌin.vı̃gəˈrāshən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE

invigorating adjective
: having an enlivening effect
   Synonyms
   ▶ bracing, refreshing, restorative, stimulative, tonic—more at TONIC

in-viol·i·ble /ˌin.vı̃oˌleɪbəl/ adjective
▶ : incapable of being conquered, overcome, or subdued
   — in-viol·i·bil·i·ty /ˌin.vı̃oˌleɪˈbilətē/ noun
   — in-viol·i·bly /ˌin.vı̃oˈleɪbli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ impregnable, indomitable, insurmountable, invulnerable, unbeatable, unconquerable; also inviolable, unassailable, untouchable; armored, defended, guarded, protected, safe, safeguarded, secure, shielded; unbeaten, unconquered, undefeated, unsubdued
   Antonyms
   vulnerable

in-vio·la·ble /ˈviˌələbəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : safe from violation or profanation
2 : secure from assault or trespass ; UNASSAILABLE
   — in-vio·la·bil·i·ty /ˌviˌələˈbilətē/ noun


**Synonyms**

- holy, sacred, sacrosanct, untouchable—more at **SACRED**

**in·vi·o·late** /ɪn.ˌva.ˈloʊt/ adjective

- not violated or profaned: **PURE**

**in·vis·i·ble** /ɪn.ˈvaɪ.zə.bl/ adjective

- 1: incapable of being seen (<~ to the naked eye>)
- 2: **HIDDEN**
- 3: **IMPERCEPTIBLE, INCONSPICUOUS**

- **in·vis·i·bil·i·ty** /ɪn.ˈvaɪ.zə.bɪl.ɪ.ti/ noun
- **in·vis·i·bly** /ɪn.ˈvaɪ.zə.bli/ adverb

**invisible hand** noun

- a hypothetical economic force that works for the benefit of all

**in·vi·ta·tion·al** /ɪn.ˌva.ˈte.ʃə.nəl/ adjective

- **invitational** noun

**in·vit·e** /ɪn.ˈvɪt/ verb **in·vit·ed; in·vit·ing**

- 1: **ENTICE, TEMPT**
- 2: to increase the likelihood of
- 3: to request the presence or participation of: **ASK**
- 4: to request formally
- 5: **ENCOURAGE**

- **in·vi·ta·tion** /ɪn.ˌva.ˈte.ʃən/ noun

**in·vit·ing** adjective

- **ATTRACTIVE, TEMPTING**

**in·vi·tro** /ɪn.ˈvɪ.traʊ/ adverb or adjective

- [ORIGIN: NL, lit., in glass]
- : outside the living body and in an artificial environment <**in vitro fertilization**>

**in·vo·ca·tion** /ɪn.ˈvoʊ.ʃən/ noun

- 1: **SUPPLICATION; especially**: a prayer at the beginning of a service
- 2: a formula for conjuring: **INCANTATION**

- 1**invoice** /ɪn.ˈvoʊs/ noun

- [ORIGIN: modif. of MF envois, pl. of envoi message]
- : an itemized list of goods shipped usu. specifying the price and the terms of sale: **BILL**

- **Synonyms**

- account, bill, check, statement, tab—more at **BILL**

**2 invoice** verb **in·voiced; in·voic·ing**

- to send an invoice to or for: **BILL**

**in·vo·ke** /ɪn.ˈvək/ verb **in·voked; in·vok·ing**

- 1: to petition for help or support
- 2: to appeal to or cite as authority <~ a law>
- 3: to call forth by incantation: **CONJURE** <~ spirits>
- 4: to make an earnest request for: **SOLICIT**
- 5: to put into effect or operation
- 6: to bring about: **CAUSE**

**in·vol·un·tary** /ɪn.ˈvəl.ən.tər ee/ adjective

- 1: done contrary to or without choice
- 2: dictated by authority or circumstance: **COMPULSORY**
- 3: not controlled by the will <~ contractions>

- **in·vol·un·tari·ly** /ɪn.ˈvəl.ən.tər.əl/ adverb
**Synonyms**

- [1] unintended, unintentional; also accidental, unplanned, unpremeditated; automatic, impulsive, instinctive, spontaneous, unprompted; inadvertent, unconscious, unknowing, unwitting

**Antonyms**

- deliberate, intentional, unforced, voluntary, willful, willing

- [2] compulsory, imperative, incumbent, mandatory, necessary, nonelective, obligatory, peremptory—more at MANDATORY

- [3] automatic, mechanical, spontaneous—more at AUTOMATIC

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**in·vo·lute /in.ˈvəl.ət/ adjective**

: INVOLVED, INTRICATE

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**in·vo·lu·tion /in.ˈvəl.yə.ʃən/ noun**

1: the act or an instance of enfolding or entangling

2: the quality or state of being complex: COMPLEXITY, INTRICACY

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**in·volve /in.ˈvəl/ verb involved, involving**

1: to draw in as a participant

2: ENVELOP

3: to occupy (as oneself) absorbingly; especially: to commit oneself emotionally

4: to relate closely: CONNECT

5: to have as part of itself: INCLUDE

6: ENTAIL, IMPLY

7: to have an effect on

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**in·volve·ment noun**

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**Synonyms**

- [1] affect, concern, interest, touch—more at CONCERN

- [3] absorb, busy, engage, engross, enthrall, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, intrigue, occupy—more at ENGAGE

- [5] carry, comprehend, contain, embrace, encompass, entail, include, number, take in—more at INCLUDE

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**in·volved /ˈɪn.vəld/ adjective**

: marked by extreme and often needless or excessive complexity: INTRICATE, COMPLEX <an ~ plot>

**Synonyms**

- complex, complicated, convoluted, detailed, elaborate, intricate, knotty, sophisticated—more at COMPLEX

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**in·vu·lner·a·ble /ˈɪn.ˈvul.ner.ə.bl/ adjective**

1: incapable of being wounded, injured, or damaged

2: immune to or proof against attack

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**in·vu·lner·a·bil·i·ty /ˈɪn.ˈvul.ner.ə.bɪ.lə.ti/ noun**

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**in·vu·lner·a·bil·y /ˈɪn.ˈvul.ner.ə.bi.lə/ adverb**

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**Synonyms**

- impregnable, indomitable, insurmountable, invincible, unbeatable, unconquerable—more at INVINCIBLE

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1**inward /ˈɪn.wərd/ adjective**

1: situated on the inside

2: MENTAL; also: SPIRITUAL

3: directed toward the interior

**Synonyms**

- inner, inside, interior, internal—more at INNER

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2**inward or in·wards /ˈwərdz/ adverb**

1: toward the inside, center, or interior

2: toward the inner being

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**in·ward·ly /ˈɪn.wərd.ə.lē/ adverb**

1: MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY

2: INTERNALLY <bled ~>

3: to oneself <cursed ~>
IOC abbreviation
International Olympic Committee

io·dide /iəˈdaɪd/ noun
: a compound of iodine with another element or group

io·dine /iəˈdaɪn/ noun
1 : a nonmetallic chemical element used esp. in medicine and photography
2 : a solution of iodine used as a local antiseptic

io·dise British variant of iodize

io·dize /iəˈdaɪz/ verb io·dized; io·diz·ing
: to treat with iodine or an iodide

ion /ˈiən, ˈiən/ noun
[origin: Gk, neut. of iōn, prp. of ienai to go; so called because in electrolysis it goes to one of the two poles]
: an electrically charged particle, atom, or group of atoms
— ion·ic /ˈiənik/ adjective
— ion noun suffix
: act, process, state, or condition <validation>

ion·ise British variant of ionize

ion·ize /ˈiənˌiz/ verb ion·ized; ion·iz·ing
1 : to convert wholly or partly into ions
2 : to become ionized
— ion·iz·a·ble /ˈiəˌnaɪzəbəl/ adjective
— ion·iza·tion /ˈiəˌnaɪzaʃən/ noun
— ion·iz·er /ˈiəˌnaɪzər/ noun

ion·o·sphere /ˈiəˌnəsfir/ noun
: the part of the earth's atmosphere extending from about 30 miles (50 kilometers) to the exosphere that contains ionized atmospheric gases
— ion·o·spher·ic /ˈiəˌnaˌsfer·ik/ adjective

IOOF abbreviation
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

io·ta /ˈiətə/ noun
[origin: L, fr. Gk iōta]
1 : the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet — I or Ι
2 : a very small quantity : jot

IOU /ˈiə,ju/ noun
: an acknowledgment of a debt

IP abbreviation
innings pitched

IP address /ˈɪpəd/ noun
[origin: Internet protocol]
: the numeric address of a computer on the Internet

ip·e·cac /ˈɪpəˌkæk/ noun
[origin: Pg ipecacuanha]
: an emetic and expectorant drug used esp. as a syrup in treating accidental poisoning; also : either of two tropical American plants or their rhizomes and roots used to make ipecac

IPO /ˈɪpəˌpoʊ/ noun, plural IPOs
: an initial public offering of a company's stock
ip·so fac·to /ˌɪp-ˌsō fəkˈtoʊ/ adverb
[ORIGIN: NL, lit., by the fact itself]
: by the very nature of the case

iq abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L idem quod]
the same as

IQ /ˈɪk/ noun
: a number used to express a person's relative intelligence as determined by a standardized test

1Ir abbreviation
Irish

2Ir symbol
iridium

IR abbreviation
infrared

1IRA /ɪˈreɪərə/ noun
[ORIGIN: individual retirement account]
: a retirement savings account in which income taxes are deferred until withdrawals are made

2IRA abbreviation
Irish Republican Army

Iran·i·an /ɪˈreɪnən also .ræn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Iran
— Iranian adjective

Iraqi /ɪˈreɪkən, .ræ/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Iraq
— Iraqi adjective

irasci·ble /ɪˈreɪsəkəl/ adjective
: marked by hot temper and easily provoked anger

Synonyms
choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, irritable, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

irascibi·lity /ɪˈreɪsəsələtɪ/ noun
: the quality or state of being irascible : proneness to anger

irate /ɪˈreɪt/ adjective
1 : roused to ire
2 : arising from anger
— irate·ly adverb

Synonyms
angry, boiling, enraged, furious, rabid, sore—more at ANGRY

ire /ɪr/ noun
: intense and usu. openly displayed anger : ANGER, WRATH

Synonyms
anger, furor, fury, indignation, outrage, rage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness—more at ANGER

Ire abbreviation
Ireland

ire·ful adjective
: full of ire : marked by ire; also : easily angered

ire·nic /ɪˈreːnɪk/ adjective
: favoring, conducive to, or operating toward peace or conciliation
ir·i·des·cence /'ir-ə-dês-ns/ noun
: a rainbowlike play of colors
—ir·i·des·cent /-sənt/ adjective

irid·i·um /'ir-i-dəm/ noun
: a hard brittle heavy metallic chemical element

iris /'ir-ez/ noun, plural irises also iri·des /'ir-e-dëz, 'ir-e-
1 : the colored part around the pupil of the eye
2 : any of a large genus of plants with linear basal leaves and large showy flowers

Irish /'ir-ish/ noun
1 Irish plural : the people of Ireland
2 : the Celtic language of Ireland
—Irish adjective
—Irish·man /'ir-i-man/ noun
—Irish·wom·an /'ir-i-wən/ noun

Irish bull noun
: an incongruous statement (as “it was hereditary in his family to have no children”)

Irish coffee noun
: hot sugared coffee with Irish whiskey and whipped cream

Irish moss noun
: the dried and bleached plants of a red alga that is a source of carrageenan; also : this red alga

Irish setter noun
: any of a breed of hunting dogs with a mahogany-red coat

irk /ərk/ verb
\(\rightarrow\) : to make weary, irritated, or bored : ANNOY

Synonyms
- aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irritate, nettled, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE

irk·som·e /ərk'səm/ adjective
\(\rightarrow\) : tending to irk : ANNOYING
—irk·som·e·ly adverb

Synonyms
- aggravating, annoying, bothersome, frustrating, galling, irritating, pesty, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

1 iron /'ir-n, 'i-rən/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE īsern, īren]
1 : a heavy malleable magnetic metallic chemical element that rusts easily and is vital to biological processes
2 a : something made of metal and esp. iron
b plural \(\rightarrow\) : something (as handcuffs) used to bind or restrain \(<\text{put them in} ~\text{s}\>\)
3 : a household device with a flat base that is heated and used for pressing cloth
4 : STRENGTH, HARDNESS

Synonyms
- usually irons band, bond, chain, fetter, ligature, manacle, shackle—more at BOND

2 iron verb
1 : to press or smooth with or as if with a heated iron
2 : to remove (as wrinkles) by ironing

—iron·er noun

1 ironclad /'ir-on-kld/ adjective
1 : sheathed in iron armor
2 : so firm or secure as to be unbreakable
ironclad /ˌɪrəˈklæd/ noun
: an armored naval vessel esp. of the 19th century

iron curtain noun
: a political, military, and ideological barrier that isolates an area; especially often cap: one formerly isolating an area under Soviet control

iron·ic /ˈaɪrəˌnɪk/ also iron·i·cal /ˌɪrəˌkəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or marked by irony
2: given to irony

iron·i·cal·ly /ˌɪrəˈkələli/ adverb
1: in an ironic manner
2: it is ironic

iron·ing noun
: clothes ironed or to be ironed

iron lung noun
: a device for artificial respiration that encloses the chest in a chamber in which changes of pressure force air into and out of the lungs

iron out verb
: to remove or lessen difficulties in or extremes of

iron oxide noun
: FERRIC OXIDE

iron·stone /ˈaɪrəˌstʌn, ɪˈrən/ noun
1: a hard iron-rich sedimentary rock
2: a hard heavy durable pottery developed in England in the 19th century

iron·ware /ˌɪrəˈwɔːr/ noun
: articles made of iron

iron·weed /ˌɪrəˌwɛd/ noun
: any of a genus of mostly weedy plants related to the asters that have terminal heads of red, purple, or white flowers

iron·wood /ˌɪrəˌwʊd/ noun
: any of numerous trees or shrubs with exceptionally hard wood; also: the wood

iron·work /ˌɪrəˈwɜrk/ noun
1: work in iron
2 plural: a mill or building where iron or steel is smelted or heavy iron or steel products are made

iron·ny /ˈaɪrəˌnɪ/ noun, plural -nies
[origin: L. ironia, fr. Gk eironia, fr. eirōn dissembler]
1: the use of words to express the opposite of what one really means
2: incongruity between the actual result of a sequence of events and the expected result

Ir·o·quois /ɪrəˈkwɔɪs/ noun, plural Iroquois /ɪrəˈkwɔɪs/ same or -kwəz/
1 plural: an American Indian confederacy orig. of New York that consisted of the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca and later included the Tuscarora
2: a member of any of the Iroquois peoples

ir·ra·di·ate /ɪˈræ.ðə.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to supply or brighten with light: ILLUMINATE
2: ENLIGHTEN
3: to treat by exposure to radiation
4: RADIATE

ir·ra·di·a·tion /ɪˌræ.ðə.əˈʃæn/ noun
irrational /ˈɪrəˌʃənəl/ adjective
1 : incapable of reasoning << beasts>; also : defective in mental power << with fever
2 ․ : not based on reason << fears
3 : being or numerically equal to an irrational number
— ir·ra·ti·o·nal·i·ty /ˌɪrəˈʃənal.i.tē/ noun
— ir·ra·ti·o·nal·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ․ fallacious, illogical, invalid, unreasonable, unsound, weak—more at ILLOGICAL

irrational noun
: IRRATIONAL NUMBER

irrational number noun
: a real number that cannot be expressed as the quotient of two integers

ir·re·con·cil·able /ˌɪr.iˈkənsələb/ adjective
: impossible to reconcile, adjust, or harmonize
— ir·re·con·cil·abil·i·ty /ˌɪr.iˈkənsələb.i.tē/ noun

ir·re·cov·er·able /ˌɪr.iˈkəvərəb/ adjective
: not capable of being recovered or rectified : IRREPARABLE
— ir·re·cov·er·a·bil·ly /ˌɪr.iˈkəvərəbil.i/ adverb

ir·re·deem·able /ˌɪr.iˈdēməb/ adjective
1 : not redeemable; especially : not terminable by payment of the principal <an ~ bond>
2 : not convertible into gold or silver at the will of the holder
3 ․ : being beyond remedy
  Synonyms
  ․ hopeless, incorrigible, incurable, irredeemable, unrecoverable, unredeemable—more at HOPELESS

ir·re·den·tism /ˌɪr.iˈdɛntəzəm/ noun
: a principle or policy directed toward the incorporation of a territory historically or ethnically part of another into that other

ir·re·duc·ible /ˌɪr.iˈduːsəb/ adjective
: not reducible
— ir·re·duc·i·bil·ly /ˌɪr.iˈduːsəbli/ adverb

ir·re·fut·able /ˌɪr.iˈfjuːtəb/ adjective
: impossible to refute
  Synonyms
  ․ incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, unanswerable, undeniable, unquestionable; also certain, definite, positive, sure; unambiguous, unequivocal; absolute, clear, conclusive, decisive; uncontested, undisputed
  Antonyms
  answerable, debatable, disputable, questionable

irreg abbreviation
irregular

ir·reg·u·lar /ˌɪr.iˈreɡyələr/ adjective
1 ․ : not regular : not natural or uniform
2 : not conforming to the normal or usual manner of inflection << verbs>
3 : not belonging to a regular or organized army << troops
— irregular noun
— ir·reg·u·lar·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ․ aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, atypical, deviant, unnatural—more at DEVIAN
  ․ informal, unceremonious, unconventional, unorthodox—more at INFORMAL
ir·reg·u·lar·i·ty  /ɪrˌrɛɡəˈlær.i.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties
  1: something that is irregular
  2: the quality or state of being irregular
  3: occasional constipation

ir·rel·ev·ant  /ɪrˈre.ləv.ənt/ adjective
  : not relevant
  — ir·rel·e·vant·ness  /nəns/ noun
  Synonyms
  extraneous, immaterial; also inconsequential, insignificant, unimportant; meaningless, pointless, senseless, useless; inappropriate, inapt, unsuitable

ir·re·li·gious  /ɪrˈre.lɪ.dʒəs/ adjective
  : lacking religious emotions, doctrines, or practices
  Synonyms
  blasphemous, nonreligious, sacrilegious
  Antonyms
  religious

ir·re·me·di·a·ble  /ɪrˈre.mi.de.ə.bəl/ adjective
  : impossible to remedy or correct
  Synonyms
  hopeless, incorrigible, incurable, irredeemable, unrecoverable, unredeemable—more at HOPELESS

ir·re·mov·able  /ɪrˈrɛm.ə.vəl/ adjective
  : not removable

ir·re·pa·ra·ble  /ɪrˈre.pe.ra.bəl/ adjective
  : impossible to make good, undo, repair, or remedy
  Synonyms
  irredeemable, irremediable, unrecoverable, unredeemable; also irreplaceable, irrevocable
  Antonyms
  redeemable, remediable, retrievable

ir·re·place·able  /ɪrˈre.pləs.ə.bəl/ adjective
  : not replaceable

ir·re·press·ible  /ɪrˈre.prɛs.ə.bəl/ adjective
  : impossible to repress or control

ir·re·proach·able  /ɪrˈre.prə.chə.bəl/ adjective
  : not reproachable
  Synonyms
  blameless, clear, faultless, guiltless, impeccable, innocent, irreproachable—more at INNOCENT

ir·re·sist·ible  /ɪrˈrɛsist.ə.bəl/ adjective
  : impossible to successfully resist
  — ir·re·sist·ibly  /bɪlə/ adverb

ir·res·o·lu·te  /ɪrˌrezə.ˈluːt/ adjective
  : uncertain how to act or proceed: VACILLATING
  — ir·res·o·lu·tely  /ˈluːt.lɪ/, ˈi-rɛzə.ˈluːt.lɪ/ adverb

ir·res·o·lu·tion  /ɪrˌrezə.ˈluːʃən/ noun
  : lack of resolution: a fluctuation of mind (as in doubt or between hope and fear)
  Synonyms
  hesitancy, hesitation, indecision, vacillation—more at HESITATION

ir·re·spec·tive of  /ɪrˌre.spɛkt.ɪv/ preposition
  : without regard to
ir·re·spon·si·ble /ˌspənˈsaːbə/ adjective
› not responsible
— ir·re·spon·si·bil·i·ty /ˌspənˈsaːbilə/ noun
— ir·re·spon·si·bly /ˌspənˈsaːbli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  › foolhardy, reckless—more at RECKLESS
ir·re·trie·va·ble /ˌɪr.ɪˈtrɪvəbəl/ adjective
› not retrievable: IRRECOVERABLE
  Synonyms
  › an irreverent act or utterance
  — ir·re·ver·ent·ly adverb
ir·rev·er·ence /ɪr ˈre və rəns/ noun
1 : lack of reverence
2 ›: an irreverent act or utterance
  Synonyms
  › blasphemy, defilement, desecration, impiety, sacrilege—more at BLASPHEMY
ir·rev·er·ent /ɪr ˈrev ərənt/ adjective
› lacking proper respect or seriousness; also: SATIRIC
— ir·rev·er·ent·ly adverb
ir·re·vers·ible /ˌɪr ərˈvɜːsəbəl/ adjective
› incapable of being reversed
— ir·rev·o·ca·ble /ˌɪr ərˈvə kəbəl/ adjective
› incapable of being revoked or recalled
— ir·rev·o·ca·bly /ˌɪr ərˈvə kəbli/ adverb
ir·ri·gate /ɪr əˌɡæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
› to supply (as land) with water by artificial means; also: to flush with liquid
— ir·ri·ga·tion /ɪr əˈɡæʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
  › flush, rinse, sluice, wash—more at FLUSH
ir·ri·ta·bil·i·ty /ɪr əˈteɪ biləti/ noun
1 : the property of living things and of protoplasm that enables reaction to stimuli
2 ›: the quality or state of being irritable; especially: readiness to become annoyed or angry
  Synonyms
  › grumpiness, peevishness
ir·ri·ta·ble /ɪr əˈteɪ bəl/ adjective
› capable of being irritated; especially: readily or easily irritated
— ir·ri·ta·bly /ˌɪr əˈteɪ bli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  › choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouch, grumpy, irascible, peevish, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snippy, testy, waspish; also bearish, bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-natured, ill-tempered, ornery, surly; sensitive, sulky, thin-skinned, touchy; hot-blooded, passionate
ir·ri·tate /ɪr əˈteɪ t/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 ›: to excite to anger: EXASPERATE
2 ›: to make sore or inflamed
— ir·ri·tate·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  › [1] aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, nettlesome, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex; also: hassle, heckle; nag; inflame, provoke, rouse; bait, harass, harry, pester, anger, enrage, incense, infuriate, madden; agitate, disturb, fret, perturb, upset; affront, insult, offend, outrage
  › [2] abrade, chafe, gall—more at CHAFF
ir·ri·tant /ɪr əˈtænt/ noun
› something that irritates or excites
— irritant adjective

Synonyms
- aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, nuisance, peeve, pest, problem, thorn—more at ANNOYANCE

irritating adjective
- : causing displeasure or annoyance

Synonyms
- aggravating, annoying, bothersome, frustrating, galling, irksome, pesty, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

ir·ri·ta·tion /ir.ə.ˈtā.ʃən/ noun
- : the act of irritating : the state of being irritated; also : something that irritates

ir·rupt /ˈiərupt/ verb
- 1 : to rush in forcibly or violently
- 2 : to increase suddenly in numbers <rabbits ~ in cycles>

ir·rup·tion /ˈərəp.ʃən/ noun
- : an act or instance of irrupting; especially : a sudden violent or forcible entry

Synonyms
- descent, foray, incursion, invasion, raid—more at RAID

IRS abbreviation
Internal Revenue Service

is present 3d singular of be

Isa or Is abbreviation
Isaiah

Is·a·iah /ˌizə.ˈeə.ə/ noun
1 : a major Hebrew prophet in Judah about 740 to 701 B.C.
2 : a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

Is·a·ias /ˌizə.ˈeə.əs/ noun
- ISAIAS

ISBN abbreviation
International Standard Book Number

is·che·mia /ɪsˈkɛ.ˈmi.ə/ noun
- deficient supply of blood to a body part (as the brain)

— is·che·mic /ˌɪs.ˈkɛ.ˈmɪk/ adjective

- ish /ɪʃ/ adjective suffix
- 1 : of, relating to, or being <Finnish>
- 2 : characteristic of <boyish> <mulish>
- 3 : inclined or liable to <bookish>
- 4 : having a touch or trace of : somewhat <purplish>
- 5 : having the approximate age of <fortyish>

isin·glass /ˈiz.ən.ɡlas, ˈiz.in/ noun
- 1 : a gelatin obtained from various fish
- 2 : mica esp. in thin sheets

isl abbreviation
island

Is·lam /ˈiz.əl.əm, ɪz.əˈlæm, ˈiz.əm, ˈiz.əm/ noun
[origin: Ar ʾišrām submission (to the will of God)]
- the religious faith of Muslims including belief in Allah as the sole deity and in Muhammad as his prophet; also : the civilization built on this faith

— Is·lam·ic /ˈiə.ˈlæ.ˌmɪk, ɪz.əˈlæ/ adjective
is·land /ɪˈlænd/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME iland, fr. OE ĭgland, fr. ĭg island + land land]
1 : a body of land smaller than a continent surrounded by water
2 : something resembling an island in its isolation

Synonyms
î: cay, isle, key

is·land·er /ɪˈlænd.ɪr/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of an island

isle /ɪs(ə)/ noun
: ISLAND; especially : a small island

is·let /ɪˈleɪt/ noun
: a small island

ism /ɪzəm/ noun
: a distinctive doctrine, cause, or theory

-ism /ɪzəm/ noun suffix
1 : act : practice : process<br>criticism
2 : manner of action or behavior characteristic of a (specified) person or thing<br>fanaticism
3 : state : condition : property<br>dualism
4 : abnormal state or condition<br>alcoholism
5 : doctrine : theory : cult<br>Buddhism
6 : adherence to a set of principles<br>stoicism
7 : prejudice or discrimination on the basis of a (specified) attribute<br>racism<br>sexism
8 : characteristic or peculiar feature or trait<br>colloquialism

iso·bar /ɪˌsoʊˈbær/ noun
: a line on a map connecting places of equal barometric pressure

— iso·bar·ic /ɪˌsoʊˈbar.ɪk, ɪˈbær.ɪk/ adjective

iso·late /ɪˈsoʊˌleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to place or keep by itself : separate from others

Synonyms
î: cut off, insulate, seclude, segregate, separate, sequester; also quarantine; confine, immure, incarcerate, intern, jail, lock (up), restrain, restrict; detach, disengage, remove; detain, hold, keep

Antonyms
desegregate, integrate

iso·lat·ed adjective
1 : occurring alone or once : UNIQUE
2 : SPORADIC
3 : placed alone or apart

Synonyms
î: cloistered, covert, quiet, remote, secluded, secret—more at SECLUDED

iso·la·tion /ɪˈsoʊˌleɪʃən/ noun
î: the action of isolating : the condition of being isolated

Synonyms
î: insulation, seclusion, segregation, sequestration, solitude; also loneliness, lonesomeness; confinement, incarceration, internment, quarantine, retirement, withdrawal

iso·la·tion·ism /ɪˌsoʊˌleɪˈʃən.ɪzəm/ noun
: a policy of national isolation by abstention from international political and economic relations

— iso·la·tion·ist /ˌʃəˌnist/ noun or adjective

iso·mer /ɪˈsoʊˌmər/ noun
: any of two or more chemical compounds that contain the same numbers of atoms of the same elements but differ in
structural arrangement and properties

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iso·me·ric /ˌi.so.ˈmər.i.k/ adjective
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iso·mer·ism /ˌi.so.ˈmər.i.zəm/ noun
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iso·met·rics /ˌi.so.ˈmē.triks/ noun singular or plural
: exercise involving a series of brief and intense contractions of muscles against each other or against an immovable resistance
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iso·prene /ˌi.so.ˈprēn/ noun
: a hydrocarbon used esp. in making synthetic rubber
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isos·ce·les /ˌi.so.ˈsēlz/ adjective
: having two equal sides <an ~ triangle>
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iso·ther·mal /ˌi.so.ˈθer.məl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or marked by equality of temperature
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iso·therm /ˌi.so.ˈθer.mən/ noun
: a line on a map connecting points having the same temperature
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iso·to·pe /ˌi.so.ˈtōp/ noun
[ORIGIN: Gk isos equal + topos place]
: any of the forms of a chemical element that differ chiefly in the number of neutrons in an atom
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iso·to·pic /ˌi.so.ˈtōp.ik/ adjective
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Is·ra·el·ite /ˈiz.ə.ˈrē.ə.lēt/ noun
: a member of the Hebrew people descended from Jacob
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Israel; Israeli

Is·ra·el·ite /ˈiz.ə.ˈrē.ə.lēt/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Israel
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Israeli adjective

Is·ra·eli /ˈiz.ə.ˈrē.ə.li/ noun, plural Israelis also Israeli
: a native or inhabitant of Israel
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Is·ra·el·ite /ˈiz.ə.ˈrē.ə.lēt/ noun
: a member of the Hebrew people descended from Jacob
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issue /ˈish.ū/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, exit, proceeds, fr. AF, fr. issir to come out, go out, fr. L. exire, fr. ire to go]
1 : the action of going, coming, or flowing out : EGRESS, EMERGENCE
2 : a means or place of going out : EXIT, OUTLET
3 : the product of the reproductive processes of an animal or plant : OFFSPRING, PROGENY
4 : OUTCOME, RESULT
5 : a point of debate or controversy; also : the point at which an unsettled matter is ready for a decision
6 : a discharge (as of blood) from the body
7 : something coming forth from a specified source
8 : the act of officially giving out or printing : PUBLICATION; also : the quantity of things given out at one time

Synonyms

1 issue verb is·sued; is·su·ing
1 : to go, come, or flow out
2 : to come forth or cause to come forth : EMIT
3 : ACCRUE
4: to descend from a specified parent or ancestor
5: to result in
6: to put forth or distribute officially
7: to send out for sale or circulation: PUBLISH
8: EMANATE, RESULT
   — is-su·er noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ [2] cast, discharge, emit, exhale, expel, release, shoot, vent—more at EMIT
      ▶ [7] get out, print, publish—more at PUBLISH
1\-ist /ist/ noun suffix
   1: one that performs a (specified) action <cyclist>: one that makes or produces <novelist>
   2: one that plays a (specified) musical instrument <harpist>
   3: one that operates a (specified) mechanical instrument or contrivance <machinist>
   4: one that specializes in a (specified) art or science or skill <geologist>
   5: one that adheres to or advocates a (specified) doctrine or system or code of behavior <socialist> or that of a
      (specified) individual <Darwinist>
2\-ist adjective suffix
   -ISTIC
isth·mi·an /is.mē.an/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or situated in or near an isthmus
isth·mus /is.mas/ noun
   : a narrow strip of land connecting two larger portions of land
-is·tic /is.tik/ or -is·ti·cal /is.ti kal/ adjective suffix
   : of, relating to, or characteristic of <altruistic>
1\-it /it/ pronoun
   1: that one — used of a lifeless thing, a plant, a person or animal, or an abstract entity "~'s a big building" "~'s a
      shade tree" "who is ~" "beauty is everywhere and ~ is a source of joy"
   2: — used as a subject of an impersonal verb that expresses a condition or action without reference to an agent "~ is
      raining"
   3: — used as an anticipatory subject or object "~'s good to see you"
2\-it /it/ noun
   : the player in a game who performs the principal action of the game (as trying to find others in hide-and-seek)
   — It abbreviation
      Italian; Italy
ital abbreviation
   italic; italicized
   Ital abbreviation
      Italian
   — Italian /i'tə.lən/ noun
      1: a native or inhabitant of Italy
      2: the language of Italy
      — Italian adjective
ital·ic /i 'tal.ik, i/ adjective
   : relating to type in which the letters slope up toward the right (as in "italic")
   — italic noun
ital·i·cise British variant of ITALICIZE
   ital·i·cize /i 'ta.lə siz/ verb -cized; -ciz·ing
   : to print in italics
   — ital·i·ci·za·tion /i 'ta.lə se.'zə shən/ noun
itch /ɪtʃ/ noun
1 : an uneasy irritating skin sensation that evokes a desire to scratch the affected area
2 : a skin disorder accompanied by an itch
3 ▼ : a persistent desire
— itchy adjective

Synonyms
appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

itch verb
1 : to have an itch; also : to produce an itchy sensation
2 ▼ : to have a restless desire or hankering for something

Synonyms
ache, die, hanker, hunger, long, pant, pine, sigh, thirst, yearn

-ite /ɪ.t/ noun suffix
1 : native : resident <suburbanite>
2 : adherent : follower <Leninite>
3 : product <metabolite>
4 : mineral : rock <quartzite>

item /ɪ.t.əm/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, likewise, also]
1 ▼ : a separate particular in a list, account, or series : ARTICLE
2 ▼ : a separate piece of news (as in a newspaper)

Synonyms
[1] article, constituent, detail, element, feature, ingredient, particular, point
[2] intelligence, news, story, tidings, word—more at NEWS

item-ise British variant of ITEMIZE

item-ize /ɪ.t.ə.mɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
▼ : to set down in detail

item-iz·a·tion /ɪ.t.ə.mɪ.ˈza.ʃən/ noun
Synonyms
detail, enumerate, inventory, list, numerate—more at LIST

iterate /ɪ.t.ə.ˈræt/ verb -at-ed; -at·ing
: REITERATE, REPEAT

iter·a·tion /ɪ.t.ə.ˈra.ʃən/ noun
1 : REPETITION; especially : a computational process in which a series of operations is repeated until a condition is met
2 : one repetition of the series of operations in iteration

it·er·ant /ɪ.t.ə.ˈræn.t/ adjective
▼ : traveling from place to place; especially : covering a circuit <an ~ preacher>

Synonyms
errant, nomad, peripatetic, roaming, vagabond, vagrant; also drifting, footloose, meandering, rambling; sauntering, strolling, straying, walking

it·er·a·ry /ɪ.t.ə.ˈræ.re.ər.ə, -ər/ noun, plural -ar·ies
1 : the route of a journey or the proposed outline of one
2 : a travel diary
3 : GUIDEBOOK

its /ɪts/ adjective
▼ of or relating to it or itself

it·self /ɪt.ˈself/ pronoun
▼ : that identical one — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions
-ity /əˈtiː/ noun suffix
  : quality : state : degree <alkalinity>

IUD /ɪˈjʊərᵰdɛɪ/ noun
  : INTRAUTERINE DEVICE

IV /aɪˈvɛ/ noun
  [ORIGIN: intravenous]
  : an apparatus used to administer a fluid (as of nutrients) intravenously; also : a fluid administered by IV

-ive /ɪv/ adjective suffix
  : that performs or tends toward an (indicated) action <corrective>

ivo·ry /ɪˈvɔːri, ɪˈvərɪ/ noun, plural -ries
  [ORIGIN: ME ivorie, fr. AF ivoire, ivorie, fr. L eboreus of ivory, fr. ebur ivory]
  1 : the hard creamy-white material composing the tusks of an elephant or walrus
  2 : a pale yellow color
  3 : something made of ivory or of a similar substance

ivory tower noun
  1 : an impractical lack of concern with urgent problems
  2 : a place of learning

ivy /aɪˈvɛ/ noun, plural ivies
  : a trailing woody evergreen vine with small black berries that is related to ginseng

IWW abbreviation
  Industrial Workers of the World

-ize /ɪz/ verb suffix
  1 : cause to be or conform to or resemble <Americanize> : cause to be formed into <unionize>
  2 : subject to a (specified) action <satirize>
  3 : saturate, treat, or combine with <macadamize>
  4 : treat like <idolize>
  5 : become : become like <crystallize>
  6 : be productive in or of : engage in a (specified) activity <philosophize>
  7 : adopt or spread the manner of activity or the teaching of <Christianize>
J

1 j /jɛ/ noun, plural j’s or js /jæz/ often cap
   : the 10th letter of the English alphabet
   2 j abbreviation, often cap

1 jab /ˈdʒæb/ verb jabbed; jab·bing
   : to thrust quickly or abruptly : POKE

2 jab noun
   ▷ a usu. short straight punch
     Synonyms
     ▷ dab, dig, poke—more at POKE

1 jabber /ˈdʒæbər/ verb
   ▷ to talk rapidly, indistinctly, or unintelligibly : CHATTER
     Synonyms
     ▷ babble, chatter, drivel, gabble, prattle, sputter—more at BABBLE

2 jabber noun
   : unintelligible or meaningless language

jab·ber·er noun
   : one that jabbers
     Synonyms
     ▷ chatterbox, magpie, talker—more at CHATTERBOX

jab·ber·wocky /ˈdʒæbərˌwɔk/ noun
   : meaningless speech or writing
     Synonyms
     ▷ babble, gabble, gibberish, gobbledygook, hogwash, jabber, nonsense, piffle, prattle—more at GIBBERISH

ja·bot /ˈdʒæbət/ noun
   : a ruffle worn down the front of a dress or shirt

jac-a-ran-da /ˈdʒækә,.rænˈda/ noun
   : any of a genus of pinnate-leaved tropical American trees with clusters of showy blue flowers

1 jack /dʒæk/ noun
   1 : a mechanical device; especially : one used to raise a heavy body a short distance
   2 : a male donkey
   3 : a small target ball in lawn bowling
   4 ▷ : a small national flag flown by a ship
   5 : a small 6-pointed metal object used in a game (jacks)
   6 : a playing card bearing the figure of a soldier or servant
   7 : a socket into which a plug is inserted for connecting electric circuits
   8 a : an adult male human
   b : a member of a ship’s crew
     Synonyms
     ▷ banner, colors, ensign, flag, pennant, standard, streamer—more at FLAG

2 jack verb
   1 ▷ : to raise by means of a jack
   2 ▷ : to raise the level of << up prices>
     Synonyms
jack·al /'ja:kəl/ noun
[origin: Turk çakal, fr. Pers shaqāl]
: any of several mammals of Asia and Africa related to the wolves

jack·a·napes /'ja.kæˌnāpəs/ noun
1 : MONKEY, APE
2 : an impudent or conceited person

jack·ass /'jækˌæs/ noun
1 ▶ : the domestic ass : DONKEY; especially : a male donkey
2 ▶ : a stupid person
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] ass, donkey—more at DONKEY
   ▶ [2] blockhead, dolt, donkey, dope, dummy, idiot, imbecile, nitwit, numskull, simpleton—more at IDIOT

jack·boot /'būt/ noun
1 : a heavy military boot of glossy black leather extending above the knee
2 : a laceless military boot reaching to the calf

jack·daw /'læk.də/ noun
: a black and gray Old World crowlike bird

jack·et /'jækət/ noun
[origin: ME jaket, fr. AF jakés, pl., dim. of MF jaque short jacket, fr. jacques peasant, fr. the name Jacques James]
1 : a garment for the upper body usu. having a front opening, collar, and sleeves
2 ▶ : an outer covering or casing <a book ~> 
   Synonyms
   ▶ armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, pod, sheath, shell—more at CASE

Jack Frost noun
: frost or frosty weather personified

jack·ham·mer /'lækˌhæmər/ noun
: a pneumatic percussion tool for drilling rock or breaking pavement

jack·in·the·box noun, plural jack·in·the·boxes or jacks·in·the·box
: a toy consisting of a small box out of which a figure springs when the lid is raised

jack·in·the·pulpit noun, plural jack·in·the·pulpits also jacks·in·the·pulpit
: a No. American spring-flowering woodland herb having an upright club-shaped spadix arched over by a green and purple spathe

1 jackknife /'lækˌnīf/ noun
1 : a large pocketknife
2 : a dive in which the diver bends from the waist and touches the ankles before straightening out

2 jackknife verb
: to fold like a jackknife <the trailer truck jackknifed>

jack·leg /'lækˌlēg/ adjective
1 : lacking skill or training
2 : MAKESHIFT

jack·of·all·trades noun, plural jacks·of·all·trades
: one who is able to do passable work at various tasks

jack·o·lan·tern /'lækˌo ˈlænˌtərn/ noun
: a lantern made of a pumpkin cut to look like a human face

jack·pot /'lækˌpət/ noun
1 : a large sum of money formed by the accumulation of stakes from previous play (as in poker)
2 : an impressive and often unexpected success or reward

jack·rab·bit /ˌrǽbіt/ noun
: any of several large hares of western No. America with very long ears and hind legs

Jack Russell terrier /ˈjak̻rʌˌsɛl/ noun
: any of a breed of small terriers having a white coat with dark markings

jack·straw /ˈstrɔː/ noun
1 plural : a game in which straws or thin sticks are let fall in a heap and each player in turn tries to remove them one at a time without disturbing the rest
2 : one of the straws or sticks in jackstraws

jack–tar /ˈtɑːr/ noun, often cap
† : a member of a ship's crew : SAILOR

Synonyms
   ▷ gob, jack, mariner, sailor, seaman, swab, tar—more at SAILOR

Ja·cob's ladder /ˈdə.ækbəl/ noun
: any of several perennial herbs related to phlox that have pinnate leaves and blue or white bell-shaped flowers

jac·quad /ˈdɑːkərd/ noun, often cap
: a fabric of intricate variegated weave or pattern

1 jade /ˈdɑːd/ noun
1 : a broken-down, vicious, or worthless horse
2 : a disreputable woman

2 jade verb jad·ed, jad·ing
1 : to wear out by overwork or abuse
2 ▷ : to become weary esp. through repetition or excess

   Synonyms
      ▷ bore, tire, weary—more at BORE

3 jade noun
[origin: F, fr. obs. Sp (piedra de la) ijava, lit., loin stone; fr. the belief that jade cures renal colic]
: a usu. green gemstone that takes a high polish

jad·ed adjective
▷ : fatigued by overwork; also : made dull, apathetic, or cynical by experience or by surfeit

   Synonyms
      ▷ beat, bushed, dead, drained, limp, prostrate, spent, tired, weary, worn-out—more at WEARY

1 jag /læg/ noun
: a sharp projecting part

2 jag noun
: SPREE

jag·ged /ˈlægd/ adjective
▷ : sharply notched

   Synonyms
      ▷ broken, craggy, ragged, scraggly—more at RAGGED

jag·uar /ˈlæɡwɑːr/ noun
: a black-spotted tropical American cat that is larger and stockier than the Old World leopard

jai alai /ˈhɑɪˌlай/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. Basque, fr. jai festival + alai merry]
: a court game played by usu. two or four players with a ball and a curved wicker basket strapped to the wrist

1 jail /dʒɔːl/ noun
[origin: ME jaiole, fr. AF gaiole, jaiole, fr. LL caveola, dim. of L cavea cage]
a place of confinement for persons held in lawful custody: prison; especially: such a place for the confinement of persons awaiting trial or those convicted of minor crimes

**Synonyms**
- pen, prison; also bull pen; concentration camp, prison camp; dungeon, keep; reformatory, reform school

**jail** verb
- to confine in or as if in a jail

**Synonyms**
- commit, confine, immure, imprison—more at imprison

**jail**-bird /

**jail**-break /

**jail**-er also jail- or /

**jal**-ap /n noun
- a powdered purgative drug from the root of a Mexican plant related to the morning glory; also: this root or plant

**jal**-ap**-**ño /n noun
- a small plump dark green chili pepper

**jal**-opy / noun, plural **jal**-o-pies
- a dilapidated vehicle (as an automobile)

**jal**-o-sie / noun
[origin: F, lit., jealousy]—a blind, window, or door with adjustable horizontal slats or louvers

**jam** verb jammed; jam- ming
1: to press into a close or tight position; also: to become blocked or wedged
2: to cause to become wedged so as to be unworkable; also: to make or become unworkable through the jamming of a movable part
3: to push forcibly <~ on the brakes>
4: crush, bruise
5: to make unintelligible by sending out interfering signals or messages
6: to take part in a jam session
7: to fill often to excess

— **jam**-mer noun

**Synonyms**
- cram, crowd, ram, sandwich, squeeze, stuff, wedge—more at crowd
- block, choke, clog, close, congest, dam, obstruct, plug, stop, stuff—more at clog

**jam** noun
1: a crowded mass that impedes or blocks <traffic ~> 
2: a difficult state of affairs

**Synonyms**
- corner, fix, hole, pickle, predicament, spot—more at predicament

**jam** noun
- a food made by boiling fruit and sugar to a thick consistency

**Jam** abbreviation
- Jamaica

**Ja**-ma**i**-can / noun
- a native or inhabitant of Jamaica

— **Jamaican** adjective
**jamb** /jam/** noun**  
[ORIGIN: ME *jambe*, fr. AF *jambe*, gambe, lit., leg]  
: an upright piece forming the side of an opening (as of a door)

**jam-ba-laya** /jam ba lay/** noun**  
[ORIGIN: LaF]  
: rice cooked with ham, sausage, chicken, shrimp, or oysters and seasoned with herbs

**jam-bo-ree** /jam bo re/** noun**  
: a large festive gathering

**James** /jæmz/** noun**  
: a moral lecture addressed to early Christians and included as a book in the New Testament

**jam-pack** /jæm pak/** verb**  
▷ to pack tightly or to excess  
— **Synonyms**  
  ▷ charge, cram, fill, heap, jam, load, pack, stuff—more at FILL

**jam session** **noun**  
: an impromptu performance esp. by jazz musicians

**Jan** **abbreviation** January

**jangle** /ˈjæŋɡəl/** verb** jangled; jangling  
: to make a harsh or discordant sound  
— **jangle** **noun**

**janitor** /ˈdʒænətər/** noun**  
[ORIGIN: L, doorkeeper, fr. Janus arch, gate]  
1 ▷ a person who has the care of a building  
2 : a person who tends a door  
— **Janitorial** **adjective**  
— **Synonyms**  
  ▷ caretaker, custodian, guardian, keeper, warden, watchman—more at CUSTODIAN

**January** /ˈdʒænəri/** noun**  
: the 1st month of the year

1 **Japan** /ˈdʒæpən/** noun**  
: a varnish giving a hard brilliant finish

2 **Japan** **verb** ja-panned; ja-pan-ning  
: to cover with a coat of Japan

**Japanese** /ˈdʒæpənɪs/** noun**, **plural** Japanese  
1 : a native or inhabitant of Japan  
2 : the language of Japan  
— **Japanese** **adjective**

**Japanese beetle** **noun**  
: a small metallic green and brown scarab beetle introduced from Japan that is a pest on the roots of grasses as a grub and on foliage and fruits as an adult

1 **jape** /jæp/** verb** japed; japing  
  1 : *JOKE*  
  2 : MOCK

2 **jape** **noun**
jar /ˈdär/ verb jarred; jar·ring
1 : to make a harsh or discordant sound
2 : to have a harsh or disagreeable effect
3 : VIBRATE, SHAKE
   Synonyms
   clash, collide, conflict—more at CLASH

jar noun
1 : a state of conflict
2 : a harsh discordant sound
3 : a sudden or unexpected shake : JOLT
4 : a painful effect : SHOCK
   Synonyms
   bump, collision, concussion, crash, impact, jolt, shock, smash, strike, wallop—more at IMPACT

jar noun
: a widemouthed container usu. of glass or earthenware

jar·di·niere /järˈdiˌner/ noun
: an ornamental stand for plants or flowers

jar·gon /ˈjar.gən/ noun
1 : confused unintelligible language
2 : the special vocabulary of a particular group or activity
3 : obscure and often pretentious language
   Synonyms
   argot, cant, language, lingo, slang, terminology, vocabulary—more at TERMINOLOGY

Jas abbreviation
James

jas·mine /ˈjaz.mən/ noun
: any of various climbing shrubs with fragrant flowers

jas·per /ˈjas.pər/ noun
: a usu. red, yellow, or brown opaque quartz

jaun·dice /ˈdənˌdis/ noun
1 : yellowish discoloration of skin, tissues, and body fluids by bile pigments; also : an abnormal condition marked by jaundice
2 : a state or attitude characterized by satiety, distaste, or hostility

jaun·diced /ˈdənst/ adjective
1 : affected with or as if with jaundice
2 : exhibiting envy, distaste, or hostility
   Synonyms
   covetous, envious, jealous, resentful—more at ENVIOUS
   antagonistic, hostile, inhospitable, inimical, negative, unfriendly, unsympathetic—more at HOSTILE

jaunt /jənt/ noun
1 : a short trip usu. for pleasure
   Synonyms
   excursion, junket, outing, sally—more at EXCURSION

jaun·ti·ly /ˈdəntəˌli/ adverb
1 : in a light or carefree manner
   Synonyms
   exuberantly, gaily, sprightly—more at GAILY
jaun·ty /ˈjoun·tē/ adjective jaun·ti·er; -est
▶ : sprightly in manner or appearance : LIVELY
— jaun·ti·ness /ˈjoun·tē·nēs/ noun

Synonyms
▶ active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, lively, snappy, spirited, sprightly, springy—more at LIVELY

Ja·va·nese /ja·va·nēz/ jā·ˈnēz/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of the Indonesian island of Java

ev·en·ly /ˈje·ve·nēl/ noun

jap·ane·se /ja·pa·nēz/ noun

Jap·an·ese /ja·pa·nēz/ jā·ˈpā·nēz/ noun

jav·e·lin /ˈjä·vel·ən/ noun
1 : a light spear
2 : a slender shaft thrown for distance in a track-and-field contest

jaw /ˈjä/ noun
1 : either of the bony or cartilaginous structures that support the soft tissues enclosing the mouth and that usu. bear teeth
2 : the parts forming the walls of the mouth and serving to open and close it — usu. used in pl.
3 : one of a pair of movable parts for holding or crushing something
— jawed /ˈjäd/ adjective

jaw verb
▶ : to talk abusively, indignantly, or at length

Synonyms
▶ berate, castigate, chew out, lambaste, lecture, rail, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, upbraid—more at SCOLD
▶ babble, chat, chatter, gab, gas, prattle, run on, talk—more at CHAT

jawbone /ˈjo·bōn/ noun

jávee /ˈjā·vē/ noun
1 : JUNIOR VARSITY
2 : a member of a junior varsity team

jaw·walk /ˈjä·wōk/ verb
▶ : to cross a street carelessly without regard for traffic regulations
— jaw·walk·er noun

jazz /ˈjas/ noun
1 : American music characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and contrapuntal ensemble playing
2 ▶ : empty talk
3 : similar but unspecified things : STUFF
Synonyms
- bunk, claptrap, drivel, gibberish, hogwash, nonsense, piffle, prattle, rot—more at GIBBERISH

jazz verb
- : to increase the appeal or excitement of: ENLIVEN (~ things up)
  Synonyms
  - usually jazz up animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE

jazzy /ˈa-zər/ adjective jazz·i·ver; -est
1 : having the characteristics of jazz
2 : marked by unrestraint, animation, or flashiness
  Synonyms
  - active, animate, animated, flashy, jaunty, lively, racy, sharp, smart, snappy, spirited, sprightly

JCS abbreviation
joint chiefs of staff

jct abbreviation
junction

JD abbreviation
1 [ORIGIN L juris doctor] doctor of jurisprudence; doctor of law
2 [ORIGIN L jurum doctor] doctor of laws
3 justice department
4 juvenile delinquent

jealous /ˈe-ləs/ adjective
1 : demanding complete devotion
2 : hostile toward a rival or of one believed to enjoy an advantage
3 : VIGILANT
— jealous·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  - covetous, envious, jaundiced, resentful—more at ENVIOUS

jealous·ly /ˈe-lə-sē/ noun
1 : a jealous disposition, attitude, or feeling
2 : zealous vigilance
  Synonyms
  - covetousness, enviousness, envy, resentment—more at ENVY

jeans /ˈjeinz/ noun plural
[ORIGIN: pl. of jean twilled cloth, short for jean fustian, fr. ME Gene Genoa, Italy] : pants made of durable twilled cotton cloth

jeep /ˈjēp/ noun
[ORIGIN: prob. fr. g.p. (abbr. of general purpose)] : a small four-wheel drive general-purpose motor vehicle used in World War II

jeer /ˈjir/ verb
- : to speak or cry out in derision: MOCK
  Synonyms
  - deride, gibe, laugh, mock, ridicule, scout—more at RIDICULE

2 jeer noun
- a jeering remark or sound: TAUNT
  Synonyms
  - boo, catcall, hiss, hoot, raspberry, snort, taunt—more at CATCALL

Je·ho·vah /ˈhē-ə-va/ noun
- : the supreme or ultimate reality
Synonyms
▪ Almighty, deity, Supreme Being

je·hu /'jē.hū, .hú/noun
▪ a driver of a coach or cab

je·ju·num /'jē.ju.nəm/noun
[origin: L]
▪ the section of the small intestine between the duodenum and the ileum

je·ju·nal /'jē.ju.nəl/adj

jell /'jel/verb
1 ▪ to come to the consistency of jelly
2 ▪ to take shape

Synonyms
▪ [1] clot, coagulate, congeal, gel, set—more at COAGULATE
▪ [2] crystallize, form, shape, solidify

1 jelly /'je.lē/noun, plural jellies
1 : a food with a soft elastic consistency due usu. to the presence of gelatin or pectin; especially : a fruit product made by boiling sugar and the juice of a fruit
2 : a substance resembling jelly

2 jelly verb
▪ to bring to or come to the consistency of jelly

jelly bean noun
▪ a bean-shaped candy

jel·ly·fish /'je.lē.fish/noun
▪ a marine coelenterate with a nearly transparent jellylike body and stinging tentacles

jennet /'jē.net/noun
1 : a small Spanish horse
2 : a female donkey

jenny /'jē.nē/noun, plural jennies
▪ a female bird or donkey

jeop·ar·dize /'diz/verb
▪ to expose to danger or risk

Synonyms
▪ adventure, compromise, gamble, hazard, imperil, menace, risk, venture

jeop·ar·dy /'dār.dā/noun
[origin: ME jeopardie, fr. AF juparti, jeuparti alternative, lit., divided game]
▪ exposure to death, loss, or injury

Synonyms
▪ danger, distress, peril, risk, trouble—more at DANGER

Jer abbreviation
Jeremiah; Jeremias

jer·e·mi·ad /'jē.rē.mi.ad/ noun
▪ a prolonged lamentation or complaint; also : a cautionary or angry harangue

Jer·e·mi·ah /'jēr.e.mi.a/noun
▪ a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture
Jer·e·mi·as /ˈjer-ə-mi-əs/ noun
: JEREMIAH

1 jerk /ˈjɜrk/ noun
1 ▶: a short quick pull or twist: TWITCH
2 ▶: an annoyingly stupid or foolish person
— jerk·i·ly /ˈjɜrk-ə-lē/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] draw, haul, pluck, pull, tug, twitch, wrench—more at PULL
▶ [2] beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake; also brute, Neanderthal, savage; rascal, rogue, scamp, villain; fool, jackass, nitwit, nincompoop; blockhead, dolt, goon, idiot

2 jerk verb
1 ▶: to give a sharp quick push, pull, or twist
2 ▶: to move in short abrupt motions

Synonyms
▶ [1] buck, hitch, jolt, twitch; also jounce, lurch, stagger; shake, jiggle; lug, pull, tug; pluck, tweak; grab, snap, snatch, wrench, wrest, wring
▶ [2] fiddle, fidget, squirm, toss, twitch, wiggle—more at FIDGET

jer·kin /ˈjar-kan/ noun
: a close-fitting usu. sleeveless jacket

jerk·wa·ter /ˈjɜrk-wa-tər/ adjective
[origin: fr. jerkwater rural train]
: of minor importance: INsignificant <~ towns>

jerky /ˈjar-kē/ adjective
1 : moving along with or marked by fits and starts
2 : lacking in sense, judgment, or discretion

jer·ry–built /ˈjar-rē-bilt/ adjective
: built cheaply and flimsily

jer·ry–rigged /ˈjar-rē-rigd/ adjective
: organized or constructed in a crude or improvised manner

jer·sey /ˈjær-zē/ noun, plural jerseys
[origin: Jersey, one of the Channel islands]
1 : a plain weft-knitted fabric
2 : a close-fitting knitted shirt
3 often cap: any of a breed of small usu. fawn-colored dairy cattle

Jersey barrier noun
: a concrete slab that is used with others to block or reroute traffic or to divide a highway

Je·ru·sa·lem artichoke /ˈjər-ə-sə-ləm/ noun
: a No. American sunflower widely grown for its edible tubers that are used as a vegetable; also: its tubers

jess /jes/ noun
: a leg strap by which a captive bird of prey may be controlled

jessamine variant of JASMINE

1 jest /jest/ noun
1 ▶: an act intended to provoke laughter
2 ▶: a witty remark
3 ▶: a frivolous mood <said in ~> 

Synonyms
▶ [1, 2] crack, gag, joke, laugh, pleasantry, quip, sally, waggery, wisecrack, witticism—more at JOKE
[3] fun, game, play, sport—more at FUN

jest verb
: to speak or act without seriousness or in a frivolous manner; also: to make a witty remark
  Syonyms
  > banter, fool, fun, jive, joke, josh, kid, quip, wisecrack—more at JOKE

jest·er /ˈjestər/ noun
: a retainer formerly kept to provide casual entertainment; broadly: one given to jests
  Syonyms
  > card, comedian, comic, humorist, joker, wag, wit—more at HUMORIST

1 jet /jet/ noun
: a velvet-black coal that takes a good polish and is often used for jewelry
  2 jet verb jet·ted; jet·ting
  : to spout or emit in a stream
  Syonyms
  > gush, pour, rush, spew, spout, spurt, squirt—more at GUSH

3 jet noun
  1: a forceful rush (as of liquid or gas) through a narrow opening; also: a nozzle for a jet of fluid
  2: a jet-propelled airplane

4 jet verb jet·ted; jet·ting
  : to travel by jet

jet lag noun
: a condition that is marked esp. by fatigue and irritability and occurs following a long flight through several time zones
  — jet–lagged adjective

jet·lin·er /ˌjetˈlaɪnər/ noun
: a jet-propelled airliner

jet·port /ˈjetpɔrt/ noun
: an airport designed to handle jets

jet–pro·pelled /ˌjetproˈpəld/ adjective
: driven by an engine (jet engine) that produces propulsion (jet propulsion) by the rearward discharge of a jet of fluid (as heated air and exhaust gases)

jet·sam /ˈjetˌsmən/ noun
: jettisoned goods; especially: such goods washed ashore

jet set noun
: an international group of wealthy people who frequent fashionable resorts

jet stream noun
: a long narrow high-altitude current of high-speed winds blowing generally from the west

1 jettison /ˈjetəsən/ verb
  1: to throw (goods) overboard to lighten a ship or aircraft in distress
  2: to get rid of as superfluous or encumbering : DISCARD
  Syonyms
  > cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, junk, lose, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload
  —more at DISCARD

2 jettison noun
: a voluntary sacrifice of cargo to lighten a ship's load in time of distress

jet·ty /ˈjetə/ noun, plural jetties
  1: a pier built to influence the current or to protect a harbor
2 a landing wharf

**Synonyms**
- dock, float, landing, levee, pier, quay, wharf—more at **dock**

**jeu d'esprit** /zhö̃ dəs-prop/ noun, plural **jeux d'esprit** /same/
[origin: F, lit., play of the mind]
: a witty comment or composition

**Jew** /jū/ noun
1 : **ISRAELITE**
2 : one whose religion is Judaism
   — **Jew-ish** adjective
   
   1 **jewel** /joo-əl/ noun
      [origin: ME juel, fr. AF, dim. of ju, jeu game, play, fr. L jocus game, joke]
      1 : an ornament of precious metal
      2 : a precious stone : **GEMSTONE**
      3 : one that is highly esteemed
         **Synonyms**
         - [2] brilliant, gem, gemstone—more at **GEM**
         - [3] boast, credit, glory, honor, pride, treasure—more at **GLORY**
         - [3] catch, gem, pearl, plum, prize, treasure—more at **PRIZE**

   2 **jewel** verb -eled or -elled; -el-ing or -el-ling
      : to adorn or equip with jewels

**jewel box** noun
: a thin plastic case for a CD or DVD

**jew-el-er or jew-el-ler** /joo-ə-lər/ noun
: a person who makes or deals in jewelry and related articles

**jew-el-ery** chiefly British variant of **JEWELRY**

**jewel box** /joo-əl/ noun
: JEWELED; especially : objects of precious metal set with gems and worn for personal adornment

**Jew-ry** /joo-re/ noun
: the Jewish people

**jg** abbreviation
junior grade

1 **jib** /jib/ noun
: a triangular sail set on a line running from the bow to the mast

2 **jib** verb jibbed; jib-bing
   : to refuse to proceed further

1 **jibe** variant of **GIBE**

2 **jibe** /jib/ verb jibed; jib-ing
   : to be in accord : **AGREE**

   **Synonyms**
   - accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, square, tally—more at **CHECK**

**ji-ca-ma** /hē-ka-ma/ noun
: an edible starchy tuber of a tropical American vine of the legume family

**jif-fy** /jif-ee/ noun, plural jiffies
   : a small portion or point of time : **MOMENT**, **INSTANT** <I'll be ready in a ~>
1. **jig** /jɪɡ/ noun
   1: a lively dance in triple rhythm
   2: a crafty procedure or practice meant to deceive or defraud: TRICK <the ~ is up>
   3: a device used to hold work during manufacture or assembly

   **Synonyms**
   - artifice, device, dodge, gimmick, ploy, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at TRICK

2. **jig** verb **jigged; jig·ging**
   : to dance a jig
   
   **jig·ger** /ˈdʒiːɡər/ noun
   1: a measure usu. holding 1 to 2 ounces (30 to 60 milliliters) used in mixing drinks
   2: an often small mechanical or electronic device with a practical use but often thought of as a novelty

   **Synonyms**
   - contraption, contrivance, gadget, gimmick, gizmo—more at GADGET

3. **jig·gle** /ˈdʒɪɡl/ verb **jig·gled; jig·gling**
   : to move with quick little jerks
   
   **jig·saw** /ˈdʒɪɡsɔː/ noun
   : a machine saw with a narrow vertically reciprocating blade for cutting curved lines

4. **jigsaw puzzle** noun
   : a puzzle consisting of small irregularly cut pieces to be fitted together to form a picture

5. **ji·had** /jɪˈhæd, ˈhæd/ noun
   1: a Muslim holy war
   2: a reforming enterprise undertaken with zeal

6. **jilt** /jɪlt/ verb
   : to drop (a lover) capriciously or unfeelingly
   
   **jilt** noun
   : one who jilts a lover

7. **jim crow** /ˈdʒɪm ˈkrɔː/ noun, often cap J&C
   : discrimination against blacks esp. by legal enforcement or traditional sanctions

   **jim crow·ism** /ˈdʒɪm ˈkrɔː ɪzəm/ noun, often cap J&C

8. **jim–dandy** /ˈdʒɪm ˈdændi/ noun
   : something excellent of its kind

   **Synonyms**
   - beauty, crackerjack, dandy, knockout, pip; also marvel, wonder; gem, jewel, treasure

9. **jim–dandy** adjective
   : fine or wonderful of its kind

10. **jim·mies** /ˈdʒɪmɪz/ noun plural
    : tiny rod-shaped bits of usu. chocolate-flavored candy often sprinkled on ice cream

11. **jimmy** /ˈdʒɪmɪ/ noun, plural jimmys
    : a small crowbar

12. **jimmy** verb **jim·mied; jim·my·ing**
    : to force open with a jimmy

   **Synonyms**
   - prize, pry—more at PRY
jim·son·weed ˈjem-sən-ˌwěd noun, often cap
: a coarse poisonous weed related to the tomato that has large trumpet-shaped white or violet flowers

1 jingle ˈjin-gəl verb jingled; jingling
: to make a light clinking or tinkling sound
   Synonyms
   — chink, tinkle; also clack, clang, clank; clatter, rattle; jangle, ping, ring

2 jingle noun
   1 : a light clinking or tinkling sound
   2 : a short verse or song with catchy repetition
      Synonyms
      — lay, lyric, song, vocal—more at song

jin·go·ism ˈjin-gə-ˌiz-əm noun
: extreme chauvinism or nationalism marked esp. by a belligerent foreign policy
   — jingo·ist ˌjingo-ist noun
   — jingo·is·tic ˌjingo-ə-tik adjective

jin·rik·sha ˈjin-rək-sha noun
: RICKSHA

1 jinx ˈjinks noun
: one that brings bad luck

2 jinx verb
: to foredoom to failure or misfortune

jit·ney ˈjit-nē noun, plural jitneys
: a small bus that serves a regular route on a flexible schedule

jit·ter·bug ˈjit-ər-bug noun
: a dance in which couples two-step, balance, and twirl vigorously in standardized patterns
   — jitterbug verb

jit·ters ˈjit-ərz noun plural
: extreme nervousness
   Synonyms
   — dither, shakes, shivers, willies; also cold sweat; anxiety, fear, hysteria; frazzle, nervous breakdown

jit·tery ˈjit-ər-ē adjective
   1 : suffering from the jitters
   2 : marked by jittering movements
      Synonyms
      — excitable, flighty, fluttery, high-strung, jumpy, nervous, skittish, spooky—more at excitABLE
      — aflutter, anxious, edgy, jumpy, nervous, nery, perturbed, tense, troubled, uneasy, upset, worried—more at NERVOUS

1 jive ˈjiv noun
: swing music or dancing performed to it

2 jive verb jived; jiv·ing
   1 : to persuade with flattery or gentle urging esp. in the face of reluctance: TEASE; also: kid around
   2 : to dance to or play jive
      Synonyms
      — chaff, josh, kid, rally, razz, rib, ride, roast, tease—more at TEASE

Jn or Jno abbreviation
John
job /ˈjäb/ noun
1: a piece of work
2 : something that has to be done: TASK; also: a specific duty, role, or function
3 : a regular remunerative position
   — job-less adjective

Synonyms
   ▶ [2] assignment, chore, duty, stint, task—more at CHORE
   ▶ [2] assignment, charge, mission, operation, post—more at MISSION
   ▶ [3] appointment, billet, capacity, function, place, position, post, situation; also business, employment, occupation, profession; work; office, spot; calling, pursuit, vocation; line, racket; engagement; livelihood, living; assignment, mission, task

job verb jobbed; job·bing
1: to do occasional pieces of work for hire
2: to hire or let by the job

Job /jɔb/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

job action noun
: a protest action by workers to force compliance with demands

job·ber /ˈjäbər/ noun
1: a person who buys goods and then sells them to other dealers: MIDDLEMAN
2: a person who does work by the job

job·hold·er /ˈjäbˌhōldər/ noun
: one having a regular job

Synonyms
   ▶ employee, hand, hireling, worker—more at EMPLOYEE

jock /jäk/ noun
[Origin: Jockstrap]
: ATHLETE; especially: a college athlete

1 jockey /ˈjäkˌkä/ noun, plural jockeys
: one who rides a horse esp. as a professional in a race

2 jockey verb jock-eyed; jock·ey·ing
: to maneuver or manipulate by adroit or devious means

jock·strap /ˈjäkˌsträp/ noun
[Origin: E slang jock penis]
: ATHLETIC SUPPORTER

jo·cose /ˌjöˈkōs/ adjective
: given to joking: MERRY; also: characterized by joking

jo·c·u·lar /ˌjōˈkə-lər/ adjective
: marked by jesting: PLAYFUL
   — jo·c·u·lar·i·ty /ˌjōˈkə-lər·ē-tē/ noun
   — jo·c·u·lar·ly adverb

Synonyms
   ▶ clever, facetious, humorous, playful, smart, witty—more at WITTY

jo·cund /ˈjōˌkənd/ adjective
: marked by mirth or cheerfulness

Synonyms
blithe, boon, festive, gay, gleeful, jolly, jovial, merry, mirthful, sunny—more at MERRY

jodh·pur /ˈjadˌpər/ noun
1 plural : riding breeches loose above the knee and tight-fitting below
2 : an ankle-high boot fastened with a strap

Joe Blow /ˈjəʊ/ noun
: an average or ordinary man

Jo·el /ˈjoʊəl/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

Joe Six–Pack /ˈjəʊ/ noun
: a blue-collar worker

1 jog /jɒg/ verb jogged; jogging
1 : to give a slight shake or push to
2 : to go at a slow monotonous pace
3 : to run or ride at a slow trot
4 : to move up and down or about with a short heavy motion
— jog·ger noun

Synonyms
bob, bobble, jounce, nod, pump, seesaw—more at NOD

2 jog noun
1 : a slight shake
2 : a jogging movement or pace

3 jog noun
1 : a projecting or retreating part of a line or surface
2 : a brief abrupt change in direction

jog·gle /ˈdʒəɡəl/ verb jog·gled; jog·gling
: to shake slightly
— joggle noun

john /jɔn/ noun
1 : TOILET
2 : a prostitute's client

John /jɔn/ noun
1 : the fourth Gospel in the New Testament
2 : any of three short didactic letters addressed to early Christians and included in the New Testament

john·ny /ˈdʒʌndi/ noun, plural johnnies
: a short-sleeved gown opening in the back that is worn by hospital patients

John·ny–jump–up /ˈdʒʌnˌjʌmpˌʌp/ noun
: any of various small-flowered cultivated pansies

joie de vi·vre /ˈʒwɑː_ˌda_ˌvɛvr/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: keen enjoyment of life

join /jɔn/ verb
1 : to come or bring together so as to form a unit
2 : to come or bring into close association
3 : to become a member of
4 : to lie next to or in contact with : ADJOIN
5 : to take part in a collective activity

Synonyms
[1] associate, coalesce, combine, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, link, marry, unify, unite—more at UNITE
join·er /ˈjoɪnər/ noun
1 : a worker who constructs articles by joining pieces of wood
2 : a gregarious person who joins many organizations

joint /jɔɪnt/ noun
1 : the point of contact between bones of an animal skeleton with the parts that surround and support it
2 : a cut of meat suitable for roasting
3 : a place where two things or parts are connected
4 : a place of business or residence with its furnishings and staff : establishment; especially : a shabby or disreputable establishment
5 : a marijuana cigarette
— joint·ed adjective

Synonyms
connection, coupling, junction, juncture; also crux, link, tie; intersection; abutment, articulation; seam, suture; confluence, confluence, meeting; union

joint adjective
1 : acting in concert : United
2 : common to two or more
— joint·ly adverb

Synonyms
collective, common, communal, concerted, conjoint, mutual, public, united—more at collective

joint verb
1 : to unite by or provide with a joint
2 : to separate the joints of

joist /ˈjoʊist/ noun
: any of the small beams ranged parallel from wall to wall in a building to support a floor or ceiling

joke /jɑk/ noun
1 : something said or done to provoke laughter; especially : a brief narrative with a humorous climax

Synonyms
antic, buffoonery, caper, prank; caricature, lampoon, parody, put-on; banter, persiflage, raillery, repartee; facetiousness, humorousness; barb, humor, wit, wordplay

2 joke verb joked; joking
1 : to make jokes
— joking·ly adverb

Synonyms
banter, fool, fun, jest, jive, josh, kid, quip, wisecrack; also chaff, mock, rally, razz, rib, ridicule, tease; caricature, lampoon, parody, satirize; amuse, divert, entertain

joker /ˈjoʊ.kər/ noun
1 : a person who jokes
2 : an extra card used in some card games
3 : a misleading part of an agreement that works to one party's disadvantage
4 a : an adult male human
   b : an insignificant, obnoxious, or incompetent person

Synonyms
[1] card, comedian, comic, humorist, jester, wag, wit—more at humorist
[4b] beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, louse, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at jerk

jol·li·fi·ca·tion /ˈjoʊ.li fe.kə.fən/ noun
1 : a festive celebration
Synonyms

 conviviality, festivity, gaiety, merriment, merrymaking, revelry—more at MERRYMAKING

jol·li·ty /jəˈli.tē/ noun, plural -ties
: the quality or state of being jolly: GAIETY, MERRIMENT

jol·ly /ˈjə lē/ adjective jol·li·er, -est
: full of high spirits: MERRY

Synonyms

 blithe, boon, festive, gay, gleeful, jocund, jovial, merry, mirthful, sunny—more at MERRY

1 jolt /jōlt/ verb
1 : to give a quick hard knock or blow to
2 : to move with a sudden jerky motion
3 : to disturb the composure of
— jolt·er noun

Synonyms

[2] agitate, convulse, jounce, quake, quiver, shake, shudder, vibrate, wobble—more at SHAKE
[2] buck, hitch, jerk, twitch—more at JERK
[3] appall, bowl, floor, shake up, shock—more at SHOCK

2 jolt noun
1 : an abrupt jerky blow or movement
2 : a sudden shock

Synonyms

[1] bump, collision, concussion, crash, impact, jar, shock, smash, strike, wallop—more at IMPACT
[2] bolt, bombshell, jar, surprise—more at SURPRISE

Jon abbreviation
Jonah; Jonas

Jo·nah /joˈnah/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

Jo·nas /joˈnas/ noun
: JONAH

1 jones /jōnz/ noun
1 slang : addiction to heroin
2 slang : HEROIN
3 slang : a craving for something

2 jones verb, slang
: to have a craving for something

jon·gleur /zhōnˈgler/ noun
: an itinerant medieval minstrel

jon·quil /jənˈkwil/ noun
[ORIGIN: Fr jonquille, fr. Sp junquillo, dim. of junco reed, fr. L juncus]
: a narcissus with fragrant clustered white or yellow flowers

Jor·da·ni·an /ˈjor dəˌné an/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Jordan
— Jordanian adjective

josh /ˈjōsh/ verb
: to tease good-naturedly; also : JOKE

Synonyms

 chaff, jive, kid, rally, razz, rib, ride, roast, tease—more at TEASE
 banter, fool, fun, jest, jive, joke, kid, quip, wisecrack—more at JOKE
Josh abbreviation
Joshua

Joshua /ˈʃuːə/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

Joshua tree noun
: a tall branched yucca of the southwestern U.S.

Jos·tle /ˈʃoʊtl/ verb Jos·tled; Jos·tling
1 : to come in contact or into collision
2 : to make one's way by pushing and shoving

Jos·ue /ˈʃuːə/ noun
: JOSHUA

Jot /jɒt/ noun
1 : the least bit : IOTA
   Synonyms
   hoot, iota, lick, modicum, rap, tittle, whit; also ace, bit, crumb, dab, driblet, glimmer, hint, little, mite, nip, ounce, peanuts, ray, scruple, shade, shadow, shred, smidgen, snap, speck, spot, sprinkling, strain, streak, suspicion, touch, trace

2 Jot verb Jot·ted; Jot·ting
1 : to write briefly and hurriedly
   Synonyms
   usually jot down log, mark, note, put down, record, register, set down—more at RECORD

Jot·ting /ˈʃoʊtɪŋ/ noun
: a brief note

Joule /ˈjuːl/ noun
: a unit of work or energy equal to the work done by a force of one newton acting through a distance of one meter

Jounce /ˈdʌns/ verb Jounced; Jounc·ing
1 : to move or cause to move in an up-and-down manner : JOLT
   — Jounce noun
   Synonyms
   agitate, convulse, jolt, quake, quiver, shake, shudder, vibrate, wobble—more at SHAKE

Jour abbreviation
1 journal
2 journeyman

Journal /ˈdʒɜːrlən/ noun
[origin: ME, service book containing the day hours, fr. AF jurnal, fr. jurnal daily, fr. L diurnalis, fr. dies day]
1 : a brief account of daily events
2 : a record of proceedings (as of a legislative body)
3 : a periodical (as a newspaper) dealing esp. with current events
4 : the part of a rotating axle or spindle that turns in a bearing
   Synonyms
   magazine, organ, paper, review; also annual, bimonthly, biweekly, daily, monthly, quarterly, semimonthly, semweekly, weekly, yearbook; broadside, extra, sheet, tabloid

Journal·ese /ˈdʒʊrnl.ɛs/ noun
: a style of writing held to be characteristic of newspapers

Journal·ism /ˈdʒɜːrlən.i.zəm/ noun
1 : the business of writing for, editing, or publishing periodicals (as newspapers)
2 : writing designed for or characteristic of newspapers
   — Journal·ist /ˈdʒʊrnl.ɪst/ noun
jour·nal·is·tic /ˈdʒərnəlis̩tɪk/ adjective

jour·ney /ˈdʒɜrn̩i/ noun, plural journeys
[Origin: ME, fr. OF journey day's journey, fr. jour day]
✓: a traveling from one place to another

Synonyms
✓ expedition, passage, peregrination, trek, trip; also errand, excursion, flight, hop, jaunt, junket, outing, sally, tour; cruise, sail, voyage; drive, ride, spin; odyssey, pilgrimage, progress, quest, safari

jour·ney·man /ˈmæn/ noun
1: a worker who has learned a trade and works for another person
2: an experienced reliable worker

jour·ney·man
1 joust /jou̅st/ verb
✓: to engage in a joust

2 joust noun
✓: a combat on horseback between two knights with lances esp. as part of a tournament

jo·vial /jəˈvēəl/ adjective
✓: marked by good humor

Synonyms
✓ blithe, boon, festive, gay, gleeful, jocund, jolly, merry, mirthful, sunny

jo·vi·al·i·ty /jəˈvēəlaˌti/ noun
✓: the quality or state of being jovial

Synonyms
✓ cheer, cheerfulness, festivity, glee, hilarity, merriment, mirth, mirthfulness

jo·vi·al·ly adverb
✓: in a jovial manner

Synonyms
✓ cheerfully, gaily, happily, heartily, merrily, mirthfully

jowl /aʊl(ə)/ noun
✓: loose flesh about the lower jaw or throat

2 jowl noun
1: the lower jaw
2: CHEEK

joy /dʒɔi/ noun
1 ✓: a feeling of happiness that comes from success, good fortune, or a sense of well-being
2 ✓: a source of happiness

Synonyms
✓ [1] blessedness, bliss, felicity, gladness, happiness
✓ [2] delectation, delight, kick, manna, pleasure, treat

joy verb
✓: to experience great pleasure or delight: REJOICE

joy·ful /fəl/ adjective
✓: experiencing, causing, or showing joy

Synonyms

joy·ful·ly adverb

Joyful
✓ blissful, delighted, glad, happy, pleased
joy·less adjective
1: not experiencing joy
2: not inspiring or causing joy

joy·ous /jōˈəs/ adjective
experiencing, causing, or showing joy: JOYFUL
— joy·ous·ly adverb
— joy·ous·ness noun

joy·ride /jōˈrid/ noun
: a ride for pleasure often marked by reckless driving
— joyride verb
— joy·rid·er noun
— joy·rid·ing noun

joy·stick /ˈdʒō.stiŋk/ noun
: a control device (as for a computer display) consisting of a lever capable of motion in two or more directions

JP abbreviation
1 jet propulsion
2 justice of the peace

JPEG /ˈjəˌpēdʒ/ noun
[origin: Joint Photographic Experts Group]
: a computer file format for usu. high-quality digital images

Jr abbreviation
junior
jt or jnt abbreviation
joint

ju·bi·lant /ˌjūˌbəˈlant/ adjective
[origin: L jubilans, prp. of jubilare to rejoice]
1: filled with or expressing great joy or triumph: EXULTANT
— ju·bi·lant·ly adverb

Synonyms
exultant, rejoicing, triumphant—more at EXULTANT

ju·bi·la·tion /ˌjūˌbəˈlāˈshən/ noun
: EXULTATION

ju·bi·lee /ˌjūˌbəˈlē, ˈjūˌbəˈlē/ noun
1: a 50th anniversary
2: a season or occasion of celebration

Synonyms
carnival, celebration, festival, festivity, fete, fiesta, gala—more at FESTIVAL

ju·co /ˈjūˌkō/ noun, plural jucos
: JUNIOR COLLEGE: also: an athlete at a junior college

Jud abbreviation
Judith

Ju·da·ic /ˈjūˌdä.ɪk/ also Ju·da·i·cal /ˈdä.əˌkəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of Jews or Judaism

Ju·da·ism /ˌjū.ˈdəˌizəm, ˈdāˌizəm/ noun
: a religion developed among the ancient Hebrews and marked by belief in one God and by the moral and ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and the rabbinic tradition
Jude /juːd/ noun
: a short hortatory epistle addressed to early Christians and included as a book in the New Testament

Judge abbreviation
Judges

judge /dʒud/ verb judged; judging
1 : to form an authoritative opinion
2 : to decide as a judge
3 : to form an estimate or evaluation about something

Synonyms
- [2] adjudicate, arbitrate, decide, determine, referee, rule, settle, umpire; also consider, hear, ponder, weigh; size (up); mediate, moderate, negotiate; prosecute, try; find (for or against)
- [3] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, make, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE
- [3] conclude, deduce, extrapolate, gather, infer, reason, understand—more at INFER

judge noun
1 : a public official authorized to decide questions brought before a court
2 : one appointed to decide in a contest or competition : UMPIRE
3 : one who gives an authoritative opinion : CRITIC

— judge·ship noun

Synonyms
- [1] bench, court, justice, magistrate; also JP, justice of the peace
- [2] arbiter, arbitrator, referee, umpire; also justice, magistrate; intermediary, mediator, negotiator; go-between, peacemaker, reconciler

Judges noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

judg·ment or judge·ment /dʒud·ment/ noun
1 : a decision or opinion given after judging; especially : a formal decision given by a court
2 cap : the final judging of mankind by God
3 : the process of forming an opinion by discerning and comparing
4 : the capacity for judging : DISCERNMENT

Synonyms
- [1] appraisal, assessment, estimate, estimation, evaluation—more at ESTIMATION
- [1] doom, finding, holding, ruling, sentence—more at SENTENCE
- [3] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at OPINION
- [3] conclusion, decision, determination, diagnosis, resolution—more at DECISION

judg·men·tal /dʒud·men·tal/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or involving judgment
2 : characterized by a tendency to judge harshly

— judg·men·tal·ly adverb

judgment call noun
: a subjective decision, ruling, or opinion

Judgment Day noun
: the day of the final judging of all human beings by God

judi·ca·ture /juː.dɪ.ke.ˈtʃʊr/ noun
1 : the administration of justice
2 : JUDICIARY 1

judi·cial /juːˈdi.ʃəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the administration of justice or the judiciary
2 : ordered or enforced by a court
CRITICAL — judicially

ju·di·cia·ry /juˈdɪʃərē/ noun
1: a system of courts of law; also : the judges of these courts
2: a branch of government in which judicial power is vested
— judiciar y adjective

ju·di·cious /juˈdɪʃəs/ adjective
› having, exercising, or characterized by sound judgment
— ju·di·ciously adverb

Synonyms
advisable, desirable, expedient, politic, prudent, tactical, wise—more at expedient

Ju·dith /juˈdɪθ/ noun
: a book of Scripture in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament and in the Protestant Apocrypha

ju·do /juˈdo/ noun
[origin: Jp, fr. jū weakne ss, gentleness + dō art]
: a sport derived from jujitsu that emphasizes the use of quick movement and leverage to throw an opponent
— judo·ist /ˈɪst/ noun

ju·do·ka /juˈdoˌkə/ noun, plural judo ka or judokas
: one who participates in judo

1jug /ˈdʒʊɡ/ noun
1: a large deep container with a narrow mouth and a handle
2: a place of confinement for persons held in lawful custody: jail, prison

2jug verb jugged, jugging
: to confine in or as if in a jail: jail, imprison

jug·eared /ˈdʒiɡˌird/ adjective
: having protuberant ears

jug·gler /ˈdʒɪɡɡlər/ noun
jug·gle /ˈdʒɪɡɡl/ verb juggled, juggl ing
1: to keep several objects in motion in the air at the same time
2: to manipulate esp. in order to achieve a desired and often fraudulent end
— jug·gler /ˈdʒɪɡɡlər/ noun

jug·u·lar /ˈdʒɪɡələr/ adjective
: of, relating to, or situated in or on the throat or neck <the ~ veins>

juice /ˈdʒuɪs/ noun
1: the extractable fluid contents of cells or tissues
2 plural : the natural fluids of an animal body
3: something that supplies power; especially: electricity

juic·er /ˈdʒuɪər/ noun
: an appliance for extracting juice (as from fruit)

juice up verb
: to give life, energy, or spirit to

juicy /ˈdʒuɪs/ adjective juic·i·er; -est
1 ›: full of juice: succulent
2: rich in interest; also: racy
— juic·i·ly /ˈdʒiɪˌli/ adverb
ju·ic·i·ness /sē.nēs/ noun
   Synonyms
      † fleshy, pulpy, succulent; also sappy, watery

ju·jit·su also ju·jut·su /jū.jit.sū/ noun
[origin: Jp jūjutsu, fr. jū weakness + jutsu art, skill]
: an art of fighting employing holds, throws, and paralyzing blows

ju·ju /jū.jū/ noun
: a style of African music characterized by a rapid beat, use of percussion instruments, and vocal harmonies

ju·jube /jū.jūb. jū.jū.bē/ noun
: a fruit-flavored gumdrop or lozenge

juke·box /jūk.bāks/ noun
: a coin-operated machine that automatically plays selected recordings

Jul abbreviation
July

ju·lep /jū.lep/ noun
: a drink made of bourbon, sugar, and mint served over crushed ice

Ju·ly /jū.lī/ noun
: the 7th month of the year

1 jumble /jum·bal/ verb jum·bled; jum·bling
: to mix in a confused mass

2 jumble noun
   †: a mass of things mingled together without order or plan; also: a state of confusion
   Synonyms
      † chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, havoc, hell, mess, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS
      † clutter, hash, hodgepodge, miscellany, motley, potpourri, rummage, scramble, variety, welter—more at MISCELLANY

1 jumbo /jəm·bo/ noun, plural jumbos
[origin: Jumbo, a huge elephant exhibited by P.T. Barnum]
: a very large specimen of its kind
   Synonyms
      † behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whale, whopper—more at GIANT

2 jumbo adjective
: very large

1 jump /jumpt/ verb
1 †: to spring into the air: leap over
2 †: to give a start
3: to rise or increase suddenly or sharply
4 †: to make a sudden attack
5: ANTICIPATE << the gun>
6: to leave hurriedly and often furtively << town>
7: to act or move before (as a signal)

— jump bail
: to abscond after being released from custody on bail

— jump ship
1: to leave the company of a ship without authority
2: to desert a cause
   Synonyms
jump noun
1 : a spring into the air; especially : one made for height or distance in a track meet
2 : a sharp sudden increase
3 : an initial advantage

Synonyms
[1] bound, hop, leap, spring, vault; also bounce, lope, skip; caper, gambol; attack, pounce; shoot, skyrocket
[2] bolt, start, startle—more at START
[3] advantage, better, drop, edge, upper hand, vantage—more at ADVANTAGE

jumper /ˈjʌmpər/ noun
: one that jumps

jumper noun
1 : a loose blouse
2 : a sleeveless one-piece dress worn usu. with a blouse
3 plural : a child's sleeveless coverall

jumping bean noun
: a seed of any of several Mexican shrubs that tumbles about because of the movements of a small moth larva inside it

jumping-off place noun
1 : a remote or isolated place
2 : a place from which an enterprise is launched

jump-master /ˈjʌmpˌmæstər/ noun
: a person who supervises parachutists

jump-start /ˈjʌmpˌstɑr/ verb
: to start (an engine or vehicle) by connection to an external power source

jump-suit /ˈjʌmpˌsjuːt/ noun
1 : a coverall worn by parachutists in jumping
2 : a one-piece garment consisting of a blouse or shirt with attached pants or shorts

jump·py /ˈjʌmpi/ adjective jump·i·er, -est
: easily excited or irritated : NEUROTIC, JITTERY

jun abbreviation
junior

Jun abbreviation
June

junc abbreviation
junction

jun·co /ˈdʒʌŋkə/ noun, plural juncos or juncoes
: any of a genus of small common pink-billed No. American finches that are largely gray with conspicuous white tail feathers

junc·tion /ˈdʒʌŋkʃən/ noun
1 : an act of joining
2 : a place or point of meeting

Synonyms
[1] combination, connection, consolidation, coupling, unification, union—more at UNION

[2] connection, coupling, joint, juncture—more at JOINT

junc·ture /'jen(k)_cher/ noun
1 : a place where two things or parts are joined : JOINT, CONNECTION
2 : UNION
3 : a critical time or state of affairs
   Synonyms
   clutch, crisis, crunch, emergency, head—more at EMERGENCY

June /'ju:n/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. L Junius]
: the 6th month of the year

jungle /'jaŋ_gal/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi & Urdu jangal forest]
1 : a thick tangled mass of tropical vegetation; also : a tract overgrown with vegetation
2 : a place of ruthless struggle for survival

1jun·ior /'ju:n_yər/ adjective
1 : YOUNGER
2 : lower in rank
3 : of or relating to juniors
   Synonyms
   inferior, less, lesser, lower, minor, subordinate, under—more at LESSER

2jun·ior noun
1 : a person who is younger or of lower rank than another
2 : a student in the next-to-last year before graduating

jun·ior college noun
: a school that offers studies corresponding to those of the 1st two years of college

jun·ior high school noun
: a school usu. including grades 7–9

jun·ior varsity noun
: a team whose members lack the experience or qualifications required for the varsity

ju·ni·per /'ju:n_ər פ noun
: any of numerous coniferous shrubs or trees with leaves like needles or scales and female cones like berries

1junk /'jɑŋk/ noun
1 : old iron, glass, paper, or waste; also : discarded articles
2 : a shoddy product
3 slang : NARCOTICS; especially : HEROIN
   Synonyms
   chaff, deadwood, dust, garbage, litter, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste—more at GARBAGE

2junk verb
: to get rid of as worthless : DISCARD, SCRAP
   Synonyms
   cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, lose, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload—more at DISCARD

3junk noun
: a ship of eastern Asia with a high stern and 4-cornered sails

junk·er /'jɑŋ_kər/ noun
: something (as an old automobile) ready for scrapping

Jun·ker /'yuː_n_kaɾ/ noun
[origin: G]
: a member of the Prussian landed aristocracy

**junket** /ˈjun.kət/ noun
1: a pudding of sweetened flavored milk set by rennet
2: a pleasure trip or outing; especially: a trip made by an official at public expense ostensibly for public business

*Synonyms*
- excursion, jaunt, outing, sally—more at excursion

**junk food** noun
: food that is high in calories but low in nutritional content

**junkie** also **junky** /ˈjan.ki/ noun, plural **junkies**
1 slang: a narcotics peddler or addict
2: one that derives inordinate pleasure from or is dependent on something <sugar ~>

*Synonyms*
- chaffy, empty, no-good, null, valueless, worthless—more at worthless

**junta** /ˈhun.tə, ˈjan.ə, ˈhantə/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. junta joined, fr. Ljunctus, pp. of jungere to join]
: a group of persons controlling a government esp. after a revolutionary seizure of power

**Jupiter** /ˈjuːpə.tər/ noun
: the largest of the planets and the one 5th in order of distance from the sun

**Jurassic** /ˈjuːr.a.sik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the period of the Mesozoic era between the Triassic and the Cretaceous that is marked esp. by the presence of dinosaurs
— **Jurassic** noun

**juridical** /ˈjuːr.ə.dɪ.kəl/ also **juridic** /ˈjuːr.ə.dɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to the administration of justice
2: legal
— **juridically** /ˈjuːr.ə.dɪ.kəli/ adverb

**jurisdiction** /ˈjuːr.ə.sɪ.dən.tʃən/ noun
1: the power, right, or authority to interpret and apply the law
2: the authority of a sovereign power
3: the limits or territory within which authority may be exercised
— **jurisdictional** /ˈjuːr.ə.sɪ.dən.tʃəl/ adjective

*Synonyms*
- administration, authority, government, regime, rule—more at rule

**jurisprudence** /ˈjuːr.i.prə.dəns/ noun
1: a system of laws
2: the science or philosophy of law

**jurist** /ˈjʊr.i.ɪst/ noun
: one having a thorough knowledge of law; especially: judge

**jurisprudential** /ˈjuːr.i.prə.dən.təl/ adjective
1: of or relating to a jurist or jurisprudence
2: of, relating to, or recognized in law

**juror** /ˈjʊr.ər/ noun
: a member of a jury

**jury** /ˈjʊr.i/ noun, plural **juries**
1: a body of persons sworn to inquire into a matter submitted to them and to give their verdict
jury /ˈdʒer/ noun
: the acquitting of a defendant by a jury in disregard of the judge's instructions and contrary to the jury's findings of fact

jury–rig /ˈdʒərᵰ/ verb
: to construct or arrange in a makeshift fashion

just /dʒæst/ adjective
1 : having a basis in or conforming to fact or reason : REASONABLE
2 : morally or legally right
3 : being what is merited
— just·ly adverb
— just·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] good, hard, informed, levelheaded, logical, rational, reasonable, reasoned, sensible, sober, solid, valid, well-founded—more at GOOD
[2] due, right; also applicable, appropriate, apt, fit, fitting, meet, proper, requisite, suitable; lawful, legal; accurate, correct

Antonyms
undeserved, undue, unjust, unwarranted
[2] disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced—more at FAIR
[3] decent, ethical, good, honest, honorable, moral, principled, right, righteous, straight, upright, upstanding, virtuous—more at GOOD

just /dʒæst, ˈdʒæst/ adverb
1 : in a manner or measure or to a degree or number that strictly conforms to a fact or condition: EXACTLY
2 : very recently
3 : by a very small margin: BARELY
4 : DIRECTLY
5 : to the exclusion of all else: ONLY
6 : QUITE
7 : POSSIBLY

Synonyms
[1] accurately, exactly, precisely, right, sharp, squarely—more at EXACTLY
[2] freshly, late, lately, new, newly, now, only, recently—more at NEWLY
[3] barely, hardly, marginally, scarcely, slightly; also minimally, minutely; approximately, more or less, roughly, somewhat

Antonyms
considerably, significantly, substantially, well
[5] but, merely, only, simply

justice /dʒəstəs/ noun
1 : the administration of what is just (as by assigning merited rewards or punishments)
2 : a public official authorized to decide questions brought before a court: JUDGE
3 : the administration of law
4 : FAIRNESS; also: RIGHTEOUSNESS

Synonyms
bench, court, judge, magistrate—more at JUDGE

justice of the peace
: a local magistrate empowered chiefly to try minor cases, to administer oaths, and to perform marriages
justifiable adjective
› : capable of being justified
  Synonyms
    ‹ defensive, maintainable, supportable, sustainable, tenable—more at tenable

justification /ˈjəstəˌfə keɪ ʃən/ noun
› : the act or an instance of justifying
  Synonyms
    ‹ alibi, defense, excuse, plea, reason—more at excuse

justify /ˈjəstə faɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  1 › : to prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable
  2 : to pronounce free from guilt or blame
  3 : to adjust spaces in a line of printed text so the margins are even
  Synonyms
    ‹ defend, maintain, support, uphold—more at maintain
    ‹ account, condone, excuse, explain, rationalize

jut /jət/ verb jut·ted; jut·ting
› : to shoot out or forward : project, protrude

jute /jūt/ noun
› : a strong glossy fiber from either of two tropical plants used esp. for making sacks and twine

juv abbreviation
juvenile

1 juvenile /ˈjuː va ni əl/ adjective
  1 › : showing incomplete development
  2 › : of, relating to, or characteristic of children or young people
    Synonyms
      ‹ [1] adolescent, immature, young, youthful—more at young
      ‹ [2] adolescent, babyish, childish, immature, infantile, kiddish—more at childish

2 juvenile noun
  1 › : a young person; especially : one below the legally established age of adulthood
  2 : a young animal (as a fish or a bird) or plant
  3 : an actor or actress who plays youthful parts
    Synonyms
      ‹ child, cub, kid, youngster, youth—more at child

juvenile delinquency noun
› : violation of the law or antisocial behavior by a juvenile
— juvenile delinquent noun

juxtapose /jak stə pa ˈpöz/ verb -posed; -pos·ing
› : to place side by side
— juxtaposition /jak stə pa ˈzi ʃən/ noun

JV abbreviation
junior varsity
K

1 k /kā/ noun, plural k's or ks /kāz/
 1 often cap : the 11th letter of the English alphabet
 2 cap : STRIKEOUT

2 k abbreviation
 1 karat
 2 kitchen
 3 knit
 4 kosher — often enclosed in a circle

1K abbreviation
Kelvin

2K symbol
[origin: NL kalium]
potassium

kab-ba-lah also kab-ba-la or ka-ba-la /kaˈbaˌla/ noun, often cap
 1 : a medieval Jewish mysticism marked by belief in creation through emanation and a cipher method of interpreting
   Scripture
 2 : esoteric or mysterious doctrine

kabob variant of KEBAB

Ka-bu-ki /kaˌbūˌkē/ noun
: traditional Japanese popular drama with highly stylized singing and dancing

kad-dish /kāˌdish/ noun, often cap
: a Jewish prayer recited in the daily synagogue ritual and by mourners at public services after the death of a close
  relative

kaf-fee-klatsch /kōˌfēˌklätsk/ noun, often cap
[origin: G]
: an informal social gathering for coffee and conversation

kai-ser /ˈkāˌzər/ noun
: EMPEROR; especially : the ruler of Germany from 1871 to 1918

Ka-lash-ni-kov /kaˈlashnəˌkəv/ noun
[origin: M. T. Kalashnikov b1919 Soviet weapons designer]
: a Soviet-designed assault rifle

kale /ˈkāl/ noun
: a hardy cabbage with curled leaves that do not form a head

ka-lei-do-scope /ˈkāˌlēˌdeˌskōp/ noun
: a tube containing loose bits of colored material (as glass) and two mirrors at one end that shows many different
   patterns as it is turned
  — ka-lei-do-scop·ic /ˈkāˌlēˌdeˌskōp·ik/ adjective
  — ka-lei-do-scop·i·cal·ly /ˈkāˌlēˌdeˌskōp·i·kəˌlē/ adverb

kama·ai·na /ˌkāˌmaˈaiˌnə/ noun
[origin: Hawaiian kamaʻaina, fr. kama child + ʻaina land]
: one who has lived in Hawaii for a long time

kame /ˈkām/ noun
[origin: Sc, lit., comb]
: a short ridge or mound of material deposited by water from a melting glacier

ka·mi·ka·ze /ˈkāˌmiˌkāˌze/ noun
[ORIGIN: Jp, lit., divine wind]
: a member of a corps of Japanese pilots assigned to make a suicidal crash on a target; also : an airplane flown in such an attack

**Kan** or **Kans** abbreviation
Kansas

**kan-ga-roo** /ˈkæn.gə.ˈru/ noun, plural -roos
: any of various large leaping marsupial mammals of Australia and adjacent islands with powerful hind legs and a long thick tail

**kangaroo court** noun
: a court or an illegal self-appointed tribunal characterized by irresponsible, perverted, or irregular procedures

**ka-o-lin** /ˈkæ.ə.lən/ noun
: a fine usu. white clay used in ceramics and refractories and for the treatment of diarrhea

**ka-pok** /ˈkæ.ˈpək/ noun
: silky fiber from the seeds of a tropical tree used esp. as a filling (as for life preservers)

**Kap-o-si's sar-co-ma** /ˈka.pəˌsē.sərˈko.ма/ noun
: a neoplastic disease associated esp. with AIDS that affects esp. the skin and mucous membranes and is characterized usu. by the formation of pink to reddish-brown or bluish plaques

**kap-pa** /ˈkæ.pə/ noun
: the 10th letter of the Greek alphabet — K or κ

**ka-put** also **kap-put** /ˈkæ.ˈpət, keˌpət/ adjective
[ORIGIN: G, fr. F capot not having made a trick at piquet]
1 : utterly defeated or destroyed
2 : unable to function : USELESS

**kar-a-kul** /ˈkɑr.ə.ˈkʌl/ noun
: the usu. curly glossy black coat of a very young lamb of a hardy Asian breed of sheep

**kar-a-o-ke** /ˈkɑr.ə.ˈo.ˌkɛ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Jp]
: a device that plays instrumental accompaniments for songs to which the user sings along

**kar-at** /ˈkɑr.ət/ noun
: a unit for expressing proportion of gold in an alloy equal to 1/24 part of pure gold

**kar-ra-te** /ˈkɑr.ə.ˈtɛ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Jp, lit., empty hand]
: an art of self-defense in which an attacker is disabled by crippling kicks and punches

**kar-ma** /ˈkɑr.mə/ noun, often cap
[ORIGIN: Skt]
: the force generated by a person's actions held in Hinduism and Buddhism to perpetuate reincarnation and to determine the nature of the person's next existence
— **kar-mic** /ˈkɑr.mɪk/ adjective

**karst** /ˈkɑr.st/ noun
[ORIGIN: G]
: an irregular limestone region with sinks, underground streams, and caverns

**ka-ty-did** /ˈkɑ.ti.ˈdid/ noun
: any of several large green tree-dwelling American grasshoppers with long antennae

**kay-ak** /ˈkei.ˌək/ noun
: an Eskimo canoe made of a skin-covered frame with a small opening and propelled by a double-bladed paddle; also : a similar portable boat
— **kay-ak-er** noun
kayo /kāˌō/ noun
: KNOCtOUT
— kayo verb

dëa-zoom /kəˈzū/ noun, plural kazooms
: a toy musical instrument consisting of a tube with a membrane sealing one end and a side hole to sing or hum into

KB abbreviation
kilobyte

kc abbreviation
kilocycle

KC abbreviation
1 Kansas City
2 King's Counsel
3 Knights of Columbus

kc/s abbreviation
kilocycles per second

KD abbreviation
knocked down

ke-bab, ke-bob /kaˈbæb, ‘kɑˌbæb/ noun
: cubes of meat cooked with vegetables usu. on a skewer

kedge /ˈkèdʒ/ noun
: a small anchor

1 keel /kēl/ noun
1 : the chief structural member of a ship running lengthwise along the center of its bottom
2 : something (as a bird's breastbone) like a ship's keel in form or use
— keeled /ˈkèl’d/ adjective

2 keel verb
: FAINT, SwoON — usu. used with over

keelboat /ˈkēlˌbōt/ noun
: a shallow covered keeled riverboat for freight that is usu. rowed, poled, or towed

keel-haul /ˌhōl/ verb
1 : to haul under the keel of a ship as punishment
2 : to rebuke severely

Synonyms
> berate, castigate, chew out, dress down, flay, jaw, lambaste, lecture, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, score, upbraid—more at SCOLD

1 keen /kēn/ adjective
1 : having a fine edge or point : SHARP <a ~ knife>
2 : affecting one as if by cutting <a ~ wind>
3 : showing a quick and ardent responsiveness : ENTHUSIASTIC <<~ about swimming>
4 : mentally alert <a ~ mind>
5 : extremely sensitive in perception : STRONG, ACUTE <<~ eyesight>
6 : unusually good : WONDERFUL, EXCELLENT

— keen-ly adverb

Synonyms
> [1] cutting, edgy, ground, sharp—more at SHARP
> [2] biting, bitter, cutting, penetrating, piercing, raw, sharp—more at CUTTING
> [3] agog, anxious, ardent, athirst, avid, crazy, eager, enthusiastic, gung ho, hot, hungry, nuts, raring, solicitous, thirsty, voracious—more at EAGER
> [4] alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at
keen noun
  a: a lamentation for the dead uttered in a loud wailing voice or in a wordless cry
    Synonyms
    groan, howl, lament, moan, plaint, wail—more at LAMENT
  b: keen·ness noun
    a: the quality or state of being keen
      Synonyms
      appetite, ardor, avidity, eagerness, enthusiasm, excitement, hunger, impatience, thirst—more at EAGERNESS

keep /kēp/ verb kept /kēpt/, keep·ing
  1 : to be faithful to esp. by appropriate conduct : FULFILL, OBSERVE <~ a promise> <~ a holiday>
  2 : GUARD <~ us from harm>; also : to take care of <~ a neighbor's children>
  3 : MAINTAIN <~ us from harm>
  4 : to have in one's service or at one's disposal <~ a horse>
  5 : to preserve a record in <~ a diary>
  6 : to have in stock for sale
  7 : to retain in one's possession <~ what you find>
  8 : to carry on (as a business) : CONDUCT
  9 : HOLD, DETAIN <~ him in jail>
  10 : to refrain from revealing <~ a secret>
  11 : to continue in good condition <meat will ~ in a freezer>
  12 : to resist an impulse or desire : ABSTAIN, REFRAIN
    Synonyms
    [1] answer, comply, fill, fulfill, meet, redeem, satisfy—more at FULFILL
    [1] celebrate, commemorate, observe; also bless, consecrate, sanctify, solemnize; honor, laud, praise; obey, respect, revere, reverence, venerate; remember
    Antonyms
    break, transgress, violate
    [7] hang on, hold, reserve, retain, withhold; also conserve, preserve, save; enjoy, have, own, possess; conduct, control, detain, direct; bear, harbor
    Antonyms
    hand over, relinquish, surrender
    usually keep from [12] abstain, forbear, forgo, refrain—more at FORBEAR

keep noun
  1 : FORTRESS
  2 : the means or provisions by which one is kept
     — for keeps
    1 : with the provision that one keep what one has won <play marbles for keeps>
    2 : PERMANENTLY

keep-away /kēp,əˌwā/ noun
  a: a game in which players try to keep an object from one or more other players

keep·er noun
  a: one that keeps; especially : one who cares for another or another's property
    Synonyms
    custodian, guard, guardian, lookout, picket, sentry, warden, warder, watch, watchman—more at GUARD
    caretaker, custodian, guardian, janitor, warden, watchman—more at CUSTODIAN
keeping noun
1: CONFORMITY <in ~ with good taste>
2: the act of one that keeps: the care, possession, or observance of something
   Synonyms
   ▶ care, custody, guardianship, safekeeping, trust, ward—more at CUSTODY
   ▶ control, hands, possession—more at POSSESSION

keeping room noun
: a common room used for multiple purposes

keep-sake /kēpˌsāk/ noun
▶ something kept or given to be kept as a memento
   Synonyms
   ▶ memento, memorial, monument, remembrance, souvenir, token—more at MEMORIAL

keep up verb
1: to persist or persevere in
2: to keep in an existing state: MAINTAIN
3: to keep informed
4: to continue without interruption
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 4] abide, continue, endure, hold, last, persist, run on—more at CONTINUE
   ▶ [2] conserve, maintain, preserve, save—more at MAINTAIN

keg /kēɡ/ noun
▶ a small cask or barrel
   Synonyms
   ▶ barrel, cask, hogshead, pipe, puncheon—more at CASK

keg-ger /kēɡər/ noun
: a party featuring one or more kegs of beer

keg-ler /kēɡlər/ noun
1: bowler

kelp /kelp/ noun
: any of various coarse brown seaweeds; also: a mass of these or their ashes often used as fertilizer

kel-vin /kelˌvən/ noun
: a unit of temperature equal to 1/273.16 of the Kelvin scale temperature of the triple point of water and equal to the Celsius degree
Kelvin adjective
: relating to, conforming to, or being a temperature scale according to which absolute zero is 0 K, the equivalent of −273.15°C

ken /ken/ noun
1: range of vision: SIGHT
2: range of understanding

ken nel /kenˈnəl/ noun
: a shelter for a dog or cat; also: an establishment for the breeding or boarding of dogs or cats
   — kennel verb

ke-no /kē-nō/ noun
: a game resembling bingo

ke-no-sis /kəˈnōˌsəs/ noun
: the relinquishment of divine attributes by Jesus Christ in becoming human
   — ke-notic /ˈnətɪk/ adjective

ken-te cloth /kenˈtəl/ noun
: colorfully patterned cloth traditionally woven by hand in Ghana
Ken·tucky bluegrass /kenˈtaːk*i/ noun
: a valuable pasture and meadow grass of both Europe and America

Ken·yan /keˌn-yən, ’kɛn-ˈ/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Kenya
—— Kenyan adjective

Ke·ogh plan /keˈoɡ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Eugene James Keogh †1989 Am. politician]
: an individual retirement account for the self-employed

ke·pi /kəˈpi, ’ke/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a military cap with a round flat top and a visor

ker·a·tin /ˈke-rə-tən/ noun
: any of various sulfur-containing proteins that make up hair and horny tissues

kerb /ˈkɜrb/ noun, British
: CURB 3

ker·chief /ˈkær.tʃef/ noun, plural kerchiefs /ˈkær.tʃefs, _ˌtʃɛfs/ also kerchieves /ˌtʃɛvz/
[ORIGIN: ME courchef, fr. AF couchede, cuerchief, fr. coverir to cover + chef head]
1 : a square of cloth worn by women esp. as a head covering
2 : HANDKERCHIEF

Synonyms
babushka, bandanna—more at BANDANNA

kerf /ˈkɜrf/ noun
: a slit or notch made by a saw or cutting torch

ker·nel /ˈker.nəl/noun
1 : the inner softer part of a seed, fruit stone, or nut
2 : a whole seed of a cereal <a ~ of corn>
3 : a central or essential part : CORE

ker·o·sene or ker·o·sine /ˈker.oˌsən, _ˌsən/ noun
: a flammable oil produced from petroleum and used for a fuel and as a solvent

kes·trel /ˈkɛz.trɛl/ noun
: any of various small falcons that usu. hover in the air while searching for prey

ketch /ˈkɛtʃ/ noun
: a large fore-and-aft rigged boat with two masts

ketch·up, catch·up /ˈke.tʃəp, _ˈʃəp/ noun
: a seasoned tomato puree

ket·tle /ˈketl/ noun
: a metallic vessel for boiling liquids

ket·tle·drum /ˌketlˈdrʌm/ noun
: a brass, copper, or fiberglass drum with calfskin or plastic stretched across the top

key /ˈki/ noun
1 : a usu. metal instrument by which the bolt of a lock is turned; also : a device having the form or function of a key
2 : a means of gaining or preventing entrance, possession, or control
3 : EXPLANATION, SOLUTION
4 : one of the levers pressed by a finger in operating or playing an instrument
5 : a leading individual or principle
6 : a system of seven tones based on their relationship to a tonic; also : the tone or pitch of a voice
7 : a small switch for opening or closing an electric circuit <a telegraph ~>
key verb
1 : SECURE, FASTEN
2 : to regulate the musical pitch of
3 ♦ : to bring into harmony or conformity
4 : to make nervous — usu. used with up
   Synonyms
     ♦ accommodate, conciliate, conform, coordinate, harmonize, reconcile—more at HARMONIZE
key adjective
♦ : marked by or indicative of significant worth or consequence
   Synonyms
     ♦ arch, cardinal, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at FOREMOST
     ♦ critical, crucial, pivotal, vital—more at CRUCIAL
key noun
1 : a kilogram esp. of marijuana or heroin
key noun, slang
2 : a low island or reef (as off the southern coast of Florida)
key noun
1 : a row of keys (as on a piano)
2 : an assemblage of keys for operating a machine
key club noun
1 : a private club serving liquor and providing entertainment
key·hole /'kēˌhōl/ noun
1 : a hole for receiving a key
key·note /'nōt/ noun
1 : the first and harmonically fundamental tone of a scale
2 : the central fact, idea, or mood
key·note verb
1 : to set the keynote of
2 : to deliver the major address (as at a convention)
   — key·not·er noun
key·punch /'kēˌpunch/ noun
1 : a machine with a keyboard used to cut holes or notches in punch cards
   — keypunch verb
   — key·punch·er noun
key·stone /'stōn/ noun
1 : the wedge-shaped piece at the crown of an arch that locks the other pieces in place
2 ♦ : something on which associated things depend for support
   Synonyms
     ♦ base, basis, bedrock, footing, foundation, ground, groundwork, underpinning—more at BASE
key·stroke /'strōk/ noun
1 : an act or instance of depressing a key on a keyboard
key word noun
1 : a word that is a key; especially usually key·word : a significant word from a title or document used esp. as an indication of the content
kg abbreviation
kilogram
KGB abbreviation
kha·ki /kaˈki/ noun
1: a light yellowish brown color
2: a khaki-colored cloth; also: a military uniform of this cloth

khan /kān, kan/ noun
: a Mongol leader; especially: a successor of Genghis Khan

kh·dive /kaˈdēv/ noun
: a ruler of Egypt from 1867 to 1914 governing as a viceroy of the sultan of Turkey

kHz abbreviation
kilohertz

KIA abbreviation
killed in action

kib·ble /kiˈbəl/ verb kib·bled, kib·bling
: to grind coarsely
— kibble noun

kib·butz /kiˈbəts, ˈbuts/ noun, plural kib·but·zi·m /ˈbʊt.zəm, ˈbʊt/ [ORIGIN: ModHeb qīḇūṣ]
: a communal farm or settlement in Israel

ki·bitz·er /kɪˈbɪtsər, ˌke.ˈbit/ noun
: one who looks on and usu. offers unwanted advice esp. at a card game
— kib·itz /kiˈbɪts/ verb

kick /kɪk/ verb
1: to strike out or hit with the foot; also: to score by kicking a ball
2: to object strongly
3: to recoil when fired
— kick·er noun

kick·back /ˈkɪkˌbæk/ noun
1: a sharp violent reaction
2: a secret return of a part of a sum received

kick verb
: to assume a relaxed position or attitude
kick·box·ing /kɪkˈbɑːkˌsɪŋ/ noun
: boxing in which boxers are permitted to kick with bare feet
— kick·box·er /ˌsɑr/ noun

kick in verb
1 › to give or supply in common with others: CONTRIBUTE
2 slang: DIE
3 › to begin operating or having an effect

Synonyms
› chip in, contribute, pitch in—more at CONTRIBUTE

kick·off /kɪkˈɒf/ noun
1 › a kick that puts the ball in play (as in football)
2 › COMMENCEMENT

kick off verb
1 › to start or resume play with a placekick
2 › to begin proceedings
3 slang: DIE

kick over verb
› to begin or cause to begin to fire — used of an internal combustion engine

kick·shaw /kɪkˈʃɔ/ noun
[ORIGIN: modif. of F quelque chose something]
1 › DELICACY
2 › TRINKET

kick·stand /kɪkˈstænd/ noun
› a swiveling metal bar attached to a 2-wheeled vehicle for holding it up when not in use

kick·start /kɪkˈstɑːrt/ verb
› JUMP-START

kicky /ˈkɪkɪ/ adjective
› providing a kick or thrill: EXCITING

1 kid /kid/ noun
1 › a young goat
2 › the flesh, fur, or skin of a young goat; also: something made of kid
3 › a young person: CHILD, YOUNGSTER

Synonyms
› child, cub, juvenile, youngster, youth—more at CHILD

2 kid verb kid·ded; kid·ding
1 › to deceive as a joke: FOOL
2 › to make fun of: TEASE

— kid·der noun
— kid·ding·ly adverb

Synonyms
› [1] banter, fool, fun, jest, jive, joke, josh, quip, wisecrack—more at JOKE
› [2] chaff, jive, josh, rally, razz, rib, ride, roast, tease—more at TEASE

kid·dish adjective
› marked by or suggestive of immaturity and lack of poise

Synonyms
› adolescent, babyish, childish, immature, infantile, juvenile—more at CHILDISH

kid·do /kɪdˈduː/ noun, plural kiddos
› used as a familiar form of address <you're okay, ~>
kidnap /kid·nap/ verb kidnapped also kid-naped /ˌnāp/; kid-nap·ping also kid-nap·ing /ˌna·pəŋ/ : to hold or carry a person away by unlawful force or by fraud and against one's will
— kid-nap·per also kid-nap·er /ˌna·pər/ noun

dictionary term: kid·nep /kid·nēp/ noun, plural kidneys
: either of a pair of organs lying near the backbone that excrete waste products of the body in the form of urine

dictionary term: kidney bean noun
1 : an edible seed of the common cultivated bean; especially : one that is large and dark red
2 : a plant bearing kidney beans

kidi·skin /kid·ski/ noun
: the skin of a young goat used for leather

kiel·ba·sa /kēl·bā·sa, kil/ noun, plural -basas also -ba·sy /ˌbā·sē/  [origin: Pol kielbasa]
: a smoked sausage of Polish origin

kill /kl/ verb
1 ▶ : to deprive of life
2 ▶ : to put an end to << competition>>; also : DEFEAT << a proposed amendment>>
3 ▶ : USE UP << time>>
4 ▶ : to mark for omission
— kill·er noun

Synonyms
destroy, dispatch, do in, fell, slay; also annihilate, blot out, butcher, decimate, massacre, slaughter, wipe out; cut down, finish, nip, snuff; assassinate, execute, murder, smite

Antonyms
animate

kill noun
1 : an act of killing
2 : an animal or animals killed (as in a hunt); also : an aircraft, ship, or vehicle destroyed by military action

kill·dear /kil·dēr/ noun, plural killdeers or killdeer
[origin: imit.] : an American plover with a plaintive penetrating cry

killer app /ˈap/ noun
: a component (as a computer application) that in itself makes something worth having or using

killer bee noun
: AFRICANIZED BEE

killer whale noun
: a small gregarious black and white flesh-eating whale with a white oval patch behind each eye

kill·ing noun
: a sudden notable gain or profit

killing field noun
: a scene of mass killing

kill·joy /kil·jō/ noun
: one who spoils the pleasures of others

kiln /kl.,ˈkɪln/ noun
[origin: ME kilne, fr. OE cyln, fr. L culina kitchen]
: a heated enclosure (as an oven) for processing a substance by burning, firing, or drying
— kiln verb

ki·lo /kēˌlō/ noun, plural kilos
: KILOGRAM
ki·lo·byte /kiˈlaˌbīt/ noun
   : 1024 bytes

kilo·cy·cle /ˌkiləˌsīˈkal/ noun
   : KILOHERTZ

ki·lo·gram /ˈkīˌle.ɡram, ˌkīˈləˌɡram/ noun
   1 : the basic metric unit of mass that is nearly equal to the mass of 1000 cubic centimeters of water at its maximum density
   2 : the weight of a kilogram mass under earth's gravity

ki·lo·hertz /ˌkiləˈherts, ˌkīˌle.ˈherts/ noun
   : 1000 hertz

ki·lo·li·ter /ˌkiləˌle.ˈta(r)/ noun
   : a metric unit of capacity equal to 1000 liters

ki·lo·me·ter /ˌkiləˌme.ˈta(r)/ noun
   : a metric unit of length equal to 1000 meters

ki·lo·ton /ˌkiləˌtaŋ, ˌkīˌlo.ˈtaŋ/ noun
   1 : 1000 tons
   2 : an explosive force equivalent to that of 1000 tons of TNT

ki·lo·volt /ˌkiˌlo.ˈvōlt/ noun
   : 1000 volts

kilo·watt /ˌkiˌlo.ˈwāt/ noun
   : 1000 watts

kilowatt–hour noun
   : a unit of energy equal to that expended by one kilowatt in one hour

kil·t /ˈkilt/ noun
   : a knee-length pleated skirt usu. of tartan worn by men in Scotland

kil·ter /ˈkiltər/ noun
   ➤ : proper condition <out of ~>

   Synonyms
   ➤ condition, fettle, form, order, repair, shape, trim

ki·mo·no /ˌkaˌmōˌnaʊ/ noun, plural -nos
   1 : a loose robe with wide sleeves traditionally worn with a wide sash as an outer garment by the Japanese
   2 : a loose dressing gown or jacket

kin /ˈkin/ noun
   1 ➤ : an individual's relatives
   2 ➤ : a person connected with another by blood or marriage : KINSMAN

   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] blood, clan, family, folk, house, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY
   ➤ [2] kinsman, relation, relative—more at RELATIVE

ki·na·ra /ˈkēˌna.ˈra/ noun
   : a candelabra with seven candlesticks used during Kwanzaa

k·ind /ˈkīnd/ noun
   1 : essential quality or character
   2 ➤ : a group united by common traits or interests; also : VARIETY
   3 : goods or commodities as distinguished from money

   Synonyms
   ➤ breed, class, description, feather, ilk, like, manner, nature, order, sort, species, type, variety—more at SORT
   ➤ bracket, category, class, division, family, grade, group, set—more at CLASS
**kind adjective**
1 ➤ of a sympathetic, forbearing, or pleasant nature
2 ➤ arising from sympathy or forbearance  

**Synonyms**
- [1] beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted—more at **HUMANE**
- [2] attentive, considerate, solicitous, thoughtful—more at **THOUGHTFUL**

**kin·der·gar·ten** /ˈkin_dərˌgærtn/ noun
[origin: G, lit., children's garden]
: a school or class for children usu. from four to six years old

**kin·der·gart·ner** /ˌgärtnər/ noun
1 : a kindergarten pupil
2 : a kindergarten teacher

**kind·heart·ed** /ˈkindˌhārtəd/ adjective
: marked by a sympathetic nature

**kin·dle** /ˈkindəl/ verb kin·dled; kin·dling
1 ➤ to set on fire : start burning
2 ➤ to stir up : **AROUSE**
3 : **ILLUMINATE**, **GLOW**

**Synonyms**
- burn, fire, ignite, inflame, light—more at **BURN**

**kind·li·ness** noun
1 ➤ the quality or state of being kindly
2 : a kindly deed

**Synonyms**
- amity, benevolence, cordiality, fellowship, friendliness, friendship, goodwill—more at **GOODWILL**
- charity, commiseration, compassion, feeling, heart, humanity, kindness, mercy, pity, sympathy—more at **HEART**

**kin·dling** /ˈkindliŋ, ˈkinˌlən/ noun
: easily combustible material for starting a fire

1 **kindly** /ˈkindli/ adjective kind·li·er; -est
1 : of an agreeable or beneficial nature
2 ➤ of a sympathetic or generous nature

**Synonyms**
- beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warmhearted—more at **HUMANE**

2 **kindly adverb**
1 : READILY <does not take ~ to criticism>
2 : **SYMPATHETICALLY**
3 ➤ in a gracious manner : **COURTEOUSLY**

**Synonyms**
- courteously, nicely, thoughtfully, well—more at **WELL**

**kind·ness** noun
1 ➤ a kind deed
2 ➤ the quality or state of being kind

**Synonyms**
- [1] boon, courtesy, favor, grace, indulgence, mercy, service, turn—more at **FAVOR**
- [2] charity, commiseration, compassion, feeling, heart, humanity, kindliness, mercy, pity, sympathy—more at **HEART**

kind of adverb
➤ to a moderate degree <it's **kind of** late to begin>
Synonyms

- enough, fairly, moderately, pretty, quite, rather, so-so, somewhat, sort of—more at FAINLY

1. kindred /ˈkinˌdrəd/ noun
   1. a group of related individuals
   2. one's relatives
      Synonyms
      - blood, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY

2. kindred adjective
   1. of a like nature or character
      Synonyms
      - akin, related—more at RELATED

kind /kɪnd/ adjective

- archaic plural of COW

kine /ˈkaɪn/ pl. kine, kin noun

-bard, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY

- of a like nature or character
      Synonyms
      - akin, related—more at RELATED

kine-ma /ˈkaɪnəˌmeɪə/ pl. kine, kin noun

- bard, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY

ki-ne-mat-ics /ˈkaɪnəˌmeɪtɪks/ noun

- a science that deals with motion apart from considerations of mass and force

ki-net-ic /ˈkaɪnəˌtɪk/ adjective

- of or relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces and energy (kinetic energy) associated with them

ki-net-ics /ˈkaɪnəˌtɪks/ noun

- singular or plural

- a science that deals with the effects of forces upon the motions of material bodies or with changes in a physical or chemical system

kin-folk /ˈkɪnˌfɔlk/ or kinfolks noun plural

- persons connected with each other by blood or affinity: RELATIVES

kin-g /ˈkɪn/ noun

- a male sovereign

- a chief among competitors <home-run ~>  

- the principal piece in the game of chess

- a playing card bearing the figure of a king

- a checker that has been crowned

- king-less adjective

- king-ship noun

Synonyms

- baron, czar, magnate, mogul, prince, tycoon—more at MAGNATE

king crab noun

- a large crab of the No. Pacific caught commercially for food

king-dom /ˈkɪnˌdəm/ noun

- a country whose head is a king or queen

- a realm or region in which something or someone is dominant <a cattle ~>  

- one of the three primary divisions of lifeless material, plants, and animals into which natural objects are grouped; also: a biological category that ranks above the phylum

king-fish-er /ˈkɪŋˌfɪʃər/ noun

- any of numerous usu. bright-colored crested birds that feed chiefly on fish
king·ly adjective
1: of, relating to, or befitting a king
2: of, relating to, suggestive of, or characteristic of a monarch or monarchy
   Synonyms
   - monarchical, princely, queenly, regal, royal—more at MONARCHICAL

king·pin /'kiŋˌpɪn/ noun
1: HEADPIN
2: the leader in a group or undertaking
   Synonyms
   - boss, captain, chief, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, leader, master, taskmaster—more at BOSS

Kings noun
: either of two books of Jewish and Christian Scripture

king–size /'kiŋˌsайz/ or king–sized /ˌsайzd/ adjective
1: longer than the regular or standard size
2: unusually large
3: having dimensions of about 76 by 80 inches (1.9 by 2.0 meters) <a ~ bed>; also: of a size that fits a king-size bed

kink /'kɪŋk/ noun
1: a short tight twist or curl
2: a mental peculiarity: QUIRK
3: CRAMP <a ~ in the back>
4: an imperfection likely to cause difficulties in operation

kinky adjective
   - strikingly out of the ordinary
   Synonyms
   - bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, strange, wacky, weird, wild—more at ODD

kin·ship /'kinˌʃɪp/ noun
   - the quality or state of being kin: RELATIONSHIP
   Synonyms
   - association, bearing, connection, liaison, linkage, relation, relationship—more at CONNECTION

kins·man /'kɪnzˌmæn/ noun
   - a person connected with another by blood or marriage: RELATIVE; especially: a male relative
   Synonyms
   - kin, relation, relative—more at RELATIVE

kins·wom·an /'kɪnzˌwəmæn/ noun
   - a female relative

ki·osk /'kɪˌəsk/ noun
1: a small structure with one or more open sides
2: a stand-alone device providing information and services on a computer screen

Ki·o·wa /'kiˌəˌwəˌwəˌwəˌwə/ noun, plural Kiowa or Kiowas
   - a member of an American Indian people of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

kip·per /'kɪpər/ noun
   - a fish (as a herring) preserved by salting and drying or smoking
   — kipper verb

kirk /'kɜːrk, 'kɜːrk/ noun, chiefly Scottish
   - CHURCH

kir·tle /'kɜːrl, 'kɜːrl/ noun
   - a long gown or dress worn by women
kis·met /ˈkɪz.ˌmɛt, ˈmɛt/ noun, often cap
[origin: Turk, fr. Ar qisma portion, lot]
: FATE

1kiss /kɪs/ verb
  1: to touch or caress with the lips as a mark of affection or greeting
  2 ▶: to touch gently or lightly
     Synonyms
     — brush, graze, nick, shave, skim—more at BRUSH

2kiss noun
  1: a caress with the lips
  2: a gentle touch or contact
  3: a bite-size candy

kiss·er /ˈkɪs.ər/ noun
  1: one that kisses
  2 slang: MOUTH
  3 slang: FACE

kit /kɪt/ noun
  1: a set of articles for personal use; also: a set of tools or implements or of parts to be assembled
  2: a container (as a case) for a kit

kitch·en /ˈkɪtʃən/ noun
  1: a room with cooking facilities
  2: the staff that prepares, cooks, and serves food

kitch·en·ette /ˈkɪtʃə.ˈnet/ noun
: a small kitchen or an alcove containing cooking facilities

kitchen police noun
  1: KP
  2: the work of KPs

kitch·en·ware /ˈkɪtʃən.ˈwɛr/ noun
: utensils and appliances for kitchen use

kite /kɪt/ noun
  1: any of various long-winged hawks often with deeply forked tails
  2: a light frame covered with paper or cloth and designed to be flown in the air at the end of a long string

kith /kɪθ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE cȳθθ, fr. cūθ known]
: familiar friends, neighbors, or relatives <~ and kin>

kitsch /ˈkɪtsʃ/ noun
[origin: G]
: something often of poor quality that appeals to popular or lowbrow taste
— kitschy adjective

kit·ten /ˈkɪt.ən/ noun
: a young cat

kit·ten·ish adjective
▷: resembling or suggestive of a kitten; especially: cooly playful
     Synonyms
     — coquettish, coy, demure—more at COY

1kitty /ˈkɪti/ noun, plural kitties
▷: a carnivorous mammal long domesticated as a pet and for catching rats and mice: CAT; especially: KITTEN
     Synonyms
     — cat, feline, puss—more at CAT
kitty noun, plural kitties
   : a fund in a poker game made up of contributions from each pot; also: pool
   **Synonyms**
   account, budget, deposit, fund, nest egg, pool—more at FUND

kit·ty–cor·ner also cat·ty–cor·ner or cat·er·cor·ner /'ki.tē.kor.nar/ 'ka::'ka.tə/ or kit·ty–cor·nered or cat·ty–cor·nered /-'nərd/ adverb or adjective
   : in a diagonal or oblique position

ki·wi /'kē.ō.wē/ noun
1 : any of a small genus of flightless New Zealand birds
2 : KIWIFRUIT

ki·wi·fruit /ˈfruːt/ noun
   : a brownish hairy egg-shaped fruit of a subtropical vine that has sweet bright green flesh and small edible black seeds

KJV abbreviation
   King James Version

KKK abbreviation
   Ku Klux Klan

kl abbreviation
   kiloliter

klatch or klatsch /ˈklætʃ/ noun
   [origin: G Klatsch gossip]
   : a gathering marked by informal conversation

klep·to·ra·cy /ˈklep.təˌkrə.sē/ noun, plural -cies
   : government by those who seek chiefly status and personal gain at the expense of the governed

klep·to·ma·nia /ˈklep.təˌmə.nē.ə/ noun
   : a persistent neurotic impulse to steal esp. without economic motive
   — klep·to·ma·ni·ac /ˌməˈnē.ək/ noun

klieg light or kleig light /ˈkligor/ noun
   : a very bright lamp used in making motion pictures

klutz /ˈkluts/ noun
   [origin: Yiddish klots, lit., wooden beam]
   : a clumsy person
   — klutzy adjective

kn abbreviation
   kilometer

kn abbreviation
   knot

knack /nak/ noun
1 : a clever way of doing something
2 : natural aptitude
   **Synonyms**
   aptitude, endowment, faculty, flair, genius, gift, talent—more at TALENT

knap·sack /ˈnap.ˌsak/ noun
   : a bag (as of canvas) strapped on the back and used esp. for carrying supplies

knave /ˈnāv/ noun
1 : a tricky deceitful fellow : ROGUE
2 : JACK
**Synonyms**
- beast, devil, evildoer, fiend, heavy, no-good, rapscallion, rascal, reprobate, rogue, scalawag, scamp, varlet, villain, wretch—more at [VILLAIN](#)

**knav·ery** /ˈnæ.vəˌri/ **noun**
- the character or actions of a rascal; also: a rogues or mischievous act
  **Synonyms**
  - devilishness, impishness, mischief, mischievousness, rascality, shenanigans, waggery, wickedness—more at [MISCHIEF](#)

**knav·ish** /ˈnæ.viʃ/ **adjective**
- of, relating to, or characteristic of a knave
  **Synonyms**
  - devilish, impish, mischievous, rascally, roguish, sly, waggish, wicked—more at [MISCHIEVOUS](#)

**knead** /nəd/ **verb**
- to work and press into a mass with the hands; also: [MASSAGE](#)
  — knead·er **noun**

**knee** /nē/ **noun**
- the joint in the middle part of the leg
  — kneel **verb**

**knee·cap** /nē.kaP/ **noun**
- a thick flat triangular movable bone forming the front of the knee

**knee·hole** /ˌnē.hōl/ **noun**
- a space (as under a desk) for the knees

**knee–jerk** /nē.ˌjerk/ **adjective**
- readily predictable <a ~ reaction>

**kneel** /nē/ **verb** knelt /nelt/ or kneeled; kneeling
- to bend the knee: fall or rest on the knees
  1 **knell** /nēl/ **verb**
  1: to ring esp. for a death or disaster
  2: to summon, announce, or proclaim by a knell
  **Synonyms**
  - chime, peal, ring, toll—more at [RING](#)
  2 **knell** **noun**
  1: a stroke of a bell esp. when tolled (as for a funeral)
  2: an indication of the end or failure of something
  knew past of [KNOW](#)

**knick·ers** /nɪˌkerz/ **noun plural**
- loose-fitting short pants gathered at the knee

**knick·knack** /nɪkˌnak/ **noun**
- a small trivial article intended for ornament
  **Synonyms**
  - bauble, curiosity, gewgaw, novelty, ornamental, trinket; also bric-a-brac, trumpery; trifle; figurne, objet d'art, ornament; souvenir

1 **knife** /nīf/ **noun**, plural knives /nīvz/
  1: a cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade fastened to a handle
  2: a sharp cutting tool in a machine

2 **knife** **verb** knifed; knif·ing
- to stab, slash, or wound with a knife

1 **knight** /nīt/ **noun**
1: a mounted warrior of feudal times serving a king
2: a man honored by a sovereign for merit and in Great Britain ranking below a baronet
3: a man devoted to the service of a lady
4: a member of an order or society
5: a chess piece having an L-shaped move
— knight·ly adjective

2knight verb
: to make a knight of

knight·hood /nɪt.huːd/ noun
1: the rank, dignity, or profession of a knight
2: CHIVALRY
3: knights as a class or body

knish /ˈkniʃ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Yiddish]
: a small round or square of dough stuffed with a filling (as of meat or fruit) and baked or fried

1knit /nɪt/ verb knit or knitted; knitting
1: to link firmly or closely
2: WRINKLE << her brows>
3: to form a fabric by interlacing yarn or thread in connected loops with needles
4: to grow together
— knitter noun

2knit noun
1: a basic knitting stitch
2: a knitted garment or fabric

knit·wear /ˈnɪt.waːr/ noun
: knitted clothing

knob /nɑb/ noun
1: a rounded protuberance; also: a small rounded ornament or handle
2: a rounded usu. isolated hill
— knobbed /nɑbd/ adjective
— knob·by /nɑˌbɪ/ adjective

1knock /nɑk/ verb
1: to strike with a sharp blow
2: to collide with something: BUMP
3: to make a pounding noise; especially: to have engine knock
4: to find fault with
5: to move about without a fixed course, aim, or goal

Synonyms

— [2] bang, bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, impact, ram, slam, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at HIT
— [4] blame, censure, condemn, criticize, denounce, fault, pan, reprehend—more at CRITICIZE
— [5] gad, gallivant, maulder, meander, mope, ramble, range, roam, rove, traipse, wander—more at WANDER

2knock noun
1: a sharp blow
2: a pounding noise; especially: one caused by abnormal ignition in an automobile engine
3: a severe misfortune or hardship

Synonyms

— adversity, misadventure, mischance, misfortune, mishap—more at MISFORTUNE

knock·down /nɑk_.dəʊn/ noun
1: the action of knocking down
2: something (as a blow) that knocks down
3: something that can be easily assembled or disassembled
knock down verb
1 : to strike to the ground with or as if with as sharp blow
2 : to take apart : DISASSEMBLE
3 : to receive as income or salary : EARN
4 : to make a reduction in
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] bowl, down, drop, fell, floor, level
   ➢ [2] disassemble, dismantle, strike, take down—more at DISASSEMBLE

knocker /nə′kär/ noun
: one that knocks; especially : a device hinged to a door for use in knocking

knock–knee /näk′.nē/ noun
: a condition in which the legs curve inward at the knees
— knock–kneed /näk′.nēd/ adjective

knock-off /näk′.off/ noun
: a copy or imitation of someone or something popular

knock off verb
1 : to stop doing something
2 : to do quickly, carelessly, or routinely
3 : to deduct from a price
4 : KILL
5 : ROB
6 : COPY, Imitate
   Synonyms
   ➢ break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, layoff, leave off, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP

knock-out /näk′.aʊt/ noun
1 : a blow that fells and immobilizes an opponent (as in boxing)
2 : something sensationally striking or attractive
3 : the act of knocking out; also : the condition of being knocked out
   Synonyms
   ➢ [2] beauty, dream—more at BEAUTY
   ➢ [2] beauty, crackerjack, dandy, jim-dandy, pip—more at JIM-DANDY
   ➢ [3] blackout, faint, swoon—more at FAINT

knock out verb
1 : to defeat by a knockout
2 : to make unconscious or inoperative
3 : to tire out : EXHAUST

knock-wurst also knack-wurst /näk′.wurst, näk′wurst/ noun
: a short thick heavily seasoned sausage

knoll /nōl/ noun
: a small round hill

knot /nöt/ noun
1 : an interlacing (as of string) forming a lump or knob and often used for fastening or tying together
2 : something hard to solve : PROBLEM
3 : a bond of union; especially : the marriage bond
4 : a protuberant lump or swelling in tissue
5 : a rounded cross-grained area in lumber that is a section through the junction of a tree branch with the trunk; also : the woody tissue forming this junction in a tree
6 : a cluster of persons or things : GROUP
7 : an ornamental bow of ribbon
8 : one nautical mile per hour; also : one nautical mile
**Synonyms**

- [2] case, matter, problem, trouble—more at **PROBLEM**
- [3] bond, cement, ligature, link, tie—more at **BOND**
- [4] bump, lump, nodule, swelling—more at **BUMP**

2 **knot** verb **knot·ted; knot·ting**

1 : to tie in or with a knot
2 : to unite closely or intricately : **ENTANGLE**

**Synonyms**

- entangle, interlace, intertwine, interweave, snarl, tangle—more at **ENTANGLE**

**knot·hole** /ˈnəʊt.həl/ **noun**

: a hole in a board or tree trunk where a knot has come out

**knot·ty** adjective

- : marked by or full of knots; especially : so full of difficulties and complications as to be likely to defy solution

**Synonyms**

- complex, complicated, convoluted, elaborate, intricate, involved, sophisticated—more at **COMPLEX**
- catchy, delicate, difficult, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at **TRICKY**

2 **knot** /nɔt/ **noun**

: a whip used for flogging

**know** /nəʊ/ **verb** **knew /nəʊt/; known /nəʊn/; know·ing**

1 : to perceive directly : have understanding or direct cognition of; also : to recognize the nature of
2 : to be acquainted or familiar with
3 : to be aware of the truth of
4 : to have a practical understanding of

- **know·able** adjective
- **know·er** noun
- **in the know** : possessing confidential information

**Synonyms**

- [1] endure, experience, feel, have, see, suffer, sustain, taste, undergo—more at **EXPERIENCE**
- [4] comprehend, grasp, understand; also appreciate, apprehend, fathom, perceive; have, possess

**know·how** /ˈnəʊ·haʊ/ **noun**

: knowledge of how to do something smoothly and efficiently

**Synonyms**

- experience, expertise, proficiency, savvy—more at **EXPERIENCE**

**know·ing** adjective

1 : having or reflecting knowledge, intelligence, or information
2 : shrewdly and keenly alert
3 : **DELIBERATE, INTENTIONAL**

**Synonyms**

- astute, canny, hardheaded, sharp, shrewd, smart—more at **SHREW**

**know·ing·ly** adverb

: in a knowing manner; especially : with awareness, deliberateness, or intention

**Synonyms**

- consciously, deliberately, intentionally, purposely, willfully—more at **INTENTIONALLY**

**know·ledge** /ˈnəʊ.lidʒ/ **noun**

1 : understanding gained by actual experience <a ~ of carpentry>
2 : range of information <to the best of my ~>
3 : clear perception of truth
4 : something learned and kept in the mind
5 : acquaintance with or understanding of a science, art, or technique

**Synonyms**
knowledgeable /ˌnäˈlijəbəl/ adjective

- having or showing knowledge or intelligence

**Synonyms**
- abreast, conversant, familiar, informed, up, up-to-date, versed
- educated, erudite, learned, literate, scholarly, well-read

knuckle /ˈnəʊkəl/ noun

- the rounded knob at a joint and esp. at a finger joint

knuckle down verb

- to apply oneself earnestly

knuckle under verb

- to yield under insistence or entreaty

**Synonyms**
- bow, budge, capitulate, concede, give in, quit, submit, succumb, surrender, yield

knurl /ˈnəɜ尔/ noun

1: knob
2: one of a series of small ridges on a metal surface to aid in gripping
- knurled /ˈnəɜ尔d/ adjective
- knurly adjective

1KO /ˈkō/ noun

- knockout

2KO verb KO'd; KO'ing

- to knock out in boxing

koala /ˈkōələ/ noun

- a gray furry Australian marsupial that has large hairy ears and feeds on eucalyptus leaves

K of C abbreviation

Knights of Columbus

kohlrași /ˌkōlˈrāsə/ noun, plural -bies

[Origin: G, fr. It cavolo rapa, lit., cabbage turnip]

- a cabbage that forms no head but has a swollen fleshy edible stem

koi /ˈkōi/ noun, plural koi

[Origin: Jp]

- a carp bred for large size and a variety of colors and often stocked in ornamental ponds

koalas /ˈkōləs/ noun, plural -skies

- the fur of various Asian minks

Ko•mo•do dragon /ˈkō.ɪmō.ˈdu/ noun

[Origin: Komodo Island, Indonesia]

- a carnivorous lizard of Indonesia that is the largest of all known lizards

kook /ˈkūk/ noun

- one whose ideas or actions are eccentric, fantastic, or insane

**Synonyms**
- character, crackpot, crank, eccentric, nut, oddball, screwball, weirdo

kooky also kook·ie /ˈkūkˌi/ adjective kook·i·er; -est

- having the characteristics of a kook

**Synonyms**
- absurd, asinine, crazy, cuckoo, foolish, harebrained, insane, mad, nonsensical, nutty, sappy, screwball, senseless, silly, stupid
Koo-te-nai or Ku-te-nai /kū_ˈteˌnä/ noun, plural -nai or -nais
: a member of an American Indian people of the Rocky Mountains in both the U.S. and Canada; also : their language

ko-ra /ˈkôrə/ noun
: a 21-stringed African musical instrument

Ko-ran /ˈkōrən/ noun
[origin: Ar qur‘ān]
: a sacred book of Islam that contains revelations made to Muhammad by Allah

Ko-re-an /ˈkōrən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Korea
— Korean adjective

do-she-r /kō_ˈshehr/ adjective
[origin: Yiddish, fr. Heb kāshēr fit, proper]
1 : ritually fit for use according to Jewish law
2 : selling or serving kosher food

kow-tow /ˈkau̯ˌtaʊ, ˈkau̯.taʊ/ verb
[origin: Chin kòutóu, fr. kòu to knock + tóu head]
1 : to show obsequious deference
2 : to kneel and touch the forehead to the ground as a sign of homage or deep respect

Synonyms
— fawn, fuss, toady—more at FAWN

kp /kəˈpē/ noun
1 : an enlisted man detailed to help the cooks in a military mess
2 : the work of KPs

kph abbreviation
kilometers per hour

Kr symbol
krypton

kraal /ˈkral, ˈkrōl/ noun
1 : a native village in southern Africa
2 : an enclosure for domestic animals in southern Africa

kraut /ˈkroʊt/ noun
— SAUERKRAUT

Krem-lin /ˈkremˌlən/ noun
: the Russian government

Krem-lin-ol-o-gist /ˈkremˌlnˌəˌləˌjist/ noun
: a specialist in the policies and practices of the former Soviet government

Kru-ger-rand /ˈkrüˌɡəˌrandˌrænd/ noun
: a 1-ounce gold coin of the Republic of South Africa

krypton /ˈkripˌtən/ noun
: a gaseous chemical element used esp. in electric lamps

KS abbreviation
Kansas

kt abbreviation
1 karat
2 knight

ku-do /kū_ˈdoʊ, ˈkyʊ-/ noun, plural kudos
[origin: fr. kudos (taken as pl.)]
ku·dos /kü̱ˈdoʊs, 'kyūdəs/ noun
  : fame and renown resulting from achievement

ku·dzu /kūdzu, 'kyūdzu/ noun
  [origin: jap kazu]
  : a fast-growing weedy leguminous vine used for forage and erosion control

ku·lak /kūˈlæk, kūˌlak/ noun
  [origin: Russ, lit., fist]
  1 : a wealthy peasant farmer in 19th century Russia
  2 : a farmer characterized by Communists as too wealthy

ku·mant /kəmˌkwänt/ noun
  : any of several small citrus fruits with sweet spongy rind and acid pulp

kung fu /kəŋˈfyuː, .ˈkʊŋ-/ noun
  : a Chinese art of self-defense resembling karate

kung pao /kəŋˈpɑʊ,ˌkʊŋ-,ˈkʊŋ-/ adjective
  : being stir-fried or deep-fried and served in a spicy hot sauce usu. with peanuts

kur·ta /ˈkʊr.ta/ noun
  : a long loose-fitting collarless shirt

ku·rus /kəˈryʊʃ/ noun, plural kurus
  : a Turkish piaster equal to 1/100 lira

Ku·waiti /ˈkǔˌwāt.i/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of Kuwait
  — Kuwaiti adjective

kV abbreviation
  kilovolt

kvell /kvel/ verb
  : to be extraordinarily proud

kvetch /kvetch, kˈvetch/ verb
  : to complain habitually
  — kvetch noun

kW abbreviation
  kilowatt

Kwan·zaa, Kwan·za /kwänˈza/ noun
  [origin: Swahili kwanza first]
  : an African-American cultural festival held from December 26 to January 1

kwash·i·or·kor /kwäshˌi.ˈɔrˌkør, .ˈɔrˌkɔr/ noun
  : a disease of young children caused by deficient intake of protein

kWh abbreviation
  kilowatt-hour

Ky or KY abbreviation
  Kentucky

ky·bosh chiefly British variant of KIBOSH
L

1 /ˈɛl/ noun, plural l's or ls /ɛlz/ often cap
   : the 12th letter of the English alphabet

2 abbreviation, often cap
   1 lake
   2 large
   3 left
   4 [origin L libra] pound
   5 line
   6 liter
   a La abbreviation
      Louisiana
   b La symbol
      lanthanum
   c LA abbreviation
      1 law agent
      2 Los Angeles
      3 Louisiana
   d lab /ˈlab/ noun
      : LABORATORY
   e Lab noun
      : LABRADOR RETRIEVER
   f label /ˈlæ.bəl/ noun
      1 : a slip attached to something for identification or description
      2 : a descriptive or identifying word or phrase
      3 : a descriptive or identifying word or phrase
      Synonyms
         marker, tag, ticket; also caption, legend; brand, emblem, logo, mark, symbol; badge, decal, plaque, seal, stamp, sticker
   g label verb -beled or -belled; -bel·ing or -bel·ling
      1 : to affix a label to
      2 : to describe or name with a label
      Synonyms
         [1] mark, tag, ticket; also caption, earmark, stamp; call, designate, identify, name, tab; brand, stigmatize
         [2] baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, name, style, term, title—more at NAME
   h lab·i·al /ˈlæ.ˈbi.əl/ adjective
      : of, relating to, or situated near the lips or labia
   i la·bi·ma·jo·ra /ˈlæ.ˌbē.ə.məˌjər.a/ noun plural
      : the outer fatty folds of the vulva
   j labia mi·no·ra /ˌlæ.ˌbē.ə.məˌnôr.a/ noun plural
      : the inner highly vascular folds of the vulva
   k la·bi·um /ˈlæ.ˌbē.əm/ noun, plural la·bia /ˌlæ.ˌbē.ə/ [origin: NL, fr. L, lip]
      : any of the folds at the margin of the vulva
1 labor /ˈlæbər/ noun
1 : physical or mental effort; also : human activity that provides the goods or services in an economy
2 : the physical efforts of giving birth; also : the period of such labor
3 : an act or process requiring labor
4 : those who do manual labor or work for wages; also : labor unions or their officials
   Synonyms
   - [1] effort, exertion, expenditure, pains, sweat, trouble, while, work—more at EFFORT
   - [2] childbirth, delivery—more at CHILDBIRTH
   - [3] drudgery, grind, slavery, sweat, toil, travail—more at TOIL

2 labor verb
1 : to exert oneself physically or mentally esp. with painful or strenuous effort : WORK
2 : to move with great effort
3 : to be in the labor of giving birth
4 : to suffer from some disadvantage or distress <~ under a delusion>
5 : to treat or work out laboriously
   Synonyms
   - drudge, endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, peg, plod, plug, slave, slog, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work; also apply (oneself), attempt, buckle (down), hammer (away), pitch in; attack, drive; essay, try; exercise, exert, overexert, overwork; eke out, grind (out), put out, scratch; trudge, wade; employ, ply, use, utilize, wield
   Antonyms
   - dabble, fiddle (around), fool (around), mess (around), putter (around)

lab·o·ra·to·ry /ˈla.bərəˌtɔrᵻ/ noun, plural -ries
: a place equipped for making scientific experiments or tests

Labor Day noun
: the 1st Monday in September observed as a legal holiday in recognition of the working people

la·bored /ˈlæ伯d/ adjective
: not freely or easily done <~ breathing>

la·bor·er noun
: one that labors; specif : a person who does unskilled physical work for wages

la·bo·ri·ous /ˈlæbərɪəs/ adjective
1 : devoted to labor : INDUSTRIOUS
2 : requiring great effort
   Synonyms
   - active, assiduous, busy, diligent, engaged, industrious, occupied, sedulous, working—more at BUSY
   - arduous, challenging, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, onerous, rough, stiff, strenuous, tall, taxing, toilsome, tough—more at HARD

la·bo·ri·ous·ly adverb
: in a laborious manner
   Synonyms
   - determinedly, diligently, hard, hardly, mightily, slavishly, strenuously, tirelessly—more at HARD

la·bor·sav·ing /ˈlæ伯ˌsɑvɪŋ/ adjective
: designed to replace or decrease labor
   Synonyms
   - automatic, robotic, self-acting; also mechanical, motorized; computerized; aiding, helping; easing, relieving

labor union noun
: an organization of workers formed to advance its members' interest in respect to wages and working conditions

la·bour chiefly British variant of LABOR

lab·ra·dor·ite /ˈla.brəˌdɔr.i/ noun
: an iridescent feldspar used in jewelry

Lab·ra·dor retriever /ˈla.brəˌdɔr/ noun
: any of a breed of strongly built retrievers having a short dense black, yellow, or chocolate coat

la·bur·num /laˈbər.nəm/ noun
: any of a genus of leguminous shrubs or trees with hanging clusters of yellow flowers

lab·y·rinth /laˈbaˌrinth/ noun
: a place constructed of or filled with confusing intricate passageways: MAZE

lab·y·rin·thine /laˌbaˌrínθən/ adjective
: INTRICATE, INVOLVED

lac /ˈlæk/ noun
: a resinous substance secreted by a scale insect and used chiefly in the form of shellac

lace /lās/ verb laced; lac·ing
1 : TIE
2 : to adorn with or as if with lace <countryside laced with small villages>
3 : to unite by twining one with another: INTERTWINE
4 : to hit repeatedly: BEAT
5 : to add something to impart zest or savor to

Synonyms

[2, 3] interlace, intersperse, intertwine, interweave, thread, weave, wreathe—more at THREAD

lace noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF lace, laz, fr. L laqueus snare]
1 : a cord or string used for drawing together two edges
2 : an ornamental braid
3 : a fine openwork usu. figured fabric made of thread
— lacy /lāˈsē/ adjective

Synonyms

[1] cable, cord, line, rope, string, wire—more at CORD
[2] braid, plait—more at BRAID

lacer·ate /ˌlās.ərāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to tear roughly

lacer·a·tion /ˌlās.ərāˈshən/ noun
: a torn and ragged wound

Synonyms

gash, rent, rip, slash, slit, tear—more at GASH

lace·wing /lās.ˌwĭŋ/ noun
: any of various insects with delicate wing veins, long antennae, and often brilliant eyes

lach·ry·mal or lac·ri·mal /ˈlaˌkrē.məl/ adjective
1 usually lacrimaL : of, relating to, or being glands that produce tears
2 : of, relating to, or marked by tears

lach·ry·mose /ˈlaˌkrē.mōs/ adjective
1 : TEARFUL
2 : MOURNFUL

lack /lāk/ verb
1 : to be wanting or missing
2 : to be deficient in

lack noun
: the fact or state of being wanting or deficient

Synonyms

dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at DEFICIENCY
absence, need, want—more at NEED
lack·a·di·si·cal /ˈlakəˌdāzəˈkəl/ adjective
› : lacking life, spirit, or zest
— lack·a·di·si·cal·ly /ˈlakəˌdāzəˈkəlē/ adverb

Synonyms
› enervated, languid, languorous, limp, listless, spiritless—more at listless

lack·ey /ˈlækə/ noun, plural lackeys
1 ◁ : someone who does tasks or errands for another : FOOTMAN, SERVANT
2 ◁ : TOADY

Synonyms
› domestic, flunky, menial, retainer, servant, steward—more at servant

lack·lus·ter /ˈlækˌluːster/ adjective
› : DULL

la·con·ic /ˈlækəˈnɪk/ adjective
[Origin: L laconicus Spartan, fr. Gk lakōnikos; fr. the Spartan reputation for terseness of speech]
› : sparing of words : TERSE

Synonyms
› brief, compact, compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse—more at concise

la·con·i·cal·ly /ˈlækəˈnɪkələlē/ adverb
› : in a laconic manner

Synonyms
› compactly, concisely, crisply, shortly, succinctly, summarily, tersely—more at shortly

lac·quer /ˈlækər/ noun
› : a clear or colored usu. glossy and quick-drying surface coating
— lacquer verb

lac·ri·ma·tion /ˈlækriˌmeɪʃən/ noun
› : secretion of tears

la·crosse /ˈlækroʊs/ noun
[Origin: CanF la crosse, lit., the crooked stick]
› : a goal game in which players use a long-handled triangular-headed stick having a mesh pouch for catching, carrying, and throwing the ball

lac·tate /ˈlækˌtæt/ verb lac·tat·ed; lac·tat·ing
› : to secrete milk
— lac·ta·tion /ˈlækˌteiʃən/ noun

lac·tic /ˈlæktrɪk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to milk
2 : obtained from sour milk or whey

lactic acid noun
› : a syrupy acid present in blood and muscle tissue and used esp. in food and medicine

lac·tose /ˈlækˌtəs/ noun
› : a sugar present in milk

la·cu·na /ˈlɑkwənə/ noun, plural la·cu·nae /ˈlɑkwəni/ also la·cu·nas
[Origin: L, pool, pit, gap, fr. lacus lake]
› : a blank space or missing part : GAP

lad /lad/ noun
› : a male person of any age between early boyhood and maturity : YOUTH; also : FELLOW

Synonyms
› boy, nipper, shaver, stripling, youth—more at boy
› buck, chap, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, male, man—more at man
lad·der /ˈlaː.dər/ noun
1 : a structure for climbing that consists of two parallel sidepieces joined at intervals by crosspieces
2 ▶ : a series of usu. ascending steps or stages
   Synonyms
   ▶ graduation, scale—more at SCALE
lad·die /ˈlaː.dē/ noun
: a young lad
lad·en /ˈlæd.ən/ adjective
: LOADED, BURDENED
lad·ing /ˈlæd.in/ noun
▶ : the goods or merchandise conveyed in a ship, airplane, or vehicle : CARGO, FREIGHT
   Synonyms
   ▶ burden, cargo, draft, freight, haul, load, payload, weight—more at LOAD
1lad·le /ˈlæd.l/ noun
: a deep-bowled long-handled spoon used in taking up and conveying liquids
2ladle verb
▶ : to take up and convey in or as if in a ladle
   Synonyms
   ▶ dip, scoop, spoon—more at DIP
la·dy /ˈlæd.i/ noun, plural ladies
[Origin: ME, fr. OE hlǣfdīge, fr. hlāf bread + -dīge (akin to dāge kneader of bread)]
1 ▶ : a woman of property, rank, or authority; also : a woman of superior social position or of refinement
2 : WOMAN
3 : a female partner in a marriage : WIFE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] dame, gentlewoman, noblewoman—more at GENTLEWOMAN
   ▶ [3] helpmate, wife—more at WIFE
lady beetle noun
: LADYBUG
la·dy·bird /ˈlæd.iˌbɜrd/ noun
: LADYBUG
la·dy·bug /ˈlæd.iˌbʊg/ noun
: any of various small nearly hemispherical and usu. brightly colored beetles that feed mostly on other insects
la·dy·fin·ger /ˈlæd.iˌfɪŋgər/ noun
: a small finger-shaped sponge cake
lady–in–waiting noun, plural ladies–in–waiting
: a lady appointed to attend or wait on a queen or princess
la·dy·like /ˈlæd.iˌlɪk/ adjective
: WELL-BRED
la·dy·ship /ˈlæd.iʃip/ noun
: the condition of being a lady : rank of lady
lady's slipper also lady slipper noun
: any of several No. American orchids with slipper-shaped flowers
1lag /ˈlæɡ/ noun
1 : a slowing up or falling behind; also : the amount by which one lags
2 : INTERVAL
2lag verb lagged; lag·ging
1 ▶: to fail to keep up : stay behind
2 ▶: to slacken gradually
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, dillydally, drag, linger, loiter, poke, tarry—more at DELAY
   ▶ [2] decay, droop, fail, flag, go, languish, sag, waste, weaken, wilt—more at WEAKEN

**lager** /ˈläˌgər/ noun
: a beer brewed by slow fermentation and matured under refrigeration

**laggard** /ˈläˌgərd/ adjective
▶: tending to lag
—— laggard noun
—— laggard-ly adjective
—— laggard-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ creeping, dilatory, languid, poky, slow, sluggish, tardy—more at SLOW

lag·gard-ly adverb
▶: in a laggard manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ slow, slowly, sluggishly, tardily—more at SLOW

**lag·niappe** /laˌniˈəp/ noun
▶: something given free esp. with a purchase
   Synonyms
   ▶ bonus, dividend, extra, perquisite, tip—more at BONUS
   ▶ bestowal, donation, freebie, gift, largesse, present—more at GIFT

la·goon /ˌlaˌgən/ noun
▶: a shallow sound, channel, or pond near or connected to a larger body of water

laid past and past participle of LAY

laid–back /ˈlādˌbak/ adjective
▶: having a relaxed style or character ~ music>
   Synonyms
   ▶ affable, breezy, easygoing, happy-go-lucky—more at EASYGOING

lain past participle of ly

lair /ˈlār/ noun
1 ▶: the resting or living place of a wild animal : DEN
2 ▶: a refuge or place for hiding
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] burrow, den, hole, lodge—more at DEN
   ▶ [2] concealment, covert, den, hideout, nest—more at HIDEOUT

laird /ˈlārd/ noun, chiefly Scottish
: a landed proprietor

lais·ser–faire chiefly British variant of LAISSEZ-FAIRE

la·is·sez–faire /lɑ́.səˌfār/ noun
[origin: F laissez faire let do]
: a doctrine opposing governmental control of economic affairs beyond that necessary to maintain peace and property rights

la·ity /ˌlāˌə.tē/ noun
1 : the people of a religious faith as distinct from its clergy
2 : the mass of people as distinct from those of a particular field

la·ke /lək/ noun
: an inland body of standing water of considerable size; also : a pool of liquid (as lava or pitch)
La·ko·ta /ləˈkō.tə/ noun, plural Lakota also Lakotas
: a member of a western division of the Dakota peoples; also : their language

1lam /læm/ verb lammed; lam·ming
› : to flee hastily
   Synonyms
   ✓ abscond, clear out, escape, flee, fly, get out, run away, run off—more at escape

2lam abbreviation

laminate

3lam noun
› : sudden or hurried flight esp. from the law
   Synonyms
   ✓ escape, flight, getaway, slip—more at escape

Lam abbreviation
Lamentations

la·ma /lāˈma/ noun
: a Buddhist monk of Tibet or Mongolia

la·ma·sery /lāˈmaˌsēr/ noun, plural -ser·ies
: a monastery for lamas

1lamb /læm/ noun
1 : a young sheep; also : its flesh used as food
2 : an innocent or gentle person
   Synonyms
   ✓ angel, dove, innocent, sheep; also fledgling, greenhorn, ingenue; cherub, saint; mollycoddle, sissy, softy, weakling, wimp; dupe, pigeon, sap, sucker
   Antonyms
   ✓ wolf

2lamb verb
› : to bring forth a lamb

1lam·bate or lam·bast /læmˈbäst, ˈbāst/ verb
1 : to assault violently : BEAT
2 : to attack verbally : EXCORIATE
   Synonyms
   ✓ abuse, assail, attack, belabor, blast, castigate, excoriate, jump, slam, vituperate—more at attack
   ✓ berate, chew out, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, upbraid—more at scold

lamb·da /ləmˈdeɪ/ noun
: the 11th letter of the Greek alphabet — Λ or λ

lamb·ent /ləmˈbent/ adjective
[origin: L lambens, prp. of lambere to lick]
1 : FLICKERING
2 : softly radiant <~ eyes>
3 : marked by lightness or brilliance <~ humor>
   — lamb·en·cy /ləmˈbɛnˌsē/ noun
   — lamb·ent·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ✓ beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, shiny—more at bright

lamb·skin /ləmˈskin/ noun
: a lamb's skin or a small fine-grade sheepskin or the leather made from either

1lame /læm/ adjective lam·er; lam·est
1: having a body part and esp. a limb so disabled as to impair freedom of movement; also: marked by stiffness and soreness
2: lacking substance: weak
— lame·ly adverb
— lame·ness noun

lame verb lamed; lam·ing
› to make lame: cripple, disable

Synonyms
› cripple, disable, maim, mutilate—more at maim

la·mé /lāˈmā/ noun
[Origin: F]
› a brocaded clothing fabric with tinsel filling threads (as of gold or silver)

lame·brain /ˈlāmˌbrān/ noun
› dolt

lame duck noun
› an elected official continuing to hold office between an election and the inauguration of a successor
— lame–duck adjective

lament /ˈlaˌmənt/ verb
1: to mourn aloud: wail
2: to express sorrow or regret for

Synonyms
› bemoan, bewail, deplore, grieve, mourn, wail; also complain (about), cry (for), groan (about), keen, moan, weep; regret, rue; deprecate, disapprove (of)

Antonyms
› exult (in), glory (in), rejoice (in)

lament noun
1: a crying out in grief: wail
2: a slow, solemn, and mournful piece of music: dirge, elegy
3: complaint

Synonyms
› [1] groan, howl, keen, moan, plaint, wail; also grieving, mourning, weeping; regret; complaint, outcry, protest

Antonyms
› exultation, rejoicing

lamentable /ˈlaˌmenˈta-bal, ˈlaˌmenˌta-lə/ adjective
1: that is to be regretted or lamented
2: expressing grief
— lament·a·ble ·ˈblē/ adverb

Synonyms
› [1] deplorable, distressful, grievous, heartbreaking, regrettable, unfortunate, woeful—more at regrettable
› [2] anguished, dolorous, mournful, plaintive, sorrowful, sorry, woeful—more at sorrowful

lamentation /ˈlaˌmenˈshən/ noun
› an act or instance of lamenting

Lamentations noun
› a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

la·mia /lāˈmē.a/ noun
› a female demon

lam·i·na /ˈlaˌme.nə/ noun, plural -nae /ˈnā/ or -nas
› a thin plate or scale
1 laminate /laˌmā.nāt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to make by uniting layers of one or more materials
   — lam·i·na·tion /laˌmā.nəˈshaŋ/ noun

2 laminate /ˈlamət/ noun
: a product manufactured by laminating

lamp /ˈlæmp/ noun
1 : a vessel with a wick for burning a flammable liquid (as oil) to produce light
2 : a device for producing light or heat

lamp·black /ˈlæm.blæk/ noun
: black soot used esp. as a pigment

lamp·light·er /ˈlæmplɪtər/ noun
: one that lights a lamp

lam·poon /ˈlæmˈpʊn/ noun
: SATIRE; especially : a harsh satire directed against an individual
   — lampoon verb

lam·prey /ˈlæmˈprɛ/ noun, plural lampreys
: any of a family of eel-shaped jawless fishes that have well-developed eyes and a large disk-shaped sucking mouth armed with horny teeth

LAN /ˈlæn.əˌlen/ noun
: LOCAL AREA NETWORK

la·nai /laˈnai/ noun
[origin: Hawaiian lānai]
: PORCH, VERANDA

1 lance /ˈlæns/ noun
1 : a spear carried by mounted soldiers
2 : any of various sharp-pointed implements; especially : LANCET
   Synonyms
   ➔ pike, spear—more at SPEAR

2 lance verb lanced; lanc·ing
: to pierce or open with a lance <~ a boil>
   Synonyms
   ➔ gore, harpoon, impale, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

lance corporal noun
: an enlisted man in the marine corps ranking above a private first class and below a corporal

lancer /ˈlænsər/ noun
: a cavalryman of a unit formerly armed with lances

lan·cet /ˈlænsɛt/ noun
: a sharp-pointed and usu. 2-edged surgical instrument

1 land /lænd/ noun
1 : the solid part of the surface of the earth; also : a part of the earth's surface <fenced ~> <marshy ~> 
2 : the people of a country : NATION
3 : REALM, DOMAIN
   — land·less adjective
   Synonyms
   ➔ [1] belt, region, tract, zone—more at REGION
   ➔ [1] dirt, dust, earth, ground, soil—more at EARTH
   ➔ [2] commonwealth, country, nation, sovereignty, state—more at NATION

2 land verb
1: to set or put on shore from a ship: DISEMBARK; also: to touch at a place on shore
2: to alight or cause to alight on a surface
3: to bring to or arrive at a destination
4: to catch and bring in <~ a fish>; also: GAIN, SECURE <~ a job>

Synonyms
- [1] anchor, arrive, disembark, dock, ground, harbor, moor, reach, tie up
- [2] alight, light, perch, roost, settle—more at ALIGHT
- [3] arrive, come, show up, turn up—more at COME
- [4] acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, get, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN

land·da·u /lan_ da_u/ noun
: a 4-wheeled carriage with a top divided into two sections that can be lowered, thrown back, or removed

land·ed adjective
: having an estate in land <~ gentry>

land·er /lan_ da_r/ noun
: a space vehicle designed to land on a celestial body

land·fall /land_ fall/ noun
: a sighting or making of land (as after a voyage); also: the land first sighted

land·fill /.fli/ noun
: a low-lying area on which refuse is buried between layers of earth

land·form /.form/ noun
: a natural feature of a land surface

land·hold·er /ˌhɔld_ ər/ noun
: a holder or owner of land
— land·hold·ing /ˌdlin/ adjective or noun

land·ing /lan_ din/ noun
1: the action of one that lands
2: a place for discharging or taking on passengers and cargo
3: a level part of a staircase

Synonyms
- dock, float, jetty, levee, pier, quay, wharf—more at DOCK

landing gear noun
: the part that supports the weight of an aircraft when it is on the ground

land·la·dy /lan_ la_ di/ noun
: a woman who is a landlord

land·locked /ˌlækt/ adjective
1: enclosed or nearly enclosed by land <~ a country>
2: confined to fresh water by some barrier <~ salmon>

land·lord /ˌlɔrd/ noun
1: the owner of property leased or rented to another
2: a person who rents lodgings: INNKEEPER

land·lub·ber /ˌla_ ba_r/ noun
: one who knows little of the sea or seamanship

land·mark /ˌmɑrk/ noun
1: an object that marks a course or boundary or serves as a guide
2: an event that marks a turning point
3: a structure of unusual historical and usu. aesthetic interest
land·mass /ˌmæs/ noun
: a large area of land

land mine noun
1 : a mine placed on or just below the surface of the ground and designed to be exploded by the weight of someone or something passing over it
2 : a trap for the unwary

land·own·er /ˌɔn.ər/ noun
: an owner of land

1land·scape /ˌskāp/ noun
1 : a picture of natural inland scenery
2 : a portion of land that can be seen in one glance

2land·scape verb land·scaped; land·scap·ing
: to modify (a natural landscape) by grading, clearing, or decorative planting

land·slide /ˌsloid/ noun
1 : the slipping down of a mass of rocks or earth on a steep slope; also : the mass of material that slides
2 : an overwhelming victory esp. in a political contest

land·sman /ˈlandz.əm/ noun
: a person who lives on land; especially : LANDLUBBER

land·ward /ˌlənd.wərd/ adverb or adjective
: to or toward the land

lane /lān/ noun
1 : a narrow passageway (as between fences)
2 : a relatively narrow way or track <traffic ~> 

lang abbreviation
language

lan·guage /ˈlæng.wij/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF langage, fr. langue tongue, language, fr. L lingua]
1 : the words, their pronunciation, and the methods of combining them used and understood by a community
2 : form or style of verbal expression
3 : a system of signs and symbols and rules for using them that is used to carry information

Synonyms
1 argot, cant, jargon, linglo, slang, terminology, vocabulary—more at TERMINOLOGY
2 diction, phraseology, phrasing, wording—more at WORDING
3 lingo, speech, tongue, vocabulary; also argot, cant, dialect, idiom, jargon, parlance, patois, patter, pidgin, slang, vernacular; colloquialism; terminology

lan·guid /ˈlæng.gud/ adjective
1 : drooping or flagging from or as if from exhaustion : WEAK
2 : sluggish in character or disposition : LISTLESS
3 : lacking force or quickness of movement : SLOW
— lan·guid·ly adverb
— lan·guid·ness noun

Synonyms
1 delicate, effete, enervated, faint, feeble, frail, infirm, low, prostrate, slight, soft, tender, torpid, unsubstantial, wasted, weak, wimpy—more at WEAK
2 enervated, lackadaisical, languorous, limp, listless, spiritless—more at LISTLESS
3 creeping, dilatory, laggard, poky, slow, sluggish, tardy—more at SLOW

lan·guish /ˈlæŋ.gwish/ verb
1 : to become languid
2 : to become dispirited : PINE
3: to appeal for sympathy by assuming an expression of grief

**Synonyms**
- decay, droop, fail, flag, go, lag, sag, waste, weaken, wilt—more at [WEAKEN](#)

**Languor** /ˈlɑːnɡər/ noun
1: a languid feeling
2: listless indolence or inertia

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] debility, delicacy, enfeeblement, faintness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, lowness, weakness—more at [WEAKNESS](#)

**Languorous** adjective
- : full of or characterized by languor

— **Languorous·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- enervated, lackadaisical, languid, limp, listless, spiritless—more at [LISTLESS](#)

**La Niña** /ˈlā nēnə/ noun
- an upwelling of unusually cold ocean water along the west coast of So. America that often follows an El Niño

**Lank** /lank/ adjective
1: not well filled out
2: hanging straight and limp

**Synonyms**
- droopy, flaccid, floppy, limp, slack, yielding—more at [LIMP](#)

**Lanky** /ˈlænki/ adjective **lank·i·er**; -est
- ungracefully tall and thin

**Synonyms**
- gangling, rangy, spindly; also angular, bony, gaunt, lank, rawboned, scrawny, skinny; lean, slender, slim, spare, thin; racy, reedy, spindery, stringy, twiggy, wiry

**Lan·o·lin** /ˈlanōlən/ noun
- the fatty coating of sheep's wool esp. when refined for use in ointments and cosmetics

**Lan·ta·na** /ˈlantəna/ noun
- any of a genus of tropical shrubs related to the vervains with showy heads of small bright flowers

**Lan·tern** /ˈlān tərn/ noun
1: a usu. portable light with a protective covering
2: the chamber in a lighthouse containing the light
3: a projector for slides

**Lan·tha·num** /ˈlān tha num/ noun
- a soft malleable metallic chemical element

**Lan·yard** /ˈlān yərd/ noun
- a piece of rope for fastening something in ships; also : any of various cords

**Lao·tian** /ˈlā ˈō shən, ˈlaʊ ˈshən/ noun
- a native or inhabitant of Laos

— **Laotian** adjective

**lap** /lap/ noun
1: a loose panel of a garment
2: the clothing that lies on the knees, thighs, and lower part of the trunk when one sits; also : the front part of the lower trunk and thighs of a seated person
3: an environment of nurture <the ~ of luxury>
4: **CHARGE**, **CONTROL** <in the ~ of the gods>

**lap** verb lapped, lap·ping
1: **fold**
2: to envelop entirely : **wrap**
3: to lay over or near so as to partly cover
   - **Synonyms**
     - [2] embrace, enclose, encompass, enfold, enshroud, envelop, invest, mantle, shroud, swathe, veil, wrap—more at **enfold**
     - [3] overlap, overlay, overlie, overspread—more at **overlap**
4: **lap**
   - noun
     1: the amount by which an object overlaps another; also: the part of an object that overlaps another
     - **Synonyms**
       - leg, stage, step—more at **leg**
   - verb **lapped**; **lapping**
     1: to scoop up food or drink with the tip of the tongue; also: devour—usu. used with up
     - **Synonyms**
       - plash, slosh, splash, swash—more at **slosh**
   - noun
     1: an act or instance of lapping
     2: a gentle splashing sound
5: **laparoscopy** /la.pərəˈskəpi/ noun, plural -opies
   1: visual examination of the abdomen by means of an endoscope; also: surgery using laparoscopy
   - **laparoscope** /la.ˈpa raˌskəp/ noun
   - **laparoscopic** /la.ˈpa raˌskərəs/ adjective
6: **lapdog** /ˈlæpˌdɔ/ noun
   : a small dog that may be held in the lap
7: **lapel** /ˈlæpəl/ noun
   : the fold of the front of a coat that is usu. a continuation of the collar
8: **lapidary** /ˈlæpəˌderē/ noun, plural -aries
   : a person who cuts, polishes, or engraves precious stones
   - **lapidary** adjective
     1: of, relating to, or suitable for engraved inscriptions
     2: of or relating to precious stones or the art of cutting them
9: **lapin** /ˈlæpən/ noun
   : rabbit fur usu. sheared and dyed
10: **lapis lazuli** /ˈlaˌpɪs laˈzuˌli/ noun
    : a usu. blue semiprecious stone often having sparkling bits of pyrite
11: **lappet** /ˈlæpet/ noun
    : a fold or flap on a garment
12: **lapse** /ˈlaps/ noun
    [origin: L. lapsus, fr. labi to slip]
    1: a slight error
    2: a fall from a higher to a lower state
    3: the termination of a right or privilege through failure to meet requirements
    4: a gap in the continuity of something: **interruption**
   5: **apostasy**
   6: a passage of time; also: **interval**
   - **Synonyms**
     - [1] blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, miscue, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip, stumble—more at
lapse verb lapsed; laps·ing
1 : to commit apostasy
2 : to sink or slip gradually : SUBSIDE
3 ▶ : to go out of existence : CEASE
  Synonyms
  break off, break up, cease, close, conclude, die, discontinue, elapse, end, expire, finish, halt, leave off, let up, pass, quit, stop, terminate, wind up—more at CEASE

laptop /ˈlaˌpōt/ adjective
: of a size that can be used conveniently on one's lap <a ~ computer>
— laptop noun

lap·wing /ˈlaˌwīn/ noun
: an Old World crested plover

lar·board /ˈlärˌbərd/ noun
: 5 PORT

lar·ce·ny /ˈlärˌsəˌnē/ noun, plural -nies
▶ the unlawful taking of personal property with intent to deprive the rightful owner of it permanently : THEFT
  — lar·ce·nous /ˈlärˌsəˌnəs/ adjective
  Synonyms
  robbery, theft, thievery—more at THEFT

larch /ˈlärk/ noun
: any of a genus of trees related to the pines that shed their needles in the fall
  1 lard /ˈlärd/ verb
  1 : to insert strips of usu. pork fat into (meat) before cooking; also : GREASE
  2 obsolete : ENRICH
  2 lard noun
  : a soft white fat obtained by rendering fatty tissue of the hog

lar·der /ˈlärˌdr/ noun
: a place where foods (as meat) are kept

lar·es and pe·na·tes /ˈlärˌez . . . pəˈnäˌtēz/ noun plural
1 : household gods
2 : personal or household effects

large /ˈlärj/ adjective larg·er; larg·est
1 : having more than usual power, capacity, or scope
2 ▶ : exceeding most other things of like kind in quantity or size
  — at large
  1 : UNCONFINED
  2 : as a whole
  Synonyms
  big, bumper, considerable, goodly, grand, great, handsome, hefty, sizable, substantial, voluminous; also astronomical, cavernous, colossal, enormous, gigantic, gross, heroic, huge, immense, jumbo, major, mammoth, massive, monolithic, monstrous, monumental, prodigious, staggering, stupendous, tremendous, vast; excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, inordinate; abundant, ample, appreciable, copious, plentiful; fat, thick; capacious, commodious, roomy, spacious
  Antonyms
  little, puny, small, undersized

large·ly /ˈlärˌlē/ adverb
to a large extent: for the greatest part

**Synonyms**
- altogether, basically, chiefly, generally, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally—more at chiefly

**large·ness noun**
- : the quality or state of being large

**Synonyms**
- bigness, grandness, greatness; also enormity, grossness, healthiness, hugeness, immensity, magnitude, massiveness, vastness; extravagance, immoderacy; abundance, bountifulness, copiousness, liberality; adequacy, sufficiency

**Antonyms**
- fineness, littleness, smallness

**lar·gesse also lar·gess /lärˈZHES/ jēz/ noun**

1 : liberal giving
2 : a generous gift
3 : the quality or fact of being generous

**Synonyms**
- [2] bestowal, donation, freebie, gift, lagniappe, present—more at gift
- [3] bounty, generosity, liberality, philanthropy, unselfishness—more at liberality

**1 largo /lärˈgō/ adverb or adjective**
[Origin: It, slow, broad, fr. L largus abundant]
- : at a very slow tempo — used as a direction in music

**2 largo noun, plural largos**
- : a largo movement

**lar·i·at /lärˈē adjective or noun**
[Origin: AmerSp la reata the lasso, fr. Sp la the + AmerSp reata lasso, fr. Sp reatar to tie again]
- : a long rope used to catch or tether livestock: lasso

**1 lark /lärk/ adjective or noun**
- : any of a family of small songbirds; especially: skylark

**2 lark noun**
- : something done solely for fun or adventure

**Synonyms**
- binge, fling, frolic, gambol, revel, rollick, romp—more at fling

**3 lark verb**
- : to engage in harmless fun or mischief — often used with about

**Synonyms**
- caper, cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, rollick, romp, sport—more at frolic

**lark·spur /ˈlärkˌspər/ noun**
- : delphinium; especially: any of the widely cultivated annual delphiniums

**lar·va /lärˈve/ noun, plural lar·vae /ˈlärvē/ also larvas**
[Origin: NL, fr. L, specter, mask]
- : the wingless often wormlike form in which insects hatch from the egg; also: any young animal (as a tadpole) that is fundamentally unlike its parent
- — lar·val /ˈlär·val/ adjective

**lar·yn·gi·tis /ˈlär·in·jətəs/ noun**
- : inflammation of the larynx

**lar·ynx /ˈlär·inks/ noun, plural la·ryn·ges /ˈlaˌrin·jēz/ or la·ryn·xes**
- : the upper part of the trachea containing the vocal cords
- — la·ryn·ge·al /ˈlaˌrin·jeəl/ adjective
la·sa·gna /laˈzɑːɡna/ noun
[origin: It]
: boiled broad flat noodles baked with a sauce usu. of tomatoes, cheese, and meat

las·car /ˈlasˌkær/ noun
: an Indian sailor

las·civ·i·ous /ˈlaˌsɪvəs/ adjective
›: sexually unchaste or licentious: LEWD
  • Synonyms
    • lewd, lustful, passionate, wanton—more at LUSTFUL

las·civ·i·ous·ness noun
: the quality or state of being lascivious

la·ser /ˈlāzər/ noun
[origin: light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation]
: a device that produces an intense monochromatic beam of light

laser disc noun
: OPTICAL DISK: especially: one containing a video recording

1lash /lash/ verb
  1: to move violently or suddenly
  2 ›: to thrash or beat violently: WHIP
  3: to attack verbally
  • Synonyms
    • flail, flog, hide, scourge, slash, switch, thrash, whale, whip

2lash noun
  1 a: a stroke esp. with a whip
  b ›: the flexible part of a whip; also: WHIP
  2: a stinging rebuke
  3: EYELASH
  • Synonyms
    • scourge, switch, whip—more at WHIP

3lash verb
: to bind with or as if with a line

lass /las/ noun
›: a young woman: GIRL
  • Synonyms
    • doll, girl, maid, maiden, miss—more at GIRL

lass·ie /ˈlɑsə/ noun
: a young woman: LASS

lass·i·tu·de /ˈlɑsəˌtəd, ˈlɑsəˌtjuːd/ noun
  1 ›: weakness or weariness of body or mind: FATIGUE
  2: LANGUOR
  • Synonyms
    • burnout, collapse, exhaustion, fatigue, prostration, tiredness, weariness—more at FATIGUE

las·so /ˈlaˌsō, ˈlaˌsoʊ/ noun, plural lassos or lassoes
[origin: Sp lazo]
: a rope or long leather thong with a noose used for catching livestock
— lasso verb

1last /last/ verb
  1 ›: to continue in existence or operation
  2: to remain fresh or unimpaired: ENDURE
3: to manage to continue
4: to be enough for the needs of

**Synonyms**
- [1] abide, continue, endure, hold, keep up, persist, run on—more at [CONTINUE](#)
- [1, 4] hold, hold out, keep up, prevail, survive—more at [HOLD OUT](#)

**2last noun**
: a foot-shaped form on which a shoe is shaped or repaired

**last verb**
: to shape with a last

**4last adverb**
1: at the end
2: most recently
3: in conclusion

**5last adjective**
1: following all the rest: [FINAL](#)
2: next before the present
3: most up-to-date
4: farthest from a specified quality, attitude, or likelihood <the ~ thing we want>

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**last·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- final, hindmost, latter, terminal, ultimate; also consequent, ensuing, eventual, following, succeeding;
  conclusive, crowning, decisive, definitive; farthest, furthest, remotest; lowermost, lowest, nethermost; endmost,
  extreme, outermost; penultimate

**Antonyms**
beginning, earliest, first, inaugural, initial, maiden, opening, original, primary, starting

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**6last noun**
: something that is last

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**at last**

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**last–ditch /last_ˈdich/ adjective**
: made as a final effort esp. to avert disaster

**last laugh noun**
: an ultimate satisfaction or triumph despite previous doubt or criticism

**Last Supper noun**
: the supper eaten by Jesus and his disciples on the night of his betrayal

**lat abbreviation**
latitude

**Lat abbreviation**
Latin

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**1latch /ˈlæt/ verb**
: to catch or get hold

**2latch noun**
: a catch that holds a door or gate closed

**3latch verb**
: to make fast with a latch

**latch·et /ˈlæt_ˌet/ noun**
: a strap, thong, or lace for fastening a shoe or sandal
latch-key /ˈlɑtʃ-ˌkē/ noun
: a key for opening a door latch esp. from the outside

latch-string /ˈlɑtʃ-ˌstrɪŋ/ noun
: a string on a latch that may be left hanging outside the door for raising the latch

late /lɑt/ adjective lat·er; lat·est
1 : coming or remaining after the due, usual, or proper time
2 : far advanced toward the close or end
3 : recently deceased
4 : made, appearing, or happening just previous to the present: RECENT
5 : being something or holding some position or relationship recently but not now
— late·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] behind, belated, delinquent, overdue, tardy; also delayed, detained, postponed; dilatory, laggard, slow, sluggish

Antonyms
▷ early, premature

▷ [3] breathless, dead, deceased, defunct, gone, lifeless—more at DEAD

▷ [5] erstwhile, former, old, onetime, past, sometime, whilom—more at FORMER

late adverb lat·er; lat·est
1 : after the usual or proper time; also : at or to an advanced point in time
2 : not long before the current time: RECENTLY

late·com·er /ˈlɑt-kəm-ər/ noun
: one who arrives late

la·teen /ˈla-tən/ adjective
: relating to or being a triangular sail extended by a long spar slung to a low mast

late·ly adverb
▷ : of late

Synonyms
▷ freshly, just, late, new, newly, now, only, recently—more at NEWLY

la·ten·cy /ˈla-tən-sē/ noun
▷ : the quality or state of being latent

Synonyms
▷ abeyance, doldrums, dormancy, quiescence, suspension—more at ABEYANCE

la·tent /ˈla-tənt/ adjective
▷ : present but not visible or active

Synonyms
▷ dead, dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative, off, vacant—more at INACTIVE

later adverb
▷ : at some time subsequent to a given time

Synonyms
▷ after, afterward, subsequently, thereafter—more at AFTER

1 lateral /ˈlæt-ərəl/ adjective
: situated on, directed toward, or coming from the side
— lat·er·al·ly adverb

2 lateral noun
1 : a branch from the main part
2 : a football pass thrown parallel to the line of scrimmage or away from the opponent's goal

la·tex /ˈla-tēks/ noun, plural la·ti·ces /ˈla-tə-sēz, ˈla-/ or la·ti·ces
1 : a milky juice produced by various plant cells (as of milkweeds, poppies, and the rubber tree)
2 : a water emulsion of a synthetic rubber or plastic used esp. in paint

*lath* /ˈlæθ/ noun, plural *laths* or *lath*
:a thin narrow strip of wood used esp. as a base for plaster; also : a building material in sheets used for the same purpose
— *lath* verb

*lathe* /ˈlæθ/ noun
:a machine in which a piece of material is held and turned while being shaped by a tool

1*lather* /ˈlæθər/ noun
1 : a foam or froth formed when a detergent is agitated in water; also : foam from profuse sweating (as by a horse)  
2 : an agitated or overwrought state : DITHER

**Synonyms**  
▷ [1] foam, froth, head, spume—more at FOAM  
▷ [2] dither, fluster, fret, fuss, huff, pother, stew, tizzy, twitter—more at FRET

2*lather* verb
: to spread lather over; also : to form a lather

*Latin* /ˈlæt.ən/ noun
1 : the language of ancient Rome  
2 : a member of any of the peoples whose languages derive from Latin
— *Latin* adjective

*Latina* /ˈla.tə.nə/ noun
:a woman or girl who is a native or inhabitant of Latin America; also : a woman or girl of Latin-American origin living in the U.S.

*Latin American* noun
:a native or inhabitant of any of the countries of No., Central, or So. America whose official language is Spanish or Portuguese
— *Latin–American* adjective

*Latino* /ˈla.tino/ noun, plural *nos*
:a native or inhabitant of Latin America; also : a person of Latin-American origin living in the U.S.
— *Latino* adjective

*latitude* /ˈlæ.tə.tyo/ noun
1 : angular distance north or south from the earth's equator measured in degrees  
2 : a region marked by its latitude  
3 ▷ : freedom of action or choice

**Synonyms**  
▷ authorization, freedom, license, run—more at FREEDOM

*latitudinarian* /ˈlæ.tə.dĭnər.i.ən/ noun
:a person who is liberal in religious belief and conduct

*la`trine* /ˈla.trən/ noun
:a room with conveniences for washing and usu. with one or more toilets : TOILET

*latter* /ˈlā.tər/ adjective
1 ▷ : more recent; also : FINAL  
2 : of, relating to, or being the second of two things referred to

**Synonyms**  
▷ final, hindmost, last, terminal, ultimate—more at LAST

*latter–day* adjective
1 : of present or recent times  
2 : of a later or subsequent time

*Latter–day Saint* noun
:a member of a religious body founded by Joseph Smith in 1830 and accepting the Book of Mormon as divine
revelation : Mormon

later·ly /ˈlæt.ər.lɪ/ adverb
1 : LATER
2 : of late : RECENTLY

lat·tice /ˈlæt.iːs/ noun
1 : a framework of crossed wood or metal strips; also : a window, door, or gate having a lattice
2 : a regular geometrical arrangement

lat·tice·work /ˌlæt.iːsˌwɜːk/ noun
: LATTICE; also : work made of lattices

Lat·vi·an /ˈlæt.vi.ən/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Latvia
2 : the language of the Latvians
— Latvian adjective

1 laud /ləd/ noun
: PRAISE, ACCLAIM

2 laud verb
: to express a favorable judgment of : PRAISE
— laud·ably adverb

Synonyms
acclaim, applaud, cheer, crack up, hail, praise, salute, tout—more at ACCLAIM
bless, extol, glorify, magnify, praise—more at PRAISE

laud·able adjective
: worthy of praise

Synonyms
admirable, commendable, creditable, meritorious, praiseworthy—more at ADMIRABLE

lau·da·num /ˈlədə.nəm/ noun
: a tincture of opium

lau·da·to·ry /ˈlədə.tər.i/ adjective
: of, relating to, or expressive of praise

1 laugh /læf/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. OE hlīhhan]
: to show mirth, joy, or scorn with a smile and chuckle or explosive sound; also : to become amused or derisive
— laugh·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
usually laugh at deride, gibe, jeer, mock, ridicule, scout—more at RIDICULE

2 laugh noun
1 : the act of laughing
2 : a cause for derision or merriment : JOKE; also : an expression of scorn or mockery : JEER
3 plural : SPORT 1

Synonyms
[1] cackle, chortle, laughter, snicker, titter; also crow, whoop; grin, simper, smile, smirk
[2] crack, gag, jeer, jest, joke, pleasantry, quip, sally, waggery, wisecrack, witticism—more at JOKE

laugh·able adjective
: of a kind to provoke laughter or sometimes derision : amusingly ridiculous

Synonyms
antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous, risible, screaming, uproarious—more at FUNNY
aburd, comical, derisive, farcical, ludicrous, preposterous, ridiculous, risible, silly—more at RIDICULOUS

laughing gas noun
laugh·ing·stock /ˈlaf.iŋ.stāk, ˈlā/ noun
   : an object of ridicule
      Synonyms
      butt, mark, mock, mockery, target; also chump, dupe, fall guy, fool, gull, monkey, pigeon, sap, sucker, victim

laugh·ter /ˈlaf.ter, ˈlāf/ noun
   : the action or sound of laughing
      Synonyms
      cackle, chortle, laugh, snicker, titter—more at LAUGH

1 launch /ˈlanch/ verb
 [origin: ME, fr. OF lancher, fr. LL lanceare to wield a lance]
 1 ♦: to throw forward : HURL; also: to send off <~ a rocket>
 2 : to set afloat
 3 ♦: to set in operation: START
   — launch·er noun
      Synonyms
      [1] cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, pelt, pitch, slings, throw, toss—more at THROW
      [3] constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, pioneer, set up, start—more at FOUND
      [3] begin, commence, embark, enter, get off, open, start, strike—more at BEGIN

2 launch noun
   ♦: an act or instance of launching
      Synonyms
      beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, genesis, morning, onset, outset, start, threshold—more at BEGINNING

3 launch noun
   : a small open or half-decked motorboat

launch·pad /ˈlanch.pad/ noun
   : a platform from which a rocket is launched

laun·der /ˈlān.dər/ verb
 1 : to wash or wash and iron clothing and household linens
 2 : to transfer (as money of an illegal origin) through an outside party to conceal the true source
   — laun·der·er noun

laun·dress /ˈlān.dresh/ noun
   : a woman who is a laundry worker

laun·dry /ˈlān.dri/ noun, plural laundries
 [origin: fr. obs. laundre launderer, fr. AF lavandre, fr. ML lavandarius, fr. L lavandus needing to be washed, fr.lavare to wash]
 1 : a place where laundering is done
 2 : clothes or linens that have been or are to be laundered
   — laun·dry·man /ˌmān/ noun

laure·ate /lōr.ē.ət/ noun
   : the recipient of honor for achievement in an art or science
   — laure·ate·ship noun

laur·el /lōr.əl/ noun
 1 : an evergreen tree or shrub of southern Europe that is related to the sassafras and cinnamon and has glossy aromatic leaves; especially: a small tree of southern Europe
 2 : MOUNTAIN LAUREL
 3 a: a crown of laurel
   b ♦: a recognition of achievement: HONOR — usu. used in pl.
Synonyms
- usually 

lav abbreviation
lavatory

la·ve /lā.ˈveɪ/ noun
[ORIGIN: It]
: melted rock coming from a volcano; also : such rock that has cooled and hardened

la·vage /la.ˈvāzh/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: washing; especially : the washing out (as of an organ) esp. for medicinal reasons

lav·a·to·ry /la.və.təˈrē/ noun, plural -ries
1 : a fixed washbowl with running water and drainpipe
2 : a room with conveniences for washing and usu. with one or more toilets : BATHROOM

Synonyms
- bathroom, toilet—more at TOILET

lave /lāv/ verb laved; lav·ing
- to wash or flow along or against : WASH

Synonyms
- lap, splash, wash—more at WASH

lav·en·der /lā.vən.dər/ noun
1 : a Mediterranean mint or its dried leaves and flowers used to perfume clothing and bed linen
2 : a pale purple color

1lavish /lā.vish/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME laves, lavage, prob. fr. MF lavasse, lavache downpour, fr. laver to wash]
1 : expending or bestowing profusely
2 : expended or produced in abundance
3 : marked by excess

Synonyms
- [1] deluxe, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, palatial, plush, sumptuous—more at LUXURIOUS
- [2] copious, profuse, riotous—more at PROFUSE
- [3] excessive, extravagant, extreme, inordinate, overmuch—more at EXCESSIVE

2lavish verb
- to expend or give with profusion

Synonyms
- heap, pour, rain, shower—more at RAIN
- blow, dissipate, fritter, misspend, run through, spend, squander, throw away, waste—more at WASTE

lav·ish·ly adverb
- in a lavish manner

Synonyms
- expensively, extravagantly, grandly, high, luxuriously, opulently, richly—more at HIGH

lav·ish·ness noun
- a lavish quality; also : a lavish manner or propensity

Synonyms
- extravagance, prodigality, wastefulness—more at EXTRAVAGANCE

law /lā/ noun
1 : a rule of conduct or action established by custom or laid down and enforced by a governing authority; also : the whole body of such rules
2 : the control brought about by enforcing rules
3 cap : the revelation of the divine will set forth in the Old Testament of Christian Scripture; also : the first part of the Jewish Scripture
4 : a rule or principle of construction or procedure
5: the science that deals with laws and their interpretation and application

6: the profession of a lawyer

7: a rule or principle stating something that always works in the same way under the same conditions

**Synonyms**
- act, enactment, ordinance, statute; also decree, directive, edict, fiat, ruling; bylaw, regulation, rule; amendment, bill, legislation; common law, martial law; prohibition, restriction; canon, encyclical

**law-break-er** /ˈlɔ.ˈbrē.ər/ noun
- one who violates the law
  **Synonyms**
  - criminal, crook, culprit, felon, malefactor, offender—more at CRIMINAL

**law-ful** /ˈlɔː.fəl/ adjective
1: permitted by law
2: **RIGHTFUL**

— **law-ful-ly** adverb

**law-giv-er** /ˈlɔ.ˌgiv.ər/ noun
- one that makes laws: **LEGISLATOR**

**law-less** /ˈlɔ.ˌlēs/ adjective
1: having no laws
2: not restrained or controlled by law: **UNRULY, DISORDERLY** <a ~ mob>

— **law-less-ly** adverb
— **law-less-ness** noun
  **Synonyms**
  - anarchic, disorderly, unruly; also defiant, insubordinate, mutinous, rebellious, refractory, riotous; undisciplined; criminal, illegal, illegitimate, illicit, unlawful, wrongful
  **Antonyms**
  - orderly

**law-maker** /ˈlɔ.ˌmā.kər/ noun
- one that makes laws: **LEGISLATOR**

**law-man** /ˈlɔ.ˌmān/ noun
- a law enforcement official (as a sheriff or marshal)

**lawn** /lɔrn/ noun
1: ground (as around a house) covered with mowed grass
2: a fine sheer linen or cotton fabric

**lawn bowling** noun
- a bowling game played on a green with wooden balls which are rolled at a jack

**law-ren-ci-um** /ˈlɔ.ˌrēn.sē.əm/ noun
- a short-lived radioactive element

**law-suit** /ˈlɔ.ˌsūt/ noun
- a suit in law
  **Synonyms**
  - action, proceeding, suit; also litigation; case, cause, complaint

**law-yer** /ˈlɔ.ˌyər/ noun
- one who conducts lawsuits for clients or advises as to legal rights and obligations in other matters
— **law-yer-ly** adjective
  **Synonyms**
  - advocate, attorney, counsel; also pettifogger, shyster; district attorney, prosecutor; solicitor; jurist; lawmaker, lawgiver, legislator, solon
lax /laks/ adjective
1 ♦: not strict <~ discipline>
2 ♦: not tense, firm, or rigid
— lax·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ [1] careless, derelict, negligent, remiss, slack—more at NEGLIGENT
▷ [1] easygoing, flexible, relaxed, unrestrained, unrestricted—more at EASYGOING
▷ [2] insecure, loose, slack—more at LOOSE

lax·i·ty /lak.səˈti/ noun
▷: the quality or state of being lax

Synonyms
delinquency, dereliction, laxness, neglect, negligence, omission, remissness, slackness—more at OMISSION

lax·ness noun
▷: the quality or state of being lax

Synonyms
carelessness, dereliction, heedlessness, negligence, remissness, slackness—more at NEGLIGENCE

1 lax·a·tive /lak.səˈti v/ adjective
▷: relieving constipation

2 lax·a·tive noun
▷: a usu. mild laxative drug

1 lay /lā/ verb laid /lād/; lay·ing
1: to beat or strike down
2 ♦: to put on or set down: PLACE
3: to produce and deposit eggs
4: SETTLE; also: ALLAY
5: SPREAD
6 ♦: to make ready beforehand for some purpose, use, or activity: PREPARE, CONTRIVE
7 ♦: to stake on the outcome of an issue or the performance of a contestant: WAGER
8 ♦: to impose esp. as a duty or burden
9 ♦: to set in order or position
10: to bring to a specified condition
11: to put forward: SUBMIT

Synonyms
▷ [2, 9] deposit, dispose, fix, place, position, put, set, set up, stick—more at PLACE
▷ [6] contrive, fit, fix, get, prepare, ready—more at PREPARE
▷ [7] bet, gamble, go, stake, wager—more at BET
▷ [8] assess, charge, exact, fine, impose, levy, put—more at IMPOSE

2 lay noun
▷: the way in which something lies or is laid in relation to something else

3 lay past of 1 LIE

4 lay noun
1: a simple narrative poem
2 ♦: a short musical composition of words and music: SONG

Synonyms
▷ air, melody, song, strain, tune, warble—more at MELODY

5 lay adjective
1: of or relating to the laity
2: not of a particular profession; also: lacking extensive knowledge of a particular subject

lay·away /ˈlā.ə.wā/ noun
▷: a purchasing agreement by which a retailer agrees to hold merchandise secured by a deposit until the price is paid
in full

lay away verb
: to put aside for future use or delivery

Synonyms
  cache, hoard, lay up, put by, salt away, stash, stockpile, store—more at HOARD

lay down verb
: to institute (as a law) by enactment or agreement; also : to assert or command dogmatically

Synonyms
  define, prescribe, specify—more at PRESCRIBE
  enact, legislate, make, pass—more at ENACT

lay·er /lāˈer/ noun
1: one that lays
2: one thickness, course, or fold laid or lying over or under another

lay·ette /lāˈet/ noun
[origin: F, fr. MF, dim. of laye box]
: an outfit of clothing and equipment for a newborn infant

lay·man /lāˈmän/ noun
: a person who is a member of the laity

lay·off /lāˈôf/ noun
1: a period of inactivity
2: the act of dismissing an employee usu. temporarily

Synonyms
  discharge, dismissal; also closing, shutdown

lay off verb
: to desist from

Synonyms
  usually lay off of discontinue, drop, give up, knock off, quit—more at QUIT

lay on verb
: to make an attack

lay·out /lāˈau/ noun
: the final arrangement, plan, or design of something

Synonyms
  arrangement, composition, configuration, design, form, format, makeup, pattern—more at COMPOSITION

lay out verb
1: to use up or pay out
2: to plan in detail

Synonyms
  [1] disburse, expend, give, pay, spend—more at SPEND
  [2] arrange, blueprint, calculate, chart, design, frame, map, plan, project, scheme—more at PLAN

lay·over /ˈlāˌôr/ noun
: STOPOVER

lay·per·son /ˌlāˈpərˌson/ noun
: a member of the laity

lay up verb
: to store up

Synonyms
  cache, hoard, lay away, put by, salt away, stash, stockpile, store—more at HOARD

lay·wom·an /ˈlāˌwəmˌan/ noun
: a woman who is a member of the laity
la·zar /ˈla.ər, ˈlā/ noun
: LEPER

laze /ˈlāz/ verb lazed; laz·ing
: to pass time in idleness or relaxation

la·zi·ness /ˈzlə.nəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being lazy

Synonyms
• idleness, indolence, inertia, sloth; also apathy, languor, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, sluggishness; loafing

Antonyms
drive, industriousness, industry

la·zy /ˈlā.zə/ adjective la·zi·er; -est
1 : disliking activity or exertion
2 : encouraging idleness
3 : SLUGGISH
4 : DROOPY, LAX
5 : not rigorous or strict
— la·zi·ly /ˈzlə.lē/ adverb

Synonyms
• idle, indolent, shiftless, slothful; also apathetic, languorous, lethargic, listless, sluggish, torpid

Antonyms
industrious

la·zy·bones /ˈlā.zē.bōnz/ noun singular or plural
: a lazy individual

Synonyms
• drone, idler, loafer, slouch, slug, sluggard; also bum, ne'er-do-well; dawdler, laggard, trifle; goldbrick, malingerer, shirker, slackner; lingerer, loiterer; procrastinator; quitter

Antonyms
doer, go-getter, hummer, hustler, rustler, self-starter

lazy Su·san /ˈlā.zə.ˈsūz.ən/ noun
: a revolving tray used for serving food

lb abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L libra]
pound

lc abbreviation
lowercase

LC abbreviation
Library of Congress

1 LCD /ˈel ˌsiˈdlēd/ noun
[ORIGIN: liquid crystal display]
: a display (as of the time in a digital watch) that consists of segments of a liquid crystal whose reflectivity varies with the voltage applied to them

2 LCD abbreviation
least common denominator; lowest common denominator

L.CDR abbreviation
lieutenant commander

LCM abbreviation
least common multiple; lowest common multiple

LCpl abbreviation
lance corporal
LCS abbreviation
League Championship Series

ld abbreviation
1 load
2 lord

LD abbreviation
learning disabled; learning disability

LDC abbreviation
less developed country

ldg abbreviation
1 landing
2 loading

LDL /el(ˌ)dēˈeıl/ noun
[origin: low-density lipoprotein]
: a cholesterol-rich protein-poor lipoprotein of blood plasma correlated with increased probability of developing atherosclerosis

L–do·pa /elˈdō,pə/ noun
: an isomer of dopa used esp. in the treatment of Parkinson's disease

LDS abbreviation
Latter-day Saints

le:a /ˈlēə/, ˈlē/ noun
: farmland having chiefly forage plants and esp. grasses : PASTURE

leach /lēch/ verb
: to pass a liquid (as water) through to carry off the soluble components; also : to dissolve out by such means <~ alkali from ashes>

lead /lēd/ verb led /led/; leading
1 : to guide on a way
2 : LIVE 〈~ a quiet life〉
3 : to direct the operations, activity, or performance of 〈~ an orchestra〉
4 : to go at the head of : be first 〈~ a parade〉
5 : to begin play with; also : BEGIN, OPEN
6 : to tend toward a definite result 〈study ~ing to a degree〉
7 : to lie, run, or open in a specified place or direction

Synonyms
1 [1] conduct, direct, guide, marshal, pilot, route, show, steer, usher; also precede; accompany, attend, chaperon, convoy, escort, see; control, manage

Antonyms
[3] boss, captain, command, dominate, head, spearhead; also control, direct, govern, handle, manage, oversee, regulate, superintend, supervise
[7] extend, go, head, lie, run—more at RUN

lead /lēd/ noun
1 a : a position at the front
b : a margin by which one leads
2 : the privilege of leading in cards; also : the card or suit led
3 : EXAMPLE
4 : one that leads
5 : a principal role (as in a play); also : one who plays such a role
6 : something serving as an indication, tip, or clue
7 : an insulated electrical conductor


**Synonyms**

- [1b] distance, length, remove, spread, stretch, way—more at [DISTANCE]
- [6] clue, cue, hint, indication, inkling, intimation, suggestion, tip—more at [HINT]

3**lead /led/ noun**

1 : a heavy malleable bluish white chemical element
2 : an article made of lead; especially : a weight for sounding at sea
3 : a thin strip of metal used to separate lines of type in printing
4 : a thin stick of marking substance in or for a pencil

4**lead /led/ verb**

1 : to cover, line, or weight with lead
2 : to fix (glass) in position with lead
3 : to treat or mix with lead or a lead compound

**lead-en /led,ən/ adjective**

1 a : made of lead
   b : of the color of lead
2 a : SLUGGISH
   b : lacking spirit or animation : DULL

**Synonyms**

- [1b] gray, pewter, silver, silvery, slate, steely—more at [GRAY]
- [2b] drab, dreary, dry, dull, flat, heavy, humdrum, monotonous, ponderous

**lead off verb**

: OPEN, BEGIN; especially : to bat first in an inning

— **lead-off /lɛdˌof/ noun or adjective**

**lead on verb**

1 : to entice or induce to adopt or continue in a course or belief esp. when unwise or mistaken

**Synonyms**

- allure, beguile, decoy, entice, lure, seduce, tempt—more at [LURE]

**leader noun**

1 : something that leads; also : a conduit for leading fluid from one place to another
2 : a person who leads

— **leader-less adjective**

— **leader-ship noun**

**Synonyms**

- [1] channel, conduit, duct, line, penstock, pipe, tube—more at [PIPE]
- [2] boss, captain, chief, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, kingpin, master, taskmaster—more at [BOSS]

**leaf /lɛf/ noun, plural leaves /lɛvz/**

1 : a usu. flat and green outgrowth of a plant stem that is a unit of foliage and functions esp. in photosynthesis; also : FOLIAGE

2 : something that is suggestive of a leaf

— **leaf-less adjective**

2**leaf verb**

1 : to produce leaves
2 : to turn the pages of a book

**leaf-age /lɛfˌædʒ/ noun**

1 : all the leaves of one or more plants : FOLIAGE

**Synonyms**

- flora, foliage, green, greenery, herbage, vegetation, verdure—more at [GREENERY]

**leafed /lɛfd/ adjective**

: LEAVED

**leaf-hop-per /lɛfˌhɑpər/ noun**
leaf·let /lɛf.ˈlɛt/ noun
1: a division of a compound leaf
2: a usu. folded printed sheet intended for free distribution: PAMPHLET, FOLDER
   Synonyms
   ▶ booklet, brochure, circular, folder, pamphlet—more at PAMPHLET
leaf mold noun
: a compost or layer composed chiefly of decayed leaves
leaf·stalk /lɛf.ˈstɔk/ noun
: PETIOLE
leafy adjective leaf·i·er; -est
▶: furnished with or abounding in leaves
   Synonyms
   ▶ green, lush, luxuriant, verdant
1league /lɛɡ/ noun
: a unit of distance equal to about three miles (five kilometers)
2league noun
1: an association or alliance for a common purpose
2: CLASS, CATEGORY
— leagu·er /lɛɡ.ˈiər/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ association, brotherhood, club, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, order, organization, society—more at ASSOCIATION
   ▶ alliance, bloc, coalition, combination, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, union—more at CONFEDERACY
3league verb leagued; leagu·ing
▶: to form a league
   Synonyms
   ▶ ally, associate, band, club, confederate, conjoin, cooperate, federate, unite—more at ALLY
1leak /lɛk/ verb
1: to enter or escape through a leak
2: to let a substance in or out through an opening
3: to become or make known
   Synonyms
   ▶ usually leak out come out, get out, out, spread—more at GET OUT
2leak noun
1: a crack or hole that accidentally admits a fluid or light or lets it escape; also: something that secretly or accidentally permits the admission or escape of something else
2: LEAKAGE
— leak·y adjective
leak·age /lɛk.ˈdʒeɪ/ noun
1: the act of leaking
2: the thing or amount that leaks
1lean /lɛn/ verb
1: to bend from a vertical position: INCLINE
2: to cast one's weight to one side for support
3: to rely for support
4: to incline in opinion, taste, or desire
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] angle, cant, cock, heel, incline, list, slant, slope, tilt, tip; also bank; bend, deviate, swerve, veer; decline,
descend, recline, retreat
  ▪ [3] count, depend, reckon, rely—more at DEPEND
  ▪ [4] incline, run, tend, trend; also go, gravitate; indicate, point, suggest
  ▪ usually lean toward [4] favor, like, prefer—more at PREFER

2

lean adjective
1 : lacking or deficient in flesh and esp. in fat
2 : lacking richness or productiveness
3 : low in fuel content
— lean·ness noun
  Synonyms
    ▪ skinny, slender, slim, spare, thin—more at THIN

3

lean noun
1 : the act or an instance of leaning
  Synonyms
    ▪ cant, diagonal, grade, inclination, incline, pitch, slant, slope, tilt, upgrade—more at SLANT

leaning noun
1 : a definite but not decisive attraction or tendency — often used in pl.
  Synonyms
    ▪ bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn
    ▪ current, drift, run, tendency, tide, trend, wind—more at TREND

leant /len/ chiefly British past of LEAN

lean-to /lēnˌtō/ noun, plural lean-tos /ˌtōz/
: a wing or extension of a building having a roof of only one slope; also : a rough shed or shelter with a similar roof

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lead /led/ verb leapt /lēpt/ or leaped; leap·ing
1 : to spring free from a surface or over an obstacle : JUMP
  Synonyms
    ▪ bound, hop, jump, spring, vault—more at JUMP

2

lead noun
1 : an act of leaping : JUMP

leap-frog /ˈlepˌfrəg, ˈfrəɡ/ noun
1 : a game in which a player bends down and is vaulted over by another
  — leapfrog verb

leap year noun
1 : a year containing 366 days with February 29 as the extra day

learn /lərn/ verb learned /lərnid/ or learnt; learn·ing
1 a : to gain knowledge, understanding, or skill by study or experience
  b : to commit to memory : MEMORIZE
2 : to find out : ASCERTAIN
— learn·er noun
  Synonyms
    ▪ [1a] get, master, pick up; also apprehend, comprehend, grasp, know, understand; absorb, assimilate, digest, imbibe; ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig up, discover, discern, examine, find out, hear, hit (on or upon), run down, scare up, search (for), see, tumble (to), track (down), unearth; major (in), study; memorize
  Antonyms
    ▪ unlearn
    ▪ [2] ascertain, catch on, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, locate, realize, run down, scout, track—more at FIND

learn·ed /lər·ned/ adjective
1 : characterized by or associated with learning : ERUDITE
— learn·ed·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▸ educated, erudite, knowledgeable, literate, scholarly, well-read—more at EDUCATED

learn·ing /lər·ning/ noun
  ▸ : knowledge or skill acquired by instruction or study : ERUDITION
  Synonyms
  ▸ education, erudition, knowledge, scholarship, science—more at EDUCATION

learning disability noun
  : any of various conditions (as dyslexia) that interfere with a person's ability to learn and so result in impaired functioning (as in language)
  — learning disabled adjective

learnt /lərn/ chiefly British past and past participle of LEARN

1lease /lēs/ noun
  : a contract transferring real estate for a term of years or at will usu. for a specified rent

2lease verb leased; leas·ing
  [origin: AF lesser, lescher to leave, hand over, lease, fr. L laxare to loosen, fr. laxus slack]
  1 : to grant by lease
  2 ▸ : to hold under a lease
  Synonyms
  ▸ engage, hire, let, rent—more at HIRE

lease·hold /lēs·həld/ noun
  1 : a tenure by lease
  2 : land held by lease
  — lease·hold·er noun

leash /lēsh/ noun
  [origin: ME lees, leshe, fr. AF *lesche, lesse prob. fr. lesser to leave, let go]
  : a line for leading or restraining an animal
  — leash verb

1least /lēst/ adjective
  1 : lowest in importance or position
  2 ▸ : smallest in size or degree
  3 : SLIGHTEST
  Synonyms
  ▸ minimal, minimum—more at MINIMAL

2least noun
  : one that is least

3least adverb
  : in the smallest or lowest degree

least common denominator noun
  : the least common multiple of two or more denominators

least common multiple noun
  : the smallest common multiple of two or more numbers

least·wise /lēst·wīz/ adverb
  : at least

leath·er /lēθər/ noun
  : animal skin dressed for use
  — leath·ern /lēθərn/ adjective
  — leath·ery adjective
leath·er·back /ˌlēθˈbāk/ noun
: the largest existing sea turtle with a flexible leathery carapace

leath·er·neck /ˌlēθˈnekh/ noun
: MARINE

1 leave /lēv/ verb left /lēft/; leav·ing
1 ▶ : to allow or cause to remain behind
2 : to have as a remainder
3 ▶ : to give or leave by will : REQUEATH
4 : to let stay without interference
5 : to go away : depart from
6 ▶ : to give up esp. with the intent of never again claiming a right or interest in
  
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] abandon, desert, forsake, quit; also discard, ditch, fling, jettison, junk, scrap, shed, shuck (off), throw away, throw out; deliver, give up, hand over, relinquish, surrender, yield; sacrifice; distance
   Antonyms
   ▶ [3] commend, commit, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over, vest—more at GIVE
   ▶ [6] quit, resign, retire, step down—more at QUIT

2 leave noun
1 ▶ : permission to do something; also : authorized absence from duty
2 : DEPARTURE

3 leave verb leaved; leav·ing
: LEAF

leaved /lēvd/ adjective
: having leaves

1 leaven /lēvən/ noun
1 : a substance (as yeast) used to produce fermentation (as in dough)
2 : something that modifies or lightens

2 leaven verb
: to raise (dough) with a leaven; also : to permeate with a modifying or vivifying element

leav·en·ing noun
: LEAVEN

leave off verb
▶ : to cause to cease; also : to cease activity or operation
  
   Synonyms
   ▶ break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, layoff, quit, shut off, stop—more at STOP

leaves plural of LEAF

leave–tak·ing /lēvˌtākˈing/ noun
▶ : the act or an instance of departing : FAREWELL
  
   Synonyms
   ▶ departure, exit, farewell, parting—more at DEPARTURE

leav·ings /lēvˈiŋz/ noun plural
▶ : a usu. small part, member, or trace remaining : REMNANT, RESIDUE
  
   Synonyms
balance, leftovers, odds and ends, remainder, remains, remnant, residue, rest—more at \textit{remainder}

\textbf{Lebanese /le\_ba\_n\textasciitilde\_z\_\textasciitilde\_n\textasciitilde\_s/} noun
: a native or inhabitant of Lebanon
— \textit{Lebanese} adjective

\textbf{lech\_ery /le\_ch\_r\textasciitilde\_\textasciitilde/} noun
: inordinate indulgence in sexual activity
— \textit{lecher /le\_ch\_r/} noun
— \textit{lecherous /le\_ch\_r\_\textasciitilde\_\textasciitilde/} adjective
— \textit{lecherous\_ly adverb}
— \textit{lecherous\_ness noun}

\textbf{lec\_thin /le\_s\_\textasciitilde\_th\_\textasciitilde/} noun
: any of several waxy phosphorus-containing substances that are common in animals and plants, form colloidal solutions in water, and have emulsifying and wetting properties

\textit{lect} abbreviation
lecture; lecturer

\textbf{lec\_tern /le\_t\_\textasciitilde\_rn/} noun
: a stand to support a book for a standing reader

\textbf{lector /le\_\textasciitilde\_r/} noun
: one whose chief duty is to read the lessons in a church service

\textbf{lecture /le\_ch\_t\_\textasciitilde/} noun
1 : a discourse given before an audience esp. for instruction
2 : \textit{reprimand}
— \textit{lecturer noun}
— \textit{lecture\_ship noun}

\textbf{lecture verb lec\_tured; lec\_tur\_ing}
1 : to deliver a lecture or a course of lectures
2 : to reprove formally

\textit{Synonyms}
[1] declaim, descant, discourse, harangue, orate, speak, talk—more at \textit{talk}
[2] rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold

\textbf{led past and past participle of \textit{lead}}

\textbf{LED /el\_\textasciitilde\_d\_\textasciitilde/} noun
[origin: light-emitting diode]
: a semiconductor diode that emits light when a voltage is applied to it and is used esp. for electronic displays

\textbf{led\_ger /le\_\textasciitilde\_\textasciitilde/} noun
: a book containing accounts to which debits and credits are transferred in final form

\textbf{lee /l\_\textasciitilde/} noun
1 : a protecting shelter
2 : the side (as of a ship) that is sheltered from the wind
— \textit{lee adjective}

\textbf{leech /l\_\textasciitilde\_ch/} noun
1 : any of various bloodsucking segmented usu. freshwater worms that are related to the earthworms and have a
sucker at each end
2 ▶ : a hanger-on who seeks gain
   Synonyms
   ▶ hanger-on, parasite, sponge; also dependent; deadbeat, idler; flunky, henchman, lackey, satellite, stooge, sycophant, toady, yes-man; cheapskate, miser, niggard, piker, skinflint, tightwad

leek /ˈlēk/ noun
: an onionlike herb grown for its mildly pungent leaves and stalk

leer /ˈlir/ noun
: a suggestive, knowing, or malicious look
   — leer verb

leery /ˈlirˌē/ adjective
▶ : disposed to suspect : SUSPICIOUS
   Synonyms
   ▶ distrustful, incredulous, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious—more at SKEPTICAL

lees /ˈlēz/ noun plural
▶ : the sediment of a liquor (as wine) during fermentation and aging : DREGS
   Synonyms
   ▶ dregs, grounds, sediment

leeward /ˈlē.ward, ˈlū.ərd/ noun
▶ the lee side
   2 leeward adjective
   : situated away from the wind

leeway /ˈlē.ˌwā/ noun
1 : lateral movement of a ship when under way
2 : an allowable margin of freedom or variation

left /lɛft/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. OE, weak; fr. the left hand's being the weaker in most individuals]
1 : of, relating to, or being the side of the body in which the heart is mostly located; also : located nearer to this side than to the right
2 often cap : of, adhering to, or constituted by the political left
   — left adverb
   2 left noun
1 : the left hand; also : the side or part that is on or toward the left side
2 often cap : those professing political views marked by desire to reform the established order and usu. to give greater freedom to the common people
3 left past and past participle of LEAVE
   a left–hand adjective
   1 : situated on the left
   2 : LEFT-HANDED
   2 left–hand·ed /lɛftˈhan.dəd/ adjective
   1 : using the left hand habitually or more easily than the right
   2 : designed for or done with the left hand
3 ▶ : not sincere : INSINCERE, BACKHANDED ◀ a ~ compliment>
4 : COUNTERCLOCKWISE
   — left–handed adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ artificial, double-dealing, feigned, hypocritical, insincere, mealy, mealymouthed, two-faced, unctuous—more at INSINCERE

left–ism /ˈlɛft.ɪz.əm/ noun
1: the principles and views of the Left
2: advocacy of the doctrines of the Left

left-ist /lɛɪʃt/ noun or adjective

left·over /lɛftˌɔrər/ noun
›: something that remains unused or unconsumed; especially: leftover food served at a later meal — usu. used in pl.

Synonyms
› end, fag end, remainder, remnant, scrap—more at scrap
› usually leftovers balance, leavings, odds and ends, remainder, remains, remnant, residue, rest—more at remainder

left·y /lɛftˈeɪ/ noun, plural left·ies
1: a left-handed person
2: an advocate of leftism

1 leg /lɛɡ/ noun
1: a limb of an animal used esp. for supporting the body and in walking; also: the part of the vertebrate leg between knee and foot
2: something resembling or analogous to an animal leg
3: the part of an article of clothing that covers the leg
4: a portion of a trip
5 plural: long-term appeal or interest
— leg·ged /lɛɡd/ adjective
— leg·less adjective

Synonyms
› lap, stage, step; also layover, stopover

2 leg verb legged; leg·ging
›: to use the legs in walking or esp. in running

Synonyms usually leg it
› foot, pad, step, trample, tread, walk—more at walk

3 leg abbreviation
1 legal
2 legislative; legislature

leg·a·cy /lɛɡəˈsi/ noun, plural -cies
: INHERITANCE; also: something that has come from a predecessor or the past

le·gal /lɛɡəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to law or lawyers
2 a: conforming to or permitted by law or established rules: LAWFUL
b: STATUTORY
3: enforced in courts of law
— le·gal·i·ty /lɛɡəˈleɪti/ noun
— le·gal·ize /lɛɡəˌlaɪz/ verb
— le·gal·ly adverb

Synonyms
› clean, fair, sportsmanlike
› allowable, good, innocent, justifiable, permissible, proper, regulation, right

Antonyms
illegal, illegitimate, illicit, unlawful, wrongful

le·gal·e·se /lɛɡəˈliːz/ noun
: the specialized language of the legal profession

le·gal·ism /lɛɡəˈliːzəm/ noun
1: strict, literal, or excessive conformity to the law or to a religious or moral code
2: a legal term
— **legalistic** /lē′gə-lis-tik/ adjective

**legate** /lē′gət/ noun
▷: an official representative

*Synonyms*
▷ ambassador, delegate, emissary, envoy, minister, representative—more at **ambassador**

**legatee** /lē′gə-tē/ noun
▷: a person to whom a legacy is bequeathed

**legation** /lē′gə-shan/ noun
1: a diplomatic mission headed by a minister
2: the official residence and office of a minister in a foreign country

**legate** /lē′gə-tō/ adverb or adjective
[origin: It, lit., tied]
▷: in a smooth and connected manner (as of music)

**legend** /lē′gənd/ noun
1 a: a story coming down from the past; especially: one popularly accepted as historical though not verifiable
 b: a body of popular stories
2: an inscription on an object; also: **caption**
3: an explanatory list of the symbols on a map or chart

*Synonyms*
▷ folklore, lore, myth, mythology, tradition—more at **folklore**

**legendary** /lē′gən-dərē/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or characteristic of a legend
2: **FAMOUS**

— **legendarily** /lē′gən-drə-lē/ adverb

*Synonyms*
▷ fabled, fabulous, mythical—more at **mythical**

**leg·end·ary** /lē′jə-n.dərē/ adjective

**leg-end·ary** /lē′jən·der·ē/ adjective

**leg·endo·ry** /lē′jən·der·ē/ noun
[origin: ME legende, fr. MF & ML; MF legende, fr. ML legenda, fr. L legere to read]
1 a: a story coming down from the past; especially: one popularly accepted as historical though not verifiable
 b: a body of popular stories
2: an inscription on an object; also: **caption**
3: an explanatory list of the symbols on a map or chart

*Synonyms*
▷ folklore, lore, myth, mythology, tradition—more at **folklore**

**leg-end·ary** /lē′jən·der·ē/ adjective

**leg·er-de·main** /lē′jər-da·mān/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF leger de main light of hand]
1: **SLEIGHT OF HAND**
2 a: skill and dexterity in conjuring tricks
 b: adroitness in deception

**legging** or **leg·gin** /lē′gən. ŋ/ noun
▷: a covering for the leg; also: **tights**

**leg·gy** /lē′gə/ adjective **leg·gy** /lē′g-ē/ adjective **leg·gy** /lē′g-ē/ adjective
1: having unusually long legs
2: having long and attractive legs
3: **SPINDLY**—used of a plant

**leg·horn** /lē′gərn/ noun
1: a fine plaited straw; also: a hat made of this straw
2: any of a Mediterranean breed of small hardy chickens

**leg·i·ble** /lē′ja-bal/ adjective
▷ : capable of being read: **CLEAR**

— **leg·i·bil·i·ty** /lē′ja-bal-i-tē/ noun
— **leg·i·bly** /lē′ja-bal-i/ adverb

**legion** /lē′ja-n/ noun
1: a unit of the Roman army comprising 3000 to 6000 soldiers
2 : a very large number: MULTITUDE
3 : an association of ex-servicemen
4 : a large military force

Synonyms
- [2] army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, mob, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD
- [4] army, battalion, host—more at ARMY

legion adjective
: MANY, NUMEROUS

leg·ion·ary /ˈle.ʒən.ərē/ noun
: LEGIONNAIRE

le·gion·naire /ˈlē.ʒən.ərē/ noun
: a member of a legion

Synonyms
- fighter, man-at-arms, regular, serviceman, soldier, warrior—more at SOLDIER

Legionnaires' disease also Legionnaire's disease /ˈleržəˌdēz/ noun
: a lobar pneumonia caused by a bacterium

legis abbreviation
legislation; legislative; legislature

leg·is·late /ˈleg.i.ˌsət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
- to make or enact laws; also: to bring about by legislation

Synonyms
- enact, lay down, make, pass—more at ENACT

leg·is·la·tion /ˈleg.əˌshən/ noun
1 : the action of legislating
2 : laws made by a legislative body

leg·is·la·tive /ˈleg.i.ˌsəтив/ adjective
1 : having the power of legislating
2 : of or relating to a legislature or legislation

leg·is·la·tor /ˈleg.əˌsətər/ noun
: one that makes laws esp. for a political unit; especially: a member of a legislative body

Synonyms
- lawmaker, solon; also assemblyman, assemblywoman; congressman, congresswoman; senator

leg·is·la·ture /ˈleg.i.ˌsəchər/ noun
: an organized body of persons having the authority to make laws

le·git /ˈlē. jit/ adjective, slang
: LEGITIMATE

1legitimate /ˈlē. jəˌta.mət/ adjective
1: lawfully begotten
2: GENUINE
3: LAWFUL
4: conforming to recognized principles or accepted rules or standards

— le·git·i·ma·cy /ˌma.ʒə.sē/ noun
— le·git·i·mate·ly adverb

2legitimate /ˈlē. mət/ verb -mat·ed; -mat·ing
- to make legitimate

le·git·i·mise British variant of LEGITIMIZE
le·git·i·mize /ˈlē. jəˌmaˌzız/ verb -mized; -miz·ing
LEGITIMATE

leg·man /ləgˌmən/ noun
1: a reporter assigned usu. to gather information
2: an assistant who gathers information and runs errands

le·gume /liˈgyoʊm/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1: any of a large family of plants having fruits that are dry pods and split when ripe and including important food and forage plants (as beans and clover); also: the part (as seeds or pods) of a legume used as food
2: the pod of a legume

— le·gu·mi·nous /liˌgəˈmiˌnəs/ adjective

1lei /lē, lē/ noun
: a wreath or necklace usu. of flowers

lei·sure /lēˈzhər, lēˈzhər/ noun
1 ▶: freedom provided by the cessation of activities; also: time free from work or duties
2: EASE; also: CONVENIENCE

Synonyms
ease, relaxation, repose, rest—more at REST

1leisurely adjective
: characterized by slowness

2leisurely adverb
: without haste

leit·mo·tif also leit·mo·tiv /leɪtˌmɔːtɪv/ noun
[ORIGIN: G Leitmotiv, fr. leiten to lead + Motiv motive]
: a dominant recurring theme

lem·ming /ˈleɪmɪŋ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Norw]
: any of various short-tailed rodents found mostly in northern regions and noted for recurrent mass migrations

lem·on /ˈleɪmən/ noun
1: an acid yellow usu. nearly oblong citrus fruit; also: a citrus tree that bears lemons
2 ▶: something (as an automobile) unsatisfactory or defective
— lemony adjective

Synonyms
bummer, dud, failure, fizzle, flop, loser, turkey, washout—more at FAILURE

lem·on·ade /ˈleɪmənˌæd/ noun
: a beverage of lemon juice, sugar, and water

lemon curd noun
: a custard made with lemon juice, butter, sugar, and eggs

lem·on·grass /ˈleɪmənˌɡræs/ noun
: a tropical Asian grass grown for its lemon-scented foliage used as a seasoning

le·mur /ˈləmər/ noun
: any of various arboreal primates largely of Madagascar that have large eyes, very soft woolly fur, and a long furry tail

Len·a·pe /ˈlənəp, ˈlənəp/ noun, plural Lenape or Lenapes
: DELAWARE

lend /lend/ verb lent /lent/, lending
1: to give for temporary use on condition that the same or its equivalent be returned
2: AFFORD, FURNISH
3: ACCOMMODATE
— lend·er noun

lend·lease /ˈlendˌlēs/ noun
: the transfer of goods and services to an ally to aid in a common cause with payment made by a return of the items or their use in the cause or by a similar transfer of other goods and services

length /ˈlên/ noun
1 a : the longer or longest dimension of an object
   b : a measured distance
2 : duration or extent in time or space
3 : the length of something taken as a unit of measure
4 : a single piece of a series of pieces that may be joined together <a ~ of pipe>
— at length
1 : in full
2 : FINALLY

Synonyms
distance, lead, remove, spread, stretch, way—more at DISTANCE

length·en /ˈlen·ən/ verb
1 : to make or become longer
   Synonyms
draw out, elongate, extend, prolong, protract, stretch—more at EXTEND

length·wise /ˈlen·wīz/ adverb
: in the direction of the length
— lengthwise adjective

lengthy /ˈlen·thē/ adjective length·i·er; -est
1 : protracted excessively
2 : drawn out in length esp. of time : EXTENDED, LONG

Synonyms
drawn out, extended, far, great, long—more at LONG

le·ni·en·cy /lē·nē·ən·sē, _nēənˌsē/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being lenient; also : a lenient disposition or practice
   Synonyms
   charity, clemency, mercy, quarter—more at MERCY

le·nient /ˈlē·nē·ənt, _nēənt/ adjective
1 : of mild and tolerant disposition or effect
— le·nient·ly adverb

len·i·tive /ˈle·nē·tiv/ adjective
: alleviating pain or harshness

len·i·ty /ˈle·nē·tē/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being lenient : LENIENCY

lens /ˈlēnz/ noun
[ORIGIN: L. lent-, lens lentil; so called fr. the shape of a convex lens]
1 : a curved piece of glass or plastic used singly or combined in an optical instrument for forming an image; also : a device for focusing radiation other than light
2 : a transparent body in the eye that focuses light rays on receptors at the back of the eye

Lent /lənt/ noun
1 : a 40-day period of penitence and fasting observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter by many churches
— Lent·en /ˈlən·ən/ adjective

len·til /ˈlənt·ēl/ noun
1 : a Eurasian annual legume grown for its flat edible seeds and for fodder; also : its seed

Leo /ˈlēˌō/ noun
le·o·nine /lē.o.nīn/ adjective
: of, relating to, or resembling a lion

leop·ard /lē.o.̈ard/ noun
: a large usu. tawny and black-spotted cat of southern Asia and Africa

le·o·tard /lē.o.tard/ noun
: a close-fitting garment worn esp. by dancers and for exercise

lep·er /lē.par/ noun
1 : a person affected with leprosy
2 : OUTCAST

lep·re·chaun /lē.pre.kān/ noun
: a mischievous elf of Irish folklore

lep·ro·sy /lē.pra.sē/ noun
: a chronic bacterial disease marked esp. if not treated by slow-growing swellings with deformity and loss of sensation of affected parts

— lep·rous /lē.ros/ adjective

le·tard /lē.tard/ noun
: a hormone that is produced by fat-containing cells and plays a role in body weight regulation

les·bi·an /lēz.bi.ə.nən/ noun
[ORIGIN: fr. the reputed homosexual group associated with the poet Sappho of Lesbos]
: a woman who is a homosexual
— lesbian adjective
— les·bi·an·ism /lēz.bi.ə.nizəm/ noun

lèse ma·jes·té or lese maj·es·ty /lēz.maj.es.tē, lēz. lēz/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF lese majesté, fr. L laesa majestas, lit., injured majesty]
: an offense violating the dignity of a sovereign

le·sion /lē.zhi.ən/ noun
: an abnormal structural change in the body due to injury or disease; especially : one clearly marked off from healthy tissue around it

1 less /les/ adjective, comparative of 2 LITTLE
1 : FEWER < than six>
2 : of lower rank, degree, or importance
3 : SMALLER; also : more limited in quantity

— Synonyms
inferior, junior, lesser, lower, minor, subordinate, under—more at LESSER

2 less adverb, comparative of 3 LITTLE
: to a lesser extent or degree

3 less noun, plural less
1 : a smaller portion
2 : something of less importance

4 less preposition
: diminished by : MINUS

-less /les/ adjective suffix
le·thal /lē′thəl/ adjective
▷ of, relating to, or causing death: DEADLY, FATAL
le·thal·ly /ˈlé-thəl-li/ adverb
  Synonyms

le·thar·gic /ˈle-thar-ık/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or characterized by lethargy
  Synonyms

leth·ar·gy /ˈle-thar-je/ noun
  1 : abnormal drowsiness
  2 : the quality or state of being lazy or indifferent

let on verb
  1 : REVEAL 1
  2 : PRETEND

1 letter /ˈle-tər/ noun
  1 : a symbol that stands for a speech sound and constitutes a unit of an alphabet
  2 : a written or printed communication
  3 plural : LITERATURE; also : LEARNING
  4 : the literal meaning "the ~ of the law"
  5 : a single piece of type
  Synonyms

2 letter verb
  : to mark with letters : INSCRIBE

— let·ter·er noun

let·ter bomb noun
  : an explosive device concealed in an envelope and mailed to the intended victim

let·ter·boxed /ˈle-tər-bäks/ adjective
  : being a video recording formatted to display a frame size proportional to a standard theater screen

let·ter carrier noun
  : an individual who delivers mail
  Synonyms

let·ter·head /ˈle-tər-hed/ noun
  : stationery with a printed or engraved heading; also : the heading itself

let·ter–per·fect /ˈle-tər-per-fikt/ adjective
  : correct to the smallest detail
  Synonyms

let·ter·press /ˈle-tər-pres/ noun
  : printing done directly by impressing the paper on an inked raised surface

letters of marque /ˈle-tər-märk/
  : a license granted to a private person by a government to fit out an armed ship to capture enemy shipping

letters patent noun plural
  : a written grant from a government to a person in a form readily open for inspection by all

let·tuce /ˈle-tas/ noun
  [origin: ME letuse, fr. AF, prob. fr. pl. of letue lettuce plant, fr. L lactuca, fr. lac milk; fr. its milky juice]
  : a garden composite plant with crisp leaves used esp. in salads
let·up /ˈlɛt.a.p/ noun
: a lessening of effort

let up verb
▷ : to diminish or slow down; also : to come to a stop
  Synonyms
  ▷ cease, end, halt, quit, stop
  ▷ abate, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, subside, taper, wane—more at DECREASE

leu·ka·emia chiefly British variant of LEUKEMIA
leu·ke·mia /ˌlu.ˈkɛ.mi.ə/ noun
: a malignant disease characterized by an abnormal increase in the number of white blood cells in the blood-forming tissues
  — leu·ke·mic /ˌlu.ˈkɛ.mɪk/ adjective or noun

leu·ko·cyte /lu.ˈka.ˌsɪt/ noun
: WHITE BLOOD CELL

Lev or Levit abbreviation
Leviticus

1 levee /ˈlev.ə/ noun
[ORIGIN: F lever act of arising]
: a reception held by or for a person of distinction

2 levee /ˈlev.ə/ noun
▷ : an embankment to prevent or confine flooding; also : a river landing place
  Synonyms
  ▷ dam, dike, embankment—more at DAM
  ▷ dock, landing, pier—more at DOCK

1 level /ˈlev.əl/ noun
1 : a device for establishing a horizontal line or plane
2 : horizontal condition
3 : a horizontal position, line, or surface often taken as an index of altitude; also : a flat area of ground
4 ▷ : height, position, rank, or size in a scale
  Synonyms
  ▷ degree, footing, place, position, rank, situation, standing, station, status—more at RANK

2 level verb -eled or -elled; -eling or -eling
1 ▷ : to make flat or level; also : to come to a level
2 : to direct to or toward a specified object or goal : AIM
3 ▷ to bring to a common level or plane : EQUALIZE
  4 : RAZE
5 ▷ : to knock down
— lev·el·er noun
  Synonyms
  [1] even, plane, smooth—more at EVEN
  [3] balance, equalize, equate, even—more at EQUALIZE
  [5] bowl, down, drop, fell, floor, knock

3 level adjective
1 ▷ : having a flat even surface
2 : HORIZONTAL
3 : of the same height or rank; also : UNIFORM
4 : steady and cool in judgment
— lev·el·ly adverb
— lev·el·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▷ even, flat, flush, plane, smooth; also exact, uniform; aligned, regular, true; horizontal, tabular; plumb,
straight, vertical

*Antonyms*
bumpy, coarse, lumpy, rough, uneven

lev·el·head·ed /ˈle.vəlˌhēd/ adjective
 : having sound judgment : SENSIBLE

*Synonyms*
  ➢ good, hard, informed, just, logical, rational, reasonable, reasoned, sensible, sober, solid, valid, well-founded
  ➢ more at GOOD

le·ver /ˈle.véər, ˈlāvər/ noun
1 : a bar used for prying or dislodging something; also : a means for achieving one's purpose
2 : a rigid piece turning about an axis and used for transmitting and changing force and motion

lever·age /ˈlē.vərˌāj/ noun
 : the action or mechanical effect of a lever

le·vi·a·than /ˈlē.vē.ə.than/ noun
1 : a large sea animal
2 ➢ : something large or formidable

*Synonyms*
  ➢ behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, mammoth, monster, titan, whale, whopper—more at GIANT

lev·i·tate /ˈle.viˌtāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
 : to rise or cause to rise in the air in seeming defiance of gravitation

— lev·i·ta·tion /ˈlē.viˌtāshən/ noun

Le·vit·i·cus /ˈlē.vit.iˌkəs/ noun
 : a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

lev·i·ty /ˈle.vi.tē/ noun
 : lack of seriousness

*Synonyms*
  ➢ facetiousness, flightiness, flippancy, frivolity, lightness—more at FRIVOLITY

levo·do·pa /ˈle.ˈvō.dō.pə/ noun
 : L-DOPA

1levy /ˈle.vē/ noun, plural lev·ies
1 ➢ : the imposition or collection of an assessment; also : an amount levied
2 : the enlistment or conscription of men for military service; also : troops raised by levy

*Synonyms*
  ➢ assessment, duty, impost, tax—more at TAX

2levy verb lev·ied; lev·y·ing
1 ➢ : to impose or collect by legal authority
2 : to enlist for military service
3 : WAGE <~ war>
4 : to seize property

*Synonyms*
  ➢ assess, charge, exact, fine, impose, lay, put—more at IMPOSE

lewd /lūd/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME lewed vulgar, fr. OE lǣwede lay, ignorant]
1 ➢ : sexually unchaste
2 ➢ : abhorrent to morality or virtue : OBSCENE, VULGAR

— lewd·ly adverb

*Synonyms*
  ➢ [1] lascivious, lustful, passionate, wanton—more at LUSTFUL
  ➢ [2] bawdy, coarse, crude, indecent, lascivious, obscene, pornographic, ribald, smutty, unprintable, vulgar, wanton—more at OBSCENE
lew·d·ness noun
   : the quality or state of being lewd
   Synonyms
   bawdiness, coarseness, grossness, indecency, nastiness, obscenity, ribaldry, smut, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY

lex·i·co·gra·phy /lek_šəˈkäˌɡrəˌfi/ noun
   1 : the editing or making of a dictionary
   2 : the principles and practices of dictionary making
   — lex·i·co·graph·er /ˈfər/ noun
   — lex·i·co·graph·ic /ˌfɪk/ adjective

lex·i·con /lek_šəˌkən/ noun, plural lex·i·ca /ˌsi_ka/ or lexicons
   1 : DICTIONARY
   2 : the vocabulary of a language, speaker, or subject

lg abbreviation
   1 large
   2 long
   — L.H abbreviation
   1 left hand
   2 lower half

li abbreviation
   link
   Li symbol
   lithium
   — L.I abbreviation
   Long Island

li·a·bil·i·ty /ˌli_əˈbil_ə_tē/ noun, plural -ties
   1 : the quality or state of being liable
   2 plural : DEBTS
   3 : one that acts as a disadvantage : DISADVANTAGE
   Synonyms
   — [1] blame, fault, responsibility—more at RESPONSIBILITY
   — [3] disadvantage, drawback, handicap, minus, penalty, strike—more at DISADVANTAGE

li·a·ble /ˌli_ə_bəl/ adjective
   1 : legally obligated : RESPONSIBLE
   2 : LIKELY, APT <> to fall>
   3 : exposed or subject to something usu. adverse : SUSCEPTIBLE
   Synonyms
   — [1] accountable, answerable, responsible—more at RESPONSIBLE
   — [3] exposed, open, sensitive, subject, susceptible, vulnerable; also likely, prone; uncovered, undefended, unguarded, unprotected
   Antonyms
   invulnerable, unexposed

li·ai·son /ˌlē_ə.zān, lē_ˈzən/ noun
   [ORIGIN: F]
   1 : a close bond or connection
   2 : an illicit sexual relationship
   3 : communication for mutual understanding (as between parts of an armed force); also : one that carries on a liaison
   Synonyms
   affiliation, alliance, association, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, partnership, relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION
li·ar /ˈlɪər/ noun
◊: a person who lies

**Synonyms**
◊ fibber, prevaricator; also libeler, slanderer; perjurer, gossip; charlatan, cheat, cheater, confidence man, counterfeiter, cozenor, deceiver, dissembler, double-dealer, fraud, hustler, mountebank, pretender

1lib /ˈlib/ noun
◊ LIBERATION

2lib abbreviation
1 liberal
2 librarian; library

li·ba·tion /ˈlɪbəˌʃən/ noun
1 : an act of pouring a liquid as a sacrifice (as to a god); also: the liquid poured
2◊: a drinkable liquid: DRINK

**Synonyms**
◊ beverage, drink, quencher—more at DRINK

1libel /ˈlɪbəl/ noun
1 : a spoken or written statement or a representation that gives an unjustly unfavorable impression of a person or thing
2◊: the action or crime of publishing a libel

**Synonyms**
◊ defamation, slander, vilification—more at SLANDER

2libel verb -beled or -belled; -bel·ing or -bel·ling
◊: to make or publish a libel
—li·bel·er noun
—li·bel·ist noun

**Synonyms**
◊ blacken, defame, malign, slander, smear, traduce, vilify—more at SLANDER

li·bel·ous or li·bel·lous /ˈlɪbələs/ adjective
◊: constituting or including a libel

**Synonyms**
◊ defamatory, scandalous, slanderous; also erroneous, false, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, invalid, off, unsound, untrue, wrong; derogatory, disparaging, uncomplimentary, unfavorable; invidious, objectionable; maligning, traducing, vilifying; hateful, malevolent, malicious, spiteful

1liberal /ˈlɪbərəl, _be_ˈrəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or based on the liberal arts
2◊: given or provided in a generous and openhanded way: GENEROUS, BOUNTIFUL; also: generous or more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity
3: not literal
4 a: not narrow in opinion or judgment: TOLERANT
b: not orthodox
5: not conservative

—lib·er·al·ize /ˌlɪbəˈrəlائز, _be_ˈrəlɪz/ verb

**Synonyms**
◊ [2] abundant, ample, comfortable, generous, plentiful—more at PLENTIFUL
◊ [2] bountiful, charitable, free, generous, munificent, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing—more at GENEROUS
◊ [4b] broad-minded, nonorthodox, nontraditional, open-minded, progressive, radical, unconventional, unorthodox; also advanced, contemporary, modern; forbearing, indulgent, lenient, permissive, tolerant; extreme; impartial, objective, unbiased

**Antonyms**
◊ conservative, conventional, old-fashioned, orthodox, traditional
liberal noun
: a person who holds liberal views

liberal arts noun plural
: the studies (as language, philosophy, history, literature, or abstract science) in a college or university intended to provide chiefly general knowledge and to develop the general intellectual capacities

liberal-ism /liˌberˈəl-əm/ noun
: liberal principles and theories

liberal-i-ty /liˌberˈəl-it-eɪ/ noun
: the quality or state of being liberal; also : an instance of this

   Synonyms
   ▶ bounty, generosity, largesse, philanthropy, unselfishness; also beneficence, charity; kindness; gift, gratuity, lagniappe; tribute; extravagance, improvidence, lavishment, prodigality, wastefulness; spendthrift; dissipating, squandering
   Antonyms
   cheapness, closeness, meanness, miserliness, parsimony, pinching, stinginess, tightness

liberal-ly adverb
: in a liberal manner

   Synonyms
   ▶ bountifully, generously, handsomely, well—more at WELL

liberate /liˈber-ət/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing
1 ▶ : to free from bondage or restraint; also : to raise to equal rights and status
2 : to free (as a gas) from combination
— liber-a-tor /liˈber-ə-tor/ noun

   Synonyms
   ▶ discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE

liberate-d adjective
: freed from or opposed to traditional social and sexual attitudes or roles <a ~ marriage>

liberation /liˌber-ə-shən/ noun
: the act of liberating : the state of being liberated

   Synonyms
   ▶ emancipation, enfranchisement, manumission; also deliverance, redemption, salvation; autonomy, freedom, independence, liberty, self-government, sovereignty
   Antonyms
   enslavement

Lib-er-i-an /liˈbɪr-ɪ.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Liberia
— Liberian adjective

lib-er-tar-i-an /liˌber-tər-ən/ noun
1 : an advocate of the doctrine of free will
2 : one who upholds the principles of unrestricted liberty

lib-er-tine /liˌber-tən/ noun
: a person who leads a dissolute life

   Synonyms
   ▶ decadent, degenerate, pervert, profligate—more at DEGENERATE

lib-er-ty /liˈber-ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being free : FREEDOM
2 : an action going beyond normal limits; especially : FAMILIARITY
3 : a short leave from naval duty

   Synonyms
autonomy, freedom, independence, self-government, sovereignty—more at FREEDOM

libidinous /ˈli.bɪd.ɪ.nəs/ adjective
1: LASCIVIOUS
2: LIBIDINAL

libido /ˌli.bəˈdoʊ/ noun, plural -dos
[origin: NL, fr. L, desire, lust]
1: psychic energy derived from basic biological urges
2: sexual drive
— libidinal /ˌli.bɪˈdɪnəl/ adjective

Libra /ˈlɪ.bra/ noun
[origin: L, lit., scales]
1: a zodiacal constellation between Virgo and Scorpio usu. pictured as a balance scale
2: the 7th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also: one born under this sign

librarian /ˈlɪ.brər.ɪ.ən/ noun
: a specialist in the management of a library

library /ˈlɪ.bri.ərɪ/ noun, plural -raries
1: a place in which books and related materials are kept for use but not for sale
2: a collection of books

: the text esp. of an opera
— librettist /ˈlɪ.bret.stɪst/ noun

Libyan /ˈlɪ.bɪ.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Libya
— Libyan adjective

lice plural of LOUSE

license or licence /ˈlɪs.əns/ noun
1: permission to act
2: a permission granted by authority to engage in an activity
3: a document, plate, or tag providing proof of a license
4: freedom used irresponsibly

Synonyms
1 [1] authorization, freedom, latitude, run—more at FREEDOM
2 [2] allowance, authorization, clearance, concurrence, consent, leave, permission, sanction, sufferance—more at PERMISSION

license verb
1: to issue a license to

Synonyms
1 accredit, authorize, certify, commission, empower, enable, invest, qualify—more at AUTHORIZE

licensed practical nurse noun
: a specially trained person who is licensed (as by a state) to provide routine care for the sick

licensee /ˈlɪs.ənˈsɛ/ noun
: a licensed person

licentiate /ˈlɪs.ən.tʃeɪ.tə/ noun
: one licensed to practice a profession

licentious /ˈlɪs.ən.tʃəs/ adjective
: lacking legal or moral restraints; also: disregarding sexual restraints: LEWD, LASCIVIOUS

— licentious-ly adverb

licentious-ness noun
licentious: the quality or state of being licentious

**Synonyms**
- corruption, debauchery, depravity, immorality, iniquity, sin, vice—more at vice

lichee variant of litchi

lichen /ˈlɪkən/ noun
- any of various complex plantlike organisms made up of an alga and a fungus growing as a unit on a solid surface
- li-chen-ous adjective

licit /ˈlɪsɪt/ adjective
- : LAWFUL

1 lick /likt/ verb
- 1: to draw the tongue over; also: to flicker over like a tongue
- 2: to beat soundly: THRASH; also: DEFEAT

2 lick noun
- 1: a stroke of the tongue
- 2: a small amount
- 3: a hasty careless effort
- 4: a sharp hit: BLOW
- 5: a natural deposit of salt that animals lick

**Synonyms**
- bit, dab, little, particle, shred, touch, trace—more at PARTICLE

lick·e·ty–split /ˈlikəˌti–split/ adverb
- at great speed

lick·spit·tle /ˈlikˌspitl/ noun
- a fawning subordinate: TOADY

lic·o·rice /ˈlɪkəˌrɪs/ noun
- 1: the dried root of a European leguminous plant; also: an extract from it used esp. as a flavoring and in medicine
- 2: a candy flavored with licorice
- 3: a plant yielding licorice

lid /lid/ noun
- 1: a movable cover
- 2: EYELID
- 3: something that confines or suppresses

    — lid·ded /ˈlɪdɪd/ adjective

    **Synonyms**
- cap, cover, top—more at COVER

li·do /ˈlɪdə/ noun, plural lidos
- a fashionable beach resort

1 lie /li/ verb lay /ˈlæ/, lain /ˈleɪn/, ly·ing /ˈlɪŋ/
- 1: to be in, stay at rest in, or assume a horizontal position; also: to be in a helpless or defenseless state
- 2: to have direction: EXTEND
- 3: to occupy a certain relative position
- 4: to have an effect esp. through mere presence

    **Synonyms**
- [2] extend, go, head, lead, run—more at run
- [3] be, sit, stand

2 lie noun
- the position in which something lies

3 lie verb lied; ly·ing /ˈlɪŋ/
>: to tell a lie
   Synonyms
   - fabricate, fib, prevaricate; also forswear, perjure; equivocate, fudge, palter; beguile, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, hoax, hoodwink, kid, snow, take in, trick; defame, libel, slander, traduce; falsify, misrepresent, misstate; distort, garble; dissemble, dissimulate; misguide, misinform, mislead
4lie noun
>: an untrue statement made with intent to deceive
   Synonyms
   - fabrication, fairy tale, falsehood, falsity, fib, mendacity, prevarication, story, tale, untruth, whopper; also distortion, exaggeration, half-truth; ambiguity, equivocation; defamation, libel, slander; perjury; bluff, pose, pretense; humbug, jive, nonsense; fallacy, misconception, myth; misinformation, misrepresentation, misstatement; deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, duplicity
   Antonyms
   - truth
lied /liːt/ noun, plural li·der /liː.ˈdər/
   [Origin: G]
>: a German song esp. of the 19th century
lie detector noun
>: a polygraph for detecting physiological evidence of the tension that accompanies lying
lief /ˈliːv, ˈliːf/ adverb
   : GLADLY, WILLINGLY
liege /ˈliː/ adjective
   : LOYAL, FAITHFUL
2liege noun
   1: VASSAL
   2: a feudal superior
lien /lɛn, ˈlɛn/ noun
>: a legal claim on the property of another for the satisfaction of a debt or duty
lieu /liː/ noun, archaic
   : PLACE, STEAD
   — in lieu of
>: in the place of
lieut abbreviation
lieutenant
lieu·ten·ant /liʊˈtenənt/ noun
   1: a representative of another in the performance of duty
   2: FIRST LIEUTENANT; also: SECOND LIEUTENANT
   3: a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a lieutenant commander
   — lieu·ten·an·cy /ˌliʊ.ˈten.ənsi/ noun
lieutenant colonel noun
>: a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a colonel
lieutenant commander noun
>: a commissioned officer in the navy ranking next below a commander
lieutenant general noun
>: a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a general
lieutenant governor noun
>: a deputy or subordinate governor
lieutenant junior grade noun, plural lieutenants junior grade
life /laɪ/ noun, plural lives /laɪvz/
1: the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body or inanimate matter; also: a state of an organism characterized esp. by capacity for metabolism, growth, reaction to stimuli, and reproduction
2: the physical and mental experiences of an individual
3: a written history of a person's life: BIOGRAPHY
4: a specific phase or period <adult ~>
5: the period from birth to death; also: a sentence of imprisonment for the remainder of a person's life
6: a way of living
7: a vital or living being; specif: PERSON
8: a lively or brisk quality in a person or a person's actions
9: living beings <forest ~>
10: animate activity <signs of ~>
11: one providing interest and vigor <~ of the party>
   Synonyms
   ➢ [4] date, duration, lifetime, run, standing, time—more at DURATION
   ➢ [6] civilization, culture, lifestyle, society—more at CIVILIZATION
   ➢ [8] dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, pep, sap, snap, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at VIGOR

life·blood /laɪ_ˈblʌd/ noun
: a basic source of strength and vitality

life·boat /ˌlaɪˌbōt/ noun
: a sturdy boat designed for use in saving lives at sea

life·guard /ˌlaɪ_ˈɡɑrd/ noun
: a usu. expert swimmer employed to safeguard bathers

life·less adjective
➢: having no life
   Synonyms
   ➢ breathless, dead, deceased, defunct, gone, late—more at DEAD

life·like adjective
➢: accurately representing or imitating real life
   Synonyms
   ➢ natural, near, realistic—more at NATURAL

life·line /ˌlaɪ_ˈlaɪn/ noun
1: a line to which persons may cling for safety
2: something considered vital for survival

life·long /ˌlaɪ_ˈlɒŋ/ adjective
: continuing through life

life preserver noun
: a buoyant device designed to save a person from drowning

lif·er /ˈlaɪ_ɜr/ noun
1: a person sentenced to life imprisonment
2: a person who makes a career in the armed forces

life raft noun
: a raft for use by people forced into the water

life·sav·ing /ˌlaɪ_ˌsæ_ˈvɪŋ/ noun
: the skill or practice of saving or protecting lives esp. of drowning persons
— life·sav·er /ˌlaɪˌsæ_ˈvər/ noun

life science noun
: a branch of science (as biology, medicine, and sometimes anthropology or sociology) that deals with living
organisms and life processes — usu. used in pl.

— life scientist noun

life span noun
: the duration of existence of an individual

life-style /ˈlaɪˌstiloʊ/ noun
: a way of living

Synonyms

civilization, culture, life, society—more at CIVILIZATION

life-time /ˈlaɪˌtaɪm/ noun
: the duration of an individual's existence

Synonyms

date, duration, life, run, standing, time—more at DURATION

life-work /ˈlaɪˌwɜrk/ noun
: the entire or principal work of one's lifetime; also : a work extending over a lifetime

life-world /ˈlaɪˌwɜrd/ noun
: the total of an individual's physical surroundings and everyday experiences

LIFO abbreviation
last in, first out

1 lift /lɪft/ verb
1 : to raise from a lower to a higher position : ELEVATE; also : RISE, ASCEND
2 : to put an end to : STOP
3 : to pay off <~ a mortgage>

— lifter noun

Synonyms

boost, crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, hoist, jack, pick up, raise, up, uphold—more at RAISE

arise, ascend, climb, mount, rise, soar, up—more at ASCEND

2 lift noun
1 : LOAD
2 : the action or an instance of lifting
3 : the act of assisting or the help supplied; also : a ride along one's way

4 : RISE, ADVANCE
5 chiefly British : ELEVATOR
6 : an elevation of the spirits
7 : the upward force that is developed by a moving airfoil and that opposes the pull of gravity

Synonyms

aid, assist, assistance, backing, boost, help, support—more at HELP

lift-off /ˈlɪftˌɒf/ noun
: a vertical takeoff (as by a rocket)

lift truck noun
: a small truck for lifting and transporting loads

lig-a-ment /ˈliːɡəˌment/ noun
: a band of tough fibrous tissue that holds bones together or supports an organ in place

lig-a-te /ˈliːɡət/ verb li-gat-ed; li-gat-ing
: to tie with a ligature

— li-ga-tion /ˈliːɡəˌʃeɪn/ noun

lig-a-ture /ˈliːɡəˌʃʊr/ noun
1 : something that binds or ties; also : a thread used in surgery esp. for tying blood vessels
2 : a printed or written character consisting of two or more letters or characters (as æ) united

Synonyms
light /lɪt/ noun
1 : something that makes vision possible : electromagnetic radiation visible to the human eye; also : the sensation aroused by stimulation of the visual sense organs
2 : DAYLIGHT
3 : a source of light (as a candle)
4 : ENLIGHTENMENT; also : TRUTH
5 : public knowledge <facts brought to ~> 
6 : a particular aspect presented to view <saw the matter in a different ~> 
7 : WINDOW
8 plural : STANDARDS <according to his ~>s>
9 : a noteworthy person in a particular place or field : CELEBRITY
10 : Lighthouse, beacon; also : traffic light
11 : a flame for lighting something

Synonyms
[1] blaze, flare, fluorescence, glare, gleam, glow, illumination, incandescence, luminescence, radiance, shine; also flash, glimmer, glint, glitter, scintillation, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle; daylight, moonlight, sunlight; afterglow, aureole, aura, beam, ray, shaft, streak, stream; glisten, gloss, luster, polish, reflection, sheen
[3] flare
[9] celebrity, figure, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

2 light adjective
1 : having light : BRIGHT
2 : not dark, intense, or swarthy in color or coloring : PALE <~ blue>

Synonyms
ablaze, alight, bright—more at BRIGHT

3 light verb lit /lɪt/ or light-ed; light-ing
1 : to make or become light
2 : to cause or burn : BURN
3 : to conduct with a light
4 : to supply or brighten with light : ILLUMINATE

Synonyms
[2] burn, fire, ignite, inflame, kindle—more at BURN
[4] illuminate—more at ILLUMINATE

4 light adjective
1 : not heavy
2 : not serious <~ reading>
3 : not abundant : SCANTY <~ rain>
4 : easily disturbed <a ~> sleeper>
5 a : exerting a minimum of force or pressure : GENTLE <a ~> blow
b : requiring minimal effort or energy
6 : easily endurable <a ~> cold>; also : requiring little effort <~ exercise>
7 : capable of moving swiftly or nimbly
8 : FRIVOLOUS
9 : DIZZY
10 : made with lower calorie content or less of some ingredient than usual <~ salad dressing>
11 : producing goods for direct consumption by the consumer <~ industry>

Synonyms
[1] airy, ethereal, feathery, fluffy, weightless; also bantam, diminutive, little, minute, small, smallish, puny, tiny, undersized, wee; flimsy, fragile, insubstantial; petite, slender, slight, slim, thin
Antonyms
heavy, hefty, leaden, overweight, ponderous, weighty
[5b] easy, effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, painless, ready, simple, smooth, snap, soft—more at EASY
[6] balmy, benign, bland, delicate, gentle, mellow, mild, soft, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE
light adverb
1: LIGHTLY
2: with little baggage <travel ~>

light verb lit /lt/ or light·ed: light·ing
1: to descend from or as if from the air and come to rest: SETTLE, ALIGHT
2: to fall unexpectedly
3: HAPPEN

Synonyms
alight, land, perch, roost, settle—more at ALIGHT

light bulb noun
1: a lamp in which an electrically heated filament emits light
2: FLUORESCENT LAMP

light–emitting diode noun
: LED

lighten verb
1: to make light or clear: ILLUMINATE
2: to give out flashes of lightning

lighten verb
1: to relieve of a burden
2: GLADDEN
3: to become lighter

lighten up verb
: to take things less seriously

lighter noun
1: a barge used esp. in loading or unloading ships
2: one that lights; especially: a device for lighting

light–face /lt.ʃæs/ noun
: a type having light thin lines
— light·faced /ˌlaɪt.fæst/ adjective

light–head·ed /lt.ˈhe.dəd/ adjective
1: feeling confused or dizzy
2: lacking maturity or seriousness

Synonyms
[1] dizzy, giddy—more at DIZZY
[2] flighty, frivolous, giddy, goofy, harebrained, scatterbrained, silly—more at GIDDY

light–heart·ed /ˌlɪrt.hɜrt.d/ adjective
: free from worry
— light–heart·ed·ly adverb

Synonyms
carefree, careless, cavalier, easygoing, gay, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, unconcerned

light–heart·ed·ness noun
: the quality or state of being lighthearted

Synonyms
abandon, abandonment, ease, naturalness, spontaneity, unrestraint—more at ABANDON

light·house /ˈlaɪt.hɔʊs/ noun
: a structure with a powerful light for guiding sailors
light·ly adverb
▷ : in a light manner

Synonyms
▷ easily, effortlessly, fluently, freely, handily, painlessly, readily, smoothly—more at EASILY

light meter noun
▷ : a usu. hand-held device for indicating correct photographic exposure

lightness noun
▷ 1 : the quality or state of being illuminated

Synonyms
▷ brilliance, dazzle, effulgence, illumination, lucidity, luminosity, radiance, refulgence, splendor—more at BRILLIANCE

▷ 2 : lack of seriousness and stability of character often accompanied by casual heedlessness

Synonyms
▷ facetiousness, flightiness, flippancy, frivolity, levity—more at FRIVOLITY

lightning /ˈlaɪtnɪŋ/ noun
▷ : the flashing of light produced by a discharge of atmospheric electricity; also : the discharge itself

Synonyms
▷ : extremely fast

lightning adjective
▷ breakneck, breathless, brisk, dizzy, fast, fleet, hasty, nippy, quick, rapid, rattling, snappy, speedy, swift—more at FAST

lightning bug noun
▷ : FIREFLY

lightning rod noun
▷ : a grounded metallic rod set up on a structure to protect it from lightning

light out verb
▷ : to leave in a hurry

light-proof /ˈlaɪt pruːf/ adjective
▷ : impenetrable by light

lights /laɪts/ noun plural
▷ : the lungs esp. of a slaughtered animal

light·ship /ˈlaɪt ʃɪp/ noun
▷ : a ship with a powerful light moored at a place dangerous to navigation

light show noun
▷ : a kaleidoscopic display (as of colored lights)

light·some /ˈlaɪt sʌm/ adjective
▷ 1 : free from care

2 : NIMBLE

Synonyms
▷ blithe, bright, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, sunny, upbeat—more at CHEERFUL

lightweight /ˈlaɪt wèt/ noun
▷ 1 : one of less than average weight; especially : a boxer weighing not over 135 pounds

2 : of little consequence or ability

lightweight adjective
▷ 1 : INCONSEQUENTIAL

2 : of less than average weight
light–year /ˈlaɪt.ɪər/ noun
1 : an astronomical unit of distance equal to the distance that light travels in one year in a vacuum or about 5.88 trillion miles (9.46 trillion kilometers)
2 : an extremely large measure of comparison <saw it ~ ago>

lig·nin /ˈlaɪɡ.nən/ noun
: a substance related to cellulose that occurs in the woody cell walls of plants and in the cementing material between them

lig·nite /ˈlaɪɡ.nət/ noun
: brownish black soft coal

like /laɪk/ verb liked; lik·ing
1 ▶ : to feel attraction toward or take pleasure in : ENJOY <~s baseball>
2 ▶ : to wish to have : WANT
3 ▶ : to feel inclined : CHOOSE <does as she ~s>
— lik·able or like·able /ˈlaɪ.kə.bəl/ adjective
  Synonyms
    ▶ [1] favor, lean, prefer—more at PREFER
    ▶ [1] adore, delight, dig, enjoy, fancy, groove, love, relish, revel—more at ENJOY
    ▶ [2, 3] choose, want, will, wish

2 like noun
  ▶ : favorable regard : PREFERENCE
    Synonyms
      ▶ appetite, fancy, favor, fondness, liking, love, partiality, preference, relish, shine, taste, use—more at LIKING

3 like adjective
  ▶ : the same or nearly the same (as in appearance, character, or quantity) : SIMILAR
    Synonyms
      ▶ akin, alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, parallel, similar, such—more at ALIKE

4 like preposition
  1 : similar or similarly to <it’s ~ when we were kids>
  2 : typical of
  3 : comparable to
  4 : as though there would be <looks ~ rain>
  5 : such as <a subject ~ physics>

5 like noun
1 a : one that is similar
b ▶ : a group having common traits
2 ▶ : one that is similar to another
   — and the like : ET CETERA
    Synonyms
      ▶ [1b] breed, class, description, feather, ilk, kind, manner, nature, order, sort, species, type—more at SORT
      ▶ [2] coordinate, counterpart, equal, equivalent, fellow, match, parallel, peer, rival—more at EQUAL

6 like conjunction
  : in the same way that

-like /ˌlaɪk/ adjective combining form
  : resembling or characteristic of <ladylike> <lifelike>

like·li·hood /ˈlaɪ.klɪ.hʊd/ noun
  : PROBABILITY

1 likely /ˈlaɪ.kl/ adjective like·li·er; -est
1 ▶ : very probable
2 ▶ : offering reasonable grounds for being believed : BELIEVABLE
likely

1: likely to succeed or to yield good results: PROMISING <a ~ place to fish>

**Synonyms**
- [1] apt, bound, probable; also conceivable, earthly, imaginable, possible, potential; certain, doubtless, inescapable, inevitable, necessary, sure, unavoidable

**Antonyms**
- doubtful, dubious, improbable, questionable, unlikely
- [2] believable, credible, plausible, probable—more at BELIEVABLE
- [3] auspicious, bright, encouraging, fair, golden, heartening, hopeful, promising, propitious, rosy, upbeat—more at HOPEFUL

2likely adverb
- : in all probability

**Synonyms**
- doubtless, presumably, probably—more at PROBABLY

lik-en /lɪˈken/ verb
- : to represent as similar: COMPARE

**Synonyms**
- bracket, compare, equate—more at COMPARE

like-ness /ˈlɪk.nəs/ noun

1 : a pictorial representation (as a painting) of a person usu. showing the face; also : one that resembles or corresponds to another

2 : SEMBLANCE

3 : the quality or state of being like: RESEMBLANCE

**Synonyms**
- [1] illustration, image, picture—more at PICTURE
- [3] community, correspondence, parallelism, resemblance, similarity, similitude—more at SIMILARITY

like-wise /ˈlaɪˌwaɪz/ adverb

1 : in the same manner

2 : in addition: ALSO

**Synonyms**
- [1] alike, also, correspondingly, similarly, so—more at ALSO
- [2] additionally, again, also, besides, further, furthermore, more, moreover, then, too, withal, yet

lik-ing /ˈlɪk.ɪŋ/ noun
- : favorable regard; also: TASTE

**Synonyms**
- appetite, fancy, favor, fondness, like, love, partiality, preference, relish, shine, taste, use; also craving, desire, longing, thirst, yen; enthusiasm, interest, passion; bias, prejudice; bent, inclination, leaning, propensity, tendency; weakness

**Antonyms**
- aversion, dislike, disfavor, distaste, hatred, loathing

li·lac /ˈlɪl.ɪk/ noun

1 : a shrub related to the olive that produces large clusters of fragrant grayish pink, purple, or white flowers
2 : a moderate purple color

li·li·pu·tian /ˌlɪl.ɪˈpyʊ.ʃən/ adjective, often cap

1 : SMALL, MINIATURE
2 : PETTY

liit /ˈlɪt/ noun

1 : a cheerful lively song or tune
2 : a rhythmical swing or flow

lily /ˈlɪli/ noun, plural lil·lies

: any of a genus of tall bulbous herbs with leafy stems and usu. funnel-shaped flowers; also: any of various related
plants
- lily of the valley
  : a low perennial herb related to the lilies that produces a raceme of fragrant nodding bell-shaped white flowers

li·ma bean /li'me/ noun
: a bushy or tall-growing bean widely cultivated for its flat edible usu. pale green or whitish seeds; also: the seed

limb /lim/ noun
1: one of the projecting paired appendages (as legs, arms, or wings) used by an animal esp. in moving or grasping
2: a large branch of a tree: bough
— lim·b·less adjective

1limber /lim 'ber/ adjective
1: capable of being shaped: FLEXIBLE, SUPPLE
2: lithe, nimble
  Synonyms
  - flexible, lissome, lithe, pliable, supple, willowy—more at WILLOWY

2limber verb
: to make or become limber

lim·bic /lim 'bik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a group of structures of the brain (limbic system) concerned esp. with emotion and motivation

1limbo /lim 'bō/ noun, plural limbos
1: an abode of souls barred from heaven through no fault of their own
2: a place or state of confinement, oblivion, or uncertainty

2limbo noun, plural limbos
: an acrobatic dance or contest that involves passing under a horizontal pole

Lim·burg·er /lim 'ber gar/ noun
: a pungent semisoft surface-ripened cheese

lime /lim/ noun
: a caustic powdery white solid that consists of calcium and oxygen, is obtained from limestone or shells, and is used in making cement and in fertilizer
— lime verb
— limy /lim'ē/ adjective

2lime noun
: a small yellowish green citrus fruit with juicy acid pulp

lime·ade /lim 'ād, 'lim 'mäd/ noun
: a beverage of lime juice, sugar, and water

lime·light /lim 'līt/ noun
1: a device in which flame is directed against a cylinder of lime formerly used in the theater to cast a strong white light on the stage
2: the center of public attention

lim·er·ick /lim 'er ik/ noun
: a light or humorous poem of 5 lines

lime·stone /lim 'stōn/ noun
: a rock that is formed by accumulation of organic remains (as shells), is used in building, and yields lime when burned

1limit /li'mist/ noun
1: something that restrains or confines; also: the utmost extent
2: BOUNDARY; also, pl: BOUNDS
3: a prescribed maximum or minimum

— **limit·less·ness** noun

  Synonyms
  - bound, boundary, ceiling, confines, end, extent, limitation, line, termination; also extremity, fag end; border, brim, edge, margin, rim, verge; outside; bar, barrier, fence, hedge, restraint, stop, wall

2: **limit** verb

  1 a: to set limits to
  b: to confine within set limits

  Synonyms
  - [1a] bound, circumscribe, define, delimit, demarcate, mark, terminate; also control, determine, govern; delineate, describe
  - [1b] check, circumscribe, confine, control, curb, inhibit, restrain, restrict; also bar, block, hinder, impede, obstruct; constreint, contract, lessen, narrow, pinch, squeeze, tighten; quell, repress, suppress; number; modify, qualify

Anonyms

— exceed

**limit·ta·tion** /ˈliməˌtei·thən/ noun

  1: an act or instance of limiting
  2: something that limits

  Synonyms
  - check, condition, constraint, curb, fetter, restraint, restriction—more at RESTRICTION

**limit·ed** adjective

  1: confined within limits
  2: offering faster service esp. by making fewer stops

  Synonyms
  - definite, determinate, finite, measured, narrow, restricted; also modified, qualified; detailed, exact, precise, specific; confined, constricted, modest, moderate; minute, puny, small, tiny; fixed, determined, settled

Anonyms

— boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, undefined, unlimited, unmeasured

**limit·less** adjective

  - having no limits

  Synonyms
  - boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited—more at INFINITE

**lim** /ˈlim/ verb limmed; lim·m·ing /ˈlim·mɪŋ/ /ˈlim·niŋ/ /ˈlim·nɪŋ/

  1: DRAW; also: PAINT
  2: DELINEATE
  3: DESCRIBE

**limo** /ˈliməˌmō/ noun, plural limos

  : LIMOUSINE

**li·mo·nite** /ˈli·ma·nət/ /ˈli·ma·nit/ /ˈli:məˌnət/ /ˈli·ma·nit/ /ˈli·ma·nit/ /ˈli·ma·nit/ /ˈli·ma·nit/ noun

  : a ferric oxide that is a major ore of iron

  — **li·mo·nit·ic** /ˈli·ma·ˈnit·ik/ /ˈli·maˌnəˌtɪk/ /ˈliˌməˌnəˌtɪk/ /ˈli·maˌnəˌtɪk/ /ˈliˌməˌnəˌtɪk/ /ˈli·maˌnəˌtɪk/ /ˈli·maˌnəˌtɪk/ /ˈli·maˌnəˌtɪk/ adjective

**lim·ou·sine** /ˈli·maˌzən/ /ˈli·maˌzən/ /ˈli·maˌzən/ /ˈli·maˌzən/ /ˈli·maˌzən/ /ˈli·maˌzən/ noun

  [Origin: F]

  1: a large luxurious often chauffeur-driven sedan
  2: a large vehicle for transporting passengers to and from an airport

**limp** /ˈlimp/ verb

  - to walk lamely; also: to proceed with difficulty
Synonyms

> flounder, lumber, plod, stumble—more at FLONDER

1 limp noun
: a limping movement or gait

2 limp adjective
1 : having no defined shape; also : not stiff or rigid
2 : lacking in strength or firmness
— limp·ly adverb
— limp·ness noun

Synonyms
> [1] droopy, flaccid, floppy, lank, slack, yielding; also flabby, mushy, semisoft, soft; delicate, flimsy, insubstantial, elastic, flexible, lax, loose, pliant, relaxed, resilient, springy, supple

Antonyms
inflexible, resilient, rigid, stiff, sturdy, tense; firm, hard, indurated, solid, sound, strong
> [2] enervated, lackadaisical, languid, languorous, listless, spiritless, weary—more at LISTLESS

lim·pet /lim ˈpət/ noun
: any of numerous gastropod sea mollusks with a conical shell that clings to rocks or timbers

lim·pid /lim ˈpid/ adjective
> : marked by transparency : CLEAR

Synonyms
> clear, liquid, lucent, pellucid, transparent—more at CLEAR

lin abbreviation
1 lineal
2 linear

lin·age /ˈlɪnɪdʒ/ noun
: the number of lines of written or printed matter

linch·pin /ˈlinch ˈpɪn/ noun
: a locking pin inserted crosswise (as through the end of an axle)

lin·den /ˈlɪn dən/ noun
: any of a genus of trees with large heart-shaped leaves and clustered yellowish flowers rich in nectar

1 line /ˈlaɪn/ noun
1 : a length of cord or cord-like material : ROPE, WIRE; also : a length of material used in measuring and leveling
2 : pipes for conveying a fluid <a gas ~> 3 : a horizontal row of written or printed characters; also : VERSE
4 : NOTE
5 : the words making up a part in a drama — usu. used in pl.
6 a : something distinct, long, and narrow
b : the course or direction of something in motion : ROUTE
7 : a state of agreement
8 : a course of conduct, action, or thought; also : a field of activity or interest : OCCUPATION
9 : something that bounds, restrains, or confines : LIMIT
10 : an arrangement of persons or objects of one kind in an orderly series <waiting in ~> 11 : a transportation system
12 : the football players who are stationed on the line of scrimmage
13 : a long narrow mark; also : EQUATOR
14 : a geometric element that is the path of a moving point
15 : CONTOUR
16 : a general plan
17 : an indication based on insight or investigation
18 : a group of persons of common ancestry

Synonyms
[1] cable, cord, lace, rope, string, wire—more at CORD
[2] channel, conduit, duct, leader, penstock, pipe, tube—more at PIPE
[6b] course, path, route, track, way—more at PATH
[8] area, arena, discipline, domain, field, province, realm, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD
[8] course, policy, procedure, program—more at COURSE
[8] calling, employment, occupation, profession, trade, vocation, work—more at OCCUPATION
[10] column, cue, file, queue, range, string, train; also echelon, rank, row, tier; progression, sequence, succession; array
[18] ancestry, birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, stock, strain—more at ANCESTRY

2line verb lined; lin·ing
1 : to mark with a line
2 : to place or form a line along
3 : ALIGN
3line verb lined; lin·ing
: to cover the inner surface of

lin·eage /ˈlin-iij/ noun
1 : lineal descent from a common progenitor; also : FAMILY
   Synonyms
   blood, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, people, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY
   ancestry, birth, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, origin, parentage—more at ANCESTRY
   1lineal /ˈlin-əl/ adjective
1 : LINEAR
   3lineal /ˈlin-əl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, resembling, or having a graph that is a line and esp. a straight line : STRAIGHT
   2 : composed of simply drawn lines with little attempt at pictorial representation
   3 : being long and uniformly narrow

line·back·er /′lin-ba-kər/ noun
: a defensive football player who lines up just behind the line of scrimmage

line drive noun
: a batted baseball hit in a flatter path than a fly ball

line·man /′lin-man/ noun
1 : a person who sets up or repairs communication or power lines
2 : a player in the line in football

lin·en /′lin-n/ noun
1 : cloth made of flax; also : thread or yarn spun from flax
2 : clothing or household articles made of linen cloth or similar fabric

line of scrimmage
: an imaginary line in football parallel to the goal lines and tangent to the nose of the ball laid on the ground before a play

1liner /′lin-ər/ noun
: a ship or airplane of a regular transportation line
2liner noun
 : one that lines or is used as a lining
   — lin·er·less adjective
line score noun
: a score of a baseball game giving the runs, hits, and errors made by each team

lines-man /'lɪnz.ˌmen/ noun
1 : *LINEMAN* 1
2 : an official who assists a referee

line-up /'lɪn.əp/ noun
1 : a list of players taking part in a game (as of baseball)
2 : a line of persons arranged esp. for identification by police

ling /'lɪŋ/ noun
: any of various fishes related to the cod

-ling /'lɪŋ/ noun suffix
1 : one associated with *<nestling>*
2 : young, small, or minor one *<duckling>*

linger /'lɪn.ɡər/ verb
: to be slow in parting or in quitting something : TARRY; also : to be slow to act
— linger·er noun
  Synonyms
    crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, dillydally, drag, lag, loiter, poke, tarry—more at *DELAY*

lingerie /'lɪn.ɡri/ noun
[french: from *linge* linen, fr. *linum* flax, linen]*
: women's intimate apparel

lingo /'lɪŋ.go/ noun, plural lingoes
: a usu. strange or incomprehensible language
  Synonyms
    argot, cant, jargon, language, slang, terminology, vocabulary—more at TERMINOLOGY

lingua franca /ˈlɪŋ.gwəˌfrɑŋ.ka/ noun, plural linguae francas or linguae francae /ˈlɪŋ.gwəˌfrɑŋ.keɪ/ [Origin: It]
1 often cap : a common language consisting of Italian mixed with French, Spanish, Greek, and Arabic that was formerly spoken in Mediterranean ports
2 : a common or commercial tongue among speakers of different languages

lingual /ˈlɪŋ.gwəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or produced by the tongue

linguica /ˈlɪŋ.gwə.ˈsa/ noun
: a spicy Portuguese sausage

linguist /ˈlɪŋ.gwɪst/ noun
1 : a person skilled in languages
2 : a person who specializes in linguistics

linguistics /ˈlɪŋ.gwɪst.ɪks/ noun
: the study of human speech including the units, nature, structure, and modification of language
  — lingu·istic /ˌlɪŋ.gwɪs.tɪk/ adjective

liniment /ˈlɪn.ment/ noun
: a liquid preparation rubbed on the skin esp. to relieve pain

lining /ˈlɪn.ɪŋ/ noun
: material used to line esp. an inner surface

link /lɪŋk/ noun
1 : a connecting structure; especially : a single ring of a chain
2 : a connecting element or factor : *BOND, TIE*
**Synonyms**

bond, cement, knot, ligature, tie—more at bond

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**Synonyms**

chain, compound, connect, couple, hitch, hook, join, yoke—more at connect

associate, connect, correlate, identify, relate—more at associate

usually link up coalesce, combine, conjoin, marry, unify, unite—more at unite

**Link- age** /linˈki/ noun

1: the manner or style of being united

2: the quality or state of being linked

3: a system of links

**Synonyms**

association, bearing, connection, kinship, liaison, relation, relationship—more at connection

**Linking verb** noun

a word or expression (as a form of be, become, feel, or seem) that links a subject with its predicate

**Links** /links/ noun plural

a golf course

**Link-up** /linˈkəp/ noun

1: meeting

2: something that serves as a linking device or factor

**Lin-net** /ˈlin.ˌnet/ noun

an Old World finch

**Lin-o-leum** /ˈlin.o.ˌlem/ noun

[origin: L linum flax + oleum oil]

a floor covering with a canvas back and a surface of hardened linseed oil and a filler

**Lin-seed** /ˈlin.ˌsēd/ noun

the seeds of flax yielding a yellowish oil (linseed oil) used esp. in paints and linoleum

**Lin-sey-wol-sey** /ˈlin.zēˈwol.ˌzē/ noun

a coarse sturdy fabric of wool and linen or cotton

**Lint** /lint/ noun

1: linen made into a soft fleecy substance

2: fine ravels and short fibers of yarn or fabric

3: the fibers that surround cotton seeds and form the cotton staple

**Synonyms**

down, floss, fluff, fur, fuzz, nap, pile—more at fuzz

**Lin-tel** /ˈlin.təl/ noun

a horizontal piece across the top of an opening (as of a door) that carries the weight of the structure above it

**Linz-er torte** /ˈlin.zər.ˌtər/ noun, often cap L

a baked buttery torte made with chopped almonds, sugar, and spices and filled with jam or preserves

**Lion** /ˈlē.ˌōn/ noun, plural lions

a large heavily-built cat of Africa and southern Asia with a shaggy mane in the male

**Lion-ess** /ˈlē.ˌēs/ noun

a female lion

**Lion-hearted** /ˈlē.ˌōnˌhārt.ˌid/ adjective

having or characterized by courage: brave

**Synonyms**

BRAVE
brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, manful, stalwart, stout, unaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE

li·on·ise British variant of LIONIZE

li·on·ize /liˌənˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to treat as an object of great interest or importance
— li·on·i·za·tion /liˌənəˌzāˈshən/ noun

lion's den noun
: a place or state of extreme disadvantage, antagonism, or hostility

lip /lɪp/ noun
1: either of the two fleshy folds that surround the mouth; also : the margin of the human lip
2: a part or projection suggesting a lip
3: the edge of a hollow vessel or cavity
— lipped /lɪpt/ adjective

lip·id /ˈlɪpɪd/ noun
: any of various substances (as fats and waxes) that with proteins and carbohydrates make up the principal structural parts of living cells

lip·lock /ˈlɪpˌlʌk/ noun
: a long amorous kiss

li·po·pro·tein /ˌli,pəˈprōtēn/ noun
: a protein that is a complex of protein and lipid

li·po·suc·tion /ˌli,pəˌsəksˈʃən/ noun
: surgical removal of local fat deposits (as in the thighs) esp. for cosmetic purposes

lip·read·ing /ˈlɪpˌriːdɪŋ/ noun
: the interpreting of a speaker's words by watching lip and facial movements without hearing the voice

lip service noun
: an avowal of allegiance that is not matched by action

lip·stick /ˈlɪpˌstɪk/ noun
: a waxy solid colored cosmetic in stick form for the lips
— lip·sticked /ˌstɪkt/ adjective

liq abbreviation
1 liquid
2 liquor

li·que·fy /ˈli,kwəˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to make or become liquid
— li·que·fi·er /ˌliˌkwaˌfr/ noun

Synonyms
deliquesce, flux, fuse, melt, run, thaw; also found, gutter, smelt, try; dissolve, render; soften, thin

Antonyms
harden, set, solidify

li·queur /ˈliˌkwɑr/ noun
[origin: F]
: a distilled alcoholic liquor flavored with aromatic substances and usu. sweetened

1 liquid /ˈliˌkwəd/ adjective
1: flowing freely like water
2: neither solid nor gaseous
3: shining and clear <large ~ eyes>
4: smooth and musical in tone; also : smooth and unconstrained in movement
liquid noun
: a liquid substance

liquidate /li_ˈkwɪr_ˌdeɪt/ verb -dat·ed; -dat·ing
1 : to settle the accounts and distribute the assets of (as a business)
2 ▶ : to pay off "a debt"
3 ▶ : to get rid of; especially : to get rid of by force or violence and esp. by killing

Synonyms
[2] clear, discharge, foot, pay, pay off, quit, recompense, settle, spring, stand—more at PAY
[3] annihilate, blot out, demolish, eradicate, exterminate, obliterate, root, rub out, snuff, stamp, wipe out—more at ANNIHILATE
[3] dispatch, do in, execute, murder, slay—more at MURDER

liquid crystal noun
: an organic liquid that resembles a crystal in having ordered molecular arrays

liquid crystal display noun
: LCD

liquid measure noun
: a unit or series of units for measuring liquid capacity

liquor /ˈli_ˈkær/ noun
[origin: ME licour, fr. AF, fr. L liquor, fr. liqueère to be fluid]
1 : a liquid substance
2 ▶ : a distilled alcoholic beverage

Synonyms
alcohol, booze, drink, intoxicant, moonshine, spirits—more at ALCOHOL

licorice chiefly British variant of LICORICE

li·ra /ˈli_ˈrə/ noun
: a basic monetary unit of Malta and Turkey and former monetary unit of Italy

lisle /ˈli_əl/ noun
: a smooth tightly twisted thread usu. made of long-staple cotton

lisp /ˈlisp/ verb
: to pronounce s and z imperfectly esp. by turning them into th and ð; also : to speak childishly
— lisp noun
— lisp·er noun

lis·some also lis·som /ˈli_ˈsom/ adjective
1 ▶ : easily flexed
2 : LITHE 2
3 ▶ : quick and light in motion : Nimble
— lis·some·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] flexible, limber, lithe, pliable, supple, willowy—more at WILLOWY
[3] agile, graceful, light, lithe, nimble, spry—more at GRACEFUL

list /ˈliʃt/ verb, archaic
: PLEASE; also : WISH

list verb, archaic
LISTEN

list noun
1: a simple series of words or numerals; also: an official roster
2: a written record containing regular entries of items or details: CATALOG, CHECKLIST
   Synonyms
   → catalog, checklist, listing, menu, register, registry, roll, roster, schedule, table; also agenda, bibliography, compilation, directory, docket, glossary, index, inventory, manifest, payroll; calendar, chronology, timetable

list verb
1: to make a list of; also: to include on a list
   synonyms
   → enumerate, inventory, itemize, numerate; also count, mark, number; check (off), tick (off)
   → catalog, enroll, enter, index, inscribe, put down, record, register, schedule, slate; also book, file, note; classify, compile, tabulate; reschedule

list noun
1: a leaning to one side: TILT
2: a list
3: a simple series of words or numerals (as the names of persons or objects)
   Synonyms
   → catalog, checklist, list, menu, register, registry, roll, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

listless /lis'lis/ adjective
1: characterized by lack of interest, energy, or spirit: SPIRITLESS, LANGUID
2: listless
   synonyms
   → enervated, lackadaisical, languid, languorous, limp, spiritless; also indolent, lazy, slothful; lethargic, logy, sleepy, sluggish, torpid; exhausted, tired, weary; feeble, frail, weak; apathetic, impassive, phlegmatic, stolid; careless, heedless, thoughtless, unwary; inactive, inert
   Antonyms
   → ambitious, animated, energetic, enterprising, motivated

listless-ness noun
1: the quality or state of being listless
   Synonyms
boredom, doldrums, ennui, restlessness, tedium, tiredness, weariness—more at BOREDOM

**list price** noun
the price of an item as published in a catalog, price list, or advertisement before being discounted

**lists** /lists/ noun plural
an arena for combat (as jousting)

1 **lit** /lit/ past and past participle of LIGHT
2 **lit** abbreviation
   1 liter
   2 literal; literally
   3 literary
   4 literature

**litan'y** /litənē/ noun, plural -nies
1 a prayer consisting of a series of supplications and responses said alternately by a leader and a group
2 a lengthy recitation
   a ~ of complaints

**li·tchi** variant of LYCHEE

**lite** /līt/ adjective
1 LIGHT
2 lacking in substance or seriousness

**liter** /lē.tər/ noun
the basic metric unit of volume measure

**liter'al** /lī.tər.al/ adjective
1 adhering to fact or to the ordinary or usual meaning (as of a word)
2 UNADORNED; also: PROSAIC
3 VERBATIM
   Synonyms
documentary, factual, hard, historical, matter-of-fact, nonfictional, objective, true—more at FACTUAL

**liter'al·ism** /lī.tər.a.liz·əm/ noun
1 adherence to the explicit substance (as of an idea)
2 fidelity to observable fact
   — **liter'al·ist** /lī.tər.a.list/ noun
   — **liter'al·is·tic** /lī.tər.a.lis.tik/ adjective

**liter'al·ly** /lī.tər.a.lē/ adverb
1 ACTUALLY <was ~ insane>
2 VIRTUALLY <~ poured out new ideas>

**liter'ary** /lī.te.ar.ē/ adjective
1 a of or relating to literature
b having a formal style characteristic of the language of literature
2 WELL-READ
   Synonyms
bookish, erudite, learned—more at BOOKISH

**liter·ate** /lī.te.rāt/ adjective
1 having an education: EDUCATED; also: able to read and write
2 LITERARY; also: POLISHED, LUCID
   — **liter·acy** /lī.te.rā.sē/ noun
   — **literate** noun
   Synonyms
educate, erudite, knowledgeable, learned, scholarly, well-read—more at EDUCATED

**li·te·ra·ti** /lī.te.ˈrā.tē/ noun plural
1: the educated class
2: persons interested in literature or the arts

literature /liˈtræ.chərˌteɪ.rə/ noun
1: the production of written works having excellence of form or expression and dealing with ideas of permanent interest
2: the written works produced in a particular language, country, or age

lith /ˈlɪθ/ adjective
1 : easily bent or flexed : SUPPLE
2 a : characterized by effortless grace
b : athletically slim

Synonyms
▷ [1] flexible, limber, lissome, pliable, supple, willowy—more at WILLOWY
▷ [2a] agile, graceful, light, lissome, nimble, spry—more at GRACEFUL

lithe·some /ˈlɪθ.əm, ˈlɪθ-/ adjective
: quick and light in motion : LISSOME

lith·i·um /ˈlɪθ.i.əm/ noun
: a light silver-white metallic chemical element

li·thog·ra·phy /lɪˌθɑː.ɡreɪˈfeɪ/ noun
: the process of printing from a plane surface (as a smooth stone or metal plate) on which the image to be printed is ink-receptive and the blank area ink-repellent

— lith·o·graph /ˈlɪθ.o.ɡræf/ verb
— lithograph noun
— li·thog·ra·pher /lɪˌθɑː.ɡreɪˈfeɪ.ər, ˈlɪθ.o.ɡræˈfeər/ noun
— lith·o·graph·ic /ˈlɪθ.o.ɡræˈfɪk/ adjective
— lith·o·graph·i·cal·ly /ˈlɪθ.o.ɡræˈfɪk.lɪ/ adverb

li·thol·o·gy /lɪˌθɑː.lo.ji/ noun, plural -gies
: the study of rocks
— lith·o·log·ic /ˈlɪθ.o.ˈlɑː.jɪk/ or lith·o·log·i·cal /ˈlɪθ.o.ˈlɑː.ɡɪk/ adjective

lith·o·sphere /ˈlɪθ.o.ˈsfər/ noun
: the outer part of the solid earth

Lith·u·a·nian /ˈlɪθ.o.ˈwɑː.nən.ənˈθjuː/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Lithuania
2: the language of the Lithuanians
— Lithuanian adjective

lit·i·gant /ˈlɪt.ɪ.ɡænt/ noun
: a party to a lawsuit
— litigant adjective

lit·i·gate /ˈlɪt.i.ɡæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to carry on a legal contest by judicial process; also : to contest at law
— lit·i·ga·tion /ˈlɪt.i.ɡæ.ʃən/ noun

li·ti·gious /ˈlɪt.i.ˈjəs/ adjective
1: CONTENTIOUS
2: prone to engage in lawsuits
3: of or relating to litigation
— li·ti·gious·ly adverb
— li·ti·gious·ness noun

lit·mus /ˈlɪt.məs/ noun
: a coloring matter from lichens that turns red in acid solutions and blue in alkaline
litmus test noun
: a test in which a single factor (as an attitude) is decisive

Lit D or Lit D abbreviation
[origin: ML. litterarum doctor]
: doctor of letters; doctor of literature

litter /ˈlɪtər/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF litere, fr. lit, bed, fr. L lectus]
1 : a covered and curtained couch with shafts that is used to carry a single passenger; also : a device (as a stretcher) for carrying a sick or injured person
2 : material used as bedding for animals; also : material used to absorb the urine and feces of animals
3 : the offspring of an animal at one birth
4 : trash, wastepaper, or garbage lying scattered about: RUBBISH; also : an untidy accumulation of objects
   Synonyms
   • chaff, deadwood, dust, garbage, junk, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste—more at GARBAGE
   • assortment, clutter, jumble, medley, mélange, miscellany, motley, muddle, variety, welter—more at MISCELLANY

litter verb
1 : to give birth to young
2 : to strew or mark with scattered objects

liter·bug /ˈlɪtərˌbug/ noun
: one who litters a public area

little /ˈlɪt/ adjective litt·er /ˈlɪtər/ or less /ˈles/ or less·er /ˈles·ər/; lit·tles test /ˈlɪt·əl/ or least /ˈlɛst/
1 a : not big
b : YOUNG
2 : in only a small quantity or degree: SLIGHTLY; also : not at all
3 : illiberal in views or disposition: PETTY
4 : not much
5 : short in duration
— litt·le·ness noun
   Synonyms
   • [1a] dwarf, dwarfish, fine, pocket, pygmy, slight, small, undersized—more at SMALL
   • [2] frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, minor, minute, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT
   • [3] insular, narrow, parochial, petty, provincial, sectarian, small—more at NARROW
   • [5] brief, short, short-lived—more at SHORT

little adverb less /ˈles/; least /ˈlɛst/
1 : in only a small quantity or degree: SLIGHTLY; also : not at all
2 : in few instances: INFREQUENTLY
   Synonyms
   • infrequently, rarely, seldom—more at SELOMD

little noun
1 : a small amount or quantity
2 : a short time or distance

Little Dipper noun
: the seven bright stars of Ursa Minor arranged in a form resembling a dipper

little finger noun
: PINKIE

little theater noun
: a small theater for low-cost dramatic productions designed for a limited audience

lit·to·ral /ˈlɪtərel/; lit·to·ral/ adjective
: of, relating to, or growing on or near a shore esp. of the sea
— littoral noun

lit·ur·gy /liˈtərˌjē/ noun, plural -gies
: a rite or body of rites prescribed for public worship
— li·tur·gi·cal /liˈturˌiɡəl/ adjective
— li·tur·gi·cal·ly /ˌlɪtərˈɡeɪli/ adverb
— lit·ur·gist /ˈlɪtərɪst/ noun

liv·able also live·able /ˈlaɪvəbəl/ adjective
1 : suitable for living in or with
2 : ENDURABLE
— liv·a·bil·i·ty /ˈlaɪvəˌbilətɪ/ noun

live /lɪv/ verb lived; living
1 ▷ to be or continue alive
2 : SUBSIST
3 ▷ to occupy a home : RESIDE
4 : to conduct one's life
5 : to remain in human memory or record

Synonyms
▷ [1] be, breathe, exist, subsist—more at BE
▷ [3] abide, dwell, reside; also lodge, settle, stay; frequent, hang out (at), haunt; inhabit, occupy; people, populate; lease, rent, sublet, tenant

2 live /lɪv/ adjective
1 ▷ having life
2 : BURNING, GLOWING <a ~ cigar>
3 : connected to electric power <a ~ wire>
4 : charged with explosive but not yet exploded <a ~ bomb>
5 : of continuing interest <a ~ issue>
6 : of or involving the actual presence of real people <~ audience>; also : broadcast directly at the time of production <a ~ radio program>
7 : being in play <a ~ ball>

Synonyms
▷ alive, animate, living—more at ALIVE

lived–in /ˈlɪvdˌɪn/ adjective
: of or suggesting long-term human habitation or use

live down verb
: to live so as to wipe out the memory or effects of

live in verb
: to live in one's place of employment — used of a servant
— live–in /ˈlɪvˌɪn/ adjective

live·li·hood /ˈlɪvˌlɪˌhʊd/ noun
: means of support or subsistence

live·li·ness noun
▷ : the quality or state of being lively

Synonyms
▷ animation, briskness, exuberance, lustiness, robustness, sprightliness, vibrancy, vitality—more at VITALITY

live·long /ˈlɪvˌlɒŋ/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME lef long, fr. lef dear + long long]
: WHOLE, ENTIRE <the ~ day>

live·ly /ˈlɪvˌlɪ/ adjective live·li·er; -est
1 ▷ briskly alert and energetic : ANIMATED <~ debate>
2: KEEN, VIVID <~ interest>
3: showing activity or vigor <a ~ manner>
4: quick to rebound <a ~ ball>
5: full of life
— live·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ◁ [1] active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, peppy, perky, pert, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious; also dapper, dash; agog, alert, awake, up, wide-awake; agile, nimble, spry; bright, buoyant, cheerful, chipper, effervescent, upbeat; eager, enthusiastic, keen; frolicsome, impish, playful; bubbly, exuberant, high-spirited; high-strung, nervous, skittish
  Antonyms
  inactive, inanimate, languid, languorous, limp, listless, spiritless
  ◁ [5] alive, animated, astir, busy, vibrant—more at ALIVE

liv·en /ˈlɪvən/ verb
  ◁ to give life, action, or spirit to: ENLIVEN — often used with up; also: to become lively
  Synonyms
  ◁ usually liven up animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE

live oak noun
  : any of several American evergreen oaks; especially: one of the southeastern U.S. that is often planted as a shade tree

1 liver /ˈlɪvər/ noun
  1: a large glandular organ of vertebrates that secretes bile and is a center of metabolic activity
  2: the liver of an animal (as a calf or chicken) eaten as food

2 liver noun
  : one that lives esp. in a specified way <a fast ~>

liv·er·ish /ˈlɪvərɪsh/ adjective
  1: resembling liver esp. in color
  2: BILIOUS
  3: PEEVISH
  — liv·er·ish·ness adjective

liv·er·wort /ˈlɪvərˌwɔrt/ noun
  : any of a class of flowerless plants resembling the related mosses

liv·er·wurst /ˈlɪvərˌwʊrst/ noun
  [origin: part trans. of G Leberwurst, fr. Leber liver + Wurst sausage]
  : a sausage consisting chiefly of liver

liv·ery /ˈlɪvərɪ/ noun, plural -er·ies
  1: a servant's uniform; also: distinctive dress
  2: the feeding, care, and stabling of horses for pay; also: an establishment (as a stable or business) keeping horses or vehicles for hire
  — liv·er·ied /ˈlɪvərd/ adjective

liv·ery·man /ˈlɪvəriːmən/ noun
  : the keeper of a livery

lives plural of LIFE

live·stock /ˈlɪvəstək/ noun
  : farm animals kept for use and profit

live·wire noun
  ◁ an alert, active, or aggressive person
  Synonyms
  ◁ go-getter, hustler, powerhouse, self-starter—more at GO-GETTER
liv·id /ˈlɪvəd/ adjective
[origin: F livide, fr. L lividus, fr. livère to be blue]
1: discolored by bruising
2 ▶: deadly pale: ASHEN, PALLID
3: REDDISH
4: ENRAGED
— li·vid·ity /ˈlɪvdətɪ/ noun
Synonyms
▶ ashen, cadaverous, lurid, pale, pasty, peaked—more at PALE

1living /ˈlɪvɪŋ/ adjective
1 ▶: having life or existence
2: NATURAL
3: full of life and vigor; also: VIVID
4 ▶: marked by present operation, transaction, movement, or use
Synonyms
▶ [1] alive, animate, existent, extant, live—more at EXTANT
▶ [4] active, alive, functional, on, operational, operative, running, working—more at ACTIVE

2living noun
1: the condition of being alive
2: LIVELIHOOD
3: manner of life
living room noun
: a room in a residence used for the common social activities of the occupants
living wage noun
: a wage sufficient to provide an acceptable standard of living
living will noun
: a document requesting that the signer not be kept alive by artificial means unless there is a reasonable expectation of recovery
livre /ˈlivrə/ noun
: the pound of Lebanon
liz·ard /ˈlɪzərd/ noun
: any of a group of 4-legged reptiles with long tapering tails
Lk abbreviation
Luke
ll abbreviation
lines
lla·ma /ˈlā.mə/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. Quechua]
: any of a genus of wild or domesticated So. American mammals related to the camels but smaller and without a hump
lla·no /ˈlā.nō/ noun, plural llanos
: an open grassy plain esp. of Latin America
LLD abbreviation
[origin: NL legum doctor]
doctor of laws
LNG abbreviation
liquefied natural gas
load /ˈləd/ noun
1 a: PACK
b : whatever is put in a ship or vehicle or airplane for conveyance: CARGO
2 : a mass of weight supported by something
3 : something that burdens the mind or spirits
4 : a large quantity — usu. used in pl.
5 : a standard, expected, or authorized burden

**Synonyms**
- [1b] burden, cargo, draft, freight, haul, lading, payload, weight; also carload; ballast, deadweight; overload, surcharge; bale, pack, package, parcel, shipment; body, bulk, mass
- usually loads [4] abundance, heap, lot, mass, mountain, much, pile, plenty, profusion, quantity

**load** verb
1 a : to put a load in or on; also : to receive a load
b : to fill with a load
2 : to encumber with an obligation or something heavy or disheartening
3 : to increase the weight of by adding something
4 : to supply abundantly
5 : to put a charge in (as a firearm)

**Synonyms**
- [1a] burden, encumber, lumber, saddle, weight; also clog, clutter, fill, heap, press, weigh; strain, tax; overburden, overload, overtax, surcharge; handicap; afflict, oppress
- Antonyms
disencumber, unburden, unload

**loaded** adjective
1 slang : HIGH 12
2 : having a large amount of money
3 : equipped with an abundance of options

**Synonyms**
- affluent, flush, moneyed, opulent, rich, wealthy, well-heeled, well-to-do—more at RICH

**loadstone** variant of LODESTONE

**loaf** /lōf/ noun, plural loaves /lōvz/
: a shaped or molded mass esp. of bread

**loaf** verb
: to spend time in idleness: LOUNGE

**Synonyms**
- dally, dawdle, dillydally, hang around, hang out, idle, loll, lounge—more at IDLE

**loafer** noun
1 : one that loafs
2 : a low step-in shoe

**Synonyms**
- drone, idler, lazybones, slouch, slug, sluggard—more at LAZYBONES

**loam** /lōm/ noun
: SOIL; especially : a loose soil of mixed clay, sand, and silt
— loamy adjective

**loan** /lōn/ noun
1 : money lent at interest; also : something lent for the borrower's temporary use
2 : the grant of temporary use

**loan** verb
: LEND

**loan shark** noun
: a person who lends money at excessive rates of interest
— loan·shark·ing /lōn-'shär-kin/ noun
loan-word /ˈloʊnˌwɜrd/ noun
: a word taken from another language and at least partly naturalized

loath /ləθ/ also loathe /ˈloʊθ, ləθ/ adjective
: RELUCTANT

loathe /ˈloʊθ/ verb loathed; loath·ing
▶ to dislike greatly
  Synonyms
  ◁ abhor, abominate, despise, detest, execrate, hate—more at HATE

loath·ing /ˈləθɪŋ/ noun
▶ extreme disgust
  Synonyms
  ◁ aversion, disgust, distaste, nausea, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion—more at DISGUST

loath·some /ˈləθˌsəm, ləθ/ adjective
: exciting loathing : REPULSIVE

lob /ˈlob/ verb lobbed; lob·bing
: to throw, hit, or propel something in a high arc
— lob noun

1lobby /ˈləbē/ noun, plural lobbies
  1 ▶: a corridor used esp. as a passageway or waiting room
  2 : a group of persons engaged in lobbying
  Synonyms
  ◁ entry, foyer, hall, vestibule—more at HALL

2lobby verb lob·bied; lob·by·ing
: to try to influence public officials and esp. legislators
— lob·by·ist noun

lobe /ˈlob/ noun
: a curved or rounded part esp. of a bodily organ
  — lo·bar /ˈləbər/ adjective
  — lobbed /ˈlobbd/ adjective

lo·be·lia /ˈloʊbəliə/ noun
: any of a genus of plants often grown for their clusters of showy flowers

lo·bot·o·my /ˌləbəˈtōmē/ noun, plural -mies
: surgical severance of certain nerve fibers in the brain performed esp. formerly to relieve some mental disorders

lob·ster /ˈləbˈstər/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE loppestre, fr. loppe spider]
: any of a family of edible marine crustaceans with two large pincerlike claws and four other pairs of legs; also : SPINY LOBSTER

1local /ˈloʊkəl/ adjective
  1: of, relating to, or occupying a particular place
  2: serving a particular limited district; also : making all stops <a ~ train>
  3: affecting a small part of the body <~ infection>
  — lo·cal·ly adverb

2local noun
▶ one that is local; especially : a local or particular branch, lodge, or chapter of an organization (as a labor union)
  Synonyms
  ◁ affiliate, branch, chapter—more at CHAPTER

local area network noun
: a network of personal computers in a small area (as an office)
locale /ˈloʊkəl/ noun
  †: a place that is the setting for a particular event
    Synonyms
      †: location, place, point, position, site, spot—more at PLACE
locality /ˈloʊkəlɪti/ noun, plural -ties
  : a particular spot, situation, or location
lo-cal-ise British variant of LOCALIZE
lo-cal-ize /ˈloʊkəlaɪz/ verb -ized; -izing
  : to fix in or confine to a definite place or locality
  — lo-cal-i-za-tion /ˈloʊkəlaɪzəʃən/ noun
locate /ˈloʊkət/ verb located; locating
  1: STATION, SETTLE
  2 †: to determine the site of
  3: to find or fix the place of in a sequence
    Synonyms
      †: ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, run down, scout, track—more at FIND
lo-ca-tion /ˈloʊkəʃən/ noun
  1 †: a position or site occupied or available for occupancy or marked by some distinguishing feature: PLACE
  2: the process of locating
  3: a place outside a studio where a motion picture is filmed
    Synonyms
      †: locale, place, point, position, site, spot—more at PLACE
loc cit abbreviation
  [origin: L loco citato]
in the place cited
loch /ˈloʊk/ noun, Scottish
  : LAKE; also: a bay or arm of the sea esp. when nearly landlocked
lock /ˈlɑk/ noun
  : a tuft, strand, or ringlet of hair; also: a cohering bunch (as of wool or flax)
lock noun
  1: a fastening in which a bolt is operated
  2: the mechanism of a firearm by which the charge is exploded
  3: an enclosure (as in a canal) used in raising or lowering boats from level to level
  4: AIR LOCK
  5: a wrestling hold
lock verb
  1: to fasten the lock of; also: to make fast with a lock
  2 †: to confine or exclude by means of a lock — often used with in or up
  3: INTERLOCK
  4: to make or become motionless by the interlocking of parts
    Synonyms
      †: commit, confine, immure, imprison, jail—more at IMPRISON
lock·er /ˈlɑkər/ noun
  1 †: a drawer, cupboard, or compartment for individual storage use
  2: an insulated compartment for storing frozen food
    Synonyms
      †: box, caddy, case, casket, chest, trunk—more at CHEST
      †: buffet, cabinet, closet, cupboard, hutch, sideboard—more at CABINET
lock·et /ˈlɑket/ noun
lock·jaw /ˈlökˌjä/ noun
: a symptom of tetanus marked by spasms of the jaw muscles and inability to open the jaws; also: TETANUS

lock·nut /ˈläktən/ noun
1: a nut screwed tight on another to prevent it from slacking back
2: a nut designed to lock itself when screwed tight

lock·out /ˈläktˌou/ noun
: the suspension of work by an employer during a labor dispute in order to make employees accept the terms being offered

lock·smith /ˈsmiθ/ noun
: one who makes or repairs locks

lock·step /ˈlep/ noun
: a mode of marching in step by a body of men moving in a very close single file

lock·up /ˈlop/ noun
: JAIL; especially: a local jail where persons are detained prior to court hearing

lo·co /ˈlōkō/ adjective
[ORIGIN: Sp]
slang
: mentally disordered: CRAZY, FRENZIED

Synonyms
  balmy, crazy, cuckoo, deranged, frenzied, insane, lunatic, mad, maniacal, nutty, screwy, unsound, wacky—more at INSANE

lo·co·mo·tion /ˈlōˌkō.mōˈshən/ noun
1: the act or power of moving from place to place
2: TRAVEL

1 locomotive /ˈlōˌkō.mōˈtiv/ adjective
: of or relating to locomotion or a locomotive

2 locomotive noun
: a self-propelled vehicle used to move railroad cars

lo·co·mo·tor /ˈlōˌkō.məˈtər/ adjective
: of or relating to locomotion or organs used in locomotion

lo·co·weed /ˈlōˌkōˌwēd/ noun
: any of several leguminous plants of western No. America that are poisonous to livestock

lo·cus /ˈlōˌkəs/ noun, plural lo·ci /ˈlōˌsē/ [ORIGIN: L]
1: the place where something is situated or occurs: LOCALITY
2: the set of all points whose location is determined by stated conditions

lo·cust /ˈlōˌkəst/ noun
1: a usu. destructive migratory grasshopper
2: CICADA
3: any of various leguminous trees; also: the wood of a locust

lo·cu·tion /ˈlōˌkəˈshən/ noun
: a particular form of expression; also: PHRASEOLOGY

Synonyms
  fashion, manner, mode, phraseology, style, tone, vein—more at STYLE

lode /ˈlōd/ noun
: an ore deposit
lode·stone /ˌlōdəˈstōn/ noun
1 : an iron-containing rock with magnetic properties
2 : something that strongly attracts
   Synonyms
   ➢ attraction, draw, magnet—more at MAGNET

1lodge /lōd/ verb lodged; lodg·ing
1 ➢ : to provide quarters for; also : to settle in a place
2 : CONTAIN
3 : to come to a rest and remain
4 : to deposit for safekeeping
5 : to vest (as authority) in an agent
6 : FILE <~ a complaint>
   Synonyms
   ➢ ensconce, install, perch, roost, settle—more at ENSCONCE
   ➢ accommodate, billet, domicile, harbor, house, put up, quarter, roof, shelter, take in—more at HOUSE

2lodge noun
1 ➢ : a house set apart for residence in a special season or by an employee on an estate; also : INN
2 ➢ : a den or lair esp. of gregarious animals
3 : the meeting place of a branch of a fraternal organization; also : the members of such a branch
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] cabin, camp, chalet, cottage—more at COTTAGE
   ➢ [1] hospice, hotel, inn, public house, tavern—more at HOTEL
   ➢ [2] burrow, den, hole, lair—more at DEN

lodg·er /ˈlōdʒər/ noun
➢ : a person who occupies a rented room in another's house
   Synonyms
   ➢ boarder, renter, roomer, tenant—more at TENANT

lodg·ing /ˈlōdʒəŋ/ noun
1 : a place to live : DWELLING
2 : a room or suite of rooms in another's house rented as a dwelling place — usu. used in pl.
   Synonyms
   ➢ flat, suite

lodg·ment or lodge·ment /ˈlōdʒ·ment/ noun
1 : a lodging place
2 : the act or manner of lodging
3 : DEPOSIT

loess /ˈlōs, ləs/ noun
➢ : a usu. yellowish brown loamy deposit believed to be chiefly deposited by the wind

lo–fi /ˈloʊˌfē/ noun
➢ : audio production of rough or unpolished sound quality
   — lo–fi adjective

1loft /ˈloth/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE, air, sky, fr. ON loft]
1 : ATTIC
2 : GALLERY <organ ~>
3 : an upper floor (as in a warehouse or barn) esp. when not partitioned
4 : the thickness of a fabric or insulated material (as of a sleeping bag)

2loft verb
➢ : to strike or throw (a ball) so that it rises high in the air

loft·i·ness /ˌlof təˈnəs/ noun
lofty /ˈlɔftɪ/ adjective lofty·er, -est
1: elevated in character and spirit: NOBLE; also: SUPERIOR
2: extremely proud; also: haughty and overbearingly arrogant
3: rising to a great height: HIGH, TALL
   — lofty·ly /ˈlɔftɪ·li/ adverb
      Synonyms
      - [1] chivalrous, gallant, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lordly, magnanimous, noble, sublime—more at NOBLE
      - [1] eloquent, formal, high-flown, majestic, stately, superior, towering
      - [2] arrogant, haughty, highfalutin, imperious, peremptory, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, supercilious

1log /ˈlɒɡ, ˈlæɡ/ noun
1: a bulky piece of a cut or fallen tree
2: an apparatus for measuring a ship's speed
3: the daily record of a ship's progress; also: a regularly kept record of performance or events
2log verb logged; logging
1: to cut (trees) for lumber; also: to clear (land) of trees in lumbering
2: to enter in a log; broadly: to make a note or record of
3: to sail a ship or fly an airplane for (an indicated distance or period of time)
4: to have (an indicated record) to one's credit: ACHIEVE
   — log·ger /ˈlɒɡ.ər, ˈlæɡ.ər/ noun
      Synonyms
      - jot, mark, note, put down, record, register, set down—more at RECORD

3log noun
: LOGARITHM

log·a·rithm /ˈlɑɡəˌrɪθm, ˈlæɡəˌrɪθm/ noun
: the exponent that indicates the power to which a base is raised to produce a given number <the ~ of 100 to base 10 is 2 since 10^2 = 100>
   — log·a·rith·mic /ˈlɑɡəˌrɪθmɪk, ˈlæɡəˌrɪθmɪk/ adjective

log·ge /ˈlɔzh/ noun
1: a small compartment; also: a box in a theater
2: a small partitioned area; also: the forward section of a theater mezzanine

log·ger·head /ˈlɑɡəˌhɛd, ˈlæɡəˌhɛd/ noun
: a large sea turtle of subtropical and temperate waters
   — at loggerheads
   : in a state of quarrelsome disagreement

log·gia /ˈlɑjə, ˈlæjə/ noun, plural loggias /ˈlɑjəz, ˈlæjəz/
: a roofed open gallery

log·ic /ˈlɑdʒɪk/ noun
1: a science that deals with the rules and tests of sound thinking and proof by reasoning
2: sound reasoning
3: the arrangement of circuit elements for arithmetical computation in a computer
   — log·i·cal·ly /ˈlɑdʒəˌlɪ/ adverb
   — log·i·cian /ˈlɑdʒəˌʃən/ noun
      Synonyms
• reason, reasoning, sense; also cogency, coherence, rationality, thought; analysis; deduction, induction

log·i·cal /ləˈgəˌkal/ adjective
• of, relating to, involving, or being in accordance with logic

  Synonyms
• analytic, coherent, good, rational, reasonable, sensible, sober, sound, valid; also sane; thoughtful; scientific

  Antonyms
• incoherent, illogical, invalid, irrational, unreasonable, unsound

lo·gis·tics /ləˈjis.tiks/ noun singular or plural
• the procurement, maintenance, and transportation of matériel, facilities, and personnel
  — lo·gis·tic /ˈflɪk/ or lo·gis·ti·cal /ˈflɪˌkəl/ adjective

log·jam /ˈlɔɡˌjam, läɡ/ noun
• 1: a deadlocked jumble of logs in a watercourse
  2: DEADLOCK

logo /ˈlɑɡəˌgoʊ/ noun, plural log·os /ˈɡoʊz/
• an identifying symbol (as for advertising)

  Synonyms
• emblem, hallmark, symbol, trademark—more at EMBLEM

logo·type /ˈlɑɡəˌtaɪp, ˈlɑ̃/ noun
• LOGO

log·roll·ing /ˈləˌrōlɪŋ/ noun
• the trading of votes by legislators to secure favorable action on projects of individual interest

lo·gy /ˈlɑɡəˈjɪ/ also log·gy /ˈlɑɡəˌjɪ/ adjective log·gi·er; -est
• deficient in vitality: SLUGGISH

loin /ˈlɔın/ noun
[origin: ME loyne, fr. AF loigne, fr. VL *lumbea, fr. L lumbus]
• 1: the part of the body on each side of the spinal column and between the hip and the lower ribs; also: a cut of meat from this part of an animal
  2 plural: the pubic region; also: the organs of reproduction

loin·cloth /ˈloʊnˌklôθ/ noun
• a cloth worn about the loins often as the sole article of clothing in warm climates

loi·ter /ˈloɪtər/ verb
• 1: to delay an activity with idle stops and pauses: LINGER
  2: to hang around idly
  — loi·ter·er noun

  Synonyms
• crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, dillydally, drag, lag, linger, poke, tarry—more at DELAY

loll /ˈlɑl/ verb
• 1: to hang loosely or laxly: DROOP, DANGLE
  2: to act or move in a lax, lazy, or indolent manner: LOUNGE

  Synonyms
• [1] dangle, droop, flag, hang, sag, wilt—more at DROOP
  [2] bask, lounge, relax, repose, rest—more at REST

lol·la·pa·loo·za /ˈlɑləˌpəˌluːza/ noun
• something extraordinarily impressive or outstanding

lol·li·pop or lol·li·pop /ˈlɑliˌpɒp/ noun
• a lump of hard candy on a stick

lol·ly·gag /ˈlɑˌlɪˌgæg/ verb -gagged; -gag·ging
• DAWDLE
**Lon**d abbreviation
London

**lone** /ˈlʌn/ adjective
1 : having no company : SOLITARY <a ~ sentinel>
2 : alone in a class or category : SOLE, ONLY <the ~ theater in town>
3 : ISOLATED <a ~ tree>

- **Synonyms**
  - [1, 2] alone, only, singular, sole, solitary, special, unique—more at ONLY

**lone·ly** /ˈlʌn.lɪ/ adjective lone·li·er; -est
1 : being without company
2 : UNFREQUENTED <a ~ spot>
3 : sad from being alone : LONESOME

- lone·li·ness noun

- **Synonyms**
  - alone, lone, lonesome, solitary, unaccompanied—more at ALONE

**lon·er** /ˈlʌn.ər/ noun
1 : one that avoids others; also : one who pursues an independent course of thought or action

- **Synonyms**
  - bohemian, deviant, individualist, maverick, nonconformist—more at NONCONFORMIST

**lone·some** /ˈlʌn.səm/ adjective
1 : sad from lack of companionship
2 a : REMOTE
b : having no company : SOLITARY

- lone·some·ly adverb
- lone·some·ness noun

- **Synonyms**
  - desolate, forlorn, lonely; also friendless; abandoned, deserted, forgotten, forsaken, neglected; alone, lone, solitary; only, sole

**long** /lɔŋ/ adjective lon·ger /ˈlɒŋ.ər/; lon·gest /ˈlɒŋ.gest/
1 : extending for a considerable distance; also : having greater height than usual : ELONGATED
2 : having a specified length
3 : extending over a considerable time; also : TEDIOUS
4 : containing many items in a series
5 : being a syllable or speech sound of relatively great duration
6 : extending far into the future
7 : well furnished with something — used with on

- **Synonyms**
  - [1] extended, lengthy; also extensive, far-reaching, outstretched; oblong, rectangular; big, considerable, hefty, hulking, jumbo, large, oversize, sizable, substantial, super

- **Antonyms**
  - brief, short

- [3] extended, far, great, lengthy, marathon; also endless, everlasting, interminable, persistent; overlong, prolonged, protracted; permanent

- **Antonyms**
  - brief, short, short-lived, short-term

**long** adverb
1 : for or during a long time

**long** noun
1 : a long period of time

**long** verb longed; long·ing /ˈlɒŋ.ɪŋ/
1 : to feel a strong desire or wish

- **Synonyms**
- usually long for ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

1 long abbreviation
2 longitude
3 long-boat /lɔŋˈbɔtl noun
   : a large boat usu. carried by a merchant sailing ship
4 long-bow /ˌbəʊ/ noun
   : a wooden bow drawn by hand and used esp. by medieval English archers
5 longevity /ˈlɒŋəvəti/ noun
   [origin: LL longaeitias, fr. L longaevus long-lived, fr. longus long + aevum age]
   : a long duration of individual life; also: length of life
6 long-hair /lɔŋˈhɛər/ noun
   1: a lover of classical music
   2: HIPPIE
   3: a domestic cat having long outer fur
   — long-haired /ˌhɛərd/ or long-hair adjective
7 long-hand /ˌhænd/ noun
   : writing done by hand: HANDWRITING; also: cursive writing
8 long-horn /ˌhɔrn/ noun
   : any of the cattle with long horns formerly common in the southwestern U.S.
9 long hundredweight noun, British
   : a unit of weight equal to 112 pounds
10 long-ing /ˈlɒŋɪŋ/ noun
   : a strong desire esp. for something unattainable
   — long-ing-ly adverb
   - Synonyms
   ▶ appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE
11 longitude /ˈlɔŋətɪd/ noun
   : angular distance expressed usu. in degrees east or west from the prime meridian through Greenwich, England
12 longi-tud·i·nal /ˌlɔŋiˈtjuːd.ənəl/ adjective
   1: extending lengthwise
   2: of or relating to length
   — longi-tud·i·nal-ly adverb
13 long-range /ˈlɔŋ.ˈrɑŋ/ adjective
   1: relating to or fit for long distances
   2: involving a long period of time
14 long-shore-man /ˈlɔŋˌʃɔr.ˌmæn/ noun
   : a laborer at a wharf who loads and unloads cargo
15 long-suf·fer·ing /ˌsəˈfiŋˌʃər.ɪŋ/ adjective
   - Synonyms
   ▶ forbearing, patient, stoic, tolerant, uncomplaining—more at PATIENT
16 long-term /ˈlɔŋˌtɜrm/ adjective
   1: extending over or involving a long period of time
   2: constituting a financial obligation based on a term usu. of more than 10 years <~ bonds>
long-time /lɔŋˈtaɪm/ adjective
: of long duration ◂ friends>

long ton noun
: a British unit of weight equal to 20 long hundredweight

longueur /lɔ̃.ˈgoرمز/ noun, plural longueurs /same or ˈgoرمز/
[origin: F, lit., length]
: a dull tedious portion (as of a book)

long-winded /lɔnˈwinˌdɛd/ adjective
▷: tediouos long in speaking or writing

Synonyms
▸ circuitsious, diffuse, prolix, rambling, verbose, windy, wordy—more at wordy

loo-fah /ˈlu fə/ noun
: a sponge consisting of the fibrous skeleton of a gourd

1 look /lʊk/ verb
1: to exercise the power of vision : see
2: expect
3: to have an appearance that befits ◂ the part>
4 ▷: to have the appearance or likelihood of being : seem ◂ thin>
5: to direct one's attention : heed
6 ▷: to have a specified direction : point, face
7: to show a tendency
8 ▷: to express by the eyes or facial expression
— look after
: to take care of
— look for
: expect

Synonyms
▸ [4] act, appear, make, seem, sound—more at seem
▸ usually look toward [6] face, front, point—more at face
▸ [8] air, express, give, sound, state, vent, voice—more at express

2 look noun
1 ▷: the action of looking : glance
2 ▷: the expression of the countenance; also: physical appearance — usu. used in pl.
3 ▷: the state or form in which something appears : aspect

Synonyms
▸ [1] cast, eye, gander, glance, glimpse, peek, peep, regard, sight, view; also gape, gaze, glare, leer, ogle, stare; squint
▸ [2] cast, countenance, expression, face, visage; also frown, grimace, mouth, scowl; air, appearance, aspect, bearing, demeanor, manner, mien
▸ usually looks [2] attractiveness, beauty, comeliness, handsomeness, loveliness, prettiness—more at beauty
▸ [3] appearance, aspect, mien, presence—more at appearance

look down verb
: to regard with contempt — used with on or upon

looking glass noun
: mirror

look into verb
▷: to investigate, study, or analyze

Synonyms
▸ usually look into delve, dig, explore, go, inquire, investigate, probe, research—more at explore

look-out /lʊˌk _ əʊt/ noun
1 ▷: a person assigned to watch (as on a ship)
2 
: a careful watch
3 
: a view from a particular place: view
4 
: a matter of concern
5 
: an elevated place or structure affording a wide view for observation

**Synonyms**

- [1] custodian, guard, guardian, keeper, picket, sentry, warden, warder, watch, watchman—more at guard
- [2] alertness, attentiveness, surveillance, vigilance, watch
- [3] outlook, panorama, prospect, view, vista—more at view

**look up** verb

1 
: IMPROVE <business is looking up>
2 
: to search for in or as if in a reference work
3 
: to seek out esp. for a brief visit

**loom** /ˈlūm/ noun

: a frame or machine for weaving together threads or yarns into cloth

**loop** /ˈlūp/ noun

1 a : a fold or doubling of a line through which another line or hook can be passed
   b : a loop-shaped figure or course <a ~ in a river>
2 : a circular airplane maneuver executed in the vertical plane
3 : a continuously repeated segment of film, music, or sound

**loop** verb

: to make a loop in, on, or about

**Synonyms**

- circle, circumnavigate, coil, compass, encircle, girdle, orbit, ring, round—more at ENCIRCLE

**loop·er** /ˈlūp·ər/ noun

: any of numerous rather small hairless moth caterpillars that move with a looping motion

**loop·hole** /ˈlūp·hōl/ noun

1 : a small opening in a wall through which firearms may be discharged
2 : a means of escape; especially: an ambiguity or omission that allows one to evade the intent of a law or contract

**loose** /ˈlūs/ adjective loo·se·r, loo·se·est

1 
: not rigidly fastened
2 
: free from restraint or obligation
3 
: not dense or compact in structure
4 
: not chaste: LEWD
5 
: not tightly drawn or stretched: SLACK
6 
: not precise or exact
   — loose·ly adverb
   — loose·ness noun

**Synonyms**

- [1, 5] insecure, lax, relaxed, slack; also detached, free, unattached, unbound, undone, unfastened, untied; baggy; nonrestrictive
loose verb loosed; loos·ing
1 : to let loose : RELEASE; also : to free from restraint
2 : DETACH
3 : to let fly : DISCHARGE
4 : to let loose : RELEASE; also : to free from restraint
5 : RELAX, SLACKEN

Synonyms
▶ [1] discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE
▶ [4] blast, discharge, fire, shoot—more at SHOOT

loose adverb
▶ LOOSELY

loos·en /lus.ən/ verb
1 : to release from restraint : FREE
2 : to make or become loose
3 : to relax the severity of

Synonyms
▶ [1] free, loose, release, uncurl, unleash, unlock, unloosen—more at RELEASE
▶ [2] ease, relax, slack, slacken—more at SLACKEN

loosen up verb
▶ to become less tense

loot /lut/ noun
[origin: Hindi & Urdu lūṭ; akin to Skt luntati he plunders]
▶ goods taken in war or by robbery : PLUNDER
— loot·er noun

Synonyms
▶ booty, plunder, spoil, swag; also prize; catch, haul, take; windfall

loot verb
▶ to plunder or sack in war

Synonyms
▶ despoil, maraud, pillage, plunder, ransack, sack, strip—more at RANSACK

lop /lōp/ verb lopped; lop·ping
1 : to cut branches or twigs from
2 : to eliminate as unnecessary or undesirable — usu. used with off

Synonyms
▶ usually lop off bob, clip, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, dock, nip, prune, shave, shear, trim—more at CLIP

lop verb lopped; lop·ping
▶ to hang downward; also : to flop or sway loosely

lope /lōp/ noun
▶ an easy bounding gait

lope verb
▶ to move or ride at a lope

lop·sid·ed /lōpˈsid·əd/ adjective
1 : leaning to one side
2 : not symmetrical
— lop·sid·ed·ly adverb

Antonyms
taut, tense, tight
▶ [2] footloose, free, unbound, unconfined, unrestrained—more at FREE
▶ [6] imprecise, inaccurate, inexact—more at INEXACT
— lop·sid·ed·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ askew, awry, cockeyed, crooked, listing, oblique, slantwise, uneven—more at AWRY

lo·qua·cious /lō·kwə·shəs/ adjective
  ▶: excessively talkative

— lo·quac·i·ty /lō·kwə·se·tē/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ chatty, conversational, gabby, garrulous, talkative—more at TALKATIVE

lord /lôrd/ noun
[origin: ME. loverd, lord, fr. OE hlāford, fr. hlāf loaf + weard keeper]
1: one having power and authority over others; especially: a person from whom a feudal fee or estate is held
2: a man of rank or high position; especially: a British nobleman
3 plural cap: the upper house of the British parliament
4: a person of great power in some field
5 cap: GOD 1
2 lord verb
: to act like a lord; especially: to put on airs — usu. used with it

lord chancellor noun, plural lords chancellor
: a British officer of state who presides over the House of Lords, serves as head of the British judiciary, and is usu. a leading member of the cabinet

lord·ly /ˈlôrd·li/ adjective lord·li·er; -est
1 ▶: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a lord: dignified; also: possessing or arising from a sense of high moral character
2 ▶: exhibiting the pride and assurance associated with one of the highest birth or rank: haughty
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] chivalrous, dignified, gallant, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lofty, magnanimous, noble, sublime—more at NICE
  ▶ [2] disdainful, haughty, highfalutin, lofty, prideful, proud, superior—more at PROUD

lord·ship /ˈlôrd·ship/ noun
1: the rank or dignity of a lord — used as a title
2: the authority or territory of a lord

Lord’s Supper noun
: COMMUNION

lore /ˈlôr/ noun
1 ▶: something that has been learned: knowledge; especially: traditional knowledge or belief
2 ▶: a particular body of knowledge or tradition
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] knowledge, science, wisdom—more at KNOWLEDGE
  ▶ [2] folklore, legend, myth, mythology, tradition—more at FOLKLORE

lor·gnet·te /ˈlôrd·net/ noun
[origin: F, fr. lorgner to take a sidelong look at, fr. MF, fr. lorgne squinting]
: a pair of eyeglasses or opera glasses with a handle

lor·n /ˈlôrn/ adjective
: miserable and forlorn as if deserted: DESOLATE

lor·ry /ˈlôr·ə/ noun, plural lorries chiefly British
: MOTORTRUCK

lose /ˈlüz/ verb lost /lōst/; los·ing /ˈlô·zing/
1: DESTROY
2: to miss from a customary place: MISLAY
3: to suffer deprivation of
4 : to fail to use : WASTE
5 : to fail to win or obtain ~ the game
6 : to fail to keep or maintain ~ his balance
7 : to wander from ~ her way
8 : to get rid of
   Synonyms
   ◦ cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload—more at DISCARD

loser noun
1 : a person or thing that loses esp. consistently
2 a : a person who is incompetent or unable to succeed
   b : something doomed to fail or disappoint
   Synonyms
   ◦ bummer, bust, catastrophe, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, turkey, washout—more at FAILURE

loss /lós/ noun
1 : the state or fact of being destroyed : RUIN
2 : the harm resulting from losing
3 : something that is lost
4 plural : killed, wounded, or captured soldiers
5 : failure to win
6 : an amount by which the cost exceeds the selling price
7 : decrease in amount or degree
8 : the act of losing possession
   Synonyms
   ◦ [1] annihilation, demolition, desolation, destruction, devastation, havoc, obliteration, ruin, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION
   ◦ [3] casualty, fatality, victim—more at CASUALTY
   ◦ [5] defeat, rout, shellacking—more at DEFEAT
   ◦ [7] abatement, decline, decrease, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, reduction, shrinkage—more at DECREASE

loss leader noun
: an article sold at a loss in order to draw customers

lost /lóst/ adjective
1 : not used, won, or claimed
2 : no longer possessed or known
3 : ruined or destroyed physically or morally
4 : DENIED; also : HARDENED
5 : unable to find the way; also : HELPLESS
6 : ABSORBED, RAPT
7 : not appreciated or understood <his jokes were ~ on me>
   Synonyms
   ◦ gone, missing; also absent, castaway; irrecoverable, irretrievable; forgotten, unknown
   Antonyms

lot /lōt/ noun
1 : an object used in deciding something by chance; also : the use of lots to decide something
2 a : SHARE, PORTION
   b : one's way of life or worldly fate : FORTUNE
3 : a plot of land
4 : a group of individuals
5 : a considerable quantity
   Synonyms
   ◦ [2b] circumstance, destiny, doom, fate, fortune, portion—more at FATE
   ◦ [3] parcel, plat, plot, property, tract; also patch; frontage; lease; development; real estate
array, batch, body, bunch, cluster, crop, group, huddle, knot, parcel, party
abundance, heap, loads, much, pile, plenty, profusion, quantity, wad, wealth; also embarrassment, excess, overabundance, overage, overkill, overmuch, oversupply, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus; deluge, flood, overflow

**Antonyms**
bit, hint, little, pinch, smidgen, speck, spot, touch, trace

loth variant of LOATH

l-o-t-i-on /lō̰tən/ noun
:a liquid preparation for cosmetic and external medicinal use

l-o-t-ter-y /læˌta,roʊ/ noun, plural -ter-ies
1: a drawing of lots in which prizes are given to the winning names or numbers
2: a matter determined by chance

l-o-t-us /lō̰tas/ noun
1: a fruit held in Greek legend to cause dreamy contentment and forgetfulness
2: any of various water lilies represented esp. in ancient Egyptian and Hindu art
3: any of several leguminous forage plants

l-o-u-d /laʊd/ adjective
1: marked by intensity or volume of sound
2: CLAMOROUS, NOISY
3: obtrusive or offensive in color or pattern <a ~ suit>
    — loud adverb
    — loud·ly adverb
    — loud·ness noun
 Synonyms
 [1] booming, clamorous, deafening, earsplitting, piercing, resounding, ringing, roaring, sonorous, stentorian, thunderous; also brazen, discordant, noisy, obstreperous, raucous, vociferous; grating, harsh, shrill, strident

Antonyms
gentle, low, soft
 [3] flamboyant, flashy, garish, gaudy, glitzy, ostentatious, swank, tawdry—more at GAUDY

l-o-u-d·mouthed /ˌmaʊ̰θəd/ adjective
: given to loud offensive talk

l-o-u-d·speak·er /ˌspēˌKat/ noun
:a device that changes electrical signals into sound

lounge /laʊn/ verb lounged; loung-ing
: to act or move lazily or listlessly
 Synonyms
bask, loll, relax, repose, rest—more at REST
dally, dawdle, dillydally, hang around, hang out, idle, loaf, loll—more at IDLE

2 lounge noun
1: a room with comfortable furniture; also: a room (as in a theater) with lounging, smoking, and toilet facilities
2: a long couch

lour, loury variant of LOWER, LOWERY

l-o-u-s-e /laʊz/ noun, plural lice /lis/
1: any of various small wingless usu. flattened insects parasitic on warm-blooded animals
2: a plant pest (as an aphid)
3 plural lous·es : a contemptible person
 Synonyms
beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, lout, skunk, slob, snake—more at JERK

lousy /laʊz/ adjective lous-i-er, lous-i-est
1: infested with lice
2 miserably poor or inferior
3 amply supplied \(<~ with money>\)
4 totally repulsive

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**lous·i·ly** \(/ˈlou-zē-əl/\) adverb

**lous·i·ness** \(/ˈlou-zē-əs/\) noun

*Synonyms*

- [2] atrocious, awful, bad, deficient, inferior, off, poor, punk, rotten, substandard, terrible, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong—more at **BAD**
- [4] contemptible, despicable, nasty, pitiful, scabby, scurvy, sorry, wretched—more at **CONTEMPTIBLE**

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**lout** \(/laut/\) noun

- a stupid awkward fellow

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**lout·ish·ly** \(/ˈlou-ɪsh-əl/\) adverb

*Synonyms*

- clod, hulk, lubber, lug, oaf—more at **OAF**

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**lout·ish** \(/ˈlou-ɪsh/\) adjective

- resembling or befitting a lout

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**lou·ver** or **lou·vre** \(/ˈlou-ər/\) noun

1 an opening having parallel slanted slats to allow flow of air but to exclude rain or sun or to provide privacy; *also*: a slab in such an opening
2 a device with movable slats for controlling the flow of air or light

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**lov·able** \(/ˈlov-a-bal/\) adjective

- having qualities that attract affection

*Synonyms*

- adorable, darling, dear, endearing, precious, sweet, winning; *also* beloved, cherished, treasured; attractive, beautiful, desirable, lovely; captivating, charming, fascinating; admirable, likable, reputable, respectable; affable, agreeable, cheerful, cordial, friendly, genial, gracious, kind, pleasant; delightful, pleasing

*Antonyms*

- abhorrent, abominable, detestable, hateful, odious, unlovable

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**love** \(/ˈlov/\) noun

1 strong affection
2 warm attachment \(<~ of the sea>\)
3 attraction based on sexual desire
4 : a beloved person
5 : unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for others
6 : a score of zero in tennis

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**love·less** adjective

*Synonyms*

- [1] appetite, fancy, favor, fondness, like, liking, partiality, preference, relish, shine, taste, use—more at **LIKING**
- [2] affection, attachment, devotion, fondness, passion; *also* appetite, favor, like, liking, partiality, preference, taste; craving, crush, desire, infatuation, longing, lust, yearning; ardor, eagerness, enthusiasm, fervor, zeal; esteem, regard, respect; adoration, idolatry, worship; allegiance, fealty, fidelity, loyalty

*Antonyms*

- abomination, hate, hatred, loathing, rancor
- [4] beloved, darling, dear, flame, honey, sweet, sweetheart—more at **SWEETHEART**

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**love** verb loved; loving

1 to value highly : **CHERISH**
2 to feel a lover’s passion, devotion, or tenderness for
3 to touch or stroke lightly in a loving or endearing manner : **CARESS**
4 to like or desire actively \(<~s to play bridge>\)

*Synonyms*

- [1] appreciate, cherish, prize, treasure, value; *also* adore, delight (in), dig, enjoy, fancy, groove (on), like,
relish, revel (in); admire, esteem, respect, venerate; dote (on), idolize, worship
  ▶ [2] adore, cherish, worship; also idealize, idolize; revere, reverence, venerate; delight (in), dote (on)
  **Antonyms**
  abhor, abominate, despise, detest, execrate, hate, loathe
  ▶ [3] caress, fondle, pat, pet, stroke—more at **FONDLE**
  ▶ [4] adore, delight, dig, enjoy, fancy, groove, like, relish, revel—more at **ENJOY**

**love·bird** /'lav·bird/ noun
: any of various small usu. gray or green parrots that seem to show caring behavior for their mates

**loved** adjective
  ▶ : held dear
  **Synonyms**
  beloved, darling, dear, favorite, pet, precious, special, sweet

**love·li·ness** noun
  ▶ : the quality or state of being lovely
  **Synonyms**
  attractiveness, beauty, comeliness, handsomeness, looks, prettiness—more at **BEAUTY**

**love·lorn** /'lōrn/ adjective
: deprived of love or of a lover

**love·ly** /'lōlē/ adjective **love·li·er**;
-est
  ▶ : delightful for beauty, harmony, or grace : **BEAUTIFUL**
  — love·li·ly /'lōlē·lē/ adverb
  — lovely adverb
  **Synonyms**
  attractive, beautiful, fair, gorgeous, handsome, knockout, pretty, ravishing, stunning—more at **BEAUTIFUL**

**love·mak·ing** /'mæ·kĭŋ/ noun
1 : **COURTSHIP**
2 : sexual activity; especially : **COPULATION**

**lover** noun
  ▶ : a person in love; also : an ardent follower, supporter, or enthusiast (as of a religion, art form, or sport)
  **Synonyms**
  addict, aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, maniac, nut—more at **FAN**

**love·sick** /'lōsĭk/ adjective
1 : **YEARNING**
2 : expressing a lover's longing
  — love·sick·ness noun

**love·sick·ness** noun

**lov·ing** /lōv·iŋ/ adjective
1 ▶ : having affection or warm regard : **AFFECTIONATE**
2 : **PAINSTAKING**
  — lov·ing·ly adverb
  **Synonyms**
  affectionate, devoted, fond, tender, tenderhearted; also caring, compassionate, considerate, cordial, doting, forgiving, friendly, kind, warmhearted; ardent, fervent, impassioned, passionate, warm; amatory, amorous, erotic; enamored, infatuated, lovesick; mushy, romantic, sentimental; brotherly, fatherly, motherly, sisterly
  **Antonyms**
  unloving

1 **low** /lō/ verb
  : **MOO**

2 **low** noun
  : **MOO**

3 **low** adjective **low·er** /lō·ər/; **low·est** /lō·est/
1: not high or tall (<~ wall>; also: décolleté
2: situated or passing below the normal level or surface (<~ ground>; also: marking a nadir
3: not loud (<~ voice>
4: being near the equator
5a: humble in status
5b: lacking in cultural advancement
5c: lacking in dignity
6: lacking strength, health, or vitality: weak; also: depressed
7: stricken, prostrate
8: less than usual in number, amount, or value; also: of lesser degree than average
9: falling short of a standard
10: unfavorable

— low adverb

  Synonyms
  ▶ 3: dull, quiet, soft—more at soft
  ▶ 5a: common, humble, ignoble, inferior, lowly, mean, plebeian, vulgar—more at ignoble
  ▶ 5b: crude, primitive, rude, rudimentary—more at primitive
  ▶ 5b: coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at coarse
  ▶ 5c: base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, mean, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at ignoble
  ▶ 6: blue, dejected, depressed, down, downcast, glum, melancholy, sad, sorrowful, sorry, unhappy, woeful, wretched—more at sad
  ▶ 6: faint, feeble, frail, infirm, unsubstantial, weak—more at weak
  ▶ 8: cheap, cut-rate, reasonable—more at cheap

low noun
1: something that is low
2: a region of low barometric pressure
3: the arrangement of gears in an automobile transmission that gives the slowest speed and greatest power

low-ball /ˈlō_.bāl/ verb
: to give a deceptively low price, cost estimate, or offer to

low beam noun
: a vehicle headlight beam with short-range focus

low blow noun
: an unprincipled attack

low-brow /ˈlō_.braʊ/ adjective
: having little taste or intellectual interest
  — lowbrow noun

low-density lipoprotein noun
: LDL

low-down /ˌlō_.daʊn/ noun
▶: pertinent and esp. guarded information
  Synonyms
  ▶: dope, scoop, tip—more at dope

low-down /ˌlō_.daʊn/ adjective
1: mean, contemptible
2: deeply emotional

low-end /ˌlō_.end/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the lowest-priced merchandise in a manufacturer's line

lower /ˈlō_.ər/ verb
1 : to look sullen: FROWN
2 : to become dark, gloomy, and threatening
   Synonyms
   ↣ frown, glare, gloom, glower, scowl—more at FROWN

lower /ˈloʊər/ adjective
1 : relatively low (as in rank)
2 : situated beneath the earth’s surface
3 : constituting the popular and more representative branch of a bicameral legislative body
4 : less advanced in the scale of evolutionary development
   Synonyms
   ↣ inferior, junior, less, lesser, minor, subordinate, under—more at LESSER

lower /ˈloʊər/ verb
1 : to move down: DROP; also : DIMINISH
2 : to let descend by its own weight; also : to reduce the height of
3 : to reduce or decline in value, number, or amount
4 : to bring down in quality or character: DEGRADE; also : HUMBLE
   Synonyms
   ↣ [1] decline, descend, diminish, dip, drop, fall, plummet, plunge, sink, tumble—more at DROP
   ↣ [3] abate, de-escalate, decrease, diminish, downsize, dwindle, lessen, reduce
   ↣ [4] abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliates, shame, smirch, take
     down—more at HUMBLE

lowercase /ˈloʊ.ərˌkās/ adjective
: being a letter that belongs to or conforms to the series a, b, c, etc., rather than A, B, C, etc.
— lowercase noun

lower class noun
: a social class occupying a position below the middle class and having the lowest status in a society
— lower-class /ˈloʊ.ərˌklæs/ adjective

low-est /ˈloʊ.ərˌmōst/ adjective
: LOWEST

low-ery /ˈloʊ.ə.rē/ adjective
: GLOOMY, LOWERING

lowest common denominator noun
1 : LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR
2 : something designed to appeal to a lowbrow audience; also : such an audience

lowest common multiple noun
: LEAST COMMON MULTIPLE

low-key /ˈloʊˌkē/ also low-keyed /ˈloʊˌkiːd/ adjective
: of low intensity: RESTRAINED

low-land /ˈloʊ.lænd/ noun
: low and usu. level country

low-level /ˈloʊ.əlˌvēl/ adjective
1 : being of low importance or rank
2 : being or relating to nuclear waste of low concentration

low-life /ˈloʊˌlīf/ noun, plural low-lifes /ˈloʊˌlīfs/ also low-lives /ˈloʊˌlīvz/ 
: a person of low social status or moral character

low-li-ness noun
⁣: the quality or state of being lowly
   Synonyms
   ↣ humbleness, humility, meekness, modesty—more at HUMILITY
low·ly /ˈloʊ<li> adjective low·li·er; -est
1 ▷ : humble in manner or spirit : MEEK
2 ▷ : ranking low in some hierarchy
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] demure, humble, meek, modest, retiring, unassuming, unpretentious—more at HUMBLE
   ▷ [2] common, humble, ignoble, inferior, low, mean, plebeian, vulgar—more at IGNoble

low·ness noun
▷ : the quality or state of being low
   Synonyms
   ▷ debility, delicacy, enfeeblism, faintness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, languor, weakness—more at WEAKNESS
   ▷ coarseness, grossness, indelicacy, rudeness, vulgarity—more at VULgARITY

low–rise /ˈloʊˌraɪz/ adjective
1 : having few stories and not equipped with elevators <a ∼ building>
2 : of, relating to, or characterized by low-rise buildings

low–slung /ˈloʊˌslʌŋ/ adjective
▷ : relatively low to the ground or floor <a ∼ building> <∼ pants>

low–tech /ˈloʊˌtek/ adjective
▷ : technologically simple or unsophisticated

1lox /ˈloks/ noun
▷ : liquid oxygen

2lox noun, plural lox or lox·es
▷ : salmon cured in brine and sometimes smoked

loy·al /ˈloʊəl/ adjective
1 : faithful in allegiance to one's government
2 ▷ : faithful esp. to a cause or ideal : CONSTANT
   —loy·al·ly /ˈloʊəli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▷ constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true, true-blue—more at FAITHFUL

loy·al·ist /ˈloʊəlɪst/ noun
▷ : one who is or remains loyal to a political party, government, or sovereign

loy·al·ty /ˈloʊələti/ noun
▷ : the quality or state or an instance of being loyal
   Synonyms
   ▷ allegiance, constancy, dedication, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fastness, fealty, fidelity, steadfastness—more at FIDELITY

loz·enge /ˈloʊˌzenʒ/ noun
1 : a diamond-shaped figure
2 : a small flat often medicated candy

LP abbreviation
low pressure

LPG abbreviation
liquefied petroleum gas

LPGA abbreviation
Ladies Professional Golf Association

LPN /ˈel.pən/ noun
▷ : LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Lr symbol
Lawrencium

LSD /el_(_es_-'dē/ noun
-Origin: G Lysergsäure-Diäthylamid lysergic acid diethylamide
: an illicit and highly potent hallucinogenic drug derived from ergot or produced synthetically

Lt abbreviation
light

Lt abbreviation
lieutenant

LT abbreviation
long ton

LTC or Lt Col abbreviation
lieutenant colonel

Lt Comdr abbreviation
lieutenant commander

ltd abbreviation
limited

LTG or Lt Gen abbreviation
lieutenant general

LTJG abbreviation
lieutenant, junior grade

ltr abbreviation
letter

Lu symbol
lutetium

lu·au /lu_au/ noun
: a Hawaiian feast

lub abbreviation
lubricant; lubricating

lub·ber /lu_ber/ noun
1 : a big clumsy fellow : LOUT
2 : an unskilled seaman
   Synonyms
e clod, hulk, lout, lug, oaf—more at OAF

lub·ber·ly adjective
: resembling or having the characteristics of a lubber
   Synonyms
   awkward, clumsy, gawky, graceless, heavy-handed, lumpish, ungainly, unhandy—more at CLUMSY

lube /lub/ noun
: LUBRICANT; also : an application of a lubricant

lu·bri·cant /lu_ bri_ kənt/ noun
: a material capable of reducing friction when applied between moving parts

lu·bri·cate /lu_ bri_ kāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
 : to apply a lubricant to
   — lu·bri·ca·tion /lu_ bri_ kə_ shen/ noun
   — lu·bri·ca·tor /lu_ bri_ kə_ ter/ noun
   Synonyms
   grease, oil, slick, wax
lu·bri·cious /luˈbriˌkəs/ or lu·bri·cous /luˈbriˌkəs/ adjective
1 : SMOOTH, SLIPPERY
2 : LECHEROUS; also : SALACIOUS
— lu·bri·cious·ly adverb

lu·cent /luˈsent/ adjective
1 : glowing with light : LUMINOUS
2 : marked by clarity or translucence : CLEAR
— lu·cent·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, shiny—more at BRIGHT
[2] clear, limpid, liquid, pellucid, transparent—more at CLEAR

lu·cerne /luˈsərn/ noun, chiefly British
: ALFALFA

lu·cid /luˈsid/ adjective
1 : suffused with light : SHINING
2 : mentally sound
3 : easily understood
— lu·cid·ly adverb

Synonyms
[2] balanced, clearheaded, normal, right, sane, stable—more at SANE
[3] apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at CLEAR

lu·cid·i·ty /luˈsiˌdələti/ noun
: clearness of thought or style

Synonyms
: clarity, explicitness, perspicuity, simplicity—more at SIMPLICITY

lu·cid·ness noun
: the quality or state of being lucid esp. in thought or style

Lu·ci·fer /luˈsiˌfa(r)/ noun
[origin: ME, the morning star, a fallen rebel archangel, the Devil, fr. OE, fr. L, the morning star, fr. lucifer light-bearing]
: DEVIL, SATAN

1 luck /lʌk/ noun
1 : a force that brings good fortune or adversity : CHANCE
2 : good fortune

Synonyms
[1] accident, chance, circumstance, hazard—more at CHANCE
[2] chance, fortune; also break, fluke, godsend, hit, serendipity, strike, windfall; opportunity; coup, stroke

Antonyms
mischance, misfortune

2 luck verb
1 : to prosper or succeed esp. through chance or good fortune — usu. used with out
2 : to come upon something desirable by chance — usu. used with out, on, onto, or into

luck·i·ly /ˈləkɪli/ adverb
1 : in a lucky manner
2 : FORTUNATELY 2

luck·less adjective
: being without luck

Synonyms
hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky—more at UNLUCKY
lucky /ˈlaʊki/ adjective luck·i·er; -est
1 ♢: favored by luck: FORTUNATE
2 ♢: happening by chance: FORTUITOUS
3 ♢: seeming to bring good luck
   —luck·i·ness noun
      Synonyms
      ♢ [1] blessed, fortunate, happy
      Antonyms
      hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, unfortunate, unlucky
      ♢ [2] fluky, fortuitous, fortunate, happy, providential—more at FORTUNATE

lu·cra·tive /ˈluˌkraːtɪv/ adjective
♢: producing wealth: PROFITABLE
—lu·cra·tive·ly adverb
—lu·cra·tive·ness noun
      Synonyms
      ♢ fat, gainful, profitable, remunerative—more at PROFITABLE

lu·cre /ˈlu.kruː/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L lucrum]
♢: monetary gain: PROFIT; also: MONEY
      Synonyms
      ♢ earnings, gain, net, payoff, proceeds, profit, return—more at PROFIT
      ♢ cash, currency, dough, money, pelf, tender—more at MONEY

lu·cu·bra·tion /ˌluˌkiːbrəˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
: laborious study: MEDITATION

Ludd·ite /ˈlu.dɪt/ noun
[origin: perh. fr. Ned Ludd, 18th cent. Eng. workman who destroyed a knitting frame]
: one who is opposed to technological change

lu·di·crous /ˈluˌda.ksrəs/ adjective
♢: amusing or laughable through obvious absurdity, incongruity, exaggeration, or eccentricity: RIDICULOUS; also: meriting derisive laughter or scorn as absurdly inept, false, or foolish
—lu·di·crous·ly adverb
—lu·di·crous·ness noun
      Synonyms
      ♢ antic, comic, droll, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, riotous, screaming, uproarious—more at FUNNY
      ♢ absurd, comical, derisive, farcical, laughable, preposterous, ridiculous, risible, silly—more at RIDICULOUS

luff /ˈlʌf/ verb
: to turn the head of a ship toward the wind

1 lug /luɡ/ verb lugged; lug·ging
1 ♢: to draw slowly or heavily: DRAG, PULL
2 ♢: to carry laboriously
   Synonyms
   ♢ [1] drag, draw, hale, haul, pull, tow, tug—more at PULL
   ♢ [2] bear, carry, cart, convey, ferry, haul, pack, tote, transport—more at CARRY

2 lug noun
1 ♢: a projecting piece (as for fastening, support, or traction)
2 ♢: a nut securing a wheel on an automobile
3 ♢: a big clumsy fellow
   Synonyms
   ♢ clod, hulk, lout, lubber, oaf—more at OAF

lug·gage /ˈla.ɡi/ noun
lú·gu·bri·ous /luˌgúˈbrē assumed adjective
- mournful often to an exaggerated degree
- lú·gu·bri·ous·ly adverb
- lú·gu·bri·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
- dolorous, funeral, mournful, plaintive, regretful, rueful, sorrowful, weeping, woeful—more at MOURNFUL

Luke /lük/ noun

luke·warm /lúkˈwərm/ adjective
1: moderately warm: TEPID
2: not enthusiastic
- luke·warm·ly adverb

lull /lul/ verb
1: SOOTHE, CALM
2: to cause to relax vigilance

2lull noun
1: a temporary calm (as during a storm)
2: a temporary drop in activity

Synonyms
- break, breath, breather, interruption, pause—more at PAUSE

lul·la·by /ˈlulˌlāˌbē/ noun, plural -bies
- a song to lull children to sleep

lum·ba·go /ˌlămˈbä ɡō/ noun
- acute or chronic pain in the lower back

lum·bar /ˌlămˈbär/ adjective
- of, relating to, or constituting the loins or the vertebrae between the thoracic vertebrae and sacrum

1lumber /ˈl Amendments/ verb
1: to move heavily or clumsily
2: to make a low heavy rolling sound

Synonyms
- [1] clump, flounder, lump, plod, scuff, scuffle, shamble, shuffle, stamp, stomp, stumble, tramp, tromp; also drag, flop, haul; labor; careen, lurch, stagger, sway, teeter, totter, waddle, weave, wobble
Antonyms
- breeze, coast, glide, slide, waltz, whisk
- [2] growl, grumble, roll, rumble—more at RUMBLE

2lumber noun
1: surplus or disused articles that are stored away
2: timber or logs esp. when dressed for use

3lumber verb
1: to cut logs; also: to saw logs into lumber
2: to clutter with or as if with lumber
- lum·ber·man /ˈmān/ noun

Synonyms
- burden, encumber, load, saddle, weight—more at LOAD

lum·ber·jack /ˈlak/ noun
- LOGGER

lum·ber·yard /ˈyärd/ noun
- a place where lumber is kept for sale
luminary /ˈluː.mə.nər.i/ noun, plural -naries
1 ♦ a very famous person
2 ♦ a source of light; especially: a celestial body
   Synonyms
   ➔ celebrity, figure, light, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

luminessence /ˈluː.mə.nɛs.əns/ noun
r ♦ the low-temperature emission of light (as by a chemical or physiological process); also: such light
— luminesscent /ˈluː.mən.əsnt/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ➔ blaze, flare, fluorescence, glare, gleam, glow, illumination, incandescence, light, radiance, shine—more at LIGHT

luminous /ˈluː.mə.nəs/ adjective
1 ♦ emitting light; also: LIGHTED
2 ♦ CLEAR, INTELLIGIBLE
3 ♦ ILLUSTRIOUS
— luminance /ˈnæns/ noun
— luminously /ˈluː.mə.nəsli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ➔ beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, shiny—more at BRIGHT

luminosity /ˈluː.mə.nə.sɪ.ti/ noun
r ♦ the quality or state of being luminous
   Synonyms
   ➔ brilliance, dazzle, effulgence, illumination, lightness, lucidity, radiance, refulgence, splendor—more at BRILLIANCE

lumox /ˈluː.mɔks/ noun
r ♦ a clumsy person

1 lump /læmp/ noun
1 ♦ a piece or mass of indefinite size and shape
2 ♦ AGGREGATE, TOTALITY
3 ♦ a usu. abnormal swelling
   Synonyms
   ➔ [1] blob, chunk, clod, clump, glob, gob, hunk, nub, wad; also bead, drop, globule; block, body, bulk; particle, piece, portion; bit, chip, crumb, morsel, scrap
   ➔ [3] excrescence, growth, neoplasm, tumor—more at GROWTH
   ➔ [3] bump, knot, nodule, swelling—more at BUMP

2 lump verb
1 ♦ to heap together in a lump
2 : to form into lumps
3 : to move noisily and clumsily
   Synonyms
   ➔ accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, concentrate, garner, gather, group, pick up, round up, scrape—more at GATHER

3 lump adjective
r ♦ not divided into parts <a ~ sum>

lumpectomy /ˈlæmp.ɪ.kə.məti/ noun, plural -ectomies
r ♦ excision of a breast tumor

lumpy /ˈlæmp/ adjective
r ♦ lacking ease or grace (as of movement or expression)
   Synonyms
   ➔ awkward, clumsy, gawky, graceless, heavy-handed, lubberly, ungainly, unhandy—more at CLUMSY
lumpy adjective
  ➢ : filled or covered with lumps

  Synonyms
  ➢ broken, bumpy, coarse, irregular, jagged, pebbly, ragged, rough, rugged, uneven—more at uneven

lu·nacy /luˈnəsē/ noun, plural -cies
1 ➢ : a deranged state of the mind : insanity
2 ➢ : extreme folly; also : a foolish act

  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] aberration, dementia, derangement, insanity, madness, mania—more at insanity
  ➢ [2] absurdity, asininity, fatuity, folly, foolery, foolishness, idiocy, imbecility, inanity, insanity, stupidity—more at folly

lu·nar /luˈnar/ adjective
  ➢ of or relating to the moon

lu·nate /luˈnāt/ adjective
  ➢ shaped like a crescent

1 lunatic /luˈnātik/ adjective
[Origin: ME lunatik, fr. AF & LL; AF lunatik, fr. LL lunaticus, fr. L luna moon; fr. the belief that lunacy fluctuated with the phases of the moon]
1 a : affected with lunacy : insane
   b : used for insane persons
2 ➢ : extremely foolish

  Synonyms
  ➢ absurd, crazy, foolish, harebrained, insane, mad, nonsensical, nutty, senseless, silly, stupid

2 lunatic noun
  ➢ : a person affected with lunacy; also : one capable of crazy actions or extravagances

  Synonyms
  ➢ maniac, nut, psychotic; also madman, madwoman; deviant; paranoid, schizophrenic; character, crackpot, crank, eccentric, kook, oddball, screwball; case, patient

lunch /lunch/ noun
1 ➢ a light meal usu. eaten in the middle of the day
2 ➢ the food prepared for a lunch

2 lunch verb
   ➢ to eat lunch

lunch·eon /ˈlanch.ˌən/ noun
  ➢ a usu. formal lunch

lunch·eon·ette /ˈlanch.ˌən.ˌet/ noun
  ➢ a small restaurant serving light lunches

lunch·room /ˈlanch.ˌrʊmˌrʊm/ noun
1 ➢ luncheonette
2 ➢ a room (as in a school) where lunches are sold and eaten or lunches brought from home may be eaten

lu·nette /luˈnet/ noun
  ➢ something shaped like a crescent

lung /lʌŋ/ noun
1 ➢ one of the usu. paired baglike breathing organs in the chest of an air-breathing vertebrate
2 ➢ a mechanical device to promote breathing and make it easier
   ➢ lunged /lʌŋd/ adjective

lunge /lʌŋ/ noun
1 ➢ a sudden thrust or pass (as with a sword)
lunge verb

lu·pine /ˌluːˈpaɪn/ noun
: any of a genus of leguminous plants with long upright clusters of pealike flowers

lu·pus /ˌluːˈpəs/ noun
[Origin: ML, fr. L, wolf]
: any of several diseases characterized by skin lesions; especially: SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

lurch /ˈlɜrچ/ noun
: a sudden swaying or tipping movement

lurch verb

lure /ˈlʊər/ noun
1 : an inducement to pleasure or gain: ENTICEMENT; also: APPEAL
2 : an artificial bait for catching fish

lure verb lured; lur·ing

lu·rid /ˈlʊrid/ adjective
1 : wan and ghostly pale in appearance
2 : shining with the red glow of fire seen through smoke or cloud
3 a : causing horror or revulsion: GRUESOME
   b : SENSATIONAL

— lu·rid·ly adverb

lus·cious /ˈluːʃəs/ adjective
1 : having a pleasingly sweet taste or smell
2 : sensually appealing

— lus·cious·ly adverb

lus·cious·ness noun

: the quality or state of being luscious

Synonyms

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Synonyms
savor, tastiness

lush /lush/ adjective
1: having or covered with abundant growth (~ pastures)
   Synonyms:
   green, leafy, luxuriant, verdant; also fat, fecund, fertile, fruitful, productive, rich; dense, tangled
   Antonyms:
   barren, leafless

2: lush noun
   : an habitual heavy drinker

lust /lust/ noun
1: usu. intense or unbridled sexual desire: LASCIVIOUSNESS
2: an intense longing
   Synonyms:
   appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

lust verb
1: to have an intense desire or need
   Synonyms:
   usually lust for or lust after ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

lus·ter or lus·tre /lus.ter/ noun
1: a shine or sheen esp. from reflected light
2: BRIGHTNESS, GLITTER
3: GLORY, SPLENDOR
   Synonyms:
   gloss, polish, sheen—more at SHINE

lus·ter·less adjective
: lacking luster
   Synonyms:
   dim, dull, flat

lust·ful adjective
1: full of vitality: ROBUST
2: full of energy or activity
   Synonym:
   lust·i·ly /laz.ī.li/ adverb

lust·i·ness /laz.ī.nes/ noun
1: the quality or state of being lusty
   Synonyms:
   animation, briskness, exuberance, liveliness, robustness, sprightliness, vibrancy, vitality—more at VITALITY

lus·tral /lus.tral/ adjective
: serving or intended to purify

lus·trous /lus.trəs/ adjective
: reflecting light evenly and efficiently without glitter or sparkle
   Synonyms:
   beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, radiant, refulgent, shiny—more at BRIGHT
   glossy, polished, satiny, sleek—more at GLOSSY

lusty /laz.ī/ adjective lust·i·er, -est
1: full of vitality: ROBUST
2: full of energy or activity
   — lust·i·ly /laz.ī.li/ adverb
**Synonyms**

- [1] dynamic, energetic, flush, peppy, robust, strenuous, vigorous, vital—more at [VIGOROUS](#)
- [2] firm, forceful, hearty, robust, solid, stout, strong, sturdy, vigorous

**lute** /'lüt/ noun

a stringed musical instrument with a large pear-shaped body and a fretted fingerboard

- *lute-ist or lú-ta-nist /'lút-ə-nist/ noun
- *lú-te-iun also lú-te-iun /lú-'tē.ə.shē.əm. ə.sham/ noun

: a metallic chemical element

**Lüther-an** /'lū-thə-rən/ noun

: a member of a Protestant denomination adhering to the doctrines of Martin Luther

- *Lu-ther-an-ism /lū-thər-ən-əm/ noun

**lux-u-ri-ant** /la(t).zhūr.ə.nət, la(t).shūr./ adjective

1 : yielding or growing abundantly : LUSH, PRODUCTIVE
2 : abundantly rich and varied; also : FLORID
3 : characterized by luxury

- *lux-u-ri-an-cé /la(t).shən/ noun
- *lux-u-ri-an-t-ly adverb

**Synonyms**

- green, leafy, lush, verdant
- fat, fecund, fertile, fruitful, productive, prolific, rich—more at [FERTILE](#)

**lux-u-ri-ate** /la(t).ə.ət/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing

1 : to grow profusely
2 :

**lux-u-ri-ous** /la(t).zhūr.ə.səs, la(t).shūr./ adjective

: of, relating to, or marked by luxury

**Synonyms**

- deluxe, lavish, luxuriant, opulent, palatial, plush, sumptuous; also costly, expensive; rich; extravagant, grandiose, ostentatious, pretentious, showy; awesome, awful, beautiful, gorgeous, grand, imposing, impressive, magnificent, majestic, splendid, stately; comfortable, cozy, homey, snug

**Antonyms**

ascetic, austere, humble

**lux-u-ri-ous-ly adverb**

: in a luxurious manner

**Synonyms**

- expensively, extravagantly, grandly, high, lavishly, opulently, richly—more at [HIGH](#)

**lux-ury** /la(t).she ri, la(t).zha/ noun, plural -ries

1 : great ease and comfort
2 : something adding to pleasure or comfort but not absolutely necessary

**Synonyms**

- amenity, comfort, extra, frill, indulgence, superfluity; also extravagance; dainty, delicacy, treat; accessory, option

**Antonyms**

basic, essential, fundamental, necessity, requirement

**lv** abbreviation

leave

**LWV** abbreviation

League of Women Voters

**-ly** /lē/ adjective suffix

1 : like in appearance, manner, or nature <queenly>
2 : characterized by regular recurrence in (specified) units of time ; every <hourly>
2-ly adverb suffix
1: in a (specified) manner <slowly>
2: from a (specified) point of view <grammatically>

ly·ce·um /ˈliˌsēˌəm, ˈliˌsē-/ noun
1: a hall for public lectures
2: an association providing public lectures, concerts, and entertainments

ly·chee or li·tchi /ˈlēchē/ noun
[origin: Ch(Beijing) lìzhī]
1: an oval fruit with a hard scaly outer covering, a small hard seed, and edible flesh
2: an Asian tree bearing lychees

lye /li/ noun
: a corrosive alkaline substance used esp. in making soap

ly·ing /ˈlīŋ/ adjective
: marked by or containing falsehoods: UNTRUTHFUL
  Synonyms
  dishonest, mendacious, untruthful—more at DISHONEST

ly·ing–in /ˈlīŋˌin/ noun, plural lyings–in or lying–ins
: the state during and consequent to childbirth: CONFINEMENT

Lyme disease /ˈlim/ noun
[origin: Lyme, Connecticut, where it was first reported]
: an acute inflammatory disease that is caused by a spirochete transmitted by ticks, is characterized usu. by chills and fever, and if left untreated may result in joint pain, arthritis, and cardiac and neurological disorders

lymph /ˈlim/ noun
: a usu. clear fluid consisting chiefly of blood plasma and white blood cells, circulating in thin-walled tubes (lymphatic vessels), and bathing the body tissues
  —lym·phat·ic /ˈlimˌfät·ik/ adjective

lymph·ade·nop·a·thy /ˈlim.fəd.nəˌpə.thē/ noun, plural -thies
: abnormal enlargement of the lymph nodes

lymph node noun
: any of the rounded masses of lymphoid tissue surrounded by a capsule

lymph·o·cyte /ˈlim.fəˌsīt/ noun
: any of the white blood cells arising from lymphoid tissue that are typically found in lymph and blood and that include the cellular mediators (as a B cell or a T cell) of immunity
  —lym·pho·cyt·ic /ˈlimˌfōˌsī.tik/ adjective

lymph·oid /ˈlim.fōd/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or being tissue (as of the lymph nodes) containing lymphocytes
2: of, relating to, or resembling lymph

lym·pho·ma /ˈlim.fəˌmə/ noun, plural -mas or -ma·ta /ˌmaˌtə/ noun
: a usu. malignant tumor of lymphoid tissue

lynch /ˈlinch/ verb
: to put to death by mob action without legal sanction or due process of law
  —lynch·er noun

lynx /ˈlinks/ noun, plural lynx or lynxes
: any of several wildcats with a short tail, long legs, and usu. tufted ears

lyre /ˈlir/ noun
: a stringed musical instrument of the harp class having a U-shaped frame and used by the ancient Greeks

1lyric /ˈlir.ɪk/ noun
1 : a lyric poem
2 : the words of a popular song — often used in pl.

Synonyms
- poem, song, verse—more at POEM

lyric adjective
1 : suitable for singing: MELODIC
2 : expressing direct and usu. intense personal emotion

Synonyms
- [1] euphonious, mellifluous, mellow, melodic, melodious, musical; also dulcet, golden, sweet
- [2] poetic—more at POETIC

lyr·i·cal /ˌlɪrəˈkəl/ adjective

ly·ser·gic acid di·eth·yl·am·ide /ˌlaˈsərˌɡik ˌdīˈethələmˈaɪd/ noun

LZ abbreviation
landing zone
M

1m /ˈem/ noun, plural m’s or ms /ˈemz/ often cap : the 13th letter of the English alphabet

2m abbreviation, often cap
1 Mach
2 male
3 married
4 masculine
5 medium
6 [origin L meridies] noon
7 meter
8 mile
9 [origin L mille] thousand
10 minute
11 month
12 noon

ma /ˈmə, ˈmɑ/ noun : a female parent : MOTHER

MA abbreviation
1 [origin ML magister artium] master of arts
2 Massachusetts
3 mental age

ma’am /ˈmæm, ˈmæm/ after “Yes” often am/ noun : MADAM

Mac abbreviation
Machabees

Mac or Macc abbreviation
Maccabees

macabre /məˈkæbɾə/ adjective [origin: F]
1 : having death as a subject
2 : dwelling on the gruesome
3 ▶ : tending to produce horror in a beholder
   Synonyms
   ▶ appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE

macadam /ˈmeˌkaˈdəm/ noun [origin: John L. McAdam †1836 Brit. engineer] : a roadway or pavement of small closely packed broken stone

— macadamize /ˌmeˌdəˌmīz/ verb

macadamia nut /ˈmeˌkəˌdəˌmēə/ noun : a hard-shelled richly-flavored nut of any of several Australian trees

macaque /ˈmeˌkək/ noun : any of a genus of short-tailed chiefly Asian monkeys; especially : Rhesus Monkey

macaroni /ˈmeˌkərənē/ noun
1 : pasta made chiefly of wheat flour and shaped in the form of slender tubes
2 plural -nis or -nies : FOP, DANDY

macaron /ˈmeˌkərən/ noun
: a small cookie made chiefly of egg whites, sugar, and ground almonds or coconut

ma·caw /ˈmäˌkō/ noun

: any of numerous parrots of Central and So. America

Mac·ca·bees /məˈkeˌbēz/ noun

: either of two books of Scripture in the Roman Catholic canon and the Protestant Apocrypha

1 mace /mās/ noun

: a spice made from the fibrous coating of the nutmeg

2 mace noun

1 : a heavy often spiked club used as a weapon esp. in the Middle Ages
2 : an ornamental staff carried as a symbol of authority

Mac·e·do·nian /məˈse.dəˌnēənˌnēˌən/ noun

: a native or inhabitant of Macedonia

— Macedonian adjective

mac·er·ate /məˈsərēt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing

1 : to cause to waste away
2 : to soften by steeping or soaking so as to separate the parts

— mac·er·a·tion /məˈserəˈshən/ noun

Mac·Guf·fin or Mc·Guf·fin /məˈgəfən/ noun

: an object, event, or character whose main purpose is to advance the plot of a motion picture

mach abbreviation

machine; machinery; machinist

Mach /ˈmāk/ noun

: a speed expressed by a Mach number

Mach·a·bees /məˈkāˌbēz/ noun

: Maccabees

ma·chete /məˈsheˌtē/ noun

: a large heavy knife used for cutting sugarcane and underbrush and as a weapon

Ma·chi·a·vel·li·an /məˈkēəˌvelən/ adjective

[ORIGIN: Niccolò Machiavelli, †1527 Ital. political philosopher]

: characterized by cunning, duplicity, and bad faith

— Ma·chi·a·vel·li·anism noun

Synonyms

✓ cutthroat, immoral, unconscionable, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous—more at UNPRINCIPLED

mach·i·nate /məˈkēˌnāt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing

1 : to plan or plot esp. to do harm

Synonyms

✓ conspire, contrive, intrigue, plot, scheme—more at PLOT

✓ contrive, finagle, finesse, frame, maneuver, mastermind, negotiate, wangle

mach·i·na·tion /məˈkēˌnəˈshənˌmaˌshə/ noun

1 : an act of planning esp. to do harm; especially : PLOT

Synonyms

✓ conspiracy, design, intrigue, plot, scheme—more at PLOT

1 machine /ˈmāshən/ noun

1 : an automotive vehicle not operated on rails; especially : AUTOMOBILE

2 : a combination of mechanical parts that transmit forces, motion, and energy one to another

3 : an instrument (as a lever) for transmitting or modifying force or motion

4 : an electrical, electronic, or mechanical device for performing a task <a sewing ~>

5 : a highly organized political group under the leadership of a boss or small clique
Synonyms

- automobile, car, motor vehicle—more at CAR

machine verb ma·chined; ma·chin·ing
: to shape or finish by machine-operated tools
— ma·chin·able /ˈshē.ən.əl/ adjective

machine gun noun
: an automatic gun capable of rapid continuous firing
— machine–gun verb
— machine gunner noun

machine language noun
: the set of symbolic instruction codes used to represent operations and data in a machine (as a computer)

machine–readable adjective
: directly usable by a computer

ma·chin·ery /ma.ˈʃən.rē/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 : MACHINES; also : the working parts of a machine
2 ▲ : the means by which something is done

Synonyms

- agency, agent, instrument, instrumentality, means, medium, organ, vehicle—more at AGENT

ma·chin·ist /ma.ˈʃən.ist/ noun
: a person who makes or works on machines

ma·chis·mo /mä.ˈchēz.mō/ noun
: a strong or exaggerated pride in one's masculinity

Mach number /ˈmäk/ noun
: a number representing the ratio of the speed of a body (as an aircraft) to the speed of sound in the surrounding atmosphere

ma·cho /mä.ˈchō/ adjective
[origin: Sp, lit., male, fr. L masculus]
: characterized by machismo

mack·er·el /mäk.ər.el/ noun, plural mackerel or mackerels
: a No. Atlantic food fish greenish above and silvery below

mack·i·naw /mäk.ə.näw/ noun
: a short heavy plaid coat

mack·in·tosh also mac·in·tosh /mäk.in.ˈtosh/ noun
1 chiefly British : RAINCOAT
2 : a lightweight waterproof fabric

mac·ra·mé also mac·ra·me /mäkˌrä.mə/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. Ar miqrama coverlet]
: a coarse lace or fringe made by knotting threads or cords in a geometrical pattern

1 macro /ˈmärə/ adjective
: very large; also : involving large quantities or being on a large scale

2 macro noun, plural macros
: a single computer instruction that stands for a sequence of operations

mac·ro·bi·ot·ic /ˌmäk.roˈbē.ət.ɪk/ adjective
: relating to or being a very restricted diet (as one containing chiefly whole cereals or grains)

mac·ro·cosm /ˈmärˌkō.ˈkōz/ noun
: the great world : UNIVERSE

Synonyms
cosmos, creation, nature, universe, world—more at UNIVERSE

macron /ˈmɑːrən/ noun
: a mark _ placed over a vowel (as in māk) to show that the vowel is long

mac·ro·scopic /ˌməˌskrəˈpik/ adjective
: visible to the naked eye

mac·ro·scop·i·cal·ly /ˌməˌskrəˈpi ə le/ adverb

mac·u·la /ˌmækəˈleə/ noun, plural -lae /ˌlɛ, _li/ also -las
: an anatomical spot distinguishable from surrounding tissues

mac·u·lar /ˌmækəˈlər/ adjective

mad /mæd/ adjective mad·der; mad·dest
1 : disordered in mind : INSANE
2 : being rash and foolish
3 : carried away by intense anger : FURIOUS, ENRAGED <~ at myself> <~ about the delay>
4 : carried away by enthusiasm or desire <~ about horses> <~ for the boy next door>
5 : RABID
6 : marked by wild gaiety and merriment
7 : intensely excited : FRANTIC
8 : marked by intense and often chaotic activity : WILD

Synonyms
1, 2 balmy, crazy, cuckoo, daft, foolish, harebrained, insane, lunatic, nonsensical, nutty, screwball, senseless, silly, stupid, wacky—more at FOOLISH
3 angry, boiling, enraged, furious, irate, rabid, sore, wrathful—more at ANGRY
usually mad about [4] crazy, nuts
7, 8 delirious, feverish, fierce, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, furious, rabid, violent, wild—more at FURIOUS

Mad·a·gas·can /ˌmædəˈɡaːs.kən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Madagascar

mad·am /mædəm/ noun
1 plural mes·dames /ˌmɛsˌdɑːm/ — used as a form of polite address to a woman
2 plural madams : the female head of a house of prostitution

ma·dame /məˈdəm/ before a surname also ma·dam /məˈdəm/ noun, plural mes·dames /ˌmɛsˌdɑːm/
: MISTRESS — used as a title equivalent to Mrs. for a married woman not of English-speaking nationality

mad·cap /mædˌkæp/ adjective
: marked by capriciousness, recklessness, or foolishness

madcap noun

Synonyms
: brash, foolhardy, overbold, overconfident, reckless—more at FOOLHARDY

mad cow disease
: a fatal disease of the brain of cattle affecting the nervous system and probably caused by infected tissue in food

mad·den /mædˈn/ verb
: to make mad

Synonyms
: craze, derange, unhinge—more at CRAZE
: anger, antagonize, enrage, incense, inflame, infuriate, outrage, rankle, rile, roil—more at ANGER

mad·den·ing adjective
: tending to infuriate or irritate

mad·den·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
: aggravating, annoying, galling, irritating; also grating, inflaming, provocative, provoking; bothersome, troublesome; enraging, incensing, infuriating; distressing, upsetting; offensive, outrageous
made·der /ma_.d̩ər/ noun  
: a Eurasian herb with yellow flowers and fleshy red roots; also : its root or a dye prepared from it

made past and past participle of make

Ma·dei·ra /ma_.d̩e_.rə/ noun  
: an amber-colored dessert wine

ma·de·moi·selle /ma_.d̩ə_.mə_.zel_.ˌm韦_.mə_.zel_.ˌ/ noun, plural ma·de·moi·selles /ˌzel/. or mes·de·moi·selles /ˌmə_.də_.me_.zel_.ˌm韦_./  
: an unmarried girl or woman — used as a title for an unmarried woman not of English-speaking nationality

made-to-measure adjective  
: custom-made

made-up /má_.ˈda. p/ adjective  
1 : fancifully conceived or falsely devised
2 : marked by the use of makeup

Synonyms  
chimerical, fabulous, fanciful, fantastic, fictitious, imaginary, mythical, phantom, pretend, unreal—more at imaginary

mad·house /mad_.həus/ noun  
1 : a place for the detention and care of the insane
2 : a place of great uproar

Synonyms  
bedlam, circus, hell; also commotion, havoc, pandemonium, racket, ruckus, tumult, turmoil; clamor, clatter, din, hubbub, noise; chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, maelstrom, mess, muss

mad·ly /mad_.lə/ adverb  
1 : in a mad manner
2 : to an extreme or excessive degree

Synonyms  
amok, berserk, frantically, harum-scarum, hectically, helter-skelter, pell-mell, wild, wildly—more at helter-skelter

mad·man /mad_.mən_.ˌmən/ noun  
: lunatic

mad·ness /má_.dnes/ noun  
: the quality or state of being mad

Synonyms  
aberration, dementia, derangement, insanity, lunacy, mania—more at insanity

absurdity, asininity, craziness, folly, foolishness, inanity, silliness, zaniness

Ma·don·na /ma_.ˈdə_.nə/ noun  
: a representation (as a picture or statue) of the Virgin Mary

ma·dras /ma_.d्रəs/. ma·dras.ˌdrəs/ noun  
[origin: Madras, India]  
: a fine usu. cotton fabric with various designs (as plaid)

ma·dras·sa or ma·dra·sa /ma_.ˈdrə_.ˌdrə_./ noun  
: a Muslim school, college, or university that is often part of a mosque

mad·ri·gal /ma_.dri_.gəl/ noun  
[origin: It madrigale]  
1 : a short lyrical poem in a strict poetic form
2 : an elaborate part-song esp. of the 16th and 17th centuries

mad·wom·an /mad_.wə_.mən/ noun  
: a woman who is insane
maelstrom /ˈmālˌstrəm/ noun
1 : a violent whirlpool
2 : TUMULT

maestro /ˈmāstro/ noun, plural maestros or maestri /ˈmāstrē/ [origin: It]
1 : a master in an art
2 : an eminent composer, conductor, or teacher of music

Synonyms

- ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, master, scholar, shark, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at EXPERT

ma-fia /ˈmāˌfēə/ noun [origin: It]
: a secret criminal society of Sicily or Italy; also : a similar organization elsewhere

ma-fi-o-so /ˈmāˌfēˌōˈso/ noun, plural -si /ˈsē/ : a member of the Mafia

mag /ˈmæɡ/ noun
1 : MAGAZINE
2 : MAG

mag abbreviation
1 magnetism
2 magneto
3 magnitude

1 : a storehouse esp. for military supplies
2 : a place for keeping gunpowder in a fort or ship
3 : a publication usu. containing stories, articles, or poems and issued periodically
4 : a container in a gun for holding cartridges; also : a chamber (as on a camera) for film

Synonyms

- depository, depot, repository, storage, storehouse, warehouse—more at STOREHOUSE
- armory, arsenal, depot, dump—more at ARMORY

mag-got /ˈmægˌgot/ noun : the legless wormlike larva of a dipteran fly

— mag-goty adjective

mag-i /ˈmægˌi/ noun plural, often cap
: the three wise men from the East who paid homage to the infant Jesus

1 magic /ˈmæɡˌi/ noun
1 : the use of means (as charms or spells) believed to have supernatural power over natural forces
2 a : an extraordinary power or influence seemingly from a supernatural force
b : something that seems to cast a spell
3 : the art of producing illusions by sleight of hand

Synonyms

- [2a] bewitchment, enchantment, necromancy, sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry; also abracadabra, amulet, charm, fetish, mascot, phylactery, talisman; curse, hex, incantation, jinx, spell; augury, divining, forecasting, foreknowing, foreseeing, foretelling, fortune-telling, predicting, presaging, prognosticating, prophesying, soothsaying; hoodoo, occultism, spiritualism; augur, omen; exorcism; alchemy
- [2b] allure, appeal, attractiveness, captivation, charisma, charm, enchantment, fascination, glamour, magnetism—more at CHARM

2 magic adjective
mag·i·cal /ˈmæɡ.ɪ.kəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to magic
2: resembling magic; also: giving a feeling of enchantment
— mag·i·cal·ly /ˈmæɡ.ɪ.kə.li/ adverb
Synonyms
- miraculous, phenomenal, superhuman, supernatural, uncanny, unearthly—more at SUPERNATURAL

ma·gi·cian /mə.ˈdʒi.ʃən/ noun
•: a person skilled in magic
Synonyms
- conjurer, enchanter, necromancer, sorcerer, voodoo, witch, wizard; also enchantress, hag, hex, sorceress, warlock; medicine man; fortune-teller, prognosticator, prophet, prophet, soothsayer; medium; exorcist

mag·is·te·ri·al /ˌmæɡ.ˈɪs.tər.i.əl/ adjective
1: AUTHORITATIVE
2: of or relating to a magistrate or a magistrate's office or duties

ma·gis·tral /ˈmæɡ.ɪs.trəl/ adjective
•: AUTHORITATIVE

mag·is·trate /ˈmæɡ.ɪs.træt/ noun
•: an official entrusted with administration of the laws
— mag·is·tra·cy /ˌmæɡ.ɪs.trə.sɪ/ noun
Synonyms
- bench, court, judge, justice—more at JUDGE

mag·lev /ˈmæɡ.lev/ noun
1: the use of magnetic fields to float an object above a solid surface
2: a train using maglev technology

mag·ma /ˈmæɡ.mə/ noun
•: molten rock material within the earth
— mag·mat·ic /ˈmæɡ.ˈmæ.tɪk/ adjective

mag·nan·i·mous /ˈmæɡ.nə.nə.məs/ adjective
1: showing or suggesting a lofty and courageous spirit
2: showing or suggesting nobility of feeling and generosity of mind
— mag·nan·i·mous·ly /ˈmæɡ.nə.nə.məs.əli/ adverb
Synonyms
- chivalrous, gallant, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lofty, lordly, noble, sublime—more at NOBLE

mag·nan·i·mous·ness noun

mag·nate /ˈmæɡ.nə.tət/ noun
•: a person of rank, influence, or distinction
Synonyms
- baron, czar, king, mogul, prince, tycoon; also big shot, bigwig, figure, nabob, notable, personage, VIP; celebrity, personality, star; plutocrat

mag·ne·sia /ˈmæɡ.nə.siə/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. magnes carnea, a white earth, lit., flesh magnet]
mag·ne·sium /ˌmægˈnəs.iəm/ noun
: a light white oxide of magnesium used as a laxative

mag·net /ˈmæɡ.nət/ noun
1 : LODESTONE
2 : a body that is able to attract iron
3 ▶ : something that attracts
   Synonyms
   ▶ attraction, draw, lodestone; also capital, cynosure, mecca; allure, bait, enticement, fascination, lure, temptation; appeal, call; incentive, inducement, persuasion, spur

mag·net·ic /ˈmæɡ.nə.tɪk/ adjective
1 ▶ : having an unusual ability to attract <a ~ leader>
2 : of or relating to a magnet or magnetism
3 : magnetized or capable of being magnetized
   — mag·net·i·cal·ly /ˈmæɡ.nə.tɪ.kə.ləlē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ alluring, attractive, captivating, charming, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, seductive—more at FASCINATING

magnetic disk noun
: DISK 3

magnetic levitation noun
: MAGLEV 1

magnetic north noun
: the northerly direction in the earth's magnetic field indicated by the north-seeking pole of a compass needle

magnetic resonance imaging noun
: a noninvasive diagnostic technique that produces computerized images of internal body tissues based on electromagnetically induced activity of atoms within the body

magnetic tape noun
: a ribbon coated with a magnetic material on which information (as sound) may be stored

mag·ne·tize British variant of MAGNETIZE
v-tized; -tiz·ing
1 : to induce magnetic properties in
2 : to attract like a magnet : CHARM
   — mag·ne·tiz·able adjective
   — mag·ne·ti·za·tion /ˌmæɡ.nə.təˌzi.ʃən/ noun
   — mag·ne·ti·zer noun

mag·ne·tite /ˌmæɡ.nə.tət/ noun
: a black mineral that is an important iron ore

mag·ne·tize /ˈmæɡ.nə.ˌtiz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
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mag·ne·tom·e·ter /ˌmæɡ.nə.ˌtə.mə.ˈter/ noun
: a generator used to produce sparks in an internal combustion engine
An instrument for measuring the strength of a magnetic field

**mag-neto-sphere** /ˈmæg-nə-tō-ˈsfer/ noun

A region around a celestial object (usually the Earth) in which charged particles are trapped by its magnetic field.

**mag-neto-spheric** /ˈmæg-nə-tō-ˈsfer-ik/ adjective

**mag-nifi-ca-tion** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈfɪ-kən/ noun

1: the act of magnifying
2: the amount by which an optical lens or instrument magnifies

**Synonyms**
- caricature, elaboration, embellishment, exaggeration, hyperbole, overstatement, padding—more at **EXAGGERATION**

**mag-nifi-cence** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈfi-sən/ noun

1: the quality or state of being magnificent
2: splendor of surroundings

**Synonyms**
- augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness; also marvelousness, wondrousness; lavishness, luxuriance, luxury, opulence; grandiosity, ostentation, pretentiousness; flashiness, gaudiness, ornateness, showiness; remarkableness

**mag-nifi-cent** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈfi-sənt/ adjective

1: characterized by grandeur or beauty: **SPLENDID**
2: EXALTED, NOBLE

**mag-nifi-cent-ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at **GRAND**

**mag-nifi-co** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈfi-kō/ noun, plural -coes or -cos

1: a nobleman of Venice
2: a person of high position

**mag-nify** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈfai/ verb -fied; -fy·ing

1 a: to praise highly: **EXTOL, LAUD**
b: to cause to be held in greater esteem
2 a: to increase in significance: **INTENSIFY**
b: to enlarge beyond bounds or the truth: **EXAGGERATE**
3: to enlarge in fact or in appearance: "a microscope magnifies an object"

**Synonyms**
- [1b] aggrandize, dignify, ennoble, exalt, glorify—more at **EXALT**
- [2a] amplify, beef, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, redouble, step up, strengthen—more at **INTENSIFY**
- [2b] color, elaborate, embellish, embroider, exaggerate, pad, stretch—more at **EMBROIDER**

**mag-nil-o-quent** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈle-kwənt/ adjective

Characterized by an exalted and often bombastic style or manner

**mag-nil-o-quence** /ˈmæg-nə-ˈle-kwəns/ noun

**mag-nitude** /ˈmæg-nə-ti-d/ noun

1: greatness of size or extent
2: spatial quality: **SIZE**
3: **QUANTITY**
4: a number representing the brightness of a celestial body
5: the importance, quality, or caliber of something
6: a number representing the intensity of an earthquake

**Synonyms**
- [1] enormity, hugeness, immensity, massiveness, vastness—more at **IMMENSITY**
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|                 | 2: a person who chatters noisily                                              |
| Synonyms        | chatterbox, jabberer, talker—more at CHATTERBOX                            |
| Mag·yar /mɑɡˈjaːr, mɑːˈjɑːr/ noun | a member of the dominant people of Hungary                                   |
| Synonyms        | — Magyar adjective                                                           |
| ma·ha·ra·ja or ma·ha·ra·jah /mɑˈhe.ˈrɑːˌja/ noun | a Hindu prince ranking above a raja                                           |
| ma·ha·ra·ni or ma·ha·ra·nee /ˈrɑːˌnɛ/ noun | 1: the wife of a maharaja                                                   
|                 | 2: a Hindu princess ranking above a rani                                     |
| ma·ha·ri·shi /mɑˈhe.ˈɾe.ʃi/ noun | a Hindu teacher of mystical knowledge                                         |
| ma·hat·ma /mɑˈhɑt.ˈmɑ/ noun | [Origin: Skt mahāman, fr. mahāman great-souled, fr. mahat great + ātman soul]  
|                 | a person revered for high-mindedness, wisdom, and selflessness               |
| Ma·hi·can /mɑˈhe.ˈkæn or Mo·hi·can /moʊˈhe.ˈkæn/ noun, plural -cans | a member of an American Indian people of the upper Hudson River valley       |
| ma·hog·a·ny /mɑˈhɑɡ.ˈneɪ/ noun, plural -nies | the reddish wood of any of various chiefly tropical trees that is used in furniture; also: a tree yielding this wood |
| ma·hout /mɑˈhowt/ noun | [Origin: Hindi & Urdu mahāwat, mahāut] a keeper and driver of an elephant |
| maid /mɑd/ noun | 1: an unmarried girl or young woman                                           |
|                 | 2: a female servant: MAIDSERVANT                                              |
| Synonyms        | domestic, girl, housemaid, maidservant; also chambermaid, attendant, handmaiden (or handmaid), lady-in-waiting; nursemaid |
| 1maiden /mɑdˈmən/ noun | a unmarried girl or young woman: MAID                                            |
|                | — maiden·en·ly adjective                                                       |
| Synonyms        | doll, girl, lass, maid, miss—more at GIRL                                    |
| 2maiden adjective | 1: UNMARRIED; also: VIRGIN                                                      |
|                 | 2: of, relating to, or befitting a maiden                                     |
|                 | 3: preceding all others in time or order: FIRST ~ voyage                      |
| Synonyms        | — maiden·en·ly adjective                                                       |
maid·en·hair fern /ˈmɑd.ˈhār/ noun
: any of a genus of ferns with delicate feathery fronds

maid·en·head /ˈmɑd.ˈhēd/ noun
1: VIRGINITY
2: HYMEN

maid·en·hood /ˈmɑd.ˈhūd/ noun
: the condition or time of being a maiden

maid–in–waiting noun, plural maids–in–waiting
: a young woman appointed to attend a queen or princess

maid of honor
: a bride's principal unmarried wedding attendant

maid·ser·vant /ˈmɑd.ˈsərˌvənt/ noun
¬: a girl or woman who is a servant

Synonyms
domestic, housemaid, maid—more at MAID

1 mail /mæl/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME male bag, fr. AF, of Gmc origin]
1: something sent or carried in the postal system
2: a nation's postal system — often used in pl.

2 mail verb
: to send by mail

3 mail noun
[ORIGIN: ME maille metal link, mail, fr. AF, fr. L macula spot, mesh]
: armor made of metal links or plates

mail·box /ˈmɑl.bæks/ noun
1: a public box for the collection of mail
2: a private box for the delivery of mail

mail carrier noun
: LETTER CARRIER

mail·man /ˈmælmən/ noun
¬: a man who delivers mail

Synonyms
letter carrier, postman—more at POSTMAN

maim /meɪm/ verb
¬: to mutilate, disfigure, or wound seriously : CRIPPLE

Synonyms
cripple, disable, lame, mutilate; also dismember, hamstring, hobble; batter, bruise, bung (up), mangle, maull, rough (up); gore, lacerate, wound; disfigure, scar; break, damage, harm, hurt, impair, injure; bash, beat, belt, bludgeon, buffet, drub, hammer, lace, lambaste, lick, paste, pelt, pound, pummel, thump; bang, box, hit, punch, slap, smack, smash, sock, spank, swath, swipe, thrash, thwack, whack; flog, lash, wallop, whip; kill, murder; torment, torture

1 main /meɪn/ noun
1 ¬: physical strength : FORCE <with might and ~> 
2: MAINLAND; also: HIGH SEA 
3 ¬: the chief part
4: a principal pipe, duct, or circuit of a utility system

Synonyms
main adjective
1 ▪ of greatest importance or influence : CHIEF, PRINCIPAL
2 ▪ fully exerted <~ force>
3 ▪ expressing the chief predication in a complex sentence <the ~ clause>


main-frame /mänˌfrän/ noun
: a large fast computer

main-land /ˌland, _ənd/ noun
: a continuous body of land constituting the chief part of a country or continent

main-line /ˌlān/ verb, slang
: to inject a narcotic drug into a vein

main line noun
: a principal highway or railroad line

main-ly /mänˈle/ adverb
▪ : for the most part : CHIEFLY

main-mast /mänˌmæst, _mæst/ noun
: the principal mast on a sailing ship

main-sail /ˌsāl, _səl/ noun
: the largest sail on the mainmast

main-spring /ˌsprin/ noun
1 ▪ the chief spring in a mechanism (as of a watch)
2 ▪ the chief motive, agent, or cause

main-stay /ˌstå/ noun
1 ▪ a stay running from the head of the mainmast to the foot of the foremost
2 ▪ a chief support

main-stream /ˌstrēm/ noun
: a prevailing current or direction of activity or influence

main-ten-ant /mänˈtən/ noun
[origin: ME. maintenent, fr. AF maintenir, maynteiner, fr. ML manutenēre, fr. L manu tenēre to hold in the hand]
1 ▪ to keep in an existing state (as of repair)
2 ▪ to sustain against opposition or danger
3 ▪ to continue in : CARRY ON
4 ▪ to provide for : SUPPORT
5 ▪ to affirm in or as if in argument : ASSERT

main-ten-ance /ˌstən/ noun
: the keeping in an existing state

main-ten-er /mänˈtənər/ noun
: someone who keeps in good condition something that is to be used over a long period

maintain verb
[origin: ME. maintenance, fr. maintenent, fr. AF maintenire, maintenir, maynteiner, fr. ML, fr. L manutenēre, to hold, from manus hand, manus	tenēre to hold in the hand]
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main-ten-er noun
: someone who keeps in good condition something that is to be used over a long period
underline, underscore

[5] affirm, allege, argue, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, profess, protest, warrant
more at CLAIM

main-tain-able /män’t.nəbəl/ adjective

- main-tain-abil-i-ty /ˌmän’t.nəˈbil.i.tē/ noun

  Synonyms
  - defensible, justifiable, sustainable, tenable—more at TENABLE

main-te-nance /măn’t.nəns/ noun

- the act of maintaining : the state of being maintained

  Synonyms
  - conservation, preservation, upkeep; also support, sustaining; care, guardianship; defense, guarding, protection, safeguarding, safekeeping

main-top /män’t.ăp/ noun

- a platform at the head of the mainmast of a square-rigged ship

mai·son·ette /ˌmāz.əˈnet/ noun

1. a small house
2. an apartment often on two floors

mai tai /mā.tē/ noun

- a cocktail made with liquors and fruit juices

mai·tre d’ or mai·tre d’ /ˌmā.trē.ˈdē/ , me/ noun, plural maîtres d'hôtel or maitre d's /ˈdēz/

- MAÎTRE D'HÔTEL

mai·tre d'hôtel /ˌmā.trē.ˈdē.əl, .me/ noun, plural maîtres d'hôtel /same/

[origin: F, lit., master of house]

1. MAJOR
2. HEADWAITER

maize /ˈmāz/ noun

- INDIAN CORN

Maj abbreviation

major

ma·jes·tic /maˌjes.tik/ adjective

- having or exhibiting majesty

  Synonyms
  - august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND

ma·jes·ty /maˌjes.tē/ noun, plural -ties

1. sovereign power, authority, or dignity; also : the person of a sovereign — used as a title
2. greatness or splendor of quality or character

  Synonyms
  - augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE

Maj Gen abbreviation

Major General

ma·jol·i·ca /maˈjô.likə/ also maˈjol·i·ca /ˈyä/ noun

- any of several faïences; especially : an Italian tin-glazed pottery

major /ˈmā.jər/ adjective

1. greater in number, extent, or importance <a ~ poet>
2: notable or conspicuous in effect or scope <a ~ improvement>
3: SERIOUS <a ~ illness>
4: having half steps between the 3d and 4th and the 7th and 8th degrees <~ scale>; also: based on a major scale <~ key> <~ chord>

Synonyms
big, consequential, eventful, important, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty—
more at IMPORTANT

major noun
1: a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a lieutenant colonel
2: an academic subject chosen as a field of specialization; also: a student specializing in such a field

major verb
: to pursue an academic major

major general noun
: a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a lieutenant general

majority noun
1: the age at which full civil rights are accorded; also: the status of one who has attained this age
2: a number greater than half of a total; also: the excess of this greater number over the remainder
3: the rank of a major

ma·jus·cule /ma_ jas_ky_ôl, ma_ jas_/: noun
: a large letter (as a capital)

Ma·kah /ma_ kåh/ noun, plural Makah or Makahs
: a member of an American Indian tribe of the northwest coast of N. America

make /mäk/ verb made /mäd/, mak·ing
1 a: to cause to exist, occur, or appear
   b: DESTINE <was made to be an actor>
2 a: to bring into being by forming, shaping, or altering material <a dress>
   b: COMPOSE
3: to formulate in the mind <plan>
4: to put together from components <house made of stone>
5: to compute or estimate to be
6: to set in order: PREPARE <bed>
7: to cause to be or become; also: APPOINT
8 a: to establish by legal and authoritative act: ENACT
   b: EXECUTE <will>
9: CONCLUDE <didn't know what to do of it>
10 a: to carry out (an action indicated or implied by the object) <war>
   b: to perform with a bodily movement <a gesture>
11: to cause to act in a certain way: COMPEL
12: to assure the success of <will us or break us>
13: to amount to in significance <s no difference>
14: to be capable of developing or being fashioned into
15: to reach as an end: ATTAIN; also: GAIN
16: to start out: GO
17: to have weight or effect <s for safer driving>
18: to act so as to be or to seem to be <merry>
19 †: to gain (as money) by working, trading, or dealing
   — make·er noun
   — make believe
     : PRETEND
   — make do
     : to manage with the means at hand
   — make fun of
     : RIDICULE, MOCK
   — make good
     1: INDEMNIFY <make good the loss>; also: to carry out successfully <make good his promise>
     2: SUCCEED
   — make way
     1: to give room for passing, entering, or occupying
     2: to make progress
       Synonyms
         › [1a] bring about, cause, create, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, produce, prompt, result, work, yield
         › [2a] fabricate, fashion, form, frame, manufacture, produce; also assemble, build, construct, erect, make up, put up, raise, rear, structure, throw up; craft, handcraft; forge, mold, shape; prefabricate; create, invent, originate; establish, father, institute, organize; concoct, contrive, cook up, design, devise, imagine, think (up); conceive, envisage, picture, visualize; refashion, remake, remanufacture
         › [4] assemble, build, construct, erect, fabricate, make up, piece, put up, raise, rear, set up—more at BUILD
         › [5] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, place, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE
         › [10a] accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, compass, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, perform—more at PERFORM
         › [19] acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, get, land, obtain, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN

2 make noun
   1: the manner or style of construction; also: BRAND
   2 : MAKEUP
   3 : the action of manufacturing
     — on the make
       : in search of wealth, social status, or sexual adventure
     → 1make–believe /'mākˌbēˌlēv/ noun
       : a pretending that what is not real is real
     → 2make–believe adjective
       : existing only in the imagination
     → make–do /ˌmākˈdō/ adjective
       : MAKESHIFT

make out verb
   1 : to draw up in writing <make out a list>
   2 †: to find or grasp the meaning of <can you make that out>
   3 : to represent as being
   4 : to pretend to be true
   5 : DISCERN <make out a ship in the fog>
   6 †: to meet one's needs : GET ALONG, FARE <make out well in life>
   7 †: to engage in amorous kissing and caressing
       Synonyms
         › [2] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, perceive, see, seize, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND
         › [6] cope, do, fare, get along, manage, shift—more at GET ALONG
         › [7] kiss, pet
make over verb
1  ▶: to transfer the title of (property)
2  ▶: to make anew or in a different form
— make·over /māˌkərˌvā/ noun
   Synonyms
     ▶ [1] alienate, assign, cede, deed, transfer—more at TRANSFER
     ▶ [2] alter, change, convert, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE

1 makeshift /mākˌshift/ noun
   : a temporary expedient

2 makeshift adjective
   : serving as a temporary expedient

make-up /māˌkāp/ noun
1 ▶: the way in which something is put together; also: physical, mental, and moral constitution
2 : cosmetics esp. for the face; also: materials (as wigs and cosmetics) used in making up
   Synonyms
     ▶ arrangement, composition, configuration, design, form, format, layout, pattern—more at COMPOSITION

make up verb
1 a  ▶: to form by fitting together or assembling
   b ▶: to form the substance of: COMPOSE
2 ▶: to compensate for (as a deficiency or omission) <make up for lost time>
3 ▶: SETTLE <made up my mind>
4 ▶: to devise by thinking: INVENT, IMPROVISE
5 ▶: to become reconciled
6 ▶: to put on makeup (as for a play)
   Synonyms
     ▶ [1b] compose, comprise, constitute, form—more at CONSTITUTE
     ▶ usually make up for [2] annul, cancel, compensate, correct, counteract, counterbalance, neutralize, offset—more at OFFSET
     ▶ [4] concoct, contrive, cook, devise, fabricate, improvise, invent, manufacture, think—more at INVENT

make–work /mākˌwārk/ noun
   : BUSYWORK

mak·ings /mākˈiŋz/ noun plural
   : the material from which something is made

Mal abbreviation
Malachi

Mal-a·chi /maˈleˌkī/ noun
   : a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

Mal-a·chi·as /maˈlaˌkēs/ noun
   : MALACHI

mal·a·chite /maˈleˌkīt/ noun
   : a mineral that is a green carbonate of copper used for making ornamental objects

mal·adapt·ed /maˈleˌdāpˈtēd/ adjective
   : poorly suited to a particular use, purpose, or situation

mal·ad·just·ed /maˈleˌjasˈtēd/ adjective
   : poorly or inadequately adjusted (as to one’s environment)
   — mal·ad·just·ment /ˌjāstˈment/ noun

mal·adro·it /maˈleˌdrōt/ adjective
mal·a·dy /ˈmaˌle.ðə/ noun, plural -dies
\: a disease or disorder of body or mind

Synonyms
\: affection, ailment, bug, complaint, complication, condition, disease, disorder, fever, ill, illness, infirmity, sickness, trouble—more at DISEASE

mal·aise /ˌme.ˈlāz, ma/ noun
[origin: Fr.]
\: a hazy feeling of not being well

mal·a·mute /ˈmaˌlaˌmyūt/ noun
\: a dog often used to draw sleds esp. in northern No. America

mal·a·prop·ism /ˌmaˌlāˌprōˌpizəm/ noun
\: a usu. humorous misuse of a word

mal·ap·ro·pos /ˌmaˌlāˈprōˌpōs, maˌlaˈprōˌpōs/ adverb
\: in an inappropriate or inopportune way

— malapropos adjective

ma·lar·ia /maˌlär.ē.a/ noun
[origin: It., fr. mala aria bad air]
\: a disease marked by recurring chills and fever and caused by a protozoan parasite of the blood that is transmitted by anopheles mosquitoes

— ma·lar·i·al adjective

ma·lar·key /maˌlärˈkē/ noun
\: insincere or foolish talk

mal·a·thi·on /ˌmaˌlāˌthé.ən/ noun
\: an insecticide with a relatively low toxicity for mammals

Ma·la·wi·an /maˌlaˌwē.ən/ noun
\: a native or inhabitant of Malawi

— Malawian adjective

Ma·lay /maˌlā.ˈlā/, ˈmāˌlā/ noun
1 \: a member of a people of the Malay Peninsula and Archipelago
2 \: the language of the Malays

— Malay adjective

— Ma·lay·an noun or adjective

Ma·lay·sian /maˌlā.ˈzhān, ˈmāˌlān/ noun
\: a native or inhabitant of Malaysia

— Malaysian adjective

mal·con·tent /ˌmalˈkənˌtent/ adjective
\: marked by a dissatisfaction with the existing state of affairs: DISCONTENTED

— malcontent noun

Synonyms
\: aggrieved, discontent, discontented, dissatisfied—more at DISCONTENTED

mal de mer /ˌmaˌdāˈmər/ noun
[origin: Fr.]
\: SEASICKNESS

ˈmale /ˈmāl/ adjective
1 \: of, relating to, or being the sex that produces germ cells which fertilize the eggs of a female; also: STAMINATE
male·ness noun

Synonyms
- man-size, manly, mannish, masculine, virile—more at MASCULINE

male noun

: a male individual

Synonyms
- buck, chap, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, man—more at MAN

male·dic·tion /ˌmeɪ.ləˈdɪk.ʃən/ noun

: a prayer or invocation for harm or injury to come upon one : CURSE, EXCREATION

Synonyms
- anathema, curse, excommunication, imprecation—more at CURSE

male·fac·tion /ˌmeɪ.ləˈfæk.ʃən/ noun

: an evil deed

Synonyms
- breach, crime, error, misdeed, misdoing, offense, sin, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing—more at OFFENSE

male·fac·tor /ˌmeɪ.ləˈfæk.tər/ noun

: one who does ill toward another; especially: one who commits an offense against the law

Synonyms
- criminal, crook, culprit, felon, lawbreaker, offender—more at CRIMINAL

ma·lef·ic /ˈmeɪ.ləˌfɪk/ adjective

1: BALEFUL
2: MALICIOUS

ma·lef·i·cent /ˈmeɪ.ləˌfəs.ənt/ adjective

: working or productive of harm or evil

ma·lev·o·lence /ˈmeɪ.ləˌve.ələns/ noun

: the quality or state of being malevolent

ma·lev·o·lent /ˈmeɪ.ləˌve.ələnt/ adjective

: having, showing, or arising from ill will, spite, or hatred

Synonyms
- catty, cruel, hateful, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful, virulent—more at HATEFUL

mal·fea·sance /ˈmal.ˈfēz.əns/ noun

: wrongful conduct esp. by a public official

Synonyms
- misbehavior, misconduct, misdoing, wrongdoing—more at MISCONDUCT

mal·for·ma·tion /ˈmal.ˌfɔr.mə.ʃən/ noun

: irregular or faulty formation or structure; also: an instance of this

mal·formed /ˈmal.ˌfɔrməd/ adjective

: characterized by malformation

Synonyms
- deformed, distorted, misshapen, monstrous, shapeless; also defaced, disfigured; aberrant, abnormal, freakish, mutant; asymmetric, crooked, disproportionate, irregular, lopsided, unbalanced, unequal; horrible, terrible; ugly, unattractive

Antonyms
- shapely

mal·func·tion /ˈmal.ˌfəŋk.ʃən/ verb

: to fail to operate normally

— malfunction noun
Ma·li·an /məˈliːən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Mali
— Malian adjective
mal·i·ce /məˈlis/ noun
: desire to cause injury or distress to another

  Synonyms
  cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, spleen, venom, viciousness; also abusiveness, cruelty; abhorrence, abomination, execration, hate, hatred, loathing; animosity, antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, enmity, grudge, hostility, ill will, jaundice, rancor, resentment; vindictiveness; aversion, disgust, distaste, horror, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion; contempt, disdain; jealousy, pique, resentment, scorn; bile, rancor, virulence, vitriol

ma·li·cious /məˈliːʃəs/ adjective
: given to, marked by, or arising from malice

  Synonyms
  catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful, virulent—more at HATEFUL

ma·li·cious·ly /ˈliːʃəl/ adverb
: in a malicious manner

  Synonyms
  hatefully, meanly, nastily, spitefully, viciously, wickedly—more at NASTILY

1 mal·i·gn /məˈlɪŋ/ adjective
1 : evil in nature, influence, or effect; also: MALICIOUS
2 : moved by ill will

  Synonyms
  [1, 2] catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful, virulent—more at HATEFUL

2 mal·i·gn verb
: to speak evil of: DEFAME

  Synonyms
  blacken, defame, libel, slander, smear, traduce, vilify—more at SLANDER

ma·li·gn·an·cy /məˈlɪgnən sē/ noun
: the quality or state of being malignant

ma·li·gn·ant /məˈlɪgnənt/ adjective
1 : passionately and relentlessly malevolent: MALICIOUS
2 : tending to produce death or deterioration <a ~ tumor>

  Synonyms
  catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful, virulent—more at HATEFUL

ma·li·gn·ant·ly /ˈlɪŋl/ adverb
: in a malignant manner

ma·li·gn·ni·ty /məˈlɪgnən tē/ noun
: the quality or state of being malignant

  Synonyms
  cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, spleen, venom, viciousness—more at MALICE

ma·lin·ger /məˈлин dʒər/ verb
[Origin: F malingre sickly]
: to pretend illness so as to avoid duty
— ma·lin·ger·er noun

mal·i·son /məˈlɪ sa nˌzan/ noun
: CURSE

mall /mɔl, ˈmɔl/ noun
1 : a shaded walk: PROMENADE
2: an urban shopping area featuring a variety of shops surrounding a concourse
3: a usu. large enclosed suburban shopping area containing various shops

mal·lard /maˈlɑrd/ noun, plural mallard or mallards
: a common wild duck that is the source of domestic ducks

mal·e·a·ble /maˈleɪəbəl/ adjective
1: capable of being extended or shaped by beating with a hammer or by the pressure of rollers
2 a : capable of being altered or controlled by outside forces or influences
b : having a capacity for adaptive change
— mal·e·a·bil·i·ty /maˈleɪəbilɪ-teɪ/ noun
  Synonyms
   ▶ adaptable, adjustable, changeable, elastic, flexible, fluid, variable—more at FLEXIBLE

mal·let /maˈleɪt/ noun
1: a tool with a large head for driving another tool or for striking a surface without marring it
2: a long-handled hammerlike implement for striking a ball (as in croquet)

mal·le·us /maˈlɛəs/ noun, plural mal·lei /maˈliə/ [origin: NL, fr. L, hammer]
: the outermost of the three small bones of the mammalian middle ear

mal·low /maˈləʊ/ noun
: any of a genus of herbs with lobed leaves, usu. showy flowers, and a disk-shaped fruit

mal·mey /məˈmɛ/ noun, often cap
: the sweetest variety of Madeira

mal·nour·ished /maˈnɔrɪʃt/ adjective
: UNDERNOURISHED

mal·nu·tri·tion /maˈnʌtriʃən/ noun
: faulty and esp. inadequate nutrition

mal·oc·cu·sion /maˌlɑkəˈziʃən/ noun
: faulty coming together of teeth in biting

mal·o·do·rous /maˌloʊˈdɔrəs/ adjective
▶: ill-smelling
— mal·o·do·rous·ly adverb
— mal·o·do·rous·ness noun
  Synonyms
   ▶ fetid, foul, dusty, musty, noisome, rank, reeky, smelly, strong; also putrid, rancid, stale; bad, disgusting,
   offensive, repulsive, revolting, vile; decayed, decaying, rotted, rotten, rotting, spoiled, spoiling; dirty, filthy,
   nasty, noxious; odorous
  Antonyms
   ambrosial, aromatic, fragrant, perfumed, redolent, savory, scented, sweet

mal·prac·tice /maˈpræktɪs/ noun
: a dereliction of professional duty or a failure of professional skill that results in injury, loss, or damage

mal·t /maʊt/ noun
1: grain and esp. barley steeped in water until it has sprouted and used in brewing and distilling
2: liquor made with malt
— malty adjective

malted milk /maˈlæd/ noun
: a powder prepared from dried milk and an extract from malt; also : a beverage of this powder in milk or other liquid

Mal·thu·sian /maˈθjuːʃən/ adjective
: of or relating to a theory that population unless checked (as by war) tends to increase faster than its means of subsistence
— Malthusian noun
— Mal·thu·sian·ism /ˌmæl.ˈθu.zən/ noun
malt·ose /ˈmɑl.əs/ noun
: a sugar formed esp. from starch by the action of enzymes
mal·treat /malˈtrēt/ verb
▷ : to treat cruelly or roughly
mal·treat·ment noun
   Synonyms
   ▷ abuse, ill-treat, manhandle, mishandle, mistreat, misuse—more at ABUSE
ma·ma also mam·ma /ˈmɑ.ˌmɑ/ noun
: a female parent : MOTHER
mam·bo /ˈmæm.ˈbəʊ/ noun, plural mambos
: a dance of Cuban origin related to the rumba
mam·mal /ˈmæm.əl/ noun
[origin: NL Mammalia, fr. LL, neut. pl. of mammalis of the breast, fr. L mamma breast]
: any of a class of warm-blooded vertebrates that includes humans and all other animals which nourish their young with milk and have the skin more or less covered with hair
mam·ma·li·an adjective or noun
mam·ma·ry adjective
: of, relating to, or being the glands (mammary glands) that in female mammals secrete milk
mam·mo·gram /ˈmæm.əˌɡram/ noun
: an X-ray photograph of the breasts
mam·mog·ra·phy /ˈmæm.əˌɡra.фи/ noun
: X-ray examination of the breasts (as for early detection of cancer)
mam·mon /ˈmæm.ən/ noun, often cap
: material wealth having a debasing influence
1 mam·moth /ˈmæm.əθ/ noun
   1 : any of a genus of large hairy extinct elephants
   2 ▷ : something immense of its kind
      Synonyms
      ▷ behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, monster, titan, whale, whopper—more at GIANT
2 mam·moth adjective
   : of very great size : GIGANTIC
1 man /mæn/ noun, plural men /men/
   1 a ▷ : a human being
   b ▷ : an adult male
   2 ▷ : the human race : MANKIND
   3 : one possessing in high degree the qualities considered distinctive of manhood
   4 : an adult male servant or employee
   5 : the individual who can fulfill one's requirements <he's your -->
   6 : one of the pieces with which various games (as chess) are played; also: one of the players on a team
   7 often cap : white society or people <having difficulty coping with the Man>
   8 ▷ : a male lover
      Synonyms
      ▷ [1a] being, body, creature, customer, devil, guy, head, heart, human, individual, life, mortal, party, person, scout, sort, soul, specimen, thing—more at HUMAN
      ▷ [1b] buck, chap, dude, fellow, gent, gentleman, guy, hombre, jack, joker, lad, male; also master, mister, sir
      ▷ [2] Homo sapiens, humanity, humankind, mankind—more at MANKIND
      ▷ [8] beau, boyfriend, fellow, swain—more at BOYFRIEND
2 man verb *manned*; man·ning
   1 : to supply with men <~ a fleet>
   2 : FORTIFY, BRACE

3 man abbreviation
   manual

Man abbreviation
   Manitoba

man·about·town noun, plural men·about·town
   : a worldly and socially active man

man·acle /maˈniˌkl/ noun
   1 : a shackle for the hand or wrist
   2 : something used as a restraint
      Synonyms
      ➢ [1, 2] band, bond, chain, fetter, irons, ligature, shackle—more at BOND

man·age /maˈniʒ/ verb man·aged; man·ag·ing
   1 ➢ : to handle or direct with a degree of skill
   2 : to make and keep compliant
   3 : to treat with care : HUSBAND
   4 ➢ : to achieve one's purpose; also : get on or along
      — man·age·abil·i·ty /maˌniˈje.əˈbəl.i.tē/ noun
      — man·age·able /maˈniˌje.əbəl/ adjective
      — man·age·able·ness noun
      — man·age·ably /ˈbəl.i/ adverb
      Synonyms
      ➢ [1] contend, cope, grapple, handle, maneuver, negotiate, swing, treat—more at HANDLE
      ➢ [1] administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT
      ➢ [4] cope, do, fare, get along, make out, shift—more at GET ALONG

managed care noun
   : a health-care system that controls costs by limiting doctor's fees and by restricting the patient's choice of doctors

man·age·ment /maˈni.jənt/ noun
   1 ➢ : the act or art of managing : CONTROL
   2 : judicious use of means to accomplish an end
   3 : the group of those who manage or direct an enterprise
      Synonyms
      ➢ administration, conduct, control, direction, government, guidance, operation, oversight, regulation, running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT

man·ag·er /maˈni.jər/ noun
   ➢ : one that manages
      Synonyms
      ➢ administrator, director, executive, superintendent, supervisor—more at EXECUTIVE

man·a·ge·ri·al /maˌna.ˈje rij.əl/ adjective
   ➢ : of, relating to, or characteristic of a manager
      Synonyms
      ➢ directorial, executive, supervisory—more at EXECUTIVE

ma·ña·na /manˈyänə/ noun
   [ORIGIN: Sp, lit., tomorrow]
   : an indefinite time in the future

man·at·arms noun, plural men·at·arms
man·a·tee /ˈmæn.əˌtiː/ noun
: any of a genus of chiefly tropical plant-eating aquatic mammals having a broad rounded tail

Synonyms
fighter, legionnaire, regular, serviceman, soldier, warrior—more at SOLDIER

Man·chur·i·an /mənˈʃʊr.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Manchuria, China
— Manchurian adjective

man·ci·ple /ˈmæn.ʃə.pled/ noun
: a steward or purveyor esp. for a college or monastery

man·da·mus /ˈmæn.ˈda.məs/ noun
[origin: L, we enjoin]
: a writ issued by a superior court commanding that an official act or duty be performed

Synonyms
authorization, commission, delegation, license—more at COMMISSION

man·da·rin /ˈmæn.ˈdrən/ noun
1 : a public official of high rank under the Chinese Empire
2 cap: the chief dialect group of China
3 : a yellow to reddish orange loose-skinned citrus fruit; also: a tree that bears mandarins

Synonyms
essential, indispensable, needed, requisite; insistent, persistent, pressing, urgent; demanded; coercive
Antonyms
elective, optional, voluntary

man·date /ˈmæn.ˈdɑt/ noun
1 : an authoritative command
2 : an authorization to act given to a representative
3 : a commission granted by the League of Nations to a member nation for governing conquered territory; also: a territory so governed

Synonyms
authorization, commission, delegation, license—more at COMMISSION

man·da·to·ry /ˈmæn.ˈdætər.i/ adjective
1 : containing or constituting a command: OBLIGATORY
2 : of or relating to a League of Nations mandate

Synonyms
compulsory, imperative, incumbent, involuntary, necessary, nonelective, obligatory, peremptory; also essential, indispensable, needed, requisite; insistent, persistent, pressing, urgent; demanded; coercive
Antonyms
elective, optional, voluntary

man·di·ble /ˈmæn.ˈdi.ble/ noun
1 : JAW; especially: a lower jaw
2 : either segment of a bird's bill

— man·di·bu·lar /ˈmæn.ˈdi.ˈbu.lar/ adjective

man·do·lin /ˈmæn.ˈdələn/ noun
: a stringed musical instrument with a pear-shaped body and a fretted neck

man·drake /ˈmæn.ˈdræk/ noun
1 : an Old World herb related to the nightshades or its large forked root formerly credited with magical properties
2 : MAYAPPLE

man·drel also man·drel /ˈmæn.ˈdrel/ noun
1 : an axle or spindle inserted into a hole in a piece of work to support it during machining
2 : a metal bar used as a core around which material may be cast, shaped, or molded

man·drill /ˈmæn.ˈdral/ noun
: a large baboon of western central Africa

mane /ˈmæn/ noun
: long heavy hair growing about the neck of some mammals (as a horse)
— maned /ˈmænd/ adjective
man·eat·er /ˈman-ətər/ noun
: one (as a shark or cannibal) that has or is thought to have an appetite for human flesh
— man·eat·ing adjective

man·ègé /maˈnez̪ə/ noun
: the art of horsemanship or of training horses

ma·nès /məˈnāz̪, məˈnēz̪/ noun plural, often cap
: the spirits of the dead and gods of the lower world in ancient Roman belief

1maneuver /ˌmānˈyuvər/ noun
[origin: F manœuvrer, fr. OF manoeuvre work done by hand, fr. ML manuoperare, fr. manu operare to work by hand]
1: a military or naval movement; also: an armed forces training exercise — often used in pl.
2: a procedure involving expert physical movement
3: an evasive movement or shift of tactics; also: an action taken to gain a tactical end
— maneuver verb

— ma·neu·ver·abil·i·ty /ˌmānˈyuvərəbiləti/ noun
— ma·neu·ver·able /ˌmānˈyuvərəbəl/ adjective
2maneuver verb
: to guide with adroitness and design; also: to use stratagems

Synonyms
contend, cope, grapple, handle, manage, negotiate, swing, treat—more at HANDLE

contrive, finagle, finesse, frame, machinate, mastermind, negotiate, wangle

man Friday noun
: an efficient and devoted aide or employee

man·ful /ˈmanfəl/ adjective
: having or showing courage and resolution
— man·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE

man·ga·nese /ˈmanˌɡaˌnēz̪, ˈmāŋˌnēz̪/ noun
: a metallic chemical element resembling iron but not magnetic

mange /ˈmänʒ̪/ noun
: any of several contagious itchy skin diseases esp. of domestic animals

man·ger /ˈmänʒ̪ər/ noun
: a trough or open box for livestock feed or fodder

1mangle /ˈmänɡəl/ verb mangled; mangle
1: to cut, bruise, or hack with repeated blows
2: to spoil, injure or make incoherent esp. through ineptitude <a story mangled beyond recognition>
— mangler noun

Synonyms
bobble, botch, bungle, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mess, muff, murder—more at BOTCH

2mangle noun
: a machine with heated rollers for ironing laundry

man·go /ˈmanˌgō/ noun, plural mangoes also mangos
[origin: Pg manga, prob. fr. Malayalam (Dravidian language of India) māṅha]
: an edible juicy yellowish-red fruit borne by a tropical evergreen tree related to the sumacs; also: this tree

man·grove /ˈmänˌgrōv/ noun
: any of a genus of tropical maritime trees that send out many prop roots and form dense thickets important in coastal land building
mangy /ˈmæŋgə/ adjective
1 : affected with or resulting from mange
2 a : decayed, deteriorated, or fallen into partial ruin esp. through neglect or misuse
   Synonyms
dilapidated, grungy, mean, miserable, neglected, ratty, scruffy, seedy, shabby, tacky, threadbare—more at SHABBY

man·hand·le /ˈmæn.hænd.əl/ verb
1 : to handle roughly
   Synonyms
   maltreat, maul, mishandle, rough; also abuse, ill-treat, ill-use, mistreat, misuse; roughhouse, wrestle; bash, batter, beat, buffet, drub, lambaste, lick, pound, pummel, slap, thrash; harm, hurt, injure, wound; oppress, persecute, wrong; ambush, assault, attack; clobber, fight, gang up (on), hit, jump, knock; torment, torture

man·hat·tan /ˈmæn.hæt.nən/ noun, often cap
1 : a cocktail made of whiskey and vermouth

man·hole /ˈmæn.həl/ noun
a : a hole through which a person may go esp. to gain access to an underground or enclosed structure

man·hood /ˈmæn.hʊd/ noun
1 : the condition of being an adult male
2 : qualities associated with men : MANLINESS
3 : MEN <the nation's ~>
   Synonyms
   manliness, masculinity, virility—more at VIRILITY

man·hour /ˈmæn.ˈhaʊr/ noun
1 : a unit of one hour's work by one person
2 : an organized hunt for a person and esp. for one charged with a crime

ma·nia /ˈme.ni.ə/noun
1 : excitement manifested by mental and physical hyperactivity, disorganized behavior, and elevated mood
2 a : excessive enthusiasm
   Synonyms
   [1] aberration, dementia, derangement, insanity, lunacy, madness—more at INSANITY
   [2b] fetish, fixation, obsession, preoccupation, prepossession—more at FIXATION

man·i·ac /ˈme.ni.ək/ noun
1 : one who is insane : LUNATIC
2 : a person characterized by an inordinate or ungovernable enthusiasm for something
   Synonyms
   [1] lunatic, nut, psychotic—more at LUNATIC
   [2] addict, aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, nut—more at FAN

man·i·ac·al /ˈme.ni.ə.kal/ also man·i·ac /ˈme.ni.ək/ adjective
1 : affected with or suggestive of madness
2 : FRANTIC
   Synonyms
crazy, deranged, insane, loco, lunatic, mad—more at INSANE

man·ic /ˈme.nɪk/ adjective
1 : affected with, relating to, characterized by, or resulting from mania
   — manic noun
   — man·i·cal·ly /ˈme.nɪk(ə)ləl/ adverb
2 : manic depression noun
BIPOLAR DISORDER

man·ic–de·pres·sive /ˌma.nɪk.dɪˈpres.ɪv/ adjective
: characterized by or affected with either mania or depression or alternating episodes of mania and depression
— manic–depressive noun

1 manicure /ˈma.nɪk.ər/ noun
1: MANICURIST
2: a treatment for the care of the hands and nails

2 manicure verb -cured; -cur·ing
1: to do manicure work on
2: to trim closely and evenly

man·i·cur·ist /ˌma.nɪ.ˈkɜr.i.st/ noun
: a person who gives manicure treatments

1 manifest /ˈma.nɪf.əst/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF or L; AF manifeste, fr. L manifestus, caught in the act, flagrant, obvious, perh. fr. manus hand + -festus (akin to L infestus hostile)]
1: readily perceived by the senses and esp. by the sight
2 : easily understood : OBVIOUS
— man·i·fest·ly adverb

Synonyms
- apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at CLEAR

2 manifest verb
- to make evident or certain by showing or displaying

Synonyms
- bespeak, betray, demonstrate, display, evince, expose, give away, reveal, show—more at SHOW

3 manifest noun
: a list of passengers or an invoice of cargo for a ship or plane

man·i·fes·ta·tion /ˌma.nɪf.əˈstā.ʃən/ noun
1: the act, process, or an instance of manifesting
2 : a perceptible, outward, or visible expression

Synonyms
- embodiment, epitome, incarnation, personification—more at EMBODIMENT

man·i·fes·to /ˌma.nɪf.əˈstoʊ/ noun, plural -tos or -toes
: a public declaration of intentions, motives, or views

1 manifold /ma.nɪˈfəʊld/ adjective
1 : marked by diversity or variety
2 : consisting of or operating many of one kind combined

Synonyms
- multifarious, myriad; also multiform, multiple, multiplex, multitudinous; heterogeneous, miscellaneous, mixed, sundry, various; different, diverse, unlike, varied

2 manifold noun
: a pipe fitting with several lateral outlets for connecting it with other pipes

3 manifold verb
1 : MULTIPLY
2 : to make a number of copies of (as a letter)

man·i·kin also man·ni·kin /ˈma.nɪ.ˌkɪn/ noun
1 : a form representing the human figure used esp. for displaying clothes : MANNEQUIN
2 : a little man : DWARF

Synonyms
Manila hemp /mɑˈniːlə/ noun
: a tough fiber from a Philippine plant related to the banana that is used for cordage

manila paper noun, often cap M
: a tough brownish paper made orig. from Manila hemp

manic /mæˈnɪk/ noun
: CASSAVA

manipulate /mæˈnɪpjʊəlート/ verb -lated; -lating
1 : to treat or operate manually or mechanically esp. with skill
2 : to manage or use skillfully
3 : to influence esp. with intent to deceive
   — manipulation /məˈnɪpjuˌleɪʃən/ noun
   — manipulative /məˈnɪpjuˌleɪtɪv/ adjective
   — manipulator /məˈnɪpjuˌlætər/ noun

manipulatives /məˈnɪpjuˌlætɪvz/ noun plural
: objects that a student is instructed to use in a way that teaches or reinforces a lesson

 mankind noun
1 /mænˈkɪnd/ : the totality of human beings
2 /ˌmænˈkɪnd/ : men as distinguished from women

Synonyms
Homo sapiens, humanity, humankind, man; also being, body, creature, fellowman, human, individual, mortal, party, person

manlieness /mænˈlɪnəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being manly

Synonyms
manhood, masculinity, virility—more at VIRILITY

manly /mænˈlɛ/ adjective manlier; -est
1 : having qualities appropriate to or generally associated with a man

Synonyms
male, man-size, mannish, masculine, virile—more at MASCULINE

2 manly adverb
: in a manly manner

man-made /ˈmænˌmeid/ adjective
: made by humans rather than nature (~ systems); especially : SYNTHETIC (~ fibers)

manna /mænə/ noun
1 : food miraculously supplied to the Israelites in the wilderness
2 : a usu. sudden and unexpected source of gratification, pleasure, or gain

Synonyms
benefit, blessing, boon, felicity, godsend, good, windfall—more at BLESSING

manned /mænd/ adjective
: carrying or performed by a person (~ spaceflight)

mannequin /mænˈniːkən/ noun
1 : a form representing the human figure used esp. for displaying clothes
2 : a person employed to model clothing

Synonyms
dummy, figure, form, manikin; also doll

mann /mæn/ noun
1 : a group united by common traits or interests : KIND, SORT
2 a ♦ : a way of acting or proceeding <worked in a brisk ~>
   
b ♦ : a characteristic or customary mode of acting <spoke bluntly as was his ~> 
3 : a method of artistic execution
4 plural ♦ : social conduct; also: BEARING 
5 plural ♦ : social conduct or rules of conduct as shown in the prevalent customs <taught the child good ~s> 

Synonyms
   1 [1] breed, class, description, feather, ilk, kind, like, nature, order, sort, species, type—more at SORT
   2 [a] approach, fashion, form, method, strategy, style, system, tack, tactics, technique, way—more at METHOD
   [b] fashion, location, mode, phraseology, style, tone, vein—more at STYLE
   3 manners plural [5] etiquette, form, mores; also amenities, civilities, pleasantries; bearing, demeanor, deportment; courtesy, decorum, mannerliness, politeness; formalities, protocol, rules; air, attitude, carriage, poise, polish, pose, posture, presence; custom, habit, pattern, practice, trick, way, wont; convention, fashion, mode, style

mannered /ma nard/ adjective
1 : having manners of a specified kind <well-mannered>
2 : having an artificial character <a highly ~ style>

mannerism /ma na ri zam/ noun
1 : ARTIFICIALITY, PRECIOUSITY
2 ♦ : a peculiarity of action, bearing, or treatment 

Synonyms
   ♦ crotchet, eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, oddity, peculiarity, quirk, singularity, trick—more at IDIOSYNCRASY

mannerliness /ma ner lē nes/ noun
♦ : the quality or state of being mannerly 

Synonyms
   ♦ civility, courtesy, gentility, graciousness, politeness—more at POLITENESS

mannerly /ma nar le/ adjective
♦ : showing good manners : POLITE
   — mannerly adverb

Synonyms
   ♦ civil, courteous, genteel, gracious, polite, well-bred—more at POLITE

marnish /ma nish/ adjective
1 ♦ : resembling or suggesting a man rather than a woman
2 ♦ : generally associated with or characteristic of a man
   — marnishy adverb
   — marnishness noun

Synonyms
   ♦ [1] unfeminine—more at UNFEMININE
   ♦ [2] male, man-size, manly, masculine, virile—more at MASCULINE

mano a mano /mə nō ā mə nō/ adverb or adjective
♦ : in direct competition or conflict

manoeuvre /me no war v/ chiefly British variant of MANEUVER

man-of-war /man ə v/ noun, plural men-of-war /men/ 
♦ : WARSHIP

manometer /ma nom ə ter/ noun
♦ : an instrument for measuring the pressure of gases and vapors
   — manometric /ma me trik/ adjective

manor /ma nor/ noun
1 ♦ : the house or hall of an estate
   b : a landed estate
2 : an English estate of a feudal lord
   — manorial /ma nor ə l/ adjective
— ma·no·ri·al·ism /ˌma.nəˈre əlˌizəm/ noun
   Synonyms
   ‣ castle, estate, hall, manor, mansion, palace, villa—more at MANSION

man power noun
1: power available from or supplied by the physical effort of human beings
2 usually man·pow·er: the total supply of persons available and fitted for service

man·qué /maˌkā/ adjective
[origin: F, fr. pp. of manquer to lack, fail]
: short of or frustrated in the fulfillment of one's aspirations or talents <a poet ~>

man·sard /ˌma.nərd/ noun
: a roof having two slopes on all sides with the lower slope steeper than the upper one

manse /ˈmɑns/ noun
: the residence esp. of a Presbyterian minister

man·ser·vant /ˈmɑnˌsər.vənt/ noun, plural men·ser·vants /menˌsər.vənts/:
: a male servant

man·sion /ˈmɑns.ʃən/ noun
1 ↓: a large imposing residence
2: a separate apartment in a large structure
   Synonyms
   ‣ castle, estate, hall, manor, mansion, palace, villa; also showplace; abode, domicile, dwelling, habitation, hearth, home, house, pad, place; housing, nest, residency, roof; aerie, penthouse; salon, suite

man·size /ˈmɑnˌsaɪz/ or man·sized /ˈmɑnˌsaɪzd/ adjective
: suitable for or requiring a man
   Synonyms
   ‣ male, manly, mannish, masculine, virile—more at MASCULINE

man·slaugh·ter /ˌslə.ˈter/ noun
: the unlawful killing of a human being without express or implied malice

man·ta /ˈmɑntə/ noun
1: a square piece of cloth or blanket used in southwestern U.S. and Latin America as a cloak or shawl
2: MANTA RAY

tanta ray noun
: any of several extremely large rays

man·teau /ˈmɑntɛ/ noun
: a loose cloak, coat, or robe

man·tel /ˈmɑntəl/ noun
: a beam, stone, or arch serving as a lintel to support the masonry above a fireplace; also: a shelf above a fireplace

man·tel·piece /ˈmɑntəlˌpiːs/ noun
: the shelf of a mantel

man·til·la /ˈmɑntɪ.lə/ noun
: a light scarf worn over the head and shoulders esp. by Spanish and Latin-American women

man·tis /ˈmɑntɪs/ noun, plural man·tis·es also man·tes /ˈmɑntɪz/
[origin: NL, fr. Gk, lit., diviner, prophet]
: any of a group of large usu. green insect-eating insects that hold their prey in forelimbs folded as if in prayer

man·tis·sa /ˈmɑntɪsə/ noun
: the part of a logarithm to the right of the decimal point

mantle /ˈmɑntəl/ noun
1: a loose sleeveless garment worn over other clothes
2 •: something that covers, enfolds, or envelops
3 •: a lacy sheath that gives light by incandescence when placed over a flame
4 •: the portion of the earth lying between the crust and the core
5 •: MANTEL
   Synonyms
   • cloak, curtain, hood, mask, shroud, veil—more at CLOAK

2 mantle verb man·tled; man·tling
1 •: to cover with or as if with a mantle
2 •: BLUSH
   Synonyms
   • embrace, enclose, encompass, enfold, enshroud, envelop, invest, lap, shroud, swathe, veil, wrap—more at ENFOLD

man·tra /man′trə/ noun
•: a mystical formula of invocation or incantation (as in Hinduism)

1 manual /man′yə-wəl/ adjective
1 •: of, relating to, or involving the hands; also : worked by hand <a ~ pump>
2 •: requiring or using physical skill and energy
   • man·u·al·ly adverb
2 manual noun
1 •: a small book; especially : a concise reference book covering a particular subject : HANDBOOK
2 •: the prescribed movements in the handling of a military item and esp. a weapon during a drill or ceremony <the ~ of arms>
3 •: a keyboard esp. of an organ
   Synonyms
   • handbook, primer, textbook—more at TEXTBOOK

man·u·fac·to·ry /man′yə-fak′tə-rē/ noun
•: a building or set of buildings with facilities for manufacturing : FACTORY

1 manufacture /man′yə-fak′chər/ noun
[origin: MF, fr. ML manufactura, L manu factus made by hand]
1 •: something made from raw materials
2 •: the process of making wares by hand or by machinery; also : a productive industry using machinery
2 manufacture verb -tured; -tur·ing
1 •: to make from raw materials by hand or by machinery; also : to engage in manufacture
2 •: to devise by thinking : INVENT, FABRICATE
   • man·u·fac·tur·er noun
   Synonyms
   • [1] fabricate, fashion, form, frame, make, produce—more at MAKE
   • [2] concoct, contrive, cook, devise, fabricate, invent, make up, think—more at INVENT

man·u·mis·sion /′mlˌ mishən/ noun
•: the act or process of manumitting
   Synonyms
   • emancipation, enfranchisement, liberation—more at LIBERATION

man·u·mit /man′yə-mit/ verb -mit·ted; -mit·ting
•: to free from slavery
   Synonyms
   • discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, release, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE

1 manure /′mänər/ verb ma·nured; ma·nur·ing
•: to fertilize land with manure
2 manure noun
FERTILIZER: especially: refuse from stables and barnyards

— man·u·ri·al /ˌmän.əˈrē.əl/ adjective

man·u·script /ˌmän.yəˈskript/ noun
[origin: L manu scriptus written by hand]
1: a written or typewritten composition or document; also: a document submitted for publication
2 ▶: writing as opposed to print
   Synonyms
   ▶ handwriting, penmanship, script—more at HANDWRITING

Manx /ˈmænks/ noun plural
: the people of the Isle of Man
   — Manx adjective

1 many /ˈme.ni/ adjective more /ˈmōr/, most /ˈmōst/
   ▶: consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number <~ years ago>
   Synonyms
   ▶ multiple, multitudinous, numerous; also: countless, innumerable, numberless, uncountable, unnumbered, untold; several, some; miscellaneous, mixed, sundry, various; divers, manifold, multifarious, myriad
   Antonyms
   ▶ few

2 many pronoun
: a large number <~ are called>

3 many noun
: a large but indefinite number <a good ~ of them>

many·fold /ˈme.niˌfəld/ adverb
: by many times

many·sid·ed /ˈme.niˌsidəd/ adjective
1: having many sides or aspects
2: VERSATILE

Mao·ism /məˈaismoʊ/ noun
: the theory and practice of Communism developed in China chiefly by Mao Zedong
   — Mao·ist /məˈaɪst/ noun or adjective

Mao·ri /məˈaʊr.i/ noun, plural Maori or Maoris
: a member of a Polynesian people native to New Zealand

1 map /map/ noun
[origin: ML mappa, fr. L, napkin, towel]
1: a representation usu. on a flat surface of the whole or part of an area
2: a representation of the celestial sphere or part of it

2 map verb mapped; map·ping
1: to make a map of
2 ▶: to plan in detail — often used with out <~ out a program>
   — map·pa·ble /ˈma.pəˈbəl/ adjective
   — map·per noun
   Synonyms usually map out
   ▶ arrange, blueprint, calculate, chart, design, frame, lay out, plan, project, scheme—more at PLAN

MAP abbreviation
modified American plan

map·ple /ˈmæp·pəl/ noun
: any of a genus of trees or shrubs with 2-winged dry fruit and opposite leaves; also: the hard light-colored wood of a maple used esp. for floors and furniture
maple sugar noun
: sugar made by boiling maple syrup

maple syrup noun
: syrup made by concentrating the sap of maple trees and esp. the sugar maple

mar /mâr/ verb marred; mar·ring
: to detract from the wholeness or perfection of: spoil

Synonyms
blemish, poison, spoil, stain, taint, tarnish, touch, vitiate—more at taint

Mar abbreviation
March

ma·ra·ca /mär,ə'ka, ™ra/ noun
: a rattle usu. made from a gourd and used as a percussion instrument

ma·ra·ch·i·no /mär a'kshə nō, ™rə/ noun, often cap
: a cherry preserved in a sweet liqueur made from the juice of a bitter wild cherry

marathon /mär a'nən/ noun
[Origin: Marathon, Greece, site of a victory of Greeks over Persians in 490 B.C. the news of which was carried to Athens by a long-distance runner]
1: a long-distance race esp. on foot
2: an endurance contest

2 marathon adjective
: belonging to, suggestive of, or suited for a marathon race or competition (as in being marked by unusual length of time)

Synonyms
extended, far, great, lengthy, long—more at long

mar·a·thon·er /mär a'θə nər/ noun
: a person who takes part in a marathon
— mar·a·thon·ing noun

ma·raud /mär a'rod/ verb
: to roam about and raid in search of plunder: pillage
— ma·raud·er noun

Synonyms
despoil, loot, pillage, plunder, ransack, sack, strip—more at ransack

mar·ble /mär bel/ noun
1: a limestone that can be polished and used in fine building work
2: something resembling marble (as in coldness)
3: a small ball (as of glass) used in various games; also, pl: a children's game played with these small balls
— marble adjective

mar·bling /mär'blıŋ/ noun
: an intermixture of fat through the lean of a cut of meat

mar·cel /mär sel/ noun
: a deep soft wave made in the hair by the use of a heated curling iron
— marcel verb

1 march /march/ noun
: a border region: frontier

2 march verb
1 a: to move along in or as if in military formation
2 a: to walk in a direct purposeful manner
b: to make steady progress: advance
3: **TRVERSE** ~ed 10 miles

— **march-er** noun

**Synonyms**

- [1] file, pace, parade, stride; *also* perambulate, step, traipse, tread; hike, tramp; lumber, plod, stamp, stomp, stride, trudge
- [2b] advance, fare, forge, get along, go, proceed, progress—more at **GO**

**march** noun

1: the action of marching; *also*: the distance covered (as by a military unit) in a march
2: a regular measured stride or rhythmic step used in marching
3: forward movement
4: a piece of music with marked rhythm suitable for marching to

**Synonyms**

- advance, advancement, furtherance, headway, onrush, passage, process, procession, progress, progression—more at **ADVANCE**

**March** noun


- the 3d month of the year

**mar-chio-ness** /mərˈʃeɪ.nəs/ noun

1: the wife or widow of a marquess
2: a woman holding the rank of a marquess in her own right

**Mar-di Gras** /mɑrˈdiɡrɑː/ noun

[**ORIGIN**: F, lit., fat Tuesday]

- the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday often observed with parades and merrymaking

1: mare /mær/ noun

- an adult female of the horse or a related mammal

2: mare /mɑr/ noun, plural maria /mɑr.iə/

- any of several large dark areas on the surface of the moon or Mars

**mar-ga-rine** /mɑrˈɡeɪn/ noun

- a food product made usu. from vegetable oils churned with skimmed milk and used as a substitute for butter

**mar-ga-ri-ta** /mɑrˈɡeɪri.tə/ noun

- a cocktail consisting of tequila, lime or lemon juice, and an orange-flavored liqueur

**mar-gin** /mɑrˈジn/ noun

1: the part of a page outside the main body of printed or written matter
2: the outside limit and adjoining surface of something: **EDGE**
3: a spare amount, measure, or degree allowed for use if needed
4: measure or degree of difference <a one-vote ~>

**Synonyms**

- border, bound, boundary, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge—more at **BORDER**

**mar-gin-al** /ˈmær.dʒənəl/ adjective

1: written or printed in the margin
2: of, relating to, or situated at a margin or border
3: close to the lower limit of quality or acceptability
4: excluded from or existing outside the mainstream of society or a group

**mar-gin-al-ly** /ˈmær.dʒənə.lɪ/ adverb

- in a marginal manner

**Synonyms**

- barely, hardly, just, scarcely, slightly—more at **JUST**

**mar-gi-na-lia** /mɑrˈgi.nə.lə/ noun plural
mar·gin·al·ize /mərˈdʒi-nəl-ˌīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to relegate to an unimportant position within a society or group

mar·grave /mərˈgrāv/ noun
: the military governor esp. of a medieval German border province

mar·i·a·chi /mərˈē-ā-chēˌ/ noun
: a Mexican street band; also: a member of or the music of such a band

mar·i·gold /mərˈgōld/ noun
: any of a genus of tropical American herbs related to the daisies that are grown for their showy usu. yellow, orange, or maroon flower heads

mar·i·jua·na also mar·i·hua·na /mərˈē-hō-ˌna/ noun [origin: MexSp marihuana]
: the dried leaves and flowering tops of the female hemp plant smoked usu. illegally for their intoxicating effect; also: HEMP

ma·rim·ba /mə-ˈrɪm-bə/ noun
: a xylophone of southern Africa and Central America; also: a modern version of it

ma·ri·na /məˈri-na/ noun
: a dock or basin providing secure moorings for pleasure boats

mar·i·na·ra /mərˈē-nər-a/ adjective [origin: It (alla) marinara, lit., in sailor style]
: made with tomatoes, onions, garlic, and spices; also: served with marinara sauce

mar·i·nade /mərˈi-nəd/ noun
: a savory usu. acidic sauce in which meat, fish, or a vegetable is soaked to enrich its flavor or to tenderize it

mar·i·nate /mərˈi-nät/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
: to steep (as meat or fish) in a brine or pickle

1mar·ine /mərˈi-n, ˈmē-n/ adjective
  1 ▼: of or relating to the sea or its navigation or commerce
  2 ▼: of or relating to marines
     Synonyms
     ▼: maritime, oceanic, pelagic

2marine noun
  1: the mercantile and naval shipping of a country
  2: any of a class of soldiers serving on shipboard or with a naval force

mar·i·ner /mərˈi-nər/ noun
: a person who navigates or assists in navigating a ship: SAILOR
     Synonyms
     ▼: gob, jack, jack-tar, sailor, seaman, swab, tar—more at SAILOR

mar·i·o·nette /mərˈē-o-net/ noun
: a puppet moved by strings or by hand

mar·i·tal /mərˈē-təl/ adjective
: of or relating to marriage: CONJUGAL
     Synonyms
     ▼: conjugal, connubial, matrimonial, nuptial; also matched, mated; bridal; wifely; affianced, betrothed, committed, engaged, pledged, promised

mar·i·time /mərˈti-m/ adjective
  1 ▼: of, relating to, or bordering on the sea
  2 ▼: of or relating to navigation or commerce of the sea
mar·jo·ram /mərˈjoʊrəm/ noun
: any of various fragrant mints often used as seasoning

mark /mɑrk/ noun
1 : something (as a line or fixed object) designed to record position; also : the starting line or position in a track event
2 a : TARGET
b : the end toward which effort is directed : GOAL, OBJECT
3 a : an object of abuse or ridicule
4 : the question under discussion
5 a : a standard of performance, quality, or condition <not up to the ~>
6 a : a visible sign : INDICATION
b : a distinguishing trait or quality : CHARACTERISTIC
7 : a written or printed symbol
8 : GRADE <a ~ of B+>
9 : IMPORTANCE, DISTINCTION
10 a : a lasting impression : an enduring effect <made his ~ in the world>
b : a damaging impression (as a scratch, scar, or stain) left on a surface

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2 : to designate by a mark or make a mark on
3 : CHARACTERIZE <the vehemence that ~s his speeches>; also : SIGNALIZE <this year ~s our 50th anniversary>
4 : to take notice of : OBSERVE
5 : to label so as to indicate price or quality
6 : to make note of in writing

mark noun
: a former monetary unit of Germany

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1 : a lowering of price
2 : the amount by which an original price is reduced

mark down verb
1 : to put a lower price on

marked /mɑrkt/ adjective
: having a distinctive or emphasized character : NOTICEABLE
— mark·ed·ly /mɑrkədli/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] marine, oceanic, pelagic—more at MARINE
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- [3] butt, laughingstock, mock, mockery, target—more at LAUGHINGSTOCK
- [5] criterion, grade, measure, par, standard, touchstone, yardstick—more at STANDARD
- [6b] attribute, character, characteristic, feature, peculiarity, point, property, quality, trait—more at CHARACTERISTIC
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Synonyms
bold, catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, striking—more at NOTICEABLE

market /ˈmɑrˌkæt/ noun
1 : a meeting together of people for trade by purchase and sale; also : a public place where such a meeting is held
2 : the rate or price offered for a commodity or security
3 : a geographical area of demand for commodities; also : extent of demand
4 : a retail establishment usu. of a specific kind

market verb
1 : to go to a market to buy or sell
2 : to offer for sale : SELL
— mar·ket·able adjective

Synonyms
deal, merchandise, put up, retail, sell, vend; also wholesale; hawk, peddle; barter, distribute, exchange, export, handle, trade, traffic (in); advertise, ballyhoo, boost, plug, promote, tout; bargain, chaffer, dicker, haggle, palter auction; provide, supply; keep, stock

Antonyms
buy, purchase

market-place /ˈmɑrˌkeɪt.plaɪs/ noun
1 : an open square in a town where markets are held
2 : the world of trade or economic activity

Synonyms
business, commerce, trade, traffic—more at COMMERCE

mark·er /ˈmɑrk.ər/ noun
1 : one that marks

Synonyms
label, tag, ticket—more at LABEL

mark·ka /ˈmɑrk.kə/ noun, plural mark·ka /ˈmɑrk.kə/ or markkas /ˈmɑrk.kəs/
: the basic monetary unit of Finland from 1917 to 2001

marks·man /ˈmɑrks.mən/ noun
1 : a person skillful at hitting a target

— marks·man·ship noun

Synonyms
sharpshooter, shooter, shot; also rifleman; gunman, gunner, sniper

mark·up /ˈmɑrk.kəp/ noun
1 : a raising of price
2 : an amount added to the cost price of an article to determine the selling price

mark up verb
1 : to put a higher price on

markup language noun
: a system for marking the components and layout of a computer document

marl /mɑrl/ noun
: an earthy deposit rich in lime used esp. as fertilizer

— mar·ly /ˈmɑrl.i/ adjective

mar·lin /ˈmɑr.lən/ noun
: any of several large oceanic sport fishes related to sailfishes

mar·line·spike also mar·lin·spike /ˈmɑrlənˌspiIk/ noun
: a pointed iron tool used to separate strands of rope or wire (as in splicing)

mar·ma·lade /ˈmɑrməˌlæd/ noun
: a clear jelly holding in suspension pieces of fruit and fruit rind
mar·mo·re·al /ˈmɑr.ˈmɔr.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or suggestive of marble

mar·mo·set /ˈmɑr.məˌset/ noun
: any of numerous small bushy-tailed monkeys of Central and So. America

mar·mot /ˈmɑr.mət/ noun
: any of a genus of stout short-legged burrowing No. American rodents

1 mar·oon /ˈma.ru:n/ verb
1 a: to put ashore (as on a desolate island) and leave to one's fate
2: to leave in isolation and without hope of escape
Synonyms
abandon, desert, forsake, quit—more at ABANDON

2 maroon noun
: a dark red color

1 mar·quee /ˈmɑr.ˌkɛ/ noun
[origin: modif. of F marquise, lit., marchioness] 1: a large tent set up (as for an outdoor party) 2: a usu. metal and glass canopy over an entrance (as of a theater) 3: a sign over the entrance of a theater or arena advertising a performance

2 marquee adjective
: having or being a great attraction: PREEMINENT <~ athletes>

mar·ques·sany /mɑr.kwəs.ən/ or mar·quis·es·sany /mɑr.ˈkwɪs.ən/ noun
1: a nobleman of hereditary rank in Europe and Japan 2: a member of the British peerage ranking below a duke and above an earl

mar·que·try /mɑr.kəˈtri/ noun
: inlaid work of wood, shell, or ivory (as on a table or cabinet)

mar·quis /ˈmɑr.ˌkwɪs, mɑr.ˈkwɪs/ noun
1: MARQUESS 2: MARQUISE

mar·quise /ˈmɑr.kəz/ noun, plural mar·qui·ses /ˈmɑr.kəs.əz/
: MARCHIONESS

mar·riage /ˈmɑr.dʒə/ noun
1: the state of being married 2: a wedding ceremony and attendant festivities 3: a close union — mar·riage·able adjective
Synonyms
[1] match, matrimony; also monogamy, attachment, commitment, relationship [2] espousal, wedding—more at WEDDING

married name noun
: a woman's surname acquired through marriage

mar·row /ˈmɑr.ər/ noun
: a soft vascular tissue that fills the cavities of most bones

mar·row·bone /ˈmɑr.əˌbɔn, ˈmɑr.ə/ noun
: a bone (as a shinbone) rich in marrow

mar·ry /ˈmɑr.ri/ verb mar·ried; mar·ry·ing
1 a: to join in marriage according to law or custom b: to give in marriage <married his daughter to his partner's son> 2: to take as a spouse: WED 3: to enter into a close union
— **married** adjective or noun

**Synonyms**
- [1b] match; also commit, engage; affiance, betroth, pledge, promise
- [3] associate, coalesce, combine, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, unify, unite—more at [UNITE](#)

**Mars** /ˈmɑːrɪs/ noun
: the planet 4th from the sun and conspicuous for its red color

**marsh** /ˈmɑːrʃ/ noun
- : a tract of soft wet land

— **marshy** adjective

**Synonyms**
- bog, fen, mire, morass, slough, swamp—more at [SWAMP](#)

1 **marshal** /ˈmɑr.ʃəl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF mareschal, of Gmc origin; akin to OHG marahscalc marshal, fr. marah horse + scalc servant]
1 : a high official in a medieval household; also : a person in charge of the ceremonial aspects of a gathering
2 : a general officer of the highest military rank
3 : an administrative officer (as of a U.S. judicial district) having duties similar to a sheriff's
4 : the administrative head of a city police or fire department

2 **marshal** verb **marshaled or marshalled; marshaling or marshalling**
1 : to arrange in order, rank, or position
2 : to bring together and order in an appropriate or effective way
3 : to lead with ceremony : [USHER](#)

**Synonyms**
- [1] arrange, array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, order, organize, range, systematize—more at [ORDER](#)
- [2] mobilize, muster, rally—more at [MOBILIZE](#)
- [3] conduct, direct, guide, lead, pilot, route, show, steer, usher—more at [LEAD](#)

**marsh gas** noun
: [METHANE](#)

**marshmallow** /ˈmɑrʃ.ˈmeɪ.ləʊ/ noun
: a light spongy confection made from corn syrup, sugar, albumen, and gelatin

**marsh marigold** noun
: a swamp herb related to the buttercups that has bright yellow flowers

**marsupial** /ˈmɑr.səˈpɪəl/ noun
: any of an order of primitive mammals (as opossums, kangaroos, or wombats) that bear very immature young which are nourished in a pouch on the abdomen of the female

— **marsupial** adjective

**mart** /ˈmɑrt/ noun
: [MARKET](#)

**marten** /ˈmɑrt.ən/ noun, plural marten or martens
: a slender mammal that is larger than the related weasels and has soft gray or brown fur; also : this fur

**martial** /ˈmɑr.tʃəl/ adjective
[origin: L martialis of Mars, fr. Mart-, Mars Mars, Roman god of war]
1 : of, relating to, or suited for war or a warrior &music
2 : of or relating to an army or military life
3 : [WARLIKE](#)

**martial law** noun
1 : the law applied in occupied territory by the occupying military forces
2 : the established law of a country administered by military forces in an emergency when civilian law enforcement agencies are unable to maintain public order and safety

**martian** /ˈmɑr.ti.ən/ adjective, often cap
: of or relating to the planet Mars or its hypothetical inhabitants
— **martian** noun, often cap

*mär-ti-nən noun*

: any of several swallows and esp. one of No. America with purplish blue plumage

**mar-ti-net** noun

: a strict disciplinarian

*mär-ti-gəl noun*

: a strap connecting a horse's girth to the bit or reins so as to hold down its head

**mar-ti-ni** noun

: a cocktail made of gin or vodka and dry vermouth

**mar–ter** noun


1: a person who dies rather than renounce a religion; also: a person who makes a great sacrifice for the sake of principle

2: a great or constant sufferer

**mar–ter** verb

1: to put to death for adhering to a belief

2: to inflict agonizing pain on: torture

*Synonyms*

afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, persecute, plague, rack, torment, torture—more at afflic

**mar–ter–dom** noun

1: the suffering and death of a martyr

2: torture

**mar–vel** noun

1: one that causes wonder or astonishment

2: intense surprise or interest

*Synonyms*

cautions, flash, miracle, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, sensation, wonder—more at wonder

**mar–vel** verb mar–veled or mar–velled; mar–vel–ing or mar–vel–ling

: to feel surprise, wonder, or amazed curiosity

**mar–vel–ous or mar–vel–lous** adjective

1: causing wonder

2: of the highest kind or quality

— **mar–vel–ous–ly** adverb

— **mar–vel–ous–ness** noun

*Synonyms*

[1] amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, awful, eye-opening, fabulous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, stunning, stupendous, sublime, surprising, wonderful; also incomprehensible, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable; extraordinary, phenomenal, rare, sensational, spectacular; singular, uncommon, unique, unusual, unwonted; conspicuous, notable, noticeable, outstanding, remarkable; impressive, striking; animating, energizing, enlightening, enlivening, exciting, galvanizing, invigorating, stimulating; alluring, attracting, attractive, beguiling, bewitching, captivating, charming, entertaining, enthralling, fascinating, interesting

[2] excellent, fabulous, fine, grand, great, sensational, splendid, superb, superior, swell, terrific, wonderful

**Marx–ism** noun

: the political, economic, and social principles and policies advocated by Karl Marx

— **Marx–ist** noun or adjective

**mar–zi–pan** noun

[origin: G, fr. It marzapane]

: a confection of almond paste, sugar, and egg whites
### masc
**abbreviation**
masculine

### mascara /masˈkærə/ noun
: a cosmetic esp. for darkening the eyelashes

### mascarpone /masˈkærpoʊn/ noun
: an Italian cream cheese

### mascot /masˈkæt/ noun
: a person, animal, or object adopted usu. by a group to bring good luck

**Synonyms**
- amulet, charm, fetish, talisman—more at CHARM

### masculine /ˈmæs.kən/ adjective
1 a : MALE
2 : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to males

**Synonyms**
- male, man-size, manly, mannish, virile; also boyish, tomboyish

**Antonyms**
- effeminate, unmanly, unmasculine

### masculine noun
: a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the masculine gender; also : the masculine gender

### masculinity /ˈmæs.kəˌlɪn.i.ti/ noun
: the quality, state, or degree of being masculine

**Synonyms**
- manhood, manliness, virility—more at VIRILITY

### mash /mash/ noun
1 : a mixture of ground feeds for livestock
2 : crushed malt or grain steeped in hot water to make wort
3 : a soft pulpy mass

### mash verb
1 : to reduce to a soft pulpy state
2 : CRUSH, SMASH <~ a finger>

**Synonyms**
- crush, squash—more at CRUSH

### MASH /mæʃ/ abbreviation
mobile army surgical hospital

### mask /mɑsk/ noun
1 : a cover for the face usu. for disguise or protection
2 : MASQUE
3 : a figure of a head worn on the stage in antiquity
4 : a copy of a face made by means of a mold <death ~>
5 : something that conceals or disguises
6 : the face of an animal

**Synonyms**
- cloak, curtain, hood, mantle, shroud, veil—more at CLOAK

### mask verb
1 : to conceal from view or perception
2 : to cover for protection

**Synonyms**
camouflage, cloak, disguise, dress up—more at disguisE
blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, hide, obscure, occult, screen, shroud, veil—more at hide

mask·er /mas.ˈker/ noun
: a participant in a masquerade

mas·och·ism /ma.so.ˈkizəm, ma.ˈza/ noun
1: a sexual perversion characterized by pleasure in being subjected to pain or humiliation
— mas·och·ist /ˈkizət/ noun
— mas·och·is·tic /ma.ˈso.ˈkis.tik, ma.ˈza/ adjective

ma·son /mäs.ən/ noun
1: a skilled worker who builds with stone, brick, or concrete
2 cap: freemason
Ma·son·ic /ma.ˈsän.a功用/ adjective
: of or relating to Freemasons or Freemasonry

ma·son·ry /mäs.ən.ri/ noun, plural -ries
1: something constructed of materials used by masons
2: the art, trade, or work of a mason
3 cap: Freemasonry

mask·er /ˈmask/ noun
1: masquerade
2: a short allegorical dramatic performance (as of the 17th century)

masquerade /ˌmas.kəˈreɪd/ noun
1: a social gathering of persons wearing masks; also: a costume for wear at such a gathering
2: disguise
3: an action or appearance that is mere disguise or show

Synonyms
— act, airs, facade, front, guise, pose, pretense, put-on, semblance, show; also appearance, color, gloss; camouflage, cloak, disguise; affectation, deceit, deception, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, fraud; betrayal, double cross, faithlessness, falsity, falseness, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness; excuse, pretext

masquerade verb -ad·ed; -ad·ing
1: to disguise oneself: pose
2: to take part in a masquerade

Synonyms
— impersonate, play, pose—more at impersonate

mas·que·ry /ˈmas.kəˌrē/ noun
1 cap: a sequence of prayers and ceremonies forming the eucharistic service of the Roman Catholic Church
2 often cap: a celebration of the Eucharist
3: a musical setting for parts of the Mass

mass /ˈmas/ noun
1 cap: a sequence of prayers and ceremonies forming the eucharistic service of the Roman Catholic Church
2 often cap: a celebration of the Eucharist
3: a musical setting for parts of the Mass

Synonyms
— act, airs, facade, front, guise, pose, pretense, put-on, semblance, show; also appearance, color, gloss; camouflage, cloak, disguise; affectation, deceit, deception, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, fraud; betrayal, double cross, faithlessness, falsity, falseness, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness; excuse, pretext

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mass noun
1: a quantity or aggregate of matter usu. of considerable size
2: expanses, bulk; also: massiveness
3: the principal part
4: aggregate, whole
5: the quantity of matter that a body possesses as measured by its inertia
6: a large quantity, amount, or number
7: the great body of people — usu. used in pl.

massy adjective
— massiveness

mas·ter /ˈmæstr/ noun
1: a skilled person who has authority over others in a particular occupation or profession
2: a book or manuscript containing a collection of entrails, bones, or teeth, used as a teaching aid
3: a master of ceremonies
— mas·ter·ful /ˈmæstr.fəl/ adjective

mas·ter·less /ˈmæstr.əs/ adjective
: without a master

mas·ter·y /ˈmæstr.i/ noun
1: a skill or proficiency in a particular occupation or profession
2: a skillful execution of a particular occupation or profession

mas·ter·y·ful /ˈmæstr.əˈfəl/ adjective
: skillful or proficient

mas·ter·y·ful·ly /ˈmæstr.əˌfəl.i/ adverb
: skillfully or proficiently

mas·ter·y·ful·ness /ˈmæstr.əˌfəlnəs/ noun
: the quality of being skillful or proficient

master noun
[3] body, bulk, core, generality, main, staple, weight—more at body

usually masses plural [7] commoners, herd, mob, people, plebeians, populace, rank and file; also proletariat, rabble, riffraff, scum, trash; bourgeoisie, middle class; public

Antonyms

elite

3 mass verb
: to form or collect into a mass

Mass abbreviation
Massachusetts

1 massacre /ˈmæsəkri/ noun
1 : the killing of many persons under cruel or atrocious circumstances
2 : a wholesale slaughter

Synonyms

butchery, carnage, slaughter; also bloodshed, foul play, homicide, killing, manslaughter, murder, slaying; mortality; annihilation, demolishing, destruction, devastation, extermination; genocide; assassination, execution

2 massacre verb
: to kill by massacre

Synonyms

butcher, slaughter; also assassinate, execute, murder, slay; annihilate, decimate, demolish, destroy, devastate, eradicate, exterminate, waste, wipe out

1 massage /ˈmæsɪdʒ/ noun
: manipulation of tissues (as by rubbing and kneading) esp. for therapeutic purposes

2 massage verb mas·saged; mas·sag·ing
1 : to subject to massage
2 : to treat flatteringly; also : MANIPULATE, DOCTOR

mas·seur /ˈmæsər/ noun
: a man who practices massage

mas·seuse /ˈmæsəs/ noun
: a woman who practices massage

mas·sit /ˈmæsit/ noun
: a principal mountain mass

mas·sive /ˈmæsɪv/ adjective
1 : forming or consisting of a large mass
2 : large in structure, scope, or degree

Synonyms

[1] heavy, hefty, ponderous, weighty—more at heavy

[2] colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, grand, huge, mammoth, monumental, prodigious, titanic, tremendous

mas·sive·ly /ˈmæsɪvli/ adverb
: in a massive manner

Synonyms

broadly, considerably, greatly, hugely, largely, monstrously, much, sizably, stupendously, tremendously, utterly, vastly—more at greatly

mas·sive·ness /ˈmæsɪvnis/ noun
: the quality or state of being massive

Synonyms

enormity, hugeness, immensity, magnitude, vastness—more at immensity

mas·less /ˈmæls/ adjective
: having no mass

mass medium noun, plural mass media
mass–pro·duce /mas.'prə.dūs/. verb
: to produce in quantity usu. by machinery
  — mass production noun
1mast /mæst/ noun
  1: a long pole or spar rising from the keel or deck of a ship and supporting the yards, booms, and rigging
  2: a slender vertical structure
  — mast·ed /mæst.d/ adjective
2mast noun
: nuts (as acorns) accumulated on the forest floor and often serving as food for animals (as hogs)
mas·tec·to·my /ma.'stek.tə.mē/ noun, plural -mies
: surgical removal of the breast
1master /mas.tər/ noun
  1: a male teacher; also: a person holding an academic degree higher than a bachelor's but lower than a doctor's
  2: one highly skilled (as in an art or profession)
  3: one having authority or control
  4: one that conquers or masters: VICTOR
  5: the commander of a merchant ship
  6: a youth or boy too young to be called mister — used as a title
  7: an original from which copies are made
  — master adjective
    Synonyms
      ▶ [2] ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, scholar, shark, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at EXPERT
      ▶ [3] boss, captain, chief, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, kingpin, leader, taskmaster—more at BOSS
2master verb
  1: to become master of: OVERCOME
  2: to become skilled or proficient in
  3: to produce a master recording of (as a musical performance)
  — master chief petty officer noun
  : a petty officer of the highest rank in the navy
  — masterful /mas.tər.fəl/ adjective
    1: inclined and usu. competent to act as a master
    2: having or reflecting the skill of a master
    3: suggestive of a domineering nature
    Synonyms
      ▶ [2] adroit, artful, delicate, dexterous, expert, masterly, practiced, skillful, virtuoso—more at SKILLFUL
      ▶ [2] accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, crackerjack, good, great, proficient, skilled—more at PROFICIENT
      ▶ [3] authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY
    masterful·ly /′fa. lē/ adverb
  : in a masterful manner
    Synonyms
      ▶ ably, adeptly, capably, expertly, proficiently, skillfully, well—more at WELL
  masterful·ness /mas.tər.fəns/ noun
  : the quality or state of being masterful
    Synonyms
      ▶ adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, skill—more at SKILL
  master gunnery sergeant noun
master key noun
: a key designed to open several different locks

mas·ter·ly /masˈtər.lē/ adjective
1 : indicating thorough knowledge or superior skill
2 : having the power and skill of a master
— mas·ter·ly adverb

Synonyms
[v 1, 2] accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, crackerjack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, proficient, skilled, skillful, virtuoso—more at PROFICIENT

master of ceremonies
: a person who acts as host for a special event or a program of entertainment (as on television)

mas·termind /ˌmāstərˌmānd/ noun
1 : a person who provides the directing or creative intelligence for a project
2 mas·termind verb
3 : to be the mastermind of

Synonyms
contrive, finagle, finesse, frame, machinate, maneuver, negotiate, wangle

mas·ter·piece /masˌtərˈpēs/ noun
: a work done with extraordinary skill

master plan noun
: an overall plan

mas·ter's /masˈtərz/ noun
: a master's degree

master sergeant noun
1 : a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking next below a sergeant major
2 : a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a senior master sergeant
3 : a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking next below a master gunnery sergeant

mas·ter·stroke /masˈtər.strōk/ noun
: a masterly performance or move

mas·ter·work /ˌmāstər.ˈwark/ noun
: MASTERPIECE

mas·tery /məˈstərē/ noun
1 : the authority of a master : DOMINION; also : SUPERIORITY
2 : possession or display of great skill or knowledge

Synonyms
arm, authority, clutch, command, control, dominion, grip, hold, power, superiority, sway—more at POWER

mas·tiff /ˈmæst.ɪf/ noun
: any of a breed of large smooth-coated dogs used esp. as guard dogs
mast·odon /mas·ə·dən/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. Gk mastos breast + odōn, odous tooth]
: any of numerous huge extinct mammals related to the mammoths

mas·to·id /mas·tə·id/ noun
: a bony prominence behind the ear
— mastoid adjective

mas·tur·ba·tion /mas·tər·ˈbā·shən/ noun
: stimulation of the genital organs apart from sexual intercourse, usu. to orgasm, and esp. by use of one's own hand
— mas·tur·bate /mas·tər·bāt/ verb
— mas·tur·ba·to·ry /mas·tər·bə·tərē/ adjective

mat /mat/ noun
1 : a piece of coarse woven or plaited fabric
2 : something made up of many intertwined strands
3 : a large thick pad used as a surface for wrestling and gymnastics
— mat verb mat·ted; mat·ting
1 : to provide with a mat
2 : to form into a tangled mass

mat verb mat·ted; mat·ting
1 : to make (as a color) matte
2 : to provide (a picture) with a mat

mat variant of MATTE

mat or matt or matte noun
: a border going around a picture between picture and frame or serving as the frame

mat·a·dor /ma·tə·dôr/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. matar to kill]
: a bullfighter whose role is to kill the bull in a bullfight

match /māch/ noun
1 ♦ : a person or thing equal or similar to another; also : one able to cope with another : RIVAL
2 ♦ : a suitable pairing of persons or objects
3 ♦ : a contest or game between two or more individuals
4 : a marriage union; also : a prospective marriage partner

Synonyms
[1] coordinate, counterpart, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, parallel, peer, rival—more at EQUAL
[1] carbon copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, image, likeness, picture, replica, ringer, spit—more at IMAGE
[3] bout, competition, contest, event, game, meet, tournament—more at GAME

match verb
1 ♦ : to meet as an antagonist; also : PIT
2 ♦ : to provide with a worthy competitor; also : to set in comparison with
3 ♦ : to join or give in marriage : MARRY
4 : to combine suitably or congenially; also : ADAPT, SUIT
5 ♦ : to provide with a counterpart
6 ♦ : to be the counterpart of

Synonyms
[5] equal, meet, tie
[6] correspond, equal, parallel; also blend (with), coordinate (with), go (with), harmonize (with);
complement, supplement; counterbalance, counterpoise; echo, mirror, repeat; amount (to), approach, near;
measure (up), partake (of), rival, suggest

match noun
match·book /ˈmætˌbʊk/ noun
: a small folder containing rows of paper matches

match·less /ˈmætələs/ adjective
: having no equal
  Synonyms
  — incomparable, inimitable, nonpareil, only, peerless, unequaled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed—more at ONLY

match·lock /ˈmætˌlɒk/ noun
: a musket with a slow-burning cord lowered over a hole in the breech to ignite the charge

match·mak·er /ˌmætˌmækər/ noun
: one who arranges a match and esp. a marriage

match·wood /ˈmætˌwʊd/ noun
: small pieces of wood

mate /ˈmæt/ verb mat·ed; mat·ing
  Synonyms
  — CHECKMATE
— mate noun

mate /ˈmæt/ noun
1 a : one that customarily associates with another : ASSOCIATE, COMPANION
b : an assistant to a more skilled worker : HELPER
2 : a deck officer on a merchant ship ranking below the captain
3 a : one of a pair
b : either member of a married couple or a breeding pair of animals
  Synonyms
  — [1a] associate, cohort, companion, comrade, crony, fellow—more at ASSOCIATE
  — [1b] aid, apprentice, assistant, deputy, helper, helpmate, sidekick—more at HELPER
  — [3a] companion, fellow, half, match, twin; also coordinate; counterpart, equal, equivalent, like, parallel, peer, rival; carbon copy, double, duplicate, identical twin, ringer; analogue, similarity
  — [3b] consort, partner, spouse—more at SPOUSE

mate verb mat·ed; mat·ing
1 : to join or fit together
2 : to come or bring together as mates
3 : COPULATE

material /ˈmætərēəl/ adjective
1 : having material existence : PHYSICAL, ~ world; also : of or relating to the body : BODILY, ~ needs
2 : of or relating to matter rather than form ~ cause; also : EMPIRICAL, ~ knowledge
3 : highly important : SIGNIFICANT
4 : of a physical or worldly nature ~ progress
— ma·te·ri·al·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  — [1] bodily, concrete, physical, substantial; also carnal, corporal, fleshly; appreciable, detectable, discernible, noticeable, observable, palpable, perceptible, sensible, tangible; objective, phenomenal; bulky, heavy, massive, solid, weighty
Antonyms
  — [3] big, consequential, eventful, important, major, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty—more at IMPORTANT
  — [3] applicable, apposite, apropos, germane, pertinent, pointed, relative, relevant—more at PERTINENT
  — [4] carnal, earthly, fleshly, mundane, temporal, terrestrial, worldly—more at EARTHLY
material noun
1 : the elements or substance of which something is composed or made
2 : apparatus necessary for doing or making something

Synonyms
- raw material, stuff, substance

materialise British variant of MATERIALIZE

materialism /maˌterəˈlɪzəm/ noun
1 : a theory that everything can be explained as being or coming from matter
2 : a preoccupation with material rather than intellectual or spiritual things
   — materialist /maˌterəˈlist/ noun or adjective
   — materialistic /maˌterəˈlɪstɪk/ adjective
   — materialistically /maˌterəˈlɪstɪkələd/ adverb

materialize /maˌterəˈlɪz/ verb -ized, -izing
1 : to give material form to; also : to assume bodily form
2 : to make an often unexpected appearance
3 : to come into existence
   — materialization /maˌterəˈlɪzaʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- [1] embody, epitomize, manifest, personify, substantiate—more at EMBODY
- [2] appear, come out, show up, turn up—more at APPEAR
- [2, 3] arise, begin, commence, dawn, form, originate, spring, start—more at BEGIN

material noun
[ORIGIN: F matériel]
1 : equipment, apparatus, and supplies used by an organization
   — Synonyms
   - accoutrements, apparatus, equipment, gear, outfit, paraphernalia, tackle—more at EQUIPMENT

maternal /maˌterəˈnal/ adjective
1 : MOTHERLY
2 : related through or inherited or derived from a female parent
   — maternal /maˌterəˈnaləd/ adverb

maternity /maˌterəˈneti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being a mother; also : MOTHERLINESS
2 : a hospital facility for the care of women before and during childbirth and for newborn babies

maternity adjective
1 : designed for wear during pregnancy <a ~ dress>
2 : effective for the period close to and including childbirth <~ leave>

math /math/ noun
1 : MATHEMATICS
2 : abbreviation
mathematical; mathematician

mathematical /maˌθəˈmatĭkəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or according with mathematics
2 : rigorously exact
   — Synonyms
   - accurate, close, delicate, exact, fine, pinpoint, precise, rigorous—more at PRECISE

mathematics /maˌθəˈmatĭks/ noun
1 : the science of numbers and their properties, operations, and relations and with shapes in space and their structure and measurement
   — mathematically /maˌθəˈmatĭkələd/ adverb
— math·e·ma·ti·cian /maθ.ə.mə.tish.ən/ noun

mat·i·nee or mat·i·née /mat.ə.nē/ noun
: a musical or dramatic performance in the daytime and esp. the afternoon

mat·ins /mat.ənz/ noun plural, often cap
1: special prayers said between midnight and 4 a.m.
2: a morning service of liturgical prayer in Anglican churches

ma·tri·arch /mə.trē.ārkl noun
1: a woman who rules or dominates a family, group, or state
— ma·tri·arch·al /mə.trē.ər.kəl/ adjective
— ma·tri·arch·y /mə.trē.ər.ka/ noun
Synonyms
- dame, dowager, matron; also grandam; headmistress, mistress; ma, mama, mom

ma·tri·cide /mə.trē.sid/ mə/ noun
: the murder of a mother by her child
— ma·tri·cid·al /mə.trē.əd.əl/ mə/ adjective

ma·tric·u·late /mə.trik.yə.ˌla.tə/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1: to enroll as a member of a body and esp. of a college or university
— ma·tric·u·la·tion /mə.trik.ə.ˈlā.ʃən/ noun
Synonyms
- enroll, inscribe, list, register—more at Enroll

mat·ri·mo·nial /mə.tri.mō.ˈnal/ adjective
1: of or relating to matrimony
— mat·ri·mo·nial·ly adverb
Synonyms
- conjugal, connubial, marital, nuptial—more at Marital

mat·ri·mo·ny /mə.tri.mō.ˈnə/ noun
1: the state of being united to another person according to law or custom: marriage
Synonyms
- marriage, match—more at Marriage

ma·trix /mə.triks/ noun, plural ma·tri·ces /mə.trī.ˌsēz, ma/ or ma·trix·es /mə.trī.ˌsēz/
1: something within or from which something else originates, develops, or takes form
2: a mold from which a relief surface (as a piece of type) is made

ma·tron /mə.trən/ noun
1: a married woman usu. of dignified maturity or social distinction
2: a woman supervisor (as in a school or police station)
— ma·tron·ly adjective
Synonyms
- dame, dowager, matriarch—more at Matriarch

Matt abbreviation
Matthew

1matte or matt variant of 3MAT
2matte also mat or matt /mat/ adjective
- not shiny: dull
1matter /ma.tar/ noun
1: a subject of interest or concern
2 plural : events or circumstances of a particular situation
3 : the subject of a discourse or writing
4 : a source of perplexity, distress, or vexation : TROUBLE <what's the ~>  
5 : the substance of which a physical object is composed
6 : PUS
7 : an indefinite amount or quantity <a ~ of a few days>
8 : something written or printed
9 : MAIL

Synonyms
[1] content, motif, motive, question, subject, theme, topic; also idea, point, purpose; issue, problem; body, bulk, burden, core, crux, fundamental, generality, gist, heart, kernel, keynote, marrow, main, mass, nub, nucleus, pith, purport, quick, staple, substance, sum; basis; bottom, essential; affair, argument, debate
[1] affair, business, thing; also problem; crisis, crossroad, emergency, exigency, juncture, strait, zero hour; concern, trouble, worry; care, lookout, responsibility; deadlock, impasse, stalemate; corner, fix, hole, hot water, pinch, predicament, scrape, spot
[4] case, knot, problem, trouble—more at PROBLEM

matter verb
1 : to have significance

Synonyms
count, import, mean, signify, weigh; also affect, influence, sway; add up (to), amount (to)

mat·ter–of–fact /maˈtər-əv-ˈfakt/ adjective
1 : adhering to fact
2 : being plain, straightforward, or unemotional
— mat·ter–of–fact·ly adverb
— mat·ter–of–fact·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] documentary, factual, hard, historical, literal, nonfictional, objective, true—more at FACTUAL
[2] down-to-earth, earthy, hardheaded, practical, pragmatic, realistic—more at REALISTIC

Mat·thew /ˈmæθə-ˌwɛ/ noun

mat·tins often cap chiefly British variant of MATINS

mat·tock /ˈma-tək/ noun
: a digging and grubbing tool with features of an adze and an ax or pick

mat·tress /ˈma-trəs/ noun
1 : a fabric case filled with resilient material used as or for a bed
2 : an inflatable airtight sack for use as a mattress

mat·u·rate /ˈma-chə-ˌrät/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
: MATURE

mat·u·ra·tion /ˈma-chə-ˌrā-shən/ noun
1 : the process of maturing
2 : the emergence of personal and behavioral characteristics through growth processes
— mat·u·ra·tion·al /ˈshə-nei/ adjective

Synonyms
development, growth; also blossoming, flowering; mellowing, softening

1 mat·ure /ˈmə-ˌwyr/ adjective mat·ur·er; -est
1 : based on slow careful consideration
2 : having attained a final or desired state
3 : of or relating to a condition of full development
4 : due for payment
5 : suitable only for adults
— mat·u·re·ly adverb
Synonyms
- adult, full-blown, full-fledged, ripe; also aged, aging, old; golden, mellow

Antonyms
- green, immature, juvenile, unripened, young, youthful

2 mature verb ma·tured; ma·tur·ing
- : to reach or bring to maturity or completion

Synonyms
- age, develop, grow, grow up, progress, ripen; also mellow, soften; bloom, blossom, burgeon, flourish, flower; open, unfold; advance, evolve

ma·tu·ri·ty /ma·tวรι·təˌleɪ·sیˌyor/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being mature; especially : full development
2 : the date when a note becomes due for payment

ma·tu·ti·nal /ma·chュ·tinˌgaɪl; ma·tuˌti·nalˌyor/ adjective
: of, relating to, or occurring in the morning : EARLY

ma·zō or mat·zoh /mətˌsəʊ/ noun, plural mat·zoth /mətˌsəʊθˌs, mətˌsəʊs/ or mat·zos or mat·zohs
[origin: Yiddish matse, fr. Heb mașāh] : unleavened bread eaten esp. at the Passover

maud·lin /ˈmɔdˌlin/ adjective
[origin: alter. of Mary Magdalene; fr. her depiction as a weeping, penitent sinner]
1 : drunk enough to be silly
2 a : weakly and effusively sentimental

Synonyms
- corny, mawkish, mushy, saccharine, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY

maul /mɔl/ noun
- : a heavy hammer often with a wooden head used esp. for driving wedges

maul verb
1 a : to strike repeatedly : BEAT
b : MANGLE
2 a : to handle roughly

Synonyms
- maltreat, manhandle, mishandle, rough—more at MANHANDLE

maun·der /mənˈder/ verb
1 a : to wander slowly and idly
2 a : to speak indistinctly or disconnectedly

Synonyms
- [1] gad, gallivant, knock, meander, mope, ramble, range, roam, rove, trapse, wander—more at WANDER
- [2] ramble, rattle, run on—more at RAMBLE

maus·ø·le·um /məʊsəˈljuːm, ˈmɒsəˌzjuːm/ noun, plural -leums or -lea /ˈliːə/ [origin: L, fr. Gk mausoleion, fr. Mausolos Mausolus †ab 353 B.C. ruler of Caria whose tomb was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world] : a large tomb; especially : a usu. stone building for entombment of the dead above ground

mauve /mɔv, ˈmɔv/ noun
- : a moderate purple, violet, or lilac color

ma·ven also ma·vin /məˈvən/ noun
[origin: Yiddish meyvn, fr. LHeb mēbhīn] : EXPERT

maver·ick /ˌmɑvərˈɪk, ˌveɪˈrɪk/ noun
[origin: Samuel A. Maverick †1870 Am. pioneer who did not brand his calves]
1 : an unbranded range animal
2 a : a person who does not conform to a generally accepted pattern of thought or action : NONCONFORMIST
Synonyms

bohemian, deviant, individualist, loner, nonconformist—more at NONCONFORMIST

maw /mɔ/ noun
1 : STOMACH; also : the crop of a bird
2 : the throat, gullet, or jaws esp. of a voracious animal

mawk-ish /mɔkˈiʃ/ adjective

: sickly sentimental

— mawk-ishly adverb

Synonyms

corny, maudlin, mushy, saccharine, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY

mawk-ish-ness /ˌnəs/ noun

: the quality or state of being mawkish

Synonyms

mush, sentimentality—more at SENTIMENTALITY

max abbreviation
maximum

maxi /mæksə/ noun, plural max-i

: a long skirt, dress, or coat

maxi- combining form
1 : extra long <maxi-kilt>
2 : extra large <maxi-problems>

max-il·la /mækˈsi.lə/ noun, plural max-il·lae /ˈsi(ˌ)lə/ or maxillas

: JAW 1; especially : an upper jaw

— max-il·lary /mækˌsə.lərē/ adjective

max-im /mækˈsem/ noun

: a proverbial saying

Synonyms

adage, aphorism, byword, epigram, proverb, saying—more at SAYING

max-i·mal /mækˌsə.məl/ adjective

: MAXIMUM

— max-i·mal·ly adverb

max-i·mise British variant of MAXIMIZE

max-i·mize /mækˌsə.mɪz/ verb -mized; -miz·ing
1 : to increase to a maximum
2 : to make the most of

— max-i·mi·za·tion /mækˌsə.məˈzā.ʃən/ noun

1maximum /mækˌsə.məm/ noun, plural -ma /məm/ or -mums
1 : the greatest quantity, value, or degree
2 : an upper limit allowed by authority
3 : the largest of a set of numbers

2maximum adjective

: greatest in quantity or highest in degree attainable or attained

Synonyms

consummate, full, most, nth, paramount, supreme, top, ultimate, utmost—more at ULTIMATE

max out verb
1 : to push to or reach a limit or an extreme
2 : to use up all available credit on (a credit card)

may /mā/ verbal auxiliary, past might /mɪt/ pres sing & pl may
May /mā/ noun
: the 5th month of the year

Maya /mā.ə/ noun, plural Maya or Mayas
: a member of a group of American Indian peoples of Yucatán, Guatemala, and adjacent areas
— Mayan /mā.ən/ noun or adjective

May-apple /mā.ə.pəl/ noun
: a No. American woodland herb related to the barberry that has a poisonous root, one or two large leaves, and an edible egg-shaped yellow fruit

May-be /mā.bē. me/ adverb
: possibly but not certainly: PERHAPS

Synonyms
: conceivably, perchance, perhaps, possibly—more at PERHAPS

May Day /mā.dā/ noun
: May 1 celebrated as a springtime festival and in some countries as Labor Day

May-flower /mā.flə.ər/ noun
: any of several spring blooming herbs (as the trailing arbutus or an anemone)

May-fly /mā.flı/ noun
: any of an order of insects with an aquatic nymph and a short-lived fragile adult having membranous wings

May-hem /mā.hem. mā.am/ noun
1: willful and permanent crippling, mutilation, or disfigurement of a person
2: needless or willful damage

May-on-naise /mā.a.nāz/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a dressing made of egg yolks, vegetable oil, and vinegar or lemon juice

May-or /mā.ər/ noun
: an official elected to act as chief executive or nominal head of a city or borough
— mayor-al /əl/ adjective
— mayor-al-ty /əl.tē/ noun

May-pole /mā.pōl/ noun, often cap
: a tall flower-wreathed pole forming a center for May Day sports and dances

Maze /māz/ noun
: a confusing intricate network of passages
— mazy adjective

Ma-zur-ka /me.zar.ka/ noun
: a Polish dance in moderate triple measure

MB abbreviation
Manitoba

MBA abbreviation
master of business administration

mc abbreviation
megacycle

1MC noun
: MASTER OF CEREMONIES
2MC abbreviation
member of Congress

Mc- /mɛk/; me before forms beginning with k or g/ prefix
: used to indicate a convenient, low-quality version of a specified thing <McBook>

McCoy /ma.'kɔɪ/ noun
: something that is neither imitation nor substitute <the real ~>

McGuffin variant of MACGUFFIN

MCPO abbreviation
master chief petty officer

1Md abbreviation
Maryland

2Md symbol
mendelevium

MD abbreviation
1 [origin NL medicinae doctor] doctor of medicine
2 Maryland
3 muscular dystrophy

MDMA /em.dəˌem.ˈæ/ noun
: ECSTASY

mdnt abbreviation
midnight

mdse abbreviation
merchandise

MDT abbreviation
mountain daylight (saving) time

me /mē/ pronoun, objective case of 1

Me abbreviation
Maine

ME abbreviation
1 Maine
2 mechanical engineer
3 medical examiner

1mead /mēd/ noun
: an alcoholic beverage brewed from water and honey, malt, and yeast

2mead noun, archaic
: MEADOW

meadow /ˈme.ðəʊ/ noun
: land in or mainly in grass; especially: a tract of moist low-lying usu. level grassland

— meadowland /ˌland/ noun
— meadowy /ˈme.ðə.wē/ adjective

meadowlark /ˈme.ðəˌlɑrk/ noun
: any of several American songbirds related to the orioles that are streaked brown above and in northernmost forms have a yellow breast marked with a black crescent

meadowweet /ˌswēt/ noun
: a No. American native or naturalized spirea

meager or meagre /ˈmē.ɡar/ adjective
1: **THIN**
2 a: lacking richness, fertility, or strength
   b: deficient in quality or quantity: **POOR**
   — mea·ger·ly adverb
   — mea·ger·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ light, niggardly, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stingy: also deficient, inadequate, insufficient, lacking, wanting; bare, mere, minimum; slight, small; barren, infertile, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive
   Antonyms
   ▶ abundant, ample, bountiful, copious, generous, liberal, plenteous, plentiful

1 meal /mēl/ noun
1: an act or the time of eating a portion of food
2: the portion of food eaten at a meal
   Synonyms
   ▶ board, chow, feed, mess, repast, table; also breakfast, buffet, dinner, lunch, luncheon, refreshments, smorgasbord, snack, supper, tea; bite, gulp, morsel, serving, taste; banquet, feast, spread; bake, barbecue, clambake, cookout, fry, luau, picnic, potluck, roast

2 meal noun
1: usu. coarsely ground seeds of a cereal
2: a product resembling seed meal

meal·time /mēl_.tīm/ noun
: the usual time at which a meal is served

mealy /mē.lē/ adjective
▶: not plain and straightforward
   Synonyms
   ▶ artificial, double-dealing, feigned, hypocritical, insincere, left-handed,mealymouthed, two-faced, unctuous—more at INSINCERE

mealy·bug /mē.lē_.b.tag/ noun
: any of a family of scale insects with a white cottony or waxy covering that are destructive pests esp. of fruit trees

mealy·mouthed /mē.lē_.māthd, .mauth/. adjective
▶: not plain and straightforward
   Synonyms
   ▶ artificial, double-dealing, feigned, hypocritical, insincere, left-handed,mealy, two-faced, unctuous—more at INSINCERE

1 mean /mēn/ verb meant /mēnt/; mean·ing
1: to have in the mind as a purpose
2: to serve to convey, show, or indicate: **SIGNIFY**
3: to have importance to the degree of
4: to direct to a particular individual
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] aim, aspire, contemplate, design, intend, meditate, plan, propose—more at INTEND
   ▶ [2] denote, express, import, signify, spell; also connote, imply, suggest; add up (to), amount (to); hint, insinuate, intimate; embody, epitomize, personify, represent, symbolize; advert, allude (to), mention, refer (to), indicate, point (to), signal; announce, declare; elucidate, explain
   ▶ [3] count, import, matter, signify, weigh—more at MATTER

2 mean adjective
1: lacking distinction or eminence: **HUMBLE**
2: lacking acumen: **DULL**
3 a: of poor shabby inferior quality or status
   b: worthy of little regard
4: lacking dignity or honor: **IGNORABLE, BASE**
5: sparing or scant in using, giving, or spending: **STINGY**
6: pettily selfish or malicious
7: **VEXATIOUS**
8: very good of its kind: **EXCELLENT**

**Synonyms**
- [1] common, humble, ignoble, inferior, low, lowly, plebeian, vulgar—more at **IGNoble**
- [3a] dilapidated, grungy, mangy, miserable, neglected, ratty, scruffy, seedy, shabby, tacky, threadbare—more at **SHABBY**
- [3b] inferior, minor, second-rate, secondary—more at **INFERIOR**
- [4] base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, snide, sordid, vile, wretched—more at **IGNoble**
- [6] catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, nasty, spiteful, virulent—more at **HATEFUL**

**mean adjective**
1: occupying a middle position (as in space, order, or time)
2: being a mean: **AVERAGE** <a ~ value>

**mean noun**
1: a middle point between extremes
2 plural: something helpful in achieving a desired end
3 plural: material resources affording a secure life
4: **ARITHMETIC MEAN**

**Synonyms**
- [1] medium, middle, midpoint; also arithmetic mean, average; median, norm, par, standard
- **means plural** [2] agency, agent, instrument, instrumentality, machinery, medium, organ, vehicle—more at **AGENT**
- **means plural** [3] assets, capital, fortune, opulence, riches, substance, wealth, wherewithal—more at **WEALTH**

**meander /məˈændər/ noun**
1: a winding course
2: a winding of a stream
- **me·an·drous /ˌməˈændrəs/ adjective**

**meander verb**
1: to follow a winding course
2: to wander aimlessly or casually

**Synonyms**
- gad, gallivant, knock, mander, mope, ramble, range, roam, rove, traipse, wander—more at **WANDER**

**meaning noun**
1: the thing one intends to convey esp. by language; also: the thing that is thus conveyed
2: something meant or intended: **AIM**
3: SIGNIFICANCE; especially: implication of a hidden significance
4: the logical connotation of a word or phrase; also: **DENOTATION**

**Synonyms**
- [1, 4] denotation, drift, import, intent, purport, sense, significance, signification; also connotation; hint, implication, intimation, suggestion; message, tenor, theme; bottom, essence, nature, soul, stuff; acceptance, definition; burden, crux, gist; core, heart, kernel, marrow, nub, nucleus, pith, point, quick; matter, motif, motive, subject, topic
- [2] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, object, objective, plan, pretension, purpose, thing—more at **GOAL**

**meaning·ful /ˈmiːniŋˌfʊl/ adjective**
- full of meaning: **SIGNIFICANT**
- **meaning·ful·ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- eloquent, expressive, meaning, pregnant, significant, suggestive—more at **EXPRESSIVE**
- big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material, momentous, significant, substantial, weighty—more...
mean·ing·less /mɛnˌɪŋ.əl/ adjective  
: having no meaning  

_Synonyms_  
empty, pointless, senseless; also insignificant, trivial, unimportant; absurd, asinine, balmy, brainless, crazy, daffy, daft, fatuous, foolish, harebrained, half-witted, insane, jerky, kooky, loony, lunatic, mad, mindless, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, sappy, silly, unintelligent, unwise, wacky, witless, zany; irrational, unreasonable; aimless, haphazard, purposeless  

_Antonyms_  
meaningful

mean·ly /mɛn.ˈli/ adverb  
: in a mean manner  

_Synonyms_  
haughtily, maliciously, nastily, spitefully, viciously, wickedly—more at NASTILY

mean·ness /mɛn.nəs/ noun  
: the quality or state of being mean  

_Synonyms_  
cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malice, malignity, nastiness, spite, spleen, venom, viciousness—more at MALICE

1meantime /mɛn.ˈtaɪm/ noun  
: the intervening time

2meantime adverb  
: MEANWHILE

1meanwhile /ˌmɪn.ˈwɑːl/ noun  
: MEANTIME

2meanwhile adverb  
1: during the intervening time  
2: at the same time

meas abbreviation  
measure

mea·sles /mɛz.əlz/ noun singular or plural  
: an acute virus disease marked by fever and an eruption of distinct circular red spots

mea·sly /mɛz.ˈlɪ, mɛz.əˈlɪ/ adjective mea·sli·er; -est  
: contemptibly small or insignificant  

_Synonyms_  
inconsequential, insignificant, minute, negligible, nominal, paltry, petty, slight, trifling, trivial—more at NEGLIGIBLE

1measure /ˈme.zər, ˈmər/ noun  
1: an adequate or moderate portion; also : a suitable limit  
2: the dimensions, capacity, or amount of something ascertained by measuring; also : an instrument for measuring  
3: a unit of measurement; also : a system of such units  
4: the act or process of measuring  
5: rhythmic structure or movement  
6: the part of a musical staff between two bars  
7: a basis or standard of comparison : CRITERION  
8: a means to an end  
9: a legislative bill  
10: the total number or quantity  

_Synonyms_  
[2] dimension, extent, magnitude, measurement, proportion, size—more at SIZE  
[5] beat, cadence, meter, rhythm—more at RHYTHM
measure verb measured; measuring
1 : to mark or fix in multiples of a specific unit off five centimeters>
2 ▶ to ascertain the measurements of
3 : to bring into comparison or competition
4 : to serve as a means of measuring
5 : to have a specified measurement
— measurable /me.zər·əb·əl/ adjective
— measurably /blē/ adverb
— measurer noun
   Synonyms
gauge, scale, span; also weigh; calibrate; lay off, mark (off); calculate, compute, figure, reckon, work out;
conjecture, estimate, guess, judge, suppose; add up, sum, tally, total; ascertain, discover, dope (out), figure out,
find out
measured adjective
1 ▶ : marked by rhythm
2 ▶ : confined within limits
3 : characterized by or resulting from careful and thorough consideration : deliberate, calculated
   Synonyms
   [1] cadenced, metrical, rhythmic—more at rhythmic
   [2] definite, determinate, finite, limited, narrow, restricted—more at limited
   [3] advised, calculated, deliberate, reasoned, studied, thoughtful—more at deliberate
measurable adjective
1 : having no observable limit
2 ▶ very great had energy
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, unbounded, unfathomable,
   unlimited—more at infinite
measure·ment /me.zər·ment/ noun
1 : the act or process of measuring
2 ▶ a figure, extent, or amount obtained by measuring
   Synonyms
dimension, extent, magnitude, measure, proportion, size—more at size
measure up verb
1 : to have necessary or fitting qualifications — often used with to
2 ▶ to equal esp. in ability — used with to
   Synonyms usually measure up to
   approach, approximate, compare, stack up—more at approximate
meat /mēt/ noun
1 ▶ material taken into an organism and used for growth, repair, and vital processes and as a source of energy: food; especially : solid food as distinguished from drink
2 : animal and esp. mammal flesh considered as food
3 : the edible part inside a covering (as a shell or rind)
   — meaty adjective
   Synonyms
   chow, fare, food, grub, provender, provisions, viands, victuals—more at food
meat·ball /bōl/ noun
meat loaf noun
: a dish of ground meat seasoned and baked in the form of a loaf

meca /me'ka/ noun, often cap
[origin: Mecca, Saudi Arabia, a destination of pilgrims in the Islamic world]
: a center of a specified activity or interest
  synonyms
  • base, center, core, cynosure, eye, focus, heart, hub, nucleus, seat—more at center

mech abbreviation
mechanical; mechanics

mechanic /mi'ka.niik/ adjective
: of or relating to manual work or skill

mechanic noun
1: a manual worker
2: machinist; especially: one who repairs cars

mechanical /mi'ka.ni.kal/ adjective
1: of or relating to machinery, to manual operations, or to mechanics
2: done as if by a machine
  — mechanically /mi'ka.ni.ka.l.i/ adverb
  synonyms
  • automatic, involuntary, spontaneous—more at automatic

mechanical drawing noun
: drawing done with the aid of instruments

mechanics /mi'ka.niks/ noun singular or plural
1: a branch of physics that deals with energy and forces and their effect on bodies
2: the practical application of mechanics (as to the operation of machines)
3: mechanical or functional details

mechanism /me'ka.niz.m/ noun
1: a piece of machinery; also: a process or technique for achieving a result
2: mechanical operation or action
3: the fundamental processes involved in or responsible for a natural phenomenon <the visual ~>

mechanistic /me'ka.nis.tik/ adjective
1: mechanically determined <~ universe>
2: mechanical
  — mechanistically /me'ka.nis.tik. li/ adverb

mechanize /me'ka.niz/ verb -nized; -nizing
1: to make mechanical
2: to equip with machinery esp. in order to replace human or animal labor
3: to equip with armed and armored motor vehicles
  — mechanization /me'ka.niz. a. shen/ noun
  — mechanizer noun

med abbreviation
1: medical; medicine
2: medieval
3: medium

MEd abbreviation
master of education

medal /med. 3l/ noun
med·al·ist or med·al·list /ˈmedəlɪst/ noun
1 : a designer or maker of medals
2 : a recipient of a medal as an award

med·al·lion /ˈmedəˌlɪn/ noun
1 : a large medal
2 : a tablet or panel bearing a portrait or an ornament

med·dle /ˈmedəl/ verb med·dled; med·dling
▶ to interfere without right or propriety

Synonyms
▶ butt in, interfere, intrude, mess, nose, obtrude, poke, pry, snoop—more at INTERFERE

med·dler /ˈmedələr/ noun
▶ one that meddles

Synonyms
▶ busybody, interloper, intruder, kibitzer—more at BUSYBODY

med·dle·some /ˈmedələˌsəm/ adjective
▶ inclined to meddle

Synonyms
▶ intrusive, nosy, obtrusive, officious, presumptuous, prying—more at INTRUSIVE

med·e·vac also med·i·vac /ˈme.ə.væk/ noun
1 : emergency evacuation of the sick or wounded
2 : a helicopter used for medevac

me·dia /ˈmi.deə/ noun, plural me·di·as
1 : MEDIUM 4
2 singular or plural in construction : MASS MEDIA

me·di·al /ˈmi.deəl/ adjective
▶ occurring in or extending toward the middle

1median /ˈmi.deən/ noun
1 : a value in an ordered set of values below and above which there are an equal number of values
2 : MEDIAN STRIP

2median adjective
1 ▶ : being in the middle or in an intermediate position
2 ▶ : relating to or constituting a statistical median

Synonyms
▶ [1] halfway, intermediary, intermediate, medium, middle, midmost—more at MIDDLE
▶ [2] average, middle, moderate, modest—more at MIDDLE

median strip noun
▶ a strip dividing a highway into lanes according to the direction of travel

me·di·ate /ˈmi.deəˌeit/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 ▶ : to act as an intermediary; especially : to work with opposing sides in order to resolve (as a dispute) or bring about (as a settlement)
2 : to bring about, influence, or transmit (as a physical process or effect) by acting as an intermediate or controlling agent or mechanism

— me·di·a·tion /ˈmi.deəˌeɪ.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
▶ intercede, interpose, intervene—more at INTERVENE
mediator /ˈmɛdiˌətər/ noun
▷: one that mediates
  Synonyms
  ▷ arbiter, arbitrator, go-between, intercessor, intermediary, middleman, peacemaker; also moderator;
  negotiator; pacifier, reconciler; broker; agent, attorney, deputy, factor, procurator, proxy; liaison; ambassador,
  emissary, envoy, messenger; delegate, representative; busyboday, meddler; judge, referee, umpire; advisor,
  counselor
med-i-c /ˈmɛdiˌık/ noun
▷: one engaged in medical work; especially: CORPSMAN
med-i-ca-ble /ˈmɛdiˌke bəl/ adjective
▷: CURABLE
Med-i-caid /ˈmɛdiˌkəd/ noun, often cap
▷: a program of financial assistance for medical care designed for those unable to afford regular medical service and
financed jointly by the state and federal governments
med-i-cal /ˈmɛdiˌkəl/ adjective
▷: of or relating to the science or practice of medicine or the treatment of disease
  — med-i-cal-ly /ˈmɛdəkəl əli/ adverb
medical examiner noun
▷: a public officer who performs autopsies on bodies to find the cause of death
me-di-ca-ment /ˈmɛdiˌke mənt, ˈmɛdiˌke/ noun
▷: a substance used in therapy
Medi-care /ˈmɛdiˌker/ noun, often cap
▷: a government program of financial assistance for medical care esp. for the aged
med-i-cate /ˈmɛdiˌke it/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
▷: to treat with medicine
med-i-ca-tion /ˈmɛdiˌke ˌʃeɪn/ noun
1: the act or process of medicating
2: a substance or preparation used in treating disease: MEDICINE
med-i-ca-tive /ˈmɛdiˌke tiv/ adjective
▷: tending or used to cure disease or relieve pain
  — med-i-ca-tive·ly adverb
med-i-cine /ˈmɛdiˌsən/ noun
1▷: a substance or preparation used in treating disease
2▷: a science and art dealing with the prevention, alleviation, and cure of disease
  Synonyms
  ▷ cure, drug, pharmaceutical, remedy, specific; also botanical, patent medicine, prescription; cordial, tonic;
miracle drug, wonder drug; capsule, pill, tablet; injection, shot; liniment, lotion, ointment, potion, poultice,
salve; syrup, tincture; antibiotic, antiseptic, serum
medicine ball noun
▷: a heavy stuffed leather ball used for conditioning exercises
* medicine man noun
▷: a priestly healer or sorcerer esp. among the American Indians: SHAMAN
med-i-co /ˈmɛdiˌkə/ noun, plural -cos
▷: a medical practitioner or student
med-i-e·val or med-i-ae·val /ˈmɛdəˈvəl, ˈmedəˌvəl/ adjective
1▷: of, relating to, or characteristic of the Middle Ages
2▷: extremely outmoded or antiquated
  — med-i-e·val·ism /ˈvələˌzam/ noun
—— me·di·e·val·ist /ˈliːst/ noun

me·di·o·cre /mēˈdēˌō-kāt/ adjective
[origin: MF, fr. L mediocris, fr. medius middle + ocris stony mountain]
▷ of moderate or low quality
—— me·di·oc·ri·ty /ˌmēˈkrōtē/ noun

Synonyms
▷ common, fair, indifferent, medium, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, second-rate, so-so; also acceptable, adequate, all right, alright, decent, OK, reasonable, satisfactory, sufficient, sufficing, tolerable; moderate, modest; presentable, respectable; minimal, unexceptional; fine, good, nice

med·i·tate /meˈde·tāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 ▷: to muse over: CONTEMPLATE, PONDER
2 ▷: to plan or project in the mind: INTEND
—— med·i·ta·tion /ˌmēˈde·tā·shən/ noun

Synonyms
▷ chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, mull, ponder, question, ruminant, study, think, weigh—more at PONDER

med·i·ta·tive /meˈde·tətiv/ adjective
1 ▷: marked by or conducive to meditation
2 ▷: disposed or given to meditation
—— med·i·ta·tive·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ [1, 2] contemplative, melancholy, pensive, reflective, ruminant, thoughtful—more at CONTEMPLATIVE

Med·i·ter·ra·nean /məˈdetərən/ adjective
▷ of or relating to the Mediterranean Sea or to the lands or people around it

1medium /ˈmēˌdē·əm/ noun, plural mediums or me·dia /ˈdē·ə/ [origin: L]
1 a: something in a middle position
b ▷: a middle position or degree
2 ▷: a means of effecting or conveying something
3 ▷: a surrounding or enveloping substance
4 ▷: a channel or system of communication, information, or entertainment
5 ▷: a mode of artistic expression
6 ▷: an individual held to be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits
7 ▷: a condition or environment in which something may function or flourish
Synonyms
▷ [1b] mean, middle, midpoint—more at MEAN
▷ [2] agency, agent, instrument, instrumentality, machinery, means, organ, vehicle—more at AGENT
▷ [7] atmosphere, climate, environment, environs, milieu, setting, surroundings—more at ENVIRONMENT

2medium adjective
▷ intermediate in amount, quality, position, or degree
Synonyms
▷ average, intermediate, median, middle, moderate, modest—more at MIDDLE
▷ halfway, middle, midmost—more at MIDDLE
▷ common, fair, indifferent, mediocre, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, second-rate, so-so—more at MEIOCRE

me·di·um·is·tic /ˌmēˌdē·əˌmis·tik/ adjective
▷ of, relating to, or being a spiritualistic medium

medivac variant of MEDEVAC

med·ley /ˈmed·lē/ noun, plural medleys
1 ▷: a diverse assortment or mixture: HODGEPODGE
2 ▷: a musical composition made up esp. of a series of songs
**Synonyms**
- assortment, hodgepodge, mélange, miscellany, motley, potpourri, variety—more at [MISCELLANY](#)

**medulla** /me·dul·la/ noun, plural -las or -lae /.ləʊ/.
: an inner or deep anatomical part; also: the posterior part (medulla oblongata /ˌmeduḷə ˌɔbˌlɔŋˌɡætə/) of the vertebrate brain that is continuous with the spinal cord.

**meed** /mee̯d/ noun
: a fitting return.

**meek** /mēk/ adjective
1: characterized by patience and long-suffering.
2: deficient in spirit and courage.
3: MODERATE

**Synonyms**
- demure, humble, lowly, modest, retiring, unassuming, unpretentious—more at [HUMBLE](#)

**meek·ly** /lē/ adverb
: in a meek manner.

**Synonyms**
- humbly, lowly, modestly, sheepishly.

**meek·ness** /nēs/ noun
: the quality or state of being meek.

**Synonyms**
- humbleness, humility, lowliness, modesty—more at [HUMILITY](#)

**meerschaum** /mir·sham, ˌshōm/ noun
: a tobacco pipe made of a light white clayey mineral.

**meet** /mēt/ verb met /met/; meet·ing
1: to come upon.
2: JOIN, INTERSECT.
3: to appear to the perception of.
4: OPPOSE, FIGHT.
5 a: to join in conversation or discussion.
b: to come together: ASSEMBLE.
6: to conform to.
7: to pay fully or fulfill the obligations of.
8 a: to contend successfully with: cope with.
b: to produce or provide a counterpart or equal to: MATCH.
9: to provide for.
10: to be introduced to.

**Synonyms**
- [1] chance, encounter, happen, stumble; also accost, confront; face, greet, salute; crash (into), collide (with); crisscross, cross, pass; hit (upon), light (upon), tumble (to).
- [5b] assemble, cluster, collect, concentrate, conglomerate, congregate, convene, forgather, gather, rendezvous—more at ASSEMBLE.
- [7] answer, comply, fill, fulfill, keep, redeem, satisfy—more at FULFILL.
- [8b] equal, match, tie.

**meet noun**
: an assembling esp. for a hunt or for competitive sports.

**Synonyms**
- bout, competition, contest, event, game, match, tournament—more at [GAME](#)

**meet adjective**
: precisely adapted to a particular situation, need, or circumstance: SUITABLE, PROPER

**Synonyms**
applicable, appropriate, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, proper, right, suitable—more at FIT

meeting /ˈmiː.tɪŋ/ noun
1 ▶: the act or process of coming together: ASSEMBLY
2 ▶: a point where things come together
   Synonyms ▶ [1] assembly, conference, congress, convention, convocation, council, gathering, get-together, huddle, powwow, seminar; also caucus, conclave, synod; demonstration, rally; conversation, dialogue, discourse, discussion, palaver, talk; negotiation, parley; audience, interview, session
   ▶ [2] confluence, conjunction, convergence—more at CONVERGENCE

meeting-house /ˈmiː.tɪŋ.hoʊs/ noun
: a building for public assembly and esp. for Protestant worship

meg /ˈmɛɡ/ noun
: MEGABYTE

mega- or meg- combining form
1: great: large <megahit>
2: million <megahertz>

megabyte /ˈmɛɡ.aˌbɪt/ noun
: 1024 kilobytes or 1,048,576 bytes; also: one million bytes

megacycle /ˌsiːˈkɑːl/ noun
: MEGAHertz

megadown /ˌmiːɡ.aˌdaʊn/ noun
: one million deaths — used as a unit in reference to nuclear warfare

megahertz /ˌmiːɡ.aˌhɜːrtz, _ˌhɜːrtz/ noun
: a unit of frequency equal to one million hertz

megalith /ˈmɛɡ.əˌlɪθ/ noun
: a large stone used in prehistoric monuments
   — megalic /ˌmiːɡ.əˈlɪk/ adjective

megalomania /ˌmiːɡ.əˌləˌməˈneɪ.ə/ noun
: a mental disorder marked by feelings of personal omnipotence and grandeur
   — megalomaniac /ˌmèɡ.əˌləˌməˈneɪ.ək/ adjective or noun

megapolis /ˌmiːɡ.aˌpəˈleɪs/ noun
: a very large urban unit

megaphone /ˈmɛɡ.aˌfəʊn/ noun
: a cone-shaped device used to intensify or direct the voice
   — megaphone verb

megapixel /ˌmiːɡ.aˌpɪkˈsaɪl/ noun
: one million pixels

megaplex /ˌmiːɡ.əˈplɛks/ noun
: a cineplex having usu. at least 16 movie theaters

megaton /ˌmiːɡ.əˈtɒn/ noun
: an explosive force equivalent to that of one million tons of TNT

megavitamin /ˌmiːɡ.əˌvɪtəˈmæn/ adjective
: relating to or consisting of very large doses of vitamins
   — megavitamins noun plural

meiosis /ˌmiː.əˈsɪəs/ noun
: a process of cell division in gamete-producing cells in which the number of chromosomes is reduced to one half
— mei·ot·ic /meɪˈəʊ.tɪk/ adjective

mei·ter·i·um /meɪˈtɜːr.i.əm/ noun
: an artificially produced radioactive chemical element

mel·an·cho·lia /ˈmɛlənˌkələ/ noun
: a mental condition marked by extreme depression often with delusions

mel·an·cho·lic /ˈmɛlənˌkəlik/ adjective
1: DEPRESSED
2: of or relating to melancholia

1melancholy /ˈmɛlənˌkælə/ noun, plural -chol·ies
[origin: ME malencolie, fr. AF, fr. LL melancholia, fr. Gk, fr. melan-, melas black + chole bile; so called fr. the former belief that it was caused by an excess of black bile]
: depression of spirits : DEJECTION
— melancholy adjective

Synonyms
▶ blues, dejection, depression, desolation, despondency, doldrums, dumps, forlornness, gloom, heartsickness, sadness—one at SADNESS

2melancholy adjective
1 a: suggestive or expressive of melancholy
b: causing or tending to cause sadness or depression of mind or spirit
2 a: depressed in spirits
b: musingly or dreamily thoughtful

Synonyms
▶ [1b] depressing, dismal, dreary, heartbreaking, pathetic, sad, sorry, tearful—one at SAD
▶ [2a] blue, depressed, down, downcast, glum, low, sad, unhappy

Mel·a·ne·sian /ˈmeɪlənˌneɪ.zən/ noun
: a member of the dominant native group of the Pacific island grouping of Melanesia

— Melanesian adjective

mé·lange /məˈlɑːʒ/ noun
: a mixture esp. of incongruous elements

Synonyms
▶ assortment, medley, miscellany, potpourri, variety

mel·a·nin /ˈmɛlənˌnɪn/ noun
: any of various dark brown pigments of animal or plant structures (as skin or hair)

mel·a·nis·m /ˈmɛlənˌnɪzəm/ noun
: an increased amount of black or nearly black pigmentation

mel·a·no·ma /ˈmɛlənˌnəʊ.mə/ noun, plural -mas also -ma·ta /ˈmə.tə/
: a usu. malignant tumor containing dark pigment

1meld /ˈmeld/ verb
: to show or announce for a score in a card game

meld noun
: a card or combination of cards that is or can be melded

me·lee /ˈməˌliː, məˌlē/ noun
[origin: F mêlée]
▶ a confused struggle

Synonyms
▶ brawl, fracas, fray, free-for-all, row—one at BRAWL

me·lio·rate /ˈmɛl.iəˌreɪt, ˈmɛl.iəˌreɪt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
: to make or grow better : AMELIORATE
— me·lio·ra·tion /məˌliəˈrā.ʃən/ noun
— me·lio·ra·tive /məˌliəˈrā.tiv/ adjective

mel·li·flu·ous /meˈli.fləˌwəs/ adjective
[origin: ME. mellyfluous, fr. LL mellifluus, fr. L mel honey + fluere to flow]
▷: sweetly flowing
— mel·li·flu·ous·ly adverb
— mel·li·flu·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
▷: euphonious, lyric, mellow, melodious, musical—more at LYRIC

1mellow /ˈmel/ adjective
1: soft and sweet because of ripeness; also: well aged and pleasingly mild <~ wine>
2: made gentle by age or experience
3▷: being rich and full but not garish or strident <~ colors>
4: of soft loamy consistency <~ soil>
— mel·low·ness noun

Synonyms
▷: balmy, benign, bland, delicate, gentle, light, mild, soft, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE

2mellow verb
: to make or become mellow

me·lod·ic /meˈlɑ dik/ adjective
: relating to, containing, constituting, or made up of melody
— me·lod·i·cal·ly /ˌdiˌkl(ə)lɛ/ adverb

me·lo·di·ous /ˌmel.o ˈdi.əs/ adjective
▷: pleasing to the ear
— me·lo·di·ous·ly adverb
— me·lo·di·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
▷: lyric, mellifluous, mellow, musical—more at LYRIC
▷: euphonious, harmonious, musical, symphonic, tuneful—more at HARMONIOUS

me·lo·dra·ma /meˌləˈdrə.məˌdramə/ noun
1: an extravagantly theatrical play in which action and plot predominate over characterization
2: something having a sensational or theatrical quality
— me·lo·dra·mat·ist /ˌmeˌləˈdrə.məˌdræ.ˈtist/ noun

me·lo·dra·mat·ic /ˌmeˌləˈdrə.məˌtɪk/ adjective
1▷: of, relating to, or characteristic of melodrama
2: appealing to the emotions
— me·lo·dra·mat·i·cal·ly /ˌtɪˌkl(ə)lɛ/ adverb

Synonyms
▷: dramatic, histrionic, theatrical—more at THEATRICAL

mel·o·dy /ˌmel.o ˈdɛ/ noun, plural -dies
1: sweet or agreeable sound
2▷: a particular succession of notes : TUNE, AIR

Synonyms
▷: air, lay, song, strain, tune, warble; also descant; cadence, measure, meter, rhythm; ballad, ditty, hymn, lyric, madrigal

me·lon /ˈmɛlən/ noun
: any of various typically sweet fruits (as a muskmelon or watermelon) of the gourd family usu. eaten raw

1melt /melt/ verb
1▷: to change from a solid to a liquid state usu. by heat
2: DISSOLVE, DISINTEGRATE
b  : to disperse or disappear or cause to disperse or disappear as if melting
3  : to make or become tender or gentle
   Synonyms
   › [1] deliquesce, flux, fuse, liquefy, run, thaw—more at LIQUEFY
   › [2b] disappear, dissolve, evaporate, fade, flee, go, vanish—more at DISAPPEAR

melt noun
  : a melted substance
melt-down /melt daʊn/ noun
  1 : the melting of the core of a nuclear reactor
  2 : a rapid or disastrous decline or disaster
melting pot noun
  : a place where different races, cultures, or individuals assimilate into a cohesive whole
melt-water /ˌmɛlt.wɔːtər,ˌmɛlt.wɔtər/ noun
  : water derived from the melting of ice and snow
mem abbreviation
  1 member
  2 memoir
  3 memorial
member /ˈmɛmbər/ noun
  1 : a part (as an arm, leg, leaf, or branch) of an animal or plant
  2 : one of the individuals composing a group
  3  : a constituent part of a whole
   Synonyms
   › component, constituent, element, factor, ingredient—more at ELEMENT
   › part, partition, portion, section, segment—more at PART
membership /ˈmɛmbərˌʃip/ noun
  1 : the state or status of being a member
  2 : the body of members
membrane /ˈmɛmbrən/ noun
  : a thin pliable layer esp. of animal or plant origin
   — membrane /ˈmɛmbrən/ adjective
mement(o) /ˈmɛmənt(o)/ noun, plural -tos or -toes
[origin: ME, fr. L, remember, imper. of meminisse to remember]
  › something that serves to warn or remind; also : SOUVENIR
   Synonyms
   › keepsake, memorial, monument, remembrance, souvenir, token—more at MEMORIAL
memo /ˈme.məʊ/ noun, plural memos
  : MEMORANDUM
memoir /ˈmɛməˌɔr/ noun
  1 : MEMORANDUM
  2 : AUTOBIOGRAPHY — usu. used in pl.
  3 : an account of something noteworthy; also, pl : the record of the proceedings of a learned society
memorial /ˈmɛmərəl/ adjective
  : worth remembering : NOTABLE
   — memorial-ity /ˈmɛmərəˈlɪtɪ/ noun
   — memorial-ness noun
mem·o·ra·bly /_blē/ adverb

mem·o·ran·dum /me.me.ˈran.dəm/ noun, plural -dums or -da /_da/
1 : an informal record or written reminder
2 ▶ : an informal written note

Synonyms
▶ [2] directive, letter, missive, note, notice; also announcement, declaration, proclamation, pronouncement; charge, command, dictate; instructions, orders, word; encyclical, epistle, mail, note

mem·o·ri·al·ize verb

1 : something designed to keep remembrance alive; especially : MONUMENT
2 : a statement of facts often accompanied with a petition

memorial adjective
1 : serving to preserve remembrance
2 : memorial noun
1 : something designed to keep remembrance alive; especially : MONUMENT
2 : a statement of facts often accompanied with a petition

memorialize verb

1 : to learn by heart
2 : to make a show of intention to harm : THREATEN

mem·o·ri·za·tion /me.me.ˌra.ˈzə.shən/ noun

Synonyms
▶ learn, study; also recall, recollect, relive, remember, reminisce, retain; apprehend, accept, comprehend, get, grasp, understand; absorb, digest

Antonyms
▶ unlearn

mem·o·ry /me.me.ˈreɪ/ noun, plural -ries
1 ▶ : the power or process of remembering
2 : the store of things remembered
3 : COMMEMORATION
4 ▶ : something remembered
5 : the time within which past events are remembered
6 : a device (as in a computer) in which information can be stored

Synonyms
▶ [1, 4] recall, recollection, remembrance, reminiscence; also flashback; memento, memorial, reminder, souvenir, token; association

men plural of MAN

menace /me.ˈnas/ noun
1 : THREAT
2 a ▶ : one that represents a threat : DANGER
   b : NUISANCE

Synonyms
▶ danger, hazard, peril, pitfall, risk, threat, trouble—more at DANGER

menace verb men·aced; men·ac·ing
1 ▶ : to make a show of intention to harm : THREATEN
2 ▶ : to represent or pose a threat to : ENDANGER

Synonyms
▶ [1] hang, hover, overhang, threaten—more at THREATEN
▶ [2] adventure, compromise, endanger, gamble, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, risk, venture
men·ac·ing adjective
› : presenting, suggesting, or constituting a menace
— men·ac·ing·ly adverb
  
  Synonyms
  › baleful, dire, foreboding, ominous, portentous, sinister—more at OMINOUS
  › dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome—more at DANGEROUS

mé·nage /mâˈnäzh/ noun
[origin: F]
› : a domestic establishment : HOUSEHOLD

ménage à trois /ˌmäˈtrwa/ noun
› : an arrangement in which three persons share sexual relations esp. while living together

me·nag·er·ie /měˈnaʒərē/ noun
› : a collection of wild animals esp. for exhibition

1 mend /mend/ verb
› 1 : to improve in manners or morals
› 2 › : to put into good shape : REPAIR
› 3 › : to improve in or restore to health : HEAL
— mend·er noun
  
  Synonyms
  › [2] doctor, fix, patch, recondition, renovate, repair, revamp; also overhaul, rebuild, reconstruct, refurbish, aid, cure, heal, help; condition, prepare, ready; care (for), maintain, service; rejuvenate, renew, restore; adjust, correct, modify, rectify, redress, reform, right; ameliorate, better, improve, meliorate
  › [3] convalesce, gain, heal, rally, recover, recuperate, snap back—more at CONVALESCE

2 mend noun
› 1 : an act of mending
› 2 : a mended place

men·da·cious /menˈdäˌshas/ adjective
› : given to deception or falsehood : UNTRUTHFUL
— men·da·cious·ly adverb
  
  Synonyms
  › dishonest, lying, untruthful—more at DISHonest

men·dac·i·ty /ˈdaˌsētē/ noun
› 1 : the quality or state of being mendacious
› 2 › : an untrue statement made with intent to deceive : LIE
  
  Synonyms
  › fabrication, fairy tale, falsehood, falsity, fib, lie, prevarication, story, tale, untruth, whopper—more at LIE

men·de·le·vi·um /menˈdəˌlevəmˌəm/ noun
› : a radioactive chemical element artificially produced

men·di·cant /menˈdiˌkant/ noun
› 1 : BEGGAR
› 2 often cap : FRIAR
— men·di·can·cy /ˌkanˌsē/ noun
— mendicant adjective

men·folk /menˌfək/ or men·folks /ˈfəks/ noun plural
› 1 : men in general
› 2 : the men of a family or community

men·ha·den /menˈhādən, menˈ/ noun, plural -den also -dens
› : a marine fish related to the herring that is abundant along the Atlantic coast of the U.S.
menial /məˈnɛ.əl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to servants
— meniˈal·ly adverb

menial noun
› : a domestic servant

Synonyms
› domestic, flunky, lackey, retainer, servant, steward—more at servant

men-i·ni·tis /maˌniˈniˌtəs/ noun, plural -gi·ti·des /ˌjiˈtəˌdez/
: inflammation of the membranes enclosing the brain and spinal cord; also : a usu. bacterial disease marked by this

men-i·nix /məˈniŋks/ noun, plural me·ni·xes /maˌniˌiks/ noun, plural me·ni·xes /maˌniˌiks/ adjective
— meniˈal·ly adverb

men-i·nis·cus /maˌniˈnisˌkəs/ noun, plural me·ni·cis /ˈmiˌnisˌkis/ also me·ni·cis·cus·es
1 : CRESCENT
2 : the curved upper surface of a column of liquid

men·o·pause /meˌnōˈpoust/ noun
: the period of life when menstruation stops naturally
— men·o·paus·al /meˌnōˈpoust·əl/ adjective

me·no·rah /maˌnōˈrə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Heb mĕnōrah candlestick]
: a candelabrum that is used in Jewish worship

men·ses /menˈsēz/ noun singular or plural
: the menstrual flow

menstrual cycle noun
: the complete cycle of physiological changes from the beginning of one menstrual period to the beginning of the next

men·trua·tion /menˈtrü·əˈshən, menˈtrüˈeɪʃən/ noun
: a discharging of bloody matter at approximately monthly intervals from the uterus of breeding-age nonpregnant primate females; also : PERIOD 6
— men·trual /menˈtrü·əl/ adjective
— men·truate /menˈtrüˈeɪt/ verb

men·su·ra·ble /menˈsyaˌrəbəl/ adjective
: MEASURABLE

men·su·ra·tion /menˈsyaˌrəˈʃən, menˈsyaˌrəˈʃən/ noun
: MEASUREMENT
-sm-ent /-mənt/ noun suffix
1 : concrete result, object, or agent of a (specified) action <embankment> <entanglement>
2 : concrete means or instrument of a (specified) action <entertainment>
3 : action : process <encirclement> <development>
4 : place of a (specified) action <encampment>
5 : state : condition <amazement>

men·tal /menˈtəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the mind
2 : of, relating to, or affected with a disorder of the mind <illness>
— men·tal·ly adverb

Synonyms
› [1] cerebral, inner, intellectual, psychological; also cognitive, conscious; psychic, telepathic; spiritual; alert,
brainy, bright, clever, quick-witted, intelligent, rational, reasoning, smart, thinking

- [2] crazy, deranged, insane, mad—more at INSANE

- mental age noun
  : a measure of a child's mental development in terms of the number of years it takes an average child to reach the same level

- mental deficiency noun
  : MENTAL RETARDATION

- mental-ity /men_-'la_-'tä/ noun, plural -ties
  1 : mental power or capacity
  2 : mode or way of thought

- mental retardation noun
  : subaverage intellectual ability present from infancy that is characterized by an IQ of 70 or less and problems in development, learning, and social adjustment
  — mentally retarded adjective

- men-tee /men_-'tä/ noun
  : PROTEGÉ

- men-thol /men_-'thəl_-'thəl/ noun
  : an alcohol occurring esp. in mint oils that has the odor and cooling properties of peppermint
  — men-tho-lat-ed /'thə_lə_læd/ adjective

- mention /men_-'chen/ noun
  1 : a brief or casual reference
  2 : a formal citation for outstanding achievement

- mention verb
  1 † : to refer to : CITE
  2 : to cite for superior achievement
  — not to mention : to say nothing of

  *Synonyms*
  † advert, cite, instance, name, note, notice, quote, refer, specify, touch; also allude (to), hint (at), imply, infer, intimate, suggest; point (out), signal, signify; denominate, designate; indicate; bring up, broach, interject, interpolate, interpose, introduce; infiltrate, insinuate, worm; announce, declare, pronounce; elucidate, explain

- mentor /men_-'tor_-'tor/ noun
  : a trusted counselor or guide; also : TUTOR, COACH

- mentor verb
  † : to serve as a mentor for

  *Synonyms*
  † coach, counsel, guide, lead, pilot, shepherd, show, tutor—more at GUIDE

- menu /men_-'yoo_-'män/ noun, plural menus
  [origin: F, fr. menu small, detailed, fr. OF, fr. L minutus minute (adj.)]
  1 : a list of the dishes available (as in a restaurant) for a meal; also : the dishes served
  2 † : a list of offerings or options

  *Synonyms*
  † catalog, checklist, list, listing, register, registry, roll, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

- me-ow /mē_-'au/ verb
  : to make the characteristic cry of a cat
  — meow noun

- mer abbreviation
  meridian

- mer-can-tile /mar_-'kan_-'tēl_-'til/ adjective
mercenary /ˈmɜrɪnərē/ noun, plural -naries
: a person who serves merely for wages; especially: a soldier hired into foreign service

mercenary adjective
1 : serving merely for pay or gain
2 : hired for service in a foreign army

Synonyms
acquisitive, avaricious, avid, covetous, grasping, greedy, rapacious—more at greedy

mercenary /ˈmərəsəri/ noun, British
: a dealer in usu. expensive fabrics

mercenary /ˈmərənəri/ noun, British variant of MERCERIZE

mer·cer /ˈmərkər/ noun
: a dealer in usu. expensive fabrics

mer·cer·ise British variant of MERCERIZE

mer·cer·ize /ˈmərkərəˌzīz/ verb -ized, -izing
: to treat cotton yarn or cloth with alkali so that it looks silky or takes a better dye

mer·cer·ize /ˈmerˌkərzəˌzīz/ verb -ized; -izing
: the commodities or goods that are bought and sold in business

Synonyms
commodities, wares; also line; export, import; inventory, staples, stock, stuff

mer·chand·ise noun
: to buy and sell in business

Synonyms
deal, market, put up, retail, sell, vend—more at MARKET

mer·chan·dis·er noun
: one that buys and sells in business

mer·chant /ˈmərˌchənt/ noun
1 : a buyer and seller of commodities for profit
2 : STOREKEEPER

Synonyms
dealer, trader, trafficker; also businessman, businesswoman; buyer, purchaser; hawker, peddler; retailer, seller, shopkeeper, storekeeper, vendor; jobber, middleman, wholesaler; distributor, provider, supplier

mer·chant·able /ˈmərchanˈtəbəl/ adjective
: acceptable to buyers: MARKETABLE

mer·chant·man /ˈmərˌchəntmən/ noun
: a ship used in commerce

mer·chant marine noun
: the commercial ships of a nation

mer·chant ship noun
: MERCHANTMAN

mer·ci·ful·ly /ˈmərˌsəfləlē/ adverb
1 : in a merciful manner
2 : FORTUNATELY 2

mer·ci·less /ˈmərˌsələs/ adjective
1 : having or showing no mercy
— mer·ci·less·ly adverb

Synonyms
callous, hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, pitiless, soulless, unfeeling, unsympathetic—more at HARD

mer·cu·ri·al /ˈmərkəˌral/ adjective
1 : unpredictably changeable
2 : MERCURIC
— **mer·cu·ri·al·ly** *adverb*
— **mer·cu·ri·al·ness** *noun*

*Synonyms*
  ‣ capricious, changeable, fickle, inconstant, unpredictable—more at **fickle**

**mer·cu·ric** /ˈmərˌkyərɪk/ *adjective*
  of, relating to, or containing mercury

**mercuric chloride** *noun*
  a poisonous compound of mercury and chlorine used as an antiseptic and fungicide

**mer·cu·ry** /ˈmərˌsərē/ *noun*, plural -ries
  1 : a heavy silver-white liquid metallic chemical element used esp. in scientific instruments
  2 *cap* : the planet nearest the sun

**mer·cy** /ˈmərˌsē/ *noun*, plural mercies
  1 ‣ compassion shown to an offender; also : imprisonment rather than death for first-degree murder
  2 : a blessing resulting from divine favor or compassion; also : a fortunate circumstance
  3 ‣ compassionate treatment of those in distress
— **mer·ci·ful** *adjective*
— **mercy** *adjective*

*Synonyms*
  ‣ [1] charity, clemency, leniency, quarter; also humanitarianism, philanthropy; empathy, pity, sympathy, understanding; commiseration, favor, grace; benevolence, care, compassion, gentleness, goodness, goodwill, kindliness, kindness, meekness, mildness, niceness, softness, tenderness; altruism, generosity, magnanimity, nobility; affection, devotion, love, worship
  ‣ [3] boon, courtesy, favor, grace, indulgence, kindness, service, turn—more at **favor**

**mercy killing** *noun*
 : **euthanasia**

1**mere** /mər/ *noun*
  : **lake, pool**

2**mere** *adjective*, superlative mer·est
  1 : being nothing more than <a ~ child>
  2 : not diluted : **pure**

**mere·ly** /ˈmərəl/ *adverb*
  ‣ no more than

*Synonyms*
  ‣ but, just, only, simply—more at **just**

**mer·e·tri·cious** /ˈmərəˌtrēsēəs/ *adjective*
[origin: L meretricius, fr. meretrix prostitute, fr. merēre to earn]
  : tawdryly attractive; also : **specious**
— **mer·e·tri·cious·ly** *adverb*
— **mer·e·tri·cious·ness** *noun*

**mer·gan·ser** /ˈmər·ɡənˌsər/ *noun*
 : any of various fish-eating wild ducks with a usu. crested head and a slender bill hooked at the end and serrated along the margins

**merge** /mər/ *verb* merged; merg·ing
  1 : to blend gradually
  2 ‣ : to combine, unite, or coalesce into one

*Synonyms*
  ‣ amalgamate, blend, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, mingle, mix—more at **blend**

**mer·g·er** /ˈmər·jər/ *noun*
1 : the act or process of merging
2 : absorption by a corporation of one or more others

me·rid·i·an /meˌri.dē.ən/ noun
1 : the highest point : CULMINATION
2 : any of the imaginary circles on the earth's surface passing through the north and south poles
— meridional adjective

Synonyms
- acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

me·ringue /meˈrəng/ noun
[origin: F]
: a baked dessert topping of stiffly beaten egg whites and powdered sugar

me·ri·no /meˌrē.nō/ noun, plural -nos
[origin: Sp]
1 : any of a breed of sheep noted for fine soft wool
2 : a fine soft fabric or yarn of wool or wool and cotton

1 merit /mer.ət/ noun
1 : laudable or blameworthy traits or actions
2 : a praiseworthy quality; also : character or conduct deserving reward or honor
3 plural : the intrinsic nature of a legal case; also : legal significance

Synonyms
- distinction, excellence, value, virtue—more at EXCELLENCE
- account, valuation, value, worth—more at WORTH

2 merit verb
1 : to be worthy of or entitled to : EARN, DESERVE

Synonyms
- deserve, earn, rate

mer·i·toc·ra·cy /ˌmer.ə.təˈkra.sē/ noun, plural -cies
: a system in which the talented are chosen and moved ahead based on their achievement; also : leadership by the talented

mer·i·to·ri·ous /ˌmer.ə.tōr.ē.əs/ adjective
1 : deserving honor or esteem
   — mer·i·to·ri·ous·ly adverb
   — mer·i·to·ri·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
- admirable, commendable, creditable, laudable, praiseworthy—more at ADMIRABLE
- deserving, good, worthy—more at WORTHY

mer·lin /ˈmer.lən/ noun
: a small compact falcon of the northern hemisphere

mer·lot /ˈmer.lōt/ noun
: a dry red wine made from a widely grown grape; also the grape itself

mer·maid /ˌmer.mād/ noun
: a legendary sea creature with a woman's upper body and a fish's tail

mer·man /ˈmer.mən/ noun
: a legendary sea creature with a man's upper body and a fish's tail

mer·ri·ly /ˈmer.rəli/ adverb
1 : in a merry manner

Synonyms
cheerfully, gaily, happily, heartily, jovially, mirthfully—more at **gaily**

**merri·ment** /mərˈri·mənt/ **noun**
1: lighthearted gaiety or fun-making : **Hilarity**
2: a lively celebration or party : **festivity**

**Synonyms**
- [1] cheer, cheerfulness, festivity, glee, hilarity, joviality, mirth, mirthfulness—more at **mirth**
- [2] conviviality, festivity, gaiety, jollification, merrymaking, revelry—more at **Merrymaking**

**mer·ry** /mərˈri/ **adjective** **mer·ri·er**; **-est**
1: full of gaiety or high spirits
2: marked by festivity

**Synonyms**
- blithe, boon, festive, gay, gleeful, jocund, jolly, jovial, mirthful, sunny; also amused, beaming, chuckling, giggling, smiling; bright, buoyant, carefree, cheerful, cheery, chipper, lighthearted, lightsome, upbeet; animated, jaunty, lively, perky, vivacious; blessed, blissful, delighted, ecstatic, elated, enraptured, entranced, euphoric, exhilarated, exuberant, exultant, happy, high, joyful, joyous, jubilant, overjoyed, radiant, rapturous, ravished, thrilled; amusing, facetious, flippant, funny, hilarious, joking, joshing, playful, witty; careless, cavalier, easygoing, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, unconsidered; hopeful, rosy, sanguine

**merry-go-round** /mərˈriˌgəˌraʊnd/ **noun**
1: a circular revolving platform with benches and figures of animals on which people sit for a ride
2: a busy round of activities

**mer·ry·mak·er** /mərˈriˌmækər/ **noun**
: one who engages in merrymaking

**Synonyms**
- celebrant, reveler, roisterer—more at **Celebrant**

**mer·ry·mak·ing** /mərˈriˌmækɪŋ/ **noun**
1: gay or festive activity
2: a festive occasion

**Synonyms**
- conviviality, festivity, gaiety, jollification, merriment, revelry; also carousal, carouse; delight, diversion, entertainment, fun, pleasure, riot; glee, joviality, mirth, mirthfulness; carnival, celebration, party, revel; frolicking, gambling, rollicking, romping; enjoyment, happiness, joy; binge, fling, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp, spree; buffoonery, clownishness, flippancy, frivolity, jocularity, joking, joshing, levity, lightheartedness, playfulness; zaniness

**mes·sa** /məˈsa/ **noun**
[origin: Sp, lit., table, fr. L mensa]
: a flat-topped hill with steep sides

**Synonyms**
- plateau, table, tableland—more at **plataeu**

**mes·cal** /məˈskəl, məˈskəl/ **noun**
1: PEYOTE 2
2: a usu. colorless liquor distilled from the leaves of an agave; also : this agave

**mes·cal·ine** /məˈskələn, ˌlən/ **noun**
: a hallucinatory alkaloid from the peyote cactus

**mes·clun** /məˈsklən/ **noun**
: a mixture of young tender greens; also : a salad made with mesclun

**mes·dames** plural of **MADAM**, or of **MADAME**, or of **MRS.**

**mes·demoiselles** plural of **MADEMOISELLE**

**mesh** /mɛʃ/ **noun**
1: one of the openings between the threads or cords of a net; also : one of the similar spaces in a network
2 : the fabric of a net
3 : NETWORK
4 : working contact (as of the teeth of gears) <in ~>
5 : a woven, knit, or knotted material of open texture with evenly spaced holes
   — meshed /ˈmeshaled/ adjective
   Syonyms
   ▶ net, network—more at NET

2 mesh verb
   1 ▶ : to catch in or as if in a mesh
   2 : to be in or come into mesh : ENGAGE
   3 : to fit together properly
   Synonyms
   ▶ enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, snare, tangle, trap—more at ENTANGLE

mesh-work /ˈmes.hərk/ noun
   : NETWORK

me·si·al /ˈmēzē.əl, -sēl/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or being the surface of a tooth that is closest to the middle of the front of the jaw

mes·mer·ise British variant of MESMERIZE

mes·mer·ize /ˈmez.mər.i.ziz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
   ▶ : to dazzle or overcome by or as if by suggestion : HYPNOTIZE
   — mes·mer·ic /ˈmez.mər.i.ik/ adjective
   — mes·mer·ism /ˈmez.mər.i.zəm/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ arrest, enchant, enthrall, fascinate, grip, hypnotize—more at ENTHRAL

Mes·o·li·th·ic /ˈmezəˌlith.ik/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or being a transitional period of the Stone Age between the Paleolithic and the Neolithic periods

me·so·sphere /ˌme.ˌsoʊˈsfir/ noun
   : a layer of the atmosphere between the stratosphere and the thermosphere

Me·so·zo·ic /ˌme.ˌsoʊˈzo.ik, -ˌsā.ik/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or being the era of geologic history between the Paleozoic and the Cenozoic and extending from about 245 million years ago to about 65 million years ago
   — Mesozoic noun

mes·quite /ˈmes.kwēt, -kwēt/ noun
   : any of several spiny leguminous trees and shrubs chiefly of the southwestern U.S. with sugar-rich pods important as fodder; also : mesquite wood used esp. in grilling food

1 mess /mes/ noun
   [origin: ME mes, fr. AF, fr. LL missus course at a meal, fr. missus, pp. of mittere to put, fr. L, to send]
   1 a ▶ : a quantity of food
   b : enough food of a specified kind for a dish or meal <a ~ of beans>
   2 ▶ : a group of persons who regularly eat together; also : a meal eaten by such a group
   3 : a place where meals are regularly served to a group
   4 ▶ : a confused, dirty, or offensive state
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a, 2] board, chow, feed, meal, repast, table—more at MEAL
   ▶ [4] chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, eyesore, havoc, hell, jumble, muddle, shambles—more at CHAOS

2 mess verb
   1 : to supply with meals; also : to take meals with a mess
   2 ▶ : to make dirty or untidy — often used with up
   b ▶ : to become confused or make an error : BUNGLE — usu. used with up
3 : to interest oneself in what is not one's concern : INTERFERE, MEDDLING
4 : PUTTER, TRIFLING
5 : to handle or play with something esp. carelessly
   Synonyms
   - often mess up [2a] confuse, disorder, jumble, mix, muddle, rumple
   - usually mess up [2b] bobble, botch, bungle, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, muck, murder—more at BOTCH
   - [3] butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, nose, obstruct, poke, pry, snoop—more at INTERFERE
   - usually mess with [5] fiddle, fool, monkey, play, tamper, tinker—more at TAMPER (WITH)

message /meˈsi/ noun
: a communication sent by one person to another

message board noun
: BULLETIN BOARD

mess around verb
: to waste time
   Synonyms
   - fiddle, fool, monkey, play, potter, putter, trifle

messeigneurs plural of MONSEIGNEUR

messenger /mesˈniŋər/ noun
: one who carries a message or does an errand
   Synonyms
   - courier, go-between, page, runner; also forerunner, harbinger, herald; agent, ambassador, delegate, deputy, emissary, envoy, representative; bearer, carrier, deliveryman, letter carrier, mail carrier, mailman

messenger RNA noun
: an RNA that carries the code for a particular protein from DNA in the nucleus to a ribosome in the cytoplasm and acts as a template for the formation of that protein

Messiah /meˈsil/ noun
1 : the expected king and deliverer of the Jews
2 : Jesus
3 not cap : a professed or accepted leader of a cause
   — messianic /meˈsēənik/ adjective

messieurs plural of MONSIEUR

messmate /mesˈmat/ noun
: a member of a group who eat regularly together

Messrs. /meˈsars/ plural of MR.

mestizo /meˈstēzō/ noun, plural -zos
[origin: Sp]
: a person of mixed blood

messy /meˈsē/ adjective
: marked by confusion, disorder, or dirt
   Synonyms
   - chaotic, confused, disheveled, disordered, muddled, sloppy, unkempt, untidy; also blackened, dingy, dirty, filthy, foul, grimy, grubby, grungy, mucky, nasty, soiled, spotted, squalid, stained, sullied, unclean, uncleanly; dowdy, frowzy, slobby, slovenly, uncombed; wrinkled; contaminated, defiled, polluted, tainted; knotted, snarled, tangled; shabby, sleazy; neglected, neglectful, negligent

Antonyms
   - neat, ordered, orderly, tidy

1 met past and past participle of MEET
2 met abbreviation
metropolitan

met-ab-o-lism /meˌtaˈbol-ə-lizəm/ noun
the processes by which the substance of plants and animals incidental to life is built up and broken down; also : the processes by which a substance is handled in the living body <~ of sugar>
— meta-bol-ic /meˌtaˈbo-lə-lik/ adjective
— meta-bol-ize /meˌtaˈbo-ləz/ verb

met-ab-o-lite /ˌma.ˌti.əˌlat/ noun
1 : a product of metabolism
2 : a substance essential to the metabolism of a particular organism or to a metabolic process

meta-car-pal /ˌme.ta.ˌkær.ˈpal/ noun
any of usu. five more or less elongated bones of the part of the hand or forefoot between the wrist and the bones of the digits
— metacarpal adjective

meta-car-pus /ˌkær.ˈpəs/ noun
the part of the hand or forefoot that contains the metacarpals

met-al /ˈme.təl/ noun
1 : any of various opaque, fusible, ductile, and typically lustrous substances that are good conductors of electricity and heat
2 : METTLE; also : the material out of which a person or thing is made
— meta-llic /ˈme.təˌlik/ adjective

met-al-lur-gy /meˌta.ˈlər.je/ noun
the science and technology of metals
— meta-lur-gi-cal /ˌme.ˈtal.ər.ˈje.lik/ adjective
— meta-lur-gist /ˈme.təˌlər.ɪst/ noun

met-al-ware /ˈme.təˌlwer/ noun
metal utensils for household use

met-al-work /ˌme.təlˌwɜrk/ noun
work and esp. artistic work made of metal
— meta-l-work-er /ˌme.təlˌwɜrk.ər/ noun
— meta-l-work-ing noun

meta-mor-phism /ˌme.to.ˈmər.ˌfləzəm/ noun
a change in the structure of rock; especially : a change to a more compact and more highly crystalline form produced by pressure, heat, and water
— meta-mor-phic /ˌmər.ˈflɪk/ adjective

meta-mor-phose /ˌme.to.ˈmər.ˌfoʊz, ˌmərˌfoʊz/ verb
1 : to change into a different physical form esp. by supernatural means
2 : to change strikingly the appearance or character of

Synonyms
convert, make over, transfigure, transform—more at CONVERT

meta-mor-pho-sis /ˌme.to.ˈmər.ˌfoʊsɪs/ noun, plural -pho-ses /ˌsəz/
1 a : a change of physical form, structure, or substance esp. by supernatural means
b : a striking alteration (as in appearance or character)
2 : a fundamental change in form and often habits of an animal accompanying the transformation of a larva into an adult

Synonyms
changeover, conversion, transfiguration, transformation—more at CONVERSION

met-a-phor /ˌme.to.ˈfər/ noun
a figure of speech in which a word for one idea or thing is used in place of another to suggest a likeness between
them (as in “the ship plows the sea”)

— meta-phoric /ˌmeˌtaˈfȯrɪk/ or meta-phor-i-cal /ˌmeˌtaˈfȯrᵻˌkəl/ adjective
— meta-phor-i-cal-ly /ˌmeˌtaˈfȯrᵻˌkəlᵻ/ adverb

meta-phys-i-cal /ˌmeˌtaˈfiˌziˈkəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to metaphysics
2 : of or relating to the transcendent or to a reality beyond what is perceptible to the senses

Synonyms
  preternatural, superhuman, supernatural, unearthly—more at supernatural

meta-phys-i-cals /ˌmeˌtaˈfiˌziˈkəls/ noun
[origin: ML Metaphysica, title of Aristotle's treatise on the subject, fr. Gk (ta)meta (ta)physika, lit., the (works) after the physical (works); fr. its position in his collected works]
: the philosophical study of the ultimate causes and underlying nature of things

— meta-phys-i-cian /ˌmeˌtaˈziˌshən/ noun

me-tas-ta-sis /ˌmeˌtaˈstəsəs/ noun, plural -ta-ses /ˌsēz/
: the spread of a health-impairing agency (as cancer cells) from the initial or primary site of disease to another part of the body; also : a secondary growth of a malignant tumor

— me-tas-ta-size /ˌmeˌtaˈstɑːsiz/ verb
— me-ta-stat-i-cal /ˌmeˌtaˌstætəˈkal/ adjective

meta-tar-sal /ˌmeˌtaˈtɑrˌsəl/ noun
: any of the bones of the foot between the tarsus and the bones of the digits that in humans include five elongated bones

— metatarsal adjective

meta-tar-sus /ˌmeˌtaˈtɑrˌsəs/ noun
: the part of the human foot or the hind foot in quadrupeds that contains the metatarsals

1me-te /mēˈtē/ verb met-ed, met-ing
1 archaic : MEASURE
2: to give out by measure — usu. used with out

Synonyms usually mete out
  administer, allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, parcel, portion, prorate—more at administer

2me-te noun
: BOUNDARY (<s and bounds>)

me-te-or /mēˈteər/ noun
1 : a small particle of matter in the solar system directly observable only by its glow from frictional heating on falling into the earth's atmosphere
2 : the streak of light produced by a meteor

me-te-or-i-c /ˌmēˈteərˌiˈkəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling a meteor
2 : transiently brilliant <a ~ career>

— me-te-or-i-cal-ly /ˌmēˈteərˌiˈkəlˌlē/ adverb

me-te-or-it-e /mēˈteərˌiːt/ noun
: a meteor that reaches the surface of the earth

me-te-or-id /mēˈteərˌiːd/ noun
: a small particle of matter in the solar system

me-te-o-ro-log-y /ˌmēˈteərˌoʊˌlədʒi/ noun
: a science that deals with the atmosphere and its phenomena and esp. with weather forecasting

— me-te-o-ro-log-i-cal /ˌmēˌteərˌoʊˌləˈjik/ or me-te-o-ro-log-i-cal-ly /ˌmēˌteərˌoʊˌləˈjikˌlē/ adjective

— me-te-o-ro-log-i-st /ˌmēˌteərˌoʊˌləˈjist/ noun
meter /ˈmɛ.tər/ noun
1 : rhythm in verse or music
   Synonyms
   ❖ beat, cadence, measure, rhythm—more at RHYTHM

2 meter noun
   : the basic metric unit of length

3 meter noun
   : a measuring and sometimes recording instrument

4 meter verb
   1 : to measure by means of a meter
   2 : to print postal indicia on by means of a postage meter</ed mail>

meter–kilogram–second adjective
: of, relating to, or being a system of units based on the meter, the kilogram, and the second

meter maid noun
: a woman assigned to write tickets for parking violations

meth-a-done /ˈmeθˌə.dən/ also meth-a-don /ˌdən/ noun
: a synthetic addictive narcotic drug used esp. as a substitute narcotic in the treatment of heroin addiction

meth-am-pher-amine /ˈmeθˌəmˌfər.əˌmɛn/ noun
: a drug used medically in the form of its hydrochloride in the treatment of obesity and often illicitly as a stimulant

meth-ane /ˈmeθ.ən/ noun
: a colorless odorless flammable gas produced by decomposition of organic matter or from coal and used esp. as a fuel

meth-a-nol /ˈmeθˌə.nəl/ noun
: a volatile flammable poisonous liquid alcohol used esp. as a solvent and as an antifreeze

meth-aqua-lone /ˈmeθˌəkwəˌlən/ noun
: a sedative and hypnotic habit-forming drug that is not a barbiturate

meth-od /ˈmeθ.əd/ noun
1 ❖ : a procedure or process for achieving an end
2 : orderly arrangement : PLAN
   Synonyms
   ❖ approach, fashion, form, manner, strategy, style, system, tack, tactics, technique, way; also mode; blueprint, design, game, ground plan, intrigue, layout, line, plan, plot, program, route, scheme; expedient, move, shift, step; practice, process, routine; project, proposal, proposition; policy

method-i-cal /ˈmeθ.ə.dɪ.ka l/ adjective
1 ❖ : arranged, characterized by, or performed with method or order ~ treatment of the subject
2 : habitually proceeding according to method ~ in his daily routine

— method-i-cal-ly /ˌk(e)ləˈli/ adverb
— method-i-cal-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ❖ orderly, regular, systematic; also standardized; accurate, correct, exact, precise; detailed, specific
   Antonyms
   ❖ disorganized, haphazard, irregular, unsystematic

method-ise British variant of METHODIZE

Meth-o-dist /ˈmeθˌə.dɪst/ noun
: a member of a Protestant denomination adhering to the doctrines of John Wesley

— Meth-o-dism /ˌdiˌzəm/ noun

method-ize /ˈmeθˌə.dɪz/ verb -ized; -iz-ing
meth·od·ol·o·gy /me.ˈθa.dəˌlədʒi/ noun, plural -gies
1 : a body of methods and rules followed in a science or discipline
2 : the study of the principles or procedures of inquiry in a particular field
meth·yl /me.ˈθe.l/ noun
a chemical radical consisting of carbon and hydrogen
methyl alcohol noun
: METHANOL
meth·yl-mer·cury /me.ˈθe.ˌlˌmər.ˈkwaˌri/ noun
: any of various toxic compounds of mercury that often occur as pollutants which accumulate in animals esp. at the top of a food chain
me·tic·u·lous /me.ˈti.kəˌləs/ adjective
[origin: L. meticulous fearful, fr. metus fear]
›: extremely careful in attending to details
— me·tic·u·lous·ly adverb
— me·tic·u·lous·ness noun
  Synonyms
  › careful, conscientious, fussy, painstaking—more at PAINSTAKING
métier /me.ˈtyər, me.ˈtyər/ noun
: an area of activity in which one is expert or successful
me·tre /məˈtər/ chiefly British variant of METER
met·ric /me.ˈtrik/ adjective
1 : of or relating to measurement; especially : of or relating to the metric system
2 : METRICAL 1
met·ri·cal /me.ˈtrikəl/ adjective
1 ‹: of, relating to, or composed in meter
2 : of or relating to measure and esp. the metric system
— met·ri·cal·ly /kəˈli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  › cadenced, measured, rhythmic—more at RHYTHMIC
met·ri·ca·tion /me.ˈtrikəˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
: the act or process of converting into or expressing in the metric system
met·ri·cize /me.ˈtrɪs/ verb -cized; -ciz·ing
: to change into or express in the metric system
metric system noun
: a decimal system of weights and measures based on the meter and on the kilogram
metric ton noun
: a metric unit of weight equal to 1,000 kilograms
metro /me.ˈtroʊ/ noun, plural metros
1 SUBWAY
2 adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of a metropolis and sometimes including its suburbs
met·ro·nome /me.ˈtre.ˌnɒm/ noun
: an instrument for marking exact time by a regularly repeated tick
metrop·o·lis /me.ˈtrəˌpoləs/ noun
›: the chief or capital city of a country, state, or region; also : a large important city
met·ro·pol·i·tan /me.trəˈpoləˌtān/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ➔ burg, city, municipality, town

met·tle /metˈtəl/ noun
  1: SPIRIT, COURAGE
  2: quality of temperament

met·tle·some /metˈtəlˌsəm/ adjective
  ➔ full of mettle
  Synonyms
  ➔ fiery, high-spirited, peppery, spirited, spunky—more at SPIRITED

MeV abbreviation
  million electron volts

1mew /ˈmiə/ verb
  : MEOW
  ➔ mew noun

2mew verb
  : CONFINE

mews /ˈmiəz/ noun singular or plural, chiefly British
  : stables usu. with living quarters built around a court; also: a narrow street with dwellings converted from stables

Mex abbreviation
  Mexican; Mexico

Mex·i·can /mɛks.ɪˈkan/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of Mexico
  ➔ Mexican adjective

mez·za·nine /ˈmez.zəˌnēn, ˈmez.əˌnēn/ noun
  1: a low-ceilinged story between two main stories of a building
  2: the lowest balcony in a theater; also: the first few rows of such a balcony

mez·zo for·te /ˈmez.əˌfɔrˌtā, ˈmed.əˌfɔrˌtā/ adjective or adverb
[ORIGIN: It]
  : moderately loud — used as a direction in music

mez·zo pia·no /ˈpɛ.ə.ˈnō/ adjective or adverb
[ORIGIN: It]
  : moderately soft — used as a direction in music

mez·zo–so·pra·no /ˈsəˌprərəˌnō, ˈprāˌnō/ noun
  : a woman’s voice having a range between that of the soprano and contralto; also: a singer having such a voice

MFA abbreviation
  master of fine arts

mfr abbreviation
  manufacture; manufacturer

mg abbreviation
  milligram

Mg symbol
  magnesium

MG abbreviation
  1 machine gun
  2 major general
  3 military government
mgr abbreviation
1 manager
2 monseigneur
3 monsignor

mgt or mgmt abbreviation
management

MGy Sgt abbreviation
master gunnery sergeant

MHz abbreviation
megahertz

mi abbreviation
1 mile; mileage
2 mill

MI abbreviation
1 Michigan
2 military intelligence

MIA /ˈmē.ərē/ noun
[origin: missing in action]
: a member of the armed forces whose whereabouts following a combat mission are unknown

Mi-amí /miˈaˌmēˌme/ noun, plural Mi-amí or Mi-amís
: a member of an American Indian people orig. of Wisconsin and Indiana

mi-as-ma /miˈazˌmeˌme/ noun, plural -mas also -ma-ta /ˌmeˌta/ 1: a vapor from a swamp formerly believed to cause disease
2: a harmful influence or atmosphere

—mi-as-mal /ˈmal/ adjective
—mi-as-mic /ˈmik/ adjective

mic /mɪk/ noun
: MICROPHONE

Mic abbreviation
Micah

mi-ca /ˌmɪkə/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. L, grain, crumb]
: any of various mineral silicates readily separable into thin transparent sheets

Mi-cah /ˌmɪkə/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

mice plural of MOUSE

Mich abbreviation
Michigan

Mi-che-as /ˌmɪkəˈesˌmɪkəˈes/ noun
: MICAH

Mic-mac /ˈmɪkˌmæk/ noun, plural Micmac or Micmacs
: a member of an American Indian people of eastern Canada

micr- or micro- combining form
1: small : minute <microcapsule>
2: one millionth part of a specified unit <microsecond>

1micro /ˌmɪkrə/ adjective
1: very small; especially: MICROSCOPIC
2 : involving minute quantities or variations

micro noun
: MICROCOMPUTER

mi-crobe /ˈmɪˌkrəb/ noun
: MICROORGANISM; especially : one causing disease

mi-cro-bi-al /ˌmɪˈkrəˌba.əl/ adjective

mi-cro-bi-o-l-o-gy /ˌmɪˌkrəˌbi.əˈləˌjɪˌkæl/ noun
: a branch of biology dealing esp. with microscopic forms of life

mi-cro-bi-o-log-i-cal /ˌmɪˌkrəˌbi.əˌləˌjɪˌkæl/ adjective

mi-cro-bi-o-log-ist /ˌmɪˌkrəˌbi.əˌləˌjɪst/ noun

mi-cro-brew-ery /ˌmɪˌkrəˌbrǔˌe.əˌrɛ/ noun
: a small brewery making specialty beer in limited quantities

mi-cro-burst /ˌmɪˌkrəˌbɜːst/ noun
: a violent short-lived localized downdraft that creates extreme wind shears at low altitudes

mi-cro-cap-sule /ˌmɪˌkrəˌkæpˌsəˌsʊl/ noun
: a tiny capsule containing material (as a medicine) released when the capsule is broken, melted, or dissolved

mi-cro-chip /ˌmɪˌkrəˌʃɪp/ noun
: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

mi-cro-cir-cuit /ˌmɪˌkrəˈsɜːr.ˌkæt/ noun
: a compact electronic circuit

mi-cro-com-put-er /ˌmɪˌkrəˌkɒm.ˌpʌt.ər/ noun
: a small computer that uses a microprocessor; especially : PERSONAL COMPUTER

mi-cro-cosm /ˌmɪˌkrəˌkɒs.əm/ noun
: an individual or community thought of as a miniature world or universe

mi-cro-elec-tron-ics /ˌmɪˌkrəˌɪlekˌtrɑːˌnɪks/ noun
: a branch of electronics that deals with the miniaturization of electronic circuits and components

mi-cro-elec-tron-ic /ˌmɪˌkrəˌɛl.əˈtrɑːk.ɪk/ adjective

mi-cro-en-cap-su-late /ˌmɪˌkrəˌɪnˌkæpˌse.ˈlæt/ verb
: to enclose (as a drug) in a microcapsule

mi-cro-en-cap-su-la-tion /ˌmɪˌkrəˌɪnˌkæpˌse.ˈləˌʃæn/ noun

mi-cro-fiche /ˌmɪˌkrəˌfiːʃ, ˌfɪʃ/ noun, plural -fiche or -fiches /ˌmɪˌkrəˌfɪʃ, ˌfɪʃ/ : a sheet of microfilm containing rows of images of pages of printed matter

mi-cro-fiber /ˌmɪˌkrəˌfi.ˈbɛr/ noun
: a fine usu. soft polyester fiber; also : a fabric made from such fibers

mi-cro-film /ˌmɪˌkrəˌfɪlm/ noun
: a film bearing a photographic record (as of print) on a reduced scale

mi-cro-graph /ˌmɪˌkrəˌɡrɑːf/ noun
: a graphic reproduction of the image of an object formed by a microscope

mi-cro-man-age /ˌmɪˌkrəˌmæn.ˌeɪj/ verb
: to manage esp. with excessive control or attention to details

mi-cro-man-age-ment /ˌmɪˌkrəˌmæn.ˌɛm.ˌment/ noun

mi-cro-man-ag-er /ˌmɪˌkrəˌmæn.ˌeɪ.ˌdʒɛr/ noun

mi-cro-mete-rite /ˌmɪˌkrəˌmɛt.əˌrɪt/ noun

mi-cro-me-te-rite /ˌmɪˌkrəˌmɛt.əˌrɪt/ noun

mi-cro-rel-tor /ˌmɪˌkrəˌrɛl.ˈtɔːr/ noun

mi-cro-rum-ent /ˌmɪˌkrəˌrʌm.ˌɛnt/ noun

mi-cro-so-flor-a /ˌmɪˌkrəˌsəˌflɔr.ə/ noun

mi-cro-scope /ˌmɪˌkrəˌskəp/ noun
: an optical instrument for viewing minute objects magnified by means of lenses

mi-cro-scope-cope /ˌmɪˌkrəˌskəpˌkəp/ noun

mi-cro-scope-tor /ˌmɪˌkrəˌskəpˌtɔːr/ noun

mi-cro-soc-i-ety /ˌmɪˌkrəˌsɒkJiˌtɪ/ noun

mi-cro-so-cy /ˌmɪˌkrəˌsɒkJi/ noun
a very small particle in interplanetary space

**micrometer** *noun*
: an instrument used with a telescope or microscope for measuring minute distances

**microminaturization** *noun*
: the process of producing things in a very small size and esp. in a size smaller than one considered miniature

**micron** *noun*
: one millionth of a meter

**microorganism** *noun*
: an organism (as a bacterium) too tiny to be seen by the unaided eye

**microphone** *noun*
: an instrument for converting sound waves into variations of an electric current for transmitting or recording sound

**microphotograph** *noun*
: PHOTOMICROGRAPH

**microprocessor** *noun*
: a computer processor contained on a microchip

**microscope** *noun*
: an instrument for making magnified images of minute objects usu. using light

**micronautical** *adjective*
1: of, relating to, or involving the use of the microscope
2 **microscopically** *adverb*
   : very small
   **Synonyms**
   : atomic, infinitesimal, miniature, minute, teeny, tiny, wee—more at TINY

**microwatt** *noun*
: one millionth of a second

**microwave** *noun*
: of, relating to, or involving the use of the microwave

**microwaveable** *adjective*
1: to heat or cook in a microwave oven
2: **MICROWAVE OVEN**

**microwave** *verb*
: to heat or cook in a microwave oven

**microwaveable** *adjective*
: an oven in which food is cooked by the absorption of microwave energy by water molecules in the food

**mid** *adjective*
: occupying a middle position: MIDDLE

**mid** *abbreviation*
: middle
mid·air /ˈmid·ər/ noun
: a point or region in the air well above the ground

mid·day /ˈmid·dā, -dā/ noun
✓ the middle part of the day
✓ noon, noontime—more at noon

mid·den /ˈmid·ən/ noun
✓ a refuse heap
✓ 1 middle /ˈmid·lē/ adjective
✓ 1: equally distant from the extremes
✓ 2: being at neither extreme: INTERMEDIATE
✓ 3 cap: constituting an intermediate period
✓ Synonyms
✓ [1, 2] central, halfway, intermediary, intermediate, median, medium, midmost; also equidistant; inmost, inner, innermost
✓ Antonyms
✓ extreme, farthest, furthest, outermost
✓ [1, 2] average, intermediate, moderate, modest; also reasonable; common, commonplace, conventional, normal, popular, regular, routine, standard, typical, usual; passable, tolerable

2 middle noun
✓ 1: a middle part, point, or position
✓ 2: the central portion of the human body: WAIST
✓ 3: the position of being among or in the midst of something <caught in the ~ of their conflict>
✓ Synonyms
✓ [1] center, mean, medium, midpoint—more at MEAN
✓ [2] midriff, waist—more at MIDRIFF
✓ [3] deep, depth, height, midst, thick—more at THICK

middle age noun
✓ the period of life from about 45 to about 64
✓ mid·dle·aged /ˈmid·lē·əd/ adjective

Middle Ages noun plural
✓ the period of European history from about A.D. 500 to about 1500

mid·dle·brow /ˈmid·ləbrô/ noun
✓ a person who is moderately but not highly cultivated
✓ middlebrow adjective

middle class noun
✓ a social class holding a position between the upper class and the lower class
✓ middle·class adjective

middle ear noun
✓ a small membrane-lined cavity of the ear through which sound waves are transmitted by a chain of tiny bones

middle finger noun
✓ the midmost of the five digits of the hand

mid·dle·man /ˈmid·ləman/ noun
✓ 1: an intermediary or agent between two parties
✓ 2: one who is intermediate between the producer of goods and the retailer or consumer
✓ Synonyms
✓ arbiter, arbitrator, go-between, intercessor, intermediary, mediator, peacemaker—more at MEDIATOR

middle·of·the·road adjective
✓ standing for or following a course of action midway between extremes; especially: being neither liberal nor conservative in politics
— middle-of-the-road-er /ˌmɪdl-ərd/ noun
— middle-of-the-road-ism /ˌmɪdl-ərd-ɪzəm/ noun

middle school noun
: a school usu. including grades 5 to 8 or 6 to 8

mid-dle-weight /ˈmɪd-əl-ˈwætt/ noun
: one of average weight; especially : a boxer weighing not over 160 pounds

mid-dling /ˈmɪd-əl-ɪŋ/ adjective
1 : of middle, medium, or moderate size, degree, or quality
2 ›: of moderate or low quality, value, ability, or performance : mediocre

mid·dy /ˈmɪd-ə/ noun, plural middies
: MIDSHIPMAN

midge /mɪdʒ/ noun
: a very small fly : GNAT

mid·get /ˈmɪdʒ·ət/ noun
1 sometimes offensive : a very small person
2 ›: something (as an animal) very small for its kind

midi /ˈmɪdʒ/ noun
: a calf-length dress, coat, or skirt

MIDI /ˈmɪdʒ/ noun
[origin: musical instrument digital interface]
: a protocol for the transmission of digitally encoded music

mid·land /ˈmɪd·lænd, ˈmɪld-ənd/ noun
: the interior or central region of a country

mid·life /ˈmɪd·lɪf/ noun
: MIDDLE AGE

midlife crisis noun
: a period of emotional turmoil in middle age characterized esp. by a strong desire for change

mid·most /ˈmɪd·mɒst/ adjective
›: being in or near the exact middle
— midmost adverb

mid·night /ˈmɪdnɪt/ noun
: 12 o'clock at night

mid·ocean ridge /ˈmɪd·əʊˌsɛn/ noun
: an elevation on an ocean floor at the boundary of diverging tectonic plates

mid·point /ˈmɪd·pɔɪnt, ˈmɪd·pɔɪnt/ noun
›: a point at or near the center or middle

mid·riff /ˈmɪd·rɪf/ noun
mid·ri·f /midri/ noun 1: the mid-region of the human torso
   Synonyms
   middle, waist; also abdomen, torso, trunk

mid·sec·tion /ˌsek.ʃən/ noun 1: a section midway between the extremes; especially: MIDRIFF

mid·ship·man /ˈmid.ʃip.mən/ noun 1: a student in a naval academy

mid·ships /ˈmid.ships/ adverb 1: AMIDSHIPS

mid·st /ˈmidst/ noun 1: the interior or central part or point 2: a position of proximity to the members of a group <in our ~> 3: the condition of being surrounded or beset
   Synonyms
   [1] center, core, middle, midpoint—more at CENTER  [3] deep, depth, height, middle, thick—more at THICK

mid·stream /ˈmid.strēm/ noun 1: the middle of a stream

mid·sum·mer /ˈsa.mər/ noun 1: the middle of summer 2: the summer solstice

mid·town /ˈmid.tʌn/ noun 1: a central section of a city; especially: one situated between sections called downtown and uptown
   — midtown adjective

mid·way /ˈmid.wā/ adverb 1: in the middle of the way or distance 2: an avenue (as at a carnival) for concessions and amusements

mid·week /ˈmid.wēk/ noun 1: the middle of the week
   — mid·week·ly /ˈwē.kli/ adjective or adverb

mid·wife /ˈmid.wif/ noun 1: a person who helps women in childbirth
   — mid·wife·ry /ˈwī.fərē/ noun

mid·win·ter /ˈmid.wintər/ noun 1: the winter solstice 2: the middle of winter

mid·year /ˈmid.yər/ noun 1: the middle of a year 2: a midyear examination
   — midyear adjective
mien /ˈmɪən/ noun
1 : air or bearing esp. as expressive of mood or personality : DEMEANOR
2 : outward aspect : APPEARANCE

Synonyms
- appearance, aspect, look, presence—more at APPEARANCE

miff /mɪf/ verb
1 : to put into an ill humor

Synonyms
- [1] energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at HARD
- [2] especially, extremely, greatly, much, very

mighty /ˈmɪti/ adjective mighty-er; -est
1 : very strong : POWERFUL
2 : GREAT, NOTABLE

Synonyms
- important, influential, potent, powerful, significant, strong—more at IMPORTANT

Synonyms
- [1] energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at HARD
- [2] especially, extremely, greatly, much, very

mighty /ˈmɪti/ adverb
1 : in a mighty manner <applauded ~> 
2 : very much <depressed me ~> 

Synonyms
- [1] energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at HARD
- [2] especially, extremely, greatly, much, very

mi·gnon·ette /mɪˈgnənet/ noun
: an annual garden herb with spikes of tiny fragrant flowers

mi·graine /mɪˈɡreɪn/ noun
[origin: ME mygreyn, fr. MF migraine, fr. LL hemicrania, fr. Gk ἡμικρανία, fr. ἡμι- half + κρανίον cranium]: a condition marked by recurrent severe headache and often nausea; also : an attack of migraine

mi·grant /mɪˈɡrænt/ noun
: one that migrates; especially : a person who moves in order to find work (as picking crops)

migrant adjective
Synonyms
- emigrant, émigré, immigrant, settler—more at EMIGRANT

mi·grate /mɪˈɡreɪt/ verb mi·grat·ed; mi·grat·ing
1 : to move from one country or place to another
2 : to pass usu. periodically from one region or climate to another for feeding or breeding

Synonyms
- emigrant, émigré, immigrant, settler—more at EMIGRANT

mi·gra·tion /mɪˈɡreɪʃən/ noun

mi·gra·to·ry /mɪˈɡræ tərɪ/ adjective

mi·ka·do /mɪˈkɑːdəʊ/ noun, plural -dos
: an emperor of Japan

mike /mɪk/ noun
: MICROPHONE
1. **mil** /mɪl/ **noun**

: a unit of length equal to 1/1000 inch

2. **mil** **abbreviation**

  military

**milch** /mɪlk, ˈmɪlk/ **adjective**

: giving milk (adj. ~ cow)

**mild** /mɪld/ **adjective**

1. : gentle in nature or behavior
2. : moderate in action or effect
3. : not severe : TEMPERATE

— **mild-ly** **adverb**

— **mild-ness** **noun**

**Synonyms**

[1] balmy, benign, bland, delicate, gentle, light, mellow, soft, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE

[3] balmy, clement, equable, gentle, moderate, temperate—more at CLEMENT

**mil-dew** /mɪldˈdw/ **noun**

: a superficial usu. whitish growth produced on organic matter and on plants by a fungus; also : a fungus producing this growth

— **mildew** **verb**

**mile** /mɪl/ **noun**


1. : a unit of length equal to 5280 ft.
2. : NAUTICAL MILE

**mile-age** /mɪlˈdʒi/ **noun**

1. : an allowance for traveling expenses at a certain rate per mile
2. : distance in miles traveled (as in a day)
3. : the amount of service yielded (as by a tire) expressed in terms of miles of travel
4. : the average number of miles a motor vehicle will travel on a gallon of gasoline

**mile-post** /ˈmɪlˌpəst/ **noun**

: a post indicating the distance in miles from a given point

**mile-stone** /ˌmɪlstən/ **noun**

1. : a stone serving as a milepost
2. : a significant point in development

**milieu** /mɪˈlyoʊ/ **noun**

, plural **milieus** or **milieux** /sɪˈmiːəs, ˌmiːjoʊs/ [ORIGIN: F]

: the physical or social setting in which something occurs or develops : ENVIRONMENT, SETTING

**Synonyms**

atmosphere, climate, environment, environs, medium, setting, surroundings—more at ENVIRONMENT

**mil-i-tantcy** /ˌmɪlɪˈtæntsi/ **noun**

: the quality or state of being militant

**Synonyms**

aggression, aggressiveness, belligerence, fight, pugnacity, truculence—more at BELLIGERENCE

**mil-i-tant** /mɪlɪˈtænt/ **adjective**

1. a : engaged in warfare
b. : prone to fighting
2. : aggressively active esp. in a cause

— **mil-i-tance** /ˌtæns/ **noun**

— **mil-i-tant-ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**

[1b] aggressive, argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, combative, contentious, discordant, disputatious,
pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent, warlike—more at BELLIGERENT

素质教育, ambitious, assertive, enterprising, fierce, go-getting, high-pressure, self-assertive—more at AGGRESSIVE

militant noun

: one who is militant

Synonyms

crusader, fanatic, partisan, zealot—more at ZEALOT

mil·i·ta·rise British variant of MILITARIZE

mil·i·ta·ris·m /mi.ˈle.ter.i.zəm/ noun

1: predominance of the military class or its ideals
2: a policy of aggressive military preparedness

— mil·i·ta·rist /ˌrisl/ noun

— mil·i·ta·ris·tic /ˌris.tik/ adjective

mil·i·ta·rize /mi.ˈle.ter.iz/ verb -rized, -riz·ing

1: to equip with military forces and defenses
2: to give a military character to

1military /mi.ˈle.tər.i/ adjective

1: of or relating to soldiers, arms, war, or the army
2: performed by armed forces; also: supported by armed force

— mil·i·tar·i·ly /ˌler.ə.lə/ adverb

2military noun, plural military also mil·i·tar·ies

1: the military, naval, and air forces of a nation
2: military persons

Synonyms

armed forces, services, troops—more at ARMED FORCES

military police noun

: a branch of an army that exercises guard and police functions

mil·i·tate /mi.ˈle.tæt/ verb -tat·ed, -tat·ing

: to have weight or effect

mi·li·tia /ma.ˈli.ʃə/ noun

: a part of the organized armed forces of a country liable to call only in an emergency

— mi·li·tia·man /ˌma.ʃən/ noun

1milk /milk/ noun

1: a nutritive usu. whitish fluid secreted by female mammals for feeding their young
2: a milklike liquid (as a plant juice)

— milk·i·ness /mil.kə.nəs/ noun

— milky adjective

2milk verb

1: to draw off the milk of <> a cow>
2: to draw something from as if by milking

milk·maid /milk.ˈmæd/ noun

: DAIRYMAID

milk·man /ˈmæn, ˌmæn/ noun

: a person who sells or delivers milk

milk of magnesia

: a milk-white mixture of hydroxide of magnesium and water used as an antacid and laxative

milk shake noun

: a thoroughly blended drink made of milk, a flavoring syrup, and often ice cream
milk·sop /milk_.sāp/ noun
: an unmanly man

milk·weed /ˌwĭk_.wid/ noun
: any of a genus of herbs with milky juice and clustered flowers

Milky Way noun
1 : a broad irregular band of light that stretches across the sky and is caused by the light of a very great number of faint stars
2 : MILKY WAY GALAXY

Milky Way galaxy noun
: the galaxy of which the sun is a member and which includes the stars that create the light of the Milky Way

1mill /mil/ noun
1 : a building with machinery for grinding grain into flour
2 : a machine used in processing (as by grinding, stamping, cutting, or finishing) raw material
3 ▶ : a building or collection of buildings with machinery for manufacturing : FACTORY

Synonyms
factory, plant, shop, works, workshop—more at FACTORY

 mill verb
1 : to process in a mill
2 : to move in a circle or in an eddying mass

3mill noun
: one tenth of a cent

mill-age /ˈmil_.eɪdʒ/ noun
: a rate (as of taxation) expressed in mills

mil·len·ni·um /mɪl_. lɛn_. nɪˌəm/ noun, plural -nia /nɪ.ə/ or -niums
1 : a period of 1000 years; also : a 1000th anniversary or its celebration
2 : the 1000 years mentioned in Revelation 20 when holiness is to prevail and Christ is to reign on earth
3 : a period of great happiness or human perfection

mill·er /ˈmil_. ɛr/ noun
1 : one that operates a mill and esp. a flour mill
2 : any of various moths having powdery wings

mil·let /ˈmil_.lɛt/ noun
: any of several small-seeded cereal and forage grasses cultivated for grain or hay; also : the grain of a millet

milli– combining form
: one thousandth part of

mil·li·am·pere /ˌmil_.eɪ_. ə.mər/ noun
: one thousandth of an ampere

mil·li·ard /ˈmil_.ər_.əd/ noun, British
: a thousand millions

mil·li·bar /ˈmil_.bær/ noun
: a unit of atmospheric pressure

mil·li·gram /ˌɡram/ noun
: a metric unit of weight equal to 1/1000 gram

mil·li·li·ter /ˌlɛˌtər/ noun
: a metric unit of volume equal to 1/1000 liter

mil·li·me·ter /ˌmil_.eɪ_. ə.mətər/ noun
: a metric unit of length equal to 1/1000 meter
mil·li·ner /miˈli.nər/ noun
[origin: irreg. fr. Milan, Italy; fr. the importation of women's finery from Italy in the 16th century]
: a person who designs, makes, trims, or sells women's hats

mil·li·nery /miˈli.nər.i/ noun
1 : women's apparel for the head
2 : the business or work of a milliner

mill·ing /ˈmil.in/ noun
: a corrugated edge on a coin

mil·lion /ˈmil.yən/ noun, plural millions or million
: a thousand thousands
— million adjective
— mil·lionth /ˈmil.ənθ/ adjective or noun

mil·lion·aire /ˌmil.əˈne.ir, ˌmil.əˈne.ir/ noun
: one whose wealth is estimated at a million or more (as of dollars or pounds)

mil·li·pede /ˌmil.i.ˈpēd/ noun
: any of a class of arthropods related to the centipedes and having a long segmented body with a hard covering, two pairs of legs on most segments, and no poison fangs

mil·li·sec·ond /ˌmil.iˈsek.ənd/ noun
: one thousandth of a second

mil·li·volt /ˌmil.iˈvōlt/ noun
: one thousandth of a volt

mill·pond /ˈmil.pōnd/ noun
: a pond made by damming a stream to produce a fall of water for operating a mill

mill·race /ˈmil.rās/ noun
: a canal in which water flows to and from a mill wheel

mill·stone /ˈmil.stōn/ noun
: either of two round flat stones used for grinding grain

mill·stream /ˈmil.strēm/ noun
: a stream whose flow is used to run a mill; also : the stream in a millrace

mill wheel noun
: a waterwheel that drives a mill

mill·wright /ˈmil.wright/ noun
: a person who builds mills or sets up or maintains their machinery

milt /ˈmilt/ noun
: the sperm-containing fluid of a male fish

1 mime /mīm/ noun
1 : MIMIC
2 : PANTOMIME
3 : an actor in a mime

2 mime verb
: to imitate closely

Synonyms
— ape, copy, emulate, imitate, mimic—more at IMITATE

mim·eo·graph /ˈmī.mē.oˌgrāf/ noun
: a machine for making many copies by means of a stencil through which ink is pressed

— mimeograph verb
mi·me·sis /ˌmaɪ.ˈmɛsıs/ noun
  : Imitation. Mimicry

mi·met·ic /ˌmiˌmɪtɪk/ adjective
  1 : marked by imitation : IMITATIVE
  2 : relating to, characterized by, or exhibiting biological mimicry

1 mimic /ˈmɪmɪk/ noun
  1 : an actor in a mime
  2 : one that mimics
     Synonyms
     ▶ [1] mime, mummer, pantomime
     ▶ [2] imitator, impersonator, impressionist; also caricaturist, mocker, satirist; mime, mummer; entertainer, performer, player, trouper; parrot

2 mimic verb mim·icked /ˈmɪkt/; mim·ick·ing
  1 : to imitate closely
  2 : to ridicule by imitation
  3 : to resemble by biological mimicry
     Synonyms
     ▶ [1] ape, copy, emulate, imitate, mime—more at IMITATE
     ▶ [2] burlesque, caricature, imitate, mock, parody, take off, travesty; also lampoon, satirize; deride, ridicule; ape, parrot; duplicate, emulate, replicate, reproduce; act, counterfeit, disguise, fake, feign, pretend, sham, simulate; elaborate, embellish, embroider, exaggerate, magnify, pad, stretch; amplify, enhance, enlarge (upon), expand, flesh (out), overdraw, overstate; mime, pantomime; impersonate, perform, play

mim·ic·ry /ˌmɪmɪˈkraɪ/ noun, plural -ries
  1 : an instance of mimicking
  2 : a superficial resemblance of one organism to another or to natural objects among which it lives that gives it an advantage (as protection from predation)

mi·mo·sa /ˌmaɪ.ˈməsə, ˈmɪmə.ˌza/ noun
  : any of a genus of trees, shrubs, and herbs of the legume family that occur in warm regions and have ball-shaped heads of small white or pink flowers

min abbreviation
  1 minim
  2 minimum
  3 mining
  4 minister
  5 minor
  6 minute

min·a·ret /ˈmɪnəˌret/ noun
  : a tall slender tower of a mosque from which a muezzin calls the faithful to prayer

mi·na·to·ry /ˌmɪnəˈtɔrɪ/ adjective
  : Threatening, menacing

mince /mɛns/ verb minced; mincing
  1 : to cut into very small pieces
  2 : to restrain (words) within the bounds of decorum
  3 : to walk in a prim affected manner
     Synonyms
     ▶ chop, hash—more at CHOP

mince·meat /ˈmɛnsˌmēt/ noun
  : a finely chopped mixture esp. of raisins, apples, spices, and often meat used as a filling for a pie
1. **mind** /mɪnd/ noun
   1. the power or process of reproducing or recalling what has been learned and retained: **MEMORY**
   2. the part of an individual that feels, perceives, thinks, wills, and esp. reasons:
   3. **INTENTION, DESIRE**
   4. normal mental condition
   5. a belief stronger than impression and less strong than positive knowledge: **OPINION, VIEW**
   6. **MOOD**
   7. mental qualities of a person or group
   8. intellectual ability
   9. **ATTENTION** <pay them no ~> 

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] memory, recollection, remembrance, reminiscence
   - [4] head, reason, sanity, wit; also rationality, reasonableness, sense; health, healthiness, healthfulness, wholesomeness; lucidity, lucidness, normality, soundness; wisdom

   **Antonyms**
   - [5] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at **OPINION**

2. **mind** verb
   1. chiefly dialect: **REMEMBER**
   2. to attend to closely
   3. to follow the orders or instructions of: **OBEY**
   4. to be concerned about; also: **DISLIKE**
   5. to be careful or cautious about
   6. to take charge of
   7. to regard with attention

   **Synonyms**
   - [2] attend, hark, hear, heed, listen—more at **LISTEN**
   - [2, 3] comply, follow, heed, listen, note, obey, observe, regard, watch—more at **HEED**
   - [5] beware (of), guard (against), watch out (for)—more at **BEWARE (OF)**
   - [6] attend, care, oversee, superintend, supervise, tend—more at **TEND**

3. **mind-bend·ing** /ˈmɪnd.bɛnd.in/ adjective
   - **MIND-BLOWING**

4. **mind-blow·ing** /ˈmɪnd.blɔɪŋ/ adjective
   - **PSYCHEDELIC 1**; also: **MIND-BOGGLING**

5. **mind-bog·gling** /ˈmɪnd.bɑ.glɪŋ/ adjective
   - mentally or emotionally exciting or overwhelming

6. **mind·ed** /ˈmɪnd.ɪd/ adjective
   1. **INCLINED, DISPOSED**
   2. having a mind of a specified kind or concerned with a specific thing — usu. used in combination <narrow-minded>

7. **mind·ful** /ˈmɪnd.fəl/ adjective
   - bearing in mind: **AWARE**
   - **mind·ful·ly** adverb
   - **mind·ful·ness** noun

   **Synonyms**
   - alive, aware, cognizant, conscious, sensible, sentient—more at **CONSCIOUS**

8. **mind·less** /ˈmɪnd.lɛs/ adjective
   1. a: marked by a lack of mind or consciousness
   2. b: marked by no use of the intellect
   2. not mindful: **HEEDLESS**
      - **mind·less·ly** adverb
Synonyms

- [1b] dumb, senseless, stupid, witless—more at STUPID
- [2] careless, heedless, unguarded, unsafe, unwary—more at CARELESS

mind·less·ness /ˌnəs/ noun

: the quality or state of being mindless

Synonyms

- dopiness, foolishness, imbecility, stupidity—more at STUPIDITY

1. mine /mīn/ noun

: that which belongs to me

2. mine /mīn/ noun

1: an excavation in the earth from which minerals are taken; also: an ore deposit
2: an underground passage beneath an enemy position
3: an explosive device for destroying enemy personnel, vehicles, or ships
4: a rich source of supply

3. mine /mīn/ verb mined; min·ing

1: to dig a mine
2: UNDERMINE
3: to get ore from the earth
4: to place military mines in

— min·er noun

mine·field /ˌmīn·fēld/ noun

1: an area set with mines
2: something resembling a minefield esp. in having many dangers

mine·lay·er /ˌmīn·lāˈer/ noun

: a naval vessel for laying underwater mines

min·er·al /mīnˈerəl/ noun

1: a crystalline substance (as diamond or quartz) of inorganic origin
2: a naturally occurring substance (as coal, salt, or water) obtained usu. from the ground

— mineral adjective

min·er·al·ise British variant of MINERALIZE

min·er·al·ize /ˈmɪnərəlaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

1: to impregnate or supply with minerals
2: to change into mineral form

— min·er·al·i·za·tion /ˌmɪnəˈrəlɪzaˈʃən/ noun

min·er·al·og·i·cal /ˌmɪnərəˈlɒdʒɪkəl/ adjective

min·er·al·og·ist /ˌmɪnərəˈlɑːdʒɪst/ noun

mineral oil noun

: an oil of mineral origin; especially: a refined petroleum oil used as a laxative

mineral water noun

: water infused with mineral salts or gases

min·e·stro·ne /ˌmɪnəˈstrōn/ noun

[origin: It, fr. minestra, fr. ministrare to serve, dish up, fr. L ministrare, fr. minister servant]

: a rich thick vegetable soup

mine·sweep·er /ˌmɪnˌsweɪpər/ noun

: a warship designed for removing or neutralizing underwater mines

min·gle /ˈmɪnɡl/ verb min·gled; min·gling
1 ▶: to bring or combine together
2 ▶: to come into contact: ASSOCIATE; also: to move about (as in a group)
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] amalgamate, blend, combine, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, merge, mix—more at MIX
   ▶ [2] associate, fraternize, hobnob, mix, socialize—more at SOCIALIZE

ming tree /mɪˈŋ/ noun
: a dwarfed usu. evergreen tree grown as bonsai; also: an artificial plant resembling this

mini /ˈmɪni/ noun, plural min·i·s
: something small of its kind
   — mini adjective
   ▶ mini- combining form
: smaller or briefer than usual, normal, or standard

1 mini·a·tur·ize /ˈmiˌnē-ə.ˈtərˌiz/ ·ˌmiˌnii/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to design or construct in small size
   — mini·a·tur·i·za·tion /ˌmiˌnē.ə.ˈtərˌiˌzhən/ noun

mini·bar /ˈmɪni.ˈbɑr/ noun
: a small refrigerator in a hotel room that is stocked with beverages and snacks

mini·bike /ˈmɪni.ˈbɪk/ noun
: a small one-passenger motorcycle

mini·bus /ˌmɪnɪ.ˈbʌs/ noun
: a small bus or van

mini·com·put·er /ˌmɪnɪˌkɑm.pəˈtər/ noun
: a computer between a mainframe and a microcomputer in size and speed

mini·disc /ˈmɪni.ˈdɪsk/ noun
: a miniature optical disk

min·im /ˈmɪnɪm/ noun
: a unit of liquid measure equal to 1/60 fluid dram

min·i·mal /ˈmɪnəˌməl/ adjective
1 ▶: relating to or being a minimum: LEAST
2 : of or relating to minimalism or minimal art
   — min·i·mal·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ least, minimum; also fewer, lesser, low, slight, small
   Antonyms
   : full, largest, maximum, top, topmost, utmost

minimal art noun
: abstract art consisting primarily of simple geometric forms executed in an impersonal style
— minimal artist noun

min·i·mal·ism /mi.na.mal.i.zəm/ noun
  : MINIMAL ART; also : a style (as in music or literature) marked by extreme spareness or simplicity
— min·i·mal·ist /list/ noun

mini·mart /mi.nē.mär/ noun
  : CONVENIENCE STORE

min·i·mise British variant of MINIMIZE

min·i·mize /mi.nə.mīz/ verb -mized; -miz·ing
  1 : to reduce or keep to a minimum
  2 a : to underestimate intentionally
  b ♦ : to speak slightingly of : BELITTLE

  Synonyms
  † belittle, cry down, decry, depreciate, deprecate, diminish, discount, disparage, put down, write off—more at DECRY

  1 minimum /mi.nə.məm/ noun, plural -ma /-mə/ or -mums
  1 : the least quantity assignable, admissible, or possible
  2 : the least of a set of numbers
  3 : the lowest degree or amount of variation (as of temperature) reached or recorded

  2 minimum adjective
  † : of, relating to, or constituting a minimum

  Synonyms
  † least, minimal—more at MINIMAL

min·ion /min.ˈyən/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF mignon darling]
  1 : a servile dependent, follower, or underling
  2 ♦ : one highly favored
  3 : a subordinate official

  Synonyms
  † darling, favorite, pet, preference—more at FAVORITE

min·is·cule /mi.nis.kyl/ variant of MINUSCULE

mini·se·ries /mi.nē.sir.i.zə/ noun
  : a television story presented in sequential episodes

mini·skirt /ˌskart/ noun
  : a skirt with the hemline several inches above the knee

  1 minister /mi.nə.stər/ noun
  1 : AGENT
  2 ♦ : a member of the clergy esp. of a Protestant communion
  3 : a high officer of state who heads a division of governmental activities
  4 ♦ : a diplomatic representative to a foreign state

  Synonyms
  † [2] clergyman, divine, ecclesiastic, father, preacher, priest, reverend—more at CLERGYMAN
  † [4] ambassador, delegate, emissary, envoy, legate, representative—more at AMBASSADOR

  2 minister verb
  1 : to perform the functions of a minister of religion
  2 ♦ : to give aid or service <to the sick>

  — min·is·tra·tion /mi.nə.strə.shən/ noun

  Synonyms usually minister to
  † aid, care, mother, nurse—more at NURSE

min·is·te·ri·al /mi.nə.strə.əl/ adjective
ministrant /ˈmiːnɪstrənt/ adjective, archaic
: performing service as a minister

ministrant noun
: one that ministers

ministry /ˈmiːnɪstri/ noun, plural -tries
1: MINISTRATION
2: the office, duties, or functions of a minister; also: the period of service or office
3: CLERGY
4: AGENCY
5 often cap: the body of ministers governing a nation or state; also: a government department headed by a minister

mini-tower /ˈmɪntəʊər/ noun
: a computer tower of intermediate size

mini-van /ˈmɪnɪˌvæn/ noun
: a small van

mink /ˈmɪŋk/ noun, plural mink or minks
: either of two slender flesh-eating mammals resembling the related weasels; also: the soft lustrous typically dark brown fur of a mink

minke whale /ˈmɪŋkˌwɛl/ noun
: a small grayish baleen whale with a whitish underside

Minn abbreviation
Minnesota

minnesinger /ˈmɪnəsɪŋər/ noun
[origin: G, fr. Middle High German, fr. minne love + singer singer]
: any of a class of German lyric poets and musicians of the 12th to the 14th centuries

minnow /ˈmɪnəʊ/ noun, plural minnows also minnow
: any of numerous small freshwater fishes

minor /ˈmɪnər/ adjective
1: inferior in importance, size, or degree
2: not having reached majority
3: having the third, sixth, and sometimes the seventh degrees lowered by a half step <~ scale>; also: based on a minor scale <~ key>
4: not serious <~ illness>

Synonyms
  ➔ inferior, junior, less, lesser, lower, subordinate, under—more at LESSER
  ➔ frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minute, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT

minor noun
1: a person who has not attained majority
2: a subject of academic study chosen as a secondary field of specialization

minor verb
: to pursue an academic minor

minority /ˈmɪnərɪti, ˈmɪnərəti/ noun, plural -ties
1: the period or state of being a minor
2: the smaller in number of two groups; especially: a group having less than the number of votes necessary for control

Synonyms
  ➔ of, relating to, or characteristic of a minister or the ministry—more at CLERICAL

Synonyms
  ➔ clerical, pastoral, priestly, sacerdotal—more at CLERICAL
3: a part of a population differing from others (as in race); also: a member of a minority

*min*ox*id* /məˈnäks.ə.dil/ noun
: a drug used orally to treat hypertension and topically in solution to promote hair regrowth in some forms of baldness

*min*ster /ˈmɪn.stər/ noun
: a large or important church

*min*strel /ˈmɪn.strəl/ noun
1: a medieval singer of verses
2 a: MUSICIAN
b: one who writes poetry: POET
2: any of a group of performers usu. with blackened faces in a program of black American songs, jokes, and impersonations <a ~ show>

*Synonyms*
  bard, poet, versifier—more at POET

*min*strel*sy* /ˌsɛ̃ trəl/ noun
: the singing and playing of a minstrel; also: a body of minstrels

1*mint* /ˈmɪnt/ noun
1: any of a large family of aromatic square-stemmed herbs and shrubs; especially: one (as spearmint) that is fragrant and is the source of a flavoring oil
2: a mint-flavored piece of candy
  — minty adjective

2*mint* noun
1: a place where coins are made
2: a vast sum
  — mint verb
  — mint-age /ˈmɪnt.i dʒ/ noun
  — mint-er noun

*Synonyms*
  fortune, wad

3*mint* verb
1: to make (as coins) out of metal
2: CREATE; also: to give a certain status to <newly ~ed lawyers>
  — mint-age /ˈmɪnt.i dʒ/ noun
  — mint-er noun

4*mint* adjective
: unmarred as if fresh from a mint <in ~ condition>

*min*u*end* /ˌmɪn.yəˈwɛnd/ noun
: a number from which another is to be subtracted

*min*u*et* /ˌmɪn.yəˈwɛt/ noun
: a slow graceful dance

1*minus* /ˈmɪnəs/ preposition
1: diminished by: LESS <7 ~ 3 equals 4>
2: deprived of: WITHOUT <~ his hat>

*Synonyms*
  sans, wanting, without—more at WITHOUT

2*minus* noun
: a negative quantity or quality

*Synonyms*
  disadvantage, drawback, handicap, liability, penalty, strike—more at DISADVANTAGE
3 minus adjective
   1: algebraically negative <~ quantity>
   2: having negative qualities

1 minuscule /ˈmɪnəskəl/ noun
   : a lowercase letter

2 minuscule adjective
   : very small

minus sign noun
   : a sign – used in mathematics to indicate subtraction or a negative quantity

1 minute /ˈmɪnɪt/ noun
   1: a 60th part of an hour or of a degree : 60 seconds
   2: a short space of time

3 plural : the official record of the proceedings of a meeting

   Synonyms
   | flash, instant, jiffy, moment, second, shake, trice, twinkling, wink—more at INSTANT

2 minute /ˈmɪnət, ˈmɪnət/ adjective mi·nut·er, -est
   1: very small
   2: of little importance : TRIFLING
   3: marked by close attention to details

   mi·nute·ness noun
   | Synonyms
   | [1] atomic, infinitesimal, microscopic, miniature, teeny, tiny, wee—more at TINY
   | [2] frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT
   | [3] circumstantial, detailed, elaborate, full, thorough—more at DETAILED

minute·ly /ˈmɪnətli, ˈmɪnət-ˌli/ adverb
   : in a minute manner or degree

   Synonyms
   | completely, exhaustively, fully, roundly, thoroughly, totally—more at THOROUGHLY

minute·man /ˈmɪnɪt·mæn/ noun
   : a member of a group of armed men pledged to take the field at a minute's notice during and immediately before the American Revolution

mi·nu·ti·a /miˈnjuːt.ə/ noun, plural -ti·ae /ˌshē.ə/ [origin: L]
   : a minute or minor detail — usu. used in pl.

minx /ˈmɪŋks/ noun
   : a pert girl

Mi·ocene /ˌmi.əˌsēn/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or being the epoch of the Tertiary between the Oligocene and the Pliocene

   Miocene noun

mir·acle /ˈmir.əˌkəl/ noun
   1: an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs
   2: an unusual event, thing, or accomplishment : WONDER, MARVEL

   Synonyms
   | caution, flash, marvel, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, sensation, wonder—more at WONDER

miracle drug noun
   : a usu. newly discovered drug that elicits a dramatic response in a patient's condition

mi·rac·u·lous /ˌma.ˈraˌkələs/ adjective
   1: of the nature of a miracle
2 : suggesting a miracle: MARVELOUS
3 : working or able to work miracles
   — mi·rac·u·lous·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      ▪ [1] magical, phenomenal, superhuman, supernatural, uncanny, unearthly—more at SUPERNATURAL
      ▪ [2] amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, fabulous, marvelous, stunning, stupendous, sublime,
        surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS

mi·rage /mi·ræʒ/ noun
1 : an illusion that often appears as a pool of water or a mirror in which distant objects are seen inverted, is
   sometimes seen at sea, in the desert, or over a hot pavement, and results from atmospheric conditions
2 : something illusory and unattainable

1 mire /mir/ noun
   ▪ : heavy and often deep mud or slush
      Synonyms
      ▪ muck, mud, ooze, slime, slop, sludge, slush—more at MUD
      ▪ bog, fen, marsh, morass, slough, swamp—more at SWAMP

2 mire verb mired; mir·ing
1 : to stick or sink in or as if in mire
2 : to cover or soil with mire
   Synonyms
      ▪ befoul, begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, muddy, smirch, soil, stain—more at DIRTY

mire·poix /mi·rəˈpwa/ noun, plural mirepoix
: a mixture of diced vegetables and sometimes meats used in soups, stews, and sauces

1 mirror /mi·rər/ noun
1 : a polished or smooth surface (as of glass) that forms images by reflection
2 : a true representation

2 mirror verb
1 : to reflect in or as if in a mirror
2 : RESEMBLE

mirth /miːθ/ noun
   ▪ : gladness or gaiety accompanied with laughter
      — mirth·less adjective
      Synonyms
      ▪ cheer, cheerfulness, festivity, glee, hilarity, joviality, merriment, mirthfulness; also frivolity, levity; carnival,
        gaiety, jollification, jocularity, joking, joshing; animation, jauntiness, liveliness, merriment, vivacity;
        joyousness, mirth; frolicking, gambolling, rollicking, romping

mirth·ful /fel/ adjective
   ▪ : full of mirth or merriment
      Synonyms
      ▪ blithe, boon, festive, gaiety, gleeful, jovial, jolly, merry, sunny—more at MERRY

mirth·ful·ly /fel/ adverb
   ▪ : in a mirthful manner
      Synonyms
      ▪ cheerfully, gaily, happily, heartily, jovially, merrily—more at GAILY

mirth·ful·ness /nes/ noun
   ▪ : the quality or state of being mirthful
      Synonyms
      ▪ cheer, cheerfulness, festivity, glee, hilarity, joviality, merriment, mirth—more at MIRTH

MIRV /ˈmɜːrv/ noun
[origin: multiple independently targeted reentry vehicle]
: an ICBM with multiple warheads that have different targets
  — MIRV verb

mi·ry /mirˈe/ adjective
  : resembling a mire : characterized by swampy ground
  **Synonyms**
  mucky, muddy, oozy, slimy, slushy—more at MUDY

mis·ad·ven·ture /ˌmi.əd.ˈven.chər/ noun
  1 : bad luck
  2 : a piece of bad luck
  **Synonyms**
  [1, 2] adversity, knock, mischance, misfortune, mishap—more at MISFORTUNE

mis·aligned /ˌmi.sənˈdrēd/ adjective
  : not properly aligned
  — mis·align·ment /ˌfin.ˈmen(t)/ noun

mis·al·li·ance /ˌmi.əˌli.əns/ noun
  : an improper or unsuitable marriage

mis·al·lo·ca·tion /ˌmi.əˌləˌkā.ˈshan/ noun
  : faulty or improper allocation

mis·an·dry /ˌmi.ənˈdri/ noun
  : a hatred of men
  — mis·an·drist /ˈdrist/ noun or adjective

mis·an·thrope /ˌmi.ənˈθrōp/ noun
  : one who hates humankind
  — mis·an·thropic /ˌmi.ənˈθrōp.ɪk/ adjective
  — mis·an·throl·i·cal·ly /ˌprəˈk(a.)lē/ adverb
  — mis·an·thropy /ˌmi.ənˈθrōp.ē/ noun

mis·ap·pli·ca·tion /ˌmi.əsˌpləˌkā.ˈshan/ noun
  : the action of misapplying

mis·ap·ply /ˌmi.əˌplī/ verb
  : to apply wrongly
  **Synonyms**
  abuse, misuse, pervert; also degrade, twist; mismanage, corrupt

mis·ap·pre·hend /ˌmi.əˌpresh.ˈ hend/ verb
  : to fail to understand : MISUNDERSTAND
  **Synonyms**
  misconstrue, misinterpret, misread, miss, mistake, misunderstand—more at MISUNDERSTAND

mis·ap·pre·hen·sion /ˌhen.ˈchan/ noun
  : the act or instance of misapprehending
  **Synonyms**
  misjudgment, mistake, misunderstanding—more at MISTAKE

mis·ap·pro·pri·ate /ˌmi.əˌprōˌpri.ˈeɪt/ verb
  : to appropriate wrongly (as by embezzlement)
  — mis·ap·pro·pri·a·tion /ˌprəˌprōˌpri.ˈe.ˈshan/ noun
  **Synonyms**
  appropriate, filch, hook, nip, pilfer, pocket, purloin, snitch, steal, swipe, thieve—more at STEAL

mis·be·got·ten /ˌbi.ˈɡät.ən/ adjective
  : born of parents not married to each other : ILLEGITIMATE; also : ill-conceived
mis·be·have /ˌmɪs.bəˈhāv/ verb
: to behave improperly
   — mis·be·hav·er noun

mis·be·hav·ior /ˌhā.vər/ noun
› : bad, improper, or rude behavior
   Synonyms
   ‣ malfeasance, misconduct, misdoing, wrongdoing—more at MISCONDUCT

mis·be·lie·ver /ˌbli.ˈvər/ noun
: one who holds a false or unorthodox belief

mis·brand /ˈmɪs.braʊnd/ verb
: to brand falsely or in a misleading manner

misc abbreviation
miscellaneous

mis·cal·cu·late /ˌmɪskəˈleɪt/ verb
› : to calculate wrongly
   — mis·cal·cu·la·tion /ˌmɪskəˈleɪ.ʃən/ noun
   Synonyms
   ‣ misconceive, misjudge, mistake; also misconstrue, misinterpret, misunderstand; overrate, overvalue; underestimate, underrate, undervalue; miscount

mis·call /ˈmɪskəl/ verb
: MISNAME

mis·car·riage /ˈmɪskər.i/ noun
1 : failure in the administration of justice
2 : spontaneous expulsion of a fetus before it is capable of independent life

mis·car·ry /ˈmɪskər.i/ verb
1 : to have a miscarriage of a fetus
2 : to go wrong; also : to be unsuccessful

mis·ce·ge·na·tion /ˈmɪskəˌdʒe.nə.ʃən/ noun
[ORIGIN: L miscēre to mix + genus race]
: marriage, cohabitation, or sexual intercourse between persons of different races

mis·cel·la·neous /ˌmɪskəˈle.nəs/ adjective
1 › : consisting of diverse things or members
2 : having various traits; also : dealing with or interested in diverse subjects
   — mis·cel·la·neous·ly adverb
   — mis·cel·la·neous·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ‣ assorted, heterogeneous, mixed, motley, varied; also manifold, multifarious; multiple, multiplex, myriad; disparate, divergent, diverse, sundry, various; chaotic, cluttered, confused, disarranged, disheveled, disordered, jumbled, littered, messed, messy, muddled; amalgamated, blended, combined, conglomerated, fused, incorporated, intermingled, intermixed, merged, mingled; unclassified, unsorted
   Antonyms
   ‣ homogeneous

mis·cel·la·ny /ˌmɪskəˌlæn.ə/ noun, plural -nies
1 › : a collection of writings on various subjects
2 › : a mixture of various things: HODGEPODGE
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] album, anthology, compilation—more at ANTHOLOGY
   ‣ [2] assortment, clutter, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, litter, medley, mélange, motley, muddle, potpourri, rummage, scramble, shuffle, tumble, variety, welter; also notions, odds and ends, sundries; accumulation, aggregation, conglomeration; catchall, patchwork; admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, composite,
compound, fusion, intermixture, mix, mixture; chaos, confusion, disarrangement, disarray, disorder, mess, muddle, shambles; knot, snarl, tangle

**mis·chance /mɪsˈtʃæns/ noun**
1 : bad luck
2 : a piece of bad luck; also : an unfortunate accident

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] adversity, knock, misadventure, misfortune, mishap—more at MISFORTUNE

**mis·chief /mɪsˈʃɛf/ noun**
[origin: ME meschief, fr. AF, misfortune, hardship, fr. OF meschever to come out badly, fr. mes- badly + chief head, end]
1 : injury caused by a particular agent
2 : the quality or state of being mischievous : MISCHIEVOUSNESS

**Synonyms**
- [2] devil, hellion, imp, monkey, rascal, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP
- [3a, b] devilishness, impishness, knavery, mischievousness, rascality, shenanigans, waggery, wickedness; also naughtiness; friskiness, playfulness; chicanery, hanky-panky, trickery; high jinks, monkeyshines, skylarking, tomfoolery; antic, caper, practical joke; aggravation, annoyance, exasperation, irritation

**mis·chie·vous /mɪsˈkɪviəs/ adjective**
1 : of a kind likely to be damaging : HARMFUL, INJURIOUS
2 : causing annoyance or minor injury
3 : irresponsibly playful

**Synonyms**
- [1] adverse, damaging, detrimental, harmful, hurtful, injurious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL
- [3] devilish, impish, knavish, naughty, rascally, roguish, sly, waggish, wicked

**mis·chie·vous·ness noun**
1 : the quality or state of being mischievous

**Synonyms**
- devilishness, impishness, knavery, mischief, rascality, shenanigans, waggery, wickedness—more at MISCHIEF

**mis·ci·ble /mɪsˈsaɪbəl/ adjective**
1 : capable of being mixed

**mis·com·mu·ni·ca·tion /mɪs.kəˈmjuː.nə.kæn/ noun**
1 : failure to communicate clearly

**mis·con·ceive /mɪsˈkʌnˌsiːv/ verb**
1 : to interpret incorrectly

**Synonyms**
- miscalculate, misjudge, mistake—more at MISCALCULATE

**mis·con·cep·tion /ˈmɪskənˌsɛpˌʃən/ noun**
1 : the act or result of misconceiving

**Synonyms**
- error, fallacy, falsehood, falsity, illusion, myth, old wives' tale, untruth—more at FALLACY

**mis·con·duct /mɪsˈkʌn.dʌkt/ noun**
1 : MISMANAGEMENT
2 : intentional wrongdoing
3 : improper behavior

**Synonyms**
- [2, 3] malfeasance, misbehavior, misdoing, wrongdoing; also crime, malefaction, misdeed, sin, wrong; malpractice; familiarity, gaffe, impropriety, indiscretion; blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, miscue, misstep, mistake, slip, slipup, stumble
mis·con·struc·tion /ˌstrakˈshan/ noun
▷ the action of misconstruing
   Synonyms
   • misapprehension, misinterpretation, misunderstanding—more at MISUNDERSTANDING

mis·con·strue /ˌmı̂skənˈstrū/ verb
▷ to interpret wrongly : MISINTERPRET
   Synonyms
   • misapprehend, misinterpret, misread, miss, mistake, misunderstand—more at MISUNDERSTAND

mis·count /mı̂skənt/ verb
▷ to count incorrectly : MISCALCULATE

mis·cre·ant /ˌmıs.ˈkrē.ənt/ noun
▷ one who behaves criminally or viciously
   — miscreant adjective

mis·cue /mıs.ˈkyü̈/ noun
▷ a wrong action or statement : MISTAKE, ERROR
   — miscue verb
   Synonyms
   • blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip, stumble—more at ERROR

mis·deed /mıs.ˈdēd/ noun
▷ a wrong deed
   Synonyms
   • breach, crime, error, malefaction, misdoing, offense, sin, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing—more at OFFENSE

mis·de·mean·or /ˌmıs.dəˈmi:nər/ noun
1 : a crime less serious than a felony
2 : MISDEED

mis·di·rect /ˌmıs.deˈrɛkt. dı̂/ verb
▷ to give a wrong direction to
   — mis·di·rec·tion /ˌrɛkˈshan/ noun

mis·do·ing /mıs.ˈdō.in/ noun
▷ the act or an instance of misbehaving : WRONGDOING
   — mis·do /ˈdō/ verb
   — mis·do·er /ˈdō.ər/ noun
   Synonyms
   • malfeasance, misbehavior, misconduct, wrongdoing—more at MISCONDUCT

mise–en–scène /ˌmıs.ənˈsən/ noun, plural mise–en–scènes /ˈsən, ˈson/ same or –ˈsanz, –ˈsànz/
[origin: F]
1 : the arrangement of the scenery, property, and actors on a stage
2 : SETTING; also : ENVIRONMENT

mi·ser /mı̂zər/ noun
[origin: L miser miserable]
▷ a person who hoards and is stingy with money
   — mi·ser·ly adjective
   Synonyms
   • cheapskate, niggard, skinflint, tightwad; also hoarder, saver

mis·er·a·ble /ˈmı̂zarəˈbəl, ˈmizərəl/ adjective
1 a ▷ : wretchedly deficient, meager, or of poor quality
   b ▷ : causing extreme discomfort or unhappiness
2 ▷ : being in a state of poverty or distress
3 ▷ : being likely to discredit or shame
— mis·er·a·ble·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1a] bad, cheap, inferior, mediocre, poor, rotten, second-rate, shabby, shoddy, sleazy, tacky, terrible, threadbare, wretched—more at CHEAP
  ➔ [1b] bleak, depressing, dismal, dreary, gloomy
  ➔ [2] heartbreaking, pathetic, piteous, pitiful, poor, rueful, sorry, unhappy, wretched

mis·er·li·ness /ˈmɪzərəlɪnəs/ noun
  ➔: the quality or state of being a miser or like a miser
  Synonyms
  ➔ cheapness, closeness, parsimony, stinginess, tightness—more at PARSIMONY

mis·ery /ˈmiˌza rə/ noun, plural -er·ies
  1 ➔: suffering and want caused by poverty or affliction
  2 ➔: a cause of suffering or discomfort
  3 ➔: emotional distress
  Synonyms
  ➔ affliction, agony, anguish, distress, pain, torment, torture, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS

mis·fea·sance /ˈmiˌfezəns/ noun
  ➔: the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner

mis·file /ˈmɪs.f(ə)l/ verb
  ➔ to file in the wrong place

mis·fire /ˈmɪsfər/ verb
  1 ➔ to fail to fire
  2 ➔ to miss an intended effect
  ➔ misfire noun

mis·fit /ˈmɪs.fɪt, sense 1 also mis.ˌfit/ noun
  1 ➔ something that fits badly
  2 ➔ a person who is poorly adjusted to a situation or environment

mis·for·tune /ˈmɪs.fər.tən/ noun
  1 ➔ bad luck
  2 ➔ an unfortunate condition or event
  Synonyms
  ➔ [1, 2] adversity, knock, misadventure, mischance, mishap; also calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, disaster; tragedy; affliction, hardship, trial, tribulation; distress, misery, suffering, unhappiness; defeat, failure, fizzle, nonsuccess; curse, sorrow, trouble; accident, casualty; disappointment, letdown, setback; circumstance, destiny, doom, fate, lot, portion
  Antonyms
  ➔ fortune, luck

mis·giv·ing /ˈmɪs.gɪvɪŋ/ noun
  ➔: a feeling of doubt or suspicion esp. concerning an action or future event
  Synonyms
  ➔ distrust, doubt, incertitude, mistrust, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty—more at DOUBT
  ➔ compunction, qualm, scruple—more at QUALM
  ➔ alarm, apprehension, dread, foreboding

mis·gov·ern /ˈmɪz.gər.ən/ verb
  ➔ to govern badly
  ➔ mis·gov·ern·ment noun
  Synonyms
  ➔ misconduct, mishandle, mismanage, misrule—more at MISMANAGE

mis·guid·ance /ˈmɪz.gɪd.əns/ noun
faulty guidance

mis·guide /mis'gaid/ verb
: to lead astray

mis·guid·ed /'gaid/ adjective
: led or prompted by wrong or inappropriate motives or ideals
— mis·guid·ed·ly adverb

mis·han·dle /'handəl/ verb
1 : to treat roughly : MALTREAT
2 : to manage wrongly

- Synonyms
  - [1] abuse, ill-treat, maltreat, manhandle, mistreat, misuse—more at ABUSE
  - [2] misconduct, misgovern, mismanage, misrule—more at MISMANAGE

mis·hap /'hap/ noun
: an unfortunate accident

- Synonyms
  - accident, casualty, mischance—more at ACCIDENT
  - adversity, knock, misadventure, mischance, misfortune—more at MISFORTUNE

mish·mash /mish'mash, 'mash/ noun
: a mass of things mingled together : HODGEPODGE, JUMBLE

mis·in·form /mi'snform/ verb
: to give false or misleading information to

- Synonyms
  - beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, mislead, string along, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

mis·in·ter·pret /mi'sn'tərprət/ verb
: to understand or explain wrongly

- Synonyms
  - color, distort, falsify, garble, misrepresent, misstate, pervert, twist, warp—more at GARBLE
  - misapprehend, misconstrue, misread, miss, mistake, misunderstand—more at MISUNDERSTAND

mis·in·ter·pre·ta·tion /mi'sn'tərprətə'shan/ noun
: incorrect interpretation

- Synonyms
  - misapprehension, misconstruction, misunderstanding—more at MISUNDERSTANDING

mis·judge /mi'jed/ verb
1 : to estimate wrongly
2 : to have an unjust opinion of

- Synonyms
  - miscalculate, misconceive, mistake—more at MISCALCULATE

mis·judg·ment /mi'jedment/ noun
: incorrect or distorted judgment

- Synonyms
  - misapprehension, mistake, misunderstanding—more at MISTAKE

mis·la·bel /'læbəl/ verb
: to label incorrectly or falsely

mis·lay /mis'leɪ/ verb -laid /'leɪd/; -lay·ing
: MISPLACE, LOSE

mis·lead /mi'led/ verb -led /'led/; -lead·ing
misleading: to lead in a wrong direction or into a mistaken action or belief.

mis·lead·ing·ly: adverb
Synonyms: beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, string along, take in, trick—more at deceive.

misleading: adjective
: tending to mislead: deceiving.
Synonyms: deceitful, deceiving, deceptive, delusive, fallacious, false, specious—more at deceptive.

mis·like /ˈmɪsklaɪ/ verb
: dislike

mis·man·age /ˈmaɪˌmænɪdʒ/ verb
: to manage wrongly or incompetently
Synonyms: misconduct, misgovern, mishandle, misrule; also abuse, ill-treat, ill-use, maltreat, mistreat, misuse; damage, harm, hurt, violate.

mis·match /ˈmɪsmætʃ/ verb
: to match unsuitably or badly

mis·man·age·ment /ˌmaɪˌmænɪdʒmənt/ noun

mis·name /ˈmɪsnæm/ verb
: to name incorrectly

mis·no·mer /ˈmɪsnəmər/ noun
: a wrong or inappropriate name or designation.

mis·like /ˈmɪsklaɪ/ noun
: a high-protein fermented food paste consisting chiefly of soybeans, salt, and usu. grain.

mi·sog·y·ny /maɪˈsæɡən/ noun
[origin: Gk misogynia, fr. misein to hate + gynē woman]
: a hatred of women
Synonyms: misogynist.

mi·so·gift·ic /ˌmaɪˌsæɡəˈnɪstɪk/ adjective

mis·ori·ent /ˈmɪsərɪənt/ verb
: to orient improperly or incorrectly

mis·ori·en·ta·tion /ˌmɪsərɪˈenərɪʃən/ noun

mis·place /ˈmɪsplæs/ verb
1: to put in a wrong or unremembered place
2: to set on a wrong object (~ trust)

mis·play /ˈmɪsplɛɪ/ noun
: a wrong or unskillful play

mis·play /ˈmɪsplɛɪ, ˈmɪsplæɪ/ verb

mis·print /ˈmɪsprɪnt/ noun
: a mistake in printed matter

mis·print /ˈmɪsprɪnt/ verb

mis·pro·nounce /ˌmɪspləʊndəns/ verb
: to pronounce incorrectly

mis·pro·nun·ci·a·tion /ˌmɪspləʊnˈsɪkəˌteɪn/ noun

mis·quote /ˈmɪskwəut/ verb
to quote incorrectly

misquote /ˌmisˌkwōˈtāSHən/ noun

misread /ˈrēd/ verb -read /ˈrēd/; -reading /ˈrēdɪŋ/
: to read or interpret incorrectly

Synonyms
misapprehend, misconstrue, misinterpret, misread, mistake, misunderstand—more at MISTRANSFORM

misrepresent /ˌmisˌreprēˈzent/ verb
: to represent falsely or unfairly

Synonyms
color, distort, falsify, garble, misinterpret, misrepresent, pervert, twist, warp—more at GARBAGE

misrule /ˈmisˌrūl/ verb
: to rule incompetently : MISTRANSFORM

Synonyms
misconduct, misgovern, mishandle, mismanage—more at MISTRANSFORM

miss /mis/ verb
1: to fail to hit, reach, or contact
2: to feel the absence of
3: to fail to obtain
4: AVOID <just ~ed hitting the other car>
5: OMIT
6: to fail to understand
7: to fail to perform or attend; also : MISFIRE

Synonyms
misapprehend, misconstrue, misinterpret, misread, mistake, misunderstand—more at MISTRANSFORM

miss noun
1: a failure to hit or to attain a result
2: MISFIRE

miss noun
1 cap — used as a title prefixed to the name of an unmarried woman or girl
2: a young unmarried woman or girl

Miss abbreviation
Mississippi

misal /ˈmiˌsal/ noun
: a book containing all that is said or sung at mass during the entire year

misend /ˈmiˌsend/ verb
: to send incorrectly <misend mail>

misshapen /ˈmishəpən/ adjective
: badly shaped : having an ugly shape

Synonyms
deformed, distorted, malformed, monstrous, shapeless—more at MISTRANSFORM

misse /ˈmiˌsi/ noun
[origin: L, fr. neut. of missilis capable of being thrown, fr. mittere to let go, send]
: an object (as a stone, bullet, or rocket) thrown or projected usu. so as to strike a target

missing /ˈmiˌsiŋ/ adjective
: not present or available; also : in an unknown location
mission /ˈmiʃən/ noun
1: a group of missionaries; also: a place where missionaries work
2: a group of envoys to a foreign country; also: a team of specialists or cultural leaders sent to a foreign country
3: a specific task with which a person or a group is charged

missionary /ˈmiʃəner/ adjective
of, relating to, or engaged in missions

missionary noun, plural -ar·ies
a person commissioned by a church to spread its faith or carry on humanitarian work

missioner /ˈmiʃənər/ noun
MISSIONARY

Mississippian /ˈmiʃəsɪˌpɪæn/ adjective
of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Devonian and the Pennsylvanian
—Mississippian noun

missive /ˈmiʃiv/ noun
a written communication: LETTER

mis·speak /ˈmisˌplek/ verb
: to say imperfectly or incorrectly

mis·spell /ˈspel/ verb
: to spell incorrectly

mis·spell·ing noun

mis·spend /ˈspend/ verb -spent /ˈspent/ -spend·ing
: to spend wrongly: WASTE, SQUANDER <my misspent youth>

mis·state /ˈmiʃteɪt/ verb
: to state incorrectly

mis·state·ment noun

mis·step /ˈstep/ noun
1: a wrong step
2: a mistake in judgment or action: BLUNDER

mis·step·ping noun

mist /mist/ noun
1: water in the form of particles suspended or falling in the air
2: something that obscures understanding

mist verb
1: to be or become misty
2 : to become moist or blurred
3 ▶: to cover with or as if with a mist
Synonyms
▶ becloud, befog, blur, cloud, darken, dim, fog, haze, obscure, overshadow, shroud—more at cloud

mist·ak·able /ma_stəˈkeˌbəl/ adjective
▶ capable of being misunderstood or mistaken
1 mistake /maˈstāk/ verb -took /ˈstāk/; -tak·en /ˈstāˌkan/; -tak·ing
1 : to blunder in the choice of
2 ▶: to misunderstand the meaning or intention of: MISINTERPRET
3 ▶: to make a wrong judgment of the character or ability of
4 : to confuse with another
— mis·tak·er noun
Synonyms
▶ misapprehend, misconstrue, misinterpret, misread, miss, misunderstand—more at MISUNDERSTAND
▶ miscalculate, misconceive, misjudge—more at MISCALCULATE

mistake noun
1 ▶: a wrong judgment: MISUNDERSTANDING
2 ▶: a wrong action or statement: ERROR
Synonyms
▶ [1] misapprehension, misconstruction, misinterpretation, misjudgment, misunderstanding
▶ [2] blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, miscue, misstep, oversight, slip, stumble—more at ERROR

mist·ak·en·ly /maˌstəˈkenlē/ adverb
▶ in a way that is wrong in action or thought
Synonyms
▶ amiss, erroneously, faultily, improperly, inaptly, incorrectly, wrongly

mister /ˈmīs.tər/ noun
1 cap — used sometimes instead of Mr,
2 : sir — used without a name in addressing a man

mist·acle /ˈmīs.təl/ noun
▶ a device for spraying mist

mis·tle·toe /ˈmīs.təl.tō/ noun
▶ a European parasitic green shrub that grows on trees and has yellowish flowers and waxy white berries

mis·tral /ˈmīs.trəl, ˈmīs.trəl/ noun
▶ a strong cold dry northerly wind of southern France

mis·treat /ˈmīs.trēt/ verb
▶ to treat badly: ABUSE
— mis·treat·ment noun
Synonyms
▶ abuse, ill-treat, maltreat, manhandle, mishandle, misuse—more at ABUSE

mis·tre·ss /ˈmīs.trēs/ noun
1 : a woman who has power, authority, or ownership ~ of the house>
2 : something personified as female that rules or dominates <when Rome was ~ of the world>
3 : a woman other than his wife with whom a married man has sexual relations; also archaic : SWEETHEART
4 — used archaically as a title prefixed to the name of a married or unmarried woman

mis·tri·al /ˈmīs.trē.əl/ noun
▶ a trial that has no legal effect

mis·trust /ˈmīs.trəst/ noun
▶ a lack of confidence: DISTRUST
Synonyms
distrust, doubt, incertitude, misgiving, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty—more at **DOUBT**

2. **mistrust** verb
   - to have no trust or confidence in : **SUSPECT**
     - **Synonyms**
     - distrust, doubt, question, suspect—more at **DISTRUST**

   **mis·trust·ful** /ˌmistrətfəl/ adjective
   - marked by mistrust
     - **Synonyms**
     - distrustful, incredulous, leery, skeptical, suspicious—more at **SKEPTICAL**

   **mis·trust·ful·ly** /ˌmistrətfəl·li/ adverb
   - in a mistrustful manner
     - **Synonyms**
     - askance, distrustfully, dubiously, suspiciously—more at **ASKANCE**

   **mis·trust·ful·ness** /ˌmistrətfəlfəns/ noun
   - the quality or state of being mistrustful

   **misty** /ˈmɪsti/ adj.
   - obscured by or as if by mist
     - **Synonyms**
     - cloudy, foggy, hazy, murky, smoggy, soupy—more at **HAZY**

   **mis·un·der·stand** /ˌmɪsˌʌnderˈstænd/ verb -stood /ˈstʊd/, -stand·ing
   1. to fail to understand
   2. to interpret incorrectly
     - **Synonyms**
     - [1, 2] misapprehend, misconstrue, misinterpret, misread, miss, mistake; also misconceive
     - **Antonyms**
     - apprehend, catch, comprehend, conceive, fathom, grasp, know, make out, penetrate, perceive, savvy, see, seize, take in, understand

   **mis·un·der·stand·ing** /ˌmɪsˌʌnderˈstændɪŋ/ noun
   - a failure to understand : **MISINTERPRETATION**

   **mis·us·age** /ˌmɪsˈjuːsɪdʒ/ noun
   1. bad treatment : **ABUSE**
   2. wrong or improper use

   **mis·use** /ˌmɪsˈjuːs/ verb
   1. to use incorrectly
   2. to treat badly: **ABUSE, MISTREAT**
     - **Synonyms**
     - [1] abuse, misapply, pervert, profane, prostitute—more at **MISAPPLY**
     - [2] abuse, ill-treat, maltreat, manhandle, mishandle, mistreat—more at **ABUSE**

   **mis·use** /ˌmɪsˈjuːs/ noun
   - a failure to understand : **MISINTERPRETATION**

   **mis-use** /ˌmɪsˈjuːs/ verb
   1. to use incorrectly
   2. to treat badly: **ABUSE, MISTREAT**
     - **Synonyms**
     - abuse, perversion; also mishandling, mismanagement, mismanaging; maltreatment, mistreatment; damage, destruction, ruin, spoiling, wrecking; corruption, debasement, desecration, profanation, prostitution
mite /mɪt/ noun
: any of numerous tiny arthropod animals related to the spiders that often live and feed on animals or plants

mite noun
1 • : a small coin or sum of money
2 • : a small amount : BIT
3 • : a small object or creature
   
   Synonyms
   • [1] peanuts, pittance, shoestring, song; also petty cash
   
   Antonyms
   • fortune, mint, wad

mite or mi·trē /mɪˈtrē/ noun
1 • : a headdress worn by bishops and abbots
2 • : MITER JOINT

miter or mi·tre /mɪˈtər/ verb mitered or mi·tered; mi·ter·ing or mi·tring /mɪˈtərɪŋ/
1 • : to match or fit together in a miter joint
2 • : to bevel the ends of for making a miter joint

miter joint noun
: a usu. perpendicular joint made by fitting together two parts with the ends cut at an angle

mit·igate /mɪˈteɪɡ/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
1 • : to make less harsh or hostile
2 • : to make less severe or painful
   — mit·i·ga·tion /mɪˈteɪɡən/ noun
   — mit·i·ga·tive /mɪˈteɪɡətɪv/ adjective
   
   Synonyms
   • allay, alleviate, assuage, ease, help, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe—more at HELP

mito·chon·dri·on /ˌmɪtoʊˌkɒnˈdɹən/ noun, plural -dria /ˌdɹə.ə/
: any of various round or long cellular organelles that produce energy for the cell
   — mito·chon·dri·al /ˌdɹə.əl/ adjective

mito·sis /ˌmɪtoʊˈsɪs/ noun, plural -ses /ˌsɛz/
: a process that takes place in the nucleus of a dividing cell and results in the formation of two new nuclei each of which has the same number of chromosomes as the parent nucleus; also : cell division in which mitosis occurs
   — mito·tic /ˌmɪtəˈtɪk/ adjective

mitt /mɪt/ noun
1 • : a baseball catcher's or first baseman's glove
2 slang : HAND

mit·ten /ˈmɪtn/ noun
: a covering for the hand having a separate section for the thumb only

mix /mɪks/ verb
1 • : to combine into one mass
2 • : to enter into relations : ASSOCIATE
3 • : to form by mingling components
4 • : to produce (a recording) by electronically combining sounds from different sources
5 • : HYBRIDIZE
6 • : to put in disorder : CONFUSE — often used with up <~es up the facts>
7 • : to become involved
   — mix·able adjective
   — mix·er noun
Synonyms
- [1] amalgamate, blend, combine, commingle, fuse, incorporate, integrate, intermingle, merge, mingle; also coalesce; compound, join, link, unite

Antonyms
- segregate, separate, sort (out)
- [2] associate, fraternize, hobnob, mingle, socialize—more at SOCIALIZE
- usually mix up [6] confuse, disorder, jumble, mess, muddle, scramble, shuffle

2mix noun
- : a product of mixing; especially : a commercially prepared mixture of food ingredients

Synonyms
- admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, composite, compound, fusion, intermixture, mixture—more at BLEND

mixed /'mikst/ adjective
1 : made up of or involving individuals or items of more than one kind
2 : deriving from two or more races or breeds

Synonyms
- [1] assorted, heterogeneous, miscellaneous, motley, varied—more at MISCELLANEOUS
- [2] hybrid, mongrel; also crossbred, crossed, interbred

Antonyms
- full-blooded, purebred, thoroughbred

mixed number noun
: a number (as 5 2/3) composed of an integer and a fraction

mixed-up /'mikst.aP/ adjective
: CONFUSED

mix·er /'mik.ser/ noun
1 : one that mixes; especially : a machine or device for mixing
2 : an event (as a dance) that encourages meeting and socializing
3 : a nonalcoholic beverage used in a cocktail

mixt abbreviation
mixture

mix·ture /'miks.tur/ noun
1 : the act or process of mixing; also : the state of being mixed
2 : a product of mixing

Synonyms
- admixture, amalgam, blend, combination, composite, compound, fusion, intermixture, mix—more at BLEND

mix·up /'miks.ap/ noun
1 : an instance of confusion
2 : CONFLICT, FIGHT

miz·zen also miz·en /'miz.sin/ noun
1 : a fore-and-aft sail set on the mizzenmast
2 : MIZZENMAST

— mizzen also mizen adjective

miz·zen·mast /.miz.en. 'mast. / noun
: the mast aft or next aft of the mainmast

mk abbreviation
1 mark
2 markka

Mk abbreviation
Mark

mks abbreviation
meter-kilogram-second

**mkt** *abbreviation*
market

**mkg** *abbreviation*
marketing

**ml** *abbreviation*
milliliter

**Mlle** *abbreviation*
[ORIGIN: F]
mademoiselle

**Mlls** *abbreviation*
[ORIGIN: F]
mesdemoiselles

**mm** *abbreviation*
millimeter

**MM** *abbreviation*
[ORIGIN: F]
messieurs

**Mme** *abbreviation*
[ORIGIN: F]
madame

**Mmes** *abbreviation*
[ORIGIN: F]
mesdames

**Mn** *symbol*
manganese

**MN** *abbreviation*
Minnesota

**mne·mon·ic** /ˌməˈnō.nik/ *adjective*
: assisting or designed to assist memory; also: of or relating to memory

**mo** *abbreviation*
month

1**Mo** *abbreviation*
1 Missouri
2 Monday

2**Mo** *symbol*
molybdenum

**MO** *abbreviation*
1 mail order
2 medical officer
3 Missouri
4 modus operandi
5 money order

1**moan** /ˈmōn/ *noun*
> a low prolonged sound indicative of pain or grief

**Synonyms**
> groan, howl, keen, lament, plaint, wail—more at LAMENT

2**moan** *verb*
to express grief, pain, or discontent

Synonyms
- beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN

moat /mōt/ noun
: a deep wide usu. water-filled trench around a castle

mob /mōb/ noun
[origin: L. mobile vulgus vacillating crowd]
1 : the lower classes of a community: MASSES
2 : a disorderly crowd
3 : a criminal gang

Synonyms
- [1] commoners, herd, masses, people, plebeians, populace, rank and file
- [2] army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, multitude, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD
- [3] cabal, conspiracy, gang, ring, syndicate—more at RING

mob verb mobbed; mob·bing
1 : to crowd about and attack or annoy
2 : to crowd into or around <shoppers mobbed the stores>

Synonyms
- crowd, flock, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

mobile /mō-bal, ˈmō-bel, ˈmōb-ˌēl/ adjective
1 : capable of moving or being moved
2 : changeable in appearance, mood, or purpose; also: ADAPTABLE
3 : having the opportunity for or undergoing a shift in social status
4 : using vehicles for transportation <~ warfare>

— mo·bi·li·ty /mō-bəˈli-tē/ noun

mobile /mō-bal/ noun
: a construction or sculpture (as of wire and sheet metal) with parts that can be set in motion by air currents; also: a similar structure suspended so that it is moved by a current of air

mobile home noun
: a trailer used as a permanent dwelling

mo·bi·lise chiefly British variant of MOBILIZE

mo·bi·li·za·tion /mō-bəˌləˌzhən/ noun
1 : the act of mobilizing
2 : the state of being mobilized

Synonyms
- muster, rally—more at RALLY

mo·bi·lize /mō-bəˈlīz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
1 : to put into movement or circulation
2 : to assemble and make ready for use or action <~ army reserves>

— mo·bi·liz·er /mō-bəˈlīzər/ noun

Synonyms
- marshal, muster, rally; also arrange, line up, order, organize; call (up), convene, summon; activate

Antonyms
demobilize

mob·ster /mōbˈstər/ noun
1 : a member of a criminal gang

Synonyms
- bully, gangster, goon, hood, hoodlum, mug, punk, rowdy, ruffian, thug, tough—more at HOODLUM
moc·ca·sin  /mäˈkaˌsän/ noun
1: a soft leather heelless shoe
2: WATER MOCCASIN

moc·cha  /mōˈkə/ noun
[origin: Mocha, port in Yemen]
1: choice coffee grown in Arabia
2: a mixture of coffee and chocolate or cocoa
3: a dark chocolate-brown color

mock  /māk, ˈmōk/ verb
1: to treat with contempt or ridicule
2: DELUDE
3: DEFY
4: to mimic in sport or derision
— mock noun
— mock·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] deride, gibe, jeer, laugh, ridicule, scout—more at RIDICULE
[4] burlesque, caricature, imitate, mimic, parody, take off, travesty—more at MIMIC

mock adjective
1: of, relating to, or having the character of an imitation
2: not real or genuine

Synonyms
[1] artificial, bogus, factitious, fake, false, imitation, sham, substitute, synthetic—more at IMITATION
[2] affected, artificial, assumed, contrived, feigned, mechanical, phony, put-on, spurious, unnatural—more at ARTIFICIAL

mock·er noun
1: one that mocks

Synonyms
heckler, quiz, scoffer, taunter, tease—more at QUIZ

mock·ery  /mäˈkərē, ˈmōkri/ noun
1: insulting or contemptuous action or speech
2: a subject of laughter, derision, or sport
3: an insincere, contemptible, or impertinent imitation

Synonyms
[2] butt, laughingstock, mark, mock, target—more at LAUGHINGSTOCK
[3] caricature, farce, joke, parody, sham, travesty; also burlesque, comedy; lampoon, takeoff; counterfeit, fake, feigning, pretense, simulation

mock·he·ro·ic  /mākˈhērəˌik/ adjective
: ridiculing or burlesquing heroic style, character, or action <a ~ poem>

mock·ing·bird  /mākˈɪNGˌbərd, ˈmōk-/ noun
: a grayish No. American songbird related to the catbirds and thrashers that mimics the calls of other birds

mock·up  /mākˌup, ˈmōk-/ noun
: a full-sized structural model built for study, testing, or display <a ~ of a car>

mod  /mōd/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or being the style of the 1960s British youth culture
2: very fashionable

Synonyms
contemporary, current, hot, modern, new, newfangled, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern, up-to-date—more at MODERN

mod abbreviation
1 moderate
2 modern
3 modification; modified

1 mode /mod/ noun
1 a: a particular form or variety of something
b: a form or manner of expression: STYLE
2: a manner of doing something
3: the most frequent value of a set of data
4: a conscious state of mind or predominant emotion
— mod·al /mod·əl/ adjective
    Synonyms
    ▶ [1b] fashion, locution, manner, phraseology, style, tone, vein—more at STYLE
    ▶ [4] cheer, frame, humor, mood, spirit, temper—more at MOOD

2 mode noun
▶: a prevailing fashion or style (as of dress or behavior)
    Synonyms
    ▶ craze, fad, rage, style, trend, vogue—more at FAD

1 model /məd/ noun
1: structural design
2: a miniature representation; also: a pattern of something to be made
3: an example for imitation or emulation
4: one who poses (as for an artist or to display clothes); also: MANNEQUIN
5: TYPE, DESIGN
    Synonyms
    ▶ beau ideal, classic, exemplar, ideal, nonpareil, paragon—more at IDEAL

2 model verb mod·eled or mod·elled; mod·el·ing or mod·el·ling
1: SHAPE, FASHION, CONSTRUCT
2: to work as a fashion model

3 model adjective
1: serving as or worthy of being a pattern <a ~ student>
2: being a miniature representation of something <a ~ airplane>
    Synonyms
    ▶ classic, paradigmatic, quintessential; also ideal, nonpareil, special, unique; absolute, flawless, impeccable, perfect; bang-up, banner, capital, dandy, fine, first-rate, grand, great, groovy, jim-dandy, par excellence, prime, superb, superior, superlative, terrific, tip-top, top, top-notch, unsurpassed, wonderful; exceptional, fancy

mod·em /məd·əm/ noun
: a device that converts signals from one device (as a computer) to a form compatible with another (as a telephone)

1 moderate /məd·ər/ adjective
1 a: avoiding extremes
b: having a climate that esp. lacks extremes in temperature
2: tending toward the mean or average amount or dimension
3: limited in scope or effect
4: not expensive
    — moderate noun
    — mod·er·a·tion noun
    Synonyms
    ▶ [1b] balmy, clement, equable, gentle, mild, temperate—more at CLEMENT
    ▶ [2] average, intermediate, median, medium, middle, modest—more at MIDDLE

2 moderate /məd·ər/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to lessen the intensity of: TEMPER
2: to act as a moderator
3: to become less violent, severe, or intense
mod·er·a·tion /məˈdeɪrəʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane—more at DECREASE

mod·er·ate·ly /ˈlɛ/ adverb
- : in a moderate manner or to a moderate extent
  Synonyms
  - enough, fairly, kind of, pretty, quite, rather, so-so, somewhat, sort of—more at FAIRLY

mod·er·a·tor /məˈdeɪrətər/ noun
1 : MEDIATOR
2 : one who presides over an assembly, meeting, or discussion
  Synonyms
  - chair, chairman, president, speaker

mod·ern /ˈmərərn/ adjective
[origin: LL modernus, fr. L modo just now, fr. modus measure]
- : of, relating to, or characteristic of the present or the immediate past : CONTEMPORARY
  - modern noun
  - mo·der·ni·ty /ˈmərənətɪ/ noun
  - mo·der·nly adverb
  - mo·der·nness noun
  Synonyms
  - contemporary, current, hot, mod, new, newfangled, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern, up-to-date; also fashionable, in, modish, stylish; last, latest; modernized, updated; futuristic, nontraditional
  Antonyms
  - antiquated, archaic, dated, dusty, musty, old-fashioned, old-time, out-of-date, passé

mod·ern·ise, mod·ern·i·sa·tion British variant of MODERNIZE, MODERNIZATION

mod·ern·ism /ˈmərənərɪzəm/ noun
- a practice, movement, or belief peculiar to modern times

mod·ern·ize /ˈmərənərɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
- to make or become modern
  - mod·ern·i·za·tion /ˌmərənərɪzəˈʃən/ noun
  - mod·ern·iz·er noun

mod·est /ˈmɑst/ adjective
1 a : having a moderate estimate of oneself
b : neither bold nor self-assertive : DIFFIDENT
2 : observing the proprieties of dress and behavior
3 : limited in size, amount, or scope
  Synonyms
  - [1a] demure, humble, lowly, meek, retiring, unassuming, unpretentious—more at HUMBLE
  - [1b] bashful, coy, demure, diffident, introverted, retiring, sheepish, shy—more at SHY
  - [2] chaste, clean, decent, immaculate, pure—more at CHASTE
  - [3] average, intermediate, median, medium, middle, moderate—more at MIDDLE

mod·est·ly /ˈlɛ/ adverb
- : in a modest manner or to a modest extent
  Synonyms
  - humbly, lowly, meekly, sheepishly
  - chastely, purely, righteously, virtuously—more at PURELY

mod·es·ty /ˈmɑdəstɪ/ noun
1 : freedom from conceit or vanity
2 : propriety in dress, speech, or conduct
  Synonyms

mod-i-cum /mə.ˌdi.ˈkəm/ noun
> a small amount
  Synonyms
  ◦ hoot, jot, lick, rap, tittle, whit—more at JOT

modif abbreviation
modification

mod-i-fi-ca-tion /mə.ˌdi.ˈfē.ˈkən/ noun
> the act, process, or result of modifying
  Synonyms
  ◦ alteration, change, difference, revise, revision, variation—more at CHANGE

mod-i fy /mə.ˌdi.ˈfī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  1 : MODERATE
  2 : to limit the meaning of esp. in a grammatical construction
  3 ◦ : to make changes in : ALTER
  — mod-i-fi·er /mə.ˌdi.ˈfi.ər/ noun
    Synonyms
    ◦ alter, change, make over, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE

mod·ish /mə्.ˈdĭsh/ adjective
> conforming to the custom, fashion, or established mode : FASHIONABLE
  — mod·ish·ly adverb
    Synonyms
    ◦ à la mode, chic, fashionable, in, popular, sharp, smart, snappy, stylish—more at STYLISH

mod·i·fication /mə.ˌdi.ˈfĭ.k.ˈshən/ noun
    Synonyms
    ◦ favor, popularity, vogue—more at POPULARITY

mo·diste /mə́ˈdɪst/ noun
> a maker of fashionable dresses and hats

mod·u·lar /mə́.ˈdələr/ adjective
> constructed with standardized units

mod·u·lar·ized /mə́.ˈdələˌrĭzd/ adjective
> containing or consisting of modules

mod·u·late /mə́.ˈdələt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
  1 : to tune to a key or pitch
  2 : to keep in proper measure or proportion : TEMPER
  3 : to vary the amplitude or frequency of a carrier wave for the transmission of information (as in radio or television)
    — mod·u·la·tion /mə́.ˈdələ.ˈshən/ noun
    — mod·u·la·tor /mə́.ˈdələˌtər/ noun
    — mod·u·la·to·ry /mə́.ˈdələˌtôrē/ adjective

mod·ule /mə́.ˈdʒūl/ noun
  1 : any in a series of standardized units for use together
  2 : an assembly of wired electronic parts for use with other such assemblies
  3 : an independent unit that constitutes a part of the total structure of a space vehicle <a propulsion ~>
mogul /mōˈgəl/ noun
-Origin: fr. Mogul, member of a Muslim dynasty ruling northern India—
MAGNATE
Synonyms
- baron, czar, king, magnate, prince, tycoon

mogul /mōˈgəl/ noun
- a bump in a ski run

mo·hair /mōˈhär/ noun
-Origin: modif. of obs. It mocaiarro, fr. Ar mukhayyar, lit., choice—
MUSLIM
- a fabric or yarn made wholly or in part from the long silky hair of the Angora goat; also: this goat hair

Mo·ham·med·an also Mu·ham·mad·an /mōˈhā.məˌdən/ noun
-Origin: MUSLIM
- a member of an American Indian people of the Mohawk River valley, New York; also: the language of the Mohawk people

Mo·he·gan /mōˈhe.gən/ noun, plural Mohogan or Mohegans; or Mohican or Mohicans
- a member of an American Indian people of southeastern Connecticut

mo·hel /mōˈhel/ noun, plural mohels; also mo·hel·im /mōˈhel.əm/; also mo·hel·im /ˈhē.ələm/
- a person who performs Jewish circumcisions

Mohican variant of MAHICAN

moi·e·ty /móˈe.tē/ noun, plural -ties
- one of two equal or approximately equal parts

moi /mó/ verb
- to work hard: DRUDGE

moi /mó/ noun

moi /mó/ noun

moi·ré /mōˈrā, mōˈwā/ or moire /ˈmeɪr/ noun
-origin: a fabric (as silk) having a watered appearance

moist /ˈmōst/ adjective
- slightly or moderately wet

moist·ly /ˈmōst.lē/ adverb

moist·ness /ˈmōst.nəs/ noun

moist·en /ˈmōst.ən/ verb
- to make or become moist

moist·en·er /ˈmōst.ənər/ noun

moist·ure /ˈmōst.chūr/ noun
- the small amount of liquid that causes dampness

mois·tur·ise British variant of MOISTURIZE

mois·tur·ize /ˈmōst.tər.īz/; -ized; -iz·ing
- to add moisture to

mol abbreviation
- molecular; molecule

mo·lar /mōˈlär/ noun
mol·ar adjective

mo·las·ses /mo. ˈlə sæs/ noun

: any of the broad teeth adapted to grinding food and located in the back of the jaw

mold /mōld/ noun

1 : a surface growth of fungus esp. on damp or decaying matter; also : a fungus that produces molds

mold·i·ness /ˈmōld.əˌnis/ noun

: distinctive nature or character

mold·er /ˌmōld.ər/ noun

1 : to shape in or as if in a mold

mold·ing /ˈmōld.ɪŋ/ noun

1 : an act or process of shaping in a mold; also : an object so shaped

mole /mōl/ noun

1 : a small often pigmented spot or protuberance on the skin

2 : any of numerous small burrowing insect-eating mammals related to the shrews and hedgehogs

3 : a massive breakwater or jetty

molec·u·lar /ˈmōl.əˌkyoo.ər/ adjective

: of, relating to, or being a molecule

molecular biology noun

: a branch of biology dealing with the ultimate physical and chemical organization of living matter and esp. with the molecular basis of inheritance and protein synthesis

molecular biologist noun

molecular weight noun

: the mass of a molecule that is equal to the sum of the masses of all atoms contained in the molecule's formula

mol·e·cule /ˈmōl.əˌkyoo.lə/ noun

1 : the smallest particle of matter that is the same chemically as the whole mass

2 : a tiny bit

Synonyms
atom, bit, crumb, fleck, fliespeck, grain, granule, morsel, mote, particle, patch, scrap, scruple, speck, tittle

mole·hill /'mōl.hi/ noun
: a little ridge of earth thrown up by a mole

mole·skin /ˌskín/ noun
1 : the skin of the mole used as fur
2 : a heavy durable cotton fabric

mo·lest /ˈmoʊ.lest/ verb
1 : ANNOY, DISTURB
2 : to make annoying sexual advances to; especially : to force physical and usu. sexual contact on
— mo·les·ta·tion /ˌmō.les.taˈʃən/ noun
— mo·lest·er noun

mol /ˈmōl/ noun
: a gangster's girlfriend

mol·li·fy /ˈmō.ləˌfī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to soothe in temper : APPEASE
2 : SOFTEN
3 : to reduce in intensity : ASSUAGE
— mol·li·fi·ca·tion /ˌmō.ləˌfiˈkei.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
[1] appease, conciliate, disarm, pacify, placate, propitiate—more at PACIFY
[3] allay, alleviate, assuage, ease, help, mitigate, palliate, relieve, soothe—more at HELP

mol·lusk or mol·lus·c /ˈmō.ləsk/ noun
: any of a large phylum of usu. shelled and aquatic invertebrate animals (as snails, clams, and squids)
— mol·lus·can also mol·lus·kan adjective

1 mollycoddle /ˈmōl.əˌkəld/ noun
: a pampered man or boy

2 mollycoddle verb mol·ly-cod·dled; mol·ly-cod·dling
: to treat with an excessive or absurd degree of indulgence and attention : PAMPER

Synonyms
baby, coddle, nurse, pamper, spoil—more at BABY

Mo·lo·tov cocktail /ˈmō.lō.ˌtōf. ˈmōl./ noun
[ORIGIN: Vyacheslav M. Molotov †1986 Soviet foreign minister]
: a crude bomb made of a bottle filled usu. with gasoline and fitted with a wick (as a saturated rag) that is ignited just prior to hurling

1 molt /ˈmōlt/ verb
: to shed hair, feathers, outer skin, or horns periodically with the cast-off parts being replaced by new growth
— molt·er noun

2 molt noun
: the act or process of molting

mol·ten /ˈmōlt.ən/ adjective
1 : fused or liquefied by heat
2 : GLOWING

mo·ly /ˈmō.lə/ noun
: a mythical herb with black root, white flowers, and magic powers

mo·ly·bde·num /ˌmō.ˈlib.de.nəm/ noun
: a metallic chemical element used in strengthening and hardening steel

mom /ˈmām. ˈmēm/ noun
: a female parent : MOTHER
mom–and–pop adjective
: being a small owner-operated business

moment /ˈməʊ.mənt/ noun
1 : a minute portion of time : INSTANT
2 : a time of excellence <he has his ~s>
3 : IMPORTANCE
4 : present time
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] flash, instant, jiffy, minute, second, shake, trice, twinkle, twinkling, wink—more at INSTANT
   ◁ [4] now, present, today—more at PRESENT

momentarily /ˈməʊ.mən.tər.i/ adverb
1 : for a moment
2 archaic : INSTANTLY
3 : at any moment : SOON
   Synonyms
   ◁ anon, presently, shortly, soon—more at SHORTLY

momentary /ˈməʊ.mən.tər.i/ adjective
1 : continuing only a moment
2 : recurring at every moment
   —momentariness /ˌməʊ.mən.tər.i.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   ◁ ephemeral, evanescent, flash, fleeting, fugitive, impermanent, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient; also brief, short; acting, interim
   Antonyms
   ◁ enduring, eternal, everlasting, lasting, permanent, perpetual

momentous /ˈməʊ.məntəs/ adjective
: very important
   —momentously adverb
   —momentousness noun
   Synonyms
   ◁ big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, significant, substantial, weighty—more at IMPORTANT

momentum /ˈməʊ.məntəm/ noun, plural momenta /ˌməʊ.məntə/ or momentums
1 : a property that a moving body has due to its mass and motion
2 : something that rouses or incites to activity : IMPETUS
   Synonyms
   ◁ boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitement, instigation, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeast—more at IMPULSE

mommy /ˈmɑː.mə/ noun, plural mommies
: MOTHER

Mon abbreviation
Monday

monarch /ˈmɑː.nərk, ˌmɑːr-/ noun
1 : a person who reigns over a kingdom or an empire
2 : one holding preeminent position or power
3 : MONARCH BUTTERFLY
   Synonyms
   ◁ autocrat, ruler, sovereign; also czar, emperor, empress, kaiser, king, lord, mogul, potentate, prince, queen, satrap, sultan; authoritarian, despot, dictator, overlord, tyrant; royalty

monarch butterfly noun
: a large orange and black migratory American butterfly whose larva feeds on milkweed
monarchic /moˌnärˈki,ˌkəl/ also monarchic adjective

: of, relating to, suggestive of, or characteristic of a monarch or monarchy

Synonyms

kingly, princely, queenly, regal, royal; also aristocratic, baronial, imperial, lordly, noble, patrician

monarchist /məˈnær.kɪst/ noun

: a believer in monarchical government

— monarchism /məˈnær.kɪzəm/ noun

monarchy /məˈnær.kə/ noun, plural -chies

: a nation or state governed by a monarch

— monarchist

— monarchism

monastery /məˈneɪ.stər.i/ noun, plural monasteries

: a house for persons under religious vows (as monks)

Synonyms

— abbey, cloister, friary, priory; also house; convent, nunnery; lamasery

monastic /məˈnæs.tɪk/ adjective

— monastic noun

— monastic-ally /məˈnæs.tɪk.ə.lɪ/ adverb

— monasticism /məˈnæs.tɪ.kɪzəm/ noun

— monastic

— monastic-ally

Monday /məˈneɪ.dɪ/ noun

: the second day of the week

monetary /məˈneɪ.tər.i, ˈmeɪ.ər.i/ adjective

: of or relating to money or to the mechanisms by which it is supplied and circulated in the economy

Synonyms

— financial, fiscal, pecuniary—more at FINANCIAL

money /ˈmeɪ.ni/ noun, plural moneys or monies /ˈmeɪ.ni.z/ 1

: something (as metal currency) accepted as a medium of exchange

2

: wealth reckoned in monetary terms

3

: the 1st, 2d, and 3d places in a horse or dog race

Synonyms

— cash, currency, dough, lucre, pelf, tender; also change, coinage, specie; paper money, scrip; banknote, cashier's check, check, draft, money order, note; bill, dollar, greenback; bankroll, capital, finances, funds; mite, pittance; bundle, fortune, mint, wad; abundance, means, opulence, riches, treasure, wealth; resources, wherewithal

— monetized

money-lender /ˈmeɪ.ni.ˈlɛndər/ noun

: one (as a bank or pawnbroker) whose business is lending money

money market noun

: the trade in short-term negotiable financial instruments

money of account

: a denominator of value or basis of exchange used in keeping accounts

money order noun

: an order purchased at a post office, bank, or telegraph office directing another office to pay a sum of money to a
party named on it

**mon·ger** /mənˈɡer, ˈmæŋ/ noun
1: DEALER
2: one who tries to stir up or spread something

**Mon·gol** /mənˈɡoʊl, ˈmæŋ_ˈgʊl/ noun
a member of any of several traditionally pastoral peoples of Mongolia
— **Mongol** adjective

**Mon·go·lian** /mənˈɡoʊli.ən, ˈmæŋ_ˌɡoʊli.ən/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Mongolia
2: a member of the Mongoloid racial stock
— **Mongolian** adjective

**Mon·go·loid** /mənˈɡoʊˌloid/ adjective
: of or relating to a major racial stock native to Asia that includes peoples of northern and eastern Asia, Malaysians, Eskimos, and often American Indians
— **Mongoloid** noun

**mon·goose** /mənˈɡoʊs, ˈmæŋ_ˈgoʊs/ noun, plural **mon·gooses** also **mon·geese** /mənˈɡeɪs/
: any of a group of small, agile Old World mammals that are related to the civet cats and feed chiefly on small animals and fruits

**mon·grel** /mənˈɡrɛl, ˈmæŋ_ˈɡrɛl/ noun
›: an offspring of parents of different breeds; especially : one of uncertain ancestry

**Synonyms**
› cross, hybrid—more at HYBRID

**mon·i·ker** /mənˈki.kər/ noun
: NAME, NICKNAME

**mo·nism** /moʊˈnɪzəm, ˈmɑːn/ noun
: a view that reality is basically one unitary organic whole
— **monist** /moʊˈnɪst, ˈmɑːn/ noun

**mo·ni·tion** /moʊˈni.ʃən, ˈmɑːn_ʃən/ noun
: WARNING, CAUTION

1**monitor** /mənˈteɪnər/ noun
1: a student appointed to assist a teacher
2: one that monitors; especially : a video display screen (as for a computer)

2**monitor** verb
: to watch, check, or observe for a special purpose

**mon·i·to·ry** /moʊˈnaɪ.tərē/ adjective
: giving admonition : WARNING

1**monk** /mɑŋk/ noun
: a man belonging to a religious order and living in a monastery
— **monk**ish adjective

2**monk** noun
: MONKEY

1**monkey** /mɑŋk/ noun, plural **monkeys**
1: a nonhuman primate mammal; especially : one of the smaller, longer-tailed, and usu. more arboreal primates as contrasted with the apes
2: : a person resembling a monkey in appearance or behavior

**Synonyms**
monkey verb mon-keyed; mon-key-ing
1 : to behave foolishly : FOOL — often used with around
2 : to try foolish or dangerous experiments : TAMPER — usu. used with with
   Synonyms
   ✷ usually monkey around [1] act up, clown, cut up, fool, horse, show off, skylark—more at CUT UP
   ✷ usually monkey around [1] fiddle, fool, mess, play, potter, putter, trifle
   ✷ usually monkey with [2] fiddle, fool, mess, play, tamper, tinker—more at TAMPER (WITH)

monkey bars noun plural
: a framework of bars on which children can play

monkey-shine /manˈkēˌshin/ noun
✦ : a mischievous act; also : mischievous behavior — usu. used in pl.
   Synonyms
   ✷ usually monkeyshines plural antic, caper, escapade, frolic, practical joke, prank, trick—more at PRANK
   ✷ usually monkeyshines plural foolery, high jinks, horseplay, roughhouse, shenanigans, tomfoolery—more at HORSEPLAY

monkey wrench noun
: a wrench with one fixed and one adjustable jaw at right angles to a handle

monk-fish /ˈmɑŋkˌfɪʃ/ noun
: either of two marine bony fishes that have a large flattened head and are used for food

monks-hood /ˈmɑŋksˌhʊd/ noun
: any of a genus of poisonous plants related to the buttercups; especially : a tall Eurasian herb with white or purplish flowers

1 mono /ˈmɑnəʊ/ adjective
   : MONOPHONIC

2 mono noun
   : INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

mono-chro-mat·ic /ˌmɑnəˈkrəmətik/ adjective
1 : having or consisting of one color
2 : consisting of radiation (as light) of a single wavelength

mono-chrome /ˈmɑnəˌkrəm/ adjective
: involving or producing visual images in a single color or in varying tones of a single color <~ television>

mono·cle /ˈmɑnəˌkl/ noun
: an eyeglass for one eye

mono·clo·nal /ˌmɑnəˌkloʊˈnɑl/ adjective
: produced by, being, or composed of cells derived from a single cell <~ antibodies>

mono·cot·y·le·don /ˌmɑnəˌkətˈle.ðən/ noun
: any of a class or subclass of chiefly herbaceous seed plants having an embryo with a single cotyledon and usu. parallel-veined leaves

mon-o·dy /ˈmɑnə di/ noun, plural -dies
   : ELEGY, DIRGE
   — mo·nod·ic /maˈnə dik/ or mo·nod·i·cal /diˈkəl/ adjective
   — mo·nod·ist /ˈmɑnədɪst/ noun

mono·g·a·my /ˌmɑnəˈɡa.mə/ noun
1 : marriage with but one person at a time
2 : the practice of having a single mate during a period of time
   — mo·no·g·a·mist /ˈmɑnəɡəməst/ noun
   — mo·no·g·a·mous /ˌmɑnəɡəˈməs/ adjective
mono·gram /ˈmə.nəˌɡram/ noun
: a sign of identity composed of the combined initials of a name
— monogram verb

mono·graph /ˈmə.nəˌɡraf/ noun
: a learned treatise on a small area of learning

mono·lin·gual /ˌmə.nəˌlɪŋgwəl/ adjective
: knowing or using only one language

mono·lith /ˈmən.əˌlɪθ/ noun
1: a single great stone often in the form of a monument or column
2: something large and powerful that acts as a single unified force
— monolithic /ˌmən.əˌlɪθık/ adjective

mono·logue also mono·log /ˈmən.əˌlɔɡ/ noun
1: a dramatic soliloquy; also: a long speech monopolizing conversation
2: the routine of a stand-up comic
— monologu·ist /ˌlɔɡ.i.st/ or mo·no·lo·gist /ˌmənəˌlɔɡ.i.st/ noun

mono·man·ia /ˌmə.nəˌmæ.nəˈne.əˌniə/ noun
1: mental disorder limited in expression to one area of thought
2: excessive concentration on a single object or idea
— mono·man·i·ac /ˌnəˌmæ.nəˈne.ək/ noun or adjective

mono·mer /ˈmə.nəˌmər/ noun
: a simple chemical compound that can be polymerized

mono·nu·cle·o·sis /ˌmə.nəˌnəˌkəˌlōˌsis/ noun
: INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS

mono·phon·ic /ˌmənəˌfən.ɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to sound recording or reproduction involving a single transmission path

mono·plane /ˈmə.nəˌplān/ noun
: an airplane with only one set of wings

mo·nop·o·ly /ˌmə.nəˌpəˌlē/ noun, plural -lies
[origin: L. monopolium, fr. Gk monopōlion, fr. monos alone, single + pōlein to sell]
1: exclusive ownership (as through command of supply)
2: a commodity controlled by one party
3: one that has a monopoly
— mo·nop·o·list /ˈlɪst/ noun
— mo·nop·o·list·ic /ˌmənəˌpəˌlɪst.ɪk/ adjective
— mo·nop·o·li·za·tion /ˌləˌzəˌla.ʃən/ noun
— mo·nop·o·lize /ˌmənəˌpəˌlائز/ verb

mono·rail /ˈmə.nəˌrāl/ noun
: a single rail serving as a track for a vehicle; also: a vehicle traveling on such a track

mono·so·di·um glu·ta·mate /ˌmənəˌsōˌdē.əmˈɡlu.ˌtəˌmeit/ noun
: a crystalline salt used to enhance the flavor of food

mono·sy·l·la·ble /ˈmənəˌsɪləˈbl/ noun
: a word of one syllable
— mono·sy·l·lab·ic /ˌmənəˌsɪləˈbɪk/ adjective
— mono·sy·l·lab·i·cal·ly /ˌbɪkləˈlɪkli/ adverb

mono·the·ism /ˌmənəˈθi.əzəm/ noun
: a doctrine or belief that there is only one deity
— mono·the·ist ˈmən-ə-the-ist/ noun
— mono·the·is·tic ˈmən-ə-the-ist-ik/ adjective

mon·o·tone ˈmən-ə-tōn/ noun
: a succession of syllables, words, or sentences in one unvaried key or pitch

mo·not·o·nous ˈmən-ət-ə-nəs/ adjective
1 : uttered or sounded in one unvarying tone
2 : tediously uniform
— mo·not·o·nous·ly adverb
— mo·not·o·nous·ness noun

Synonyms
① drab, dreary, dry, dull, flat, uninteresting, weary

mo·not·o·ny ˈmən-ə-tōn-ē/ noun
: tedious sameness or uniformity

mo·no·un·sat·u·rat·ed ˌmən-ə-un-ˈsə-chə-rā-təd/ adjective
: containing one double or triple bond per molecule — used esp. of an oil or fatty acid

mon·ox·ide ˈmən-əks-əd/ noun
: an oxide containing one atom of oxygen in a molecule

mon·sei·gneur ˌmən-ˌsān, ˈyer/ noun, plural mes·sei·gneurs ˌmən-ˌsānˌyeri/ adjective
: a French dignitary — used as a title

mon·sieur ˌmən-ˌshyr, ˌma-ˈshyr/ noun, plural mes·si·eurs ˌmən-ˈshyrəz or ˌmaˌshyrəz/ adjective
: a Frenchman of high rank or station — used as a title equivalent to Mister

mon·si·gnor ˌmən-ˌsənər/ noun, plural monsignors or mon·si·gnors ˌmən-ˌsəŋˈno̞rəs [ORIGIN: It monsignore]
: a Roman Catholic prelate — used as a title

mon·soon ˌmən-sən/ noun [ORIGIN: obs. Dutch monsoen, fr. Pg monção, fr. Ar mawsim time, season]
1 : a periodic wind esp. in the Indian Ocean and southern Asia
2 : the season of the southwest monsoon esp. in India
3 : rainfall associated with the monsoon

1 mon·ster ˈmən-stər/ noun
1 : an abnormally developed plant or animal
2 a : an animal of strange or terrifying shape
b : one unusually large of its kind
3 : an extremely ugly, wicked, or cruel person
4 : something monstrous

Synonyms
① behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, titan, whale, whopper—more at GIANT
② beast, brute, devil, fiend, savage, villain

2 mon·ster adjective
: very large : ENORMOUS

mon·strance ˈmən-strans/ noun
: a vessel in which the consecrated Host is exposed for the adoration of the faithful

mon·stros·i·ty ˌmən-stro̞sə-tē/ noun
1 a : a malformation of a plant or animal
b : something deviating from the normal : FREAK
2 : the quality or state of being monstrous
3 a : an object of great and often frightening size, force, or complexity
b : an excessively bad or shocking example
Synonyms
- [1b] abnormality, freak, monster—more at FREAK
- [2] atrociousness, atrocity, frightfulness, hideousness, horror, repulsiveness—more at HORROR
- [2] atrociousness, atrocity, depravity, enormity, heinousness, vileness, wickedness—more at ENORMITY
- [3b] eyesore, fright, horror, mess, sight—more at EYESORE

mon-strous /'mәn̩strәs/ adjective
1 ․ : having extraordinary often overwhelming size
2 ․ : extraordinarily ugly or vicious
3 ․ : deviating greatly from the natural form or character
   Synonyms
   - [1] enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, mammoth, monster, monumental, prodigious, tremendous, whopping—more at HUGE
   - [2] appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, nightmarish, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE
   - [3] deformed, distorted, malformed, misshapen, shapeless—more at MALFORMED

mon-strous-ly /ˈlә/ adverb
- in a monstrous manner
   Synonyms
   - devilishly, excessively, inordinately, overly, overmuch, too—more at TOO
   - broadly, considerably, greatly, hugely, largely, massively, much, sizably, stupendously, tremendously, utterly, vastly—more at GREATLY

Mont abbreviation
Montana

mon-tage /ˈmәn̩tәj/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1 : a composite photograph made by combining several separate pictures
2 : an artistic composition made up of several different kinds of elements
3 : a varied mixture : JUMBLE

month /mәnth/ noun, plural months /ˈmәnts, 'mәnthz/ : one of the 12 parts into which the year is divided
   — month-ly adverb or adjective or noun

month-long /ˈmәnth-әl̩/ adjective
- lasting a month

mon-u-ment /ˈmәn̩-ya-mәnt/ noun
1 ․ : a lasting reminder; especially : a structure erected in remembrance of a person or event
2 : NATIONAL MONUMENT
   Synonyms
   - gravestone, headstone, tombstone—more at TOMBSTONE
   - keepsake, memento, memorial, remembrance, souvenir, token—more at MEMORIAL

mon-u-men-tal /ˌmәn̩-ya-men̩-tәl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a monument
2 a ․ : having impressive bulk or size
   b : highly significant : OUTSTANDING
3 ․ : very great
   — mon-u-men-tal-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - [2a, 3] colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, grand, heroic, huge, mammoth, massive, outsize, oversize, prodigious, titanic, tremendous, vast

moo /ˈmә/ verb
- to make the natural throat noise of a cow
   — moo noun
1 mood /mʊd/ noun
   1 ▶: a conscious state of mind or predominant emotion
   2 ▶: a prevailing attitude: Disposition
   3 ▶: a distinctive atmosphere

Synonyms
   ▶ [1] cheer, frame, humor, mode, spirit, temper; also attitude, outlook, perspective, standpoint, viewpoint; emotion, feeling, heart, passion, sentiment; strain; belief, conviction, mind, opinion; expression, tone, vein; character, disposition, individuality, personality, temperament; responsiveness, sensibility, sensitiveness, sensitivity
   ▶ [3] air, atmosphere, aura, climate, flavor, note, temper—more at Aura

2 mood noun
   : distinction of form of a verb to express whether its action or state is conceived as fact or in some other manner (as wish)

moody /mʊ.đə/ adjective mood·i·er; -est
   1 : GLOOMY
   2 : subject to moods: Temperamental

   — mood·i·ly /.də.lij/ adverb
   — mood·i·ness /.də.nəs/ noun

1 moon /mʊn/ noun
   1 : the earth’s natural satellite
   2 : SATELLITE 2

2 moon verb
   : to engage in idle reverie

moon·beam /mʊn.ˌbɛm/ noun
   : a ray of light from the moon

1 moonlight /.fl/ noun
   : the light of the moon

   — moon·lit /.lɪt/ adjective

2 moonlight verb moon·light·ed; moon·light·ing
   : to hold a second job in addition to a regular one

   — moon·light·er noun

moon·roof /.ˌrʊf/.rʊf/ noun
   : a glass sunroof

moon·scape /.skæp/ noun
   : the surface of the moon as seen or as pictured

moon·shine /.ʃɪn/ noun
   1: MOONLIGHT
   2: empty talk
   3 ▶: intoxicating liquor usu. illegally distilled

Synonyms
   ▶ alcohol, booze, drink, intoxicant, liquor, spirits—more at Alcohol

moon·stone /.stən/ noun
   : a transparent or translucent feldspar of pearly luster used as a gem

moon·struck /.strʌk/ adjective
   1: mentally unbalanced
   2: romantically sentimental
   3: lost in fantasy

1 moor /mʊr/ noun
1 chiefly British: an expanse of open rolling infertile land
2: a boggy area; especially: one that is peaty and dominated by grasses and sedges

moor verb
- to make fast with or as if with cables, lines, or anchors
  Synonyms
  - anchor, catch, clamp, fasten, fix, hitch, secure, set

Moor /mûr/ noun
- one of the Arab and Berber conquerors of Spain — Moorish adjective

mooring /mûr·ɪŋ/ noun
1: a place where or an object to which a craft can be made fast
2: an established practice or stabilizing influence — usu. used in pl.

moor•land /ˌmôr.ˌländ/ noun
- land consisting of moors

moose /mûs/ noun, plural moose
- a large heavy-antlered ruminant mammal related to the deer that has humped shoulders and long legs and inhabits northern forested areas

1moot /mût/ verb
1: to bring up for discussion
2: to argue about: DEBATE
  Synonyms
  - [1] bring up, broach, introduce, raise—more at INTRODUCE
  - [2] argue, chew over, debate, discuss, dispute, hash, talk over—more at DISCUSS

2moot adjective
1: open to question; also: DISPUTED
2: having no practical significance
  Synonyms
  - arguable, debatable, disputable, doubtful, questionable—more at DEBATABLE

1mop /mäp/ noun
- an implement made of absorbent material fastened to a handle and used esp. for cleaning floors

2mop verb mopped, mopping
- to use a mop on: clean with a mop

mope /mōp/ verb moped; moping
1: to become dull, dejected, or listless
2: to move slowly or aimlessly
  Synonyms
  - gad, gallivant, knock, maunder, meander, ramble, range, roam, rove, traipse, wander—more at WANDER

moped /mōp·əd/ noun
- a light low-powered motorbike that can be pedaled

mopp•et /mə·pət/ noun
[origin: obs. E mop fool, child]
- child

mo•raine /məˈrān/ noun
- an accumulation of earth and stones left by a glacier

1moral /môrəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to principles of right and wrong
2: conforming to a standard of right behavior; also: capable of right and wrong action
3: probable but not proved <a ~ certainty>
4 : perceptual or psychological rather than tangible or practical in nature or effect

Synonyms
decent, ethical, good, honest, honorable, just, right, righteous, straight, upright, virtuous—more at GOOD

moral noun
1 : the practical meaning (as of a story)
2 plural ☰ : moral practices or teachings

Synonyms morals plural
ethics, morality, principles, standards—more at ETHICS

moral adjective
moral adjective: perceptual or psychological rather than tangible or practical in nature or effect <a ~ victory>

morale /ˈmərəl/ noun
1 : MORALITY
2 : the mental and emotional attitudes of an individual toward the tasks at hand; also : ESPRIT DE CORPS

mor-al-ise British variant of MORALIZE

mor-al-ist /ˈmɔrəlist/ noun
1 : one who leads a moral life
2 : a thinker or writer concerned with morals
3 : one concerned with regulating the morals of others
— mor-al-ist-ic /ˈmɔrəlis-tɪk/ adjective
— mor-al-ist-cal-ly /ˈmɔrəlis-tik-lɪ/ adverb

moral-i-ty /ˈmərələtɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 ☰ : a doctrine or system of moral conduct
2 ☰ : moral conduct : VIRTUE

Synonyms
[1] ethics, morals, principles, standards—more at ETHICS
[2] character, decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue; also high-mindedness, honor, incorruptibility, appropriateness, correctness, decorum, etiquette, fitness, propriety, ethics, morals
Antonyms
badness, evil, immorality, wickedness

mor-al-ize /ˈmɔrəliz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to make moral reflections
— mor-al-i·za·tion /ˈmɔrələˌzaʃən/ noun
— mor-al-i·zer /ˈmɔrələˌizer/ noun

mor-al-ly /ˈmɔrəl/ adverb
: in accordance with morals : in a moral manner

morass /ˈmɔrəs/ noun
[origin: D moeras, fr. OF maresc, of Gmc origin; akin to OE mersc marsh]
: a tract of soft wet land : SWAMP; also : something that entangles, impedes, or confuses

Synonyms
bog, fen, marsh, mire, slough, swamp—more at SWAMP

mor-a-to·ri·um /ˈmɔrəˌtəriəm/ noun, plural -ri·ums or -ria /ˌriə/ [origin: ultim. fr. L mora delay]
: a suspension of activity

mo·ray eel /ˈmɔrē, ˈmɔrē/ noun
: any of numerous often brightly colored biting eels of warm seas

mor·bid /ˈmɔrbəd/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or typical of disease; also : DISEASED, SICKLY
2 : characterized by gloomy or unwholesome ideas or feelings
3 : GRISLY, GRUESOME "~ details"
— mor·bid·i·ty /ˈmɔrbəˌdiətɪ/ noun
— mor·bid·ly adverb
mor·bid·ness noun

mor·dant /mɔrdˌənt/ adjective
1 : biting or caustic in manner or style
2 : BURNING, PUNGENT
— mor·dant·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ➢ acrid, biting, caustic, cutting, pungent, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp, tart—more at SARCASTIC

1 more /mɔr/ adjective
1 : GREATER
2 : existing by way of addition : ADDITIONAL
  Synonyms
  ➢ additional, another, else, farther, further, other—more at ADDITIONAL

2 more adverb
1 : in addition
2 : to a greater or higher degree

3 more noun
1 : a greater quantity, number, or amount <the ~ the merrier>
2 : an additional amount <costs a little ~>  

4 more pronoun
: additional persons or things or a greater amount

mo·rel /mɑrˈɛl/ noun
: any of several pitted edible fungi

more·over /mɔrˈəvər/ adverb
: in addition : FURTHER
  Synonyms
  ➢ additionally, again, also, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, then, too, withal, yet

mo·res /mɔrˈeaz/ noun plural
[ORIGIN: L, pl. of mor-, mos custom]
1 : the fixed morally binding customs of a group
2 : HABITS, MANNERS
  Synonyms
  ➢ etiquette, form, manners, proprieties

Mor·gan /mɔrˈɡən/ noun
: any of an American breed of lightly built horses

morgue /mɔrɡ/ noun
: a place where the bodies of dead persons are kept until released for burial or autopsy

mor·i·bund /mɔrˌəbənd/ adjective
: being in a dying condition

Mor·mon /mɔrˈmən/ noun
: a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
— Mor·mon·ism /ˌmərnənˈizəm/ noun

morn /mɔrn/ noun
1 : the first appearance of light in the morning followed by sunrise
2 : MORNING

morn·ing /mɔrnˈing/ noun
1 a : the first appearance of light in the morning followed by sunrise
   b : the time from the sunrise to noon
2 : a period of first development : BEGINNING
morning pill /ˈmɔr.nɪŋˈpɪl/ noun
: a contraceptive drug taken up to usu. three days after sexual intercourse

morning glory noun
: any of various twining plants related to the sweet potato that have often showy bell-shaped or funnel-shaped flowers

morning sickness noun
: nausea and vomiting that typically occur in the morning esp. during early pregnancy

morning star noun
: a bright planet (as Venus) seen in the eastern sky before or at sunrise

Moroccan /ˌmoʊˈrəkən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Morocco

morning /ˈmɔrnɪŋ/ noun
1 usually offensive : a mildly mentally retarded person
2 : a very stupid person
  — moronic /ˈmɔrəˈnɪk/ adjective
  — moronically /ˌmɔrəˈnɪkəlɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
    — blockhead, dolt, dope, dummy, idiot, imbecile, jackass, nitwit, numskull, simpleton—more at idiot

morose /ˈmɔrəs/ adjective
[origin: LL morosus hard to please, exacting, fr. mor-, mos custom, disposition]
1 : having a sullen disposition
2 : marked by or expressive of gloom : gloomy
  — morosely /ˈmɔrəsli/ adverb
  — moroseness noun

morph /ˈmɔrf/ verb
: to change the form or character of : transform

morpheme /ˈmɔr.fɪm/ noun
: a meaningful linguistic unit that contains no smaller meaningful parts
  — morphemic /ˈmɔrf.ɪˈmɪk/ adjective

morphia /ˈmɔrf.ɪə/ noun
: morphia

morphine /ˈmɔrf.ɪn/ noun
[origin: F, fr. Gk Morpheus, Greek god of dreams]
: an addictive drug obtained from opium and used to ease pain or induce sleep

morphology /ˌmɔrf.ɒˈlɒdʒi/ noun
1 : a branch of biology dealing with the form and structure of organisms
2 : a study and description of word formation in a language
  — morphological /ˌmɔrf.ɒləˈdʒɪkəl/ adjective
  — morphologist /ˌmɔrf.ɒləˈdʒɪst/ noun

morris /ˈmɔrɪs/ noun
: a vigorous English dance traditionally performed by men wearing costumes and bells

morrow /ˈmɔrəʊ/ noun
: the next day

Morse code /ˈmɔrs/ noun
: either of two codes consisting of dots and dashes or long and short sounds used for transmitting messages

mor·sel /ˈmɔrˌsəl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, dim. of mors bite, fr. L morsus, fr. mordère to bite]
1 ▶: a small piece or quantity
2 ▶: a tasty dish
3 ▶: a small piece of food

Synonyms
▶ [1] bit, crumb, grain, granule, particle, scrap
▶ [3] bite, mouthful, nibble, taste, tidbit; also snack; appetizer, hors d’oeuvre; bit, chew, crumb, dab, driblet, hint, lick, nubbin, nugget, pinch, scrap, shred, smidgen, speck, spot, sprinkling, suspicion, touch, trace; dash, drop; gulp, swallow, swig

1 mortal /ˈmɔrtəl/ adjective
1 a ▶: causing death: FATAL
   b: leading to eternal punishment <~ sin>
2: subject to death <~ man>
3: implacably hostile <~ foe>
4: very great: EXTREME <~ fear>
5: HUMAN <~ limitations>
6 ▶: of, relating to, or connected with death
   — mor·tal·i·ty /ˈmɔrˌtələtē/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a, 6] baleful, deadly, deathly, fatal, fell, lethal, murderous, pestilent, vital—more at DEADLY

2 mortal noun
: a human being

mor·tal·ly /ˈmɔrtələli/ adverb
1: in a deadly or fatal manner <~ wounded>
2 ▶: to an extreme degree <~ afraid>

Synonyms
▶ awful, deadly, extremely, greatly, highly, hugely, very—more at VERY

1 mortar /ˈmɔrtər/ noun
1: a strong bowl in which substances are pounded or crushed with a pestle
2: a short-barreled cannon used to fire shells at high angles

2 mortar noun
: a building material (as a mixture of lime and cement with sand and water) that is spread between bricks or stones to bind them together as it hardens
   — mortar verb
   — mort·tar·board /ˈmɔrtərˌbɔrd/ noun
1: a square board for holding mortar
2: an academic cap with a flat square top

mort·gage /ˈmɔrtˌdʒeɪ/ noun
[origin: ME mortgage, fr. AF mortgage, fr. mort dead + gage pledge]
: a transfer of rights to a piece of property usu. as security for the payment of a loan or debt that becomes void when the debt is paid
   — mortgage verb
   — mort·gage·ee /ˈmɔrtˌdʒeɪə/ noun
   — mort·gage·or /ˈmɔrtˌdʒeɪər/ noun
mor·ti·cian /ˈmɔrtəˌʃən/ noun
[origin: L mort-, mors death + E -ician (as in physician)]
mor·ti·fi·ca·tion /môr.ta.ˈfi.chən/ noun
› a sense of humiliation and shame caused by something that wounds one's pride or self-respect
   Synonyms
   ‹ abashment, confusion, discomfiture, embarrassment, fluster—more at EMBARRASSMENT

mor·ti·fy /môr.ta.ˈfi/ verb -fied, -fy·ing
1 : to subdue (as the body) esp. by abstinence or self-inflicted pain
2 › : to subject to severe and vexing embarrassment
3 : to become necrotic or gangrenous
   Synonyms
   ‹ abash, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass, faze, fluster, rattle—more at EMBARRASS

mor·tise also mor·tice /môr.ˈtiz/ noun
: a hole cut in a piece of wood into which another piece fits to form a joint

mor·tu·ary /môr.tu.ˈerē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
: a place in which dead bodies are kept until burial

mos abbreviation
months

mo·sa·ic /mô.ˈzā.ik/ noun
: a surface decoration made by inlaying small pieces (as of colored glass or stone) to form figures or patterns; also : a design made in mosaic
— mosaïc adjective

mo·sey /mô.ˈzē/ verb mo·seyed; mo·sey·ing
: SAUNTER

mosh /môsh/ verb
: to engage in rough uninhibited dancing near the stage at a rock concert

mosh pit noun
: an area in front of a stage where rough dancing takes place at a rock concert

Mos·lem /môz.ˈlem/ variant of MUSLIM

mosque /môsk/ noun
: a building used for public worship by Muslims

mos·qui·to /môs.ˈkē.tō/ noun, plural -toes also -tos
: any of a family of dipteran flies the female of which sucks the blood of animals

mosquito net noun
: a net or screen for keeping out mosquitoes

moss /môs/ noun
: any of a class of green plants that lack flowers but have small leafy stems and often grow in clumps
— mossy adjective

moss·back /môs.ˈbak/ noun
: an extremely conservative person : FOGY

1most /môst/ adjective
1 › : greatest in quantity, extent, or degree <the ~ ability>
2 : the majority of <~ people>
   Synonyms
   ‹ consummate, maximum, nth, paramount, supreme, top, ultimate, utmost—more at ULTIMATE

2most adverb
1 : to the greatest or highest degree <~ beautiful>
2 : to a very great degree <a ~ careful driver>
most noun
: the greatest amount <the ~ I can do>

most pronoun
: the greatest number or part <~ became discouraged>

most adverb
: very nearly but not exactly or entirely : ALMOST

Synonyms
: about, almost, much, near, nearly, next to, nigh, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at ALMOST

-most /mɔst/ adjective suffix
: most <innermost> : most toward <endmost>

most-ly /mɔst_ˈleɪ/ adverb
: for the greatest part : MAINLY

Synonyms
: altogether, basically, chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally—more at CHIEFLY

mot /mɔt/ noun, plural mots /sɑm ɔr _mɔz/ [origin: F, word, saying, fr. LL mutum grunt]
: a witty saying

mote /mɔt/ noun
: a small particle

Synonyms
: bit, fleck, flyspeck, molecule, particle, speck

motel /mɔt_ˈeɪl/ noun [origin: blend of motor and hotel]
: a hotel in which the rooms are accessible from the parking area

motet /mɔt_ˈeɪt/ noun
: a choral work on a sacred text for several voices usu. without instrumental accompaniment

moth /mɔθ/ noun, plural moths /mɔθz, _mɔθs/
: any of various insects belonging to the same order as the butterflies but usu. night-flying and with a stouter body and smaller wings

moth-ball /mɔθ_ˌbɔl/ noun
1 : a ball (as of naphthalene) used to keep moths out of clothing
2 plural : protective storage

mother /ˈma_θər/ noun
1 : a female parent
2 : the superior of a religious community of women
3 : SOURCE, ORIGIN
   — motherhood /ˈ_hʊd/ noun
   — motherless adjective
   — motherliness /_lɪ_nes/ noun
   — motherly adjective

Synonyms
: ma, mom, mommy; also matriarch, matron

mother verb
1 : to give birth to; also : PRODUCE
2 : to care for or protect like a mother

Synonyms
: aid, care, minister, nurse—more at NURSE

motherboard /ˈme_θər_ˌbɔrd/ noun
moth·er–in–law noun, plural mothers–in–law: the mother of one's spouse

moth·er·land noun
1: the land of origin of something
2: the native land of one's ancestors

Synonyms: country, fatherland, home, homeland, sod—more at COUNTRY

moth·er–of–pearl noun: the hard pearly matter forming the inner layer of a mollusk shell

mother ship noun: a ship serving smaller craft

mo·tive noun [ORIGIN: F, motive, motif]
1: a dominant idea or central theme (as in a work of art)
2: a single or repeated design or color

Synonyms: content, matter, question, subject, theme, topic—more at MATTER

mo·ti·le adjective: capable of spontaneous movement
—mo·ti·li·ty noun

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mo·ti·va·tor noun
mo·ti·va·tion noun 1 a: the act or process of motivating
2: the main circuit board esp. of a microcomputer
b : the condition of being motivated
2 ➤ : a motivating force, stimulus, or influence

— **moti·va·tion·al** /məˈteɪ.ʒən.əl/ adjective

  Synonyms
  ➤ boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, provocation, spur, stimulus, yeast—more at IMPULSE

**motive** /məˈtɪv/ noun
1 ➤ : something (as a need or desire) that causes a person to act
2 ➤ : a recurrent theme in a musical composition
3 ➤ : a dominant idea or central theme (as in a work of art) : MOTIF
4 ➤ : a single or repeated design or color : MOTIF

— **mo·tive·less** adjective

  Synonyms
  ➤ grounds, reason, wherefore, why—more at REASON

**motive** /məˈtɪv/ adjective
1 ➤ : moving to action
2 ➤ : of or relating to motion

**motley** /məˈtli/ adjective
1 ➤ : variegated in color
2 ➤ : made up of diverse often incongruous elements

  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] multicolored, variegated
  ➤ [2] assorted, heterogeneous, miscellaneous, mixed, varied—more at MISCELLANEOUS

**motley** noun
1 ➤ : a mixture of incongruous elements

**motor** /məˈtər/ noun
[origin: L, fr. movēre to move]
1 ➤ : one that imparts motion
2 ➤ : a machine that produces motion or power for doing work
3 ➤ : a usu. 4-wheeled automotive vehicle designed for passenger transportation : AUTOMOBILE

**motor** verb
1 ➤ : to travel or transport by automobile : DRIVE

— **mo·tor·ist** noun

**motor·bike** /məˈtərˌbik/ noun
1 ➤ : a small lightweight motorcycle

**motor·boat** /ˈməˌbōt/ noun
1 ➤ : a boat propelled by a motor

**motor·cade** /ˌməˈtərd/ noun
1 ➤ : a procession of motor vehicles

  Synonyms
  ➤ armada, caravan, cavalcade, fleet, line, train—more at FLEET

**motor·car** /ˌməˈtər.ka/ noun
1 ➤ : a usu. 4-wheeled automotive vehicle designed for passenger transportation : AUTOMOBILE

**motor·cycle** /ˈməˌtərˌsākəl/ noun
1 ➤ : a 2-wheeled automotive vehicle

— **mo·tor·cy·clist** /ˌməˌtərˌsike·līst/ noun

**motor home** noun
1 ➤ : a large motor vehicle equipped as living quarters

  Synonyms
motor inn noun
: MOTEL

to motorise British variant of Motorize

to motorize /ˈməʊ.ter.iز/ verb -ized; -izing
1 : to equip with a motor
2 : to equip with automobiles

motor-man /ˈməʊ.tər.mən/ noun
: an operator of a motor-driven vehicle (as a streetcar or subway train)

motor scooter noun
: a low 2- or 3-wheeled automotive vehicle resembling a child's scooter but having a seat

motor-truck /ˈməʊ.tər.træk/ noun
: an automotive truck

motor vehicle noun
: an automotive vehicle (as an automobile) not operated on rails

Synonyms
automobile, car, machine—more at CAR

mot-tle /ˈmɑt.əl/ verb mot-tled; mot-ting
: to mark with spots of different color : BLOTCH

Synonyms
blotch, dapple, dot, fleck, freckle, pepper, speck, spot, sprinkle, stipple—more at SPOT

mot-tled /ˈmɑt.təld/ adjective
: marked with spots of different colors

Synonyms
dappled, piebald, pied, spotted—more at PIED
dappled, spotted, spotty, variegated—more at SPOTTED

motto /ˈmɑt.oʊ/ noun, plural mottoes also mottos
[ORIGIN: It, fr. LL muttum grunt, fr. L muttire to mutter]
1 : a sentence, phrase, or word inscribed on something to indicate its character or use
2 : a short expression of a guiding rule of conduct

moue /ˈmʊə/ noun
: a little grimace

mould chiefly British variant of Mold

moult chiefly British variant of MOLT

1 mound /ˈmaʊn.d/ verb
: to form into a mound

Synonyms
heap, hill, pile, stack—more at PILE

2 mound noun
1 ♦ : an artificial bank or hill of earth or stones
2 ♦ : a rounded hill or natural formation
3 ♦ : a collection of things thrown one on another : HEAP, PILE; also : a great number or large quantity <s of work>
4 : a small rounded mass

Synonyms
[1] bank, bar, drift—more at BANK
[2] elevation, eminence, height, highland, hill, prominence, rise—more at HEIGHT
[3] cock, heap, hill, mountain, pile, rick, stack—more at PILE

1 mount /ˈmaʊnt/ noun
mount verb
1 a : to increase in amount or extent
   b : to move upward : RISE, ASCEND
2 : to get up on something; especially : to seat oneself on (as a horse) for riding
3 : to put in position « artiller y»
4 : to set on something that elevates
5 : to attach to a support
6 : to prepare esp. for examination or display
   — mount·able adjective
   — mount·er noun

Synonyms

mount noun
1 : an arrangement of structural parts that gives form or support : SUPPORT
2 : a means of conveyance; especially : SADDLE HORSE

mount noun /maʊnt/ noun
1 : a landmass higher than a hill
2 a : a great mass
   b : a vast number or quantity
   — mount·ainy /ˈmaʊnt·ənˌē/ adjective

mount·ain noun /ˈmaʊnt·ən/ noun
1 : a landmass higher than a hill
2 a : a great mass
   b : a vast number or quantity

mount·ain·eer /ˈmaʊnt·ən·iər/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of a mountainous region
2 : one who climbs mountains for sport

mount·ain·goat noun
: a ruminant mammal of mountainous northwestern No. America that resembles a goat

mount·ain·laurel noun
: a No. American evergreen shrub or small tree of the heath family with glossy leaves and clusters of rose-colored or white flowers

mount·ain·lion noun
: a large powerful tawny brown wild American cat : COUGAR

Synonyms

mount·ain·ous /ˈmaʊn·tənˌəs, ˈmaʊnt noun / adjective
1 : containing many mountains
2 : resembling a mountain : HUGE
mountain-side /ˈmaʊnt.ən.sɪd/ noun  
: the side of a mountain

mountain-top /ˌtɑp/ noun  
: the summit of a mountain

mounte-bank /ˈmaʊnt.ɪn.bæŋk/ noun  
[ORIGIN: It montimbanco, fr. montare to mount + in, on + banca, banca bench]  
✓: a boastful unscrupulous pretender: QUACK, CHARLATAN

Mount-ie /ˌmaʊn.ti/ noun  
: a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

mount-ing /ˈmaʊn.tɪŋ/ noun  
: something that serves as a frame or support

mourn /mɔrn/ verb  
✓: to feel or express grief or sorrow

— mourn-er noun

Synonyms
✓ agonize, bleed, feel, grieve, hurt, sorrow, suffer—more at GRIEVE
✓ usually mourn for bemoan, bewail, deplore, grieve, lament, wail—more at LAMENT

mourn-ful /ˈfʊl/ adjective  
✓: expressing, feeling, or causing sorrow

— mourn-ful-ness noun

Synonyms
✓ dolorous, funeral, lugubrious, plaintive, regretful, rueful, sorrowful, weeping, woeful; also elegiac, melancholy; depressed, despondent, disconsolate, inconsolable; careworn, sad, unhappy, woebegone; bawling, crying, groaning, howling, yammering; bleeding, suffering; black, bleak, cheerless, dark, darken, desolate, dismal, dreary, gloomy, grim, gray, joyless, low, miserable, moody, morbid, morose, pessimistic, saturnine, somber, sullen, wretched
✓ blue, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, down, downcast, forlorn, gloomy, grim, gray, grim, gray, joyless, low, miserable, moody, morbid, morose, pessimistic, saturnine, somber, sullen, wretched

mourn-ful-ly /ˈfʊl.i/ adverb  
: in a mournful manner

mourn-ing /mɔrn.ɪŋ/ noun  
1: an outward sign (as black clothes) of grief for a person's death  
2: a period of time during which signs of grief are shown

mouse /maʊs/ noun, plural mice /ˈmaɪs/  
1: any of numerous small rodents with pointed snout, long body, and slender tail
2: a small manual device that controls cursor movement on a computer display

mouse pad noun  
: a thin flat pad on which a computer mouse is used

mous-er /maʊs.ər/ noun  
: a cat proficient at catching mice

mouse-trap /maʊs.trap/ noun  
1: a trap for catching mice
2: a stratagem that lures one to defeat or destruction

— mousetrap verb

mousse /ˈmʊs/ noun  
[ORIGIN: F, lit., froth, moss]  
1: a molded chilled dessert made with sweetened and flavored whipped cream or egg whites and gelatin
mousse

moustache

mousy

moustache

mouth

mouthed

mouthful

mouth harp

mouth-part

mouth-piece

mouth–to–mouth

mouthwash

mou·ton

move
3: to take or cause to take action
4: to show marked activity
5: to stir the emotions
6: to make a formal request, application, or appeal
7: to change one's residence
8: EVACUATE 2
9: to cause to operate or function

—mov·able or move·able /məˈvə.bəl/ adjective

- Synonyms
  1. budge, dislocate, displace, disturb, remove, shift, transfer; also bear, carry, convey, drive, haul, transmit, transport; transplant; replace, supersede, supplant; alter, make over, modify, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary
  2. clear out, depart, exit, get off, go, pull, quit, sally, shove, take off—more at GO
  3. affect, impact, impress, influence, strike, sway, tell, touch—more at AFFECT
  4. argue, convince, get, induce, persuade, prevail, satisfy, talk, win—more at PERSUADE
  5. arouse, encourage, excite, fire, incite, instigate, pique, provoke, stimulate, stir
  6. activate, actuate, crank, drive, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at ACTIVATE

move noun
1: an act of moving
2: a calculated step taken to gain an objective
3: a change of location
4: an agile action esp. in sports

- Synonyms
  1. expedient, measure, shift, step—more at MEASURE

move·ment /məˈvə.mənt/ noun
1: the act or process of moving; MOVE
2: a series of organized activities working toward an objective
3: the moving parts of a mechanism (as of a watch)
4: RHYTHM
5: a section of an extended musical composition
6: an act of voiding the bowels; also: STOOL 4

- Synonyms
  1. motion, move, moving, shift, stir, stirring; also dislocation, migration, relocation; locomotion, mobility, motility; fiddling, fidgeting, squirming, twitching, wriggling, writhing; flailing, flapping, waving

Antonyms
  1. motionlessness

mov·er /məˈvər/ noun
: one that moves; especially: one that moves the belongings of others from one location to another

mov·ie /məˈvē/ noun
1: a representation (as of a story) by means of motion pictures
2 plural: a showing of a motion picture
3 plural: the motion-picture industry

- Synonyms
  1. film, motion picture, picture; also animated cartoon, cartoon, docudrama, documentary, feature

movies plural [3] film, screen; also show business

moving adjective
: stirring deeply in a way that evokes a strong emotional response

- Synonyms
  1. affecting, emotional, impressive, poignant, stirring, touching; also eloquent, expressive, meaningful, significant; demonstrative, excitable, feeling, passionate, responsive, sensitive; exciting, provoking, rousing, stimulating; dramatic, histrionic, melodramatic, theatrical

Antonyms
unemotional, unimpressive

1. mow /′maʊ/ noun
   : the part of a barn where hay or straw is stored

2. mow /′mō/ verb mowed; mowed or mown /′mōn/; mow·ing
   1: to cut (as grass) with a scythe or machine
   2: to cut the standing herbage of <~ the lawn>
   — mow·er noun

mox·ie /′mäk.ˌse/ noun
1: ENERGY, PEP
2: COURAGE, DETERMINATION

Mo·zam·bi·can /′mō.zəm′bē.kan/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Mozambique

moz·za·rel·la /′matˌsərˌle/ noun
[origin: It]
: a moist white unsalted unripened mild cheese of a smooth rubbbery texture

1. MP /′emˌpē/ noun
   1: a member of the military police
   2: an elected member of a parliament
   2. MP abbreviation
   1 melting point
   2 metropolitan police

mpg abbreviation
miles per gallon

mph abbreviation
miles per hour

Mr. /′mis.ər/ noun, plural Messrs. /′meˌserz/
— used as a conventional title of courtesy before a man's surname or his title of office

MRI /′emˌär.i/ noun
: MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

Mr. Right noun
: a man who would make the perfect husband

Mrs. /′mi.əz.ˌes, esp Southern ′mi.əˌzəs/ noun, plural Mes·dames /′mē.ˌdām, ′dām/
— used as a conventional title of courtesy before a married woman's surname

Ms. /′miz/ noun, plural Mss. or Mses. /′miˌsez/
— used instead of Miss or Mrs.

MS abbreviation
1 manuscript
2 master of science
3 military science
4 Mississippi
5 motor ship
6 multiple sclerosis

msec abbreviation
millisecond

msg abbreviation
message

MSG abbreviation
1 master sergeant
2 monosodium glutamate

msgr abbreviation
1 monseigneur
2 monsignor

MSgt abbreviation
master sergeant

MSS abbreviation
manuscripts

MST abbreviation
mountain standard time

mt abbreviation
mount; mountain

Mt abbreviation
Matthew

MT abbreviation
1 metric ton
2 Montana
3 mountain time

mtg abbreviation
1 meeting
2 mortgage

mtge abbreviation
mortgage

mu /ˈmjuː.ˈmʊ/ noun
: the 12th letter of the Greek alphabet — M or μ

1 much /ˈmʌtʃ/ adjective more /ˈmɔːtʃ/; most /ˈməʊst/:
: great in quantity, amount, extent, or degree << money

2 much adverb more; most
1 ▶: to a great degree or extent << happier
2 ▶: almost but not quite: NEARLY <looks ~ as he did before>

Synonyms
1 broadly, considerably, greatly, hugely, largely, massively, monstrously, sizably, stupendously,
tremendously, utterly, vastly—more at GREATLY
2 about, almost, most, near, nearly, next to, nigh, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at ALMOST

3 much noun
1 ▶: a great quantity, amount, extent, or degree
2 : something considerable or impressive

Synonyms
1 abundance, barrel, bushel, deal, gobs, heap, loads, lot, mass, mountain, pile, plenty, profusion, quantity,
reas, scads, stack, wad, wealth—more at LOT

mu·ci·lage /ˈmjuːˌsi.ləj/ noun
: a watery sticky solution (as of a gum) used esp. as an adhesive

— mu·ci·lag·i·nous /ˌmjuː.ˌsi.la.ˈje.nəs/ adjective

muck /mæk/ noun
1 : soft moist barnyard manure
2 ▶: slimy dirt or filth
3 a : a dark richly organic soil
b : heavy often deep mud or slush: MUD, MIRE
Synonyms
- dirt, filth, grime, smut, soil—more at FILTH

muck-rake /ˌrāk/ verb
- to expose publicly real or apparent misconduct of a prominent individual or business
  — muck-raker noun

mucky /ˈma.ˌkē/ adjective
- 1: not clean
- 2: consisting of, marked by, or full of muck
  Synonyms
  - dirty, filthy, grubby, grungy, muddy, unclean
  - 2: miry, muddy, oozy, slimy, slushy—more at MUDDY

mu·cus /ˈmyʊ.kəs/ noun
- a slimy slippery protective secretion of membranes (mucous membranes) lining some body cavities
  — mucous /ˈkəs/ adjective

mud /mud/ noun
- soft wet earth
  Synonyms
  - mire

1 muddle /ˈmʌdl/ verb muddled; muddling
- 1: to make muddy
- 2: to confuse esp. with liquor
- 3: to mix up or make a mess of
- 4: to think or act in a confused way
  Synonyms
  - 2: addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewild, confound, confuse, disorient, muddy, mystify, perplex, puzzle—more at CONFUSE
  - 3: disarray, dishevel, dislocate, disorder, disrupt, disturb, mess, mix

2 muddle noun
- 1: a state of esp. mental confusion
- 2: a confused mess
  Synonyms
  - 1: daze, fog, haze, spin—more at HAZE
  - 1: bafflement, bewilderment, confusion, distraction, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl—more at CONFUSION
  - 2: chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, jumble, mess, shambles—more at CHAOS
  - 2: clutter, hodgepodge, jumble, litter, miscellany, motley, welter—more at MISCELLANY

muddled adjective
- characterized by a confused state
  Synonyms
  - chaotic, confused, disordered, messy

mud·dle·head·ed /ˌmʌdl.ˈheləd/ adjective
- mentally confused
  — inept

1 muddy /ˈma.ˌdi/ adjective muddy·er; -est
- 1: full of or covered with mud
- 2: turbid with sediment
  — mud·di·ness /ˈdʌdi.nəs/ noun
  Synonyms
  - 1: miry, mucky, oozy, slimy, slushy; also clayey, loamy, silty; bedraggled; dirty, filthy, foul, grimy, grubby, grungy, impure, squalid, unclean, uncleanly
  - 2: cloudy, turbid—more at CLOUDY
muddy verb  
1 ▶ to soil or stain with or as if with mud  
2 a ▶ to make indistinct <don't ~ the issue>  
b : to disturb in mind or purpose : CONFUSE  
— mud·di·ly  /ma.да.लι/ adverb  
  Synonyms  
  ❯ [1] befoul, begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, smirch, soil, stain—more at DIRTY  
  ❯ [2a] becloud, befog, blur, cloud, confuse, fog—more at CONFUSE  
mud·flat  /mad.ˌflät/ noun  
: a level tract alternately covered and left bare by the tide  
mud·guard  /mad.ˈɡard/ noun  
: a guard over or a flap behind a wheel of a vehicle to catch or deflect mud  
mud·room  /ˌrūm, .rʊm/ noun  
: a room in a house for removing dirty or wet footwear and clothing  
mud·sling·er  /ˌsliŋ.ər/ noun  
: one who uses invective esp. against a political opponent  
— mud·sling·ing  /ˌsliŋ.ɪŋ/ noun  
Muen·ster  /ˈman.stər, .mʊn-, .mʊn-/ noun  
: a semisoft bland cheese  
mu·ez·zin  /mʊˈez.zɪn, .myʊ-/ noun  
: a Muslim crier who calls the hour of daily prayer  
muff  /maft/ noun  
: a warm tubular covering for the hands  
muff verb  
❯ : to act or do (something) stupidly or clumsily  
  Synonyms  
  ❯ bobble, botch, bungle, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, murder—more at BOTCH  
muff noun  
: a bungling performance; especially : a failure to hold a ball in attempting a catch  
— muff verb  
muff·fin  /ma.ˈfæn/ noun  
: a small soft cake baked in a cup-shaped container  
muff·le  /ma.ˈfəl/ verb muff·led; muff·ling  
1 : to wrap up so as to conceal or protect  
2 : to wrap or pad with something to dull the sound of  
3 : to keep down : SUPPRESS  
muff·ler  /ma.ˈflər/ noun  
1 : a scarf worn around the neck  
2 : a device (as on a car's exhaust) to deaden noise  
muf·ti  /ma.ˈfə/ noun  
: civilian clothes  
mug  /maɡ/ noun  
1 : a usu. metal or earthenware cylindrical drinking cup  
2 ▶ : the face or mouth of a person  
3 ▶ : a usu. petty gangster, hoodlum, or ruffian  
  Synonyms  
  ❯ [2] countenance, face, visage  
  ❯ [3] bully, gangster, goon, hood, hoodlum, mobster, punk, rowdy, ruffian, thug, tough—more at HOODLUM
mug verb mugged; mugging
1 : to pose or make faces esp. to attract attention or for a camera
2 : to take a photograph of: PHOTOGRAPH

mug verb mugged; mugging
1 : to assault usu. with intent to rob
— mugger noun
mug-gy /ˈmug·ə·jē/ adjective mug-gi-er; -est
1 : being warm and humid
— mug-gi-ness /ˈmug·ə·nēs/ noun
  Synonyms  
    humid, sticky, sultry—more at HUMID

mug-wump /ˈmugˌwump/ noun
: an independent in politics
Mu-ham-mad-an /myəˈham.ˌədən/ or Mu-ham-mad-an-ism /ˌde.nəzəm/ noun
: MUSLIM
— Muhammadanism noun
mu-ja-hid-een or mu-ja-hed-in /mū.ˈja.hi.ˈdēn/ plural noun
[origin: Ar mujāhidīn, pl. of mujāhid, lit., person who wages jihad]
: Islamic guerrilla fighters esp. in the Middle East
muk-luk /ˈmekˌlak/ noun
1 : an Eskimo boot of sealskin or reindeer skin
2 : a boot with a soft leather sole worn over several pairs of socks
mu-lat-to /mūˈla.tō, mŷˈūtə/ plural -tos or -tos
[origin: Sp mulato, fr. mulo mule, fr. L. mulus]
: a first-generation offspring of a black person and a white person; also: a person of mixed white and black ancestry
mul-ber-ry /ˈməlˈber.ə/ noun
: any of a genus of trees with edible berrylke fruit and leaves used as food for silkworms; also: the fruit
mulch /ˈmʌlch/ noun
: a protective covering (as of straw or leaves) spread on the ground esp. to reduce evaporation or control weeds
— mulch verb
mulct /ˈmʌlk/ noun
1 : a sum imposed as punishment for an offense: FINE, PENALTY
2 : to defraud esp. of money: CHEAT
  Synonyms  
    bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at FLEECE
mule /ˈmyo̱l/ noun
1 : a hybrid offspring of a male donkey and a female horse
2 : a very stubborn person
  Synonyms  
    mule noun
  mule deer noun
: a long-eared deer of western No. America
mu·le·teer /ˌmyəˈleɪ.tər/ noun
: one who drives mules

mul·ish /ˈmʌl.ɪʃ/ adjective
▶: unreasonably and inflexibly obstinate
— mul·ish·ly adverb
Synonyms
▶ dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at OBSTINATE

mu·lish·ness /ˈnɑs/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being mulish
Synonyms
▶ hardheadedness, obduracy, obstinacy, peevishness, pertinacity, self-will, stubbornness, tenacity—more at OBSTINACY

1 mul /mʌl/ verb
▶: to consider at length: PONDER, MEDITATE — often used with over
Synonyms usually mull over
▶ chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh—more at PONDER

2 mul verb
▶ to heat, sweeten, and flavor (as wine) with spices

mul·lein /ˈmʌl.lən/ noun
: a tall herb related to the snapdragons that has coarse woolly leaves and flowers in spikes

mul·let /ˈmʌl.lɛt/ noun, plural mullet or mullets
: any of a family of largely gray chiefly marine bony fishes including valuable food fishes

mul·li·gan stew /ˈmʌl.li.gən/ noun
: a stew made from whatever ingredients are available

mul·li·ga·taw·ny /ˌmʌl.ɪˈɡæ.tə.ni/ noun
: a soup usu. of chicken stock seasoned with curry

mul·lion /ˈmʌl.ən/ noun
: a vertical strip separating windowpanes

mul·ti- combining form
1: many: multiple <multiunit>
2: many times over <multimillionaire>

mul·ti·col·ored /ˌmʌl.təˈkɔːəd/ adjective
▶: having many colors
Synonyms
▶ colorful, variegated—more at COLORFUL

mul·ti·cul·tur·al /ˌmʌl.təˌkʌl.tər.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, reflecting, or adapted to diverse cultures <a ~ society>

mul·ti·di·men·sion·al /ˌmʌl.tɪ.dəˈmɛn.ʃən.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or having many facets or dimensions <a ~ problem> <~ space>

mul·ti·eth·nic /ˌmʌl.tɪˈeθ.nɪk/ adjective
: including, involving, or made up of people of various ethnic groups

mul·ti·fac·et·ed /ˌmʌl.tɪˈfækt.ɪd/ adjective
: having several distinct facets or aspects

mul·ti·fam·i·ly /ˌmʌl.tɪˈfæm.əli/ adjective
: designed for use by several families
**multifarious** /ˌməltɪˈfær.i.əs/ adjective
- having great variety
  - **multifariousness** noun

**multiform** /ˌməltɪˈfɔːrm/ adjective
- having many forms or appearances
  - **multiformity** noun

**multilateral** /ˌməltɪˈlər.əl/ adjective
- having many sides or participants (<~ treaty>)
  - **multilateralism** noun

**multilayered** /ˌməltɪˈleɪər.əd/ or **multilayer** /ˌməltɪˈleɪər/ adjective
- having or involving several distinct layers or levels

**multilevel** /ˌməltɪˈliːvl/ adjective
- having several levels

**multilingual** /ˌməltɪˈliŋ.gwəl/ adjective
- knowing or using several languages
  - **multilingualism** noun

1. **multimedia** /ˌməltɪˈmed.iə.əl/ adjective
- using, involving, or encompassing several media (<a ~ advertising campaign>)
  - **multimedia** noun singular or plural
- the technique of using several media (as in art); also: something (as software) that uses or facilitates it

**multimillionaire** /ˌməltɪˌmɪlj.əˌnɛr/ noun
- a person worth several million dollars

**multinational** /ˌməltɪˌnæ.ʃən.əl/ adjective
1. of or relating to several nationalities
2. relating to or involving several nations
3. having divisions in several countries (<a ~ corporation>)
  - **multinational** noun

**multpack** /ˌməltɪˈpæk/ noun
- a package of several individually packed items sold as a unit
  - **multiple** /ˌməltɪˈplɛl/ adjective
1. a: more than one
2. b: consisting of or amounting to a large but indefinite number: **MANY**
3. **Synonyms**
- many, multitudinous, numerous—more at **MANY**

**multiple** noun
- the product of a quantity by an integer (<35 is a ~ of 7>)

**multiple-choice** adjective
- having several answers given from which the correct one is to be chosen (<a ~ question>)

**multiple personality disorder** noun
- a neurosis in which the personality becomes separated into two or more parts each of which controls behavior part of the time
  - **multiple sclerosis** noun
- a disease marked by patches of hardened tissue in the brain or spinal cord and associated esp. with partial or complete paralysis and muscular tremor
**multi-plex** /ˌməltiˈplɛks/ noun  
: CINEPLEX

**multi-pli-cand** /ˌməltiˈpliˌkænd/ noun  
: the number that is to be multiplied by another

**multi-plica-tion** /ˌməltiˈplekəˈʃən/ noun  
1 : the act or process of multiplying : the state of being multiplied  
2 : a short method of finding the result of adding a figure the number of times indicated by another figure

    Synonyms  
    ▶ accumulation, addition, increase, proliferation; also doubling, quadrupling, tripling; growth, rise, spread; enlargement, escalation, expansion; amplification, distention, inflation; accretion, accrual, augmentation; extension, lengthening  
    Antonyms  
    ▶ decrease

**multiplication sign** noun  
1 : TIMES SIGN  
2 : a centered dot indicating multiplication

**multi-plic-i-ty** /ˌməltiˈpliˌsaˈtē/ noun, plural -ties  
: a great number or variety

**multi-pli-er** /ˌməltiˈpliˌər/ noun  
: one that multiplies; especially : a number by which another number is multiplied

**multi-ply** /ˌməltiˈplaɪ/ verb -plied; -ply·ing  
1 : to increase in number (as by breeding)  
2 : to find the product of by multiplication; also : to perform multiplication

    Synonyms  
    ▶ accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell, wax—more at INCREASE  
    ▶ add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, raise, swell, up—more at INCREASE  
    ▶ breed, procreate, propagate, reproduce—more at PROCREATE

**multi-pur·pose** /ˌməltiˈpurˌpəs/ adjective  
: having or serving several purposes

**multi-ra·cial** /ˌməltiˈreʃəl/ adjective  
: composed of, involving, or representing various races

**multi-sense** /ˌməltiˈsens/ adjective  
: having several meanings

**multi-sto·ry** /ˌməltiˈstərē/ adjective  
: having several stories

**multi-task·ing** /ˌməltiˈtæsk·ɪŋ/ noun  
1 : the concurrent performance of several jobs by a computer  
2 : the performance of multiple tasks at one time

    — multi-task /ˈməltiˈtæsk/ verb  
    — multi-task·er /ˈməltiˈtaskər/ noun

**multi-tude** /ˌməltiˈtud/ noun  
1 : a great number

    Synonyms  
    ▶ army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, press, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

**multi-tu·di·nous** /ˌməltiˈtjuˌdiˌnəs/ adjective  
: existing in a great multitude
Synonyms

- many, multiple, numerous—more at MANY

mul-ti-unit /ˌməlˈtiˌyə nit/ adjective
- having several units

mul-ti-vi-ta-min /ˌməlˈtə viˈtə mən/ adjective
- containing several vitamins and esp. all known to be essential to health

multivitamin noun

1 mum /ˈmʌm/ adjective
- making no utterance: SILENT

Synonyms

- dumb, mute, silent, speechless, uncommunicative—more at SILENT

2 mum noun
- CHRYSANTHEMUM

mum chiefly British variant of MOM

1 mumble /ˈmʌm bəl/ verb mum·bled; mum·bling
- to speak in a low indistinct manner

mum·bler noun

- mum·bly adjective

Synonyms

- mouth, murmur, mutter; also babble, blab, chatter, drivel, gabble, gibber, maunder, jabber, prattle, ramble; breathe, gasp, pant, whisper

Antonyms

- speak out, speak up

2 mumble noun
- a low confused indistinct utterance

Synonyms

- murmur, mutter; also undertone, whisper; babble, babbling, blab, babbling, chatter, chattering, drivel, driveling, gabble, gabbling, jabber, jabbering, prattle, prattling, rambling

mum·ble·ty–peg /ˌmʌm bəlˈtiˌpeg/ also mum·ble–the–peg /ˌmʌm bəlˈθiˌpeg/ noun
- a game in which the players try to flip a knife from various positions so that the blade will stick into the ground

mum·bo jum·bo /ˌmʌmbəˈdʒə bəˈdʒə/ noun

1: a complicated ritual with elaborate trappings
2: unnecessarily involved and incomprehensible language: GIBBERISH, NONSENSE

mum·mer /ˈmʌm mər/ noun

1 a: a performer in a pantomime
b: ACTOR

2: a person who goes merrymaking in disguise during festivals

mum·mery noun

- mime, mimic, pantomime

mum·my /ˈmʌm mə/ noun, plural mummies
- a body embalmed for burial in the manner of the ancient Egyptians

mum·mi·fi·ca·tion /ˌmʌm miˈfi kəˈʃən/ noun

mum·mi·fy /ˈmʌm miˌfi/ verb

mumps /ˈmʌmpz/ noun singular or plural
[Origin: fr. pl. of obs. mump grimace]
- a virus disease marked by fever and swelling esp. of the salivary glands
mun or munic abbreviation

municipal

munch /mʌn/ verb
: to eat with a chewing action; also : to snack on

munch·ies /mʌnˈtʃiːz/ noun plural
1 : hunger pangs
2 : light snack foods

mun·dane /ˌmənˈdaɪn/ adjective
1 ▶ of or relating to the world
2 ▶ : concerned with the practical details of everyday life

— mun·dane·ly adverb

Synonyms
[n 1] earthly, temporal, terrestrial, worldly—more at EARTHLY
[n 2] everyday, prosaic, workaday; also earthly, temporal, worldly; average, common, commonplace, customary, familiar, garden, normal, ordinary, plain, popular, routine, run-of-the-mill, typical, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual; frequent, habitual, regular; expected, predictable

mung bean /ˈmʌŋ/ noun
: an erect bushy bean widely grown in warm regions for its edible seeds and as the chief source of bean sprouts; also : its seed

mun·ic·i·pal /ˈmʌnɪsəˈpæl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a municipality
2 : restricted to one locality

— mun·ic·i·pal·ly adverb

mu·nic·i·pal·i·ty /ˌmʌnɪsəˈpæl.ə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : an urban political unit with corporate status and usu. powers of self-government

Synonyms
burg, city, metropolis, town

mu·nif·i·cent /ˌmʌnɪˈfɛs.t/ adjective
1 : liberal in giving : GENEROUS

— mu·nif·i·cence /ˈsens/ noun

Synonyms
bountiful, charitable, free, generous, liberal, openhanded, unselfish, unsparing—more at GENEROUS

mu·ni·tion /ˈmʌnəˈʃən/ noun
: ARMAMENT, AMMUNITION

1 mural /ˈmɜːrəl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a wall
2 : applied to and made part of a wall or ceiling surface

2 mural noun
: a mural painting

— mu·ral·ist noun

1 murder /ˈmərdər/ noun
1 ▶ : the crime of unlawfully killing a person esp. with premeditated malice
2 ▶ : something unusually difficult or dangerous

Synonyms
homicide—more at HOMICIDE
agony, hell, horror, misery, nightmare, torment, torture—more at HELL

2 murder verb
1 a : to commit a murder
b ▶ : to kill (a human being) unlawfully and with premeditated malice; also : to kill brutally
mur·der·er noun

Synonyms
- [1b] dispatch, do in, execute, liquidate, slay; also blot out, destroy, fell, kill, smite, zap; assassinate; butcher, massacre, mow (down); slaughter; annihilate, eliminate, eradicate, exterminate, wipe out
- [3] bobble, botch, bungle, butcher, flub, foul up, fumble, mangle, mess, muff—more at BOTCH

mur·der·ess /mar.de.ris/ noun

: a woman who murders

mur·der·ous /mar.de.riς/ adjective

1 : having or appearing to have the purpose of murder
2 : marked by or causing murder or bloodshed —<gunfire>
3 : having the ability or power to overwhelm —<heat>
4 : characterized by extreme difficulty —<the exam was ~> —mur·der·ous·ly /mar.de.riς.leә/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] bloodthirsty, bloody, homicidal, sanguinary, sanguine—more at BLOODTHIRSTY
- [2] baleful, deadly, deathly, fatal, fell, lethal, mortal, pestilent, vital—more at DEADLY
- [3] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH
- [4] arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, Herculean, laborious, rough, stiff, strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough—more at HARD

murk /mәrk/ noun

1 : partial or total darkness : GLOOM
2 : a murky condition of the atmosphere or a substance causing it : FOG

murk·i·ly /mar.kә.leә/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] dark, darkness, dusk, gloaming, gloom, night, semidarkness, shade, shadow, twilight—more at DARK
- [2] fog, haze, mist, smog, soup—more at HAZE

murk·i·ness /mar.kә.nәs/ noun

: the quality or state of being murky

Synonyms
- ambiguity, darkness, obscurity, opacity—more at OBSCURITY

murky /mar.kә/ adjective

1 : characterized by a heavy dimness or obscurity caused by or like that caused by overhanging fog or smoke
2 : characterized by thickness and heaviness of air : FOGGY, MISTY
3 : darkly vague or obscure —<writings>

Synonyms
- [1] dark, darkling, dim, dusky, gloomy, obscure, somber—more at DARK
- [2] cloudy, foggy, hazy, misty, smoggy, soupy—more at HAZY
- [3] ambiguous, cryptic, dark, darkling, deep, enigmatic, equivocal, inescrutable, mysterious, mystic, nebulous, obscure, occult—more at OBSCURE

1murmur /mar.mar/ noun

1 : a muttered complaint
2 a : a low indistinct often continuous sound
b : a soft or gentle utterance

—mur·mur·ous adjective

Synonyms
- [1] beef, complaint, fuss, grievance, gripe, grumble, plaint, squawk—more at COMPLAINT
- [2b] mumble, mutter—more at MUMBLE

2murmur verb

1 : to make a murmur —<traffic ~ed in the distance>
2 : to express grief, pain, or discontent
murmur·er noun
: one that murmurs

mus abbreviation
1 museum
2 music; musical; musician

mus·ca·tel /mas.kə.tel/ noun
: a sweet fortified wine

1muscle /ma selv/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L musculus, fr. dim. of mus mouse]
1 : a body tissue consisting of long cells that contract when stimulated and produce motion; also : an organ consisting of this tissue and functioning in moving a body part
2 ‖ : effective strength : BRAWN
— mus·cled /ma selv/ adjective

Synonyms
→ brawn, energy, force, main, might, potency, power, sinew, strength, vigor

2muscle verb mus·cled; mus·cling
1 ‖ : to move or force by or as if by muscular effort
2 ‖ : to make one's way by brute strength or by force

Synonyms
→ [1] coerce, compel, constrain, drive, force, make, obligate, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE
→ [2] bulldoze, elbow, press, push—more at PRESS

mus·cle·bound /me selv ba ŭnd/ adjective
: having some of the muscles abnormally enlarged and lacking in elasticity (as from excessive exercise)

mus·cle·man /.mən/ noun
: a man with a muscular physique

mus·cu·lar /mas kylər/ adjective
1 a : of, relating to, or constituting muscle
b : of, relating to, or performed by the muscles
2 ‖ : having well-developed musculature
3 : of or relating to physical strength

— mus·cu·lar·i·ty /mas kylə rə ti/ noun

Synonyms
→ brawny, rugged, sinewy, stalwart, stout, strong—more at STRONG

muscular dystrophy noun
: any of a group of diseases characterized by progressive wasting of muscles

mus·cu·la·ture /mas kylə chər/ noun
: the muscles of the body or its parts

muscu·lo·skel·e·tal /mas kylə skel etə l/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving both musculature and skeleton

1muse /myyュz/ verb mused; mus·ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF muser to gape, idle, muse, fr. OF *mus mouth of an animal, fr. ML musus]
: to become absorbed in thought

— mus·ing·ly adverb

2muse noun
: a source of inspiration

mu·se·um /my yュ.zəm/ noun
an institution devoted to the procurement, care, and display of objects of lasting interest or value

1. **mush** /məsh/ noun
   1: cornmeal boiled in water
   2: sentimental drivel
   3: mawkish amorousness
   **Synonyms**
   - mawkishness, sentimentality—more at SENTIMENTALITY

2. **mush** verb
   : to travel esp. over snow with a sled drawn by dogs

1. **mushroom** /ˈməʃrəm/ noun
   : the fleshy usu. caplike spore-bearing organ of various fungi esp. when edible; also: such a fungus

2. **mushroom** verb
   1: to collect wild mushrooms
   2: to spread out: EXPAND
   3: to grow rapidly
   **Synonyms**
   - accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell, wax—more at INCREASE

3. **mushy** /ˈma.ʃi/ adjective mush·i·er; -est
   1: soft like mush
   2: excessively sentimental
   **Synonyms**
   - [1] flabby, pulpy, soft, spongy—more at SOFT
   - [2] corny, maudlin, mawkish, saccharine, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY

4. **music** /mjuːˈsɪk/ noun
   1: the science or art of combining tones into a composition having structure and continuity; also: vocal or instrumental sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony
   2: an agreeable sound

1. **musical** /ˈmjuːzɪ-kəl/ adjective
   1: of or relating to music or musicians
   2: having the pleasing tonal qualities of music
   3: fond of or gifted in music
   — **musical**·ly /ˌmjuːˈzɪ-kə-lee/ adverb
   **Synonyms**
   - euphonious, lyric, mellifluous, mellow, melodious—more at LYRIC
   - harmonious, symphonic, tuneful—more at HARMONIOUS

2. **musical** noun
   : a film or theatrical production consisting of musical numbers and dialogue based on a unifying plot

3. **musicale** /mjuːˈsɪkəl/ noun
   : a usu. private social gathering featuring music

4. **musician** /mjuːˈziːən/ noun
   : a composer, conductor, or performer of music
   — **musician**·ly adjective
   — **musician**·ship noun

5. **musi·cology** /mjuːˈziː.kə.lər.i/ noun
   : the study of music as a field of knowledge or research
   — **musi·cologist** /mjuːˈziː.kəˌlɒjɪst/ noun

6. **musk** /mʌsk/ noun
: a substance obtained esp. from a small Asian deer (musk deer) and used as a perfume fixative
— muskiness /mas'kě.nəs/ noun
— musky adjective

musk-keg /mas'kēg/ noun
: wet spongy ground : bog; especially : a mossy bog in northern No. America

muskelunge /mas'kelən/ noun, plural muskelunges
: a large No. American pike that is a valuable sport fish

musk ket /mas'ket/ noun
— musketeer /mas'kētər/ noun

musketry /mas'kətrē/ noun
1 : MUSKETS
2 : MUSKETEERS
3 : musket fire

musk melon /mas'kələn/ noun
: a small round to oval melon that has usu. a sweet edible green or orange flesh and a musky odor

musk ox noun
: a heavyset shaggy-coated wild ox of Greenland and the arctic tundra of northern No. America

musk rat /mas'krat/ noun, plural muskrats or muskrats
: a large No. American aquatic rodent with webbed feet and dark brown fur; also : its fur

Muslim /məz'laN/ noun
: an adherent of Islam
— Muslim adjective

muslin /mas'lin/ noun
: a plain-woven sheer to coarse cotton fabric

1 muss /mas/ noun
: a state of disorder

2 muss verb
: to make untidy : DISARRANGE

mus sel /mas'əl/ noun
1 : a dark edible saltwater bivalve mollusk
2 : any of various freshwater bivalve mollusks of the central U.S. having shells with a pearly lining

mussy /mas'ə-/ adjective
: characterized by clutter or muss
— mussy /mas'əl/ adverb
— mussy-ness /mas'ə.nəs/ noun

1 must /mas/ verb
— used as an auxiliary esp. to express a command, requirement, obligation, or necessity

Synonyms
— have, need, ought, shall, should—more at NEED

2 must noun
1 ♦ : an imperative duty
2 ♦ : an indispensable item

Synonyms
— [1, 2] condition, demand, essential, necessity, need, requirement, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL

muster /mas'tər/ noun
: the hair growing on the human upper lip
— mustached /ˌmʌstət/ adjective

mustang /ˈmʌstæŋ/ noun
[Origin: MexSp mestengo, fr. Sp, stray, fr. mesteño strayed, fr. mesta annual roundup of cattle that disposed of strays, fr. ML (animalia) mixta mixed animals]
: a small hardy naturalized horse of the western plains of America; also: BRONC

mustard /ˈmʌstdər/ noun
1: a pungent yellow powder of the seeds of an herb related to the cabbage and used as a condiment or in medicine
2: a plant that yields mustard; also: a closely related plant
— mustardy adjective

mustard gas noun
: a poison gas used in warfare that has violent irritating and blistering effects

muster /ˈmʌstər/ noun
1 a: an act of assembling (as for military inspection)
b: critical examination
2: an assembled group

Synonyms

[1a] mobilization, rally—more at RALLY
[2] assemblage, assembly, conference, congregation, convocation, gathering, meeting—more at GATHERING

muster verb
[Origin: ME mustren to show, muster, fr. AF musterer, monstrer, fr. L monstrare to show, fr. monstrum evil omen, monster]
1 a: to gather or cause to gather
b: to call the roll of
2: ACCUMULATE
3: to call forth: ROUSE
4: to amount to: COMPRISE

Synonyms

marshal, mobilize, rally—more at MOBILIZE
assemble, call, convene, convoke, summon—more at CONVOKE

muster out verb
: to discharge from military service

musty /ˈmʌsti/ adjective mustier; -est
1: impaired by damp or mildew: MOLDY
2: tasting or smelling of damp or decay
3: tedious from familiarity: STALE
— mustily /ˈmʌstəli/ adverb
— mustiness /ˈmʌstiəs/ noun

Synonyms

[2] fetid, foul,usty, malodorous, noisome, rank, reeky, smelly, strong—more at MALODOROUS
[3] banal, commonplace, hackneyed, stereotyped, threadbare, tired, trite—more at STALE

mutable /ˈmyʊtəbl/ adjective
1: prone to change: FICKLE
2: capable of or liable to mutation: VARIABLE
— mutability /ˈmyʊtəbələti/ noun

Synonyms

capricious, changeable, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, temperamental, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at FICKLE

mutant /ˈmyʊtənt/ adjective
: of, relating to, or produced by mutation
— mutant noun
**mu·tate** /mjuːtət/ verb mu·tat·ed; mu·tat·ing
→ mu·ta·tive /mjuːtətɪv/ adj. adj

- **Synonyms**
  → change, fluctuate, shift, vary—more at CHANGE

**mu·ta·tion** /mjuːtəˈʃən/ noun
→ 1: CHANGE
  2: an inherited physical or biochemical change in genetic material; also: the process of producing a mutation
  3: an individual, strain, or trait resulting from mutation

→ mu·ta·tion·al adj.

1**mute** /mjuːt/ adj. 1: mut·er; mut·est

- **Synonyms**
  → [1] dumb, inarticulate, speechless, voiceless; also tongue-tied; incoherent, incomprehensible; closemouthed, laconic, taciturn, uncommunicative; mum, nonspeaking, quiet, silent, wordless
  → [2] dumb, mum, silent, speechless, uncommunicative—more at SILENT

2**mute** adj.
→ 1: a person who cannot or does not speak
  2: a device on a musical instrument that reduces, softens, or muffles the tone

3**mute** verb mut·ed; mut·ing
→ to muffle, reduce, or eliminate the sound of

- **Synonyms**
  → hush, quell, settle, silence, still—more at SILENCE

**muted** adj.
→ 1: being mute: SILENT
  2: toned down: SUBLUDED

- **Synonyms**
  → [1] hushed, noiseless, quiet, silent, soundless, still—more at SILENT
  → [2] conservative, quiet, restrained, subdued, unpretentious—more at QUIET

**mu·ti·late** /mjuːtɪˈleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
→ 1: to cut up or alter radically so as to make imperfect
  2: to cut off or permanently destroy a limb or essential part of: MAIM, CRIPPLE

→ mu·ti·la·tion /mjuːtɪˈleɪʃən/ noun

→ mu·ti·la·tor /mjuːtɪˈleɪtər/ noun

- **Synonyms**
  → cripple, disable, lame, maim—more at MAIM

**mu·ti·neer** /mjuːtɪˈnɪər/ noun
→ one that mutinies

- **Synonyms**
  → insurgent, insurrectionist, rebel, red, revoler, revolutionary—more at REBEL

**mu·ti·ous** /mjuːtɪˈəs/ adj.
→ 1: disposed to or being in a state of mutiny
  2: of, relating to, or constituting mutiny

→ mu·ti·ous·ly adv.

- **Synonyms**
  → insurgent, rebellious, revolutionary—more at REBELLIOUS

**mu·ti·ny** /mjuːtɪˈnɪ/ noun, plural -nies
- willful refusal to obey constituted authority; especially: revolt against a superior officer

mutiny verb

Synonyms
- insurrection, rebellion, revolt, revolution, uprising—more at REBELLION

mutt /mʌt/ noun
- MONGREL, CUR

mutter /ˈmʌtər/ verb
1: to speak indistinctly or with a low voice and lips partly closed
2: to murmur complainingly or angrily: GRUMBLE

Synonyms
- [1] mouth, mumble, murmur—more at MUMBLE
- [2] beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, repine, squawk, wail, whine—more at COMPLAIN

mutter noun
- a subdued scarcely audible utterance

Synonyms
- mumble, murmur—more at MUMBLE

mut·ton /ˈmʌtən/ noun
[origin: ME motoun mutton, sheep, fr. AF mutun ram, sheep, mutton]
- the flesh of a mature sheep used for food

mut·ton·chops /ˈmʌtənˌkɑpZ/ noun plural
- whiskers on the side of the face that are narrow at the temple and broad and round by the lower jaws

mut·tu·al /ˈmətʃuəl/ adjective
1: given and received in equal amount <~ trust>
2: having the same feelings one for the other <~ enemies>
3: shared in common: COMMON, JOINT <a ~ friend>

— mu·tu·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
- collective, common, communal, concerted, conjoint, joint, public, united—more at COLLECTIVE

mutual fund noun
- an investment company that invests money of its shareholders in a usu. diversified group of securities of other corporations

muu·muu /ˈmüˌmʊ/ noun
- a loose dress of Hawaiian origin

muzzle /ˈma.zəl/ noun
1: the nose and jaws of an animal; also: a covering for the muzzle to prevent biting or eating
2: the mouth of a gun

muzzle verb muz·zled; muz·zing
1: to put a muzzle on
2: to restrain from expression: GAG

mV abbreviation
millivolt

MV abbreviation
motor vessel

MVP abbreviation
most valuable player

MW abbreviation
megawatt
my /ˈmiː/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to me or myself
  2 — used interjectionally esp. to express surprise

my·col·o·gy /ˈmaɪˌkəl.o.jeɪ/ noun
  : a branch of biology dealing with fungi
    — my·co·log·i·cal /ˈmaɪˌkəl.o.ji.kəl/ adjective
    — my·col·o·gist /ˈmaɪˌkəl.o.jɪst/ noun

my·elo·ma /ˈmaɪˌloʊ.mə/ noun, plural -mas or -ma·ta /ˌmaɪ.tə/ :
  a primary tumor of the bone marrow

my·nah or my·na /ˈmiː.nə/ noun
  : any of several Asian starlings; especially : a dark brown slightly crested bird sometimes taught to mimic speech

my·o·pia /ˈmiː.ə.piə/ noun
  : a condition in which visual images come to a focus in front of the retina resulting esp. in defective vision of distant objects
    — my·o·pic /ˈmiː.ə.pik/ adjective
    — my·o·pi·cal·ly /ˌmiː.ə.pi.ˈkəl.i/ adverb

my·riad /ˈmaɪ.ri.əd/ noun
  [origin: Gk myriad-, myrias, fr. myrioi countless, ten thousand]
  : an indefinitely large number

my·riad adjective
  ▲ : consisting of a very great but indefinite number; also : both numerous and varied
  Synonyms
    - manifold, multifarious—more at MANIFOLD

myr·mi·don /ˈmaɪr.mɪ.dən/ noun
  : a loyal follower; especially : one who executes orders without protest or pity

myrrh /ˈmaɪr/ noun
  : a fragrant aromatic plant gum used in perfumes and formerly for incense

myr·tle /ˈmaɪr.təl/ noun
  : an evergreen shrub of southern Europe with shiny leaves, fragrant flowers, and black berries; also : PERIWINKLE

my·self /ˈmiː.sɛlf, ˈmiː.səl/ pronoun
  : I, ME — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions <I hurt ~> <I ~ did it> <~ busy, I sent him instead>

mys·te·ri·ous /ˈmiːs.təˌrē.i.əs/ adjective
  1 ▲ : of, relating to, or constituting mystery
  2 ▲ : exciting wonder, curiosity, or surprise while baffling efforts to comprehend or identify
    — mys·te·ri·ous·ly adverb
    — mys·te·ri·ous·ness noun
  Synonyms
    -[1] ambiguous, equivocal, murky, nebulous, obscure—more at OBSCURE
    -[2] cryptic, darkling, deep, enigmatic, impenetrable, inscrutable, mystic, occult, uncanny; also dark, murky, obscure, shadowy, vague; ambiguous, equivocal; incomprehensible, unfathomable, unintelligible; inexplicable, unaccountable; unanswerable, unknowable; metaphysical, mystical, supernatural; abstruse, esoteric, recondite; baffling, bewildering, confounding, confusing, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling

mys·te·ry /ˈmiː.tə.rɪ/ noun, plural -ter·ies
  1 : a religious truth known by revelation alone
  2 ▲ : something not understood or beyond understanding
  3 : enigmatic quality or character
  4 : a work of fiction dealing with the solution of a mysterious crime
  Synonyms
1 mystic /mɪsˈtɪk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to mystics or mysticism
2 a : exciting wonder, curiosity, or surprise while baffling efforts to comprehend or identify : MYSTERIOUS
b : MYSTIFYING
3 ▶ : having magical properties
   Synonyms
   ◀ magic, magical, occult, weird; also bewitched, spellbound; bewitching, charming, conjuring, wiling;
   awesome, extraordinary, marvelous, wondrous; divining, forecasting, foreknowing, foreseeing, foretelling,
   fortune-telling, predicting, presaging, prognosticating, prophesying, soothsaying

2 mystic noun
: a person who follows, advocates, or experiences mysticism

mystical /mɪsˈtɪkəl/ adjective
1 ▶: SPIRITUAL, SYMBOLIC
2 : of or relating to an intimate knowledge of or direct communion with God (as through contemplation or visions)

mysticism /mɪsˈtɪksɪzm/ noun
: the belief that direct knowledge of God or ultimate reality is attainable through immediate intuition or insight

mystification /mɪsˈtɪfiˈkeɪʃn/ noun
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being mystified
2 ▶ : something designed to mystify
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] bafflement, bewilderment, confusion, distraction, muddle, perplexity, puzzlement, whirl—more at
   CONFUSION
   ◁ [2] conundrum, enigma, mystery, puzzle, puzzlement, riddle, secret—more at MYSTERY

mystify /mɪsˈtɪfɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 ▶ : to perplex the mind of
2 : to make mysterious
   Synonyms
   ◀ addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, perplex,
   puzzle—more at CONFUSE

mystique /mɪˈstɪk/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1 : an air or attitude of mystery and reverence developing around something or someone
2 : the special esoteric skill essential in a calling or activity

myth /mɪθ/ noun
1 : a usu. legendary narrative that presents part of the beliefs of a people or explains a practice or natural
   phenomenon
2 : an imaginary or unverifiable person or thing
3 ▶ : an unfounded or false notion
4 ▶ : the whole body of myths
   Synonyms
   ◀ [3] error, fallacy, falsehood, falsity, illusion, misconception, old wives' tale, untruth—more at FALLACY
   ◀ [4] folklore, legend, lore, mythology, tradition—more at FOLKLORE

mythical /mɪθˈɪkəl/ or myth·ic adjective
1 ▶ : based on or described in a myth esp. as contrasted with history
2 usually mythical ▶ : existing only in the imagination
   Synonyms
   ◀ [1] fabled, fabulous, legendary; also famed, storied; fabricated, fantastic, fantastical, fictional, fictitious;
   fanciful; allegorical, mythological
   ◀ [2] chimerical, fabulous, fanciful, fantastic, fictitious, imaginary, made-up, phantom, pretend, unreal—more
my·thol·o·gy /ˈmɪθəˌlɑːdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
  : a body of myths and esp. of those dealing with the gods and heroes of a people
  — myth·o·log·i·cal /ˌmɪθəˌlæˈjɪkəl/ adjective
  — my·thol·o·gist /ˈmɪθəˌlɑːdʒɪst/ noun
  — my·thol·o·gize /ˌmɪθəˌlɑːdʒaɪz/ verb

Synonyms
  ▪ folklore, legend, lore, myth, tradition—more at FOLKLORE
N

1\text{n} /en/ noun, plural n's or ns /enz/ often cap
1 : the 14th letter of the English alphabet
2 : an unspecified quantity

2\text{n} abbreviation, often cap
1 net
2 neuter
3 noon
4 normal
5 north; northern
6 note
7 noun
8 number

N symbol
nitrogen

-n see -\text{EN}

Na symbol
[ORIGIN: NL natrium]
sodium

NA abbreviation
1 no account
2 North America
3 not applicable
4 not available

NAACP /en_dəˌbɛl.ə.ˌsɛ.ˈpɛ,ˌen_ə.ˌsɛ/ abbreviation
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

nab /ˈnæb/ verb nabbed; nab·bing
1 › to seize suddenly : SEIZE
2 › to catch or seize in arrest : ARREST

Synonyms
[1] bag, capture, catch, collar, corral, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, seize, snare, trap—more at CATCH
[2] apprehend, arrest, pick up, restrain, seize—more at ARREST

NAB abbreviation
New American Bible

na·bob /ˈnɑˌbɑb/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi navāb & Urdu nawāb, provincial governor (in the Mogul empire), fr. Ar nawwāb, pl. of nā'īb governor]
› a person of great wealth or prominence

Synonyms
big shot, celebrity, eminence, figure, immortal, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP

na·celle /ˈnɑˌsɛl/ noun
: an enclosure (as for an engine) on an aircraft

na·cho /ˈnɑˌtʃo/ noun, plural nachos
[ORIGIN: AmerSp]
: a tortilla chip topped with melted cheese and often additional savory toppings

na·cre /ˈnɑˌkɑr/ noun
: MOTHER-OF-PEARL
na·dir /nāˈdēr/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF, fr. Ar nadjīr opposite]
1 : the point of the celestial sphere that is directly opposite the zenith and directly beneath the observer
2 : the lowest point
1 nag /nág/ noun
: a horse and esp. an old or decrepit horse
2 nag verb nagged; nag·ging
1 : to find fault incessantly : COMPLAIN
2 ◆ : to irritate by constant scolding or urging
3 : to be a continuing source of annoyance <a nagging backache>

Synonyms
henpeck, hound, needle; also carp (at), fuss (about or over); annoy, badger, bait, bother, bug, harass, harry, hassle, irk, pester, plague, ride, vex, yap (at); egg, goad, incite, prod, prompt, spur, urge; exhort, insist, press, pressure, push; cajole, coax, wheedle; beg, importune, plead

nah noun
: one who nags habitually

Nah abbreviation
Nahum

Na·huatl /nāˈwət/ noun
: a group of American Indian languages of central and southern Mexico

Na·hum /nāˈhəm/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

NAIA abbreviation
National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes

na·i·ad /nāˈe-əd/ noun, plural na·i·ads or na·i·a·des /nāˈe-dēz/
1 : one of the nymphs in ancient mythology living in lakes, rivers, springs, and fountains
2 : an aquatic young of some insects (as a dragonfly)

1 na·if /nāˈef/ adjective
: NAIVE

2 na·if or na·if noun
: a naive person

1 nail /nāl/ noun
1 : a horny sheath protecting the end of each finger and toe in humans and related primates
2 : a slender pointed fastener with a head designed to be pounded in

2 nail verb
: to fasten with or as if with a nail
— nail·er noun

nail down verb
: to settle or establish clearly and unmistakably

nain·sook /nāˈnəsək/ noun
[origin: Hindi nainsukh, fr. nain eye + sukh delight]
: a soft lightweight muslin

na·ive or na·ive /nāˈiv/ adjective na·ive·er; -est
[origin: Fr naïve, fem. of naïf, fr. OF, inborn, natural, fr. L natīvus native]
1 ◆ : marked by unaffected simplicity : ARTLESS, INGENIOUS
2 ◆ : lacking in worldly wisdom or informed judgment
— na·ive·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] artless, genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, natural, real, simple, sincere, true, unaffected, unpretentious
[2] green, ingenuous, innocent, simple, unknowing, unsophisticated, unwar, unworlfy; also callow, dewy, inexpereienced, raw; childlike, idealistic, impractical; believing, credulous, gullible, susceptible, trustful, trusting, unguarded; beguiled, duped, gullled, tricked; careless, heedless

**Antonyms**
cynical, experienced, knowing, sophisticated, worldly, worldly-wise

**na·ive·ly** adverb
▶ in a naive manner : with naïveté

**Synonyms**
artlessly, ingenuously, naturally, unaffectedly—more at NATURALLY

**na·ive·té also na·ive·te or na·ive·té /nä·vē·tē, nā·vē·tē/ noun
1 : a naive remark or action
2 : the quality or state of being naive

**Synonyms**
artlessness, greenness, ingenuousness, innocence, naturalness, simplicity, unworldliness; also candor, frankness, genuineness, honesty, openness, sincerity; callowness, childishness, inexperience, rawness; carelessness, heedlessness; ignorance, obliviousness, unawareness; credulity; idealism, optimism

**Antonyms**
artfulness, cynicism, sophistication, worldliness

**na·ked /nä·ked/ adjective
1 : having no clothes on : NUDE
2 : UNSHEATHED <a ~ sword>
3 : lacking a usual or natural covering (as of foliage or feathers)
4 : lacking embellishment : PLAIN, UNADORNED <the ~ truth>
5 : not aided by artificial means <seen by the ~ eye>

— **na·ked·ly** adverb
— **na·ked·ness** noun

**Synonyms**
[1] bare, nude, unclad, unclothed, undressed; also denuded, peeled; raw, stark; unveiled

**Antonyms**
apparelled, attired, clad, clothed, invested, robed, suited

[3] bald, bare, exposed, open, uncovered; also displayed, revealed; hairless, shaven; disrobed, unclad, uncloth, undressed; skinned; unprotected

**Antonyms**
covered

[4] bald, bare, plain, simple, unadorned, unvarnished—more at PLAIN

**nam·by–pam·by /näm·bē·päm·bē/ adjective
1 : lacking in character or substance
2 : WEAK, INDECISIVE

**Synonyms**
bland, flat, wishy-washy

**name /näm/ noun
1 : a word or words by which a person or thing is known
2 : a disparaging epithet <call him ~>
3 : overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general : REPUTATION; especially : distinguished reputation <made a ~ for herself>
4 : FAMILY, CLAN <was a disgrace to their ~> 
5 : appearance as opposed to reality <a friend in ~ only>

**Synonyms**
[1] appellation, cognomen, denotation, designation, handle, title; also christian name, forename, given name; family name, maiden name, surname; epithet, nickname, sobriquet; alias, nom de plume, pen name, pseudonym; binomial, vernacular; misnomer; label, trademark

[2] affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, offense, outrage, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at
name verb named; nam·ing
1 ‣: to give a name to: CALL
2 ‣: to mention or identify by name
3 ‣: to assign to some purpose: APPOINT
4 ‣: to decide on: CHOOSE
5 ‣: to mention explicitly: SPECIFY <~ a price>
— name·able adjective
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, label, style, term, title; also denote, specify; miscall, misname; nickname; rename
   ‣ [3] appoint, assign, attach, commission, constitute, designate, detail—more at APPOINT
   ‣ [4] choose, cull, elect, handpick, opt, pick, prefer, select, single, take—more at CHOOSE
   ‣ [5] advert, cite, instance, mention, note, notice, quote, refer, specify, touch—more at MENTION

name adjective
1 : of, relating to, or bearing a name <~ tag>
2 ‣: having an established reputation <~ brands>
   Synonyms
   ‣ prestigious, reputable, reputed, respectable—more at RESPECTABLE

name day noun
: the church feast day of the saint after whom one is named

name·less /ˈnəmˌleɪs/ adjective
1 ‣: having no name
2 : not marked with a name <a ~ grave>
3 a ‣: not known by name <a ~ hero>
   b ‣: relatively unknown
4 a ‣: impossible to identify precisely or by name
   b : too distressing to be described <~ fears>
— name·less·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1, 3a] anonymous, unbaptized, unchristened, unidentified, unnamed, untitled; also unspecified; obscure, unheard-of, unknown, unremarkable
   Antonyms
   ‣ baptizd, christened, dubbed, named, termed
   ‣ [3b] anonymous, obscure, unknown, unsung—more at OBSCURE
   ‣ [4a] indescribable, inexpressible, unspeakable, unutterable—more at INDESCRIBABLE

name·ly /ˈleɪ/ adverb
: that is to say: AS <the cat family, ~, lions, tigers, and similar animals>

name·plate /.ˈplät/ noun
: a plate or plaque bearing a name (as of a resident)

name·sake /.ˈsāk/ noun
: one that has the same name as another; especially: one named after another

Na·mib·ian /naˈmi.bənˌbiːən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Namibia
   — Namibian adjective

nan·keen /nənˈkēn/ noun
: a durable brownish yellow cotton fabric orig. woven by hand in China

nan·ny goat /naˈnē/ noun
: a female domestic goat
nano·me·ter /naˌnəˈmētər/ noun
: one billionth of a meter

d nano·scale /ˌsnä·kəl/ adjective
: having dimensions measured in nanometers

d nano·sec·ond /ˌsnä·sek·ənd/ noun
: one billionth of a second

d nano·sec·ond /ˌsnä·sek·ənd/ noun
: one billionth of a second

d nano·tech·nol·o·gy /ˌna·nōˈtek·nə·lē·jē/ noun
: the manipulation of materials on an atomic or molecular scale

nap /nāp/ verb napped; napping
1 : to sleep briefly esp. during the day : DOZE
2 : to be off guard <was caught napping>

Synonyms
catnap, doze, drowse, slumber, snooze; also relax, repose, rest; couch, lay, lie, roost; lull

nap noun
1 : a short sleep esp. during the day

Synonyms
catnap, doze, drowse, forty winks, siesta, snooze, wink; also repose, rest; slumber, bed

nap noun
1 : a soft downy fibrous surface (as on yarn and cloth)
— nap·less adjective
— napped /nāpəd/ adjective

Synonyms
down, floss, fluff, fur, fuzz, lint, pile—more at FUZZ

na·palm /nāˈpāl·m, ˈnápəl/ noun
[origin: naphthalene + palmitate, salt of a fatty acid]
1 : a thickener used in jelling gasoline (as for incendiary bombs)
2 : fuel jelled with napalm

nap /nāp/ noun
1 : the back of the neck

nap·pery /ˈnap·pərē/ noun
: household linen esp. for the table

naph·tha /ˈnaf·thə, ˈnāp·thə/ noun
: any of various liquid hydrocarbon mixtures used chiefly as solvents

naph·tha·lene /ˌnäf·thəˈlēn/ noun
: a crystalline substance used esp. in organic synthesis and as a moth repellent

nap·kin /ˈnāp·kin/ noun
1 : a piece of material (as cloth) used at table to wipe the lips or fingers and protect the clothes
2 : a small cloth or towel

nap·o·leon /ˈnäpəˌlō·ən, ˈnāpəˌlōˌən/ noun
: an oblong pastry with a filling of cream, custard, or jelly

Na·po·le·on·ic /ˌnäpəˌlō·əˈnik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of Napoleon I or his family

narc also nark /ˈnärk/ noun, slang
: a person (as a government agent) who investigates narcotics violations
nar·cis·sism /nær.ˈsa.ˌsizəm/ noun
[ORIGIN: G Narzissismus, fr. Narziss Narcissus, beautiful youth of Greek mythology who fell in love with his own image]
1 : undue dwelling on one's own self or attainments
2 : love of or sexual desire for one's own body
   — nar·cis·sit /ˌsizət/ noun or adjective
   — nar·cis·sis·tic /ˌsa.ˌsis.tik/ adjective

nar·cis·sus /nær.ˈsi.ˈsus/ noun, plural nar·cis·si /ˌsa.ˌsə/ or nar·cis·sus·es or narcissus
: DAFFODIL especially: one with short-tubed flowers usu. borne separately

nar·co·lep·sy /nær.ˈkə.ləpˌsi/ noun, plural -sies
: a condition characterized by brief attacks of deep sleep
   — nar·co·lep·tic /ˌkə.ləpˈtik/ adjective or noun

nar·co·sis /nær.ˈko.ˌsizəs/ noun, plural -co·ses /-səz/
: a state of stupor, unconsciousness, or arrested activity produced by the influence of chemicals (as narcotics)

nar·co·ter·ror·ism /nær.ˈkə.tərərˌizəm/ noun
: terrorism financed by profits from illegal drug trafficking

1 narcotic /nær.ˈkætɪk/ noun
1 : a drug (as opium) that dulls the senses, relieves pain, and induces sleep
2 : an illegal drug (as marijuana or LSD)
   — narcotic adjective

2 narcotic adjective
   : something that soothes, relieves, or lulls
   Synonyms
   comforting, dreamy, sedative, soothing—more at SOOTHING

nar·co·tize /nær.ˈka.ˌtīz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
1 : to treat with or subject to a narcotic; also : to put into a state of narcosis
2 : to soothe to unconsciousness or unawareness

nard /närd/ noun
: a fragrant ointment of the ancients

na·res /när.ˈres/ noun plural
[ORIGIN: L]
: the pair of openings of the nose

Nar·ra·gan·sett /nær.ˈra.ganˌset/ noun, plural -sett or -setts
1 : a member of an American Indian people of Rhode Island
2 : the Algonquian language of the Narragansett people

nar·rate /nær.ˈrät/ verb nar·rat·ed; nar·rat·ing
: to recite the details of (as a story): RELATE, TELL
   — nar·ra·tion /nær.ˈrā.ʃən/ noun
   — nar·ra·tor /nær.ˈrə.tər/ noun
   Synonyms
   describe, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, report, tell—more at TELL

nar·ra·tive /nær.ˈrəтив/ noun
1 a : something that is narrated
   b : a fictional narrative shorter than a novel
narrow /ˈnær.ər/ adjective
[1] : of slender or less than standard width
[2] : limited in size or scope : RESTRICTED
[3] : not liberal in views
[4] : interpreted or interpreting strictly
[5] : barely sufficient : close <won by a ~ margin>; also : barely successful <a ~ escape>
— narrow-ly adverb
— narrow-ness noun

Synonyms
[1] fine, skinny, slender, slim, thin; also attenuated, elongated, linear; close, compressed, condensed, constricted, contracted, squeezed, tight, tightened; reedy, stringy, twiggy, wispy; spare
Antonyms
broad, fat, wide
[2] definite, determinate, finite, limited, measured, restricted—more at LIMITED
[3] bigoted, intolerant, narrow-minded, prejudiced—more at INTOLERANT
[3] insular, little, parochial, petty, provincial, sectarian, small; also inflexible, obdurate, obstinate, rigid, set, stubborn, unyielding, wrongheaded; bigoted, intolerant, narrow-minded; biased, discriminating, discriminatory, jaundiced, one-sided, partial, partisan, prejudiced; old-fashioned, reactionary, stodgy, straitlaced; dogmatic, opinionated; limited
Antonyms
broad-minded, catholic, cosmopolitan, liberal, open, open-minded, receptive, tolerant
[5] close, neck and neck, nip and tuck, tight—more at CLOSE

narrow noun
Synonyms
channel, sound, strait—more at CHANNEL

narrow verb
: to lessen in width or extent

narrow-ly adverb
: not liberal or broad-minded

narrow-minded /ˈnær.ər.ˈmɪnd.ed/ adjective
[1] bigoted, intolerant, narrow, prejudiced—more at INTOLERANT

nar-row /ˈnær.ər/ noun
[1] : a narrow sea mammal about 20 feet (6 meters) long that is related to the dolphins and in the male has a long twisted ivory tusk

NAS abbreviation
naval air station

NASA /ˈnei.ˌsi.ˌeɪ/ abbreviation
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

nasal /ˈnɑ.ʒəl/ noun
[1] : a nasal part
[2] : a nasal consonant or vowel

nasal adjective
[1] : of or relating to the nose
[2] : uttered through the nose
— nas-al-ly adverb

nasal-ize /ˈnɑ.ʒəl.ˌaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
to make nasal or pronounce as a nasal sound

— na·sal·i·za·tion /nəˈzələˌzāˈshən/ noun

na·scent /ˈnāˌsənt/ noun adjective
: coming into existence : beginning to grow or develop

— na·scence /ˈnəsəns/ noun

nas·tur·tium /ˈnæstəˌtʃəm, ˈnæs-1/ noun
: either of two widely cultivated watery-stemmed herbs with showy spurred flowers and pungent seeds

— na·s·ti·ly /ˈnæsˌtēˈlē/ noun
\[ \text{in a nasty manner or condition} \]

**Synonyms**
- hatefully, maliciously, meanly, spitefully, viciously, wickedly; also contemnuously, disdainfully, scornfully; 
aclimionously, hotenly, invidiously, obnoxiously, venomously; bitterly, enviunously, jealously, resentfuely; 
callously, cruelly, mercilessly, pitilessly, ruthlessly, unlawfully; disagreeably, ill, unkindly; ill-naturedly, 
incoroscnately, thoughtlessly; diabolically, fiendishly; misanthropically

**Antonyms**
- benevolently, kindly

nas·ti·ness /ˈnæsˌtēˈnis/ noun
\[ \text{the quality or state of being nasty} \]

**Synonyms**
- cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malignity, meanness, spite, spleen, venom, viciousness—more at 
MALICE
- bawdiness, coarseness, dirt, dirtiness, filth, filthiness, foulness, grossness, indecency, lewdness, obscenity, 
ribaldry, smut, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY
- dinginess, dirtiness, filthiness, foulness, grubbiness, uncleanliness—more at DIRTINESS

nas·ty /ˈnæs.tē/ adjective

1: FILTHY

2: abhorrent to morality or virtue: INDECENT, OBSCENE

3 a: HARMFUL, DANGEROUS <took a ~ fall>
b: causing severe pain or suffering

4: sharply unpleasant <~ weather>

5: characterized by petty selfishness or malice: MEAN, ILL-NATURED <a ~ temper>

6: DIFFICULT, VEXATIOUS <a ~ problem>

7: UNFAIR, DIRTY <a ~ trick>

**Synonyms**
- [2] bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lascivious, lewd, obscene, pornographic, ribald, 
smutty, unprintable, vulgar, wanton—more at OBSCENE
- [3b] painful, sore—more at PAINFUL
- [4] bad, bleak, dirty, disagreeable, foul, inclement, raw, rough, squally, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, 
unpleasant—more at FOUL
- [5] catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, spiteful, virulent—more at HATEFUL

nat abbreviation

1 national
2 native
3 natural

na·tal /ˈnātəl/ adjective

1: NATIVE
2: of, relating to, or present at birth

na·ta·to·ri·um /nəˈtəˌtōrēˌəm, -əm/ noun
: a swimming pool esp. indoors

na·tion /ˈnāshən/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME nacioun, fr. AF naciun, fr. L nation-, natio birth, race, nation, fr. nasci to be born]
1: **NATIONALITY** 5; also: a politically organized nationality
2: a community of people composed of one or more nationalities with its own territory and government
3: the territory of a nation
4: a federation of tribes (as of American Indians)

— **nationhood** noun
  Synonyms: commonwealth, country, land, sovereignty, state; also city-state; domain, dominion, empire, kingdom, realm, republic; duchy, dukedom, principality, sultanate; democracy, dictatorship, monarchy, oligarchy, sovereign, theocracy; colony, dependency, province, settlement, soil; fatherland, homeland, motherland; power, superpower

1: **national** /nəˈʃənəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to a nation
2: comprising or characteristic of a nationality
3: **FEDERAL** 3

— **nationally** adverb
  Synonyms: civil, public, state; also civic, federal, municipal; government, governmental; domestic, internal; democratic, republican; nationwide

2: **national** noun
1: one who owes allegiance to a nation
2: a competition that is national in scope — usu. used in pl.

**National Guard** noun
1: a militia force recruited by each state of the U.S., equipped by the federal government, and jointly maintained subject to the call of either
2: *often not cap* a military force serving as a national constabulary and defense force

**nationalize** chiefly British variant of **NATIONALIZE**

**nationalism** /nəˈʃənəˌlɪzəm/ noun
: devotion to national interests, unity, and independence

**nationalist** /ˈnæʃənəlɪst/ noun
1: an advocate of or believer in nationalism
2: *cap* a member of a political party or group advocating national independence or strong national government
  — **nationalist** adjective, *often cap*
  — **nationalistic** adjective

**nationality** /nəˈʃənətɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1: national character
2: a legal relationship involving allegiance of an individual and protection on the part of the state
3: membership in a particular nation
4: political independence or existence as a separate nation
5: a people having a common origin, tradition, and language and capable of forming a state
6: an ethnic group within a larger unit (as a nation)

**nationalize** /nəˈʃənəˌlائز/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to make national : make a nation of
2: to remove from private ownership and place under government control
  — **nationalization** noun

**national monument** noun
: a place of historic, scenic, or scientific interest set aside for preservation usu. by presidential proclamation

**national park** noun
: an area of special scenic, historical, or scientific importance set aside and maintained by a national government esp. for recreation or study

**national seashore** noun
nationwide /nəˈʃənˌwād/ adjective
: extending throughout a nation

native /ˈnātiv/ adjective
1: INBORN, NATURAL
2 ♦: born in a particular place or country
3 ♦: belonging to a person because of the place or circumstances of birth <her ~ language>
4 ♦: grown, produced, or originating in a particular place: INDIGENOUS
5 ♦: left or remaining in a natural state: being without embellishment or artificial change

Synonyms
[2, 4] aboriginal, born, endemic, indigenous; also domestic, local, original
[5] crude, natural, raw, undressed, unprocessed, unrefined, untreated—more at CRUDE

native noun
: one that is native; especially: a person who belongs to a particular country by birth

Native American noun
: a member of any of the aboriginal peoples of the western hemisphere except often the Eskimos; especially: an American Indian of North America and esp. the U.S.: AMERICAN INDIAN

natural /ˈnātərəl/ adjective
1 ♦: determined by nature: INBORN, INNATE <~ ability>
2 ♦: having a specified character by nature: BORN <~ fool>
3 ♦: not recognized as lawful offspring; specif: born of parents not married to each other
4: HUMAN
5 ♦: of or relating to nature
6 ♦: not artificial
7 ♦: being simple and sincere: not affected
8 ♦: closely resembling an original: true to nature
9 ♦: being neither sharp nor flat

Synonyms
[1] essential, inborn, ingrained, inherent, innate, integral, intrinsic—more at INHERENT
[5] uncultivated, untamed, wild—more at WILD
[6] crude, native, raw, undressed, unprocessed, unrefined, untreated—more at CRUDE
[7] artless, genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, real, simple, sincere, true, unaffected, unpretentious
[8] lifelike, near, realistic; also alike, like, living, matching; akin, analogous, approximate, comparable, resembling; accurate, close, faithful, true; convincing

Antonyms
unrealistic
natural noun
1: IDIOT
2: a character ♮ placed on a line or space of the musical staff to nullify the effect of a preceding sharp or flat
3: one obviously suitable for a purpose
4: AFRO
natural childbirth noun
: a system of managing childbirth in which the mother prepares to remain conscious and assist in delivery with little or no use of drugs
natural gas noun
: a combustible gaseous mixture of hydrocarbons coming from the earth's crust and used chiefly as a fuel and raw material
natural history noun
1: a treatise on some aspect of nature
2: the study of natural objects esp. from an amateur or popular point of view
nat·u·ral·ism /na chə ra lizəm/ noun
1: action or thought based only on natural desires and instincts
2: a doctrine that denies a supernatural explanation of the origin or development of the universe and holds that scientific laws account for all of nature
3: realism in art and literature
nat·u·ral·ist /əˈlaɪst/ noun
1: one that advocates or practices naturalism
2: a student of animals or plants esp. in the field
nat·u·ral·ize /ˈna tœrə laɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to become or cause to become established as if native <~ new forage crops>
2: to confer the rights of a citizen on
nat·u·ral·i·za·tion /na tœrə laɪzəˈkeɪʃən/ noun
nat·u·ral·ly /na tœrə laɪˈleɪ, naˈchə rə/ adverb
1: by nature: by natural character or ability
2: as might be expected
3: without artificial aid; also: without affectation
4: REALISTICALLY
Synonyms
[1] constitutionally, inherently, innately, intrinsically; also essentially, fundamentally; instinctively, intuitively; intimately
[2] commonly, generally, normally, ordinarily, typically, usually; also customarily, habitually, regularly, routinely; familiarly; conventionally, traditionally
Antonyms
abnormally, atypically, extraordinarily, uncommonly, unusually
[3] artlessly, ingenuously, naively, unaffectedly; also genuinely, honestly, simply, truly; freely, openly; candidly, frankly, matter-of-factly; informally, unceremoniously
Antonyms
affectedly, artificially, hypocritically, insincerely, pretentiously, unnaturally
naturalness noun
: the quality or state of being natural
Synonyms
artlessness, greenness, ingenuousness, innocence, naïveté, simplicity, unworldliness—more at NAIJETÉ
natural science noun
natural selection noun
: the natural process that results in the survival of individuals or groups best adjusted to their environment

a·ture /ˈnā.chər/ noun
1 : the inherent quality or basic constitution of a person or thing
2 : a kind or class usu. distinguished by fundamental or essential characteristics
3 : the fundamental character, disposition, or temperament of a living being usu. innate and unchangeable:
   TEMPERAMENT, DISPOSITION
4 : the physical universe
5 : one's natural instincts or way of life <quirks of human ~>; also : primitive state <a return to ~>  
6 : natural scenery or environment <beauties of ~>  

Synonyms

[1] essence, quintessence, soul, stuff, substance—more at ESSENCE   
[1] character, complexion, constitution, genius, personality, tone; also distinctiveness, distinctness, individuality, singularity, uniqueness; attribute, characteristic, earmark, feature, flavor, hallmark, mark, point, property, savor, stamp, trait; disposition, grain, sort, temper, temperament; composition, makeup; essence, soul, spirit, stuff, substance; habit, way   
[2] breed, class, description, feather, ilk, kind, like, manner, order, sort, species, type—more at SORT   
[3] disposition, grain, temper, temperament—more at DISPOSITION   
[4] cosmos, creation, macrocosm, universe, world—more at UNIVERSE   
[6] open, outdoors, wild, wilderness; also backwoods, bush, country, frontier, hinterland, sticks, up-country; outside, without; badland, barren, desert, waste, wasteland

naught /nôtl, ˈnätl/ noun
1 : NOTHING   
2 : the arithmetical symbol 0 : ZERO

Synonyms

aught, cipher, nil, nothing, zero, zip—more at ZERO

naugh·ty /ˈnȯ.ē, ˈnä̱/ adjective naugh·ti·er, -est
1 : guilty of disobedience or misbehavior
2 : lacking in taste or propriety
— naugh·ti·ly /ˈnȯ.ē.lē/ adverb
— naugh·ti·ness /ˈnȯ.ē.nes/ noun

Synonyms

bad, contrary, errant, froward, mischievous; also defiant, disrespectful, ill-mannered, ill-natured, impolite, improper, impudent, indecorous, insolent, rude, uncouth, unmannerly; disobedient, headstrong, intractable, obstreperous, recalcitrant, refractory, transgressing, unruly, untoward, willful; balky, restive, uncontrollable, ungentle, wayward, wild; arch, elish, impish, monkeying, ornery, rascally, roguey, waggish; dissolute, perverse, wrongheaded; disorderly, rowdy, ruffianly; corrupt, evil, wicked; insurpassable, rebellious; inconsiderate, selfish, thoughtless, unkind, unkindly; babyish, childish, immature, infantile, puerile

Antonyms

behaved, behaving, nice, orderly

naus·ea /nȯ.zē.ə_.sē_,ˈnȯ.zha_.sha/ noun
[Origin: L, seasickness, nausea, fr. Gk nautia, nausia, fr. nautēs sailor]
1 : sickness of the stomach with a desire to vomit
2 : extreme disgust

Synonyms

[1] queasiness, sickness, squamishness; also qualm; airsickness, morning sickness, motion sickness, seasickness

[2] aversion, disgust, distaste, loathing, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion—more at DISGUST

naus·e·ate /nȯ.zē_.æ_,ˌsē_.ˌzhē_.ˌshē/ verb -at·ed, -at·ing
nauseating adjective
  1 : causing nausea or esp. disgust

nauseatingly adverb

nauseate verb
  1 : to affect or become affected with nausea
  2 : to cause nausea or esp. disgust

nauseatingly adverb

nauseating adjective
  1 : causing nausea or esp. disgust

nauseous /nəˈsiːəs, -zəς/ adjective
  1 : causing nausea or disgust
  2 : affected with nausea or disgust

nautical adjective
  1 : of or relating to sailors, navigation, or ships
  2 : capable of being navigated

nautical mile noun
  : a unit of distance equal to about 6080 feet (1852 meters)

nautical mile noun
  : any of a genus of sea mollusks related to the octopuses but having a spiral chambered shell

nautical abbreviation

naval adjective
  : of, relating to, or possessing a navy

naval stores noun plural
  : products (as pitch, turpentine, or rosin) obtained from resinous conifers (as pines)

nave /nāv/ noun
  [ORIGIN: ML navis, fr. L, ship]
  : the central part of a church running lengthwise

navel noun
  : a depression in the middle of the abdomen that marks the point of attachment of fetus and mother
  : useless or excessive self-contemplation

navel orange noun
  : a seedless orange having a pit at the blossom end where the fruit encloses a small secondary fruit

navigate verb
  1 : to sail on or through << the Atlantic Ocean >>
  2 : to steer or direct the course of a ship or aircraft
  3 : MOVE; especially : WALK <could hardly ~>
4 ▶: to travel by water: SAIL.
— nav·i·ga·tion /nəˌvē.ɡəˈshən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ boat, cruise, sail, voyage—more at SAIL

nav·i·ga·tor /nəˌvē.ɡəˈtər/ noun
: one that navigates or is qualified to navigate

na·vy /nɑˈvē/ noun, plural navies
  1: FLEET; also: the warships belonging to a nation
  2 often cap: a nation's organization for naval warfare
  — navy yard noun
  : a yard where naval vessels are built or repaired

1 nay /nā/ adverb
  : NO

2 nay noun
  1: a negative vote; also: a person casting such a vote
  2: refusal to satisfy a request or desire
  — nay conjunction
  ▶: not merely this but also: not only so but <he was happy, ~, ecstatic>
  Synonyms
  ▶ even, indeed, truly, verily, yea—more at EVEN

nay·say·er /nāˌsāˈər/ noun
: one who denies, refuses, or opposes something

Na·zi /nätsēˈnä/ noun
: a member of a German fascist party controlling Germany from 1933 to 1945 under Adolf Hitler
  — Nazi adjective
  — Na·zism /nätsəˈzəm/ noun — Na·zi·sm /ˈnä zi ˌizəm/ noun

Nb symbol
niobium

NB abbreviation
1 New Brunswick
2 nota bene

NBA abbreviation
1 National Basketball Association
2 National Boxing Association

NBC abbreviation
National Broadcasting Company

NBS abbreviation
National Bureau of Standards

NC abbreviation
1 no charge
2 North Carolina

NCAA abbreviation
National Collegiate Athletic Association

NCO /ˈnäˌsōˌō/ noun
: NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER

nd abbreviation
no date

Nd symbol
neodymium

ND abbreviation
North Dakota

N Dak abbreviation
North Dakota

Ne symbol
neon

NE abbreviation
1 Nebraska
2 New England
3 northeast

Ne-an·der·thal /nēˈan.der.ˌthāl, nāˈän.der.ˌtāl/ adjective
1 or Ne-an·der·tal /ˌtāl/ : of, relating to, or being an extinct Old World hominid that lived from about 200,000 to 30,000 years ago
2 : suggestive of a caveman
— Neanderthal or Neandertal noun

Synonyms
barangous, heathen, heathenish, rude, savage, uncivil, uncivilized, uncultivated, wild—more at SAVAGE

neap tide /ˈnēp/ noun
: a tide of minimum range occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon

near /nir/ adverb
1 : at, within, or to a short distance or time
2 : very nearly but not exactly or entirely : ALMOST

Synonyms
around, by, close, hard, in, nearby, nigh; also hereabouts, thereabouts; along, alongside

Antonyms
far

near preposition
1 : close to

Synonyms
about, around, by, next to—more at AROUND

near adjective
1 : closely related or associated; also : INTIMATE
2 : not far away; also : being the closer or left-hand member of a pair
3 : barely avoided <a ~ accident>
4 : DIRECT, SHORT <by the ~est route>
5 : STINGY
6 : not real but very like <-~ silk>
7 : being the closer of two

Synonyms
[2] close, immediate, nearby, nigh—more at CLOSE
[6] lifelike, natural, realistic—more at NATURAL
[7] hither; also fore, forward, front, inside

Antonyms
far, farther, further, opposite, other, that

near verb
1 : to come closer in space or time : APPROACH
2 : to draw near to
Synonyms
- advance, approach, close—more at approach

near beer noun
: any of various malt liquors low in alcohol

1. nearby /nir-"bër/ adjective
   - close at hand
   Synonyms
   - close, immediate, near, nigh—more at close

2. nearby /nir-"bër/ adverb
   : close at hand
   Synonyms
   - around, by, close, hard, in, near, nigh—more at near

near·ly adverb
1: in a close manner or relationship
2: almost but not quite
   Synonyms
   - about, almost, most, much, near, next to, nigh, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at almost

near·ness noun
1: the quality or state of being near
2: the state of being in a close personal relationship esp. marked by affection or love
   Synonyms
   - [1] closeness, contiguity, immediacy, proximity—more at proximity
   - [2] closeness, familiarity, intimacy—more at familiarity

near·sight·ed /nir-sīt"əd/ adjective
: able to see near things more clearly than distant ones: myopic
   — near·sight·ed·ly adverb
   — near·sight·ed·ness noun

neat /nēt/ adjective
[origin: MF net, fr. L nitidus bright, neat, fr. nitēre to shine]
1: being orderly and clean
2: not mixed or diluted <<brandy>>
3: marked by tasteful simplicity
4: precise, systematic
5: skillful, adroit
6: superior in character, nature, ability, or prospects: fine
   — neat adverb
   — neat·ly adverb
   — neat·ness noun
   Synonyms
   - [1] crisp, orderly, shipshape, snug, tidy, trim, uncluttered; also dapper, natty, prim, saucy, smart, spruce; immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless; rakish, sleek, streamlined, taut; organized, straight, systematic
   Antonyms
   - disheveled, disorderly, messy, mussed, mussy, slovenly, unkempt, untidy
   - [2] absolute, fine, plain, pure, refined, straight, unadulterated, undiluted, unmixed—more at pure

neath /nēth/ preposition, dialect
: beneath

neat·nik /nēt nēk/ noun
: a person who is compulsively neat

neb /nēb/ noun
1: the beak of a bird or tortoise; also: nose, snout
2: nib
Neb or Nebr abbreviation
Nebraska

NEB abbreviation
New English Bible

neb·u·la /ne.byə.lə/ noun, plural -lae /-lē/. also -las
[origin: NL, fr. L, mist, cloud]
1: any of numerous clouds of gas or dust in interstellar space
2: Galaxy

— neb·u·lar /ˌlər/ adjective

neb·u·liz·er /ne.byə.lɪˌza(r)/ noun
: Atomizer

neb·u·lous /ne.byə.ləs/ adjective
1: of or relating to a nebula
2 a: lacking clarity of feature or sharpness of outline: HAZY, INDISTINCT
b: vaguely defined: dimly realized

Synonyms
[b2, a]: bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinguishable, murky, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at FAINT

ne·ces·si·ty /ne.sə.sə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
1: conditions that cannot be changed
2: WANT, POVERTY
3: something that is necessary
4: very great need

Synonyms
2: condition, demand, essential, must, need, requirement, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL

ne·ces·si·tate /ni.se.sə.tāt/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
: to make necessary

Synonyms

ne·ces·si·tous /ni.se.sə.tōs/ adjective
1: NEEDY, IMPOVERISHED
2: URGENT
3: NECESSARY

ne·ces·si·ty /ni.se.sə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
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Synonyms
4: condition, demand, essential, must, need, requirement, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL

neck /nek/ noun
neck
1: the part of the body connecting the head and the trunk

2: the part of a garment covering or near to the neck

3: a relatively narrow part suggestive of a neck <~ of a bottle> <~ of land>

4: a narrow margin esp. of victory <won by a ~>  

— necked /nekt/ adjective

neck verb  
: to kiss and caress amorously

neck and neck adjective  
: being very close (as in margin or standing)

— Synonyms — close, narrow, nip and tuck, tight—more at close

neck and neck adverb  
: very close (as in a race)

neck·er·chief /ne_kar_chaf/ noun, plural -chiefs /_chefs/ _chefs/ also -chieves /_chēvz/  
: a square of cloth worn folded about the neck like a scarf

neck·lace /ne_klas/ noun  
: an ornament worn around the neck

neck·line /nek_lin/ noun  
: the outline of the neck opening of a garment

neck·tie /nek_ī/ noun  
: a strip of cloth worn around the neck and tied in front

ne·crol·o·gy /ne_kra lur jē/ noun, plural -gies
1: OBITUARY
2: a list of the recently dead

— Synonyms —  

neck·ro·man·cer /ne_kra_man_sar/ noun  
: one that practices necromancy

— Synonyms —  

neck·ro·man·cy /ne_kra_man_sē/ noun  
1: the art or practice of conjuring up the spirits of the dead for purposes of magically revealing the future
2: the use of means (as charms or spells) believed to have supernatural power over natural forces : MAGIC, SORCERY

— Synonyms —  

neck·ro·sis /ne_kra_sēs/ noun, plural ne·cro·ses /_sēz/  
: usu. local death of body tissue

— ne·crot·ic /'krā.tik/ adjective

ne·crot·tar /nek tar/ noun  
1: the drink of the Greek and Roman gods; also : any delicious drink
2: a sweet plant secretion that is the raw material of honey

ne·crot·tar·ine /nek te tīn/ noun  
: a smooth-skinned peach

née or nee /nā/ adjective  
[ORIGIN: F, lit., born]

— used to identify a woman by her maiden family name
**need** /nēd/ noun
1 : necessary duty : OBLIGATION <no ~ to hurry>
2 : a lack of something requisite, desirable, or useful
3 : a condition requiring supply or relief <when the ~ arises>
4 : lack of the means of subsistence : POVERTY
5 : a requirement for the well-being of an organism

**Synonyms**
[1] burden, charge, commitment, duty, obligation, responsibility—more at OBLIGATION
[2] absence, lack, want; also deficiency, deficit, inadequacy, insufficiency; dearth, meagerness, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage; defect, minus; deprivation, privation; demand, essential, necessity, requirement, requisite
[4] beggary, destitution, impecuniosity, impoverishment, indigence, pauperism, penury, poverty, want—more at POVERTY
[5] condition, demand, essential, must, necessity, requirement, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL

**need** verb
1 : to be in want
2 : to have cause or occasion for : REQUIRE <he ~s advice>
3 : to be under obligation or necessity <we ~ to know the truth>

**Synonyms**
[2] demand, necessitate, require, take, want, warrant; also entail, involve; ask, beg, claim, clamor (for), cry (for); lack; command, enjoin, exact, insist, press, quest, stipulate

**Antonyms**
have, hold

**need·ful** /nēd.fəl/ adjective
: absolutely needed : NECESSARY, REQUISITE

**Synonyms**
essential, imperative, indispensable, integral, necessary, requisite, vital—more at ESSENTIAL

**needle** /nēd/ noun
1 : a slender pointed usu. steel implement used in sewing
2 : a slender rod (as for knitting, controlling a small opening, or transmitting vibrations to or from a recording) <a phonograph ~>
3 : a slender hollow instrument by which material is introduced into or withdrawn from the body
4 : a slender indicator on a dial
5 : a needle-shaped leaf (as of a pine)

**Synonyms**
[3] hypodermic syringe, syringe
[4] hand, index, indicator, pointer—more at POINTER

**needle** verb need·led; need·ling
1 : to vex by repeated sharp prods or gibes; especially : to incite to action by repeated gibes
2 : to disturb or annoy by persistent irritating or provoking esp. in a petty or mischievous way

**Synonyms**
[1] henpeck, hound, nag—more at NAG
[2] bait, bug, hassle, heckle, ride, taunt, tease—more at TEASE

**nee·dle-nose pliers** /nē.dəlnəz/ noun plural
: pliers with long slender jaws for grasping small or thin objects

**nee·dle·point** /nē.dəlˌpȯnt/ noun
1 : lace worked with a needle over a paper pattern
2 : embroidery done on canvas across counted threads

— needlepoint adjective

**need·less** /nēd.əs/ adjective
: not necessary
— need·less·ly adverb
— need·less·ness noun

nee·dle·wom·an /ˈnɛdəlˌwʊmən/ noun
: a woman who does needlework; especially: SEAMSTRESS

nee·dle·work /ˈnɛdərˌwɜrk/ noun
: work done with a needle; especially: work (as embroidery) other than plain sewing

needs /nɛdz/ adverb
▷ : of necessity: NECESSARILY <must ~ be recognized>
  Synonyms
  ◷ inevitably, necessarily, perforce, unavoidably; also involuntarily
  Antonyms
  ◷ unnecessarily

need·dy /nɛdʒə/ adjective need·i·er; -est
▷ : being in want: POVERTY-STRICKEN
  Synonyms
  ◷ broke, destitute, impeccunious, indigent, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken—more at POOR

ne·er /ˈnɛər/ adverb
: NEVER

ne·er–do–well /ˈnɛər.dəˌwel/ noun
: an idle worthless person
— ne·er–do–well adjective

ne·far·i·ous /nɛˈfər.i.əs/ adjective
[origin: L nefarius, fr. nefas crime, fr. ne- not + fas right, divine law]
▷ : very wicked: EVIL
— ne·far·i·ous·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ◷ bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong

neg abbreviation
negative

ne·gate /nɛˈɡæt/ verb ne·gat·ed; ne·gat·ing
1 ▷ : to deny the existence or truth of
2 ▷ : to cause to be ineffective or invalid: NULLIFY
  Synonyms
  ◷ [1] contradict, deny, disallow, disavow, disclaim, gainsay, negative, reject, repudiate—more at DENY
  ◷ [2] abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind, void—more at ABOLISH

ne·ga·tion /nɛˈɡæʃən/ noun
1 ▷ : the action or operation of negating or making negative
2 : a negative doctrine or statement
  Synonyms
  ◷ contradiction, denial, disallowance, disavowal, disclaimer, rejection, repudiation—more at DENIAL

ne·ga·tive /nɛˈɡætɪv/ adjective
1 ▷ : marked by denial, prohibition, or refusal <a ~ reply>
2 : not positive or constructive; especially: not affirming the presence of what is sought or suspected to be present <test results were ~>
3 : less than zero <a ~ number>
4 : being, relating to, or charged with electricity of which the electron is the elementary unit
5 : having the light and dark parts opposite to what they were in the original photographic subject
— ne·ga·tive·ly adverb
negative

noun
1 : a negative word or statement
2 : a negative vote or reply; also : REFUSAL
3 ▶ : something that is the opposite or negation of something else
4 : the side that votes or argues for the opposition (as in a debate)
5 : a negative number
6 : a negative photographic image on transparent material

Synonyms
antipode, antithesis, contrary, opposite, reverse

verb -tived; -tiv·ing
1 : to refuse to accept or approve
2 ▶ : to vote against
3 : DISPROVE
4 : to imply the opposite or a denial of
5 ▶ : to deny the truth, reality, or validity of

Synonyms
[2] blackball, kill, veto; also decline, disallow, disapprove, dismiss, refuse; blacklist
Antonyms
confirm, ratify

negative income tax

noun
:a system of federal subsidy payments to families with incomes below a stipulated level

neg·a·tiv·ism /ne ˌga ˈtiv ə zəm/
noun
: an attitude of skepticism and denial of nearly everything affirmed or suggested by others

neglect /ˈneg ləkt/
verb
[Origin: L. neglectus, pp. of neglegere, neclegere, fr. nec- not + legere to gather]
1 ▶ : to give little attention or respect to : DISREGARD
2 ▶ : to leave undone or unattended to esp. through carelessness

Synonyms
[1] disregard, forget, ignore, overlook, pass over, slight, slur; also fail; miss, omit; brush (aside or off), reject, shrug off, slough (off); disdain, pooh-pooh, scorn, scant, skimp
Antonyms
attend (to), heed, mind, regard, tend (to)
[2] fail, forget, omit; also disregard, ignore, overlook, overpass, slight; slide, slip; default; skip

noun
1 ▶ : an act or instance of neglecting something
2 ▶ : the condition of being neglected

Synonyms
[1] default, delinquency, dereliction, failure, negligence, oversight—more at FAILURE
[2] desolation, dilapidation, disrepair; also inattention, negligence, abandonment, desertion; decay, decrepitude, dereliction, deterioration, disintegration, ruin, ruination
Antonyms
repair

neg·lect·ed /ˈneg ləkt əd/ adjective
▶ : that evidences improper or insufficient attention or care

Synonyms
dilapidated, grungy, mangy, mean, miserable, ratty, scruffy, seedy, shabby, tacky, threadbare—more at
SHABBY

neg·lect·ful adjective
: given to neglecting

neg·li·gee also neg·li·gè /nekˈliːʒ/ noun
: a woman’s long flowing dressing gown

neg·li·gen·ce /nekˈliːjəns/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being negligent
2 : an act or instance of being negligent

Synonyms

- careless, derelict, lax, remiss, slack; also heedless, incautious, irresponsible, reckless, wild; unguarded, unwary; forgetful, disregardful, disregarding, inattentive, oblivious, thoughtless, unmindful, unthinking; apathetic, disinterested, indifferent, uninterested, unthinking; delinquent; loose

Antonyms

- attentive, careful, conscientious

neg·li·gi·ble /nekˈliːjə bal/ adjective
: so small or unimportant or of so little consequence as to warrant little or no attention

Synonyms

- inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, measly, minute, nominal, paltry, petty, slight, trifling, trivial, unimportant; also inferior, mean; imperceptible, inappreciable; little, puny, tiny; hairsplitting, petty

Antonyms

- big, consequential, considerable, important, material, significant

neg·li·gn·t /niˈgriːtənt/ noun
: NEGOTIATOR

neg·go·tiant /niˈɡoʊˌʃe.ənt/ noun
: NEGOTIATOR

neg·go·tiate /niˈɡoʊˌʃe.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[ORIGIN: L negotiari to carry on business, fr. negotium business, fr. neg- not + otium leisure]

1 : to confer with another so as to arrive at the settlement of some matter; also : to arrange for or bring about by such conferences << a treaty>>
2 : to transfer to another by delivery or endorsement in return for equivalent value << a check>>
3 : to get through, around, or over successfully << a turn>>
4 : to deal with (some matter or affair that requires ability for its successful handling)

neg·go·tia·ble /ˈɡoʊˌʃe.ə.ə bal/ adjective

neg·go·tia·tor /ˈɡoʊˌʃe.ə.ə tar/ noun

Synonyms

- [1] arrange, concert, conclude; also settle (on or upon); bargain, chaffer, deal, dicker, haggle, palter; agree; contract, covenant; argue, debate, discuss, hammer (out), hash (over), reason, talk, talk over, work out
- [4] contend, cope, grapple, handle, manage, maneuver, swing, treat—more at HANDLE

neg·go·tia·tion /niˈɡoʊˌʃe.ə.ə.ʃən/ noun
: the action or process of negotiating or being negotiated

Synonyms

- accommodation, compromise, concession, give-and-take—more at CONCESSION

neg·ri·tude /ˈneɡriˌtʃüd. ˌtyüd. ˈnɛ/ noun
a consciousness of and pride in one's African heritage

**Negro** /nēˈɡrō/ noun, plural **Negroes**
[Origin: Sp or Pg, fr. negro black]
sometimes offensive
: a member of the human race native to Africa and classified according to physical features (as dark skin pigmentation)
— **Negro** adjective, sometimes offensive
— **Negroid** /nēˈɡˌrōid/ noun or adjective, often not cap

**Neh** abbreviation
Nehemiah

**Ne·he·mi·ah** /nēˈhe·mē·ə/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

**neigh** /nā/ noun
: a loud prolonged cry of a horse
— **neigh** verb

1 **neighbor** /nāˈber/ noun
1: one living or located near another
2: **FELLOW MAN**

2 **neighbor** verb
: to be next to or near to : border on

**neighborhood** /nāˈbərˌhōod/ noun
1: **NEARNESS**
2: a place or region near : **VICINITY**; also: a number or amount near <costs in the ~ of $10>
3: the people living near one another
4 : a section lived in by neighbors and usu. having distinguishing characteristics

**Synonyms**

district, quarter, section—more at **DISTRICT**

**neighbor·ly** /nēˈbər·lē/ adjective
: befitting congenial neighbors; especially: **FRIENDLY**
— **neighbor·li·ness** noun

**Synonyms**

amicable, companionable, comradely, cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, warm, warmhearted—more at **FRIENDLY**

**neighbor·bour** chiefly British variant of **NEIGHBOR**

1 **neither** /nēˈðər, nē/ pronoun
: neither one : not the one and not the other <~ of the two>

2 **neither** conjunction
1: not either <~ good nor bad>
2: **NOR** <~ did I>

3 **neither** adjective
: not either <~ hand>

**nel·son** /nēlˈsan/ noun
: a wrestling hold in which one applies leverage against an opponent's arm, neck, and head

**nem·a·tode** /nēˈme·əˌtōd/ noun
: any of a phylum of elongated cylindrical worms parasitic in animals or plants or free-living in soil or water

**nem·e·sis** /nēˈme·əˌsēs/ noun, plural -ses /ˌsēz/
[Origin: L Nemesis, goddess of divine retribution, fr. Gk]
1 : one that inflicts retribution or vengeance
2 : a formidable and usu. victorious rival
3 : an act or effect of retribution; also : CURSE

Synonyms
- [1] avenger, castigator, scourge; also revenger; righter
- [3] castigation, chastisement, correction, curse, desert, discipline, penalty, punishment, wrath—more at PUNISHMENT

neo-classic /ˈnɛo-klas-sɪk/ or neo-classical /ˈnɛo-klas-sɪkəl/ adjective
: of or relating to a revival or adaptation of the classical style esp. in literature, art, or music

neo-colonialism /ˈnɛo-kələn-ˈjual-əm/ noun
: the economic and political policies by which a nation indirectly maintains or extends its influence over other areas or peoples

— neo-colonial adjective
— neo-colonialist /-ˈliːst/ noun or adjective

neo-con /ˈnɛo-ˌkɑn/ noun
: NEOCONSERVATIVE

neo-conservative /ˌnɛo-kənˈsərvətɪv/ noun
: a former liberal espousing political conservatism
— neo-conservatism /ˌnɛo-kənˈsɜrvətɪzəm/ noun
— neoconservative adjective

neo-dymium /ˈnɛo-ˌdɪm-əm/ noun
: a silver-white to yellow metallic chemical element

neo-impressionism /ˌnɛo-ˌɪmˈpreʃən-əzəm/ noun, often cap N&I
: a late 19th century French art movement that attempted to make impressionism more precise and to use a pointillist painting technique

Neo-lithic /ˌnɛo-lɪthɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to the latest period of the Stone Age characterized by polished stone implements

neo-ologism /ˈnɛo-əˈlɑg-ɪzəm/ noun
: a new word or expression

neon /ˈnɛon/ noun
[origin: Gk, neut. of neos new]
1 : a gaseous colorless chemical element used in electric lamps
2 : a lamp in which a discharge through neon gives a reddish glow
— neon adjective

neo-natal /ˈnɛo-ˈnæt-əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or affecting the newborn
— neo-natal-ly adverb

neo-nate /ˈnɛo-ˌnæt/ noun
: a newborn child

neo-pagan /ˈnɛo-ˌpæ-ɡæn/ noun
: a person who practices a contemporary form of paganism

neo-phyte /ˈnɛo-ˌfɪt/ noun
1 : a new convert : PROSELYTE
2 : NOVICE
3 : one that begins something; especially : an inexperienced person : BEGINNER

Synonyms
- beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, newcomer, novice, recruit, rookie, tenderfoot, tyro—more at BEGINNER

neo-plasm /ˈnɛo-ˌplæzəm/ noun
a new growth of tissue serving no useful purpose in the body: TUMOR
— neo·plas·tic /nē.pla'sə.tik/ adjective
  Synonyms
  a excrecence, growth, lump, tumor—more at GROWTH
ne·o·pre·ne /nē.prē.nə/ noun
  a synthetic rubber used esp. for special-purpose clothing (as wet suits)
ne·o·trop·i·cal /nē.trōp.ə.ˈkāl/ adjective, often cap
  of or relating to a zoogeographic region of America that extends south from the central plateau of Mexico
Ne·pali /nē.ˈpā.lē/, ˈpā.lē/ noun, plural Nepali
  a native or inhabitant of Nepal
    — Nepali adjective
ne·pen·the /nē.ˈpēn.thē/ noun
  1: a potion used by the ancients to dull pain and sorrow
  2: something capable of making one forget grief or suffering
neph·ew /nē.fyō/ chiefly Brit nē.ˈfyū/ noun
  [origin: ME newe, fr. AF neveu, fr. LL nepot-, nepos, fr. L, grandson, descendant]
  : a son of one's brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
ne·phritic /nē.ˈfrī.tik/ adjective
  1: RENAL
  2: of, relating to, or affected with nephritis
ne·phri·tis /nē.ˈfrī.tōs/ noun, plural ne·phri·tides /nē.ˈfrī.tə.dēz/
  : kidney inflammation
ne plus ul·tra /nēˌplas.əlˈtrā/ noun
  [origin: NL, (go) no more beyond]
  : the highest point capable of being attained
nep·o·tism /nēˈpō.tiz·əm/ noun
  : favoritism shown to a relative (as in the granting of jobs)
  — Nep·tu·ne /nēpˈtūn/ noun
    : the planet 8th in order from the sun
    — Nep·tu·ni·an /nēpˈtūn·ēˈnē.nē·ən/ ˈtēˌyū/ adjective
nep·tu·ni·um /nēpˈtūˌnēˌəm/ ˈtēˌyū/ noun
  : a short-lived radioactive element
nerd /nərd/ noun
  : an unstylish or socially inept person; especially: one slavishly devoted to intellectual pursuits
    — nerdy adjective
Ne·re·id /nēˈrē.id/ noun
  : a sea nymph in Greek mythology
  — nerve /nərv/ noun
    1: SINEW, TENDON <strain every ~> 
    2: any of the strands of nervous tissue that carry nerve impulses between the brain and spinal cord and every part of the body
    3 a : power of endurance or control: FORTITUDE
    b : the quality or state of being bold: BOLDNESS, DARING
    4 plural: NERVOUSNESS
    5 : a vein of a leaf or insect wing
    — nerved /nərvd/ adjective
  Synonyms
nerve verb nerved; nerv·ing
  : to give strength or courage to
    Synonyms
      ➢ brace, forearm, fortify, ready, steel, strengthen—more at FORTIFY
nerve cell noun
  : NEURON; also : CELL BODY
nerve gas noun
  : a chemical weapon damaging esp. to the nervous and respiratory systems
nerve impulse noun
  : a physical and chemical change that moves along a process of a neuron after stimulation and carries a record of sensation or an instruction to act
nerve·less adjective
  1 ➢ : destitute of strength or courage
  2 ➢ : exhibiting control or balance
    Synonyms
      ➢ [1] effete, frail, soft, spineless, weak, wimpy, wishy-washy—more at WEAK
      ➢ [2] imperturbable, unflappable, unshakable—more at UNFLAPPABLE
nerve·rack·ing or nerve·wrack·ing /ˈnɜr.vrə.ˌkiŋ/ adjective
  : extremely trying on the nerves
nerve·ous /ˈnər.vəs/ adjective
  1 ➢ : FORCIBLE, SPIRITED
  2 ➢ : of, relating to, or made up of neurons or nerves
  3 ➢ : easily excited or annoyed : JUMPY
  4 ➢ : viewing the future with anxiety or alarm <a ~ smile>
  5 ➢ : causing physical or mental discomfort
    — ner·vous·ly adverb
      ➢ [3] excitable, flighty, fluttery, high-strung, jittery, jumpy, skittish, spooky—more at EXCITABLE
      ➢ [4] aflutter, anxious, edgy, jittery, jumpy, nervous, perturbed, tense, troubled, uneasy, upset, worried; also aggrieved, bothered, concerned, disquieted, distraught, distressed, disturbed; apprehensive, foreboding, hesitant, misgiving; fretful, fretting, stewing, vexed; qualmish; twittered, undone, unnerved, unstrung; obsessed, preoccupied, restless; fidgety, flighty, fluttery, high-strung, skittish, spooky
    Antonyms
calm, easy, collected, cool, nerveless, relaxed
      ➢ [5] anxious, distressful, restless, tense, unsettling, upsetting, worrisome; also bothersome, troublesome; foreboding, misgiving; disheartening, discouraging, strained; restive, restless, unrestful; awkward, embarrassing
    Antonyms
calming, comfortable, easy, peaceful, quiet, quieting, tranquil
nerve·ous·ness noun
  : the quality or state of being nervous
    Synonyms
      ➢ agitation, anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, perturbation, uneasiness, worry—more at ANXIETY
nerve·ous system noun

[3a] bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, fortitude, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, stoutness, valor—more at COURAGE
[3b] audacity, boldness, brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, daring, effrontery, gall, presumption, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY
a bodily system that in vertebrates is made up of the brain and spinal cord, nerves, ganglia, and parts of the sense organs and that receives and interprets stimuli and transmits nerve impulses

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nervy /ˈnərv.i/ adjective nerv·i·er; -est
1 ▶: showing calm courage
2 ▶: marked by impudence or presumption <a ~ salesperson>
3 ▶: marked by nervousness : NERVOUS
   
   **Synonyms**
   - [1] adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, enterprising, gutsy, hardy, venturesome—more at BOLD
   - [2] arch, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, sassy, saucy; also assertive, forward, obtrusive; audacious, defiant, disrespectful; shameless, unabashed, unblushing; bluff, blunt, curt; facetious, flip, flippant, pert, smart, smart-alecky

   **Antonyms**
   - meek, mousy, retiring, shy, timid

-ness /ˈnes/ noun suffix
: state : condition : quality : degree <goodness>

nest /nest/ noun
1 ▶: the shelter prepared by a bird for its eggs and young
2 ▶: a place where eggs (as of insects or fish) are laid and hatched
3 ▶: a place of rest, retreat, or lodging
4 ▶: DEN, HANGOUT <a ~ of thieves>
5 ▶: the occupants of a nest
6 ▶: a series of objects (as bowls or tables) fitting inside or under one another
   
   **Synonyms**
   - concealment, covert, den, hideout, lair—more at HIDEOUT

nest verb
1 ▶: to build or occupy a nest
2 ▶: to fit compactly together or within one another

nest egg noun
▶ a fund of money accumulated as a reserve
   
   **Synonyms**
   - account, budget, deposit, fund, kitty, pool—more at FUND

nestle /ˈnestl/ verb nest·led; nest·ling
1 ▶: to settle snugly or comfortably
2 ▶: to press closely and affectionately ; CUDDLE
3 ▶: to settle, shelter, or house as if in a nest
   
   **Synonyms**
   - [1, 2] cuddle, curl up, snug, snuggle—more at SNUGGLE

nest·ling noun
: a bird too young to leave its nest

net /net/ noun
1 ▶: a meshed fabric twisted, knotted, or woven together at regular intervals
2 ▶: a device made all or partly of net and used esp. to catch birds, fish, or insects
3 ▶: something made of net used esp. for protecting, confining, carrying, or dividing <a tennis ~> 
4 ▶: an entrapping device or situation : SNARE, TRAP
5 ▶: INTERNET
   
   **Synonyms**
   - [1] mesh; also web, webbing; grille, lattice, screen, screening; filigree, lace
   - [2, 3] entanglement, snare, web—more at WEB

net verb net·ted; net·ting
1 ▶: to cover or enclose with or as if with a net
2 ▶: to catch in or as if in a net
3. **net** adjective
   : free from all charges or deductions \(<\sim profit\> <\sim weight>\)

4. **net** verb *net·ted; net·ting*
   : to gain or produce as profit : CLEAR, YIELD <his business netted $50,000 a year>

5. **net** noun
   : a net amount, profit, weight, or price
   
   *Synonyms*
   : earnings, gain, lucre, payoff, proceeds, profit, return—more at PROFIT

Neth abbreviation
Netherlands

*neth·er /ne.θər/ adjective*
: situated down or below \(<the ~ regions of the earth>\)

*Neth·er·land·er /ne.θər.lən.dər/ noun*
: a native or inhabitant of the Netherlands

*neth·er·most /.məs/ adjective*
: LOWEST

*neth·er·world /.wɜrd/ noun*
1 : the world of the dead
2 : UNDERWORLD

*net·i·quette /ne.ɪ.kət ˌɪ.qət/ noun*
: etiquette governing communication on the Internet

nett British variant of NET

*net·ting noun*
1 : a fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings : NETWORK
2 : the act or process of making a net or network

1. **nettle /nɛt.əl/ noun*
   : any of a genus of coarse herbs with stinging hairs

2. **nettle** verb *net·ted; net·ting*
   : to arouse to sharp but transitory annoyance or anger : VEX, IRRITATE
   
   *Synonyms*
   : aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE

*net·tle·some /nɛt.əl.ˈsəm/ adjective*
: causing vexation : IRRITATING

*net·work /nɛt.ˈwɜrk/ noun*
1 : a fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings : NET
2 : a system of elements (as lines or channels) that cross in the manner of the threads in a net
3 : a group or system of related or connected parts; especially : a chain of radio or television stations
4 : a system of computers that are connected (as by telephone wires)

*net·work·ing /nɛt.ˈwɜrk.ɪŋ/ noun*
: the exchange of information or services among individuals, groups, or institutions

*neu·ral /njuˈrəl/ adjective*
: of, relating to, or involving a nerve or the nervous system

*neu·ral·gia /njuˈrəl.dʒəˌnjuə/ noun*
: acute pain that follows the course of a nerve
— neuralgic /ˈnjʊər.əl.dʒɪk/ adjective

neuralgia /ˈnjuːr.əl.dʒi.ə/ noun
: a psychological disorder marked esp. by fatiguing easily, lack of motivation, feelings of inadequacy, and psychosomatic symptoms

— neuralgic /ˈnjʊər.əl.dʒɪk/ adjective or noun

neuritis /ˈnjuːr.a.tɪs/ noun, plural neuritis /-ˈtɪs./ or neuritides /-ˌtɪd.ɪz/ or neuritides /-ˌtɪd.ɪz/ or neuritides /-ˌtɪd.ɪz/ or neuritides /-ˌtɪd.ɪz/
: inflammation of a nerve

— neuritic /ˈnjuːr.a.tɪk/ adjective or noun

neurobiology /ˌnjuːr.əˌba.ˈlɒ.jə/ noun
: a branch of biology that deals with the nervous system

— neurological /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɪk.əl/ adjective

— neurological /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɪk.əl/ adjective or noun

neurology /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɒ.dʒi.ə/ noun
: the scientific study of the nervous system

— neurological /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɪk.əl/ or neurological /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɪk/ adjective

— neurological /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɪk.əl/ or neurological /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈlɪk/ adjective or noun

neurosis /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɪs/ noun, plural neuroses /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɪz/ or neuroses /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɪz/ or neuroses /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɪz/ or neuroses /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɪz/ or neuroses /ˌnjoʊˈrəsɪs/
: a mental and emotional disorder that is less serious than a psychosis, is not characterized by disturbance of the use of language, and is accompanied by various bodily and mental disturbances (as visceral symptoms, anxieties, or phobias)

neurosurgery /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɜːr.dʒə.rɪ/ noun
: surgery of nervous structures (as nerves, the brain, or the spinal cord)

— neurosurgeon /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈsɜːr.dʒə.n/ noun

1 toxic /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈtɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, being, or affected with a neurosis; also: NERVOUS

— toxic /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈtɪk.əl/ adverb

2 neurotic noun
: an emotionally unstable or neurotic person

neurotransmitter /ˌnjuːr.ə.ˈtræns.ˈmɪ.tər/ noun
: a substance (as acetylcholine) that transmits nerve impulses across a synapse

neut abbreviation

— neuter /ˈnjuːt.ər/ adjective
neuter
noun
1: a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the neuter gender; also : the neuter gender
2: WORKER 2; also : a spayed or castrated animal

neuter verb
: to remove the sex organs of : CASTRATE, SPAY

neutral /njuˈtrəl/ noun
1: one that is neutral
2: a neutral color
3: a position of disengagement (as of gears)

neutral adjective
1 ≠: not favoring either side in a quarrel, contest, or war
2: of or relating to a neutral state or power
3: MIDDLING, INDIFFERENT
4: having no hue: GRAY; also: not decided in color
5: neither acid nor basic <a ~ solution>
6: not electrically charged

Synonyms
- disinterested, impartial, nonpartisan, unbiased; also: autonomous, independent, sovereign; nonbelligerent; individualistic; evenhanded, fair, uninfluenced, unprejudiced, bipartisan

Antonyms
- allied, confederate

neutralism noun
: a policy or the advocacy of neutrality esp. in international affairs

neutral·ity noun
►: the quality or state of being neutral; especially: refusal to take part in a war between other powers

Synonyms
- detachment, disinterestedness, impartiality, objectivity—more at DETACHMENT

neutral·ize /njuˈtrəˌlīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
►: to make neutral; especially: to counteract the activity or effect of: COUNTERACT
— neutral·i·za·tion /njuˈtrəˌlīzəˈteiʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- annul, cancel, compensate, correct, counteract, counterbalance, make up, offset—more at OFFSET

neutral·no /njuˈtrəˈnəʊ/ noun, plural -nos
: an uncharged elementary particle held to be massless or very light

neutron /njuˈtrən/ noun
: an uncharged atomic particle that is nearly equal in mass to the proton

neutron bomb noun
: a nuclear bomb designed to produce lethal neutrons but less blast and fire damage than other nuclear bombs

neutron star noun
: a dense celestial object that results from the collapse of a large star

Nev abbreviation
Nevada

never /ˈne.vər/ adverb
1: not ever
2: not in any degree, way, or condition

**Synonyms**
- no, none, nothing, nowise; also nowhere near

**Antonyms**
- anyhow, anyway, anywise, at all, ever, half, however

**never-more** /ˌnəˈvər.mɔr/ **adverb**
- never again

**never-never land** /ˌnəˈvər.ˈnɛvər/ **noun**
- an ideal or imaginary place

**never-the-less** /ˌnɛvər.ˈθeləs/ **adverb**
- in spite of that: **H owever**

**ne·vus** /ˈnɛ.vəs/ **noun, plural ne·vi /ˌnɛvə/**
- a usu. pigmented area on the skin: **M ole**

1. **new** /nju/ **adjective**
   - having recently come into existence or occurred; also: of or characteristic of the present time: **M odern**
   - recently discovered, recognized, or learned about <~ drugs>
   - not familiar: **U nfa miliar**
   - different from the former
   - not accustomed <~ to the work>
   - beginning as a repetition of a previous act or thing <a ~ year>
   - made or become fresh: **R efreshed, R egenerated** <rest made a ~ man of him>
   - being in a position or place for the first time <a ~ member>
   - cap: having been in use after medieval times: **M odern** <New Latin>

- **new-ish** **adjective**
  - [1] contemporary, current, hot, mod, modern, newfangled, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern, up-to-date—more at **M odern**
  - [1] brand-new, spick-and-span, unused; also clean, fresh, pristine, unspoiled; untouched; newfangled, new-fashioned; natural, raw, virgin, unprocessed, untreated

**Antonyms**
- hand-me-down, second hand, used
- [2] fresh, novel, original, strange, unaccustomed, unfamiliar, unknown; also innovative, unique; nontraditional, unconventional, untried, unused, unworn

**Antonyms**
- familiar, old, time-honored, tired
- [4] backup, substitute; also alternate, alternative; different, other, separate; extra, spare; another, second; utility; successive; equivalent

**Antonyms**
- original

2. **new** **adverb**
- not long ago: **N ewly** <new-mown hay>

**Synonyms**
- freshly, just, late, lately, newly, now, only, recently—more at **N ewly**

**new age** **adjective, often cap N&A**
1: of, relating to, or being New Age
2: **C ontemporary, M odern**

**New Age** **noun**
1: a group of late 20th century social attitudes adapted from a variety of ancient and modern beliefs relating to
spirituality, right living, and health

New Deal noun
: the legislative and administrative program of President F. D. Roosevelt to promote economic recovery and social reform during the 1930s

New Left noun
: a radical political movement originating in the 1960s

Newly /ˈnjuː.ˌliː/ adverb
1 : not long ago: LATELY, RECENTLY
2 : ANEW, AFRESH

Newly-wed /ˈwed/ noun
: a person recently married

New moon noun
: the phase of the moon with its dark side toward the earth; also: the thin crescent moon seen for a few days after the new moon phase

Newness noun
: the quality or state of being new

News /ˈnjuːz, ˈnɪəz/ noun
1 ▶: a report of recent events: TIDINGS
2 ▶: material reported in a newspaper or news periodical or on a newscast

Synonyms
▶ intelligence, item, story, tidings, word; also announcement, communication, message; dope, lowdown, scoop, tidbit; tip; gossip, rumor, tale, tattletale; feedback

news·boy /ˈnūz·bō/ noun
▶ one who delivers or sells newspapers

news·cast /ˌkast/ noun
▶ a radio or television broadcast of news
— news·cast·er /ˌkast·ər/ noun

news·group /ˌgrüp/ noun
▶ an Internet bulletin devoted to a certain topic

news·let·ter /ˌlet·ər/ noun
▶ a small newspaper containing news or information of interest chiefly to a special group

news·mag·a·zine /ˌma·gaˌzēn/ noun
▶ a usu. weekly magazine devoted chiefly to summarizing and analyzing news

news·man /ˌmän/ noun
▶ a person who gathers, reports, or comments on the news: REPORTER

news·pa·per /ˌpā·per/ noun
▶ a paper that is published at regular intervals and contains news, articles of opinion, features, and advertising

news·pa·per·man /ˌpā·per·män/ noun
▶ a person who owns or is employed by a newspaper

news·print /ˌprīnt/ noun
▶ paper made chiefly from wood pulp and used mostly for newspapers

news·reel /ˌrēl/ noun
▶ a short motion picture portraying current events

news·stand /ˌstand/ noun
▶ a place where newspapers and periodicals are sold

news·week·ly /ˌwēk·lē/ noun
▶ a weekly newspaper or newsmagazine

news·wire /ˌwīr(ə)r/ noun
▶ WIRE SERVICE

news·wom·an /ˌwō·män/ noun
▶ a woman who is a reporter

news·wor·thy /ˌwar·thē/ adjective
▶ sufficiently interesting to the general public to warrant reporting (as in a newspaper)

newsy /ˈnūz·ē/ˌnūz/ adjective news·i·er; -est
1 ▶: filled with news; especially: TALKATIVE
2 ▶: given to gossip

Synonyms
▶ chatty, colloquial, conversational—more at CHATTY

newt /ˈnūt/ˌnūt/ noun
[origin: ME, alter. (from misdivision of an ewte) of ewt, evete, fr. OE efete]
▶ any of various small chiefly aquatic salamanders

New Testament noun
new·ton n, 'n(yo)nt/n noun
: the unit of force in the metric system equal to the force required to impart an acceleration of one meter per second per second to a mass of one kilogram

new wave noun, often cap N&W
: the latest and esp. the most outrageous style

— new·wave adjective

New World noun
: the western hemisphere; especially: the continental landmass of No. and So. America

New Year noun
1: NEW YEAR'S DAY; also: the first days of the year
2: ROHSH HASHANAH

New Year's Day noun
: January 1 observed as a legal holiday

New Zea·land·er /nju:'za:landar, n'yoo'/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of New Zealand

1 next n, nekst/n adjective
1: immediately preceding or following
2: following that approaching or in progress

Synonyms
coming, following; also consecutive, sequential, successive; posterior, subsequent; immediate; second

Antonyms
antecedent, foregoing, precedent, preceding, previous, prior

2 next prep
: nearest or adjacent to

3 next adv
1: in the time, place, or order nearest or immediately succeeding
2: on the first occasion to come

1 next to prep
1: immediately following or adjacent to
2: in comparison to <next to you I'm wealthy>

Synonyms
about, around, by, near—more at AROUND

2 next to adv
: very nearly <next to impossible to win>

Synonyms
about, almost, most, much, near, nearly, nigh, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at ALMOST

Nez Percé /nez'pars, F nã_êr-sã/ noun
: a member of an American Indian people of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon; also: the language of the Nez Percé

NF abbreviation
Newfoundland

NFC abbreviation
National Football Conference

NFL abbreviation
National Football League

Nfld abbreviation
Newfoundland

NG abbreviation
1 National Guard
2 no good
NH abbreviation
New Hampshire
NHL abbreviation
National Hockey League
Ni symbol
nickel
ni·a·cin /ˈnaˌsən/ noun
: an organic acid of the vitamin B complex found widely in plants and animals and used esp. against pellagra
nib /nɪb/ noun
1 : POINT; especially : a pen point
2 : the jaws of a bird together with their horny covering
nib·ble /ˈnɪbəl/ verb nib·bled; nib·bling
: to bite gently or bit by bit; also : eat in small pieces
nib·ble noun
▶ : a small or cautious bite; also : an amount of food taken with a small bite
Synonyms
bite, morsel, mouthful, taste, tidbit—more at MORSEL
ni·cad /ˈniˌkæd/ noun
: a rechargeable dry cell that has a nickel cathode and a cadmium anode
Nic·a·ra·guan /ˌniˌke.rəˌgwən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Nicaragua
— Nicaraguan adjective
nice /nɪs/ adjective nic·er; nic·est
[origin: ME, foolish, wanton, fr. AF, silly, simple, fr. L nescius ignorant, fr. nescire to not know]
1 ▶ : showing fastidious or finicky tastes : FASTIDIOUS
2 ▶ : marked by delicate discrimination or treatment
3 a ▶ : giving pleasure : PLEASING, AGREEABLE
b : well-executed
4 : WELL-BRED ← people>
5 ▶ : of a sympathetic or helpful nature
Synonyms
[1] choosy, dainty, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, old-maidish, particular, picky—more at FINICKY
[2] delicate, exact, fine, minute, refined, subtle—more at FINE
[3a] agreeable, congenial, delectable, delicious, delightful, dreamy, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, palatable, pleasant, pleasing, pleasurable, satisfying—more at PLEASANT
[5] correct, decent, decorous, genteel, polite, proper, respectable, seemly—more at PROPER
[6] affable, agreeable, amiable, genial, good-natured, gracious, sweet, well-disposed—more at AMIABLE
nicely adverb
▶ : in a pleasing, satisfactory, courteous, or reasonable manner
Synonyms
agreeably, favorably, pleasantly, pleasingly, satisfyingly, well
courteously, kindly, thoughtfully, well—more at WELL
nice·ness noun
▶ : the quality or state of being nice
Synonyms
agreeableness, amenity, amiability, geniality, graciousness, pleasantness, sweetness—more at AMIABILITY
nice·nel·ly /ˈnis_ˈnel.lɪ/ adjective, often cap 2d N
1 : marked by euphemism
2 : PRUDISH
— nice nelly noun, often cap 2d N
— nice·nel·ly·ism /ˌi.zəm/ noun, often cap 2d N

nice·ty /ˈnis.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : a dainty, delicate, or elegant thing <enjoy the niceties of life>
2 : a fine point or distinction <niceties of workmanship>
3 : EXACTNESS, PRECISION, ACCURACY

niche /ˈnɪtʃ/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1 : a recess in a wall esp. for a statue
2 : a place, employment, or activity for which a person or thing is best fitted
3 : the living space or role of an organism in an ecological community esp. with regard to food consumption

Synonyms
1 [1] alcove, nook, recess; also corner, cranny, cubbyhole; cubicle; dint, indentation
2 [3] habitat, home, range, territory—more at HOME

nick /ˈnik/ noun
1 : a small notch, groove, or chip
2 : the final critical moment <in the ~ of time>

Synonyms
1 chip, hack, indentation, notch—more at NOTCH

nick verb
: NOTCH, CHIP

nick·el /ˈnik.əl/ noun
1 : a hard silver-white metallic chemical element capable of a high polish and used in alloys
2 : the U.S. 5-cent piece made of copper and nickel; also : the Canadian 5-cent piece

nick·et·ode·on /ˈnik.ət.ə.dəˌæn/ noun
1 : an early movie theater to which admission cost five cents
2 : JUKEBOX

nick·er /ˈnik.ər/ verb
: to neigh gently : NEIGH, WHINNY

nick·name /ˈnik.nəm/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME: nekename additional name, alter. (from misdivision of an ekename) of ekename, fr. eke also + name]
1 : a usu. descriptive name given instead of or in addition to the one belonging to a person, place, or thing
2 : a familiar form of a proper name

nickname verb

Synonyms
1 alias, cognomen; also appellation, denomination, denotation, designation, handle, label, title; nom de plume, pen name, pseudonym

nic·o·tine /ˈnik.o.tən/ noun
: a poisonous and addictive substance in tobacco that is used as an insecticide

nic·o·tin·ic acid /ˌnik.o.tən.ɪkˌasid/ noun
: an organic acid of the vitamin B complex found in plants and animals and used against pellagra

niece /ˈnɛs/ noun
: a daughter of one's brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

nif·ty /ˈnɪft.i/ adjective nif·ti·er; -est
: very good : very attractive
Ni·ge·ri·an /ˈnjərən/ noun
   : a native or inhabitant of Nigeria
      — Nigerian adjective

nig·gard /ˈnjɡɑrd/ noun
   ▷ : a stingy person :
      Synonyms
         ▷ cheapskate, miser, skinflint, tightwad—more at Miser
      nig·gard·ly adjective
         1 ▷ : grudgingly mean about spending or granting
         2 ▷ : provided in meanly limited supply
      — nig·gard·li·ness /liːˈnæs/ noun
      — nig·gard·ly adverb
         Synonyms
            ▷ [1] cheap, close, mean, parsimonious, penurious, spare, sparing, stingy, tight, tightfisted, uncharitable—more at STINGY
            ▷ [2] light, meager, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stingy—more at MEAGER

nig·gling /ˈnjɡɪlɪŋ/ adjective
   1 : PETTY
   2 : bothersome in a petty way

1 nig /ˈnɪg/ adverb
   1 ▷ : near in place, time, or relationship
   2 ▷ : almost but not quite :
      Synonyms
         ▷ [1] around, by, close, hard, in, near, nearby—more at NEAR
         ▷ [2] about, almost, most, much, near, nearly, next to, practically, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at ALMOST

2 nig adjective
   : being near in time, space, effect, or degree :
      Synonyms
         ▷ NEAR

3 nig preposition
   : NEAR

night /ˈnɪt/ noun
   1 ▷ : the period between dusk and dawn
   2 ▷ : the darkness of night
   3 : a period of misery or unhappiness
   4 : NIGHTFALL
      Synonyms
         ▷ [1] dark, darkness, nighttime; also dusk, evening, gloaming, nightfall, twilight; midnight
      Antonyms
         day, daytime
         ▷ [2] dark, darkness, dusk, gloaming, gloom, murk, semidarkness, shade, shadow, twilight—more at DARK

night adjective
   ▷ : of, relating to, or associated with the night
      Synonyms
         ▷ nighttime, nocturnal—more at NOCTURNAL

night blindness noun
   : reduced visual capacity in faint light (as at night)

night·cap /ˈnitˌkap/ noun
   1 : a cloth cap worn with nightclothes
   2 : a usu. alcoholic drink taken at bedtime

night·clothes /ˌkloʊths,ˌkləz/ noun plural
   : garments worn in bed
night-club /ˈnəɪtˌklʌb/ noun
  : a place of entertainment open at night usu. serving food and liquor and providing music for dancing

  Synonyms
  café, disco, discoteque; also barroom, saloon, tavern; dive, speakeasy; canteen

night crawler /ˈnɪtˌklər/ noun
  : EARTHWORM; especially : a large earthworm found on the soil surface at night

night-dress /ˈnɪtˌdres/ noun
  : a loose garment for wear in bed: NIGHTGOWN

night-fall /ˈnɪtˌfɔːl/ noun
  : the coming of night

  Synonyms
  dusk, evening, gloaming, sundown, sunset, twilight—more at DUSK

night-gown /ˈnɪtˌgaʊn/ noun
  : a loose garment for wear in bed

night-hawk /ˈnɪtˌhɑːk/ noun
  : any of a genus of American birds related to and resembling the whip-poor-will

nightingale /ˈnɪtˌɪŋɡəl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE nihtegale, fr. niht night + galan to sing]
  : any of several Old World thrushes noted for the sweet usu. nocturnal song of the male

night-life /ˈnɪtˌlɪf/ noun
  : the activity of pleasure-seekers at night

nightly /ˈnɪtˌlɪ/ adjective
  1 : happening, done, or produced by night or every night
  2 : of or relating to the night or every night

  nightly adverb

nightmare /ˈnɪtˌmɑr/ noun
  1 : a frightening dream
  2 : a frightening or horrible experience

  nightmare adjective

  Synonyms
  agony, hell, horror, misery, murder, torment, torture—more at HELL

nightmarish adjective
  : resembling or suggestive of a nightmare

  Synonyms
  appalling, atrocious, awful, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, monstrous, shocking, terrible—more at HORRIBLE

night rider noun
  : a member of a secret band who ride masked at night doing violence to punish or terrorize

nightshade /ˈnɪtˌʃeɪd/ noun
  : any of a large genus of herbs, shrubs, and trees that includes poisonous forms (as the belladonna), ornamentals (as the petunias), and important food plants (as the potato and eggplant)

nightshirt /ˈnɪtˌʃɜrt/ noun
  : a nightgown resembling a shirt

night soil noun
  : human feces used esp. for fertilizing the soil

nightstick /ˈnɪtˌstɪk/ noun
  : a police officer's club
night-time /ˈnɪt·tɪm/ noun
› the time from dusk to dawn
  Synonyms
  › dark, darkness, night—more at NIGHT

night-walk-er /ˈnɪt·wɔ·kər/ noun
› a person who roves about at night esp. with criminal or immoral intent

ni-hil-ism /nɪəˌli.zəm/ noun
1 › a viewpoint that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless
  — ni-hil-ist /ˈnɪli.st/ noun or adjective
  — ni-hil-istic /nɪəˈli.stɪk/ adjective
ni-nil /nɪl/ noun
› the arithmetical symbol 0 denoting the absence of all magnitude or quantity : ZERO, NOTHING
  Synonyms
  › aught, cipher, naught, nothing, zero, zip—more at ZERO

nim-ble /ˈnim.bəl/ adjective nim-blér, nim-blést
[origin: ME nimel, fr. OE numol holding much, fr. niman to take]
1 › quick and light in motion : AGILE <a ~ dancer>
2 › quick in understanding and learning : CLEVER <a ~ mind>
  — nim-bly /ˈblə/ adverb
  Synonyms
  › [1] agile, graceful, light, lissome, lithe, spry—more at GRACEFUL
  › [2] alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at INTELLIGENT

nim-ble-ness noun
› the quality or state of being nimble
  Synonyms
  › agility, deftness, dexterity, sleight—more at DEXTERY

nim-bus /ˈnim.bəs/ noun, plural nim-bi /ˈbii/, nim-bi or nim-bus-es
1 › a figure (as a disk) in an art work suggesting radiant light about the head of a divinity, saint, or sovereign
2 › a rain cloud; also : THUNDERHEAD
NIMBY /ˈnim.bé/ noun
[origin: not in my backyard]
› opposition to the placement of something undesirable (as a prison) in one's neighborhood

nim rods /ˈnim rōd/ noun
1 : HUNTER
2 : IDIOT, JERK

nin-com-poop /ˈnɪn.kəm.pəp/ noun
1 › a person lacking in judgment or prudence : FOOL, SIMPLETON
2 › an unsophisticated person

nine /ˈnɪn/ noun
1 › one more than eight
2 › the 9th in a set or series
3 › something having nine units; especially : a baseball team
  — nine adjective or pronoun
  — ninth /nɪθ/ adjective or adverb or noun
nine days' wonder noun
› something that creates a short-lived sensation

nine-pins /ˈnɪnˌpɪnz/ noun
› a bowling game using nine pins arranged usu. in a diamond-shaped configuration
nin·teen /ˈnɪnˌtiːn/ noun
: one more than 18
—nineteen adjective or pronoun
—nine·teenth /ˈnɪnθ/ adjective or noun

nin·ty /ˈnɪn ti/ noun, plural nineties
: nine times 10
—nine·tieth /ˈnɪnθiːt/ adjective or noun
—ninety adjective or pronoun

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[ORIGIN: Jp]
: a person trained in ancient Japanese martial arts and employed esp. for espionage and assassinations

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: a gray metallic chemical element used in alloys

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1 : to catch hold of and squeeze tightly between two surfaces, edges, or points
2 : to sever by or as if by pinching sharply; also: to remove by cutting or pinching
3 : to destroy the growth, progress, or fulfillment of <nipped in the bud>
4 : to injure or make numb with cold: CHILL
5 : to take or appropriate without right or leave and with intent to keep or make use of wrongfully: STEAL

2 nip noun
1 : a sharp stinging cold
2 : a biting or pungent flavor
3 : a small portion: BIT
4 : a small quantity of liquor: SIP

3 nip noun

4 nip verb nipped; nip·ping
: to take liquor in nips: TIPPLE

nip and tuck adjective or adverb
: so close that the lead shifts rapidly from one contestant to another

Synonyms

nipper /ˈnɪp ˌpar/ noun
1 : one that nips
2 plural: a gripping instrument with two handles and two jaws: PINCERS
3 : a young person esp. between infancy and youth: CHILD; especially: a small boy

Synonyms

nipple /ˈnɪp ˌpel/ noun
: the protuberance of a mammary gland through which milk is drawn off: TEAT; also: something resembling a nipple

nippy /ˈnɪp ə/ adjective nip·pi·er; -est
1 : having an intense flavor or odor: PUNGENT, SHARP
2 : noticeably cold: CHILLY

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3: brisk, quick, or nimble in movement

Synonyms

- a bitter, chill, chilly, cold, cool, frosty, raw, sharp, snappy, wintry—more at cold

nir·va·na /nɪrˌvə.ˈna/ noun, often cap
[Origin: Skt nirvāṇa, lit., act of extinguishing, fr. nis- out + vāti it blows]
1: the final freeing of a soul from all that enslaves it; especially: the supreme happiness that according to Buddhism comes when all passion, hatred, and delusion die out and the soul is released from the necessity of further purification
2: OBLIVION; also: PARADISE

ni·sei /nɪˈsiː, ˈnɛˌsɛɪ/ noun, plural nisei often cap
: a son or daughter of immigrant Japanese parents who is born and educated in America

ni·si /ˈnɪ.si/ adjective
[Origin: L, unless, fr. ne- not + si if]
: taking effect at a specified time unless previously modified or voided <a divorce decree ~>

nit /nɪt/ noun
1: the egg of a parasitic insect (as a louse); also: the young insect
2: a minor shortcoming

nite variant of NIGHT

ni·ter /ˈnɪ.tər/ noun
: POTASSIUM NITRATE

nit·pick·ing /ˈnɪt.pɪkɪŋ/ noun
: minute and usu. unjustified criticism

nit·pick·er noun
: one who engages in nitpicking

Synonyms

- a carper, castigator, caviler, censurer, critic, faultfinder, railer, scold—more at CRITIC

1nitrate /ˈnɪt.rət/ noun
1: a salt or ester of nitric acid
2: sodium nitrate or potassium nitrate used as a fertilizer

2nitrate /ˈnɪt.rət/ verb ni·trat·ed; ni·trat·ing
: to treat or combine with nitric acid or a nitrate
— ni·tra·tion /ˈnɪ.dra.ˈteɪn/ noun

ni·tre chiefly British variant of NITER

ni·tric acid /ˈnɪ.trɪk/ noun
: a corrosive liquid acid used esp. in making dyes, explosives, and fertilizers

ni·tri·ca·tion /ˈnɪ.trə.ˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
: the oxidation (as by bacteria) of ammonium salts to nitrites and then to nitrates
— ni·tri·fy·ing /ˈnɪ.trɪ.fə.ɪŋ/ adjective

ni·trite /ˈnɪ.trət/ noun
: a salt of nitrous acid

ni·tro /ˈnɪ.trəʊ/ noun, plural nitros
: any of various nitrated products; especially: NITROGLYCERIN

ni·tro·gen /ˈnɪ.tro.ˌdʒen/ noun
: a tasteless odorless gaseous chemical element constituting 78 percent of the atmosphere by volume
— ni·tro·ge·nous /ˈnɪ.tro.ˌdʒəs/ adjective

nitrogen narcosis noun
: a state of euphoria and confusion caused by nitrogen forced into a diver's bloodstream from atmospheric air under
pressure

**nitroglycerin** or **nitroglycerine** /ˌnɪtrəˈɡlɪsərən/ **noun**
: an oily explosive liquid used to make dynamite and in medicine to dilate blood vessels

**nitrous acid** /ˌnɪtrəs/ **noun**
: an unstable nitrogen-containing acid known only in solution or in the form of its salts

**nitrous oxide** **noun**
: a colorless gas used esp. as an anesthetic in dentistry

**nitit-y-grit-ty** /ˌnɪt.i.ti.ˈgrɪ.ti/ **noun**
: what is essential and basic: specific practical details

**nitwit** /ˈnɪt.wɪt/ **noun**
›: a scatterbrained or stupid person

**Synonyms**
› booby, fool, goose, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, nut, simpleton, turkey—more at **FOOL**

**nix** /nɪks/ **noun**
: NOTHING

**nix** **verb**
: VETO, REJECT

**nix** **adverb**
: NO

**NJ** **abbreviation**
New Jersey

**NL** **abbreviation**
National League

**NLRB** **abbreviation**
National Labor Relations Board

**NM** **abbreviation**
1 nautical mile
2 New Mexico

**N Mex** **abbreviation**
New Mexico

**NMI** **abbreviation**
no middle initial

**NNE** **abbreviation**
north-northeast

**NNW** **abbreviation**
north-northwest

**no** /nəʊ/ **adverb**
1 — used to express the negative of an alternative <shall we continue or ~>  
2 : in no respect or degree <he is ~ better than the others>
3 : not so <~ I’m not ready>
4 — used with an adjective to imply a meaning opposite to the positive statement <in ~ uncertain terms>
5 — used to introduce a more emphatic or explicit statement <has the right, ~, the duty to continue>
6 — used as an interjection to express surprise or doubt <~ —you don’t say>
7 — used in combination with a verb to form a compound adjective <no-bake pie>

**Synonyms**
› [2] never, none, nothing, nowise—more at **NEVER**  
› [6] indeed, well, why; also ha, hello, oh; fiddlesticks, pooh; there; gad, the deuce, the devil, the dickens, zounds
2 no adjective
1 : not any; also : hardly any
2 : not a <she's ~ expert>
3 no /nəʊ/ noun, plural noes or nos /nəʊz/
1 : an act or instance of refusing or denying by the use of the word no : REFUSAL, DENIAL
2 : a negative vote or decision; also, pl : persons voting in the negative
   Synonyms
   - [1, 2] blackball, denial, nay, negation, negative, refusal, veto
   Antonyms
   - positive, yea, yes
4 no abbreviation
1 north; northern
2 [origin L numero, abl. of numerus] number
1 No variant of NOH
2 No symbol
   nobelium
   No·bel·ist /nəˈbəlˌɪst/ noun
   : a winner of a Nobel prize
   no·bel·ium /nəˈbeləm/ noun
   : a radioactive metallic chemical element produced artificially
   No·bel prize /nəˈbelˌprɪz/ noun
   : any of various annual prizes (as in peace, literature, or medicine) established by the will of Alfred Nobel for the encouragement of persons who work for the interests of humanity
   no·bil·i·ty /nəˈbɪləti/ noun
   1 : the quality or state of being noble in character, quality, or rank
   2 : nobles considered as forming a class
      Synonyms
      - augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobleness, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE
1 noble /nəˈbəl/ adjective nobler; no·blest
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L nobilis well known, noble, fr. nascere to come to know]
1 : possessing outstanding qualities : [ILLUSTRIOUS; also : FAMOUS, NOTABLE
2 : of high birth, rank, or station : ARISTOCRATIC
3 : possessing very high or excellent qualities or properties : EXCELLENT
4 : grand or impressive esp. in appearance : STATELY, IMPOSING <a ~ edifice>
5 : of a superior nature esp. in character
   Synonyms
   - [1] distinguished, eminent, famous, illustrious, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star, superior—more at EMINENT
   - [2] aristocratic, genteel, gentle, grand, highborn, patrician, wellborn; also high, lofty, superior; elevated, ennobled, exalted; gentlemanly, kingly, knightly, ladylike, lordly, princely, queenly, regal, royal; senior
   Antonyms
   baseborn, common, humble, ignoble, low, lowly, mean, plebeian
   - [4] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, proud, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND
   - [5] decent, ethical, honest, honorable, just, principled, respectable, righteous, upright, upstanding—more at HONORABLE
   chivalrous, gallant, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lofty, lordly, magnanimous, sublime; also ennobled, exalted, glorified; heroic, honorable, venerable, worthy; knightly, princely, regal; moving, inspiring, uplifting; august, magnificent, majestic
   Antonyms
base, debased, degenerate, degraded, ignoble, low

2 noble noun
  : a person of noble rank or birth  
    Synonyms
    aristocrat, gentleman, grandee, patrician—more at GENTLEMAN

no·ble·man /ˈnō.bəlˌmən/ noun
  : a member of the nobility

no·ble·ness noun
  : the quality or state of being noble  
    Synonyms
    augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, resplendence, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE

no·blesse oblige /nō.ləb′sə əˈbləzh/ noun
[origin: F, lit., nobility obligates]
  : the obligation of honorable, generous, and responsible behavior associated with high rank or birth

no·ble·wom·an /ˈnō.bəlˌwəmən/ noun
  : a woman of noble rank
    Synonyms
    dame, gentlewoman, lady—more at GENTLEWOMAN

no·bly /ˈnō.bli/ adverb
  : with greatness of soul
    Synonyms
    gallantly, grandly, greatly, heroically, honorably, magnanimously—more at GREATLY

1 nobody /ˈnō.Both.dē, ˈbe/ pronoun
  : no person

2 nobody noun, plural no·bod·ies
  : a person of no influence or importance
    Synonyms
    nonentity, nothing, shrimp, whippersnapper, zero; also least; inferior, mediocrity, obscurity; figurehead, puppet
    Antonyms
    big shot, bigwig, eminence, figure, magnate, nabob, personage, somebody, VIP

no·brai·ner /ˈnō.ˈbrā.nər/ noun
  : something that requires a minimum of thought

noc·tur·nal /nōkˈtərnəl/ adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or occurring in the night
  2 : active at night <a ~ bird>
    Synonyms
    night, nighttime; also late; midnight, overnight
    Antonyms
    daily, diurnal

noc·turne /nōkˌtərn/ noun
  : a work of art dealing with night; especially : a dreamy pensive composition for the piano

noc·u·ous /nōkˈyuəəs/ adjective
  : HARMFUL
    — noc·u·ous·ly adverb

nod /nəd/ verb nod·ded; nod·ding
  1 : to bend the head downward or forward (as in bowing, going to sleep, or giving assent)
  2 : to move up and down <tulips nodding in the breeze>
3 : to show by a nod of the head `<~ agreement>
4 : to make a slip or error in a moment of abstraction
   — nod noun
      Synonyms
      › bob, bobble, jog, jounce, pump, seesaw; also jerk, jiggle, shake, wiggle, wobble; oscillate, rock, sway, swing, undulate; drop, duck

nod·dle /nädˌdəl/ noun
   : a person's head esp. as the seat of intellect : HEAD

nod·dy /nädˈdi/ noun, plural noddies
1 : FOOL
2 : a stout-bodied tropical tern

node /näd/ noun
   : a thickened, swollen, or differentiated area (as of tissue); especially : the part of a stem from which a leaf arises
   — nod·al /näd′əl/ adjective

nod·ule /näd′yəl/ noun
   › : a small lump or swelling
      — nod·u·lar /näd′ələr/ adjective
      Synonyms
   › bump, knot, lump, swelling—more at BUMP

no·el /nōl/ noun
[origin: F noël Christmas, carol, fr. OF Nael (Deu), Noel Christmas, fr. L natalis birthday]
1 : a Christmas carol
2 cap : the Christmas season

noes plural of NO

no–fault /nōˈfəlt/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or being a motor vehicle insurance plan under which someone involved in an accident is compensated usu. up to a stipulated limit for actual losses by that person's own insurance company regardless of who is responsible
2 : of, relating to, or being a divorce law under which neither party is held responsible for the breakup of the marriage

nog·gin /nōˈgən/ noun
1 : a small mug or cup; also : a small quantity of drink
2 : a person's head
   Synonyms
   › head, pate, poll—more at HEAD

no–good /nōˈgōd/ adjective
   › having no worth, virtue, use, or chance of success
      — no–good /nōˈgōd/ noun
      Synonyms
   › chaffy, empty, junky, null, valueless, worthless—more at WORTHLESS

Noh also No /nō/ noun, plural Noh also No
   : classic Japanese dance-drama having a heroic theme, a chorus, and highly stylized action, costuming, and scenery

no–hit·ter /nōˈhitər/ noun
   : a baseball game or part of a game in which a pitcher allows no base hits

no–how /nōˈhaʊ/ adverb
   : in no manner

noise /noiz/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, disturbance, noise, fr. L nausea nausea]
1 : loud, confused, or senseless shouting or outcry
sound or a sound that lacks agreeable musical quality or is noticeably loud, harsh, or discordant

— **noise·less·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] clamor, howl, hubbub, hue and cry, hullabaloo, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar—more at **CLAMOR**
- [2] bluster, cacophony, clamor, din, racket, roar; also discord, dissonance; commotion, furor, hubbub, hullabaloo, hury-bury, rumpus, tumult, uproar; babel; clatter, jangle; bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash

**Antonyms**
quiet, silence, still, stillness

**noise verb** noised; nois·ing
- to spread by rumor or report <the story was noised about>

**Synonyms usually** noise about
- circulate, rumor, whisper—more at **RUMOR**

**noise·less** adjective
- making or causing no noise or stir: free from noise

**Synonyms**
- hushed, muted, quiet, silent, soundless, still—more at **SILENT**

**noise·mak·er /nölz·mä·ker/ noun
- one that makes noise; especially: a device used to make noise at parties

**noise pollution** noun
- annoying or harmful noise in an environment

**noise·some /nöl·sam/ adjective
1 : physically harmful or destructive to living beings: **UNWHOLESOME**
2 : offensive to the senses (as smell); also: highly objectionable

**Synonyms**
- [1] noxious, unhealthy, unhomely—more at **UNHEALTHY**
- [2] fetid, foul, fusty, malodorous, musty, rank, reeky, smelly, strong—more at **MALODOROUS**

**noisy /nöl·zi/ adjective nois·i·er; -est**
1 : making loud noises
2 : full of noises: **LOUD**

— **nois·i·ly /za·lē/ adverb
— **nois·i·ness /zä·nes/ noun

**Synonyms**
- boisterous, clamorous, loud, raucous, resounding, uproarious; also: resonant, sonorous; buzzing, humming; blustery, roaring, roistering, romping, rowdy; tumultuous, woolly; obstreperous, vociferous

**Antonyms**
- hushed, noiseless, quiet, silent, soundless, still

**nol·le pro·se·qui /nöl·le prä·sā·kwi/ noun
[Origin: L, to be unwilling to pursue]
- an entry on the record of a legal action that the prosecutor or plaintiff will proceed no further in an action or suit or in some aspect of it

**no·lo con·ten·de·re /nöl·lo kan·ten·da·rē/ noun
[Origin: L, I do not wish to contend]
- a plea in a criminal prosecution that subjects the defendant to conviction but does not admit guilt or preclude denying the charges in another proceeding

**nol–pros /nöl·präs/ verb nol–prossed; nol–pross·ing
- to discontinue by entering a nolle prosequi

**nom abbreviation
- nominative

**no·mad /nöl·mad/ noun
1: a member of a people who have no fixed residence but move from place to place
2: an individual who roams about aimlessly

**Synonyms**
- drifter, rambler, rover, vagabond, wanderer; also laggard, straggler; lingerer, loiterer, sojourner; bum, hobo, tramp; sightseer, traveler; transient, vagrant; gadabout, stroller

**Nomad**
- traversing a random course

**Synonyms**
- errant, itinerant, peripatetic, roaming, vagabond, vagrant—more at ITINERANT

**Nomadic**
- adjective

**Nomads**
- noun

**Nomad's Land**
- noun

1: an area of unowned, unclaimed, or uninhabited land
2: an unoccupied area between opposing troops

**Nom de Guerre**
- noun, plural noms de guerre

[ORIGIN: F, lit., war name]

**Nom de Plume**
- noun, plural noms de plume

[ORIGIN: F, pen name; prob. coined in E]

**Nomination**
- noun

**Nominate**
- verb

**Nomination**
- noun

**Nomination**
- noun

**Non**
- prefix

1: not: reverse of: absence of
2: having no importance

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix non-:
- nonabrasive
- nonabsorbent
- nonacademic
- nonacceptance
- nonacid
- nonactivated
- nonadaptive
non-euclidean
nonexclusive
nonexempt
nonexistence
nonexplosive
nonfarm
nonfatal
nonfattening
nonfederated
nonferrous
nonfiction
nonfilamentous
nonfilterable
nonflowering
nonfood
nonfreezing
nonfulfillment
nongraded
nonhereditary
nonhomogeneous
nonhomologous
nonhuman
nonidentical
nonimportation
nonindustrial
noninfectious
nonintellectual
nonintercourse
noninterference
nonintoxicant
noninsecticide
noninvasive
nonionizing
nonirritating
nonlegal
nonlethal
nonlife
nonlinear
nonliving
nonlogical
nonmagnetic
nonmalignant
nonmember
nonmembership
nonmigratory
nonmilitary
nonmoral
nonmoving
nonnegotiable
nonobservance
nonoccurrence
nonofficial
nonoily
nonparallel
nonparasitic
nonparticipant
nonparticipating
nonpathogenic
nonpaying
nonpayment
nonperformance
nonperishable
nonpoisonous
nonpolar
nonpolitical
nonporous
nonpregnant
nonproductive
nonprotein
nonradioactive
nonrandom
nonreactive
nonreciprocal
nonrecognition
nonrecurrent
nonrecurring
nonrefillable
nonrenewable
nonresidential
nonrestricted
nonreturnable
nonreversible
nonruminant
nonsalable
nonscientific
nonscientist
nonseasonal
nonsectarian
nonsegregated
nonselective
non–self–governing
nonexist
nonsexual
nonshrinkable
nonsinkable
nonsmoker
nonsmoking
nonsocial
nonspeaking
nonspecialist
nonsteroidal
nonsurgical
nontaxable
nonteaching
nontechnical
nontemporal
nontenured
nontheistic
nonthreatening
nontoxic
nontransferable
nontypical
nonuniform
nonvascular
nonvenous
nonverbal
nonviable
nonvisual
nonvocal
nonvolatile
nonvoter
nonvoting
nonworker
nonworking
nonzero

non·age /nəˈnä/ noun
1. legal minority
2. a period of youth
3. IMMATURITY

no·na·ge·nar·i·an /nəˌnä.ˌje.ˈnər.ə.ˈnən/ noun
: a person whose age is in the nineties

non·aligned /nənˌəl·ə·dəd/ adjective
: not allied with other nations

no–name /nəˈnäm/ adjective
: not having a readily recognizable name <~ brands>

non·book /nənˈbərk/ noun
: a book of little literary merit that is often a compilation (as of pictures or speeches)

1.nonce /nəns/ noun
: the one, particular, or present occasion or purpose <for the ~> 

2.nonce adjective
: occurring, used, or made only once or for a special occasion <a ~ word>

non·cha·lance /nənˌʃe.ˈlāns/ noun
: the quality or state of being nonchalant

Synonyms
- disinterestedness, disregard, indifference, insouciance—more at INDIFFERENCE; also apathy

non·cha·lant /nənˌʃe.ˈlānt/ adjective
[origin: F, fr. OF, fr. prp. of nonchaloir to disregard, fr. non- not + chaloir to concern, fr. L calēre to be warm]
: giving an effect of unconcern or indifference

— non·cha·lant·ly adverb

Synonyms
- casual, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, unconcerned; also apathetic, incurious, perfunctory, uncurious, uninterested

non·com /nənˈkäm/ noun
: NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER

non·com·ba·tant /nənˌkemˌbaˈtənt/ noun
: a member (as a chaplain) of the armed forces whose duties do not include fighting; also: CIVILIAN

— noncombatant adjective

non·com·bus·ti·ble /nənˌkemˈbəs.təˈbəl/ adjective
: not combustible: incapable of catching fire and burning when subjected to fire

Synonyms
- fireproof, nonflammable, noninflammable
non-com·mis·ioned officer /nənˌkəmˈmɪʃənd/ noun
: a subordinate officer in the armed forces appointed from enlisted personnel

non-com·mit·tal /nənˌkəmˈmɪtəl/ adjective
: indicating neither consent nor dissent

non com·pos men·tis /nənˌkɑmˈpoʊs menˈtis/ adjective
: not of sound mind

non·con·duc·tor /nənˌkɑnˈdəktər/ noun
: a substance that is a very poor conductor of heat, electricity, or sound

non·con·form·ing /nənˌkɑnˈfɔrmɪŋ/ adjective
›: not conforming : declining conformity

Synonyms
› dissident, heretical, heterodox, nonconformist, nonorthodox, unconventional, unorthodox—more at HERETICAL

non·con·form·ist /nənˌkɑnˈfɔrmɪst/ noun
1 often cap: a person who does not conform to an established church and esp. the Church of England
2 ›: a person who does not conform to a generally accepted pattern of thought or action
— nonconformist adjective

Synonyms
› dissenter, dissident, heretic—more at HERETIC

bohemian, deviant, individualist, loner, maverick; also character, codger, crackpot, crack, eccentric, freak, kook, nut, oddball, screwball, weirdo; misfit, outsider; anomaly

non·con·for·mi·ty /nənˌkɑnˈfɔrmiˈteɪ/ noun
›: refusal to conform to an established or conventional creed, rule, or practice

Synonyms
› dissent, heresy, heterodoxy—more at HERESY

non·co·op·er·a·tion /nənˌkɑʊpəˈrɛɪʃən/ noun
: failure or refusal to cooperate; especially: refusal through civil disobedience of a people to cooperate with the government of a country

non·cred·it /nənˌkredɪt/ adjective
: not offering credit toward a degree

non·cus·to·di·al /nənˌkʌstəˈdiəl/ adjective
: of or being a parent who does not have legal custody of a child

non·dairy /nənˈdɛəri/ adjective
: containing no milk or milk products

non·de·script /nənˈdiˈskript/ adjective
1: not belonging to any particular class or kind
2: lacking distinctive qualities

non·drink·er /ˈdrɪŋkər/ noun
: a person who abstains from alcohol

1 none /nʌn/ pronoun
1: not any <~ of them went>
2: not one <~ of the family>
3 a: not any such thing <half a loaf is better than ~> 
  b: not any such person

2 none adjective, archaic
: not any: NO

3 none adverb
1: by no means: not at all <he got there ~ too soon>
2: in no way: to no extent ~ the worse for wear
   Synonyms
   hardly, no, scarcely—more at HARDLY
   never, no, nothing, nowise—more at NEVER

non·elec·tive /nänˌi.lekˈtiv/ adjective
   : not permitting a choice
   Synonyms
   compulsory, imperative, incumbent, involuntary, mandatory, necessary, obligatory, peremptory—more at MANDATORY

non·en·ti·ty /nänˌenˈte ti/ noun
1: something that does not exist or exists only in the imagination
2: one of no consequence or significance
   Synonyms
   nobody, nothing, shrimp, whippersnapper, zero—more at NOBODY

nones /nōnz/ noun singular or plural
1: the 7th day of March, May, July, or October or the 5th day of any other month in the ancient Roman calendar
2: being a substance synthesized by the body in sufficient quantity to satisfy dietary needs
   Synonyms
   none such /nänˌsach/ noun
   one without an equal
   — nonsuch adjective

none·the·less /ˌnänˈthelˌes/ adverb
   : in spite of that: NEVERTHELESS
   Synonyms
   but, howbeit, however, nevertheless, notwithstanding, still, though, withal, yet—more at HOWEVER

non·event /nänˌi.vent/ noun
1: an event that fails to take place or to satisfy expectations
2: a highly promoted event of little intrinsic interest

non·ex·is·tent /nänˌikˈzistənt/ adjective
1: not having existence
   Synonyms
   absent, missing, wanting—more at ABSENT
2: lacking fat solids: having fat solids removed ~ milk

non·fat /ˈfæt/ adjective
   : not containing fat
   Synonyms
   : not fictional
   documentary, factual, hard, historical, literal, matter-of-fact, objective, true—more at FACTUAL

non·flam·ma·ble /ˌflaˌmaˈbəl/ adjective
1: not flammable
   Synonyms
   fireproof, noncombustible, noninflammable

non·func·tion·al /ˌfʌŋkˈʃənəl/ adjective
1: not performing or able to perform its regular function
   Synonyms
   inoperative, inoperable—more at INOPERABLE

non·gono·coc·cal /nänˌɡōˈnəˌkōkəl/ adjective
non·he·ro /nənˈhɛrəʊ/ noun
  : ANTIHERO

non·Hod·kin's lymphoma /nənˈhɒd.kɪnz/ noun
  : any of numerous malignant lymphomas not classified as Hodgkin's disease

non-in·flam·ma·ble /nənˌɪnˈflæməbl/ adjective
  : incapable of being easily ignited and of burning very quickly
  Synonyms
  fireproof, noncombustible, nonflammable

non-in·ter·ven·tion /nənˌɪnˈtər.ven.ʃən/ noun
  : refusal or failure to intervene (as in the affairs of other countries)

non·is·sue /nənˈɪ.ʃu/ noun
  : an issue of little importance or concern

non·lit·er·ary /nənˈlɪtər.ər/ adjective
  : colloquial and informal as opposed to literary and formal
  Synonyms
  colloquial, conversational, informal, vernacular, vulgar—more at COLLOQUIAL

non·ma·te·ri·al /nənˈme.tər.əl/ adjective
  : not consisting of matter
  Synonyms
  bodiless, immaterial, incorporeal, insubstantial, nonphysical, spiritual, unsubstantial—more at IMMATERIAL

non·met·al /nənˈme.təl/ noun
  : a chemical element (as carbon) that lacks the characteristics of a metal
  — non·metal·lic /nənˈme.təl.lik/ adjective

non·mo·tile /nənˈmə.tɪl/ adjective
  : not exhibiting or capable of movement
  Synonyms
  immobile, immovable, unbudging, unmovable—more at IMMOVABLE

non·neg·a·tive /ˈnɛn.dʒə.tɪv/ adjective
  : not negative : being either positive or zero

non·nu·cle·ar /nənˈnju.ˌklu.ər/ adjective
  1: not nuclear
  2: not having, using, or involving nuclear weapons

non·ob·jec·tive /nənˈəb.ədʒə.tɪv/ adjective
  1: not objective
  2: representing no natural or actual object, figure, or scene
  Representation

non·or·tho·dox /nənˌɔr.θəˈdɔks/ adjective
  1: not conforming to established doctrine esp. in religion
  2: not according with, sanctioned by, or based on convention
  Synonyms
  [1] dissident, heretical, heterodox, nonconforming, nonconformist, unconventional, unorthodox—more at HERETICAL
  [2] broad-minded, liberal, nontraditional, open-minded, progressive, radical, unconventional, unorthodox—more at LIBERAL

nonpareil /nənˈpa.rɛl/ adjective
  : having no equal: PEERLESS
  Synonyms
  incomparable, inimitable, matchless, only, peerless, unequalled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled,
unsurpassed—more at ONLY

**nonpareil** noun
1 ‣: an individual of unequaled excellence : PARAGON
2 ‣: a small flat disk of chocolate covered with white sugar pellets
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ beaú ideal, classic, exemplar, ideal, model, paragon—more at IDEAL

**nonpartisan** /nənˈpɑr.təˌzæn/ adjective
1 ‣: not partisan; especially: not influenced by political party spirit or interests
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, just, objective, square, unbiased, unprejudiced—more at FAIR

**nonperson** /ˈnər.ən/ noun
1 ‣: UNPERSON
2 ‣: a person having no social or legal status

**nonphysical** /nənˈfɪz.ɪ.kəl/ adjective
1 ‣: not physical: incapable of being touched or perceived by touch
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ bodiless, immaterial, incorporeal, insubstantial, nonmaterial, spiritual, unsubstantial—more at IMMATERIAL

**nonplus** /nənˈpləs/ verb -plussed also -plused /ˈplʌst/ -plusing also -plusing
: to cause to be at a loss as to what to say, think, or do : PUZZLE, PERPLEX

**nonprescription** /nənˈpre.ʃri.pən/ adjective
1 ‣: available for sale legally without a doctor's prescription

**nonprofessional** /nənˈprəf.ər.səl/ adjective
1 ‣: not characterized by or conforming to the technical or ethical standards of a profession; also: not having the training or experience of a professional
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ amateur, amateurish, inexperienced, inexpert, unprofessional, unskilled, unskillful—more at AMATEURISH

**nonprofit** /nənˈprəft/ adjective
1 ‣: not conducted or maintained for the purpose of making a profit <a ~ organization>

**nonproliferation** /nənˈprəˌlif.ə.ri.ən/ adjective
1 ‣: providing for the stoppage of proliferation (as of nuclear arms) <a ~ treaty>

**nonreader** /nənˈri.dər/ noun
1 ‣: one who does not read or has difficulty reading

**nonreligious** /nənˈri.ləjəs/ adjective
1 ‣: not religious: not having a religious character
2 ‣: having no religion
   **Synonyms**
   ‣ profane, secular, temporal—more at PROFANE

**nonrepetitive** /nənˈrep.rəˌtə.ti.ən/ adjective
1 ‣: NONOBJECTIVE

**nonresident** /nənˈre.zən.dənt/ adjective
: not living in a particular place
   — nonresidence /ˈdɛns/ noun
   — nonresident noun

**nonresistance** /nənˈri.zəns.təns/ noun
: the principles or practice of passive submission to authority even when unjust or oppressive

**nonrestrictive** /ˌriˈstrɪk.tiv/ adjective
1 ‣: not serving or tending to restrict
2: not limiting the reference of the word or phrase modified <a ~ clause>

*Non-rig-i-d* /nən_ˈrɪɡ.id/ adjective
: maintaining form by pressure of contained gas <a ~ airship>

*Non-sched-uled* /nən_ˈskɛ.ð.əld/ adjective
: licensed to carry passengers or freight by air without a regular schedule

*Non-sense* /nən_ˈsens_._ˌsens/ noun
1: foolish or meaningless words or actions
2: things of no importance or value

**Synonyms**
- bunk, clapper, drivel, fiddlesticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, humbug, piffle, rot, silliness, slush, stupidity, trash; also absurdity, asininity, fatuity, foolery, idiocy, imbecility, inanity, insanity, lunacy; craziness, foolishness, madness, witlessness; monkeyshines, shenanigans, tomfoolery; gas, hot air, jazz, moonshine, rigmarole, twaddle; double-talk

*Non-sen-si-cal* /nən_ˈsen_sɪ.ˌkæl/ adjective
: being nonsense or full of nonsense

— *Non-sen-si-cal-ly* /kə_ˌli/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- absurd, asinine, crazy, cuckoo, daft, foolish, insane, lunatic, mad, nutty, preposterous, senseless, silly, stupid
— more at FOOLISH

*Non se-qui-tur* /nən_ˈsɛ.kwi.ˌtər/ noun
[Origin: L, it does not follow]
: an inference that does not follow from the premises

*Non-skid* /nən_ˈskɪd/ adjective
: designed to prevent skidding

*Non-slip* /ˈsɪlp/ adjective
: designed to prevent slipping

*Non-spe-ci-fic* /ˌspɪ_.ˌsɪf.ɪk/ adjective
: not specific

**Synonyms**
- all-around, bird's-eye, broad, general, overall—more at GENERAL

*Non-standard* /ˌnän_ˈstænd.ər.d/ adjective
1: not standard
2: not conforming to the usage characteristic of educated native speakers of a language

*Non-start-er* /ˌnän_ˈstɑr.ər/ noun
1: one that does not start
2: one that is not productive or effective

*Non-stick* /ˈstɪk/ adjective
: allowing easy removal of cooked food particles

*Non-stop* /ˈstɑp/ adjective
: done or made without a stop
— *nonstop* adverb

*Non-su-cess* /ˈsæk_.ˈses/ noun
: the failure to attain wealth, favor, or eminence

**Synonyms**
- collapse, crash, cropper, defeat, failure, fizzle—more at FAILURE

*Non-support* /ˌnän_ˈsər.ˌpɔrt/ noun
: failure to support; especially: failure on the part of one under obligation to provide maintenance

*Non-threat-en-ing* /ˌθrɛt.nɪŋ_.ˌθrɛ.t.nɪŋ/ adjective
non-traditional /ˌnɑːn.trəˈdiˌʃən.əl/ adjective
▶: not traditional: not conforming to tradition
  Synonyms
▶ broad-minded, liberal, nonorthodox, open-minded, progressive, radical, unconventional, unorthodox—more at liberal.

non-U /næn.ˈjuː/ adjective
▶: not characteristic of the upper classes

non-union /ˈjʊə.nɪ.ŋən/ adjective
1: not belonging to a trade union ◄ carpenters>
2: not recognizing or favoring trade unions or their members ◄ employers>

non-user /ˈjʊ.ər/ noun
▶ one who does not make use of something (as drugs)

non-violence /næn.ˈvɪə.ləns/ noun
1: abstention from violence as a matter of principle
2: avoidance of violence
3: nonviolent political demonstrations
  — non-violent /ˈvɪə.lənt/ adjective

non-white /ˌnæn.ˈhwɪt.ˌwɪ/ noun
▶ a person whose features and esp. skin color are different from those of peoples of northwestern Europe
  — nonwhite adjective

non-woven /ˌnæn.ˈwʊvən/ adjective
▶ made of fibers held together by interlocking or bonding (as by chemical or thermal means)
  — nonwoven noun

noodle /ˈnuːdl/ noun
[Origin: G Nudel]
▶ a food paste made usu. with egg and shaped typically in ribbon form

nook /nʊk/ noun
1: an interior angle or corner formed usu. by two walls ◄ chimney ▶>
2: a sheltered or hidden place <searched every ▶ and cranny>
3 ▶: a small often recessed section of a larger room ◄ a breakfast ▶>
  Synonyms
▶ alcove, niche, recess—more at niche.

noon /nʊn/ noun
▶ the middle of the day: 12 o'clock in the daytime
  — noon adjective
  Synonyms
▶ midday, noontime

noon-day /ˈnʊn.ˌdæ/ noun
▶ the middle of the day: noon, midday

no one pronoun
▶ no person: nobody

noon-tide /ˈnʊn.ˌtɪd/ noun
▶ the middle of the day: noon

noon-time /ˈnuːn.ˌtaɪm/ noun
▶ the middle of the day: noon

noose /nʊs/ noun
▶ a loop with a slipknot that binds closer the more it is drawn
nope /nɒp/ adverb
: NO

nor /nɔr/ conjunction
: and not <not for you ~ for me> — used esp. to introduce and negate the second member and each later member of a series of items preceded by neither <neither here ~ there>

Nor·dic /nɔrˈdiːk/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the Germanic peoples of northern Europe and esp. of Scandinavia
2 : of or relating to competitive ski events involving cross-country racing, ski jumping, or biathlon
— Nordic noun

nor·epi·neph·rine /nɔrˌe pəˈnɛf rən/ noun
: a nitrogen-containing neurotransmitter in parts of the sympathetic and central nervous systems

norm /nɔrm/ noun
[origin: L norma, lit., carpenter’s square]
1 ▶ : an authoritative standard or model; especially : a set standard of development or achievement usu. derived from the average or median achievement of a large group
2 ▶ : a typical or widespread practice, procedure, or custom
   Synonyms
   ▶ average, normal, par, standard—more at AVERAGE

1 normal /nɔrˈmæl/ adjective
1 ▶ : conforming to a type, standard, or regular pattern : STANDARD
2 a ▶ : of average intelligence
   b ▶ : sound in mind and body
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] average, common, commonplace, everyday, ordinary, prosaic, regular, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, typical, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at ORDINARY
   ▶ [2b] balanced, clearheaded, lucid, right, sane, stable—more at SANE

2 normal noun
1 : one that is normal
2 : the usual condition, level, or quantity
   — nor·mal·cy /nɔrˈmæl sə/ noun
   — nor·mal·i·ty /nɔrˈmæl ə ti/ noun

nor·mal·ise British variant of NORMALIZE

nor·mal·ize /nɔrˈmæl əˌza ˌzi/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
▶ : to make or restore to normal
   — nor·mal·i·za·tion /nɔrˈmæl əˌza ˌza ˌzæn/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ formalize, homogenize, regularize, standardize—more at STANDARDIZE

nor·mal·ly adverb
▶ : as a general thing : often in the usual course of events
   Synonyms
   ▶ commonly, generally, naturally, ordinarily, typically, usually—more at NATURALLY

Nor·man /nɔrˈmæn/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Normandy
2 : one of the 10th century Scandinavian conquerors of Normandy
3 : one of the Norman-French conquerors of England in 1066
   — Norman adjective

nor·ma·tive /nɔrˈmæt əv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or determining norms
   — nor·ma·tive·ly adverb
   — nor·ma·tive·ness noun
Norse /nɔrs/ noun, plural Norse
1: NORWEGIAN; also: any of the western Scandinavian dialects or languages
2 plural: SCANDINAVIANS; also: NORWEGIANS

Norseman /nɔrzmən/ noun
: any of the ancient Scandinavians

1 north /nɔrθ/ adverb
: to, toward, or in the north

2 north adjective
1: situated toward or at the north
2: coming from the north
3 north noun
1: the direction to the left of one facing east
2: the compass point directly opposite to south
3 cap: regions or countries north of a specified or implied point
—— north·er·ly /nɔrθər lɪ/ adverb or adjective
—— north·ern /nɔrθərn/ adjective
—— North·er·n·er /nɔrθərn ər/ noun
—— north·ern·most /nɔrθərn məʊst/ adjective
—— north·ward /nɔrθ wɜrd/ adverb or adjective
—— north·wards /wɜrdz/ adverb

north·east /nɔrθˈɪəst/ noun
1: the general direction between north and east
2: the compass point midway between north and east
3 cap: regions or countries northeast of a specified or implied point
—— northeast adjective or adverb
—— north·east·er·ly /nɔrθˈɪəstər lɪ/ adverb or adjective
—— north·east·ern /nɔrθˈɪəstərn/ adjective

north·east·er /nɔrθˈɪəstər/ noun
1: a strong northeast wind
2: a storm with northeast winds

north·er /nɔrθər/ noun
1: a strong north wind
2: a storm with north winds

northern lights noun plural
: AURORA BOREALIS

north pole noun, often cap N&P
: the northernmost point of the earth

North Star noun
: the star toward which the northern end of the earth's axis points

north·west /nɔrθˈwɛst/ noun
1: the general direction between north and west
2: the compass point midway between north and west
3 cap: regions or countries northwest of a specified or implied point
—— northwest adjective or adverb
—— north·west·er·ly /nɔrθˈwɛstər lɪ/ adverb or adjective
—— north·west·ern /nɔrθˈwɛstərn/ adjective

Norw abbreviation
Norway; Norwegian

Nor·we·gian /nɔrˈwɪdʒən/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of Norway
2: the language of Norway
— Norwegian adjective
  n abbreviation
numbers

1. nose /nɔz/ noun
  1: the part of the face or head containing the nostrils and covering the front of the nasal cavity
  2: the sense of smell
  3: something (as a point, edge, or projecting front part) that resembles a nose <the ~ of a plane>
— nosed /nɔzd/ adjective

2. nose verb nosed; nos-ing
  1: to detect by or as if by smell: SCENT
  2: to push or move with the nose
  3: to touch or rub with the nose: NUZZLE
  4: to search impertinently: PRY
  5: to move ahead slowly <the ship nosed into her berth>

  Synonyms
  [1] scent, smell, sniff, whiff—more at SMELL
  [4] butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, mess, obtrude, poke, pry, snoop—more at INTERFERE

nose-bleed /nɔz_ˌblɛd/ noun
  a bleeding from the nose

nose cone noun
  a a protective cone constituting the forward end of an aerospace vehicle

nose-dive /nɔz_ˌdіv/ noun
  1: a downward nose-first plunge (as of an airplane)
  2: a sudden extreme drop (as in prices)

nose-gay /nɔz_ˌgʌ/ noun
  a a small bunch of flowers: POSY

nose out verb
  1: to discover often by prying
  2: to defeat by a narrow margin

nose-piece /ˌnɑs_ˌpiːs/ noun
  1: a fitting at the lower end of a microscope tube to which the objectives are attached
  2: the bridge of a pair of eyeglasses

no-show /nɔ.ˈʃʊ/ noun
  a a person who does not show up for an event as expected

nostalgia /ˈnəstəˌlɪʒə/ noun
  [origin: NL, fr. Gk nostos return home + algos pain, grief]
  1: HOMESICKNESS
  2: a wistful yearning for something past or irrecoverable

— nostalgic /ˈnəstəˌlɪk/ adjective

nose-tril /ˈnɑs_ˌtrɪl/ noun
  [origin: ME nosethirl, fr. OE nosu nose + thyrel hole]
  1: either of the nares usu. with the adjoining nasal wall and passage
  2: either fleshy lateral wall of the nose

nose-trum /ˈnɑs_ˌtrʌm/ noun
  [origin: L, neut. of noster our, ours, fr. nos we]
  a a questionable medicine or remedy

nosy or nos-ey /ˈnɔz_ˌɛ/ adjective nos-ier; -est
  a of prying or inquisitive disposition or quality: PRYING
Synonyms

- inquisitive, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious, presumptuous, prying—more at intrusive

not /nɔt/ adverb
1 — used to make negative a group of words or a word <the boys are ~ here>
2 — used to stand for the negative of a preceding group of words <sometimes hard to see and sometimes ~>

nota-bene /nəˌtəˈbē.nē/ be/ [origin: L, mark well]
— used to call attention to something important

nota-bil-i-ty /nəˌtəˈbil.i.tē/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being notable
2: notable

1notable /nəˈtə bal/ adjective
1: NOTEWORTHY, REMARKABLE <a ~ achievement>
2 ▶: marked by eminence, distinction, or excellence: DISTINGUISHED <two ~ politicians made speeches>

Synonyms
- distinguished, eminent, illustrious, noble, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star, superior—more at eminent

2notable noun
▶: a person of note

Synonyms
- celebrity, eminence, figure, light, luminary, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP—more at celebrity

nota-bly /nəˈtə bli/ adverb
1: in a notable manner
2: ESPECIALLY, PARTICULARLY

nota-tional /nəˌtəˈshənəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or done by a notary public

nota-tion /nəˈtə shən/ noun
1: a written reminder: NOTE
2: the act, process, or method of representing data by marks, signs, figures, or characters; also: a system of symbols (as letters, numerals, or musical notes) used in such notation

1note /nət/ noun
1 ▶: a V-shaped hollow in an edge or surface
2 ▶: a narrow pass between two mountains
3 ▶: a step or stage in a process, course, or order of classification

Synonyms
- [1] chip, hack, indentation, nick; also punch; groove, score; slit, slot
- [2] canyon, defile, flume, gap, gorge, gulch, gulf, pass, ravine—more at canyon
- [3] cut, degree, grade, inch, peg, phase, point, stage, step—more at degree

2note verb
1: to cut or make notches in
2: to score or record by or as if by cutting a series of notches <~ 20 points for the team>

notch-back /nət chˈbak/ noun
: an automobile with a trunk whose lid forms a distinct deck

1note /nət/ verb not·ed; not·ing
1 ▶: to notice or observe with care; also: to record or preserve in writing
2 ▶: to make special mention of
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] jot, log, mark, put down, record, register, set down—more at RECORD
   ▶ [1] behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at SEE
   ▶ [2] advert, cite, instance, mention, name, notice, quote, refer, remark, specify, touch—more at MENTION

note noun
1: a musical sound
2: a cry, call, or sound esp. of a bird
3: a special tone in a person's words or voice <a ~ of fear>
4: a character in music used to indicate duration of a tone by its shape and pitch by its position on the staff
5 ▶: a characteristic feature: MOOD <a ~ of optimism>
6 ▶: a written reminder: MEMORANDUM
7 ▶: a brief and informal record; also: a written or printed comment or explanation
8: a written promise to pay a debt
9: a piece of paper money
10: a short informal letter
11: a formal diplomatic or official communication
12 ▶: overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general: REPUTATION <an artist of ~> 
13: OBSERVATION, NOTICE, HEED <take ~ of the time>

Synonyms
▶ [5] air, atmosphere, aura, climate, flavor, mood, temper—more at AURA
▶ [6] dispatch, letter, memorandum, missive—more at LETTER
▶ [6, 7] memorandum; also memoir, minutes, report; line; document, writing
▶ [12] character, mark, name, report, reputation—more at REPUTATION

note-book /nətˈbʊk/ noun
: a book for notes or memoranda

not-ed /nəˈtɛd/ adjective
▶: well known by reputation: EMINENT, CELEBRATED
   Synonyms
   ▶ celebrated, eminent, famed, famous, notorious, prominent, renowned, star, well-known—more at FAMOUS

note-wor-thy /nəˈtwɔrθi/ adjective
▶: worthy of note
   Synonyms
   ▶ distinguished, eminent, illustrious, noble, notable, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star, superior
   —more at EMINENT

nothing /nʌθɪŋ/ pronoun
1: no thing <leaves ~ to the imagination>
2: no part
3: one of no interest, value, or importance <she's ~ to me>

not-ed adjective
▶: not at all: in no degree
   Synonyms
   ▶ never, no, none, nowise—more at NEVER

nothing noun
1: something that does not exist
2 ▶: the arithmetical symbol 0 denoting the absence of all magnitude or quantity: ZERO
3 ▶: a person or thing of little or no value or importance
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] aught, cipher, naught, nil, zero, zip—more at ZERO
   ▶ [3] nobody, nonentity, shrimp, trifle, triviality, whippersnapper, zero—more at NOBODY
**nothing** adjective  
: of no account: **WORTHLESS**

**nothingness** /ˈnʌθ.ɪŋ.nəs/ noun  
1 : the quality or state of being nothing  
2 a : the state or fact of having no existence  
   b : utter insignificance  
3 : something insignificant or valueless

**notice** /ˈnə.təs/ noun  
1 ‣ : warning or intimation of something: **WARNING**  
2 : notification of the termination of an agreement or contract at a specified time  
3 ‣ : consideration with a view to action: **ATTENTION, HEED** <bring the matter to my ~>  
4 ‣ : a written or printed announcement  
5 : a short critical account or examination (as of a play): **REVIEW**

**Synonyms**  
[1] admonition, alarm, alert, caution, warning—more at **WARNING**  
[3] attention, awareness, cognizance, ear, eye, heed, observance, observation—more at **ATTENTION**  
[4] announcement, directive, memorandum, notification—more at **MEMORANDUM**

**notice** verb noticed; noticing  
1 ‣ : to make mention of: remark on  
2 ‣ : to take notice of: **OBSERVE**

**Synonyms**  
[1] advert, cite, instance, mention, name, note, quote, refer, specify, touch—more at **MENTION**  
[2] behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at **SEE**

**noticeable** /ˈnə.tɪs.ə.bl/ adjective  
1 : worthy of notice  
2 : capable of being or likely to be noticed

**noticeably** adverb

**Synonyms**  
bold, catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, striking; also detectable, discernible, observable, perceptible, visible; outstanding, salient; distinguished, eminent, impressive, notable, noteworthy; highlighted; flagrant, glaring, screaming

**Antonyms**  
inconspicuous, unemphatic, unnoticeable, unobtrusive, unremarkable

**notification** /ˌnə.tɪ.fəˈke.ʃən/ noun  
*: the act or an instance of notifying

**Synonyms**  
advertisement, announcement, bulletin, notice, release—more at **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**notify** /nəˈtaɪ.ˌfaɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing  
1 : to give notice of: report the occurrence of  
2 : to give notice to

**notification** /ˌnə.tɪ.sən/ noun  
1 ‣ : an individual's conception or impression of something known, experienced, or imagined: **IDEA, CONCEPTION** <have a ~ of what he means>  
2 ‣ : a belief held: **OPINION, VIEW**  
3 ‣ : a personal inclination: **WHIM, FANCY** <a sudden ~ to go>  
4 plural ‣ : small useful articles (as pins, needles, or thread)

**Synonyms**  
[1] concept, conception, idea, image, impression, picture, thought—more at **IDEA**  
[2] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at **OPINION**  
[3] caprice, fancy, freak, vagary, whim—more at **WHIM**
notions [4] novelties, odds and ends, sundries; also bric-a-brac; hodgepodge, miscellany, variety

not-i-on-al /nəˈʃənəl/ adjective
1: existing in the mind only: IMAGINARY, UNREAL
2: given to foolish or fanciful moods or ideas: WHIMSICAL

not-i-ri-ety /nəˈtər.i.ə.ti/ noun
›: the quality or state of being notorious

Synonyms

celebrity, fame, renown—more at FAME

not-i-ri-ous /nəˈtər.i.əs/ adjective
›: generally known and talked of; especially: widely and unfavorably known

— not-i-ri-ous-ly /nəˈtər.i.əs.lə/ adverb

Synonyms

celebrated, famed, famous, noted, prominent, renowned, star, well-known—more at FAMOUS

discreditable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, ignominious, infamous, shameful—more at DISREPUTABLE

1 not-withstanding /nətˈwɪθ.stænd.ɪŋ/, -with/ preposition
›: in spite of

Synonyms

despite, regardless of, with—more at DESPITE

2 not-withstanding adverb
›: in spite of that: NEVERTHELESS

Synonyms

but, howbeit, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, still, though, withal, yet—more at HOWEVER

3 not-withstanding conjunction
›: ALTHOUGH

nou-gat /nůˈgat/ noun
›: a confection of nuts or fruit pieces in a sugar paste

nought variant of NAUGHT

noun /ˈnau̇n/ noun
›: a word that is the name of a subject of discourse (as a person or place)

nour-ish /ˈnɔr.i.ʃ/ verb
›: to promote the growth or development of

Synonyms

advance, cultivate, encourage, forward, foster, further, nurture, promote—more at FOSTER

nour-ish-ing adjective
›: giving nourishment

Synonyms

nutritious—more at NUTRITIOUS

nour-ish-ment /ˈnɔr.i.ʃ.mənt/ noun
1: FOOD, NUTRIENT
2: the action or process of nourishing

nou-veau riche /nůˈvəˌrash/ noun, plural nou-veaux riches /samə/ [origin: F]
›: a person newly rich: PARVENU

Nov abbreviation
November

no-va /nɔʊˈva/ noun, plural novas or no-vae /nɔˈvaɪ/ [origin: NL, fem. of L novus new]
novel /ˈnəʊ.vəl/ adjective
1 ‣ having no precedent: NEW
2: STRANGE, UNUSUAL
   Synonyms
   ➔ fresh, new, original, strange, unaccustomed, unfamiliar, unknown—more at NEW

novel /ˈnəʊ.vəl/ noun
: a long invented prose narrative dealing with human experience through a connected sequence of events
   — novelist /ˈnəʊ.vəl.ɪst/ noun
   nov·el·ette /ˈnəʊ.və.lə.ti/ noun
: a brief novel or short story
   nov·el·ize /ˈnəʊ.və.laɪz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
: to convert into the form of a novel
   — noveliza·tion /ˈnəʊ.və.lə.zən/ noun
   novel·la /ˈnəʊ.və.lə/ noun, plural novellas or novel·le /ˈnəʊ.və.lə/ ➔: a work of fiction between a short story and a novel in length and complexity: NOVELLETTE
   Synonyms
   ➔ narrative, novelette, short story, story, tale—more at STORY
   nov·el·ty /ˈnəʊ.və.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1: something new or unusual
2 ➔: the quality or state of being new: NEWNESS
3 ➔: a small manufactured article intended mainly for personal or household adornment — usu. used in pl.
   Synonyms
   ➔ [2] freshness, newness, originality; also strangeness, unfamiliarity; up-to-dateness; departure, divergence, innovation, offshoot, shoot
   ➔ [3] bauble, curiosity, gewgaw, knickknack, ornamental, trinket—more at KNICKKNACK
   ➔ usually novelties [3] notions, odds and ends, sundries

November /ˈnəʊ.və.m巴r/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME Novembre, fr. AF, fr. L November ninth month of the early Roman calendar, fr. novem nine]
: the 11th month of the year

nov·ena /ˈnəʊ.və.nə/ noun
: a Roman Catholic nine-day period of prayer

nov·ice /ˈnəʊ.vəs/ noun
1: a new member of a religious order who is preparing to take the vows of religion
2 ➔: one who is inexperienced or untrained
   Synonyms
   ➔ beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, recruit, rookie, tenderfoot, tyro—more at BEGINNER

novi·tiate /ˈnəʊ.və.ti.ət/ noun
1: the period or state of being a novice
2: a house where novices are trained
3: NOVICE

now /nəʊ/ adverb
1 ➔: at the present time or moment
2 ➔: in the time immediately before the present
3 ➔: in the time immediately to follow: IMMEDIATELY, FORTHWITH
4 — used with the sense of present time weakened or lost (as to express command, introduce an important point, or indicate a transition) <~ hear this>
5: at times: SOMETIMES <~ one and ~ another>
6: under the present circumstances
7: at the time referred to
Synonyms

1. anymore, nowadays, presently, right now, today; also here

Antonyms

- before, formerly, long, once, then
- formerly, once, then
- long, once, then

2. freshly, just, late, lately, new, newly, only, recently—more at NEWLY

3. directly, forthwith, immediately, instantly, promptly, pronto, right away, right now—more at IMMEDIATELY

Now conjunction

- in view of the fact <~ that you're here, we'll start>

Synonyms

- because, for, since, whereas—more at SINCE

Now noun

- the present time or moment: PRESENT

Synonyms

- moment, present, today—more at PRESENT

Now adjective

1. of or relating to the present time <the ~ president>
2. excitingly new <~ clothes>; also: constantly aware of what is new <~ people>

NOW abbreviation

1. National Organization for Women
2. negotiable order of withdrawal

Now·a·days /nəˈaˌdaɪz/ adverb

- at the present time

Synonyms

- anymore, now, presently, right now, today—more at NOW

No·way /nəˈweɪ/ or No·ways /nəˈweɪz/ adverb

- NOWISE

No·where /nəˈwer/ adverb

- not anywhere
- nowhere noun

Nowhere near adverb

- not nearly

No·wise /nəˈwaɪz/ adverb

- in no way

Synonyms

- never, no, none, nothing—more at NEVER

Nox·ious /nʌksˈʃəs/ adjective

- harmful esp. to health or morals

Synonyms

- noisome, unhealthy, unwholesome—more at UNHEALTHY
- adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, pernicious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL

Noz·zle /nəˈzəl/ noun

- a short tube constricted in the middle or at one end and used (as on a hose) to speed up or direct a flow of fluid

NP abbreviation

1. no pagination
2. no place (of publication)

Np symbol

neptunium
NP abbreviation
notary public

NR abbreviation
not rated

NRA abbreviation
National Rifle Association

NS abbreviation
1 not specified
2 Nova Scotia

NSA abbreviation
National Security Agency

NSC abbreviation
National Security Council

NSF abbreviation
1 National Science Foundation
2 not sufficient funds

NSW abbreviation
New South Wales

NT abbreviation
1 New Testament
2 Northern Territory
3 Northwest Territories

nth /ˈɛnθ/ adjective
1 : numbered with an unspecified or indefinitely large ordinal number <for the ~ time>
2 ▶ : of the greatest or highest degree, quantity, number, or amount : **UTMOST** <to the ~ degree>

Synonyms
consummate, maximum, most, paramount, supreme, top, ultimate, utmost—more at **ULTIMATE**

NTP abbreviation
normal temperature and pressure

nt wt or n wt abbreviation
net weight

nu /nũ, ˈnỳũ/ noun
: the 13th letter of the Greek alphabet — N or v

NU abbreviation
name unknown

nu·ance /nůˈˌæns, ˈnỳũˌ, nůˈˌɛns, ˈnỳũˌ/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a shade of difference : a delicate variation (as in tone or meaning)

nub /ˈnəb/ noun
1 : a piece or mass of indefinite size and shape : **KNOB**. **LUMP**
2 ▶ : the main point or part : **GIST** <the ~ of the story>

Synonyms
core, crux, gist, heart, pith, pivot—more at **CRUX**

nub·bin /ˈnəb.ˌbɛn/ noun
1 : something (as an ear of Indian corn) that is small for its kind, stunted, undeveloped, or imperfect
2 : a small usu. projecting part or bit

nu·bile /nǔˌ, bĭl, ˈnỳũˌ, bĭl/ adjective
1 : of marriageable condition or age : sexually mature
2: sexually attractive <~ young women>

nu·cle·ar /ˈnù.ˌklē.ər, ˈnü·ˈyü/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or constituting a nucleus
2: of, relating to, or using the atomic nucleus or energy derived from it
3: of, relating to, or being a weapon whose destructive power results from an uncontrolled nuclear reaction

nu·cle·ate /ˈnù.ˌklē.ət, ˈnü·ˈyü/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to form, act as, or have a nucleus
— nu·cle·a·tion /ˈnù.ˌklē.ə·shənˌ, ˈnü·ˈyü/ noun

nu·cle·ic acid /ˈnù.ˌklē.ɪkˌ, ˈnü·ˈyüˌˌ, ˈklēˌ/ noun
: any of various complex organic acids (as DNA or RNA) found esp. in cell nuclei

nu·cle·o·tide /ˈnù.ˌklē.əˌtídˌ, ˈnö·ˈyü/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. L, kernel, dim. of nuc-, nux nut]
: any of several compounds that are the basic structural units of nucleic acids

nu·cle·us /ˈnù.ˌklē.əsˌ, ˈnü·ˈyüˌ/ noun, plural nu·clei /ˌklē.əˌ/ also nu·cle·us-es
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. L, kernel, dim. of nuc-, nux nut]
1: a central mass or part about which matter gathers or is collected: CORE
2: a cell part that is characteristic of all living things except viruses, bacteria, and certain algae, that is necessary for heredity and for making proteins, that contains the chromosomes with their genes, and that is enclosed in a membrane
3: a mass of gray matter or group of cell bodies of neurons in the central nervous system
4: the central part of an atom that comprises nearly all of the atomic mass
5: a basic or essential part

Synonyms
- base, center, core, cynosure, eye, focus, heart, hub, mecca, seat—more at CENTER

nu·de /nūd, ˈnūd/ adjective nu·der; nu·dest
1: devoid of a natural or conventional covering: BARE, NAKED
2: featuring or catering to naked people
— nu·di·ty /ˈnudi·tiˌ, ˈnü·ˈyü/ noun

Synonyms
- bare, naked, unclad, unclothed, undressed—more at NAKED

nu·de /nūd/ noun
1: a nude human figure esp. as depicted in art
2: the condition of being nude <in the ~> 

nu·gge /näɡ/ verb nudged; nudg·ing
: to touch or push gently (as with the elbow) usu. in order to seek attention
— nudge noun

nu·dism /ˈnūˌdiz·əmˌ, ˈnūˌyüˌ/ noun
: the practice of going nude esp. in mixed groups at specially secluded places
— nud·ist /ˈnūˌdəst/ noun

nu·g·a·to·ry /ˈnaˌgəˌtər·əˌ/ adjective
1: INCONSEQUENTIAL, WORTHLESS
2: having no force: INEFFECTUAL

nu·g·get /ˈnä·get/ noun
1: a solid lump; especially: a lump of precious metal (as gold)
2: TIDBIT

nu·i·sance /ˈnūˌsənsˌ, ˈnū·yüsˌ/ noun
- an annoying or troublesome person or thing

Synonyms
annoyance, bother, gadfly, persecutor, pest, tease; also headache; barrier, heckler; hassle, plague; molester, tormentor, torturer
aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, irritant, peeve, pest, problem, thorn—more at ANNOYANCE

nuisance tax noun
: an excise tax collected in small amounts directly from the consumer

1 nuke /nük, 'n'yük/ noun
1 : a nuclear weapon
2 : a nuclear power plant

2 nuke verb nuked; nuk·ing
1 : to attack with nuclear weapons
2 : MICROWAVE

null /nəl/ adjective
1 : having no legal or binding force : INVALID, VOID
2 : INSIGNIFICANT

— nul·li·ty /nə.la.tē/ noun

Synonyms
1 [1] invalid, void; also illegal; useless, worthless; ineffective, ineffectual
Antonyms
binding, good, valid
2 [2] chaffy, empty, junky, no-good, valueless, worthless—more at WORTHLESS

null and void adjective
: having no force, binding power, or validity

null·i·fy /nə.la·fī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to make null or valueless; also : to declare or make legally invalid or void

— null·i·fi·ca·tion /nə.la.fə.kāˈshən/ noun

Synonyms
abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, quash, repeal, rescind, void—more at ABOLISH

num abbreviation
numeral

Num or Numb abbreviation
Numbers

numb /nəm/ adjective
1 : lacking sensation or emotion

— numb·ly adverb

Synonyms
asleep, dead, unfeeling; also chilled, nipped; deadened, drugged, stupefied; insensible, senseless, unconscious; inanimate, insensate
Antonyms
feeling, sensitive

numb verb
1 : to make as if dead : impair in vigor, force, activity, or sensation

Synonyms
blunt, dampen, deaden, dull—more at DULL

1 number /ˈnəm.bər/ noun
1 : the total of individuals or units taken together
2 : an indefinite total <a small ~ of tickets remain unsold>
3 : an ascertainable total <the sands of the desert are without ~>
number 

verb
1 : to indicate or name by units or groups so as to find the total number of units involved : COUNT, ENUMERATE
2 : to include with or be one of a group
3 : to restrict to a small or definite number
4 : to assign a number to
5 : to comprise in number : TOTAL

Synonyms
[2] carry, comprehend, contain, embrace, encompass, entail, include, involve, take in—more at INCLUDE
[5] add up, amount, come, sum, total—more at AMOUNT (TO)

num·ber·less /'nəbər·less/ adjective
✓ too many to be numbered : INNUMERABLE, COUNLESS

Synonyms
countless, innumerable, uncountable, unnumbered, untold—more at COUNLESS

Numbers noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

num·bing /'nəm·bɪŋ/ adjective
✓ tending to make numb <a ~ lecture> <a ~ realization>

numb·ness noun
✓ reduced sensitivity to perception or emotion

Synonyms
apathy, impassivity, phlegm, stupor—more at APATHY

numbskull variant of NUMSKULL

nu·mer·acy /nərˈmərəsə/ noun
✓ the capacity for quantitative thought or expression

nu·mer·al /nərˈmərəl/ noun
✓ a conventional symbol representing a number

— numeral adjective

Synonyms
✓ digit, figure, integer, number, whole number—more at NUMBER

nu·mer·ate /nərˈme·ræt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to ascertain the number of
2 : to specify one after another

Synonyms
✓ detail, enumerate, itemize, list, rehearse, tick—more at ENUMERATE

nu·mer·a·tor /nərˈme·rəˌtər/ noun
✓ the part of a fraction above the line

nu·mer·ic /nərˈmərɪk/ adjective
✓ NUMERICAL; especially : denoting a number or a system of numbers

nu·mer·i·cal /nərˈmərəˌkal/ adjective
1 : of or relating to numbers
2 : expressed in or involving numbers

— nu·mer·i·cal·ly /klərəˌkəl/ adverb

nu·mer·ol·o·gy /nərˈmərəˌləˌdʒi/ noun
the study of the occult significance of numbers
— nu·mer·ol·o·gist /‚lis/ noun

nu·mer·ous /nüˌmer-ə-ˈrəs/ adjective
  : consisting of, including, or relating to a great number : MANY
    Synonyms
    • many, multiple, multitudinous—more at MANY

nu·mis·mat·ics /ˌn(y)üˈmez-maˌtiks/ noun
  : the study or collection of monetary objects
— nu·mis·mat·ic /ˈmæt/ adjective
— nu·mis·ma·tist /n(y)üˌmaˌmə-ˈlist/ noun

num·skull /nəmˈskəl/ noun
  : a stupid person : DUNCE
    Synonyms
    • blockhead, dope, dummy, dunce, idiot, nitwit

num /nəm/ noun
  : a woman belonging to a religious order; especially : one under solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

num·cio /nəmˌsē-ˈō, ˈn(y)ən/ noun, plural -ci·os
[origin: It, fr. L nuntius messenger]
  : a permanent high-ranking papal representative to a civil government

num·nery /nəmˈner-ə/ noun, plural -ner·ies
  : a convent of nuns

1 nuptial /naˈpərˌchəl/ adjective
  : of or relating to marriage or a wedding
    Synonyms
    • conjugal, connubial, marital, matrimonial—more at MARITAL

2 nuptial noun
  : MARRIAGE, WEDDING — usu. used in pl.

1 nurse /nərs/ noun
[origin: ME norice, nurse, fr. AF norice, fr. LL nutricia, fr. L, fem. of nutricius nourishing]
1 • : a girl or woman employed to take care of children
2 : a person trained to care for sick people
    Synonyms
    • babysitter, nursemaid, sitter; also governess

2 nurse verb nursed, nurs·ing
  1 : SUCKLE
  2 • : to take charge of and watch over
  3 : TEND <~ an invalid>
  4 • : to treat with special care <~ a headache>
  5 • : to hold in one's mind or consideration <~ a grudge>
  6 : to act or serve as a nurse
    Synonyms
    • [2] aid, care, minister, mother; also cure, heal, remedy; doctor, treat; conserve, preserve, provide (for), support; baby, coddle, mollycoddle, pamper, spoil; cater (to), humor; indulge
    • [4] baby, coddle, mollycoddle, pamper, spoil—more at BABY
    • [5] bear, cherish, entertain, harbor, have, hold—more at HARBOR

nurse·maid /nərsˈmeid/ noun
  : a girl or woman who is regularly employed to look after children : NURSE 1

nurse·prac·ti·tion·er /‚prakˌti-shə-nər/ noun
  : a registered nurse who is qualified to assume some of the duties formerly assumed only by a physician
nurs·ery /ˈnar.səˌrē/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 : a room for children
2 : a place where children are temporarily cared for in their parents' absence
3 : a place where young plants are grown usu. for transplanting

nurs·ery·man /ˈmān/ noun
: a man who keeps or works in a plant nursery

nursery school noun
: a school for children under kindergarten age

nursing home noun
: a private establishment providing care for persons (as the aged or the chronically ill) who are unable to care for themselves

nurs·ling /ˈnurs.ling/ noun
1 : one that is solicitously cared for
2 : a nursing child

1nur·ture /ˈnar.char/ noun
1 : TRAINING, UPBRINGING; also : the influences that modify the expression of an individual's heredity
2 : FOOD, NOURISHMENT

2nur·ture verb nur·tured; nur·tur·ing
1 : to care for : FEED, NOURISH
2 : to develop mentally, morally, or aesthetically esp. by instruction : EDUCATE
3 : to further the development of : FOSTER

Synonyms
[2] edify, educate, enlighten—more at ENLIGHTEN
[3] advance, cultivate, encourage, forward, foster, further, nourish, promote—more at FOSTER

nut /nət/ noun
1 : a dry fruit or seed with a hard shell and a firm inner kernel; also : its kernel
2 : a metal block with a hole through it that is fastened to a bolt or screw by means of a screw thread within the hole
3 : the ridge on the upper end of the fingerboard in a stringed musical instrument over which the strings pass
4 : a foolish, eccentric, or crazy person
5 : one who is ardently attached to a cause, object, or pursuit : ENTHUSIAST

Synonyms
[4] character, crackpot, crank, eccentric, kook, oddball, screwball, weirdo—more at ECCENTRIC
[4] booby, fool, goose, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, nitwit, simpleton, turkey—more at FOOL
[5] addict, aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac—more at FAN

nut·crack·er /ˈnət.krak.ər/ noun
: an instrument for cracking nuts

nut·hatch /ˈnut.ha.ch/ noun
: any of various small tree-climbing chiefly insect-eating birds

nut·meg /ˈnət.mēg/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME notemuge, ultim. fr. Old Occitan noz muscada, lit., musky nut]
: a spice made by grinding the nutlike aromatic seed of a tropical tree; also : the seed or tree

nu·tria /ˈnə.trē.aˌnē.aˌnē/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp]
1 : the durable usu. light brown fur of a nutria
2 : a large So. American aquatic rodent with webbed hind feet

1nu·trient /ˈnə.trē.əˌnē.tənt/ adjective
: furnishing nourishment : NOURISHING

2nu·trient noun
nu·tri·ment /nu tri mant/ noun
: NUTRIENT
nu·tri·tion /nu tri she an, nyu/ noun
: the act or process of nourishing; especially: the processes by which an individual takes in and utilizes food material
nu·tri·tion·al /she nel/ adjective
: of, relating to, or functioning in nutrition
nu·tri·tious /shas/ adjective
\l: giving nourishment
\r Synonyms
\l nourishing; also dietary, dietetic; beneficial, healthful, healthy, restorative, salubrious, salutary, wholesome
nu·tri·tive /nu tri tv, nyu/ adjective
: of or relating to nutrition
nuts /nats/ adjective
1 \l filled with or marked by enthusiasm
2 : mentally disordered: CRAZY, DEMENTED
\r Synonyms
\l ardent, eager, enthusiastic, gung ho, keen
\l usually nuts about crazy, mad
nut·shell /nat sheel/ noun
: the shell of a nut
— in a nutshell
: in a few words <that's the story in a nutshell>
nut·ty /na të/ adjective nut·ti·er; -est
1 : containing or suggesting nuts <a ~ flavor>
2 \l mentally unbalanced; also: lacking in seriousness: SILLY
\r Synonyms
\l balmy, crazy, cuckoo, daft, foolish, harebrained, insane, kooky, lunatic, mad, nonsensical, screwball, senseless, silly, stupid, wacky, witless, zany
nuz·zle /na zel/ verb nuz·zled; nuz·zling
1 : to root around, push, or touch with or as if with the nose
2 \l to press closely and affectionately: SNUGGLE
\r Synonyms
\l cuddle, nestle, snug, snuggle; also curl up; crouch, huddle
NV abbreviation
Nevada
NW abbreviation
northwest
NWT abbreviation
Northwest Territories
NY abbreviation
New York
NYC abbreviation
New York City
ny·lon /ni län/ noun
1 : any of numerous strong tough elastic synthetic materials used esp. in textiles and plastics
2 plural : stockings made of nylon
nymph /nimf/ noun
1: any of the lesser goddesses in ancient mythology represented as maidens living in the mountains, forests, meadows, and waters
2: girl
3: an immature insect resembling the adult but smaller, less differentiated, and usu. lacking wings

nym·pho·ma·nia /nim fə mə nē ə niə/ noun
: excessive sexual desire by a female
— nym·pho·ma·ni·ac /nē ə nē ə nē ə ˌnak/ noun or adjective

NZ abbreviation
New Zealand
O

1 o /ˈoʊ/ noun, plural oˈs or os /ˈoʊz/ often cap
  1 : the 15th letter of the English alphabet
  2 : ZERO

2 o abbreviation, often cap
  1 ocean
  2 Ohio
  3 ohm

1 O variant of OH

2 O abbreviation
  Ohio

3 O symbol
  oxygen

o/a abbreviation
  on or about

oaf /ˈɔːf/ noun
  : a stupid or awkward person

  Synonyms
  clod, gawk, hulk, lout, lubber, lug; also chump, loser, schlemiel, turkey; ass, blockhead, dolt, donkey, dope, dumbbell, dummy, goon, half-wit, idiot, ignoramus, imbecile, jackass, moron, nincompoop, ninny, nitwit, simpleton; beast, boor, brute, cad, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, louse, skunk, snake, stinker, villain; booby, fool, goose, loony, lunatic, madman, nut; scatterbrain; rascal, rogue, scamp

  oaf·ish adjective
  : having the qualities typical of an oaf

oak /ˈɔk/ noun, plural oaks or oak
  : any of a genus of trees or shrubs related to the beech and chestnut and bearing a rounded thin-shelled nut surrounded at the base by a hardened cup; also : the usu. tough hard durable wood of an oak
  — oak·en /ˈoʊ.kən/ adjective

oa·kum /ˈoʊ.kʌm/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME okum, fr. OE òcumba flax fiber, from a- out + -cumba (akin to OE camb comb)]
  : loosely twisted hemp or jute fiber impregnated with tar and used esp. in caulking ships

oar /ˈɔr/ noun
  : a long pole with a broad blade at one end used for propelling or steering a boat

oar·lock /ˈɔrˌlɔk/ noun
  : a U-shaped device for holding an oar in place

oars·man /ˈɔrz.mən/ noun
  : one who rows esp. in a racing crew

OAS abbreviation
  Organization of American States

oa·sis /ˈoʊ.əsəs/ noun, plural oas·ses /
  : a fertile or green area in an arid region

oat /ˈoʊt/ noun
  : a cereal grass widely grown for its edible seed; also : this seed
  — oat·en /ˈoʊt.n/ adjective

oat·cake /ˈoʊt.kɑːk/ noun
  : a thin flat oatmeal cake
oath /əθ/ noun, plural oaths /əθz, əθz/  
1 ♦: a solemn appeal to God to witness to the truth of a statement or the sacredness of a promise  
2 : an irreverent or careless use of a sacred name  
   Synonyms  
   • pledge, promise, troth, vow, word—more at PROMISE

oat·meal /ˈät.mēl/ noun  
1 : ground or rolled oats  
2 : porridge made from ground or rolled oats  

Ob or Obad abbreviation  
Obadiah  

Oba·di·ah /ˈō.baˌdi.ə/ noun  
: a book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture

ob·li·ga·to /ˌə.bliˈɡa.tō/ noun, plural -tos also -ti /ˈɡā.tē/  
[origin: It]  
: an accompanying part usu. played by a solo instrument

ob·du·ra·cy /ˈəb.dəˈra.sēˌ.dē/ noun  
†: the quality or state of being obdurate  
   Synonyms  
   • hardheadedness, mulishness, obstinacy, peevishness, pertinacity, self-will, stubbornness, tenacity—more at OBSTINACY

ob·du·rate /ˈəb.dəˈrät/ adjective  
1 ♦: stubbornly resistant: UNYIELDING  
2 : hardened in feelings  
   Synonyms  
   • dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perversive, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at OBSTINATE

obe·di·ence /ˌō.bēˌdē.əns/ noun  
†: an act or instance of obeying  
   Synonyms  
   • compliance, conformity, observance, submission, subordination; also acquiescence; docility; capitulation, surrender, yielding; servility, subservience; inhibition, repression, restraint, suppression; control, discipline, order  
   Antonyms  
   • disobedience, insubordination, noncompliance, rebelling, rebellion

obe·di·ent /ˌō.bēˌdē.ənt/ adjective  
†: submissive to the restraint or command of authority  
— obe·di·ent·ly /əˈbēˌdē.ənt.əl/ adverb  
   Synonyms  
   • amenable, compliant, conformable, docile, submissive, tractable; also acquiescent, agreeable, amiable, obliging; surrendering, yielding; obsequious, servile, slavish, subservient; decorous, disciplined, mannerly, orderly; constrained, curbed, inhibited, repressed, restrained; manageable; gentle, meek, mild  
   Antonyms  
   • contrary, disobedient, froward, insubordinate, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly

obei·sance /ˌōˌbēˌsänsˌˌōˌbē/ noun  
: a bow made to show respect or submission; also : DEFERENCE, HOMAGE

obe·lisk /əˈbēˌlisk/ noun  
: a 4-sided pillar that tapers toward the top and ends in a pyramid

obese /ˈō.bēz/ adjective  
[origin: L obesus, fr. ob- against + esus, pp. of edere to eat]
obesity /ˈbē.ˈsa.tē/ noun
imiento characterized by the excessive accumulation and storage of fat in the body

Synonyms
- corpulence, fatness, grossness, plumpness—more at CORPULENCE

obey /ˈbā/ verb obeyed; obeying
1 : to follow the commands or guidance of : behave obediently
2 : to comply with "orders"

Synonyms
- comply, conform, follow, mind, observe; also defer (to), submit (to), surrender (to), yield (to); accede (to), acquiesce (to), agree (to), assent (to); attend, hear, heed, listen (to), mark, note, notice, regard, watch

Antonyms
- disobey

obfuscate /əˈfəs.ˌkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to make dark or obscure
2 : to obscure

obfuscation /əˈfəs.ˌkā.ʃən/ noun

OB–GYN abbreviation obstetrician gynecologist; obstetrics gynecology

obi /ˈō.ˈbē/ noun [ORIGIN: Jp]
: a broad sash worn esp. with a Japanese kimono

obit /ˈō.ˈbit. ˈō.ˈbat/ noun
: OBITUARY

obiter dictum /ˌō.ˈbē.tər.ˈdik.ˌtəm/ noun, plural obiter dicta /ˌtā/
[ORIGIN: LL, lit., something said in passing]
: an incidental remark or observation

obituary /ə.ˈbī.ˈchā.wer.ē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
: a notice of a person's death usu. with a short biographical account

obj abbreviation object; objective

1 object /ˈōb.ˌjikt/ noun
1 : something that may be seen or felt; also : something that may be perceived or examined mentally
2 : something that arouses an emotional response (as of affection or pity)
3 : the goal or end of an effort or activity: AIM, PURPOSE
4 : a word or word group denoting that on or toward which the action of a verb is directed; also : a noun or noun equivalent in a prepositional phrase

Synonyms
- [1] being, entity, individual, substance, thing—more at ENTITY
- [3] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, objective, plan, pretension, purpose, thing—more at GOAL

2 object /ˈōb.ˌjikt/ verb
1 : to offer in opposition
2 : to oppose something; also : DISAPPROVE

objector /ˌōb.ˌjek.ˌtār/ noun

Synonyms
- [1, 2] challenge, complain, criticize, demur, disapprove, dispute, kick, protest, quarrel, remonstrate; also
cavil, quibble, inveigh (against); balk (at)
object code noun
: a computer program after translation from source code

ob·jec·ti·fy /ˈəb.ɪk.ʃəˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to make objective

ob·jec·tion /ˈəb.ɪk.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of objecting
2 : a reason for or a feeling of disapproval

Synonyms
- challenge, complaint, demur, expostulation, fuss, kick, protest, question, remonstrance; also compunction, doubt, misgiving, qualm, scruple; difficulty, misunderstanding; cavil, quibble; argument, conflict, debate, dispute, dissent, hassle, quarrel, squabble; censure, criticism; defiance, disobedience, rebellion

ob·jec·tion·able /ˈəb.ɪk.ʃəˌne.əl/ adjective
: arousing objection : UNDESIRABLE, OFFENSIVE
— ob·jec·tion·ably /əˌbɪk.ʃəˈne.əl/ adverb

Synonyms
- censurable, obnoxious, offensive, reprehensible, unacceptable, undesirable; also bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lewd, nasty, obscene, smutty, vulgar; blamable, blameworthy, lascivious, pornographic, ribald, scurrilous; debasing, perverted, profane; racy, salty, suggestive; unwanted, unwelcome; abhorrent, disgusting, loathsome, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting; disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful, unpleasant; bad, execrable, lousy, miserable; atrocious, infamous; indecent, indecorous, unbecoming; earthy, unprintable; naughty, wicked

Antonyms
inoffensive, unobjectionable

1 ob·jec·tive /ˈəb.ɪk.тив/ adjective
1 : of or relating to an object or end
2 : existing outside and independent of the mind
3 : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking typically the object of a verb or preposition
4 : treating or dealing with facts without distortion by personal feelings or prejudices
— ob·jec·tive·ly adverb
— ob·jec·tive·ness noun

Synonyms
- disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, square, unbiased, unprejudiced
— more at FAIR

2 ob·jec·tive noun
1 : the lens (as in a microscope) nearest the object and forming an image of it
2 : an aim, goal, or end of action

Synonyms
- aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, plan, pretension, purpose, thing—more at GOAL

ob·jec·tiv·i·ty /əˌbɪk.ˈtɪv.i.tē/ noun
: the quality, state, or relation of being objective

Synonyms
- detachment, disinterestedness, impartiality, neutrality—more at DETACHMENT

ob·jet d’art /ˌo.bə.ʒət dər/ noun, plural ob·jets d’art /ˈsma.ʔənt/ [origin: F]
: an article of artistic worth; also : CURIO

ob·jet trou·vé /ˌo.bə.ʒət truvˈvā/ noun, plural ob·jets trouvés /ˈsma.ʔəz truvˈvēz/ [origin: F, lit., found object]
: a found natural or discarded object (as a piece of driftwood) held to have aesthetic value

ob·jur·ga·tion /əˈbjer.ɡə.ʃən/ noun
ob·jur·gate /əbˈjʊrˌgæt/ verb
obl abbreviation
1 oblique
2 oblong
ob·late /əˈblæt/ adjective
: flattened or depressed at the poles <an ~ spheroid>
ob·la·tion /əˈbləˌʃən/ noun
: a religious offering
ob·li·gate /əˌblɪˌɡæt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
› : to bind legally or morally
  Synonyms
    ➤ coerce, compel, constrain, drive, force, make, muscle, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE
ob·li·ga·tion /əˌblɪˌɡæʃən/ noun
1 : an act of obligating oneself to a course of action
2 : something (as a promise or a contract) that binds one to a course of action
3 : INDEBTEDNESS; also : LIABILITY
4 : DUTY
  Synonyms
    ➤ burden, charge, commitment, duty, need, responsibility; also pledge, promise; arrangement, prearrangement, setup; compact, contract, covenant, pact; payment, tribute; compulsion, constraint, restraint; must, requirement; coercion, duress, force; appointment, engagement, reservation
oblig·a·to·ry /əˌblɪˌɡæˈtɔrē/ adjective
› : binding in law or conscience
  Synonyms
    ➤ compulsory, imperative, incumbent, involuntary, mandatory, necessary, nonelective, peremptory—more at MANDATORY
oblige /əˈblɪʒ/ verb obliged; oblig·ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF obliger, fr. L obligare, lit., to bind to, fr. ob- toward + ligare to bind]
1 › : to constrain by physical, moral, or legal force or by the requirements of circumstance : FORCE, COMPEL
2 : to bind by a favor; also : to do a favor for or do something as a favor
  Synonyms
    ➤ coerce, compel, constrain, drive, force, make, muscle, oblige, press, pressure—more at FORCE
obliged /əˈblɪd/ adjective
› : full of appreciation
  Synonyms
    ➤ appreciative, grateful, thankful—more at GRATEFUL
obl·ing·ing adjective
: willing to do favors
  — ob·ling·ly adverb
oblique /əˈblɪk/ adjective
1 › : neither perpendicular nor parallel : having a slant
2 : not straightforward : INDIRECT
  — ob·liq·u·ness noun
  — ob·liq·ui·ty /ˌblɪkwaˈtɪ/ noun
  Synonyms
    ➤ canted, diagonal, inclined, leaning, listing, slantwise—more at DIAGONAL
oblique case noun
: a grammatical case other than the nominative or vocative
oblique·ly adverb
obliterate /əˈblɪt.ər/ verb -at·ed, -at·ing
[origin: L oblitterare, fr. ob in the way of + littera letter]
1: to make undecipherable by wiping out or covering over
2: to remove from recognition or memory
3: to remove from existence
4: to remove from existence

obliteration /əˌblɪt.əˈrāshən/ noun
: the state of being obliterated

oblivious /əˈblɪv.iəs/ adjective
1: lacking memory or mindful attention
2: lacking active conscious knowledge or awareness:
 — oblivious·ly adverb

obliviousness noun
: the quality or state of being oblivious

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3: CANCEL
4: to remove from existence

oblivion /əˈblɪv.ən/ noun
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2: the condition or state of being forgotten

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oblong /əˈblŏng/ adjective
: deviating from a square, circular, or spherical form by elongation in one dimension

obloquy /əˈbləkwə/ noun, plural -quies
1: strongly condemnatory utterance or language
2: bad repute:

obnoxious /əbˈnəs.əs/ adjective
1: odiously or disgustingly objectionable: highly offensive:
 — obnoxious·ly adverb
2 archaic: deserving of censure

obnoxiousness noun
: highly offensive: REPUGNANT, OFFENSIVE

oboe /əˈbō/ noun
[origin: It, fr. F hautbois, fr. haut high + bois wood]
: a woodwind instrument with a slender conical tube and a double reed mouthpiece

obscene adjective
1: disgusting to the senses:
 — obscene·ly adverb
2: deeply offensive to morality or decency; especially:
designed to incite to lust or depravity
— **ob·scene·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lascivious, lewd, nasty, pornographic, ribald, smutty, unprintable, vulgar, wanton; *also* earthy, racy, salty, suggestive; indecorous, unbecoming; debasing, perverted, profane; naughty, wicked; exceptionable, objectionable, unacceptable, undesirable, unwanted, unwelcome; abhorrent, disgusting, loathsome, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting; distasteful, obnoxious, unpleasant, unpleasantly; blamable, blameworthy, censurable, reprehensible; atrocious, infamous; abusive, scurrilous

**Antonyms**
- clean, decent

**ob·scen·i·ty** /əˈsen.ə.tē/ noun
- : the quality or state of being obscene

**Synonyms**
- bawdiness, coarseness, dirt, dirtiness, filth, filthiness, foulness, grossness, indecency, lewdness, nastiness, ribaldry, smut, vulgarity; *also* raciness, saltiness, suggestiveness; perversion, profanity; naughtiness, wickedness; offensiveness, repulsiveness; obnoxiousness, unpleasantness

**ob·scu·ran·tism** /ˈəbˌskərən.təm/ noun
1: opposition to the spread of knowledge
2: deliberate vagueness or abstruseness

— **ob·scu·ran·tist** noun or adjective
1: obscure
2: obscuring

**ob·scure** /əˈskər/Yər/ adjective
1: emitting or having a limited or insufficient amount of light: **DIM**, **GLOOMY**
2: not readily understood
3: relatively unknown; *also* **HUMBLE**

— **ob·scure·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] dark, darkling, dim, dusky, gloomy, murky, somber—more at **DARK**
- [2] ambiguous, cryptic, dark, darkling, deep, enigmatic, equivocal, inscrutable, murky, mysterious, mystic, nebulous, occult, unclear, vague; *also* abstruse, esoteric, recondite; bleary, cloudy, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, shadowy, uncertain, undefined, undetermined; impenetrable, incomprehensible; inexplicable; eerie, uncanny, weird; impalpable, inappreciable, intangible, invisible; unanswerable, unknowable; baffling, bewildering, confounding, confusing, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling, unfathomable; difficult, complex, complicated, obtuse

**Antonyms**
- clear, obvious, plain, unambiguous, unequivocal
- [3] anonymous, humble, nameless, unknown, unsung; *also* insignificant, minor, unimportant; undistinguished, unexceptional; unpopular; faceless

**Antonyms**
- celebrated, famed, famous, noted, notorious, prominent, renowned, well-known

**ob·scure** verb **ob·scured**; **ob·scur·ing**
1: to make dark, dim, or indistinct
2: to conceal or hide by or as if by covering

**Synonyms**
- [1] becloud, befog, blur, cloud, darken, dim, fog, haze, mist, overcast, overshadow, shroud—more at **CLOUD**
- [2] blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, hide, mask, occult, screen, shroud, veil—more at **HIDE**

**ob·scu·ri·ty** /ˌskərə.tē/ noun
- : the quality or state of being obscure

**Synonyms**
- ambiguity, darkness, murkiness, opacity; *also* cloudiness, dimness, faintness, fuzziness, haziness, indefiniteness, indistinctness, uncertainty, vagueness; impenetrability, invisibility; abstruseness; difficulty, complexity, complication, obtuseness

**Antonyms**
- clarity, clearness, obviousness, plainness
ob·se·qui·ous /əbˈsēˌkwēˌəs/ adjective
: humbly or excessively attentive (as to a person in authority) : FAWNING, SYCOPHANTIC
— ob·se·qui·ous·ly adverb
— ob·se·qui·ous·ness noun

ob·se·quy /əbˈsēˌkwē/ noun, plural -quies
: a funeral or burial rite — usu. used in pl.

ob·serv·able /əbˈzər.və.bəl/ adjective
1 : NOTEWORTHY
2 ▶ : capable of being observed
— ob·serv·a·bil·ity /əbˈzər.vəˈbil.ətē/ noun

Synonyms
☞ apparent, visible, visual—more at VISIBLE

ob·serv·ance /əbˈzər.vəns/ noun
1 ▶ : a customary practice or ceremony
2 ▶ : an act or instance of following a custom, rule, or law
3 : an act or instance of watching : OBSERVATION

Synonyms
☞ [1] ceremonial, ceremony, form, formality, rite, ritual, solemnity—more at RITE
☞ [2] compliance, conformity, obedience, submission, subordination—more at OBEDIENCE

ob·serv·vant /ˌvənt/ adjective
1 ▶ : paying strict attention <~ spectators>
2 : KEEN, PERCEPTIVE
3 : MINDFUL <~ of the amenities>

Synonyms
☞ absorbed, attentive, engrossed, intent, rapt—more at ATTENTIVE

ob·ser·va·tion /əbˈsər.vəˈzhən/ noun
1 ▶ : an act or instance of observing
2 : the gathering of information (as for scientific studies) by noting facts or occurrences
3 ▶ : a conclusion drawn from observing; also : REMARK
4 : the fact of being observed
— ob·ser·va·tion·al /əbˈsər.vəˌzhən.əl/ adjective

Synonyms
☞ [1] attention, awareness, cognizance, ear, eye, heed, notice, observance—more at ATTENTION
☞ [3] comment, note, reflection, remark—more at REMARK

ob·ser·va·to·ry /əbˈzər.vəˌtərē/ noun, plural -ries
: a place or institution equipped for observation of natural phenomena (as in astronomy)

ob·serve /əbˈzərv/ verb ob·serv·ed; ob·serv·ing
1 ▶ : to conform one's action or practice to
2 ▶ : to celebrate or solemnize (as a ceremony or festival) in a customary or accepted way : CELEBRATE
3 : to make a scientific observation of
4 ▶ : to see or sense esp. through careful attention
5 : to come to realize esp. through consideration of noted facts
6 ▶ : to utter as a remark : REMARK
— ob·serv·er noun

Synonyms
☞ [1] comply, conform, follow, mind, obey—more at OBEY
☞ [2] celebrate, commemorate, keep—more at KEEP
☞ [4] behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at SEE
☞ [6] comment, note, opine, remark—more at REMARK

ob·ses·s /əbˈses/ verb
: to preoccupy intensely or abnormally
ob·ses·sion /əbˈsiːʃən/ noun
  ▶ a persistent disturbing preoccupation with an idea or feeling; also: an emotion or idea causing such a preoccupation
  — ob·ses·sive /əbˈsiːsv/ adjective or noun
  — ob·ses·sive·ly adverb
    Synonyms
      ▶ fetish, fixation, mania, preoccupation, prepossession—more at FIXATION
  ob·ses·sive–compulsive adjective
  : relating to, characterized by, or affected with recurring obsessions and compulsions esp. as symptoms of a neurotic state

ob·sid·i·an /əbˈsiːd.ən/ noun
  : a dark natural glass formed by the cooling of molten lava

ob·so·les·cent /əbˈsoʊ.ələnt/ adjective
  : going out of use: becoming obsolete
  — ob·so·les·cence /əbˈsoʊ.ələns/ noun

ob·so·lete /əbˈsoʊ.əlt/ adjective
  : no longer in use; also: OLD-FASHIONED
    Synonyms
      ▶ antiquated, archaic, dated, old-fashioned, outdated, outmoded, outworn, passé; also aging, obsolescent; discarded, superannuated, worn-out; inoperable, unusable, unworkable, useless; dead, defunct, extinct; dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative, latent; ancient, antediluvian, antique, dusty, musty, old, old-time, old-world; aged, age-old, hoary, venerable; bygone, erstwhile, former, late, past; historic, historical

ob·sta·cle /əbˈstəkl/ noun
  : something that stands in the way or opposes
    Synonyms
      ▶ bar, block, clog, crimp, drag, embarrassment, encumbrance, fetter, handicap, hindrance, let, stop, stumbling block; also catch, hitch, rub, snag; encumbrance, burden, weight; fetter, hobble; delay, holdup, setback; break, check, constraint, curb, rein, restraint; bond, chain, handcuff, leash, manacle, muzzle, shackles, strap, tether, tie, trammel; barricade, fence, wall; disadvantage, disability, handicap; difficulty, hardship, rigor; adversity

ob·stet·rics /əbˈstɛtrɪks/ noun singular or plural
  : a branch of medicine that deals with birth and with its antecedents and sequels
  — ob·stet·ric /ˈɔtrɪk/ or ob·stet·ri·cal /ˈɔ.traˌkəl/ adjective
  — ob·sti·na·cy /əbˈstiˌnəs/ noun
  — ob·sti·na·cious /əbˈstiˌnəsəs/ adjective
  : the quality or state of being obstinate
    Synonyms
      ▶ hardheadedness, mulishness, obduracy, peevishness, pertinacity, self-will, stubbornness, tenacity; also perverseness, perversity, resistance, wrongheadedness; persistence, hardness, inflexibility, relentlessness, sternness, strictness; certainty, determination, firmness; resolve, rigidity, steadfastness; defiance, disobedience, insubordination, recalcitrance

ob·sti·nate /əbˈstɪnət/ adjective
  : fixed and unyielding (as in an opinion or course) despite reason or persuasion: STUBBORN
  — ob·sti·nate·ly adverb
    Synonyms
      ▶ dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful; also hidebound, narrow-minded; resistant, wayward, wrongheaded; persistent, tenacious; adamant, adamantine, hard, inflexible, iron, relentless, rigid, stern, strict, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting; determined, firm, inexorable, steadfast, sure; contrary, disobedient, froward, insubordinate, intractable, recalcitrant, refractory, uncooperative, ungovernable, unmanageable, unruly; defiant, insurgent, mutinous; indomitable

ob·stre·per·ous /əbˈ스트əpərəs/ adjective
1 • : uncontrollably noisy
2 • : stubbornly resistant to control : UNRULY
   — ob·stre·per·ous·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ blatant, clamorous, vociferous—more at VOCIFEROUS

ob·struct /abˈstrakt/ verb
1 • : to block by an obstacle
2 • : to impede the passage, action, or operation of
3 • : to cut off from sight
   — ob·struct·ive /ˌstrakt.ɪv/ adjective
   — ob·struct·or /ˌstrakt.ər/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] block, choke, clog, close, congest, dam, jam, plug, stop, stuff—more at CLOG
   ▶ [2] delay, hamper, hinder, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere—more at HAMPER

ob·struc·tion /abˈstrækʃən/ noun
1 : an act of obstructing : the state of being obstructed
2 : something that obstructs : HINDRANCE
   — ob·struc·tion·ist /ˌsha_.ni.st/ noun
   : a person who hinders progress or business esp. in a legislative body
   — ob·struc·tion·ism /ˌsha_.ni.zəm/ noun

ob·tain /abˈtān/ verb
1 • : to gain or attain usu. by planning or effort
2 • : to be generally recognized or established
   Synonyms
   ▶ acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, get, land, make, procure, realize, secure, win—more at EARN
   ▶ accessible, acquirable, attainable, available, procurable—more at AVAILABLE

ob·trude /abˈtrud/ verb ob·trud·ed; ob·trud·ing
1 • : to thrust out
2 • : to thrust forward without warrant or request
3 • : to become unduly prominent or interfering : INTRUDE
   — ob·tru·sion /ˈtrü.zhan/ noun
   — ob·tru·sive·ly adverb
   — ob·tru·sive·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, mess, nose, poke, pry, snoop—more at INTERFERE

ob·tru·sive /ˌtrü.siv/ adjective
   : forward in manner or conduct
   Synonyms
   ▶ intrusive, meddlesome, nosy, officious, presumptuous, prying—more at INTRUSIVE

ob·tuse /abˈtūs, ˈtūs/ adjective ob·tus·er; -est
1 • : exceeding 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees <~ angle
2 • : not pointed or acute : BLUNT
3 • : not sharp or quick of wit
   — ob·tus·ely adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] blunt, dull—more at DULL
   ▶ [3] dense, dull, dumb, slow, stupid, thick, unintelligent

ob·tuse·ness noun
obv abbreviation

obverse

1. obverse /əˈbɜr.vər/ adjective
   1: facing the observer or opponent
   2: being a counterpart or complement

   obverse·ly adverb

2. obverse /əˈbɜr.vər/ noun
   1: the side (as of a coin) bearing the principal design and lettering
   2: a front or principal surface
   3: a counterpart having the opposite orientation or force

ob·vi·ate /əˈbiv.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing

   : to anticipate and prevent (as a situation) or make unnecessary (as an action)

   — ob·vi·a·tion /əˈbivəˈʃən/ noun

   ob·vi·ous /əˈbivəs/ adjective

   [ORIGIN: L obvius, fr. obviam in the way, fr. ob in the way of + viam, acc. of via way]

   : easily found, seen, or understood

   — ob·vi·ous·ly adverb

   — ob·vi·ous·ness noun

oc·a·ri·na /ˈoʊ.kəˌrɪ.nə/ noun

[ORIGIN: It]

: a wind instrument typically having an oval body with finger holes and a projecting mouthpiece

occas abbreviation

occasion /əˈkāˌzhən/ noun

1: a favorable opportunity
2: a direct or indirect cause
3: the time of an event
4: EXIGENCY
5 plural: AFFAIRS, BUSINESS
6: a special event: CELEBRATION
7: something that happens

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] chance, opening, opportunity, room—more at OPPORTUNITY
   ▶ [2] antecedent, cause, reason—more at CAUSE
   ▶ [7] affair, circumstance, episode, event, happening, incident, occurrence, thing—more at EVENT

occasion verb

: BRING ABOUT, CAUSE

oc·ca·sion·al /əˈkəˌzən.al/ adjective
1: happening or met with now and then <~ visits>
2: used or designed for a special occasion <~ verse>

— **oc-ca-sion-al-ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- casual, choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty, unsteady—more at **FITFUL**
- infrequent, rare, sporadic—more at **INFREQUENT**

**oc-ci-den-tal** /æk.ˈsa.ˌdent/ adjective, often cap
[**ORIGIN**: fr. Occident West, fr. ME, fr. AF, fr. L occident-, occidens, fr. prp. of occidere to fall, set (of the sun)]
: **WESTERN**
— **Occidental** noun

**Oc-ci-tan** /ˈak.ʃə.ˌtan/ noun
[**ORIGIN**: F, fr. ML occitanus, fr. Old Occitan oc yes (contrasted with OF oil yes)]
: a Romance language spoken in southern France

**oc-clu-de** /e._ˈklud/ verb oc-c lud-ed; oc-c lud-ing
1: **OBSTRUCT** *<an occluded artery>*
2: to come together with opposing surfaces in contact — used of teeth
— **oc-clu-sion** /ˌklü.ˈzhan/ noun
— **oc-clu-sive** /ˈklü.ˈsiv/ adjective

**1oc-cult** /e._ˈkəlt/ adjective
1: not revealed : **SECRET**
2: not easily apprehended or understood : **MYSTERIOUS**
3: of or relating to supernatural agencies, their effects, or knowledge of them
— **oc-cult-i-sm** /ˈkəlt.ˌi.zəm/ noun
— **oc-cult-ist** /ˈi.st/ noun

**Synonyms**
- [2] cryptic, darkling, deep, enigmatic, impenetrable, inscrutable, mysterious, mystic, uncanny—more at **MYSTERIOUS**
- [3] magic, magical, mystic, weird—more at **MYSTIC**

**2oc-cult** noun
: occult matters — used with the

**oc-cu-pa-tion** /ˈəˌkə._ˈpa.ˈʃən/ noun, plural -cies
1: the act of occupying : the state of being occupied
2: an occupied building or part of a building

**oc-cu-pant** /ˈpənt/ noun
: one who occupies something; especially : **RESIDENT**

**Synonyms**
- denizen, dweller, inhabitant, resident—more at **INHABITANT**

**oc-cu-pa-tion** /ˈəˌkə._ˈpa.ˈshən/ noun
1: an activity in which one engages; especially : **VOCATION**
2: the taking possession of property; also : the taking possession of an area by a foreign military force
— **oc-cu-pa-tion-al** /ˌsha._nal/ adjective
— **oc-cu-pa-tion-al-ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- calling, employment, line, profession, trade, vocation, work; also racket; art, craft, handicraft; appointment, assignment, berth, billet, duty, function, job, office, place, position, post, situation; business, engagement, livelihood, living

**occupational therapy** noun
: therapy by means of activity; especially : creative activity prescribed for its effect in promoting recovery or rehabilitation
— **occupational therapist** noun
occupied /əˌkiptaɪd/ adjective
› engaged in activity

Synonyms
› active, assiduous, busy, diligent, engaged, laborious, sedulous, working—more at busy

occupy /əˈkiptɪ/ verb -py·ing
1 › to engage the attention or energies of
2 › to fill up (an extent in space or time)
3 › to take or hold possession of
4 › to reside in as owner or tenant
— occupier noun

Synonyms
› absorb, busy, engage, engross, enthral, fascinate, grip, immerse, interest, intrigue, involve—more at engage

[3] command, enjoy, have, hold, own, possess, retain—more at have

occur /əˈkɜr/ verb occurred; occurring
[origin: L occurrere, fr. ob- in the way + currere to run]
1 › to be found or met with : appear
2 › to come into existence : happen
3 › to come to mind <it occurred to her>

Synonyms
› be, befall, betide, chance, come, go, happen, pass, transpire—more at happen

occurrence /əˈkɜrəns/ noun
1 › something that takes place
2 › the action or process of occurring

Synonyms
› affair, circumstance, episode, event, happening, incident, occasion, thing—more at event

ocean /ˈoʊʃən/ noun
1 › the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three fourths of the surface of the earth
2 › any of the large bodies of water into which the great ocean is divided

Synonyms
› blue, brine, deep, sea; also high seas, main, waters; basin; Davy Jones's locker

oceanic /ˌoʊʃəˌnɪk/ adjective
› of or relating to the ocean

Synonyms
› marine, maritime, pelagic—more at marine

oceanarium /ˌoʊʃəˌræriəm/ noun, plural -iums or -ia /ˌoʊ.ʃə./
› a large marine aquarium

ocean-front /ˈoʊʃənˌfrʌnt/ noun
› a shore area on the ocean

ocean-going /ˌoʊˈseɪ.ɪŋ/ adjective
› of, relating to, or suitable for travel on the ocean

oceanography /ˌoʊˈseɪ.ɒɡrəˌfɪ/ noun
› a science dealing with the ocean and its phenomena
— oceanographer /ˌfætər/ noun
— oceanographic /ˌoʊˈseɪ.ɒɡrəˌfɪk/ adjective

ocelot /ˈoʊˌselət/ noun
› a medium-sized American wildcat ranging southward from Texas to northern Argentina and having a tawny yellow or gray coat with black markings

ocher or ochre /ˈoʊ.ˈkɛr/ noun
an earthy usu. red or yellow iron ore used as a pigment; also: the color esp. of yellow ocher

'oc·clock /əˈklæk/ adverb
: according to the clock

OCR abbreviation
optical character reader; optical character recognition

OCS abbreviation
officer candidate school

oct abbreviation
octavo

Oct abbreviation
October

oc·ta·gon /ˈæk.tə.gən/ noun
: a polygon of eight angles and eight sides
— oc·tag·o·nal /ˈæk.tə.gən.əl/ adjective

oc·tane /ˈæk.tən/ noun
: OCTANE NUMBER

octane number noun
: a number used to measure the antiknock properties of gasoline that increases as the likelihood of knocking decreases

oc·tave /ˈæk.tv/ noun
1: a musical interval embracing eight degrees; also: a tone or note at this interval or the whole series of notes, tones, or keys within this interval
2: a group of eight

oc·ta·vo /ˈæk.tə.vō, -tā./ noun, plural -vos
1: the size of a piece of paper cut eight from a sheet
2: a book printed on octavo pages

oc·tet /ˈæk.tet/ noun
1: a musical composition for eight voices or eight instruments; also: the performers of such a composition
2: a group or set of eight

Oc·to·ber /ˈæk.tə.bar/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME Octobre, fr. OE October, fr. L, eighth month of the early Roman calendar, fr. octo eight]
: the 10th month of the year

oc·to·ge·nar·i·an /ˌæk.tə.je.nər.ē.ən/ noun
: a person whose age is in the eighties

oc·to·pus /ˈæk.tə.pəs/ noun, plural -pus·es or -pi /ˈpi/ noun
: any of various sea mollusks with eight long muscular arms furnished with suckers

oc·to·syl·lab·ic /ˌæk.tə.sil.ə.bik/ adjective
: composed of verses having eight syllables
— octosyllabic noun

1ocular /əˈkylər/ adjective
1: based on what has been seen: VISUAL
2: of or relating to the eye or the eyesight

Synonyms
optical, visual—more at VISUAL

2ocular noun
: EYEPIECE
oc·u·list /ˌäˌkəˌlist/ noun
1 : OPHTHALMOLOGIST
2 : OPTOMETRIST

1OD /ō′dē/ noun
: an overdose of a drug and esp. a narcotic

2OD verb OD’d or ODeD; OD’-ing; OD’s
: to become ill or die from an OD

3OD abbreviation
1 doctor of optometry
2 [ORIGIN L. oculus dexter] right eye
3 officer of the day
4 olive drab
5 overdraft
6 overdrawn

odd /′äd/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME. odd, fr. ON oddi point of land, triangle, odd number]
1 : being only one of a pair or set <an ~ shoe>
2 : somewhat more than the number mentioned <forty ~ years ago>
3 : being an integer (as 1, 3, or 5) not divisible by two without leaving a remainder
4 : additional to what is usual <~ jobs>
5 • : differing markedly from the usual or ordinary or accepted : STRANGE <an ~ way of behaving>
— odd·ness noun

Synonyms
• bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kinky, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, strange, wacky, weird, wild; also aberrant, abnormal, atypical, extraordinary, fantastic, flaky, freak, freakish, idiosyncratic, phenomenal, singular, unique, unusual, un wonted; conspicuous, notable, outstanding, prominent, salient, striking; atrocious, outrageous, shocking, nonconforming, nonconformist, unconventional, unorthodox; eccentric, idiosyncratic; rare, uncommon, un customary; baffling, bewildering, confounding, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling
• aberrant, abnormal, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, freak, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, singular, uncommon, un customary, unique, unusual, un wonted—more at EXCEPTIONAL

odd·ball /′äd′bôl/ noun
• : one that is eccentric
— oddball adjective

Synonyms
• character, crackpot, crank, eccentric, kook, nut, screwball, weirdo—more at ECCENTRIC

odd·i·ty /′ä′de′tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 • : one that is odd
2 • : the quality or state of being odd

Synonyms
• [1] crotchet, eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, mannerism, peculiarity, quirk, singularity, trick—more at IDIOSYCRASY
• [1, 2] curiosity, exotic, rarity—more at CURIOSITY

odd·ly /′äd′lē/ adverb
1 : in an odd manner
2 : as is odd <~ enough, I agree>

odd·ment /′ä′dəmənt/ noun
: something left over : REMNANT

odds /′ädz/ noun plural
1 • : a difference by which one thing is favored over another
2 : DISAGREEMENT — usu. used with at
3: the ratio between the amount to be paid for a winning bet and the amount of the bet <the horse went off at ~ of 6–1> 

**Synonyms**
- chance, percentage, probability—more at [PROBABILITY](#)

**odds and ends** noun plural
1: miscellaneous things or matters
2: miscellaneous remnants or leftovers

**Synonyms**
- [1] notions, novelties, sundries
- [2] balance, leavings, leftovers, remainder, remains, remnant, residue, rest—more at [REMAINDER](#)

**odds-on** /′ädz-ən, ′ən/ adjective
: having a better than even chance to win

**ode** /′əd/ noun
: a lyric poem that expresses a noble feeling with dignity

**odium** /′o-di-əm/ noun
1: merited loathing: [HATRED](#)
2: disrepute or infamy attached to something: [DISGRACE](#)

**odometer** /′od-ə-mətər/ noun
[origin: F odomètre, fr. Gk hodometron, fr. hodos way, road + metron measure]
: an instrument for measuring distance traveled (as by a vehicle)

**odor** /′o-dər/ noun
1: the quality of something that stimulates the sense of smell; also: a sensation resulting from such stimulation
2: [REPUTE], [ESTIMATION]
- odoriferous /′o-di-ər-əs/ adjective
- odorless /′o-di-əl/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- redolence, scent, smell, sniff—more at [SMELL](#)

**odoriferous** /′o-di-ər-əs/ adjective
: having or yielding an odor

**odour** chiefly British variant of [ODOR](#)

**odyssey** /′ə-de-ˌsi/ noun, plural -seys
[origin: the Odyssey, epic poem attributed to Homer recounting the long wanderings of Odysseus]
: a long wandering marked usu. by many changes of fortune

**oeuvre** /′ə-wər/ chiefly British variant of [ECUMENICAL](#)

**OED** abbreviation
Oxford English Dictionary

**oe-de-ma** chiefly British variant of [EDEMA](#)

**oe-dipal** /′e-di-pəl, ′əpəl/ adjective, often cap
: of, relating to, or resulting from the Oedipus complex
Oedipus complex /ˌōdēˈpəs/ noun
the positive sexual feelings of a child toward the parent of the opposite sex and hostile or jealous feelings toward the parent of the same sex that may be a source of adult personality disorder when unresolved

OEO abbreviation
Office of Economic Opportunity

o'er /ˈôr/ adverb or preposition
1: across a barrier or intervening space: OVER
2: once more
3: in or to a higher place

OES abbreviation
Order of the Eastern Star

oesophagus chiefly British variant of ESOPHAGUS

oeuvre /ˈoʊvər/ noun, plural œuvres /sam/:
A substantial body of work constituting the lifework of a writer, an artist, or a composer

of /of/ preposition
1: FROM <a man ~ the West>
2: having as a significant background or character element <a man ~ noble birth> <a woman ~ ability>
3: owing to <died ~ flu>
4: BY <the plays ~ Shakespeare>
5: having as component parts or material, contents, or members <a house ~ brick> <a glass ~ water> <a pack ~ fools>
6: belonging to or included by <the front ~ the house> <a time ~ life> <one ~ you> <the best ~ its kind> <the son ~ a doctor>

7: relating to: ABOUT <tales ~ the West>
8: connected with: OVER <the queen ~ England>
9: that is: signified as <the city ~ Rome>
10: used to indicate apposition of the words it joins <that fool ~ a husband>
11: as concerns: FOR <love ~ nature>
12: used to indicate the application of an adjective <fond ~ candy>
13: preceding in time: BEFORE <quarter ~ ten>

Synonyms
7 about, apropos of, concerning, on, regarding, respecting, toward—more at ABOUT
8 ahead of, before, ere, previous to, prior to, to—more at BEFORE

OF abbreviation
outfield

1 off /ôf/ adverb
1: from a place or position <drove ~ in a new car>; also: ASIDE <turned ~ into a side road>
2: at a distance in time or space <stood ~ a few yards> <several years ~>
3: so as to be unattached or removed <the lid blew ~> 
4: to a state of discontinuance, exhaustion, or completion <shut the radio ~> 
5: away from regular work <took time ~ for lunch>

2 off preposition
1: away from <just ~ the highway> <take it ~ the table>
2: to seaward of <two miles ~ the coast>
3: FROM <borrowed a dollar ~ me>
4: at the expense of <lives ~ his parents>
5: not now engaged in <~ duty>
6: abstaining from <~ liquor>
7: below the usual level of <~ his game>

3 off adjective
1: more removed or distant
2 : started on the way
3  : not operating
4  : not correct
5 : small in degree : REMOTE, SLIGHT
6 : of poor quality : INFERIOR
7 : provided for <well ~>

Synonyms
 [3] dead, dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative, latent, vacant—more at INACTIVE
 [4] erroneous, false, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, invalid, unsound, untrue, wrong—more at FALSE

off abbreviation
office; officer; official

of-fal /'Ô.fal/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. of off + fall]
: the waste or by-product of a process; especially : the viscera and trimmings of a butchered animal removed in dressing

off and on adverb
: INTERMITTENTLY

offbeat /'ô.beit/ noun
: the unaccented part of a musical measure

offbeat adjective
 : deviating from conventional or accepted usage or conduct esp. in odd or whimsical ways

Synonyms
 curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, peculiar, queer, rare, singular, strange, unaccustomed, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual, unwonted, weird—more at UNUSUAL

off–col·or /'ô.ka.lor/ or off–col·ored /'lerd/ adjective
1 : not having the right or standard color
2 : of doubtful propriety : verging on indecency <-- stories>

off–end /'ô.ên/ verb
1  : to violate a law or rule : SIN, TRANSGRESS
2 : to cause discomfort or pain : HURT
3  : to cause dislike or vexation

Synonyms
 [1] err, sin, transgress, trespass; also breach, break, infringe, violate; backslide, lapse
 [3] affront, insult, outrage, slight, wound—more at INSULT

of–end·er noun
 : one that offends

Synonyms
 criminal, crook, culprit, felon, lawbreaker, malefactor—more at CRIMINAL

offense or of–fence /'ô.fens, esp for 2 & 3 'ô.‚fens/ noun
1 : something that outrages the senses
2  : the act of attacking : ATTACK, ASSAULT
3 : the offensive team or members of a team playing offensive positions
4 a  : the act of displeasing or affronting
b  : the state of being insulted or morally outraged
5  : a breach of a moral or social code : SIN, MISDEED
6  : an infraction of law : CRIME

Synonyms
 [2] aggression, assault, attack, charge, descent, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, rush, strike—more at ATTACK
 [4a] affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, outrage, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at INSULT
 [4b] dudgeon, huff, peeve, pique, resentment, umbrage—more at PIQUE
[5, 6] breach, crime, error, malefaction, misdeed, misdoing, sin, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing; also felony, misdemeanor; fault, foible, peccadillo; break, infringement; immorality, iniquity, sinfulness, vice, wickedness; criminality, illegality, lawlessness

1 offensive /əˈfensɪv/ adjective
   1: AGGRESSIVE
   2: of or relating to an attempt to score in a game; also: of or relating to a team in possession of the ball or puck
   3: giving painful or unpleasant sensations: OBNOXIOUS
   4: INSULTING

— of·fen·sive·ly adverb
— of·fen·sive·ness noun

   Synonyms
   ❯ awful, distasteful, foul, horrible, horrid, nasty, nauseating, noisome, objectionable, obnoxious, obscene, odious, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, shocking, ugly; also disagreeable, unpleasant; contemptible, despicable, detestable, hateful; unhealthy, unwholesome; execrable, lousy, miserable; atrocious, heinous, unspeakable; barbarous, unchristian, uncivilized, ungodly, unholy

   Antonyms
   inoffensive

2 offensive noun
   : the act of attacking with physical force or unfriendly words: ATTACK

1 offer /ˈo-fər/ verb offered, offering
   1: SACRIFICE
   2: to present for acceptance: TENDER; also: to propose as payment
   3: to set before the mind (as for discussion, imitation, or action): PROPOSE, SUGGEST; also: to declare one's readiness
   4: to try or begin to exert <~ resistance>
   5: to place on sale
   6: to present in performance or exhibition

   Synonyms
   ❯ [2] extend, give, proffer, tender; also pose, propose
   ❯ [3] advance, pose, proffer, propose, propound, suggest, vote—more at PROPOSE
   ❯ [6] carry, give, mount, present, stage—more at PRESENT

2 offer noun
   1: a presenting of something for acceptance: PROPOSAL
   2: BID
   3: TRY

   Synonyms
   proffer, proposal, proposition, suggestion—more at PROPOSAL

off·er·ing noun
   : a sacrifice ceremonially offered as a part of worship

off·er·to·ry /ˈo-fər-tərē/ noun, plural -tries
   : the presentation of offerings at a church service; also: the musical accompaniment during it

off·gas·sing /ˈɔf-gas·sing/ noun
   : the emission of esp. noxious gases (as from a building material)

off·hand /ˈo-fənd/ adjective
   : done or made without previous thought or preparation

   Synonyms
   ad-lib, extemporaneous, impromptu, snap, unplanned, unpremeditated, unprepared, unrehearsed—more at EXTEMPORANEOUS

off·hour /ˌaʊr·ər/ noun
   : a period of time other than a rush hour; also: a period of time other than business hours
office /ˈɒfɪs/ noun
1 : a special duty or position; especially : a position of authority in government <run for ~>
2 : a prescribed form or service of worship; also : rite
3 : an assigned or assumed duty or role
4 : a place where a business is transacted or a service is supplied
5 ✤ : a major administrative unit in some governments
   Synonyms
   ➤ bureau, department, desk, division—more at division

office-holder /ˈɒfɪs.hɔldər/ noun
✠ : one holding a public office
   Synonyms
   ➤ functionary, officer, official, public servant—more at official

official /ˈɒfɪʃəl/ noun
1 ✤ : one charged with the enforcement of law
2 : one who holds an office of trust or authority
3 : a person who holds a position of authority or command in the armed forces; especially : commissioned officer
   Synonyms
   ➤ constable, cop, police officer; also: patrolman, policewoman; detective, inspector, plainclothesman; marshal, sheriff, trooper, captain, lieutenant, sergeant

1 official /əˈfiʃəl/ noun
✠ : one who holds or is invested with an office : officer
   Synonyms
   ➤ functionary, officeholder, officer, public servant; also: bureaucrat; administrator, commissioner, director, executive, manager, superintendent, supervisor; chair, chairman

2 official adjective
1 : of or relating to an office or to officers
2 : authorized, authoritative
3 : befitting or characteristic of a person in office
— official-ly adverb

official-dom /əˈfiʃəldəm/ noun
✠ : officials as a class

official-ism /əˈfiʃəlˌɪzəm/ noun
✠ : lack of flexibility and initiative combined with excessive adherence to regulations

official-ant /əˈfiʃələnt/ noun
✠ : one (as a priest) who officiates at a religious rite

official-ate /əˈfiʃələt/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing
1 : to perform a ceremony, function, or duty
2 : to act in an official capacity

official-ious /əˈfiʃəlʃəs/ adjective
✠ : volunteering one's services where they are neither asked for nor needed
   — officially adverb
   — official-ious-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ➤ intrusive, meddlesome, nosy, obtusive, presumptuous, prying—more at intrusive

off-ing /ˈɒfɪŋ/ noun
✠ : the near or foreseeable future

off-line /ˈɒflən/ adjective or adverb
✠ : not connected to or controlled directly by a computer

off of preposition
✠ : off
**off-print** /ɛfprɪnt/ noun
: a separately printed excerpt (as from a magazine)

**off-road** /ˈrəʊd/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a vehicle designed for use away from public roads

**off-season** /ˈsɛsn/ noun
: a time of suspended or reduced activity

1. **offset** /ˈset/ noun
   1 : a sharp bend (as in a pipe) by which one part is turned aside out of line
   2 : a printing process in which an inked impression is first made on a rubber-blanketed cylinder and then transferred to the paper
   3 : something that serves to counterbalance or to compensate for something else
   **Synonyms**
   - balance, canceler, counteraction, counterbalance, counterweight, equipoise

2. **offset** verb **off-set; off-set-ting**
   1 : to place over against : BALANCE
   2 : to compensate for
   3 : to form an offset in (as a wall)
   **Synonyms**
   - annul, cancel, compensate, correct, counteract, counterbalance, make up, neutralize; also invalidate, negate, nullify; atone (for); outweigh, redeem; remedy, relieve; override, overrule

**offshoot** /ˈʃʊt/ noun
1 : a collateral or derived branch, descendant, or member
2 : a branch of a main stem (as of a plant)
**Synonyms**
- derivative, outgrowth, spin-off—more at DERIVATIVE

1. **offshore** /ˈʃɔr/ adverb
   1 : at a distance from the shore
   2 : outside the country : ABROAD

2. **offshore** /ˈʃɔr/ adjective
   1 : moving away from the shore
   2 : situated off the shore but within waters under a country's control

**off-side** /ˈsɪd/ adverb or adjective
: illegally in advance of the ball or puck

**offspring** /ˈsprɪŋ/ noun, plural offspring also offsprings
: the product of the reproductive processes of an animal or plant : PROGENY
**Synonyms**
- issue, posterity, progeny, seed, spawn; also brood, hatch, litter, young; child, scion

**off-stage** /ˈstæg/ adverb or adjective
1 : off or away from the stage
2 : out of the public view <deals made ~> 
**off-the-record** adjective
: given or made in confidence and not for publication

**off-the-shelf** adjective
: available as a stock item : not specially designed or made

**off-the-wall** adjective
: highly unusual : BIZARRE

**off-track** /ˈtræk/ adverb or adjective
: away from a racetrack
off–white /ˈof.ˈhwaɪt/ noun
: a yellowish or grayish white color

off year noun
1 : a year in which no major election is held
2 : a year of diminished activity or production

doft /ˈoft/ adverb
: OFTEN

dof·ten /ˈdəf.tən/ adverb
① : many times: FREQUENTLY

Synonyms
constantly, continually, frequently, repeatedly; also always, continuously, consistently, perpetually; afresh, again, anew; commonly, ordinarily, regularly, routinely; intermittently, periodically; generally, usually

Antonyms
infrequently, rarely, seldom

dot·ten·times /ˌdəftəmˌtaɪz/ or oft·times /ˈəftˌtaɪz,ˈəft/ adverb
: OFTEN

go·gle /ˈgɒɡl/ verb ogled; ogling
: to look at in a flirtatious way

—ogle noun
— ogler noun

gore /ˈɡɔr/ noun
1 : a monster of fairy tales and folklore that eats people
2 ① : a dreaded person or object

Synonyms
bête noire, bogey, bugbear, hobgoblin—more at BOGEY

gress /ˈɡres/ noun
: a female ogre

oh /əʊ/ interjection
1 — used to express an emotion or in response to physical stimuli
2 — used in direct address

OH abbreviation
Ohio

ohm /ˈoʊm/ noun
: a unit of electrical resistance equal to the resistance of a circuit in which a potential difference of one volt produces a current of one ampere

— ohm·ic /ˌoʊm.i:k/ adjective

ohm·me·ter /ˈoʊmˌmɛ.tər/ noun
: an instrument for indicating resistance in ohms directly

oil /ɔɪl/ noun
1 : any of numerous fatty or greasy liquid substances obtained from plants, animals, or minerals and used for fuel, food, medicines, and manufacturing
2 : PETROLEUM
3 a : artists' colors made with oil
b : a painting in oil artist's colors

—oil·i·ness /ˈɔɪl.i.nəs/ noun
—oily /ˈɔɪl.i/ adjective

2 oil verb
① : to put oil in or on
— oil·er noun
  Synonyms
  → grease, lubricate, slick, wax—more at LUBRICATE

oil·cloth /ˈoil(ə)ˌklıfθ/ noun
  : cloth treated with oil or paint and used for table and shelf coverings

oil pan noun
  : the lower section of a crankcase used as an oil reservoir

oil shale noun
  : a rock (as shale) from which oil can be recovered

oil·skin /ˈoil(ə)ˌskin/ noun
  1 : an oiled waterproof cloth
  2 : an oilskin raincoat
  3 plural : an oilskin coat and pants

oink /ˈoink/ noun
  : the natural noise of a hog
  → oink verb

ointment /ˈoint.mənt/ noun
  : a salve for use on the skin

OJ abbreviation
  orange juice

Ojib·wa or Ojib·way /ˈoˌjɪb.wɑ/ noun, plural Ojibwa or Ojibwas or Ojibway or Ojibways
  1 : a member of an American Indian people of the region around Lake Superior and westward
  2 : the Algonquian language of the Ojibwa people

OJ·T abbreviation
  on-the-job training

1 OK or okay /ˈo̞k/ adverb
  : ALL RIGHT
  Synonyms
  → all right, alright, yea, yes—more at YES
  → adequately, all right, fine, good, nicely, passably, satisfactorily, so-so, tolerably, well—more at WELL

2 OK or okay adjective
  : ALL RIGHT
  Synonyms
  → acceptable, adequate, all right, decent, fine, passable, respectable, satisfactory, tolerable—more at ADEQUATE
  → agreeable, all right, alright, fine, good, palatable, satisfactory—more at SATISFACTORY

3 OK or okay verb OK’d or okayed; OK·’ing or okay·ing
  1 : to give formal or official sanction to : APPROVE, AUTHORIZE
  2 : to have or express a favorable opinion of
  Synonyms
  → [1] approve, authorize, clear, ratify, sanction, warrant—more at APPROVE
  → [2] accept, approve, care, countenance, favor, subscribe

4 OK or okay noun
  : an act or instance of approving
  Synonyms
  → approbation, approval, blessing, favor, imprimatur—more at APPROVAL

5 OK abbreviation
  Oklahoma

Okl abbreviation
  Oklahoma
Oklahoma

okra /ˈoʊ.krə/ noun
: a tall annual plant related to the mallows that has edible green pods; also: these pods

1old /oʊld/ adjective
1: ANCIENT; also: of long standing
2 cap: belonging to an early period <Old Irish>
3: having existed for a specified period of time
4 •: of or relating to a past era
5 •: advanced in years
6 •: showing the effects of age or use
7: no longer in use
8 •: having been previously
— old-ish /ˈoʊld.ɪʃ/ adjective

Synonyms
☞ [4] age-old, ancient, antediluvian, antique, dateless, hoary, venerable—more at ANCIENT
☞ [5] ancient, elderly, geriatric, senior—more at ELDERLY
☞ [8] erstwhile, former, late, onetime, past, sometime, whilom—more at FORMER

2 old noun
: old or earlier time <days of ~> 

old·en /ˈoʊld.ən/ adjective
: of or relating to a bygone era

1 old–fashioned /ˈoʊld.fən.dəd/ adjective
1 •: of, relating to, or characteristic of a past era
2 •: adhering to customs of a past era : CONSERVATIVE

Synonyms
☞ [1] antique, old-time, quaint; also antiquated, obsolete, historic, historical, olden, traditional; outdated, outmoded, out-of-date, outworn, passé; dated, dusty, musty; aged, age-old, ancient, antediluvian, hoary, venerable; bygone, erstwhile, former, late, past; forgotten, remote; ageless, dateless; timeless
Antonyms
contemporary, hot, mod, modern, newfangled, new-fashioned, ultramodern

☞ [2] conservative, orthodox, reactionary, traditional—more at CONSERVATIVE

2 old–fashioned noun
: a cocktail usu. made with whiskey, bitters, sugar, a twist of lemon peel, and water or soda water

old–growth /ˈoʊld.ˈɡroʊθ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a forest with large old trees, numerous snags and woody debris, and a multilayered canopy

old guard noun, often cap O&G
: the conservative members of an organization

old hat adjective
1: OLD-FASHIONED
2: STALE, TRITE

old·ie /ˈoʊld.ɪ/ noun
: something old; especially: a popular song from the past

old–line /ˈoʊld.ˈlɪn/ adjective
1: ORIGINAL, ESTABLISHED <an ~ business>
2: adhering to old policies or practices

old maid noun
1: SPINNER
2: a prim fussy person

old–maid·ish /ˈoʊld.məd.ɪʃ/ adjective
☞ : characteristic of an old maid
Synonyms
- choosy, dainty, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, nice, particular, picky—more at FINICKY

**old man noun**
1: HUSBAND
2: a male parent: FATHER

**old–school adjective**
- adhering to traditional policies or practices

**old–ster /ˈold.stər/ noun**
- an old or elderly person

**Synonyms**
- ancient, elder, golden-ager, senior citizen—more at SENIOR CITIZEN

**Old Testament noun**
- the first of the two chief divisions of the Christian Scripture

**old–time /ˈold.tīm/ adjective**
1: of, relating to, or characteristic of an earlier period
2: of long standing

**Synonyms**
- antique, old-fashioned, quaint—more at OLD-FASHIONED

**old–tim·er /ˈold.tər/ noun**
1: veteran
2: an aging or elderly person: OLDSTER

**old wives' tale noun**
- an often traditional belief that is not based on fact

**Synonyms**
- error, fallacy, falsehood, falsity, illusion, misconception, myth, untruth—more at FALLACY

**old–world /ˈwôld/ adjective**
- having old-fashioned charm

**Old World noun**
- the eastern hemisphere exclusive of Australia; especially: continental Europe

**ole·ag·i·nous /ˈo.ləˌa.dʒə.nəs/ adjective**
- OILY

**ole·an·der /ˌo.ləˈan.dər/ noun**
- a poisonous evergreen shrub often grown for its fragrant white to red flowers

**oleo /ˈo.ləˌo/ noun, plural ole·os**
- MARGARINE

**oleo·mar·ga·rine /ˌo.ləˌmər.gəˈrə.nə/ noun**
- MARGARINE

**ol·fac·to·ry /əˈlif.kəˌtôrē/ adjective**
- of or relating to the sense of smell

**oli·gar·chy /əˈlaˌgər.kē, ˈoli·gar·kē/ noun, plural -chies**
1: a government in which power is in the hands of a few
2: a state having an oligarchy; also: the group holding power in such a state
   — oli·garch /ˌoliˈgärk/ noun
   — oli·gar·chic /əˌlaˌgərˈkik, ˈoli·gar·kik/ or oli·gar·chical /ˌoliˌgar·kəˈləl/ adjective

**Oli·go·cene /ˌo.liˈgəˌsên, aˌli·gəˌsên/ adjective**
- of, relating to, or being the epoch of the Tertiary between the Eocene and the Miocene
   — Oligocene noun
olio /ˈoli/ noun, plural oli·os
: HODGEPODGE, MEDLEY

ol·ive /ˈəlv/ noun
1 : an Old World evergreen tree grown in warm regions for its fruit that is a food and the source of an edible oil (olive oil)
2 : a dull yellowish green color

olive drab noun
1 : a grayish olive color
2 : an olive drab wool or cotton fabric; also : a uniform of this fabric

ol·iv·ine /ˈəlv·ən/ noun
: a usu. greenish mineral that is a complex silicate of magnesium and iron

Olym·pic Games /ˈo·lim·pik/ noun plural
: a modified revival of an ancient Greek festival consisting of international athletic contests that are held at separate winter and summer gatherings at four-year intervals

om /ˈəm/ noun
: a mantra consisting of the sound “om” used in contemplating ultimate reality

Oma·ha /ˈəmaˌhə, ˈəma/ noun, plural Omaha or Omahas
: a member of an American Indian people of northeastern Nebraska

om·buds·man /ˈəmbədzˌmän, ˈämˌbëdzˌmän/ noun, plural -men /-män/
1 : a government official appointed to investigate complaints made by individuals against abuses or capricious acts of public officials
2 : one that investigates reported complaints (as from students or consumers)

ome·ga /ˈo·mēˌgä/ noun
: the 24th and last letter of the Greek alphabet — Ω or ω

om·elet or om·elette /ˈəmˌlētˌəˌmēˌlēt/ noun
[origin: F omelette, alter. of MF amelette, alemette, alter. of alemelle thin plate, ultim. fr. L lamella, dim. of lamina]
: eggs beaten with milk or water, cooked without stirring until set, and folded over

omen /ˈəmən/ noun
: an event or phenomenon believed to be a sign or warning of a future occurrence

Synonyms
- augury, auspice, foreboding, portent, presage; also forerunner, harbing, herald, precursor; foretaste, hint, inkling, intimation, suggestion; forewarning; forecast, foretelling, prediction, prognostication, prophecy; badge, mark, note, token

om·i·cron /ˈəˌmeˌkränˌək/ noun
: the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet — Ο or ω

om·i·nous /əˌmiˌnəs/ adjective
1 : foretelling evil : THREATENING
2 : being or exhibiting an omen
— om·i·nous·ly adverb
— om·i·nous·ness noun

Synonyms
- baleful, dire, foreboding, menacing, portentous, sinister, threatening; also black, dark, gloomy; inauspicious, unfavorable, unpromising, ill-fated, ill-starred, unfortunate, unlucky; evil, malign, malignant

omis·si·ble /əˈmiˌsəˌbəl/ adjective
: that may be omitted

omis·sion /əˈmiˌshan/ noun
1 : something neglected or left undone
2 : the act of omitting : the state of being omitted
3 ▷ apathy toward or neglect of duty: lack of action
   Synonyms
   ▷ delinquency, dereliction, laxity, laxness, neglect, negligence, remissness, slackness; also carelessness, heedlessness, thoughtlessness; inadvertence, inattention, oversight

`omit /ˈəm.tɪt/ verb omitted, omit·ting`
1: to leave out or leave unmentioned
2 ▷ to fail to perform: NEGLECT
   Synonyms
   ▷ fail, forget, neglect—more at NEGLECT

1. omnibus /ˈəm.nə.bəs/ noun
   ▷ BUS
2. omnibus adjective
   ▷ of, relating to, or providing for many things at once <an ~ bill>
   Synonyms
   ▷ compendious, complete, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, global, inclusive, panoramic, universal—more at ENCYCLOPEDIC

omnipotent /əˈm.nə.pə.tənt/ adjective
   ▷ having unlimited authority or influence: ALMIGHTY
   — omnipotence /əˈm.nə.pə.təns/ noun
   — omnipotent·ly adverb
omnipresent /əˈm.nə.prɛz·ənt/ adjective
   ▷ present in all places at all times
   — omnipresence /əˈm.nə.prɛsəns/ noun
omniscient /əˈm.nə.sənt/ adjective
   ▷ having infinite awareness, understanding, and insight
   — omniscience /əˈm.nə.səns/ noun
   — omniscient·ly adverb

omnium–gath·er·um /əˈm.nə.əm.ˈɡa.thər.əm/ noun, plural omnium–gatherums
   ▷ a miscellaneous collection

omnivorous /əˈm.nə.vərəs/ adjective
1: feeding on both animal and vegetable substances
2: AVID <an ~ reader>
   — omnivorous·ly adverb
1. on /ən/ preposition
   1: in or to a position over and in contact with <jumped ~ his horse>
   2: touching the surface of <shadows ~ the wall>
   3: AT, TO <~ the right were the mountains>
   4: IN, ABOARD <went ~ the train>
   5: during or at the time of <came ~ Monday> <every hour ~ the hour>
   6: through the agency of <was cut ~ a tin can>
   7: in a state or process of <~ fire> <~ the wane>
   8: connected with as a member or participant <~ a committee> <~ tour>
   9: — used to indicate a basis, source, or standard of computation <has it ~ good authority> <10 cents ~ the dollar>
   10: with regard to <a monopoly ~ wheat>
11: at or toward as an object <crept up ~ her>
12: used as a function word to indicate the subject of study, discussion, or consideration: ABOUT, CONCERNING <a book ~ minerals>
2. on adverb
   1: in or into a position of contact with or attachment to a surface
   2 ▷: forward or at a more advanced point in space or time: FORWARD
   3: into operation
Synonyms
ɹ ahead, along, forth, forward, onward—more at ALONG

1 on adjective
ɹ : being in operation or in progress

Synonyms
ɹ active, alive, functional, living, operational, operative, running, working—more at ACTIVE

ON abbreviation
Ontario

1 once /wʌns/ adverb
[origin: ME ones, fr. genitive of on one]
1 : one time only
2 : at any one time
3 : FORMERLY
4 : by one degree of relationship

2 once noun
: one single time
— at once
1 : at the same time
2 : IMMEDIATELY

3 once adjective
: FORMER

4 once conjunction
: AS SOON AS

once–over /wʌnsˌəuvər/ noun
: a swift examination or survey

on·co·gene /ˈɑnˌkəˌjen/ noun
: a gene having the potential to cause a normal cell to become cancerous

on·col·o·gy /ˈɑnˌkəˌloʊdʒi/ noun
: the study of tumors
— on·co·log·i·cal /ˈɑnˌkəˌləgəl/ also on·co·log·ic /ˈɑnˌkəˌlədʒik/ adjective
— on·co·log·ist /ˈɑnˌkəˌlədʒɪst/ noun

on·com·ing /ˈɑnˌkəˌmîŋ/ adjective
ɹ : coming nearer in time or space <!-- traffic>

Synonyms
ɹ coming, forthcoming, imminent, impending, pending—more at FORTHCOMING

1 one /wʌn/ adjective
1 : being a single unit or thing <!-- person went>
2 : being one in particular <early ~ morning>
3 : being the same in kind or quality <members of ~ race>; also : UNITED
4 : being not specified or fixed <!-- day soon>

Synonyms
ɹ anonymous, certain, some, unidentified, unnamed, unspecified—more at CERTAIN

2 one noun
1 : the number denoting unity
2 : the 1st in a set or series
3 : a single person or thing
— one·ness /wʌnˈnes/ noun

3 one pronoun
1: a certain indefinitely indicated person or thing <saw ~ of his friends>
2: a person in general <~ never knows>
3 — used in place of a first-person pronoun

Onei·da /ˈoʊ.nə.də/ noun, plural Oneida or Oneidas
: a member of an American Indian people orig. of New York

one–man band noun
1: a musician who plays several instruments during a solo performance
2: a person who alone undertakes or is responsible for several tasks

oner·ous /ə.nə.rəs/ adjective
›: imposing or constituting a burden

Synonyms
› arduous, burdensome, challenging, demanding, exacting, grueling, laborious, taxing, toilsome—more at DEMANDING

one·self /ˌoʊn.ˈself/ also one’s self pronoun
: one's own self — usu. used reflexively or for emphasis

one·sid·ed /ˌoʊn.ˈsɪd.dəd/ adjective
1: having or occurring on one side only; also: having one side prominent or more developed
2: of, relating to, or affecting one side of a subject: PARTIAL <a ~ interpretation>

Synonyms
› biased, partial, partisan, prejudiced—more at PARTIAL

one·time /ˌoʊn.təm/ adjective
›: of, relating to, or occurring in the past: FORMER

Synonyms
› erstwhile, former, late, old, past, sometime, whilom—more at FORMER

one–to–one /ˌoʊn.tə.toʊn/ adjective
: pairing each element of a set uniquely with an element of another set

one up adjective
: being in a position of advantage <was one up on the others>

one–way adjective
: moving, allowing movement, or functioning in only one direction <~ streets>

on·go·ing /ˈoʊn.gə.ɪŋ/ adjective
1: continuously moving forward
2: being actually in process

Synonyms
› [1] afoot, proceeding; also functioning, happening, operating, working; afloat, alive; advancing, gaining
Antonyms
arrested, halted, stalled, stopped
› [2] current, extant, present—more at PRESENT

on·ion /ˈoʊn.ˈyan/ noun
: the pungent edible bulb of a widely cultivated plant related to the lilies; also: this plant

on·ion·skin /ˌoʊn.ˈskɪn/ noun
: a thin strong translucent paper of very light weight

on·line /ˈoʊn.ˈlɪn, ˈaɪn/ adjective or adverb
: connected to, served by, or available through a computer network (as the Internet); also: done while online

on·look·er /ˈoʊn.ˈlʊkər, ˈaɪn/ noun
: SPECTATOR

only /ˈoʊn.lə/ adjective
1: unquestionably the best
2 • : alone in a class or category : SOLE

Synonyms
• [1] incomparable, inimitable, matchless, nonpareil, peerless, unequalled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed; also A1, bang-up, banner, capital, classic, dandy, excellent, fabulous, fine, first-rate, grand, great, groovy, jim-dandy, keen, marvelous, mean, neat, par excellence, prime, superb, superior, superlative, terrific, tip-top, top-notch; better, preferred; exceptional, fancy, special
• [2] alone, lone, singular, sole, solitary, special, unique; also solo, unaccompanied, unattended; incomparable, inimitable, matchless, peerless, unequalled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed; distinct, distinctive, individual, separate

only adverb
1 • : as a single fact or instance and nothing more or different : MERELY, JUST <~ $2>
2 • : to the exclusion of all else : SOLELY <known ~ to me>
3 • : at the very least <was ~ too true>
4 • : as a final result <will ~ make you sick>
5 • : in the immediate past

Synonyms
• [2] alone, exclusively, just, simply, solely—more at SOLELY
• [5] freshly, just, late, lately, new, newly, now, recently—more at NEWLY

only conjunction
• : except that

Synonyms
• but, except, yet—more at EXCEPT

on-o-ma-to-poe-i-a /ˌō-na-mä-tōˈpē-ə/ noun
[origin: LL, fr. Gk onomatopoeia, fr. onoma name + poiein to make]
1 • : formation of words in imitation of natural sounds (as buzz or hiss)
2 • : the use of words whose sound suggests the sense

— on-o-ma-to-poe-i-c /ˌpē-ık/ or on-o-ma-to-poe-et-i-c /ˌpē.-ə-tik/ adjective
— on-o-ma-to-poe-i-cal-ly /ˌpē.-ə-k(ə)l/ or on-o-ma-to-poe-et-i-cal-ly /ˌpē.-ə-ti-k(ə)l/ adverb

On-on-da-ga /ˌō-nənˈdä-ga, ′dä-/, ′dä-/ noun, plural -ga or -gas
: a member of an American Indian people of New York and Canada

on-rush /ˈōn-rush, ˈän-/ noun
• : a rushing onward

— on-rush-ing adjective

Synonyms
• advance, advancement, furtherance, headway, march, passage, process, procession, progress, progression—more at ADVANCE

on-screen /ˈōnˌskrēn, ˈän-/ adverb or adjective
: on a screen (as of a computer or television)

on-set /ˌsēt/ noun
1 • : the act of attacking with physical force or unfriendly words : ATTACK
2 • : the point at which something begins : BEGINNING

Synonyms
• beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, genesis, launch, morning, outset, start, threshold—more at BEGINNING

on-shore /ˌshōr/ adjective
1 • : moving toward the shore
2 • : situated on or near the shore

— on-shore /ˌshôr/ adverb

on-slaught /ˌōnˈslōt, ′än-/ noun
• : a fierce attack; also : something resembling such an attack <an ~ of questions>

Synonyms
aggression, assault, attack, charge, descent, offense, offensive, onset, raid, rush, strike—more at ATTACK

Ont abbreviation
Ontario

on-to /ənˈtuː/ 'on/ preposition
: to a position or point on

onus /ˈɒnəs/ noun
1: BURDEN
2: OBLIGATION
3: BLAME

1 onward /ˈɔnˌwɔrd/ 'on/ also on wards /ˈɔnˌwɜrdz/ adverb
: toward or at a point lying ahead in space or time: FORWARD

Synonyms
→ ahead, along, forth, forward, on, onward—more at ALONG

2 onward adjective
: directed or moving onward: FORWARD

onyx /ˈɑnɪks/ noun
: a translucent chalcedony in parallel layers of different colors

oodles /ˈoʊdəlz/ noun plural
: a great quantity: LOT

oolite /ˈoʊliːt/ noun
: a rock consisting of small round grains cemented together
→ oolitic /ˈoʊliːtɪk/ adjective

1 ooze /ˈʌz/ noun
[Origin: ME wose, fr. OE wāse mire]
1: a soft deposit (as of mud) on the bottom of a body of water
2: soft wet ground: MUD

Synonyms
→ mire, muck, mud, slime, slop, sludge, slush—more at MUD

2 ooze verb oozed; oozing
1: to flow or leak out slowly or imperceptibly
2: EXUDE

Synonyms
→ [1, 2] bleed, exude, percolate, seep, strain, sweat, weep—more at EXUDE

3 ooze noun
: something that oozes
 oozy /ˈʌzɪ/ adjective
→ containing or composed of ooze

Synonyms
→ miry, mucky, muddy, slimy, slushy—more at MUDDY

op abbreviation
1 operation; operative; operator
2 opportunity
3 opus

OP abbreviation
1 observation post
2 out of print

opacity /ˈɑpəˈsəti/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being opaque
2: obscurity of meaning
3: mental dullness
4: an opaque spot in a normally transparent structure

**Synonyms**
- ambiguity, darkness, murkiness, obscurity—more at **OBSCURITY**

**opal** /ˈɒpəl/ noun
1: a mineral with iridescent colors that is used as a gem

**opal·es·cent** /ˌɒpəˈles·sənt/ adjective
- IRIDESCENT

**opaque** /ˈɒpək/ adjective
1: blocking the passage of radiant energy and esp. light
2: not easily understood
3: OBTUSE
- opaque·ly adverb
- opaque·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- blear, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, shadowy, unclear, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at **FAINT**

**op art** /ˈɑpərt/ noun
: OPTICAL ART

**op cit** abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L opere citato]
in the work cited

**ope** /ˈoʊp/ verb oped; op·ing archaic
: OPEN

**OPEC** abbreviation
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

**op·ed** /ˈɑpˌɛd/ noun, often cap O&E
: a page of special features usu. opposite the editorial page of a newspaper

**open** /ˈoʊpən/ adjective open·er; open·est
1: not shut or shut up <an ~ door>
2 a: not secret or hidden
   b: free from reserve or pretense: FRANK
3 a: not enclosed or covered <an ~ fire>
   b: not protected or covered
4: free to be entered or used <an ~ tournament>
5: easy to get through or see <~ country>
6: spread out: EXTENDED
7: not decided <an ~ question>
8 a: readily accessible and cooperative; also: GENEROUS
   b: willing to hear and consider or to accept and deal with
9: having components separated by a space in writing and printing <the name Spanish moss is an ~ compound>
10: having openings, interruptions, or spaces <an ~ mesh>
11: ready to operate <stores are ~> 
12: free from restraints or controls <~ season>
- open·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- [2b] candid, direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, outspoken, plain, straight, straightforward,
unguarded, unreserved—more at FRANK
✓ [3b] bald, bare, exposed, naked, uncovered—more at NAKED
✓ [4] free-for-all, public, unrestricted; also collective, common, communal, shared; accessible, available, free; unregulated
Antonyms
closed, exclusive, private, restricted
✓ [5] clear, free, unobstructed; also emptied, unoccupied, vacant; exposed, revealed; gaping, wide, yawning; unbolted, unclasped, unfastened, unlatched, unsealed; unbuttoned, unclenched, unfolded, unfurled
Antonyms
blocked, closed, obstructed, uncleared
✓ [7] pending, undecided, undetermined, unresolved, unsettled—more at PENDING

open /ˈoʊn/ verb opened; opening
1 a: to change or move from a shut position
 b: to make open by clearing away obstacles
2: to make accessible
3: to make openings in
4: to make or become functional <~ a store>
5: REVEAL; also : ENLIGHTEN
6: to enter upon : BEGIN
— open·er noun
 Synonyms
✓ [1b] clear, free, unblock
✓ [6] begin, commence, embark, enter, get off, launch, start, strike—more at BEGIN

open /ˈoʊn/ noun
1: open and unobstructed space : OUTDOORS
2: a contest or tournament open to all
 Synonyms
✓ nature, outdoors, wild, wilderness—more at NATURE

open·air adjective
: of or relating to the outdoors : OUTDOOR <~ theaters>

open arms noun plural
: an eager or warm welcome

open·hand·ed /ˈoʊn·hænd·əd/ adjective
✓: liberal in giving : GENEROUS
— open·hand·ed·ly adverb
 Synonyms
✓ bountiful, charitable, free, generous, liberal, munificent, unselfish, unsparing—more at GENEROUS

open·heart adjective
: of, relating to, or performed on a heart temporarily relieved of circulatory function and laid open for repair of defects or damage

open·hearth adjective
: of, relating to, or being a process of making steel in a furnace that reflects the heat from the roof onto the material

open·ing noun
1: an act or instance of making or becoming open
2: BEGINNING
3: something that is open
4: a favorable opportunity or circumstance : OCCASION; also : an opportunity for employment
 Synonyms
✓ [3] breach, break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, interval, rent, rift, separation—more at GAP
✓ [4] chance, occasion, opportunity, room—more at OPPORTUNITY

open mike noun
: an event in which amateurs may perform
open-minded /ˈoʊ.məndɪd/ adjective
- free from rigidly fixed preconceptions
- open-mindedness noun
  - Synonyms
    - broad-minded, liberal, nonorthodox, nontraditional, progressive, radical, unconventional, unorthodox—more at liberal.
    - broad-minded, open, receptive; also impartial, neutral, objective, unbiased, unprejudiced; easygoing, tolerant; calm, detached, dispassionate; detached, dispassionate; amenable, compliant; impressionable, suggestible, susceptible
  - Antonyms
    - narrow-minded
open-ness noun
- the quality or state of being open
  - Synonyms
    - candor, directness, forthrightness, frankness, plainness—more at candor
open sentence noun
- a statement (as in mathematics) containing at least one blank or unknown so that when the blank is filled or a quantity substituted for the unknown the statement becomes a complete statement that is either true or false
open shop noun
- an establishment having members and nonmembers of a labor union on the payroll
open-work /ˈoʊ.wɜrk/ noun
- work so made as to show openings through its substance <a railing of wrought-iron ~> 
  - open-worked /-wɜrk/ adjective
opera plural of OPUS
opera /ˈoʊ.peərə/ noun
- a drama set to music
  - operatic /ˈoʊ.peərətɪk/ adjective
opera-ble /ˈoʊ.peərəbəl/ adjective
1 : fit, possible, or desirable to use
2 : likely to result in a favorable outcome upon surgical treatment
  - Synonyms
    - available, fit, functional, practicable, serviceable, usable, useful—more at usable
opera glasses noun plural
- small binoculars for use in a theater
operate /ˈoʊ.pərət/ verb -at-ed, -at-ing
1 : to perform work : function
2 : to produce an effect
3 : to put or keep in operation; also : to manage the operation of
4 : to perform or subject to an operation
  - operator /ˈoʊ.pərətər/ noun
    - Synonyms
      - [1, 2] act, function, perform, take, work—more at act
      - [3] command, control, direct, drive, guide, handle, maneuver, pilot, run, steer, use, wield, work
      - [3] administer, carry on, conduct, govern, guide, handle, manage, oversee, regulate, run, superintend, supervise—more at conduct
operating system noun
- software that controls the operation of a computer
operation /ˈoʊ.pərəشن/ noun
1 : a doing or performing of practical work
2 a : an exertion of power or influence
  b : method or manner of functioning
3 : a surgical procedure
4 a : a process of deriving one mathematical expression from others according to a rule
  b : a function or correlation when conceived as a process of proceeding from one or more entities to another according to a definite rule
5 : a usu. military action or mission
6 : a usu. small business

Synonyms
  ▶ [2a] administration, conduct, control, direction, government, guidance, management, oversight, regulation, running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT
  ▶ [2b] course, procedure, proceeding, process—more at PROCESS
  ▶ [2b] application, employment, exercise, play, use—more at USE

op·er·a·tion·al /ˈshaˌneɪl/ adjective
  ▶ : of or relating to operation or an operation

Synonyms
  ▶ active, alive, functional, living, on, operative, running, working—more at ACTIVE

1 operative /ˈəˌpeɪrətɪv,   ərətɪv/ adjective
  1 : producing an appropriate effect
  2 : engaged in some form of operation : OPERATING <an ~ force>
  3 : having to do with physical operations; also : WORKING <an ~ craftsman>
  4 : based on or consisting of an operation <~ dentistry>

2 operative noun
  1 : OPERATOR
  2 a : a secret agent
  2 b : a person not a member of a police force who is licensed to do detective work

Synonyms
  ▶ detective, investigator, shadow, sleuth, tail—more at DETECTIVE

op·er·et·ta /ˈəˌpeərətə/ noun
[origin: It, dim. of opera opera]
  : a light musical-dramatic work with a romantic plot, spoken dialogue, and dancing scenes

oph·thal·mic /əˌfæθˈmælɪk, əˈfæθ-/ adjective
[origin: Gk ophthalmikos, fr. ophthalmos eye]
  : of, relating to, or located near the eye

oph·thal·mol·o·gy /əˌfæθˈθælˈmeɪlədʒi/ noun
  : a branch of medicine dealing with the structure, functions, and diseases of the eye
    — oph·thal·mol·o·gist /ˈθælˌmeɪlədʒɪst/ noun

oph·thal·mo·scope /əˌfæθˈθælˌmeɪskəp/ noun
  : an instrument for use in viewing the interior of the eye and esp. the retina

1 opiate /ˈoʊˌpiːət/ noun
  1 : a preparation or derivative of opium
  2 : a narcotic or a substance with similar activity

2 opiate adjective
  : inducing sleep : NARCOTIC

Synonyms
  ▶ drowsy, hypnotic, narcotic, slumberous—more at HYPNOTIC

opine /ˈoʊˌpin/ verb opined; opin·ing
  ▶ : to express an opinion

Synonyms
  ▶ comment, note, observe, remark—more at REMARK
opinion /ˈɒpɪnjən/ noun
1 ♦ a belief stronger than impression and less strong than positive knowledge
2 ♦ a formal statement by an expert after careful study
   Synonyms
   ♦ [1] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view; also say; impression, perception, take; attitude; assumption, presumption, presupposition; conclusion, decision, determination; deliverance, esteem, estimate, estimation; credence, credit, faith; concept, conception, idea, thought; position, stand; comment, observation, reflection, remark; conjecture, guess, hunch, hypothesis, surmise, theory; advice, recommendation, suggestion; angle, outlook, perspective, point of view, slant, standpoint, viewpoint
   ♦ [3] conclusion, decision, deliverance, determination, diagnosis, judgment, resolution, verdict—more at DECISION
opinion·ated /ˈɒpɪn.ə.təd/ adjective
♦ obstinately adhering to personal opinions
   Synonyms
   ♦ dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at OBSTINATE
opium /ˈɒpjuːm/ noun
♦ an addictive narcotic drug that is the dried latex of a Eurasian poppy
opossum /ˈɒpəsʌm/ noun, plural opossums also opossum
♦ an omnivorous tree-dwelling No. American marsupial that is active chiefly at night and has a pointed snout and a prehensile tail
opp abbreviation
opposite
opponent /ˈɒpənənt/ noun
♦ one that opposes: ADVERSARY
   Synonyms
   ♦ adversary, antagonist, rival; also equal, match; enemy, foe; archenemy, nemesis; competitor, contestant; bane, bête noire, curse; assailant, combatant, invader
opportunity /ˈɒpər.tjuːni.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 ♦ a favorable combination of circumstances, time, and place
2 ♦ a chance for advancement
   Synonyms
   ♦ chance, occasion, opening, room; also break; play, way; juncture, pass
oppose /əˈpɔz/ verb opposed; opposing
1 ♦ to place opposite or against something (as to provide resistance or contrast)
2 ♦ to strive against: offer resistance to
   Synonyms
   ♦ buck, defy, fight, repel, resist, withstand—more at RESIST
opposite /ˈopəzət/ adjective
1: set over against something that is at the other end or side
2: OPPOSED, HOSTILE; also: CONTRARY
3: contrarily turned or moving
4: diametrically different
5: being the other of a matching or contrasting pair
   — op·po·site·ly adverb
   — op·po·site·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ antipodal, antithetical, contradictory, contrary, diametric, polar; also adverse, negative, unfavorable;
   antagonistic, antipathetic, counter, hostile; converse, inverse, reverse; disparate, dissimilar, divergent, unalike,
   unlike
2opposite noun
▶: one that is opposed or contrary
   Synonyms
   ▶ antipode, antithesis, contrary, negative, reverse; also negation; antonym; converse, inverse
3opposite adverb
▶ on or to an opposite side
4opposite preposition
▶ across from and usu. facing <the house ~ ours>
op·press /əˈpres/ verb
1: to crush by abuse of power or authority
2: to be a burden to mentally or spiritually
   Synonyms
   ▶ burden, depress, sadden—more at DEPRESS
   ▶ carry away, crush, devastate, floor, overcome, overpowers, overwhelm, prostrate, snow under, swamp—more
   at OVERWHELM
op·pres·sion /əˈpreshən/ noun
1: unjust or cruel exercise of power or authority
2: a sense of being affected as if with a heavy weight in body or mind: DEPRESSION
op·pres·sive /əˈpresiv/ adjective
▶ unreasonably burdensome or severe
   Synonyms
   ▶ burdensome, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, onerous, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH
op·pres·sive·ly adverb
▶ in an oppressive manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ hard, hardly, harshly, ill, roughly, severely, sternly, stiffly—more at HARDLY
op·pres· sor /əˈpresər/ noun
▶ one that oppresses esp. when in a position of public authority
   Synonyms
   ▶ autocrat, despot, dictator, tyrant—more at DESPOT
op·pro·bi·ous /əˈprōbriəs/ adjective
▶ expressing or deserving opprobrium
   — op·pro·bi·ous·ly adverb
op·pro·bi·um /ˈbrēəm/ noun
1: something that brings disgrace
2: public disgrace or ill fame that follows from conduct considered grossly wrong or vicious: INFAMY
   Synonyms


discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, infamy, odium, reproach, shame—more at DISGRACE

1 opt /ˈɑp/ verb
1 ▶ to make a choice
2 ▶ to decide in favor of something — usu. used with for

Synonyms
1 [1] choose, conclude, decide, determine, figure, resolve—more at DECIDE
2 usually opt for [2] choose, cull, elect, handpick, name, pick, prefer, select, single, take—more at CHOOSE

2 opt abbreviation
1 optical; optician; optics
2 option; optional

optic /ˈɑptɪk/ adjective
1 of or relating to vision or the eye

optical /ˈɑptɪkal/ adjective
1 relating to optics
2 of or relating to vision : OPTIC
3 of, relating to, or using light

Synonyms
1 ocular, optic, visual—more at VISUAL

optical art noun
1 nonobjective art characterized by the use of geometric patterns often for an illusory effect

optical disk noun
1 a disk on which information has been recorded digitally and which is read using a laser

optical fiber noun
1 a single fiber-optic strand

optician /ˈɑptɪʃən/ noun
1 a maker of or dealer in optical items and instruments
2 a person who makes or orders eyeglass and contact lenses to prescription and sells glasses

optics /ˈɑptɪks/ noun plural
1 a science that deals with the nature and properties of light

optimal /ˈɑptɪməl/ adjective
1 most desirable or satisfactory
2 opt·i·mal·ly adverb

optimism /ˈɑptɪmiズm/ noun
[ORIGIN: F optimisme, fr. L optimum, n., best, fr. neut. of optimus best]
1 a doctrine that this world is the best possible world
2 an inclination to anticipate the best possible outcome of actions

optimist /ˈɑptɪmist/ noun
1 ▶ an optimist

optimize /ˈɑptɪmaɪz/ verb -mized; -mizing
1 to make as perfect, effective, or functional as possible

optimization /ˈɑptɪmaɪzaʃən/ noun
1 the amount or degree of something most favorable to an end; also : greatest degree attained under implied or specified conditions

option /ˈɑpʃən/ noun
1 ▶ the power or right to choose
2: a right to buy or sell something at a specified price during a specified period
3: something offered for choice
4: an act of choosing
   **Synonyms**
   - [1] accord, choice, free will, self-determination, volition, will—more at **FREE WILL**
   - [4] alternative, choice, discretion, pick, preference, way—more at **CHOICE**

**optional /əˈʃər.nl/ adjective**
: involving an option: not compulsory
   **Synonyms**
   - discretionary, elective, voluntary; also alternative, chosen; dispensable, unwanted
   **Antonyms**
   - compulsory, mandatory, nonelective, obligatory, required

**opt•om•e•try /əˈtı.mə.trē/ noun**
: the health-care profession concerned esp. with examining the eyes for defects of vision and with prescribing corrective lenses or eye exercises
   — **opt•om•e•trist /ˌtrɪst/ noun**

**opt out verb**
: to choose not to participate

**op•u•lence /əˈpyə.lans/ noun**
1: abundance of valuable material possessions or resources: **WEALTH**
2: ABUNDANCE
   **Synonyms**
   - assets, capital, fortune, means, riches, substance, wealth, wherewithal—more at **WEALTH**

**op•u•lent /əˈpyə.lənt/ adjective**
1: exhibiting or characterized by opulence
2: richly abundant
   **Synonyms**
   - deluxe, lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, palatial, plush, sumptuous—more at **LUXURIOUS**
   - affluent, flush, loaded, moneyed, rich, wealthy, well-heeled, well-to-do—more at **RICH**

**op•u•lent•ly adverb**
: with opulence: in an opulent manner
   **Synonyms**
   - expensively, extravagantly, grandly, high, lavishly, luxuriously, richly—more at **HIGH**

**opus /ˈo.pəs/ noun, plural operas /ˈo.pə.ra.ˈə/ also opuses /ˈo.pə.səz/**
: something produced by the exercise of creative talent or expenditure of creative effort; especially: a musical composition
   **Synonyms**
   - composition, piece, work—more at **COMPOSITION**

**or /ˈɔr/ conjunction**
— used as a function word to indicate an alternative <sink ~ swim>

**OR abbreviation**
1 operating room
2 Oregon

**-or /ˈɔr/ noun suffix**
: one that does (a specified) thing <calculator>

**or•a•cle /ˈɔr.a.kəl/ noun**
1: one held to give divinely inspired answers or revelations
2: an authoritative or wise utterance; also: a person of great authority or wisdom
   — **or•ac•u•lar /ˈɔr.aˌkə.lər/ adjective**

**oral /ˈɔr.əl/ adjective**
1: uttered by the mouth or in words
2: of, given through, or involving the mouth
3: of, relating to, or characterized by the first stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory in which libidinal gratification is derived from intake (as of food), by sucking, and later by biting
4: relating to or characterized by personality traits of passive dependency and aggressiveness

— oral-ly adverb

Synonyms

▶ vocal, voiced—more at VOCAL
▶ spoken, unwritten, verbal—more at VERBAL

oral noun
: an oral examination — usu. used in pl.

oral sex noun
: oral stimulation of the genitals : CUNNILINGUS, FELLATIO

orang /əˈrɑːŋ/ noun
: ORANGUTAN

orange /ˈɔrɪndʒ/ noun
1: a juicy citrus fruit with reddish yellow rind; also: an evergreen tree with fragrant white flowers that bears this fruit
2: a color between red and yellow

orange-ade /ˈɔrɪndʒeɪd/ noun
: a beverage of orange juice, sugar, and water

orange hawkweed noun
: a weedy herb related to the daisies with bright orange-red flower heads

orange-ry /ˈɔrɪndʒri/ noun, plural -ries
: a protected place (as a greenhouse) for raising oranges in cool climates

orang-utan /əˈrɑːŋɡətən/ noun
[origin: Bazaar Malay (Malay-based pidgin), fr. Malay orang man + hutan forest]
: a large reddish brown tree-living anthropoid ape of Borneo and Sumatra

orate /ˈɔrət/ verb orat-ed; orat-ing
▶: to speak in a declamatory manner

Synonyms

▶ declaim, discourse, harangue, lecture, mouth, speak, talk; also rant, rave; preach; advertise, announce, broadcast, declare, proclaim, pronounce

oration /əˌrɑːʃən/ noun
▶: an elaborate discourse delivered in a formal and dignified manner

Synonyms

▶ address, declamation, harangue, speech, talk—more at SPEECH

or-a-tor /ˈɔrətər/ noun
: one noted for skill and power as a public speaker

or-a-tor-i-cal /ˌɔrəˈtər.iˌkəl/ adjective
▶: of, relating to, or characteristic of an orator or oratory; also: of or relating to an inflated style of speech or writing

— or-a-tor-i-cal-ly /ˌɔrəˈtər.iˌkəl.i/ adverb

Synonyms

▶ bombastic, gaseous, grandiloquent, rhetorical, windy—more at RHETORICAL

or-a-to-rio /ˌɔrəˈtɔr.ēˌoʊ/ noun, plural -rios
: a lengthy choral work usu. on a scriptural subject

or-a-to-ry /ˌɔrəˈtɔr.ri/ noun, plural -ries
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| oratory noun | 1: the art of speaking eloquently and effectively in public  
|             | 2: the substance of oratorical speech                                        |
| orb noun   | 1: a spherical body; also: EYE  
|             | Synonyms: ball, sphere—more at BALL                                           |
| orbit noun | 1: a path described by one body in its revolution about another  
|             | 2: range or sphere of activity  
|             | Synonyms: circle, circumnavigate, coil, compass, encircle, girdle, loop, ring, round—more at ENCIRCLE |
| orca noun  | 1: KILLER WHALE                                                             |
| orch         | abbreviation                   orchestra                                       |
| orchard noun| 1: a place where fruit trees, sugar maples, or nut trees are grown; also: the trees of such a place  
|             | Synonyms: circle, circumnavigate, coil, compass, encircle, girdle, loop, ring, round—more at ENCIRCLE |
| orchestra noun | 1: the front section of seats on the main floor of a theater  
|             | 2: a group of instrumentalists organized to perform ensemble music           |
| orchestrate verb | 1: to compose or arrange for an orchestra  
|             | 2: to arrange so as to achieve a desired effect  
|             | Synonyms: command, decree, dictate, direct, order  
|             | [2a] command, decree, dictate, direct, order  
|             | [2b] destine, doom, fate, foredoom, foreordain, predestine—more at DESTINE  |


or·deal /ˈɔr.dəl/ noun
▶ a severe trial or experience

**Synonyms**
▶ cross, gauntlet, trial—more at **TRIAL**

1order /ˈɔr.dər/ verb
1 ▶ to arrange according to a particular plan
2 ▶ to give an order to: **COMMAND**
3 ▶ to place an order
4 ▶ to issue orders

**Synonyms**
▶ [1] arrange, array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, organize, range, systematize; also groom, make up, spruce (up), straighten (up), tidy (up); unscramble; align, line, line up, queue; alphabetize, file; place, set; display, lay out, map (out)

**Antonyms**
derange, disarrange, disarray, disorder, mess (up), muss (up), rumple, upset
▶ [2] command, decree, dictate, direct, ordain
▶ [3] ask, request, requisition; also commission, solicit; license, charter, hire
▶ [4] bid, boss, charge, command, direct, enjoin, instruct, tell—more at **COMMAND**

2order noun
1 a ▶ a group of people formally united
b ▶ a badge or medal of such a group
2 ▶ any of the several grades of the Christian ministry; also, pl: **ORDINATION**
3 a ▶ a rank, class, or special group of persons or things
b ▶ a division within a system of classification
4 ▶ a category of biological classification ranking above the family and below the class
5 ▶ the arrangement or sequence of objects or of events in time: **ARRANGEMENT, SEQUENCE**; also: the prevailing state of things
6 ▶ a customary mode of procedure; also: the rule of law or proper authority
7 ▶ a specific rule, regulation, or authoritative direction
8 ▶ a style of building; also: an architectural column forming the unit of a style
9 ▶ condition esp. with regard to repair
10 ▶ a written direction to pay money or to buy or sell goods; also: goods bought or sold
11 ▶ a particular sphere or aspect of a sociopolitical system

**Synonyms**
▶ [3a, 11] caste, class, estate, folk, stratum—more at **CLASS**
▶ [3b] bracket, category, class, division, family, grade, group, kind, set, species, type—more at **CLASS**
▶ [5] arrangement, array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, organize, range, systematize; also groom, make up, spruce (up), straighten (up), tidy (up); unscramble; align, line, line up, queue; alphabetize, file; place, set; display, lay out, map (out)

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1orderly /ˈɔr.dər.li/ adjective
1 a ▶ arranged according to some order
b ▶ marked by order: **NEAT, TIDY**
2 ▶ well behaved <an ~ crowd>

—or·der·li·ness noun

**Synonyms**
▶ [1a] methodical, regular, systematic—more at **METHODICAL**
▶ [1b] crisp, neat, shipshape, snug, tidy, trim, uncluttered—more at **NEAT**

2orderly noun, plural -lies
1 ▶ a soldier who attends a superior officer
2 ▶ a hospital attendant who does general work
**ordinal** /ˈord·nəl/ adjective
: indicating order or rank (as sixth) in a series

**ordinal number** noun
: a number (as first, second, or third) that designates the place of an item in an ordered sequence compare cardinal number

**ordination** /ˈord·nən·sən/ noun
: an authoritative decree or law; especially: a municipal regulation

**ordinate** /ˈord·nət/ noun
: the vertical coordinate of a point in a plane coordinate system obtained by measuring parallel to the y-axis

**ordinate** /ˈord·nət/ adverb
: in an ordinary manner

**ordinary** /ˈord·nər·ē/ adjective
1 • to be expected: usual
2 • of common quality, rank, or ability; also: poor, inferior

**ordination** /ˈord·nən·sən/ noun
1 • military supplies
2 • cannon, artillery

**Ordovician** /ˈɔrd·ə·vi·shən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Cambrian and the Silurian

**ordure** /ˈɔrd·ər/ noun
: excrement

**ore** /ˈɔr/ noun
: a naturally occurring mineral mined to obtain a substance that it contains

**Ore** or **Oreg** abbreviation
Oregon

**oregano** /ˈɔr·e·gə·nə/ noun
: a bushy perennial mint used as a seasoning and a source of oil

**organization** organization; organized

**organ** /ˈɔr·gæn/ noun
1 • a musical instrument having sets of pipes sounded by compressed air and controlled by keyboards; also: an
electronic keyboard instrument that approximates the sounds of the pipe organ by electronic devices
2: a differentiated animal or plant structure (as a heart or a leaf) made up of cells and tissues and performing some bodily function
3: a group that performs a specialized function <the various ~s of government>
4: PERIODICAL
5: a means exercising some function or accomplishing some end
Synonyms
agency, agent, instrument, instrumentality, machinery, means, medium, vehicle—more at AGENT
or·gan·dy also organ·die /ˌɔr.ɡən.ˈdeɪ/ noun, plural -dies
[origin: F organdi]
a fine transparent muslin with a stiff finish

or·gan·elle /ˌɔr.ɡə.ˈnɛl/ noun
a specialized cell part that resembles an organ in having a special function

or·gan·ic /ˌɔr.ɡə.ˈnɪk/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or arising in a bodily organ
2: of, relating to, or derived from living things
3: of, relating to, or containing carbon compounds
4: of or relating to a branch of chemistry dealing with carbon compounds
5: involving, producing, or dealing in foods produced without the use of laboratory-made fertilizers, growth substances, antibiotics, or pesticides
6: ORGANIZED (an ~ whole)
— or·gan·i·cal·ly /ˌɔr.ɡəˈne k(ə)lə/ adverb

or·gan·isa·tion, or·ga·nise British variant of ORGANIZATION, ORGANIZE

or·gan·ism /ˌɔr.ɡəˌnizəm/ noun
an individual living thing (as a person, animal, or plant)
— or·gan·is·mic /ˌɔr.ɡəˌnizˈmɪk/ adjective

or·gan·ist /ˌɔr.ɡəˈnɪst/ noun
a person who plays an organ

or·gan·isa·tion, or·ga·nise British variant of ORGANIZATION, ORGANIZE

or·gan·isa·tion /ˌɔr.ɡəˌneˌzaˈʃən/ noun
1: the act or process of organizing or of being organized; also: the condition or manner of being organized
2: an association of persons having a common interest: SOCIETY
3: an administrative structure (as a business or a political party)
— or·gan·isa·tion·al /ˌʃe.ˈna l/ adjective
Synonyms
association, brotherhood, club, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, league, order, society—more at ASSOCIATION

or·gan·ize /ˌɔr.ɡəˌnɪz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
1: to develop an organic structure
2: to form into a complete and functioning whole
3: to set up an administrative structure for
4: to arrange by systematic planning and united effort
5: to join in a union; also: UNIONIZE
— or·gan·iz·er noun
Synonyms
arrange, array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, range, systematize—more at ORDER

or·go·no·chlo·rine /ˌɔr.ɡəˌnoʊˌklɔr.ˈrɛn/ adjective
of, relating to, or being a chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticide (as DDT)
— organochlorine noun
or·gano·phos·phate /ˌˈɡā.nəˌfəs.pət/ noun
: an organophosphorus pesticide
— organophosphate adjective

or·gano·phos·pho·rus /ˌˈɡā.nəˌfəs.pərəs/ also or·gano·phos·pho·rous /ˌˈɡā.nəˌfərəs/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a phosphorus-containing organic pesticide (as malathion)

or·gan·za /ˈɡərˌɡən.zə/ noun
: a sheer dress fabric resembling organdy and usu. made of silk, rayon, or nylon

or·gasm /ˈɡər.gəzm/ noun
: the climax of sexual excitement
— or·gas·mic /ˈɡər.gəzm.ɪk/ adjective

or·gi·as·tic /ˌˈɡər.jəs.tık/ adjective
: of, relating to, or marked by orgies

or·gu·lous /ˈɡər.ɡələs/ adjective
: PROUD

or·gy /ˈɡər.i/ noun, plural orgies
: a gathering marked by unrestrained indulgence (as in sexual activity, alcohol, or drugs)

ori·el /ˈɔr.i.əl/ noun
: a window built out from a wall and usu. supported by a bracket

ori·ent /ˈɔr.i.ənt/ verb
1 : to set in a definite position esp. in relation to the points of the compass
2 : to acquaint with an existing situation or environment
3 : to direct toward the interests of a particular group

Synonyms
acquaint, familiarize, initiate, introduce—more at ACQUAINT

Orient noun
: EAST 3: especially: the countries of eastern Asia

ori·en·tal /ˈɔr.i.ən.təl/ adjective, often cap
: of or situated in the Orient
— Oriental noun

ori·en·tate /ˈɔr.i.ən.ˌtät/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 : to acquaint with the existing situation or environment: ORIENT
2 : to face east

ori·en·ta·tion /ˌɔr.i.ən.ˌtā.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act or state of being oriented
2 : a person's identity based on sexual tendencies

ori·fice /ˈɔr.i.fis/ noun
1 : an opening (as a vent, mouth, or hole) through which something may pass: OPENING

Synonyms
aperture, hole, opening, perforation—more at HOLE

ori·flam·me /ˌɔr.i.fləm/ noun
: a brightly colored banner used as a standard or ensign in battle

orig abbreviation
original; originally

ori·ga·mi /ˌɔr.i.ˈɡā.mē/ noun
: the art or process of Japanese paper folding
origin /ˈoʊr.i.gən/ noun
1 †: line of descent: ANCESTRY
2 : rise, beginning, or derivation from a source; also: CAUSE
3 : the intersection of coordinate axes
   Synonyms
   • ancestry, birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, parentage, pedigree, stock, strain—more at ANCESTRY

original /ˌoʊr.i.ˈlən/ noun
: something from which a copy, reproduction, or translation is made: PROTOTYPE

original /ˈoʊr.i.ɡəln/ adjective
1 †: existing from the start: FIRST, INITIAL
2 †: not copied from something else: FRESH
3 †: gifted with powers of independent thought, direct insight, or constructive imagination: INVENTIVE
   Synonyms
   • [1] first, inaugural, initial, maiden, pioneer, premier—more at FIRST
   • [2] fresh, new, novel, strange, unaccustomed, unfamiliar, unknown—more at NEW
   • [3] creative, imaginative, ingenious, innovative, inventive—more at CREATIVE

originality /ˌoʊr.i.ˈləni.ti/ noun
1 †: freshness of aspect, design, or style
2 †: the power of independent thought or constructive imagination
   Synonyms
   • [1] freshness, newness, novelty—more at NOVELTY
   • [2] creativity, ingenuity, invention, inventiveness—more at CREATIVITY

originally /ˌoʊr.i.ˈlən.i.leɪ/ adverb
†: in the beginning: in the first place
   Synonyms
   • firstly, initially, primarily; also: primitively

originate /ˈoʊr.i.ˌnət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
1 : to give rise to: INITIATE
2 †: to come into existence: BEGIN
   Synonyms
   • arise, begin, commence, dawn, form, materialize, spring, start—more at BEGIN

originator /ˌoʊr.i.ˈnə.tər/ noun
†: one that originates
   Synonyms
   • author, creator, father, founder—more at FATHER
   • designer, developer, innovator, inventor—more at INVENTOR

or·i·ole /ˈoʊr.əˌɔl/ noun
: any of various New World birds of which the males are usu. black and yellow or black and orange

or·i·son /ˈoʊr.əˌsan/ noun
: PRAYER

or·mo·lu /ˈɔr.məˌlu/ noun
: a golden or gilded brass used for decorative purposes

ornament /ˈɔr.nəˌment/ noun
†: something that lends grace or beauty
   —ornament·a·tion /ˌɔr.nəˌmen·tā·shən/ noun
   Synonyms
   • adornment, caparison, decoration, embellishment, frill, garnish, trim—more at DECORATION

ornament /ˌɔr.nəˌment/ verb
ornamental /ˈɔr.nə.məntəl/ adjective
: DECORATIVE : of, relating to, or serving as ornament

ornate /ˈɔr.nət/ adjective
⟩ elaborately decorated
— ornate·ly adverb
— ornate·ness noun

ornery /ˈɔr.nər.i/ adjective
⟩ having an irritable disposition

ornithology /ˈɔr.nɪ.thə.lə.jeɪ/ noun, plural -logies
: a branch of zoology dealing with birds
— ornithological /ˈɔr.nɪ.thə.lə.ji.kəl/ adjective
— ornithologist /ˈɔr.nɪ.thə.ˈlə.jɪ.stə/ noun

orotund /ˈɔr.ə.tənd/ adjective
1 : SONOROUS
2 : POMPOS
— orotund·ity /ˈɔr.ə.tənd.i.ti/ noun

orphan /ˈɔr.fən/ noun
: a child deprived by death of one or usu. both parents
— orphan verb

orphan·age /ˈɔr.fən.eɪ/ noun
: an institution for the care of orphans

orthodontia /ˈɔrθə.dən.ti.a/ noun
: ORTHODONTICS

orthodontics /ˈɔrθə.dən.tiks/ noun
: a branch of dentistry concerned with the correction of faults in the arrangement and placing of the teeth
— orthodontist /ˈɔrθə.dən.tɪst/ noun

orthodox /ˈɔrθə.dɒks/ adjective
[origin: MF or LL; MF orthodoxe, fr. LL orthodoxus, fr. LGk orthodos, fr. Gk orthos right + doxa opinion]
1 : conforming to established doctrine esp. in religion
2 : according with, sanctioned by, or based on convention : CONVENTIONAL
3 cap : of or relating to a Christian church originating in the church of the Eastern Roman Empire
— orthodoxy /ˌɔrθə.dɒks.i/ noun

orthodox·ly /ˌɔrθə.dɒks.ˈli/ adverb

orthodox·ness noun

— [1] conservative, old-fashioned, reactionary, traditional—more at CONSERVATIVE
— [2] ceremonial, ceremonious, conventional, formal, regular, routine—more at FORMAL
orthography /ˈɔrθəˌɡræfɪ/ noun

— orthographic /ˈɔrθəˌɡræfɪk/ adjective

orthopedics /ˌɔrθəˈpedɪks/ noun singular or plural

: a branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of skeletal injuries or disorders

— orthopedic /ˌɔrθəˈpedɪk/ adjective

— orthopedist /ˌɔrθəˈpedɪst/ noun

-ory /ˌɔr.ərɪ/ adjective suffix

1 : of, relating to, or characterized by <anticipatory>

2 : serving for, producing, or maintaining <illusory>

Os symbol

osmium

OS abbreviation

1 [origin: Oculus Sinister] left eye

2 ordinary seaman

3 out of stock

Osage /ˈɑsəɡ/ noun, plural Osages or Osages

: a member of an American Indian people orig. of Missouri

oscil·late /əˈsaˌlæt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing

1 : to swing backward and forward like a pendulum

2 : to move or travel back and forth between two points

3 : vary, fluctuate

— oscil·la·tor /əˈsaˌlætər/ noun

— oscil·la·to·ry /əˈsaˌlætərɪ/ adjective

oscil·la·tion /əˈsaˌlæʃən/ noun

: the action or state of oscillating

— oscil·lo·scope /əˈsɪləˌskɒp/ noun

: an instrument in which variations in current or voltage appear as a visible wave form on a fluorescent screen

oscu·late /əˈsoʊˌkeɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing

: kiss

— oscu·la·tion /əˈsoʊˌkeɪʃən/ noun

— oscu·la·to·ry /əˈsoʊˌkeɪtərɪ/ adjective

Osee /ˈoʊ.zəˌeɪ, oʊˌzəˌeɪ/ noun

: Hosea

OSHA /ˈoʊ.ʃə/ abbreviation

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

osier /ˈoʊ.sɪər/ noun

: any of various willows with pliable twigs used esp. in making baskets and furniture; also : a twig from an osier

os·mium /əˈzɪməm/ noun

: a heavy hard brittle metallic chemical element used esp. as a catalyst and in alloys

os·mosis /əˈzɪməsəs, əz/ noun

: movement of a solvent through a semipermeable membrane into a solution of higher concentration that tends to equalize the concentrations of the solutions on either side of the membrane

— os·mot·ic /ˌɔz.məˈtɪk/ adjective

os·prey /əsˈprɛ, əsˈprɛ/ noun, plural ospreys

: a large dark brown and white fish-eating hawk
os·si·fy /ˈsəˌfaɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to make or become hardened or set in one's ways
— os·si·fi·ca·tion /ˈsəˌfaˌkeɪʃən/ noun

os·su·ary /ˈsəˌwərəˈsərē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
: a depository for the bones of the dead

os·ten·si·ble /ˈstɛnˌsə-bal/ adjective
° shown outwardly : APPARENT

os·ten·si·bly /ˌblɛ/ adverb
1 : in an ostensible manner
2 ◁: to all outward appearances

os·ten·ta·tion /ˈaʊ̯s.ən.təˈʃən/ noun
°: pretentious or excessive display
— os·ten·ta·tious·ly adverb

os·ten·ta·tious /ˈstɛn.təˈʃəs/ adjective
°: marked by or fond of conspicuous or sometimes pretentious display

os·teo·path /ˈoʊˌthiˌpaθ/ noun
: a practitioner of osteopathy

os·te·op·a·thy /ˌoʊˌθiˌəpəˈθi/ noun
: a system of treating diseases emphasizing manipulation (as of joints) but not excluding other agencies (as the use of medicine and surgery)
— os·teo·path·ic /ˌoʊˌθiˌəpəˈθi.ɪk/ adjective

os·teo·po·ro·sis /ˈoʊˌθiˌəpəˈpərəˌsɪs/ noun, plural -ro·ses /-rəˈses/
°: a condition affecting esp. older women and characterized by fragile and porous bones

os·tra·cise /ˈoʊstrəˌsiz/ verb -cized; -ciz·ing
[ORIGIN: Gk ostrakizein to banish by voting with potsherds, fr. ostrakon shell, potsherd] : to exclude from a group by common consent
— os·tra·cism /ˌoʊstrəˌziːm/ noun

os·trich /ˈoʊstrɪk/ noun
°: a very large swift-footed flightless bird of Africa and Arabia

Os·we·go tea /ˈɔsˌwe.ɡoʊ/ noun
°: a No. American mint with showy scarlet flowers

OT abbreviation
1 occupational therapy
2 Old Testament
over time

other /əˈðər/ adjective
1: being the one left; also: being the ones distinct from those first mentioned
2: alternate <every ~ day>
3: not the same: different
4: existing by way of addition: additional
5: recently past <the ~ night>

Synonyms
➤ [3] different, disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, unalike, unlike—more at
different
➤ [4] additional, another, else, farther, further, more—more at additional

other pronoun
1: remaining one or ones
2: a different or additional one <something or ~> 

otherwise /əˈðərˌwiz/ adverb
1: in a different way
2: in different circumstances
3: in other respects
4: if not
5: not
— otherwise adjective

Synonyms
➤ differently, else, other; also diversely, variously

Antonyms
not

otherwise adverb

other world /ˌwɜːrd/ noun
a world beyond death or beyond present reality

other worldly /ˌaˈðərˌwɜːrdli/ adjective
not worldly: concerned with spiritual, intellectual, or imaginative matters

oti-ose /ˈoʊˌʃeɪ.əs, ˈoʊ.təs/ adjective
1: futile
2: idle
3: useless

oto-ly /ˌoʊ.to.ˈlɪŋ.gəˌdʒɪst/ noun
a medical specialty concerned esp. with the ear, nose, and throat
— otolaryngologist /ˌoʊ.təˈla.rɪŋ.ˌgæ.ˈlə.jɪst/ noun
— oto-rhi-no-ly /ˌoʊ.tə.ˈri.ˌno.ˈlɪŋ.gəˌdʒɪst/ noun: otolaryngology
— oto-rhi-no-ly /ˌoʊ.tə.ˈri.ˌno.ˈlɪŋ.gəˌdʒɪst/ noun
OTS abbreviation
officers’ training school

Otta-wa /ˈɑtə.wə, ədə.wə/ noun, plural Ottawas or Ottawa
a member of an American Indian people of Michigan and southern Ontario

ot-ter /ˈɑtər/ noun, plural otters also otter
any of various web-footed fish-eating mammals with dark brown fur that are related to the weasels; also: the fur

otto-man /ˈɑˌtoʊ.mən/ noun
an upholstered seat or couch usu. without a back; also: an overstuffed footstool

ou-bli-ette /ˌʌ.blɪ.ˈet/ noun
ought /ˈouːt/ verbal auxiliary
- — used to express moral obligation, advisability, natural expectation, or logical consequence
  Synonyms usually ought to
  - have, must, need, shall, should—more at need
ounce /ˈaʊns/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF unce, fr. Luncia twelfth part, ounce, fr. unus one]
1 a: a unit of avoirdupois, troy, and apothecaries’ weight; specif: a unit of weight equal to 1/16 pound
b ․: a small amount
2: FLUID OUNCE
  Synonyms
  - bit, little, particle, shred, speck, touch, trace—more at particle
our /ˈaʊr/ adjective
: of or relating to us or ourselves
ours /ˈaʊrs/ˈaʊr/ pronoun
: that which belongs to us
our·selves /ˈaʊr·ˈselfz/ˈaʊr/ pronoun
: our own selves — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions we pleased ~ we’ll do it ~ we were tourists ~
-ous /ˈəʊs/ adjective suffix
: full of: abounding in: having: possessing the qualities of clamorous <poisonous
oust /ˈaʊst/ verb
- to eject from or deprive of property or position
  Synonyms
  - banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, rout, run off, throw out—more at eject
depose—more at depose
oust·er /ˈaʊstər/ noun
: EXPULSION
1 out /aʊt/ adverb
1: in a direction away from the inside or center
2: beyond control
3: to extinction, exhaustion, or completion
4: in or into the open
5: so as to retire a batter or base runner; also: so as to be retired
2 out verb
- to become known <the truth will ~>
  Synonyms
  - come out, get out, leak, spread—more at get out
3 out preposition
1: out through <looked ~ the window>
2: outward on or along <drive ~ the river road>
4 out adjective
1: situated outside or at a distance
2 ․: not in: absent; also: not being in power
3: removed from play as a batter or base runner
4: not being in vogue or fashion: not up-to-date
  Synonyms
  - absent, away, missing—more at absent
5 out noun
1: one who is out of office
2: the retiring of a batter or base runner
3: a way of escaping from an embarrassing or difficult situation

**Synonyms**
- avoidance, cop-out, escape, evasion—more at ESCAPE

**out-age /ˈaʊ.tɪdʒ/ noun**
: a period or instance of interruption esp. of electricity

**out— and—out adjective**
: being such completely at all times, in every way, or from every point of view: COMPLETE, THOROUGHGOING<br><an ~ fraud>

**Synonyms**
- absolute, all-out, complete, consummate, outright, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, unqualified, utter—more at ABSOLUTE

**out-bid /ˈaʊtˌbɪd/ verb**
: to make a higher bid than

1 **outboard /ˈaʊtˌbɔːrd/ adjective**
1: situated outboard
2: having or using an outboard motor

2 **outboard adverb**
1: outside a ship's hull: away from the long axis of a ship
2: in a position closer to the wing tip of an airplane

**outboard motor noun**
: a small internal combustion engine with propeller attached for mounting at the stern of a small boat

**out-bound /ˈaʊtˌbaʊnd/ adjective**
: outward bound <~ traffic>

**out-break /ˈaʊtˌbrək/ noun**
1: a sudden increase in activity, incidence, or numbers
2: INSURRECTION, REVOLT

**Synonyms**
- burst, flare, flare-up, flash, flurry, flutter, outburst, spurt; also binge, jag, spree; boost, increase, pickup, upswing, upturn; epidemic, eruption, explosion, paroxysm; deluge, flood, rush, spate, surge; commotion, furor, uproar

**out-build-ing /ˈaʊtˌbɪldɪŋ/ noun**
: a building separate from but accessory to a main house

**out-burst /ˈaʊtˌburst/ noun**
1 a: ERUPTION
b: a violent expression of feeling
2: a surge of activity or growth

**Synonyms**
- agony, burst, eruption, explosion, fit, flare, flare-up, flash, gale, gush, gust, paroxysm, spasm, storm; also blowup, grouch, rage, tantrum; ecstasy, rapture, transport; delirium, frenzy, furor

**out-cast /ˈaʊtˌkæst/ noun**
: one that is cast out by society

**Synonyms**
- castaway, reject; also untouchable; outsider; exile

**out-class /ˈaʊtˌklɑːs/ verb**
: SURPASS

**out-come /ˈaʊtˌkʌm/ noun**
: a final consequence: RESULT
**Synonyms**

- aftermath, conclusion, consequence, corollary, development, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequence, upshot—more at [EFFECT](#)

**out-crop /ˈкра́p/ noun**
- a coming out of bedrock to the surface of the ground; also: the part of a rock formation that thus appears
- **outcrop verb**

**out-cry /ˈkɹɪ/ noun**
- a loud cry: [CLAMOR](#)

**out-dat-ed /ˈaʊt.ˈdɑː.tad/ adjective**
- no longer current: [OUTMODED](#)

**out-dis-tance /ˈdɪs.ˈtæns/ verb**
- to leave behind: go ahead of

**out-door /ˈaʊt.ˈdɔːr/ also out-doors /ˈdɔːr.ˈdɔːr/ adjective**
- of or relating to the outdoors
- 2: performed outdoors
- 3: not enclosed (as by a roof)

1**outdoors /ˈaʊt.ˈdɔr.ˈdɔr/ adverb**
- in or into the open air

2**outdoors noun**
- 1: the open air
- 2: the world away from human habitation

- **out-doorsy /ˈaʊt.ˈdɔr.ˌsi/ adjective**

**out-draw /ˈaʊt.ˈdrɔ/ verb -drew /ˈdrɔː/, -drawn /ˈdrɔn/, -draw-ing**
- to attract a larger audience than
- to draw a handgun more quickly than

**out-er /ˈaʊ.ˈtɛr/ adjective**
- of, relating to, or connected with the outside or an outer part: [EXTERNAL](#)
- 2: situated farther out; also: being away from a center

**Antonyms**
- [1, 2] exterior, external, outside, outward; also outermost, outlying; superficial, surface

**outer ear noun**
- the outer visible portion of the ear that collects and directs sound waves toward the eardrum

**out-er-most /ˈmɔst/ adjective**
- farthest out

**Synonyms**
- extreme, farthest, furthest, ultimate, utmost—more at [EXTREME](#)
outer space noun
   : SPACE 5

outer-wear /ˈaʊtərˌweər/ noun
1: clothing for outdoor wear
2: outer clothing as opposed to underwear

out-face /ˈaʊt ˈfæs/ verb
1: to cause to waver or submit
2: DEFY

out-field /ˈaʊt ˈfel/ noun
: the part of a baseball field beyond the infield and within the foul lines; also: players in the outfield
   — out-field-er /ˌɪəl ˈdər/ noun

out-fight /ˈaʊt ˈfɪt/ verb
: to surpass in fighting: DEFEAT

outfit /ˈaʊt ˈfit/ noun
1: the equipment or apparel for a special purpose or occasion
2: a group that works as a team
3: an organization engaged in a particular industry or activity
   Synonyms
   » [1] dress, garb, getup, guise; also apparel, attire, clothes, duds, raiment; fashion, mode, style; array, caparison, vestments
   » [2] accoutrements, apparatus, equipment, gear, matériel, paraphernalia, tackle—more at EQUIPMENT
   » [3] band, company, crew, gang, party, squad, team—more at GANG
   » [3] business, company, concern, enterprise, establishment, firm, house—more at ENTERPRISE

outfit verb out-fit-ted; out-fit-ting
   : to provide or supply with what is needed, useful, or desirable: EQUIP
   — out-fit-ter noun
   Synonyms
   » accoutre, equip, fit, furnish, rig, supply—more at FURNISH

out-flank /ˈaʊt ˈflæŋk/ verb
: to get around the flank of (an opposing force)

out-flow /ˈaʊt ˈfləʊ/ noun
1: a flowing out
2: something that flows out
   Synonyms
   » gush, outpouring; also drain, flow; ebb; rush, stampede; emigration, flight; discharge, emanation, emission
   Antonyms
   » flux, inflow, influx, inrush

out-fox /ˈaʊt ˈfɑks/ verb
: to outdo in trickery: OUTWIT
   Synonyms
   » fox, outmaneuver, outsmart, outwit, overreach—more at OUTWIT

out-go /ˈaʊt ˈgəʊ/ noun, plural outgoes
: something that goes out: OUTLAY
   Synonyms
   » cost, disbursement, expenditure, expense, outlay—more at EXPENSE

out-going /ˈaʊt ˈgəʊ ɪŋ/ adjective
1: going out <~ tide>
2: retiring from a place or position
3: openly friendly and responsive
**Synonyms**

- boon, companionable, convivial, extroverted, gregarious, sociable, social—more at CONVIVIAL

_**out-grow**_ /aʊtˈgrʊ/ verb -grew /ˈɡruː/; -grown /ˈɡrʊn/; -grow·ing

1: to grow faster than
2: to grow too large for

_**out-growth**_ /aʊtˌgrʌθ/ noun

1: a product of growing out: OFFSHOOT
2: something produced by a cause or necessarily following from a set of conditions: CONSEQUENCE, RESULT

**Synonyms**

- derivative, offshoot, spin-off—more at DERIVATIVE

_**out-guess**_ /aʊtˈgɛs/ verb

: OUTWIT

_**out-gun**_ /ˈɡæn/ verb

: to surpass in firepower

_**out-house**_ /aʊtˈhauːs/ noun

: OUTBUILDING; especially: an outdoor toilet

_**out-ing**_ /aʊtˈɪŋ/ noun

1: a brief stay or trip in the open

**Synonyms**

- excursion, jaunt, junket, sally—more at EXCURSION

_**out-land·ish**_ /aʊtˈlænd.ɪʃ/ adjective

1 a: of foreign appearance or manner
b: strikingly out of the ordinary
2: remote from civilization

— _**out-land·ish·ly**_ adverb

**Synonyms**

- [1a, b] bizarre, curious, exotic, far-out, funny, kinky, odd, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, strange, wacky, weird, wild—more at ODD

_**out-lay**_ /aʊtˈleɪ/ noun

1: the act of spending
2: something expended: EXPENDITURE

**Synonyms**

- cost, disbursement, expenditure, expense, outgo—more at EXPENSE

_**out·let**_ /aʊtˈleɪt/ noun

1: a place or opening through which something is let out: EXIT
2: a means of release (as for an emotion)
3: a market for a commodity
4: a receptacle for the plug of an electrical device

_Synonyms_
- egress, exit, issue—more at _EXIT_

1 _outline_ `/əʊt_ˌlɪn/ noun
1: a line marking the outer limits of an object or figure
2: a drawing in which only contours are marked
3: a condensed treatment of a particular subject: a summary of a written work: _SUMMARY_, _SYNOPSIS_
4: PLAN

_Synonyms_
- [1] contour, figure, silhouette; _also_ delineation, sketch; profile, skyline, form, cast, configuration, conformation, geometry, shape; framework, skeleton
- [3] abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, précis, recapitulation, roundup, résumé, sum, summary, synopsis
—more at _SUMMARY_

2 _outline_ verb
1: to draw the outline of
2: to indicate the chief features or parts of

_Synonyms_
- define, delineate, silhouette, sketch, trace; _also_ line; bound, fringe, margin, skirt; edge, hem, rim, trim; frame; circle, compass, encircle, girdle, girth, loop, ring, round, surround; chart, diagram, draw, map (out)

_out·live_ `/əʊt_ˌlɪv/ verb
: to live longer than

_out·look_ `/əʊt_ˌlʊk/ noun
1 a: a place offering a view
b: a view from a particular place: _VIEW_
2: a position from which something is considered or evaluated: _STANDPOINT_
3: the prospect for the future

_Synonyms_
- [1b] lookout, panorama, prospect, view, vista—more at _VIEW_
- [2] angle, perspective, point of view, slant, standpoint, viewpoint—more at _POINT OF VIEW_

_out·ly·ing_ `/əʊt_ˌlɪŋ/ adjective
: distant from a center or main body

_out·ma·neu·ver_ `/əʊt_ˌme_.nə_.vər_.ˈnəvər/ verb
: to defeat by more skillful maneuvering

_Synonyms_
- fox, outfox, outsmart, outwit, overreach—more at _OUTWIT_

_out·mod·ed_ `/əʊt_ˌmə_.dəd/ adjective
1: no longer in style
2: no longer acceptable, current, or usable

_Synonyms_
- [1, 2] antiquated, archaic, dated, obsolete, outdated, outworn, passé—more at _OBSOLETE_

_out·num·ber_ `/əʊt_.nə_.bər/ verb
: to exceed in number

_out of_ preposition
1: out from within or behind <walk out of the room> <look out of the window>
2: from a state of <wake up out of a deep sleep>
3: beyond the limits of <out of sight>
4: _BECAUSE OF_ <asked out of curiosity>
5: _FROM, WITH_ <built it out of scrap>
6: in or into a state of loss or not having <cheated him out of $5000> <we're out of matches>
7: from among <one out of four>
—out of it
out–of–bounds adjective
: outside the prescribed boundaries or limits

out–of–date adjective
: no longer in fashion or in use

out–of–door or out–of–doors adjective
: of or relating to the outdoors

out–of–the–way adjective
1 : UNUSUAL
2 : being off the beaten track

out·pa·tient /ˌaʊt.pəˈʃənt/ noun
: a patient who visits a hospital or clinic for diagnosis or treatment without staying overnight

out·per·form /ˌaʊt.ˈpɜr.foʊrm/ verb
: to perform better than

out·play /ˌaʊt.ˈpleɪ/ verb
: to play more skillfully than

out·point /ˈaʊt.ˈpɔɪnt/ verb
: to win more points than

out·post /ˌaʊt.ˈpɔst/ noun
1 : a security detachment dispatched by a main body of troops to protect it from enemy surprise; also : a military base established (as by treaty) in a foreign country
2 : an outlying or frontier settlement

out·pour·ing /ˌaʊt.ˈpɔr.iŋ/ noun
: something that pours out or is poured out

Synonyms
—more at OUTFLOW

out·pull /ˌaʊt.ˈpʊl/ verb
: OUTDRAW 1

1 output /ˈaʊt.pʊt/ noun
1 a : the amount produced (as by a machine or factory) : PRODUCTION
b : mental or artistic production
2 : the information produced by a computer

Synonyms
[1a, b] affair, fruit, handiwork, produce, product, thing, work, yield—more at PRODUCT

2 output verb out·put·ted or output; out·put·ting
: to produce as output

1 outrage /ˈaʊt.ɹæɡ/ noun
1 : a violent or shameful act
2 : a gross indignity : INSULT
3 : the anger or resentment aroused by an outrage

Synonyms
[2] affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at INSULT
[3] anger, furor, fury, indignation, ire, rage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness—more at ANGER

2 outrage verb out·raged; out·rag·ing
1 : RAPE
2 : to subject to violent injury or gross insult
3 ♣ : to arouse to extreme resentment
   **Synonyms**
   ♣ [2] affront, insult, offend, slight, wound—more at **INSULT**
   ♣ [3] anger, antagonize, enrage, incense, inflame, infuriate, madden, rankle, rile, roil—more at **ANGER**

**out·ra·geous /ˌaʊrəˈdʒeɪs/ adjective**
: extremely offensive, insulting, or shameful : **SHOCKING**
— **out·ra·geous·ly adverb**

**out·rank /ˈræŋk/ verb**
: to rank higher than

**ou·tré /ˈʌtr/ adjective**
[**ORIGIN**: F]
: violating convention or propriety : **BIZARRE**

**outreach /aʊtˈreɪtʃ/ verb**
1 : to surpass in reach
2 : to get the better of by trickery

**out·rid·er /ˌrɪrdər/ noun**
: a mounted attendant

**out·rig·ger /ˌrɪrˈgər/ noun**
1 : a frame attached to the side of a boat to prevent capsizing
2 : a craft equipped with an outrigger

**outright /aʊtˈrɪt/ adverb**
1 : COMPLETELY
2 : INSTANTANEOUSLY

**outright /aʊtˈrɪt/ adjective**
1 : being exactly what is stated <an ~ lie>
2 ♣ : given or made without reservation or encumbrance <an ~ sale>
   **Synonyms**
   ♣ absolute, all-out, complete, consummate, out-and-out, perfect, pure, sheer, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, utter—more at **ABSOLUTE**

**out·run /aʊtˈrʌn/ verb -ran /ˈrʌn/; -run; -run·ning**
: to run faster than; also : EXCEED

**out·sell /ˌaʊtˈsɛl/ verb -sold /ˈsɔld/; -sell·ing**
: to exceed in sales

**out·set /aʊtˈsɛt/ noun**
✈️ a setting out : **BEGINNING, START**
   **Synonyms**
   ♣ beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, genesis, launch, morning, onset, start, threshold—more at **BEGINNING**

**out·shine /aʊtˈʃaɪn/ verb -shone /ˈʃaʊn/ or -shined; -shin·ing**
1 : to shine brighter than
2 ✈️ : to go beyond in action or performance : **SURPASS**
   **Synonyms**
   ♣ beat, better, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outstrip, surpass, top, transcend—more at **SURPASS**
outside /aʊtˈsɪd, ˈaʊtˌsɪd/ noun
1 : a place or region beyond an enclosure or boundary
2 ▶ : an outer side or surface : EXTERIOR
3 : the utmost limit or extent

Synonyms
▶ exterior, face, skin, surface, veneer—more at EXTERIOR

outside adjective
1 ▶ : of, relating to, or being on or toward the outer side or surface : OUTER
2 : coming from without ◼ influences>
3 : being apart from one's regular duties ◼ activities>
4 ▶ : barely possible : REMOTE ◼ an ~ chance>

Synonyms
▶ [1] exterior, external, outer, outward—more at OUTER
▶ [4] negligible, off, remote, slight, slim, small—more at REMOTE

outside adverb
: on or to the outside

outside preposition
1 : on or to the outside of
2 ▶ : beyond the limits of
3 ▶ : with the exclusion or exception of : EXCEPT

Synonyms
▶ [2] beyond, without—more at BEYOND
▶ [3] aside from, bar, barring, besides, but, except, save—more at EXCEPT

outside of preposition
1 : with the exclusion or exception of : OUTSIDE
2 : BEYOND
3 : beyond the limits or compass of

outsider /aʊtˈsɪdər/ noun
: a person who does not belong to a group

outsize /ˈaʊtsaɪz/ also outsized /ˌaʊtsaɪzd/ adjective
: unusually large : extravagant in size or degree

Synonyms
▶ astronomical, enormous, giant, gigantic, grand, huge, jumbo, mammoth, massive, monumental, oversize, prodigious, titanic, tremendous, vast

outskirts /ˌaʊtskɜːrts/ noun plural
▶ the outlying parts (as of a city)

Synonyms
▶ environs, exurbia, suburbia—more at ENVIRONS

outspeak /ˌaʊtˈspɛk/ verb
▶ to get the better of : OUTWIT

Synonyms
▶ fox, outfox, outmaneuver, outwit, overreach—more at OUTWIT

outsource /ˌaʊtsɔːrs/ verb -sourced; -sourc·ing
▶ to obtain (goods or services) from an outside supplier

outspend /ˈaʊtˌspænd/ verb
1 : to exceed the limits of in spending ◼ his income>
2 : to spend more than

outspeak /ˌaʊtˌspɛk/ adjective
▶ : direct and open in speech or expression
— outspeak·ly adverb
— outspoken ness noun

Synonyms
- candid, direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, open, plain, straight, straightforward, unguarded, unreserved—more at frank

outspread /ˈspred/ verb -spread; -spreading
: to spread out

outstanding /ˈstənd.iŋ/ adjective
1: PROJECTING
2 a: not paid: UNPAID
   b: UNRESOLVED
3: publicly issued and sold
4 a: CONSPICUOUS
   b: marked by eminence and distinction: DISTINGUISHED
— outstanding-ly adverb

Synonyms
- [2a] overdue, payable, unpaid, unsettled; also due, mature
Antonyms
- cleared, liquidated, paid (off or up), repaid, settled
- [4b] distinguished, eminent, illustrious, noble, notable, noteworthy, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star, superior—more at EMINENT

outstay /ˈstʌ/ verb
1: OVERSTAY
2: to surpass in endurance

outstretch /ˈaut.ˈstrich/ verb
: to stretch out: EXTEND

outstrip /ˈstrip/ verb
1: to go faster than
2: to get ahead of: EXCEL, SURPASS

Synonyms
- beat, better, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, surpass, top, transcend—more at SURPASS

outtake /ˈaut.ˈtāk/ noun
: something taken out; especially: a take that is not used in an edited version of a film or videotape

outvote /ˈvaʊt/ verb
: to defeat by a majority of votes

outward /ˈaut.wərd/ adjective
1: moving or directed toward the outside
2: showing outwardly
3: situated or lying on the outside of an enclosure or surface

Synonyms
- exterior, external, outer, outside—more at OUTER

outward or outwardly /ˈwərdz/ adverb
: toward the outside

outward-ly /ˈwərd.i/ adverb
: on the outside: EXTERNALLY

outwear /ˈaut.wɔr/ verb -wore /ˈwɔr/, -worn /ˈwɔrn/, -wearing
: to wear longer than: OUTLAST

outweigh /ˈwɑ/ verb
: to exceed in weight, value, or importance

Synonyms
- overshadow; also count, import, matter, mean, signify, weigh; dwarf; exceed, outstrip, surpass, transcend
out·wit /ˈwɪt/ verb
☞ to get the better of by superior cleverness

  **Synonyms**
  • fox, outfox, outmaneuver, outsmart, overreach; also outguess, second-guess; baffle, balk, circumvent, foil, frustrate, thwart; cozen, deceive, dupe, fool, gull, trick; conquer, defeat, lick, overcome; bar, block, hinder, impede, obstruct

1 outwork /ˈwɜːrk/ verb
☞ to outdo in working

2 outwork /ˈaʊt.ˈwɜːrk/ noun
☞ a minor defensive position outside a fortified area

out·worn /ˈaʊt.ˈwɔrn/ adjective
☞ no longer useful or accepted: OUTDATED

  **Synonyms**
  • antiquated, archaic, dated, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, passé—more at OBSOLETE

ou·zo /ˈu.ʒoʊ/ noun
☞ a colorless anise-flavored unsweetened Greek liqueur

ova plural of OVUM

oval /ˈoʊ.vəl/ adjective
[origin: ML ovalis, fr. LL, of an egg, fr. L ovum egg]
☞ egg-shaped; also: broadly elliptical
  — oval noun

ovary /ˈoʊ.vər.i/ noun, plural -ries
1: one of the usu. paired female reproductive organs producing eggs and in vertebrates sex hormones
2: the part of a flower in which seeds are produced
  — ovar·ian /ˌoʊ.vər.i.ən/ adjective

ovate /ˈoʊ.vət/ adjective
☞ egg-shaped

ovation /ˈoʊ.ve.ʃən/ noun
[origin: L ovation-, ovatio, fr. ovare to exult]
☞ an enthusiastic popular tribute

  **Synonyms**
  • acclamation, applause—more at APPLAUSE

ov·en /ˈoʊ.vən/ noun
☞ a chamber (as in a stove) for baking, heating, or drying

oven·bird /ˌoʊ.vən.bɜrd/ noun
☞ a large olive-green American warbler that builds its dome-shaped nest on the ground

1 over /ˈoʊ.vər/ adverb
1: across a barrier or intervening space
2: across the brim <boil ~>
3: so as to bring the underside up or the upperside down
4: out of a vertical position
5: beyond some quantity, limit, or norm
6: in or to a higher place: ABOVE
7: at an end
8: from beginning to end: THROUGH; also: THOROUGHLY
9: for a second or successive time: AGAIN <do it ~>

  **Synonyms**
  • [3] below, down, downward—more at DOWN
  • [6] above, aloft, overhead, skyward—more at ABOVE
around, round, thoroughly, through, throughout
again, anew

over
preposition
1: above in position, authority, or scope<towered ~ her> <obeyed those ~ him>
2: more than <cost ~ $100>
3: ON, UPON <a cape ~ her shoulders>
4: along the length of <~ the road>
5: through the medium of: ON <spoke ~ TV>
6: all through <showed me ~ the house>
7: on or to the other side or beyond <jump ~ a ditch>
8: throughout the duration of: DURING <~ the past 25 years>
9: on account of <trouble ~ money>

Synonyms
[6] about, around, round, through, throughout—more at AROUND
[7] across, athwart, through—more at ACROSS

over
adjective
1: being higher or in a superior position
2: REMAINING
3: being at an end: ENDED

Synonyms
[6] about, around, round, through, throughout—more at AROUND
[7] across, athwart, through—more at ACROSS

over-
prefix
1: so as to exceed or surpass
2: excessive; excessively
List of self-explanatory words with the prefix over-:
overabundant
overachiever
overaggressive
overambitious
overanxious
overbid
overbuild
overbuy
overcapacity
overcapitalize
overcareful
overcautious
overcompensation
overconfidence
overconscientious
overcook
overcrowd
overdecorated
overdependence
overdetermined
overdevelop
overdress
overeager
overeat
overeducated
overemphasize
overenthusiastic
overestimate
overexcite
overexcited
overexert
overexertion
overextend
overfatigued
overfeed
overgeneralization
overgeneralize
overgenerous
overgraze
overhasty
overheat
overindulge
overindulgence
overindulgent
overlarge
overlearn
overlong
overmodest
overnice
overoptimism
overoptimistic
overpay
overproduce
overproduction
overprotect
overprotective
overrate
overreact
overreaction
overrefinement
overrepresented
oversensitive
oversensitiveness
oversimple
oversimplification
oversimplify
overspecialization
overspecialize
overspend
overstimulation
overstock
oversubtle
oversupply
overtax
overtired
overtrain
overuse
overvalue
overzealous

over·abun·dance /ˌovərˈabənˌdans/ noun
▶ an excessive abundance

Synonyms
▶ excess, fat, overflow, overkill, overmuch, superabundance, superflui
surfeit, surplus—more at EXCESS
over-act /ˌoʊ.vərˈækt/ verb
: to exaggerate in acting

over-active /ˌoʊ.vərˈæktɪv/ adjective
▶ : excessively or abnormally active <~ glands> <an ~ imagination>
— over-ac-tiv-i-ty /ˌoʊ.vərˈæk.tɪv.i.ti/ noun

Synonyms
▶ agitated, feverish, frenzied, heated, hectic, overwrought—more at FEVERISH

1 overage /ˌoʊ.vərˈæдж/ adjective
1 : too old to be useful
2 : older than is normal for one's position, function, or grade

2 overage /ˌoʊ.vərˈæдж/ noun
: SURPLUS

1 overall /ˌoʊ.vərˈɔːl/ adjective
1 : including everything <~ expenses>
2 : viewed as a whole

Synonyms
▶ [1] blanket, common, general, generic, global, universal—more at GENERAL
▶ [1, 2] all-around, bird’s-eye, broad, general, nonspecific—more at GENERAL

2 overall /ˌoʊ.vərˈɔːl/ adverb
▶ : as a whole

Synonyms
▶ altogether, basically, chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, predominantly, primarily, principally—more at CHIEFLY

over-alls /ˌoʊ.vərˈɔːlz/ noun plural
: pants of strong material usu. with a piece extending up to cover the chest

over-arm /ˌoʊ.vərˈɑːrm/ adjective
: done with the arm raised above the shoulder

over-awe /ˌoʊ.vərˈɔːd/ verb
: to restrain or subdue by awe

over-balance /ˌoʊ.vərˈbæləns/ verb
1 : to exceed in weight, value, or importance : OUTWEIGH
2 : to cause to lose balance

over-bearing /ˌoʊ.vərˈbɪŋ/ adjective
▶ : decisively important : DOMINEERING

Synonyms
▶ authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, masterful, peremptory, tyrannical, tyrannous—more at BOSSY

over-bite /ˌoʊ.vərˈbaɪt/ noun
: the projection of the upper front teeth over the lower

over-blown /ˌoʊ.vərˈbəʊn/ adjective
1 : PORTLY
2 : INFLATED, PRETENTIOUS

over-board /ˌoʊ.vərˈbɔːrd/ adverb
1 : over the side of a ship into the water
2 : to extremes of enthusiasm

over-bold /ˌoʊ.vərˈbɔld/ adjective
▶ : excessively bold or forward

Synonyms
brash, foolhardy, madcap, overconfident, reckless—more at FOOlHARDY

over·bur·den /ˈbar.dən/ verb
: to place an excessive burden on
  Synonyms
  ➤ overcharge, overload—more at OVERLOAD

1 overcast /ˌō.vərˈkast/ adjective
: clouded over: GLOOMY
  Synonyms
  ➤ cloudy, dull, gloomy, hazy, heavy; also blackened, darkened, dim, dimmed, dulled, dusky, misty, murky, obscure, obscured, overshadowed; sunless; black, bleak, cheerless, dark, desolate, dismal, drear, dreary, funereal, gloomy, glum, gray, somber, sullen
  Antonyms
  ➤ clear, cloudless

2 overcast noun
: covering; especially: a covering of clouds

over·charge /ˌō.vərˈchār/ verb
1 ➤ to charge too much
2 ➤ to fill or load too full
— over·charge /ˌō.vərˈchār/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➤ gouge, soak, sting; also cheat, defraud, stick; clip, fleece, skin
  Antonyms
  ➤ undercharge

over·coat /ˌō.vərˈkōt/ noun
: a warm coat worn over indoor clothing

over·come /ˌō.vərˈkəm/ verb -came /ˈkām/ -come -com·ing
1 ➤ to get the better of: CONQUER
2 ➤ to make helpless or exhausted
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] beat, best, clobber, conquer, crush, defeat, drub, lick, master, prevail, rout, skunk, subdue, surmount, thrash, trim, triumph, trounce, wallop, whip, win—more at BEAT
  ➤ [2] carry away, crush, devastate, floor, oppress, overpower, overwhelm, prostrate, snow under, swamp—more at OVERWHELM

over·con·fi·dent /ˌō.kən.fə.dənt/ adjective
: marked by or reflecting overconfidence
  Synonyms
  ➤ brash, foolhardy, madcap, overbold, reckless—more at FOOlHARDY

over·crit·i·cal /ˌō.krɪt.iˈkæl/ adjective
: meticulously or excessively critical
  Synonyms
  ➤ captious, carping, critical, hypercritical—more at CRITICAL

over·do /ˌō.vərˈdəʊ/ verb -did /ˈdɪd/ -done /ˈdʌn/ -do·ing -does /ˈdəz/
1 ➤ to do too much; also: to tire oneself
2 ➤ to do in excess: EXAGGERATE
3 ➤ to cook too long
  Synonyms
  ➤ exaggerate, overstate, put on—more at OVERSTATE

over·dose /ˌō.vərˈdəʊs/ noun
: too great a dose (as of medicine); also: a lethal or toxic amount (as of a drug)
— over·dose /ˌō.vərˈdəʊs/ verb
over·draft /ˌoʊ.ˈvɑːr.draft/ noun
: an overdrawing of a bank account; also: the sum overdrawn

over·draw /ˌoʊ.ˈvɑːrd्रɔː/ verb -drew /ˈdrʊː/; -drawn /ˈdrɔrn/; -draw·ing
1: to draw checks on a bank account for more than the balance
2: to do in excess: exaggerate

over·drive /ˌoʊ.ˈvɑːr.drv/ noun
: an automotive transmission gear that transmits to the driveshaft a speed greater than the engine speed

over·dub /ˌoʊ.ˈvɑːrdəb/ verb
: to transfer (recorded sound) onto an earlier recording for a combined effect
— over·dub /ˌoʊ.ˈvɑːrdəb/ noun

over·due /ˌoʊ.ˈdyʊ/ adjective
1 a: unpaid when due
b: not appearing or presented on time
2: more than ready

Synonyms
▶ [1a] outstanding, payable, unpaid, unsettled—more at outstanding
▶ [1b] behind, belated, delinquent, late, tardy—more at late

over·ex·pose /ˌoʊ.ˈɛks.pɔz/ verb
: to expose (as film) for more time than is needed
— over·ex·po·sure /ˌoʊ.ˈɛks.pɔrə/ noun

over·fill /ˈoʊ.ˈfɪl/ verb transitive
: to fill to overflowing

1over·flow /ˌoʊ.ˈflɔ/ verb
1 a: to cover with or as if with water: inundate; also: to pour forth in a flood
2: to flow over the brim or top of

Synonyms
▶ deluge, drown, engulf, flood, inundate, overwhelm, submerge, swamp—more at flood

2over·flow /ˌoʊ.ˈflɔ/ noun
1 a: a flowing over: flood
b: a flowing over: surplus
2: an outlet for surplus liquid

Synonyms
▶ [1a] cataclysm, cataract, deluge, flood, inundation, spate, torrent—more at flood
▶ [1b] excess, fat, overabundance, overkill, overmuch, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus—more at excess

over·fly /ˌoʊ.ˈflɪ/ verb -flew /ˌflʊː/; -flew /ˌflɔrn/; -fly·ing
: to fly over in an aircraft or spacecraft
— over·flight /ˌoʊ.ˈflɪt/ noun

over·grow /ˌoʊ.ˈɡrɔ/ verb -grew /ˌɡruː/; -grown /ˌɡrɔn/; -grow·ing
1: to grow over so as to cover
2: outgrow
3: to grow excessively

over·grown /ˌoʊ.ˈɡrɔn/ adjective
: covered with overgrowth

over·hand /ˌoʊ.ˈhænd/ adjective
: made with the hand brought down from above
— overhand adverb
— over·hand·ed /ˌhænd.əd/ adverb or adjective
overhang /ˈəʊ.vər.hæŋ/.ˈəʊ.vər.hæŋ/ verb -hung /ˈhæŋ/.ˈhæŋ/: -hang·ing
1: to project over: jut out
2: to hang over threateningly
   Synonyms
   • hang, hover, menace, threaten—more at THREATEN

over·hang /ˈəʊ.vər.hæŋ/ noun
• : a part (as of a roof) that overhangs
   Synonyms
   • bulge, projection, protrusion—more at BULGE

over·haul /ˈəʊ.vər.hɔːl/ verb
1: to examine thoroughly and make necessary repairs and adjustments
2: OVERTAKE

over·head /ˈəʊ.vər.hed/ adverb
• : above one's head: ALOFT
   Synonyms
   • above, aloft, over, skyward—more at ABOVE

over·head /ˈəʊ.vər.hed/ adjective
• : operating or lying above [<~ door>]

over·head /ˈəʊ.vər.hed/ noun
• : business expenses not chargeable to a particular part of the work

over·hear /ˈəʊ.vər.hɪr/ verb -heard /ˈhɜːrd/; -hear·ing
• : to hear without the speaker's knowledge or intention

over·joyed /ˈəʊ.vər.dʒɔɪd/ adjective
• : filled with great joy

over·kill /ˈəʊ.vər.kɪl/ noun
1: destructive capacity greatly exceeding that required for a target
2: a large excess
   Synonyms
   • excess, fat, overabundance, overflow, overmuch, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus—more at EXCESS

over·land /ˈəʊ.vər.lænd/.ˈlænd/ adverb or adjective
• : by, on, or across land

over·lap /ˈəʊ.vərlæp/ verb
1: to lap over
2: to have something in common
   Synonyms
   • lap, overlay, overlie, overspread; also shingle

over·lap /ˈəʊ.vərlæp/ noun
• : the condition or relationship of things that overlap

over·lay /ˈəʊ.vərlæɪ/ verb -laid /ˈlɔɪd/; -lay·ing
• : to lay or spread over or across
   — over·lay /ˈəʊ.vərlæɪ/ noun
   Synonyms
   • blanket, carpet, coat, cover, overlie, overspread—more at COVER

over·leap /ˈəʊ.vərlɛp/ verb -leaped or -leapt /ˈlɛpt/.ˈlɛpt/; -leap·ing
1: to leap over or across
2: to defeat (oneself) by going too far
over-lie /ˌə.vərˈlaɪ/ verb -lay /ˈlaɪ/; -lain /ˈlān/; -ly-ing
    دقيقة: to lie over or upon
   Synonyms
   lap, overlap, overlay, overspread—more at OVERLAP

over-load /ˌə.loʊd/ verb
   دعاء: to load to excess
   Synonyms
   overburden, overcharge; also stuff; burden, charge, encumber, load, lumber, saddle, weight

overlook /ˌə.ˈlok/ verb
   1: INSPECT
   2: to look down on from above
   3: to fail to see
   4: to refuse to take notice of: IGNORE; also: EXCUSE
   5: SUPERINTEND
   Synonyms
   disregard, excuse, forget, ignore, neglect, pass over, slight, slur—more at NEGLECT

overlook /ˌə.ˈlok/ noun
   1: a place from which to look upon a scene below

overlord /ˌə.lɔːrd/ noun
   1: a lord who has supremacy over other lords

over-ly /ˌə.vərˈlā/ adverb
   1: to an excessive degree: EXCESSIVELY
   Synonyms
   devilishly, excessively, inordinately, monstrously, overmuch, too—more at TOO

over-match /ˌə.ˈmɑːtʃ/ verb
   1: DEFEAT
   2: to be more than a match for: DEFEAT

overmuch /ˌə.ˈmɑːtʃ/ adjective
   1: too much
   Synonyms
   devilish, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, lavish, overweening, steep,
   stiff, towering, unconscionable—more at EXCESSIVE

overmuch adverb
   1: in too great a degree
   Synonyms
   devilishly, excessively, inordinately, monstrously, overly, too—more at TOO

overnight /ˈɔr.nɪt/ adverb
   1: on or during the night
   2: SUDDENLY <became famous ~>

overnight adjective
   1: of, lasting, or staying the night <~ guests>

over-pass /ˌə.vər.ˈpɑs/ noun
   1: a crossing (as of two highways) at different levels by means of a bridge
   2: the upper level of an overpass

over-play /ˌə.vərˈpleɪ/ verb
   1: EXAGGERATE; also: to put undue emphasis on
   2: to rely too much on the strength of

over-pop-u-la-tion /ˌə.vər.ˈpɑ.ˈpəˌleɪ.ʃən/ noun
   1: the condition of having a population so dense as to cause a decline in population or in living conditions
— over·pop·u·la·ted /ˈpəˌpʌləˌtæd/ adjective

over·pow·er /ˈpəʊər/ verb
1 : to overcome by superior force
2 : to affect with overwhelming intensity
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] conquer, dominate, subdue, subject, vanquish—more at conquer
   ▶ [2] carry away, crush, devastate, floor, oppress, overcome, overwhelm, prostrate, snow under, swamp—more at overwhelm

over·praise /ˈprəʊz/ verb
▶ : to praise excessively
   Synonyms
   ▶ blarney, flatter—more at flatter

over·price /ˈprəɪs/ verb
: to price too high

over·print /ˈprɪnt/ verb
: to print over with something additional
   — over·print /ˈprɪnt/ noun

over·qual·i·fied /ˈkwɔrəˌfɪd/ adjective
: having more education, training, or experience than a job calls for

over·reach /ˈrɛətʃ/ verb
1 : to defeat (oneself) by too great an effort
2 : to get the better of esp. in dealing and bargaining and typically by unscrupulous or crafty methods
3 : to reach above or beyond
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] fox, outfox, outmaneuver, outsmart, outwit—more at outwit
   ▶ [3] exceed, overrun, overshoot, outstep, surpass—more at exceed

over·ride /ˈrɪd/ verb -rode /ˈrɪd/, -rid·den /ˈrɪd.ən/, -rid·ing
1 : to ride over or across
2 : to prevail over; also : to set aside < ~ a veto>

over·ripe /ˈrɪp/ adjective
▶ : marked by decay or decline : decadent
   — over·ripe·ness /ˈrɪpəˌnis/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ decadent, degenerate, effete—more at effete

over·rule /ˈrʌhl/ verb
1 : to prevail over
2 : to rule against
3 : to set aside

over·run /ˈrʌn/ verb -ran /ˈrʌn/, -run·ning
1 ▶ : to defeat and occupy the positions of
2 : overspread; also : infest
3 : to go beyond
4 : to flow over
   Synonyms
   ▶ foray, invade, raid—more at invade

2 over·run /ˈrʌrn/ noun
1 : an act or instance of overrunning; especially : an exceeding of estimated costs
2 : the amount by which something overruns

over·sea /ˈsɛə, ˈsɛə/ adjective or adverb
overseas /ˈɔːrˌsiːz/ adverb or adjective
: beyond or across the sea: ABROAD

oversee /ˈɔrˌsiː/ verb -saw /ˈsɔː/; -seen /ˈsɛn/; -see·ing
1: OVERLOOK
2 a: INSPECT
b: to have or exercise the charge and oversight of: SUPERVISE
— oversee /ˈɔrˌsiː/ noun

  Synonyms
  ▫ administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, regulate, run, 
    superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT

oversell /ˈɔrˌsel/ verb -sold; -sel·ling
: to sell too much to or too much of

oversexed /ˈɔrˌseksəd/ adjective
: exhibiting excessive sexual drive or interest

overshadow /ˈɔrˌshəd/ verb
1: to cast a shadow over
2: to exceed in importance

  Synonyms
  ▫ [1] becloud, befog, blur, cloud, darken, dim, fog, haze, mist, obscure, overcast, shroud—more at CLOUD
  ▫ [2] outweigh—more at OUTWEIGHT

overshoe /ˈɔrˌshəu/ noun
: a protective outer shoe; especially: GALOSH

overshoot /ˈɔrˌshəʊt/ verb -shot /ˈʃɔt/; -shoot·ing
1: to pass swiftly beyond
2: to shoot over or beyond
3: to overreach (oneself) or cause (oneself) to go astray

  Synonyms
  ▫ [2, 3] exceed, overreach, overrun, overstep, surpass—more at EXCEED

oversight /ˈɔrˌsɪft/ noun
1: watchful and responsible care: SUPERVISION
2: an inadvertent omission or error

  Synonyms
  ▫ [1] administration, care, charge, conduct, control, direction, government, guidance, management, operation, 
    regulation, running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT
  ▫ [2] blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, miscue, misstep, mistake, slip, stumble—more at ERROR

oversize /ˈɔrˌsайz/ or oversized /ˈsайzd/ adjective
: of more than ordinary size

  Synonyms
  ▫ big, considerable, goodly, grand, great, hefty, large, outsize, sizable, substantial

oversleep /ˈɔrˌslɛp/ verb -slept /ˈslɛpt/; -sleep·ing
: to sleep beyond the time for waking

overspread /ˈɔrˈspred/ verb -spread; -spread·ing
: to spread over or above

  Synonyms
  ▫ blanket, carpet, coat, cover, overlay, overlie—more at COVER

oversate /ˈɔrˌstæt/ verb
: to state in too strong terms: EXaggerate

  Synonyms
overstate

noun
: the act of overstating

Synonyms
- caricature, elaboration, embellishment, exaggeration, hyperbole, magnification, padding—more at EXAGGERATION

overstay

verb
: to stay beyond the time or limits of

overstep

verb
: to step over or beyond : EXCEED

Synonyms
- exceed, overreach, overrun, overshoot, surpass—more at EXCEED

oversubscribe

verb
: to subscribe for more of than is available, asked for, or offered for sale

overt

/"ovərt/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. pp. of ovrir to open]
: not secret
— overtly adverb

overtake

verb -took /"tök/; -taken /"tən/; -taking
: to catch up with; also : to catch up with and pass by

over-the-counter

adjective
: sold lawfully without a prescription <~ drugs>

over-the-hill

adjective
1 : past one's prime
2 : advanced in age

over-the-top

adjective
extremely flamboyant or outrageous

overthrow

verb -threw /"thrü̱/; -thrown /"thrən/; -throwing
1 : upset
2 : to bring down : DEFEAT <~ a government>
3 : to throw over or past

overthrow

noun
: an act of overthrowing or the state of being overthrown

overtime

noun
: time beyond a set limit; especially : working time in excess of a standard day or week
— overtime adverb

overtone

noun
1 : one of the higher tones in a complex musical tone
2 : IMPLICATION, SUGGESTION

overtrick

noun
: a card trick won in excess of the number bid

overture

noun
[origin: ME, lit., opening, fr. AF, fr. VL *opertura, alter. of L apertura]
1 : an opening offer
2 : an orchestral introduction to a musical dramatic work
over-turn /ˈɔr.ˈtɜrn/ verb  
1 : to turn over : UPSET  
2 : INVALIDATE

over-view /ˈɔr.ˌvju/ noun  
: a general survey : SUMMARY

over-ween-ing /ˈɔr.ˌwēnən/ adjective  
1 ▶ : unduly confident  
2 ▶ : exceeding what is usual, proper, necessary, or normal : IMMODERATE

Synonyms
▶ [1] complacent, conceited, egotistic, important, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at CONCEITED  
▶ [2] devilish, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, lavish, overmuch, steep, stiff, towering, unconscionable—more at EXCESSIVE

over-weight /ˈɔr.ˌwāt/ adjective  
1 : having weight above what is required or allowed  
2 ▶ : having bodily weight greater than normal

— overweight noun

Synonyms
▶ chubby, corpulent, fat, fleshy, full, gross, obese, plump, portly, rotund, round—more at FAT

over-whelm /ˈɔr.ˌhwelm/ verb  
1 : OVERTHROW  
2 ▶ : to cover over completely (as by a great wave) : SUBMERGE  
3 ▶ : to overcome completely (as in thought or feeling)

Synonyms
▶ [2] deluge, drown, engulf, flood, inundate, overflow, submerge, swamp—more at FLOOD  
▶ [3] carry away, crush, devastate, floor, oppress, overcome, overpower, prostrate, snow under, swamp; also deluge, drown; confute, defeat, refute; demoralize, distress, disturb, rock, shatter, stagger, unman, unnerve, upset

over-whelm-ing adjective  
: EXTREME, GREAT < joy>
— over-whelm-ing-ly adverb

over-winter /ˈɔr.ˌwintər/ verb  
: to survive or pass the winter

over-work /ˈɔr.ˌwərk/ verb  
1 : to work or cause to work too hard or long  
2 : to use too much

— overwork noun

over-wrought /ˈɔr.ˌrōt/ adjective  
1 ▶ : extremely excited  
2 ▶ : elaborated to excess

Synonyms
▶ [1] agitated, feverish, frenzied, heated, hectic, overactive—more at FEVERISH  
▶ [2] florid, ornate—more at ORNATE

ovi-duct /ˈə.vi.dəkt/ noun  
: a tube that serves for the passage of eggs from an ovary

ovip-a-rous /ˈə.vi.pəˈrəs/ adjective  
: reproducing by eggs that hatch outside the parent's body

ovoid /ˈə.void/ or ovoi-dal /ˈə.void.əl/ adjective  
: egg-shaped : OVAL
ovula·tion /ə.və.lə.shən/ noun
: the discharge of a mature egg from the ovary
  — ovu·late /ə.və.lāt/ verb

ovule /ə.və.Yüəl/ noun
: any of the bodies in a plant ovary that after fertilization become seeds

ovum /ə.vəm/ noun, plural ova /ə.və /
: Egg 2

ow /ə.w/ interjection
— used esp. to express sudden pain

owe /ə.w/ verb owed; ow·ing
1: to be under obligation to pay or render
2: to be indebted to or for; also : to be in debt

owing to preposition
  ❖: because of
      Synonyms
          ❖ because of, due to, through, with—more at BECAUSE OF

owl /ə.w(ə)/ noun
: any of an order of chiefly nocturnal birds of prey with a large head and eyes and strong talons
  — owl·ish adjective
  — owl·ish·ly adverb

owl·et /ə.wlət/ noun
: a young or small owl

1own /ə.n/ adjective
: belonging to oneself — used as an intensive after a possessive adjective <her ~ car>

2own verb
1 ❖: to have or hold as property
2 ❖: to admit or confess frankly and fully : ACKNOWLEDGE; also : CONFESS
  — own·er·ship noun
      ❖ [1] command, enjoy, have, hold, occupy, possess, retain—more at HAVE
      ❖ usually own up [2] acknowledge, admit, agree, allow, concede, confess, grant—more at ADMIT

own·er noun
  ❖: one that owns : one that has the legal or rightful title whether the possessor or not
      Synonyms
          ❖ holder, possessor, proprietor—more at PROPRIETOR

3own pronoun
: one or ones belonging to oneself

ox /əks/ noun, plural ox·en /ə.kən/ also ox
: any of the large domestic bovine mammals kept for milk, draft, and meat; especially : an adult castrated male ox

ox·blood /əksˌbld/ noun
: a moderate reddish brown

ox·bow /ˌbō/ noun
1: a U-shaped collar worn by a draft ox
2: a U-shaped bend in a river
  — oxbow adjective

ox·ford /ˌaks.fərd/ noun
: a low shoe laced or tied over the instep

ox·i·dent /ˌak.səˈdənt/ noun
oxidizing agent
— oxidant adjective

oxidation /ˌōd.əˈtāSHən/ noun
: the act or process of oxidizing; also : the condition of being oxidized
— oxidative /ˌōd.əˈtiv/ adjective

oxide /ˈōd.īd/ noun
: a compound of oxygen with another element or group

oxidize /ˌōd.īz/ verb -dized; -diz·ing
: to combine with oxygen <iron rusts because it is oxidized by exposure to the air>
— oxidizer /ˌōd.iz·ər/ noun

oxidizing agent noun
: a substance (as oxygen or nitric acid) that oxidizes by taking up electrons

oxygen /ˈōg.ən/ noun
[origin: F oxygène, fr. Gk oxys acidic, lit., sharp + -genēs giving rise to; so called because it was once thought to be an essential element of all acids]
: a colorless odorless gaseous chemical element that is found in the air, is essential to life, and is involved in combustion

oxygenate /ˌōg.əˈneyt/ verb -ated; -at·ing
: to impregnate, combine, or supply with oxygen

oxygenation /ˌōg.əˈnézhən/ noun

oxygen mask noun
: a device worn over the nose and mouth through which oxygen is supplied

oxygen tent noun
: a canopy which can be placed over a bedridden person and within which a flow of oxygen can be maintained

oxy·mor·on /ˌōks.əˈmôr.ən/ noun
: a combination of contradictory words (as cruel kindness)

oyster /ˈōstər/ noun
: any of various marine mollusks with an irregular 2-valved shell that include commercially important edible shellfish and pearl producers
— oyster·ing noun
— oyster·man /ˈōstər·mən/ noun

ounce; ounces

ozone /ˈōˌzōn/ noun
1 : a bluish gaseous reactive form of oxygen that is formed naturally in the atmosphere and is used for disinfecting, deodorizing, and bleaching
2 : pure and refreshing air

ozone layer noun
: an atmospheric layer at heights of about 25 miles (40 kilometers) with high ozone content which blocks most solar ultraviolet radiation
p /pæ/ noun, plural p's or ps /pɛz/ often cap
: the 16th letter of the English alphabet

p abbreviation, often cap
1 page
2 participle
3 past
4 pawn
5 pence; penny
6 per
7 petite
8 pint
9 pressure
10 purl
P symbol
phosphorus

pa /pə/ noun
: a man who has begotten a child: FATHER

Pa abbreviation
1 pascal
2 Pennsylvania

Pa symbol
protactinium

PA /pə/ noun
: PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

PA abbreviation
1 Pennsylvania
2 per annum
3 power of attorney
4 press agent
5 private account
6 professional association
7 public address
8 purchasing agent

pab·u·lum /pæˌbuləm/ noun
[origin: L, food, fodder]
: usu. soft digestible food

Pac abbreviation
Pacific

PAC abbreviation
political action committee

pace /pæs/ noun
1 : rate of movement or progress (as in walking or working)
2 : a step in walking; also: a measure of length based on such a step
3 : GAIT especially: a horse's gait in which the legs on the same side move together

pace verb paced; pac·ing
1 : to go or cover at a pace or with slow steps
2 : to measure off by paces
pace /pā′sē/; pā′kā′, -chā/ preposition 3 : to set or regulate the pace of

Synonyms  file, march, parade, stride—more at MARCH

pace·mak·er /pā′sāk′ər/ noun 1 : one that sets the pace for another 2 : a body part (as of the heart) that serves to establish and maintain a rhythmic activity 3 : an electrical device for stimulating or steadying the heartbeat

pace·er /pā′sēr/ noun 1 : a horse that paces 2 : PACEMAKER

pachy·derm /pā′kēd′ərm/ noun 1 [origin: Fr pachyderme, fr. Gk pachýdermos thick-skinned, fr. pachys thick + derma skin] : any of various thick-skinned hoofed mammals (as an elephant)

pac·y·s·an·dra /pā′kēsən′dərə/ noun : any of a genus of low perennial evergreen plants used as a ground cover

pa·cif·ic /pä′sif′ik/ adjective 1 : tending to lessen conflict 2 : CALM, PEACEFUL

Synonyms  conciliatory, propitiatory; also endearing, ingratiating; peaceable, peaceful; nonbelligerent, unaggressive, unassertive; calming, comforting, quieting, soothing; obliging, satisfying; affable, amiable, amicable, benevolent, gentle, kind, kindly; submissive, surrendering, yielding

Antonyms  antagonizing

pac·i·fi·er /pä′saˌfi′ər/ noun : one that pacifies; especially : a device for a baby to chew or suck on

pac·i·fism /pä′saˌfizəm/ noun : opposition to war or violence as a means of settling disputes

pac·i·fist /pä′saˌfist/ noun or adjective

pac·i·fy /pä′saˌfi/ verb -fied, -fy·ing 1 : to allay anger or agitation in

Antonyms  anger, enrage, incense, infuriate, madden, outrage

Synonyms  appease, conciliate, disarm, mollify, placate, propitiate; also calm, comfort, console, content, quiet, soothe; ingratiate, endear (to); delight, gladden, gratify, please; blarney, flatter, overpraise; assuage, quench, sate, satiate, satisfy; cater (to), humor, indulge; cajole, coax, wheedle; coddle, mollycoddle, pamper, spoil

Antonyms  anger, enrage, incense, infuriate, madden, outrage

pack /päk/ noun 1 : a compact bundle; also : a flexible container for carrying a bundle esp. on the back 2 : a large amount : HEAP 3 : a set of playing cards 4 : a group or band of people or animals 5 : wet absorbent material for application to the body

pack verb
1: to stow goods in for transportation
2: to fill in or surround so as to prevent passage of air, steam, or water
3: to put into a protective container
4: to load with a pack (~ a mule)
5: to crowd in
6: to make into a pack
7: to cause to go without ceremony (~ them off to school)
8: to wear or carry as equipment (~ a gun)

**Synonyms**
- [2] charge, cram, fill, heap, jam, jam-pack, load—more at FILL
- [8] bear, carry, cart, convey, ferry, haul, lug, tote, transport—more at CARRY

**pack verb**
: to make up fraudulently so as to secure a desired result (~ a jury)

**package /ˈpæksi/ noun**
1: a wrapped bundle: PARCEL
2: a group of related things offered as a whole

**Synonyms**
- [1] bundle, pack, parcel; also bag, pouch, sack; box, container, crate
- [2] array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, bunch, clump, cluster, collection, group, huddle, knot, lot, parcel, set, suite

**package deal noun**
: an offer containing several items all or none of which must be accepted

**package store noun**
: a store that sells alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off the premises

**packed /ˈpækt/ adjective**
1 a: COMPRESSED
b: having elements crowded or stuffed
2: filled to capacity

**Synonyms**
- [1b] close, compact, crowded, dense, serried, thick, tight—more at CLOSE
- [2] brimful, chock-full, crowded, fat, fraught, full, loaded, replete—more at FULL

**pack·er /ˈpækər/ noun**
: one that packs; especially: a wholesale food dealer

**pack·et /ˈpækət/ noun**
1: a small bundle or package
2: a passenger boat carrying mail and cargo on a regular schedule

**pack·horse /ˈpækˌhɔr/ noun**
: a horse used to carry goods or supplies

**pack·ing /ˈpækəŋ/ noun**
: material used to pack something

**pack·ing·house /ˈpækˌɪŋ·hɔʊs/ noun**
: an establishment for processing and packing food and esp. meat and its by-products

**pack rat noun**
1: a bushy-tailed rodent of western No. America that hoards food and miscellaneous objects
2: a person who collects or saves many esp. unneeded items

**pack·sadd·le /ˈpækˌsadˌl/ noun**
: a saddle for supporting loads on the back of an animal
pack-thread /thred/ noun
  : strong thread for tying

pact /pækt/ noun
  : an agreement or covenant between two or more parties
    Synonyms
      accord, agreement, bargain, compact, contract, convention, covenant, deal, settlement, understanding—more at AGREEMENT

1 pad /pad/ verb
  : to traverse or go on foot
    Synonyms
      foot, leg, step, traipse, tread, walk—more at WALK

2 pad noun
  1 : a cushioning part or thing : CUSHION
  2 : the cushioned underside of the foot or toes of some mammals
  3 : the floating leaf of a water plant
  4 : a writing tablet
  5 : LAUNCHPAD
  6 a : living quarters
    b : a piece of furniture on or in which to lie and sleep : BED
      Synonyms
        buffer, bumper, cushion, fender—more at CUSHION

3 pad verb pad·ded; pad·ding
  1 : to furnish with a pad or padding
  2 : to expand with needless or fraudulent matter
    Synonyms
      color, elaborate, embellish, embroider, exaggerate, magnify, stretch—more at EMBROIDER

pad·ding noun
  : the material with which something is padded
    Synonyms
      fill, filler, filling, stuffing—more at FILLING
      caricature, elaboration, embellishment, exaggeration, hyperbole, magnification, overstatement—more at EXAGGERATION

1 paddle /pæd/ verb pad·dled; pad·ding
  : to move the hands and feet about in shallow water

2 paddle noun
  1 : an implement with a flat blade used in propelling and steering a small craft (as a canoe)
  2 : an implement used for stirring, mixing, or beating
  3 : a broad board on the outer rim of a waterwheel or a paddle wheel

3 paddle verb pad·dled; pad·ding
  1 : to move on or through water by or as if by using a paddle
  2 : to beat or stir with a paddle

paddle wheel noun
  : a wheel with paddles around its outer edge used to move a boat

paddle wheeler noun
  : a steam-driven vessel propelled by a paddle wheel

pad·dock /pædək/ noun
  1 : a usu. enclosed area for pasturing or exercising animals; especially : one where racehorses are saddled and paraded before a race
  2 : an area at a racecourse where racing cars are parked
pad·dy /pəˈdi/ noun, plural paddies
: wet land where rice is grown

**paddy wagon** noun
: an enclosed motortruck for carrying prisoners

**pad·lock /pəˈlæk/ noun**
: a removable lock with a curved piece that snaps into a catch
  — **padlock** verb

**pa·dre /pəˈdra/ noun**
[origin: Sp or It or Pg, lit., father, fr. L pater]
1 : a Christian clergyman; especially: PRIEST
2 : a military chaplain

**pad thai /pəd ˈtaɪ/ noun, often cap T**
: a Thai dish of rice noodles stir-fried with additional ingredients

**pae·an /ˈpeə.ən/ noun**
: an exultant song of praise or thanksgiving
  **Synonyms**
  — accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, eulogy, homage, panegyric, salutation, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM

**pae·di·at·ric, pae·di·a·tri·cian, pae·di·at·rics** chiefly British variant of PEDIATRIC, PEDIATRICIAN, PEDIATRICS

**pa·el·la /pəˈɛlə/ noun**
: a saffron-flavored dish of rice, meat, seafood, and vegetables

**pa·gan /pəˈgæn/ noun**
: an unconverted member of a people or nation that does not acknowledge the God of the Bible: HEATHEN
  — **pagan** adjective
  — **pa·gan·ism /ˌpēˌgānˌizəm/ noun**

**1 page /pəɡ/ noun**
: one employed to deliver messages, assist patrons, serve as a guide, or attend to similar duties
  **Synonyms**
  — courier, go-between, messenger, runner—more at MESSENGER

**2 page verb paged; pag·ing**
1 : to summon by repeatedly calling out the name of
2 : to send a message to via a pager

**3 page noun**
1 : a single leaf (as of a book); also: a single side of such a leaf
2 : the information at a single World Wide Web address

**4 page verb paged; pag·ing**
: to mark or number the pages of

**pa·e·ant /pəˈeənt/ noun**
: an elaborate spectacle, show, or procession esp. with tableaux or floats
  — **pa·e·ant·ry /ˈpēˌē.əntˌrē/ noun**

**pa·e·boy /pəˈbɔɪ/ noun**
[origin: 4 page]
: an often shoulder-length hairdo with the ends of the hair turned smoothly under

**pa·ger /pəˈgær/ noun**
: one that pages; especially: a small radio receiver that alerts its user to incoming messages
pag-i·nate /ˈpæjə.nət/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
  : PAGE

pag·i·na·tion /ˈpæjə.nə.shən/ noun
1 : the paging of written or printed matter
2 : the number and arrangement of pages (as of a book)

pa·go·da /ˈpä.gə.də/ noun
: a tower with roofs curving upward at the division of each of several stories

paid past and past participle of PAY

pail /ˈpāl/ noun
: a usu. cylindrical vessel with a handle
  — pail·ful /ˈpāl.fəl/ noun

pain /pān/ noun
1 : PUNISHMENT, PENALTY
2 a : suffering or distress of body or mind
   b : a basic bodily sensation marked by discomfort (as throbbing or aching)
3 plural : great care
4 : one that irks or annoys
   Synonyms
   [2a] affliction, agony, anguish, distress, misery, torment, torture, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS
   [2b] ache, pang, prick, smart, sting, tingle, twinge; also discomfort, distress, soreness, tenderness; agony, anguish, misery, suffering, torment, torture; inflammation, swelling; damage, harm, hurt, injury; backache, bellyache, charley horse, colic, earache, grieve, headache, stomachache, toothache
   — pain·ful /ˈpān.fəl/ adjective
   Synonyms
   nasty, sore; also damaging, harmful, hurtful, injurious; raw, tender; bleeding, burning, chafing, cramping, festering; nagging, pinching, prickling, pricking, smarting, stinging; inflamed, swollen; threatening, wounding
   Antonyms
   pain·ful·ly /ˈpān.flə·li/ adverb
   : in a painful manner
   Synonyms
   easily, effortlessly, fluently, freely, handily, lightly, readily, smoothly—more at EASILY
   pain·less /ˈpān.ləs/ adjective
   : not causing pain
   Synonyms
   easy, effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, light, ready, simple, smooth, snap, soft—more at EASY
   pain·less·ly /ˈpān.ləs.lə/ adverb
   : in a painless manner
   Synonyms
   easily, effortlessly, fluently, freely, handily, lightly, readily, smoothly—more at EASILY
   pain·s·tak·ing /ˈpān.stək·ing/ adjective
taking pains : showing care
— pains·taking noun
— pains·tak·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
careful, conscientious, fussy, meticulous; also assiduous, diligent, indefatigable, persevering, sedulous; exhaustive, thorough, thoroughgoing; attentive, observant, vigilant, watchful; accurate, precise; critical, demanding, discriminating, exacting, finicky, particular; cautious, chary, circumspect, gingerly, guarded, heedful, wary; deliberate, plodding, slow; studied, thoughtful; all-out, determined, dogged, intensive, tenacious, tireless, zealous

Antonyms
careless

paint /pænt/ verb
1 : to apply color, pigment, or paint to
2 : to produce or portray in lines or colors on a surface; also : to practice the art of painting
3 : to decorate with colors
4 : to use cosmetics
5 : to describe vividly
6 : SWAB
— paint·er noun

Synonyms
[1] color, dye, stain, tinge, tint—more at COLOR
[5] delineate, depict, describe, draw, image, picture, portray, sketch—more at DESCRIBE

paint noun
1 : something produced by painting
2 : MAKEUP
3 : a mixture of a pigment and a liquid that forms a thin adherent coating when spread on a surface; also : the dry pigment used in making this mixture
4 : an applied coating of paint

paint·ball /pæntˌbɔl/ noun
: a game in which two teams try to capture each other's flag using guns that shoot paint-filled pellets

paint·brush /pæntˈbrʌʃ/ noun
: a brush for applying paint

painted lady noun
: a migratory butterfly with wings mottled in brown, orange, black, and white

paint·ing /pæntˈɪŋ/ noun
1 : a work (as a picture) produced by painting
2 : the art or occupation of painting

Synonyms
oil; also fresco, mural, panorama; cartoon, drawing, etching, pastel, sketch, watercolor, work; masterpiece; pièce de résistance, showpiece

pair /pær/ noun, plural pairs also pair
[origin: ME paire, fr. AF, fr. L paria equal things, fr. neut. pl. of par equal]
1 : two things of a kind designed for use together
2 : something made up of two corresponding pieces <a ~ of pants>
3 : a set of two people or animals

Synonyms
brace, couple, duo, twain, twosome; also span, yoke; partnership, team; companion, complement, doublet, fellow, half, match, mate, twin; counterpart, equal, equivalent, like, parallel, peer

pair verb
1 : to arrange in pairs
2 : to form a pair : MATCH
3: to become associated with another

pais·ley /pæz.ˈli/ adjective, often cap
: decorated with colorful curved abstract figures <a ~ shawl>

Pai·ute /pə.ˈyút/ noun
: a member of an American Indian people orig. of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California

pa·ja·mas /pe.ˈjə.ˌmæz, ˈjə./ noun plural
: a loose suit for sleeping or lounging

Pak·i·stan i /pæk.ˈkeɪ.ˌstæn, ˈpæk.ˌkeɪˌstæn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Pakistan
— Pak·i·stan i adjective

pal /pəl/ noun
  ‣ a close friend

  Synonyms
  ‣ buddy, chum, comrade, crony, familiar, friend, intimate—more at FRIEND

pal·ace /pəˈleɪs/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME palais, fr. AF, fr. L palatium, fr. Palatium, the Palatine Hill in Rome where the emperors' residences were built]
1: the official residence of a chief of state
2 ‣: a large stately house : MANSION

  Synonyms
  ‣ castle, estate, hall, manor, mansion, villa—more at MANSION

pal·a·din /pəˈleɪ.dən/ noun
1: a trusted military leader (as for a medieval prince)
2: a leading champion of a cause

pa·laes·tra /pəˈleɪs.ˈtre/ noun, plural -trae /.ˌtreɪ/ : a school in ancient Greece or Rome for sports (as wrestling)

pa·lan·quin /ˌpəˈleɪn.ˈkɪn/ noun
: an enclosed couch for one person borne on the shoulders of men by means of poles

pal·a·tial /pəˈleɪ.əˌli/ adjective
1 ‣: agreeable to the taste
2 ‣: agreeable or acceptable to the mind

  Synonyms
  ‣ [1, 2] agreeable, all right, alright, fine, good, OK, satisfactory—more at SATISFACTORY
  ‣ [2] agreeable, congenial, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, pleasant, pleasurable, satisfying

pal·a·tal /ˌpəˈleɪ.təl/ adjective
1: of or relating to the palate
2: pronounced with some part of the tongue near or touching the hard palate <the y in yeast and the sh in she are ~ sounds>

pal·a·tal·ize /pəˈleɪ.tər.ˈaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to pronounce as or change into a palatal sound
— pal·a·tal·i·za·tion /ˌpəˈleɪ.tər.ˌaɪ.ˈzən.ʃən/ noun

pal·a·te /pəˈleɪt/ noun
1: the roof of the mouth separating the mouth from the nasal cavity
2: TASTE

pa·la·tial /ˌpəˈleɪ.əˌʃəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or being a palace
2 ‣: suitable to a palace
Synonyms

- deluxe, lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, plush, sumptuous—more at LUXURIOUS

pal·at·i·nate /paˌlatəˈnət/ noun
: the territory of a palatine

1 palatine /paˌlatəˈnən/ adjective
1 : possessing royal privileges; also : of or relating to a palatine or a palatinate
2 : of or relating to a palace : PALATIAL

2 palatine noun
1 : a feudal lord having sovereign power within his domains
2 : a high officer of an imperial palace

palaver /pəˈla vər/ noun
[origin: Pg palavra word, speech, fr. LL parabola parable, speech]
1 : a long parley
2 : idle talk
— palaver verb

Synonyms

- chat, chatter, chitchat, gabfest, gossip, rap, talk—more at CHAT

2 palaver verb
: to talk profusely or idly

pale /pāl/ noun
1 : a stake or picket of a fence
2 : an enclosed place; also : a district or territory within certain bounds or under a particular jurisdiction
3 : LIMITS, BOUNDS <conduct beyond the ~>

2 pale verb paled; pal·ing
: to enclose with or as if with pales : FENCE

3 pale adjective pal·er; pal·est
1 : deficient in color or intensity : WAN <a ~ face>
2 : lacking in brightness : DIM <a ~ star>
3 : not dark or intense in hue <a ~ blue>
— pale·ness noun

Synonyms

- [1] ashen, cadaverous, livid, lurid, pasty, peaked; also sallow, sick, sickly, waxy, waxy; white, whitened; deathlike; anemic, bloodless; untanned

Antonyms
florid, flush, rubicund, ruddy, sanguine

- [3] dull, light, pastel, washed-out; also flat, lackluster, lusterless, mat, dim, faint, dirty, muddy; achromatic, colorless, uncolored, undyed, unpainted, unstained; blanched, bleached, washed, white, whitened; gray, indistinct, neutral

Antonyms
dark, deep, gay, rich

4 pale verb paled; pal·ing
: to make or become pale

Synonyms

- blanch, bleach, blench, dull, fade, wash out, whiten; also mat; cloud, dim; discolor, tarnish

Antonyms
darken, deepen

pale ale noun
: a medium-colored very dry ale

pale·face /ˈpələˌfās/ noun
: a white person
Pa·leo·cene /ˈpæ.ˌlē.ə.ˌsēn/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the earliest epoch of the Tertiary
— Paleocene noun

Pa·leo·con·ser·va·tive /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ˌkən.ˈser.və.ˌtiv/ noun
: a conservative espousing traditional principles and policies

Pa·le·o·gra·phy /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ˈə.ˈgræf.ɪ/ noun
[Origin: NL palaeographia, fr. Gk palaios ancient + graphein to write]
: the study of ancient writings and inscriptions
— Pal·e·o·grapher noun

Pa·leo·lith·ic /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ˌlĭθ.ik/ adjective
: of or relating to the earliest period of the Stone Age characterized by rough or chipped stone implements

Pa·le·on·tol·o·gy /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ə.ˈnəʊ.təˌlə.ˌjē/ noun
: a science dealing with the life of past geologic periods as known from fossil remains
— Pa·le·on·tol·o·gist /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ə.ˈnəʊ.tə.ˌlɪst.ə/ noun

Pa·le·zo·ic /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ˌzō.ik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the era of geologic history extending from about 570 million years ago to about 245 million years ago
— Paleozoic noun

Pal·ette /ˈpæ.ˌlɛt/ noun
: a thin oval board that a painter holds and mixes colors on; also: the colors on a palette

Pal·frey /ˈpæ.ˌfrē/ noun, plural palfreys archaic
: a saddle horse that is not a warhorse; especially: one suitable for a woman

Pal·limp·sest /ˈpæ.ˌlimp.ˈsɛst/ noun
[Origin: L palimpsestus, fr. Gk palimpsestos scraped again]
: writing material (as a parchment) used after the erasure of earlier writing

Pal·in·drome /ˈpæ.ˌlin.ˈdrɑm/ noun
: a word, verse, or sentence (as “Able was I ere I saw Elba”) or a number (as 1881) that reads the same backward or forward

Pal·ing /ˈpæ.ˌlɪŋ/ noun
1 : a fence of pales
2 : material for pales
3 : Pale, Picket

Pal·i·sade /ˌpæ.ˌlē.ˌsād/ noun
1 : a high fence of stakes esp. for defense
2 ▶ : a line of steep cliffs

Synonyms
 bluff, cliff, crag, escarpment, precipice, scarp—more at CLIFF

¹ pall /pɔl/ verb
1 : to lose in interest or attraction
2 : SATIATE, CLOY

² pall noun
1 : a heavy cloth draped over a coffin
2 : something that produces a gloomy atmosphere

Pal·la·di·um /ˈpəˌlə.ˌdē.əm/ noun
: a silver-white metallic chemical element used esp. as a catalyst and in alloys

Pall·bear·er /ˈpɔlˌbær.ər/ noun
pallet /'pælət/ noun
: a small, hard, or makeshift bed
pallet noun
: a portable platform for transporting and storing materials

pal-li·ate /'pælɪət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 ▶ : to ease (as a disease) without curing
2 ▶ : to cover by excuses and apologies
— pal-li·a·tion /'pælɪəʃən/ noun
— pal-li·a·tive /'pælɪətɪv/ adjective or noun

Synonyms
▸ [1] allay, alleviate, assuage, ease, help, mitigate, mollify, relieve, soothe—more at HELP
▸ [2] excuse, gloss, whitewash; also varnish; apologize, atone, confess; explain, justify, rationalize; alleviate, lessen, lighten, mitigate, moderate, soften, temper; absolve, acquit, clear, exculpate, exonerate, vindicate

pal·lid /'pælɪd/ adjective
: deficient in color : PALE, WAN

pal·lor /'pælər/ noun
: PALENESS

1palm /pælm, 'pælm/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE, fr. L palma palm of the hand, palm tree; fr. the resemblance of the tree's leaves to the outstretched hand]
1 : any of a family of mostly tropical trees, shrubs, or vines usu. with a tall unbranched stem topped by a crown of large leaves
2 : a symbol of victory; also : VICTORY

2palm noun
: the underpart of the hand between the fingers and the wrist

3palm verb
1 : to conceal in or with the hand <~ a card>
2 : to impose by fraud

pal·mate /'pælmeit, 'pælt/ also pal·mat·ed /'pæltəd/ adjective
: resembling a hand with the fingers spread

pal·met·to /'pælmetə/ noun, plural -tos or -toes
: any of several usu. small palms with fan-shaped leaves

palm·ist·ry /'pælmıstrı, 'pæl/ noun
: the practice of reading a person's character or future from the markings on the palms
— palm·ist /'pæmlıst, 'pæl/ noun

Palm Sunday noun
: the Sunday preceding Easter and commemorating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem

pal·m·top /'pælmıtəp, 'pælm/ noun
: a portable computer small enough to hold in the hand

palmy /'pælmə, 'pæl/ adjective palm·i·er; -est
1 : abounding in or bearing palms
2 ▶ : marked by prosperity : PROSPEROUS

Synonyms
▸ booming, golden, prosperous, roaring, successful—more at PROSPEROUS

pal·o·mi·no /'pælo,mi'nə/ noun, plural -nos
a horse with a pale cream to golden coat and cream or white mane and tail

pal-pa·ble /ˈpal.pə.bəl/ adjective
1 ▶: capable of being touched or felt
2 ▶: easily perceptible by the mind
   — pal-pa·bly /ˈbli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] appreciable, detectable, discernible, distinguishable, perceptible, sensible—more at PERCEPTIBLE
   ▶ [2] apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, patent, perspicuous, plain,
     transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at CLEAR

pal-pate /ˈpāt/ verb pal-pat-ed; pal-pat·ing
: to examine by touch esp. medically
   — pal-pa·tion /ˈpā.tən·shən/ noun

pal-pi-tate /ˈpāl.pi·tət/ verb -tat-ed; -tat·ing
▶: to beat rapidly and strongly : THROB
   Synonyms
   ▶ beat, pitter-patter, pulsate, pulse, throb—more at PULSATE

pal-pi·ta·tion /ˈpāl.pi·ta·shən/ noun
▶: a rapid pulsation
   Synonyms
   ▶ beat, pulsation, pulse, throb—more at PULSATION

pal·sy /ˈpāl.zē/ noun, plural palsies
1 ▶: PARALYSIS
2 ▶: a condition marked by tremor
   — pal·si·ed /ˈzēd/ adjective

pal·ter /ˈpāl.trər/ verb pal·tered; pal·ter·ing
1 ▶: to act insincerely : EQUIVOCATE
2 ▶: to negotiate over the terms of a purchase, agreement, or contract : HAGGLE
   Synonyms
   ▶ bargain, chaffer, deal, dicker, haggle, negotiate—more at BARGAIN

pal·try /ˈpāl.trē/ adjective pal·tri·er; -est
1 ▶: TRASHY <a ~ pamphlet>
2 ▶: MEAN, DESPICABLE <a ~ trick>
3 ▶: of little worth or importance : TRIVIAL <~ excuses>
4 ▶: MEAGER, MEASLY <a ~ sum>
   Synonyms
   ▶ inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, measly, minute, negligible, nominal, petty, slight, trifling,
     trivial—more at NEGLIGIBLE

pam abbreviation
pamphlet

pam-pas /ˈpam.pəs/ noun plural
: wide grassy So. American plains

pam-per /ˈpam.ˈpər/ verb
▶: to treat with excessive attention
   Synonyms
   ▶ baby, coddle, mollycoddle, nurse, spoil—more at BABY

pam-plt /ˈpam.ˈplət/ noun
[origin: ME pamphlet unbound booklet, fr. Pamphilus seu De Amore Pamphilus or On Love, popular Latin love poem
of the 12th cent.]
▶: an unbound printed publication
Synonyms
- booklet, brochure, circular, folder, leaflet; also advertisement, catalog; tract; paperback, pocket book; guidebook, handbook, instructions, manual

**pam-phle-teer**  /pəmˈflɛtər/ noun
: a writer of pamphlets attacking something or urging a cause

**pan**  /pæn/ noun
1 : a usu. broad, shallow, and open container for domestic use; also : something resembling such a container
2 : a basin or depression in land
3 : HARDPAN

**pan verb** panned; panning
1 : to wash earth or gravel in a pan in searching for gold
2 : to criticize severely

**Synonyms**
- blame, censure, condemn, criticize, denounce, fault, knock, reprehend—more at CRITICIZE

**Pan abbreviation**
Panama

**pan-a-cea**  /pənˈsēə/ noun
: a remedy for all ills or difficulties : CURE-ALL

**pan-nach**  /pə’näsh, -näsh/ noun
[origin: MF pennaiche, ultim. fr. LL pinaculum small wing]
1 : an ornamental tuft (as of feathers) esp. on a helmet
2 : dash or flamboyance in style and action

**pan-ama**  /pənˈmä, -mô/ noun, often cap
: a handmade hat braided from strips of the leaves from a tropical American tree

**Pan-a-mi-an**  /pənˈne-mən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Panama
— Panamanian adjective

**pan-ta**  /pənˈte-ə/ noun
[origin: Sp, fr. AmerSp, a long thin biscuit, ultim. fr. L panis bread]
: a long slender cigar with straight sides

**pan-cake**  /pənˈkäk/ noun
: a flat cake made of thin batter and fried on both sides

**Synonyms**
- flapjack, griddle cake; also crepe; waffle

**pan-chro-mat-ic**  /pənˈkrəˌma.tək/ adjective
: sensitive to all colors of visible light <$~ film>

**pan-cre-as**  /pənˈkrēˌəs, ‘pān-/ noun
: a large compound gland of vertebrates that produces insulin and discharges enzymes into the intestine
— pan-cre-at-ic  /pənˈkrēˌət.ik, ‘pān-/ adjective

**pan-da**  /pənˈda/ noun
1 : a long-tailed reddish brown Himalayan mammal related to and resembling the racoon
2 : a large black-and-white mammal of China usu. classified with the bears

**pan-dem-ic**  /pənˈdem.ik/ noun
: a widespread outbreak of disease
— pandemic adjective

**pan-de-mo-ni-um**  /pənˈdem.ən.əm/ noun
: a wild uproar : TUMULT
Synonyms

• commotion, disturbance, hubbub, hullabaloo, row, tumult, turmoil, uproar

1 pander /'pan.dər/ noun
1 : a go-between in love intrigues
2 : PIMP
3 : a person who caters to or exploits others' desires or weaknesses

2 pander verb
: to act as a pander

P & I abbreviation
principal and interest

P & L abbreviation
profit and loss

Pan·do·ra's box /'pan.dərəz/ noun
: a prolific source of troubles

pan·dow·dy /'pan.dau.də/ noun, plural -dies
: a deep-dish apple dessert spiced, sweetened, and covered with a crust

pane /'pān/ noun
: a sheet of glass (as in a door or window)

pan·e·gy·ric /'pā.nəˌjir.i/ noun
: a eulogistic oration or writing
— pan·e·gy·rist /'jir.i.st/ noun

Synonyms

• accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, eulogy, homage, paean, salutation, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM

1 panel /'pān/ noun
[origin: ME, piece of cloth, jury list on a piece of parchment, fr. AF, fr. VL *pannellus, dim. of L pannus cloth, rag]
1 a : a list of persons appointed for special duty <a jury ~>
b : a group of people taking part in a discussion or quiz program
c : a formal discussion by a panel
2 : a section of something (as a wall or door) often sunk below the level of the frame; also : a flat piece of construction material
3 : a flat piece of wood on which a picture is painted
4 : a mount for controls or dials

Synonyms

• colloquy, conference, council, forum, parley, powwow, seminar, symposium—more at FORUM

2 panel verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
: to decorate with panels

paneling noun
: decorative panels

pan·el·ist /ˈpānˌi.list/ noun
: a member of a discussion or quiz panel

panel truck noun
: a small motortruck with a fully enclosed body

pang /'pāŋ/ noun
• : a sudden sharp spasm (as of pain) or attack (as of remorse)

Synonyms

• ache, pain, prick, smart, sting, stitch, tingle, twinge—more at PAIN

1 panhandle /'pān.hand/ noun
2 panteiser, fr. VL *phantasiare to have hallucinations, fr. Gk phantasioun, fr. phantasia appearance, imagination] 1: to breathe in a labored manner 2: to long eagerly: YEARN 3: THROB
blow, gasp, puff, wheeze—more at GASP


1 - pant noun
: a panting breath or sound

3 - pant noun
1 : an outer garment covering each leg separately and usu. extending from the waist to the ankle — usu. used in pl. 2 plural : PANTIES

Synonyms pants

slacks, trousers; also corduroys, denims, jeans; hose, legging, pantsuit

pan·to·mime /'pan.tə.məm/ noun plural
1 : a play in which the actors use no words
2 : expression of something by bodily or facial movements only
3 : an actor or dancer in pantomimes

Synonyms

mime, mimic, mummer

pap /'pæp/ noun
: soft food for infants or invalids

pa·pa /'pæ.ˈpæ/ noun
: a man who has begotten a child: FATHER
Synonyms

daddy, father, pop—more at FATHER

pa·pa·cy /pâ·pâ·sē/ noun, plural -cies
1: the office of pope
2: a succession of popes
3: the term of a pope's reign
4 cap: the system of government of the Roman Catholic Church

pa·pa·in /pâ·pən/, -pən/ noun
: an enzyme in papaya juice used esp. as a meat tenderizer and in medicine

pa·pal /pâ·pəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the pope or to the Roman Catholic Church

papaw variant of PAWPAW

pa·pa·ya /pâ·pə·a/ noun
: a tropical American tree with large yellow black-seeded edible fruit; also: its fruit

pa·per /pâ·pər/ noun
1: a pliable substance made usu. of vegetable matter and used to write or print on, to wrap things in, or to cover walls; also: a single sheet of this substance
2 : a printed or written document
3 : NEWSPAPER
4 : WALLPAPER
5 : a formal written composition often designed for publication and often intended to be read aloud
— paper verb
— pa·pery /pâ·pə·rē/ adjective

Synonyms

[2] blank, document, form—more at FORM
[5] article, composition, essay, theme—more at ESSAY

pa·per·adjective
1 : made of paper, cardboard, or papier-mâché
2 : of or relating to clerical work or written communication
3 : existing only in theory: NOMINAL

pa·per·back /ˌbak/ noun
: a paper-covered book

pa·per·board /ˌbôrd/ noun
: CARDBOARD

pa·per·hang·er /pâ·per·han·gər/ noun
: one that applies wallpaper
— pa·per·hang·ing noun

pa·per·weight /ˌwät/ noun
: an object used to hold down loose papers by its weight

pa·per·mâ·ché /pâ·per·mâ·ché/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, lit., chewed paper]
: a molding material of wastepaper and additives (as glue)
— papier-mâché adjective

pa·pil·la /pâ·pil·ə/ noun, plural -lae /ˌlē, -li/
[ORIGIN: L, nipple]
: a small projecting bodily part (as one of the nubs on the surface of the tongue) that resembles a tiny nipple in form
— pap·il·lar /pâ·pil·ər, pâ·pil·ər/ adjective
pa·poose /paˈpʊs, pa/ noun
[ORIGIN: Narragansett papiõs]
: a young child of No. American Indian parents

pa·pri·ka /paˈprē.ka, pa/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hung]
: a mild red spice made from the fruit of various cultivated sweet peppers

Pap smear /paP/ noun
: a method for the early detection of cancer esp. of the uterine cervix

Pap test noun
: PAP SMEAR

pap·ule /paˈpyʊl/ noun
: a small solid usu. conical elevation of the skin

— pap·u·lar /ˌpyəˈlər/ adjective

pa·py·rus /paˈp ras/ noun, plural -rus·es or -ri /ˌri/ (ˌrēˌri/)
1: a tall grassy sedge of the Nile valley
2: paper made from papyrus pith

1par /pâr/ noun
1: a stated value (as of a security)
2: a common level : EQUALITY
3: an accepted standard or normal condition
4: the score standard set for each hole of a golf course
— par adjective

Synonyms
[2] equality, equivalence, parity, sameness—more at EQUIVALENCE
[3] criterion, grade, mark, measure, standard, touchstone, yardstick—more at STANDARD
[3] average, norm, normal, standard—more at AVERAGE

2par abbreviation
1 paragraph
2 parallel
3 parish

par·a·ble /paˈrebəl/ noun
: a simple story told to illustrate a moral truth

par·a·bo·la /paˈrebəla/ noun
: a plane curve formed by a point moving so that its distance from a fixed point is equal to its distance from a fixed line

— par·a·bo·lic /ˌpaˌbəˈlik/ adjective

para·chute /parəˈʃuːt/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, fr. para- (as in parasol) + chute fall]
: a device for slowing the descent of a person or object through the air that consists of a usu. hemispherical canopy beneath which the person or object is suspended

— parachute verb

— para·chute·ist /ˈʃuːtist/ noun

parachute pants noun plural
: baggy casual pants of lightweight fabric

1parade /paˈrād/ noun
1: a pompous display : EXHIBITION
2: MARCH, PROCESSION; especially : a ceremonial formation and march
3: a place for strolling
parade verb  \textit{pa-rad-ed; pa-rad-ing}  
1 : to march in a parade  
2 : \textsc{Promenade}  
3 : to exhibit ostentatiously : \textsc{Show off}  
4 : \textsc{Masquerade}  

\textit{Synonyms}  
1 [1] file, march, pace, stride—more at \textsc{March}  
2 [3] display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, show, show off, sport, strut, unveil—more at \textsc{Show}  

\textit{par-a-digm}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{dim}. \_\textsc{dim}/ noun  
1 : \textsc{Model}, \textsc{Pattern}  
2 : a systematic inflection of a verb or noun showing a complete conjugation or declension  

\textit{par-a-di-gmat-ic}  \textit{Par-a-di-gma-tik}/ adjective  
\textit{par-a-di-gmat-ic-ly} adverb  
\textit{Synonyms}  
1 classic, model, quintessential—more at \textsc{Model}  
2 \textsc{Modeling}  

\textit{par-a-dis-e}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{dis}. \_\textsc{dz}/ noun  
1 : \textsc{Heaven}  
2 : a place or state of bliss  

\textit{Synonyms}  
1 Eden, Elysium, heaven, utopia; \textsc{also} dreamland, fairyland, promised land, wonderland; bliss, euphoria, gladness, joy  
2 hell  

\textit{par-a-di-si-a-cal}  \textit{Par-a-di-si-a-kal} or \textit{par-a-di-si-ac} /\textsc{di-zē,.aks/, \_sē// adjective  
\textit{par-a-di-si-a-cal-ly} adverb  

\textit{par-a-do-x}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{do}x}/ noun  
\textit{Synonyms}  
1 : a statement that seems contrary to common sense and yet is perhaps true  

\textit{par-a-do-xi-cal}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{do}x-i-cal}/ adjective  
\textit{par-a-do-xi-cal-ly} adverb  

\textit{par-a-fin}  \textit{Par-a-fin}/ noun  
\textit{par-a-glid-ing}  \textit{Par-a-glid-ing}/ noun  
\textit{par-a-glion}  \textit{Par-a-glion}/ noun  
\textit{par-a-gon}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{gon}}/ noun  

\textit{Synonyms}  
1 beau ideal, classic, exemplar, ideal, model, nonpareil—more at \textsc{Ideal}  
2 \textsc{Idealism}  

\textit{paragraph}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{grah}l}/ noun  
\textit{paragraph} verb  
\textit{Par-a-guay-an}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{gwa}.\_\textsc{en}. \_\textsc{gwā}/ noun  
\textit{Paraguayan} adjective  

\textit{par-a-keet}  \textit{Par-a-\textsc{ke}t}/ noun  

par·a·le·gal /par.əˈlē.gəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a paraprofessional who assists a lawyer
— paralegal noun

Par·a·li·pom·e·non /par.aˌli.pəˈmən/ noun
: CHRONICLES

par·al·lax /par.əˈlæks/ noun
: the difference in apparent direction of an object as seen from two different points

1 parallel /par.əˈlel/ adjective
[origin: L parallelus, fr. Gk ἀρματος, fr. para beside + ἀλλᾶς of one another, fr. ἄλλος . . . ἄλλος one . . . another, fr. ἄλλος other]
1 : lying or moving in the same direction but always the same distance apart
2 : similar in essential parts

Synonyms
akin, alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, like, similar, such—more at ALIKE

2 parallel noun
1 : a parallel line, curve, or surface
2 : one of the imaginary circles on the earth's surface that parallel the equator and mark the latitude
3 : something essentially similar to another
4 : a comparable aspect : SIMILARITY

Synonyms
[3] coordinate, counterpart, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, match, peer, rival—more at EQUAL
[4] correspondence, resemblance, similarity, similitude

3 parallel verb
1 : COMPARE
2 : to correspond to
3 : to extend in a parallel direction with

Synonyms
correspond, equal, match—more at MATCH

par·al·lel·ism /par.əˈle.ləl.izəm/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being parallel
2 : the quality or state of being similar in essential parts

Synonyms
community, correspondence, likeness, resemblance, similarity, similitude—more at SIMILARITY

par·al·lel·o·gram /par.əˈle.le.ˌɡram/ noun
: a 4-sided geometric figure with opposite sides equal and parallel

par·a·ly·se British variant of PARALYZE

par·a·ly·sis /par.əˈla.ʃəs/ noun, plural -y·ses /ˌsēz/ : complete or partial loss of function esp. when involving the motion or sensation in a part of the body
— par·a·ly·tic /par.əˈlī.tik/ adjective or noun

par·a·ly·ze /par.əˈlīz/ verb -lyzed; -lyz·ing
1 : to affect with paralysis
2 : to make powerless or inactive
— par·a·ly·zing·ly adverb

Synonyms
cripple, disable, hamstring, immobilize, incapacitate, prostrate; also attenuate, debilitate, enfeeble, sap, undermine, weaken; hobble, lame; maim, mutilate

par·a·me·cium /par.əˈmē.ʃəmˌshē.əmˌsē.əm/ noun, plural -cia /ˌshē.ˌshē.əˌsē.ə/ also -ciums
: any of a genus of slipper-shaped protozoans that move by cilia
par·a·med·ic /pərˈəmedɪk/ also para·med·i·cal /pərəˈmɛdɪk/ noun
1: a person who assists a physician in a paramedical capacity
2: a specially trained medical technician licensed to provide a wide range of emergency services before or during transportation to a hospital

par·a·med·i·cal /pərəˈmɛdɪk/ also para·med·ic /pərˈəmedɪk/ adjective
: concerned with supplementing the work of trained medical professionals

pa·ram·e·ter /pəˈræmətər/ noun
1: a quantity whose value characterizes a statistical population or a member of a system (as a family of curves)
2: a physical property whose value determines the characteristics or behavior of a system
3: a characteristic element: FACTOR

— para·met·ric /pərəˈme.trɪk/ adjective

para·mil·i·tary /pəˌrɑ.mɪˈla.tri/ adjective
: formed on a military pattern esp. as an auxiliary military force

par·a·mount /pəˈræmɔnt/ adjective
▷: superior to all others: SUPREME

Synonyms
▷ arch, cardinal, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at FOREMOST
▷ consummate, maximum, most, nth, supreme, top, ultimate, utmost—more at ULTIMATE

par·a·mour /pəˈræ.ˈmɔr/ noun
: an illicit lover

par·a·noia /pəˈrɑ.ˈnɔ.ə/ noun
: a psychosis marked by delusions and irrational suspicion usu. without hallucinations
— para·no·id /pərəˈnɔɪd/ adjective or noun

para·nor·mal /pəˈrɑ.ˈnɔr.məl/ adjective
: not scientifically explainable: SUPERNATURAL

par·a·pet /pəˈræpət/ noun
1: a protecting rampart
2: a low wall or railing (as at the edge of a bridge)

par·a·pher·na·lia /pəˌræfərˈnal.iə/ noun singular or plural
1 ▷: personal belongings
2 ▷: articles of equipment: APPARATUS

Synonyms
▷ [1] belongings, chattels, effects, holdings, possessions, things—more at POSSESSION
▷ [2] accoutrements, apparatus, equipment, gear, matériol, outfit, tackle—more at EQUIPMENT

1paraphrase /pəˈræfrəz/ noun
▷: a restatement of a text giving the meaning in different words

Synonyms
▷ translation; also rehash; summary

Antonyms
quotation, quote

2paraphrase verb
▷: to make a paraphrase

Synonyms
▷ rephrase, restate, translate; also summarize

Antonyms
quote

para·ple·gia /pəˌrɑ.ˈple.ʒə. jē.ə/ noun
paralysis of the lower trunk and legs

— para·ple·gic /ˈplɪk/ adjective or noun

par·a·prof·es·sion·al /ˌpərôˈfeshənəl/ noun
: a trained aide who assists a professional

— paraprofessional adjective

par·a·psy·chol·o·gy /ˌpərəˈsiːkələdʒi/ noun
: a field of study concerned with investigating paranormal psychological phenomena (as extrasensory perception)

— para·psy·chol·o·gist /ˌpərəˈsiːkəˌləjist/ noun

par·a·site /ˈpərəˌsīt/ noun
1 : a plant or animal living in, with, or on another organism usu. to its harm
2 : one depending on another and not making adequate return

— para·sit·ic /ˌpərəˈsītɪk/ adjective

— para·sit·ism /ˌpərəˈsītɪzəm/ noun
— para·sit·ize /ˌpərəˈsītīz/ verb
  Synonyms
    • hanger-on, leech, sponge—more at LEECH

par·a·si·tol·o·gy /ˌpərəˌsaɪtəˌlədʒi/ noun
: a branch of biology dealing with parasites and parasitism esp. among animals

— para·si·tol·o·gist /ˌpərəˌsaɪtəˌjist/ noun

par·a·sol /ˌpərəˈsəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, fr. It parasole, fr. parare to shield + sole sun, fr. L sol]
: a lightweight umbrella used as a shield against the sun

para·sym·pa·thet·ic nervous system /ˌpərəˈsim.pəˌθetık/ noun
: the part of the autonomic nervous system that tends to induce secretion, to increase the tone and contractility of smooth muscle, and to slow heart rate

para·thi·on /ˌpərəˈθiən/ noun
: an extremely toxic insecticide

para·thy·roid /ˌpərəˈθeɪroid/ noun
: PARATHYROID GLAND
  — parathyroid adjective

parathyroid gland noun
: any of usu. four small endocrine glands adjacent to or embedded in the thyroid gland that produce a hormone (parathyroid hormone) concerned with calcium and phosphorus metabolism

para·tran·sit /ˌpərəˈtranˌsət/ noun
: transportation service that provides individualized rules without fixed routes or timetables

para·troop·er /ˌpərəˈtrü.ˈpər/ noun
: a member of the paratroops

para·troops /ˌtrü.ˈpəps/ noun plural
: troops trained to parachute from an airplane

para·ty·phoid /ˌpərəˈfɪ.ˈfɔɪd/ noun
: a bacterial food poisoning resembling typhoid fever

par·boil /ˈpərˌbōıl/ verb
: to boil briefly

1 parcel /ˈpərˌsēl/ noun
  1 : a tract or plot of land
2 : a company, collection, or group of persons, animals, or things: **LOT**

3 : a wrapped bundle: **PACKAGE**

**Synonyms**
- [1] field, ground, lot, plat, plot, tract—more at **FIELD**
- [2] array, assemblage, bank, batch, block, bunch, clump, cluster, collection, group, huddle, knot, lot, package, set, suite

**parcel** verb -ceded or -cel·led; -cel·ing or -cel·ling
- to divide into portions — often used with out

**Synonyms**
- usually **parcel out** administer, allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, portion, prorate—more at **ADMINISTER**

**parcel post** noun
- 1 : a mail service handling parcels
- 2 : packages handled by parcel post

**parch** /parch/ verb
- 1 : to toast under dry heat
- 2 : to shrivel with heat

**Synonyms**
- dehydrate, dry, sear—more at **DRY**

**parch·ment** /pärch.mənt/ noun
- the skin of an animal prepared for writing on; also: a writing on such material

**pard** /pärd/ noun
- LEOPARD

1 **pardon** /pärˈdən/ noun
- : excuse of an offense without penalty; especially: an official release from legal punishment

**Synonyms**
- absolution, amnesty, forgiveness, remission; also: parole; acquittal, exoneration, vindication; exemption, immunity, impunity, indemnity; commutation, commuting, reprieve

**Antonyms**
- penalty, punishment, retribution

2 **pardon** verb
- to free from penalty: EXCUSE, FORGIVE

**Synonyms**
- brush, condone, disregard, excuse, forgive, gloss, ignore, pass over, shrug off, wink—more at **EXCUSE**

**par·don·able** /pärˈdənəbəl/ adjective
- worthy of or subject to being pardoned: EXCUSABLE

**Synonyms**
- excusable, forgivable, venial—more at **VENIAL**

**par·don·er** /pärˈdənər/ noun
- 1 : a medieval preacher delegated to raise money for religious works by soliciting offerings and granting indulgences
- 2 : one that pardons

**pare** /par/ verb pared; par·ing
- 1 : to trim off an outside, excess, or irregular part of
- 2 : to reduce as if by paring ← expenses>

**par·er** noun

**par·e·go·ric** /ˈparəˌgōrək/ noun
- an alcoholic preparation of opium and camphor used esp. to relieve pain

**par·ent** /parˈant/ noun
- 1 : one that begets or brings forth offspring: FATHER, MOTHER
2: one who brings up and cares for another

— **parental** /ˈpærəntəl/ adjective
— **parent-hood** noun

**parentage** /ˈpærəntij/ noun
: descent from parents or ancestors

**Synonyms**
- ancestry, birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, origin, pedigree, stock, strain—more at ancestry

— **parenthesis** /ˈpærənθiˌsis/ noun, plural -theses /ˌsiːz/
1: a word, phrase, or sentence inserted in a passage to explain or modify the thought
2: one of a pair of punctuation marks ( ) used esp. to enclose parenthetic matter

— **parenthetic** /ˌpærənˈθɛtɪk/ or **parenthetical** /ˌpærənˈθɛtɪkəl/ adjective
— **parenthetically** /ˌpærənˈθɛtɪkli/ adverb

— **parenthesize** /ˌpærənˈθɛtɪz/ verb -thesized; -sizing
: to make a parenthesis of

— **parenting** /ˈpærəntɪŋ/ noun
: the raising of a child by its parents

— **parent** /ˈpærənt/ noun, plural parents /ˈpærənts/ /ˈpærəntz/
: a usu. incomplete paralysis; also: insanity caused by syphilitic alteration of the brain that leads to dementia and paralysis

— **parent-excellence** /ˈpærənt ekˈsɛləns/ adjective
[Origin: F, lit., by excellence]
: being the best of a kind: preeminent

— **parent** /ˈpærənt/ noun
[Origin: F, lit., something perfect]
: a cold dessert made of layers of fruit, syrup, ice cream, and whipped cream

— **pariah** /ˈpærəh/ noun
: one that is despised or rejected: outcast

— **parietal** /ˈpærɪ etəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or forming the walls of an anatomical structure
2: of or relating to college living or its regulation

— **pari-mutuel** /ˈpær.i məˈtyəl/ noun
: a betting system in which winners share the total stakes minus a percentage for the management

— **paring** /ˈpær.iŋ/ noun
: a pared-off piece

— **pari passu** /ˈpær.i paˈsu/ adverb or adjective
[Origin: L, with equal step]
: at an equal rate or pace

— **parish** /ˈpær.iʃ/ noun
1: a church district in the care of one pastor; also: the residents of such an area
2: a local church community
3: a civil division of the state of Louisiana: county

— **parishioner** /ˈpær.i she.ən/ noun
: a member or resident of a parish

— **parity** /ˈpær.i ti/ noun, plural -ties
- : the quality or state of being equal or equivalent
  - **Synonyms**
    - equality, equivalence, par, sameness—more at EQUIVALENCE

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1 park /ˈpɑrk/ noun
   1: a tract of ground kept as a game preserve or recreation area
   2: a place where vehicles (as automobiles) are parked
   3: an enclosed stadium used esp. for ball games
   4: a tract of land attached to a country house
   - **Synonyms**
     - demesne, grounds, premises, yard

2 park verb
   1: to leave a vehicle temporarily (as in a parking lot or garage)
   2: to set and leave temporarily

par·ka /ˈpɑrkə/ noun
   : a very warm jacket with a hood

Par·kin·son’s disease /ˈpɑrkənˌsonz/ noun
   : a chronic progressive neurological disease chiefly of later life marked esp. by tremor and weakness of resting muscles and by a shuffling gait

Parkinson’s Law noun
   : an observation in office organization: work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion

park·way /ˈpɑrkˌweɪ/ noun
   : a broad landscaped thoroughfare

par·lance /ˈpɑrləns/ noun
   1: **SPEECH**
   2: manner of speaking <military ~>

1 parlay /ˈpɑrlæ, ˈlɛ/ verb
   : to increase or change into something of much greater value

2 parlay noun
   : a series of bets in which the original stake plus its winnings are risked on successive wagers

par·ley /ˈpɑrlɛ/ verb
   : to speak with another: **CONFERENCE**

2 parley noun, plural parleys
   : a conference usu. over matters in dispute
   - **Synonyms**
     - argument, colloquy, conference, deliberation, discourse, discussion, give-and-take, talk—more at DISCUSSION

par·lia·ment /ˈpɑrləˌment/ noun
   [origin: ME, fr. AF parlement, fr. parler to speak, fr. ML parabolare, fr. LL parabola speech, parable]
   1: a formal governmental conference
   2 cap: an assembly that constitutes the supreme legislative body of a country (as the United Kingdom)
   — par·lia·men·ta·ry /ˈpɑrləˌmenˈtəri/ adjective

par·lia·men·tar·i·an /ˈpɑrləˌmen tərē/ noun
   1 often cap: an adherent of the parliament during the English Civil War
   2: an expert in parliamentary procedure

par·lor /ˈpɑrlər/ noun
   1: a room for conversation or the reception of guests
   2: a place of business <beauty ~>

par·lour /ˈpɑrlər/ chiefly British variant of PARLOR
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par·lous /pərˈləs/ adjective
  ▶: full of danger or risk
  — par·lous·ly adverb

Synonyms
  ▶ dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome—more at DANGEROUS

Par·me·san /pərˈmezən/ noun
  : a hard dry cheese with a sharp flavor

par·mi·gia·na /pərˈmiˌjēˌna, pərˈmiˌzhēn/ or par·mi·gia·no /ˌjēˌnjō/ adjective
  : made or covered with Parmesan cheese <veal ~>

pa·ro·chi·al /pəˌrōˈkiəl/ adjective
  1: of or relating to a church parish
  2 ▶: limited in scope: NARROW, PROVINCIAL
  — pa·ro·chi·al·ism /ˌpəˌrōˈkīələm/ noun

Synonyms
  ▶ insular, little, narrow, petty, provincial, sectarian, small—more at NARROW

parochial school noun
  : a school maintained by a religious body

par·ody /ˈpa rə di/ noun, plural -dies
  1 ▶: a humorous or satirical imitation
  2 ▶: a feeble or ridiculous imitation
  — parody verb

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] burlesque, caricature, spoof, takeoff; also lampoon, mockery, satire, travesty; comedy, farce, sketch, slapstick, squib; distortion, exaggeration; imitation, impersonation, mimicking
  ▶ [2] caricature, farce, joke, mockery, sham, travesty—more at MOCKERY

par·ole /pəˈrôl/ noun
  : a conditional release of a prisoner whose sentence has not expired
  — parole verb

par·ox·ysm /pərˈaks sanit, pəˈrak/ noun
  1: a sudden sharp attack (as of pain or coughing): CONVulsion
  2 ▶: a sudden violent emotion or action
  — par·ox·ys·mal /ˌpərˈaksˌsmal, pəˈrak/ adjective

Synonyms
  ▶ agony, burst, eruption, explosion, fit, flare, flare-up, flash, flush, gale, gush, gust, outburst, spasm, storm—more at OUTBURST

par·quet /pərˈkāt, pəˈkāt/ noun
  [origin: F]
  1: a flooring of parquetry
  2: the lower floor of a theater; especially: the forward part of the orchestra

par·que·try /pərˈkā trē/ noun, plural -tries
  : fine woodwork inlaid in patterns
par·ri·cide /ˈpær.rəˌsɪd/ noun
1 : one that murders a parent or a close relative
2 : the act of a parricide

par·rot /ˈpærət/ noun
: any of numerous bright-colored tropical birds that have a stout hooked bill

par·rot fever noun : PSITTACOSIS

par·ry /ˈpær.i/ verb par·ried; par·ry·ing
1 : to ward off a weapon or blow
2 : to evade esp. by an adroit answer
— parry noun

parse /ˈpɜːrz also ˈpɜːrəz/ verb parsed; pars·ing
: to give a grammatical description of a word or a group of words

par·sec /ˈpærˌsɛk/ noun
: a unit of measure for interstellar space equal to 3.26 light-years

par·si·mo·ni·ous /ˈpær.səˌmənəs/ adjective
› : exhibiting or marked by parsimony
— par·si·mo·ni·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
cheep, close, mean, niggardly, penurious, spare, sparing, stingy, tight, tightfisted, uncharitable—more at STINGY

par·si·mo·ny /ˈpær.səˌmənə/ noun
› : extreme or excessive frugality

Synonyms
cheapness, closeness, miserliness, stinginess, tightness; also conserving, economizing, economy, frugality, husbandry, providence, scrimping, skimping, thrift, conservation, saving; husbanding, managing

Antonyms
generosity, liberality, philanthropy

pars·ley /ˈpær.səli/ noun
: a garden plant related to the carrot that has finely divided leaves used as a seasoning or garnish; also : the leaves

pars·nip /ˈpær.snip/ noun
: a garden plant related to the carrot that has a long edible usu. whitish root which is cooked as a vegetable; also : the root

par·son /ˈpær.sən/ noun
[origin: ME persone, fr. AF, fr. ML persona, lit., person, fr. L]
: a member of the clergy : MINISTER

par·son·age /ˈpær.sən.əj/ noun
: a house provided by a church for its pastor

part /pərt/ noun
1 † : a division or portion of a whole
2 : the melody or score for a particular voice or instrument
3 : a spare piece for a machine
4 : DUTY, FUNCTION
5 : one of the sides in a dispute
6 : ROLE; also : an actor's lines in a play
7 plural : TALENTS, ABILITY
8 : the line where one's hair divides (as in combing)
9 † : something falling to one in a division or apportionment
10 † : a function or course of action performed
Synonyms
- [1] member, partition, portion, section, segment; also component, constituent, element, factor, ingredient, moiety, parcel; cut, length, bit, fragment, particle, scrap
- [9] allotment, allowance, cut, portion, proportion, quota, share—more at SHARE
- [10] capacity, function, job, place, position, purpose, role, task, work—more at ROLE

t-part verb
1 : to take leave of someone
2 : to divide or break into parts : SEPARATE
3 : to go away : DEPART; also : DIE
4 : to give up possession <<ed with her jewels>>
5 : APPORTION, SHARE

Synonyms
- break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissemble, disunite, divide, divorce, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

3-part abbreviation
1 participial; participle
2 particular

par-take /pərˈtāk/ verb -took /ˈtuk/; -ta·ken /ˈtā·kan/; -ta·king
1 : to have a share or part
2 : to take a portion (as of food)

par·tak·er /ˈtā·ker/ noun
- one that partakes

Synonyms
- participant, party, sharer—more at PARTICIPANT

par·terre /pərˈtər/ noun
[origin: F, fr. MF, fr. par terre on the ground]
1 : an ornamental garden with paths between the flower beds
2 : the part of a theater floor behind the orchestra

par·the·no·ge·ni·sis /ˌpərθəˈnoʊ.đəˌnəsɪs/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. Gk parthenos virgin + L genesis genesis]
: development of a new individual from an unfertilized usu. female sex cell
- par·the·no·ge·net·ic /ˌpərθəˈnə.ɡeɪ.tɪk/ adjective

par·tial /pərˈtel/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a part rather than the whole
2 : favoring one party over the other : BIASED
3 : markedly fond — used with to

Synonyms
- [1] deficient, fragmentary, halfway, incomplete—more at INCOMPLETE
- [2] biased, one-sided, partisan, prejudiced; also jaundiced, unfriendly, unsympathetic; colored, distorted, misrepresented, warped; convinced, influenced, persuaded, predisposed, prepossessed, swayed; affected, concerned, interested

Antonyms
- evenhanded, impartial, neutral, non partisan, unbiased, unprejudiced
- [3] fond, inclined—more at FOND

par·ti·ality /pərˈtel·ələt/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being partial
2 : a special taste or liking

Synonyms
- [1] bias, favor, partisanship, prejudice—more at BIAS
- [2] bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn
par·tial·ly /pərˈʃeɪ(ə)l/ adverb
  : to some extent; in some degree

Synonyms
  part, partly—more at PARTLY

par·tic·i·pant /pərˈtɪsəˌpɑnt/ noun
  : one that participates

— participant adjective

Synonyms
  partaker, party, sharer; also actor; accessory, aide, assistant, helper; colleague, partner

Antonyms
  nonparticipant

par·tic·i·pate /pərˈtɪsəˌpeɪt/ verb -pat·ed; -pat·ing
  1: to take part in something <- in a game>
  2: SHARE

— par·tic·i·pa·tion /pərˈtɪsəˌpeɪʃən/ noun

— par·tic·i·pa·to·ry /pərˈtɪsəˌpeɪtərē/ adjective

par·tic·i·pa·tor /pərˈtɪsəˌpætər/ noun
  : one that participates

par·ti·ci·ple /pərˈteɪsəˌple/ noun
  : a word having the characteristics of both verb and adjective

— par·ti·cip·i·al /pərˈteɪsəˌpəl/ adjective

par·ti·cle /pərˈteɪsəl/ noun
  1: a very small quantity or fragment
  2: a unit of speech (as an article, preposition, or conjunction) expressing some general aspect of meaning or some connective or limiting relation

  Synonyms
    atom, fleck, grain, granule, molecule, morsel, scrap
    bit, crumb, dab, glimmer, hint, lick, little, mite, nip, ounce, shred, speck, spot, suspicion, touch, trace; also iota, jot, modicum, tittle, whit; atom, dot, fleck, flyspeck, grain, granule, molecule, morsel, mote, nubbin, patch, scrap; dash, drop, pinch; part, portion, section; bite, nibble, taste; handful, scattering, smattering; dose, shot; chip, flake, fragment, shard, shiver, sliver, smitherens, splinter; shred, tatter, clipping, paring, shaving

par·ti·cle·board /ˌpərˈteɪsəˌbɔrd/ noun
  : a board made of very small pieces of wood bonded together

par·ti·col·or /ˌpərˈteɪskəˈlər/ or par·ti·col·ored /ˌlərd/ adjective
  : showing different colors or tints; especially: having one main color broken by patches of one or more other colors

1 particular /ˈpər.tikəˌleɪr/ adjective
  1: of or relating to a specific person or thing <the laws of a ~ state>
  2: DISTINCTIVE, SPECIAL <the ~ point of his talk>
  3: SEPARATE, INDIVIDUAL <each ~ hair>
  4: attentive to details
  5: hard to please

  Synonyms
    [1] individual, peculiar, personal, private, separate, singular, unique—more at INDIVIDUAL
    [5] choosy, dainty, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, nice, old-maidish, picky—more at FINICKY

2 particular noun
  : an individual fact or detail

  Synonyms
par·tic·u·lar·ise  
British variant of PARtICULARIZE

par·tic·u·lar·i·ty /parˈtiˌkəˌlerəˌtē/ noun
: a minute detail

par·tic·u·lar·ize /parˈtiˌkəˌleˌraɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to state in detail  : SPECIFY
2 : to go into details

par·tic·u·lar·ly /ˈlē/ adverb
1 : to an unusual degree
2 : in particular  : SPECIFICALLY

par·tic·u·late /parˈtiˌkəˌleɪt/ adjective
: relating to or existing as minute separate particles

— particulate noun

1 parting noun
1 : a place or point of separation or divergence
2 : a mutual separation of two or more persons

Synonyms
farewell, leave-taking, separation; also departure, egress, exit, exodus, leaving, quitting, running away; flight, withdrawal; abandonment, desertion, forsaking

2 parting adjective
: given, taken, or done at parting <a ~ kiss>

1 partisan also par·ti·zan /parˈtiˌzan/ noun
1 : one that takes the part of another  : ADHERENT
2 : GUERRILLA
3 : a strong or devoted supporter

Synonyms
[1] adherent, convert, disciple, follower, pupil, votary—more at FOLLOWER
[3] crusader, fanatic, militant, zealot—more at ZEALOT

2 partisan adjective
: exhibiting, characterized by, or resulting from partisanship

Synonyms
biased, one-sided, partial, prejudiced—more at PARTIAL

par·ti·san·ship /ˌship/ noun

: the quality or state of being a partisan

Synonyms
bias, favor, partiality, prejudice—more at BIAS

par·tite /parˈtīt/ adjective
: divided into a usu. specified number of parts

par·ti·tion /parˈtiʃən/ noun
1 : the action of parting  : the state of being parted
2 : something that divides or separates; especially : an interior dividing wall
3 : one of the parts or sections of a whole

— partition verb

Synonyms
[1] breakup, dissolution, division, schism, separation, split—more at SEPARATION
[3] member, part, portion, section, segment—more at PART

par·ti·tive /parˈtītiv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or denoting a part
part·ly /pɔrtˈli/ adverb
  ◁ in part : in some measure or degree

  Synonyms
  ▶ part, partially; also in part

  Antonyms
  completely, entirely, totally, wholly

part·ner /pɔrtˈnər/ noun
  1 : ASSOCIATE, COLLEAGUE
  2 : either of two persons who dance together
  3 : one who plays on the same team with another
  4 ◁ : married person : SPOUSE
  5 : one of two or more persons contractually associated as joint principals in a business

  Synonyms
  ▶ consort, mate, spouse—more at SPOUSE

part·ner·ship /pɔrtˈnərˌship/ noun
  ◁ a relationship usu. involving close cooperation between parties having specified and joint rights and responsibilities

  Synonyms
  ▶ affiliation, alliance, association, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, liaison, relation, relationship, union—more at ASSOCIATION

part of speech
  ◁ a class of words (as nouns or verbs) distinguished according to the kind of idea denoted and the function performed in a sentence

par·tridge /pərˈtrɪdʒ/ noun, plural partridge or par·tridg·es
  : any of various stout-bodied Old World game birds

part–song /pərtˈsɔŋ/ noun
  : a song with two or more voice parts

part–time /ˈpɑrtˌtʌm/ adjective or adverb
  : involving or working less than a full or regular schedule

— part–tim·er /ˌpɑrtˈtʌmər/ noun

par·tu·ri·tion /pərˈtærəˌʃən, pərˈɔtəˌʃən, pərˈtɜrəʃən/ noun
  : the action or process of giving birth to offspring : CHILDBIRTH

part·way /pərtˈwā/ adverb
  : to some extent : PARTLY

par·ty /pərˈti/ noun, plural parties
  1 : a person or group taking one side of a question; especially : a group of persons organized for the purpose of directing the policies of a government
  2 ◁ : a person or group concerned in an action or affair : PARTICIPANT
  3 ◁ : a group of persons detailed for a common task
  4 ◁ : a social gathering
  5 : a particular individual

  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] partaker, participant, sharer—more at PARTICIPANT
  ▶ [3] band, company, crew, gang, group, outfit, squad, team—more at GANG
  ▶ [4] affair, blowout, event, fete, function, get-together; also ball, formal, prom; celebration, gala, occasion; orgy; benefit, clambake, hen party, housewarming, masquerade, mixer, shower, salon, soiree, stag, tea

party animal noun
  : a person known for frequent attendance at parties

par·ty–go·er /pərˈtiˌgōˌər/ noun
par·ve·nu /pär.vē.nü, _-nyü/ noun
: one who has recently or suddenly risen to wealth or power but has not yet secured the social position associated with it

pas /pā/ noun, plural pas /pās or páz/
: a dance step or combination of steps

pas·cal /pas.ˈkāl/ noun
: a unit of pressure in the metric system equal to one newton per square meter

pas·chal /pas.ˈkāl/ adjective
: of, relating to, appropriate for, or used during Passover or Easter ceremonies

pa·sha /pā.ˈsha, pā.ˈpe.ˈsha/ noun
: a man (as formerly a governor in Turkey) of high rank

pash·mi·na /pash.ˈmi.nə/ noun
: a fine wool from the undercoat of domestic Himalayan goats; also: a shawl made from this wool

1 pass /pās/ verb
1 : MOVES, PROCEED
2 a : to go away
b : to stop existing or functioning : DIE — often used with on
3 : to move past, beyond, or over
4 : to allow to elapse : SPEND
5 a : to go or make way through
b : to transfer or transmit from one to another
6 : to go or allow to go unchallenged
7 a : to undergo transfer
b : to transfer or transmit from one to another
8 : to render a legal judgment
9 : to come into existence : OCCUR
10 : to become approved by a legislature or body empowered to sanction or reject
11 : to go or cause to go through an inspection, test, or course of study successfully
12 : to be regarded
13 : CIRCULATE
14 : VOID 2
15 : to transfer the ball or puck to another player
16 : to decline to bid or bet on one's hand in a card game
17 : to give a base on balls to

— pass·er noun

Synonyms

usually pass on [2b] decease, depart, die, expire, pass away, perish, succumb—more at DIE
usually pass over [5] cover, crisscross, cross, cut, follow, go, proceed, travel, traverse—more at TRAVERSE
[7b] hand, hand over, reach, transfer; also relay; bear, carry; finger, handle, paw; cede, give, give up, release, relinquish, surrender
[9] be, befall, betide, chance, come, go, happen, occur, transpire—more at HAPPEN
[10] enact, lay down, legislate, make—more at ENACT

2 pass noun

: a gap in a mountain range

Synonyms

canyon, defile, flume, gap, gorge, gulch, gulf, notch, ravine—more at CANYON

3 pass noun

1 : the act or an instance of passing
2 : REALIZATION, ACCOMPLISHMENT
3 : a state of affairs
pass /paːs/ noun
1 : a means (as a road or corridor) of passing
2 : the action or process of passing
3 : a voyage esp. by sea or air
4 : a right or permission to pass
5 : ENACTMENT
6 : a usu. brief portion or section (as of a book)
7 : a continuous movement or flow

Synonyms
[1] approach, avenue, path, route, way; also bypass, byway, lane; bypass, drive, freeway, highway, road, street, thoroughfare; trace, track, trail; airway; channel, watercourse, waterway; door, doorway, gate, gateway, portal
[2] expedition, journey, peregrination, trek, trip—more at JOURNEY
[3] crossing, cruise, sail, voyage—more at SAIL

passage-way /ˌpəˈziž/ noun
: a way that allows passage

pass away verb
1 : to go out of existence
2 : to pass from physical life

Synonyms
decease, depart, die, expire, pass, perish, succumb—more at DIE

pass-book /ˈpɑːsˌbʊk/ noun
: BANKBOOK

pas·sé /ˈpaːsə/ adjective
1 : past one's prime
2 : not up-to-date : OUTMODED

Synonyms
antiquated, archaic, dated, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, outworn—more at OBSOLETE

pas·sel /ˈpaːsəl/ noun
: a large number
pas·sen·ger /ˈpa.sən.dʒər/ noun
: a traveler in a public or private conveyance

pass·er·by /ˈpa.sər.bli/ noun, plural pass·ers·by
: one who passes by

pas·ser·ine /ˈpa.sə.rin/ adjective
: of or relating to the large order of birds comprising singing birds that perch

pas·sim /ˈpa.sam/ adverb
[origin: L, fr. passus scattered, fr. pp. of pandere to spread]
: here and there: THROUGHOUT

pass·ing noun
▶ : the act of one that passes or causes to pass; especially: DEATH

Synonyms
▶ death, decease, demise, doom, end, quietus—more at DEATH

pas·sion /ˈpa.shən/ noun
1 often cap: the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and his death
2 ▶ : strong feeling; also, pl: the emotions as distinguished from reason
3 : RAGE, ANGER
4 ▶: ardent affection: LOVE; also: an object of affection or enthusiasm
5 : sexual desire
6 ▶: a strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object, or concept
— pas·sion·less adjective

Synonyms
▶ [2] ardor, emotion, fervency, fervor, heat, intensity, vehemence, warmth—more at ARDOR
▶ [4] affection, attachment, devotion, fondness, love—more at LOVE
▶ [6] appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, thirst, urge, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

pas·sion·ate /ˈpa.shə.nət/ adjective
1 a ▶: capable of, affected by, or expressing intense feeling
   b : ENTHUSIASTIC
2 ▶: swayed by or affected with sexual desire
— pas·sion·ate·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1a] ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, glowing, hot-blooded, impassioned, red-hot, vehemence, warm—more at FERVENT
▶ [2] lascivious, lewd, lustful, wanton—more at LUSTFUL

pas·sion·flow·er /ˈpa.shən.flau.o/ noun
[origin: fr. the fancied resemblance of parts of the flower to the instruments of Christ’s crucifixion]
: any of a genus of chiefly tropical woody climbing vines or erect herbs with showy flowers and pulpy often edible berries (passion fruit)

pas·sive /ˈpa.siv/ adjective
1 : not active: acted upon
2 : asserting that the grammatical subject is subjected to or affected by the action represented by the verb <~ voice>
3 : making use of the sun’s heat usu. without the aid of mechanical devices
4 ▶ : receiving or enduring without resistance
— passive noun
— pas·sive·ly adverb
— pas·siv·i·ty /ˈpa.si.və.ti/ noun

Synonyms
▶ acquiescent, resigned, tolerant, unresistant, unresisting, yielding; also forbearing, long-suffering, patient, uncomplaining; agreeable, amenable, compliant, complying, docile, guidable, obedient, subordinate, tractable, willing; submissive, surrendering; amiable, obliging; slavish, subservient; disciplined, manageable; apathetic,
unresponsive

*Antonyms*
protesting, resistant, resisting, unyielding

**pass·ive–ma·trix** /ˈmɑːtriks/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being on LCD in which pixels are controlled in groups

**pass·key** /ˈpæsˌki/ noun
: a key for opening two or more locks

**pass out** verb
› to lose consciousness

*Synonyms*
black out, faint, swoon—more at FAINT

**Pass·over** /ˈpæsˌər/ noun
[origin: fr. the exemption of the Israelites from the slaughter of the firstborn in Egypt (Exod 12:23–27)]
: a Jewish holiday celebrated in March or April in commemoration of the Hebrews' liberation from slavery in Egypt

**pass over** verb
1 › to ignore in passing
2 › to pay no attention to the claims of

*Synonyms*
[1] disregard, forget, ignore, neglect, overlook, slight, slur—more at NEGLECT
[2] brush, condone, disregard, excuse, gloss, ignore, pardon, shrug off, wink—more at EXCUSE

**pass·port** /ˈpæsˌpɔrt/ noun
1 : an official document issued by a country upon request to a citizen requesting protection during travel abroad
2 › something that secures admission, acceptance, or attainment

*Synonyms*
gateway, key; also password; accomplishment, achievement, success; manner, means, method, system, technique, way; blueprint, design, plan, scheme, strategy

**pass up** verb
: DECLINE, REJECT

**pass·word** /ˈpæsˌwɜrd/ noun
1 : a word or phrase that must be spoken by a person before being allowed to pass a guard
2 : a sequence of characters required for access to a computer system

1 **past** /ˈpæst/ adjective
1 : AGO <10 years ~>
2 : just gone or elapsed <the ~ month>
3 › having existed or taken place in a period before the present
4 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that expresses time gone by

*Synonyms*
erstwhile, former, late, old, onetime, sometime, whilom—more at FORMER

2 **past** preposition or adverb
: BEYOND

3 **past** noun
1 : time gone by
2 › something that happened or was done in a former time
3 : the past tense; also : a verb form in it
4 : a secret past life

*Synonyms*
history, yesteryear, yore; also bygone; flashback; annals, chronicle, record; memoir; antiquity

**pas·ta** /ˈpæs.tə/ noun
[origin: It]
1: a paste in processed form (as macaroni) or in the form of fresh dough (as ravioli)
2: a dish of cooked pasta

paste /ˈpāst/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. LL pasta dough, paste]
1: DOUGH
2: a smooth food product made by evaporation or grinding <tomato ~> 
3: a shaped dough (as spaghetti or ravioli)
4: a preparation (as of flour and water) for sticking things together
5: a brilliant glass used for artificial gems

paste verb past·ed; past·ing
: to cause to adhere by paste: STICK

paste verb past·ed; past·ing
: to strike hard at

paste·board /ˈpāst.bərd/ noun
: CARDBOARD

pastel /ˈpāstəl/ noun
1: a paste made of powdered pigment; also: a crayon of such paste
2: a drawing in pastel
3: a pale or light color

pastel adjective
1: of or relating to a pastel
2: a pale in color

Synonyms
• dull, light, pale, washed-out—more at PALE

pas·tern /ˈpās.tərn/ noun
: the part of a horse's foot extending from the fetlock to the top of the hoof

pa·steur·i·za·tion /ˈpās.tər.aˌzən.ənˈte/ noun
: partial sterilization of a substance (as milk) by heat or radiation
— pa·steur·ize /ˈpās.tər.aˌriz/ˈpās.əˌriz/ verb
— pa·steur·iz·er noun

pas·tille /ˈpās.təl/ noun
: a composition (as in literature or music) made up of selections from different works

pas·time /ˈpāst.tīm/ noun
: DIVERSION; especially : something that serves to make time pass agreeably

pas·tor /ˈpāstər/ noun
[origin: ME pastour, fr. AF, fr. L pastor, herdsman, fr. pascre to feed, pasture, nurture]
: a minister or priest serving a local church or parish
— pas·tor·ate /ˈpāstərət/ noun

pastoral /ˈpāstərəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to shepherds or to rural life
2: of or relating to spiritual guidance esp. of a congregation
3: of or relating to the pastor of a church

Synonyms
• [1] bucolic, country, rural, rustic—more at RURAL
• [3] clerical, ministerial, priestly, sacerdotal—more at CLERICAL

pastoral noun
a literary work dealing with shepherds or rural life

**pass•to•ra•le** /pas•to•ral/ **noun**
[**ORIGIN**: It]
: a musical composition having a pastoral theme

**past participle** **noun**
: a participle that typically expresses completed action, that is one of the principal parts of the verb, and that is used in the formation of perfect tenses in the active voice and of all tenses in the passive voice

**pas•tra•mi** /pa•str•äm/ **noun**
[**ORIGIN**: Yiddish *pastrame*]
: a highly seasoned smoked beef prepared esp. from shoulder cuts

**pas•try** /pas•trē/ **noun, plural pastries**
: sweet baked goods made of dough or with a crust made of enriched dough

**pas•tur•age** /pas•chur•ij/ **noun**
: Pasture

1. **pasture** /pas•chur/ **noun**
   1 : plants (as grass) for the feeding esp. of grazing livestock
   2 : land or a plot of land used for grazing
      **Synonyms**
      - range—more at **RANGE**
   2. **pasture** **verb** pas•tured; pas•tur•ing
      1 : to feed on growing herbage : **GRAZE**
      2 : to use as pasture
         **Synonyms**
         - browse, forage, graze—more at **GRAZE**

**pasty** /pas•stē/ **adjective** past•ier; -est
1 : resembling paste
2 : pallid and unhealthy in appearance
   **Synonyms**
   - ashen, cadaverous, livid, lurid, pale, peaked, sallow—more at **PALE**

1. **pat** /pat/ **noun**
   1 : a light tap esp. with the hand or a flat instrument; *also*: the sound made by it
   2 : something (as butter) shaped into a small flat usu. square individual portion

2. **pat** **adverb**
   : in a pat manner : **PERFECTLY**

3. **pat** **verb** pat•ted; pat•ting
   1 : to strike lightly with a flat instrument
   2 : to flatten, smooth, or put into place or shape with a pat
   3 : to tap gently or lovingly with the hand

4. **pat** **adjective**
   1 : exactly suited to the occasion : **APT**
   2 : memorized exactly
   3 : characterized by firmness or obduracy : **UNYIELDING**
      **Synonyms**
      - adamant, hard, immovable, implacable, inflexible, rigid, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting, unyielding

**PAT** **abbreviation**
point after touchdown

1. **patch** /pach/ **noun**
1: a piece used to cover a torn or worn place; also: one worn on a garment as an ornament or insignia
2: a small area distinct from that about it
3: a shield worn over the socket of an injured or missing eye
4: a small piece: scrap

patch verb
1: to mend or cover with a patch
2: to make of fragments
3: to repair usu. in hasty fashion
   Synonyms
   doctors, fix, mend, recondition, renovate, repair, revamp—more at mend

patchouli /pa.chou.lé/ noun
: a heavy perfume made from the fragrant essential oil of an Asian mint; also: the plant itself

patch test noun
: a test for allergic sensitivity made by applying to the unbroken skin small pads soaked with the allergen to be tested

patchwork /pa.chou.wark/ noun
: something made of pieces of different materials, shapes, or colors

patchy /pa.ché/ adjective patchier, -est
: marked by or consisting of patches; also: irregular in appearance or quality
   Synonyms

patchiness /pa.ché.nis/ noun

pate /pát/ noun
: a person's head; especially: the crown of the head
   Synonyms
   head, noggin, poll—more at head

pâté also pate /pä.tá/ noun
[Origin: F]
1: a meat or fish pie or patty
2: a spread of finely chopped or pureed seasoned meat

pa-tel-la /pa.te.lá/ noun, plural -lae /-le/ or -las
[Origin: L]
: kneecap

pat-en /pa.tén/ noun
1: plate: especially: one of precious metal for the eucharistic bread
2: a thin disk

1 patent /pat.én/ and 4 are 'pat.én, Brit also 'pát.én, 2 & 3 are 'pat.én, 'pät./ adjective
1: open to public inspection — used chiefly in the phrase letters patent
2: free from obstruction
3: readily visible or intelligible: obvious
4: protected by a patent
   Synonyms
   Synonyms
   apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, perspicuous, plain,
   transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at clear

2 patent /pat.én, Brit also 'pät./ noun
1: an official document conferring a right or privilege
2: a document securing to an inventor for a term of years exclusive right to his or her invention
3: something patented
4 patent verb
: to secure by patent
pat·en·tee /ˌpäˈtən.ˌtē/ noun : one to whom a grant is made or a privilege secured by patent

pat·ent medicine /ˈpänt/ noun : a packaged nonprescription drug protected by a trademark; also : any proprietary drug

pa·ter·fa·mil·i·as /ˌpä.tər.ˌfə.məl.əs/ noun, plural pa·tres·fa·mil·i·as /ˌpä.ˌtrēz/ [ORIGIN: L] : the father of a family : the male head of a household

pa·ter·nal /ˌpä.ˈtərnəl/ adjective
1 : FATHERLY
2 : related through or inherited or derived from a father
— pa·ter·nal·ly adverb

pa·ter·nal·ism /ˌpä.ˈtərnəl.i.zəm/ noun : a system under which an authority treats those under its control paternally (as by regulating their conduct and supplying their needs)

pa·ter·ni·ty /ˌpä.ˈtər.nə.tē/ noun
1 : FATHERHOOD
2 : descent from a father

1 path /pæθ/ noun, plural paths /pæθz, pæθz, pæθz/ 1 ▶ : a trodden way
2 ▶ : a line of travel : ROUTE
— path·less adjective

Synonyms
[1] footpath, trace, track, trail—more at TRAIL
[2] course, line, route, track, way; also circle, circuit, loop, orbit; flight path, trajectory; ascent, descent

2 path or pathol abbreviation
pathology

path·break·ing /ˌpæθˌbrēˈkin/ adjective : TRAILBLAZING

pa·the·tic /ˈpæθ.tik/ adjective
1 ▶ : evoking tenderness, pity, or sorrow
2 : pitifully inadequate
— pa·the·tic·al·ly /ˌpæθ.tik(ə).li/ adverb

Synonyms
depressing, dismal, dreary, heartbreaking, melancholy, sad, sorry, tearful—more at SAD

path·find·er /ˈpæθ.fīn.dər, ˈpæθ/ noun : one that discovers a way; especially : one that explores untraveled regions to mark out a new route

path·o·gen /ˌpæθ.əˈjen/ noun : a specific agent (as a bacterium) causing disease
— path·o·gen·ic /ˌpæθ.əˈjen.ik/ adjective
— path·o·gen·ic·i·ty /ˌpæθ.əˈjen.ik.tē/ noun

pa·thog·ra·phy /ˌpæθ.əɡri.ˈfē/ noun : biography focusing on a person’s flaws and misfortunes

pa·thol·o·gy /ˌpæθ.əl.əˈje/ noun, plural -gies
1 : the study of the essential nature of disease
2 : the abnormality of structure and function characteristic of a disease
— path·o·log·i·cal /ˌpæθ.əˈləg.ik.l/ adjective
— pa·thol·o·gist /ˌpæθ.əˈlo.jist/ noun
pa·thos /pəˈθəʊs/ noun
: an element in experience or artistic representation evoking pity or compassion

path·way /ˌpaθˈweɪ, ˈpaθ/ noun
: PATH

pa·tience /ˈpæ.ʃəns/ noun
1 : the capacity, habit, or fact of being patient
2 chiefly British: SOLITAIRE

Synonyms
forbearance, long-suffering, sufferance, tolerance; also acquiescence, resignation; passivity, compliance, docility, obedience, subordination, willingness; discipline, self-control; submission

Antonyms
impatience

1 patient /ˈpæ.ʃənt/ adjective
1 : bearing pain or trials without complaint
2 : showing self-control: CALM
3 : steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity: PERSEVERING
— pa·tient·ly adverb

Synonyms
forbearing, long-suffering, stoic, tolerant, uncomplaining; also lenient; acquiescent, passive, resigned, unresistant, unsusceptible, yielding; agreeable, amenable, compliant, complying, docile, obedient, submissive, subordinate, tractable, willing; slavish, subservient; amiable, obliging; collected, composed, constrained, contained, curbéd, inhibited, repressed, restrained; disciplined, self-contained; apathetic, unresponsive

Antonyms
complaining, fed up, impatient, protesting

2 patient noun
: one under medical care

pa·ti·na /ˈpa.tə.nə, ˈpa.ˌtənə/ noun, plural pa·ti·nas /ˌpa.tə.nəz/ or pa·ti·nae /ˈpa.tə.niˌi/ 1 : a green film formed on copper and bronze by exposure to moist air
2 : a superficial covering or exterior

pa·ti·o /ˈpa.tē.oʊ, ˈpæ.ə/ noun, plural pa·ti·os
1 : a court or enclosure adjacent to a building: COURTYARD
2 : an often paved area near a dwelling used esp. for outdoor dining

pa·tois /ˈpæ.twɔɪs/ noun, plural pa·tois /ˌpæ.twɔɪz/ [origin: F]
1 : a dialect other than the standard dialect; especially: uneducated or provincial speech
2 : the characteristic special language of an occupational or social group: JARGON

Synonyms
argot, cant, dialect, jargon, language, lingo, patter, slang, vocabulary—more at DIALECT

pa·tri·arch /ˈpæ.trə.ˈɑrk/ noun
1 : a man revered as father or founder (as of a tribe)
2 : a venerable old man
3 : an ecclesiastical dignitary (as the bishop of an Eastern Orthodox see)
— pa·tri·arch·al /ˈpæ.trə.ˈɑrk.əl/ adjective
— pa·tri·arch·ate /ˈpæ.trə.ˈɑrk.ət/ noun
— pa·tri·arch·y /ˌ.ɑrk.əˈɹi/ noun

1 patrician /ˈpæ.tri.ʃən/ noun
: a person of high birth: ARISTOCRAT

2 patrician adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of patricians

**Synonyms**
- aristocratic, genteel, gentle, grand, highborn, noble, wellborn—more at **Noble**

**patricide** /ˈpæ.trəˌsaɪd/ noun
1: one who murders his or her own father
2: the murder of one's own father

**patrimony** /ˈpæ.trə.mən.ə/ noun
: something (as an estate) inherited or derived esp. from one's father: **heritage**

--- **patrimonial** adjective

**patriot** /ˈpæ.trɪ.oʊt/ noun
: one who loves his or her country

--- **patriotic** adjective
--- **patricularly** adverb
--- **patrism** noun

**patristic** /ˈpæ.trɪst.ɪk/ adjective
: of or relating to the church fathers or their writings

**patrol** /ˈpæ.trol/ noun
: the action of going the rounds (as of an area) for observation or the maintenance of security; also: a person or group performing such an action

--- **patrol** verb **patrolled; patrolling**
: to carry out a patrol

**patrolman** /ˈpæ.trol.mən/ noun
: a police officer assigned to a beat

**patrol wagon** noun
: **PADDY WAGON**

**patron** /ˈpæ.troʊn/ noun
1: a person chosen or named as special protector
2: a wealthy or influential supporter (<~ of poets>); also: **benefactor**
3: a regular client or customer

--- **patronage** noun
1: the support or influence of a patron
2: the trade of customers
3: control of appointment to government jobs

--- **patroness** noun
: a woman who is a patron

**patronize** British variant of **patronize**

--- **patronize** verb -ized; -izing
1: to be a customer of
2: to treat condescendingly, haughtily, or coolly
3: to act as patron of: provide aid or support for

--- **patronize** verb

--- **patronize** verb

--- **advocate, back, champion, endorse, support—more at **support**
pat·ro·nym·ic /ˈpaˌtraɪnəm/ noun
: a name derived from the name of one's father or a paternal ancestor usu. by the addition of an affix

pa·troon /ˈpaˌtrʊn/ noun
: the proprietor of a manorial estate esp. in New York under Dutch rule

pat·sy /ˈpatˌsē/ noun, plural pat·sies
: a person who is easily duped or victimized

1 patter /ˈpaˌtər/ verb
: to talk glibly or mechanically
2 patter noun
  1 : a specialized lingo
  2 : extremely rapid talk <a comedian's ~> Synonyms
  ↳ argot, cant, dialect, jargon, language, lingo, patois, slang, vocabulary—more at dialect

3 patter verb
: to strike, pat, or tap rapidly

4 patter noun
: a quick succession of taps or pats <the ~> of rain>

1 pattern /ˈpaˌtərn/ noun
  1 : an ideal model
  2 : something used as a model for making things <a dressmaker's ~> Synonyms
  ↳ [4] design, figure, motif, motive; also device; adornment, caparison, decoration, embellishment, frill, garnish, ornament, trim
  ↳ [6] custom, fashion, groove, habit, practice, routine, rut, treadmill, way, wont

2 pattern verb
: to form according to a pattern

pat·ty also pat·tie /ˈpaˌtē/ noun, plural patties
  1 : a little pie
  2 : a small flat cake esp. of chopped food Synonyms
  ↳ cutlet, fritter

pau·ci·ty /ˈpəˌsəˌtē/ noun
: smallness of number or quantity Synonyms
  ↳ dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at deficiency

paunch /ˈpɒnch/ noun
: a usu. large belly : potbelly
— paunchy adjective

pauper /ˈpəˌpər/ noun
: a person without means of support except from charity
— pauper·ize /ˌpəˌpərˌɪz/ verb

pauper·ism /ˌpəˌpərˈɪzəm/ noun
\[\textbf{pause} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}z}/ \textbf{noun}\]
1 : a temporary stop; also : a period of inaction
2 : a brief suspension of the voice
3 : a sign (as \(\uparrow\)) above or below a musical note or rest to show it is to be prolonged
4 : a reason for pausing
5 : a function of an electronic device that pauses a recording

\textbf{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
  \item break, breath, breathe, interruption, lull; also time-out; interim, interlude, intermission, interval, recess, respite, rest; cessation, discontinuance, ending, expiration, finishing, stopping, termination; abeyance, moratorium, suresuce, suspension; discontinuity, gap, hiatus
\end{itemize}

\[\textbf{pause} \textbf{verb} \textit{paused}; \textit{paus\text{-}ing}\]
: to stop, rest, or linger for a time

\[\textbf{pave} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}v}/ \textbf{verb} \textit{paved}; \textit{pav\text{-}ing}\]
: to cover (as a road) with hard material in order to smooth or firm the surface

\[\textbf{pave\text{-}ment} /\textit{pav\text{-}ment}/ \textbf{noun}\]
1 : a paved surface
2 : the material with which something is paved

\[\textbf{pa\text{-}vil\text{-}ion} /\textit{pa\text{-}vil\text{-}yon}/ \textbf{noun}\]
[origin: ME paviloun, pavillioun, fr. AF, fr. L papilion-, papilio butterfly]
1 : a large tent
2 : a light structure (as in a park) used for entertainment or shelter

\[\textbf{pav\text{-}ing} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}vin}/ \textbf{noun}\]
: \textit{PAVEMENT}

\[\textbf{paw} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}}/ \textbf{noun}\]
: the foot of a quadruped (as a dog or lion) having claws

\[\textbf{paw} \textbf{verb}\]
1 : to touch or strike with a paw; also : to scrape with a hoof
2 : to feel or handle clumsily or rudely
3 : to flail about or grab for with the hands

\[\textbf{pawl} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}l}/ \textbf{noun}\]
: a pivoted tongue or sliding bolt designed to fall into notches on another machine part to permit motion in one direction only

\[\textbf{pawn} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}n}/ \textbf{noun}\]
[origin: ME pown, fr. AF peoun, paun, fr. ML pedon-, pedo foot soldier, fr. LL, one with broad feet, fr. L ped-, pes foot]
: a chess piece of the least value

\[\textbf{pawn} \textbf{noun}\]
1 : something deposited as security for a loan; also : \textit{HOSTAGE}
2 : the state of being pledged

\textbf{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
  \item gage, guarantee, guaranty, pledge, security—more at \textit{PLEDGE}
\end{itemize}

\[\textbf{pawn} \textbf{verb}\]
: to deposit as a pledge

\[\textbf{pawn\text{-}bro\text{-}ker} /\textit{p\text{\textasciicircum}n\text{-}\text{br\text{\textasciicircum}k}\text{\textasciicircum}}/ \textbf{noun}\]
: one who lends money on goods pledged
Paw·nee /ˈpə.ni/ noun, plural Pawnee or Pawnees
: a member of an American Indian people orig. of Kansas and Nebraska

pawn·shop /ˈpōnˌshāp/ noun
: a pawnbroker's place of business

paw·paw also pa·paw
1 /ˈpā/ : PAPAYA
2 /ˈpā.ˈpō, ˈpō./ : a No. American tree with green-skinned edible fruit; also : its fruit

pay /ˈpā/ verb paid /ˈpād/ also in sense 7 payed; pay·ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF paier, fr. L pacare to pacify, fr. pac-, pax peace]
1 : to make due return to for goods or services <-- the grocer>
2 : to discharge indebtedness for : SETTLE <-- a bill>
3 : to give in forfeit <-- the penalty>
4 : REQUITE
5 : to give, offer, or make freely or as fitting <-- attention>
6 : to be profitable to : RETURN
7 : to make slack and allow to run out <-- out a rope>
8 : to give in return for goods or service <-- good money>
— pay·ee /ˈpā.ˈē/ noun
— pay·er noun

Synonyms
[1] compensate, recompense, remunerate; also reimburse, repay, requite; pay off, pay up, prepay
[2] clear, discharge, foot, liquidate, pay off, quit, recom pense, settle, spring, stand

Antonyms
repudiate

payback /ˈpāˌbak/ noun
1 : a return on an investment equal to the original capital outlay
2 : something given in return, compensation, or retaliation

paycheck /ˈpāˌchek/ noun
1 : a check in payment of wages or salary
2 : WAGES, SALARY

payload /ˈlōd/ noun
: the load carried by a vehicle in addition to what is necessary for its operation; also : the weight of such a load

Synonyms
burden, cargo, draft, freight, haul, lading, load, weight—more at LOAD
pay·mas·ter /ˌmæs.ˈteər/ noun
: one who distributes the payroll

pay·ment /ˈpeɪ.mənt/ noun
1 : the act of paying
2 : something paid

Synonyms
[1] compensation, disbursement, remittance, remuneration; also rendering, tendering; reimbursement, repayment; paying off, paying up

Antonyms
nonpayment, repudiation

[2] compensation, consideration, deposit, disbursement, expenditure, indemnity, outlay, pay, recompense, redress, remittance, remuneration, rent, reparation, requital, restitution, salary, settlement, stipend, wage

pay·off /ˌpeɪ.ˈô/ noun
1 : a valuable return: PROFIT; also RETRIBUTION
2 : the climax of an incident or enterprise <the ~ of a story>

Synonyms
earnings, gain, lucre, net, proceeds, profit, return—more at PROFIT

pay off verb
: to pay (a debt or a creditor) in full

Synonyms
clear, discharge, foot, liquidate, pay, quit, recompense, settle, spring, stand—more at PAY

pay–per–view noun
: a cable television service by which customers can order access to a single airing of a TV feature

pay·roll /ˌpeɪ.ˈrəʊl/ noun
: a list of persons entitled to receive pay; also: the money to pay those on such a list

payt abbreviation
payment

pay up verb
: to pay what is due; also: to pay in full

Pb symbol
[ORIGIN: L plumbum]
lead

PBS abbreviation
Public Broadcasting Service

PBX /ˈpeɪ.ˌbɛks/ noun
[ORIGIN: private branch exchange]
: a private telephone switchboard

1PC /ˌpeɪ.ˈsɛks/ noun, plural PCs or PC’s
[ORIGIN: personal computer]
: MICROCOMPUTER

2PC abbreviation
1 Peace Corps
2 percent; percentage
3 politically correct
4 postcard
5 [ORIGIN L post cibum] after meals
6 professional corporation

PCB /ˌpeɪ.ˌsɛks.ˈbɛks/ noun
: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL
PCP /ˌpɛ.sɛ.ˈpɛ/ noun
  : PHENCYCLIDINE
pct abbreviation percent; percentage
pd abbreviation paid
Pd symbol palladium
PD abbreviation 1 per diem
  2 police department
  3 potential difference
PDA /ˌpɛ.dəˈæ/ noun
  [ORIGIN: personal digital assistant]
  : a small microprocessor device for storing and organizing personal information
PDQ /ˌpɛ.dəˈkyʊ/ adverb, often not cap
  [ORIGIN: abbr. of pretty damned quick]
  : IMMEDIATELY
PDT abbreviation Pacific daylight (saving) time
PE abbreviation 1 physical education
  2 printer’s error
  3 professional engineer
pea /ˈpɛə/ noun, plural peas also pease /ˈpɛz/ 1 : the round edible protein-rich seed borne in the pod of a widely grown leguminous vine; also : this vine
  2 : any of various plants resembling or related to the pea
peace /ˈpɛs/ noun
  1 : a state of calm and quiet; especially : public security under law
  2 : freedom from disturbing thoughts or emotions
  3 : a state of concord (as between persons or governments); also : an agreement to end hostilities
— peaceable /ˈpɛςə.bl/ adjective
— peaceably /ˈblɛ/ adverb
  Synonyms
    ➤ [1] calm, calmness, hush, placidity, quiet, quietness, repose, serenity, still, stillness, tranquillity—more at CALM
    ➤ [3] compatibility, concord, harmony—more at HARMONY
peaceful /ˈpɛς.fəl/ adjective
  ➤ : untroubled by conflict, agitation, or commotion
  ➤ peace-ful-ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ➤ calm, halcyon, hushed, placid, quiet, serene, still, tranquil, untroubled—more at CALM
peacekeeping /ˈpɛς.kɛp.ɪŋ/ noun
  : the preserving of peace; especially : international enforcement and supervision of a truce
— peacekeeper noun
peace-maker /ˌmɛ.ʃər/ noun
  ➤ : one who settles an argument or stops a fight
  Synonyms
arbiter, arbitrator, go-between, intercessor, intermediary, mediator, middleman—more at mediator

peace-time /ˌpēz’tīm/ noun
: a time when a nation is not at war

peach /pēch/ noun
: a sweet juicy fuzzy-skinned fruit of a small usu. pink-flowered tree related to the cherry and plums; also : this tree—peachy adjective

peacock /pēˈkōk/ noun
: the male peafowl that can spread its long tail feathers to make a colorful display

peafowl /ˈpēˌfōl/ noun
: either of two large domesticated Asian pheasants

peahen /ˌpēˈhēn/ noun
: the female peafowl

1 peak /pēk/ noun
1 : a pointed or projecting part
2 a : the top of a hill or mountain
b : a prominent mountain usu. having a well-defined summit : mountain
3 : the front projecting part of a cap
4 : the narrow part of a ship's bow or stern
5 : the highest level or greatest degree
—peak adjective
  Synonyms
  - [2b] mount, mountain—more at mountain
  - [3] bill, visor—more at visor
  - [5] acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at height

2 peak verb
: to bring to or reach a maximum

1 peaked /pēkt/ adjective
: having a peak : pointed
  Synonyms
  - pointed, sharp—more at pointed

2 peaked /pēkt/ adjective
: being pale and wan or emaciated; also : somewhat unwell
  Synonyms
  - ashen, cadaverous, livid, lurid, pale, pasty—more at pale
  - bad, down, ill, indisposed, punk, sick, unhealthy, unsound, unwell—more at sick

1 peal /pēl/ noun
1 : the loud ringing of bells
2 : a set of tuned bells
3 : a loud sound or succession of sounds

2 peal verb
: to give out peals : resound
  Synonyms
  - chime, knell, ring, toll—more at ring

peanut /pēˈn(y)ət/ noun
1 : an annual herb related to the pea but having pods that ripen underground; also : this pod or one of the edible seeds it bears
2 plural ▶: a very small amount

**Synonyms**
▶ mite, pittance, shoestring, song—more at MITE

**pear** /pər/ noun
▶ the fleshy fruit of a tree related to the apple; also: this tree

**pearl** /pərl/ noun
1 ▶: a small hard often lustrous body formed within the shell of some mollusks and used as a gem
2 ▶: one that is choice or precious <~s of wisdom>
3 ▶: a slightly bluish medium gray color
— **pearly** /pərˈleɪ/ adjective

**Synonyms**
▶ catch, gem, jewel, plum, prize, treasure—more at PRIZE

**peas·ant** /ˈpez·ənt/ noun
1 ▶: any of a class of small landowners or laborers tilling the soil
2 ▶: a usu. uneducated person of low social status
— **peas·ant·ry** /ˈpez·ənt·rē/ noun

**pea·shoot·er** /pəˌshūt·ər/ noun
▶ a toy blowgun for shooting peas

**peat** /pɛt/ noun
▶ a dark substance formed by partial decay of plants (as mosses) in water
— **peaty** adjective

**peat moss** noun
▶ SPHAGNUM

**pebble** /ˈpe bəl/ noun
▶ a small usu. round stone

**pebble** verb **peb·bled; peb·bling**
▶ to produce a rough surface texture in <~ leather>

**peb·bly** /ˈpe bə(ə)lē/ adjective
▶ containing or resembling pebbles

**Synonyms**
▶ broken, bumpy, coarse, irregular, jagged, lumpy, ragged, rough, rugged, uneven—more at UNEVEN

**pec** /ˈpek/ noun
▶ PECTORAL MUSCLE

**pe·can** /ˈpēˌkān, ˈpēˌkan/ noun
▶ the smooth thin-shelled edible nut of a large American hickory; also: this tree

**pe·ca·dil·lo** /ˈpe ˌkal·diˌlo/ noun, plural -loes or -los
▶ a slight offense

**pe·ca·ry** /ˈpe ˌkärē/ noun, plural -ries
▶ any of several American chiefly tropical mammals resembling but smaller than the related pigs

**pe·ca·vi** /ˈpeˌkäˌvé/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, I have sinned, fr. peccare to sin]
▶ an acknowledgment of sin

**peck** /pek/ noun
1 ▶: a unit of dry capacity equal to 1/4 bushel
2 ▶: a large amount

**peck** verb
1: to strike or pierce with or as if with the bill
2: to make (as a hole) by pecking
3: to pick up with or as if with the bill

peck noun
1: an impression made by pecking
2: a quick sharp stroke

pecking order also peck order noun
: a basic pattern of social organization within a flock of poultry in which each bird pecks another lower in the scale without being pecked in return and submits to pecking by one of higher rank; also: a social hierarchy

pectin /pekˈtən/ noun
: any of various water-soluble plant substances that cause fruit jellies to set

— pectic /ˈpɛktɪk/ adjective

pectoral /pekˈtərəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the breast or chest

pectoral muscle noun
: either of two muscles on each side of the body which connect the front walls of the chest with the bones of the upper arm and shoulder

peculiar /ˈpɛkjələr/ adjective
[origin: ME peculier, fr. L peculiaris of private property, special, fr. peculium private property, fr. pecus cattle]
1 : belonging exclusively to one person or group
2 : characteristic of only one person, group, or thing: DISTINCTIVE
3 : differing markedly from the usual or ordinary or accepted: UNUSUAL

— peculiar·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] individual, particular, personal, private, separate, singular, unique—more at INDIVIDUAL
[2] characteristic, classic, distinct, distinctive, individual, proper, symptomatic, typical—more at CHARACTERISTIC
[3] curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, queer, rare, singular, strange, unaccustomed, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual, un wonted, weird—more at UNUSUAL

peculiar·i·ty /ˈpɛkjələriˈti/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being peculiar
2 : a distinguishing characteristic
3 : an odd person, thing, event, or trait

Synonyms
[2] attribute, character, characteristic, feature, mark, point, property, quality, trait—more at CHARACTERISTIC
[3] crotchet, eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, mannerism, oddity, quirk, singularity, trick—more at IDIOSYCRACY

pecuniary /ˈpɛkJʌneri/ adjective
: of or relating to money: MONETARY

Synonyms
financial, fiscal, monetary—more at FINANCIAL

pedagogue also pedagoge /ˈpɛdəˌgəg/ noun
: one that teaches: TEACHER

Synonyms
educator, instructor, schoolteacher, teacher—more at TEACHER

pedagogy /ˈpɛdəˌgɔj/ noun
: the art or profession of teaching; especially: EDUCATION 2

— pedagogic /ˈpɛdəˌgɔjɪk/ or pedagogical /ˌjɛdəˈgɔjɪk/ adjective

pedal /ˈpɛdəl/ noun
: a lever worked by the foot
pedal adjective
: of or relating to the foot

verb ped·aled also ped·alled; ped·al·ing also ped·al·ling
1 : to use or work a pedal (as of a piano or bicycle)
2 : to ride a bicycle

ped·ant /ped·ənt/ noun
1 : a person who makes a show of knowledge
2 : a formal uninspired teacher
   — pe·dan·tic /pə·dan·tik/ adjective
   — ped·ant·ry /ped·ənt·ri/ noun

ped·dle /ped·əl/ verb ped·dled; ped·dling
: to sell or offer for sale from place to place
   — ped·dler also ped·lar /ped·lar/ noun

ped·er·ast /pe·ər·ə·æst/ noun
[origin: Gk paiderastēs, lit., lover of boys]
: one who practices anal intercourse esp. with a boy
   — ped·er·as·ty /pe·ə·ra·stē/ noun

ped·es·tal /pe·des·tal/ noun
1 : the support or foot of something (as a column, statue, or vase) that is upright
2 : a position of high regard

ped·estrian /pe·des·trı·ən/ adjective
1 : marked by dullness or ordinariness : ORDINARY
2 : going on foot

ped·estrian noun
: WALKER

pe·di·at·rics /pə·di·ə·trıks/ noun
: a branch of medicine dealing with the development, care, and diseases of children
   — pe·di·at·ric /ə·trık/ adjective
   — pe·di·a·tri·cian /pə·di·ə·trı·shən/ noun

pedi·cab /pe·di·kab/ noun
: a pedal-driven tricycle with seats for a driver and two passengers

ped·i·cure /pe·di·kyüər/ noun
: care of the feet, toes, and nails; also : a single treatment of these parts
   — ped·i·cur·ist /ˌkɪərɪst/ noun

ped·i·gree /pe·di·grē/ noun
[origin: ME pedegru, fr. AF pé de grue, lit., crane's foot; fr. the shape made by the lines of a genealogical chart]
1 : a record of a line of ancestors
2 ▶ : an ancestral line
   — ped·i·greed /ˌgrıd/ adjective

Synonyms
   ▶ ancestry, birth, blood, bloodline, breeding, descent, extraction, family tree, genealogy, line, lineage, origin, parentage, stock, strain—more at ANCESTRY

ped·i·ment /pe·di·ment/ noun
: a low triangular gablelike decoration (as over a door or window) on a building

ped·om·e·ter /pe·də·mə·tar/ noun
: an instrument that measures the distance one walks
**pe·do·phile** /ˈpe.ˌdəˌfil/ noun
: one affected with pedophilia

**pe·do·phil·ia** /ˌpe.ˌdəˌfilˈe.ə/ noun
: sexual perversion in which children are the preferred sexual object

**pe·dun·cle** /ˌpē.ˌdənˈkəl/ noun
: a narrow supporting stalk

**peek** /ˈpēk/ verb
1 : to look furtively
2 : to peer from a place of concealment
3 : to take a brief look : GLANCE

**peel** /ˈpēl/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME pelen, fr. AF peler, fr. L pilare to remove the hair from, fr. pilus hair]
1 : to strip the skin, bark, or rind from
2 a : to strip off (as a coat) — often used with off
b : to come off
3 : to lose the skin, bark, or rind

**peel** noun
: a skin or rind esp. of a fruit

**peeling** /ˈpē.əlɪŋ/ noun
: a peeled-off piece or strip (as of skin or rind)

**peen** /ˈpēn/ noun
: the usu. hemispherical or wedge-shaped end of the head of a hammer opposite the face

**peep** /ˈpēp/ verb
1 : to utter a feeble shrill sound or the slightest sound

**peep** noun
: a feeble shrill sound

**peep** verb
1 : to look slyly esp. through an aperture : PEEK
2 : to begin to emerge
3 : to look at : WATCH

— **peep·er** noun

**peep** noun
1 : a first faint appearance
2 : a brief or furtive look

**peep·hole** /ˈpēpˌhōl/ noun
: a hole to peep through
1 **peer** /pɪər/ **noun**
   1 : one of equal standing with another : **EQUAL**
   2 : **Noble**

   — **peer·age** /ˈpɪər·ɪdʒ/ **noun**

   **Synonyms**
   
   1 : coordinate, counterpart, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, match, parallel, rival—more at **EQUAL**

2 **peer** **verb**
   1 : to look intently or curiously
   2 : to come slightly into view

   — **peer·ess** /ˈpɪər·əs/ **noun**

   : a woman who is a peer

   — **peer·less** /ˈpɪər·ləs/ **adjective**

   1 : having no equal : **MATCHLESS**

   **Synonyms**

   1 : incomparable, inimitable, matchless, unequaled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed

1 **peeve** /ˈpiːv/ **verb** peev·ed; peev·ing

   1 : to make resentful : **ANNOY**

   **Synonyms**

   1 : aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at **IRRITATE**

2 **peeve** **noun**
   1 : a feeling or mood of resentment
   2 : a particular grievance

   **Synonyms**

   1 [1] dudgeon, huff, offense, pique, resentment, umbrage—more at **PIQUE**
   2 [2] aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, pest, problem, thorn—more at **ANNOYANCE**

**pee·vish** /ˈpiːv·iʃ/ **adjective**

1 : querulous in temperament : **FRETFUL**
2 : perversely obstinate
3 : marked by ill temper

   — **pee·vish·ly** **adverb**

   **Synonyms**

   2 [2] dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at **OBSTINATE**
   3 [3] crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irritable, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at **IRRITABLE**

**pee·vish·ness** /ˈpiːv·iʃ·nəs/ **noun**

: the quality or state of being peevish

**Synonyms**

hardheadedness, mulishness, obduracy, obstinacy, pertinacity, self-will, stubbornness, tenacity—more at **OBSTINACY**

biliousness, grumpiness, irritability, perverseness, perversity

**pee·wee** /ˈpiːw(ə)ˌwi/ **noun**

1 : one that is diminutive or tiny

   **Synonyms**

   dwarf, midget, mite, pygmy, runt, scrub, shrimp—more at **DWARF**

1 **peg** /pɪɡ/ **noun**
   1 : a small pointed piece (as of wood) used to pin down or fasten things or to fit into holes
   2 : a projecting piece used as a support or boundary marker
3: SUPPORT, PRETEXT
4: a step or degree esp. in estimation <set him down a ~>
5: THROW
   Synonyms
   • cut, degree, grade, inch, notch, phase, point, stage, step—more at DEGREE
2: peg verb pegged, peg·ging
1: to put a peg into : fasten, pin down, or attach with or as if with pegs
2: to work hard and steadily : PLUG
3: HUSTLE
4: to mark by pegs
5: to hold (as prices) at a set level or rate
6: to place in a definite category
7: to propel through the air by a forward motion of the hand and arm : THROW
8: to work steadily and diligently — often used with away
   Synonyms
   • [6] assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, place, range, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY
   • usually peg away [8] drudge, endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, labor, plod, plug, slave, slog, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work—more at LABOR

PEI abbreviation
Prince Edward Island

pei·gnoir /pe̞nˈwar, pen/ noun
[origin: F, lit., garment worn while combing the hair, fr. MF, fr. peigner to comb the hair, fr. L pectinare, fr. pectin-, pecten comb]
: NEGLIGEE

1: pejorative /pl. jər·ə·tiv/ noun
: a pejorative word or phrase

“pejorative adjective
: having negative connotations : DISPARAGING
— pe·jo·ra·tive·ly adverb

peke /pēk/ noun, often cap
: PEKINGESE

Peking·ese or Pe·king·ese /pēˈkənˌi,′nēz, ′nēsˌkiˈnēz, ′ēs/ noun, plural Pekingese or Pekinese
: any of a breed of Chinese origin of small short-legged long-haired dogs

pe·koe /pēˌkō/ noun
: a black tea made from young tea leaves

pel·age /ˈpeləj/ noun
: the hairy covering of a mammal
   Synonyms
   • coat, fleece, fur, hair, pile, wool

pe·lag·ic /peˈlæg·ik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or living or occurring in the open sea : OCEANIC
   Synonyms
   • marine, maritime, oceanic—more at MARINE

pelf /pelf/ noun
: something generally accepted as a medium of exchange : MONEY
   Synonyms
   • cash, currency, dough, lucre, money, tender—more at MONEY

pel·i·can /ˈpeləkən/ noun
pel·la·gra /ˈpeɪ.ˌlə.ˈɡrə/ noun
: any of a genus of large web-footed birds having a pouched lower bill used to scoop in fish

disease caused by a diet with too little niacin and protein and marked by a skin rash, disease of the digestive system, and mental disturbances

pel·let /ˈpel.ət/ noun
1 : a little ball (as of medicine)
2 : BULLET
— pel·let·al /əˌle.təl/ adjective
— pel·let·ize /.ˈfel.təˌzaɪz/ verb

pell–mell /ˈpel.əˌmɛl/ adverb
1 : in mingled confusion
2 : in confused haste : HEADLONG

pel·lu·cid /ˈpeɪ.ˌlu.ʃəd/ adjective
: extremely clear : LIMPID, TRANSPARENT

pe·lo·ton /ˌpeɪ.ˌlə.tən/ noun
: the main body of riders in a bicycle race

pelt /ˈpelt/ noun
1 : a skin esp. of a fur-bearing animal

pelt verb
1 : to strike with a succession of blows or missiles
2 : to propel through the air by a forward motion of the hand and arm : THROW
3 : to move rapidly and vigorously

pel·vis /ˈpel.vəs/ noun, plural pel·vis·es /ˌvel.ə.ˈsaɪz/ or pel·ves /ˌvel.əz/
: a basin-shaped part of the vertebrate skeleton consisting of the large bone of each hip and the nearby bones of the spine

pel·vic /ˈpel.vɪk/ adjective

pe·mi·can also pem·i·can /ˈpeɪ mi.ˈkæn/ noun
: dried meat pounded fine and mixed with melted fat

pen /ˈpɛn/ verb pen·ned; pen·ning
1 : to shut in or as if in a pen

pen noun
1 : a small enclosure for animals
2 : a small place of confinement or storage

pel·mell·ing /ˈpel.əˌmɛl.ɪŋ/ noun
: the activity of pell–mell

pell·ment /ˈpel.əˌmɛnt/ noun
: paper: WRITING PAPER

pel·ula·tion /ˌpəˌlu.ˈle.ʃən/ noun
: an increased number of pelliform concretions

pel·lar·no·ly·sis /ˌpəˌle.ər.ˈno.ˌla.ˌsɪs/ noun
: a surgical procedure to remove arthritic bone spurs from the pelvis

pe·ly·sion /ˌpeɪ.ˌli.ˈzɪʃən/ noun
: a condition that may cause bone spurs

pel·voir·na·tion /ˌpeɪ.ˌvo.ɪr.ˈna.ˌʃən/ noun
: the act of removing bone spurs from the pelvis
1 pen noun
   1: an implement for writing or drawing with ink or a similar fluid
   2: a writing instrument regarded as a means of expression
   3: stylus 3

4 pen verb penned; pen·ning
   : to set down in writing as the author of: write

5 pen noun
   : a state or federal prison: penitentiary

6 pen abbreviation
   peninsula

PEN abbreviation
   International Association of Poets, Playwrights, Editors, Essayists and Novelists

penal /ˈpɛnəl/ adjective
   : of or relating to punishment
   Synonyms
   - corrective, disciplinary, punitive—more at punitive

penal-ise British variant of penalize

penal·ize /ˈpɛnəlz·iz/ · pen/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
   : to put a penalty on
   Synonyms
   - castigate, chasten, chastise, correct, discipline, punish—more at punish

pen·al·ty /ˈpɛnəl·tē/ noun, plural -ties
   1: punishment for crime or offense
   2: something forfeited when a person fails to do something agreed to
   3: disadvantage, loss, or hardship due to some action
   Synonyms
   - [1] castigation, chastisement, correction, desert, discipline, nemesis, punishment, wrath—more at punishment
   - [2] damages, fine, forfeit, mulct—more at fine

pen·ance /ˈpɛnəns/ noun
   1: an act performed to show sorrow or repentance for sin
   2: a sacrament (as in the Roman Catholic Church) consisting of confession, absolution, and a penance directed by the confessor

pence /ˈpɛns/ plural of penny

pen·chant /ˈpɛn·chənt/ noun
   : a strong inclination
   Synonyms
   - bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn

1 pencil /ˈpɛnsəl/ noun
   : a writing or drawing tool consisting of or containing a slender cylinder of a solid marking substance

2 pencil verb -ciled or -cilled; -cil·ing or -cil·ling
   : to draw or write with a pencil

pen·dant also pen·dent /ˈpɛn·dant/ noun
   : a hanging ornament
   Synonyms
   - charm; also locket
pendent or pendant /ˈpen dənt/ adjective
: supported from above: SUSPENDED, OVERHANGING

pending /ˈpen dən/ preposition
1: DURING
2: while awaiting

pending adjective
1 †: not yet decided
2 †: ready to take place: IMMINENT

Synonyms
[1] open, undecided, undetermined, unresolved, unsettled; also hanging; arguable, debatable, disputable, moot, uncertain, unsure

Antonyms
decided, determined, resolved, settled

[2] coming, forthcoming, imminent, impending, oncoming—more at FORTHCOMING

pendulous /ˈpɛn də ləs, -də lət/ adjective
†: hanging loosely

Synonyms
droopy
dependent—more at DEPENDENT

pendulum /ˈpɛn də ləm/ noun
: a body that swings freely from a fixed point

pe-ne-plain also pe-ne-plane /ˈpɛˌnəˌplān/ noun
: a large almost flat land surface shaped by erosion

penetrable /ˈpɛn trə bəl/ adjective
†: capable of being penetrated

Synonyms
passable, permeable, porous; also absorbent

Antonyms
impassable, impenetrable, impermeable, impervious, nonporous

penetrate /ˈpɛn trət/ verb -trat·ed, -trat·ing
1 †: to enter into: PIERCE
2: PERMEATE
3: to see into: UNDERSTAND
4: to affect deeply

— penetration /ˌpɛn trəˈsha n/ noun
— penetrative /ˈpɛn trə tiv/ adjective

Synonyms
access, enter, pierce, probe

penetrating adjective
1 †: having the power of entering, piercing, or pervading <a ~ shriek> <a ~ wind>
2: ACUTE, DISCERNING <a ~ look>

Synonyms
biting, bitter, cutting, keen, piercing, raw, sharp—more at CUTTING

penguin /ˈpen gwan, ˈpen gən/ noun
: any of various erect short-legged flightless seabirds of the southern hemisphere

penicillin /ˈpen ə sə lən/ noun
: any of several antibiotics produced by molds or synthetically and used against various bacteria

peninsula /ˈpɛnən sə lə/ noun
[origin: L paeninsula, fr. paene almost + insula island]
a long narrow portion of land extending out into the water
—pen-in-su-lar /lər/ adjective
  Synonyms
  • arm, cape, headland, point, promontory, spit—more at Cape

pe·nis /pəˌnis/ noun, plural pe·nis·es also pe·nes /ˌnēz/
• a male organ of copulation that in the human male also functions as the channel by which urine leaves the body

pen·i·ence /ˈpen.aˌtəns/ noun
• the quality or state of being penitent
  Synonyms
  • contrition, guilt, remorse, repentance, self-reproach, shame—more at Guilt

1 pen·itent /ˈpen.ə.tənt/ adjective
• feeling sorrow for sins or offenses: REPENTANT
—pen·i·ten·tial /ˈpen.əˌten.chəl/ adjective
  Synonyms
  • apologetic, contrite, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorry—more at Contrite

2 pen·itent noun
• a penitent person

1 peni·ten·tiary /ˈpen.əˌten.chərē/ noun, plural -tries
• a state or federal prison

2 peni·ten·tiary adjective
• of, relating to, or incurring confinement in a peni·ten·tiary

pen·knife /ˈpen.niFL/ noun
• a small pocketknife

pen·light also pen·lite /ˌlīt/ noun
• a small flashlight resembling a fountain pen in size or shape

pen·man /ˈpen.mən/ noun
  1: COPYIST
  2: one skilled in penmanship
  3: AUTHOR

pen·man·ship /ˌshəp/ noun
  1 • the art or practice of writing with the pen
  2 • quality or style of handwriting
  Synonyms
  • [1, 2] handwriting, manuscript, script—more at Handwriting

Penn or Penna abbreviation
Pennsylvania

pen·name noun
• an author's pseudonym

pen·nant /ˈpen.nənt/ noun
  1 • a tapering flag used esp. for signaling
  2 • a flag symbolic of championship
  Synonyms
  • banner, colors, ensign, flag, jack, standard, streamer—more at Flag

pen·ne /ˈpen.nə/ noun
• short diagonally cut tubular pasta

pen·ni·less /ˈpen.ni.əs/ adjective
• destitute of money
Synonyms

- broke, destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken—more at **poor**

**pen·non** /pənˈnɔn/ noun
1: a long narrow ribbonlike flag borne on a lance
2: **WING**

**Penn·syl·va·nian** /ˈpɛnˌsəl.vəˌni.ən/ adjective
1: of or relating to Pennsylvania or its people
2: of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Mississippian and the Permian
   — Pennsylvania noun

**pen·ny** /ˈpɛn.ni/ noun, plural pennies /ˈpɛn.əz/ or pence /ˈpens/  
1: a British monetary unit formerly equal to 1/12 shilling but now equal to 1/100 pound; also: a coin of this value
2 plural pennies: a cent of the U.S. or Canada

**pen·ny–pinch·ing** /ˈpɛn.niˌpin.chɪŋ/ noun
: **PARSIMONY**
   — **pen·ny–pinch·er** noun
   — **penny–pinching** adjective

**pen·ny–weight** /ˌpɛnˈni.æt/ noun
: a unit of troy weight equal to 1/20 troy ounce

**pen·ny–wise** /ˌpɛnˈni.zi/ adjective
: wise or prudent only in small matters

**pe·nol·o·gy** /ˈpɛnˌo.ləˌje/ noun
: a branch of criminology dealing with prisons and the treatment of offenders

1 **pension** /ˈpɛn.shən/ noun
: a fixed sum paid regularly esp. to a person retired from service

2 **pension** verb
: to pay a pension to
   — **pen·sion·er** noun

**pen·sive** /ˈpɛn.siv/ adjective
: musingly, dreamily, or sadly thoughtful
   — **pen·sive·ly** adverb

   Synonyms
   - contemplative, meditative, melancholy, reflective, ruminant, thoughtful—more at **CONTEMPLATIVE**

**pen·stock** /ˈpɛn.stək/ noun
1: a sluice or gate for regulating a flow
2: a pipe for carrying water

   Synonyms
   - channel, conduit, duct, leader, line, pipe, tube—more at **PIPE**

**pent** /ˈpent/ adjective
: shut up: **CONFINED**

**pen·ta·gon** /ˈpɛn.tə.gən/ noun
: a polygon of five angles and five sides
   — **pen·tag·o·nal** /ˈpɛn.tag.o.nəl/ adjective

**pen·tam·e·ter** /ˈpɛnˌtə.məˈtər/ noun
: a line of verse containing five metrical feet

**pen·tath·lon** /ˈpɛn.təˌθəˌlɔn/ noun
: a composite athletic contest consisting of five events
Pen-te-cost /ˈPɛntəkɒst/ noun
: the 7th Sunday after Easter observed as a church festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles
— Pen-te-cos-tal /ˈPɛntəkɒstəl/ adjective
Pentecostal noun
: a member of a Christian religious body that stresses expressive worship, evangelism, and spiritual gifts
— Pen-te-cos-tal-ism /ˈPɛntəkɒstəli.zəm/ noun
pent-house /ˈpent.haus/ noun
[origin: alter. of ME pentis, fr. AF apentiz, fr. apent, pp. of apendre to attach, hang against]
1 : a shed or sloping roof attached to a wall or building
2 : an apartment built on the roof of a building
3 ▷ : a smaller structure joined to a building
Synonyms
▷ addition, annex, extension—more at ANNEX
pen-ul-ti-mate /ˈpɛn.əl.tɪ.mət/ adjective
: next to the last "< syllable>"
pen-um-bra /ˈpɛn.əm.bra/ noun, plural -bras /_.brə/ or -bras
: the partial shadow surrounding a complete shadow (as in an eclipse)
penu-ri-ous /ˈpɛn.yər.i.əs_.nər.i.əs/ adjective
1 ▷ : marked by or suffering from penury
2 ▷ : given to or marked by extreme stinting frugality
Synonyms
▷ [1] broke, destitute, impeccunious, indigent, needy, penniless, poor, poverty-stricken—more at POOR
▷ [2] cheap, close, mean, niggardly, parsimonious, spare, sparing, stingy, tight, tightfisted, uncharitable—more at STINGY
pen-u-ry /ˈpɛn.yər.i/ noun
1 ▷ : extreme poverty
2 : extreme frugality
Synonyms
▷ beggary, destitution, impeccuniousness, impoverishment, indigence, need, pauperism, poverty, want—more at POVERTY
pe-on /ˈpɛ.ən.ən/ noun, plural peons or peo·nes /ˈpɛ.o.nəz/ 1 : a member of the landless laboring class in Spanish America
2 : one bound to service for payment of a debt
3 ▷ : one who does menial or tedious labor
— pe-on-age /ˈpɛ.nə.ɪdʒ/ noun
Synonyms
▷ drudge, fag, slave, toiler, worker—more at SLAVE
pe-o·ny /ˈpɛ.o.nə/ noun, plural -nies
: any of a genus of chiefly Eurasian plants with large often double red, pink, or white flowers; also : the flower
people /ˈpɛ.ə.ri/ noun, plural people
[origin: ME peple, fr. AF peple, people, fr. L populus]
1 plural : human beings making up a group or linked by a common characteristic or interest
2 plural : human beings — often used in compounds instead of persons <salespeople>
3 plural ▷ : the mass of persons in a community : POPULACE; also : ELECTORATE <the ~'s choice>
4 plural peoples ▷ : a body of persons (as a tribe, nation, or race) united by a common culture, sense of kinship, or political organization
Synonyms
▷ [2] folks, humanity, humankind, persons, public, society, world; also crowd, masses, snob, populace, proletariat, rabble, riffraff
[3] commoners, herd, masses, mob, masses, plebeians, populace, rank and file
[4] blood, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinsfolk, line, lineage, race, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY

**people** verb *peo·pled; peo·pling*
: to supply or fill with or as if with people

**pep** /ˈpep/ noun
▶ brisk energy or initiative
  Syntax
  ▶ dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, life, sap, snap, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at VIGOR

**pep** verb *pepped; pep·ping*
▶ to put pep into : STIMULATE
  Syntax
  ▶ usually pep up animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at ANIMATE

**pepper** /ˈpepər/ noun
1 : either of two pungent condiments from the berry *(pep*per*corn/ˌkŏrn/)* of an Indian climbing plant; also : this plant
2 : a plant related to the tomato and widely grown for its hot or mild sweet fruit; also : this fruit

**pepper** verb *pepped; pep·per·ing*
1 ▶ : to sprinkle or season with or as if with pepper
2 : to shower with missiles or rapid blows
  Syntax
  ▶ dot, scatter, sow, spray, sprinkle, strew—more at SCATTER

**pep·per·mint** /ˈpep.pər.mənt/ noun
: a pungent aromatic mint; also : candy flavored with its oil

**pep·per·o·ni** /ˌpe.pər.ə.nē/ noun
: a highly seasoned beef and pork sausage

**pepper spray** noun
: a temporarily disabling aerosol that causes irritation and blinding of the eyes and inflammation of the nose, throat, and skin

**pep·per·y** /ˈpep.pər.ē/ adjective
1 : having the qualities of pepper : PUNGENT, HOT
2 : having a hot temper
3 ▶ : full of or exuding emotion or spirit : FIERY
  Syntax
  ▶ fiery, high-spirited, mettlesome, spirited, spunky—more at SPIRITED

**pep·py** /ˈpep.pē/ adjective
▶ full of pep
  Syntax
  ▶ active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, gay, jaunty, jazzy, lively, perky, pert, racy, snappy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY

**pep·sin** /ˈpep.sin/ noun
: an enzyme of the stomach that promotes digestion by breaking down proteins; also : a preparation of this used medicinally

**pep·tic** /ˈpep.tik/ adjective
[origin: L pepticus, fr. Gk peptikos, fr. peptos cooked, pepein to cook, digest]
1 : relating to or promoting digestion
2 : caused by digestive juices <a ~ ulcer>

**Pe·quot** /ˈpēˌkwä̃t/ noun
: a member of an American Indian people of eastern Connecticut

1 per /ˈpɜːr/ preposition
1 ▶: by means of
2 : to or for each
3 : ACCORDING TO
   Synonyms
   ▶ by, through, with—more at BY

2 per adverb
: for each : APIECE

3 per abbreviation
1 period
2 person

1 peradventure /ˈpɜːr.ə.də.vər.ti/ adverb, archaic
: PERHAPS

2 peradventure noun
1 : DOUBT
2 : CHANCE

per-am-bu-late /ˈpɜːr.əm.ˌbəˌlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
: to travel over esp. on foot

per-am-bu-la-tion /ˈpɜːr.əm.ˌbəˌlā.ˈshən/ noun
▶: an act of walking about : STROLL
   Synonyms
   ▶ ramble, stroll, turn, walk—more at WALK

per-am-bu-la-tor /ˈpɜːr.əm.ˌbəˌləˌtər/ noun, chiefly British
: a baby carriage

per an·num /ˈpɜər.ən.ˈnəm/ adverb
[ORIGIN: ML]
: in or for each year : ANNUALLY

per·cal·e /ˈpɜr.ˌkəl, ˈpɜr.ˌkæl/ noun
: a fine woven cotton cloth

per cap·i·ta /ˈpɜr.ˌkæp.ə.tə/ adverb or adjective
[ORIGIN: ML, by heads]
▶: by or for each person
   Synonyms
   ▶ all, apiece—more at APIECE

per·ceive /ˈpɜr.ˈsēv/ verb per·ceived; per·ceiv·ing
1 ▶: to attain awareness or understanding of
2 ▶: to become aware of through the senses
   — per·ceiv·able adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, make out, notice, see, seize, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND
   ▶ [2] feel, scent, see, sense, smell, taste—more at FEEL

1 percent /ˈpɜr.ˌsɛnt/ adverb
[ORIGIN: per + L centum hundred]
: in each hundred

2 percent noun, plural percent or per cents
1 : one part in a hundred : HUNDREDTH
PERCENTAGE

noun
1 : a part of a whole expressed in hundredths
2 : the result obtained by multiplying a number by a percent
3 : ADVANTAGE, PROFIT
4 : a likelihood based on cumulative statistics : PROBABILITY; also : favorable odds
   Synonyms
   chance, odds, probability—more at PROBABILITY

percentage point noun
: one hundredth of a whole <rates rose one percentage point from 6.5 to 7.5 percent>

per-cent-nile /pərˈsen.təl/ noun
: a value on a scale of one hundred indicating the standing of a score or grade in terms of the percentage of scores or grades falling with or below it

per-cep-tion /pərˈsep.shən/ noun
1 : an act or result of perceiving
2 : awareness of one's environment through physical sensation
3 : ability to understand
   Synonyms
   [1] appreciation, apprehension, comprehension, grasp, grip, understanding—more at COMPREHENSION
   [3] discernment, insight, sagacity, sapience, wisdom—more at WISDOM

per-cep-tive /pərˈsep.tiv/ adjective
: capable of or exhibiting keen perception
   Synonyms
   acute, delicate, keen, sensitive, sharp—more at ACUTE
   discerning, insightful, sagacious, sage, sapient, wise—more at WISE

per-cep-tu-al /pərˈsep.chə.wəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving sensory stimulus as opposed to abstract concept
   Synonyms
   1, 2 : alight, settle, or rest on a perch, a height, or a precarious spot
   3 : to place on a perch, a height, or a precarious spot
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] alight, land, light, roost, settle—more at ALIGHT

perch noun, plural perch or perches
: either of two small freshwater bony fishes used for food; also : any of various fishes resembling or related to these
per·chance  /pərˈtʃans/  adverb
- possibly but not certainly:  **PERHAPS**
  **Synonyms**
  - conceivably, maybe, perhaps, possibly—more at  **PERHAPS**

per·cip·i·ent  /pərˈsɪp.ənt/  adjective
- capable of or characterized by perception
  - per·cip·i·ence  /ˈsɪp.əns/  noun

per·co·late  /pərˈkə.lət/  verb  -lat·ed;  -lat·ing
1  ▶: to trickle or filter through a permeable substance
2  : to filter hot water through to extract the essence (~ coffee)
3  ▶: to spread gradually
  - per·co·la·tor  /ˌlə.tər/  noun
  **Synonyms**
  - [1] bleed, exude, ooze, seep, strain, sweat, weep—more at  **EXUDE**
  - usually percolate into [3] permeate, suffuse, transfuse—more at  **PERMEATE**

per con·tra  /pərˈkɑn.tɾə/  adverb
[origin: It, by the opposite side (of the ledger)]
1  : on the contrary
2  : by way of contrast

per·cus·sion  /pərˈkə.shon/  noun
1  : a sharp blow:  **IMPACT**; especially: a blow upon a cap (percussion cap) designed to explode the charge in a firearm
2  : the beating or striking of a musical instrument; also: instruments sounded by striking, shaking, or scraping

per di·em  /pərˈdē.əm/  .ˈdē/  adverb
[origin: ML]
- by the day
  - per diem  adjective or noun

per·di·tion  /pərˈdi.ʃan/  noun
1  : eternal damnation
2  :  **HELL**

per·du·ra·ble  /pərˈdərə.bl/  .ˈdərəl/  adjective
- very durable
  - per·du·ra·bil·i·ty  /ˌdərə.ˈbɪl.i.ti/  noun

per·e·gri·na·tion  /pərˈe.grə.nəˈshe.ən/  noun
- a traveling about esp. on foot
  **Synonyms**
  - expedition, journey, passage, trek, trip—more at  **JOURNEY**

per·e·gri·ne falcon  /pərˈe.grəˌnən/  noun
- a swift nearly cosmopolitan falcon that often nests in cities and is often used in falconry

pe·remp·to·ry  /pəˈrɛrnptərəˌri/  adjective
1  : barring a right of action or delay
2  ▶: expressive of urgency or command:  **IMPERATIVE**
3  ▶: marked by arrogant self-assurance
  - per·remp·to·ri·ly  /ˌrɛrnptərəˈli/  adverb
  **Synonyms**
  - [2] compulsory, imperative, incumbent, involuntary, mandatory, necessary, nonelective, obligatory—more at  **MANDATORY**
  - [3] arrogant, cavalier, domineering, haughty, high-handed, high-hat, imperious, important, lofty, lordly, masterful, overbearing, overweening, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, supercilious, superior—more at
perennial adjective
1: present at all seasons of the year (~ streams)
2: continuing to live from year to year (~ plants)
3: recurring regularly: permanent (~ problems)
— perennially adverb

perennial noun
: a perennial plant

perf abbreviation
1 perfect
2 perforated

perfect adjective
1: being without fault or defect
2: exact, precise
3: lacking in no essential detail: complete
4: relating to or being a verb tense that expresses an action or state completed at the time of speaking or at a time spoken of
5: being completely or exactly what is stated
— perfectness noun

Synonyms
[1] absolute, faultless, flawless, ideal, impeccable, letter-perfect, unblemished; also consummate, expert, masterly; classic, dandy, excellent, fabulous, fine, first-rate, grand, great, marvelous, prime, superb, superior, superlative, terrific, top, top-notch, unsurpassed; completed, finished, perfected, polished; complete, entire, intact, whole; unbruised, undamaged, unimpaired, uninjured, unspoiled; exceptional, fancy, special

Antonyms
bad, defective, faulty, imperfect
[3] complete, comprehensive, entire, full, grand, intact, integral, plenary, total, whole—more at complete

perfect verb
1: to bring to final form
2: to make perfect: improve

Synonyms
[1] complete, consummate, finalize, finish—more at finish
[2] ameliorate, amend, better, enhance, enrich, improve, refine—more at improve

perfect noun
: the perfect tense; also: a verb form in it

perfectible adjective
: capable of improvement or perfection
— perfectibility noun

perfection noun
1: the quality or state of being perfect
2: the highest degree of excellence
3: the act or process of perfecting
4: an exemplification of supreme excellence

Synonyms
beau ideal, classic, epitome, exemplar, ideal, quintessence—more at quintessence

perfectionist noun
: a person who will not accept or be content with anything less than perfection

perfectly adverb
1: in a perfect manner
2: to a complete or adequate extent
Synonyms
- [1] faultlessly, flawlessly, ideally, impeccably; also excellently, fabulously, finely, grandly, greatly, marvelously, superbly, superlatively; exceptionally, fancily, specially

Antonyms
- [2] altogether, completely, dead, entirely, fast, flat, full, fully, quite, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at FULLY

per-fect-o /ˈpərkətəʊ/ noun, plural -tos
: a cigar that is thick in the middle and tapers almost to a point at each end

per-fid-i-ous /ˈpər.fɪ.dəs/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characterized by perfidy
— per-fid-i-ous-ly adverb

Synonyms
- disloyal, faithless, false, fickle, inconstant, loose, recreant, traitorous, treacherous, unfaithful, untrue—more at FAITHLESS

per-fi-dy /ˈpər.fɪ.də/ noun, plural -dies
[origin: L perfidia, fr. perfidus faithless, fr. per- detrimental to + fides faith]
: violation of faith or loyalty

Synonyms
- betrayal, disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, inconstancy, infidelity, treachery, unfaithfulness—more at INFIDELITY

per-for-rate /ˈpər.fər.rāt/ verb -rat-ed, -rat-ing
: to bore through: PIERCE; especially: to make a line of holes in to facilitate separation

Synonyms
- bore, drill, hole, pierce, punch, puncture; also broach, tap; poke, prick; penetrate; burrow (into), excavate, gouge, groove, hollow; break, cut, gash, notch, rend, rupture, slash, slit, split

per-for-ra-tion /ˈpər.fər.rā.shən/ noun
1 : the act or process of perforating
2 a : a hole or pattern made by or as if by piercing or boring
b : one of the series of holes (as between rows of postage stamps) in a sheet that serve as an aid in separation

Synonyms
- hole, pinhole, prick, punch, puncture, stab—more at PRICK

per-force /ˈpərfɔrs/ adverb
: of necessity

Synonyms
- inevitably, necessarily, needs, unavoidably—more at NEEDS

per-form /ˈpər.fərm/ verb
1 : to adhere to the terms of: FULFILL
2 : to bring to a successful issue: CARRY OUT
3 : to carry out an action or pattern of behavior: FUNCTION
4 : to do in a set manner
5 : to give a performance (of)
— per-form-er noun

Synonyms
- [2] accomplish, achieve, carry out, commit, compass, do, execute, follow through, fulfill, make; also bring about, effect, effectuate, implement; engage (in), practice; work (at); reenact, repeat; actualize, attain, realize; complete, end, finish, wind up
- [3] act, function, operate, take, work—more at ACT
- [5] act, impersonate, play, portray—more at ACT

per-for-mance /ˈpər.fər.məns/ noun
1 : the act or process of performing
2 : DEED, FEAT
3: a public presentation

**Synonyms**
- accomplishment, achievement, commission, discharge, enactment, execution, fulfillment, implementation, perpetration—more at **COMMISSION**

`perfume /pərˈfyəm/ noun`
1: a usu. pleasant odor: **FRAGRANCE**
2: a preparation used for scenting

**Synonyms**
- aroma, bouquet, fragrance, incense, redolence, scent, spice—more at **FRAGRANCE**

`perfume /pərˈfyəm/ verb per·fumed; per·fum·ing`

**per·fum·er·y /pərˈfyʊmərē/ noun, plural -er·ies**
1: the art or process of making perfume
2: PERFUMES
3: an establishment where perfumes are made

**per·func·to·ry /pərˈfəŋktərē/ adjective**
1: done merely as a duty
2: lacking in interest or enthusiasm
   — per·func·to·ri·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- apathetic, casual, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, unconcerned, uncurious, uninterested—more at **INDIFFERENT**

`per·go·la /pərˈgələ/ noun`
[**ORIGIN**: It]
: a structure consisting of posts supporting an open roof in the form of a trellis

`per·haps abbreviation`
perhaps

`per·haps /pərˈhaPs/ adverb`
: possibly but not certainly

**Synonyms**
- conceivably, maybe, perchance, possibly; also likely, probably; certainly, doubtless, surely, undoubtedly; presumably

`per·i·gee /pərˈiˌji/ noun`
[**ORIGIN**: MF, fr. NL perigeum, fr. Gk perigeion, fr. peri around, near + gē earth]
: the point at which an orbiting object is nearest the body (as the earth) being orbited

`peri·he·lion /pərˈiˌheˈliən/ noun, plural -he·lia /ˈheˌliə/`
: the point in the path of a celestial body (as a planet) that is nearest to the sun

`per·il /pərˈil/ noun`
1: exposure to the risk of being injured, destroyed, or lost
2: something that imperils

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] danger, hazard, menace, pitfall, risk, threat, trouble—more at **DANGER**

`per·il·ous /pərˈiləs/ adjective`
: full of or involving peril
   — per·il·ous·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome—more at **DANGEROUS**

`per·i·me·ter /pərˈimətər/ noun`
1: the boundary of a closed plane figure; also: its length

2 ▶: a line bounding or protecting an area

   Synonyms
   ▶ border, bound, boundary, confines, edge, periphery

peri-na·tal /ˈper.i.nə.ləl/ adjective
   : occurring in, concerned with, or being in the period around the time of birth
   <~ care>

peri·od /ˈper.i.əd/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. Gk periodos circuit, period of time, rhetorical period, fr. peri around + hodos way]
1: SENTENCE; also: the full pause closing the utterance of a sentence
2: END, STOP
3: a punctuation mark . used esp. to mark the end of a declarative sentence or an abbreviation
4 ▶: an extent of time; especially: one regarded as a stage or division in a process or development
5: a portion of time in which a recurring phenomenon completes one cycle and is ready to begin again
6: a single cyclic occurrence of menstruation

   Synonyms
   ▶ age, epoch, era, time

peri·od·ic /ˈper.i.ə.dik/ adjective
1 ▶: occurring at regular intervals of time
2 ▶: happening repeatedly from time to time
3: of or relating to a sentence that has no trailing elements following full grammatical statement of the essential idea

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] constant, frequent, habitual, regular, repeated, steady—more at REGULAR
   ▶ [2] continual, intermittent, recurrent

peri·od·i·cal·ly /ˌk(e)əˈdi.ka.lē/ adverb

peri·od·i·cal /ˌk(e)əˈdi.kəl/ adjective
1: occurring or recurring at regular intervals or from time to time: PERIODIC
2: published with a fixed interval between the issues or numbers
3: of or relating to a periodical
   — pe·ri·od·i·cal·ly /ˌk(e)əˈdi.ka.lē/ adverb

peri·od·ic table noun
: an arrangement of chemical elements based on their atomic structure and on their properties

peri·od·on·tal /ˌper.i.ə.dən.təl/ adjective
1: surrounding a tooth
2: of or affecting periodontal tissues or regions

peri·pa·tet·ic /ˌper.i.pə.ta.tik/ adjective
   : performed or performing while moving about: ITINERANT

   Synonyms
   ▶ errant, itinerant, nomad, roaming, vagabond, vagrant—more at ITINERANT

peri·pher·al /ˈper.i.frəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, involving, or forming a periphery or surface part
2 ▶: added or serving as a supplement

   Synonyms
   ▶ accessory, auxiliary, supplementary—more at AUXILIARY

peri·pher·al noun
: a device connected to a computer to provide communication or auxiliary functions

peri·pher·al nervous system noun
periphery /pa'rɪfərə/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 : the boundary of a rounded figure
2 : outward bounds : border area

Synonyms
- border, bound, boundary, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, rim, skirt, verge—more at BORDER

pe·ri·ph·ra·sis /pa'ri.frəsəs/ noun, plural -ra·ses /'rəz/ : CIRCUMLOCUTION

peri·scope /pa'ri.skəp/ noun : a tubular optical instrument enabling an observer to see an otherwise blocked field of view

per·ish /pa'ri.sh/ verb
1 : to become destroyed or ruined; especially to have one's life come to an end

Synonyms
- decease, depart, die, expire, pass, pass away, succumb—more at DIE

per·ish·able /pa'ri.shə bal/ adjective : easily spoiled <~ foods>
— perishable noun

peri·stal·sis /pa.ri.təl.səs, -stəl/ noun, plural -stal·ses
: waves of contraction passing along the walls of a hollow muscular organ (as the intestine) and forcing its contents onward

— peri·stal·tic /'stəl.tik, -stəl/ adjective

peri·style /pa'ri.stil/ noun
: a row of columns surrounding a building or court

peri·to·ne·um /pa'ri.təˈnjuːm/ noun, plural -ne·ums or -nea
: the smooth transparent serous membrane that lines the cavity of the abdomen

— peri·to·ne·al /'nə.al/ adjective

peri·to·ni·tis /pa'ri.təˌna.tɪs/ noun
: inflammation of the peritoneum

peri·wig /pa'ri.wig/ noun
- WIG

1 periwinkle /pa'ri.wɪŋkəl/ noun
: a usu. blue-flowered creeping plant cultivated as a ground cover

2 periwinkle noun
: any of various small edible seashore snails

per·ju·ry /pa'ra.jə/ noun
: the voluntary violation of an oath to tell the truth : lying under oath

— per·jure /pa.ˌjʊər/ verb

— per·jur·er noun

1 perk /pɜrk/ verb
1 : to thrust (as the head) up impudently or jauntily
2 : to regain vigor or spirit
3 : to make trim or brisk : FRESHEN

2 perk verb
- PERCOLATE
3 perk noun
 : PERQuISITE — usu. used in pl.

perky /ˈpɜr.kə/ adjective
 : sprightly in manner or appearance

Synonyms
 active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, gay, jaunty, lively, peppy, spirited, sprightly, springy

per-lite /ˈpɜr.lɪt/ noun
 : volcanic glass that when expanded by heat forms a lightweight material used esp. in concrete and plaster and for potting plants

1 perm /ˈpɜr.m/ noun
 : PERMANENT

2 perm verb
 : to give (hair) a permanent

3 perm abbreviation
permanent

per-ma-frost /ˈpɜr.mə.frost/ noun
 : a permanently frozen layer below the surface in frigid regions of a planet

1 permanent /ˈpɜr.mə.nənt/ adjective
 : continuing or enduring without fundamental or marked change

 — per-ma-nence /ˈnəns/ noun
 — per-ma-nen-cy /ˈnən.sə/ noun

Synonyms
 ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, perpetual, undying, unending—more at EVERLASTING

2 permanent noun
 : a long-lasting hair wave or straightening

per-ma-nent-ly /ˈlɛt/ adverb
 : in a permanent manner

Synonyms
 always, eternally, ever, eternally, forever, perpetually—more at EVER

permanent press noun
 : the process of treating fabrics with chemicals (as resin) and heat for setting the shape and for aiding wrinkle resistance

per-me-able /ˈpɜr.mə.ə.bl/ adjective
 : having small openings that permit liquids or gases to seep through

 — per-me-a-bil-i-ty /ˈpɜr.mə.əˌbil.i.ti/ noun

Synonyms
 passable, penetrable, porous—more at PENETRABLE

per-me-ate /ˈpɜr.mə.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to spread or diffuse through : Pervade
2 : to seep through the pores of : penetrate

 — per-me-a-tion /ˈpɜr.mə.ə.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
 percolate, suffuse, transfuse; also diffuse (through), impregnate, pass (into), penetrate; fill (up); drench, infuse, saturate, soak, steep; flood, glut

Perm-ian /ˈpɜr.mən/ adjective
 : of, relating to, or being the latest period of the Paleozoic era

 — Permian noun
per-mis-si·ble /ˈpɜrˌmiːsəbəl/ adjective  
› that may be permitted : ALLOWABLE
  † Synonyms
    † admissible, allowable, sufferable; also acceptable, bearable, endurable, tolerable; accredited, allowed, authorized, certified, endorsed, OK, permitted, sanctioned, warranted, mandatory, ordered, required
  † Antonyms
    † banned, barred, forbidden, impermissible, interdicted, prohibited, proscribed

per-mis-sion /ˈpɜrˌmiʃən/ noun  
› formal consent : AUTHORIZATION
  † Synonyms
    † allowance, authorization, clearance, concurrence, consent, leave, license, sanction, sufferance; also imprimitur, seal, signature, stamp; accreditation, certification; liberty, pass; concession, patent, permit; acceptance, acquiescence, agreement, assent, OK; accord, grant
  † Antonyms
    † interdiction, prohibition, proscription

per-mis-sive /ˈpɜrˌmiːsəv/ adjective  
› granting permission; especially : INDULGENT
  † per-mis-sive·ly adverb
  † per-mis-sive·ness noun

1 permit /ˈpɜr.mɪt/ verb per-mit·ted; per-mit·ting  
1 › to consent to : ALLOW: access
2 › to make possible
3 › to give leave: him to go
  † Synonyms
    † [1, 2, 3] allow, have, let, suffer

2 permit /ˈpɜr.mɪt, ˈpɜr.mɪt/ noun  
› a written permission : LICENSE

per-mu-ta-tion /ˌpɜr.myʊˈteɪʃən/ noun  
1 : a major or fundamental change
2 : the act or process of changing the order of an ordered set of objects

per-ni-cious /ˈpɜr.niʃəs/ adjective  
› very destructive or injurious
  † per-ni-cious·ly adverb
  † Synonyms
    † adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, injurious, mischievous, noxious, prejudicial—more at HARMFUL

per·o·ra·tion /ˌpɜr.əˈrɑːʃən, ˈpɜr.ə/ noun  
› the concluding part of a speech

1 peroxide /ˈpɜr.əˌrɑːks.id/ noun  
› an oxide containing a large proportion of oxygen; especially : HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

2 peroxide verb -id·ed; -id·ing  
› to bleach with hydrogen peroxide

perp abbreviation  
1 perpendicular
2 perpetrator

per·pen·dic·u·lar /ˈpɜr.pənˌdi.kəˈlær/ adjective  
1 › standing at right angles to the plane of the horizon
2 : forming a right angle with each other or with a given line or plane
— perpendicular noun
— per·pen·dic·u·lar·i·ty /ˌpərˈpen dikəˌlarəti/ noun
— per·pen·dic·u·lar·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ▶ erect, standing, upright, upstanding, vertical—more at erect

per·pe·trate /ˈpər pə træt/ verb -trat·ed; -trat·ing
  : to carry out (as a crime) : commit

  — per·pe·tra·tor /ˈpər pə trəˌtər/ noun

per·pe·tra·tion /ˈpər pə trə ʃən/ noun
  : the act or process of perpetrating

  Synonyms
  ▶ accomplishment, achievement, commission, discharge, enactment, execution, fulfillment, implementation, performance—more at commission

per·pet·u·al /ˈpər pə tju ə l/ adjective
  1 ▶ : continuing forever : everlasting
  2 : occurring continually : constant

  Synonyms
  ▶ ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, permanent, undying, unending—more at everlasting

per·pet·u·al·ly /ˈpər pə tju ə ˌlē/ adverb
  1 ▶ : for a limitless time
  2 : at all times : continually

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] always, eternally, ever, everlasting, forever, permanently—more at ever
  ▶ [2] always, constantly, continually, ever, forever, incessantly, invariably, unfailingly—more at always

per·pet·u·ate /ˈpər pə tju ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
  : to make perpetual : cause to last indefinitely

  — per·pet·u·a·tion /ˌpər pə tju ə ʃən/ noun

per·pu·li·ty /ˈpər pə lə ti/ noun, plural -ties
  1 : eternity
  2 : the quality or state of being perpetual

per·plex /ˈpər pleks/ verb
  : to disturb mentally; especially : confuse

  Synonyms
  ▶ addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, puzzle—more at confuse

per·plexed /ˈpleksd/ adjective
  1 : filled with uncertainty : puzzled
  2 : full of difficulty : complicated

  — per·plexed·ly /ˌpleksd lē/ adverb

per·plex·i·ty /ˈpər plex ə ti/ noun
  : the state of being perplexed

  Synonyms
  ▶ bafflement, bewilderment, confusion, distraction, muddle, mystification, puzzlement, whirl—more at confusion

per·qui·site /ˈpər kwə sit/ noun
  : a privilege or profit beyond regular pay

  Synonyms
  ▶ bonus, dividend, extra, lagniappe, tip—more at bonus
pers abbreviation
person; personal

per se /ˈpɜrˌsi/ adverb
[origin: L]
: by, of, or in itself: as such

per se adjective
: being such inherently, clearly, or as a matter of law

per·se·cute /ˈpɜrˌsiˌkyʊt/ verb -cut·ed; -cut·ing
: to pursue or injure as to cause to suffer because of belief
 — per·se·cu·tion /ˈpɜrˌsiˌkyʊ.ʃən/ noun
 Synonyms
 afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, martyr, plague, rack, torment, torture

per·se·cu·tor /ˈpɜrˌsiˌkyʊ.ˈtər/ noun
: one that persecutes
 Synonyms
 heckler, oppressor, taunter, tormentor, torturer

per·se·vere /ˈpɜrˌsiˌvər/ verb -ver·ed; -ver·ing
: to persist in an undertaking in spite of difficulties
 — per·se·ver·ance /ˈvərˌəns/ noun
 persevering adjective
: of or characterized by perseverance
 Synonyms
 dogged, insistent, patient, persistent, pertinacious, tenacious

Per·sian /ˈpɜrˌʃi.ən/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of ancient Persia
2: a member of one of the peoples of modern Iran
3: the language of the Persians

Persian cat noun
: any of a breed of stocky round-headed domestic cats that have a long silky coat

Persian lamb noun
: a pelt with very silky tightly curled fur that is obtained from newborn lambs which are older than those yielding broadtail

per·si·flage /ˈpɜrˌsiˌflāzh, ˈpɜrˌ/ noun
[origin: F, fr. persifler to banter, fr. per- thoroughly + siffler to whistle, hiss, boo, ultim. fr. L sibilare]
: lightly jesting or mocking talk
 Synonyms
 banter, chaff, raillery, repartee

per·sim·mon /ˈpɜrˌsɪˌmɑn/ noun
: either of two trees related to the ebony; also : the edible usu. orange or red plumlike fruit of a persimmon

per·sist /ˈpɜrˌsist/ verb
1: to go on resolutely or stubbornly in spite of difficulties
2: to continue to exist
 Synonyms
 abide, continue, endure, hold, keep up, last, run on

per·sis·tence /ˈpɜrˌsis.ənsˌˈtens/ noun
1: the action or fact of persisting
2: the quality or state of being persistent

— per·sis·ten·cy /perˌsi-stən-sē/ noun

Synonyms

continuation, duration, endurance, subsistence—more at CONTINUATION

per·sis·tent /perˌsi-stənt/ adjective
1: continuing or inclined to persist in a course
2: continuing to exist in spite of interference or treatment <a ~ cough>

— per·sis·tent·ly adverb

Synonyms

dogged, insistent, patient, persevering, pertinacious, tenacious; also assured, certain, dedicated, determined, firm, intent, positive, resolute, resolved, sure; hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding; unaltering, unhesitating, unwavering; resistant, wayward, wrongheaded; constant, devoted, faithful, good, loyal, staunch, steadfast, steady, true; indomitable, unconquerable; hard, inflexible, relentless, stern, unbending, unrelenting, unyielding

per·snick·e·ty /perˈsnik-ə-tē/ adjective

: fussy about small details

per·son /parˈson/ noun

1: a human being: INDIVIDUAL — used in combination esp. by those who prefer to avoid man in compounds applicable to both sexes <chairperson>
2: one of the three modes of being in the Godhead as understood by Trinitarians
3: body of a human being
4: the individual personality of a human being: SELF
5: reference of a segment of discourse to the speaker, to one spoken to, or to one spoken of esp. as indicated by certain pronouns

Synonyms

being, creature, human, individual

per·so·na /parˈso-na/ noun, plural -nae /-nē/ or -nas

: the personality that a person projects in public

per·son·able /parˈso-nə-bal/ adjective

: pleasant in person: ATTRACTIVE

per·son·age /parˈso-nij/ noun

: a person of rank, note, or distinction

Synonyms

celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

1 per·son·al /parˈso-nəl/ adjective

1: of, relating to, or affecting a person: PRIVATE <~ correspondence>
2: done in person <a ~ inquiry>
3: relating to the person or body <~ injuries>
4: relating to an individual esp. in an offensive way <resented such ~ remarks>
5: of or relating to temporary or movable property as distinguished from real estate
6: denoting grammatical person
7: intended for use by one person

Synonyms

individual, particular, peculiar, private, separate, singular, unique—more at INDIVIDUAL

2 per·son·al noun

1: a short newspaper paragraph relating to a person or group or to personal matters
2 : a short personal or private communication in the classified ads section of a newspaper

personal computer noun
: a computer with a microprocessor designed for an individual user to run esp. commercial software

personal digital assistant noun
: PDA

personalise British variant of PERSONALIZE

personality /ˈpɜr.səˌnæl.əti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : an offensively personal remark <indulges in personalities>
2 : the collection of emotional and behavioral traits that characterize a person
3 : distinction of personal and social traits
4 : a well-known person <a TV ~>

Synonyms
[2] character, identity, individuality, self-identity—more at INDIVIDUALITY
[4] celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, somebody, standout, star, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

personalize /ˈpɜr.se.na.laɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to conceive of or represent as a person or as having human qualities or powers
2 : to make personal or individual; especially : to mark as belonging to a particular person

personify /ˈpɜr.se.na.fɪ/ adverb
1 in person
2 as a person
3 as far as oneself is concerned

personify /ˈpɜr.se.na.fɪ/ noun, plural -ties
: personal property

Synonyms
belongings, chattels, effects, holdings, paraphernalia, possessions, things—more at POSSESSION

persona non grata /ˈpɜr.sə.nə nəˈɡrətə/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L]
: being personally unacceptable or unwelcome

personate /ˈpɜr.se.nə.tet/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: IMPERSONATE, REPRESENT

personification /ˈpɜr.sə.nə.fnəˌfɪʃ.ən/ noun
: a visible representation of something abstract (as a quality)

Synonyms
embodiment, epitome, incarnation, manifestation—more at EMBODIMENT

personify /ˈpɜr.sə.naˌfɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to think of or represent as a person
2 : to be the embodiment of : INCARNATE << the law>

Synonyms
[1, 2] embody, epitomize, manifest, materialize, substantiate—more at EMBODY

personnel /ˈpɜr.sən.əl/ noun
: a body of persons employed

Synonyms
force, help, pool, staff—more at FORCE

perspective /ˈpɜr.spɛktɪv/ noun
1 : the science of painting and drawing so that objects represented have apparent depth and distance
2 : the aspect in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed; especially : a view of things (as objects or events) in their true relationship or relative importance

Synonyms
angle, outlook, point of view, slant, standpoint, viewpoint—more at POINT OF VIEW

per·spi·ca·cious /ˌpərˈspiˌkəʃəs/ adjective
: having or showing keen understanding or discernment
— per·spi·ca·city /ˌpərˈspiˌkəsətē/ noun

per·spi·cu·i·ty /ˌpərˈspiˌkyəˌtē/ noun
: the quality or state of being clear to the understanding

Synonyms
clarity, explicitness, lucidity, simplicity—more at SIMPLICITY

per·spi·cu·ous /ˌpərˈspiˌkyəəs/ adjective
: plain to the understanding

Synonyms
apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at CLEAR

per·spire /ˈpərˌspīr/ verb per·spir·ed; per·spir·ing
: SWEAT
— per·spi·ra·tion /ˌpərˌspīrəˈteɪʃən/ noun

per·suade /ˈpərˌswəd/ verb per·suad·ed; per·suad·ing
: to win over to a belief or course of action by argument or entreaty

Synonyms
argue, convince, get, induce, move, prevail, satisfy, talk, win; also cajole, coax, exhort, urge, lead on, seduce, snow, tempt; incline, influence, move, prompt, sell, sway; attract, bring, draw, entice, interest; chew over, converse, debate, discuss, dispute, hash (over), moot; reason (with)

per·su·a·sion /ˌpərˌswəˈzhən/ noun
1 : the act or process of persuading
2 : a system of religious beliefs; also : a group holding such beliefs
3 : an opinion held with complete assurance

Synonyms
[1] convincing, inducement; also cajolery, coaxing, exhortation, urging; seduction, tempting; influencing, prompting, swaying; lobbying, pressuring
[2] creed, cult, faith, religion—more at RELIGION
[3] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, sentiment, verdict, view—more at OPINION

per·su·a·sive /ˌpərˌswəˈsiv ˌziv/ adjective
: tending to persuade

Synonyms
cogent, compelling, conclusive, convincing, decisive, effective, forceful, satisfying, strong, telling—more at COGENT

per·su·a·sive·ness /ˈnas/ noun
: the quality or state of being persuasive

Synonyms
cogency, effectiveness, force—more at COGENCY

per·t /ˈpərt/ adjective
1 : saucily free and forward
2 : stylishly trim : JAUNTY
3 : briskly alert and energetic : LIVELY

Synonyms
facetious, flip, flippant, smart—more at FLIPPANT

per·tain /ˈpərtən/ verb
per-ti-na-cious /parˈteɪ.nəs/ adjective
1 : holding resolutely to an opinion or purpose
2 : obstinately persistent <a ~ bill collector>
   Synonyms
   → [1] dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at OBSTINATE
   → [2] dogged, insistent, patient, persevering, persistent, tenacious—more at PERSISTENT

per-ti-na-city /parˈteɪ.nəs.tē/ noun
: the quality or state of being pertinacious
   Synonyms
   → hardheadedness, mulishness, obduracy, obstinacy, peevishness, self-will, stubbornness, tenacity—more at OBSTINACY

per-ti-nence /parˈteɪ.nəns/ noun
: the quality or state of being pertinent
   Synonyms
   → applicability, bearing, connection, relevance; also appropriateness, aptness, fitness, suitability; importance, significance; usefulness
   Antonyms
   → irrelevance

per-ti-nent /parˈteɪnənt/ adjective
: relating to the matter under consideration
   Synonyms
   → applicable, apposite, apropos, germane, material, pointed, relative, relevant; also appropriate, apt, fit, fitting, suitable; important, meaningful, significant; sensible, useful; admissible, allowable
   Antonyms
   → extraneous, immaterial, inapplicable, irrelevant, pointless

per-turb /parˈtərb/ verb
: to disturb greatly esp. in mind : UPSET
   Synonyms
   → agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, undo, unhinge, unsettle, upset, worry—more at DISTURB

per-tur-ba-tion /parˈtər-bəˈshan/ noun
: the action of perturbing : the state of being perturbed
   Synonyms
   → agitation, anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, nervousness, uneasiness, worry—more at ANXIETY

perturbed /parˈtərbd/ adjective
: emotionally disturbed or agitated
   Synonyms
   → aflutter, anxious, edgy, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervy, tense, troubled, uneasy, upset, worried—more at NERVOUS

per-tus-sis /parˈtəsəs/ noun
: WHOOPING COUGH

pe·ruke /peˈrük/ noun
: WIG

pe·rus·ing /peˈrüz/ verb pe·rus·ed; pe·rus·ing
**Peruvian** noun: a native or inhabitant of Peru

**Pervade** /ˈpərvəd/ verb **per·vad·ed**; **per·vad·ing**
: to spread through every part of: PERMEATE

**Per·verse** /ˈpɜrvəs/ adjective
1**: turned away from what is right or good: CORRUPT
2**: obstinate in opposing what is reasonable or accepted
3**: marked by peevishness or petulance

**Per·verse·ly** adverb

**Per·verse·ness** /ˈnæs/ noun
**: the quality or state of being perverse

**Per·ver·sion** /ˈpɜvər.zhən/ noun
1**: the action of perverting: the condition of being perverted
2**: a perverted form of something; especially: aberrant sexual behavior

**Per·ver·si·ty** /ˈpɜrvər.si.əl/ noun
**: the quality or state of being perverse

**Per·vert** /ˈpɜrvərt/ verb
1**: to lead astray: CORRUPT <~ the young>
2**: to divert to a wrong purpose: MISAPPLY <~ evidence>
3**: to twist the meaning or sense of

**Per·vert·ed** /ˈpɜrvərt.d/ adjective
**: morally degenerate: DEPRAVED

**Per·vert·er** noun

**Pervert** /ˈpɜrvərt/ noun
**: one that is perverted; especially: one given to sexual perversion

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pes·ky /pesˈkē/ adjective pes·ki·er; -est
: causing annoyance : TROUBLESOME

pe·so /pēˈso/ noun, plural pesos
: the basic monetary unit in many Latin American countries (as Mexico or Chile)

pes·si·mism /pesˈsəməz/ noun
[origin: F pessimisme, fr. L pessimus worst]
: an inclination to take the least favorable view (as of events) or to expect the worst — pes·si·mist /ˈmɪst/ noun

pes·si·mis·tic /pesˈsəməstɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characterized by pessimism

Synonyms
> defeatist, despairing, hopeless; also cynical, fatalistic; desperate, discouraging, disheartening, inauspicious, unlikely, unpromising; bleak, cheerless, dismal, dreary, gloomy; grim; contrary, hostile, negative

Antonyms
> hopeful, rosy, upbeat

pes·te·r /pesˈtər/ verb
: to harass with petty irritations

Synonyms
> bother, bug, disturb, intrude—more at BOTHER

pes·ti·cide /pesˈtəsid/ noun
: an agent used to destroy pests

pes·ti·fer·ous /pesˈta foʊrəs/ adjective
1 : PEESTILENT
2 : ANNOYING

pes·ti·lence /pesˈta lens/ noun
: a destructive infectious swiftly spreading disease; especially: BUBONIC PLAGUE

pes·ti·lent /ˈlənt/ adjective
1 : dangerous to life : DEADLY
2 : PERNICIOUS, HARMFUL
3 : TROUBLESOME
4 : INFECTIOUS, CONTAGIOUS

Synonyms
> baleful, deadly, deathly, fatal, fell, lethal, mortal, murderous, vital—more at DEADLY

pes·ti·len·tial /pesˈta lenʃəl/ adjective
1 : causing or tending to cause pestilence : DEADLY
2 : morally harmful

pes·tle /pesˈtəl, ˈpestəl/ noun
: an implement for grinding substances in a mortar — pestle verb

pes·ty /pesˈti/ adjective
: causing trouble or annoyance

Synonyms
aggravating, annoying, bothersome, frustrating, galling, irksome, irritating, vexatious—more at ANNOYING

1pet /pet/ noun
1: a person who is treated with unusual kindness or consideration: FAVORITE, DARLING
2: a domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather than utility

2pet adjective
1: kept or treated as a pet <- dog>
2: expressing fondness <- name>
3: particularly liked or favored

Synonyms
beloved, darling, dear, favorite, loved, precious, special, sweet

3pet verb pet·ted; pet·ting
1: to stroke gently or lovingly
2: to make a pet of: PAMPER
3: to engage in amorous kissing and caressing

Synonyms
[1] caress, fondle, love, pat, stroke—more at FONDLE
[3] kiss, make out

4pet noun
1: a fit of peevishness, sulkiness, or anger

Synonyms
pout, sulk, sullenness—more at SULK

Pet abbreviation
Peter

pet·al /petˈo(l)/ noun
: one of the modified leaves of a flower's corolla

pe·tard /pəˈtɑrd, -tərd/ noun
: a case containing an explosive to break down a door or gate or breach a wall

pe·ter /pəˈtər/ verb
: to diminish gradually and come to an end <his energy ~ed out>

Pe·ter /pəˈtər/ noun
: either of two books of the New Testament of the Christian Scripture

pet·i·ole /pəˈtēˌōl/ noun
: a slender stem that supports a leaf

pe·tite /pəˈtīt/ adjective
[origin: F]
: small and trim of figure <- a ~ woman>

— petite noun

pe·tit four /pəˈtēˌfər/ noun, plural petits fours or petit fours /ˈpə fər/ [origin: F, lit., small oven]
: a small cake cut from pound or sponge cake and frosted

1petition /pəˈtishən/ noun
1: an earnest request: ENTREATY; especially: a formal written request made to an authority

Synonyms
appeal, cry, entreaty, plea, prayer, solicitation, suit, supplication—more at PLEA

2petition verb
: to make a request to or for

pe·ti·tion·er /ˌshə(ə)ˈner/ noun
one that petitions

petrel /peˈtrel/ noun
: any of numerous seabirds that fly far from land

petri dish /peˈtrē/ noun
1 : a small shallow dish used esp. for growing bacteria
2 : something fostering development or innovation

petri-fy /peˌtrīˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to convert (organic matter) into stone or stony material
2 : to make rigid or inactive (as from fear or awe)

petri·fac·tion /peˌtrīˈfak·shən/ noun

pet·ro·chem·i·cal /peˌtrōˈkep·məl/ noun
: a chemical isolated or derived from petroleum or natural gas

pet·ro·chem·is·try /ˌkeˌmēˈstrē/ noun

petrol /ˌpetərəl/ noun, chiefly British
: GASOLINE

pet·ro·la·tum /ˌpetərəˈtəm/ noun
: PETROLEUM JELLY

pet·ro·le·um /ˌpetərəˈlēəm/ noun
[origin: ML, fr. Gk petra rock + L oleum oil]
: an oily flammable liquid obtained from wells drilled in the ground and refined into gasoline, fuel oils, and other products

petroleum jelly noun
: a tasteless, odorless, and oily or greasy substance from petroleum that is used esp. in ointments and dressings

pet·ti·coat /ˈpətikət/ noun
1 : a skirt worn under a dress
2 : an outer skirt

pet·ti·coat adjective
: of, relating to, or exercised by women: FEMALE

pet·ti·fog /ˈpətikəf/ verb -fogged; -fog·ging
1 : to engage in legal trickery
2 : to quibble over insignificant details

pet·ti·fog·ger /ˈpətikəfər/ noun
1 : a lawyer whose methods are petty, underhanded, or disreputable
2 : one given to quibbling over trifles

pet·ti·fog·ging /ˈpətikəf·gin/ adjective or noun

pet·tish /ˈpətish/ adjective
: querulous in temperament or mood: PEEVISH

pet·ty /ˈpətē/ adjective pet·ti·er; -est
[origin: ME pety small, minor, alter. of petit, fr. AF, small]
1 : having secondary rank: MINOR <~ prince>
2 ♠ of little importance: TRIFLING <~ faults>
3 ♠ : marked by or reflective of narrow interests and sympathies

pet·ti·ly /ˈpətīli/ adverb

pet·ti·ness /ˈpətīnəs/ noun

Synonyms
[2] inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, measly, minute, negligible, nominal, paltry, slight, trifling,
trivial—more at NEGLIGIBLE  
▶ [3] insular, little, narrow, parochial, provincial, sectarian, small—more at NARROW

**petty officer** noun  
a subordinate officer in the navy or coast guard appointed from among the enlisted men

**petty officer first class** noun  
a petty officer ranking below a chief petty officer

**petty officer second class** noun  
a petty officer ranking below a petty officer first class

**petty officer third class** noun  
a petty officer ranking below a petty officer second class

**pet-u·lance** /pəˈtʃeɪ.ləns/ noun  
the quality or state of being petulant

**pet·u·lant** /pəˌtʃeɪ.ˈlænt/ adjective  
▶ marked by capricious ill humor  
▶ pet·u·lant·ly adverb

**pet·u·ni·a** /pəˈtʃeɪ.nə/ noun  
an any of a genus of tropical American herbs related to the potato and having bright funnel-shaped flowers

**pew** /pjuː/ noun  
[origin: ME pewe, fr. MF puie balustrade, fr. L podia, pl. of podium parapet, podium, fr. Gk podion base, dim. of pod-, pous foot]  
a any of the benches with backs fixed in rows in a church

**pe·wee** /pəˌwi/ noun  
a any of various small American flycatchers

**pew·ter** /pjuːˈtər/ noun  
1 : an alloy of tin used esp. for household utensils  
2 ▶ : a bluish gray color
▶ pewter adjective
▶ pew·ter·er noun

**Synonyms**  
▶ gray, leaden, silver, silvery, slate, steely—more at GRAY

**pey·o·te** /pɛˈjoʊ.tə/ also pey·otl /ˈoʊtəl/ noun  
1 : a hallucinogenic drug derived from the peyote cactus and containing mescaline  
2 : a small cactus of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico

**pf abbreviation**  
1 pfennig  
2 preferred

**PFC or Pfc abbreviation**  
private first class

**pfd abbreviation**  
preferred

**pg abbreviation**  
page

**PG abbreviation**  
postgraduate
PGA abbreviation
Professional Golfers' Association

pH /ˈpēˌāch/ noun
: a value used to express acidity and alkalinity; also : the condition represented by such a value

PH abbreviation

1 pinch hit
2 public health

pha·e-ton /ˈfaˌstən/ noun
[origin: F phaéton, fr. Gk Phaethôn, son of the sun god who persuaded his father to let him drive the chariot of the sun but who lost control of the horses with disastrous consequences]
1 : a light 4-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
2 : an open automobile with two cross seats

phage /ˈfāg/ noun
: BACTERIOPHAGE

pha·lanx /ˈflanks/ noun, plural pha·lanx·es or pha·lan·ges /ˈflanˌjəz/
1 : a group or body (as of troops) in compact formation
2 plural phalanges : one of the digital bones of the hand or foot of a vertebrate

phal-a-rope /ˈfāˌlaˌrōp/ noun, plural -ropes also -rope
: any of a genus of small shorebirds related to sandpipers

phal·lic /ˈfālik/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling a phallus
2 : relating to or being the stage of psychosexual development in psychoanalytic theory during which children become interested in their own sexual organs

phal·lus /ˈfāləs/ noun, plural phal·li /ˈfāli/ or phal·lus·es
: PENIS; also : a symbolic representation of the penis

Phan·er·o·zo·ic /ˈfənərˌzoˌsik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being an eon of geologic history comprising the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic

phan·tas·mal /ˈfənˌtasˌmal/ adjective
: of, relating to, or like a phantasm

phantasy /ˈfantəs/ noun
1 : a product of the imagination : ILLUSION
2 : a visible disembodied spirit : GHOST

Synonyms
[1] chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, pipe dream, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY
[2] apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith—more at GHOST

phan·tas·ma·go·ria /ˈfənˌtasˌmaˌgərē/ noun
: a constantly shifting complex succession of things seen or imagined; also : a scene that constantly changes or fluctuates

phan·tas·mal /ˈfənˌtasˌmal/ adjective
: of, relating to, or like a phantasm

phantasy variant of FANTASY

1 phantom /ˈfəntəm/ noun
1 : something (as a specter) that is apparent to sense but has no substantial existence
2 : one that is something in appearance but not in reality : a mere show

Synonyms
apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith—more at GHOST

2 phantom adjective
›: of the nature of, suggesting, or being a phantom

**Synonyms**
- chimerical, fabulous, fanciful, fantastic, fictitious, imaginary, made-up, mythical, pretend, unreal—more at **IMAGINARY**

**pharaoh** /far.ō/ noun, often cap
: a ruler of ancient Egypt

**pharisaical** /far.ə.sā.ik/ adjective
: hypocritically self-righteous

**pharisee** /far.ə.sē/ noun
1 cap: a member of an ancient Jewish sect noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the traditional law
2: a self-righteous or hypocritical person

— **pharisaic** /far.ə.sā.ik/ adjective

**pharm** abbreviation
pharmaceutical; pharmacist; pharmacy

1**pharmaceutical** /fär.mə.chə.ˈlē/ adjective
: of, relating to, or engaged in pharmacy or the manufacture and sale of medicinal drugs

2**pharmaceutical** noun
: a medicinal drug

**Synonyms**
- cure, drug, medicine, remedy, specific—more at **MEDICINE**

**pharmacy** /fär.mə.ˈsē/ noun, plural -cies
1: the art, practice, or profession of preparing and dispensing medical drugs
2: DRUGSTORE

— **pharmacist** /fär.məˌkist/ noun

**pharynx** /far.ɪŋks/ noun, plural pharynges /fär.ɪnjəz/ also pharynxes
: the muscular tubular passage extending from the back of the nasal cavity and mouth to the esophagus

— **pharyngeal** /fär.ɪŋ.jəl/ adjective

**phase** /fāz/ noun
1: a particular appearance in a recurring series of changes </s of the moon>
2: a stage or interval in a process or cycle </first ~ of an experiment>
3: an aspect or part under consideration

— **phasic** /fā.ˈsik/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- [2] cut, degree, grade, inch, notch, peg, point, stage, step—more at **DEGREE**
- [3] angle, aspect, facet, hand, side—more at **ASPECT**

**phase down** verb
: to reduce the size or amount of by phases

**phase in** verb
: to introduce in stages

**phase out** /fā.ˈzō/ noun
: a gradual stopping of operations or production

**phase out** verb
: to stop production or use of in stages

**PhD** abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L philosophiae doctor]
doctor of philosophy

**pheas·ant** /ˈfez·ənt/ noun, plural **pheasant** or **pheasants**
: any of numerous long-tailed brilliantly colored game birds related to the domestic chicken

**phen·cy·cli·dine** /ˌfenˈsɪˌklaˌdən/ noun
: a drug used esp. as a veterinary anesthetic and sometimes illicitly as a hallucinogenic drug

**phe·no·bar·bi·tal** /ˌfəˌnəˈbərˌbē·tal/ noun
: a crystalline drug used as a hypnotic and sedative

**phe·no·l** /ˈfe.nəl/ noun
: a corrosive poisonous acidic compound present in coal and wood tars and used in solution as a disinfectant

**phe·nom·e·nal** /ˈfəˌnəmənəl/ adjective
: relating to or being a phenomenon; also: so unusual as to be remarkable
— **phe·nom·e·nal·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
aberrant, abnormal, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, freak, odd, peculiar, rare, singular, uncommon, uncustome, unique, unusual, unwonted—more at EXCEPTIONAL.
— magical, miraculous, superhuman, supernatural, uncanny, unearthly—more at SUPERNATURAL.

**phe·nom·e·non** /ˈfəˌnəmənən/ noun, plural -na or -nons
[ORIGIN: LL phaenomenon, fr. Gk phainomenon, fr. neut. of phainomenos, prp. of phainesthai to appear]
1 plural -na: an observable fact or event
2: an outward sign of the working of a law of nature
3 plural -nons: an extraordinary person or thing: PRODIGY

**Synonyms**
caution, flash, marvel, miracle, portent, prodigy, sensation, wonder—more at WONDER.

**pher·o·mone** /ˈfərəˌmən/ noun
: a chemical substance that is produced by an animal and serves to stimulate a behavioral response in other individuals of the same species
— **pher·o·mon·al** /ˈfərəˌmən·əl/ adjective

**phi** /fi/ noun
: the 21st letter of the Greek alphabet — Φ or φ

**phi·al** /fiˌəl/ noun
: **VIAL**

**Phil** abbreviation
Philippians

**phi·lan·der** /ˌfəˌlənˈdər/ verb
: to have casual or illicit sexual relations with many women
— **phi·lan·der·er** noun

**phil·an·throp·ic** /ˌfəˌlənˌθrəpık/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characterized by philanthropy
— **phil·an·throp·i·cal·ly** /ˌfəˌlənˌθrəpəˌli/ adverb

**Synonyms**
altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, charitable, humanitarian—more at CHARITABLE

**phi·lan·thro·py** /ˌfəˌlənˌθrəˈpē/ noun, plural -pies
1: goodwill toward all people; especially: effort to promote human welfare
2 : a charitable act or gift; also: an organization that distributes or is supported by donated funds
— phi·lan·thro·pist /ˈfɪ.lənθrəˈpɪst/ noun
  Synonyms
   a alms, benefaction, beneficence, charity, contribution, donation—more at CONTRIBUTION

phi·lat·e·ly /ˈfɪ.lat.ə.lɪ/ noun
  the collection and study of postage and imprinted stamps
— phi·lat·e·list /ˈfɪ.lat.əˌlɪst/ noun

Phi·le·mon /ˈfɪ.ˌle.mən/ noun

Phi·lip·pi·ans /ˈfɪ.lip.pi.ənz/ noun

phi·lip·pic /ˈfɪ.ˌlip.ɪk/ noun
  : TIRADE

phi·lis·time /ˈfɪ.lə.stɛn/ noun, often cap
  [ORIGIN: Philistine, inhabitant of ancient Philistia (Palestine)]
  : a person who is smugly insensitive or indifferent to intellectual or artistic values
— philistine adjective, often cap

Phil·lips /ˈfɪ.lə.pɪs/ adjective
  : of, relating to, or being a screw having a head with a cross slot or its corresponding screwdriver

phi·lol·o·gy /ˈfɪ.ˈlo.ˌlɒdʒi/ noun
  1: the study of literature and relevant fields
  2: LINGUISTICS; especially: historical and comparative linguistics
— phil·o·log·i·cal /ˈfɪ.ˌlo.ˌlɒg.əˌkəl/ adjective
— phil·o·log·i·st /ˈfɪ.ˌlo.ˌlɒg.ɪst/ noun
  philos abbreviation
  philosopher; philosophy

phi·los·o·pher /ˈfɪ.ˌlo.sə.ˈfər/ noun
  1: a reflective thinker: SCHOLAR
  2: a student of or specialist in philosophy
  3: a person whose philosophical perspective makes it possible to meet trouble calmly

phi·los·o·phise British variant of PHILOSOPHIZE

phi·los·o·phi·ze /ˈfɪ.ˌlo.sə.ˌfɪz/ verb -phized; -phiz·ing
  1: to reason like a philosopher: THEORIZE
  2: to expound a philosophy esp. superficially

phi·los·o·phy /ˈfɪ.ˌlo.ˌso.fɪ/ noun, plural -phies
  1: sciences and liberal arts exclusive of medicine, law, and theology <doctor of ~>
  2: a critical study of fundamental beliefs and the grounds for them
  3: a system of philosophical concepts <Aristotelian ~> 
  4: a basic theory concerning a particular subject or sphere of activity
  5: the sum of the ideas and convictions of an individual or group <her ~ of life>
  6: calmness of temper and judgment
— phi·lo·so·phic·al /ˈfɪ.ˌlo.səˌfɪk.əl/ also phi·lo·so·phic /ˈfɪ.k/ adjective
— phi·lo·so·phic·al·ly /ˌkəˈfɪk.ə.lɪ/ adverb
  Synonyms
creed, doctrine, gospel, ideology—more at CREED

**phil·ter** /filˈtər/ **noun**
1: a potion, drug, or charm held to arouse sexual passion
2: a magic potion

**phil·tre** chiefly British variant of PHILTER

**phle·bi·tis** /filˈbiːtəs/ **noun**
: inflammation of a vein

**phle·bot·o·my** /filˈbətoʊmaɪ/ **noun,** plural **-mies**
: the opening of a vein esp. for removing or releasing blood

**phlegm** /fleɪɡm/ **noun**
[origin: ME fleume, fr. AF, fr. LL phlegma, fr. Gk, flame, inflammation, phlegm, fr. phlegein to burn]
1: thick mucus secreted in abnormal quantity esp. in the nose and throat
2 ▶: dull or apathetic coldness or indifference

**Synonyms**
apathy, impassivity, numbness, stupor—more at APATHY

**phleg·mat·ic** /fleɡˈmætɪk/ **adjective**
▶: having or showing a slow and stolid temperament

**Synonyms**
apathetic, cold-blooded, impassive, stoic, stolid, unemotional—more at IMPASSIVE

**phlo·em** /filˈem/ **noun**
: a vascular plant tissue external to the xylem that carries dissolved food material and functions in support and storage

**phlox** /flɒks/ **noun,** plural **phlox** or **phlox·es**
: any of a genus of American herbs that have tall stalks with showy spreading terminal clusters of flowers

**pho·bia** /fəˈbiə/ **noun**
: an irrational persistent fear or dread
— **pho·bic** /fəˈbɪk/ **adjective**

**phoe·be** /fəˈbi/ **noun**
: a flycatcher of the eastern U.S. that has a slight crest and is grayish brown above and yellowish white below

**phoe·nix** /fəˈnɪks/ **noun**
1: a legendary bird held to live for centuries and then to burn itself to death and rise fresh and young from its ashes
2: TELEPHONE
3: EARPHONE
4: phone verb phoned: phon·ing
▶: to speak to or attempt to reach by telephone: TELEPHONE

**phone card** **noun**
: a prepaid card used in paying for telephone calls

**pho·neme** /ˈfəˌnɛm/ **noun**
: one of the elementary units of speech that distinguish one utterance from another
— **pho·nemic** /ˈfəˌnɛmɪk/ **adjective**

**pho·net·ics** /ˈfəˌnetɪks/ **noun**
: the study and systematic classification of the sounds made in spoken utterance
— **pho·net·ic** /ˈfəˌnetɪk/ **adjective**

**pho·nic** /ˈfəˌnik/ **adjective**
1: of, relating to, or producing sound
2: of or relating to the sounds of speech or to phonics

— pho·ni·cal·ly /ˌnī.ˈkə.ˌlē/ adverb

pho·nics /ˈfō.niks/ noun
a method of teaching people to read and pronounce words by learning the phonetic value of letters, letter groups, and esp. syllables

pho·no·graph /ˈfō.nəˌgraf/ noun
an instrument for reproducing sounds by means of the vibration of a needle following a spiral groove on a revolving disc

pho·nol·o·gy /ˈfō.nəˌlō.jē/ noun
a study and description of the sound changes in a language

— pho·no·log·i·cal /ˌfō.nəˌlōj.əˈkəl/ adjective
— pho·no·log·i·st /ˌfō.nəˌlōj.əˈst/ noun

phony also phoney /ˈfō.nē/ adjective pho·ni·er; -est

—from not genuine or real: claiming or claimed to be what one is not

Synonyms
togus, counterfeit, fake, false, inauthentic, sham, spurious, unauthentic—more at COUNTERFEIT
affected, artificial, assumed, contrived, feigned, put-on, unnatural—more at ARTIFICIAL

phony noun

—from one that is phony

Synonyms
counterfeit, fake, forgery, hoax, humbug, sham—more at FAKE
charlatan, fake, fraud, hoaxer, humbug, mountebank, pretender, quack

phos·phate /ˈfōs.fāt/ noun
a salt of a phosphoric acid

— phos·phat·ic /ˈfōs.fəˌtik/ adjective
phos·phor /ˈfōs.fər/ noun
a phosphorescent substance

phos·pho·res·cence /ˌfōs.fəˈresˌsens/ noun
1: luminescence caused by the absorption of radiations (as light or electrons) and continuing after these radiations stop
2: an enduring luminescence without sensible heat

— phos·pho·res·cent /ˌfōs.fəˈresˌsont/ adjective
— phos·pho·res·cent·ly adverb

phosphoric acid /ˈfōs.fəˌrik/ noun
any of several oxygen-containing acids of phosphorus

phos·pho·rus /ˈfōs.fəˌrəs/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. Gk phōs phōros light-bearing, fr. phōs light + pherein to carry, bring]
a nonmetallic chemical element that has characteristics similar to nitrogen and occurs widely esp. as phosphates

— phos·pho·ric /ˌfōs.fəˈrɪk/ adjective
— phos·pho·rous /ˌfōs.fəˈrəs/ adjective

phot- or photo- combining form

1: light <photography>
2: photograph: photographic <photoengraving>
3: photoelectric <photocell>

photo /ˈfō.tō/ noun, plural photos
a picture or likeness obtained by photography: PHOTOGRAPH
— photo adjective

photo verb
: to take a photograph of

photo-cell /ˈfoʊ.təˌsɛl/ noun
: PHOTOELECTRIC CELL

photochemical /ˈfəʊ.təˈkem.ɪ.kəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or resulting from the chemical action of radiant energy

photo-compose /ˌkɒ.ˈmɪ.pəʊz/ verb
: to compose reading matter for reproduction by means of characters photographed on film
— photo-composition /ˌkɒ.ˌmɪ.ˈzi.ʃən/ noun

photo-copy /ˈfəʊ.tə.ˈkæp.ɪ/ noun
: a photographic reproduction of graphic matter
— photocopy verb

photo-electric /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɛl.ɪ.trɪk/ adjective
: relating to an electrical effect due to the interaction of light with matter
— photo-electrical-ly /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɛl.ɪ.tʃəl.əl.ɪ/ adverb

photocell noun
: a device whose electrical properties are modified by the action of light

photo-engrave /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɪn.ɡrɑːv/ verb
: to make a photoengraving of

photo-engraving noun
: a process by which an etched printing plate is made from a photograph or drawing; also: a print made from such a plate

photo finish noun
: a race finish so close that a photograph of the finish is used to determine the winner

photog /ˈfoʊ.tə.ɡ/ noun
: PHOTOGRAPHER

photogenic /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈdʒen.ɪk/ adjective
: eminently suitable esp. aesthetically for being photographed

photograph /ˈfəʊ.tə.ɡrɑːf/ noun
: a picture taken by photography
— photographer /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɡreɪ.ər/ noun

Synonyms
: print, shot, snap, snapshot; also blowup, close-up, enlargement, still; daguerreotype, monochrome

photograph verb
: to take a photograph of

Synonyms
: mug, shoot, snap; also image, picture, retake; film, videotape

photography /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɡrɑː.feɪ/ noun
: the art or process of producing images on a sensitive surface (as film or a CCD chip) by the action of light
— photographic /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɡrɑː.fɪk/ adjective
— photographically /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɡrɑː.fɪ.kl.əl.ɪ/ adverb

photograve /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɡrɑ.ˈvʌ/ noun
: a process for making prints from an intaglio plate prepared by photographic methods

photographically /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈɡrɑ.ˌli.θəˌɡrɑ.ˈfɪk/ noun
: the process of photographically transferring a pattern to a surface for etching (as in making an integrated circuit)

photometer /ˌfəʊ.tə.ˈme.tər/ noun
an instrument for measuring the intensity of light

**photo-metric** /ˌfəˈmәtrɪk/ adjective

**photometry** /ˌfəˈmәtrə-/) noun

**photomicrograph** /ˌfəˈmɪkrəɡræf/ noun: a photograph of a microscope image

**photomicrography** /ˌfəˈmɪkrəɡrәˌfē/ noun

**photon** /ˈfәˌtәn/ noun: a quantum of electromagnetic radiation

**pho to op** /ˈfәˌıp/ noun: a situation or event that lends itself to the taking of pictures which favor the individuals photographed

**photoplay** /ˈfәˌplә/ noun: MOTION PICTURE

**photosensitive** /ˌfəˌsenˈsәtiv/ adjective: sensitive or sensitized to the action of radiant energy

**photosphere** /ˌfəˈsәfər/ noun: the luminous surface of a star

**photospheric** /ˌfəˌsәˈfērɪk/ adjective

**photosynthesis** /ˌfəˌsinθəˈsɪs/ noun: the process by which chlorophyll-containing plants make carbohydrates from water and from carbon dioxide in the air in the presence of light

**photosynthesize** /ˌfəˌsinθəˈzaɪz/ verb

**photosynthetic** /ˌfəˌsinθəˈtɪk/ adjective

**phrase** /frәz/ noun

1: a brief expression
2: a group of two or more grammatically related words that form a sense unit expressing a thought

**phrase** verb phrased; phrasing

: to express in words

*Synonyms*
- articular, clothe, couch, express, formulate, put, say, state, word; also craft, frame; hint, imply, insinuate, intimate, suggest; paraphrase, rephrase, restate, summarize, translate; communicate, disclose, speak, tell; describe, render, write up

**phraseology** /ˌfәrәˌzәˌәˌlejә/ noun, plural -gies

: a manner of phrasing: STYLE

*Synonyms*
- fashion, locution, manner, mode, style, tone, vein—more at STYLE

**phrasing** noun

: style of expression

*Synonyms*
- diction, language, phraseology, wording—more at WORDING

**phrenic** /frenık/ adjective: of or relating to the diaphragm <~ nerves>

**phrenology** /friˈnәˌlejә/ noun: the study of the conformation of the skull based on the belief that it indicates mental faculties and character traits

**phylactery** /fәˌlækˈteә/ noun, plural -teries

1: one of two small square leather boxes containing slips inscribed with scripture passages and traditionally worn on
the left arm and forehead by Jewish men during morning weekday prayers.

2: an ornament worn as a charm against evil: AMULET

phy·lum /fīˈləm/ noun, plural phyˈla /ī/['ORIGIN: NL, fr. Gk phylon tribe, race]
: a major category in biological classification esp. of animals that ranks above the class and below the kingdom; also
: a group (as of people) apparently of common origin

phys abbreviation

1: physical

2: physics

1: physic /fīˈzik/ noun

1: the profession of medicine

2: a substance or preparation used in treating disease: MEDICINE; especially: PURGATIVE

physic verb phys·icked; phys·ick·ing

: PURGE 2

1: physical /fīˈziˌkal/ adjective

1: of or relating to nature or the laws of nature

2: of, material as opposed to mental or spiritual

3: of, relating to, or produced by the forces and operations of physics

4: of or relating to the body

— phys·ical·ly /k(ə)ˈkal/ adverb

Synonyms

[2] concrete, material, substantial—more at MATERIAL

[4] animal, bodily, carnal, corporal, fleshly, material, somatic; also anatomic, physiological; sensual; sensuous, hand-to-hand

Antonyms

nonmaterial, nonphysical

2: physical noun

physical education noun

: instruction in the development and care of the body ranging from simple calisthenics to training in hygiene, gymnastics, and the performance and management of athletic games

physical examination noun

: an examination of the bodily functions and condition of an individual

phys·ic·ize /fīˈzik·iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

: to give physical form or expression to

physical science noun

: any of the sciences (as physics and astronomy) that deal primarily with nonliving materials

— physical scientist noun

physical therapy noun

: the treatment of disease by physical and mechanical means (as massage, exercise, water, or heat)

— physical therapist noun

phys·ician /fīˈzi.ʃən/ noun

: a doctor of medicine

physician’s assistant noun

: a person certified to provide basic medical care usu. under a licensed physician's supervision

phys·ic·ist /fīˈzik·ist/ noun

: a scientist who specializes in physics

phys·ics /fīˈzikz/ noun

1: the science of matter and energy and their interactions
2: the physical properties and composition of something

phys·i·og·no·my /ˈfɪ.zə.ˈdʒə.nə.mē/ noun, plural -mies
1: facial appearance esp. as a reflection of inner character
2: the physical properties and composition of something

phys·i·og·ra·phy /ˈfɪ.zə.ˈgə.fri/ noun
1: geography dealing with physical features of the earth
2: the science of matter and energy and their interactions

phys·i·ol·o·gy /ˈfɪ.zə.ˈlə.dʒi/ noun
1: a branch of biology dealing with the functions and functioning of living matter and organisms
2: an organism or any of its parts

phys·io·ther·a·py /ˈfɪ.zə.ˈðə.pə/ noun
: PHYSICAL THERAPY

phys·io·ther·a·pist /ˈfɪ.zə.ˈðə.pɪst/ noun

phys·ique /fʁe.ˈzek/ noun
1: the build of a person's body : bodily constitution
2: build, constitution, figure, form, frame, shape; also anatomy, structure

phy·to·chem·i·cal /fɪ.ˈtʃɛ.ˈmɪ.kəl/ noun
1: a chemical compound occurring naturally in plants
2: a chemical compound occurring naturally in plants

phy·to·plank·ton /fɪ.ˈtɒk.ˈplæŋk.tən/ noun
1: plant life of the plankton
2: plant life of the plankton

pi /pɪ/ noun, plural pis /pɪz/
1: the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet — Π or π
2: the symbol π denoting the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter; also: the ratio itself equal to approximately 3.1416

PI abbreviation
private investigator

pi·a·nis·si·mo /pi.a.ˈni.zi.ˈmo/ adverb or adjective
1: very softly — used as a direction in music
2: very softly — used as a direction in music

pi·a·nist /pi.ˈa.nɪst, ˈpi.ə/ noun
1: a person who plays the piano
2: a person who plays the piano

1piano /pi.ˈə.nəʊ/ adverb or adjective
1: softly — used as a direction in music
2: softly — used as a direction in music

2piano /pi.ˈə.nəʊ/ noun, plural pianos
1: a musical instrument having steel strings sounded by felt-covered hammers operated from a keyboard
2: a musical instrument having steel strings sounded by felt-covered hammers operated from a keyboard

pi·a·no·forte /pi.ə.nə.ˈfɔrt.əˌtəˌtɛ; pi.ə.ˈno.ˈfɔrt/ noun
1: a musical instrument having steel strings sounded by felt-covered hammers operated from a keyboard
2: a long hall with an arched roof

pi·az·za /pə.ˈza.za, esp for 1ˌat.ˈsa/ noun, plural piazzas or pi·az·ze /ˌpə.ˈzəˌsəˌtəˌtɛ/ [origin: It, fr. L platea broad street]
1: an open square esp. in an Italian town
2: a long hall with an arched roof
3 dialect: VERANDA, PORCH

pi·broch /pəˌbræk/ noun
: a set of variations for the bagpipe

pic /pɪk/ noun, plural pics or pix /ˈpɪks/
1: PHOTOGRAPH
2: MOTION PICTURE

pi·ca /pɪˈka/ noun
: a typewriter type with 10 characters to the inch

pi·ca·resque /pɪˈkeɪrəsk, -rɛsk/ adjective
: of or relating to rogues <~ fiction>

pic·a·yune /pɪˈkæˌyuːn/ adjective
: of little value: TRIVIAL; also: PETTY

pi·ca·lil·li /pɪˌkæˌlɪlɪ/ noun
: a relish of chopped vegetables and spices

pic·co·lo /pɪˈkəˌloʊ/ noun, plural -los
[ORIGIN: It, short for piccolo flauto small flute]
: a small shrill flute pitched an octave higher than the ordinary flute

1 pick /pɪk/ verb
1: to pierce or break up with a pointed instrument
2: to remove bit by bit; also: to remove covering matter from
3: to gather by plucking <~ apples>
4: to select from a group: CULL, SELECT
5: to rob <~ a pocket>
6: to provoke <~ a quarrel>
7: to dig into or pull lightly at
8: to pluck with fingers or a pick
9: to loosen or pull apart with a sharp point <~ wool>
10: to unlock with a wire
11: to eat sparingly
— pick·er noun
Synonyms
[3] gather, harvest, reap—more at HARVEST
[4] choose, cull, elect, handpick, name, opt, prefer, select, single, take—more at CHOOSE

2 pick noun
1: the act or privilege of choosing
2: the best or choicest one
3: the part of a crop gathered at one time

Synonyms
[1] alternative, choice, discretion, option, preference, way—more at CHOICE
[2] best, choice, cream, elect, elite, fat, flower, prime—more at ELITE

3 pick noun
1: a heavy wooden-handled tool pointed at one or both ends
2: a pointed implement used for picking
3: a small thin piece (as of plastic) used to pluck the strings of a stringed instrument

pick·a·back /ˈpiɡəˌbæk, ˈpɪkˌbæk/ variant of PIGGYBACK

pick·ax /ˈpɪkˌaks/ noun
: pick 1

pick·er·el /ˈpɪkˌerəl/ noun, plural pickerel or pickerels
pick·er·el·weed /ˌwɛd/ noun  
: a No. American shallow-water herb that bears spikes of purplish blue flowers

pick·et /ˈpɪk ɪt/ noun  
1 : a pointed stake (as for a fence)  
2 a : a detached body of soldiers on outpost duty  
   b : one that watches or guards  
3 : a person posted by a labor union where workers are on strike; also : a person posted for a protest  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ [2a, b] custodian, guard, guardian, keeper, lookout, sentry, warden, warder, watch, watchman—more at GUARD

pick·et verb  
1 : to guard with pickets  
2 : TETHER  
3 : to post pickets at <~ a factory>  
4 : to serve as a picket

pick·ings /ˈpɪk ɪŋz/ noun plural  
1 : gleanable or eatable fragments  
2 : yield for effort expended

pick·le /ˈpɪk əl/ noun  
1 : a brine or vinegar solution for preserving foods; also : a food (as a cucumber) preserved in a pickle  
2 : a difficult situation  
   — pick·le verb  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ corner, fix, hole, jam, predicament, spot—more at PREDICAMENT

pick·lock /ˈpɪk əlk/ noun  
1 : BURGLAR, THIEF  
2 : a tool for picking locks

pick·pock·et /ˈpɪk ə pok/ noun  
: one who steals from pockets

pick·up /ˈpɪk ə p/ noun  
1 : a hitchhiker who is given a ride  
2 : a temporary chance acquaintance  
3 : a picking up  
4 : revival of business activity  
5 : ACCELERATION  
6 : the conversion of mechanical movements into electrical impulses in the reproduction of sound; also : a device for making such conversion  
7 : a light truck having an enclosed cab and an open body with low sides and a tailgate

pick up verb  
1 : to take hold of and lift  
2 : IMPROVE  
3 : to put in order  
4 : to gather together: COLLECT  
5 : to acquire by study or experience: LEARN  
6 : to obtain esp. by payment  
7 : to become progressively greater (as in size, amount, number, or intensity)  
8 : to take into custody  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ [1] boost, crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, hoist, jack, lift, raise, up, uphold—more at RAISE  
   ▶ [5] get, learn, master—more at LEARN
picky /piˈkɪ/ adjective pick·i·er; -est
  ➤ fastidiously selective
  Synonyms
  ➤ choosy, dainty, delicate, demanding, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, nice, old-maidish, particular, selective—more at FINICKY

pic·nic /ˈpɪk.nɪk/ noun
  1 ➤ an outing with food usu. provided by members of the group and eaten in the open
  2 ➤ an easy task or feat
  Synonyms
  ➤ breeze, child’s play, cinch, pushover, snap—more at CINCH

pic·nicked (ˈpɪk.nɪk·ɪd); pic·nick·ing
  ➤ to go on a picnic : eat in picnic fashion

pi·cot /ˈpɪk.ʊt/ noun
  ➤ one of a series of small loops forming an edging on ribbon or lace

pic·to·ri·al /ˈpɪk.tər.əl/ adjective
  1 ➤ of, relating to, or consisting of pictures
  2 ➤ suggesting or conveying visual images <~ poetry>

pic·ture /ˈpɪk.tʃər/ noun
  1 ➤ a representation made by painting, drawing, or photography
  2 ➤ a vivid description in words
  3 ➤ something that by its likeness vividly suggests some other thing : IMAGE
  4 ➤ a transitory visual image (as on a TV screen)
  5 ➤ a representation (as of a story) by means of motion pictures : MOVIE
  6 ➤ position with respect to conditions and circumstances : SITUATION
  7 ➤ a mental image
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] illustration, image, likeness; also delineation, depiction, representation; portrait; drawing, finger painting; etching, silhouette, sketch, watercolor; caricature, cartoon, doodle; photograph, collage, montage; hieroglyphic, ideogram
  ➤ [2] delineation, depiction, description, portrait, portrayal, sketch—more at DESCRIPTION
  ➤ [7] concept, idea, image, impression, notion, thought—more at IDEA

pic·tur·ed (ˈpɪk.tərd); pic·tur·ing
  ➤ to paint or draw a picture of
  1 ➤ to describe vividly in words
  3 ➤ to form a mental image of
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] depict, image, portray, represent; also delineate, describe, render; outline, sketch; illustrate, show; caricature
  ➤ [2] delineate, depict, describe, draw, image, paint, portray, sketch—more at DESCRIBE
  ➤ [3] conceive, dream, envisage, fancy, imagine, vision, visualize—more at IMAGINE

pic·tur·esque /ˈpɪk.tər.əsk/ adjective
  1 ➤ resembling a picture <~ landscape>
  2 ➤ CHARMING, QUAIN'T <~ character>
  3 ➤ evoking mental images : GRAPHIC, VIVID <~ account>
        — pic·tur·esque·ness noun

pic·ture tube noun
  ➤ a cathode-ray tube on which the picture in a television set appears
pid·dle /ˈpidl/ verb pid·dled; pid·dling
: to act or work idly : DAWdle

pid·dly /ˈpidˌlɪ/ adjective
: of little worth or importance : TRIVIAL, PALTRY

pid·gin /ˈpi.dʒən/ noun
: a simplified speech used for communication between people with different languages

pie /pi/ noun
: a dish consisting of a pastry crust and a filling (as of fruit or meat)

pie·bald /ˈpi.bald/ adjective
: of different colors; especially : blotched with white and black <a ~ horse>
  Synonyms
dappled, mottled, pied, spotted—more at pied

piebald noun
: a piebald animal

pie·cemeal /ˈpiˌmēl/ adverb or adjective
: one piece at a time : GRADUALLY

pie·chart /ˈpi.ˌchert/ noun
: a circular chart that shows quantities or frequencies by parts of a circle shaped like pieces of pie

pied /pi/ adjective
: of two or more colors in blotches
  Synonyms
dappled, mottled, piebald, spotted; also shaded; checkered, motley, multicolored, varicolored, variegated;
blotted, brindled, streaked; colored, colorful; dotted, peppered, sprinkled; stippled; discolored, dyed, marked, stained; flecked, streaked; bespattered, spattered

pied-à-terre /pi̞d-ə-tər/ noun, plural pieds-à-terre /pi̞d-ə-tər/ same/
[origin: F, lit., foot to the ground]
: a temporary or second lodging

pier /piər/ noun
1 ▶: a support for a bridge span
2 ▶: a structure built out into the water for use as a landing place or a promenade or to protect or form a harbor
3 ▶: an upright supporting part (as a pillar) of a building or structure
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] dock, float, jetty, landing, levee, quay, wharf—more at DOCK
   ▶ [3] column, pillar, post, stanchion—more at PILLAR

pierce /pər/ verb pierced; piercing
1 ▶: to enter or thrust into sharply or painfully : STAB
2 ▶: to make a hole in or through : PERFORATE
3 ▶: to force or make a way into or through : PENETRATE
4 ▶: to see through : DISCERN
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] gore, harpoon, impale, lance, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE
   ▶ [2] bore, drill, hole, perforate, punch, puncture—more at PERFORATE
   ▶ [3] access, enter, penetrate, probe

piercing adjective
1 ▶: marked by intensity or volume of sound
2 ▶: PERCEPTIVE <= eyes>
3 ▶: penetratingly cold
4 ▶: CUTTING, INCISIVE <= sarcasm>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] booming, clamorous, deafening, earsplitting, loud, resounding, ringing, roaring, sonorous, stentorian, thunderous—more at LOUD
   ▶ [3] biting, bitter, cutting, keen, penetrating, raw, sharp—more at CUTTING

pies plural of PIE

piety /pə ti/ noun, plural pieties
1 ▶: fidelity to natural obligations (as to parents)
2 ▶: dutifulness in religion
3 ▶: a pious act
   Synonyms
   ▶ devotion, faith, religion—more at FAITH
   ▶ blessedness, devoutness, godliness, holiness, sainthood, sanctity—more at HOLINESS

piffle /pi̞f/ noun
▶: trivial nonsense
   Synonyms
   ▶ bunk, claptrap, drivel, foolishness, hogwash, nonsense

pig /piɡ/ noun
1 ▶: SWINE; especially : a young domesticated swine
2 ▶: PORK
3 ▶: a dirty, glutinous, or repulsive person
4 ▶: a crude casting of metal (as iron)

pigeon /pi̞n/ noun
1 ▶: any of numerous stout-bodied short-legged birds with smooth thick plumage
2 ▶: an easy mark : DUPE
   Synonyms
* dupe, gull, sap, sucker, tool—more at **dupe**

**pigeonhole** /piˈɡeɪnˌhɑːl/ **noun**
: a small open compartment (as in a desk) for keeping letters or documents

**pigeonhole** **verb**
1 : to place in or as if in a pigeonhole : **FILE**
2 : to lay aside
3 : to assign to a usu. restrictive category

**pi·geon–toed** /ˌpiˌɡeɪnˌtōd/ **adjective**
: having the toes turned in

**pig·gish** /ˈpɪɡ.ɪʃ/ **adjective**
1 : having a strong desire for food or drink : **GREEDY**
2 : **STUBBORN**

* Synonyms

  - gluttonous, greedy, hoggish, rapacious, ravenous, voracious—more at **VORACIOUS**

**pig·gy·back** /ˈpɪɡ.ɪˌbæk/ **adverb or adjective**
1 : up on the back and shoulders
2 : on a railroad flatcar

**pig·head·ed** /ˈpɪɡ.ˌhɛd.ɪd/ **adjective**
: willfully or perversely unyielding : **OBSTINATE**, **STUBBORN**

* Synonyms

  - dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, stubborn, unyielding, willful—more at **OBSTINATE**

**pig lat in** **noun**, often cap L
: a jargon that is made by systematic alteration of English

**pig·let** /ˈpɪɡ.lɛt/ **noun**
: a small usu. young swine

**pig·ment** /ˈpɪɡ.mɛnt/ **noun**
1 : coloring matter
2 : a powder mixed with a liquid to give color (as in paints)

* **pig·ment·ed** /ˈpɪɡ.mɛnt.ɪd/ **adjective**

* Synonyms

  - color, dye, stain; also cast, hue, shade, tinge, tint, tone

**pig·men·ta·tion** /ˈpɪɡ.mɛn.tə.ʃən/ **noun**
: coloration with or deposition of pigment; especially : an excessive deposition of bodily pigment

**pig·my** **variant of** **PYGMY**

**pig·nut** /ˈpɪɡ.nʌt/ **noun**
: the bitter nut of any of several hickory trees; also : any of these trees

**pig·pen** /ˈpɪɡ.ˈpɛn/ **noun**
1 : a pen for pigs
2 : a dirty place

* **Synonyms**

  - hole, shambles; also chaos, confusion, disarrangement, disarray, disorder, jumble, mess, muddle; dump; clutter, litter, mishmash

**pig·skin** /ˈpɪɡ.ˈskɪn/ **noun**
1 : the skin of a swine or leather made of it
2 : **FOOTBALL**

**pig·sty** /ˈpɪɡ.ˈstɪ/ **noun**
1: a pen for pigs
2: a dirty place

**pig-tail** /ˌtāl/ **noun**
: a tight braid of hair

**pi-ka** /ˈpi keɪ/ **noun**
: any of various small short-eared mammals related to the rabbits and occurring in rocky uplands of Asia and western No. America

1**pike** /ˈpɪk/ **noun**
: a sharp point or spike

2**pike noun, plural pike or pikes**
: a large slender long-snouted freshwater bony fish valued for food; also : any of various related fishes

3**pike noun**
 ›: a long wooden shaft with a pointed steel head formerly used as a foot soldier's weapon

   **Synonyms**
   › lance, spear—more at **SPEAR**

4**pike noun**
: a main road; especially : a paved highway with a rounded surface : **TURNPIKE**

**pike-er** /ˈpɪk ər/ **noun**
1: one who does things in a small way or on a small scale
2: a close or miserly person : **TIGHTWAD, CHEAPSKE**

**pike-staff** /ˈpɪk ʃtaf/ **noun**
: the staff of a foot soldier's pike

**pi-laf** also **pilaff** /ˌpɪləf/ or **pi-lau** /ˌpɪl əʊ/ or **pīlau** /ˌpɪl əʊ/ **noun**
: a dish made of seasoned rice often with meat

**pi-las-ter** /ˌpɪl əs tər, ˈpi ləs tər/ **noun**
: an architectural support that looks like a rectangular column and projects slightly from a wall

**pi-lchard** /ˌpɪl ək ərd/ **noun**
: a small European marine fish related to the herrings and often packed as a sardine

1**pile** /ˈpɪl/ **noun**
: a long slender column (as of wood or steel) driven into the ground to support a vertical load

2**pile noun**
1 ›: a quantity of things heaped together
2: **PYRE**
3: a great number or quantity : **LOT**

   **Synonyms**
   › cock, heap, hill, mound, mountain, rick, stack; also bank, bar, drift, embankment; pyramid; barrow, cairn, pyre; accumulation, aggregate, assemblage, collection, conglomerate, gathering, grouping, hoard, jumble

3**pile verb piled; pil·ling**
1 ›: to lay in a pile : **STACK**
2 ›: to heap up : **ACCUMULATE** — usu. used with up
3: to press forward in a mass : **CROWD**

   **Synonyms**
   › [1] heap, hill, mound, stack; also bank, layer, pyramid; accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, gather, group, mass; bunch, clump, lump

   **Antonyms**
   unpile
   › **usually pile up** [2] accumulate, collect, conglomerate, gather, heap—more at **COLLECT**
*pile noun*
1: a coat or surface of usu. short close fine furry hairs
2: a velvety surface produced by an extra set of filling yarns that form raised loops which are cut and sheared

— piled /pild/ adjective
— pile·less adjective

**Synonyms**
- [1] coat, fleece, fur, hair, pelage, wool
- [2] down, floss, fluff, fur, fuzz, lint—more at Fuzz

*piles /ˈpils/ noun plural*
: HEMORRHOIDS

*pil·fer /ˈpɪl.fər/ verb*
✓: to steal in small quantities

**Synonyms**
- appropriate, filch, hook, misappropriate, nip, pocket, purloin, snitch, steal, swipe, thieve—more at STEAL

*pil·grim /ˈpɪl.grɪm/ noun*
[origin: ME, fr. AF pelerin, pilegrin, fr. LL pelegrinus, alter. of L peregrinus foreigner, fr. peregrin abroad, fr. per through + ager land]
1: one who journeys in foreign lands: WAYFARER
2: one who travels to a shrine or holy place as an act of devotion
3 cap: one of the English settlers founding Plymouth colony in 1620

*pil·grim·age /ˈpɪl.ɡrɪm.dʒ/ noun*
: a journey of a pilgrim esp. to a shrine or holy place

*pil·ling /ˈpɪl.lɪŋ/ noun*
: a structure of piles

*pill /ˈpɪl/ noun*
1: a medicine in a small rounded mass to be swallowed whole
2: a disagreeable or tiresome person
3 often cap: an oral contraceptive — usu. used with the

**Synonyms**
- capsule, tablet; also drug, medication, pharmaceutical, specific; miracle drug, wonder drug; potion, preparation; dosage, dose, drop, sleeping pill, tranquilizer

*pil·lage /ˈpɪl.lɪdʒ/ verb pil·laged; pil·lag·ing*
✓: to take booty: LOOT

— pillage noun
— pil·lag·er noun

**Synonyms**
- despoil, loot, maraud, plunder, ransack, sack, strip—more at RANSACK

*pil·lar /ˈpɪl.lər/ noun*
1: a strong upright support (as for a roof)
2: a column or shaft standing alone esp. as a monument
3 ✓: a supporting, integral, or upstanding member or part

— pil·lared /ˈpɪl.ərd/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- [1] column, pier, post, stanchion; also caryatid, pedestal; flying buttress, buttress; needle, obelisk
- [3] buttress, dependence, mainstay, reliance, standby, support—more at DEPENDENCE

*pill·box /ˈpɪl.ˈbɒks/ noun*
1: a shallow round box for pills
2: a low concrete emplacement esp. for machine guns

*pil·lion /ˈpɪl.ˌlɪn/ noun*
1: a pad or cushion placed behind a saddle for an extra rider
2 chiefly British: a motorcycle or bicycle saddle for a passenger

pillory /ˈpɪlərɪ/ noun, plural -ries
1: a wooden frame for public punishment having holes in which the head and hands can be locked
2 pillory verb -ried; -ry·ing
1: to set in a pillory
2: to expose to public scorn

pillow /ˈpɪləʊ/ noun
1: a case filled with springy material (as feathers) and used to support the head of a resting person
2 pillow verb
1: to rest or place on or as if on a pillow; also: to serve as a pillow for

pillow-case /ˈpɪləʊˌkeɪs/ noun
1: a removable covering for a pillow

pilot /ˈpɪlət/ noun
1: HELMSMAN, STEERSMAN
2: a person qualified and licensed to take ships into and out of a port
3: GUIDE, LEADER
4: one that flies an aircraft or spacecraft
5: a television show filmed or taped as a sample of a proposed series
— pil·lot·less adjective
  Synonyms
  airman, aviator, flier; also ace, bush pilot, copilot, test pilot
2 pilot verb
1: to act as a guide to: lead or conduct over a usu. difficult course
  Synonyms
  coach, counsel, guide, lead, mentor, shepherd, show, tutor—more at GUIDE
  conduct, direct, guide, lead, marshal, route, show, steer, usher—more at LEAD
3 pilot adjective
1: serving as a guiding or activating device or as a testing or trial unit <a ~ light> <a ~ factory>

pilot-house /ˈpɪlətˌhaʊs/ noun
1: a shelter on the upper deck of a ship for the steering gear and the helmsman

pilot whale noun
1: either of two mostly black medium-sized whales

pilsner also pil·sen·er /ˈpɪlsnər, ˈpɪlzər/ noun
[origin: G, lit., of Pilsen (Plzeň), city in the Czech Republic]
1: a light beer with a strong flavor of hops
2: a tall slender footed glass for beer

pi·men·to /paˈmentoʊ/ noun, plural pimentos or pimento
[origin: Sp pimienta allspice, pepper, fr. LL pigmenta, pl. of pigmentum plant juice, fr. L, pigment]
1: ALLSPICE
2: PIMENTO

pi·mien·to /paˈmentoʊ/ noun, plural -tos
1: any of various mild red sweet pepper fruits used esp. to stuff olives and to make paprika

pimp /ˈpɪmp/ noun
1: a man who solicits clients for a prostitute
2 pimp verb

pim·per·nel /ˈpɪmp.ˈpɜrnəl, ˈpɪmpl-ər-əl/ noun
1: any of a genus of herbs related to the primroses
**pimple** /ˈpɪm.pl/ **noun**
: a small inflamed swelling on the skin often containing pus
  — **pimply** /ˈpɪm.pli/ **adjective**

**pin** /pin/ **noun**
1 : a piece of wood or metal used esp. for fastening things together or as a support by which one thing may be suspended from another; especially : a small pointed piece of wire with a head used for fastening clothes or attaching papers
2 : an ornament or emblem fastened to clothing with a pin
3 : one of the wooden pieces constituting the target (as in bowling); also : the staff of the flag marking a hole on a golf course
4 : **LEG**

**pin** **verb** pinned; pin·ning
1 : to fasten, join, or secure with a pin
2 : to hold fast or immobile
3 : **ATTACH**, **HANG** <pinned their hopes on one man>
4 : to assign the blame for <~ a crime on someone>
5 : to define clearly : **ESTABLISH** <~ down an idea>

**PIN** **abbreviation**
personal identification number

**piña colada** /piˈnə kəˈlō.da/ **noun**
[origin: Sp, lit., strained pineapple]
: a tall drink made of rum, cream of coconut, and pineapple juice mixed with ice

**pin·afore** /ˈpɪ.nəˌfɔr/ **noun**
: a sleeveless dress or apron fastened at the back

**pin·ball machine** /ˈpin.bɔl/ **noun**
: an amusement device in which a ball is maneuvered along a slanted surface among a series of targets for points

**pince–nez** /paɪnsˈnɛz/ **noun**, plural **pince–nez** /ˈsɛrnəz/ **noun**
[origin: F, fr. pincer to pinch + nez nose]
: eyeglasses clipped to the nose by a spring

**pin·cer** /ˈpɪn.sər/ **noun**
1 plural : a gripping instrument with two handles and two grasping jaws
2 : a claw (as of a lobster) resembling pincers

**pinch** /pinch/ **verb**
1 : to squeeze between the finger and thumb or between the jaws of an instrument
2 : to compress painfully
3 : **CONTRACT**, **SHRIVEL**
4 : to be miserly; also : to subject to strict economy
5 : to confine or limit narrowly
6 : to take (the property of another) wrongfully : **STEAL**
7 : to take or keep in custody by authority of law : **ARREST**

**pinch** **noun**
1 : a critical point : **EMERGENCY**
2 : painful effect
3 : an act of pinching
4 : a very small quantity
5 : **ARREST**

**pinch** **adjective**
: **SUBSTITUTE** <a ~ runner>
pinch–hit /ˈpinch ˈhɪt/ verb
1 : to bat in the place of another player esp. when a hit is particularly needed
2 : to act or serve in place of another
— pinch hit noun
   Synonyms
   • cover, fill in, stand in, sub, substitute, take over—more at COVER

pinch hitter noun
• : one that pinch-hits
   Synonyms
   • backup, relief, replacement, reserve, stand-in, sub, substitute—more at SUBSTITUTE

pin curl noun
: a curl made usu. by dampening a strand of hair, coiling it, and securing it by a hairpin or clip

pin·cush·ion /ˈpinˌkəshən/ noun
• : a cushion for pins not in use
  a 1 pine /ˈpīn/ noun
  • : any of a genus of evergreen cone-bearing trees; also : the light durable resinous wood of a pine
  b 2 pine verb pined; pin·ning
  1 : to lose vigor or health through distress
  2 : to long for something intensely
     Synonyms
     • usually pine for ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, repine, thirst, want, wish,
     yearn—more at DESIRE

pi·ne·al /ˈpīnəl, ˌpi-nəl/ noun
• PINEAL GLAND
— pineal adjective
pineal gland noun
: a small usu. conical appendage of the brain of all vertebrates with a cranium that functions primarily as an
endocrine organ

pine·ap·ple /ˈpinəpˌpl/ noun
• a tropical plant bearing a large edible juicy fruit; also : its fruit

pin·feath·er /ˈpinˌfeθər/ noun
• : a new feather just coming through the skin

ping /ˈpɪŋ/ noun
1 : a sharp sound like that of a bullet striking
2 : engine knock

pin·hole /ˈpinˌhōl/ noun
• : a small hole made by, for, or as if by a pin
   Synonyms
   • perforation, prick, punch, puncture, stab—more at PRICK

1 pinion /ˈpinən/ noun
• the end section of a bird's wing; also : WING
2 pinion verb
• : to restrain by binding the arms; also : SHACKLE
3 pinion noun
• : a gear with a small number of teeth designed to mesh with a larger wheel or rack

1 pinch /ˈpɪŋk/ noun
1 : any of a genus of plants with narrow leaves often grown for their showy flowers
2 : the highest degree : HEIGHT <the ~ of condition>

pink noun
: a light tint of red

pink adjective
1 : of the color pink
2 : holding socialistic views
   — pinkish adjective

pink verb
1 : to perforate in an ornamental pattern
2 : PIERCE, STAB
3 : to cut a saw-toothed edge on

pink-eye /ˈpɪŋkˌiː/ noun
: an acute contagious eye inflammation

pin·kie or pin·ky /ˈpɪŋkɪ/ noun, plural pinkies
: the smallest finger of the hand

pin·nace /ˈpɪnɪs/ noun
1 : a light sailing ship
2 : a ship's boat

pin·na·cle /ˈpɪnəkəl/ noun
[origin: ME pinacle, fr. AF, fr. LL pinnaculum small wing, gable, fr. L pinna wing, battlement]
1 : a turret ending in a small spire
2 : a lofty peak
3 : the highest point of development or achievement : ACME
   Synonyms
   acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, summit, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

pin·nate /ˈpɪnət/ adjective
: resembling a feather esp. in having similar parts arranged on each side of an axis <a ~ leaf>
   — pin·nate·ly adverb

pi·noch·le /paɪˈnɔtʃəl/ noun
: a card game played with a 48-card deck

pi·ñon or pin·yon /ˈpiŋˌɔn, ˈpiŋˌən/ noun, plural piñons or piñon·nes /ˈpiŋˈɔnˌnes/ or pin·yons
[origin: AmerSp piñón]
: any of various small pines of western No. America with edible seeds; also : the edible seed of a piñon

pin·point /ˈpɪnˌpɔɪnt/ verb
1 : to locate, hit, or aim with great precision
   Synonyms
   distinguish, identify, single—more at IDENTIFY

pin·prick /_ˌprɪk/ noun
1 : a small puncture made by or as if by a pin
2 : a petty irritation or annoyance

pins and needles noun plural
: a pricking tingling sensation in a limb growing numb or recovering from numbness
   — on pins and needles
: in a nervous or jumpy state of anticipation

pin·stripe /ˈpɪnˌstrip/ noun
: a narrow stripe on a fabric; also : a suit with such stripes
   — pin–striped /ˈstript/ adjective
pint /pɪnt/ noun
: a unit of capacity equal to 1/2 quart

pin·to /ˈpɪntəʊ/ noun, plural pintos also pintoes
: a spotted horse or pony

pinto bean noun
: a spotted seed produced by a kind of kidney bean and used for food

pint–size /ˈpɪnt siz/ or pint–sized /ˈsɪzd/ adjective
: having comparatively little size or slight dimensions: SMALL

pin·up /ˈpɪnəp/ adjective
: suitable or designed for hanging on a wall; also: to be the subject of a pinup photograph

pin·wheel /ˈpɪnwɛl/ noun
1: a fireworks device in the form of a revolving wheel of colored fire
2: a toy consisting of lightweight vanes that revolve at the end of a stick

pin·worm /ˈpɪnwɜːm/ noun
: a nematode worm parasitic in the human intestine

pin·yin /ˈpɪniŋ/ noun, often cap
: a system for writing Chinese ideograms by using Roman letters to represent the sounds

1pioneer /ˈpaɪənər/ noun
1: one that originates or helps open up a new line of thought or activity
2: an early settler in a territory
   Syonyms
   colonist, frontiersman, homesteader, settler—more at FRONTIERSMAN

2pioneer verb
1: to act as a pioneer
2: to open or prepare for others to follow; also: SETTLE
3: to originate or take part in the development of
   Synonyms
   constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, launch, set up, start—more at FOUND

pi·ous /ˈpiəs/ adjective
1: marked by reverence for deity: DEVOUT
2: excessively or affectedly religious
3: SACRED, DEVOTIONAL
4: showing loyal reverence for a person or thing
5: marked by sham or hypocrisy
   —pi·ous·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   [1] devout, faithful, godly, holy, religious, sainted, saintly—more at HOLY
   [4] constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, staunch, steadfast, steady, true, true-blue—more at FAITHFUL

1pip /ˈpɪp/ noun
: one of the dots used on dice and dominoes to indicate numerical value

2pip noun
1: a small fruit seed (as of an apple)
2: one extraordinary of its kind
   Synonyms
   beauty, crackerjack, dandy, jim-dandy, knockout—more at JIM-DANDY

1pipe /ˈpɪp/ noun
1: a tubular musical instrument played by forcing air through it
pipe

verb piped; piping
1 : to play on a pipe
2 a : to speak in a high or shrill voice
   b : to emit a shrill sound
3 : to convey by or as if by pipes
   — pip·er noun
   Synonyms
   channel, conduit, direct, funnel, siphon—more at CHANNEL

pipe down verb
: to stop talking or making noise

pipe dream noun
1 : an illusory or fantastic hope
   Synonyms
   chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, unreality, vision—more at FANTASY

pipe-line /ˈpīˌlīn/ noun
1 : a line of pipe with pumps, valves, and control devices for conveying fluids
2 : a channel for information

pi·pette or pi·pet /ˈpēˌpet/ noun
: a device for measuring and transferring small volumes of liquid

pipe up verb
: to speak loudly and distinctly; also : to express an opinion freely

pip·ing /ˈpēˌpin/ noun
1 : the music of pipes
2 : a narrow fold of material used to decorate edges or seams

piping hot adjective
: very hot

pip·pin /ˈpēˌpin/ noun
: a crisp tart usu. yellowish apple

pip·squeak /ˈpēˌskwēk/ noun
: one that is small or insignificant

pi·quant /ˈpēˌkant/ adjective
1 : pleasantly savory : PUNGENT
2 : engagingly provocative; also : having a lively charm
   — pi·quan·cy /ˌkanˈsē/ noun

pi·que /ˈpēk/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1 : a passing feeling of wounded vanity : RESENTMENT
   Synonyms
   dudgeon, huff, offense, peeve, resentment, umbrage; also aggravation, anger, annoyance, bother, discomfort, exasperation, frustration, irritation, vexation; agitation, displeasure, distress, disturbance, indignation, ire, outrage, perturbation, upset; dander, temper; fit, pet, tantrum, tizzy; affront, insult
2 **pique** verb *piqued: piqu·ing*
1 ▶ : to arouse anger or resentment in : **IRRITATE**
2 ▶ : to arouse by a provocation or challenge

**Synonyms**
- [1] aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, put out, rasp, rile, vex—more at **IRRITATE**
- [2] arouse, encourage, excite, fire, incite, instigate, move, provoke, stimulate, stir

**pi·qué** or **pi·que** /piˈkwɛ/ noun
: a durable ribbed clothing fabric

**pi·quet** /piˈkwɛt/ noun
: a 2-handed card game played with 32 cards

**pi·ra·cy** /piˈre sə/ noun, plural -cies
1 : robbery on the high seas; also : an act resembling such robbery
2 : the unauthorized use of another's production or invention

**pi·ra·nha** /piˈræ.nə/ noun
[origin: Pg, fr. Tupi (So. American Indian language) pirâja, fr. pir‘ fish + âja tooth]
: any of various usu. small So. American fishes with sharp teeth that include some known to attack humans and large animals

**pi·rate** /piˈræt/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF or L; MF, fr. L pirata, fr. Gk peiratēs, fr. peiran to attempt, test]
▶ : one who commits piracy
— **pirate** verb
— **pi·rat·i·cal** /piˈrat i kne/ adjective
**Synonyms**
- buccaneer, corsair, freebooter, rover; also looter, marauder, pillager, plunderer, raider, robber; privateer; burglar, thief; hijacker, rustler

**pi·rouette** /piˈro ˌwel/ noun
[origin: F]
: a rapid whirling about of the body; especially : a full turn on the toe or ball of one foot in ballet

2 **pi·rouette** verb
▶ : to turn in or as if in a pirouette
**Synonyms**
- gyrate, revolve, roll, rotate, spin, turn, twirl, wheel, whirl—more at **SPIN**

**pis** plural of **pi**

**pi·sca·to·ri·al** /piˈskə tə rē əl/ adjective
: of or relating to fishing

**Pi·sces** /ˈpi sēz/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L, lit., fishes]
1 : a zodiacal constellation between Aquarius and Aries usu. pictured as a fish
2 : the 12th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also : one born under this sign

**pis·mire** /piˈmIR/ noun
: **ANT**

**pis·ta·chio** /piˈsta ˌshē ˌō/ noun, plural -chios
: the greenish edible seed of a small Asian tree related to the sumacs; also : the tree

**pis·til** /ˈpIS təl/ noun
: the female reproductive organ in a flower
— **pis·til·late** /ˈpIS ə ˌlät/ adjective
pistol /ˈpɪstəl/ noun
: a handgun whose chamber is integral with the barrel

pistol–whip /ˈhɪləp/ verb
: to beat with a pistol

piston /ˈpɪstən/ noun
: a sliding piece that receives and transmits motion and that usu. consists of a short cylinder inside a large cylinder

pit /ˈpɪt/ noun
1 a hole, shaft, or cavity in the ground
2 an often sunken area designed for a particular use; also an enclosed place (as for cockfights)
3 HELL; also, pl: WORST <it's the ~>
4 a natural hollow or indentation in a surface
5 a small indented mark or scar (as from disease or corrosion)
6 an area beside a racecourse where cars are fueled and repaired during a race

Synonyms
  ▶ [1, 4] cavity, concavity, dent, depression, hole, hollow, indentation, recess—more at HOLE

pit verb pit·ted; pit·ting
1: to form pits in or become marred with pits
2: to match for fighting

pit noun
: the stony seed of some fruits (as the cherry, peach, and date)

pit verb pit·ted; pit·ting
: to remove the pit from

pita /ˈpiːtə/ noun
[origin: ModGk]
: a thin flat bread

pitter-pat /ˈpɪtər ˈpæt/ noun
— pit·ter·pat adverb or adjective

pit bull noun
: a powerful compact short-haired dog developed for fighting

pitch /ˈpɪtʃ/ noun
1 : a dark sticky substance left over esp. from distilling tar or petroleum
2 : resin from various conifers

pitch verb
1 ▶ : to erect and fix firmly in place <~ a tent>
2 ▶ : to throw usu. with a particular objective or toward a particular point
3 : to deliver a baseball to a batter
4 : to toss (as coins) toward a mark
5 : to set at a particular level <~ the voice low>
6 : to fall headlong
7 : to have the front end (as of a ship) alternately plunge and rise
8 : to incline downward : SLOPE

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] erect, put up, raise, rear, set up—more at ERECT
  ▶ [2] cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, sling, throw, toss—more at THROW

pitch noun
1 : the action or a manner of pitching
2 ▶: degree of slope <~ of a roof>
3: the relative level of some quality or state <a high ~ of excitement>
4: highness or lowness of sound; also: a standard frequency for tuning instruments
5: a presentation delivered to sell or promote something
6: the delivery of a baseball to a batter; also: the baseball delivered

*Synonyms*
- cant, diagonal, grade, inclination, incline, lean, slant, slope, tilt, upgrade—more at SLANT

**pitch·blende** /ˈpɪtʃ.ˈblɛnd/ noun
: a dark mineral that is the chief source of uranium

**pitcher** /ˈpɪtʃ.ər/ noun
1: a container for liquids that usu. has a lip and a handle
2: one that pitches esp. in a baseball game

**pitcher plant** noun
: any of various plants with leaves modified to resemble pitchers in which insects are trapped and digested

**pitch·fork** /ˈpɪtʃ.fɔrk/ noun
: a long-handled fork used esp. in pitching hay

**pitch in** verb
1: to begin to work
2: to contribute to a common effort

*Synonyms*
- chip in, contribute, kick in—more at CONTRIBUTE

**pitch·man** /ˈpɪtʃ.man/ noun
: SALESMAN; especially: one who sells merchandise on the streets or from a concession

**pitch·per·fect** /ˈpɪtʃ.ˈpɜrfekt/ adjective
: having just the right tone or style <a ~ translation>

**pitchy** /ˈpɪtʃi/ adjective
1 a: full of pitch
b: of, relating to, or having the qualities of pitch
2: extremely dark or black

**pit·e·ous** /ˈpɪtʃ.əs/ adjective
- arousing pity: PITIFUL
— pit·e·ous·ly adverb

*Synonyms*
- heartbreaking, miserable, pathetic, pitiful, poor, rueful, sorry, wretched

**pit·fall** /ˈpɪt.fəl/ noun
1: TRAP, SNARE; especially: a covered pit used for capturing animals
2: a hidden danger or difficulty

*Synonyms*
- booby trap, catch, snag; also snare, trap, web; hazard, peril, risk; bombshell, surprise; bait, lure
- danger, hazard, menace, peril, risk, threat, trouble—more at DANGER

**pith** /ˈpɪθ/ noun
1: loose spongy tissue esp. in the center of the stem of vascular plants
2: the essential part: CORE

*Synonyms*
- core, crux, gist, heart, nub, pivot—more at CRUX

**pithy** /ˈpɪθi/ adjective pith·i·er; -est
1: consisting of or filled with pith
2: having substance and point: CONCISE
Synonyms
brief, compact, compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, succinct, summary, terse—more at CONCISE

pit·i·able /piˌtē.əˈbel/ adjective
1 : arousing or deserving pity : PITIFUL
2 : of a kind to evoke mingled pity and contempt esp. because of inadequacy

pit·i·ful /piˌti.foʊl/ adjective
1 ▷ : arousing or deserving pity <a ~ sight>
2 ▷ : arousing pitying contempt (as by meanness or inadequacy)
— pit·i·ful·ly adverb
Synonyms
▷ [1] heartbreaking, miserable, pathetic, piteous, poor, rueful, sorry, wretched
▷ [2] contemptible, despicable, lousy, nasty, scabby, scurvy, sorry, wretched—more at CONTEMPTIBLE

pit·i·less /piˌtē.ləs/ adjective
▷ : devoid of pity : MERCILESS
— pit·i·less·ly adverb
Synonyms
callous, cold-blooded, hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, ruthless, soulless, stony,
uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD

pi·ton /pəˈtæn/ noun
[origin: F]: a spike, wedge, or peg that can be driven into a rock or ice surface as a support

pit·tance /pitˈtəns/ noun
▷ : a small portion, amount, or allowance
Synonyms
mite, peanuts, shoestring, song—more at MITE

pit·ted /piˈtɛd/ adjective
▷ : marked with pits

1 pitter–patter /piˈtər.ˈpætər, ˈpiˌtɛ/ noun
▷ : a rapid succession of light taps or sounds
— pitter–patter /piˈtər.ˈpætər, ˈpiˌtɛ/ adverb or adjective

2 pitter–patter /piˈtər.ˈpætər, ˈpiˌtɛ/ verb
▷ : to go pitter-patter
Synonyms
beat, palpitate, pulsate, pulse, throb—more at PULSATE

pi·tu·i·tary /piˈtju.o.ˈter.əˌrē/ noun, plural -i·tar·ies
PITUITARY GLAND
— pituitary adjective

pituitary gland noun
▷ : a small oval endocrine gland located at the base of the brain that produces various hormones that affect most basic
bodily functions (as growth and reproduction)

pit viper noun
▷ : any of various mostly New World venomous snakes with a sensory pit on each side of the head and hollow
perforated fangs

1 pity /ˈpiˌtɛ/ noun, plural pities
[origin: ME pite, fr. AF pité, fr. L pietas piety, pity, pius piions]
1 ▷ : sympathetic sorrow : COMPASSION
2 : something to be regretted
Synonyms
charity, commiseration, compassion, feeling, heart, humanity, kindliness, kindness, mercy, sympathy—more at HEART

\textit{pity} \textbf{verb} pit\texttt{ied}; pity\texttt{ing}

\begin{itemize}
  \item to feel pity for
  \begin{itemize}
    \item Synonyms
      \begin{itemize}
        \item bleed, commiserate, feel, sympathize; \textit{also} care (for); grieve (for), sorrow (for); love; tolerate, understand
      \end{itemize}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{pivot} /ˈpɪvət/ \textbf{noun}

\begin{itemize}
  \item 1: a fixed pin on which something turns
  \item 2: a person, thing, or factor having a major or central role, function, or effect
  \begin{itemize}
    \item \textit{pivot} \textbf{adjective}
      \begin{itemize}
        \item core, crux, gist, heart, nub, pith—more at \texttt{CRUX}
      \end{itemize}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{pivot} \textbf{verb}

\begin{itemize}
  \item to turn on or as if on a pivot
  \begin{itemize}
    \item Synonyms
      \begin{itemize}
        \item revolve, roll, rotate, spin, swing, swirl, turn, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl—more at \texttt{TURN}
      \end{itemize}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{piv\texttt{ot}al} /ˈpɪvətl/ \textbf{adjective}

\begin{itemize}
  \item vitally important: \texttt{CRITICAL}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item Synonyms
      \begin{itemize}
        \item critical, crucial, key, vital—more at \texttt{CRUCIAL}
      \end{itemize}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{pix} \textit{plural of} \texttt{PIC}

\textbf{pix\texttt{el}} /ˈpɪksəl/ \textbf{noun}

: any of the small elements that together make up an image (as on a television screen)

\textbf{pix\texttt{ie}} \textit{also pixy} /ˈpɪksə/ \textbf{noun, plural pix\texttt{ies}}

: \texttt{FAIRY}; especially : a mischievous sprite

\begin{itemize}
  \item Synonyms
    \begin{itemize}
      \item brownie, dwarf, elf, fairy, fay, gnome, hobgoblin, leprechaun, puck, troll—more at \texttt{FAIRY}
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{piz\texttt{za}} /ˈpɪtsə/ \textbf{noun}

[\texttt{ORIGIN}: \texttt{It}]

: an open pie made of rolled bread dough spread with a spiced mixture (as of tomatoes, cheese, and ground meat) and baked

\textbf{piz\texttt{zazz} or pi\texttt{zazz}} /ˈpɪts.əz/ \textbf{noun}

\begin{itemize}
  \item 1: \texttt{GLAMOUR}
  \item 2: \texttt{VITALITY}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{piz\texttt{ze\texttt{ria}}} /ˌpɪtsəˈrēə/ \textbf{noun}

: an establishment where pizzas are made and sold

\textbf{piz\texttt{zi\texttt{ca\texttt{to}}}} /ˌpɪtsəˈkā tō/ \textbf{adverb or adjective}

[\texttt{ORIGIN}: \texttt{It}]

: by means of plucking instead of bowing — used as a direction in music

\textbf{pj\texttt{′s}} /ˈpēˌjāz/ \textbf{noun plural}

: \texttt{PAJAMAS}

\textbf{pk} \textit{abbreviation}

1 park
2 peak
3 peck
4 pike

\textbf{pkg} \textit{abbreviation}

package
pkt  abbreviation
1 packet
2 pocket

pkwy  abbreviation
parkway

pl  abbreviation
1 place
2 plate
3 plural

1 placard  /ˌplækərd, ˌplækərd/ noun
▶ a notice posted in a public place: POSTER
  Synonyms
▶ bill, poster—more at POSTER

2 placard  /.ˈkɑːrd, ˈkɑrð/ verb
1 : to cover with or as if with placards
2 ▶ : to announce by or as if by posting
  Synonyms
▶ advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound—more at ANNOUNCE

pla·cate  /pləˈkeɪt, ˈplæ-/-ˈkæt/ verb pla·cat·ed; pla·cat·ing
▶ to soothe esp. by concessions: APPEASE
  — pla·ca·ble  /ˈplæ.kə.bl, ˈplæ-/ adjective
  Synonyms
▶ appease, conciliate, disarm, mollify, pacify, propitiate—more at PACIFY

1 place  /ˈplæs/ noun
[Origin: ME, fr. AF, open space, fr. L platea broad street, fr. Gk plateia (hodos), fr. fem. of platys broad, flat]
1 : physical environment: SPACE
2 : an indefinite region: AREA
3 ▶ : a building or locality used for a special purpose
4 : a center of population
5 : a particular part of a surface: SPOT
6 ▶ : relative position in a scale or sequence; also: position at the end of a competition <last ~>
7 : ACCOMMODATION; especially: SEAT
8 : the position of a figure within a numeral <12 is a two ~ number>
9 ▶ : paid employment: JOB; especially: public office
10 : a public square
11 : 2d place at the finish (as of a horse race)
12 ▶ : a proper or designated niche
13 ▶ : a building, part of a building, or area occupied as a home
  Synonyms
▶ [3] establishment, joint, salon; also spot, station; facility, installation
▶ [3, 12] locale, location, point, position, site, spot
  Antonyms
scene, region, section, sector
▶ [6] locale, location, section, sector
▶ [9] appointment, billet, capacity, function, job, position, post, situation—more at RANK
▶ [12] part, purpose, role, task, work—more at ROLE
▶ [13] abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, habitation, hearth, home, house, lodging, pad, quarters, residence, roof—more at HOME

2 place  verb placed; plac·ing
1 ▶ : to put in a particular place: SET
2 ▶ : to distribute in an orderly manner
3: IDENTIFY
4: to give an order for <<< a bet >>>
5: to earn a given spot in a competition; especially: to come in 2d
6: to judge tentatively or approximately the value, worth, or significance of: ESTIMATE

**Synonyms**

- [1] deposit, dispose, fix, lay, position, put, set, set up, stick; also rearrange, reorder; orient; establish, locate, settle; assemble, collect, carry; berth, park; affix, anchor, wedge; lay out, line up, queue, rank; set down
- [2] assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, range, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY
- [5] be, grade, rank, rate—more at RANK
- [6] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, put, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE

**place-bo** /pla-'bē/ noun, plural -bos
[origin: L, I shall please]
: an inert medication used for its psychological effect or for purposes of comparison in an experiment

**place-hold-er** /pla-hōld-ər/ noun
: a symbol in a mathematical or logical expression that may be replaced by the name of any element of a set

**place-kick** /ˌplēz-kik/ noun
: the kicking of a ball placed or held on the ground
— placekick verb
— place-kick-er noun

**place-ment** /pla-mənt/ noun
: an act or instance of placing

**place-name** /plēn-əm/ noun
: the name of a geographical locality

**place-ment** /pla-mənt/ noun
: an act or instance of placing

**plac-i-ci-ta-ty** /pla-si-sə-tē/ noun
: the quality or state of being placid

**plac-i-dly** adverb

**Synonyms**

- calm, collected, composed, cool, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM
- calm, halcyon, hushed, peaceful, quiet, still—more at CALM

**plac-er** /pla-sər/ noun
: a deposit of sand or gravel containing particles of valuable mineral (as gold)

**plac-id** /pla-sid/ adjective

— plac-id-ly adverb

**Synonyms**

- calm, collected, composed, cool, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM
- calm, halcyon, hushed, peaceful, quiet, still—more at CALM

**plac-i-dly** adverb

— plac-id-ly adverb

**Synonyms**

- calm, calmness, hush, peace, quiet, quietness, repose, serenity, still, stillness, tranquillity—more at CALM

**plack-et** /pla-kēt/ noun
: a slit in a garment

**plag-i-a-rise** British variant of PLAGIARIZE

**plag-i-arize** /pلا-je-riz/ verb -rized; -riz-ing
: to present the ideas or words of another as one's own
— plag-i-ar-ism /-riz-əm/ noun
— plag-i-ar-ist /-ərist/ noun
plague /plæg/ noun
1 : a disastrous evil or influx; also : NUISANCE
2 : PESTILENCE; especially : a destructive contagious bacterial disease (as bubonic plague)

plague verb plagued; plaguing
1 ▶ : to afflict with or as if with disease or disaster
2 a : to cause worry or distress to
b ▶ : to disturb or annoy persistently
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2b] afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, martyr, persecute, rack, torment, torture—more at AFFLICT

plaid /plæd/ noun
[origin: ScGael plaide]
1 : a rectangular length of tartan worn esp. over the left shoulder as part of the Scottish national costume
2 : a twilled woolen fabric with a tartan pattern
3 : a pattern of unevenly spaced repeated stripes crossing at right angles
   — plaid adjective
   1 plain /plæn/ noun
      ▶ : an extensive area of level or rolling treeless country
      Synonyms
      ▶ down, grassland, prairie, savanna, steppe, veld; also pampas; floodplain; bottom, bottomland, flat, lowland;
        plateau, table, tableland, upland
   2 plain adjective
      1 ▶ : lacking ornament <a ~ dress>
      2 ▶ : free of extraneous matter
      3 : OPEN, UNOBSTRUCTED <~ view>
      4 : EVIDENT, OBVIOUS
      5 a ▶ : easily understood : CLEAR
      b ▶ : expressing oneself free of any attempt at deception or subterfuge
      6 ▶ : marked by outspoken candor : CANDID, BLUNT
      7 : SIMPLE <~ cooking>
      8 : lacking beauty or ugliness
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] bald, bare, naked, simple, unadorned, undecorated, unvarnished; also chaste, modest; unsophisticated;
        denuded, stripped; dry, laconic, terse; unpretentious; austere, bleak, severe, stark; inconspicuous, muted,
        restrained, subdued, toned (down), unobtrusive; conservative, quiet, understated
      Antonyms
      ▶ [2] absolute, fine, neat, pure, refined, straight, unadulterated, undiluted, unmixed—more at PURE
      ▶ [5a] apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous,
        transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at CLEAR
      ▶ [5b, 6] blunt, candid, direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, open, outspoken, straight, straightforward,
        unguarded, unreserved—more at FRANK

plain-clothes-man /plæn.kloʊtz.ˌmæn, 'kləz.ˌmæn/ noun
: a police officer who wears civilian clothes instead of a uniform while on duty : DETECTIVE

plain-ly /plæn.lə/ adverb
▶ : in a plain manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ directly, forthrightly, foursquare, plain, straight, straightforward

plain-ness /plæn.ˈnəs/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being plain
   Synonyms
   ▶ candor, directness, forthrightness, frankness, openness—more at CANDOR
plain·spo·ken /ˈspō.kən/ adjective
: marked by honest sincere expression : FRANK

plaint /pλənt/ noun
1 ▶ : an act or instance of lamenting : LAMENTATION, WAIL
2 ▶ : a critical protest : COMPLAINT
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] groan, howl, keen, lament, lamentation, moan, wail—more at LAMENT
   ▶ [2] beef, complaint, fuss, grievance, gripe, grumble, murmur, squawk—more at COMPLAINT

plain·tiff /pləntˌif/ noun
: the complaining party in a lawsuit

plain·tive /ˈplæntɪv/ adjective
: expressive of suffering or woe
   — plain·tive·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ dolorous, funeral, lugubrious, mournful, regretful, rueful, sorrowful, weeping, woeful—more at MOURNFUL

plait /pleɪt, ˈpleɪt/ noun
1 : PLEAT
2 ▶ : a braid esp. of hair or straw
   — plait verb
   Synonyms
   ▶ braided, lace—more at Braid

plan /plæn/ noun
1 : a drawing or diagram showing the parts or details of something
2 a ▶ : a method for accomplishing an objective
   b ▶ : the end toward which effort is directed : GOAL, AIM
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2a] arrangement, blueprint, design, game, project, scheme, strategy, system; also collusion, conspiracy, plot; maneuver, ruse, stratagem, subterfuge, trick; means, method, tactic, technique; conception, idea, proposal; aim, intention, purpose, diagram, formula, layout, map, recipe
   ▶ [2b] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, pretension, purpose, thing—more at GOAL

plan verb planned; plan·ning
1 ▶ : to form a plan of <a new city>
2 ▶ : to have in mind : INTEND <planned to go>
   — plan·ner noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] arrange, blueprint, calculate, chart, design, frame, lay out, map, project, scheme; also conspire, intrigue, machinate; draft, outline, sketch; aim, figure, intend, mean; contemplate, meditate, premeditate
   ▶ [2] aim, aspire, contemplate, design, intend, mean, meditate, propose—more at INTEND

plane /plæn/ verb planed; plan·ning
1 ▶ : to smooth or level off with or as if with a plane
   — plan·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ even, level, smooth—more at EVEN

plane noun
1 : PLAN TREE
2 plane noun
: a tool for smoothing or shaping a wood surface
3 plane noun
1 : a level or flat surface
plane adjective
1 : having no elevations or depressions : FLAT, LEVEL
2 : dealing with flat surfaces or figures (< geometry>
   Synonyms
   ➢ even, flat, flush, level, smooth—more at LEVEL.
plane verb
➢ : to fly while keeping the wings motionless
   Synonyms
   ➢ fly, glide, soar, wing—more at FLY.
plane·load /ˈplānˌlōd/ noun
a load that fills an airplane
plan·et /ˈplān·et/ noun
[origin: ME planete, fr. AF, fr. LL planeta, fr. Gk planēt-, planēs, lit., wanderer, fr. planasthai to wander]
1 : any of the large bodies in the solar system that revolve around the sun
2 ➢ : the celestial body on which we live that is third in order from the sun
   — plan·e·tary /ˈplān·ɛˌter·ē/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ➢ earth, world—more at EARTH
plan·e·tary·i·um /ˈplān·ɛ·tə·rē·ē·əm/ noun, plural -iums or -ia /ˈē·ə/ : a building or room housing a device to project images of celestial bodies
plan·e·tes·i·mal /ˈplān·ɛ·tə·sē·məl/ noun
a any of numerous small solid celestial bodies which may have existed during the formation of the solar system
plan·e·toid /ˈplān·ɛˌtōd/ noun
a a body resembling a planet; especially : ASTEROID
plane tree noun
a any of a genus of trees (as a sycamore) with large lobed leaves and globe-shaped fruit
plan·gent /ˈplān·jənt/ adjective
1 : having a loud reverberating sound
2 : having an expressive esp. plaintive quality
   — plan·gen·cy /ˈplān·jəsē/ noun
plan·k /ˈplāk/ noun
1 : a heavy thick board
2 : an article in the platform of a political party
plan·k verb
1 : to cover with planks
2 : to set or lay down forcibly
3 : to cook and serve on a board
plan·king /ˈplāk·iŋ/ noun
a a quantity or covering of planks
plan·k ton /ˈplāk·tən/ noun
[origin: G, fr. Gk, neut. of planktos drifiting]
1 : the passively floating or weakly swimming animal and plant life of a body of water
   — plan·k·ton·ic /ˈplāk·tən·ik/ adjective
plant /ˈplaŋt/ verb
1 ➢ : to set in the ground to grow
2: ESTABLISH, SETTLE
3: to stock or provide with something
4: to place firmly or forcibly
5: to hide or arrange with intent to deceive

**Synonyms**
- drill, seed, sow; also bed; replant, transplant; scatter; pot

2. **plant** noun
1: any of a kingdom of living things that usu. have no locomotor ability or obvious sense organs and have cellulose cell walls and usu. capacity for indefinite growth
2 a: the land, buildings, and machinery used in carrying on a trade or business
b: a factory or workshop for the manufacture of a particular product

**Synonyms**
- factory, mill, shop, works, workshop—more at FACTORY

1. **plantain** /pləntən/ noun
: any of a genus of weedy herbs with spikes of tiny greenish flowers

2. **plantain** noun
[Origin: Sp plántano, plátano plane tree, banana tree, fr. ML plantanus plane tree, alter. of L platanus]
: a banana plant with starchy greenish fruit that is eaten cooked; also: its fruit

1. **plantar** /ˈplæntər/ adjective
: of or relating to the sole of the foot

2. **plantation** /ˈplæntəʃən/ noun
1: a large group of plants and esp. trees under cultivation
2: an agricultural estate usu. worked by resident laborers

1. **planter** /ˈplæntər/ noun
1: one that plants or sows; especially: an owner or operator of a plantation
2: a container for plants

**Synonyms**
- agriculturist, cultivator, farmer, grower, tiller—more at FARMER

**plant louse** noun
: APHID

**plaque** /ˈplæk/ noun
[Origin: F]
1: an ornamental brooch
2: a flat thin piece (as of metal) used for decoration; also: a commemorative tablet
3: a bacteria-containing film on a tooth

1. **plash** /ˈplæsh/ noun
: SPLASH
— **plash** verb

2. **plash** verb
1: to cause a splashing or spattering effect
2: to splash with a liquid or with any wet substance

**Synonyms**
- [1] lap, slosh, splash, swash—more at SLOSH
- [2] dash, spatter, splash—more at SPLASH

**plasma** /ˈplæz.mə/ noun
1: the fluid part of blood, lymph, or milk
2: a gas composed of ionized particles

— **plas·mat·ic** /ˈplæz.mə.tɪk/ adjective
1 plaster /ˈplæstər/ noun
1 : a dressing consisting of a backing spread with an often medicated substance that clings to the skin <adhesive ~>  
2 : a paste that hardens as it dries and is used for coating walls and ceilings  
2 plaster verb  
: to cover with or as if with plaster  
— plaster·er noun  

plaster·board /ˈplæstərˌbɔrd/ noun  
: DRYWALL  

plaster of par·is /ˈpa.rəs/ often cap 2d P  
: a white powder made from gypsum and used as a quick-setting paste with water for casts and molds  

1 plastic /ˈplæstɪk/ adjective  
[ORIGIN: L. plasticus of molding, fr. Gk plastikos, fr. plassein to mold, form]  
1 : capable of being molded <~ clay>  
2 : characterized by or using modeling <~ arts>  
3 : made or consisting of a plastic  
— plastic·i·ty /ˈplæs.tɪ.ti/ noun  

2 plastic noun  
: a plastic substance; especially : a synthetic or processed material that can be formed into rigid objects or into films or filaments  

plastic surgery noun  
: surgery to repair, restore, or improve lost, injured, defective, or misshapen body parts  
— plastic surgeon noun  

1 plat /ˈplæt/ noun  
1 : a small plot of ground  
2 : a plan of a piece of land with actual or proposed features (as lots)  

Synonyms  
[1, 2] lot, parcel, plot, property, tract—more at LOT  

2 plat verb plat·ed; plat·ting  
: to make a plat of  

1 plate /ˈplæt/ noun  
1 : a flat thin piece of material  
2 : domestic hollowware made of or plated with gold, silver, or base metals  
3 : DISH  
4 : HOME PLATE  
5 : the molded metal or plastic cast of a page of type to be printed from  
6 : a sheet of glass or plastic coated with a chemical sensitive to light and used in photography  
7 : the part of a denture that fits to the mouth; also : DENTURE  
8 : something printed from an engraving  
9 : a huge mobile segment of the earth’s crust  
10 : a full-page illustration often on different paper from the text pages  

Synonyms  
[diagram, figure, graphic, illustration—more at ILLUSTRATION]  

2 plate verb plat·ed; plat·ting  
1 : to overlay with metal (as gold or silver)  
2 : to make a printing plate of  

plas·teau /ˈplæstə/ noun, plural plateaus or plas·teaux /ˌplazəz/  
[ORIGIN: F]  
: a large level area of high land  

Synonyms
plate glass noun
: rolled, ground, and polished sheet glass

platelet /ˈplætəl/ noun
: a minute flattened body; especially: a minute colorless disklike body of mammalian blood that assists in blood clotting

plate /ˈplæt/ noun
1: a flat plate; especially: one that exerts or receives pressure (as in a printing press)
2: the roller of a typewriter or printer

plate tectonics noun
1: a theory in geology that the lithosphere is divided into plates at the boundaries of which much of earth's seismic activity occurs
2: the process and dynamics of tectonic plate movement

platform /ˈplætfɔrm/ noun
1: a raised flooring or stage for speakers, performers, or workers
2: a declaration of the principles on which a group of persons (as a political party) stands

Synonyms
dais, podium, rostrum, stage, stand; also altar, pulpit; balcony

platina /ˈplætən/ noun
: a coating of metal plates or plate <the ~ of a ship>

platinum /ˈplætənum/ noun
: a heavy grayish white metallic chemical element

platitude /ˈplætətjuːd/ noun
1: a flat or trite remark
2: a banality, cliché, commonplace, shibboleth

Synonyms
banality, cliché, commonplace, shibboleth—more at commonplace

platonic love /ˈplætənik/ noun, often cap P
: a close relationship between two persons without sexual desire

platoon /ˈplətn/ noun
[origin: F peloton small detachment, lit., ball, fr. pelote little ball]
1: a subdivision of a company-size military unit usu. consisting of two or more squads or sections
2: a group of football players trained either for offense or for defense and sent into the game as a body

platoon sergeant noun
: a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking below a first sergeant

platter /ˈplætər/ noun
1: a large serving plate
2: a phonograph record

platy /ˈplætə/ noun, plural platy or platys or platies
: either of two small stocky usu. brilliantly colored bony fishes often kept in tropical aquariums

platypus /ˈplætiˈpʌs/ noun, plural platypus-es also platypus /ˈplætəpi/ [origin: NL, fr. Gk platypous flat-footed, fr. platys broad, flat + pous foot]
: a small aquatic egg-laying marsupial mammal of Australia with webbed feet and a fleshy bill like a duck's

plaudit /ˈplɔdiːt/ noun
: an act of applause

plausible /ˈplɔzəbəl/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L. *plausibilis* worthy of applause, fr. *plausus*, pp. of *plaudere* to applaud]

- seemingly worthy of belief

1. **plau·si·bil·i·ty** /ˈplō.zəˌbi.lə.tē/ noun
2. **plau·si·bly** /ˈplō.zə.blē/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- believable, credible, likely, probable—more at [BELIEVABLE](#)

**play** /ˈplē/ noun
1. brisk handling of something (as a weapon)
2. the course of a game; also: a particular act or maneuver in a game
3. recreational activity; especially: the spontaneous activity of children
4. absence of serious or harmful intent: [REST](#) <said in ~> 
5. the act or an instance of punning
6. [GAMBLING](#)
7. the state of being active, operative, or relevant: [OPERATION](#) <bring extra force into ~> 
8. a brisk or light movement
9. free motion (as part of a machine)
10. scope for action
11. [PUBLICITY](#)
12. an effort to arouse liking <made a ~ for her>
13. a stage representation of a drama; also: a dramatic composition
14. a function of an electronic device that causes a recording to play

**in play**
: in condition or position to be played

**Synonyms**
- [3] dalliance, frolic, fun, relaxation, sport; also: gambling; romping, amusement, diversion, entertainment; delight, enjoyment, pleasure; friskiness, playfulness, wantonness; devilment, devilry, hob, impishness, mischief, mischievousness, rascality, roguishness, waggery; binge, fling, lark, revel, spree; hilarity, merrymaking, revelry; buffoonery, horseplay, tomfoolery

- [7] application, employment, exercise, operation, use—more at [USE](#)

**play** verb
1. to engage in recreation: [FROLIC](#)
2. to handle or behave lightly or absentmindedly
3. to make a pun <~ on words>
4. to take advantage <~ on fears>
5. to move or operate in a brisk or irregular manner <a flashlight ~ed over the wall>
6. to perform music <~ on a violin>; also: to perform (music) on an instrument <~ a waltz>
7. to perform music upon <~ the piano>; also: to sound in performance <the organ is ~ing>
8. to cause to emit sounds <~ a radio>; also: to cause to reproduce recorded material <~ a DVD>
9 a. to act in a dramatic medium
b. to act in the character of <~ the hero>
10. [GAMBLE](#)
11 a. to behave in a specified way <~ safe>
b. to feign a specified state or quality
c. [COOPERATE](#) <~ along with him>
12. to deal with; also: [EMPHASIZE](#) <~ up her good qualities>
13. to perform for amusement <~ a trick>
14. [WREAK](#)
15. to contend with in a game; also: to fill (a certain position) on a team
16. to make wagers on <~ the races>
17. [WIELD, PLY](#)
18. to keep in action

**Synonyms**
- [1] dally, disport, frolic, recreate, rollick, sport; also: gambol, romp; dabble, trifle; amuse, divert, entertain; delight, please; dabble, mess (around), putter; bum (around), dawdle, goldbrick, idle, loaf, lounge (around or
about), relax, rest, slack (off); jest, joke, tease
  ▶ [2] fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, potter, putter, trifle
  ▶ usually play with [2] fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, tamper, tinker—more at TAMPER (WITH)
  ▶ usually play on or play upon [4] abuse, capitalize, cash in, exploit, impose, use—more at EXPLOIT
  ▶ [9b] act, impersonate, perform, portray—more at ACT
  ▶ [11b] impersonate, masquerade, pose—more at IMPERSONATE

play·act·ing  /pləˈæktɪŋ/ noun
  1 : performance in theatrical productions
  2 : insincere or artificial behavior

play·back  /ˌbæk/ noun
  : an act of reproducing recorded sound or pictures
  — play back verb

play·bill  /ˌbɪl/ noun
  : a poster advertising the performance of a play

play·boy  /ˌbɒɪ/ noun
  : a man whose chief interest is the pursuit of pleasure

play·date  /ˌdɑːt/ noun
  : a usu. prearranged play session for small children

play·er  /ˌpleɪər/ noun
  ▶ : one that plays
  Synonyms
    ▶ actor, impersonator, mummer, trouper

play·ful  /ˈfeɪl/ adjective
  : full of play : FROLICsome
  — play·ful·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ antic, coltish, elfish, fay, frisky, frolicsome, sportive; also kittenish; gay, happy, lighthearted, whimsical;
    energetic, lively, spirited, sprightly; devilish, knavish, rascally; amusing, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, fun,
    pleasurable; dabbling, frivolous, trifling; delightful, pleasant, pleasing; joking, teasing
  Antonyms
    ▶ earnest, sober

play·ful·ness  /ˈfeɪlɪs/ noun
  ▶ : the quality or state of being playful
  Synonyms
    ▶ friskiness, impishness, mischief, mischievousness; also devilment, devilry, hob, rascality, waggery;
    devilishness, knavery; energy, liveliness, sprightliness; gaiety, lightheartedness, whimsicality
  Antonyms
    ▶ earnestness, sobriety

play·go·er  /ˌgoʊər/ noun
  : a person who frequently attends plays

play·ground  /ˌɡraʊnd/ noun
  : an area used for games and play esp. by children

play·house  /ˌhauːs/ noun
  1 : THEATER
  2 : a small house for children to play in

playing card noun
play·let /ˈpleɪˌlet/ noun
: a short play

play·mate /ˈpleɪˌmeɪt/ noun
: a companion in play

play–off /ˌpleɪˈɒf/ noun
: a contest or series of contests to break a tie or determine a championship

play out verb
: DEVELOP, UNFOLD <see how things play out>

play·pen /ˈpen/ noun
: a portable enclosure in which a young child may play

play·suit /ˈsūt/ noun
: a sports and play outfit for women and children

play·thing /ˈθɪŋ/ noun
: TOY

play up verb
: to place emphasis on

Synonyms
accent, accentuate, emphasize, feature, highlight, point, stress, underline, underscore—more at EMPHASIZE

play·wright /ˈraɪt/ noun
: a writer of plays

pla·za /ˈpləˌza, ˈplæ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. L platea broad street]
1 : a public square in a city or town
2 : a shopping center

PLC abbreviation, British
public limited company

plea /ˈpleə/ noun
1 : a defendant's answer in law to a charge or indictment
2 : something alleged as an excuse
3 : an earnest entreaty : APPEAL

Synonyms
[2] alibi, defense, excuse, justification, reason—more at EXCUSE
[3] appeal, cry, entreaty, petition, prayer, solicitation, suit, supplication; also application; call, demand, insistence

plead /ˈpleɪd/ verb pleaded or pled /ˈpled/, pleading
1 : to argue before a court or authority <~ a case>
2 : to answer to a charge or indictment <~ guilty>
3 : to argue for or against something <~ for acquittal>
4 : to appeal earnestly <~ for help> <~s to the judge>
5 : to offer as a plea (as in defense) <~ed illness>

Synonyms
[3] argue, assert, contend, maintain, reason—more at ARGUE
usually plead for [4] ask, call, quest, request, seek, solicit, sue
usually plead to [4] appeal, beg, beseech, entreat, implore, importune, petition, pray, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG

plead·er /ˈpleɪˌdɛr/ noun
: one who pleads
Synonyms
- solicitor, suitor

pleasant /ˈplez.ənt/ adjective
1 : giving pleasure : AGREEABLE <a ~ experience>
2 : marked by pleasing behavior or appearance <a ~ person>

Synonyms
- agreeable, congenial, delicious, delightful, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasurable, satisfying; also alluring, attractive, desirable, inviting, tempting; calming, comforting, soothing; affable, amiable, amusing, charming, cheerful, cheery, genial, goodly, good-natured, gracious, hospitable, kindly, personable; blissful, glad, happy, joyous; elating, exhilarating, intoxicating; ecstatic, euphoric, rapturous

Antonyms
- disagreeable, unpalatable, unpleasant, unwelcome

pleasant-ly /ˌplez.ənt.ˈli/ adverb
- in a pleasant manner

Synonyms
- agreeably, delightfully, favorably, felicitously, nicely, pleasingly, satisfyingly, splendidly, well

pleasant-ness /ˈnes/ noun
- the quality or state of being pleasant

Synonyms
- agreeableness, amenity, amiability, geniality, graciousness, niceness, sweetness—more at AMIABILITY

pleasant-ry /ˈprɛzləˌri/ noun, plural -ries
- a pleasant and casual act or speech

Synonyms
- crack, gag, jest, joke, laugh, quip, sally, waggery, wisecrack, witticism—more at JOKE

please /ˈplez/ verb pleased; pleasing
1 : to give pleasure or satisfaction to
2 : LIKE <do as you ~>
3 : to be the will or pleasure of <may it ~ his Majesty>

Synonyms
- content, delight, gladden, gratify, rejoice, satisfy, suit, warm; also appease, mollify, pacify, placate, soothe; assuage, quench, sate, satiate; excite, tickle, titillate; thrill; calm, comfort, soothe; cater (to), humor, indulge; coddle, mollycoddle, pamper, spoil

Antonyms
- displease

please adverb
- used as a function word to express politeness or emphasis in a request <~ come in>

pleased /ˈplezd/ adjective
- affected with or manifesting pleasure

Synonyms
- content, contented, glad, happy—more at CONTENT

pleasing adjective
- giving pleasure

pleasing-ly /ˈle/ adverb
- in a pleasing manner

Synonyms
- agreeably, delightfully, favorably, felicitously, gloriously, nicely, pleasantly, satisfyingly, splendidly, well

pleasur-able /ˈplezərəbəl/ adjective
- giving pleasure: PLEASANT

Syonyms
- amusing, delightful, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, fun, pleasant—more at FUN
plea·sure /ˈpleəzər/ noun
1 : DESIRE, INCLINATION <await your ~>  
2 ▶ : a state of gratification  
3 ▶ : a source of delight or joy  
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] contentment, delectation, delight, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, relish, satisfaction; also bliss, felicity, glee, happiness, joy; amusement, diversion, entertainment; elation, exhilaration, exultation, intoxication; ecstasy, euphoria, heaven, rapture, cheer, cheerfulness, exuberance, gaiety, jollity, jubilation  
   Antonyms
   ▶ discontent, displeasure, dissatisfaction  
   ▶ [3] delight, diversion, entertainment, fun—more at FUN

pleat /pleɪt/ verb
1 : FOLD; especially : to arrange in pleats  
2 : BRAID

pleat noun  
: a fold (as in cloth) made by doubling material over on itself

plebe /ˈplɛb/ noun  
: a freshman at a military or naval academy

plebeian /plɪˈbiːən/ noun  
1 : a member of the Roman plebs  
2 ▶ : one of the common people  
   Synonyms
   ▶ usually plebians commoners, herd, masses, mob, people, populace, rank and file

plebeian adjective  
1 : of or relating to plebeians  
2 ▶ : crude or coarse in manner or style : COMMON, VULGAR  
   Synonyms
   ▶ common, humble, ignoble, inferior, low, lowly, mean, vulgar—more at IGNoble

pleb·i·scite /ˈpleb.ɪˌskɑːt/ noun  
: a vote of the people (as of a country) on a proposal submitted to them

plebs /ˈplɛbz/ noun, plural ple·bes /ˈplɛb.ɪz/  
1 : the general populace  
2 : the common people of ancient Rome

plec·trum /ˈplek.traɪm/ noun, plural plec·tra /ˈtraɪr/ or plec·trums
[ORIGIN: L]
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pledge /ˈplɛdʒ/ noun  
1 ▶ : something given as security for the performance of an act  
2 : the state of being held as a security or guaranty  
3 : TOAST 3  
4 ▶ : a binding promise or agreement to do or forbear : VOW  
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] gage, guarantee, guaranty, pawn, security; also bail, bond; deposit, down payment; surety, warranty; oath, promise, word; commitment, compact, contract, covenant; recognizance  
   ▶ [4] oath, promise, troth, vow, word—more at PROMISE

pledge verb pledged; pledging  
1 : to deposit as a pledge  
2 : TOAST
3 : to bind by a pledge
4 : to promise the performance of by a pledge: promise
   Synonyms
   ➔ [3] commit, engage, troth; also affiance, betroth, plighted, promise, swear, vow; contract, enlist, enroll, sign on, sign up
   ➔ [4] covenant, promise, swear, vow—more at promise

Pleis-to-cene /plis-'tā-sēn/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the earlier epoch of the Quaternary
— Pleistocene noun

ple·na·ry /plē-'nə-rē, 'ple-/ adjective
1 : complete in every respect: full, <~ power
2 : including all entitled to attend <~ session
   Synonyms
   ➔ complete, comprehensive, entire, full, grand, intact, integral, perfect, total, whole—more at complete

pleni-po·ten·ti·a·ry /plē-'nə-pə-'ten-chā-rē, -ten-chē-ərē/ noun, plural -ries
: a diplomatic agent having full authority
— plenipotentiary adjective

pleni·tude /plē-'nə-tūd, -tyūd/ noun
1 : completeness
2 : a great sufficiency: abundance

plen·te·ous /plen-tē-əs/ adjective
1 : fruitful
2 : existing in plenty

plen·ti·ful /plen-tē-fəl/ adjective
1 : containing or yielding plenty
2 : characterized by, constituting, or existing in plenty: abundant
   Synonyms
   ➔ abundant, ample, bountiful, comfortable, generous, liberal; also abounding, overflowing, replete, rich, ripe, teeming, wealthy; adequate, enough, sufficient; fat, fecund, fertile, fruitful, prolific; copious, galore, lavish, profuse; luxuriant
   Antonyms
   ➔ bare, minimal, scant

plen·ty /plen-tē/ noun
1 : a more than adequate number or amount
   Synonyms
   ➔ abundant, ample, bountiful, comfortable, generous, liberal; also abounding, overflowing, replete, rich, ripe, teeming, wealthy; adequate, enough, sufficient; fat, fecund, fertile, fruitful, prolific; copious, galore, lavish, profuse; luxuriant
   Antonyms
   ➔ deficiency, inadequacy, insufficiency

ple·num /plē-'nəm, 'plē-/ noun, plural -nums or -na /-nä/
: a general assembly of all members esp. of a legislative body

pleth·o·ra /plē-thō-ra/ noun
: an excessive quantity or fullness; also: profusion

pleu·ri·sy /plōr-e-sē/ noun
: inflammation of the membrane that lines the chest and covers the lungs

plex·us /plek-sas/ noun, plural plex·us·es /s泽z/ noun
: an interlacing network esp. of blood vessels or nerves
pli·able /ˈpli-ə-bal/ adjective
1 : supple enough to bend freely or repeatedly without breaking : FLEXIBLE
2 : yielding easily to others
— pli·abil·i·ty /ˈpli-ə-bal-tē/ noun

Synonyms
flexible, limber, lissome, supple, willowy—more at WILLOWY

pli·ant /ˈpli-ənt/ adjective
1 : supple enough to bend freely or repeatedly without breaking : FLEXIBLE
2 : easily influenced
— pli·an·cy /ən-sē/ noun

pli·ers /ˈpli-ərz/ noun plural
: small pincers for bending or cutting wire or handling small objects

1 pli·ght /ˈplit/ verb
: to put or give in pledge : ENGAGE

2 pli·ght noun
: an unfortunate, difficult, or precarious situation

plinth /ˈplinth/ noun
: the lowest part of the base of an architectural column

Pli·o·cene /ˈplē-sē-nə/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the latest epoch of the Tertiary
— Pliocene noun

PLO abbreviation
Palestine Liberation Organization

plod /ˈplōd/ verb plod·ded; plod·ding
1 : to walk heavily or slowly
2 : to work laboriously and monotonously : DRUDGE
— plod·der noun
— plod·ding·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] flounder, limp, lumber, stumble—more at FLOUNDER
[2] drudge, endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, labor, peg, plug, slave, slog, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work—more at LABOR

plonk variant of PLUNK

plop /ˈplōp/ verb plopped; plop·ping
1 : to fall or move with a sound like that of something dropping into water
2 : to set, drop, or throw heavily
— plop noun

Synonyms
flop, plump, plunk—more at FLOP

plot /ˈplōt/ noun
1 : a small area of ground
2 : a ground plan (as of an area)
3 : the main story (as of a book or movie)
4 : a secret scheme : INTRIGUE

Synonyms
[1] lot, parcel, plat, property, tract—more at LOT
[4] conspiracy, design, intrigue, machination, scheme; also frame-up; manipulation, subterfuge, trickery; artifice, contrivance, maneuver, stratagem, trick; cabal, confederacy, ring; game, gimmick, racket; ground plan, program, strategy, system; collusion, complicity, connivance, conniving

plo·der /ˈplōd-ər/ noun
: one who plods

plow /ˈplō/ verb plowed; plow·ing
1 : to till (as land) with a plow
2 : to make a mark or scratch into something
— plow·er noun

Synonyms
till, dig, hoe, plough, work, turn—more at TILL

plow·ing·ly adverb

plow·ing·ness noun
plot verb plotted; plotting
1 : to make a plot or plan of
2 : to mark on or as if on a chart
3 ▶ : to plan or contrive esp. secretly
— plot·ter noun
  Synonyms
▷ conspiri, contrive, intrigue, machinate, scheme; also brew, concoct, cook (up), hatch; connive; engineer, jockey, maneuver, manipulate; design, frame, lay out, map, plan, shape

plo·ver /plō·ver, plö̱vər/ noun, plural plover or plovers
: any of a family of shorebirds that differ from the sandpipers in having shorter stouter bills

plow or plough /plaʊ/ noun
1 : an implement used to cut, lift, turn over, and partly break up soil
2 : a device (as a snowplow) operating like a plow

plow or plough verb
1 : to open, break up, or work with a plow
2 : to move through like a plow <a ship ~ ing the waves>
3 : to proceed laboriously
— plow·able adjective
— plow·er noun

plow·boy /plaʊˌbɔɪ/ noun
: a boy who leads the horse drawing a plow

plow·man /ˈpləʊˌmən/ noun
1 : a man who guides a plow
2 : a farm laborer

plow·share /ˌpləʊˈʃeər/ noun
: a part of a plow that cuts the earth

ploy /ˈpleɪ/ noun
▷ a tactic intended to embarrass or frustrate an opponent
  Synonyms
▷ artifice, device, dodge, gimmick, jig, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at TRICK

pluck /plæk/ verb
1 : to pull off or out : PICK; also : to pull something from
2 : to play (an instrument) by pulling the strings
3 : TUG, TWITCH
2 pluck noun
1 ▶ : an act or instance of plucking
2 ▶ : courageous readiness to fight or continue against odds : SPIRIT, COURAGE
  Synonyms
▷ [1] draw, haul, jerk, pull, tug, wrench—more at PULL
▷ [2] backbone, courage, fiber, fortitude, grit, guts, spirit, spunk—more at FORTITUDE

plucky /ˈplækə/ adjective pluck·i·er; -est
: COURAGEOUS, SPIRITED

plug /plaɡ/ noun
1 : STOPPER; also : an obstructing mass
2 : a cake of tobacco
3 : a poor or worn-out horse
4 : SPARK PLUG
5 : a lure with several hooks used in fishing
plug verb plugged; plugging
1 ‣: to stop, make tight, or secure by inserting a plug
2 ‣: to hit with a bullet: HIT, SHOOT
3 ‣: to publicize insistently
4 ‣: to work doggedly and persistently: PLOD, DRUDGE

Synonyms
- [1] block, dam, fill, pack, stop, stuff—more at FILL
- [3] ballyhoo, boast, promote, publicize, tout—more at PUBLICIZE

plug and play noun
: a computer feature enabling the operating system to automatically detect and configure peripherals
— plug-and-play adjective

plugged-in /ˈplɪdˌɪn/ adjective
: technologically or socially informed and connected

plug-in /ˈplɪdˌɪn/ noun
: a small piece of software that supplements a larger program

plum /ˈplʌm/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE plūme, modif. of L prunum plum, fr. Gk proumnon]
1 ‣: a smooth-skinned juicy fruit borne by trees related to the peach and cherry; also: a tree bearing plums
2 ‣: a raisin when used in desserts (as puddings)
3 ‣: something excellent; especially: something desirable given in return for a favor

Synonyms
- catch, gem, jewel, pearl, prize, treasure—more at PRIZE

plum·age /ˈplʌm.ɪdʒ/ noun
: the feathers of a bird
— plum·aged /ˈplʌmd/ adjective

plumb /ˈplʌm/ noun
1 ‣: a weight on the end of a line (plumb line) used esp. by builders to show vertical direction
2 ‣: plumb: straight down or up: VERTICALLY
3 ‣: COMPLETELY
3 ‣: EXACTLY; also: IMMEDIATELY

plumb verb
: to sound, adjust, or test with a plumb <~ the depth of a well>

plumb adjective
1 ‣: exactly vertical or true: VERTICAL
2 ‣: COMPLETE

plumb·er /ˈplʌm.ər/ noun
: a worker who fits or repairs pipes and fixtures

plumb·ing /ˈplʌm.ɪŋ/ noun
: a system of pipes in a building for supplying and carrying off water

plume /ˈplʌm/ noun
1 ‣: FEATHER; especially: a large, conspicuous, or showy feather
2 ‣: a token of honor or prowess
— plumed /ˈplʌmd/ adjective
— plumy /ˈplʌm.ɪ/ adjective
Synonyms

award, decoration, distinction, honor, prize—more at AWARD

`; plume, verb plumed: pluming
1 : to provide or deck with feathers
2 : to indulge (oneself) in pride

Synonyms

boast, brag, crow, swagger—more at BOAST

1plummet /ˈplʌm/ noun

: PLUMB; also : PLUMB LINE

2plummet, verb

: to drop or plunge straight down

Synonyms

decline, descend, dip, drop, fall, lower, plunge, sink, tumble—more at DROP

1plump /ˈplʌmp/ verb

1 : to drop or fall suddenly or heavily
2 : to favor something strongly (<~ing for change>

Synonyms

flop, plop, plunk—more at FLOP

2plump, noun

: a sudden heavy fall or blow; also : the sound made by it

3plump adverb
1 : straight down; also : straight ahead
2 : UNQUALIFIEDLY

4plump adjective

: having a full rounded usu. pleasing form

Synonyms

chubby, fat, fleshy, full, overweight, portly, rotund, round—more at FAT

plump·ness /ˈnʌs/ noun

: the quality or state of being plump

Synonyms

fatness—more at CORPULENCE

1plunder /ˈplʌndər/ verb

: to take the goods of by force or wrongfully : PILLAGE

- plunder·er noun

Synonyms

despoil, loot, maraud, pillage, ransack, sack, strip—more at RANSACK

2plunder, noun

: something taken by force or theft : LOOT

Synonyms

booty, loot, spoil, swag—more at LOOT

1plunge /ˈplʌŋ/ verb plunged: plunging

1 : IMMERSE, SUBMERGE
2 : to enter or cause to enter a state or course of action suddenly or violently (~ into war>
3 : to cast oneself into or as if into water
4 : to gamble heavily and recklessly
5 : to descend suddenly

Synonyms

[3] dive, pitch, sound—more at DIVE

[5] decline, descend, dip, drop, fall, lower, plummet, sink, tumble—more at DROP


2. **plunge** *noun*
   - a sudden dive, leap, or rush
     
     **Synonyms**
     - descent, dip, dive, down, drop, fall—more at descent

  **plunger** *noun*
  1: one that plunges
  2: a sliding piece driven by or against fluid pressure: piston
  3: a rubber cup on a handle pushed against an opening to free a waste outlet of an obstruction

  **plunk** *verb*
  1: to make or cause to make a hollow metallic sound
  2: to drop heavily or suddenly
     
     **plunk** *noun*
     - Synonyms
       - flop, plop, plump—more at flop

  **pluperfect** *adjective*
  [Origin: ME pluperfyth, modif. of LL plusquamperfectus, lit., more than perfect]
  : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that denotes an action or state as completed at or before a past time spoken of
     
     **pluperfect** *noun*

  **plural** *adjective*
  : of, relating to, or constituting a word form used to denote more than one
     
     **plural** *noun*

  **plurality** *noun*
  1: the state of being plural
  2: an excess of votes over those cast for an opposing candidate
  3: the greatest number of votes cast when not a majority
     
     **pluralize** *verb*
     - Synonyms
       - accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement—more at increase

  **plus** *adjective*
  [Origin: L, more]
  1: mathematically positive
  2: having or being in addition to what is anticipated
  3: falling high in a specified range <a grade of B ~>

  **plus** *noun*
  plural *pluses* /plas/ *pluralises* /pla.saz/ also *plusses*
  1: a sign + (plus sign) used in mathematics to indicate addition or a positive quantity
  2: an added quantity; also: a positive quality
  3: surplus
     
     **Synonyms**
     - accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, proliferation, raise, rise, supplement—more at increase

  **plus** *preposition*
  1: increased by: with the addition of <3 ~ 4>
  2: besides

  **plus** *conjunction*
  : and <soup ~ salad and bread>

  **plush** *noun*
  : a fabric with a pile longer and less dense than velvet pile
— plushy adjective
  — plush adjective
    : notably luxurious
— plush·ly adverb
— plush·ness noun
  Synonyms
    : deluxe, lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, palatial, sumptuous—more at luxurious

plus/minus sign noun
: the sign ± used to indicate a quantity taking on both a positive value and its negative or to indicate a plus or minus quantity

plus or minus adjective
: indicating a quantity whose positive and negative values bracket a range of values <plus or minus 3 inches>

Plu·to /'plü-tö/ noun
: the planet farthest from the sun

plu·toc·ra·cy /'plü-tök-rā-sē/ noun, plural -cies
  1: government by the wealthy
  2: a controlling class of the wealthy
— plu·to·crat /'plü-tō-krat/ noun
— plu·to·crat·ic /'plü-tō-kra-tik/ adjective

plu·to·ni·um /'plü-tō-nē-əm/ noun
: a radioactive chemical element formed by the decay of neptunium

plu·vi·al /'plü-vē-əl/ adjective
  1: of or relating to rain
  2: characterized by abundant rain

  'ply /'ple/ verb plied; ply·ing
  1: to use, practice, or work diligently <~ a trade>
  2: to keep supplying something to <plied them with liquor>
  3: to go or travel regularly esp. by sea

  'ply noun, plural plies
: one of the folds, thicknesses, or strands of which something (as plywood or yarn) is made

  'ply verb plied; ply·ing
: to twist together <~ yarns>

ply·wood /'plē-wōd/ noun
: material made of thin sheets of wood glued and pressed together

pm abbreviation
premium

Pm symbol
promethium

PM abbreviation
1 paymaster
2 police magistrate
3 postmaster
4 post meridiem — often not cap. and often punctuated
5 postmortem
6 prime minister
7 provost marshal

pmk abbreviation
postmark
PMS /pəˈeməˌes/ noun
premenstrual syndrome

pmt abbreviation
payment

pneu·mat·ic /ˈnuːˌmaːtɪk, nɪˈyuː/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or using air or wind
2: moved by air pressure
3: filled with compressed air
— pneu·mat·i·cal·ly /ˌti.ˈkæl.i/ adverb

pneu·mo·coc·cus /ˈnuːˌmaʊˌkɑːˌkəs, ˌnɪˈyuː/ noun, plural -coc·ci /ˌkækˌsi, ˌsiiˌkəˌkɪ/:
1: a bacterium that causes pneumonia
— pneu·mo·coc·cal /ˌkækˌkal/ adjective

pneu·mo·co·ni·o·sis /ˈnuːˌmɑːˌkoʊˈnəˌsiz, ˌnɪˈyuː/ noun
: a disease of the lungs caused by habitual inhalation of irritant mineral or metallic particles

pneu·mo·nia /ˈnuːˌmɑːˈnɪə, ˌnɪˈyuː/ noun
: an inflammatory disease of the lungs

Po symbol
polonium

PO abbreviation
1 petty officer
2 post office

1 poach /pɔtʃ/ verb
[origin: ME pocchen, fr. MF pocher, fr. OF poché poached, lit., bagged, fr. poche bag, pouch, of Gmc origin]
: to cook (as an egg or fish) in simmering liquid

2 poach verb
: to hunt or fish unlawfully
— poacher noun

POB abbreviation
post office box

po·bla·no /pʊˈblaˌnoʊ/ noun, plural -nos
: a heart-shaped usu. mild chili pepper esp. when fresh and dark green

po'boy variant of POOR BOY

pock /pɑk/ noun
: a small swelling on the skin (as in smallpox); also: a spot suggesting this

1 pocket /ˈpækɪt/ noun
1: a small bag open at the top or side inserted in a garment
2 ▶: supply of money
3: receptacle, container
4: a small isolated area or group
5: a small body of ore
— pocket·ful noun

   Synonyms

   ▶ finances, fund, resources, wherewithal—more at FUND

2 pocket verb
1 ▶: to put in or as if in a pocket
2 ▶: to take or appropriate without right or leave and with intent to keep or make use of wrongfully: steal
3 ▶: to set aside: suppress
Synonyms

[pocket adjective

1 a : small enough to fit in a pocket
   b : having comparatively little size or slight dimensions : SMALL
2 : carried in or paid from one’s own pocket

Synonyms
   dwarf, dwarfish, fine, little, pygmy, slight, small, undersized—more at SMALL

[pocketbook /ˌbūk/ noun

1 : a receptacle for carrying money and often other small objects
2 : financial resources

Synonyms
   bag, handbag, purse—more at PURSE

[pocketbook adjective

: relating to money

[pocket gopher noun

: GOPHER 2

[pocketknife /ˈpā.kətˌnīf/ noun

: a knife with a folding blade to be carried in the pocket

[pocket veto noun

: an indirect veto of a legislative bill by an executive through retention of the bill unsigned until after adjournment of the legislature

[pock·mark /ˈpākˌmārk/ noun

1 : a pit or scar caused by smallpox or acne; also : an imperfection or depression like a pockmark
   — pock·marked /ˈmārdkt/ adjective

Synonyms
   blemish, defect, deformity, disfigurement, fault, flaw, imperfection, mark, scar—more at BLEMISH

[poco /ˈpō.kō, ˈpō, ˈpō/ adverb

[ORIGIN: It, little, fr. L paucus]

: SOMewhat — used to qualify a direction in music <~ allegro>

[poco a poco /ˈpō.kō ˈpō, ˈpō, ˈpō ˈpō/ adverb

: little by little : GRADUALLY — used as a direction in music

[pod /ˈpōd/ noun

1 : a dry fruit (as of a pea) that splits open when ripe
2 : an external streamlined compartment (as for a jet engine) on an airplane
3 : a compartment (as for personnel, a power unit, or an instrument) on a ship or craft

Synonyms
   [1, 2, 3] armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, sheath, shell—more at CASE

[POD abbreviation

pay on delivery

[podiatry /ˈpôdi-atrē, ˈpō-ı-ˌ/ noun

: the medical care and treatment of the human foot
   — podiatrist /ˈpô-di-əˌtrist, ˈpō-/ noun

[podium /ˈpōdiəm/ noun, plural podiums or podia /ˌpōdi-ə/

1 : a dais esp. for an orchestral conductor
2 : LECTERN

Synonyms
POEM /ˈpoʊ.əm/ noun

▶ a composition in verse

Synonyms
▶ lyric, song, verse; also rhyme; ballad, lay; elegy, English sonnet, epic, epigram, haiku, jingle, lament, limerick, ode, psalm, sonnet; blank verse, free verse, minstrelsy, poesy, poetry

POETRY /ˈpɔ.ə.ti/ noun

▶ POETRY

POET /ˈpɔ.ət/ noun


▶ a writer of poetry; also: a creative artist of great sensitivity

Synonyms
▶ bard, minstrel, versifier; also poetess; poet laureate; troubadour; rhymer

POETASTER /ˈpɔ.ə.təs.ər/ noun

▶ an inferior poet

POETESS /ˈpɔ.ə.təs/ noun

▶ a girl or woman who is a poet

POETIC /ˈpɔ.ə.tɪk/ or POETICAL /ˌpɔ.ɪ.ˈtɪkəl/ adjective

▶ having or expressing the qualities of poetry

Synonyms
▶ lyric; also metric, metrical, rhyming, rhythmic; rhapsodic; florid, flowery, grandiloquent, highflown, ornate; figurative, metaphorical, symbolic

Antonyms
prosaic, prose, unpoetic

POETRY /ˈpɔ.ə.tri/ noun

1 ▶ metrical writing
2 ▶ POEMS
3 ▶ writing that formulates a concentrated imaginative awareness of experience in language chosen and arranged to create a specific emotional response through meaning, sound, and rhythm

Synonyms
▶ song, verse; also rhyme; blank verse, free verse

Antonyms
prose

POGROM /ˈpɔ.ɡrəm, ˈpɔ.ɡrəm/ noun

[ORIGIN: Yiddish, fr. Russ, lit., devastation]

▶ an organized massacre of helpless people and esp. of Jews

POI /ˈpɔi/ noun, plural POI or POIS

▶ a Hawaiian food of taro root cooked, pounded, and kneaded to a paste and often allowed to ferment

POIGNANCY /ˈpɔɪ.nən.sə/ noun

▶ the quality or state of being poignant

POIGNANT /ˈpɔɪ.nənt/ adjective

1 ▶ painfully affecting the feelings ≈ grief
2 ▶ deeply moving ≈ scene

Synonyms
[1, 2] affecting, emotional, impressive, moving, stirring, touching—more at MOVING.

**poin·ci·ana** /poʊnˈsɪ.ə.nə/ noun
: any of several ornamental tropical leguminous trees or shrubs with bright orange or red flowers

**poin·set·tia** /poʊnˈset.tə./ noun
: a showy tropical American spurge with usu. scarlet bracts that suggest petals and surround small yellow flowers

**point** /pɔɪnt/ noun
1 : an individual detail : ITEM; also : the most important essential
2 : PURPOSE
3 : a geometric element that has position but no size
4 : a particular place : LOCALITY
5 : a particular stage or degree
6 : a sharp end : TIP
7 : a projecting piece of land
8 : a punctuation mark; especially : PERIOD
9 : DECIMAL POINT
10 : one of the divisions of the compass
11 : a unit of counting (as in a game score)
12 : a very small mark
13 : a distinguishing detail
14 : the quality of something spoken or written of being able to arouse interest and of being generally effective
— **pointy** /pɔɪnt.lɪ/ adjective
— **beside the point**
: IRRELEVANT
— **to the point**
: RELEVANT, PERTINENT

**Synonyms**

usually **point** up [5] accent, accentuate, emphasize, feature, highlight, play, stress, underline, underscore—more at EMPHASIZE
usually **point** toward [7] face, front, look—more at FACE

**point–and–click** adjective
: relating to or being a computer interface that allows the activation of a file by selection with a pointing device (as a mouse)

**point–and–shoot** adjective
: having or using preset or automatically adjusted controls <a ~ camera>

**point–blank** /ˈpɔɪntˈblæŋk/ adjective
1 : so close to the target that a missile fired will travel in a straight line to the mark
point·ed /poʊntəd/ adjective
1 : having a point
2 : being to the point : PERTINENT
3 : aimed at a particular person or group; also: CONSPICUOUS, MARKED
— point·ed·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ [1] peaked, sharp; also barbed, jagged, pronged, spiky
Antonyms
▷ blunt
▷ [2] applicable, apposite, apropos, germane, material, pertinent, relative, relevant—more at PERTINENT

point·er /poʊntər/ noun
1 : one that points out : INDICATOR
2 : a large short-haired hunting dog
3 : a useful suggestion or hint : TIP

Synonyms
▷ [1] hand, index, indicator, needle; also dial, face, gauge
▷ [3] hint, lead, tip—more at TIP

poin·til·lism /ˈpwaɪn-təli-zəm, ˈpontəlɪzəm/ noun
[origin: F pointillisme, fr. pointiller to stipple, fr. point spot, point]
: the theory or practice in painting of applying small strokes or dots of color to a surface so that from a distance they blend together
— poin·til·list /ˈpwaɪntəli·list, ˈpontəli·list/ noun or adjective

point·less /ˈpoʊntəls/ adjective
▷ devoid of meaning

Synonyms
▷ empty, meaningless, senseless—more at MEANINGLESS

point man noun
: a principal spokesman or advocate

point of no return
: a critical point at which turning back or reversal is not possible

point of view
▷ a position or perspective from which something is considered or evaluated

Synonyms
▷ angle, outlook, perspective, slant, standpoint, viewpoint; also interpretation, spin; belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, perception, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view; impression, take; wavelength; side; attitude, position, posture, stand

point spread noun
: the number of points by which a favorite is expected to defeat an underdog

1 poise /poɪz/ noun
1 : a stably balanced state
2 : self-possessed calmness; also: a particular way of carrying oneself

Synonyms
▷ balance, equilibrium, equipoise—more at BALANCE

2 poise verb poised; pois·ing
1 : BALANCE
2 : to remain suspended over a place or object

Synonyms
▷ drift, float, glide, hang, hover, ride, sail, waft—more at FLOAT
pois-sha /pɔiˈsha/ noun, plural poisha
: the paisa of Bangladesh

1 poison /ˈpoɪzən/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF poisin drink, potion, poison, fr. L potion-, potio drink]
▶: a substance that through its chemical action can injure or kill
— poison adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ bane, toxin, venom; also cancer, contagion, disease, virus; fungicide, germicide, herbicide, insecticide

2 poison verb
1: to injure or kill with poison
2 ▶: to treat or taint with poison
3 ▶: to affect destructively <~ed her mind>
— poisoner noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] befoul, contaminate, defile, foul, pollute, taint—more at contaminate
  ▶ [3] blemish, mar, spoil, stain, taint, tarnish, touch, vitiate—more at taint

poison hemlock noun
: a large branching poisonous herb with finely divided leaves and white flowers that is related to the carrot

poison ivy noun
1: a usu. climbing plant related to the sumacs that has leaves composed of three shiny leaflets and produces an irritating oil causing a usu. intensely itching skin rash; also: any of several related plants
2: a skin rash caused by poison ivy

poison oak noun
: any of several shrubby plants closely related to poison ivy and having similar properties

poisonous /ˈpoɪzənas/ adjective
▶: having the properties or effects of poison
  Synonyms
  ▶ poison, venomous; also contagious, infectious; deleterious, harmful, hurtful, injurious, malignant, noxious, virulent; unhealthful, unhealthy, unwholesome; calamitous, deadly, fatal, lethal, murderous
  Antonyms
  ▶ nonpoisonous, nontoxic, nonvenomous

poison sumac noun
: a No. American swamp shrub with pinnate leaves, greenish flowers, greenish white berries, and irritating properties

1 poke /pɔk/ noun
chiefly Southern & Midland: BAG, SACK

2 poke verb poked; pok·ing
1: PROD; also: to stir up by prodding
2: to make a prodding or jabbing movement esp. repeatedly
3: HIT, PUNCH
4 ▶: to thrust forward obtrusively
5: RUMMAGE
6 ▶: to interest oneself in what is not one’s concern: MEDDLE, PRY
7 ▶: to move or act slowly or aimlessly: DAWdle
— poke fun at
  Synonyms
  ▶ [4] bag, balloon, beetle, belly, billow, bulge, overhang, project, protrude, start, stick out—more at bulge
  ▶ [6] butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, mess, nose, obstruct, pry, snoop—more at interfere
  ▶ [7] crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, dillydally, drag, lag, linger, loiter, tarry—more at delay

3 poke noun
prar : a quick thrust; also : PUNCH
  Synonyms
  ➢ dab, dig, jab; also punch; stab, stick; push, shove; jam, jerk, jog, nudge

1 poker /pōˈkār/ noun
  : a metal rod for stirring a fire

2 poker /pōˈkär/ noun
  : any of several card games in which the player with the highest hand at the end of the betting wins

poke-weed /pōkˌwēd/ noun
  : a coarse American perennial herb with clusters of white flowers and dark purple juicy berries

poky or pokey /pōˈki/ adjective pok·i·er; -est
  1 : small and cramped
  2 : SHABBY. DULL
  3 ➢ : annoyingly slow
  Synonyms
  ➢ creeping, dilatory, laggard, languid, slow, sluggish, tardy—more at SLOW

pol /pōl/ noun
  : POLITICIAN

po·lar /pōˈlar/ adjective
  1 a : of or relating to a geographical pole
     b ➢ : coming from or having the characteristics (as cold) of such a region
  2 : of or relating to a pole (as of a magnet)
  3 ➢ : diametrically opposite
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1b] arctic, bitter, chill, chilly, cold, cool, freezing, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, nippy, raw, snappy, wintry—
     more at COLD
  ➢ [3] antipodal, antithetical, contradictory, contrary, diametric, opposite—more at OPPOSITE

d polar bear noun
  : a large creamy-white bear that inhabits arctic regions

Po·lar·is /poˈlar.iˌs/ noun
  : NORTH STAR

po·lar·ise British variant of POLARIZE

po·lar·i·ty /pōˈlər.i.tē/ noun, plural -ties
  : the condition of having poles and esp. magnetic or electrical poles

po·lar·i·za·tion /pōˈlər.i.zaˈzhən/ noun
  1 : the action of polarizing : the state of being polarized
  2 : concentration about opposing extremes

po·lar·ize /pōˈlər.iˈziz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
  1 : to cause (light waves) to vibrate in a definite way
  2 : to give physical polarity to
  3 : to break up into opposing groups

pol·der /pølˈdər, pōl/ noun
  [ORIGIN: D]
  : a tract of low land reclaimed from the sea

1 pole /pōl/ noun
  : a long slender piece of wood or metal <telephone ~>

2 pole verb poled; pol·ing
  : to impel or push with a pole
pole noun
1: either end of an axis esp. of the earth
2: either of the terminals of an electric device (as a battery or generator)
3: one of two or more regions in a magnetized body at which the magnetism is concentrated
— pole·ward /ˈpōlˌwərd/ adjective or adverb

Pole /ˈpōl/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Poland

poleax /ˈpō.læks/ noun
: a battle-ax with a short handle

poleax verb
: to attack or fell with or as if with a poleax

pole·cat /ˈpōlˌkæt/ noun, plural polecats or polecats
1: a European carnivorous mammal of which the ferret is considered a domesticated variety
2: SKUNK

po·lem·ic /ˈpō.lə.mik/ noun
: the art or practice of disputation — usu. used in pl.
— po·lem·i·cal /ˌmīˌkəl/ also po·lem·ic /ˈmīˌmik/ adjective
— po·lem·i·cist /ˌmīˌsist/ noun

pole·star /ˈpōlˌstār/ noun
1: NORTH STAR
2: a directing principle: GUIDE

pole vault noun
: a field contest in which each contestant uses a pole to vault for height over a crossbar
— pole–vault verb
— pole–vault·er noun

pol·ice /ˈpōlˌsē/ verb po·liced, po·lic·ing
1: to control, regulate, or keep in order esp. by use of police <a highway>
2: to make clean and put in order

pol·ice noun, plural police
1: the department of government that keeps public order and safety and enforces the laws; also: the members of this department
2: a private organization resembling a police force; also: its members
3: military personnel detailed to clean and put in order

po·liceman /ˌmən/ noun
: a member of a police force: POLICE OFFICER

pol·ice·man noun
: a member of a police force

Synonyms
constable, cop, officer: more at OFFICER

course, line, procedure, program: more at COURSE
policy noun, plural -cies
: a writing whereby a contract of insurance is made

pol·i·cy·hold·er /pəˌle.ˌsē.ˈhōldər/ noun
: one granted an insurance policy

po·lio /pōˈle.ə/ noun
: POLIOMYELITIS

— polio adjective

po·lio·my·eli·tis /ˌpəˌle.ˌmē.ˌē.ˌlē.ˌtēz/ noun
: an acute virus disease marked by inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord leading usu. to paralysis

polish /pəˈlish/ verb
1 : to make smooth and glossy usu. by rubbing
2 : to refine or improve in manners, condition, or style

Synonyms
buff, burnish, dress, gloss, grind, rub, shine, smooth; also sleek, slick; coat, glaze; finish, veneer; brighten; rasp, sand, sandblast, sandpaper, scour, scrape, scrub

polish noun
1 : a smooth glossy surface appearance or finish
2 : enlightenment and excellence of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training : CULTURE
3 : the action or process of polishing
4 : a preparation used to produce a gloss

Synonyms
[1] gloss, luster, sheen, shine—more at SHINE
[2] civilization, cultivation, culture, refinement—more at CULTURE

Pol·ish /pəˈlish/ noun
: the Slavic language of the Poles

— Polish adjective

polished /pəˈlisht/ adjective
1 : having a smooth and glossy surface produced by or as if by polishing
2 : characterized by elegance and refinement

Synonyms
[1] glossy, lustrous, satiny, sleek—more at GLOSSY
[2] civilized, cultivated, cultured, genteel, refined—more at CULTIVATED

pol·it abbreviation
political; politician

po·lit·bu·ro /pəˌle.ˌbəˌro/ noun
[origin: Russ politbyuro]
: the principal policy-making committee of a Communist party

po·lite /Pəˌlit/ adjective po·lit·er; -est
1 : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of advanced culture <~ society>
2 : marked by correct social conduct : COURTEOUS; also : CONSIDERATE, TACTFUL

— po·lite·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] correct, decent, decorous, genteel, nice, proper, respectable, seemly—more at PROPER
[2] civil, considerate, courteous, genteel, gracious, mannerly, tactful, well-bred; also attentive, thoughtful; chivalrous, courtly, gallant; ceremonial, ceremonious; formal, suave, unctuous, urbane; elegant, refined; deferential, dutiful, respectful, submissive, yielding; acceptable, appropriate, becoming, correct, decent, decorous, fit, fitting, good, meet, proper, respectable, right, seemly, suitable; affable, cordial, friendly, genial, hospitable, sociable; felicitous, graceful; humble, meek, modest, unassertive

Antonyms
discourteous, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, ungracious, unmannerly
politeness /ˌpoləˈtēnəs/ noun
- the quality or state of being polite
  Synonyms
  - civility, courtesy, gentility, graciousness, mannerliness; also attentiveness, consideration, thoughtfulness; ceremoniousness, ceremony, formality; chivalrousness, chivalry, courtliness, gallantry; breeding, manners; urbanity; elegance, refinement; deference, respect; decency, decorum, propriety, respectability; affability, cordiality, friendliness, geniality, hospitality, sociability; gracefulness; humility, meekness, modesty, shyness
  Antonyms
  - discourtesy, incivility, rudeness

politesse /pəˈlɛtiːs/ noun
[Origin: F]
- formal politeness

political /pəˈlɛtikəl/ adjective
1: wise in promoting a policy <a ~ statesman>
2: shrewdly tactful <a ~ move>
3: suitable to the situation or circumstances
  Synonyms
  - advisable, desirable, expedient, judicious, prudent, tactical, wise—more at EXPEDIENT

politic /pəˈlɛtɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to government or politics
2: involving or charged or concerned with acts against a government or a political system <~ prisoners>

politically correct adjective
- conforming to a belief that language and practices which could offend sensibilities (as in matters of sex or race) should be eliminated

politician /pəˈlɛtɪʃən/ noun
- a person actively engaged in government or politics

politic /pəˈlɛtɪk/ verb
- to engage in political discussion or activity

politics /pəˈlɛtɪks/ noun singular or plural
1: the art or science of government, of guiding or influencing governmental policy, or of winning and holding control over a government
2: political affairs or business; especially: competition between groups or individuals for power and leadership
3: political opinions

dot /pəˈdæt/ noun
1: a person's head
2: the casting and recording of votes; also: the total vote cast
3: the place where votes are cast — usu. used in pl.
4: a questioning of persons to obtain information or opinions to be analyzed
   Synonyms
   • head, noggin, pate — more at HEAD
2 poll verb
1: to cut off or shorten a growth or part of: CLIP, SHEAR
2: to receive and record the votes of
3: to receive (as votes) in an election
4: to question in a poll
   Synonyms
   • canvass, solicit, survey — more at CANVASS

pol·lack or pol·lock /ˈpəˌlæk/ noun, plural pol·lack or pol·lock
: an important No. Atlantic food fish that is related to the cods; also: a related food fish of the No. Pacific

pol·len /ˈpəˌlən/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. L, fine flour]
: a mass of male spores of a seed plant usu. appearing as a yellow dust

pol·li·na·tion /ˈpəˌleɪ.nəˈneɪ.ʃən/ noun
: the carrying of pollen to the female part of a plant to fertilize the seed
   — pol·li·na·tive /ˈpəˌleɪ.nətəv/ adjective
   — pol·li·na·tor /ˈpəˌleɪ.nətər/ noun

poll·ster /ˈpəˌlɛstər/ noun
: one that conducts a poll or compiles data obtained by a poll

poll tax noun
: a tax of a fixed amount per person levied on adults and often linked to the right to vote
   • poll tax rate

pol·lut·ant /ˈpəˌlʌt.ənt/ noun
: something that pollutes
   Synonyms
   • adulterant, contaminant, defilement, impurity — more at IMPURITY

pol·lut·ed /ˈpəˌlʌt.əd/; pol·lut·ing /ˈpəˌlʌt.ɪŋ/ verb
: to make impure; especially: to contaminate (an environment) esp. with man-made waste
   — pol·lut·er /ˈpəˌlʌt.ər/ noun
   — pol·lut·ion /ˈpəˌlʌt.ən/ noun
   Synonyms
   • befoul, contaminate, defile, foul, poison, taint — more at CONTAMINATE

polluted adjective
: made unclean or impure
   Synonyms
   • dilute, impure — more at IMPURE

pol·ly·wog or pol·li·wog /ˈpəˌlēˌwɒɡ/ noun
: TADPOLE

po·lo /ˈpəˌləʊ/ noun
[origin: Balti (Tibetan language of northern Kashmir), ball]
: a game played by two teams on horseback using long-handled mallets to drive a wooden ball

po·lo·ni·um /ˈpəˌloʊ.nəˈəm/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. ML Polonia Poland, birthplace of its discoverer, Mme. Curie]
: a radioactive metallic chemical element

pol·ter·geist /ˈpəˌlər.ɡist/ noun
[origin: G, fr. poltern to knock + Geist spirit]
\textbf{pol·troon} /pəlˈtɹʊn/ noun
\textit{a spiritless coward}
\textbf{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
  \item chicken, coward, craven, dastard, recreant, sissy—more at \textbf{Coward}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{poly-} \textit{combining form}
[\textit{origin: Gk, fr. polys many}]
\begin{itemize}
  \item 1: many : several <\textit{poly}syllabic
  \item 2: polymeric <\textit{polyester}>
\end{itemize}

\textbf{poly·chlo·ri·nat·ed bi·phe·nyl} /ˌpəˌli.ˌklo.ˈrəˌnæ.ˈledˌbiˈfen.əl/ noun
\textit{any of several industrial compounds that are toxic environmental pollutants}

\textbf{poly·clin·ic} /ˌpə.li.ˈklɪn.ɪk/ noun
\textit{a clinic or hospital treating diseases of many sorts}

\textbf{poly·es·ter} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˌes.ˈteɪr/ noun
\textit{a polymer composed of ester groups used esp. in making fibers or plastics}

\textbf{poly·eth·yl·ene} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˌe.ˈθɪl.ˈiːn/ noun
\textit{a lightweight plastic resistant to chemicals and moisture and used chiefly in packaging}

\textbf{poly·gam·my} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡæm.ə/ noun
\textit{the practice of having more than one wife or husband at one time}
  \textit{— poly·gam·ist} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡæm.ɪst/ noun
  \textit{— poly·gam·ous} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡæm.əs/ adjective

\textbf{poly·glot} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡlɒt/ adjective
\begin{itemize}
  \item 1: speaking or writing several languages
  \item 2: containing or made up of several languages
  \textit{— polyglot} noun
\end{itemize}

\textbf{poly·gon} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡɒn/ noun
\textit{a closed plane figure bounded by straight lines}
  \textit{— poly·go·nal} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡən.əl/ adjective

\textbf{poly·graph} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡræf/ noun
\textit{an instrument (as a lie detector) for recording variations of several bodily functions (as blood pressure) simultaneously}
  \textit{— poly·gra·pher} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈɡræf.ər/ noun

\textbf{poly·he·dron} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈhe.ˈdrən/ noun
\textit{a solid formed by plane faces that are polygons}
  \textit{— poly·he·dra} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈhe.ˈdrəl/ adjective

\textbf{poly·math} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈmæθ/ noun
\textit{a person of encyclopedic learning}

\textbf{poly·mer} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈmər/ noun
\textit{a chemical compound formed by union of small molecules and usu. consisting of repeating structural units}
  \textit{— poly·mer·ic} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈmer.ɪk/ adjective

\textbf{poly·mer·i·za·tion} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈmer.ɪˌza.ʃən/ noun
\textit{a chemical reaction in which two or more small molecules combine to form polymers}
  \textit{— poly·mer·ize} /ˌpə.ˌli.ˈmer.ɪz/ verb

\begin{itemize}
  \item : a noisy usu. mischievous ghost held to be responsible for unexplained noises
  \textbf{Synonyms}
  \begin{itemize}
    \item apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, phantom, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith—more at \textbf{GHOST}
  \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
Poly·ne·sian /pəˈliːnəˌziən/ noun
1 : a member of any of the indigenous peoples of Polynesia
2 : a group of Austronesian languages spoken in Polynesia
   — Polynesian adjective

pol·y·no·mi·al /pəˌlaːˈniːəl/ noun
: an algebraic expression having one or more terms each of which consists of a constant multiplied by one or more variables raised to a nonnegative integral power
   — polynomial adjective

pol·y·p /pəˈlep/ noun
1 : an invertebrate animal (as a coral) that is a coelenterate having a hollow cylindrical body closed at one end
2 : a growth projecting from a mucous membrane (as of the colon or vocal cords)

po·ly·ph·o·ny /pəˌliːfəˈni/ noun
: music consisting of two or more melodically independent but harmonizing voice parts
   — polyphonic adjective

poly·pro·pyl·ene /pəˌlaːprəˈpiːnl/ noun
: any of various polymer plastics or fibers

poly·sty·rene /pəˌlaːsˈtɛrən/ noun
: a rigid transparent nonconducting thermoplastic used esp. in molded products and foams

poly·syl·lab·ic /ˌsa.laˈbik/ adjective
1 : having more than three syllables
2 : characterized by polysyllabic words

poly·syl·la·ble /pəˌlaːsəˈle-bal/ noun
: a polysyllabic word

poly·tech·nic /pəˌlaːˈtek.nik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or instructing in many technical arts or applied sciences

poly·the·ism /pəˌlaːθiˈizəm/ noun
: belief in or worship of many gods
   — polytheist /ˌθiˈist/ adjective or noun
   — polytheistic /ˌθiˈistik/ adjective

poly·un·sat·u·rat·ed /ˌpaˌle.ənˈsa.təˈræt/ed/ adjective
: having many double or triple bonds in a molecule — used esp. of an oil or fatty acid

poly·ure·thane /ˌpaˌlarəˈthiˌan/ noun
: any of various polymers used esp. in foams and in resins (as for coatings)

poly·vi·nyl /ˌpaˌvaˌnil/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a polymerized vinyl compound, resin, or plastic — often used in combination

pome·gran·ate /ˈpəˌmaːɡrə.nət/ noun
[Origin: ME poumgrenet, fr. AF pome garnette, lit., seedy fruit]
: a many-seeded reddish fruit that has an edible crimson pulp and is borne by a tropical Asian tree; also : the tree

pom·mel /ˈpaˌmel,ˈpæl/ noun
1 : the knob on the hilt of a sword
2 : the knoblke bulge at the front and top of a saddlebow

pomp /ˈpɑmp/ noun
1 : brilliant display : SPLENDOR
2 : OSTENTATION
pom·pa·dour /ˈpɑːm.pə.dɔr/ noun
: a style of dressing the hair high over the forehead

pom·pa·no /ˈpɑːm.pə.nō/ noun, plural -no or -nos
: a narrow silvery fish of coastal waters of the western Atlantic

pom–pon /ˈpɑːm.pən/ noun
1 : an ornamental ball or tuft used on a cap or costume
2 : a fluffy ball flourished by cheerleaders

pom·pon /ˈpɑːm.pən/ noun
1: POM-POM
2: a chrysanthemum or dahlia with small rounded flower heads

pomp·ous /ˈpɑːm.pəs/ adjective
1 : suggestive of pomp; especially: OSTENTATIOUS
2 : having or exhibiting self-importance
3 : excessively elevated or ornate
— pomp·os·i·ty /ˈpɑːm.pəs.ə.tə/ noun
— pomp·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] affected, grandiose, highfalutin, ostentatious, pretentious—more at PRETENTIOUS
[2] arrogant, complacent, conceited, egotistic, important, overweening, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at CONCEITED

pon·cho /ˈpɑŋ.choʊ/ noun, plural ponchos
[origin: AmerSp, fr. Mapuche (American Indian language of Chile)]
1 : a blanket with a slit in the middle for the head so that it can be worn as a garment
2 : a waterproof garment resembling a poncho

pond /ˈpænd/ noun
: a small body of water

pon·der /ˈpɑndər/ verb pondered; ponder·ing
1 ▼ : to weigh in the mind
2 ▼ : to consider carefully

Synonyms
[1, 2] chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, question, ruminate, study, think, weigh; also muse (upon), reflect (on or upon), reminisce; conclude, reason; second-guess, speculate

pon·der·o·sa pine /ˈpɑndər.oʊsəˌpaɪn/ noun
: a tall pine of western No. America with long needles; also : its strong reddish wood

pon·der·ous /ˈpɑndər.oʊs/ adjective
1 ▼ : of very great weight
2 : UNWIELDY, CLUMSY <a ~ weapon>
3 ▼ : oppressively dull <a ~ speech>

Synonyms
[1] heavy, hefty, massive, weighty—more at HEAVY
[3] dull, flat, heavy, leaden, weary

pone /ˈpɑn/ noun, Southern & Midland
: an oval-shaped cornmeal cake; also : corn bread in the form of pones

pon·iard /ˈpɑn.yərd/ noun
: DAGGER

pon·tiff /ˈpɑntɪf/ noun
: POPE
pon·tif·i·cal /pənˈtɪf.iˌkæl/ adjective

1 pontificate /pənˈtɪf.iˌkæt.i/ noun 
: the state, office, or term of office of a pontiff

2 pontificate /pənˈtɪf.iˌkæt.i/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing 
: to deliver dogmatic opinions

pon·toon /pənˈtʊn/ noun
1 : a flat-bottomed boat
2 : a boat or float used in building a floating temporary bridge
3 : a float of a seaplane

po·ny /ˈpɒ.ni/ noun, plural ponies 
: a small horse

po·ny·tail /ˈtæl/ noun
: a style of arranging hair to resemble the tail of a pony

pooh–pooh /ˈpuː.ˈpuː/ also pooh /ˈpuː/ verb
1 : to express contempt or impatience
2 : DERIDE, SCORN

1 pool /pʊl/ noun
1 : a small deep body of usu. fresh water
2 : a small body of standing liquid
3 : SWIMMING POOL

2 pool verb
: to form a pool

pool noun
1 : all the money bet on the result of a particular event
2 : any of several games of billiards played on a table having six pockets
3 : the amount contributed by the participants in a joint venture
4 : a combination between competing firms for mutual profit
5 ▶ : a readily available supply (as of resources or workers)

Synonyms
▶ force, help, personnel, staff—more at FORCE
▶ budget, fund, supply—more at SUPPLY

4 pool verb
: to combine (as resources) in a common fund or effort

1 poop /ˈpuːp/ noun
: an enclosed superstructure at the stern of a ship

2 poop noun, slang
: INFORMATION

poop deck noun
: a partial deck above a ship's main afterdeck

poor /ˈpʊər/ adjective
1 ▶ : lacking material possessions <~ people>
2: less than adequate: MEAGER  
3: arousing pity: you ~ thing  
4: inferior in quality or value  
5: producing inferior or little vegetation: UNPRODUCTIVE, BARREN  
6: fairly unsatisfactory: prospects; also: UNFAVORABLE  
— poor·ly adverb

Synonyms  
[1] broke, destitute, impolite, indigent, needy, penniless, penurious, poverty-stricken; also deprived, disadvantaged, underprivileged; bankrupt, insolvent; depressed, pinched, reduced, straitened; low, short  
Antonyms  
affluent, flush, moneyed, opulent, rich, wealthy, well-heeled, well-off, well-to-do  
[4] cheap, inferior, junky, lousy, mediocre, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy  

poor·boy /poʊ boɪ/ noun  
: a large sandwich on a long split roll: SUBMARINE  
Synonyms  
grinder, hoagie, sub, submarine—more at SUBMARINE  

poor·house /poʊr haʊs/ noun  
: a publicly supported home for needy or dependent persons  

poor·mouth /poʊr maʊθ, maʊθ/ verb  
: to plead poverty as a defense or excuse  

pop /pɒp/ verb popped; pop·ping  
1: to go, come, enter, or issue forth suddenly, quickly, or unexpectedly (~ into bed) (~ in for a visit)  
2: to put or thrust suddenly (~ questions)  
3: to burst or cause to burst with a sharp sound; also: to make a sharp sound  
4: to protrude from the sockets  
5: to fire at: SHOOT  
6: to hit a pop-up  
Synonyms  
usually pop in [1] call, drop, stop, visit—more at CALL  
[3] blow up, burst, detonate, explode, go off—more at EXPLODE  

pop noun  
1: a sharp explosive sound  
2: SHOT  
3: SODA POP  
Synonyms  
bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, report, slam, smash, snap, thwack, whack—more at CLAP  

pop noun  
[1] : a male parent: FATHER  
Synonyms  
daddy, father, papa—more at FATHER  

pop adjective  
1: POPULAR (~ music)  
2: of or relating to pop music (~ singer)  
3: of or relating to the popular culture disseminated through the mass media (~ psychology)  
4: of, relating to, or imitating pop art (~ painter)  

pop noun  
: pop music or culture; also: POP ART  

pop abbreviation  
population  

pop art noun, often cap P & A
art in which commonplace objects (as comic strips or soup cans) are used as subject matter
— pop artist noun

pop·corn /pəpˈkɔrn/ noun
: an Indian corn whose kernels burst open into a white starchy mass when heated; also: the burst kernels

pope /ˈpɒp/ noun, often cap
: the head of the Roman Catholic Church

pop–eyed /ˈpɒpˌɪd/ adjective
: having eyes that bulge (as from disease)

pop fly noun
: POP-UP

pop·gun /ˈpɑpˌɡən/ noun
: a toy gun for shooting pellets with compressed air

pop-in-jay /ˈpɑpˌɪnˌjæ/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME papejay parrot, fr. MF papegai, papejai, fr. Ar babghā’]
: a strutting supercilious person

pop·lar /ˈpɑplər/ noun
1: any of a genus of slender quick-growing trees (as a cottonwood) related to the willows
2: the wood of a poplar

pop·lin /ˈpɑplɪn/ noun
: a strong plain-woven fabric with crosswise ribs

pop·over /ˈpɑpˌoʊvər/ noun
: a hollow muffin made from a thin batter rich in egg

pop·per /ˈpɑpər/ noun
: a utensil for popping corn

pop·py /ˈpɑpə/ noun, plural poppies
: any of a genus of herbs with showy flowers including one that yields opium

pop·py·cock /ˈpɑpəˌkɑk/ noun
: empty talk or writing: NONSENSE

pop·u·lace /ˈpɑpəˌlæs/ noun
1 ▶: the common people
2: POPULATION

Synonyms
▶ commoners, herd, masses, mob, people, plebeians, rank and file

pop·u·lar /ˈpɑpəˌlær/ adjective
1 a ▶: of or relating to the general public
b ▶: involving participation of all the people << government>
2 ▶: suited to the tastes of the general public << style>
3: INEXPENSIVE << rates>
4 ▶: frequently encountered or widely accepted << notion>
5 ▶: commonly liked or approved << a ~ teacher
— pop·u·lar·ize /ˈpɑpəˌlærəˌz/ verb
— pop·u·lar·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1a] common, general, public, vulgar—more at GENERAL
▶ [1b] democratic, republican, self-governing—more at DEMOCRATIC
▶ [2, 5] fashionable, in, modish, vogue; also favorite, preferred; desirable, wanted; celebrated, famed, famous, noted, notorious, prominent, renowned, well-known; fabled, fabulous, legendary; leading, notable, outstanding,
remarkable; important, significant

**Antonyms**
out, unpopular

- [4] conventional, current, customary, standard, stock, usual—more at [CURRENT](#)

**pop·u·lar·i·ty** /ˈpəˌlər·əˌtē/ noun
- the quality or state of being popular

**Synonyms**
- favor, modishness, vogue; also craze, fad, mode, rage, style, trend; bandwagon; fame, notoriety, prominence, renown; enthusiasm, fervor, passion

**Antonyms**
disfavor, unpopularity

**pop·u·late** /ˈpəˌleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1: to have a place in: INHABIT
2: PEOPLE

**pop·u·la·tion** /ˈpəˌleɪʃən/ noun
1: the people or number of people in an area
2: the organisms inhabiting a particular locality
3: a group of individuals or items from which samples are taken for statistical measurement

**population explosion** noun
- a pyramiding of numbers of a biological population; especially: the recent great increase in human numbers resulting from increased survival and exponential population growth

**pop·u·list** /ˈpəˌlist/ noun
- a believer in or advocate of the rights, wisdom, or virtues of the common people
- **pop·u·lism** /ˌlīˈzəm/ noun

**pop·u·lous** /ˈpəˌləs/ adjective
1: densely populated; also: having a large population
2: CROWDED
- **pop·u·lous·ness** noun

1**pop·up** /ˈpəˌpəp/ noun
- a short high fly in baseball
2**pop·up** adjective
- of, relating to, or having a component or device that pops up

**por·ce·lain** /ˈpərˌsəˌleɪn/ noun
- a fine-grained translucent ceramic ware

**porch** /ˈpɔrch/ noun
- a covered entrance usu. with a separate roof

**por·cine** /ˈpɔrˌsīn/ adjective
- of, relating to, or suggesting swine

**por·ci·ni** /ˈpɔrˌsəˌné/ noun, plural porcini
- [ORIGIN: IT]
- a large edible brownish mushroom

**por·ci·no** /ˈpɔrˌsəˌnō/ noun, plural -ni
- PORCINI

**por·cu·pine** /ˈpɔrˌkyəˌpɪn/ noun
- [ORIGIN: ME porke despyne, fr. MF porc espin, fr. It porcospino, fr. L porcus pig + spina spine, prickle]
- any of various mammals having stiff sharp spines mingled with their hair

1**pore** /ˈpər/ verb pored; por·ing
1: to read studiously or attentively (~ over a book) 
2:ponder, reflect

pore /pôr/ noun
: a tiny hole or space (as in the skin or soil)
— pored /pôrd/ adjective

pork /pôrk/ noun
: the flesh of swine dressed for use as food

pork barrel noun
: government projects or appropriations yielding rich patronage benefits

pork·er /pôrk·er/ noun
: Hog; especially: a young pig suitable for use as fresh pork

por·no·graph·ic /pôr·no·gra·fik/ adjective
1: of or relating to pornography
   Synonyms
   bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lascivious, lewd, nasty, obscene, ribald, smutty, unprintable, vulgar, wanton—more at obscene

por·nog·ra·phy /pôr·nô·gra·fē/ noun
: the depiction of erotic behavior intended to cause sexual excitement

po·rous /pôr·əs/ adjective
1: full of pores
2: permeable to fluids
— po·ros·i·ty /pôr·ə·si·té/ noun
   Synonyms
   passable, penetrable, permeable—more at penetrable

por·phy·ry /pôr·fē·rē/ noun, plural -ries
: a rock consisting of feldspar crystals embedded in a compact fine-grained base material
— porphyrit·ic /pôr·fē·rī·tik/ adjective

por·pose /pôr·pəs/ noun
[Origin: ME porpoys, fr. AF porpeis, fr. ML porcopiscis, fr. L porcus pig + piscis fish]
: any of a family of small gregarious blunt-snouted whales with spadelike teeth; also: Dolphin 1

por·ridge /pôr·jīd/ noun
: a soft food made by boiling meal of grains or legumes in milk or water

por·rin·ger /pôr·rin·ji/ noun
: a low one-handled metal bowl or cup

1 port /pôrt/ noun
1: a place where ships may ride secure from storms: Harbor
2: a city with a harbor
3: Airport
   Synonyms
   anchorage, harbor, haven—more at harbor

2 port noun
1: an inlet or outlet (as in an engine) for a fluid
2: Porthole

3 port verb
: to turn or put a helm to the left

4 port noun
: the left side of a ship or airplane looking forward
5. port noun
  : a sweet fortified wine

6. portability /ˌpɔrtəˈbiləti/ noun, plural -ties
  1 : the quality or state of being portable
  2 : the ability to transfer benefits from one pension fund to another when a worker changes jobs

7. portable noun
  : capable of being carried

1. portage /ˈpɔrtij, ˈpɔrtəʒ/ noun
  [origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. porter to carry]
  : the carrying of boats and goods overland between navigable bodies of water; also : a route for such carrying

2. portage verb por·taged; por·tag·ing
  : to carry gear over a portage

1. portal /ˈpɔrtəl/ noun
  : the means or place of entry: DOOR; especially : a grand or imposing one

  Synonyms
  - door, gate, hatch—more at DOOR

2. portal–to–portal adjective
  : of or relating to the time spent by a worker in traveling from the entrance to an employer's property to the worker's actual job site (as in a mine)

1. portcullis /ˈpɔrtkəlɪs/ noun
  : a grating at the gateway of a castle or fortress that can be let down to stop entrance

2. porte cochere /ˌpɔrt kəˈsha/ noun
  [origin: F porte cochère, lit., coach door]
  : a roofed structure extending from the entrance of a building over an adjacent driveway and sheltering those getting in or out of vehicles

1. portend /ˈpɔrtənd/ verb
  1 : to give a sign or warning of beforehand
  2 : INDICATE, SIGNIFY

2. portent /ˈpɔrtənt/ noun
  1 : something that foreshadows a coming event: Omen
  2 : one that causes wonder or astonishment: MARVEL, PRODIGY

  Synonyms
  - augury, auspice, foreboding, omen, presage—more at Omen

3. portentous adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or constituting a portent
  2 : eliciting amazement or wonder: PRODIGIOUS
  3 : self-consciously solemn: POMPous

  Synonyms
  - [1] baleful, dire, foreboding, menacing, ominous, sinister—more at OMINous
  - [2] amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, fabulous, marvelous, prodigious, stunning, surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS

1. porter /ˈpɔrtər/ noun, chiefly British
  : DOORKEEPER

2. porter noun
1: a person who carries burdens; especially: one employed (as at a terminal) to carry baggage
2: an attendant in a railroad car
3: a dark heavy ale

**porter-house** /pərˈtərˌhōs/ noun
: a choice beefsteak with a large tenderloin

**portfolio** /pərˈtōliə/ noun, plural -li·os
1: a portable case for papers or drawings
2: the office and functions of a minister of state
3: the securities held by an investor

**port-hole** /pərˈtōl/ noun
: an opening (as a window) in the side of a ship or aircraft

**por·ti·co** /pərˈtiˌkō/ noun, plural -coes or -cos
[origin: It]
: a row of columns supporting a roof around or at the entrance of a building

**portion** /pərˈshan/ noun
1 ‣: one's part or share <a ~ of food>
2: DOWRY
3 ‣: an individual's lot, fate, or fortune
4 ‣: a part of a whole <a ~ of the sky>

**Synonyms**
- [1] allotment, allowance, cut, part, proportion, quota, share—more at SHARE
- [3] circumstance, destiny, doom, fate, fortune, lot—more at FATE
- [4] member, part, partition, section, segment—more at PART

**portion** verb
1: to divide into portions
2 ‣: to allot to as a portion

**Synonyms**
- administer, allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, prorate—more at ADMINISTER

**port·land cement** /pərlənd/ noun
: a cement made by calcining and grinding a mixture of clay and limestone

**port·ly** /pərˈlē/ adjective port·li·er; -est
: somewhat stout

**Synonyms**
- chubby, fat, fleshy, full, plump, rotund, round—more at FAT

**port·man·teau** /pərˈmanˌtō/ noun, plural -teaus or -teaux /ˌtōz/ [origin: MF portemanteau, fr. porter to carry + manteau mantle, fr. L mantellum]
: a large traveling bag

**Synonyms**
- carryall, grip, handbag, suitcase, traveling bag—more at TRAVELING BAG

**por·to·bel·lo** also por·ta·bel·la /ˌpōrˌtoʊˈbelə/ or por·ta·bel·lo /ˌpōrˌtaˈbelə/ noun, plural -los also -las
: a large dark mature mushroom noted for its meaty texture

**port of call**
: an intermediate port where ships customarily stop for supplies, repairs, or transshipment of cargo

**port of entry**
1: a place where foreign goods may be cleared through a customhouse
2: a place where an alien may enter a country

**por·trait** /pərˈtrait/ noun
1: a picture (as a painting or photograph) of a person usu. showing the face
2 ‣: a graphic portrayal in words
   Synonyms
   ‣ delineation, depiction, description, picture, portrayal, sketch—more at DESCRIPTION

portrait-ist /ˈpɔrtrəˌɪst// noun
: a maker of portraits

portrait-ure /ˈpɔrtrəˌchər/ noun
: the practice or art of making portraits

portray /ˈpɔrtreɪ/ verb
1 ‣: to make a picture of: DEPICT
2 ‣: to describe in words
3 ‣: to play the role of
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] depict, image, picture, represent—more at PICTURE
   ‣ [2] characterize, delineate, depict, describe, draw, image, paint, picture, sketch—more at DESCRIBE
   ‣ [3] act, impersonate, perform, play—more at ACT

portray-al /ˈpɔrtreɪ(ə)l/ noun
: the act or process or an instance of portraying
   Synonyms
   ‣ delineation, depiction, description, picture, portrait, sketch—more at DESCRIPTION

Portuguese /ˈpɔrtjʊɡəs/ noun, plural Portuguese
1: a native or inhabitant of Portugal
2: the language of Portugal and Brazil
   Pronunciation: /pɔrtjuˈɡɛs/

Portuguese man-of-war noun
: any of several large colonial marine invertebrate animals related to the jellyfishes and having a large sac by which
   the colony floats at the surface

portulaca /ˈpɔrtjuˈləkə/ noun
: any of a genus of succulent herbs cultivated for their showy flowers

pos abbreviation
1 position
2 positive

1pose /pəz/ verb posed; pos-ing
1 ‣: to assume or cause to assume a posture usu. for artistic purposes
2 ‣: to set forth: PROPOSE <~ a question>
3 ‣: to affect an attitude or character
   Synonyms
   ‣ [2] advance, offer, proffer, propose, propound, suggest, vote—more at PROPOSE
   ‣ usually pose as [3] impersonate, masquerade, play—more at IMPERSONATE

2 pose noun
1: a sustained posture; especially: one assumed by a model
2 ‣: an attitude assumed for effect: PRETENSE
   Synonyms
   ‣ act, airs, facade, front, guise, masquerade, pretense, put-on, semblance, show—more at MASQUERADE

1 poser /pəzər/ noun
: a puzzling question

2 poser noun
: a person who poses

poseur /pəzər/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, lit., poser]
an affected or insincere person

**posh** /pɔːʃ/ adjective

: FASHIONABLE

**pos·it** /pəˈzɪt/ verb

: to assume the existence of : POSTULATE

1 **position** /pəˈzɪʃən/ noun

1 : an arranging in order
2 : the stand taken on a question
3 ▶ : the point or area occupied by something or someone
4 : a certain arrangement of bodily parts <exercise in a sitting ~>
5 ▶ : social or official rank or status
6 ▶ : an employment for which one has been hired : JOB

- **Synonyms**
  1. [3] locale, location, place, point, site, spot—more at PLACE
  2. [5] degree, footing, level, place, rank, situation, standing, station, status—more at RANK
  3. [6] appointment, billet, capacity, function, job, place, post, situation—more at JOB

2 **position** verb

: to put in a certain position

- **Synonyms**
  1. deposit, dispose, fix, lay, place, put, set, set up, stick—more at PLACE

1 **positive** /pəˈziːtɪv/ adjective

1 : expressed definitely <her answer was a ~ no>
2 ▶ : fully assured : CONFIDENT, CERTAIN
3 : of, relating to, or constituting the degree of grammatical comparison that denotes no increase in quality, quantity, or relation
4 : not fictitious : REAL
5 : active and effective in function <~ leadership>
6 : having the light and shade as existing in the original subject <a ~ photograph>
7 : numerically greater than zero <a ~ number>
8 : being, relating to, or charged with electricity of which the proton is the elementary unit
9 ▶ : marked by or indicating acceptance, approval, or affirmation <a ~ response>

— **pos·i·tive·ly** adverb

- **Synonyms**
  1. [2] assured, certain, clear, cocksure, confident, doubtless, sanguine, sure—more at CERTAIN
  2. [9] appreciative, complimentary, favorable, friendly, good—more at FAVORABLE

2 **positive** noun

1 : the positive degree or a positive form in a language
2 : a positive photograph

**pos·i·tive·ness** /ˌpəˈziːtvəˌnis/ noun

: the quality or state of being positive

- **Synonyms**
  1. assurance, certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, sureness—more at CONFIDENCE

**pos·i·tron** /pəˈzą.trən/ noun

: a positively charged particle having the same mass and magnitude of charge as the electron

**po·ső·le or po·zo·le** /pəˈsoʊ.lə/ noun

: a thick Mexican soup made with pork, hominy, garlic, and chili

**poss** abbreviation

possessive

**pos·se** /pəˈsɛ/ noun

[ORIGIN: ML posse comitatus, lit., power or authority of the county]
a body of persons organized to assist a sheriff in an emergency

**possess /pəˈzɛs/ verb**
1 : to have as property : OWN
2 : to have as an attribute, knowledge, or skill
3 : to enter into and control firmly "ed by a devil"
   **Synonyms**
   - command, enjoy, have, hold, occupy, own, retain—more at HAVE

**possession /ˈze.ʃən/ noun**
1 : control or occupancy of property without regard to ownership
2 : OWNERSHIP
3 : something owned : PROPERTY
4 : domination by something (as an evil spirit, a passion, or an idea)
5 : SELF-CONTROL
   **Synonyms**
   - control, hands, keeping; also ownership, proprietorship; authority, command, dominion, mastery, power; enjoyment, repossession, retention; claiming, collaring, commandeering, confiscation, procurement
   - possessions

**possession /ˈze.ʃən/ adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case denoting ownership
2 : showing the desire to possess "a ~ nature"
   **possessive noun**
   **possessive-ness noun**
3 : one that possesses
   **Synonyms**
   - holder, owner, proprietor—more at PROPRIETOR

**possessor /ˈze.ʃər/ noun**
1 : of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case denoting ownership

**possibility /ˌpə.səˈbil.i.ti/ noun**
1 : something that is possible
   **Synonyms**
   - case, contingency, event, eventuality—more at EVENT

**possible /ˈpə.sə.bl/ adjective**
1 : being within the limits of ability, capacity, or realization
2 : being something that may or may not occur "~ dangers"
3 : able or fitted to become "a ~ site for a bridge"
   **Synonyms**
   - achievable, attainable, doable, feasible, practicable, realizable, viable, workable; also practical, reasonable, sensible; likely, probable; acceptable, believable, conceivable, creditable, plausible; available, usable
   **Antonyms**
   - hopeless, impossible, impracticable, unattainable, unworkable

**possibly /ˈpə.sə.bl/ adverb**
1 : in a possible manner : by any possibility "it's all I can ~ do"
2 : it is possible or imaginable
   **Synonyms**
   - conceivably, maybe, perchance, perhaps—more at PERHAPS

**possessum /ˈpə.səm/ noun**
1 : OPOSSUM

**post /pəst/ noun**
1 : an upright piece of timber or metal serving esp. as a support : PILLAR
2 : a pole or stake set up as a mark or indicator
   **Synonyms**
column, pier, pillar, stanchion—more at pillar

2 post verb
1 : to affix to a usual place (as a wall) for public notices
2 : to publish or announce by or as if by a public notice (~ grades)
3 : to forbid (property) to trespassers by putting up a notice
4 : score 4
5 : to publish in an online forum

Synonyms
advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound—more at announce

3 post noun
1 obsolete : courier
2 chiefly British : mail; also : post office

4 post verb
1 : to ride or travel with haste : hurry
2 : mail (~ a letter)
3 : to enter in a ledger
4 : inform (~ kept him ~ ed on new developments)

5 post noun
1 : the place at which a soldier is stationed; especially : a sentry's beat or station
2 : a station or task to which a person is assigned
3 : the place at which a body of troops is stationed : camp
4 : an office or position to which a person is appointed
5 : a trading settlement or station

Synonyms
[1] position, quarter, station—more at station
[2] assignment, charge, job, mission, operation—more at mission
[4] appointment, billet, capacity, function, job, place, position, situation—more at job

6 post verb
1 : to station in a given place
2 : to put up (as bond)

post·age /ˈpōst·ij/ noun
: the fee for postal service; also : stamps representing this fee

post·al /ˈpōst·əl/ adjective
: of or relating to the mails or the post office

postal card noun
: postcard

postal service noun
: a government agency or department handling the transmission of mail

post·card /ˈpōst·kārd/ noun
: a card on which a message may be written for mailing without an envelope

post chaise noun
: a 4-wheeled closed carriage for two to four persons

post·con·sum·er /ˈpōst·kən·sum·ər/ adjective
1 : discarded by a consumer
2 : having been used and recycled for reuse in another product

post·date /ˈpōst·dāt/ verb
1 : to date with a date later than that of execution (~ a check)
2 : to follow in time
post·doc·tor·al /ˈdɑːk.traːl/ also post·doc·tor·ate /ˈtɑːrət/ adjective
: of, relating to, or engaged in advanced academic or professional work beyond a doctor's degree

post·er /ˈpɑːstr/ noun
▶ a bill or placard for posting often in a public place
  Synonyms
  ▶ bill, placard; also billboard, sign, signboard; broadside, flier, handbill, handout, playbill; ad, advertisement, announcement, bulletin, dispatch, release

1 poste·ri·or /ˈpɑːstr.ər, pər/ adjective
  1 ▶ later in time
  2 ▶ situated behind
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] after, later, subsequent—more at subsequent
  ▶ [2] back, hind, hindmost, rear—more at back

2 poste·ri·or /pəˈstr.ər, pər/ noun
▶ the hinder bodily parts; especially: BUTTOCKS
  Synonyms
  ▶ backside, bottom, butt, buttocks, rear, rump, seat—more at buttocks

post·er·i·ty /ˈpɑːstr.ə.ti/ noun
1 ▶ the descendants from one ancestor
  2 ▶ all future generations
  Synonyms
  ▶ issue, offspring, progeny, seed, spawn—more at offspring

post·ern /pɑːstn,ˈpæs/ noun
1 ▶ a back door or gate
  2 ▶ a private or side entrance

post·exchange noun
▶ a store at a military post that sells to military personnel and authorized civilians

post·grad /ˈpoʊstˌɡræd/ adjective
▶ POSTGRADUATE

post·grad·u·ate /ˈpoʊstˌɡrædˌeɪt/ adjective
▶ of or relating to studies beyond the bachelor's degree
— postgraduate noun

post·haste /ˈpoʊstˌhæst/ adverb
▶ with all possible speed
  Synonyms
  ▶ apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, presto, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, soon, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at fast

post·hole /ˌhɑːl/ noun
▶ a hole for a post and esp. a fence post

post·hu·mous /ˈpæsˌchaʊməs/ adjective
[Origin: L. posthumus, alter. of postumus last-born, posthumous, fr. superl. of posterus coming after]
1 ▶ born after the death of the father
  2 ▶ published after the death of the author
  — post·hu·mous·ly adverb

post·hyp·not·ic /ˈpoʊstˌhɪpˌnɑːtɪk/ adjective
▶ of, relating to, or characteristic of the period following a hypnotic trance

post·il·ion or post·il·lion /ˈpoʊstˌɪl.jən/ noun
▶ a rider on the left-hand horse of a pair drawing a coach
Post-impressionism : a late 19th century French theory or practice of art that stresses variously volume, picture structure, or expressionism

postlude : an organ solo played at the end of a church service

postman : a man who delivers mail (MAILMAN)

Synonyms letter carrier, mailman; also messenger; postmaster

postmark : an official postal marking on a piece of mail; especially : the mark canceling the postage stamp

postmaster : a person who has charge of a post office

postmaster general, plural postmasters general : an official in charge of a national postal service

postmenopausal : having undergone menopause

postmenopausal : occurring or administered after menopause

postmenopause : following the event

postmenopausal : occurring or being after birth; especially : of or relating to a newborn infant

post office : a local branch of a post office department

postoperative : following or having undergone a surgical operation

postpaid : having the postage paid by the sender and not chargeable to the receiver

postpartum : after birth
post·pone /pəsˈpōn/ verb post·poned; post·pon·ing

—to put off to a later time

—post·pone·ment noun

Synonyms
defer, delay, hold up, put off, shelf; also suspend; hesitate, pause, stay; detain, retard, slow; extend, lengthen, prolong, protract, stretch (out); wait

post road noun
:a road over which mail is carried

post·script /pəstˈskrip/ noun
:a note added esp. to a completed letter

post time noun
: the designated time for the start of a horse race

post·traumatic adjective
: occurring after or as a result of trauma (~ stress)

post·tu·lant /pəsˈtchalənt/ noun
:a probationary candidate for membership in a religious order

1 postulate /pəsˈchələt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
—to assume as true

Synonyms
assume, premise, presume, presuppose, suppose—more at ASSUME

2 postulate /pəsˈchələt/ noun
:a proposition taken for granted as true esp. as a basis for a chain of reasoning

Synonyms
assumption, premise, presumption, supposition—more at ASSUMPTION

1 posture /pəsˈchar/ noun
1 : the position or bearing of the body or one of its parts
2 : state or condition at a given time esp. with respect to capability in particular circumstances
3 : ATTITUDE

Synonyms
footing, picture, scene, situation, status—more at SITUATION

2 posture verb pos·tured; pos·tur·ing
: to strike a pose esp. for effect

post·war /pəstˈwər/ adjective
: occurring or existing after a war

po·sy /pəˈzi/ noun, plural posies
1 : a brief sentiment : MOTTO
2 : a bunch of flowers; also : FLOWER

1 pot /pət/ noun
1 : a rounded container used chiefly for domestic purposes
2 : the total of the bets at stake at one time
3 : RUIN <go to ~> 
4 : a large amount (as of money)

—pot·ful noun

2 pot verb pot·ted; pot·ting
1 : to preserve or place in a pot
2 : SHOOT
3 pot noun
 : MARIJUANA

po-ta-ble /ˈpə́.tə.ˈbəl/ adjective
 : suitable for drinking
 — po-ta-bil-i-ty /ˈpə́.tə.ˈbil.i.ˈtə/ noun

po-tage /ˈpə́.tə.ʒ/ noun
 : a thick soup

po-tash /ˈpə́.tə.ʃ/ noun
[ORIGIN: sing. of pot ashes]
 : potassium or any of its various compounds esp. as used in agriculture

po-tas-si-um /ˈpə́.tə.ˈsə.əm/ noun
 : a silver-white soft metallic chemical element that occurs abundantly in nature

potassium bromide noun
 : a crystalline salt used as a sedative and in photography

potassium carbonate noun
 : a white salt used in making glass and soap

potassium nitrate noun
 : a soluble salt used in making gunpowder, as a fertilizer, and in medicine

po-ta-tion /ˈpə́.tə.ˈʃən/ noun
 : a usu. alcoholic drink; also: the act of drinking

po-ta-to /ˈpə́.tə.ˈtə/ noun, plural -toes
 : the edible starchy tuber of a plant related to the tomato; also: this plant

potato beetle noun
 : COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

potato bug noun
 : COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

potbellied pig noun
 : any of an Asian breed of small pigs having a straight tail, potbelly, and black, white, or black and white coat

pot-bel-ly /ˈpə́.tə.ˈbə.ˌlə/ noun
 : a protruding abdomen
 — po-tel-lied /ˈbəˌləd/ adjective

pot-boil-er /ˌpəˌbol.ər/ noun
 : a usu. inferior work of art or literature produced chiefly for profit

po-tent /ˈpə́.tənt/ adjective
1 : having authority or influence: POWERFUL
2 : chemically or medicinally effective
3 : able to copulate — used esp. of the male
4 : rich in a characteristic constituent
5 : achieving or bringing about a particular result: EFFECTIVE

Synonyms

1 [1, 2] energy, force, main, might, muscle, power, sinew, strength, vigor—more at POWER
2 concentrated, full, full-bodied, rich, robust, strong—more at FULL-BODIED
- [5] effective, effectual, efficacious, efficient, fruitful, productive—more at EFFECTIVE

pot·en·tate /ˈpətənˌtā/ noun
: one who wields controlling power : RULER

tablet /ˈpələt/ noun: a small, round wafer-shaped tablet that is used to deliver medication

potential /ˈpoʊtənʃəl/ adjective
: existing in possibility : capable of becoming actual <a ~ champion>

potential·ly /ˈpoʊtənʃələd/ adverb

potential noun
1 ▶ : something that can develop or become actual <a ~ for violence>
2 : the work required to move a unit positive charge from infinity to a point in question; also : POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE

Synonyms — eventuality, possibility; also likelihood, probability; latency

total difference noun
: the difference in potential between two points that represents the work involved in the transfer of a unit quantity of electricity from one point to the other

potential energy noun
: the energy an object has because of its position or nature or the arrangement of its parts

potential·i·ty /ˈpoʊtənʃələtē/ noun
1 : the ability to develop or come into existence
2 : something that can develop or become actual

pot·en·ti·ate /ˈpoʊtənˌtiːət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to make potent; especially : to augment the activity of (as a drug) synergistically

pot·en·ti·a·tion /ˌpoʊtənˌteɪʃən/ noun

pot·head /ˈpʌtˌhɛd/ noun
: a person who frequently smokes marijuana

pot·her /ˈpʌθər/ noun
1 ▶ : a noisy disturbance
2 ▶ : mental turmoil

Synonyms — [1] commotion, disturbance, hubbub, turmoil

pot·herb /ˈpʌθərb/ noun
: an herb whose leaves or stems are boiled for greens or used to season food

pot·hole /ˈpʌthəl/ noun
: a large pit or hole (as in a road surface)

pot·hook /ˈpʌθək/ noun
: an S-shaped hook for hanging pots and kettles over an open fire

pot·ion /ˈpəʃən/ noun
: a mixture of liquids (as liquor or medicine)

pot·luck /ˈpətluk/ noun
: the regular meal available to a guest for whom no special preparations have been made

pot·pie /ˈpəpi/ noun
: pastry-covered meat and vegetables cooked in a deep dish

pot·pour·ri /ˈpəpərē/ noun
[origin: F pot pourri, lit., rotten pot]
1 : a mixture of flowers, herbs, and spices used for scent
2 ▶ : a miscellaneous collection
Synonyms
- assortment, medley, mélange, miscellany, variety

**pot·sherd** /paɪt_.ʃɜrd/ **noun**
- a pottery fragment

**pot·shot** /ˌʃɒt/ **noun**
1: a shot taken from ambush or at a random or easy target
2: a critical remark made in a random or sporadic manner

**pot sticker** **noun**
- a crescent-shaped dumpling that is steamed and fried

**pot·tage** /ˈpæ ti/ **noun**
- a thick soup of vegetables and often meat

1**potter** /ˈpæ tər/ **noun**
- one that makes pottery

2**potter** **verb**
- to move or act aimlessly or idly: PUTTER

Synonyms
- usually potter around fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, play, putter, trifle

**pot·tery** /ˈpæ tɹi/ **noun, plural -ter·ies**
1: a place where earthen pots and dishes are made
2: the art of the potter
3: dishes, pots, and vases made from clay

**pot·ty–mouthed** /ˈpæ ti_.maʊθd_. .maʊtθ/ **adjective**
- given to the use of vulgar language

1**pouch** /ˈpaʊtʃ/ **noun**
[origin: ME pouch, fr. AF, of Gmc origin; akin to OE pocca bag]
1: a small bag (as for tobacco) carried on the person
2: a bag for storing or transporting goods <mail ~> <diplomatic ~>  
3: an anatomical sac; especially: one for carrying the young on the abdomen of a female marsupial (as a kangaroo)

2**pouch** **verb**
- to put or form into or as if into a pouch

**poul** /ˈpɔl/ **noun**
- a young fowl; especially: a young turkey

**poul·ter·er** /ˈpɔl.tər.ər/ **noun**
- one that deals in poultry

**poul·tice** /ˈpɔl.tıs/ **noun**
- a soft usu. heated and medicated mass spread on cloth and applied to a sore or injury
- poul·tice verb

**poul·try** /ˈpɔl.tri/ **noun**
- domesticated birds kept for eggs or meat
- poul·try·man /ˌmæn/ **noun**

**pounce** /ˈpaʊns/ **verb pounced; pounc·ing**
1: to spring or swoop upon and seize something
2: to make a sudden assault or approach

Synonyms
- usually pounce on or pounce upon assail, assault, attack, beset, charge, descend, jump, raid, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK
1 pound /ˈpaʊnd/ noun, plural pounds also pound
1: a unit of avoirdupois, troy, and apothecaries' weight
2: a unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
3: the basic monetary unit of any of several countries including Egypt and the United Kingdom

2 pound noun
› : a public enclosure where stray animals are kept

Synonyms
› cage, coop, corral, pen—more at CAGE

3 pound verb
1: to crush to a powder or pulp by beating
2 a ›: to strike or beat heavily or repeatedly
b ›: to produce by repeated blows
3: DRILL 1
4: to move or move along heavily

Synonyms
› [2a] bash, bat, batter, beat, belt, bludgeon, club, hammer, hit, thrash, thump, wallop
› [2b] beat, forge, hammer—more at HAMMER

4 pound noun
› : an act or sound of pounding

pound-age /ˈpaʊnd.ɪdʒ/ noun
› : POUNDS; also: weight in pounds

pound cake noun
› : a rich cake made with a large proportion of eggs and shortening

pound-fool-ish /ˈpaʊnd.ʃuːl.ɪʃ/ adjective
› imprudent in dealing with large sums or large matters

pour /ˈpɔːr/ verb
1 ›: to flow or cause to flow in a stream or flood
2 ›: to rain hard
3 ›: to supply freely and copiously

Synonyms
› [1] gush, jet, rush, spew, spout, spurt, squirt—more at GUSH
› [1] flow, roll, run, stream—more at FLOW
› [2] precipitate, rain, storm—more at RAIN
› [3] heap, lavish, rain, shower—more at RAIN

pour·boir·e /ˈpɔrˌbwar/ noun
[origin: F, fr. pour boire for drinking]
› : TIP, GRATUITY

1 pout /ˈpaut/ verb
› : to show displeasure by thrusting out the lips; also: to look sullen

2 pout noun
1 ›: a protrusion of the lips expressive of displeasure
2 ›: a fit of pique

Synonyms
› [1] face, frown, grimace, lower, mouth, scowl—more at GRIMACE
› [2] pet, sulk, sullenness—more at SULK

pov·er·ty /ˈpʌv.ər.tɪ/ noun
[origin: ME poverté, fr. AF povertat-, paupertas, fr. pauper poor]
1 ›: lack of money or material possessions: WANT
2: poor quality (as of soil)
3 ›: meagerness of supply
Synonyms
- [1] beggary, destitution, impecuniousness, impoverishment, indigence, need, pauperism, penury, want; also misery, woe, wretchedness; exigency, necessity; austerity, deprivation, privation; bankruptcy, insolvency; belt-tightening, pinching, straitening.

Antonyms
- affluence, opulence, richness
- [3] dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, scantsiness, scarcity, shortage, want—more at DEFICIENCY.

poverty line noun
: a level of personal or family income below which one is classified as poor according to government standards.

pow·er·ty–strick·en /Pəˌvər.tēˈstrīkən/ adjective
- : very poor: DESTITUTE.

Synonyms
- broke, destitute, impecunious, indigent, needy, penniless, penurious, poor—more at POOR.

POW /ˈpōw/ noun
: PRISONER OF WAR.

1 powder /ˈpaʊdər/ noun
[origin: ME poudre, fr. AF pudre, podre, fr. L pulver-, pulvis dust]
1: dry material made up of fine particles; also: a usu. medicinal or cosmetic preparation in this form
2: a solid explosive (as gunpowder)

2 powder verb
1: to sprinkle or cover with or as if with powder
2: to reduce to powder

Synonyms
- atomize, crush, grind, pulverize; also grate; crumble, crunch; break, bust, dash, fracture, fragment; shatter, smash, splinter; mill.

powder room noun
: a rest room for women.

pow·dery /ˈpou.dər.i/ adjective
- resembling or consisting of powder

Synonyms
- dusty, fine, floury—more at FINE.

power /ˈpaʊər/ noun
1: the ability to act or produce an effect
2: a position of ascendancy over others: AUTHORITY
3: one that has control or authority; especially: a sovereign state
4: physical might; also: mental or moral vigor
5: the number of times as indicated by an exponent a number is to be multiplied by itself; also: the resulting product
6: force or energy used to do work; also: the rate at which work is done or energy transferred
7: MAGNIFICATION 2.

Synonyms
- [1] energy, force, main, might, muscle, potency, sinew, strength, vigor; also aptitude, capability, capacity, competence, competency; adequacy, effectiveness, usefulness

Antonyms
- impotence, weakness
- [2] arm, authority, clutch, command, control, dominion, grip, hold, mastery, sway; also clout, influence, pull, weight; jurisdiction; direction, management; dominance, predominance, sovereignty, supremacy; prerogative, privilege, right; eminence, importance, moment

Antonyms
- impotence.
power verb : to supply with power and esp. motive power

power adjective : operated mechanically or electrically rather than manually

power·boat /ˈpɔrrəˌbɑt/ noun : MOTORBOAT

power·ful /ˈpɔrəfl/ adjective : having great power, prestige, or influence

Synonyms
important, influential, mighty, potent, significant, strong—more at IMPORTANT

power·ful·ly /ˈpɔrəflē/ adverb : in a powerful manner

Synonyms
energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, mightily, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at HARD

power·house /ˈpɔrəˌhaʊs/ noun
1 : POWER PLANT 1
2 : one having great drive, energy, or ability

Synonyms
go-getter, hustler, live wire, self-starter—more at GO-GETTER

power·less /ˈpɔrlis/ adjective
1 : devoid of strength or resources
2 : lacking the authority or capacity to act

Synonyms
[1, 2] helpless, impotent, weak; also incapable, incompetent, ineffective, ineffectual, inept, unfitness, useless; feeble, frail, infirm, passive, spineless, supine, unaggressive

Antonyms
mighty, potent, powerful, puissant, strong

power plant noun
1 : a building in which electric power is generated
2 : an engine and related parts supplying the motive power of a self-propelled vehicle

pow·wow /ˈpɔwəw/ noun
1 : a No. American Indian ceremony (as for victory in war)
2 : a meeting for discussion : CONFERENCE

Synonyms
assembly, conference, congress, convention, convocation, council, gathering, get-together, huddle, meeting, seminar—more at MEETING

pox /pɔks/ noun, plural pox or poxes : any of various diseases (as smallpox or syphilis) marked by a rash on the skin

pozole variant of POSOLE

pp abbreviation 1 pages
2 pianissimo

PP abbreviation 1 parcel post
2 past participle
3 postpaid
4 prepaid

ppd abbreviation
PPO /ˈpəʊ/ noun, plural PPOs  
[origin: preferred provider organization]  
: a health-care organization that gives economic incentives to enrolled individuals who use certain health-care providers

PPS abbreviation  
[origin: L. post postscriptum]  
an additional postscript

ppt abbreviation  
precipitate

PQ abbreviation  
Province of Quebec

pr abbreviation  
1 pair
2 price

Pr symbol  
praseodymium

1 PR or p.r. /ˈpr.iːr/ noun  
: public relations

2 PR abbreviation  
1 payroll
2 public relations
3 Puerto Rico

prac·ti·ca·ble /ˈpræktɪkəbəl/ adjective  
1 : capable of being put into practice, done, or accomplished
2 : capable of being used

— prac·ti·ca·bil·i·ty /ˈpræktɪkəbɪlətɪ/ noun

Synonyms

1 achievable, attainable, doable, feasible, possible, realizable, viable, workable—more at possible
2 available, fit, functional, operable, serviceable, usable, useful—more at usable

prac·ti·cal /ˈpræktɪkəl/ adjective  
1 of, relating to, or shown in practice <~ questions>
2 : virtual <~ control>
3 : capable of being put to use <a ~ knowledge of French>
4 : inclined to action as opposed to speculation or abstraction <a ~ person>
5 : qualified by practice <a good ~ mechanic>

— prac·ti·cal·i·ty /ˈpræktɪkələtɪ/ noun

Synonyms

[3] applicable, functional, practicable, serviceable, usable, useful, workable, working; also down-to-earth, pragmatic utilitarian; accessible, available, obtainable, reachable; all-around; handy, active, alive, busy, employed, functioning, operating, operative

Antonyms  
impracticable, impractical, unusable, unworkable, useless

4 down-to-earth, earthy, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, pragmatic, realistic—more at realistic

practical joke noun  
: a prank intended to trick or embarrass someone or cause physical discomfort

Synonyms

antic, caper, escapade, frolic, monkeyshine, prank, trick—more at prank
practical /ˈpræktɪk(ə)l/ adverb
1: in a practical manner
2: very nearly but not exactly or entirely: ALMOST

Synonyms
- about, almost, most, much, near, nearly, next to, nigh, some, virtually, well-nigh—more at ALMOST

practical nurse noun
: a professional nurse without all of the qualifications of a registered nurse; especially: LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

practice also practise /ˈpræktɪs/ verb practiced also practised; practising also practising
1: CARRY OUT, APPLY ~ what you preach>
2: to perform or work at repeatedly so as to become proficient ~ tennis strokes>
3: to do or perform customarily ~ politeness>
4: to be professionally engaged in ~ law>

practise also practise noun
1: actual performance or application
2: customary action: HABIT
3: systematic exercise for proficiency
4: the exercise of a profession; also: a professional business

Synonyms
- [2] custom, fashion, habit, pattern, trick, way, wont—more at HABIT
- [3] dry run, rehearsal, trial—more at REHEARSAL
- [3] drill, exercise, routine, training, workout—more at EXERCISE

practised also practised adjective
1: made skillful or wise through experience
2: learned by practice

Synonyms
- [1] adroit, artful, delicate, dexterous, expert, masterful, masterly, skillful, virtuoso—more at SKILLFUL
- [2] accomplished, ace, adept, crack, experienced, expert, master, masterful, masterly, proficient, seasoned, skilled, skillful, versed—more at EXPERIENCED

practitioner /præktɪʃənər/ noun
: one who practices a profession

praetor /ˈprɛtər/ noun
: an ancient Roman magistrate ranking below a consul
— praetorian /ˈprɛtəriən, ˈpræ-/, adjective

pragmatic /ˈpræɡmətɪk/ also pragmatic /ˈpræɡmətɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to practical affairs
2: concerned with the practical consequences of actions or beliefs
— pragmatic noun
— pragmaticaly /ˈpræɡmətɪkəl-əl-/ adverb

Synonyms
- down-to-earth, earthy, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, practical, realistic—more at REALISTIC

pragmatism /ˈpræɡmətɪzəm/ noun
: a practical approach to problems and affairs

prairie /ˈprærɪ/ noun
: a broad tract of level or rolling grassland

Synonyms
- down, grassland, plain, savanna, steppe, veld—more at PLAIN

prairie dog noun
: an American burrowing black-tailed rodent related to the squirrels and living in colonies
prairie schooner noun
: a covered wagon used by pioneers in cross-country travel

praise /prəz/ verb praised, praising
1 : to express approval of
2 : to glorify (a divinity or a saint) esp. in song
— praise noun
  Synonyms
    ▶ [1] acclaim, applaud, cheer, crack up, hail, laud, salute, tout—more at ACCLAIM
    ▶ [2] bless, extol, glorify, laud, magnify; also adore, deify, idolize, worship; acclaim, applaud, commend, compliment, hail, salute; celebrate, cheer, eulogize, rhapsodize; cite; flatter; crack up, recommend, tout

praise-wort·hy /ˌwar.tərθ/ adjective
▶ : worthy of praise : LAUDABLE
  Synonyms
    ▶ admirable, commendable, creditable, laudable, meritorious—more at ADMIRABLE

pra·line /ˈpræˌlaɪn, ˈprə-/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a confection of nuts and sugar

pram /ˈpræm/ noun, chiefly British
: PERAMBULATOR

prance /ˈprɑns/ verb pranced; prancing
1 : to spring from the hind legs <a prancing horse>
2 : to walk or move in a spirited manner : Swagger; also : CAPER
— prance noun
— prancer noun

prank /ˈpræŋk/ noun
▶ : a playful or mildly mischievous act : TRICK
  Synonyms
    ▶ antic, caper, escapade, frolic, monkeyshine, practical joke, trick; also skylarking; adventure, experience, game, lark, time; high jinks, horseplay, play, roughhousing, rowdiness; shenanigans, tomfoolery; joking, kidding, teasing; gambit, hoax, maneuver, ploy; deed, feat, mission, performance, stunt; caprice, conceit, fancy, vagary, whim, whimsy; deceit, deception, delusion, fooling, fraud, hoodwinking, ruse, sham, stratagem, subterfuge, trickery, wile

prank·ster /ˈpræŋkˌstər/ noun
: a person who plays pranks

pra·seo·dym·i·um /ˈpræ.zəˌdē.ə.məm/ noun
: a yellowish white metallic chemical element

prate /ˈpræt/ verb prated; prating
: to talk long and idly : chatter foolishly

prat·fall /ˈpræt.fəl/ noun
1 : a fall on the buttocks
2 : a humiliating blunder

prat·tle /ˈpræt, ˈpræt/ verb prat·ted; prat·ting
1 : to talk long and idly : PRATE, BABBLE
2 ▶ : to utter or make meaningless sounds suggestive of the chatter of children
  Synonyms
    ▶ babble, chatter, drivel, gabble, gibber, jabber, sputter—more at BABBLE

prat·tle noun
▶ : trifling or childish talk
  Synonyms
- babble, gabble, gibberish, gobbledygook, nonsense, piffle, rot—more at GIBBERISH

prawn /ˈprɔn/ noun
- any of various edible shrimplike crustaceans; also: SHRIMP 1

pray /ˈprɑ/ verb
1: to make a request to (someone) in an earnest manner: ENTREAT, IMPLORE
2: to ask earnestly for something
3: to address God or a god esp. with supplication
   Synonyms
   - appeal, beg, beseech, entreat, implore, importune, petition, plead, solicit, supplicate—more at BEG

prayer /ˈprɑr/ noun
1: a supplication or expression addressed to God or a god; also: a set order of words used in praying
2: an earnest request or wish
3: the act or practice of praying to God or a god
4: a religious service consisting chiefly of prayers — often used in pl.
5: something prayed for
6: a slight chance
   Synonyms
   - appeal, cry, entreaty, petition, plea, solicitation, suit, supplication—more at PLEA

prayer book noun
- a book containing prayers and often directions for worship

prayer·ful /ˈprɑr.fəl/ adjective
1: DEVOUT
2: characterized by or proceeding from an intense and serious state of mind: EARNEST
   — prayer·ful·ly adverb

praying mantis noun
- MANTIS

PRC abbreviation
- People's Republic of China

preach /ˈprɛch/ verb
1: to deliver a sermon
2: to set forth in a sermon
3: to advocate earnestly
   — preach·ment noun

preacher /ˈprɛ.chər/ noun
- one that preaches
   Synonyms
   - clergyman, divine, ecclesiastic, father, minister, priest, reverend—more at CLERGYMAN

pre·ad·o·les·cence /ˈprɛˌadələsˈsens/ noun
- the period of human development just preceding adolescence
   — pre·ad·o·les·cent /ˌprɛˌadələˈsənt/ adjective or noun

pream·ble /ˈprɛˌamˈbl/ noun
- an introductory part <the ~ to a constitution>
   Synonyms
   - foreword, introduction, preface, prologue—more at INTRODUCTION

pre·ar·range /ˌprɛˌarˈræŋ/ verb
- to arrange beforehand
   — pre·ar·range·ment noun
pre-as·sign /ˌpré-as ˈsān/ verb
: to assign beforehand

prec abbreviation
preceding

Pre·cam·bri·an /ˈprē-kam-brē-ən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the era that is earliest in geologic history and is characterized esp. by the appearance of single-celled organisms
— Precambrian noun

pre·can·cel /ˌprē-kənˈsəl/ verb
: to cancel (a postage stamp) in advance of use
— precancel noun

pre·can·cel·la·tion /ˌprē-kənˈsəl-ə-shən/ noun

pre·can·cer·ous /ˌprē-kənˈsər-əs/ adjective
: likely to become cancerous

pre·car·i·ous /ˈpré-kər-əs/ adjective
: dependent on uncertain conditions : dangerously insecure : UNSTABLE <a ~ foothold> <~ prosperity>

— precariously adverb

pre·car·i·ous·ness /-nəs/ noun

: the quality or state of being precarious

Synonyms

insecurity, instability, shakiness, unsteadiness—more at INSTABILITY

pre·cau·tion /ˈpré-kə-ˈshən/ noun
: a measure taken beforehand to prevent harm or secure good

— precautionary adjective

pre·cede /ˈpré-sēd/ verb pre·ced·ed; pre·ced·ing

: to be, go, or come ahead or in front of (as in rank or time)

Synonyms

antedate, forego

Antonyms

follow, succeed

pre·ce·dence /ˌpré-səˈdans, ˈprē-səd-əns/ noun

1 : the act or fact of preceding
2 : consideration based on order of importance : PRIORITY

'precedent /ˈprē-səd-ənt, ˈprē-sə-dənt/ adjective

: prior in time, order, or significance

"precedent /ˈprē-sə-dənt/ noun

: something said or done that may serve to authorize or justify further words or acts of the same or a similar kind

pre·ced·ing /ˈprē-sēd-ən/ adjective

: that precedes

Synonyms

antecedent, anterior, foregoing, previous, prior—more at PREVIOUS

pre·cen·tor /ˈprē-sən-tər/ noun

: a leader of the singing of a choir or congregation

precept /ˈprē-sep/ noun

: a command or principle intended as a general rule of action or conduct

pre·cep·tor /ˈprē-sep-tər, ˈprē-sep-tər/ noun

: a person charged with the instruction and guidance of another : TUTOR
pre·ces·sion /prēˌsəˈshən/ noun
: a slow gyration of the rotation axis of a spinning body (as the earth)
— pre·cess /prēˈsəs/ verb
— pre·ces·sion·al /ˈse.shənal/ adjective

pre·cinct /ˈprē.sɪŋk/ noun
1 : an administrative subdivision (as of a city): DISTRICT <police ~> <electoral ~> 
2 : an enclosure bounded by the limits of a building or place — often used in pl.
3 plural : ENVIRONS

pre·cious /ˈprē.chəs/ adjective
1 › : of great value <~ jewels>
2 › : greatly cherished : DEAR <~ memories>
3 : AFFECTED <~ language>

prec·i·pice /ˈprē.səs/ noun
› : a steep cliff

prec·i·pice·cy /ˈprē.ˌsəs.təs/ noun
: undue hastiness or suddenness

1 precipitate /ˈprē.ˌsətət/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
[origin: L. praecipitare, fr. praecipit-, praeceps headlong, fr. prae in front of + caput head]
1 : to throw violently
2 : to throw down
3 : to cause to happen quickly or abruptly <~ a quarrel>
4 : to cause to separate from solution or suspension
5 : to fall as rain, snow, or hail

2 precipitate /ˈprē.ˌsətət/ noun
› : the solid matter that separates from a solution or suspension

prec·i·pitation /ˈprē.ˌsətəˈshən/ noun
1 › : rash haste
2 : the process of precipitating or forming a precipitate
3 : water that falls to earth esp. as rain or snow; also : the quantity of this water
Synonyms

- haste, hurry, hustle, rush—more at HURRY

precipitous /prɪˈsiːpətəs/ adjective
1: showing extreme or unwise haste: PRECIPITATE
2: having the character of a precipice: very steep <a ~ slope>; also: containing precipices <~ trails>

- abrupt, bold, sheer, steep—more at STEEP

precipitously /prɪˈsiːpətəli/ adverb
: in a precipitous manner

precis /prɪˈsɪs/ noun, plural précis /ˈsɛz/
[origin: F]
: a concise summary of essentials

Synonyms

- abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, recapitulation, résumé, roundup, sum, summary, synopsis—more at SUMMARY

precise /prɪˈsɪs/ adjective
1: exactly defined or stated
2: highly accurate: EXACT
3: conforming strictly to a standard: SCRUPULOUS

Synonyms

- [1] distinct, especial, express, set, special, specific—more at EXPRESS
- [2] accurate, correct, exact, proper, right, so, true—more at CORRECT
- [2, 3] accurate, close, delicate, exact, fine, mathematical, pinpoint, rigorous, scrupulous; also correct, right, strict, true; definite, definitive; nice, subtle, careful, fastidious, finicky

Antonyms

- coarse, imprecise, inaccurate, inexact, rough

precisely /prɪˈsɪli/ adverb
: in a precise manner

Synonyms

- accurately, exactly, just, right, sharp, squarely, strictly—more at EXACTLY

precision /prɪˈsɪzhən/ noun
: the quality or state of being precise

preciosity /prɪˌsiːˈsəti/ noun
: the quality or state of being precise

Synonyms

- accuracy, closeness, delicacy, exactness, fineness, veracity; also correctness, rightness, strictness, truth; definiteness; nicety, subtlety; care, carefulness, fastidiousness

Antonyms

- coarseness, impreciseness, imprecision, inaccuracy, inexactness, roughness

preclude /prɪˈklud/ verb precluded; precluding
: to make impossible: PREVENT

Synonyms

- avert, forestall, help, obviate, prevent—more at PREVENT

precoious /prɪˈkoʊʃəs/ adjective
[origin: L praecoc-, praecox, lit., ripening early, fr. praec- ahead + coquere to cook]
1: exceptionally early in development or occurrence
2: exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age

Synonyms

- early, premature, unseasonable, untimely—more at EARLY
pre·co·cious·ly /prəˈkōshəs-/ adverb
  : in a precocious manner

  Synonyms
  — beforehand, early, prematurely, unseasonably—more at EArly

pre·con·ceive /prɪˈkɒnˌsiːv/ verb
  : to form an opinion of beforehand

— pre·con·cep·tion /_ˈsiːpˌshan/ noun

pre·con·di·tion /prɪˈkɒndəʃən/ verb
  : to put in proper or desired condition or frame of mind in advance

pre·cook /prɪˈkʊk/ verb
  : to cook partially or entirely before final cooking or reheating

pre·cur·sor /priˈkɜrsər/ noun
  1 ▶ : one that precedes and indicates the approach of another : FORERUNNER
  2 ▶ : one that precedes another in an office or process

  Synonyms
  — [1] angel, forerunner, harbinger, herald—more at FORERUNNER
  — [2] ancestor, antecedent, forerunner—more at ANCESTOR

pred abbreviation
  predicate

pre·da·ceous or pre·da·cious /prɪˈdeɪʃəs/ adjective
  : living by preying on others : PREDATORY

pre·date /prɪˈdeɪt/ verb
  : to precede in time : ANTEDATE

pre·da·tion /prɪˈdeɪʃən/ noun
  1 : the act of preying or plundering
  2 : a mode of life in which food is primarily obtained by killing and consuming animals

pred·a·tor /prɪˈdeɪtor/ noun
  : an animal that lives by predation

pred·a·to·ry /prɪˈdeɪtor ē/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to plunder << warfare>
  2 : disposed to exploit others
  3 : preying upon other animals

pre·dawn /ˈpre̊dən/ adjective
  : of or relating to the time just before dawn

pre·de·cease /prɪˈdeɪsˌsēz/ verb -ceased; -ceas·ing
  : to die before another person

pre·de·ces·sor /prɪˈdeɪsˌsər, prɪˈdɛs-/ noun
  1 : a previous holder of a position to which another has succeeded
  2 : something that has been followed or displaced by another

pre·de·sign·ate /prɪˈdeɪzənət/ verb
  : to designate beforehand

pre·de·ti·na·tion /prɪˈdeɪtənəˈneɪʃən/ noun
  : the act of foreordaining to an earthly lot or eternal destiny by divine decree; also : the state of being so foreordained

— pre·de·ti·nate /prɪˈdeɪtənət/ verb
pre·de·tine /prɪˈdeɪtən/ verb
: to settle beforehand : FOREORDAIN
  Synonyms
  ‣ destine, doom, fate, foredoom, foreordain, ordain—more at DESTINE

pre·de·ter·mine /ˌpreshˈdaˌtərˌmān/ verb
: to determine beforehand

pred·i·ca·ble /ˈpredəkəbəl/ adjective
: capable of being predicated or affirmed

pre·dic·a·ment /ˌpredəkəˈmənt/ noun
  ‣ a difficult or trying situation
  Synonyms
  ‣ corner, fix, hole, jam, pickle, spot; also difficulty, dilemma, hot water, pinch, plight, quagmire, quandary, trouble; deadlock, halt, impasse, stalemate, standstill; clutch, crisis, crossroad, emergency, exigency, juncture, strait

1 pred·i·cate /ˈpredəkət/ noun
: the part of a sentence or clause that expresses what is said of the subject

2 pred·i·cate /ˈpredəkət/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
  1: AFFIRM
  2: to assert to be a quality or attribute
  3: to set or ground on something : BASE

pred·i·ca·tion /ˌpredəkəˈkāʃən/ noun

pre·dict /ˈpredəkt/ verb
  ‣ to declare in advance

— pre·dict·abil·i·ty /ˌpredəktəˈbilətē/ noun
— pre·dict·able /ˌpredəktəˈbəl/ adjective
— pre·dict·ably /ˌpredəktəˈbli/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ‣ augur, forecast, foretell, presage, prognosticate, prophesy—more at FORETELL

pre·dic·tion /ˌpredəkˈshən/ noun
  1 ‣ an act of predicting
  2: something that is predicted
  Synonyms
  ‣ cast, forecast, prognostication, prophecy, soothsaying; also augury, omen, portent, sign; anticipation, foreknowledge; foresight; conjecture, guess, surmise

pre·di·gest /ˌpredəˈdʒest/ verb
: to simplify for easy use; also: to subject to artificial or natural partial digestion

pre·di·lec·tion /ˌpredəˈlekˈshən, ˈpredəlˈekʃən/ noun
  ‣ an established preference for something
  Synonyms
  ‣ bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, proclivity, propensity, tendency, turn—more at INCLINATION

pre·dis·pose /ˌpredəˈspōz/ verb
: to incline in advance : make susceptible

pre·dis·po·si·tion /ˌpredəˌdispəˈzishən/ noun
: a condition of being predisposed

pre·dom·i·nance /ˌprēdəˈmaŋkəns/ noun
  ‣ the quality or state of being predominant
  Synonyms
  ‣ ascendance, dominance, dominion, preeminence, supremacy—more at SUPREMACY
predominant /ˈpredəˌmənt/ adjective
- greater in importance, strength, influence, or authority
  - Synonyms
    - arch, cardinal, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at foremost

predominantly /ˈpredəˌməntəli/ adverb
- for the most part: mainly
  - Synonyms
    - altogether, basically, chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, primarily, principally—more at chiefly

predominate /ˈpredəˌmənt/ verb
- to be superior esp. in power or numbers: prevail

predominantly /ˈpredəˌməntəli/ adverb
- predominantly

preemie /ˈpriːˌmi/ noun
- a premature baby

preeminence /ˈpriːˌemənns/ noun
- the quality or state of being preeminent
  - Synonyms
    - distinction, dominance, excellence, greatness, superiority, supremacy—more at excellence

preeminent /ˈpriːˌeˈmənt/ adjective
- having highest rank
  - Synonym: having highest rank
  - preeminently adverb
    - preeminently

preempt /ˈpriːˌempt/ verb
1: to settle upon (public land) with the right to purchase before others; also: to take by such right
2: to seize upon before someone else can
3: to take the place of
  - preemption /ˈpreɪʃəm/ noun
  - Synonyms
    - appropriate, arrogate, commandeer, usurp—more at appropriate

preemptive /ˈpriːˌemptɪv/ adjective
- marked by the seizing of the initiative: initiated by oneself (~ attack

preen /ˈpriːn/ verb
[origin: ME prenen, alter. of proynen, prunen, fr. AF puroindre, proindre, fr. pur- thoroughly + oindre to anoint, rub, fr. L ungure]
1: to dress or smooth up: primp
2: to groom with the bill — used of a bird
3: to pride (oneself) for achievement

preexist /ˈpriːˌɪksist/ verb
- to exist before
  - preexistence /ˈprɪsəˌstəns/ noun
  - preexistent /ˈpriːˌɪksəˈtənt/ adjective
  - pref abbreviation

1 prefac
prefab /ˈprɛfəb/ noun
: a prefabricated structure

prefab adjective
: produced by prefabrication

prefabricate /ˈprɛfəˌbreɪkət/ verb
: to manufacture the parts of (a structure) beforehand for later assembly

preface /ˈprɛfəs/ noun
: the introductory remarks of a speaker or writer

preface verb prefaced; prefacing
: to introduce with a preface

prefect /ˈprɛfəkt/ noun
1: a high official; especially: a chief officer or magistrate
2: a student monitor

prefecture /ˈprɛfətʃər/ noun
: the office, term, or residence of a prefect

prefer /ˈprɛfər/ verb preferred; preferring
1: PROMOTE
2: to like better
3: to bring (as a charge) against a person

preferable /ˈprɛfərəbəl/ adjective

preferably /ˈprɛfərəbli/ adverb
: it is preferred

preference /ˈprɛfərəns/ noun
1: a special liking for one thing over another
2: the power or opportunity of choosing: CHOICE
3: one that is preferred

preferential /ˈprɛfərənʃəl/ adjective

preferred provider organization noun
: PPO
pre·fig·ure /prəˈfɪɡər/ verb
1 : FORESHADOW
2 : to imagine beforehand

1prefix /prəˈfiks, prəˈfiks/ verb
: to place before ~ a title to a name

2prefix /prəˈfiks/ noun
: an affix occurring at the beginning of a word

pre·flight /prəˈflɪt/ adjective
: preparing for or preliminary to flight

pre·form /prəˈfɔrm, prəˈfɔrm/ verb
: to form or shape beforehand

preg·na·ble /prəˈnəbəl/ adjective
: vulnerable to capture ~ a ~ fort

preg·nant /prəˈnənt/ adjective
1 : containing unborn offspring within the body
2 : rich in significance : MEANINGFUL
— preg·nan·cy /prəˈnænsi/ noun

Synonyms
eloquent, expressive, meaning, meaningful, significant, suggestive—more at EXPRESSIVE

pre·heat /prəˈhēt/ verb
: to heat beforehand; especially : to heat (an oven) to a designated temperature before using

pre·hen·sile /prəˈhenˌsəl, prəˈhenˌsil/ adjective
: adapted for grasping esp. by wrapping around ~ a monkey with a ~ tail

pre·his·tor·ic /prəˈhɪs.təˈrɪk, prəˈhɪs.təˈrɪkəl/ also pre·his·tor·i·cal /prəˈhɪs.təˈrɪkəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or existing in the period before written history began

pre·judge /prəˈdʒjud/ verb
: to judge before full hearing or examination

1prejudice /praˈdʒjudiːs/ noun
1 : DAMAGE; especially : detriment to one's rights or claims
2 : an opinion made without adequate basis

Synonyms
bias, favor, partiality, partisanship—more at BIAS

2prejudice verb -diced; -dic·ing
1 : to damage by a judgment or action esp. at law
2 : to cause to have prejudice

prejudiced adjective
: resulting from or having a prejudice or bias for or esp. against

Synonyms
biased, one-sided, partial, partisan—more at PARTIAL
bigoted, intolerant, narrow, narrow-minded—more at INTOLERANT

pre·ju·di·cial /prəˈdʒjudəʃəl/ adjective
1 : tending to injure or impair
2 : leading to premature judgment or unwarranted opinion

Synonyms
adverse, counter, disadvantageous, harmful, hostile, inimical, negative, unfavorable, unfriendly, unsympathetic—more at ADVERSE

pre·kin·der·gar·ten /prəˈkɪnˌdərˌgɑrtən/ noun
1: NURSERY SCHOOL
2: a class or program preceding kindergarten

prela·te /pre'lat/ noun
: an ecclesiastic (as a bishop) of high rank
— prela·cy /ˈle-sē/ noun

pre·launch /prēˈlounch/ adjective
: preparing for or preliminary to launch

pre·lim /prēˈlim, prēˈlim/ noun or adjective
: PRELIMINARY

1preliminary /prēˈlim.ərē/ noun, plural -nar·ies
: something that precedes or introduces the main business or event

2preliminary adjective
: preceding the main discourse or business

pre·lude /prēˈlloyd, prēˈlōd, prēˈlood/ noun
1: an introductory performance or event
2: a musical section or movement introducing the main theme; also : an organ solo played at the beginning of a church service

prem abbreviation
premium

pre·mar·i·tal /prēˈmar-ə-təl/ adjective
: existing or occurring before marriage

pre·ma·ture /prēˈma.tər, prēˈmō-tər, prēˈchər/ adjective
: happening, coming, born, or done before the usual or proper time
Synonyms
early, precocious, unseasonable, untimely—more at EARLY

pre·ma·ture·ly /ˌlē/ adverb
: in a premature manner : too soon
Synonyms
beforehand, early, precociously, unseasonably—more at EARLY

1premed /prēˈmed/ noun
: a premedical student or course of study

2premed adjective
: PREMEDICAL

pre·med·i·cal /prēˈmed-ə-kəl/ adjective
: preceding and preparing for the professional study of medicine

pre·med·i·tate /prēˈmed-ə-tāt/ verb
: to consider and plan beforehand
— pre·med·i·ta·tion /ˌprēˈmed-ə-tā-shən/ noun

pre·men·o·paus·al /ˌprēˈmen-ə-pōzəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being in the period preceding menopause

pre·men·strual /ˌprēˈmen-strōō-əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or occurring in the period just before menstruation

premenstrual syndrome noun
: a varying group of symptoms manifested by some women prior to menstruation

premie variant of PREMIE
Premier

1. Premier /ˈprɛmɪər, ˈprɛmɪər/ adjective
   [Origin: ME primer, primier, fr. AF, first, chief, fr. L primarius of the first rank]
   1. first in rank or importance: chief
   2. earliest in time
   Synonyms
   - [1] chief, first, foremost, head, high, lead, preeminent, primary, prime, principal, supreme—more at head
   - [2] first, inaugural, initial, maiden, original, pioneer—more at first

2. Premier noun
   : prime minister
   — Premier-ship noun

Première

1. Première /ˈprɛmɛr.ˈmair/ noun
   : a first performance

Première also prem-i-er /ˌprɛm.i.ˈɛər/ same as (1) Premier/ verb pre-miered; pre-mi-er-ing
   : to give or receive a first public performance

Premise

1. Premise /ˈpre.miz/ noun
   : a statement of fact or a supposition made or implied as a basis of argument
   1. assumption, postulate, presumption, supposition—more at assumption
   2. premises [2] demesne, grounds, park, yard

Premium

1. Premium /ˈpre.mi.əm/ noun
   [Origin: L praemium booty, profit, reward, fr. prae before + emere to take, buy]
   1. a reward or recompense for a particular act: reward, prize
   2. a sum over and above the stated value
   3. something paid over and above a fixed wage or price
   4. something given with a purchase
   5. the sum paid for a contract of insurance
   6. an unusually high value

Premix

Premix /ˈpre.miks/ verb
   : to mix before use

Premolar

1. Premolar /ˈprɛmələr/ adjective
   : situated in front of or preceding the molar teeth; especially: being or relating to those teeth of a mammal in front of the true molars and behind the canines
   — premolar noun

Premontion

1. Premontion /ˈprɛmənt.ʃən/ noun
   1. previous warning
   2. anticipation of an event without conscious reason: presentiment
   — pre-mon-i-to-ry /ˈprɛˌmən.ɪˌtɔr.i/ adjective
   Synonyms
   - foreboding, presage, presentiment; also anticipation, foreknowledge; insight, intuition; augury, omen, portent, sign; impression, suspicion; anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, doubt, dread, fear, misgiving, worry; foresight

Prenatal

1. Prenatal /ˈprɛnətal/ adjective
   : occurring, existing, or taking place before birth

Prenuptial

1. Prenuptial /ˈprɛnəp.tʃəl/ adjective
   : made or occurring before marriage

Prenuptial agreement noun
   : an agreement between a man and woman before marrying in which they give up future rights to each other's property in the event of divorce or death
pre·oc·cu·pa·tion /ˈprɛ.ə.kəˌpə.shən/ noun
1: complete absorption of the mind or interests
2: something that causes complete absorption of the mind or interests

Synonyms
- fetish, fixation, mania, obsession, prepossession—more at fixation

pre·oc·cu·pied /ˈprɛ.əˌkəˌpi.d/ adjective
1: lost in thought; also: absorbed in some preoccupation
2: already occupied

Synonyms
- absent, absentminded, abstracted—more at absentminded

pre·oc·cu·py /ˌprɛ.əˈkəpi/ verb
1: to occupy the attention of beforehand
2: to take possession of before another

pre·op·er·a·tive /ˈprɛ.əˌprəˌfiv, ˈprɛ.əˌrā/ adjective
: occurring before a surgical operation

pre·or·dain /ˈprɛ.ərˌdān/ verb
: foreordain

pre·owned /ˈprɛ.əˌənd/ adjective
: secondhand

prep abbreviation
1 preparatory
2 preposition

pre·pack·age /ˈprɛ.əˌpak/ verb
: to package (as food) before offering for sale to the customer

preparatory school noun
1: a usu. private school preparing students primarily for college
2 British: a private elementary school preparing students primarily for British public schools

pre·pare /ˈprɪ.ˈpər/ verb pre·pared; pre·par·ing
1: to make or get ready <~ dinner> <~ a student for college>
2: to get ready beforehand
3: to put together: compound <~ a prescription>
4: to put into written form

— pre·pa·ra·tion /ˈprɛ.əˌrə.shən/ noun
— pre·pa·ra·to·ry /ˈprɛ.əˌpər.əˌrē/ adjective

Synonyms
- [1] equip, fit, qualify, ready, season—more at qualify
- [2] fit, fix, get, lay, ready; also: brace, fortify, steel; batten, gather, gear (up), mount, train; boot (up), prime; arrange, set, spread; arm, equip, furnish, outfit, provide, supply; incline, predispose; draft, draw (up), frame; warm (up)
- [4] cast, compose, craft, draft, draw, formulate, frame—more at compose

prepared adjective
1: made ready, fit, or suitable beforehand
2: subjected to a special process or treatment

pre·pared·ness /ˈprɛ.əˌprəd.nəs/ noun
: a state of adequate preparation

pre·pay /ˈprɛˌprā/ verb -paid /ˌpād/, -pay·ing
: to pay or pay the charge on in advance

pre·pon·der·ant /ˈprɛ.əˌpən.də.ˈrānt/ adjective
ponderance /ˈpʌndərəns/ noun
— ponderantly adverb

preponderate /ˈpriːpəndərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[origin: L praeponderare, fr. prae- ahead + ponder-, pondus weight]
: to exceed in weight, force, influence, or frequency: PREDOMINATE

preponderance /ˈpriːpəndərəns/ noun
: having greater weight, force, influence, or frequency

preponderant·ly /ˈpriːpəndərənt·li/ adverb

preponderate·ed /ˈpriːpəndərət·ed/; preponderating

preponderation /ˌpriːpəndərəˈʃən/ noun
: preponderant

preposition /ˌpriːpəˌzɪʃən/ noun
: a word that combines with a noun or pronoun to form a phrase
— prepositional /ˌpriːpəˈzɪʃən·əl/ adjective

prepossess /ˈpreːpəˌsɛs/ verb
1 : to cause to be preoccupied
2 : to influence beforehand esp. favorably

prepossess·ing adjective
: tending to create a favorable impression <a ~ manner>

prepossession /ˈpreːpəˌʃən/ noun
1 : prejudice
2 : an exclusive concern with one idea or object

Synonyms
— fetish, fixation, mania, obsession, preoccupation—more at fixation

preposterous /ˈpriːpəˌtərəs/ adjective
: contrary to nature or reason: ABSURD

Synonyms
— absurd, bizarre, crazy, fanciful, fantastic, foolish, insane, nonsensical, unreal, wild—more at fantastic
— absurd, comical, derisive, farcical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, risible, silly—more at ridiculous

prep·py or prep·pie /ˈpreːpi/ noun, plural preppies
1 : a student at or a graduate of a preparatory school
2 : a person deemed to dress or behave like a preppy

pre·puce /ˈpreːpyʊs/ noun
: foreskin

pre·quel /ˈpreːkwel/ noun
: a literary or dramatic work whose story precedes that of an earlier work

pre·record·ed /ˈpriːriˌkɔrd·id/ adjective
: recorded for later broadcast or play

pre·re·qu·ui·site /ˈpriːriˌkwəˈzit/ noun
: something required beforehand or for the end in view
— prerequisite adjective

pre·rog·a·tive /ˈpriːrəˌɡætɪv/ noun
: an exclusive or special right, power, or privilege

Synonyms
— birthright, right—more at right

pres abbreviation
1 present
2 president

pre·sage /ˈpriːsɪdʒ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L praesagium, fr. praesagus having a foreboding, fr. praes before + sagus prophetic]
1 : something that foreshadows a future event: OMEN
2 : an intuition or feeling of what is going to happen in the future: foreboding

Synonyms
presage /ˈpreɪˌsi/ verb presaged; presaging
1: to give an omen or warning of: FORESHADOW
2: to tell beforehand: FORETELL, PREDICT

Synonyms
augur, augury, auspice, foreboding, omen, portent—more at OME

foreboding, premonition, presentiment—more at PREMONITION

presagi·ous /ˈpreɪˌsəjəs/ adjective or noun
foreboding, foretelling, presage

presby·o·pia /ˈprɛsˌba.ˈe.ˌpə.ˈeə/ noun
a visual condition in which loss of elasticity of the lens of the eye causes defective accommodation and inability to focus sharply for near vision
— presby·o·pic /ˌprɛsˌba.ˈpik, ˈpē.ˈpik/ adjective or noun

presby·ter /ˈprɛzˌba.ˈtər/ noun
[origin: LL, elder, priest, fr. Gk presbyteros, compar. of presbyς elder, old man]
1: PRIEST, MINISTER
2: an elder in a Presbyterian church

1Presbyterian /ˈprɛzˌbəˌtər.ən/ noun
a member of a Presbyterian church
2: Presbyterian adjective
1 often not cap: characterized by a graded system of representative ecclesiastical bodies (as presbyteries) exercising legislative and judicial powers
2: of or relating to a group of Protestant Christian bodies that are presbyterian in government
— Pres·by·te·ri·an·ism /ˌprɛzˌba.ˈte.ri·ənˌɪzəm/ noun

presby·tery /ˈprɛzˌba.ˈter.ə/ noun, plural -ter·ies
1: the part of a church reserved for the officiating clergy
2: a ruling body in Presbyterian churches consisting of the ministers and representative elders of a district

1preschool /ˈprɛsˌskǔl/ adjective
of or relating to the period in a child's life from infancy to the age of five or six
— pres·school·er /ˌprɛsˌskǔl.ər/ noun
2: NURSERY SCHOOL

pres·science /ˈpre.ˌske.nəs, ˈprɛ.ˌske.nəs/ noun
1: foreknowledge of events
2: the act or fact of being concerned for and making preparations for the future

Synonyms
foresight, foresight, providence—more at FORESIGHT

pre·scient /ˈprɛr.ˈskənt/ adjective
having or marked by prescience: characterized by foresight

Synonyms
farsighted, forehanded, foresighted, provident—more at FORESIGHTED

pre·scribe /ˈprɛr.ˈskri.bə/ verb prescribed; prescrib·ing
1: to lay down as a guide or rule of action
2: to direct the use of (as a medicine) as a remedy

Synonyms
define, lay down, specify; also decree, dictate, ordain; assign, direct, fix, set, settle; arrange, order; choose, select; adjure, bid, charge, command, enjoin, instruct, tell; conduct, control, lead, manage; coerce, constrain, force; oblige, require

pre·scrip·tion /ˈprɛr.ˈskrip.ʃən/ noun
1: the action of prescribing rules or directions
prescriptive /prɛsˈkrɪpʃəv/ adjective
1 : serving to prescribe
2 : acquired by, based on, or determined by prescription or by custom

presence /ˈpreznəs/ noun
1 : the fact or condition of being present
2 : the space immediately around a person
3 : one that is present
4 : the bearing, carriage, or air of a person; especially : stately bearing
   Synonyms
   ➤ appearance, aspect, look, mien—more at appearance

1 present /ˈprezn/ noun
   ➤ something presented : GIFT
   Synonyms
   ➤ bestowal, donation, freebie, gift, lagniappe, largesse—more at GIFT

2 present /ˈprɪzen/ verb
1 : to bring into the presence or acquaintance of : INTRODUCE
2 : to bring before the public <~ a play>
3 : to make a gift to
4 : to give formally
5 : to lay (as a charge) before a court for inquiry
6 : to aim or direct (as a weapon) so as to face in a particular direction
   ➤ presentable adjective
                   presentment /ˈprɪzentmənt/ noun
   Synonyms
   ➤ [2] carry, give, mount, offer, stage; also display, exhibit, show; preview; act, impersonate, perform, play, portray; depict, dramatize, enact, represent, render; extend, proffer, tender
   ➤ [4] bestow, contribute, donate, give—more at GIVE

3 present /ˈprɛzənt/ adjective
1 : now existing or in progress <~ conditions>
2 : being in view or at hand <~ at the meeting>
3 : under consideration <the ~ problem>
4 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb tense that expresses present time or the time of speaking
   Synonyms
   ➤ current, extant, ongoing; also contemporary, mod, modern, new, newfangled, new-fashioned, now, recent, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern, up-to-date; being, breathing, existing, living
   Antonyms
   ➤ ago, past; future

4 present /ˈprezn/ noun
1 plural : the present legal document
2 : the present tense; also : a verb form in it
3 : the present time
   Synonyms
   ➤ moment, now, today; also phase, stage, state; tonight, tomorrow
   Antonyms
   ➤ past; future

presentation /ˌprɛzənˈteɪʃən/ noun
1 : the act of presenting
2 : something presented

present-day /ˈprezntˈdeɪ/ adjective
: now existing or occurring : CURRENT
pre·sen·ti·ment /ˈprɛzənˌte.mənt/ noun
▶ a feeling that something is about to happen : PREMONITION
  Synonyms
▶ foreboding, premonition, presage—more at PREMONITION

pre·sent·ly /ˈprɛzəntlē/ adverb
1 ▶: in the near future : SOON
2 ▶: at the present time : NOW
  Synonyms
▶ [1] anon, momentarily, shortly, soon—more at SHORTLY
▶ [2] anymore, now, nowadays, right now, today—more at NOW

present participle noun
▶ a participle that typically expresses present action and that in English is formed with the suffix -ing and is used in the formation of the progressive tenses

pres·er·va·tion /ˌprɛzər.ˈveɪ.ʃən/ noun
▶ the act of preserving or the state of being preserved
  Synonyms
▶ conservation, maintenance, upkeep—more at MAINTENANCE

1 preserve /ˈprɛzərv/ verb pre·served; pre·serv·ing
1 : to keep safe : GUARD, PROTECT
2 : to keep from decaying; especially : to process food (as by canning or pickling) to prevent spoilage
3 : MAINTAIN <~ silence>
4 ▶: to keep alive, intact, in existence, or from decay
  — pre·ser·va·tive /ˈprɛzər.və.tɪv/ adjective or noun
  — pre·serv·er noun
  ▶ conserv, keep up, maintain, save—more at MAINTAIN

2 preserve noun
1 : preserved fruit — often used in pl.
2 : an area for the protection of natural resources (as animals)

pre·set /ˈprɛsɛt/ verb pre·set; -set·ting
▶ to set beforehand

pre·shrink /ˈprɛshrank/ verb -shrank; -shrank; -shrunk /ˈshrank/; -shrunk·ing
▶ to shrink (as a fabric) before making into a garment

pre·side /ˈprɛzəd/ verb pre·sid·ed; pre·sid·ing
[origin: L præsidere to guard, preside over, fr. præae in front of + sedère to sit]
1 ▶: to exercise guidance or control
2 ▶: to occupy the place of authority; especially : to act as chairman
  Synonyms
▶ usually preside over boss, captain, command, control, govern, rule—more at GOVERN

pres·i·dent /ˈprɛzə.ˌdɛnt/ noun
1 ▶: one chosen to preside <~ of the assembly>
2 : the chief officer of an organization (as a corporation or society)
3 : an elected official serving as both chief of state and chief political executive; also : a chief of state often with only minimal political powers
  — pres·i·den·cy /ˌprɛzə.ˈden.sē/ noun
  — pres·i·den·tial /ˌprɛzə.ˈden.chəl/ adjective
  Synonyms
▶ chair, chairman, moderator, speaker

pre·si·dio /ˈprɛzə.ˈdi.oʊ/ noun, plural -di·os
ora['s]a military post or fortified settlement in an area currently or orig. under Spanish control

pre'se-dé-ium /'prést-e-dé-əm/ noun, plural -ia /'dē-ə/ or -iums
[origin: Russ prezidium, fr. L praeidium garrison]
: a permanent executive committee that acts for a larger body in a Communist country

1 presoak /'pre-ök/ verb
: to soak beforehand

2 presoak /'pre-ök/ noun
1 : an instance of presoaking
2 : a preparation used in presoaking clothes

pre'sort /'pre-sört/ verb
: to sort (mail) by zip code usu. before delivery to a post office

1 press /'pres/ noun
1 : a crowd or crowded condition : THRONG
2 : a machine for exerting pressure
3 : CLOSET, CUPBOARD
4 : PRESSURE
5 : the properly creased condition of a freshly pressed garment
6 : PRINTING PRESS; also : the act or the process of printing
7 : a printing or publishing establishment
8 : the media (as newspapers and magazines) of public news and comment; also : persons (as reporters) employed in these media
9 : comment in newspapers and periodicals

Synonyms
army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, swarm, throng—more at CROWD

2 press verb
1 : to bear down upon : push steadily against
2 : ASSAIL, COMPEL
3 : to squeeze out the juice or contents of <~ grapes>
4 : to squeeze to a desired density, shape, or smoothness; especially : IRON
5 a : to try hard to persuade : URGE
b : to move to action or reaction through pressure
6 : to follow through : PROSECUTE
7 : to crowd closely
8 : to force one's way
9 : to require haste or speed in action
10 : to insist on or request urgently

press·er noun
[1] bear, depress, shove, weigh; also compress, squash, squeeze; compel, force, pressure; lean (on or against), muscle; drive, propel, thrust; compact, constrict, contract, crush, wring; cram, jam, jam-pack, pack, stuff, wedge
[3] crush, express, mash, squeeze; also pulp, puree; extract, extrude
[5b] coerce, compel, constrain, drive, force, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, pressure, urge—more at FORCE
[7] bunch, cluster, crowd, huddle; also assemble, collect, congregate, flock, gather, herd, swarm, throng; encircle, mob, surround; embrace, hug
[8] bulldoze, elbow, muscle, push; also jostle; ram, shove, thrust

usually press for [10] call, claim, clamor, command, demand, enjoin, exact, insist, quest, stipulate—more at DEMAND

press agent noun
: an agent employed to establish and maintain good public relations through publicity

press·ing adjective
›: urgently important

**Synonyms**

- acute, critical, dire, imperative, imperious, instant, urgent—more at **ACUTE**

**press·man** /pres·man/ *noun*

: the operator of a press and esp. a printing press

**press·room** /ˌprēz·rōm/ *noun*

1: a room in a printing plant containing the printing presses
2: a room for the use of reporters

**pressure** /ˈprēstrē/ *noun*

1: the burden of physical or mental distress
2: the action of pressing; especially: the application of force to something by something else in direct contact with it
3: the stress exerted over a surface divided by its area
4: the stress or urgency of matters demanding attention

**Synonyms**

- strain, stress, tension—more at **STRESS**
- coercion, compulsion, constraint, duress, force—more at **FORCE**

**pressure** *verb* pres·sured; pres·sur·ing

1: to apply pressure to
2: to cause an action or reaction as a result of applied pressure

**Synonyms**

- coerce, compel, constrain, drive, force, make, muscle, obligate, oblige, press—more at **FORCE**

**pressure group** *noun*

: a group that seeks to influence governmental policy but not to elect candidates to office

**pressure suit** *noun*

: an inflatable suit for high-altitude flight or spaceflight to protect the body from low pressure

**press·sur·ise** *British variant of PRESSURIZE*

**press·sur·ize** /ˈprēsəˌriz/ *verb* -ized; -iz·ing

1: to maintain higher pressure within than without; especially: to maintain normal atmospheric pressure within (as an airplane cabin) during high-altitude flight or spaceflight
2: to apply pressure to
3: to design to withstand pressure

— **press·sur·i·za·tion** /ˌprēsərəˌzi·za·shən/ *noun*

**press·ti·dig·i·ta·tion** /ˌprēsəˈtaˌdiɡəˈtaʃən/ *noun*

: *SLEIGHT OF HAND*

**press·tige** /presˈtijˌzhə, -ˈti̞z/ *noun*


: standing or estimation in the eyes of people: **REPUTATION**

**press·ti·gious** /ˌprēsˈtaˌjes, -ˈti̞s/ *adjective*

: having prestige

**Synonyms**

- name, reputable, reputed, respectable—more at **RESPECTABLE**
- distinguished, eminent, illustrious, noble, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, signal, star, superior—more at **EMINENT**

**press·to** /ˌprēstō/ *adverb or adjective*

[origin: It, quick, quickly]

1: suddenly as if by magic: **IMMEDIATELY**
2: at a rapid tempo — used as a direction in music
**Synonyms**
- apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, immediately, posthaste, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, soon, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at **FAST**

**pre-stress** /prɪˈstres/ verb
: to introduce internal stresses into (as a structural beam) to counteract later load stresses

**pre-sum-ably** /prɪˈzù.me.bli/ adverb
- by reasonable assumption
  - Synonyms
    - apparently, evidently, ostensibly, seemingly, supposedly—more at **APPELLANTLY**
    - doubtless, likely, probably—more at **PROBLY**

**pre-sume** /prɪˈzʊm/ verb **pre-sumed; pre-sum-ing**
1 : to take upon oneself without leave or warrant : **DARE**
2 : to take for granted : **ASSUME**
3 : to act or behave with undue boldness
   - **pre-sum-able** /ˈzù.me.ble/ adjective
     - Synonyms
       - assume, postulate, premise, presuppose, suppose—more at **ASSUME**

**pre-sump-tion** /prɪˈzæmp.ʃən/ noun
1 : presumptuous attitude or conduct : **AUDACITY**
2 : an attitude or belief dictated by probability; also : the grounds lending probability to a belief
   - **pre-sump-tive** /ˈfɪv/ adjective
     - [1] audacity, brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve, sauce, sauciness, temerity—more at **EFFRONTERY**
     - [2] assumption, postulate, premise, supposition—more at **ASSUMPTION**

**pre-sum-p-tu-ous** /prɪˈzæmp.chəs/ adjective
- : overstepping due bounds (as of propriety or courtesy) : taking liberties
  - **pre-sump-tu-ous-ly** adverb
    - arrogant, cavalier, haughty, high-handed, imperious, important, overweening, pompous, pretentious, supercilious, superior
    - bold, familiar, forward, free, immodest; also conceited, overweening, pompous, self-assertive, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, uppity, vain, vainglorious; cavalier, disdainful, haughty, lordly, pretentious, snobbish, stuck-up, supercilious, superior; audacious, brash, brassy, brazen, fresh, impertinent, impudent, pert, saucy; confident, self-assured, self-confident, sure; boastful, bragart, bragging; domineering, high-handed, imperious; self-centered, selfish
  - **Antonyms**
    - modest, unassuming
    - intrusive, meddlesome, nosy, obtrusive, officious, prying—more at **INTRUSIVE**

**pre-sup-pose** /prɪˈspəˌpəz/ verb
1 : to suppose beforehand
2 : to require beforehand as a necessary condition
   - **Synonyms**
     - assume, postulate, premise, presume, suppose—more at **ASSUME**

**pre-sup-po-si-tion** /ˌprɪ spa.ˈzi.shən/ noun
: an act of presupposing or an assumption made in advance

**pre-teen** /prɪˈtiːn/ noun
: a boy or girl not yet 13 years old
  - **preteen** adjective

**pre-tend** /prɪˈtɛnd/ verb
1: **profess** (doesn't ~ to be scientific)
2: **to make believe**: **feign** (doesn't ~ to be angry)
3: **to lay claim** (doesn't ~ to a throne)

--- **noun**

**Synonyms**
- affect, assume, counterfeit, fake, feign, profess, put on, sham, simulate—more at **feign**

**pretend** /prɪˈtɛnd/ **noun**
- one that pretends

**Synonyms**
- charlatan, fake, fraud, hoaxer, humbug, mountebank, phony, quack

**pretense** or **preference** /prɪˈtɛns, prɪˈtens/ **noun**
1: a claim made or implied; especially: one not supported by fact
2: an assumed display or attitude of superiority or dignity
3: an inadequate or insincere attempt to attain a certain condition (made a ~ at discipline)
4: false show: **pretext**
5: excessive display: **pretentiousness**

**Synonyms**
- [2] act, airs, facade, front, guise, masquerade, pose, put-on, semblance, show—more at **masquerade**
- [5] affectation, pretension, pretentiousness; also: arrogance, complacency, conceit, egotism, pride, self-assertion, self-conceit, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory, vanity; disdain, haughtiness, snobbery, snobbishness, superiority; confidence, presumption, self-assurance, self-confidence, sureness; bragadocio; aggressiveness, assertiveness, audaciousness, boldness, cheekiness, cockiness, forwardness, impudence, insolence, rudeness; grandiloquence; flashiness, gaudiness, ostentation, show, showiness

**pretension** /prɪˈtɛnʃən/ **noun**
1: an allegation of doubtful value: **pretext**
2: a claim or an effort to establish a claim
3: a claim or right to attention or honor because of merit
4: an aspiration or intention that may or may not reach fulfillment
5: the quality or act of making usu. unjustified claims (as to excellence)
6: an exaggerated sense of self-importance

**Synonyms**
- [2] call, claim, pretense, right—more at **claim**
- [4] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, purpose, thing—more at **goal**

**pretentious** /prɪˈtɛnʃəs/ **adjective**
1: making or possessing usu. unjustified claims (as to excellence) (a ~ literary style)
2: making demands on one's ability or means: **ambitious** (too ~ an undertaking)

--- **pretentious-ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**
- affected, grandiloquent, highfalutin, ostentatious, pomposus; also: grandiloquent, high sounding, sententious; arrogant, complacent, conceited, egoistic, egotistic, important, overweening, proud, proud, self-assertive, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, uppity, vain, vainglorious; cavalier, disdainful, haughty, lordly, snobbish, stuck-up, supercilious, superior; confident, self-assured, self-confident, sure; boastful, braggart, bragging; aggressive, assertive, audacious, bold, brassy, cheeky, cocky, forward, impudent, insolent, rude; flashy, flaunting, gaudy, showy

**Antonyms**
- modest, unpretentious

**pretentious-ness** /ˈnəs/ **noun**
- the quality or state of being pretentious

**Synonyms**
- affectation, arrogance, haughtiness, loftiness, pretense, pretension, self-importance, superiority—more at **arrogance**

**pret-er-it or pret-er-ite** /prɛˈtɛr.i/ **noun**
pre·term /prēˈtərm, prēˈ-/ adjective
: of, relating to, being, or brought forth by premature birth <a ~ infant>

ter·ni·tary /prēˈtərəˌnerē/ adjective
: having or involving three parts <triple ~ treatment>

pre·ter·nat·u·ral /prēˈterˌnä chəˈrəl/ adjective
1 : exceeding what is natural
2 : inexplicable by ordinary means
— pre·ter·nat·u·ral·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  > metaphysical, superhuman, supernatural, unearthly—more at SUPERNATURAL

pre·text /prēˈtekst/ noun
: a purpose stated or assumed to cloak the real intention or state of affairs

pret·ti·fy /prēˈtī fl/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to make pretty
— pret·ti·fi·ca·tion /prēˈtī fləˈkā shən/ noun
pret·ti·ness /prēˈtī nəs/ noun
  > the quality or state of being pretty
  Synonyms
  > attractiveness, beauty, comeliness, handsomeness, looks, loveliness—more at BEAUTY

1 pretty /prēˈlē/ adjective pretti·er; -est
[origin: ME praty, prety, fr. OE prættig tricky, fr. præt trick]
1 : pleasing by delicacy or grace <having conventionally accepted elements of beauty ~ flowers>
2 : MISERABLE, TERRIBLE <a ~ state of affairs>
3 : moderately large <a ~ profit>
4 : PLEASANT
— pret·ti·ly /prēˈlī/ adverb
  Synonyms
  > attractive, beautiful, fair, handsome, lovely—more at BEAUTIFUL

2 pretty adverb
: in some degree : MODERATELY
  Synonyms
  > enough, fairly, kind of, moderately, quite, rather, so-so, somewhat, sort of—more at FAIRLY

3 pretty verb pret·ti·ed; pret·ti·ing
: to make pretty

pretty boy noun
: a man who is notably good-looking

pret·zel /prēˈtsəl/ noun
[origin: G Brezel, ultim. fr. L brachiatus having branches like arms, fr. brachium arm]
: a brittle or chewy glazed usu. salted slender bread often shaped like a loose knot

prev abbreviation
: previous; previously

pre·vail /prēˈvāl/ verb
1 : to win mastery : TRIUMPH
2 : to be or become effective : SUCCEED
3 : to urge successfully <ed upon her to sing>
4 : to be frequent : PREDOMINATE
5 : to be or continue in use or fashion
— pre·vail·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  > [1] conquer, triumph, win—more at WIN
usually prevail over [1] beat, defeat, master, triumph, win
usually prevail on or prevail upon [3] argue, convince, get, induce, move, persuade, satisfy, talk, win—more at PERSUADE
[5] hold, hold out, keep up, last, survive—more at HOLD OUT

prev·a·lent /pr̩vəˈlənt/ adjective
: generally or widely existent : WIDESPREAD
— prev·a·lence /ˈlens/ noun

pre·var·i·cate /pr̩vəˈraˌkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
[origin: L praevoricari to act in collusion, lit., to straddle, fr. prae in front of + varicare to straddle, fr. varus bowlegged]
: to deviate from the truth

   Synonyms
   — fabricate, fib, lie—more at LIE

pre·var·i·ca·tion /pr̩vəˈraˌkāˈshən/ noun
1: the act or an instance of prevaricating
2 : a statement that deviates from or perverts the truth

   Synonyms
   — fabrication, fairy tale, falsehood, falsity, fib, lie, mendacity, story, tale, untruth, whopper—more at LIE

pre·var·i·ca·tor /pr̩vəˈraˌkāˈtər/ noun
: one who evades or perverts the truth

   Synonyms
   — fibber, liar—more at LIAR

pre·vent /pr̩vəˈvent/ verb
1 : to keep from happening or existing <steps to ~ war>
2 : to hold back : HINDER, STOP <~ us from going>
— pre·vent·able also pre·vent·i·ble /ˈven.taˈbəl/ adjective
— pre·ven·ti·ve /ˈven.təˈvəs/ adjective or noun
— pre·ven·ta·tive /ˌven.təˈtəvəl/ adjective or noun

   Synonyms
   — avert, forestall, help, obviate, preclude; also anticipate, provide; negate, neutralize, nullify; avoid, save; baffle, balk, checkmate, deter, foil, frustrate, thwart; bar, block, hamper, hinder, impede, interfere (with), retard, stall; deflect, fend (off), head (off), stave off, stop, ward (off); avoid, circumvent, dodge, elude, escape, evade; forbid, inhibit, prohibit; arrest, check, halt, stop; counteract, offset

pre·ven·tion /pr̩vəˈven.chən/ noun
: the act of preventing or hindering

pre·ver·bal /pr̩vəˈvər.bəl/ adjective
: having not yet acquired the faculty of speech

1 preview /pr̩vəˈvər.ˌvü/ verb
: to see or discuss beforehand; especially : to view or show in advance of public presentation

2 preview noun
1 : an advance showing or viewing
2 also pre·vue /ˌvüˈvü/ : a showing of snatches from a motion picture advertised for future appearance
3 : FORETASTE

pre·vi·ous /pr̩vəˈvəs/ adjective
: going before

   Synonyms
   — antecedent, anterior, foregoing, preceding, prior; also advance, early, premature; earliest, first, inaugural, initial, maiden, original, pioneer; preliminary, introductory; erstwhile, former, whilom

   Antonyms
   — after, ensuing, following, subsequent, succeeding
**pre·vi·ous·ly** /ˈprɛvɪəsli/ adverb
› in time past

**Synonyms**
› ahead, before, beforehand—more at AHEAD

**previous** to preposition
› in advance of : BEFORE

**Synonyms**
› ahead of, before, ere, of, prior to, to—more at BEFORE

**pre·vi·sion** /prəˈvɪʒən/ noun
1 : FORESIGHT, PRESCIENCE
2 : FORECAST, PREDICTION

**pre·war** /ˈprɛwər/ adjective
› occurring or existing before a war

1 **prey** /prē/ noun, plural prey also prey
   1 : an animal taken for food by a predator; also : VICTIM
   2 : the act or habit of preying

2 **prey** verb
   1 : to raid for booty
   2 : to seize and devour prey
   3 : to have a harmful or wearing effect

**prf** abbreviation
proof

1 **price** /prɪs/ noun
   1 archaic : VALUE
   2 : the amount of money paid or asked for the sale of a specified thing; also : the cost at which something is obtained

**Synonyms**
› charge, cost, fee, figure; also list price, market value, rate, tariff, unit price; carrying charge, overcharge, surcharge; deduction, discount, markdown, reduction, sale; deposit; down payment; account, check, bill, invoice, tab

2 **price** verb priced; pricing
   1 : to set a price on
   2 : to ask the price of
   3 : to drive by raising prices <priced themselves out of the market>

**price–fix·ing** /ˈprɪsˌfɪksɪŋ/ noun
› the setting of prices artificially (as by producers or government)

**price·less** /ˈprɪsˌlɛs/ adjective
› having a value beyond any price : INVALUABLE

**price support** noun
› artificial maintenance of prices of a commodity at a level usu. fixed through government action

**price war** noun
› a period of commercial competition in which prices are repeatedly cut by the competitors

**pric·ey also pricy** /ˈprɪsə/ adjective pric·i·er; -est
› EXPENSIVE

1 **prick** /prɪk/ noun
   1 : a mark or small wound made by a pointed instrument
   2 : something sharp or pointed
   3 a : an instance of pricking
prick verb
1: to pierce slightly with a sharp point; also: to have or cause a pricking sensation
2: to affect with anguish or remorse (~ his conscience)
3: to outline with punctures (~ out a pattern)
4: to stand or cause to stand erect (~ the dog's ears ~ed up at the sound)

prick·er noun
: BRIAR; also: THORN

prickle noun
1: a small sharp process (as on a plant)
2: a slight stinging pain

prickle verb prick·led; prick·ling
1: to prick lightly
2: TINGLE

prick·ly adjective
: full of or covered with prickles

prickly heat noun
: a red cutaneous eruption with intense itching and tingling caused by inflammation around the ducts of the sweat glands

prickly pear noun
: any of numerous cacti with usu. yellow flowers and prickly flat or rounded joints; also: the sweet pulpy pear-shaped edible fruit of various prickly pears

pride noun
1: inordinate self-esteem: CONCEIT
2: justifiable self-respect
3: elation over an act or possession
4: haughty behavior: DISDAIN
5: ostentatious display
6: a source of pride

pride verb prid·ed; prid·ing
: to indulge (as oneself) in pride

pride·ful adjective
: full of pride

priest noun
priest·hood /priːstˌhəʊd/ noun
: a person having authority to perform the sacred rites of a religion; especially : a member of the Anglican, Eastern, or Roman Catholic clergy ranking below a bishop and above a deacon

Synonyms
clergyman, divine, ecclesiastic, father, minister, preacher, reverend—more at CLERGYMAN

priest·li·ness /priːstˈliːnəs/ noun

priest·ess /ˈpriːstəs/ noun
: a woman authorized to perform the sacred rites of a religion

priest·ly /priːstˈlɪ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of a priest or the priesthood

Synonyms
clerical, ministerial, pastoral, sacerdotal—more at CLERICAL

prig /ˈprɪɡ/ noun
: one who irritates by rigid or pointed observance of proprieties

prig·gish /ˈprɪɡɡɪʃ/ adjective
— prig·gish·ly adverb

prim /ˈprɪm/ adjective prim·mer; prim·mest
: stiffly formal and precise

prim·ly adverb
— prim·ness noun

Synonyms
prudish, puritanical, straitlaced—more at STRAITLACED

prim abbreviation
1 primary
2 primitive

pri·ma·cy /ˈprɪməsə/ noun
1 : the state of being first (as in rank)
2 : the office, rank, or character of an ecclesiastical primate

pri·ma·don·na /ˈprɪməˌdəˌnə/ noun, plural prima donnas
[ORIGIN: It, lit., first lady]
1 : a principal female singer (as in an opera company)
2 : a vain undisciplined usu. uncooperative person

pri·ma·fa·cie /ˈprɪməˌfəˌsi/ adjective or adverb
[ORIGIN: L, at first view]
1 : based on immediate impression : APPARENT
2 : SELF-EVIDENT

pri·mal /ˈprɪməl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the first period or state : PRIMITIVE
2 : first in importance

Synonyms
ancient, early, primeval, primitive—more at EARLY

pri·mar·i·ly /ˈprɪˌmerəli/ adverb
1 : for the most part
2 : in the first place : ORIGINALLY

Synonyms
[1] altogether, basically, chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, principally—more at CHIEFLY
[2] firstly, initially, originally—more at ORIGINALLY

primary /ˈprɪˌmeri/ adjective
primary noun, plural -ries

1 : first in order of time or development; also : PREPARATORY
2 ◀: of first rank or importance; also : FUNDAMENTAL
3 ▶: not derived from or dependent on something else ◀ sources>

Synonyms
- [2] arch, cardinal, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, fundamental, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, principal, sovereign, supreme—more at FOREMOST
- [3] direct, firsthand, immediate—more at DIRECT

primary adjective
1 ▶: standing first (as in time, rank, significance, or quality) ◀ requisite>
2 : of, relating to, or being a number that is prime

Synonyms
- chief, first, foremost, head, high, lead, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, supreme—more at HEAD

prime verb primed; prim-ing
1 : FILL, LOAD
2 : to lay a preparatory coating upon (as in painting)
3 : to put in working condition
4 : to instruct beforehand : COACH

prime meridian noun
: the meridian of 0° longitude which runs through Greenwich, England, and from which other longitudes are reckoned east and west

prime minister noun
1 : the chief minister of a ruler or state
2 : the chief executive of a parliamentary government

primer noun
1 : a small book for teaching children to read
2 ▶: a small introductory book on a subject

Synonyms
- handbook, manual, textbook—more at TEXTBOOK
**primer** /ˈpraɪmər/ noun
1: one that primes
2: a device for igniting an explosive
3: material for priming a surface

**prime rate** noun
: an interest rate announced by a bank to be the lowest available to its most credit-worthy customers

**prime time** noun
1: the time period when the television or radio audience is largest; also: television shows aired in prime time
2: the choicest or busiest time

**pri·me·val** /ˈpraɪməvəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the earliest ages: PRIMITIVE

*Synonyms*
- ancient, early, primal, primitive—more at EARLY

**primitive** /ˈpraɪmətɪv/ adjective
1: ORIGINAL, PRIMARY
2: of, relating to, or characteristic of an early stage of development
3: ELEMENTAL, NATURAL
4: of, relating to, or produced by a tribal people or culture
5: SELF-TAUGHT; also: produced by a self-taught artist

- prim·i·tive·ly adverb
- prim·i·tive·ness noun

*Synonyms*
- crude, low, rude, rudimentary; also basic, simple; homely, homespun, unsophisticated; early, primeval, primordial; backward, underdeveloped, undeveloped; aged, ancient, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, dated, dusty, hoary, musty, obsolete, old, old-fashioned, old-time, out-of-date, outworn, passé, past

*Antonyms*
- advanced, developed, evolved
- ancient, early, primal, primeval—more at EARLY

**primitive** noun
1: something primitive
2: a primitive artist
3: a member of a primitive people

**prim·i·tiv·ism** /ˈpraɪmətɪvɪzəm/ noun
1: belief in the superiority of a simple way of life close to nature
2: the style of art of primitive peoples or primitive artists

**pri·mo·gen·i·tor** /ˈpraɪmədʒənətər/ noun
: ANCESTOR, FOREFATHER

**pri·mo·gen·i·ture** /ˈpraɪmədʒənətʃər/ noun
1: the state of being the firstborn of a family
2: an exclusive right of inheritance belonging to the eldest son

**pri·mor·di·al** /ˈpraɪmorˌdiəl/ adjective
: first created or developed: existing in its original state: PRIMEVAL

**primp** /ˈprɪmp/ verb
: to dress in a careful or finicky manner

**prim·rose** /ˈpraɪmˌrəʊz/ noun
: any of a genus of perennial herbs with large leaves arranged at the base of the stem and clusters of showy flowers

**prin** abbreviation
1 principal
2 principle

**prince** /ˈprɪnts/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L princeps leader, initiator, fr. primus first + capere to take]
1: MONARCH, KING
2: a male member of a royal family; especially: a son of the monarch
3: a person of high standing (as in a class)
— prince·dom /ˈprɪnsdəm/ noun

*Synonyms*
- baron, czar, king, magnate, mogul, tycoon—more at MAGNATE

**prince·ling** /ˈprɪnslɪŋ/ noun
: a petty prince

**prince·ly** /ˈprɪnslɪ/ adjective
- of, relating to, or befitting a prince

*Synonyms*
- kingly, monarchical, queenly, regal, royal—more at MONARCHICAL

**prin·cess** /ˈprɪnsəs, -səs/ noun
1: a female member of a royal family
2: the consort of a prince

1**principal** /ˈprɪnsəpəl/ adjective
- most important

*Synonyms*
- arch, cardinal, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, sovereign, supreme—more at FOREMOST

**prin·ci·pal·ly** /ˈprɪnsəpələlɪ/ adverb
- in the chief place or degree: CHIEFLY

*Synonyms*
- altogether, basically, chiefly, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, overall, predominantly, primarily—more at CHIEFLY

2**principal** noun
1: a leading person (as in a play)
2: the chief officer of an educational institution
3: the person from whom an agent's authority derives
4: a capital sum earning interest or used as a fund

**prin·ci·pal·i·ty** /ˈprɪnsəpələti/ noun, plural -ties
- the position, territory, or jurisdiction of a prince

**principal parts** noun plural
- the inflected forms of a verb

**prin·ci·ple** /ˈprɪnsəpəl/ noun
1: a general or fundamental law, doctrine, or assumption
2: a rule or code of conduct; also: devotion to such a code
3: the laws or facts of nature underlying the working of an artificial device
4: a primary source: ORIGIN; also: an underlying faculty or endowment
5: the active part (as of a drug)

*Synonyms*
- principles [1] element, essentials, rudiments—more at ELEMENT
- principles [2] ethics, morality, morals, standards—more at ETHICS

**prin·ci·pled** /ˈprɪnsəpled/ adjective
- exhibiting, based on, or characterized by principle <high-<princpled>

*Synonyms*
- decent, ethical, honest, honorable, just, moral, noble, respectable, righteous, upright, upstanding—more at
HONORABLE

prink /prɪŋk/ verb
: PRIMP

print /prɪnt/ noun
[origin: ME prente, fr. AF, pr. prefent, prient, pp. of priendre to press, fr. L. premere]
1 › a mark made by pressure
2 : something stamped with an impression
3 : printed state or form
4 : printed matter
5 › a copy made by printing
6 : cloth with a pattern applied by printing
synonyms
› [1] impress, impression, imprint, stamp; also dent, hollow, indentation; mark, sign
› [5] photograph, shot, snap, snapshot—more at photograph

print verb
1 : to stamp (as a mark) in or on something
2 : to produce impressions of (as from type)
3 : to write in letters like those of printer's type
4 : to make (a positive picture) from a photographic negative
5 › : to publish in print
synonyms
› get out, issue, publish—more at publish

printable /prɪntəˈbəl/ adjective
1 : capable of being printed or of being printed from
2 : worthy or fit to be published

printer /prɪntər/ noun
: one that prints; especially : a device that produces printout

printing noun
1 : reproduction in printed form
2 : the art, practice, or business of a printer
3 : impression 5

printing press noun
: a machine that produces printed copies

printout /prɪntəˈɑːt/ noun
: a printed output produced by a computer
— print out verb

prior /ˈprɪər/ noun
: the superior ranking next to the abbot or abbess of a religious house

prior adjective
1 › : earlier in time or order
2 : taking precedence logically or in importance
— prior·i·ty /prɪərˌətɪti/ noun
synonyms
› antecedent, anterior, foregoing, preceding, previous—more at previous

prior·ess /prɪəˈrɛs/ noun
: a nun corresponding in rank to a prior

prioritize /prɪərˈeɪtɪz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
: to list or rate in order of priority

prior to preposition
pri·o·ry /ˈprɪərɪ/ noun, plural -ries
  : a religious house under a prior or prioress
     Synonyms
     • ahead of, before, ere, of, previous to, to—more at BEFORE
prise chiefly British variant of prize
prism /ˈprɪzəm/ noun
  [origin: LL prisma, fr. Gk, lit., something sawed, fr. priein to saw]
  1 : a solid whose sides are parallelograms and whose ends are parallel and alike in shape and size
  2 : a usu. 3-sided transparent object that refracts light so that it breaks up into rainbow colors
     — pris·mat·ic /ˈprɪzəˌmatɪk/ adjective
prison /ˈprɪzn/ noun
  : a place or state of confinement esp. for criminals
     Synonyms
     • jail, pen—more at JAIL
prison·er /ˈprɪznər/ noun
  : a person deprived of liberty; especially : one on trial or in prison
     Synonyms
     • captive, capture, internee—more at CAPTIVE
prisoner of war
  : a person and esp. a member of the armed forces of a nation captured in war
pris·sy /ˈprɪsə/ adjective pris·si·er; -est
  : being overly prim and precise : PRIGGISH
     — pris·si·ness /ˈprɪsəˌnis/ noun
pris·tine /ˈprɪs.tən, ˈprɪs.tən/ adjective
  1 : PRIMITIVE
  2 ▶ : having the purity of its original state
     Synonyms
     • brand-new, fresh, virgin—more at FRESH
prith·ee /ˈprɪθi/ interjection, archaic
  — used to express a wish or request
priva·cy /ˈprɪvəsə/ noun, plural -cies
  1 : the quality or state of being apart from others
  2 : SECRECY
  3 private /ˈprɪvət/ adjective
  1 ▶ : belonging to or intended for a particular individual or group <~ property>
  2 ▶ : restricted to the individual : PERSONAL <~ opinion>
  3 : carried on by the individual independently <~ study>
  4 : not holding public office <a ~ citizen>
  5 : withdrawn from company or observation <a ~ place>
  6 ▶ : not known publicly
     — priva·tely adverb
     Synonyms
     • [2] individual, particular, peculiar, personal, separate, singular, unique—more at INDIVIDUAL
     • [6] confidential, hushed, inside, intimate, secret; also classified, top secret; unadvertised, unannounced, undisclosed, unmentioned; clandestine, collusive, conspiratorial, covert; surreptitious, undercover, underhand, underhanded; personal; concealed, hidden, closeted; repressed, silenced, stifled, suppressed
Antonyms
common, open, public

private noun
: an enlisted man of the lowest rank in the marine corps or of one of the two lowest ranks in the army
— in private
: not openly or in public

pri-vae-teer /prəˈvētər/ noun
: an armed private ship licensed to attack enemy shipping; also : a sailor on such a ship

private first class noun
: an enlisted man ranking next below a corporal in the marine corps and next below a lance corporal in the marine corps

pri-va-tion /prəˈvə.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of depriving
2 : the state of being deprived; especially : lack of what is needed for existence

priv-et /prɪˈvet/ noun
: a nearly evergreen shrub related to the olive and widely used for hedges

privilege /ˈprɪvəˌlidʒ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L privilegium law for or against a private person, fr. privus private + leg-, lex law]
▶ a right or immunity granted as an advantage or favor esp. to some and not others

Synonyms
boon, concession, honor; also courtesy; claim, entitlement, right; birthright; perquisite, prerogative; charter, grant, patent, exemption, immunity, waiver

privilege verb -leged; -leg·ing
: to grant a privilege to

priv-i·leged adjective
1 : having or enjoying one or more privileges <~ classes>
2 : not subject to disclosure in a court of law <a ~ communication>

privy /ˈprɪvə/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or affecting a particular person exclusively : PERSONAL, PRIVATE
2 : kept from knowledge or view : SECRET
3 : admitted as one sharing in a secret <~ to the conspiracy>

priv-i·ly /ˈprɪvə.lē/ adverb

privy noun, plural priv·ies
: TOILET; especially : OUTHOUSE

prize /prɪz/ noun
1 ▶ : something offered or striven for in competition or in contests of chance
2 ▶ : something exceptionally desirable

Synonyms
[1] award, decoration, distinction, honor, plume—more at AWARD
[2] catch, gem, jewel, pearl, plum, treasure; also find, godsend, goody, valuable, windfall; booty, loot, spoil; glory, pride; jackpot, treasure trove

prize adjective
1 : awarded or worthy of a prize <a ~ essay>; also : awarded as a prize <a ~ medal>
2 : OUTSTANDING

prize verb prized; priz·ing
▶ : to value highly : ESTEEM

Synonyms
appreciate, cherish, love, treasure, value—more at LOVE

4 prize noun
: property (as a ship) lawfully captured in time of war

5 prize verb prized; prized·ing
   ‣ to press, force, or move with or as if with a lever: pry
   Synonyms
   ‣ jimmy, pry—more at pry

prize·fight /ˈ priz_ˌ fi/ noun
   : a professional boxing match
   — prize·fight·ing noun

prize·fight·er /ˈ priz_ˌ fält/ noun
   ‣ one who participates in a prizefight
   Synonyms
   ‣ boxer, fighter, pugilist—more at boxer

prize·win·ner /ˈ priz_ˌ wān·nər/ noun
   : a winner of a prize
   — prize·win·ning adjective

1 pro /prō/ noun, plural pros
   : a favorable argument, person, or position

2 pro adverb
   ‣ in favor: for

3 pro noun or adjective
   : professional

PRO abbreviation
   public relations officer

pro·ac·tive /prōˈ ak·tiv/ adjective
   : acting in anticipation of future problems or needs
   — pro·ac·tive·ly adverb

pro–am /prōˈ əm/ adjective
   : involving professionals competing alongside or against amateurs <a ~ tournament>
   — pro–am noun

prob abbreviation
   1 probable; probably
   2 problem

prob·a·bil·i·ty /prō bəˈ bil· ĭ·tē/ noun, plural -ties
   1 : the quality or state of being probable
   2 : something probable
   3 ‣ : a measure of how often a particular event will occur if something (as tossing a coin) is done repeatedly which results in any of a number of possible events
   Synonyms
   ‣ chance, odds, percentage; also outlook, prospect; possibility, potential, potentiality

prob·a·ble /prōˈ bə·bl/ adjective
   1 ‣ : apparently or presumably true <a ~ hypothesis>
   2 : likely to be or become true or real <a ~ result>
   Synonyms
   ‣ believable, credible, likely, plausible—more at believable

prob·a·bly /prōˈ bə·blē/ adverb
   ‣ without much doubt
   Synonyms
   ‣ doubtless, likely, presumably; also per chance, perhaps, possibly; conceivably, imaginably, plausibly,
practically, reasonably; potentially; certainly, clearly, conclusively, decisively, definitely, indubitably, positively, surely

**Antonyms**
improbable

1. **probate /ˈprōˌbāt/ noun**
   : the judicial determination of the validity of a will

2. **probate verb proˌbat-ed; proˌbat-ing**
   : to establish (a will) by probate as genuine and valid

**pro-ba-tion /ˌprōˈbeɪʃən/ noun**
1 : subjection of an individual to a period of testing and trial to ascertain fitness (as for a job)
2 : the action of giving a convicted offender freedom during good behavior under the supervision of a probation officer

--- **pro-ba-tion ary /ˌshaˌnerē/ adjective**

**pro-ba-tion-er /ˌshaˌnet/ noun**
1 : a person (as a newly admitted student nurse) whose fitness is being tested during a trial period
2 : a convicted offender on probation

**pro-ba-tive /ˌprōˈbātiv/ adjective**
1 : serving to test or try
2 : serving to prove

1. **probe /ˈprōb/ noun**
   1 : a slender instrument for examining a cavity (as a wound)
   2 : an information-gathering device sent into outer space
   3 : a penetrating investigation

--- **Synonyms**
examination, exploration, inquiry, investigation, research, study—more at INQUIRY

2. **probe verb probed; prov- ing**
   1 : to examine with a probe
   2 : to search into and investigate thoroughly

--- **Synonyms**
delve, dig, explore, go, inquire, investigate, look, research—more at EXPLORE

**pro-bi-ty /ˌprōˈbītē/ noun**
: adherence to the highest principles and ideals : HONESTY

--- **Synonyms**
character, decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, morality, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness, virtue—more at MORALITY

**prob-lem /ˈprōblem/ noun**
1 : a question raised for consideration or solution
2 : an intricate unsettled question
3 : a source of perplexity or vexation

--- **Synonyms**
[2] case, knot, matter, trouble; also issue, question; challenge; corner, fix, hole, hot water, jam, pickle, predicament, situation; glitch, hitch, snag; conundrum, enigma, mystery, puzzle, puzzlement, riddle; brainteaser, poser

--- **Antonyms**
answer, solution

[3] aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, peev, pest, thorn—more at ANNOYANCE

**prob-lem at-ic /ˈprōblemətɪk/ also prob-lem at-ical /ˈtɪkəl/ adjective**
1 : difficult to solve or decide
2 open to question or debate: QUESTIONABLE
   Synonyms
   - [1] catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at TRICKY
   - [2] debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fishy, questionable, shady, shaky, suspect, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL

pro·bos·cis /prəˈbōskəs/ noun, plural -bos·cis·es also -bos·ci·des /ˌbō.səˈdēz/
[origin: L, fr. Gk proboskis, fr. pro- before + boskein to feed]
: a long flexible snout (as the trunk of an elephant)

pro·caine /prōˈke.nən/ noun
: a drug used esp. as a local anesthetic

pro·ce·dure /prəˈsē.jər/ noun
1 a particular way of doing something <democratic ~>  
2 a series of steps followed in a regular order <a surgical ~>  
   — pro·ce·dur·al /ˈsē.jər.əl/ adjective
   Synonyms
   - [1] course, line, policy, program—more at COURSE
   - [2] course, operation, proceeding, process—more at PROCESS

pro·ceed /prōˈsed/ verb
1 to come forth: ISSUE
2 to go on in an orderly way; also: CONTINUE
3 to begin and carry on an action
4 to take legal action
5 to move along a course
   Synonyms
   - advance, fare, forge, get along, go, march, progress—more at GO
   - usually proceed along cover, crisscross, cross, cut, follow, go, pass, travel, traverse—more at TRAVERSE

pro·ceed·ing noun
1 a series of steps followed in a regular definite order: PROCEDURE
2 plural: DOINGS
3 plural: legal action
4: TRANSACTION
5 plural: an official record of things said or done
   Synonyms
   - action, lawsuit, suit—more at LAWSUIT

pro·ceeds /prōˈsedz/ noun plural
: the total amount or the profit arising from a business deal
   Synonyms
   - earnings, income, profit, return, revenue, yield—more at INCOME

pro·cess /prəˈses, prō/ noun, plural pro·cess·es /ˌproˈses, seˈses, seˌses, seˌsēz/
1 a forward or onward movement (as to an objective or to a goal): ADVANCE
2 something going on: PROCEEDING
3 a natural phenomenon marked by gradual changes that lead toward a particular result <the ~ of growth>
4 a series of actions or operations directed toward a particular result <a manufacturing ~>
5 legal action
6 a mandate issued by a court; especially: SUMMONS
7 a projecting part of an organism or organic structure
   Synonyms
   - course, operation, procedure, proceeding; also fashion, manner, method, mode, style, system, technique, way; approach, blueprint, design, game plan, layout, plan, plot, program, scheme, strategy, accomplishment,
process verb
/praˈses/ · to subject to a special process

procession /ˈprəˌsɪʃən/ noun
1: a group of individuals moving along in an orderly often ceremonal way
2: continuous forward movement
Synonyms
→ advance, advancement, furtherance, headway, march, onrush, passage, process, progress, progression—more at ADVANCE

proces-sion-al /ˈseˌsha.nəl/ noun
1: music for a procession
2: a ceremonial procession

proces-sor /ˌprəˈse.sər, ˈprə-/ noun
1: one that processes
2: CPU

pro-choice /ˌprəˈchois/ adjective
→ favoring the legalization of abortion

proclaim /prəˈklām/ verb
→ to make known publicly: DECLARE

Synonyms
→ advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, post, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound
→ more at ANNOUNCE

procla-mation /ˌprəklaˈme.ʃən/ noun
→ an official public announcement

proclivity /ˈprəˌkli.va.tē/ noun, plural -ties
→ an inherent inclination esp. toward something objectionable
Synonyms
→ bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, propensity, tendency, turn

procon-sul /ˈprəˌkənˌsəl/ noun
1: a governor or military commander of an ancient Roman province
2: an administrator in a modern colony or occupied area
→ pro-consular /ˌprəˈkən.sələr/ adjective

procrastinate /ˈprəˌkrɑst.i.nət/ verb -nat-ed; -nat-ing
[origin: L. procrastinate, fr. pro- forward + crastinus of tomorrow, fr. cras tomorrow]
→ to put off usu. habitually doing something that should be done
→ procrastination /ˌkrɑst.i.ˈne.ʃən/ noun
→ proctor /ˌprəˈkəntər/ noun

produce /ˈprəˌkrəd/ verb -duced; -ding
→ to beget or bring forth offspring
→ production /ˈprəˌkrəd.ən/ noun
→ productive /ˈprəˌkrəd.tiv/ adjective
→ producer /ˈprəˌkədər/ noun

Synonyms
→ breed, multiply, propagate, reproduce; also bear, beget, engender, generate, get, mother, parent, produce, sire; hatch, spawn

procrustean /ˈprəˌkræst.ɪən/ adjective, often cap
[origin: fr. Procrustes, villain of Greek mythology who made victims fit his bed by stretching them or cutting off
their legs] : marked by arbitrary often ruthless disregard of individual differences or special circumstances

proctor /prəkˈtər/ noun
: one appointed to supervise students (as at an examination)
— proctor verb
— proctorial /prəkˈtərēəl/ adjective

procurator /prəˈkœərətər/ noun
1 : one that manages another's affairs
2 : a Roman provincial administrator

procuable /prəˈkyərə bal/ adjective
: capable of being procured

procure /ˈkyr/ verb procured; procuring
1 : to get possession of : obtain by particular care and effort
2 : to make women available for promiscuous sexual intercourse
3 : ACHIEVE
— procurement noun
— procurer noun

prod /präd/ verb prodded; prodding
1 : to thrust a pointed instrument into : GOAD
2 : to incite to action
— prod noun

prodigious /prə di jə s/ adjective
1 : recklessly extravagant; also : LUXURIANT
2 : recklessly spendthrift : WASTEFUL <the ~ prince>

prodigality /prə deˈɡal i tē/ noun
: reckless spending of resources

prodigy /prə ˈdij ə s/ adjective

1 : exciting wonder
2 : extraordinary in size or degree : ENORMOUS
— pro·di·gious·ly adverb

Synonyms

Synonyms

prod·i·gious / Præ·də·jē / noun, plural -gies
1 : something extraordinary : WONDER
2 : a highly talented child

Synonyms

prod·i·gy

1 : something extraordinary : WONDER
2 : a highly talented child

produce / Præ·dūs, Præ·dūs/ verb pro·duced; pro·duc·ing
1 : to present to view : EXHIBIT
2 : to give birth or rise to
3 : EXTEND, PROLONG
4 : to give being or form to : MAKE; especially : MANUFACTURE
5 : to cause to accrue ~ a profit

— pro·duc·er noun

Synonyms

produce / Præ·dūs, Præ·dūs/ noun

1 : a highly talented child
2 : something extraordinary
3 : a highly talented child

Synonyms

product / Præ·dəkl/ noun

1 : the number resulting from multiplication
2 : something produced
3 : something resulting from or necessarily following from a set of conditions

Synonyms

production / Præ·dək·shaN/ noun

1 : something produced : PRODUCT
2 : the act or process of producing

product placement noun

: the inclusion of a product in a television program or film as a means of advertising

pro·duc·tive / Præ·dək·tiv/ adjective

1 : having the quality or power of producing esp. in abundance
2 : effective in bringing about

— pro·duc·tiv·i·ty / Præ·dək·tiv·ē / noun

Synonyms

produc·tive·ness / ·nas/ noun

: the quality or state of being productive

Synonyms
effectiveness, efficacy, efficiency—more at efficacy

pro·em /prəˈem/ noun
1: preliminary comment : PREFACE
2: PRELUDE

1 prof /prəfl/ noun
: PROFESSOR
2 prof abbreviation professional

1 profane /prəˈfān/ verb pro·faned; pro·fon·ing
1: to treat (something sacred) with irreverence or contempt
2: to debase by an unworthy use
— prof·a·na·tion /prəˈfaˌnāˈshən/ noun
Synonyms
- [1] defile, desecrate, violate—more at desecrate
- [2] abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demean, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, prostitute, subvert, warp—more at debase

2 profane adjective
[origin: ME prophan, fr. MF, fr. L profanus, fr. pro- before + fanum temple]
1: not concerned with religion : SECULAR
2: not holy because unconsecrated, impure, or defiled
3: serving to debase what is holy : IRREVERENT
4: OBScene, vulgar
— pro·fane·ly adverb
— pro·fane·ness noun

1 nonreligious, secular, temporal; also atheist, godless, irreligious, pagan; lay, nonclerical; nondenominational, nonsectarian; earthly, mundane, terrestrial, worldly; material, physical, substantial; bodily, carnal, corporal, fleshly; blasphemous, impious, irreverent, sacrilegious; unconsecrated, unhallowed

Antonyms
- religious, sacred
- [3] blasphemous, irreverent, sacrilegious

pro·fan·i·ty /prəˈfānəˌtē/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being profane
2: the use of profane language
3: profane language

pro·fess /prəˈfes/ verb
1: to declare or admit openly : AFFIRM
2: to declare in words only : PRETEND
3: to confess one's faith in
4: to practice or claim to be versed in (a calling or occupation)
— pro·fess·ed·ly /prəˈfesədl/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, protest, warrant—more at claim
- [2] affect, assume, counterfeit, fake, feign, pretend, put on, sham, simulate—more at feign

pro·fes·sion /prəˈfesən/ noun
1: an open declaration or avowal of a belief or opinion
2: a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long academic preparation
3: the whole body of persons engaged in a calling

Synonyms
- [1] affirmation, assertion, avowal, claim, declaration, protestation—more at protestation
calling, employment, line, occupation, trade, vocation, work—more at OCCUPATION

profession /prəˈfər.ən/ noun
1: to present for acceptance; OFFER
Synonyms: advance, offer, pose, propose, propound, suggest, vote—more at PROPOSE
2: something proposed for acceptance
Synonyms: offer, proposal, proposition, suggestion—more at PROPOSAL

proficient /prəˈfər.ənt/ adjective
1: well advanced in an art, occupation, or branch of knowledge
Synonyms: accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, crackerjack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, masterly, skilled, skillful, virtuoso; also adroit, clever, deft, dexterous, handy; gifted, talented; experienced, polished, practiced, seasoned, veteran; effective, effectual, efficient, workmanlike; able, capable, competent, fit, qualified; educated, knowledgeable, schooled, taught, trained, tutored, versed; all-around, well-rounded
Antonyms: amateur, amateurish, inexpert, unpolished, unprofessional, unskilled, unskillful

proficiently /ˈprə fər.i.le/ adverb
Syononyms: ably, adeptly, capably, expertly, masterfully, skillfully, well—more at WELL

profile /prəˈfər.əl/ noun
1: a representation of something in outline; especially: a human head seen in side view
2: a concise biographical sketch
3: degree or level of public exposure <keep a low ~>

profile verb pro-filed; pro-file-ing
to write or draw a profile of

profiling noun
the act of suspecting or targeting a person solely on the basis of observed characteristics or behavior <racial ~>

profit /prəˈfərt/ noun
1 : a valuable return
2 : the excess of the selling price of goods over their cost
   — profit-less adjective
   Synonyms
   [1] earnings, income, proceeds, return, revenue, yield—more at INCOME
   [2] earnings, gain, lucre, net, payoff, proceeds, return; also killing, windfall; gross; compensation, emolument, income, pay, payment, remittal, requital, salary, wages; interest, return, yield; (the) black; royalty

profit verb
1 : to be of use : BENEFIT
2 : to derive benefit : GAIN
   Synonyms
   avail, benefit, serve—more at BENEFIT

profitable /prəˈfərtəbəl/ adjective
: affording profits : yielding advantageous returns or results
   — profit·ably /ˌblə/ adverb
   Synonyms
   advantageous, beneficial, favorable, helpful, salutary—more at BENEFICIAL
   fat, gainful, lucrative, remunerative; also advantageous, beneficial, rewarding, useful, worthwhile
   Antonyms
   unprofitable

profiteer /prəˈfər/ noun
: one who makes what is considered an unreasonable profit
   — profiteer verb

profligate /prəˈflıɡət/. 1ə. gət/ adjective
1 : completely given up to dissipation and licentiousness
2 : wildly extravagant
   — prof·li·ga·cy /əˈɡe. sə/ noun
   — prof·li·gate·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   extravagant, prodigal, spendthrift, thriftless, unthrifty, wasteful—more at PRODIGAL

prof·li·gate noun
: a profligate person
   Synonyms
   decadent, degenerate, libertine, pervert—more at DEGENERATE
   prodigal, spendthrift, wastrel—more at PRODIGAL

pro·forma /ˌprəˌfɔrˈmə/ adjective
: done or existing as a matter of form

pro·found /prəˈfərd/ adjective
1 : marked by intellectual depth or insight <a ~ thought>
2 : coming from or reaching to a depth <a ~ sigh>
3 : deeply felt : INTENSE <~ sympathy>
4 : all encompassing : THOROUGH
   — pro·found·ly adverb
   — pro·fun·di·ty /ˌprəˌfəndəˈtə/ noun
   Synonyms
   [1] abstruse, deep, esoteric; also erudite, learned, scholarly; academic, pedantic; complex, complicated, hard; darkling, enigmatic, inscrutable, mysterious, mystic, uncanny; impenetrable, incomprehensible, unfathomable,
unintelligible; ambiguous, cryptic; unanswerable, unknowable; baffling, bewildering, confounding, confusing, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling

**Antonyms**
shallow

- [4] absolute, complete, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, utter—more at `ABSOLUTE`

`pro·fuse /prəˈfyüəs, prō-/ adjective`
- : pouring forth liberally
  - **pro·fuse·ly** adverb
    - **Synonyms**
      - copious, extravagant, lavish, luxuriant, riotous; also abounding, abundant, ample, bounteous, bountiful, liberal, plentiful, plentiful; fat, fecund, fertile; free, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unsparing, unstinting; excessive, immoderate; adequate, complete, enough, sufficient
    - **Antonyms**
      - dribbling, trickling

`pro·fu·sion /prəˈfyüəzhan/ noun`
- : great quantity
  - **Synonyms**
    - abundance, lot, much, plenty, quantity, reams, scads

`prog abbreviation`
program

`pro·gen·i·tor /prəˈje nə tər/ noun`
1: a direct ancestor: **FOREFATHER**
2: ORIGINATOR, PRECURSOR

`pro·ge·ny /prəˈje nē/ noun, plural -nies`
- : offspring of a person, animal, or plant
  - **Synonyms**
    - issue, offspring, posterity, seed, spawn—more at `OFFSPRING`

`pro·ges·ter·one /prəˈjes tə rōn/ noun`
- : a female hormone that causes the uterus to undergo changes so as to provide a suitable environment for a fertilized egg

`prog·na·thous /prəˈna thəs/ adjective`
- having the lower jaw projecting beyond the upper part of the face

`pro·gno·sis /prəˈnō sēs/ noun, plural -no·ses /ˌnōz/`
1: the prospect of recovery from disease
2: a prophecy, estimate, or prediction of a future happening or condition: **FORECAST**

`1 prog·nos·tic /prəˈnō sī tık/ noun`
1: **PORTENT**
2: **PROPHECY**

`2 prog·nos·tic adjective`
- of, relating to, or serving as ground for prognostication or a prognosis

`prog·nos·ti·cate /prəˈnō sē tā kāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing`
- : to foretell from signs or symptoms
  - **Synonyms**
    - augur, forecast, foretell, predict, presage, prophesy—more at `FORETELL`

`prog·nos·ti·ca·tion /prəˈnō sē tā ˈkā schən/ noun`
- : an act, the fact, or the power of prognosticating
  - **Synonyms**
    - cast, forecast, prediction, prophecy, soothsaying—more at `PREDICTION`
prog·nos·ti·ca·tor /prəˈnəs.ˌtər/ noun
- one that prognosticates
  Synonyms
  - augur, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, futurist, prophet, seer, soothsayer—more at PROPHET

1 program /ˈprə.ɡrəm/ noun
[Origin: F programme agenda, public notice, fr. Gk programma, fr. prographein to write in advance, fr. pro- before + graphein to write]
1 : a brief outline of the order to be pursued or the subjects included (as in a public entertainment); also :
  PERFORMANCE
2 : a plan of procedure
3 : coded instructions for a computer
  — pro·gram·mat·ic /ˌprə.ɡrəˈma.tik/ adjective
    Synonyms
    - [1] agenda, calendar, docket, schedule, timetable; also card, exercises; arrangement, order, organization
    - [2] course, line, policy, procedure—more at COURSE
    - [2] blueprint, scheme, strategy, system; also guideline, plan, policy; arrangement, layout, setup; diagram, draft, plot; conception, design, idea, intention, proposal; means, technique, way

2 program also programme verb -grammed or -gramed; -gram·ming or -gram·ing
1 : to arrange or furnish a program of or for
2 : to enter in a program
3 : to provide (as a computer) with a program
  — pro·gram·ma·bil·i·ty /ˌprə.ɡrə.ˈmeɪ.ˈbil.i.tē/ noun
  — pro·gram·ma·ble /ˌprə.ɡrə.ˈmeɪ.ˈble/ adjective
  — pro·gram·mer also pro·gram·er /ˈprə.ɡrə.ˈmər, ˈɡrər/ noun

programme chiefly British variant of PROGRAM

programmed instruction noun
: instruction through information given in small steps with each requiring a correct response by the learner before going on to the next step

pro·gram·ming also pro·gram·ing noun
1 : the planning, scheduling, or performing of a program
2 : the process of instructing or learning by means of an instruction program
3 : the process of preparing an instruction program

1 progress /prəˈgres, ˈgres/ noun
1 : a forward movement : ADVANCE
2 : the action or process of advancing or improving by marked stages or degrees
  Synonyms
  - [1] advance, advancement, furtherance, headway, march, onrush, passage, process, procession, progression—more at ADVANCE
  - [2] development, elaboration, evolution, expansion, growth, progression—more at DEVELOPMENT

2 progress /ˈprə.ɡres/ verb
1 : to move forward : PROCEED
2 : to develop to a higher, better, or more advanced stage
  Synonyms
  - [1] advance, fare, forge, get along, go, march, proceed—more at GO
  - [2] age, develop, grow, grow up, mature, ripen—more at MATURE

pro·gres·sion /prəˈgres.ʃən/ noun
1 : an act of progressing
2 : a continuous and connected series
  Synonyms
  - [1] advance, advancement, furtherance, headway, march, onrush, passage, process, procession, progress—more at ADVANCE
progressive /pra,gresiv/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or characterized by progress
2 : moving forward or onward : ADVANCING
3 : increasing in extent or severity
4 often cap : of or relating to political Progressives
5 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb form that expresses action in progress at the time of speaking or a time spoken of
6 : making use of or interested in new ideas, findings, or opportunities
— pro·gres·sive·ly adverb

Synonyms
1 advanced, high, refined—more at ADVANCED
2 broad-minded, liberal, nonorthodox, nontraditional, open-minded, radical, unconventional, unorthodox—more at LIBERAL

progressive noun
1 : one that is progressive
2 : a person believing in moderate political change and social improvement by government action; especially cap : a member of a Progressive Party in the U.S.

pro·hib·it /pra.hib.it/ verb
1 : to forbid by authority
2 : to prevent from doing something

Synonyms
ban, bar, enjoin, forbid, interdict, outlaw, proscribe—more at FORBID

pro·hi·bi·tion /pra.hib.ish.ən/ noun
1 : the act of prohibiting
2 : the forbidding by law of the sale or manufacture of alcoholic beverages
3 : an order to restrain or stop
— pro·hi·bi·tion·ist /pra.hib.ish.ə.nist/ noun
— pro·hi·bi·tive /pra.hib.i.tv/ adjective
— pro·hi·bi·tive·ly adverb
— pro·hi·bi·to·ry /pra.hib.ə.tər.i/ adjective

Synonyms
1 barring, forbidding, interdiction, proscription; also bidding, charging, decreeing, dictation, direction, instruction; deterrence, discouragement, dissuading; repression, suppression; coercion, compulsion, constraint, force
2 ban, embargo, interdict, interdiction, proscription, veto; also taboo; injunction; constraint, inhibition, limitation, restraint, restriction; deterrent, discouragement; repression, suppression; prevention; denial, disallowance, negation, refusal, rejection; objection, protest

Antonyms
prescription

project /pra.ukt. jekt/ noun
1 : a specific plan or design : SCHEME
2 : a planned undertaking

Synonyms
arrangement, blueprint, design, game, plan, scheme, strategy, system—more at PLAN

project /pra.ukt/ verb
1 : to devise in the mind : DESIGN
2 : to throw forward
3 : to jut out : PROTRUDE
4 : to cause (light or shadow) to fall into space or (an image) to fall on a surface
5 : to attribute (a thought, feeling, or personal characteristic) to a person, group, or object

Synonyms
projectile /prəˈjɛktəl/ noun
1 : a body hurled or projected by external force; especially : a missile for a firearm
2 : a self-propelling weapon

dictionary entry for projectile

projection /prəˈjɛkʃən/ noun
1 : a part that juts out
   Synonyms
   bulge, overhang, protrusion—more at bulge

projectionist /prəˈjɛkʃənist/ noun
: one that operates a motion-picture projector or television equipment

dictionary entry for projectionist

dictionary entry for projector

prolapse /prəˈlæps, prəˈlæs/ noun
: the falling down or slipping of a body part from its usual position

dictionary entry for prolapse

projection /prəˈlæks-əˌnən/ noun
1 : rapid and repeated production of new parts or of buds or offspring
2 : the act, process, or result of increasing by or as if by proliferation
   Synonyms
   accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, raise, rise, supplement—more at increase
   accumulation, multiplication—more at multiplication

prolific /prəˈlɪf-ək/ adjective
1 : producing young or fruit abundantly
2 : marked by abundant inventiveness or productivity <a ~ writer>
   — prolific·al·ly /prəˈlɪf-ək·ə-ə·lē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] fecund, fertile, fruitful, luxuriant, productive, rich—more at fertile

prolix /prəˈlɪks, prəˈlɪks/ adjective
: marked by or using an excess of words : verbose
   Synonyms
   circuitous, diffuse, long-winded, rambling, verbose, windy, wordy—more at wordy
pro·lix·i·ty /prəˈliksəˌti/ noun
  ‣: the quality or state of being prolix
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ circumlocution, redundancy, verbiage, wordiness—more at VERBIAGE

pro·logue also pro·log /prəˈloɡ/ noun
  ‣: the preface or introduction to a literary or dramatic work : PREFACE
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ foreword, introduction, preamble, preface—more at INTRODUCTION

pro·long /prəˈlɔŋ/ verb
  1 ‣: to lengthen in time ~ a meeting
  2 ‣: to lengthen in extent or range
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ [1, 2] draw out, elongate, extend, lengthen, protract, stretch—more at EXTEND

pro·lon·ga·tion /prəˈlɔŋ.gəˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
  ‣: an act or instance of prolonging
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ elongation, extension—more at EXTENSION

prom /prəm/ noun
  ‣: a formal dance given by a high school or college class
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ ball, dance, formal—more at DANCE

promenade /prəˈme.nəd/ verb -nad·ed; -nad·ing
  1: to take a promenade
  2: to walk about in or on

promenade noun
  1: a place for strolling
  2: a leisurely walk for pleasure or display
  3: an opening grand march at a formal ball

pro·me·thi·um /prəˈmi thə.əm/ noun
  ‣: a metallic chemical element obtained from uranium or neodymium

prom·i·nence /prəˈmi.nəns/ noun
  1 ‣: something prominent
  2: the quality, state, or fact of being prominent or conspicuous
  3: a mass of cloudlike gas that arises from the sun’s chromosphere
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ elevation, eminence, height, highland, hill, mound, rise—more at HEIGHT

prom·i·nent /ˌprəˈmi.nənt/ adjective
  1: jutting out : PROJECTING
  2 ‣: readily noticeable : CONSPICUOUS
  3 ‣: widely and popularly known
  
  prom·i·nent·ly adverb
  
  Synonyms
  ‣ [2] bold, catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, noticeable, pronounced, remarkable, striking—more at NOTICABLE
  ‣ [3] celebrated, famed, famous, noted, notorious, renowned, star, well-known—more at FAMOUS

pro·mis·cu·ous /prəˈmis.kə.əs/ adjective
  1: consisting of various sorts and kinds : MIXED
  2: not restricted to one class or person
3: having a number of sexual partners

promiscuity /proˈmɪs.kwə.ti/ noun
— promiscuous /ˈprɒ.mɪs.kjuː.ə.ti/ adverb
— promiscuousness /ˈprɒ.mɪs.kwə.səs/ noun

1 promise /ˈprɑː.məs/ noun
1: a pledge to do or not to do something specified
2: ground for expectation of success or improvement
3: something promised

Synonyms
  oath, pledge, troth, vow, word; also appointment, arrangement, commitment, engagement; compact, contract, covenant; assurance, guarantee, guaranty; bail, bond, deposit, gage, pawn, security, token, warranty

2 promise verb promised; promising
1: to engage to do, bring about, or provide <~ help>
2: to suggest beforehand <dark clouds ~ rain>
3: to give ground for expectation <it ~ s to be a good game>

Synonyms
  [1] covenant, pledge, swear, vow; also affiance, betroth, plight, troth; accede, agree, assent, consent; contract, engage, guarantee, undertake; affirm, assert, aver, avouch, avow, declare, insist, warrant
  [3] augur, bode—more at NODE

promising adjective
1: likely to succeed or yield good results
— promising-ly adverb

Synonyms
  auspicious, bright, encouraging, fair, golden, heartening, hopeful, likely, propitious, rosy, upbeat—more at HOPEFUL

promis-son-ry /ˈprɑː.məs.ər.i/ adjective
: containing a promise

prom-on-to-ry /ˈprɑː.mən.tɔr.i/ noun, plural -ries
: a point of land jutting into the sea: HEADLAND

Synonyms
  arm, cape, headland, peninsula, point, spit—more at CAPE

promote /praˈmɔt/ verb promoted; promoting
1: to advance in station, rank, or honor
2: to contribute to the growth or prosperity of
3: LAUNCH
4: to present (merchandise) for buyer acceptance through advertising, publicity, or discounting

Synonyms
  [1] advance, elevate, raise, upgrade; also forward, further; aggrandize, boost, heighten, improve, lift, uplift; commission, ennoble, knight; acclaim, applaud, celebrate, cite, commend, compliment, congratulate, decorate; eulogize, extol, glorify, hail, honor, laud, praise, salute
  Antonyms
  abase, degrade, demote, downgrade, lower, reduce
  [2] advance, cultivate, encourage, forward, foster, further, nourish, nurture—more at FOSTER
  [4] ballyhoo, boast, plug, publicize, tout—more at PUBLICIZE

promoter /ˈprɔ.mətər/ noun
: one that promotes; especially: one that assumes the financial responsibilities of a sports event

Synonyms
  advocate, apostle, backer, booster, champion, exponent, friend, proponent, supporter—more at EXPONENT

promotion /praˈmən.ʃən/ noun
: the act or fact of being raised in position or rank

Synonyms
advancement, ascent, elevation, rise, upgrade—more at ADVANCEMENT

1 prompt /ˈprɑmpt/ verb
1 : to move to action
2 : to assist (one acting or reciting) by suggesting the next words
3 : to serve as the inciting cause of
— prompt·er noun
Synonyms
[1] egg, encourage, exhort, goad, press, prod, urge—more at URGE
[3] bring about, cause, create, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, result, work, yield—more at EFFECT

2 prompt adjective
1 : being ready and quick to act; also : being on time
2 : performed readily or immediately < service>
Synonyms
[1, 2] immediate, punctual, quick, ready, timely; also apt, opportune, seasonable; early
Antonyms
belated, late, tardy

prompt·book /ˌbūk/ noun
: a copy of a play with directions for performance used by a theater prompter

promp·ti·tude /ˈpræmp.ti.tʊd, .tɪˈtʊd/ noun
: the quality or habit of being prompt : PROMPTNESS
Synonyms
punctuality, timeliness; also aptness, quickness, readiness, willingness
Antonyms
tardiness

prompt·ly /ˌpræmp.tlɪ, .ˈpræm.plɪ/ adverb
: in a prompt manner
Synonyms
directly, forthwith, immediately, instantly, now, pronto, right away, right now—more at IMMEDIATELY

prompt·ness /ˌnæs/ noun
: the quality or habit of being prompt

pro·mul·gate /prəˈmʌlˌɡæt, prəˈmʌlˌɡeɪt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
: to make known or put into force by open declaration
— prom·ul·ga·tion /prəˌmʌlˈɡæ.ʃən, .prə(ˌ)ˈmeɪʃən/ noun
Synonyms
advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, publicize, publish, sound—more at ANNOUNCE

pron abbreviation
1 pronoun
2 pronounced
3 pronunciation

prone /ˈprɑn/ adjective
1 : having a tendency or inclination
2 : lying face downward; also : lying flat or prostrate
Synonyms
apt, given, inclined; also choosing, preferring; disposed, likely, predisposed, willing

prone·ness /ˈprɑn.nəs/ noun
: the condition or fact of being prone
Synonyms
aptness, propensity, tendency, way—more at TENDENCY
**prong /ˈprɒŋ/ noun**
: one of the sharp points of a fork: **tine**; also: a slender projecting part (as of an antler)
— **pronged /ˈprɒŋd/ adjective**

**prong-horn /ˈprɒŋ.hɔrn/ noun, plural pronghorn or pronghorns**
: a swift horned ruminant mammal chiefly of grasslands of western North America that resembles an antelope

**pro-noun /ˈprəʊ.naʊn/ noun**
: a word used as a substitute for a noun

**pro-nounce /ˈprəʊ.naʊns/ verb pro-nounced; pro-nounc-ing**
1: to utter officially or as an opinion (as a sentence)
2: to employ the organs of speech in order to produce (as a word); especially: to say or speak correctly (as his name)
— **pro-nounce-able adjective**
— **pro-nun-ci-a-tion /ˌprəʊ.nən.siˈeɪ.ʃən/ noun**

**pro-nounced adjective**
: strongly marked: easily recognizable

**pro-nounce-ment /ˌprəʊ.nən.sənts/ noun**
: a formal declaration of opinion; also: **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**pron-to /ˈprɔn.to/ adverb**
[origin: Sp, fr. L promptus prompt]
: without delay; also: very quickly

**pro-nun-ci-a-men-to /ˌprəʊ.nən.siˈeɪ.mənto/ noun, plural -tos or -toes**
: **PROCLAMATION**, **MANIFESTO**

**proof /prəʊf/ noun**
[origin: ME prof, prove, alter. of preve, fr. AF preove, fr. LL proba, fr. L probare to test, prove, fr. probus good, honest]
1: the evidence that compels acceptance by the mind of a truth or fact
2: a process or operation that establishes validity or truth: **TEST**
3: a trial impression (as from type)
4: a trial print from a photographic negative
5: alcoholic content (as of a beverage) indicated by a number that is twice the percent by volume of alcohol present (as of whiskey)

**Synonyms**
- attestation, confirmation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation, witness; also (the) goods; certificate, document, exhibit; demonstration, illustration; authentication, identification, manifestation, verification

**Antonyms**
- disproof

**proof adjective**
1: successful in resisting or repelling (as against tampering)
2: of standard strength or quality or alcoholic content
proof-read /ˌprōrd/ verb
: to read and mark corrections in
— proof-reader noun

1prop /prōp/ noun
: something that props

2prop verb propped; prop·ping
1 †: to support by placing something under or against — often used with up
2 †: to give support or relief to — often used with up
3: to support by placing against something

Synonyms
△ usually prop up [1] bear, bolster, brace, buttress, carry, shore, stay, support, uphold — more at SUPPORT
△ usually prop up [2] abet, aid, assist, back, help, support — more at HELP

3prop noun
: PROPERTY 4

4prop noun
: PROPELLER

5prop abbreviation
1 property
2 proposition
3 proprietor

pro·pa·gan·da /ˌprōpəˈgənˌda, ,prōp / noun
[origin: NL, fr. Congregatio de propaganda fide Congregation for propagating the faith, organization established by Pope Gregory XV]
: the spreading of ideas or information to further or damage a cause; also: ideas or allegations spread for such a purpose

— pro·pa·gan·dist /ˌprōpəˈgənˌdist/ noun
pro·pa·gan·dize /ˌprōpəˈgənˌdaiz/ verb -dized; -diz·ing
: to subject to or carry on propaganda

pro·pa·gate /ˌprōpəˈgät/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
1 †: to reproduce or cause to reproduce biologically
2 †: to cause to spread

Synonyms
△ [1] breed, multiply, procreate, reproduce — more at PROCREATE
△ [2] broadcast, circulate, disseminate, spread, strew — more at SPREAD

pro·pane /ˌprōpəˈpān/ noun
: a heavy flammable gas found in petroleum and natural gas and used esp. as a fuel

pro·pel /prōpəˈpel/ verb pro·pelled; pro·pel·ling
: to drive forward or onward

Synonyms
△ drive, push, shove, thrust — more at PUSH
△ actuate, drive, impel, move, work

pro·pel·lant also pro·pel·lent /ˌprōpəˈlənt/ noun
: something (as a fuel) that propels

— propellant also propel·lent adjective

pro·pel·ler /prōpəˈpelər/ noun
: a device consisting of a hub fitted with blades that is used to propel a vehicle (as a motorboat or an airplane)

pro·pen·si·ty /prōˈpənsətē/ noun, plural·ties
: an often intense natural inclination or preference

**Synonyms**
- bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, tendency, turn—more at **INCLINATION**

'real /prəˈpɛr/ adjective
1: referring to one individual only  

**2** real /ˈpɛər/ adjective
1: referring to one individual only
2: belonging characteristically to a species or individual: **PECULIAR**
3: very satisfactory: **EXCELLENT**
4: strictly limited to a specified thing: *the city ~*
5: strictly accurate: **CORRECT**
6: strictly decorous
7: marked by suitability or rightness: *~ punishment*

**Antonyms**
- improper, incorrect, indecent, indecorous, unbecoming, unseemly
- [7] applicable, appropriate, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, meet, right, suitable—more at **FIT**

'proper /ˈpɛər/ noun
: the parts of the Mass that vary according to the liturgical calendar

**prop·er·ly /ˈpɛər.leɪ/ adverb
: in a proper manner

**Synonyms**
- appropriately, correctly, fittingly, happily, rightly, suitably; also well; adequately, passably, satisfactorily, tolerably; decently

**Antonyms**
- improperly, incongruously, incorrectly, wrongly

'prop·er·tie·ed /ˈpɛər.tɪ.fɪd/ adjective
: owning property and esp. much property

'prop·er·ty /ˈpɛər.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1: a quality peculiar to an individual or thing
2: something owned; especially: a piece of real estate
3: **OWNERSHIP**
4: an article or object used in a play or motion picture other than painted scenery and actor's costumes

**Synonyms**
- attribute, character, characteristic, feature, mark, peculiarity, point, quality, trait—more at **CHARACTERISTIC**
- [2] lot, parcel, plat, plot, tract—more at **LOT**

'prop·he·cy also prop·he·sy /ˈprɒfə.sə/ noun, plural -cies also -sies
1: an inspired utterance of a prophet
2: a prediction of something to come

**Synonyms**
- cast, forecast, prediction, prognostication, soothsaying—more at **PREDICTION**

'prop·he·si·er /ˈprɒfəˌsiə(r)/ noun
: one that prophesies

'prop·he·sy /ˌprɒfəˈsi/ verb -sied; -saying
1: to speak or utter by divine inspiration
2: to predict with assurance

**Synonyms**
- augur, forecast, foretell, predict, presage, prognosticate—more at **FORETELL**
proph·et /ˈprāˌfət/ noun  
[origin: ME prophete, fr. AF, fr. L propheta, fr. Gk prophētēs, fr. pro for + phanai to speak]  
1 : one who utters divinely inspired revelations  
2 •: one who foretells future events  

Synonyms  
→ augur, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, futurist, prognosticator, seer, soothsayer; also mystic, oracle; astrologer  

proph·et·ess /ˈprāˌfətəs/ noun  
: a woman who is a prophet  

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śnie: of, relating to, or characteristic of a prophet or prophecy  

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: the second part of the canonical Jewish Scripture  

1prophylactic /ˌprōˌfəˌlakˈtik/, /ˈprāˈ/ adjective  
1 : preventing or guarding from the spread or occurrence of disease or infection  
2 : PREVENTIVE  

2prophylactic noun  
: something prophylactic; especially: a device (as a condom) for preventing venereal infection or conception  

pro·phy·lax·is /ˌprōˌfəˌlakˈsis/ noun, plural -lax·es /ˌprōˌfəˌlakˈsiz/  
: measures designed to preserve health and prevent the spread of disease  

pro·pin·qui·ty /ˈprōˌpənˌkwəˈtē/ noun  
1 : KINSHIP  
2 : nearness in place or time: PROXIMITY  

pro·pi·ti·ate /ˌprōˌpəˈshēˌət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing  
śnie: to gain or regain the favor of: APPEASE  

— pro·pi·ti·a·tion /ˌprōˌpəˈshēˌəshən/ noun  

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pro·pi·ti·a·to·ry /ˌprōˌpəˈshēˌəˌtərē/ adjective  
1 : intended to propitiate  
2 : of or relating to propitiation  

Synonyms  
→ conciliatory, pacific—more at PACIFIC  

pro·pi·tious /ˈprōˌpəˌshəs/ adjective  
1 : favorably disposed <~ deities>  
2 •: being of good omen <~ circumstances>  

Synonyms  
→ auspicious, bright, encouraging, fair, favorable, golden, heartening, hopeful, likely, promising, rosy, upbeat—more at HOPEFUL  

prop·man /ˈprāˌpəˌmən/ noun  
: one who is in charge of stage properties  

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- advocate, apostle, backer, booster, champion, exponent, friend, promoter, supporter—more at exponent

1. proportion /praˈpɔrшен/ noun
   1: harmonious relation of parts to each other or to the whole: balance, symmetry
   2: proper or equal share
   3: the relation of one part to another or to the whole with respect to magnitude, quantity, or degree: ratio
   - in proportion: proportional

   Synonyms
   - [1] balance, coherence, consonance, harmony, symmetry, symphony, unity—more at harmony
   - [2] allotment, allowance, cut, part, portion, quota, share—more at share

2. proportion verb -tioned; -tion·ing
   1: to adjust (a part or thing) in size relative to other parts or things
   2: to make the parts of harmonious

   proportion·al /praˌpɔrˈʃe nl/ adjective
   : corresponding in size, degree, or intensity; also: having the same or a constant ratio
   - proportion·al·ly adverb

   proportion·ate /praˌpɔrˈʃe nl/ adjective
   : proportional
   - proportion·ate·ly adverb

   proportion·ate·ly /praˌpɔrˈʃe nl·eI/ adjective
   : proportional

   proportion·al /praˌpɔrˈʃe nl/ noun
   1: an act of putting forward or stating something for consideration
   2: something that is proposed

   Synonyms
   - offer, proffer, proposition, suggestion; also feeler, overture, motion; advancement, nomination, recommendation; presentation, submission, tender; arrangement, game, ground plan, layout, line, plan, plot, project, strategy, system; conception, idea, notion, thought

3. propose /praˈpɔz/ verb proposed; proposing
   1: to form or put forward a plan or intention <~s to buy a house>
   2: to make an offer of marriage
   3: to offer for consideration: suggest <~ a policy>
   - proposer noun

   Synonyms
   - [1] aim, aspire, contemplate, design, intend, mean, meditate, plan—more at intend
   - [2] advance, offer, pose, proffer, propound, suggest, vote; also move; nominate, recommend; present, submit, tender; file, lay, lodge; arrange, calculate, chart, contrive, cover, frame, map, plan, plot, shape

4. proposition /praˌpəˈzi ˌshan/ noun
   1: something proposed for consideration: proposal
   2: a request for sexual intercourse
   3: a statement of something to be discussed, proved, or explained
   4: situation, affair <a tough ~> 
   - proposition·al /ˈzi shutdown/ adjective

   Synonyms
   - conjecture, hypothesis, supposition, theory—more at theory

2. proposition verb -tioned; -tion·ing
   : to make a proposal to; especially: to suggest sexual intercourse to

3. pro·pound /praˈpaʊ nd/ verb
   : to set forth for consideration <~ a doctrine>

   Synonyms
   - advance, offer, pose, proffer, propose, suggest, vote—more at propose
pro·pri·e·tary /prəˈprɪ.ə.tər.i/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or characteristic of a proprietor <~ rights>
2: made and sold by one with the sole right to do so <~ medicines>

pro·pri·e·tor /prəˈprɪ.ə.tər/ noun
• a person who has the legal right or exclusive title to something: owner
— pro·pri·e·tor·ship noun
  Synonyms
  • holder, owner, possessor; also landowner

pro·pri·e·tress /prəˈprɪ.e.trəs/ noun
• a woman who is a proprietor

pro·pri·e·ty /prəˈprɪ.e.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 • conformity to what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech
2 plural: the customs of polite society
  Synonyms
  • decency, decorum, form—more at DECENCY

props /præps/ noun singular or plural
1 slang: DUE 1 <gave him his ~> 2 slang: RESPECT 2 <earned the ~ of his peers>
3 slang: ACKNOWLEDGMENT <deserves ~ for the effort>

pro·pul·sion /prəˈpəl.ʃən/ noun
1: the action or process of propelling
2: something that propels
— pro·pul·sive /ˌpə.-shəv/ adjective

pro·ra·ta /prəˈrə.tə/ adverb
• in proportion to the share of each: proportionately

pro·rate /prəˈrāt/ verb pro·rat·ed; pro·rat·ing
• to divide, distribute, or assess proportionately
  Synonyms
  • administer, allocate, apportion, deal, dispense, distribute, mete, parcel, portion—more at ADMINISTER

pro·ro·gue /prəˈrəg/ verb pro·rogued; pro·ro·guing
• to suspend or end a session of (a legislative body)
— pro·ro·ga·tion /prəˈrə.ɡā.ʃən/ noun

pro·sa·ic /prəˈsā.ik/ adjective
1: lacking imagination or excitement: dull
2 • of a kind to be expected in the normal order of events: everyday
  Synonyms
  • average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at ORDINARY

pro·sce·ni·um /prəˈsə.nə.əm/ noun
1: the part of a stage in front of the curtain
2: the wall containing the arch that frames the stage

pro·scribe /prəˈskrib/ verb pro·scribed; pro·scribing
1: to publish the name of as condemned to death with the property of the condemned forfeited to the state
2 • to condemn or forbid as harmful or unlawful
  Synonyms
  • ban, bar, enjoin, forbid, interdict, outlaw, prohibit—more at FORBID
pro·scrip·tion /prōˈskripshən/ noun
1 : the act of proscribing : the state of being proscribed
2 : an imposed restraint or restriction

Synonyms
   ▶ [1, 2] ban, barring, embargo, forbidding, interdiction, prohibition—more at PROHIBITION

prose /prōz/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L prosa, fr. fem. of prorsus, prosus, straightforward, being in prose, alter. of provertere to turn forward]
: the ordinary language people use in speaking or writing

pro·ec·ute /prōˈsiˌkyūt/ verb -cut·ed; -cut·ing
1 : to follow to the end << an investigation
2 : to seek legal punishment of << a forger

— pro·ec·u·tion /prōˌsiˌkyūˈshən/ noun
— pro·ec·u·tor /prōˌsiˌkyooˈtər/ noun

1pro·elyte /prōˈsaˌfil/ noun
: a new convert to a religion, belief, or party

— pro·e·ly·tism /ˌfilˈizəm/ noun

2pro·elyte verb -lyt·ed; -lyt·ing
: PROSELYTIZE

pro·e·ly·tise British variant of PROSELYTIZE

pro·e·ly·tize /prōˈsaˌlaˈfiz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
1 : to induce someone to convert to one's faith
2 : to recruit someone to join one's party, institution, or cause

pro·o·dy /prōˈsa dēˌza/ noun, plural -dies
: the study of versification and esp. of metrical structure

1pro·spect /prōˈspekt/ noun
1 : an extensive view; also : OUTLOOK
2 : the act of looking forward
3 : a mental vision of something to come
4 : something that is awaited or expected : POSSIBILITY
5 a : a potential buyer or customer
   b : a likely candidate

— pro·spec·tive /prōˈspektiv, prōˈspektiv/ adjective
— pro·spec·tive·ly adverb

Synonyms
   ▶ [1] lookout, outlook, panorama, view, vista—more at VIEW
   ▶ [5b] applicant, aspirant, campaigner, candidate, contender, hopeful, seeker—more at CANDIDATE

2pro·spect /prōˈspekt/ verb
   ▶ to explore esp. for mineral deposits

— pro·spec·tor /prōˈspektər, prōˈspektər/ noun

Synonyms
   ▶ explore, hunt, probe, search—more at EXPLORE

pro·spec·tus /prōˈspektəs/ noun
: a preliminary statement that describes an enterprise and is distributed to prospective buyers or participants

pro·per /prōˈper/ verb pros·pered; pros·per·ing
1 : to succeed in an enterprise or activity; especially : to achieve economic success
2 : to become strong and flourishing

Synonyms
flourish, succeed, thrive—more at succeed

pros·per·i·ty /prəsˈpər.a.ti/ noun
: thriving condition : SUCCESS; especially : economic well-being

pros·per·ous /prəsˈpərəs/ adjective
1 : FAVORABLE
2 : marked by success or economic well-being <a ~ business>
3 : enjoying vigorous and healthy growth

Synonyms
[2] palmy, successful, triumphant—more at successful
[3] booming, golden, palmy, roaring, successful; also affluent, moneyed, opulent, rich, substantial, wealthy, well-heeled, well-off, well-to-do; comfortable

Antonyms
unsuccessful

pros·ta·gan·din /prəsˈtə.gən din/ noun
: any of various oxygenated unsaturated fatty acids of animals that perform a variety of hormonelike actions

pros·tate /prəsˈtæt/ noun
[origin: NL prostata, fr. Gk prostatēs, fr. proïstanai to put in front]
: PROSTATE GLAND
— pros·tat·ic /prəsˈtätık/ adjective

prostate gland noun
: a glandular body about the base of the male urethra that produces a secretion which is a major part of the fluid ejaculated during an orgasm

pros·ta·ti·tis /prəsˈtät.i tı̄s/ noun
: inflammation of the prostate gland

pros·the·sis /prəsˈθi sıs/ noun, plural -the·ses /-θi z/ : an artificial replacement for a missing body part
— pros·thet·ic /prəsˈθetık/ adjective

pro·the·tics /ˈθı tı̄ks/ noun plural
: the surgical or dental specialty concerned with the design, construction, and fitting of prostheses

1 pro·stitute /prəsˈtə.tı̄t.ı̄t.ı̄/ verb -tut·ed; -tut·ing
1 : to offer indiscriminately for sexual activity esp. for money
2 : to devote to corrupt or unworthy purposes
— pro·sti·tu·tion /prəsˈtə.tı̄shən.ı̄t.ı̄n/ noun

Synonyms
abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demean, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, subvert, warp—more at debase

2 pro·stitute noun
: one who engages in sexual activities for money

1 pro·strate /prəˈsträt/ adjective
1 : stretched out with face on the ground in adoration or submission
2 : lying flat
3 : completely overcome and lacking vitality <~ with a cold>

Synonyms
beat, bushed, dead, drained, effete, jaded, limp, spent, tired, weak, weary, worn-out—more at weary

2 pro·strate verb pro·strat·ed; pro·strat·ing
1 : to throw or put into a prostrate position
2 : to reduce to a weak or powerless condition

Synonyms
debilitate, enervate, enfeeble, sap, soften, tire, waste, weaken—more at weaken
carry away, crush, devastate, floor, oppress, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, snow under, swamp—more at OVERWHELM

pro·stra·tion /praˈstrə.ʃən/ noun
▶ : complete physical or mental exhaustion

Synonyms
▶ burnout, collapse, exhaustion, fatigue, lassitude, tiredness, weariness—more at FATIGUE

prosy /ˈproʊ.zē/ adjective pro·si·er; -est
1 : PROSAIC, ORDINARY
2 : TEDIOUS

Prot abbreviation
Protestant

prot·ac·tin·i·um /praˌtæk.tən.əm/ noun
▶ : a metallic radioactive chemical element of relatively short life

prot·ag·o·nist /prəˈtag.ə.nist/ noun
1 : the principal character in a drama or story
2 : a leader or supporter of a cause

pro·te·an /ˈproʊ.tən/ adjective
▶ able to assume different shapes or roles

Synonyms
▶ adaptable, all-around, universal, versatile—more at VERSATILE

pro·tec·tive /praˈtek.tiv/ adjective
▶ : aegis, armor, cover, defense, guard, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE

prot·ec·tion·ist /prəˈtek.ʃənist/ noun
: an advocate of government economic protection for domestic producers through restrictions on foreign competitors

prot·ec·tion·ism /prəˈtek.ʃən.izm/ noun

prot·ec·tor /prəˈtek.tər/ noun
1 ▶ : one that protects
2 ▶ : a device used to prevent injury : GUARD
3 ▶ : REGENT 1

Synonyms
▶ custodian, defender, defense, guard, protection; also bodyguard, champion; keeper, lookout, sentinel, sentry, warden, warder, watch, watchdog, watchman; keeper, preserver, saver

prot·ec·tor·ate /prəˈtek.tər.eɪt/ noun
1 : government by a protector
2 : the relationship of superior authority assumed by one state over a dependent one; also : the dependent political unit in such a relationship

pro·té·gé /ˈproʊ.tə.zhä/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: one who is protected, trained, or guided by an influential person

protein /ˌprōˈtēn/ noun
[origin: F protéine, fr. LGk prōteios primary, fr. Gk prōtos first]
: any of various complex nitrogen-containing substances that consist of chains of amino acids, are present in all living cells, and are an essential part of the human diet

pro tem /ˌprōˈtēm/ adverb
: PRO TEMPORE

pro tempore /ˌprōˈtēm.ˈpārə/ adverb
[origin: L]
: for the time being

Proterozoic /ˌprōtəˈrōzē.ik, ˌprōˈtēz.ik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the eon of geologic history between the Archean and the Phanerozoic

— Proterozoic noun

1 protest /ˌprō.ˈtest/ noun
1 : the act of protesting; especially : an organized public demonstration of disapproval
2 : a complaint or objection against an idea, an act, or a course of action
  Synonyms
  — challenge, complaint, demur, expostulation, fuss, kick, objection, question, remonstrance—more at OBSESSION

2 protest /ˌprō.ˈtest/ verb
1 : to assert positively : make solemn declaration of "his innocence"
2 : to object strongly : make a protest against a ruling
  — protest·er or protest·tor /ˌprōˈtest.ər/ noun
  Synonyms
  — [1] affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, warrant—more at CLAIM
  — [2] demur, kick, object, remonstrate—more at OBJECT

Protestant /ˈprōˌtest.ənt/ noun
1 : a member or adherent of one of the Christian churches deriving from the Reformation
2 : a Christian not of a Catholic or Orthodox church
3 not cap : one who makes a protest

— Protestantism /ˌprōˌtest.ən.ˌti.zəm/ noun

protest·a·tion /ˌprōˌtest.əˈshən/ noun
1 : the act or fact of protesting
2 : a formal declaration of dissent to or support of something
  Synonyms
  — affirmation, assertion, avowal, claim, declaration, profession; also announcement, declaration, proclamation, pronouncement; argument, justification, rationalization, reason; confirmation, vindication
  Antonyms
  — disavowal

pro·tha·la·mi·on /ˌprōˌthaˌlaˌmē.ən/ or pro·tha·la·mi·um /ˌprōˌthaˌlaˌmē.əm/ noun, plural -mia /ˌmē.ə/ : a song in celebration of a marriage

 proto·col /ˈprōˌtōˌkōl/ noun
[origin: MF prothocole, fr. ML protocolium, fr. LGk prōtokollon first sheet of a papyrus roll bearing data of manufacture, fr. Gk prōtos first + kollan to glue together, fr. kolla glue]
1 : an original draft or record
2 : a preliminary memorandum of diplomatic negotiation
3 : a code of diplomatic or military etiquette
4 : a set of conventions for formatting data in an electronic communications system

pro·ton /ˌprōˈtān/ noun
[ORIGIN: Gk prōton, neut. of prōtos first]
: a positively charged atomic particle present in all atomic nuclei
— pro·ton·ic /prəˈtəˌnɪk/ adjective

pro·to·plasm /prəˈtoʊplæzm/ noun
: the complex colloidal largely protein substance of living plant and animal cells
— pro·to·plas·mic /prəˈtoʊplæsmɪk/ adjective

pro·to·type /prəˈtaʊtaip/ noun
: an original model : ARCHETYPE

pro·to·zo·an /prəˈtoʊzoʊən/ noun
: any of a phylum or subkingdom of unicellular lower invertebrate animals that include some pathogenic parasites of humans and domestic animals
— protozoan adjective

pro·tract /prəˈtrækt/ verb
▷ to prolong in time or space
   Synonyms
draw out, elongate, extend, lengthen, prolong, stretch—more at EXTEND

pro·trac·tor /prəˈtræktaɪər/ noun
: an instrument for drawing and measuring angles

pro·trude /prəˈtrʊd/ verb pro·trud·ed; pro·trud·ing
▷ to stick out or cause to stick out : jut out
   Synonyms
   bag, balloon, beetle, belly, billow, bulge, overhang, poke, project, start, stick out—more at BULGE

pro·tru·sion /prəˈtrʊʒən/ noun
1 : the act of protruding : the state of being protruded
2 ▷ : something that protrudes
   Synonyms
   bulge, overhang, projection—more at BULGE

pro·tu·ber·ance /prəˈtuːberəns, ˈpruːbəns/ noun
: something that protrudes

pro·tu·ber·ant /prəˈtuːberənt/ adjective
: extending beyond the surrounding surface in a bulge

proud /praud/ adjective
1 ▷ : having or showing excessive self-esteem : HAUGHTY
2 : highly pleased : EXULTANT
3 : having proper self-respect <too ~ to beg>
4 ▷ : giving reason for pride : GLORIOUS <a ~ occasion>
5 : SPIRITED <a ~ steed>
   — proud·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   [1] arrogant, disdainful, haughty, highfalutin, lofty, lordly, prideful, superior; also complacent, conceited, egoistic, egotistic, important, self-assertive, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, uppity, vain, vainglorious; pretentious, snobbish, stuck-up, supercilious; cavalier, overbearing, overweening, peremptory, swaggering; high-sounding, pompous; condescending, patronizing; cocky, overconfident, presumptuous; bloated, boastful, bombastic; audacious, bold, brash, brassy, cheeky, cocksure, forward, impertinent, impudent, saucy; confident, presuming, self-assured, self-confident, sure; domineering, high-handed, imperious; self-centered, selfish; dominating, magisterial, masterful
   Antonyms
   humble, lowly, modest
   [4] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, regal, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND

— PROTOPLASM
prov abbreviation
1 province; provincial
2 provisional

Prov abbreviation
Proverbs

prov·able /ˈprəʊ.və.bəl/ adjective
› capable of being proved
  Synonyms
› demonstrable, supportable, sustainable, verifiable—more at verifiable

prove /ˈprūv/ verb proved; proved or proven /ˈprəʊ.vən/; proving
1 : to test by experiment or by a standard
2 › : to establish the truth of by argument or evidence
3 : to show to be correct, valid, or genuine
4 › : to turn out esp. after trial or test <the car proved to be a good choice>
  Synonyms
› [2] demonstrate, document, establish, show, substantiate, validate; also back (up), buttress, corroborate; evidence, evince, record, support, witness; adduce, attest, authenticate, certify, identify; confirm, sustain, verify; clinch, nail, settle; depose, testify
  Antonyms
› disprove, rebut, refute
› [4] come out, pan out, turn out—more at come out

prov·e·nance /ˈprəʊ.və.nəns/ noun
› ORIGIN, SOURCE

Pro·ven·çal /ˌprō.vənˈsəl, ˌprə.vən-/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Provence
2 : occitan
  — Provençal adjective

prov·en·der /ˈprəʊ.vən.dər/ noun
1 : dry food for domestic animals : FEED
2 › : food usable by people : VICTUALS
  Synonyms
› chow, fare, food, grub, meat, provisions, viands, victuals—more at food

prov·e·nience /ˈprəʊ.və.nəns/ noun
› ORIGIN, SOURCE

prov·er·bi·al /ˈprəʊ.vərˌbiəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling a proverb
2 : commonly spoken of

Proverbs noun
› a book of moral sayings in the canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture

pro·vide /ˈprəʊ.vɪd/ verb provided; providing
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. L providere, lit., to see ahead, fr. pro- forward + videre to see]
1 : to take measures beforehand << against inflation
2 : to make a proviso or stipulation
3 : to supply what is needed << for a family
4 : EQUIP
5 › : to supply for use
— **pro·vid·er** noun
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ deliver, feed, furnish, give, hand, hand over, supply—more at **FURNISH**

**pro·vid·ed** conjunction
: on condition that : IF

**pro·vi·dence /Prəˌvaŋˈdans/ noun**
1 *often cap*: divine guidance or care
2 *cap*: GOD
3 ➤ : the quality or state of being provident
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ foresight, forethought, prescience—more at **FORESIGHT**
  ➤ economy, frugality, husbandry, thrift—more at **ECONOMY**

**pro·vi·dent /ˌdənt/ adjective**
1 ➤ : making provision for the future
2 ➤ : characterized by or reflecting economy in the use of resources : **FRUGAL**

— **pro·vi·dent·ly** adverb
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ [1] farsighted, forehanded, foresighted, prescient—more at **FORESIGHTED**
  ➤ [2] economical, frugal, sparing, thrifty—more at **FRUGAL**

**pro·vi·den·tial /ˌPrəˌvaˈdenˌʃəl/ adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or determined by Providence
2 ➤ : occurring by or as if by an intervention of Providence : **LUCKY**
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ fluky, fortuitous, fortunate, happy, lucky—more at **FORTUNATE**

**pro·vid·ing** conjunction
: **PROVIDED**

**pro·vence /Prəˈvans/ noun**
1 : an administrative district or division of a country
2 *plural*: all of a country except the metropolises
3 ➤ : proper business or scope : **SPHERE**
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ area, arena, demesne, department, discipline, domain, field, line, realm, specialty, sphere—more at **FIELD**

**pro·vin·cial /Prəˈvı̃səl/ adjective**
1 : of or relating to a province
2 ➤ : limited in outlook : **NARROW**

— **pro·vin·cial·ism /ˌChe.lijəˌizəm/ noun**
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ insular, little, narrow, parochial, petty, sectarian, small—more at **NARROW**

**pro·ving·ground noun**
: a place for scientific experimentation or testing

**pro·vi·sion /Prəˈvı̃ʃən/ noun**
1 : the act or process of providing; *also*: a measure taken beforehand
2 ➤ : a stock of needed supplies; *especially*: a stock of food — usu. used in pl.
3 : a conditional stipulation : **PROVISO**
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ provisions chow, fare, food, grub, meat, provender, viands, victuals—more at **FOOD**

**pro·vi·sion·al noun**
: to supply with provisions
  *Synonyms*
  ➤ board, cater, feed—more at **FEED**
pro·vi·sion·al /ˌvɪzəˈnal/ adjective
▶ provided for a temporary need
— pro·vi·sion·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ impermanent, interim, short-term, temporary—more at TEMPORARY

pro·vi·so /proˌviːzoʊ/ noun, plural -sos also -soes
[origin: ME, fr. ML proviso quod provided that]
1 : an article or clause that introduces a condition
2 ▶ : a conditional stipulation

Synonyms
▶ condition, provision, qualification, reservation, stipulation—more at CONDITION

pro·vo·ca·teur /prəˌvɔkəˈtir/ noun
▶ one who provokes

pro·vo·ca·tion /prəˌvɔkəˈʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : the act of provoking
2 ▶ : something that provokes

Synonyms
▶ boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, momentum, motivation, spur, yeast—more at IMPULSE
▶ excitement, incitement, instigation, stimulus; also encouragement, goad, incentive, inducement, jog, prod, spur; induction, inspiration, motivation; aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, irritant, nuisance, peeve, pest

pro·vo·ca·tive /prəˌvɔkəˈtiv/ adjective
▶ serving to provoke or excite

Synonyms
▶ exciting; also explosive, fiery, inflammatory, incendiary, triggering; inducing, inspirational, inspiring, motivating; jeering, taunting, teasing; activating, energizing, galvanizing, quickening, vitalizing; angering, enraging, maddening, upsetting; aggravating, annoying, bothersome, galling, irksome, irritating, pesky, vexatious, vexing

pro·voke /prəˈvɔk/ verb pro·voked; pro·vok·ing
1 ▶ : to incite to anger : INCENSE
2 ▶ : to call forth : EVOKE <a remark that provoked laughter>
3 ▶ : to stir up on purpose <~ an argument>

— pro·vok·er noun

Synonyms
▶ abet, ferment, foment, incite, instigate, raise, stir, whip—more at INCITE

pro·vo·le·ne /prəˈvɔləˌnɛ/ noun
▶ a usu. firm pliant often smoked Italian cheese

pro·vost /prəˈvɔst/ noun
▶ a high official : DIGNITARY; especially : a high-ranking university administrative officer

pro·vost mar·shal /prəˈvɔstˌmɑrˈʃəl/ noun
▶ an officer who supervises the military police of a command

prow /ˈpraʊ/ noun
▶ the bow of a ship

prow·ess /ˈpraʊˌes/ noun
1 ▶ : military valor and skill
2 ▶ extraordinary ability

prowl /ˈpraʊ(ə)/ verb
▶ to roam about stealthily
prowl noun
prowler noun
proximal /ˈprɒksəməl/ adjective
1: next to or nearest the point of attachment or origin; especially: located toward the center of the body
2: of, relating to, or being the mesial and distal surfaces of a tooth
proximal-ly adverb
proximate /ˈprɒksəmət/ adjective
1: DIRECT <the ~ cause>
2: very near
proximality /ˈprɒksɪmələti/ noun
1: the quality or state of being proximate: NEARNESS
   Synonyms
   - closeness, contiguity, immediacy, nearness; also abutment, juxtaposition
   Antonyms
   - distance, remoteness
proximo /ˈprɒksɪmoʊ/ adjective [origin: L proximo mense in the next month]
1: of or occurring in the next month after the present
proxy /ˈprɒksi/ noun, plural proxies
[origin: ME proxi, proacier, alter. of procuracie, fr. AF, fr. ML procuratio, alter. of L procuratio appointment of another as an agent, fr. procurare to take care of]
1: the authority or power to act for another; also: a document giving such authorization
proxy adjective
   Synonyms
   - agent, attorney, commissary, delegate, deputy, envoy, factor, representative—more at AGENT
prude /ˈpruːd/ noun
1: a person who shows or affects extreme modesty
prudery /ˈpruːdərə/ noun
prudence /ˈpruːdəns/ noun
1: sagacity or shrewdness in the management of affairs
   Synonyms
   - common sense, discretion, horse sense, sagacity; also farsightedness, foresight, foresightedness, forethought, prescience, providence; discernment, discrimination, insight, sapience, wisdom; acumen, astuteness, keenness, penetration, perspicacity; care, caution, circumspection, precaution, premeditation
   Antonyms
   - imprudence, indiscretion
prudent /ˈpruːdənt/ adjective
1: shrewd in the management of practical affairs
2: CAUTIOUS, DISCREET
3: PROVIDENT, FRUGAL
4: marked by wisdom or judiciousness
   prudential /ˈpruːdenʃəl/ adjective
   prudently adverb
   Synonyms
   - advisable, desirable, expedient, judicious, politic, tactical, wise—more at EXPEDIENT
prudish /ˈpruːdɪʃ/ adjective
1: marked by prudery
prudishly adverb
   Synonyms
prim, puritanical, straitlaced—more at Straitlaced

1 prune /prúrn/ noun
: a dried plum

2 prune verb pruned; prun·ing
: to cut off unwanted parts (as of a tree)

Synonyms
bob, clip, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, dock, lop, nip, shave, shear, trim—more at Clip

pru·ri·ent /prú.ri.env/ adjective
: lascivious; also : exciting to lasciviousness
— pru·ri·ence /.ens/ noun

1 pry /prí/ verb pried; pry·ing
1 : to look closely or inquisitively
2 : to make a nosy or presumptuous inquiry

Synonyms
butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, mess, nose, obtrude, poke, snoop—more at Interfere

2 pry verb pried; pry·ing
1 : to raise, move, or pull apart with a pry or lever
2 : to extract, detach, or open with difficulty

Synonyms
[1] jimmy, prize; also elevate, hoist, lift, uplift; break, break up, detach, disengage, disjoin, divide, part, pull, separate; shift
[2] extract, prize, pull, root, tear, uproot, wrest—more at Extract

3 pry noun
: a tool for prying

prying
: inquisitive in an annoying, officious, or meddlesome way

Synonyms
curious, inquisitive, nosy—more at Curious
intrusive, meddlesome, nosy, obtrusive, officious, presumptuous—more at Intrusive

Ps or Psa abbreviation
Psalms

PS abbreviation
1 [origin L postscriptum] postscript
2 public school

PSA abbreviation
public service announcement

psalm /säm, sål/ noun, often cap
: a sacred song or poem; especially : one of the hymns collected in the Book of Psalms
— psalm·ist noun

Synonyms
anthem, canticle, carol, chorale, hymn, spiritual—more at Hymn

psalm·o·dy /sä.mə.dē, säl/ noun
: the singing of psalms in worship

Psalms noun
: a book of sacred poems in canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture

Psal·ter /säl.ler/ noun
: the Book of Psalms; also : a collection of the Psalms arranged for devotional use
pseud  abbreviation
pseudonym; pseudonymous

pseu·do /ˈsūˌdō/ adjective
: being apparently rather than actually as stated: SPURIOUS, SHAM

pseu·do·nym /ˈsū.daˌnim/ noun
: a fictitious name
  — pseu·do·nym·ous /ˈsū.ˈdāˌnaˌməs/ adjective

pseu·do·sci·ence /ˌsū.dō.ˈsī.əns/ noun
: a system of theories, assumptions, and methods erroneously regarded as scientific
  — pseu·do·sci·en·tif·ic /ˌsīˌən.tīˌfik/ adjective

PSG  abbreviation
platoon sergeant

1 psi /ˈsī, ˈpī/ noun
: the 23d letter of the Greek alphabet — or ψ

2 psi  abbreviation
pounds per square inch

psit·ta·co·sis /ˈsi.təˌkō.sēs/ noun
: an infectious disease of birds marked by diarrhea and wasting and transmissible to humans

pso·ri·a·sis /ˈsō.riˌəˌsēs/ noun
: a chronic skin disease characterized by red patches covered with white scales

PST  abbreviation
Pacific standard time

1 psych or psyche /ˈskī/ verb psyched; psych·ing
  1 : OUTWIT, OUTGUESS; also : to analyze beforehand
  2 : INTIMIDATE; also : to prepare oneself psychologically <get psyched up for the game>

2 psych  abbreviation
psychology

psy·che /ˈsī.kē/ noun
: SOUL, PERSONALITY; also : MIND

psy·che·del·ic /ˈsī.kaˌde.lik/ adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or causing abnormal psychic effects << drugs>>
  2 : relating to the taking of psychedelic drugs << experience>>
  3 : imitating, suggestive of, or reproducing the effects of psychedelic drugs << art>> << colors>>
     — psychedellic noun

     — psy·che·del·i·cal·ly /ˌsīˌkēˌdalˈli/ adverb

psy·chi·a·try /ˈsī.kē.əˌtre, ˈsīˌ/ noun
: a branch of medicine dealing with mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders

     — psy·chi·at·ric /ˌsīˌkē.əˈtrik/ adjective

     — psy·chi·a·trist /ˌsīˌkē.əˈtrist, ˈsīˌ/ noun

1 psychic /ˈsī.ık/ also psy·chi·cal /ˌsī.ıkəl/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to the psyche
  2 : lying outside the sphere of physical science
  3 : sensitive to nonphysical or supernatural forces

     — psy·chi·cal·ly /ˌsīˌkəlˈli/ adverb

2 psychic  noun
: a person apparently sensitive to nonphysical forces; also : MEDIUM 6
psy·cho /ˈsiːˌkɑː/ noun, plural psychos
: a mentally disturbed person
— psycho adjective

psy·cho·ac·tive /ˈsiːˌkɑː.ɪk.tɪv/ adjective
: affecting the mind or behavior

psy·cho·anal·y·sis /ˈsiːˌkɑː.əˌnæl.əˌsɪs/ noun
: a method of dealing with psychic disorders by having the patient talk freely about personal experiences and esp. about early childhood and dreams
— psycho·an·a·lyst /ˌan.əˈlɪst/ noun
— psycho·an·a·lyt·ic /ˌan.əˈlɪtɪk/ adjective
— psycho·an·a·lyze /ˌan.əˈnaɪ.zə/ verb

psy·cho·bab·ble /ˈsiːˌkɑːˌbæ.bəl/ noun
: psychological jargon esp. when used in a trite or simplistic manner

psy·cho·dra·ma /ˈsiː.koʊˌdred.əˌmeɪ.əˌdra/ noun
1: an extemporized dramatization designed to afford catharsis for one or more of the participants from whose life the plot is taken
2: a dramatic event or story with psychological overtones

psy·cho·gen·ic /ˈje.ˈnɪk/ adjective
: originating in the mind or in mental or emotional conflict

psy·cho·graph·ics /ˈsiː.koʊˌɡrɑː.tɪks/ noun singular or plural
: market research or statistics classifying population groups according to psychological variables

psychol abbreviation
psychologist; psychology

psy·cho·log·i·cal /ˈsiː.koʊˌlɒdʒ.ɪ.kal/ adjective
1: of or relating to psychology
2: of or relating to the mind
— psycho·log·i·cal·ly /ˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.ˈkaɪ.li/ adverb
Synonyms
— cerebral, inner, intellectual, mental—more at MENTAL

psy·chol·o·gy /ˈsiː.koʊˌlɑːdʒ.ɪ/ noun, plural -gies
1: the science of mind and behavior
2: the mental and behavioral characteristics of an individual or group
— psycho·log·ist /ˈsiː.koʊˌlɑːdʒ.ɪ.st/ noun

psy·cho·path /ˈsiːˌkɑːˌpaθ/ noun
: a mentally ill or unstable person; especially: a person who engages in antisocial behavior and exhibits a pervasive disregard for the rights, feelings, and safety of others
— psycho·path·ic /ˈsiːˌkɑːˌpaθ.ɪk/ adjective

psy·cho·sex·u·al /ˈsiːˌkɑːˌsek.ʃə.ˈwəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to the mental, emotional, and behavioral aspects of sexual development
2: of or relating to the physiological psychology of sex

psy·cho·sis /ˈsiːˌkɑːˌsɪs/ noun, plural -cho·siss /ˌsɪz/ : a serious mental illness (as schizophrenia) marked by loss of or greatly lessened ability to test whether what one is thinking and feeling about the real world is really true

psy·cho·so·cial /ˈsiːˌkɑːˌsoʊ.ʃəˌwəl/ adjective
1: involving both psychological and social aspects
2: relating social conditions to mental health
psy·cho·so·mat·ic /ˌsiˌkəʊˌseɪˌmeɪtɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, involving, or concerned with bodily symptoms caused by mental or emotional disturbance

psy·cho·ther·a·py /ˌsiˌkəʊˌθɛrəˈpeɪ/ noun
: treatment of mental or emotional disorder or of related bodily ills by psychological means
— psy·cho·ther·a·pist /ˌsiˌkəʊˌθɛrəˈpɪst/ noun

psychic /ˈsiŋkɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, marked by, or affected with psychosis

psychotic noun
1: an individual who is psychotic
   Synonyms
   lunatic, maniac, nut—more at LUNATIC

psy·cho·tro·pic /ˌsiˌkəʊˈtrɒpɪk/ adjective
: acting on the mind

pt abbreviation
1 part
2 payment
3 pint
4 point
5 port

Pt symbol
platinum

PT abbreviation
1 Pacific time
2 part-time
3 physical therapy
4 physical training

PTA abbreviation
Parent-Teacher Association

ptar·mi·gan /ˈpɑrˌmiɡən/ noun, plural -gan or -gans
: any of various grouses of northern regions with completely feathered feet

PT boat /ˈpɛtˌboʊt/ noun
[Origin: patrol torpedo]
: a small fast patrol craft usu. armed with torpedos

pte abbreviation, British
private

ptg abbreviation
printing

PTO abbreviation
1 Parent-Teacher Organization
2 please turn over

pto·maine /ˈpɑtmɔɪn/ noun
: any of various chemical substances formed by bacteria in decaying matter (as meat) and including a few poisonous ones

PTV abbreviation
public television

Pu symbol
plutonium
1 pub /ˈpʌb/ noun
   : an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed : TAVERN
   
   Synonyms
     bar, barroom, café, saloon, tavern—more at BARROOM
   
2 pub abbreviation
   1 public
   2 publication
   3 published; publisher; publishing

pu·ber·ty /ˈpyʊˌbər.tɪ/ noun
   : the condition of being or period of becoming first capable of reproducing sexually
   — pu·ber·tal /ˌbərt.əl/ adjective

pu·bes /ˈpyʊ.bɛz/ noun, plural pubes
   [origin: NL, fr. L, manhood, body hair, pubic region]
   1 : the hair that appears upon the lower middle region of the abdomen at puberty
   2 : the pubic region

pu·bes·cence /ˈpyʊ.ˌbɛs.ɛns/ noun
   1 : the quality or state of being pubescent
   2 : a pubescent covering or surface

pu·bes·cent /ˌbɛs.ənt/ adjective
   1 : arriving at or having reached puberty
   2 : covered with fine soft short hairs

pu·bic /ˈpyʊ.bɪk/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or situated near the pubes or the pubis

pu·bis /ˈpyʊ.bɪs/ noun, plural pubis /ˈbɛz/
   : the ventral and anterior of the three principal bones composing either half of the pelvis

publ abbreviation
   1 publication
   2 published; publisher

1 public /ˈpʌ bli/ adjective
   1 : exposed to general view <the story became ~> 
   2 : of, relating to, or affecting the people as a whole <~ opinion>
   3 : CIVIC, GOVERNMENTAL <~ expenditures>
   4 : of, relating to, or serving the community <~ officials>
   5 : not private : SOCIAL <~ morality>
   6 : accessible to or shared by all members of the community <~ library>
   7 : well known : PROMINENT <~ figures>
   8 : of, relating to, or affecting all the people or the whole area of a nation or state
   — pub·lic·ly adverb

   Synonyms
     [2] common, general, popular, vulgar—more at GENERAL
     [6] free-for-all, open, unrestricted—more at OPEN
     [6] collective, common, communal, concerted, conjoint, joint, mutual, united—more at COLLECTIVE
     [8] civil, national, state—more at NATIONAL

2 public noun
   1 : the people as a whole
   2 : a group of people having common interests

   Synonyms
     folks, humanity, humankind, people, persons, society, world—more at PEOPLE

pub·li·can /ˈpʌ bli.ˌkan/ noun
1: a Jewish tax collector for the ancient Romans
2 chiefly British: the licensee of a pub

publication /ˌpʌb.lɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
1: the act or process of publishing
2: a published work

public house noun
1 chiefly British: an establishment for the lodging and entertaining of travelers: Inn
2 chiefly British: a licensed saloon or bar

Synonyms
hospice, hotel, inn, lodge, tavern—more at hotel

publicize British variant of publicize

publicist /ˌpʌb.lɪˈstɪst/ noun
: one that publicizes; especially: press agent

publicity /ˈpʌb.lɪ.sɪ.ti/ noun
1: information with news value issued to gain public attention or support
2: public attention or acclaim

Synonyms
advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publish, sound—more at announce

public–key noun
: the publicly shared element of a code usable only to encode messages

public relations noun singular or plural
: the business of fostering public goodwill toward a person, firm, or institution; also: the degree of goodwill and understanding achieved

public school noun
1: an endowed secondary boarding school in Great Britain offering a classical curriculum and preparation for the universities or public service
2: a free tax-supported school controlled by a local governmental authority

public servant noun
: a government official or employee

Synonyms
functionary, officeholder, officer, official—more at official

public–spirited adjective
: motivated by devotion to the general or national welfare

public television noun
: television supported by public funds and private contributions rather than by commercials

public works noun plural
: works (as schools or highways) constructed with public funds for public use

publish /ˈpʌb.lɪsh/ verb
1: to make generally known: announce publicly
2: to produce or release literature, information, musical scores or sometimes recordings, or art for sale to the public

Synonyms
[1] advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize,
sound—more at ANNOUNCE

1 puck /puk/ noun
› a mischievous sprite
— puck-ish adjective
— puck-ish-ly adverb
  Synonyms
› brownie, dwarf, elf, fairy, fay, gnome, hobgoblin, leprechaun, pixie, troll—more at FAIRY

2 puck noun
› a disk used in ice hockey

1 pucker /ˈpækər/ verb
› to contract into folds or wrinkles

2 pucker noun
› FOLD, WRINKLE

pud·ding /ˈpʌdˌɪŋ/ noun
› a soft, spongy, or thick creamy dessert

pud·dle /ˈpʌdəl/ noun
› a very small pool of usu. dirty or muddy water

pu·den·num /ˈpjuːdəˌnuːm/ noun, plural -da /-də/ [ORIGIN: NL, fr. L pudere to be ashamed]
› the human external genital organs esp. of a woman

pudgy /ˈpudʒi/ adjective pudg·i·er; -est
› being short and plump : CHUBBY

pueb·lo /ˈpwayblo, ˈpū.ˌbé/. PÚ.ˈle/ noun, plural -los [ORIGIN: Sp, village, lit., people, fr. L populus]
1 : an American Indian village of Arizona or New Mexico that consists of flat-roofed stone or adobe houses joined in groups sometimes several stories high
2 cap: a member of a group of American Indian peoples of the southwestern U.S.

pu·er·ile /ˈpyooərəl/ adjective
› marked by or suggestive of immaturity and lack of poise: CHILDISH, SILLY
— pu·er·il·i·ty /ˈpyooərəˌli.ti/ noun

pu·er·per·al /ˈpyooərəpəl/ adjective
› of, relating to, or occurring during childbirth or the period immediately following <~ infection> <~ depression>

puerperal fever noun
› an abnormal condition that results from infection of the placental site following childbirth or abortion

Puer·to Ri·can /ˈpwarˌtoʊrɪˈkæn, ˈpwarˌ/ noun
› a native or inhabitant of Puerto Rico
— Puerto Rican adjective

puff /puf/ verb
1 : to blow in short gusts
2 › to breathe hard: PANT
3 : to emit small whiffs or clouds
4 : BLUSTER, BRAG
5 : INFLATE, SWELL
6 : to make proud or conceited
7 : to praise extravagantly
  Synonyms
› blow, gasp, pant, wheeze—more at GASP
puff noun
1 ▶: a short discharge (as of air or smoke); also: a slight explosive sound accompanying it
2: a light fluffy pastry
3: a slight swelling
4: a fluffy mass; also: a small pad for applying cosmetic powder
5: a laudatory notice or review
— puffy adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ air, breath, breeze, waft, zephyr—more at BREEZE

puff-ball /′puf-′bāl/ noun
: any of various globe-shaped and often edible fungi

puf-fin /′puf-′fin/ noun
: any of several seabirds having a short neck and a deep grooved parti-colored bill

1 pug /′pōg/ noun
 1: any of a breed of small stocky short-haired dogs with a wrinkled face
 2: a close coil of hair

2 pug noun
  : 1 BOXER

pu-gi-lism /′pyü-ja-lizəm/ noun
: BOXING

pu-gi-list /′pyü-ja-list/ noun
  ▶ one that fights; especially: a professional boxer
— pu-gi-list-ic /′pyü-ja-list-ik/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ boxer, fighter, prizefighter—more at BOXER

pu-gna-cious /′pəɡ-′nə-shəs/ adjective
  ▶ having a quarrelsome or combative nature
  Synonyms
  ▶ aggressive, argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, combative, contentious, discordant, disputatious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent—more at BELLIGERENT

pu-gna-ci-ty /′pəɡ-′na-sə-tē/ noun
  ▶ a readiness or inclination to fight
  Synonyms
  ▶ aggression, aggressiveness, belligerence, fight, truculence—more at BELLIGERENCE

puis-sance /′pwi-sans,′pyō-ə/ noun
: capacity for exertion or endurance: POWER, STRENGTH

puis-sant /′pwi-sənt,′pyō-ə/ noun
: having puissance: POWERFUL

puke /′pyōk/ verb puked; puk·ing
  : VOMIT
— puke noun

puk·ka /′pə-ka/ adjective
[origin: Hindi pakkā cooked, ripe, solid, fr. Skt pakva]
: GENUINE, AUTHENTIC; also: FIRST-CLASS, COMPLETE

pu-lchri-tude /′pal-kra-′tūd,′pyō-əd/ noun
: BEAUTY
— pu-lchri-tu-di-nous /′pal-kra-′tūdi-nəs,′pyō-əd-/ adjective
pule /ˈpʊl/ verb pul·ed; pul·ing
  1 : to exert force so as to draw (something) toward the force; also : MOVE << out of a driveway>
  2 a : PLUCK
   b : to take out forcibly : EXTRACT << a tooth>
  3 : to strain abnormally << a tendon>
  4 : to draw apart : TEAR
  5 : to make (as a proof) by printing
  6 : REMOVE
  7 : DRAW << a gun>
  8 : to carry out esp. with daring << a robbery>
  9 : PERPETRATE, COMMIT
  10 : ATTRACT
  11 : to express strong sympathy

— pull·er noun
  Synonyms
  [1] drag, draw, hale, haul, lug, move, tow, tug; also attract; jerk, yank; carry, convey, ferry, transport
  Antonyms
  drive, propel, push
  [2b] extract, prize, pry, root, tear, uproot, wrest—more at EXTRACT
  [3] rack, strain, stretch, wrench—more at STRAIN

pull /pʊl/ noun
  1 : the act or an instance of pulling
  2 : the effort expended in moving
  3 a : ADVANTAGE
   b : special influence
  4 : a device for pulling something or for operating by pulling
  5 : a force that attracts or compels
  6 : an injury from abnormal straining or stretching << a muscle >>

Synonyms
  [1] draw, haul, jerk, pluck, tug, wrench; also drag, tow; hitch, jerk, twitch; grab, snatch
Antonyms
  push
  [3b, 5] authority, clout, influence, sway, weight—more at INFLUENCE

pull·back /ˈpʊlˌbæk/ noun
  : an orderly withdrawal of troops

pull–down adjective
  : appearing below a selected item (as a menu title) on a computer display << a ~ menu>>

pull·let /ˈpʊlˌlɛt/ noun
  : a young hen esp. of the domestic chicken when less than a year old

pull·ley /ˈpʊlˌli/ noun, plural pulleys
  : a wheel used to transmit power by means of a belt, rope, or chain; especially : one with a grooved rim that forms part of a tackle for hoisting or for changing the direction of a force

Pull·man /ˈpʊlˌmæn/ noun
  : a railroad passenger car with comfortable furnishings esp. for night travel

pull off verb
  : to accomplish successfully

pull·out /ˈpʊlˌaut/ noun
  : PULLBACK
pull out verb
1 ▶ : to go away from : DEPART
2 : to take back or away : REMOVE
   Synonyms
      ▶ clear out, depart, exit, get off, go, move, quit, sally, shove, take off—more at GO

pull-over /pʊlˌoʊ.vər/ adjective
: put on by being pulled over the head <~ sweater>
— pull-over noun

pull-up /pʊlˈəp/ noun
: CHIN-UP

pull up verb
: to bring or come to an often abrupt halt : STOP

pul-mo-nary /pʊlˈmɒ.ner.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or carried on by the lungs <the ~ circulation>

pulp /pʌl/ noun
1 : the soft juicy or fleshy part of a fruit or vegetable
2 : a soft moist mass
3 : the soft sensitive tissue that fills the central cavity of a tooth
4 : a material (as from wood) used in making paper
5 : a magazine using cheap paper and often dealing with sensational material

pul·pit /pʊlˈpɪt/ noun
: a raised platform or high reading desk used in preaching or conducting a worship service

pulp·wood /pʌlpˌwʊd/ noun
: wood used in making pulp for paper

pulpy /pʌlˈpi/ adjective
: resembling or consisting of pulp
   Synonyms
      ▶ fleshy, juicy, succulent—more at JUICY
      ▶ flabby, mushy, soft, spongy—more at SOFT

pul·sar /pʊlˈsær/ noun
: a celestial source of pulsating electromagnetic radiation (as radio waves)

pul·sat·ed /pʊlˈsætɪd/; pul·sat·ing /pʊlˈsætɪŋ/ verb pul·sat·ed; pul·sat·ing
: to expand and contract rhythmically : BEAT
   Synonyms
      ▶ beat, palpitate, pitter-patter, pulse, throb; also fluctuate, oscillate, vibrate; quiver, tremble

pul·sa·tion /pʊlˈsə.ʃən/ noun
: rhythmical throbbing or vibrating
   Synonyms
      ▶ beat, palpitation, pulse, throb; also fluctuation, oscillation, vibration; quiver, tremble, tremor

1 pulse /pʌls/ noun
1 : the regular throbbing in the arteries caused by the contractions of the heart
2 : rhythmical beating, vibrating, or sounding
3 : a brief change in electrical current or voltage

2 pulse verb
: to exhibit a pulse or pulsation
   Synonyms
      ▶ beat, palpitate, pitter-patter, pulsate, throb—more at PULSATE

pul·ver·ise British variant of PULVERIZE
pul·ver·ize /ˈpul.vəˌraɪz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
1 ▷ to reduce (as by crushing or grinding) or be reduced to very small particles
2 ▷ to destroy by or as if by smashing into fragments : DEMOLISH
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] atomize, crush, grind, powder—more at POWDER
   ▷ [2] annihilate, blot out, demolish, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, ruin, shatter, smash, tear down, waste, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY

pu·ma /ˈpyʊ.ма/ noun, plural pumas also puma
[origin: Sp, fr. Quechua]
: a large powerful tawny brown wild American cat : COUGAR

pum·ice /ˈpa.mɪs/ noun
: a light porous volcanic glass used esp. for smoothing and polishing

pum·mel /ˈpa.mel/ verb -meled also -melled; -mel·ing also -mel·ling
: to strike repeatedly : BEAT

1pump /ˈpamp/ noun
: a device for raising, transferring, or compressing fluids esp. by suction or pressure

2pump verb
1 : to raise (as water) with a pump
2 : to draw fluid from with a pump; also : to fill by means of a pump <~ up a tire>
3 : to force or propel in the manner of a pump
4 ▷ to move in a manner that resembles the action of a pump handle
5 ▷ to question persistently
   — pump·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▷ [4] bob, bobble, jog, jounce, nod, seesaw—more at NOD
   ▷ [5] examine, grill, interrogate, query, question, quiz—more at EXAMINE

3pump noun
: a low shoe that grips the foot chiefly at the toe and heel

pumped /ˈpampd/ adjective
: filled with energetic excitement and enthusiasm

pum·per·nick·el /ˈpa.məˌnikəl/ noun
: a dark rye bread

pump·kin /ˈpamp.kin/ noun
: the large usu. orange fruit of a vine of the gourd family that is widely used as food; also : this vine

pun /ˈpʌn/ noun
: the humorous use of a word in a way that suggests two or more interpretations
   — pun verb
   1 a : PROD, POKE
   b : to frighten or prod (as game or cattle) into moving in a desired direction : DRIVE, HERD, ~ing cattle
   2 ▷ to strike with the fist
   3 ▷ to emboss, perforate, or make with a punch
   4 : to operate, produce, or enter (as data) by or as if by punching
      — punch·er noun
      Synonyms
      ▷ [2] bang, bash, belt, clout, hit, knock, slug, strike, thump, wallop, whack
      ▷ [3] bore, drill, hole, perforate, pierce, puncture—more at PERFORATE

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1: a quick blow with or as if with the fist
2: effective energy or forcefulness

**Synonyms**
- [1] belt, blow, box, clout, hit, slug, smash, wallop, whack—more at BLOW
- [2] bounce, dash, drive, esprit, ginger, pep, snap, spirit, verve, vim, zing, zip—more at SPIRIT
- [2] cogency, effectiveness, force, impact, point; also payoff; importance, significance; appeal, attraction, charm, fascination

3: **punch** *noun*
1: a tool for piercing, stamping, cutting, or forming
2: a hole or notch from a perforating operation

**Synonyms**
- perforation, pinhole, prick, puncture, stab—more at PRICK

4: **punch** *noun*
[origin: perh. fr. Hindi paṅca five, fr. Skt pañca; fr. the number of ingredients]
: a drink usu. composed of wine or alcoholic liquor and nonalcoholic beverages; also: a drink composed of nonalcoholic beverages

**punch card** /'pɔntʃ/ *noun*
: a card with holes punched in particular positions to represent data

**punch-drunk** /'pɔntʃ driŋk/ *adjective*
1: suffering from brain injury resulting from repeated head blows received in boxing
2: DAZED, CONFUSED

**punch** *noun*
: a large cask

**Synonyms**
- barrel, cask, hogshead, keg, pipe—more at CASK

**puncheon** /'pɔntʃən/ *noun*
1: a large cask

**Synonyms**
- barrel, cask, hogshead, keg, pipe—more at CASK

**punch line** *noun*
: the sentence or phrase in a joke that makes the point

**punch list** *noun*
: a list of tasks to be completed at the end of a project

**punchy** /'pɔntʃi/ *adjective* **punch-i-er, -est**
1: having punch: FORCEFUL
2: DAZED, CONFUSED
3: VIVID, VIBRANT

**punctilious** /pʌŋk.tɪl.ɪəs/ *adjective*
: marked by precise accordance with codes or conventions

**punctual** /pʌŋk.tjuəl/ *adjective*
: being on time: PROMPT
— **punctu-ally** *adverb*

**punctuality** /pʌŋk.tjuəl ɪ.ti/ *noun*
: the quality, state, or habit of being punctual

**Synonyms**
- promptitude, timeliness—more at PROMPTITUDE

**punctuate** /pʌŋk.tjuət/ *verb* -at-ed, -at-ing
1 : to mark or divide (written matter) with punctuation marks
2 : to break into at intervals

punct·u·a·tion /ˌpʌŋk.chəˈwān/ noun
the act, practice, or system of inserting standardized marks in written matter to clarify the meaning and separate structural units

1 puncture /ˈpʌŋk.chər/ noun
1 : an act of puncturing
2 ▶ : a small hole or wound made by puncturing

   Synonyms
   • perforation, pinhole, prick, punch, stab—more at PRICK

2 puncture verb punct·ured; punct·ur·ing
1 ▶ : to pierce with or as if with a pointed instrument or object
2 : to make useless as if by a puncture

   Synonyms
   • bore, drill, hole, perforate, pierce, punch—more at PERFORATE

pun·dit /ˈpa ndət/ noun
[origin: Hindi paṇḍit, fr. Skt paṇḍita, fr. paṇḍita learned]
1 : a learned person: TEACHER
2 : AUTHORITY, CRITIC

pun·di·oc·ra·cy /ˌpa ndəˈkra sē/ noun, plural -cies
: a group of powerful and influential political commentators

pun·gen·cy /ˈpa njan sé/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being pungent

   Synonyms
   • acidity, acrimony, acuteness, asperity, bite, bitterness, edge, harshness, keenness, sharpness, tartness

pun·gent /ˈpa njan/ adjective
1 ▶ : having a sharp incisive quality: CAUSTIC <~ editorial>
2 a ▶ : causing a sharp or irritating sensation; especially: ACRID <~ smell of burning leaves>
b ▶ : having an intense flavor or odor

   — pun·gent·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   • [1] acrid, biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp, tart—more at SARCASTIC
   • [2b] nippy, sharp, strong—more at SHARP

pun·ish /ˈpa nish/ verb
1 : to impose a penalty on for a fault or crime <~ an offender>
2 ▶ : to inflict a penalty for <~ treason with death>
3 : to inflict injury on: HURT

   — pun·ish·able adjective

   Synonyms
   • castigate, chasten, chastise, correct, discipline, penalize; also assess, charge, dock, fine, impose, levy, mulct; convict, sentence; condemn, damn, denounce; criticize, reprove; wreak

   Antonyms
   • excuse, pardon, spare

pun·ish·ment noun
1 ▶ : retributive suffering, pain, or loss: PENALTY
2 : rough treatment

   Synonyms
   • castigation, chastisement, correction, desert, discipline, nemesis, penalty, wrath; also reprisal, retaliation, retribution, revenge, vengeance; assessment, charge, fine, mulct; example, sentence; confinement, imprisonment, incarceration; damnation, denouncement; criticism, reproof
pu·ni·tive /pyʊ.nə.tɪv/ adjective
› inflicting, involving, or aiming at punishment
  Synonyms
› corrective, disciplinary, penal; also retaliatory, retributive, retributory, revengeful, vengeful, wrathful

1 punk /paŋk/ noun
  1 ›: a young inexperienced person
  2 ›: a petty hoodlum
  Synonyms
› bully, gangster, goon, hood, hoodlum, mobster, mug, rowdy, ruffian, thug, tough—more at HOODLUM

2 punk adjective
  1 ›: very poor
  2 ›: being in poor health
  Synonyms
› [1] bad, deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, rotten, substandard, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong—more at BAD
› [2] bad, down, ill, indisposed, peaked, sick, unhealthy, unsound, unwell—more at SICK

3 punk noun
› dry crumbly wood useful for tinder; also: a substance made from fungi for use as tinder

pun·ster /ˈpʌn.stər/ noun
› one who is given to punning

1 punt /pən/t noun
› a long narrow flat-bottomed boat with square ends

2 punt verb
› to propel (as a punt) with a pole

3 punt verb
› to kick a football or soccer ball dropped from the hands before it touches the ground

4 punt noun
› the act or an instance of punting a ball

pu·ny /pyʊ.nē/ adjective pu·ni·er; -est
[origin: AF puisné younger, weakly, lit., born afterward, fr. puis afterward (fr. L post) + né born, fr. L natus]› slight in power, size, or importance

pup /pæp/ noun
› a young dog; also: one of the young of some other animals

pu·pa /ˈpʊpə/ noun, plural pu·pae /(ˌ)pə/ or pupas
[origin: NL, fr. L pupa doll]› a form of some insects (as a bee, moth, or beetle) between the larva and the adult that usu. has a protective covering (as a cocoon)
— pu·pal /ˈpəpəl/ adjective

1 pupil /ˈpjuː.pəl/ noun
  1 ›: a child or young person in school or in the charge of a tutor
  2 ›: one who has been taught or influenced by a famous or distinguished person: DISCIPLE
  Synonyms
› adherent, convert, disciple, follower, partisan, votary—more at FOLLOWER

2 pupil noun
› the dark central opening of the iris of the eye

pup·pet /ˈpʌp.ət/ noun
[origin: ME popet youth, doll, fr. MF poupette, ultim. fr. L pupa doll]
1: a small figure of a person or animal moved by hand or by strings or wires
2: DOLL
3: one whose acts are controlled by an outside force or influence

pup·pe·teer /ˈpəˌpi.tər/ noun
: one who manipulates puppets

pup·py /ˈpʌ.pə/ noun, plural puppies
: a young domestic dog

pu·pu /ˈpuˌpə/ noun
: an Asian dish consisting of a variety of foods

pur·blind /ˈpɜr.blaɪnd/ adjective
1: partly blind
2: lacking in insight: OBTUSE

pur·chas·able /ˈpɜr.chəsə.bəl/ adjective
1: capable of being purchased
2: open to corrupt influence and esp. bribery

pur·chase /ˈpɜr.chəs/ verb pur·chased; pur·chas·ing
1: to obtain by paying money or its equivalent: BUY

pur·chas·er noun

pur·dah /ˈpɜr.də/ noun
: seclusion of women from public observation among Muslims and some Hindus esp. in India; also: a state of seclusion

pure /ˈpyər/ adjective pur·er; pur·est
1: unmixed with any other matter: free from taint <gold> <water>
2: being thus and no other: ABSOLUTE <nonsense>
3: ABSTRACT, THEORETICAL <mathematics>
4: free from what vitiates, weakens, or pollutes <speaks a ~ French>
5: free from moral fault: INNOCENT
6: marked by chastity: CHASTE

pure–blood·ed /ˌbloth·əd/ or pure–blood /ˌbləd/ adjective
: FULL-BLOODED

pure–bred /ˌbred/ adjective
: bred from members of a recognized breed, strain, or kind without crossbreeding over many generations

pur·dah /ˈpɜr.də/ noun
Synonyms
- full-blooded, thoroughbred

Antonyms
- hybrid, mixed, mongrel

'puree /ˈpʊr.i/ noun
[origin: F purée, fr. MF, fr. fem. of puré, pp. of purer to purify, strain, fr. L purare to purify]
: a paste or thick liquid suspension usu. made from finely ground cooked food; also: a thick soup made of pureed vegetables

'puree verb pu·reed; pu·ree·ing
: to make a puree of

purity /ˈpʊr.i.ti/ adverb
1 a: to a full extent: TOTALLY (~ by accident)
b: WHOLLY, EXCLUSIVELY (~ a selection based ~ on merit)
2: without admixture of anything injurious or foreign
3: SIMPLY, MERELY (~ a selection based ~ on merit)
4 ~: in a chaste or innocent manner

Synonyms
- decently, properly; priggishly, primly, prudishly

Antonyms
- evilly, immorally, sinfully, wickedly

pur·ga·tion /ˈpər.ɡə.ʃən/ noun
: the act or result of purging

1 purgative /ˈpər.ɡə.tiv/ adjective
: purging or tending to purge

2 purgative noun
: a strong laxative: CATHARTIC

pur·ga·to·ry /ˈpər.ɡə.to.rē/ noun, plural -ries
1: an intermediate state after death for expiatory purification
2: a place or state of temporary punishment

— pur·ga·tor·i·al /ˈpər.ɡə.to.rē.əl/ adjective

1 purge /pər.ʤ/ verb purged; pur·ging
1 : to cleanse or purify esp. from sin
2 : to have or cause strong and usu. repeated emptying of the bowels
3 : to get rid of <the leaders had been purged>

2 purge noun
1 : something that purges; especially: PURGATIVE
2 : an act or result of purging; especially: a ridding of persons regarded as treacherous or disloyal

pu·ri·fy /ˈpyūr.əˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to make or become pure

— pu·ri·fi·ca·tion /ˈpyūr.əˌfiˌkā.ʃən/ noun
— pu·ri·fi·ca·to·ry /ˈpyūr.əˌfiˌkā.tō.rē/ adjective
— pu·ri·fi·er noun

Synonyms
- sanctify; also amend, improve, refine; heal, regenerate, restore; elevate, ennoble, uplift; absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate, vindicate
- clarify, clear, distill, filter—more at CLARIFY

Pu·rin /ˈpyūr.əˌرين/ noun
: a Jewish holiday celebrated in February or March in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from the massacre plotted by Haman
pu·rine /pýrˈɪn/ noun
: any of a group of bases including several (as adenine or guanine) that are constituents of DNA or RNA

pur·ism /pýrˈɪzəm/ noun
: rigid adherence to or insistence on purity or nicety esp. in use of words
— pur·ist /ˈɪst/ noun
— pur·is·tic /pýrˈɪstɪk/ adjective

pu·ri·tan /pýrˈeɪtən/ noun
1 cap : a member of a 16th and 17th century Protestant group in England and New England opposing the ceremonies and government of the Church of England
2 : one who practices or preaches a stricter or professedly purer moral code than that which prevails

pu·ri·tan·i·cal /pýrˈeɪtənɪˈkəl/ adjective
1 ♦ of, relating to, or characterized by a rigid morality
2 ♦ of or relating to puritans, the Puritans, or puritanism
— pu·ri·tan·i·cal·ly adverb

pu·ri·ty /pýrˈɛti/ noun
♦ the quality or state of being pure

pu·rileu /púrˈlɪɑ, púrˈlɪə/ noun
1 : an outlying district : SUBURB
2 plural : the districts around a city : ENVIRONS

pur·loin /púrˈloʊn, púrˈloʊn/ verb
♦ to take or make use of wrongfully and often by a breach of trust : STEAL

pu·ral /ˈprɑl/ verb
: to knit in purl stitch

pu·rple /ˈprʌpəl/ adjective pur·pler; pur·plest
1 : of the color purple
2 : highly rhetorical <a ~ passage>
3 : PROFANE <~ language>
— pur·ple·ish adjective

pu·rple noun
1 : a bluish red color
2 : a purple robe emblematic esp. of regal rank or authority

pur·pur /ˈpərˌpər/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, content, tenor, fr. purporter to carry, mean, purport, fr. pur- thoroughly + porter to carry]
♦ meaning conveyed or implied; also : GIST

pu·rity /púrˈitəti/ noun
♦ the quality or state of being pure

pu·roll /ˈproʊl/ verb
: to make a soft murmuring sound

pu·rol·goy /ˈprərˌloʊgə, ˈprərˌloʊgə/ noun
1 : an outlying district : SUBURB
2 plural : the districts around a city : ENVIRONS

pu·roll·ing /ˈprərˌloʊlɪŋ/ verb
♦ to take or make use of wrongfully and often by a breach of trust : STEAL

pu·roll·y /ˈprərˌloʊlə, ˈprərˌloʊlə/ verb
: to roll or wind off (as thread)
purport /ˈpər-pərt/ verb
: to convey or profess outwardly as the meaning or intention: CLAIM
  pur-port-ed·ly /ˌpər-pər-təd-/ adverb

purpose /ˈpər-pəs/ noun
1 : something set up as an object or end to be attained
2 : RESOLUTION, DETERMINATION
  pur·pose·less adjective
    Synonyms
      aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, pretension, thing—more at GOAL
      capacity, function, job, part, place, position, role, task, work—more at ROLE

purpose verb pur·posed; pur·pos·ing
: to propose as an aim to oneself

pur·pose·ful /ˈpər-pəs·fəl/ adjective
1 : having a purpose: as
  a : MEANINGFUL "activities"
  b : done by intention or design: INTENTIONAL "ambiguity"
2 : full of determination
    Synonyms
      [1b] deliberate, freewill, intentional, willful—more at INTENTIONAL
      [2] bent, bound, decisive, determined, firm, intent, resolute, set—more at DETERMINED

pur·pose·ful·ly /ˌfər-pəs·fəl-ə/ adverb
: in a purposeful manner

pur·pose·ly adverb
: with a deliberate or express purpose
  Synonyms
    consciously, deliberately, intentionally, knowingly, willfully—more at INTENTIONALLY

purr /ˈpər/ noun
: a low murmur typical of a contented cat

— purr verb
    Synonyms
      buzz, drone, hum, whir, whiz, zoom—more at HUM

purse /ˈpərs/ noun
1 : a receptacle (as a pouch) to carry money and often other small objects
2 : RESOURCES
3 : a sum of money offered as a prize or present
   Synonyms
     bag, handbag, pocketbook; also billfold, wallet; compact, vanity; poke, pouch, sack; backpack, haversack, knapsack

purse verb pursed; purs·ing
: PUCKER

purs·er /ˈpərs·ər/ noun
: an official on a ship who keeps accounts and attends to the comfort of passengers

purs·lane /ˈpərs·lən, -ˈlān/ noun
: a fleshy-leaved weedy trailing plant with tiny yellow flowers that is sometimes used in salads

pur·su·ance /ˈpər-səns/ noun
: the act of carrying out or into effect
pur·su·ant /ˈsü.ənt/ preposition
: in carrying out : ACCORDING TO

pur·sue /pur·sü/ verb pur·sued; pur·su·ing
1 ▪: to follow in order to overtake or overcome
2 : to seek to accomplish << a goal>
3 : to proceed along << a course>
4 : to engage in << a career>
— pur·su·er noun
  Synonyms
  ▪ chase, dog, follow, hound, shadow, tag, tail, trace, track, trail—more at FOLLOW

pur·suit /ˈpʊr.səlt/ noun
1 ▪: the act of pursuing
2 : OCCUPATION, BUSINESS
  Synonyms
  ▪ chase, following, tracing; also tagging along; path, track, trail; search, seeking

pu·ru·lent /ˈpyərə.lənt/ adjective
: containing or accompanied by pus << a discharge>
— pu·ru·lence /ˈlens/ noun

pur·vey /ˈpʊr.vi/ verb pur·veyed; pur·vey·ing
: to supply (as provisions) usu. as a business
— pur·vey·ance /ˈæns/ noun
— pur·vey·or /ˈɑr/ noun

pur·view /ˈpʊr.vju/ noun
1 : the range or limit esp. of authority, responsibility, or intention
2 : range of vision, understanding, or cognizance

pus /ˈpʌs/ noun
: thick yellowish white fluid matter (as in a boil) formed at a place of inflammation and infection (as an abscess) and containing germs, white blood cells, and tissue debris

1 push /pʊʃ/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME possessen, pussen, prob. fr. OF pousser to exert pressure, fr. L pulsare, fr. pellere to drive, strike]
1 ▪: to press against with force in order to drive or impel
2 ▪: to thrust forward, downward, or outward
3 : to urge on : press forward
4 : to cause to increase << prices to record levels>
5 : to urge or press the advancement, adoption, or practice of; especially : to make aggressive efforts to sell
6 : to engage in the illicit sale of narcotics
  Synonyms
  ▪ [1, 2] drive, propel, shove, thrust; also impel, move; bear (down), compress, depress, jam, pressure, squash, squeeze, weigh (upon); bulldoze, compel, force, lean (on or against), muscle, ram
  ▪ [2] bulldoze, elbow, muscle, press—more at PRESS

2 push noun
1 : a vigorous effort : DRIVE
2 : an act of pushing : SHOVE
3 : vigorous enterprise : ENERGY

push–button adjective
1 : operated or done by means of push buttons
2 : using or dependent on complex and more or less automatic mechanisms << warfare>

push button noun
: a small button or knob that when pushed operates something esp. by closing an electric circuit

push·cart /ˈpʊʃ.ka rt/ noun
push\-er /ˈpʊ.ʃər/ noun
: one that pushes; especially: one that pushes illegal drugs

push\-over /ˈpʊ.ər/ noun
1: an opponent easy to defeat
2: sucker
3: something easily accomplished
   Synonyms
   - breeze, child's play, cinch, picnic, snap—more at cinch

push\-up /ˈpʊ.p/ noun
: a conditioning exercise performed in a prone position by raising and lowering the body with the straightening and bending of the arms while keeping the back straight and supporting the body on the hands and toes

pushy /ˈpʊ.shə/ adjective push\-er; -est
: aggressive often to an objectionable degree

pu\-sil\-lan\-i\-mous /ˈpʊ.ʃə.ˈlæ.nə.məs/ adjective
[origin: LL pusillanimis, fr. L pusillus very small (dim. of pusus boy) + animus spirit]
: contemptibly timid: cowardly
   Synonyms
   - chicken, cowardly, craven, dastardly, recreant, spineless, yellow—more at cowardly

pus /ˈpʊs/ noun
1: a domestic cat
   Synonyms
   - cat, feline, kitty—more at cat
2: F ace

pus\-sy /ˈpʊ.sə/ noun, plural puss\-ies
: P us

pus\-si\-er /ˈpʊ.si.ər/ adjective pus\-sy; -est
: full of or resembling pus

pussy\-cat /ˈpʊ.sə.ˌkæt/ noun
: cat

pussy\-foot /ˈfʊt/ verb
1: to tread or move warily or stealthily
2: to refrain from committing oneself
   Synonyms
   - [1] lurk, skulk, slide, slink, slip, snake, sneak, steal—more at sneak
   - [2] equivocate, fudge, hedge—more at equivocate

pussy willow /ˈpʊ.sə.l/ noun
: a willow having large silky catkins

pus\-tule /ˈpʊs.tʊl/ noun
: a pus-filled pimple

put /ˈpʊt/ verb put; put\-ting
1: to bring into a specified position: place < the book on the table>
2: send, thrust
3: to throw with an upward pushing motion < the shot>
4: to bring into a specified state < the plan into effect>
5: SUBJECT <~ traitors to death>
6: to establish or apply by authority: IMPOSE
7: to set before one for decision <~ the question>
8: to represent in words: EXPRESS
9: TRANSLATE, ADAPT
10: APPLY, ASSIGN <~ them to work>
11: to give as an estimate <~ the number at 20>
12: ATTACH, ATTRIBUTE <~ a high value on it>
13: to take a specified course <the ship ~ out to sea>

**Synonyms**

- [1] deposit, dispose, fix, lay, place, position, set, set up, stick—more at PLACE
- [6] assess, charge, exact, fine, impose, lay, levy—more at IMPOSE
- [8] articulate, clothe, couch, express, formulate, phrase, say, state, word—more at PHRASE
- [11] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, place, reckon, suppose—more at ESTIMATE

**putative /ˈpʊtətɪv/ adjective**
1: commonly accepted
2: assumed to exist or to have existed

**put by** verb
- to lay aside

**put by** Synonyms
- cache, hoard, lay away, lay up, salt away, stash, stockpile, store—more at HOARD

**put–down /ˈpʊt_ daʊn/ noun**
- an act or instance of putting down; especially: a humiliating remark

**put–down** Synonyms
- affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, outrage, sarcasm, slight, slur, wound—more at INSULT
- depreciation, depreciation, detraction, disparagement—more at DEPRECIATION

**put down** verb
1: to bring to an end
2: to speak slightingly of: DISPARAGE, BELITTLE
3 a: to put in writing
b: to enter in a list

**put down** Synonyms
- [1] clamp down, crack down, crush, quash, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL
- [2] belittle, cry down, decry, deprecate, depreciate, diminish, discount, disparage, minimize, write off—more at DECRY
- [3a] jot, log, mark, note, record, register, set down—more at RECORD
- [3b] catalog, enroll, enter, index, inscribe, list, record, register, schedule, slate—more at LIST

**put in** verb
1: to come in with: INTERPOSE <put in a good word for me>
2: to spend time at some occupation or job <put in eight hours at the office>
3: to put or set in the ground for growth: PLANT

**put off** verb
1: to hold back to a later time: POSTPONE, DELAY
2: to rid oneself of: TAKE OFF

**put off** Synonyms
- defer, delay, hold up, postpone, shelve—more at POSTPONE

1 **put–on /ˈpʊt_ ɑn/ adjective**
- professed or avowed but not genuine: ASSUMED

2 **put–on noun**
1: a deliberate act of misleading someone
2 : PARODY, SPOOF
   Synonyms
   ▶ act, airs, facade, front, guise, masquerade, pose, pretense, semblance, show—more at MASQUERADE

put on verb
1 a ▶ to dress oneself in
   b ▶ to give a false appearance of : FEIGN
2 ▶ to enlarge beyond bounds or the truth
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] don, slip, throw; also apparel, array, attire, bedeck, bedizen, bundle up, caparison, clothe, doll up, dress, garb, rig, robe, suit, trick, uniform; overdress
   Antonyms
   doff, remove, take off
   ▶ [1b] affect, assume, counterfeit, fake, feign, pretend, profess, sham, simulate—more at FEIGN
   ▶ [2] exaggerate, overdo, overstate—more at OVERSTATE

put out verb
1 ▶ to cause to cease burning : EXTINGUISH
2 : to disturb or irritate esp. by repeated acts : ANNOY; also : INCONVENIENCE
3 ▶ to cause to be out (as in baseball)
4 ▶ to bring to bear esp. with sustained effort or lasting effect : EXERT
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] douse, extinguish, quench, snuff—more at EXTINGUISH
   ▶ [4] apply, exercise, exert, wield—more at EXERT

pu·tre·fac·tion /pyûˈtreˌfak.ʃən/ noun
▶ the decomposition of organic matter
— pu·tre·fac·tive /ˌfiˈtiv/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ breakdown, corruption, decay, decomposition, rot, spoilage—more at CORRUPTION

pu·tre·fy /pyûˈtreˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
▶ to make or become putrid : ROT
   Synonyms
   ▶ break down, corrupt, decay, decompose, disintegrate, molder, rot, spoil—more at DECAY

pu·tres·cent /pyûˈtres.ˌsent/ adjective
▶ becoming putrid : ROTTING
— pu·tres·cence /ˌsens/ noun

pu·trid /pyûˈtrid/ adjective
1 ▶ being in a state of putrefaction : ROTTEN
2 : VILE, CORRUPT
— pu·trid·i·ty /pyûˈtrid.i.tē/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ bad, rotten—more at ROTTEN

putsch /pûtʃ/ noun
[ORIGIN: G]
▶ a secretly plotted and suddenly executed attempt to overthrow a government

put /pət/ noun
▶ a golf stroke made on the green to cause the ball to roll into the hole
— put verb

put·ta·nes·ca /pʊˈtənəsˌka/ adjective
▶ served with or being a pungent tomato sauce

put·tee /ˈpə tə, ˈpa tə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi paṭṭī strip of cloth]
1 : a cloth strip wrapped around the lower leg
2 : a leather legging

1 putter /ˈpʊtər/ noun
   : one that puts

2 putter /ˈpʊtər/ noun
   1 : a golf club used in putting
   2 : one that puts

3 putter /ˈpʊtər/ verb
   1 : to move or act aimlessly or idly
   2 : TINKER

   Synonyms
   usually putter around fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, play, potter, trifle

put·ty /ˈpʌt.i/ noun, plural putties
[origin: F potée potter's glaze, lit., potful, fr. OF, fr. pot pot]
1 : a doughlike cement used esp. to fasten glass in sashes
2 : one who is easily manipulated
— put·ty verb

put up verb
1 : SHEATHE
2 : to prepare so as to preserve for later use <put the house up for auction>
3 : to offer for public sale <put the house up for auction>
4 : to give food and shelter to : ACCOMMODATE
5 : to form by the fitting together of materials or parts : BUILD
6 : to engage in <put up a struggle>
7 : CONTRIBUTE, PAY
— put up with

   Synonyms
   [3] deal, market, merchandise, retail, sell, vend—more at MARKET
   [4] accommodate, billet, chamber, domicile, harbor, house, lodge, quarter, roof, shelter, take in—more at HOUSE
   [5] assemble, build, construct, erect, fabricate, make, make up, piece, raise, rear, set up—more at BUILD

puzzle /ˈpʊz.əl/ verb puz·zled; puz·zing
1 : to bewilder mentally : PERPLEX
2 : to solve with difficulty or ingenuity <~ out a riddle>
3 : to be in a quandary <~ over what to do>
4 : to attempt a solution of a puzzle <~ over a person's words>

   Synonyms
   [1] addle, baffle, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, confound, confuse, disorient, muddle, muddy, mystify, perplex—more at CONFUSE
   usually puzzle out [2] answer, break, crack, dope, figure out, resolve, riddle, solve, unravel, work, work out
   —more at SOLVE

2 puzzle noun
1 : something that puzzles
2 : a question, problem, or contrivance designed for testing ingenuity

   Synonyms
   conundrum, enigma, mystery, mystification, puzzlement, riddle, secret—more at MYSTERY

puzzle·ment /ˈpʊz.əl.mənt/ noun
1 : the state of being puzzled
2 : something that puzzles
Synonyms

- bafflement, bewilderment, confusion, distraction, muddle, mystification, perplexity, whirl—more at CONFUSION

PVC abbreviation
polyvinyl chloride

pvt abbreviation
private

PW abbreviation
prisoner of war

pwf abbreviation
pennyweight

PX abbreviation
post exchange

1. pygmy also pig·my /ˈpɪɡ.mə/ noun, plural -mies
1 cap : any of a small people of equatorial Africa
2 : an unusually small person : DWARF
3 : something very small of its kind

Synonyms
- [2, 3] dwarf, midget, mite, peewee, runt, scrub, shrimp—more at DWARF

2. pygmy adjective
1 : of or relating to the Pygmies or a pygmy
2 : very small

Synonyms
- dwarf, dwarfish, fine, little, pocket, slight, small, undersized—more at SMALL

pyjamas /ˈpɪdʒ.ə.məz/ chiefly British variant of PAJAMAS

pylon /ˈpɪlən/ noun
1 : a usu. massive gateway; especially : an Egyptian one flanked by flat-topped pyramids
2 : a tower that supports wires over a long span
3 : a post or tower marking the course in an airplane race

pyorrhoea /ˌpɪr.əˈre.ə/ noun
: an inflammation with pus of the sockets of the teeth

1. pyramid /ˈpaɪr.ə.ˈmid/ noun
1 : a massive structure with a square base and four triangular faces meeting at a point
2 : a geometrical solid having a polygon for its base and three or more triangles for its sides that meet at a point to form the top

— pyramidal /ˈpaɪr.ə.ˈmid.əl/ adjective

2. pyramid verb
1 : to build up in the form of a pyramid : heap up
2 : to increase rapidly on a broadening base

pyramid scheme noun
: a usu. illegal operation in which participants pay to join and profit from payments made by subsequent participants

pyre /ˈpaɪr/ noun
: a combustible heap for burning a dead body as a funeral rite

pyrethrum /ˈpaɪr.ə.ˈθrəm/ noun
: an insecticide made from the dried heads of any of several Old World chrysanthemums

pyrimidine /ˈpaɪr.ɪ.mə.ˈdaɪn/ noun
: any of a group of bases including several (as cytosine, thymine, or uracil) that are constituents of DNA or RNA

**py·rite** /ˈpiˌraɪt/ **noun**  
:a mineral containing sulfur and iron that is brass-yellow in color

**py·rol·y·sis** /ˈprəˌleɪsəs/ **noun**  
: chemical change caused by the action of heat

**py·ro·ma·nia** /ˈprəˌmɑːnə/ **noun**  
: an irresistible impulse to start fires

--- **py·ro·ma·ni·ac** /ˌnəˌmək/ **noun**

**py·ro·tech·nics** /ˌprəˌtekˈnɪks/ **noun plural**
1 : a display of fireworks
2 : a spectacular display (as of extreme virtuosity)

--- **py·ro·tech·nic** /ˌnɪk/ **also py·ro·tech·ni·cal /ˌnɪkəl/ adjective**

**Pyr·rhic** /ˈpir.ɪk/ **adjective**  
: achieved at excessive cost <a ~ victory>; also : costly to the point of outweighing expected benefits

**Py·thag·o·re·an theorem** /ˌpi.tha.ɡəˈre.ən/ **noun**  
: a theorem in geometry: the square of the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle equals the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides

**py·thon** /ˈpiˌθɑn.θɑn/ **noun**  
[origin: L, monstrous serpent killed by the god Apollo, fr. Gk Pythōn]  
: a large snake (as a boa) that squeezes and suffocates its prey; especially : any of the large Old World snakes that include the largest snakes living at the present time

**pyx** /ˈpiks/ **noun**  
: a small case used to carry the Eucharist to the sick
q /ˈkjuː/ noun, plural q's or qs /ˈkjuːz/ often cap
1 the 17th letter of the English alphabet

2 q abbreviation, often cap
1 quart
2 quarto
3 queen
4 query
5 question

QB abbreviation
quarterback

QED abbreviation
[origin: L quod erat demonstrandum]
which was to be demonstrated

qi·vi·ut /ˈkē.vē.ᵻt/ noun
[origin: Inuit]
1: the wool of the undercoat of the musk ox

Qld abbreviation
Queensland

QM abbreviation
quartermaster

QMC abbreviation
quartermaster corps

QMG abbreviation
quartermaster general

qq v abbreviation
[origin: L quae vide]
which (pl) see

qr abbreviation
quarter

Q rating noun
[origin: quotient]
1: a scale measuring popularity based on dividing an assessment of familiarity or recognition by an assessment of favorable opinion; also : position on such a scale

qt abbreviation
[origin: quotient]
1 quantity
2 quart

q.t. /ˈkjuː.tɪ/ noun, often cap Q&T
[QUIET] — usu. used in the phrase on the q.t.

qto abbreviation
quarto

qty abbreviation
quantity

qu or ques abbreviation
question
quack /kwæk/ verb
1: to make the characteristic cry of a duck
2: quack noun
: a sound made by quacking
3: quack noun
1: one making usu. showy pretenses to knowledge or ability: CHARLATAN
2: a pretender to medical skill
— quack adjective
— quack·ery /kwa kwæk ri/ noun
— quack·ish adjective
   Synonyms
   ➔ charlatan, fake, fraud, hoaxer, humbug, mountebank, phony, pretender
quad /kwæd/ noun
1: QUADRANGLE
2: quad noun
: QUADRUPLER
3: quad abbreviation
quad·ran·gle /kwäˌdren ˈgæl/ noun
1: QUADRILATERAL
2: a 4-sided courtyard or enclosure
   — quad·ran·gu·lar /kwäˌdren ˈgweˌlər/ adjective
      Synonyms
   ➔ close, court, courtyard, yard—more at COURT
quad·rant /kwäˌdren t/ noun
1: any of the four quarters into which something is divided by two lines intersecting each other at right angles
   — quadratic noun
   ➔ quadratic adjective
1: consisting of or lasting for four years
2: occurring every four years
quad·ren·ni·um /ˌnē nə m/ noun, plural -ni·ums or -nia /nē nə ə/
: a period of four years
quad·ri·ceps /kwäˌdrē ˈseps/ noun
: a muscle of the front of the thigh that is divided into four parts
1: quadrilateral /kwäˌdrē ˈleɪərəl/ noun
: a polygon of four sides
2: quadrilateral adjective
: having four sides
qua·dril·le /kwäˌdril, ke ə/ noun
: a square dance made up of five or six figures in various rhythms
quad·ri·par·tite /kwäˌdrē ˈpärˌtīt/ adjective
1: consisting of four parts
2: shared by four parties or persons
quad·ri·ple·gia /ˌkwāˈdrəpləˈjēə/ noun
: paralysis of both arms and both legs
— quad·ri·ple·gic /ˈjik/ adjective or noun
quad·riv·i·um /ˈkwādrəvəˌēəm/ noun
: the four liberal arts of arithmetic, music, geometry, and astronomy in a medieval university
quad·ru·ped /ˈkwādrəˌpəd/ noun
: an animal having four feet
— quad·ru·pe·dal /ˈkwāˌdrəˌpədəl/ adjective
1 quadruple /ˈkwādrəˌpəl/ verb qua·dru·pled; qua·dru·pling
: to make or become four times as great or as many
2 quadruple adjective
: FOURFOLD
qua·dru·plet /ˈkwāˌdrəˌplət/ noun
: one of four offspring born at one birth
2: a group of four of a kind
1 quadruplicate /ˈkwāˌdrəplɪk/ adjective
1: repeated four times
2: FOURTH
2 quadruplicate /ˌpləˈkät/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1: QUADRUPLE
2: to prepare in quadruplicate
— qua·dru·pli·ca·tion /ˌdrəˌpləˈkəˌshən/ noun
3 quadruplicate /ˌdrəˌpləˈkæt/ noun
1: four copies all alike <typed in ~>
2: one of four like things
1 quaff /kwāf/ verb
: to drink deeply or repeatedly
   Synonyms
   drink, guzzle, imbibe, sup, swig, toss—more at DRINK
2 quaff noun
: a drink quaffed
   Synonyms
   draft, drag, drink, nip, shot, slug, snort, swallow, swig—more at DRINK
quag·mire /ˈkwægˌmə(ˌə)r/ noun
1: soft miry land that yields under the foot
2: PREDICAMENT
qua·hog /ˈkwəˌhōɡ/ noun
[origin: modif. of Narragansett poquaûhock]
: a round thick-shelled edible No. American clam
qua·i /ˈkə/ noun
1: QUAY
2 quail /kwāl/ noun, plural quail or quails
[origin: ME quaille, fr. AF, fr. ML quaccula, of imit. origin]
: any of numerous small short-winged plump game birds (as a bobwhite) related to the domestic chicken
2 quail verb
[origin: ME, to grow feeble, fr. MD quelen]
1 ♦: to lose heart: COWER
2: to recoil in dread or terror  
   Synonyms  
   - [1, 2] blench, cower, cringe, flinch, recoil, shrink, wince—more at flinch

quaint /ˈkwɑːnt/ adjective  
1: unusual or different in character or appearance  
2: pleasingly old-fashioned or unfamiliar  
   - quaint·ly adverb  
   - quaint·ness noun  
   Synonyms  
   - [1] bizarre, curious, odd, outré, peculiar, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, strange  
   - [2] antique, old-fashioned, old-time—more at old-fashioned

quake /ˈkwɑːk/ verb quaked; quak·ing  
1: to shake usu. from shock or instability  
2: to tremble usu. from cold or fear  
   Synonyms  
   - [1, 2] agitate, convulse, jolt, jounce, quiver, shake, shudder, vibrate, wobble—more at shake

2: quake noun  
: a shaking or trembling; especially: EARTHQUAKE  
   Quak·er /ˈkwɑː.kər/ noun  
: FRIEND 5

qual abbreviation  
quality

qual·i·fi·ca·tion /kwɑː.lə.fiˌkɑ.ʃən/ noun  
1: LIMITATION, MODIFICATION  
2: a special skill that fits a person for some work or position  
3: a condition or standard that must be complied with  
   Synonyms  
   - [2] capability, command, credentials, expertise, mastery, proficiency; also ability, capacity, competence, competency, facility, faculty; flair, genius, talent; forte, speciality; fitness, suitability, suitableness; making, potentiality  
   - [3] condition, provision, proviso, reservation, stipulation—more at condition

qual·i·fied /kwɑː.lə.fı́d/ adjective  
1: fitted for a given purpose or job  
2: limited in some way  
   Synonyms  
   - able, capable, competent, fit, good, suitable—more at competent

qual·i·fi·er /kwɑː.lə.fıˈər/ noun  
1: one that satisfies requirements  
2: a word or word group that limits the meaning of another word or word group

qual·i·fy /kwɑː.lə.fı/ verb -fied; -fy·ing  
1: to reduce from a general to a particular form : MODIFY  
2: to make less harsh  
3: to limit the meaning of (as a noun)  
4: to fit by skill or training for some purpose  
5: to give or have a legal right to do something  
6: to demonstrate the necessary ability <!-- for the finals>  
   Synonyms  
   - [4] equip, fit, prepare, ready, season; also accustom, adapt, adjust, condition, groom, habituate, shape, tailor, train; authorize, entitle; empower, enable  
   - [5] accredit, authorize, certify, commission, empower, enable, invest, license—more at authorize
qual·i·ta·tive /ˈkwāˌle-tə-tiv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving quality
— qual·i·ta·tive·ly adverb

1 quality /ˈkwāˌle-tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : peculiar and essential character : NATURE
2 ▶ : degree of excellence
3 ▶ : high social status
4 ▶ : a distinguishing attribute
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] caliber, class, grade, rate; also hallmark, standard; mark; footing, place, position, rank, standing, stature, status
  ▶ [3] class, rank, standing—more at RANK
  ▶ [4] attribute, character, characteristic, feature, mark, peculiarity, point, property, trait—more at CHARACTERISTIC

2 quality adjective
: being of high quality

qualm /ˈkwālm, ˈkwālm/ noun
1 : a sudden attack (as of nausea)
2 ▶ : a sudden feeling of doubt, fear, or uneasiness esp. in not following one's conscience or better judgment
  Synonyms
  ▶ compunction, doubt, misgiving, scruple, uneasiness; also conscience; distrust, mistrust, suspicion; reluctance; demur, objection, protest; guilt, regret, remorse, self-reproach, shame; contrition, penitence, repentance

qualm·ish /ˈkwām-əsh, ˈkwāl-/ adjective
1 : feeling qualms : NAUSEATED
2 : overly scrupulous : SQUEAMISH
3 : of, relating to, or producing qualms

quan·da·ry /ˈkwān-ˌdrē/ noun, plural -ries
: a state of perplexity or doubt

quan·ti·fy /ˈkwān-ti-fl/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to determine, express, or measure the quantity of
— quan·ti·fi·able /ˈkwān-ti-fi-ə-bəl/ adjective

quan·ti·ta·tive /ˈkwān-tə-tə-tiv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving quantity
— quan·ti·ta·tive·ly adverb

quan·ti·ty /ˈkwān-tə-tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : a determinate or estimated amount : AMOUNT, NUMBER
2 ▶ : a considerable amount
  Synonyms
  ▶ abundance, heap, loads, lot, mass, much, plenty, profusion, scads

quan·tize /ˈkwān-ti-z/ verb quan·tized; quan·tiz·ing
: to subdivide (as energy) into small units

quan·tum /ˈkwān-təm/ noun, plural quan·ta /ˈkwan-tə/ [origin: L, neut. of quantus how much]
1 : QUANTITY, AMOUNT
2 : an elemental unit of energy

quantum adjective
1 : LARGE, SIGNIFICANT
2 : relating to or employing the principles of quantum mechanics

quantum mechanics noun singular or plural
: a theory of matter based on the concept of possession of wave properties by elementary particles
quantum mechanics noun singular or plural
: a theory of matter based on the concept of possession of wave properties by elementary particles
quantum theory noun
: a theory in physics based on the idea that radiant energy (as light) is composed of small separate packets of energy
quar abbreviation
quarterly

quar·an·tine /kwɔr.ənˈtən/ noun
[origin: modif. of It quarantena, lit., period of forty days, fr. quaranta forty, fr. L. quadraginta]
1: a period during which a ship suspected of carrying contagious disease is forbidden contact with the shore
2: a restraint on the movements of persons or goods to prevent the spread of pests or disease
3: a place or period of quarantine
4: a state of enforced isolation
— quarantine verb

quark /kwɔrk, ’kwɔrk/ noun
: a hypothetical elementary particle that carries a fractional charge and is held to be a constituent of heavier particles (as protons and neutrons)

quarrel /kwɔrl/ noun
1: a ground of dispute
2: a verbal clash

quarrel verb -reled or -relled; -rel·ing or -rel·ling
1: to find fault
2: to dispute angrily: WRANGLE

quar·rel·some /ˌsəm/ adjective
: apt or disposed to quarrel in an often petty manner

quarry /’kwɔr.i/ noun, plural quarries
[origin: ME querre entrails of game given to the hounds, fr. AF cureie, querie, fr. quir, curir skin, hide (on which the entrails were placed), fr. L. corium]
1: game hunted with hawks
2: PREY

quarry noun, plural quarries
[origin: ME quarye, alter. of quarrere, fr. AF, fr. VL. *quadraria, fr. LL. quadrus hewn (lit., squared) stone, fr. L. quadrum square]
: an open excavation usu. for obtaining building stone or limestone
— quarry verb

quart /kwɔrt/ noun
1: a unit of liquid capacity equal to 1/4 gallon
2: a unit of dry capacity equal to 1/32 bushel

quarter /’kwɔr.ər/ noun
1: one of four equal parts
2: a fourth of a dollar; also: a coin of this value
3: a district of a city
4 plural: living accommodations <moved into new ~s>
5: merciful consideration of an opponent: MERCY <gave no ~> 
6: a fourth part of the moon’s period
7: an assigned station or post

   Synonyms
   ❍ [3] district, neighborhood, section—more at DISTRICT
   ❍ quarters [4] abode, domicile, dwelling, habitation, home, house, lodging, place, residence—more at HOME
   ❍ [5] charity, clemency, leniency, mercy—more at MERCY
   ❍ [7] position, post, station—more at STATION

2 quarter verb
1: to divide into four equal parts
2: to provide with shelter

   Synonyms
   ❍ accommodate, billet, chamber, domicile, harbor, house, lodge, put up, roof, shelter, take in—more at HOUSE

1 quarterback /ˈbaʊkər/ noun
: a football player who calls the signals and directs the offensive play for the team

2 quarterback verb
1: to direct the offensive play of a football team
2: LEAD, BOSS

quarter-deck /ˈkwɔrti/ noun
: the stern area of a ship’s upper deck

quarter horse noun
: any of a breed of compact muscular saddle horses characterized by great endurance and by high speed for short distances

1 quarterly /ˈkwɔrtli/ adverb
: at 3-month intervals

2 quarterly adjective
: occurring, issued, or payable at 3-month intervals

3 quarterly noun, plural -lies
: a periodical published four times a year

quarter-master /ˈkwɔrteɪtər/ noun
1: a petty officer who attends to a ship’s helm, binnacle, and signals
2: an army officer who provides clothing and subsistence for troops

quarter-staff /ˈkwɔrstef/ noun, plural -staves /ˈstɛvz/...
: a long stout staff formerly used as a weapon

quartet also quartette /kwɔrˈtɛt/ noun
1: a musical composition for four instruments or voices
2: a group of four and esp. of four musicians

quarto /ˈkwɔrtəʊ/ noun, plural quartos
1: the size of a piece of paper cut four from a sheet
2: a book printed on quarto pages

quartz /ˈkwɔrts/ noun
: a common often transparent crystalline mineral that is a form of silica

quartzite /ˈkwɔrtsaɪt/ noun
: a compact granular rock composed of quartz and derived from sandstone
qua·sar /ˈkwəʊ.ˌsār/ noun  
: any of a class of extremely distant starlike celestial objects

quash /ˈkwɑʃ/ verb  
†: to suppress or extinguish summarily and completely: QUELL
  Synonyms
  † clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL

2quash verb  
†: to set aside by judicial action  
  Synonyms
  † abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, nullify, repeal, rescind, void—more at ABOLISH

qua·si /ˈkwɑ.ˌzi; ˈkwɑ.ˌzē/ adjective  
: being in some sense or degree <a ~ corporation>

qua·si- combining form  
[origin: L, as if, as it were, approximately, fr. quam as + si if]  
: in some sense or degree <quasi-historical>

qua·si–gov·ern·men·tal /ˌkwɑ.si.ˌgər.ənˈmɛntəl/ adjective  
: supported by the government but managed privately

Qua·ter·na·ry /ˈkwɑ.ˌtər.nərē, kwəˈtər.nərē/ adjective  
: of, relating to, or being the geologic period from the end of the Tertiary to the present
  — Quaternary noun

qua·train /ˈkwɑ.ˌtrān/ noun  
: a unit of four lines of verse

qua·tre·foil /ˈkɑ.tər.ˌfōl, ˈkɑ.ˌfrɑ./ noun  
: a stylized figure often of a flower with four petals

qua·ver /ˈkwɑ.ˌvər/ verb  
1: TREMBLE, SHAKE  
2: TRILL  
3: to speak in tremulous tones  
  — quaver noun

quay /ˈkā/.ˈkwā/.ˈkɑ/. noun  
†: a structure built parallel to the bank of a waterway for use as a landing place: WHARF
  Synonyms
  † dock, float, jetty, landing, levee, pier, wharf—more at DOCK

Que abbreviation  
Quebec

quean /ˈkwæn/ noun  
: PROSTITUTE

quea·si·ness /ˈkwɑˌzē.nəs/ noun  
†: the quality or state of being queasy  
  Synonyms
  † nausea, sickness, squeamishness—more at NAUSEA

quea·sy /ˈkwɑˌzē/ adjective quea·si·er; -est  
†: suffering from nausea: NAUSEATED  
  — quea·si·ly /ˌzē.ˈlē/ adverb  
  Synonyms
  † ill, nauseous, queer, sick, squeamish—more at NAUSEOUS

Que·chua /ˌke.chwa, ˌkɛch\.wa/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME quene, fr. OE cwèn woman, wife, queen]
: a family of languages spoken in Peru and adjacent countries of the So. American Andes

queen /kwen/ noun
1: the wife or widow of a king
2: a female monarch
3: a woman notable for rank, power, or attractiveness
4: the most powerful piece in the game of chess
5: a playing card bearing the figure of a queen
6: a fertile female of a social insect (as a bee or termite)

queen·ly adjective
♂: of, relating to, suggestive of, or characteristic of a monarch or monarchy

Synonyms
♂: monarchical, regal, royal—more at MONARCHICAL

Queen Anne's lace /'zan/ noun
: a widely naturalized Eurasian herb from which the cultivated carrot originated

queen consort noun, plural queens consort
: the wife of a reigning king

queen mother noun
: a dowager queen who is mother of the reigning sovereign

queen–size adjective
♂: having dimensions of approximately 60 inches by 80 inches <~ bed>; also: of a size that fits a queen-size bed

1queer /kwir/ adjective
1: differing from the usual or normal: PECULIAR, STRANGE
2: COUNTERFEIT

3: not quite well
— queen noun
— queer·ly adverb
— queer·ness noun

Synonyms
♂: [1] curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, peculiar, rare, singular, strange, unaccustomed, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual, unwonted, weird—more at UNUSUAL
♂: [3] ill, nauseous, queasy, sick, squeamish—more at NAUSEOUS

2queer verb
: to spoil the effect of: DISRUPT <~ed our plans>

queer theory noun
: an approach to literary and cultural study that rejects traditional categories of gender and sexuality

quell /kwel/ verb
1: to put an end to by force <~ a riot>
2: to cause to be quiet

Synonyms
♂: [1] clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress; also douse, extinguish, put out, quench; smother, stifle, strangle; annihilate, destroy, smash; exterminate, obliterate, wipe out; conquer, overcome, overwhelm, subjugate, vanquish
♂: [2] hush, mute, settle, silence, still—more at SILENCE

quench /kwench/ verb
1: to put out the light or fire of: PUT OUT, EXTINGUISH
2: SUBDUE
3: to bring (something immaterial) to an end typically by satisfying, damping, cooling, or decreasing: SATISFY <~ed his thirst>
— quench·able adjective
— quench·less adjective
**Synonyms**
- [1] douse, extinguish, put out, snuff—more at EXTINGUISH
- [3] assuage, sate, satiate, satisfy

**quench·er noun**
- a satisfying drink

**Synonyms**
- beverage, drink, libation—more at DRINK

**quer·u·lous /ˈkwɛrəˈləs, ˈkwɛrə/ adjective**

1. constantly complaining
2. fretful, whining
- quer·u·lous·ly adverb
- quer·u·lous·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- crabby, cranky, fussy, grouchy, grumpy, peevish, petulant—more at FUSSY

**que·ry /ˈkwɛrē/,ˈkwɛr/ noun, plural queries**
- the action or an instance of asking: QUESTION

**Synonyms**
- call, inquiry, question, request—more at QUESTION

**query verb**

1. to ask questions about esp. in order to resolve a doubt
2. to ask questions of esp. with a desire for authoritative information

**Synonyms**
- [1] challenge, contest, dispute, question—more at CHALLENGE
- [2] ask, examine, grill, inquire, interrogate, pump, question, quiz—more at ASK

**que·sa·dil·la /ˈkä. să. dē. lə/ noun**
- a tortilla filled with a savory mixture, folded, and usu. fried

**quest /ˈkwest/ noun**
- SEARCH

**quest verb**

1. to search for
2. to ask for

**Synonyms**
- [1] cast about, forage, hunt, pursue, search, seek—more at SEEK
- [2] ask, call, plead, request, seek, solicit, sue

**1question /ˈkwesˈchan/ noun**

1. an interrogative expression: QUERY
2. a subject for debate; also: a proposition to be voted on
3. an act or instance of asking: INQUIRY
4. a subject or aspect in dispute or open for discussion
5. a reason or argument presented in opposition: a feeling or expression of disapproval

**Synonyms**
- [3] call, inquiry, query, request; also questionnaire, survey; inquisition, interrogating, interrogation, questioning
- [4] content, inquiry, query, question; also questionnaire, survey; inquisition, interrogating, interrogation, questioning
- [5] challenge, complaint, demur, expostulation, fuss, kick, objection, protest, remonstrance—more at OBJECTION

**2question verb**

1. to ask questions
2. to engage in argument: DISPUTE
3. to subject to analysis
4. to lack confidence in

**Synonyms**
[1] ask, examine, grill, inquire, interrogate, pump, query, quiz—more at Ask
[2] challenge, contest, dispute, query—more at Challenge
[3] chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, ruminative, study, think, weigh—more at Ponder
[4] distrust, doubt, mistrust, suspect—more at Distrust

question·able /ˌkwes.chə.ne.bəl/ adjective
1 • not certain or exact: Doubtful
2 • not believed to be true, sound, or moral—question·ably /ˌkwes.chə.nə.bl/ adverb

Synonyms
1 [arguable, debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fishy, problematic, shady, shaky, suspect, suspicious—more at Doubtful
2 [doubtful, dubious, flimsy, improbable, unlikely—more at improbable

question·er noun
• one that questions

Synonyms
disbeliever, doubter, skeptic, unbeliever—more at Skeptic

question mark noun
• a punctuation mark ? used esp. at the end of a sentence to indicate a direct question

question·naire /ˌkwes.chə.nər/ noun
• a set of questions for obtaining information

quet·zal /ˈkɛt.ˌsæl/.ˈsæl noun, plural quetzals or quetz·za·les /ˌsæl.əs/.ˈsæl/ noun
• a Central American bird with brilliant plumage

queue /kjuː/ noun
1 • a braid of hair usu. worn hanging at the back of the head
2 • a waiting line (as of persons)

Synonyms
column, cue, file, line, range, string, train—more at Line

queue verb queued; queu·ing or queue·ing
• to line up in a queue

quibble /ˈkwɪ.bl/ noun
1 • an evasion of or shifting from the point at issue
2 • a minor objection or criticism—quib·bler noun

quibble verb
• to criticize or object to something on trivial grounds

Synonyms
carp, cavil, fuss; also criticize, fault; beef, bellyache, complain, crab, croak, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, moan, squawk, wail, whine, yammer; murmur, mutter

quick /kwɪk/ adjective
1 • living
2 • acting or capable of acting with speed <~ steps>
3 • prompt to understand, think, or perceive: Alert
4 • easily aroused <a ~ temper>
5 • turning or bending sharply <a ~ turn in the road>

Synonyms
[alert, expeditious, prompt, ready, willing; also receptive, responsive; immediate, instant, instantaneous, summary; fast, rapid, speedy, swift; eager, keen, sharp; apt, clever, smart

[brisk, fast, fleet, hasty, rapid, snappy, speedy, swift

[alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick-witted, sharp, smart—more at
2. **quick adverb**
   ◦ in a quick manner

   **Synonyms**
   ◦ apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, posthaste, presto, pronto, quickly, rapidly, soon, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at **FAST**

3. **quick noun**
   1. a sensitive area of living flesh
   2. a vital part: **HEART**
   3. the inmost sensibilities

   **Synonyms**
   ◦ core, heart, soul

**quick bread noun**
: a bread made with a leavening agent that permits immediate baking of the dough or batter

**quick-en /kwɪk.ən/ verb**
1. to come to life: **REVIVE**
2. to cause to be enlivened: **STIMULATE**
3. to increase in speed: **HASTEN**
4. to show vitality (as by growing or moving)

   **Synonyms**
   ◦ [2] animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, stimulate, vitalize, vivify—more at **ANIMATE**
   ◦ [3] accelerate, hasten, hurry, rush, speed, step up, whisk—more at **HURRY**

**quick-freeze /kwɪk.friːz/ verb -froze /frɔɪs/ -frozen /frɔːzn/ -freezing**
: to freeze (food) for preservation so rapidly that the natural juices and flavor are not lost

**quick-ie /kwɪk.i/ noun**
: something hurriedly done or made

**quick-lime /kwɪk.laɪm/ noun**
: **LIME**

**quick-ly adverb**
: in a quick manner

   **Synonyms**
   ◦ apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, posthaste, presto, pronto, quick, rapidly, soon, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at **FAST**

**quick-ness noun**
: the quality or state of being quick

   **Synonyms**
   ◦ celerity, fastness, fleetness, haste, hurry, rapidity, speed, swiftness, velocity—more at **SPEED**

**quick-sand /ˌskwɪk.sænd/ noun**
: a deep mass of loose sand mixed with water

**quick-sil-ver /ˌskwɪk.sɪl.vər/ noun**
: **MERCURY**

**quick-step /ˌskwɪk.step/ noun**
: a spirited march tune or dance

**quick-witted /ˌskwɪk.wɪ.tɪd/ adjective**
: mentally alert

   **Synonyms**
   ◦ alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, sharp, smart—more at **INTELLIGENT**

**quid /kwɪd/ noun**
quid pro quo /kwɪd prəʊˈkwɑː/ noun
[origin: NL, something for something]
: something given or received for something else

qui·es·cence /kwɪˈesəns/ noun
▷ the quality or state of being quiescent
   Synonyms
   ▷ abeyance, doldrums, dormancy, latency, suspension—more at ABYANCE
   ▷ dormancy, idleness, inaction, inactivity, inertness—more at INACTION

qui·es·cent /kwɪˈesənt/ adjective
▷ being at rest : QUIET
   Synonyms
   ▷ dull, inactive, inert, lethargic, quiet, sleepy, sluggish, torpid—more at INACTIVE

qui·et /ˈkwɪɛt/ noun
▷ the quality or state of being quiet : REPOSE
   Synonyms
   ▷ calm, calmness, hush, peace, placidity, quietness, repose, serenity, silence, still, stillness, tranquillity—more at CALM

qui·et·ly /ˈkwɪɛtli/ adverb
▷ in a quiet manner
   Synonyms
   ▷ calmly, quiet, still—more at STILL

qui·et·ness noun
• the quality or state of being quiet

  **Synonyms**
  • calm, calmness, hush, peace, placidity, quiet, repose, serenity, silence, still, stillness, tranquillity—more at CALM

  **qui•etude** /ˈkwɪ.ə.tuːd/ noun
  • a quiet state: QUIETNESS, REPOSE

  **qui•etus** /ˈkwɪ.ə.təs/ noun
  [origin: ME quietus est, fr. ML, he is quit, formula of discharge from obligation]
  1 • final settlement (as of a debt)
  2 • removal from activity: DEATH

  **Synonyms**
  • [1] delivery, discharge, quittance, release—more at RELEASE
  • [2] death, decease, demise, doom, end, passing—more at DEATH

  **qui•l** /ˈkwɪl/ noun
  1 • a large stiff feather; also: the hollow tubular part of a feather
  2 • one of the hollow sharp spines of a hedgehog or porcupine
  3 • a pen made from a feather

  **qui•lt** /ˈkwɪlt/ noun
  1 • a padded bed coverlet
  2 • quilt verb
  1 • to fill, pad, or line like a quilt
  2 • to stitch or sew in layers with padding in between
  3 • to make quilts

  **quince** /ˈkwɪns/ noun
  • a hard yellow applelike fruit; also: a tree related to the roses that bears this fruit

  **qui•nine** /ˈkwɪn.ín/ noun
  • a bitter white drug obtained from cinchona bark and used esp. in treating malaria

  **qui•noa** /ˈkən.wə.ˈkən.oʊ.ə/ noun
  [origin: Sp, fr. Quechua kinua]
  • the starchy seeds of an annual herb related to spinach which are used as food and ground into flour; also: this herb

  **quint** /ˈkwɪnt/ noun
  • QUINTUPLE

  **quint•al** /ˈkwɪnt.əl/, ˈkwɪnt.təl/ noun
  • HUNDREDWEIGHT

  **quint•es•sence** /ˈkwɪnt.əs.ˈsens/ noun
  1 • the purest essence of something
  2 • the most typical example

  — **quint•es•sen•tial•ly** adverb

  **Synonyms**
  • [1] essence, nature, soul, stuff, substance—more at ESSENCE
  • [2] beau ideal, classic, epitome, exemplar, ideal, perfection; also archetype, model, prototype; paradigm, standard; nonpareil, paragon; embodiment, incarnation, personification; acme, height, last word, ultimate, zenith

  **quint•es•sen•tial** /ˈkwɪnt.əs.ˈsen.tʃəl/ adjective
  • being a quintessence

  **Synonyms**
  • classic, model, paradigmatic—more at MODEL

  **qui•net** also **qui•nette** /ˈkwɪn.et/ noun
  1 • a musical composition for five instruments or voices
2 : a group of five and esp. of five musicians

1 quintuple /kwɪntəpʌl/ adjective
1 : having five units or members
2 : being five times as great or as many
   — quintuple noun

2 quintuple verb quin·tu·pled; quin·tu·pling
   : to make or become five times as great or as many

1 quintuple noun
1 : one of five of a kind
2 : one of five offspring born at one birth

1 quintuplicate /kwɪntəpʌlɪk/ adjective
1 : repeated five times
2 : FIFTH

2 quintuplicate noun
1 : one of five like things
2 : five copies all alike <typed in ~> 

3 quintuplicate /kwɪntəplɪk/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : QUINTUPLE
2 : to provide in quintuplicate

1 quip /kwɪp/ noun
   † : a clever remark
   Synonyms
   ➤ crack, gag, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantry, sally, waggery, wisecrack, witticism—more at JOKE

2 quip verb quipped; quip·ping
1 ➤ : to make quips : GIBE
2 ➤ : to jest or gibe at
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1, 2] banter, fool, fun, gibe, jest, jive, joke, josh, kid, wisecrack—more at JOKE

quire /kwɪər/ noun
: a set of 24 or sometimes 25 sheets of paper of the same size and quality

quirk /kwɜrk/ noun
   † : a peculiarity of action or behavior
   Synonyms
   ➤ crotchet, eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, mannerism, oddity, peculiarity, singularity, trick—more at IDIOSYNCRASY

quirky adjective
   ➤ full of quirks
   Synonyms
   ➤ bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kinky, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, remarkable, screwy, strange, wacky, weird, wild—more at ODD

quirt /kwɜrt/ noun
: a riding whip with a short handle and a rawhide lash

quis·ling /kwɪz·lin/ noun
[ORIGIN: Vidkun Quisling †1945 Norw. politician who collaborated with the Nazis]
   ➤ : one who helps the invaders of one's own country : one who commits treason
   Synonyms
   ➤ apostate, betrayer, double-crocker, recreant, traitor, turncoat—more at TRAITOR

quit /kwɪt/ verb quit also quit·ted; quit·ting
1 : to conduct (oneself) usu. satisfactorily esp. under stress : CONDUCT, BEHAVE <~ themselves well>
2 a : to depart from: LEAVE
b : to bring to an end
3 : to give up for good <~ smoking> <~ my job>
4 : to leave the company of
5 : to admit defeat
6 : to make full payment of
   — quit·ter noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ [2b] break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, layoff, leave off, shut off, stop
      —more at STOP
      ▶ [3] leave, resign, retire, step down; also abandon, vacate; drop out (of)
      Antonyms
      stay (at)
      ▶ [3] discontinue, drop, give up, knock off, lay off; also break off, break up, close, conclude, end, expire, finish;
      pause, taper off; cease, desist, leave off
      Antonyms
      carry on, continue, keep, keep up, maintain
      ▶ [5] bow, budge, capitulate, concede, give in, knuckle under, submit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at
      YIELD
   * quite /kwit/ adverb
      1 : to a complete degree: COMPLETELY
      2 : to an extreme: POSITIVELY
      3 : to a considerable extent: RATHER
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] altogether, completely, dead, entirely, fast, flat, full, fully, perfectly, thoroughly, well, wholly—more at
      FULLY
      ▶ [3] enough, fairly, kind of, moderately, pretty, rather, so-so, somewhat, sort of—more at FAIRLY
   * quits /kwits/ adjective
      : even or equal with another <call it ~> 
   * quit·tance /kwitˈnəns noun
      1 : something given in return, compensation, or retaliation: REQUITAL
      2 : discharge from a debt or an obligation
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] compensation, damages, indemnity, recompense, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution,
      satisfaction—more at COMPENSATION
      ▶ [2] delivery, discharge, quietus, release—more at RELEASE
   * 1 quiver /ˈkwɪvər noun
      : a case for carrying arrows
   * 2 quiver verb quiv·ered; quiv·er·ing
      ▶ : to shake with a slight trembling motion
      — quiv·er·ing·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      ▶ agitate, convulse, jolt, jounce, quake, shake, shudder, vibrate, wobble—more at SHAKE
   * quiver noun
      : the act or action of quivering: TREMOR
   * quiv·er·ing /ˈkwɪvərɪŋ/ noun
      ▶ : the action or condition of one that trembles
      Synonyms
      ▶ vibration—more at VIBRATION
   * qui vive /kwèvə noun
      [ORIGIN: F qui-vive, fr. qui vive? long live who?, challenge of a French sentry]
      : ALERT <on the qui vive for prowlers>
quixotic /ˈkwɪksətɪk/ adjective
[origin: fr. Don Quixote, hero of the novel Don Quixote de la Mancha by Cervantes]
: foolishly impractical esp. in the pursuit of ideals
— quixotically /ˌkwaɪ.əˈtiːk.əli/ adverb

1 quiz /kwɪz/ noun, plural quizzes
  1: an eccentric person
  2: practical joke
  3: a short oral or written test
  4: a person who ridicules or mocks
  
   Synonyms
   - [3] examination, test—more at examination
   - [4] heckler, mocker, scoffer, taunter, tease; also detractor; smart aleck, wiseacre, wise guy; satirist

2 quiz verb quizzed; quizzing
  1: mock
  2: to look at inquisitively
  3: to question closely
  
   Synonyms
   - ask, examine, grill, inquire, interrogate, pump, query, question—more at ask

quiz·zi·cal /ˈkwɪzlɪkəl/ adjective
  1: comically quaint
  2: mildly teasing or mocking
  3: expressive of puzzlement, curiosity, or disbelief

quoit /ˈkwɔɪt,ˈkwɒɪt,ˈkwɑɪt/ noun
  1: a flattened ring of iron or circle of rope used in a throwing game
  2 plural: a game in which quoits are thrown at an upright pin in an attempt to ring the pin

quon·dam /ˈkwɑn.dəm, ...dəm/ adjective
[origin: L, at one time, formerly, fr. quom, cum when]
: former

quo·rum /kwɔrəm/ noun
: the number of members required to be present for business to be legally transacted

quot abbreviation quotation

quot·a /kwətə/ noun
  : a proportional part esp. when assigned: share
  
   Synonyms
   - allotment, allowance, cut, part, portion, proportion, share—more at share

quot·able /kwəˈtæbəl/ adjective
: fit for or worth quoting

— quot·a·bil·i·ty /ˌkwəˈtæbəl.ətə/ noun

quo·ta·tion /kwəˈtæ.ʃən/ noun
  1: the act or process of quoting
  2: the price currently bid or offered for something
  3: something that is quoted

quotation mark noun
: one of a pair of punctuation marks “ ” or ‘ ’ used esp. to indicate the beginning and end of a quotation in which exact phraseology is directly cited

quote /kwɔt/ verb quoted; quoting
[origin: ML quotare to mark the number of, number references, fr. L quotus of what number or quantity, fr. quot how many, (as) many as]

  1: to speak or write a passage from another usu. with acknowledgment
b : to repeat a passage in substantiation or illustration
2 : to state the market price of a commodity, stock, or bond
3 : to inform a hearer or reader that matter following is quoted
— quote noun
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1a] advert, cite, instance, mention, name, note, notice, refer, specify, touch—more at MENTION
   ➢ [1b] adduce, cite, instance, mention; also exemplify, represent; illustrate, refer (to); document, substantiate
quoth /kw̠ðiθ/ verb past
[origin: ME, past of quethen to say, fr. OE cwethan]
archaic
: SAID — usu. used in the 1st and 3d persons with the subject following
quo·tid·i·an /kw̠d̠.ti.ˈde.ən/ adjective
1 : DAILY
2 : COMMONPLACE, ORDINARY
quo·tient /kw̠.shənt/ noun
: the number obtained by dividing one number by another
qv abbreviation
[origin: L quod vide]
which see
qy abbreviation
query
r /ˈr/ noun, plural r's or rs /ˈɛrz/ often cap
  : the 18th letter of the English alphabet

r abbreviation, often cap
  1 rabbit
  2 radius
  3 rare
  4 Republican
  5 rerun
  6 resistance
  7 right
  8 river
  9 roentgen
  10 rook
  11 run

Ra symbol
  radium

RA abbreviation
  1 regular army
  2 Royal Academy

rabbet /ˈræbet/ noun
  : a groove in the edge or face of a surface (as a board) esp. to receive another piece

rabbet verb
  : to cut a rabbet in; also : to join by means of a rabbet

rab·bi /ˈræb.bi/ noun
  1 : MASTER, TEACHER — used by Jews as a term of address
  2 : a Jew trained and ordained for professional religious leadership

rab·bin·ic /ˈræb·bɪn.ɪk/ or rab·bin·i·cal /ˈræb·bɪn.ɪ.kəl/ adjective

rab·bin·ate /ˈræb·bɪn.æt/ noun
  1 : the office of a rabbi
  2 : the whole body of rabbis

rab·bit /ˈræbɪt/ noun, plural rabbit or rabbits
  : any of various long-eared short-tailed burrowing mammals distinguished from the related hares by being blind, furless, and helpless at birth; also : the pelt of a rabbit

rabbit ears noun plural
  : an indoor V-shaped television antenna

rabble /ˈræb.l/ noun
  1 : MOB
  2 : the lowest class of people

  Synonyms
  ‧ riffraff, scum, trash; also dregs; herd, masses, mob, people, populace, public, rank and file; bourgeoisie, middle class, working class

  Antonyms
  ‧ aristocracy, elite, gentry, society, upper class, upper crust

rab·ble–rous·er /ˈræb.l rəˈzu.rər/ noun
  : one that stirs up (as to hatred or violence) the masses of the people

  Synonyms
  ‧ agitator, demagogue, firebrand, incendiary, inciter—more at AGITATOR
ra·bid /ˈraː.bɪd/ adjective
1 : extremely violent : FURIOUS
2 : being fanatical or extreme
3 : affected with rabies
   — ra·bid·ly adverb

Synonyms
   ◀ [1] angry, boiling, enraged, fierce, frenzied, furious, irate, mad, sore, violent—more at ANGRY
   ◀ [2] extreme, extremist, fanatic, radical, revolutionary, ultra—more at EXTREME

ra·bies /ˈræˌbɪz/ noun, plural rabies
[origin: NL, fr. L, madness]
: an acute deadly virus disease of the nervous system transmitted by the bite of an affected animal

rac·coon /ˈrækən/ noun, plural raccoons
: a gray No. American chiefly tree-dwelling mammal with a black mask, a bushy ringed tail, and nocturnal habits;
   also : its pelt

1race /ˈrās/ noun
1 : a strong current of running water; also : its channel
2 : an onward course (as of time or life)
3 : a contest of speed
4 : a contest for a desired end (as election to office)

2race verb raced; rac·ing
1 : to run in a race
2 ◀ : to run swiftly : RUSH
3 ◀ : to engage in a race with
4 : to drive or ride at high speed
   — rac·er noun

Synonyms
   ◀ [1] barrel, career, course, dash, fly, hasten, hurtle, hustle, pelt, rip, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, tear,
       whirl, whisk, zip, zoom—more at HURRY
   ◀ [3] battle, compete, contend, fight, vie—more at COMPETE

3race noun
1 ◀ : a family, tribe, people, or nation of the same stock
2 : a group of individuals within a biological species able to breed together
3 : a category of humankind that shares certain distinctive physical traits
   — ra·cial /ˈrə.ʃəl/ adjective
   — ra·cial·ly adverb

Synonyms
   ◀ blood, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, stock, tribe—more at FAMILY

race·course /ˈrāsˌkōrs/ noun
: a course for racing

race·horse /ˈrāsˌhɔrs/ noun
: a horse bred or kept for racing

ra·ceme /ˈrās.ˈsɛm/ noun
[origin: L racemus bunch of grapes]
: a flower cluster with flowers borne along a stem and blooming from the base toward the tip
   — ra·ce·mose /ˈraˌsaˌməs/ adjective

race·track /ˈrāsˌtrak/ noun
: a usu. oval course on which races are run

race·way /ˈrāsˌwā/ noun
1 ◀ : a channel for a current of water
2 : RACECOURSE
Synonyms
- aqueduct, canal, channel, conduit, flume, watercourse—more at CHANNEL

racial /ra_\_shell/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or based on a race <a ~ minority>
2: existing or occurring between races <~ equality>
- racial-ly /_\_sha_\_le/_ adverb

racialism /ra_\_sha_\_li_\_zam/ noun
: a theory that race determines human traits and capacities; also: RACISM
- racial-ist /_\_ist/ noun
- racial-istic /_\_sha_\_is_\_tik/ adjective

racialize /ra_\_sha_\_liz/ verb –ized; -izing
: to give a racial character to

racing form noun
: a paper giving data about racehorses for use by bettors

racism /ra_\_si_\_zam/ noun
: a belief that some races are by nature superior to others; also: discrimination based on such belief
- racist /_\_ist/ noun

rack /rak/ noun
1: an instrument of torture on which a body is stretched
2: a framework on or in which something may be placed (as for display or storage)
3: a bar with teeth on one side to mesh with a pinion or worm gear

rack verb
1: to torture on or as if on a rack
2: to stretch or strain by force
3: to cause to suffer torture, pain, anguish, or ruin: TORMENT
4: to place on or in a rack

Synonyms
- [2] pull, strain, stretch, wrench—more at STRAIN
- [3] afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, martyr, persecute, plague, torment, torture—more at AFFLICT

racket or racquet /ra_\_kat/ noun
[origin: MF raquette, ultim. fr. ML rasceta wrist, carpus, fr. Ar rusgh wrist]
: a light bat made of netting stretched in an oval open frame having a handle and used for striking a ball or shuttlecock

racket noun
1: a confused noise: DIN
2: a fraudulent or dishonest scheme or activity

Synonyms
- [1] bluster, cacophony, clamor, din, noise, roar—more at NOISE
- [2] hustle, swindle

racket verb
: to make a racket

rack-e-teer /ta_\_ka_\_li_\_t/ noun
: a person who obtains money by an illegal enterprise usu. involving intimidation
- rack-e-teering noun

Synonyms
- extortionist; also crook, gangster, hoodlum, mafioso, mobster; bully, ruffian, thug; cheat, cheater, chiseler, double-dealer, gyp, hustler, profiteer, shark, sharper, swindler

rack up verb
: ACCUMULATE, GAIN
racquetball /ˈræ.kɛtˌbɔːl/ noun
: a game similar to handball that is played on a 4-walled court with a short-handled racket

raconteur /ˈræ.kɑn.tər/ noun
: one good at telling anecdotes

racy /ˈræ.sē/ adjective raci·er; -est
1: full of zest
2: PUNGENT, SPICY
3: verging on impropriety or indecency: RISQUÉ, SUGGESTIVE
— raci·ly /ˈræ.səˌlē/ adverb
— raci·ness /ˈsē.nəs/ noun

Synonyms

1. active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, gay, jaunty, jazzy, lively, peppy, perky, pert, snappy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY

2. bawdy, lewd, ribald, risqué, spicy, suggestive—more at SUGGESTIVE

rad abbreviation
1 radical
2 radio
3 radius

radar /ˈræ.dər/ noun
[ORIGIN: radio detecting and ranging]
: a device that emits radio waves for detecting and locating an object by the reflection of the radio waves and that may use this reflection to determine the object’s direction and speed

radar gun noun
: a handheld device that uses radar to measure the speed of a moving object

radar·scope /ˈræ.dərˌskōp/ noun
: a visual display for a radar receiver

1. radial /ˈræ.dē.əl/ adjective
: arranged or having parts arranged like rays around a common center <the ~ form of a starfish>
— ra·di·al·ly adverb

2. radial noun
: a pneumatic tire with cords laid perpendicular to the center line

radial engine noun
: an internal combustion engine with cylinders arranged radially like the spokes of a wheel

radian /ˈræ.dē.ən/ noun
: a unit of measure for angles that is equal to approximately 57.3 degrees

radiance /ˈræ.dəns/ noun
1: the quality or state of being radiant

Synonyms

brilliance, dazzle, effulgence, illumination, lightness, lucidity, luminosity, refugence, splendor—more at BRILLIANCE
blaze, flare, fluorescence, glare, gleam, glow, illumination, incandescence, light, luminescence, shine—more at LIGHT

radiant /ˈræ.dē.ənt/ adjective
1: vividly bright and shining: GLOWING
2: beaming with happiness
3: transmitted by radiation
— ra·di·ant·ly adverb

Synonyms

1. beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, refugent, shiny—more at BRIGHT
[2] aglow, beaming, glowing, sunny; also brilliant, dazzling, effulgent, gleaming, luminous, refulgent, shining, starry; blithe, blithesome, bright, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, gladsome, lightsome, merry, mirthful, upbeat; jocund, jovial, laughing, smiling; blooming, rosy

**radiant energy** noun
: energy traveling as electromagnetic waves

**rad·i·ate** /rā dēˈāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to send out rays : SHINE, GLOW
2 : to issue in or as if in rays <light ~s>
3 : to spread around as from a center

**Synonyms**
branch, diverge, fan; also diffuse, dispel, disperse, dissipate; fork, stem; divide, separate, split; scatter, splay, spread; arise, derive, emanate, flow, issue, proceed, spring

**Antonyms**
concentrate, converge, focus, funnel, meet

**rad·i·a·tion** /rā dēˈāshən/ noun
1 : the action or process of radiating
2 : the process of emitting radiant energy in the form of waves or particles; also : something (as an X-ray beam) that is radiated

**radiation sickness** noun
: sickness that results from exposure to radiation and is commonly marked by fatigue, nausea, vomiting, loss of teeth and hair, and in more severe cases by damage to blood-forming tissue

**radiation therapy** noun
: RADIOTHERAPY

**rad·i·a·tor** /rā dēˈa tər/ noun
: any of various devices (as a set of pipes or tubes) for transferring heat from a fluid within to an area or object outside

**radical** /ra dēˈkal/ adjective
1 : FUNDAMENTAL, EXTREME, THOROUGHGOING
2 : of or relating to radicals in politics
3 : marked by a considerable departure from the usual or traditional

— **rad·i·cal·ism** /ˈke ə l ə zəm/ noun
— **rad·i·cal·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
exreme, extremist, fanatic, rabid, revolutionary, ultra—more at EXTREME
broad-minded, liberal, nonorthodox, nontraditional, open-minded, progressive, unconventional, unorthodox—more at LIBERAL

**radical** noun
1 : a person who favors rapid and sweeping changes in laws and methods of government
2 : FREE RADICAL; also : a group of atoms considered as a unit in certain reactions or as a subunit of a larger molecule
3 : a mathematical expression indicating a root by means of a radical sign; also : RADICAL SIGN

**Synonyms**
estremist, revolutionary; also leftist, red; progressive, reformer; anarchist, subversive; agitator, insurgent, insurrectionist, rebel; secessionist, separatist

**Antonyms**
moderate

**rad·i·cal·ise** British variant of RADICALIZE

**rad·i·cal·ize** /ˈrā ˌkal iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to make radical esp. in politics

— **rad·i·cal·i·za·tion** /ˈrā ˌkal əˌzā ˈshən/ noun
radical sign noun
: the sign \( \sqrt\) placed before a mathematical expression to indicate that its root is to be taken

ra·dic·chio /rəˈdikˌchē/ noun, plural –chos
: a chicory with reddish variegated leaves

radii plural of RADIUS

ˈradio /rəˈdē.ə/ noun, plural ra·di·os
1 : the wireless transmission or reception of signals using electromagnetic waves
2 : a radio receiving set
3 : the radio broadcasting industry
— radio adjective
— radio verb
: to communicate or send a message to by radio

ra·dio-ac·tivi·ty /ˌrāˈde-əˌakˈtī-və-tē/ noun
: the property that some elements or isotopes have of spontaneously emitting energetic particles by the disintegration of their atomic nuclei
— ra·dio-ac·tive /ˌakˈtīv/ adjective

radio astronomy noun
: astronomy dealing with radio waves received from outside the earth's atmosphere

ra·dio·car·bon /rəˈdē.əˌkärˈbən/ noun
: CARBON 14

radio frequency noun
: an electromagnetic wave frequency intermediate between audio frequencies and infrared frequencies used esp. for communication and radar signals

ra·dio·gram /rəˈdē.əˌgrām/ noun
: a message transmitted by radio

ra·dio·graph /ˌgrāf/ noun
: a photograph made by some form of radiation other than light; especially : an X-ray photograph
— radiograph verb
— ra·dio·graph·ic /ˌrāˈde-əˌgraθık/ adjective
— ra·dio·graph·i·cal·ly /ˌrāˈde-əˌgrāθikˈle/ adverb
— ra·di·og·ra·phy /ˌrāˈde-əˌgaθraθē/ noun

ra·dio·iso·tope /ˌrāˈdē.əˌīsəˌtōp/ noun
: a radioactive isotope

ra·di·ol·o·gy /ˌrāˈdē-əˌōləˈjē/ noun
: the use of radiant energy (as X-rays and radium radiations) in medicine
— ra·di·ol·o·gist /ˌjīst/ noun

ra·dio·man /rəˈdē.əˌmān/ noun
: a radio operator or technician

ra·di·om·e·ter /ˌrāˈdē-əˌäməˈter/ noun
: an instrument for measuring the intensity of radiant energy
— ra·di·om·e·tric /ˌrāˈdē-əˌāməˈtrɪk/ adjective
— ra·di·om·e·try /ˌrāˈdē-əˌāməˈtrē/ noun

ra·dio·phone /rəˈdē.əˌfōn/ noun
: RADIOTELEPHONE

ra·dio·sonde /ˌrāˈdē.əˌsōnd/ noun
: a small radio transmitter carried aloft (as by balloon) and used to transmit meteorological data
ra·dio·tele·phone noun
: a telephone that uses radio waves wholly or partly instead of connecting wires
— ra·dio·tele·pho·ny noun
: a radio receiver-antenna combination used for observation in radio astronomy
ra·dio·ther·a·py noun
: the treatment of disease by means of radiation (as X-rays)
— ra·dio·ther·a·pist noun
ra·di·um noun
: a very radioactive metallic chemical element that is used in the treatment of cancer
ra·di·us noun
1 : a straight line extending from the center of a circle or a sphere to the circumference or surface; also : the length of a radius
2 : the bone on the thumb side of the human forearm
3 : a circular area defined by the length of its radius
RADM abbreviation
rear admiral
ra·don noun
: a heavy radioactive gaseous chemical element
RAF abbreviation
Royal Air Force
ra·fia noun
: fiber used esp. for making baskets and hats that is obtained from the stalks of the leaves of a tropical African palm (raffia palm)
raff·ish adjective
: jaunty or sporty esp. in a flashy or vulgar manner
— raff·ish·ly adverb
raff·ish·ness noun
: marked by or suggestive of flashy vulgarity or crudeness
raff·le verb raf·bled, raf·flying
: to dispose of by a raffle
raff·le noun
: a lottery in which the prize is won by one of a number of persons buying chances
raft /raft/ noun
1 : a number of logs or timbers fastened together to form a float
2 : a flat structure for support or transportation on water
raft verb
1 : to travel or transport by raft
2 : to make into a raft
raft noun
: a large amount or number: lot
ra·f·ter /raf·ter/ noun
: any of the parallel beams that support a roof
1 *rag* /ræg/ noun
   1 a: a waste piece of cloth
      b plural: clothes usu. in poor or ragged condition
   2: a sleazy newspaper

2 *rag* noun
   : a composition in ragtime

ra·ga /rə ˈɡa/ noun
   1: a traditional melodic pattern or mode in Indian music
   2: an improvisation based on a raga

ra·gā·muf·fin /ˈrə ɡəˌmʌf.fɪn/ noun
   [origin: ME Raganuffyn, name for a ragged, oafish person]
   : a ragged dirty person

1 *rage* /ræj/ noun
   1 •: violent and uncontrolled anger
   2 •: a fad pursued with intense enthusiasm: Vogue, fashion
   3: an intense feeling

   **Synonyms**
   • [1] anger, furor, fury, indignation, ire, outrage, spleen, wrath, wrathfulness—more at anger
   • [2] craze, enthusiasm, fad, fashion, go, mode, sensation, style, trend, vogue

2 *rage* verb raged; raging
   1 •: to be furiously angry
   2: to continue out of control <the fire raged>
   3 •: to go on a rampage

   **Synonyms**
   • [1] boil, burn, fume, seethe, steam—more at boil
   • [3] fume, storm; also blow up, flare (up), flip; bluster, carry on, fulminate, rampage, rant, rave, take on; burn, foam, seethe, smolder, steam; chafe, fret, stew

ra·ged /rə ˈɡed/ adjective
   1 •: torn or worn to tatters; also: wearing tattered clothes
   2: done in an uneven way <a ~ performance>
   3 •: having an irregular edge or outline

   — ra·ged·ly adverb
   — ra·ged·ness noun

   **Synonyms**
   • [1] ratty, seedy, shabby, tattered, threadbare, worn-out; also scruffy, dowdy, dingy, faded; shredded; patchy
   • [3] broken, craggy, jagged, scraggly; also serrate; harsh, rough, rugged; irregular, nonuniform

   **Antonyms**
   clean, even, smooth, unbroken

ra·lan /ˈræɡlən/ noun
   : an overcoat with sleeves (raglan sleeves) sewn in with seams slanting from neck to underarm

ra·gout /ˈræɡˌɡu/ noun
   [origin: F ragout, fr. ragoûter to revive the taste, fr. MF ragouster, fr. re- + a- to (fr. L ad-) + goust taste, fr. L gustus]
   : a highly seasoned meat stew with vegetables

ra·pick·er /ˈræpˌpIkər/ noun
   : one who collects rags and refuse for a living

ra·time /ˈrætəm/ noun
   : music in which there is more or less continuous syncopation in the melody

ra·top /ˈrætəp/ noun
CONVERTIBLE

rag·weed /ˈræɡˌwēd/ noun
> any of several chiefly No. American weedy composite herbs with allergenic pollen

raid /rād/ noun
> a sudden usu. surprise attack or invasion

Synonyms
▷ descent, foray, incursion, invasion, irruption; also pillage, plunder; aggression, assault, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, siege, storm, strike; charge, sally, sortie; ambuscade, ambush, surprise; air raid, blitz, blitzkrieg, bombardment

▷ aggression, assault, attack, charge, descent, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, rush, strike—more at ATTACK

raid verb
> to make a raid on

— raid·er noun

Synonyms
▷ foray, invade, overrun—more at INVADE

▷ assail, assault, attack, beset, charge, descend, jump, pounce, rush, storm, strike—more at ATTACK

rail /rāl/ noun
[origin: ME raile, fr. AF raille, reille bar, rule, fr. L regula straightedge, rule, fr. regere to keep straight, direct]
1 : a bar extending from one support to another as a guard or barrier
2 : a bar of steel forming a track for wheeled vehicles
3 : RAILROAD

rail verb

rail noun, plural rail or rails
> any of numerous small wading birds often hunted as game birds

rail noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF railler to mock, prob. fr. OF reillier to growl, mutter, fr. VL *ragulare to bray, fr. LL ragere to neigh]
> to revile or scold in harsh, insolent, or abusive language: SCOLD

Synonyms usually rail at or rail against
▷ berate, castigate, chew out, dress down, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, score, upbraid—more at SCOLD

rail·er noun
> one that rails

Synonyms
▷ carper, castigator, caviler, censurer, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, scold—more at CRITIC

rail·ing /ˈrā.lĭn/ noun
> a barrier of rails

Synonyms
▷ rail; also handrail; taffrail; bar

rail·lery /ˈrā.lərē/ noun, plural -ler·ies
> good-natured ridicule: BANTER

Synonyms
▷ banter, chaff, persiflage, repartee—more at BANTER

railroad /ˈrālˌōd/ noun
> a permanent road with rails fixed to ties providing a track for cars; also: such a road and its assets constituting a property

Synonyms
▷ rail, road; also elevated railroad; monorail

railroad verb
1: to put through (as a law) too hastily
2: to convict hastily or with insufficient or improper evidence
3: to send by rail
4: to work on a railroad
— railroad-er noun
— railroad-ing noun

rail-way /ˈreɪ.waɪ/ noun
: a permanent road with rails fixed to ties providing a track for cars: RAILROAD

rain-ment /rā.mənt/ noun
›: garments in general: CLOTHING

Synonyms
› apparel, attire, clothing, dress, duds, wear—more at CLOTHING

1 rain /rān/ noun
1 : water falling in drops from the clouds
2 : a shower of objects <a ~ of bullets>

Synonyms
› [1] cloudburst, deluge, downpour, rainstorm, storm, wet; also precipitation, shower; thunderstorm
› [2] hail, shower, storm; also barrage, broadside, cannonade, fusillade, salvo, volley; flood, gush, rush, spate, torrent; eruption, outbreak, outburst

2 rain verb
1 : to send down rain
2 : to fall as or like rain
3 : to pour down

Synonyms
› [2] heap, lavish, pour, shower; also gush, stream; flood, inundate, overflow; bombard, hail
› [3] pour, precipitate, storm; also shower; hail, squall; deluge, flood

rain-bow /ˈreɪ.ˈbɔʊ/ noun
: an arc or circle of colors formed by the refraction and reflection of the sun's rays in rain, spray, or mist

rainbow trout noun
: a large stout-bodied fish of western No. America closely related to the salmons of the Pacific and usu. having red or pink stripes with black dots along its sides

rain check noun
1 : a ticket stub good for a later performance when the scheduled one is rained out
2 : an assurance of a deferred extension of an offer

rain-coat /ˈreɪn.koʊt/ noun
: a waterproof or water-repellent coat

rain date noun
: an alternative date for an event postponed due to rain

rain-drop /ˈreɪn.ˈdrɒp/ noun
: a drop of rain

rain-fall /ˈreɪn.ˈfɔl/ noun
1: amount of precipitation measured by depth
2: a fall of rain

rain forest noun
: a tropical woodland having an annual rainfall of at least 100 inches (254 centimeters) and marked by lofty broad-leaved evergreen trees forming a continuous canopy

rain-making /ˈrān.ˈmā.kɪŋ/ noun
: the action or process of producing or attempting to produce rain by artificial means
— rain-maker noun
rain out  verb
: to interrupt or prevent by rain

rain·storm /ˈrānˌstôrm/  noun
: a storm of or with rain

Synonyms
cloudburst, deluge, downpour, rain, storm, wet—more at RAIN

rain·wa·ter /ˌrān.ˈwā.tər/  noun
: water fallen as rain

rainy adjective
: marked by, abounding with, or bringing rain

Synonyms
stormy, wet; also drizzling, spitting, sprinkling, misty

raise /rāz/  verb raised; rais·ing
1  verb
: to cause or help to rise : LIFT << a window>
2  AWAKEN, AROUSE <enough to ~ the dead>
3  to set upright by lifting or building : ERECT << a monument>
4  to place higher in rank or dignity : PROMOTE <was raised to captain>
5  to END << a siege>
6  COLLECT << money>
7  a  to cause to grow : GROW << cattle> << corn>
b  to bring to maturity : BRING UP << a family>
8  to cause to arise or appear : stimulate the appearance of << a laugh>
9  to bring to notice << an objection>
10  to cause to rise in level or amount : INCREASE << prices>; also : to bet more than
11  to make light and spongy << dough>
12  to multiply a quantity by itself a specified number of times
13  to cause to form << a blister>

— rais·er noun

Synonyms
[1] boost, crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, hoist, jack, lift, pick up, up, uphold; also ascend, mount, rise; rear, upend

Antonyms
drop, lower
[3] assemble, build, construct, erect, fabricate, make, make up, piece up, rear, set up—more at BUILD
[7a] crop, cultivate, culture, grow, promote, rear, tend—more at GROW
[7b] breed, bring up, foster, rear—more at BRING UP
[8] elicit, evoke
[9] bring up, broach, introduce, moot—more at INTRODUCE
[10] add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, swell, up—more at INCREASE

raise noun
: an increase in amount (as of a bid or bet or one's pay)

Synonyms
accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, rise, supplement—more at INCREASE

ra·sin /ˈrāz.ən/  noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF, grape, raisin, fr. L racemus cluster of grapes or berries]
: a grape dried for food

ra·son d’être /ˈrā.ˌzoⁿ.ˈdər/  noun, plural ra·sons d’être /ˌzoⁿ.ˈzər/
: reason or justification for existence

ra·ja or ra·jah /ˈrāˌjə/  noun
rājā́, fr. Skt rājan king

: an Indian prince

1 rake /ˈrāk/ noun
: a long-handled garden tool having a crossbar with prongs

2 rake verb raked; rak·ing
1 : to gather, loosen, or smooth with or as if with a rake
2 : to sweep the length of (as a trench or ship) with gunfire
3 : to search through

Synonyms
  → dig, dredge, hunt, ransack, rifle, rummage, scour, search—more at SEARCH

3 rake noun
: inclination from either perpendicular or horizontal : SLANT

4 rake noun
: a dissolute man : LIBERTINE

rake·off /ˈrāk·əf/ noun
: a percentage or cut taken

1 rakish /ˈrāk·ish/ adjective
: DISOLUTE
  → rak·ish·ness noun

2 rakish adjective
1 : having a trim appearance indicative of speed (<a sloop>)
2 : JAUNTY, SPORTY (<~ clothes>)
  → rak·ish·ness noun

rak·ish·ly adverb
: in a rakish manner

Synonyms
  → flamboyantly, flashily, gaily, jauntily—more at GAILY

1 rally /ˈrāl/ verb ral·lied; ral·ly·ing
1 : to bring together for a common purpose; also : to bring back to order (<a leader ~ing his forces>)
2 : to arouse to activity or from depression or weakness
3 : to make a comeback

Synonyms
  → [1] marshal, mobilize, muster—more at MOBILIZE
  → [3] rebound, recover, snap back—more at RECOVER

2 rally noun, plural rallies
1 : an act of rallying
2 : a mass meeting to arouse enthusiasm
3 : a competitive automobile event run over public roads

Synonyms
  → [1] comeback, convalescence, recovery, recuperation, rehabilitation—more at CONVALESCENCE
  → [2] mobilization, muster; also call-up, summons; convening

3 rally verb ral·lied; ral·ly·ing
: BANTER

rally·ing cry noun
: WAR CRY 2

1 ram /ram/ noun
1 : a male sheep
2 : BATTERING RAM

2 ram verb rammed; ram·ming
ramble /ˈræm·bəl/ verb ram·bled; ram·bling
1 : to go about aimlessly : ROAM, WANDER
2 : to talk or write in a long-winded wandering fashion

Synonyms
- gad, gallivant, knock, mander, meander, mope, range, roam, rove, traipse, wander—more at WANDER
- mander, rattle, run on; also deviate, digress, stray, wander; sidetack; blab, chatter, gab, gabble, jabber, patter, prate, prattle

rambler /ˈræm·bəl·r/ noun
1 : a person who rambles
2 : any of various climbing roses with large clusters of small often double flowers

Synonyms
- drifter, nomad, rover, stroller, vagabond, wanderer—more at NOMAD

rambling /ˈræm·bəl·ing/ adjective
: straying from subject to subject

Synonyms
- desultory, digressive, discursive—more at DISCURSIVE
- circuitous, diffuse, long-winded, prolix, verbose, windy, wordy—more at WORDY

ram·bunc·tious /ˈræm·bun·kə·shəs/ adjective
: marked by uncontrollable exuberance

Synonyms
- boisterous, raucous, rowdy—more at BOISTEROUS

ramie /ˈræ.mē/ noun
: a strong lustrous bast fiber from an Asian nettle

ram·i·fi·ca·tion /ˈræ-məˌfə-kāˈshən/ noun
1 : the act or process of branching
2 : CONSEQUENCE, OUTGROWTH

ram·i·fy /ˈræ.məˌfī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to branch out
2 : to separate into divisions

ramp /ˈramp/ noun
: a sloping passage or roadway connecting different levels

rampage /ˈramp·ˌpāg/ verb ram·paged; ram·pag·ing
1 : to rush about wildly
2 : to force or drive in or through

Synonyms
- [2] cram, crowd, jam, sandwich, squeeze, stuff, wedge—more at CROWD
- [3] bang, bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, impact, knock, slam, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at HIT

RAM /ˈram/ noun
[ORIGIN: random-access memory]
: a computer memory that provides the main internal storage for programs and data
Synonyms

- agitation, delirium, distraction, frenzy, furor, fury, hysteria, rage, uproar—more at FRENZY

ram-pant /ˈræmˌpænt/ adjective

- unchecked in growth or spread: <~ weeds> <fear was ~ in the town>
  - ram-pant-ly

ram-pant-ness /ˈræmˌpænt-nəs/ noun

- intemperate, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhampered, unhindered, unrestrained; also uncontrollable, ungovernable; immoderate; riotous, uninhibited, wild

Antonyms

- checked, controlled, curbed, hampered, hindered, restrained, temperate

ram-part /ˈræmˌpɑr/ noun

1: a protective barrier
2: a broad embankment raised as a fortification

ramrod /ˈræmˌrəd/ noun

1: a rod used to ram a charge into a muzzle-loading gun
2: a cleaning rod for small arms
3: BOSS, OVERSEER

ramrod adjective

- marked by rigidity or severity

Synonyms

- austere, authoritarian, flinty, hard, harsh, heavy-handed, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict—more at SEVERE

ramrod verb

- to direct, supervise, and control

ram-shack-le /ˈræmˌshəkəl/ adjective

- RICKETY, TUMBLEDOWN

ran past of RUN

ranch /ræntʃ/ noun

[ORIGIN: MexSp rancho small ranch, fr. Sp, camp, hut & Sp dial., small farm, fr. Old Spanish ranchear(se) to take up quarters, fr. MF (se) ranger to take up a position, fr. ranger to set in a row]
1: an establishment for the raising and grazing of livestock (as cattle, sheep, or horses)
2: a large farm devoted to a specialty
3: RANCH HOUSE 2

ranch verb

- to live or work on a ranch
  - rancher noun

ranch house noun

1: the main house on a ranch
2: a one-story house typically with a low-pitched roof

rancho /rænˈtʃoʊ/ noun, plural ranchos

- RANCH 1

ran-cid /ˈrænˌsɛd/ adjective

1: having a rank smell or taste
2: OBNOXIOUS

ran-cid-i-ty /ˈrænˌsɪd.i.tə/ noun

ran-cor /ˈrænˌkər/ noun

- bitter deep-seated ill will

Synonyms

- animosity, antagonism, antipathy, bitterness, enmity, gall, grudge, hostility—more at ENMITY
ran·cor·ous adjective
▶ : deeply malevolent

   Synonyms
▶ acrid, acrimonious, bitter, hard, resentful, sore—more at BITTER

ran·cour British variant of RANCOR

rand /rand, ’rænd, ’rənd/ noun, plural rand
▶ : the basic monetary unit of the Republic of South Africa

R & B abbreviation
rhythm and blues

R & D abbreviation
research and development

ran·dom /ranˈdəm/ adjective
▶ : lacking a definite plan, purpose, or pattern : HAPHAZARD
— ran·dom·ly adverb
— ran·dom·ness noun

   Synonyms
▶ aimless, arbitrary, desultory, erratic, haphazard, scattered, stray; also accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, inadvertent, incidental, lucky, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated; irregular, sporadic, spot; purposeless; unconsidered, unplanned; indiscriminate, unsystematic; undirected

   Antonyms
methodical, nonrandom, orderly, systematic

random–access adjective
▶ : allowing access to stored data in any order the user desires

random–access memory noun
▶ : RAM

ran·dom·ize /ranˈdəmˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
▶ : to select, assign, or arrange in a random way

— ran·dom·i·za·tion /ranˈdəmˌi zəˈtān/ noun

R and R abbreviation
rest and recreation; rest and recuperation

rang past of RING

range /rān/ noun
1 ▶ : a series of things in a row
2 : a cooking stove having an oven and a flat top with burners
3 a ▶ : open land where animals (as livestock) may roam and graze
   b ▶ : the region throughout which a kind of organism or ecological community naturally lives or occurs
4 : the act of ranging about : STROLL
5 : the distance a weapon will shoot or is to be shot
6 : a place where shooting is practiced
7 ▶ : the space or extent included, covered, or used : SCOPE
8 ▶ : a variation within limits

   Synonyms
▶ [1] column, cue, file, line, queue, string, train—more at LINE
▶ [3a] pasture; also ranch, station; feedlot, stockyard, yard; grassland, pampas, prairie, savannah, steppe
▶ [3b] habitat, home, niche, territory—more at HOME
▶ [7] amplitude, breadth, compass, extent, reach, realm, scope, sweep, width; also gamut, spectrum, spread; domain, field, sphere, horizon, panorama
▶ [8] gamut, scale, spectrum, spread, stretch; also measure, pitch, scale; amplitude, compass, extent, reach, realm, scope, sweep, width

range verb ranged; rang·ing
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF renger, fr. rence, renge line, place, row, of Gmc origin]

1: to set in a row or in proper order
2: to set in place among others of the same kind
3: to roam over or through: EXPLORE
4: to roam at large or freely
5: to correspond in direction or line
6: to vary within limits
7: to find the range of an object by instrument (as radar)

**Synonyms**

- [1] arrange, array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, organize, systematize—more at ORDER
- [2] assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, rank, separate, sort—more at CLASSIFY
- [4] gad, gallivant, knock, mander, meander, mope, ramble, roam, rove, trapse, wander—more at WANDER
- [6] go, run, vary—more at RUN

**range [rānjər] noun**

1: FOREST RANGER
2: a member of a body of troops who range over a region
3: an expert in close-range fighting and raiding tactics

**rangy [rānjē] adjective rangi•er, -est**

- being long-limbed and slender

**rang•i•ness [rānjē•nēs] noun**

**Synonyms**

- gangling, lanky, spindly—more at Lanky

**ra•ni or ra•nee [rä•né, rā•né] noun**

: a raja's wife

**1 rank [rānk] adjective**

1: strong and vigorous and usu. coarse in growth ~ weeds
2: unpleasantly strong-smelling
3: shockingly conspicuous

**rank•ly adverb**

**rank•ness noun**

**Synonyms**

- lush, luxuriant, prosperous, rampant, weedy; also lavish, profuse; overgrown, overrun; close, dense, thick

**Antonyms**

- sparse

- fetid, foul, foetid, malodorous, musty, noisome, reeky, smelly, strong—more at MALODOROUS

- blatant, conspicuous, egregious, flagrant, glaring, gross, obvious, patent, prominent, pronounced, striking

**2 rank noun**

1: ROW
2: a line of soldiers ranged side by side
3 plural: the body of enlisted personnel <rose from the ~ s>
4: an orderly arrangement
5: CLASS, DIVISION
6: a grade of official standing (as in an army)
7: position in a group
8: superior position

**Synonyms**

- [6] degree, footing, level, place, position, situation, standing, station, status; also condition, echelon, estate, order, walk; capacity, function; rating

- [8] class, quality, standing; also gentility, gentleness, nobility, nobleness; grandness, highness, loftiness; distinction, precedence, preeminence, primacy; caste, position, station, status; preferment
3. **rank** verb

1: to arrange in lines or in regular formation
2: to determine the relative position of
3: to rate above (as in official standing)
4: to take or have a relative position

**Synonyms**
- [2] assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, separate, sort—more at **CLASSIFY**
- [4] be, grade, place, rate; also seed; count; class, classify, set, sort; install, instate

**rank and file** noun

- the general membership of a body as contrasted with its leaders

**Synonyms**
- commoners, herd, masses, mob, people, plebeians, populace

**rank·ing** adjective

1: having a high position: of the highest rank
2: being next to the chairman in seniority

**ran·kle** verb ran·kled; ran·kling


- to cause anger, irritation, or bitterness

**Synonyms**
- anger, antagonize, enrage, incense, inflame, infuriate, madden, outrage, rile, roil—more at **ANGER**

**ran·sack** verb

1: to search thoroughly
2: to search through and rob

**Synonyms**
- [1] dig, dredge, hunt, rake, rifle, rummage, scour, search—more at **SEARCH**
- [2] despoil, loot, maraud, plunder, sack, strip; also burglarize; comb, hunt, rake, rifle, rummage; harry, raid; ravish

**ransom** noun


1: something paid or demanded for the freedom of a captive
2: the act of ransoming

**ransom** verb

- to free from captivity or punishment by paying a price

- **ransom·er** noun

**rant** verb

1: to talk in a noisy, excited, or bombastic manner
2: to scold violently

- **rant·er** noun

- **rant·ing·ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- bluster, fulminate, rave, spout; also, sound off, speak out, speak up; blare, blurt out, bolt; declaim, harangue, mouth, orate, pontificate; carry on, rage, storm, take on

**rant** noun

- a bombastic extravagant speech; also: the act of ranting

**Synonyms**
- diatribe, harangue, tirade—more at **TIRADE**
- bluster, bombast, brag, gas, grandiloquence—more at **BOMBAST**

**rap** noun
1: a sharp blow
2: a sharp rebuke
3: a negative often undeserved reputation (a bum ~)
4: responsibility for or consequences of an action (take the ~)
5: a criminal charge

**Synonyms**
- [4] blame, culpability, fault, guilt—more at blame
- [5] charge, complaint, count, indictment—more at charge

**rap verb** rapped; rapping
1: to strike sharply (KNOCK)
2: to utter sharply
3: to criticize sharply

**rap verb** rapped; rapping
1: to talk freely and frankly
2: to perform rap music

— **rapper noun**

**rap noun**
1: an instance or period of speech or conversation (TALK, CONVERSATION)
2: a rhythmic chanting of usu. rhymed couplets to a musical accompaniment; also: a piece so performed

— **rapper noun**

**rap noun**
1: a minimum amount or degree

**Synonyms**
- hoot, jot, lick, modicum, tittle, whit—more at JOT

**rapacious /râ-pâ-shas/ adjective**
1: excessively greedy or covetous
2: living on prey
3: having a huge appetite (RAVENOUS 2)

— **rapacious-ly adverb**

**Synonyms**
- [1] acquisitive, avaricious, avid, covetous, grasping, greedy, mercenary—more at GREEDY
- [3] gluttonous, greedy, hoggish, piggish, ravenous, voracious—more at VORACIOUS

**rapacious-ness noun**
1: the quality or state of being rapacious

**Synonyms**
- acquisitiveness, avarice, avidity, covetousness, cupidity, greed—more at GREED

**rapacity /râ-sa.tâ/ noun**

**rap noun**
1: a European herb related to the mustards that is grown as a forage crop and for its seeds (rapeseed /râ-sâd/)

**rap verb** raped; raping
1: to commit rape on

— **rap-er noun**

— **rap-ist /râ-Pist/ noun**

**rap noun**
1: a carrying away by force
2: unlawful sexual activity and usu. sexual intercourse carried out forcibly or under threat of injury

**rapid /râ-pâ/ adjective**
[Origin: L rapidus strong-flowing, rapid, fr. rapeare to seize, carry away]

— **very fast: SWIFT**

**Synonyms**
fast, fleet, quick, speedy, swift—more at FAST

2. **rapid** noun
   : a place in a stream where the current flows very fast usu. over obstructions — usu. used in pl.

**rapid eye movement** noun
: rapid conjugate movement of the eyes associated with REM sleep

**rap-id-i-ty /rә.pә.dә.lә./ noun**
: the quality or state of being rapid

- Synonyms
  - celerity, fastness, fleetness, haste, hurry, quickness, speed, swiftness, velocity—more at SPEED

**rap-id-ly /rә.pә.dә.lә./ adverb**
: in a rapid manner : at a rapid rate

- Synonyms
  - apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, posthaste, presto, pronto, quick, quickly, soon, speedily, swift, swiftly—more at FAST

**rapid transit** noun
: fast passenger transportation (as by subway) in cities

1. **rapier /rә.ә.pә.rә./ noun**
   : a straight 2-edged sword with a narrow pointed blade

2. **rapier** adjective
   : extremely sharp or keen ❯wit❯

**rap-ine /rә.ә.ә.nә./ noun**
: pillage, plunder

**rap-pel /rә.pә.ә.lә./ verb -pelled; -pelling**
: to descend (as from a cliff) by sliding down a rope

**rap-port /rә.ә.pә.tә./ noun**
1. : relation

2. : relation characterized by harmony

- Synonyms
  - communion, fellowship; also accord, agreement, concord, harmony; oneness, solidarity, togetherness, unity;
    affinity, empathy, sympathy, understanding; amity, chumminess, companionship, friendship; reciprocity, symbiosis

**rap-proche-ment /rә.ә.ә.ә.ә.ә.ә./ noun**
: the establishment of or a state of having cordial relations

**rap-scal-lion /rә.ә.ә.ә.ә.ә.lә.nә./ noun**
1. : rascal

2. : a mischievous person or animal : scamp

- Synonyms
  - devil, hellion, imp, mischief, monkey, rascal, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP

**rap-t** /rә.ә.tә./ adjective
1. : carried away with emotion

2. : wholly absorbed : engrossed

- rap-t-ly /rә.tә.lә./ adverb

- rap-t-ness noun

- Synonyms
  - absorbed, attentive, engrossed, intent, observant—more at ATTENTIVE

**rap-tor /rә.ә.ә.tә.ә.ә.tә./ noun**
1. : bird of prey

2. : a usu. small-to-medium-sized predatory dinosaur
rapture /rəˈpər/ noun
  : spiritual or emotional ecstasy
   — rapturous·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   : ecstasy, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rhapsody, transport—more at ecstasy

rapture of the deep
  : NITROGEN NARCOSIS

rapturous /ˈræptərəs/ adjective
  : feeling, expressing, or marked by rapture

   Synonyms
   : ecstatic, elated, euphoric, intoxicated, rhapsodic—more at ecstatic

ra·ra avis /rəˈra əˈvəs/ noun, plural ra·ra avis·es /ˈrə.ə vaˌsiz/ or ra·ra aves /tərəˈlə.əˌvəz/
[origin: L, rare bird]
  : a rare person or thing : RARITY

   1. rare /rər/ adjective rar·er; rar·est
  1 : not thick or dense : THIN (less air)
  2 : unusually fine
  3 : seldom seen, encountered, or experienced

   — rare·ness noun

   Synonyms
   : [2] choice, dainty, delicate, elegant, exquisite, select—more at choice
   : [3] aberrant, abnormal, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, freak, odd, peculiar, phenomenal, singular, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual, unwonted—more at exceptional
   : [3] infrequent, occasional, sporadic—more at infrequent

2. rare adjective rar·er; rar·est
  : cooked so that the inside is still red (less beef)

rare·bit /rərˈbæt/ noun
  : WELSH RABBIT

rar·efac·tion /rəˈrɛfərkʃən/ noun
  1 : the action or process of rarefying
  2 : the state of being rarefied

rar·e·fy also rar·i·fy /rərˈe.fəˌri/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  : to make or become rare, thin, or less dense

rar·e·ly adverb
  : not often

   Synonyms
   : infrequently, little, seldom—more at seldom

rar·i·tie·n·cy /rəˈrɛˌtiˌnəs/ noun
  : something rare

   Synonyms
   : curiosity, exotic, oddity—more at curiosity

ras·cal /rəˈskəl/ noun
[origin: ME rascal foot soldiers, commoners, worthless person, fr. AF rascal, fr. OF dial. *rasquer to scrape, clean off, ultim. fr. L radere to scrape, shave]
1 a mean or dishonest person
   Synonyms
   [1] devil, knave, rascally, rogue, scalawag, scamp, villain
   [2] devil, hellion, imp, mischievous, monkey, rascally, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP

2 a mischievous person
   Synonyms
   [1] devil, knave, rascally, rogue, scalawag, scamp, villain
   [2] devil, hellion, imp, mischievous, monkey, rascally, rogue, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP

rascal-ity /ras_ka_l_ə_l_i_t/ noun
   : the character or actions of a rascal
   Synonyms
   devilishness, impishness, knavery, mischievousness, shenanigans, waggery, wickedness—more at MISCHIEF

rascal-ly /ras_ka_l_ə_l_i_ adverb
   : of or characteristic of a rascal
   Synonyms
   devilish, impish, knavish, mischievous, roguish, sly, waggish, wicked—more at MISCHIEVOUS

1 rash /rash/ adjective
   : having or showing little regard for consequences: too hasty in decision, action, or speech
   — rash-ness noun
   Synonyms
cursory, hasty, headlong, pell-mell, precipitate, precipitous—more at HASTY

2 rash noun
   : an eruption on the body

rash-er /ra_shər/ noun
   : a thin slice of bacon or ham broiled or fried; also: a portion consisting of several such slices
   Synonyms
   cursory, hasty, headlong, hurriedly, pell-mell, precipitately—more at HASTILY

1 rasp /rasp/ verb
   1 a: to rub with or as if with a rough file
   2 a: to grate harshly on (as one's nerves)
   3 a: to speak in a grating tone
   Synonyms
   [1] grate, grind, scrape, scratch—more at SCRAPE
   [2] aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rile, vex—more at IRRITATE

2 rasp noun
   1 a: a coarse file with cutting points instead of ridges
   2 a: a rasping sound, sensation, or effect
   Synonyms
   grind, scrape, scratch; also: clash, jangle, jar; croak; blast, bleat, bray, screech

rasp-ber-ry /ra_s_ber ri, ba_r/i noun
   1 a: any of various edible usu. black or red berries produced by some brambles; also: such a bramble
   2 a: a sound of contempt made by protruding the tongue through the lips and expelling air forcibly
   Synonyms
   boo, catcall, hiss, hoot, jeer, snort—more at CATCALL

1 rat /ræt/ noun
   1 a: any of numerous rodents larger than the related mice
   2 a: a contemptible person; especially: one that betrays friends or associates
   Synonyms
   2 rat verb rat·ted; rat·ting
   1 a: to betray or inform on one's associates
   2 a: to hunt or catch rats
rat cheese noun
: CHEDDAR
ratch·et /raiˈcheɪt/ noun
: a device that consists of a bar or wheel having slanted teeth into which a pawl drops so as to allow motion in only one direction
1 rate /rāt/ verb rat·ed; rat·ing
  ▶: to scold violently
  Synonyms
  ▶ berate, castigate, chew out, dress down, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rail, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, score, upbraid—more at SCOLD
2 rate noun
  1: quantity, amount, or degree measured by some standard
  2: an amount (as of payment) measured by its relation to some other amount (as of time)
  3: a charge, payment, or price fixed according to a ratio, scale, or standard <tax ▶>
  4 ▶: relative condition or quality : CLASS
  Synonyms
  ▶ caliber, class, grade, quality—more at QUALITY
3 rate verb rat·ed; rat·ing
  1 ▶: to set an estimate on
  2 ▶: to show respect or consideration for : CONSIDER, REGARD
  3: to settle the relative rank or class of
  4 ▶: to be classed : RANK
  5 ▶: to have a right to : DESERVE
  6: to be of consequence
— rat·er noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] appraise, assess, estimate, evaluate, set, value—more at ESTIMATE
  ▶ [2] account, call, consider, count, esteem, hold, reckon, regard, take—more at CONSIDER
  ▶ [4] be, grade, place, rank—more at RANK
  ▶ [5] deserve, earn, merit
rath·er /ˈræθər, ˈrāθər/ adverb
[origin: ME, fr. OE hrathor, compar. of hrathe quickly]
  1: more properly
  2 ▶: more readily or willingly : PREFERABLY
  3: more correctly speaking
  4 ▶: to the contrary : INSTEAD
  5 ▶: in some degree : SOMEWHAT
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] first, preferably, readily, soon; also alternately, either, instead; gladly; voluntarily
  Antonyms
  involuntarily, unwillingly
  ▶ [5] enough, fairly, kind of, moderately, pretty, quite, so-so, somewhat, sort of—more at FAIRLY
rather than preposition
  : INSTEAD OF
raths·kel·ler /ˈræθs.kel.ər, ˈræt/ noun
[origin: obs. G (now Ratskeller), city-hall basement restaurant, fr. Rat council + Keller cellar]
  : a usu. basement tavern or restaurant
rat·i·fy /raˈti.fī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  ▶: to approve and accept formally
— rat·i·fi·ca·tion /raˈti.fəˈkā.shən/ noun
  Synonyms
rating /rāˈtiŋ/ noun
1 : a classification according to grade : RANK
2 British : a naval enlisted man
3 : an estimate of the credit standing and business responsibility of a person or firm

ratio /rāˈshō/ noun, plural ratios
1 : the indicated quotient of two numbers or mathematical expressions
2 : the relationship in number, quantity, or degree between two or more things

ratification /raˌtishəˈnāshən/ noun
: exact thinking : REASONING
— ratify /rāˈtif/ verb
— ratifiable /rāˈtifəbəl/ adjective
— ratification /rāˌtishəˈnāshən/ noun

ration /rāˈshan/ noun
1 : a food allowance for one day
2 : FOOD, PROVISIONS, DIET — usu. used in pl.

ration verb
1 : to supply with or allot as rations
2 : to use or allot sparingly

Synonyms
allocate, allot, allow, apportion, assign—more at ALLOT

rational /rāˈshənəl/ adjective
1 : having reason or understanding
2 : of or relating to reason
3 : relating to, consisting of, or being one or more rational numbers
4 : of, relating to, or in accordance with the principles of rationalism

Synonyms
[1] intelligent, reasonable, reasoning; also analytic, logical; brainy, cerebral, highbrow, intellectual; cognitive, mental; practical, sane, sensible
Antonyms
irrational, unintelligent, unreasonable, unreasoning, unthinking
[2, 4] good, hard, informed, just, levelheaded, logical, reasonable, reasoned, sensible, sober, solid, valid, well-founded—more at GOOD

rational noun
: RATIONAL NUMBER

rationale /rāˈshənl/ noun
1 : an explanation of principles controlling belief or practice
2 : an underlying reason

Synonyms
argument, case, explanation, reason—more at REASON

rationalize /rāˌshənləˌzəd/ British variant of RATIONALIZE

rationalism /rāˌshənəlˌizəm/ noun
: the practice of guiding one's actions and opinions solely by what seems reasonable
— rationalist /ˌrāˌshənəlist/ noun
— rationalistic /ˌrāˌshənəˈlistik/ adjective

rationality /rāˌshənələˈtē/ noun, plural -ties
: the quality or state of being rational
ra·tio·nal·ize /ˈra.ʃə.nə.liz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to make (something irrational) appear rational or reasonable
2 : to provide a natural explanation of (as a myth)
3 : to justify (as one's behavior or weaknesses) esp. to oneself
4 : to find plausible but untrue reasons for conduct
— ra·tio·nal·i·za·tion /ˈra.ʃə.nə.lə.zən/ noun
   Synonyms
   1, 3 account, explain—more at EXPLAIN
rational number noun
: a number that can be expressed as an integer or the quotient of an integer divided by a nonzero integer
rat race noun
: strenuous, tiresome, and usu. competitive activity or rush
rat·tan /ra.tən/ noun
: a cane or switch made from one of the long stems of an Asian climbing palm; also : this palm
rat·ter /ra.tər/ noun
: a rat-catching dog or cat
rattle /rāt/ verb ratted; rat·ting
1 : to make or cause to make a series of clattering sounds
2 : to move with a clattering sound
3 : to say or do in a brisk lively fashion off the answers
4 : to upset esp. to the point of loss of poise and composure : CONFUSE a witness
5 : to chatter incessantly and aimlessly
   Synonyms
   4 abash, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discomfiture, embarrass, faze, fluster, mortify—more at EMBARRASS
   5 maunder, ramble, run on—more at RAMBLE
rat·tle /rātl/ noun
1 : a toy that produces a rattle when shaken
2 : a series of clattering and knocking sounds
3 : a rattling organ at the end of a rattlesnake's tail
rat·tle·snake /rātlˈsnäk/ noun
: any of various American pit vipers with a rattle at the end of the tail
rat·tle·trap /rātlˈtrāp/ noun
: something (as an old car) rickety and full of rattles
rat·ting /rät/ adjective
1 : acting or capable of acting with speed : BRISK
2 : FIRST-RATE, SPLENDID
   Synonyms
   breakneck, breathless, brisk, dizzy, fast, fleet, hasty, lightning, nippy, quick, rapid, snappy, speedy, swift—more at FAST
rat·trap /rātrāp/ noun
1 : a trap for rats
2 : a dilapidated building
rat·ty /rā.tē/ adjective rat·ti·er; -est
1 : infested with rats
2 : of, relating to, or suggestive of rats
3 : threadbare and faded from wear : SHABBY


**Synonyms**
- dilapidated, grungy, mangy, mean, miserable, neglected, ragged, scruffy, seedy, shabby, tacky, threadbare—more at SHABBY

raucous /rō'kəs/ adjective
1. harsh, hoarse, strident
2. boisterously disorderly
- raucously adverb
- raucousness noun

synonyms
- boisterous, rambunctious, rowdy—more at BOISTEROUS

raunchy /'rān.chē, 'rān/ adjective raunchy, -ier, -est
1. slovenly, dirty
2. obscene, smutty
- raunchiness noun

ravage /rāv/ noun
[origin: F] an act or result of ravaging: devastation

ravage verb ravaged, ravaging
- to lay waste: devastate
- raver noun

synonyms
- destroy, devastate, ruin, scourge; also despoil, foray, harry, loot, maraud, pillage, plunder, sack, strip; annihilate, desolate, extirpate, obliterate, smash, waste, wipe out, wreck; decimate, mow; demolish, raze; crush, overpower, overrun, overwhelm

rave /rāv/ verb raved, raving
[origin: ME raven]
1. to talk wildly in or as if in delirium: storm, rage
2. to talk with extreme enthusiasm
3. to speak out wildly

synonyms
- enthrone, fuss, gush, rhapsodize, slobber—more at gush
- bluster, fulminate, rant, spout—more at rant

ravel /rāv/ verb -eled, -elling
1. to undo the intricacies of: unravel
2. to tangle, confuse

ravel noun
1. something tangled
2. something raveled out; especially: a loose thread

raven /rāv/ noun
1. a large black bird related to the crow
2. adjective
- black and glossy like a raven's feathers

synonyms
- black, ebony—more at black

raven /rāv/ verb
1. to devour greedily
2. despoil, plunder
3: PREY

rav·en·ous /ra.və.nəs/ adjective
1: having a huge appetite: VORACIOUS
2: eager for food: very hungry
—rav·en·ous·ly adverb
—rav·en·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
  ➔ glutinous, greedy, hoggish, piggish, rapacious, voracious—more at VORACIOUS

ra·vine /ra.vən/ noun
1: a small narrow steep-sided valley larger than a gully

Synonyms
  ➔ canyon, defile, flume, gap, gorge, gulch, gulf, notch, pass—more at CANYON

ra·vi·oli /ra.vəˌō.li/ noun, plural ravioli also raviolis
[origin: It, fr. It dial., pl. of raviolo, lit., little turnip, dim. of rava turnip, fr. L rapa]
: small cases of dough with a savory filling (as of meat or cheese)

rav·ish /ra.viʃ/ verb
1: to seize and take away by violence
2: to overcome with emotion and esp. with joy or delight
3: RAPE

—rav·ish·er noun
—rav·ish·ment noun

Synonyms
  ➔ carry away, enrapture, enthrall, entrance, transport—more at ENTRANCE

ra·vi·sh·ing /ra.viʃˈing/ adjective
1: unusually attractive, pleasing, or striking

Synonyms
  ➔ attractive, beautiful, fair, gorgeous, handsome, knockout, lovely, pretty, stunning—more at BEAUTIFUL

1 raw /rō/ adjective raw·er /rō.ər/; raw·est /rō.əst/
1: not cooked
2: changed little from the original form: not processed <~ materials>
3: having the surface abraded or irritated <a ~ sore>
4: not trained or experienced <~ recruits>
5: VULGAR, COARSE
6: disagreeably cold and damp <a ~ day>
7: UNFAIR <~ deal>

Synonyms
  ➔ [2] crude, native, natural, undressed, unprocessed, unrefined, untreated—more at CRUDE
  ➔ [4] adolescent, callow, green, immature, inexperienced, juvenile—more at CALLOW
  ➔ [6] bitter, bleak, chill, chilly, nippy, sharp—more at CHILLY

2 raw noun
: a raw place or state; especially: NUDITY

raw deal noun
1: an instance of unfair treatment

Synonyms
  ➔ disservice, injury, injustice, wrong—more at DISSERVICE

raw·boned /rōˌbōnd/ adjective
1: LEAN, GAUNT
2: having a heavy frame that seems to have little flesh

raw·hide /rōˌhid/ noun
1: the untanned skin of cattle; also: a whip made of this
**raw material** noun
- : something with a potential for improvement, development, or elaboration
  - *Synonyms*
    - material, stuff, substance

**raw·ness** noun
- : the quality or state of being raw
  - *Synonyms*
    - bite, bitterness, bleakness, chill, nip, sharpness—more at chill

1. **ray** /rā/ noun
   - : any of an order of large flat cartilaginous fishes that have the eyes on the upper surface and the hind end of the body slender and taillike

2. **ray** noun
   - [origin: ME, fr. AF rai, fr. L radius rod, ray]
   1: any of the lines of light that appear to radiate from a bright object
   2: a thin beam of radiant energy (as light)
   3: light from a beam
   4: a thin line like a beam of light
   5: an animal or plant structure resembling a ray
   6: a tiny bit: particle <a ~ of hope>

3. **ray·on** /rā_.ān/ noun
   - : a fiber made from cellulose; also: a yarn, thread, or fabric made from such fibers

4. **raze** /rāz/ verb razed; raz·ing
   - 1: to scrape, cut, or shave off
   - 2: to destroy to the ground: demolish

5. **ra·zor** /rā_.z̬ar/ noun
   - : a sharp cutting instrument used to shave off hair

6. **ra·zor–backed** /rā_.z̬ar_.bak̆t/ or ra·zor·back /_.bak̆/ adjective
   - : having a sharp narrow back << horse>

7. **razor clam** noun
   - : any of a family of marine bivalve mollusks having a long narrow curved thin shell

8. **razor wire** noun
   - : coiled wire fitted with sharp edges and used as an obstacle or barrier

1. **razz** /rāz/ noun
   - : RASPBERRY 2

2. **razz** verb
   - : to harass and try to disconcert with questions, challenges, or gibes: tease
     - *Synonyms*
       - chaff, jive, josh, kid, rally, rib, ride, roast, tease—more at tease

9. **Rb** symbol
   - rubidium

10. **RBC** abbreviation
    - red blood cells

11. **RBI** /ˈrē.ˌbi/ noun, plural RBIs or RBI
    - [origin: run batted in]
      - : a run in baseball that is driven in by a batter

12. **RC** abbreviation
    - 1 Red Cross
    - 2 Roman Catholic
**RCAF abbreviation**
Royal Canadian Air Force

**RCMP abbreviation**
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

**RCN abbreviation**
Royal Canadian Navy

**rct abbreviation**
recruit

**rd abbreviation**
1 road
2 rod
3 round

**RD abbreviation**
rural delivery

**RDA abbreviation**
recommended daily allowance; recommended dietary allowance

**re /ˈreɪ/ preposition**
: with regard to

**Re symbol**
rhenium

**re- /ˈreɪ, ɪˈreɪ/ prefix**
1 : again : for a second time
2 : anew : in a new or different form
3 : back : backward

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix re-:

reabsorb
reacquire
reactivate
reactivation
readjust
readjustment
readmission
readmit
reaffirm
reaffirmation
realign
realignment
reallocate
reallocation
reanalysis
reanimation
reannex
reannexation
reappear
reappearance
reapplication
reapply
reappoint
reappointment
reapportion
reappraise
rearm
rearmament
rearouse
rearrange
rearrangement
rearrest
reascend
reassemble
reassemble
reassert
reassess
reassessment
reassign
reassignment
resume
reattach
reattachment
reattain
reattempt
reauthorization
reauthorize
reawaken
rebaptism
rebaptize
rebid
rebind
reboil
rebroadcast
reburial
recalculate
recalculation
rechannel
recharge
rechargeable
recharter
recheck
rechristen
reclassification
reclassify
recoin
recolonization
recolonize
recolor
recombine
recommence
recommission
recommit
recompile
recompose
recomputation
recompute
reconcentrate
reconception
recondensation
recondense
remix
remold
rename
renegotiate
renegotiation
renominate
renomination
renumber
reoccupy
reoccur
reorder
reorganization
reorganize
reorient
reorientation
repack
repaint
repass
repeople
rephotograph
replant
repopulate
reprice
reprocess
reprogram
republication
republish
repurchase
reradiate
reread
rereading
rerecord
reroute
reschedule
rescore
rescreen
reseal
reseed
resell
reset
resettle
resettlement
resew
reshow
resocialization
resow
respell
restaff
restatement
restock
restrengthen
restructure
restudy
restuff
restyle
resubmit
resummon
resupply
resurface
resurvey
resynthesis
retaste
retell
retest
retool
retrain
retransmission
retransmit
retrial
reunification
reunify
reunite
reusable
reuse
revaluate
revaluation
revalue
revisit
rewarm
rewash
reweave
rewed
reweigh
rewire
rezone

reach /rēch/ verb
1: to stretch out
2: to touch or attempt to touch or seize
3: to extend to
4: to communicate with
5: to arrive at
6: to hand over
— reach·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ hand, hand over, pass, transfer—more at PASS

reach noun
1: an unbroken stretch of a river
2: the act of reaching
3: a reachable distance; also: ability to reach
4: a range of knowledge or comprehension
5: a continuous stretch or expanse
   Synonyms
   ▶ [4] amplitude, breadth, compass, extent, range, realm, scope, sweep, width—more at RANGE
   ▶ [5] breadth, expanse, extent, spread, stretch—more at EXPANSE

reach·able adjective
▶ capable of being reached
   Synonyms
   ▶ accessible, convenient, handy—more at CONVENIENT

re·act /rē_akt/ verb
1: to exert a return or counteracting influence
2: to have or show a reaction
3: to act in opposition to a force or influence
4: to move or tend in a reverse direction
5: to undergo chemical reaction

re·ac·tant /re'ək'tant/ noun
: a chemically reacting substance

re·ac·tion /re'ək'shən/ noun
1: the act or process of reacting
2: a counter tendency; especially: a tendency toward a former esp. outmoded political or social order or policy
3: bodily, mental, or emotional response to a stimulus
4: chemical change
5: a process involving change in atomic nuclei

Synonyms
reply, response, take; also answer, return; backlash; rebound; revulsion, rise; jerk, start, twitch

1reactionary /re'ək'shə nor.ə/ adjective
1: relating to, marked by, or favoring esp. political reaction
2: relating to, marked by, or favoring reaction

Synonyms
conservative, old-fashioned, orthodox, traditional—more at CONSERVATIVE

2reactionary noun
: one that is reactionary

re·ac·tive /re'ək'tiv/ adjective
: reacting or tending to react

re·ac·tor /re'ək'tər/ noun
1: one that reacts
2: a device for the controlled release of nuclear energy

1read /rēd/ verb read /rēd/, read·ing
[origin: ME reden to advise, interpret, read, fr. OE rǣdan]
1: to understand language by interpreting written symbols for speech sounds
2: to utter aloud written or printed words
3: to learn by observing <~ nature's signs>
4: to study by a course of reading <~ law>
5: to discover the meaning of <~ the clues>
6: to recognize or interpret as if by reading
7: to attribute (a meaning) to something <~ guilt in his manner>
8: to consist in phrasing or meaning <the two versions ~ differently>
9: to consist in phrasing or meaning <the two versions ~ differently>

— read·ab·il·i·ty /rē da'bil ī ti/ noun
— read·able /rē da'bal/ adjective
— read·ab·ly /bīlē/ adverb
— read·er noun

2read /rēd/ adjective
: informed by reading <widely ~>
read·i·ly /ˈredəˌleɪ/ adverb
1 : in a ready manner
2 ♦ : without much difficulty
  Synonyms
   ♦ easily, effortlessly, fluently, freely, handily, lightly, painlessly, smoothly—more at EASILY

read·ing /ˈrēd.ɪŋ/ noun
1 : something read or for reading
2 : a particular version
3 : data indicated by an instrument <thermometer ~> 
4 : a particular interpretation (as of a law)
5 : a particular performance (as of a musical work)
6 : an indication of a certain state of aff airs

read–only memory noun
  : ROM

read-out /ˈrēdˌoʊt/ noun
1 : the process of removing information from an automatic device (as a computer) and displaying it in an understandable form; also : the information removed from such a device
2 : an electronic device that presents information in visual form

read out verb
1 : to read aloud
2 : to expel from an organization

1ready /ˈred.i/ adjective read·i·er; -est
1 ♦ : prepared for use or action
2 a ♦ : likely to do something indicated
b ♦ : willingly inclined toward : prepared to do
3 ♦ : spontaneously prompt <her ~ wit>
4 ♦ : immediately available <~ cash>
  → read·i·ness /ˈdē.nəs/ noun
  → at the ready
    : ready for immediate use
  Synonyms
   ♦ [1] fit, go, set; also conditioned, primed; braced, fortified, steeled; qualified, trained
  Antonyms
   unprepared, unready
   ♦ [2b] amenable, disposed, game, glad, inclined, willing—more at WILLING
   ♦ [3] alert, expeditious, prompt, quick, willing—more at QUICK

2ready verb read·ied; read·ing
  : to make ready
  Synonyms
   ♦ equip, fit, prepare, qualify, season—more at QUALIFY
   ♦ brace, forearm, fortify, nerve, steel, strengthen—more at FORTIFY

ready–made /ˌrēd.əˈmād/ adjective
  : already made up for general sale : not specially made
  → ready–made noun

ready room noun
  : a room in which pilots are briefed and await orders

re·agent /rēˈā.jənt/ noun
  : a substance that takes part in or brings about a particular chemical reaction

1real /rēl/ adjective
1 : of or relating to fixed or immovable things (as land) *(property)*
2 : not artificial, fraudulent, or illusory : *GENUINE*
3 : occurring or existing in actuality
   — **real-ness** noun
   — **for real** noun
1 : in earnest
2 : *GENUINE*

**real** adverb
: to a high degree : *VERY*

**real estate** noun
: property in buildings and land

**real-ism** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌli.zəm/ noun
1 : the disposition to face facts and to deal with them practically
2 : true and faithful portrayal of nature and of people in art or literature
   — **real-ist** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌlist/ adjective or noun
   — **real-isti-cal-ly** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌlis.ɪ.tə.ˈli/ adverb

**real-istic** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌlit.ɪk/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or marked by literary or artistic realism
2 : facing reality squarely : not impractical or visionary
   **Synonyms**
   — [1] lifelike, natural, near—more at *NATURAL*
   — [2] down-to-earth, earthy, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, practical, pragmatic; also philistine, utilitarian; logical, rational, reasonable, sane, sensible, sound; hard-boiled, unromantic, unsentimental; cynical, disillusioned
   **Antonyms**
   — idealistic, impractical, unrealistical, utopian, visionary

**real-ity** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌlə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being real
2 : something real
3 : the totality of real things and events
   **Synonyms**
   — actuality, existence, subsistence—more at *EXISTENCE*

**real-ize** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌlɪz/ verb -ized, -izing
1 : to make actual : *ACCOMPLISH*
2 : to convert into money *(assets)*
3 : to bring or get by sale, investment, or effort : *OBTAIN, GAIN* *(profit)*
4 : to be aware of
   **Synonyms**
   — ascertain, catch on, discover, find out, hear, learn, see—more at *DISCOVER*

**real-ly** /ˈrɛ.ə.ˌlɪ/ adverb
1: in truth: in fact
2: without any question — used as an intensifier <a ~ beautiful day>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] actually, frankly, genuinely, honestly, truly, truthfully, verily—more at ACTUALLY
   ▶ [2] certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubted, unquestionably—more at INDEED

realm /relm/ noun
1: KINGDOM
2: an area or range over or within which someone or something acts, exists, or has influence or significance:
   SPHERE, DOMAIN
   Synonyms
   ▶ area, arena, demesne, department, discipline, domain, field, line, province, specialty, sphere—more at FIELD

real number noun
: a number that has no imaginary part <the set of all real numbers comprises the rationals and the irrationals>

rea·po·li·tik /rēˌpōˌlē.tik/ noun, often cap
[origin: G]
: politics based on practical and material factors rather than on theoretical or ethical objectives

real time noun
: the actual time during which something takes place
   — real-time adjective

rea·lty /rēˈtē/ noun
: REAL ESTATE

1 ream /rēm/ noun
[origin: ME reme, fr. AF, ultim. fr. Ar rizmah, lit., bundle]
1: a quantity of paper that is variously 480, 500, or 516 sheets
2: a great amount — usu. used in the pl. <~s of information>
   Synonyms
   ▶ loads, lot, plenty, scads, stack

2 ream verb
: to enlarge, shape, or clear with a reamer

ream·er /rēˌmər/ noun
: a tool with cutting edges that is used to enlarge or shape a hole

rea·n·a·lyze /rēˈanəˌlīz/ verb
: to analyze again
   Synonyms
   ▶ readdress, reconceive, reconsider, reexamine, rethink, review—more at RECONSIDER

rea·n·i·mate /rēˌaˌnaˌmat/ verb
: to give renewed spirit and support to
   Synonyms
   ▶ regenerate, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renew, resuscitate, revitalize, revive—more at REVIVE

reap /rēp/ verb
1: to cut or clear with a scythe, sickle, or machine
2: to gather by or as if by cutting : HARVEST <~ a reward>
   — reap·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ gather, harvest, pick—more at HARVEST

re·ap·prais·al /rēˌəpˌprēzəl/ noun
: a second or fresh appraisal
   Synonyms
   ▶ reexamination, retrospection, review—more at REVIEW
rear /rèr/ verb
1 ▶: to erect by building
2 ▶: to set or raise upright
3 ▶: to breed and raise for use or market << livestock>>
4 ▶: to bring to maturity or self-sufficiency usu. through nurturing care
5 ▶: to lift or rise up; especially ▶: to rise on the hind legs
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] assemble, build, construct, erect, fabricate, make, make up, piece, put up, raise, set up—more at BUILD
  ▶ [3] crop, cultivate, culture, grow, promote, raise, tend—more at GROW
  ▶ [4] breed, bring up, foster, raise—more at BRING UP
rear noun
1 ▶: the unit (as of an army) or area farthest from the enemy
2 ▶: BACK; also ▶: the position at the back of something
3 ▶: the seat of the body
  Synonyms
  ▶ backside, bottom, butt, buttocks, posterior, rump, seat—more at BUTTOCKS
rear adjective
▶: being at the back
  Synonyms
  ▶ back, hind, hindmost, posterior—more at BACK
rear admiral noun
▶: a commissioned officer in the navy or coast guard ranking next below a vice admiral
rearward /ir ward/ adjective
1 ▶: being at or toward the rear
2 ▶: directed toward the rear
rearward also rear·wards /rər'wardz/ adverb
▶: at or toward the rear
reas abbreviation
reasonable
reason /ri z.ən/ noun
[origin: ME resoun, fr. AF raisun, fr. L. ration-, ratio reason, computation]
1 ▶: a statement offered in explanation or justification
2 ▶: a person or thing that is the occasion of an action or state: CAUSE
3 ▶: the power to think: INTELLECT
4 ▶: a sane or sound mind
5 ▶: due exercise of the faculty of logical thought
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] alibi, argument, case, defense, excuse, explanation, justification, rationale; also appeal, plea; guise, pretense, pretext, rationalization
  ▶ [2] antecedent, cause, grounds, motive, occasion, wherefore, why
  ▶ [4] head, mind, sanity, wit—more at MIND
  ▶ [5] logic, reasoning, sense—more at LOGIC
reason verb
1 ▶: to talk with another to cause a change of mind
2 ▶: to use the faculty of reason: THINK
3 ▶: to discover or formulate by the use of reason
4 ▶: to persuade or influence by the use of reason
— reason·er noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [3] conclude, deduce, extrapolate, gather, infer, judge, understand—more at INFER
  ▶ [4] argue, assert, contend, maintain, plead—more at ARGUE
reasonable adjective
1: being within the bounds of reason: not extreme
2: reasonable in price: INEXPENSIVE
3 ▲: able to reason: RATIONAL
4 ▲: being in accordance with reason
— reasonable-ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ [3] intelligent, rational, reasoning—more at RATIONAL
   ▸ [4] good, hard, informed, just, levelheaded, logical, rational, reasoned, sensible, sober, solid, valid, well-founded—more at GOOD

reasonably adverb
1: in a reasonable manner

reasoned adjective
1: based on or marked by reasoning
   Synonyms
   ▸ advised, calculated, deliberate, measured, studied, thoughtful—more at DELIBERATE

reasoning noun
1: the use of reason
   Synonyms
   ▸ logic, reason, sense—more at LOGIC

re· assure /ˌrē,əˈshūr/ verb
1: to assure again
2 ▲: to restore confidence to: free from fear
— re· as· sur· ance /ˌshūr.əns/ noun
— re· as· sur· ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▸ assure, cheer, comfort, console, solace, soothe—more at COMFORT

re· bat /ˌrē.bāt/ verb re· bat· ed; re· bat· ing
1: to make or give a rebate
2: rebat noun
1: a return of part of a payment

reb· el /ˈrebəl/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF fr. L rebellis, fr. re- + bellum war]
1: of or relating to rebels
2: rebel noun
1: one that rebels against authority
   Synonyms
   ▸ insurgent, insurrectionist, mutineer, red, revoler, revolutionary; also challenger; anarchist; extremist, malcontent, radical

reb· el· lion /ˈrebəl.lən/ noun
1: resistance to authority: especially: defiance against a government through uprising or revolt
   Synonyms
   ▸ insurrection, mutiny, revolt, revolution, uprising; also coup, coup d'état, overthrow; seditious, treachery, treason; sabotage, subversion

reb· el· lious /ˈrebəl.iəs/ adjective
1 ▲: given to or engaged in rebellion
2 ▶: inclined to resist authority
— re·bel·li·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] insurgent, mutinous, revolutionary; also seditious, traitorous, treacherous, treasonous
▶ [2] contrary, defiant, disobedient, froward, intractable, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT

re·bel·li·ous·ness noun
▶: the quality or state of being rebellious
Synonyms
▶ defiance, disobedience, insubordination, recalcitrance, refractoriness, unruliness—more at DISOBEDIENCE

re·birth /rēˈbōrθ/ noun
1 : a new or second birth
2 ▶: a return or renewal of vigor, freshness, or productivity: REVIVAL

Synonyms
▶ regeneration, rejuvenation, renewal, resurgence, resurrection, resuscitation, revival—more at REVIVAL

re·born /rēˈbōrn/ adjective
▶: born again: REGENERATED, REVIVED

1-rebound /rēˈbōnd, ˈrēˌbaund/ verb
1 ▶: to spring back on or as if on striking another body
2 ▶: to recover from a setback or frustration

Synonyms
▶ [1] bounce, carom, glance, ricochet, skim, skip—more at GLANCE
▶ [2] rally, recover, snap back—more at RECOVER

2-rebound /rēˈbaund/ noun
1 : the action of rebounding
2 : a rebounding ball
3 : a reaction to setback or frustration

1-rebuff /rēˈbȯf/ verb
▶: to reject or criticize sharply

Synonyms
▶ brush-off, cold shoulder, repulse, snub—more at COLD SHOULDER

2-rebuff noun
▶: an abrupt rejection of an offer or advance

Synonyms
▶ brush-off, cold shoulder, repulse, snub—more at COLD SHOULDER

re·build /rēˈbild/ verb -built /ˈbilt/, -build·ing
1 : REPAIR, RECONSTRUCT; also : REMODEL
2 : to build again

1-rebuke /rēˈbük/ verb re·buked; re·buk·ing
▶: to reprimand sharply

Synonyms
▶ censure, condemn, denounce, reprimand, reproach, reprove—more at CENSURE

2-rebuke noun
▶: a sharp reprimand

Synonyms
▶ censure, denunciation, reprimand, reproach, reproof, stricture—more at CENSURE

re·bus /rēˈbəs/ noun
[origin: L, by things, abl. pl. of res thing]
▶: a representation of syllables or words by means of pictures; also: a riddle composed of such pictures

1-rebut /rēˈbut/ verb re·but·ted; re·but·ting
▶: to refute esp. formally (as in debate) by evidence and arguments
— re·but·ter noun
Synonyms
- belie, confute, disprove, refute—more at DISPROVE

re·but·tal /riˈbaʊtəl/ noun
: the act of rebutting
- rec abbreviation
  1 receipt
  2 record; recording
  3 recreation

re·calc·u·trance /riˈkælsətrants/ noun
- the state of being recalcitrant
  Synonyms
  - defiance, disobedience, insubordination, rebelliousness, refractoriness, unruliness—more at DISOBEDIENCE

re·calc·i·trant /riˈkælsətrant/ adjective
[origin: LL recalcitrant-, recalci trans, prp. of recalcitrate to be stubbornly disobedient, fr. L, to kick back, fr. re-back, again + calcitrare to kick, fr. calc-, calx heel]
  1 : stubbornly resisting authority
  2 : resistant to handling or treatment
  Synonyms
  - contrary, defiant, disobedient, froward, intractable, rebellious, refractory, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT

1 recall /riˈkɔl/ verb
  1 : to call back
  2 : to bring back to mind: REMEMBER, RECOLLECT
  3 : to call off usu. without expectation of conducting or performing at a later time: REVOKE, CANCEL
  Synonyms
  - [2] recollect, remember, reminisce, think—more at REMEMBER
  - [3] abort, call, call off, cancel, drop, repeal, rescind, revoke—more at CANCEL

2 recall /riˈkɔl, rəˈkɔl/ noun
  1 : a summons to return
  2 : the procedure of removing an official by popular vote
  3 : remembrance of things learned or experienced
  4 : the act of revoking
  5 : a call by a manufacturer for the return of a product that may be defective or contaminated
  Synonyms
  - [3] memory, recollection, remembrance, reminiscence—more at MEMORY
  - [4] abortion, calling, cancellation, repeal, rescission, revocation—more at CANCELLATION

re·can·tal /riˈkæntəl/ verb
- to take back (something one has said) publicly: make an open confession of error
- re·can·ta·tion /rəˈkæntəˌkeiʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
  - abjure, renounce, retract, take back, unsay, withdraw—more at ABJURE

1 recap /rəˈkep/ verb re·capped; re·cap·ping
- to repeat the principal stages or phases of: RECAPITULATE

2 recap verb re·capped; re·cap·ping
- RETREAD

3 recap /rəˈkep/ noun
- RECAPITULATION

re·cap·itu·late /rəˈkaːpəˌlaɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
- to restate briefly: SUMMARIZE
**Synonyms**

- abstract, digest, encapsulate, epitomize, outline, sum up, summarize, wrap up—more at [SUMMARIZE](#)

**re·cap·tu·la·tion /ˌrē.ˈkæp.chəˌlāshən/ noun**

- a concise summary

**Synonyms**

- abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, résumé, roundup, sum, summary, synopsis—more at [SUMMARY](#)

**re·cap·ture /ˌrē.ˈkap.tər/ verb**

1 : to capture again

2 : to experience again (~ happy times)

**Synonyms**

- reclaim, recoup, recover, regain, repossess, retake, retrieve—more at [RECOVER](#)

**re·cast /ˌrē.ˈkast/ verb**

1 : to cast again

2 : to alter the structure of : REVISE, REMODEL (~ a sentence)

**Synonyms**

- alter, change, make over, modify, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at [CHANGE](#)

**recd abbreviation**

- received

**re·cede /ˈrē.ˌsed/ verb re·ced·ed; re·ced·ing**

1 : to move back or away

2 : to slant backward

3 : to grow less or smaller : DIMINISH

**Synonyms**

- [1] back, fall back, retire, retreat, withdraw—more at [RETREAT](#)

- [3] abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, relent, shrink, subside, taper, wane—more at [DECREASE](#)

**re·ceiv·er /ˈrē.ˌsē.ˌvər/ noun**

1 : one that receives

2 : a person legally appointed to receive and have charge of property or money involved in a lawsuit

3 : a device for converting electromagnetic waves or signals into audio or visual form (~ telephone ~)
receiver·ship /ˈrɪsɪvərˌʃɪp/ noun
1 : the office or function of a receiver
2 : the condition of being in the hands of a receiver

re·cen·cy /rɛˈsɛn.ʃə/ noun
: RECENTNESS

re·cent /rɛˈsɛnt/ adjective
1 : of the present time or time just past <~ history>
2 : having lately come into existence : NEW, FRESH
3 cap : HOLOCENE
— re·cent·ness noun

re·cent·ly adverb
▶ : during a recent period of time

Synonyms
freshly, just, late, lately, new, newly, now, only—more at NEWLY

re·cep·ta·cle /rɛˈsɛptəˌkɔl/ noun
1 ▶ : something used to receive and hold something else : CONTAINER
2 : the enlarged end of a flower stalk upon which the parts of the flower grow
3 : an electrical fitting containing the live parts of a circuit

Synonyms
▶ container, holder, vessel—more at CONTAINER

re·cep·tion /rɛˈsɛpʃən/ noun
1 : the act of receiving
2 : a social gathering at which guests are formally welcomed

re·cep·tion·ist /rɛˈsɛpʃən·ɪst/ noun
: a person employed to greet callers

re·cep·tive /rɛˈsɛptɪv/ adjective
1 : able or inclined to receive
2 : open and responsive to ideas, impressions, or suggestions
— re·cep·tive·ly adverb
— re·cep·tive·ness noun
— re·cep·tive·ty /rɛˈsɛp.tɪv.i/ noun

Synonyms
▶ broad-minded, open, open-minded—more at OPEN-MINDED

re·cep·tor /rɛˈsɛptər/ noun
1 : one that receives stimuli : SENSE ORGAN
2 : a chemical group or molecule in the outer cell membrane or in the cell interior that has an affinity for a specific chemical group, molecule, or virus

re·cess /rɛˈses, rɛˈses/ noun
1 : a secret or secluded place
2 ▶ : an indentation in a line or surface (as an alcove in a room)
3 ▶ : a suspension of business or procedure for rest or relaxation

Synonyms
▶ [2] alcove, niche, nook—more at NICE
▶ [3] break, leave, vacation—more at VACATION
▶ [3] break, breath, breather, respite—more at BREAK

re·cess verb
1 : to put into a recess
2 : to make a recess in
3 : to interrupt for a recess
4 : to take a recess
recession /ˈre-ˌshən/ noun
1: the act of receding: WITHDRAWAL
2: a departing procession (as at the end of a church service)
3: a period of reduced economic activity

recession-alf /ˈre-ˌshə-nəl/ noun
1: a hymn or musical piece at the conclusion of a service or program
2: RECESSION 2

recessive /ˈre-ˌshəs/ adjective
1: tending to recede
2: producing or being a bodily characteristic that is masked or not expressed when a contrasting dominant gene or trait is present "genes" "traits"

recessive noun
1: a recessive characteristic or gene; also: an individual that has one or more recessive characteristics

recherché /ˈrə-shər-ˌshā, -ˌshər-ˌshā/ adjective
[origin: F]
1: CHOICE, RARE
2: excessively refined

recidivism /ri-ˌsid-əˌviz-əm/ noun
a tendency to relapse into a previous condition; especially: relapse into criminal behavior
—recidivist /ˌvist/ noun

recipe /ˈre-sə(.))pē/ noun
[origin: L, take, imperative of recipere to take, receive, fr. re- back + capere to take]
1: a set of instructions for making something from various ingredients
2: a method of procedure: FORMULA

recipient /ˈre-ˌsī-pənt/ noun
one that receives

reciprocal /ˌrē-səˈkl/ adjective
1: inversely related
2: MUTUAL, SHARED
3: serving to reciprocate
4: mutually corresponding
—reciprocally adverb

reciprocal noun
1: something in a reciprocal relationship to another
2: one of a pair of numbers (as 2/3 and 3/2) whose product is one

reciprocate /ˌrē-kō-ˈkāt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1: to move backward and forward alternately
2: to give and take mutually
3: to make a return for something done or given
—reciprocation /ˌrē-ˌsī-prō-ˈkā-shən/ noun

reciprocity /ˌrē-ˌsī-prō-ˈsə-tē/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being reciprocal
2: mutual exchange of privileges (as trade advantages between countries)

recital /ˈrē-ˌsīt/ noun
1: an act or instance of reciting: ACCOUNT
2: a public reading or recitation "a poetry ~"
3: a concert given by a musician, dancer, or dance troupe
4: a public exhibition of skill given by music or dance pupils
—recital·ist /ˌrē-ˌsī-təl-əst/ noun
recitation /ˈreˌsəˌtāˈshən/ noun
1 : RECITING, RECITAL
2 : delivery before an audience usu. of something memorized
3 : a classroom exercise in which pupils answer questions on a lesson they have studied

recite /ˈrekət/ verb recited; reciting
1 : to repeat verbatim (as something memorized)
2 : to recount in some detail : RELATE
3 : to reply to a teacher's questions on a lesson
— reciter noun

Synonyms
➤ describe, narrate, recount, rehearse, relate, report, tell—more at TELL

reckless /ˈrekəlz/ adjective
➤ lacking caution
— recklessly adverb
— recklessness noun

Synonyms
➤ brash, foolhardy, irresponsible; also adventurous, bold, daring, venturesome; hasty, headlong, precipitate, rash, wild; nonchalant, unconcerned, unworried; careless, heedless, inattentive, incautious; inconsiderate, thoughtless, unthinking
Antonyms
➤ responsible

reckon /ˈrekən/ verb
1 ➤ to arrive at or estimate by calculation : CALCULATE
2 ➤ to regard or think of as : CONSIDER
3 chiefly dialect : THINK, SUPPOSE, GUESS
4 ➤ to accept something as certain : place reliance <I ~ on your promise to help>

Synonyms
➤ [1] calculate, call, conjecture, estimate, figure, gauge, guess, judge, make, place, put, suppose—more at ESTIMATE
➤ [2] account, call, consider, count, esteem, hold, rate, regard, take—more at CONSIDER
➤ [4] count, depend, lean, rely—more at DEPEND

reckoning noun
1 ➤ an act or instance of reckoning
2 : a settling of accounts <day of ~> 

Synonyms
➤ appraisal, assessment, estimate, estimation, evaluation, valuation—more at ESTIMATE
➤ arithmetic, calculation, computation—more at CALCULATION

reclaim /ˈrēˌklām/ verb
1 ➤ to correct or change from a pattern of wrong conduct : REFORM
2 : to change from an undesirable to a desired condition <~ marshy land>
3 : to obtain from a waste product or by-product
4 ➤ to demand or obtain the return of
— reclaimable adjective

Synonyms
➤ [1] redeem, reform, rehabilitate—more at REFORM
➤ [4] recapture, recoup, recover, regain, repossess, retake, retrieve—more at RECOVER

reclamation /ˈreklaˌmāˈshən/ noun
➤ the act or process of reclaiming

Synonyms
➤ recovery, repossession, retrieval—more at RECOVERY

recline /ˈrēˌklīn/ verb reclined; reclining
1 : to lean or incline backward
2 : to lie down : REST

re·clin·er
noun
a chair with an adjustable back and footrest

re·close
noun
a person who leads a secluded or solitary life : HERMIT
— re·clu·sive
adjective

re·clu·sion
noun
an anchorite, hermit, solitary; also homebody, shut-in; monk

rec·og·nise chiefly British variant of RECOGNIZE

rec·og·ni·tion
noun
1 : the act of recognizing : the state of being recognized : ACKNOWLEDGMENT
2 : special notice or attention

re·cog·ni·zan·ce
noun
a promise recorded before a court or magistrate to do something (as to appear in court or to keep the peace) usu. under penalty of a money forfeiture

rec·og·nize
verb-nized; -niz·ing
1 : to acknowledge (as a speaker in a meeting) as one entitled to be heard at the time
2 : to acknowledge the existence or the independence of (a country or government)
3 : to take notice of
4 : to acknowledge with appreciation
5 : to acknowledge acquaintance with
6 : to identify as previously known
7 : to perceive clearly : REALIZE
— rec·og·niz·able
adjective
— rec·og·niz·ably
adverb

recoil
verb
[ORIGIN: ME reculen, recoilen, fr. AF reculer, recuiler, fr. re- back + cul backside, fr. L culus]
1 : to draw back
2 : to spring back to or as if to a starting point

Synonyms
— blench, flinch, quail, shrink, wince—more at FLINCH

recoil
noun
the action of recoiling (as by a gun or spring)

re·coil·less
adjective
venturing expanding propellant gas before recoil is produced <~ gun>

rec·ol·lect
verb
1 : to recall to mind : REMEMBER

Synonyms
— recall, remember, reminisce, think—more at REMEMBER

rec·ol·lec·tion
noun
1 : the act or power of recollecting
2 : something recollected

Synonyms
— memory, recall, remembrance, reminiscence—more at MEMORY

re·com·bi·nant
adjective
1 : relating to genetic recombination
2 : containing or produced by recombinant DNA <~ vaccines>

re·com·bi·nant DNA
noun
re·com·bi·na·tion //rēˌkämˈbil-nən// noun
: the formation of new combinations of genes

re·com·mend /reˌkemˈmand/ verb
1 : to present as deserving of acceptance or trial
2 : to give in charge : COMMIT
3 : to make acceptable
4 : to give advice to : ADVISE, COUNSEL
— re·com·mend·able /ˌmenˈda-bal/ adjective

re·com·men·da·tion /reˌkemˈman-dən// noun
1 : the act of recommending
2 : something recommended
3 : something that recommends

recompense /rēˌkemˈpens/ verb -pensed; -pens·ing
1 ▶ : to give compensation to : pay for
2 ▶ : to return in kind : REQUITE

Synonyms
▷ [1] clear, discharge, foot, liquidate, pay, pay off, quit, settle, spring, stand—more at PAY
▷ [2] compensate, indemnify, recoup, remunerate, requite—more at COMPENSATE

re·com·pense noun
▷ : an equivalent or a return for something done, suffered, or given : COMPENSATION

Synonyms
▷ compensation, damages, indemnity, payment, quittance, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution, satisfaction—more at COMPENSATION

re·con·ceive /rēˌkənˌsi:v/ verb
▷ : to form again a conception of

Synonyms
▷ readdress, reanalyze, reconsider, reexamine, rethink, review—more at RECONSIDER

re·con·cil /rēˌkənˈsəl// verb -ciled; -cil·ing
1 ▶ : to cause to be friendly or harmonious again
2 : ADJUST, SETTLE <~ differences>
3 : to bring to submission or acceptance
— re·con·cil·able adjective
— re·con·cil·ment noun
— re·con·cil·er noun

Synonyms
▷ accommodate, conciliate, conform, coordinate, harmonize, key—more at HARMONIZE

re·con·cil·a·tion /ˌreˌkənˈsiləˌshən// noun
1 : the action of reconciling
2 : the Roman Catholic sacrament of penance

re·con·di·tion /ˌreˌkənˈdiʃən// noun
1 : hard to understand : PROFOUND, ABSTRUSE
2 : little known : OBSCURE

re·con·di·tion /ˌrēˌkənˌdiˈshən// verb
1 ▶ : to restore to good condition (as by replacing parts)
2 : to condition anew

Synonyms
▷ doctor, fix, mend, patch, renovate, repair, revamp—more at MEND

re·con·nais·sance /ˌrēˈkänˌnasəns// noun
[ORIGIN: F, lit., recognition]

: a preliminary survey of an area; especially : an exploratory military survey of enemy territory

re·con·noi·ter or re·con·noi·tre /rēˈkən.nəˈtər/ verb -noi·tered or -noi·tred, -noi·ter·ing or -noi·tr·ing

: to make a reconnaissance of : engage in reconnaissance

re·con·sid·er /rēˈkən.si.ˈdər/ verb

: to consider again with a view to changing or reversing

Synonyms

readress, reanalyze, reconceive, reexamine, rethink, review; also reappraise, reassess; amend, correct, emend, rectify, reform, remedy, revise

re·con·sid·er·a·tion /ˌsi.dər.ˈrā.ʃən/ noun

: the action of reconsidering or state of being reconsidered

re·con·sti·tute /rēˈkən.stī.tət/ verb

: to restore to a former condition by adding water <~ powdered milk>

re·con·struct /rēˈkən.strəkt/ verb

: to construct again : REBUILD

re·con·struc·tion /rēˈkən.strək.ˈshən/ noun

1 : the action of reconstructing : the state of being reconstructed
2 often cap : the reorganization and reestablishment of the seceded states in the Union after the American Civil War
3 : something reconstructed

1record /rəˈkôrd/ verb

[ORIGIN: ME, lit., to recall, fr. AF recorder, fr. L recordari, fr. re- back, again + cord-, cors heart]

1 : to set down in writing
2 : to register permanently
3 : to give evidence of
4 : to cause (as sound or visual images) to be registered (as on a disc or a magnetic tape) in a form that permits reproduction

Synonyms

jot, log, mark, note, set down; also chronicle; chalk (up), score; rerecord

catalog, enroll, enter, index, inscribe, list, schedule, slate—more at LIST

2record /ˈrekər.d/ noun

1 : the act of being recorded
2 : a written account of proceedings
3 : known facts about a person; also : a collection of items of information (as in a database) treated as a unit
4 : an attested top performance
5 : something on which sound or visual images have been recorded

Synonyms

account, chronicle, history, narrative, report, story—more at ACCOUNT

3record /rəˈkôrd/ noun

: a function of an electronic device that causes it to record

re·cord·er /rəˈkôrd.ər/ noun

1 : a judge in some city courts
2 : one who records transactions officially
3 : a recording device
4 : a wind instrument with a whistle mouthpiece and eight fingerholes

re·cord·ing noun

: RECORD 5

re·cord·ist /rəˈkôrd.ɪst/ noun

: one who records sound esp. on film
1. recount /rɛ_.kʌnt/ verb
   ▸: to relate in detail: tell
   Synonyms
   ▸ describe, narrate, recite, rehearse, relate, report, tell—more at tell

2. recount /rɛ_.kʌnt/ verb
   ▸ to count again

3. recount noun
   ▸: a second or fresh count

re·cou·p /rɛ_.kʊp/ verb
1 ▸: to get an equivalent or compensation for: make up for something lost
2 ▸: to gain anew: get again
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] compensate, indemnify, recom pense, remunerate, requisite—more at compensate
   ▸ [2] recapture, reclaim, recover, regain, repossess, retake, retrieve—more at recover

re·course /rɛ_.kɔːrs/ noun
1 ▸: a turning to someone or something for assistance or protection
2 ▸: a source of aid: resort
   Synonyms
   ▸ expedient, resort, resource—more at resource

re·cov·er /rɛ_.kʌ.vər/ verb
1 ▸: to get back again: regain
2 ▸: to regain normal health, poise, or status
3 ▸: to make up for: recoup <ed all his losses>
4. reclaim <-ed land from the sea>
5 ▸: to obtain a legal judgment in one's favor
   —re·cov·er·able adjective
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] recapture, reclaim, recoup, regain, repossess, retake, retrieve; also recruit, replenish; redeem, repurchase; rescue
   ▸ [2] convalesce, gain, heal, mend, recuperate—more at convalesce
   ▸ [2] rally, rebound, snap back; also reanimate, revitalize, revive

re·cov·er /rɛ_.kʌ.vər/ verb
: to cover again
re·cov·er·ing adjective
: being in the process of overcoming a shortcoming or problem <a ~ alcoholic>

re·cov·er·y /rɛ_.kʌ.və_.rɪ/ noun
1 ▸: the act, process, or an instance of recovering
2 ▸: the process of combating a disorder (as alcoholism) or a real or perceived problem
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] reclamation, repossession, retrieval; also recruitment, replenishment; redemption, rescue
   ▸ [2] comeback, convalescence, rally, recuperation, rehabilitation—more at convalescence

re·cre·ant /rɛ_.krɛ_.ant/ adjective
[Origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. prp. of (se) recreire to give up, yield, fr. ML (se) recredere to resign oneself (to a judgment), fr. L re- back + credere to believe]
1 ▸: crying for mercy or yielding in a cowardly manner
2 ▸: unfaithful to duty or allegiance
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] chicken, cowardly, craven, dastardly, pusillanimous, spineless, yellow—more at cowardly
   ▸ [2] disloyal, faithless, false, fickle, inconstant, loose, perfidious, traitorous, treacherous, unfaithful, untrue—more at faithless
recreant noun
1: a cowardly wretch: COWARD
2: one who forsakes a duty, a cause, or anyone to whom he owes service: DESERTER
3: one that is unfaithful
   Synonyms
   » [2] defector, deserter, renegade—more at RENEGADE
   » [3] apostate, betrayer, double-crosser, quisling, traitor, turncoat—more at TRAITOR

recreate /rēˌkrēˈāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to give new life or freshness to
2: to take recreation
   — recreate·ative /ˌrēˌkrēˈāt·ət/ adjective
   Synonyms
   » [1] freshen, refresh, regenerate, rejuvenate, renew, restore, revitalize, revive—more at RENEW
   » [2] dally, disport, frolic, play, rollick, sport—more at PLAY

re·cre·ate /rēˌkrēˈe-ət/ verb
: to create again
   — re·cre·a·tion /ˌrēˌkrēˈā·shən/ noun
   — re·cre·a·tive /ˌrēˌkrēˈe·ət·iv/ adjective

recre·ation /ˌrēˌkrēˈe·ə-shən/ noun
: a refreshing of strength or spirits after work; also: a means of refreshment
   — rec·re·a·tion·al /ˌrēˌkrēˈe·ə·shən·əl/ adjective
recreational vehicle noun
: a vehicle designed for recreational use (as camping)

re·crim·i·na·tion /rēˌkrīˈma-nəˈshən/ noun
: a retaliatory accusation
   — re·crim·i·nate /ˌrēˌkrīˈma-nət/ verb
   — re·crim·i·na·tory /ˌrēˌkrīˈma-nərē/ adjective

re·cru·des·cence /rēˌkrōoˈdes·əns/ noun
: a renewal or breaking out again esp. of something unhealthful or dangerous

1 recruit /rēˈkrüt/ verb
1: to form or strengthen with new members (<~ an army>)
2: to enlist as a member of an armed service
3: to secure the services of
4: to seek to enroll
5: to restore or increase in health or vigor (<resting to ~ his strength>)
   — re·cruit·er noun
   — re·cruit·ment noun
2 recruit noun
[ORIGIN: F recrute, recrue fresh growth, new levy of soldiers, fr. MF, fr. recroistre to grow up again, fr. L recrescere]
   »: a newcomer to an activity or field; especially: a newly enlisted member of the armed forces
   Synonyms
   » beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, novice, rookie, tenderfoot, tyro—more at BEGINNER

rectal /ˈrek.təl/ adjective
: of or relating to the rectum
   — rect·al·ly adverb
rect·an·gle /ˈrek.təŋ·gəl/ noun
: a 4-sided figure with four right angles; especially: one with adjacent sides of unequal length
   — rect·an·gu·lar /ˈrek.təŋgyooˌlər/ adjective
rec·ti·fi·er /rek.ˈti.fər/ noun
: one that rectifies; especially: a device for converting alternating current into direct current

rec·ti·fy /rek.ˈti.fər/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  ▪: to make or set right: CORRECT
— rec·ti·fi·ca·tion /rek.ˈta.fəˈkā.ʃən/ noun
  Synonyms
    ▪ amend, correct, debug, emend, reform, remedy—more at CORRECT

rec·ti·lin·ear /rek.ˈti.lin.ər/ adjective
1: moving in a straight line <~ motion>
2: characterized by straight lines

rec·ti·tude /rek.ˈti.tūd. ˌti.yūd/ noun
1 ▪: moral integrity
2 ▪: correctness of procedure
  Synonyms
    ▪ character, decency, goodness, honesty, honor, integrity, morality, probity, righteousness, uprightness, virtue
— more at MORALITY

rec·to /rek.to/ noun, plural rectos
: a right-hand page

rec·tor /rek.tər/ noun
1: a priest or minister in charge of a parish
2: the head of a university or school
— rec·to·ri·al /rek.ˈtər.i.əl/ adjective

rec·to·ry /rek.to.rē/ noun, plural -ries
: the residence of a rector or a parish priest

rec·tu·m /rek.təm/ noun, plural rectums or rec·ta /′teɪ/ [ORIGIN: ME, fr. ML, fr. rectum intestinum, lit., straight intestine]
: the last part of the intestine joining the colon and anus

re·cum·bent /′kəm.bənt/ adjective
: lying down: RECLINING

re·cu·per·ate /′kər.ˈpər.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
  ▪: to get back (as health or strength): RECOVER
— re·cu·per·a·tive /′kər.ˈpər.ə.tiv/ adjective
  Synonyms
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2: to occur or appear again esp. after an interval: occur time after time
— re·cur·rence /′kər.əns/ noun

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  Synonyms
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recycle /rəˈsʌlki/ verb
1 : to pass again through a cycle of changes or treatment
2 : to process (as liquid body waste, glass, or cans) in order to regain materials for human use
— recy·cla·ble /rəˈsʌlˌkəl/ adjective or noun
— recycle noun

red /red/ adjective red·der; red·dest
1 : of the color red
2 : endorsing radical social or political change esp. by force
3 often cap : of or relating to the former U.S.S.R. or its allies
— red·ly adverb
— red·ness noun

red noun
1 : the color of blood or of the ruby
2 ♦ : a revolutionary in politics
3 cap : COMMUNIST
4 : the condition of showing a loss <in the ~> Synonyms
quip, insurgent, insurrectionist, mutineer, rebel, revolter, revolutionary—more at REBEL

redact /rəˈdækt/ verb
1 : to put in writing : FRAME
2 : EDIT
— redac·tor /rəˈdæktər/ noun
— redac·tion /rəˈdæk·shan/ noun
1 : an act or instance of redacting
2 : EDITION

red alga noun
: any of a group of reddish usu. marine algae

red blood cell noun
: any of the hemoglobin-containing cells that carry oxygen from the lungs to the tissues and are responsible for the red color of vertebrate blood

red·breast /rədˈbrest/ noun
: ROBIN

red·carpet adjective
: marked by ceremonial courtesy

red cedar noun
: an American juniper with scalelike leaves and fragrant close-grained red wood; also : its wood

red clover noun
: a European clover that has globe-shaped heads of reddish flowers and is widely cultivated for hay and forage

red·coat /rədˈkōt/ noun
: a British soldier esp. during the Revolutionary War

red·den /rəd·ən/ verb
♦ : to make or become red or reddish : BLUSH

Synonyms
quip, bloom, blush, color, crimson, flush, glow—more at BLUSH

red·dish /rəd·əsh/ adjective
: tinged with red
— red·dish·ness noun

red dwarf noun
: a star with lower temperature and less mass than the sun
redeem /ˈrɪdəm/ verb
[origin: ME redemen, fr. AF rdemer, modif. of L redinere, fr. re-, red- back, again + emere to take, buy]
1: to recover (property) by discharging an obligation
2: to ransom, free, or rescue by paying a price
3: to free from the consequences of sin
4: to remove the obligation of by payment <the government’s savings bonds>; also: to convert into something of value
5: to make good (a promise) by performing: fulfill
6: to atone for
7: to change for the better
—redeemable adjective
synonyms
5: answer, comply, fill, fulfill, keep, meet, satisfy—more at fulfill
7: reclaim, reform, rehabilitate—more at reform
redeemer noun
✓: a person who redeems
synonyms
deliverer, rescuer, savior—more at savior
redemption /ˈrɪdəmpˈʃən/ noun
: the act of redeeming; the state of being redeemed
—redemptive /ˈrɛdəmptɪv/ adjective
—redemp·tory /ˈrɛdəmˌpərē/ adjective
redploy /ˈrɛdˌplɔɪ/ verb
1: to transfer from one area or activity to another
2: to relocate men or equipment
—redeployment noun
red–eye /ˈrɛdˌɪ/ noun
1: cheap whiskey
2: a late night or overnight flight
redfish /ˈrɛdˌfɪʃ/ noun
: any of various reddish marine fishes of the Atlantic including some used for food
red fox noun
: a fox with orange-red to reddish brown fur
red giant noun
: a very large star with a relatively low surface temperature
red–handed /ˈrɛdˌhænd/ adverb or adjective
: in the act of committing a misdeed
red–head /ˈrɛdˌhɛd/ noun
: a person having red hair
—red–headed /ˈrɛdˌhɛd/ adjective
red herring noun
: a diversion intended to distract attention from the real issue
red–hot /ˈrɛdˌhɒt/ adjective
1: extremely hot; especially: glowing with heat
2: exhibiting or marked by intense emotion, enthusiasm, or violence
3: very new <~ news>
synonyms
[1] broiling, burning, fiery, hot, scorching, sultry, torrid—more at hot
[2] ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, glowing, hot-blooded, impassioned, passionate, vehement—more at fervent
re·di·al /rēˌdi(ə)l/ noun
: a telephone function that automatically repeats the dialing of the last number called
— redial verb

re·dis·tri·bu·te /rēˌdisˈtrəˌb(y)o͞o/ verb
1 : to alter the distribution of
2 : to spread to other areas
— re·dis·tri·bu·tion /rēˌdisˌtrəˈbyo̅o�n/ noun

re·dis·trict /rēˌdisˈtrɪkt/ verb
: to organize into new territorial and esp. political divisions

red·let·ter /redˈle tar/ adjective
: of special significance: MEMORABLE

red·light district noun
: a district with many houses of prostitution

re·do /rēˌdō/ verb
1 ▶ : to do over or again
2 ▶ : to freshen or change a decorative scheme: REDECORATE

Synonyms
→ alter, change, make over, modify, recast, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE
→ duplicate, reiterate, remake, repeat, replicate—more at REPEAT

red oak noun
: any of various No. American oaks with leaves usu. having spiny-tipped lobes and acorns that take two years to mature; also : the wood of a red oak

red·o·lence /redˈələns/ noun
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being redolent
2 ▶ : an often pungent or agreeable odor

Synonyms
→ [1] odor, scent, smell, sniff—more at SMELL
→ [2] aroma, bouquet, fragrance, incense, perfume, scent, spice—more at FRAGRANCE

red·o·lent /redˈələnt/ adjective
1 ▶ : exuding fragrance: FRAGRANT
2 : having a specified fragrance <a room ~ of cooked cabbage>
3 : REMINISCENT, SUGGESTIVE
— red·o·lent·ly adverb

Synonyms
→ ambrosial, aromatic, fragrant, savory, scented, sweet—more at FRAGRANT

re·dou·ble /rēˌdouˈbəl/ verb
1 : to make twice as great in size or amount
2 ▶ : to make intense or more intensive: INTENSIFY

Synonyms
→ amplify, beef, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, step up, strengthen—more at INTENSIFY

re·doubt /rēˈdau̇t/ noun
[origin: F redoute, fr. It ridotto, fr. ML reductus secret place, fr. L, withdrawn, fr. reducere to lead back, fr. re- back + ducere to lead]
: a small usu. temporary fortification

re·doubt·able /rēˈdau̇təˌbəl/ adjective
[origin: ME redoutable, fr. AF, fr. reduire to dread, fr. re- back, again + duter to doubt]
: arousing dread or fear: FORMIDABLE

Synonyms
dire, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, scary

re·dound /ˈrɛdənd/ verb
1 : to have an effect
2 : to become added or transferred : ACCRUE

red pepper noun
1 : CAYENNE PEPPER
2 : a mature red hot pepper or sweet pepper

re·draft /ˈrɛ.draft/ verb
: to prepare a revised copy or a new version of

Synonyms
edit, revamp, revise, rework—more at EDIT

re·dress /ˈrɛ.drɛs/ verb
1 : to set right : REMEDY
2 : COMPENSATE
3 : to remove the cause of (a grievance)
4 : AVENGE

re·dress noun
1 : relief from distress
2 : means or possibility of seeking a remedy
3 : compensation for loss or injury
4 : an act or instance of redressing

Synonyms
compensation, damages, indemnity, quittance, recompense, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution, satisfaction—more at COMPENSATION

red·shift /ˈrɛd.ʃɪft/ noun
: displacement of the spectrum of a heavenly body toward longer wavelength; also : a measure of this displacement

red snapper noun
: any of various reddish fishes including several food fishes

red spider noun
: SPIDER MITE

red squirrel noun
: a common American squirrel with the upper parts chiefly red

red-tailed hawk /ˈrɛd.tɛld/ noun
: a rodent-eating No. American hawk with a rather short typically reddish tail

red tape noun
[ORIGIN: fr. the red tape formerly used to bind legal documents in England]
: official routine or procedure marked by excessive complexity which results in delay or inaction

red tide noun
: seawater discolored by the presence of large numbers of dinoflagellates which produce a toxin that renders infected shellfish poisonous

re·duce /ˈrɛ.dəs, ˈdəs/ verb reduced; re·duc·ing
1 : to diminish in size, amount, extent, or number : LESSEN
2 : to bring to a specified state or condition <reduced them to tears>
3 : to put in a lower rank or grade
4 : CONQUER << a fort>
5 : to bring into a certain order or classification
6 : to correct (as a fracture) by restoration of displaced parts
7 : to lessen one's weight
— re·duc·er noun
— re·duc·ible /ˈrɛ.dəs.əl, ˈdəsəl/ adjective
**Synonyms**
- [1] abate, de-escalate, decrease, diminish, downsize, dwindle, lessen, lower
- [3] break, bust, degrade, demote, downgrade—more at [DEMOTE](#)

**receipt /riˈrek/ noun**
1 : the act of reducing : the state of being reduced
2 : something made by reducing
3 : the amount taken off in reducing something

**Synonyms**
- [1, 3] abatement, decline, decrease, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, loss, shrinkage—more at [DECREASE](#)
- [3] abatement, deduction, discount—more at [REDUCTION](#)

**re·duc·tion /riˈdəkʃən/ noun**
1 : the act of reducing : the state of being reduced
2 : something made by reducing
3 : the amount taken off in reducing something

**Synonyms**
- [1, 3] abatement, decline, decrease, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, loss, shrinkage—more at [DECREASE](#)
- [3] abatement, deduction, discount—more at [REDUCTION](#)

**re·dun·dan·cy /riˈdənˌdən sē/ noun, plural -cies**
1 : the quality or state of being redundant : [SUPERFLUITY](#)
2 : something redundant or in excess
3 : the use of surplus words

**Synonyms**
- circumlocution, prolixity, verbiage, wordiness—more at [VERBIAGE](#)

**re·dun·dant /ˌdəndənt/ adjective**
: exceeding what is needed or normal : [SUPERFLUOUS](#); especially : using more words than necessary

**red·wood /ˈredˌwūd/ noun**
: a tall coniferous timber tree esp. of coastal California; also : its durable wood

**re·echo /rēˈek/ verb**
: to continue to resound with echoes

**Synonyms**
- echo, resonate, resound, reverberate, sound—more at [REVERBERATE](#)

**reed /ˈred/ noun**
1 : any of various tall slender grasses of wet areas; also : a stem or growth of reed
2 : a musical instrument made from the hollow stem of a reed
3 : an elastic tongue of cane, wood, or metal by which tones are produced in organ pipes and certain other wind instruments

**red·wood /ˈredˌwūd/ noun**
: a tall coniferous timber tree esp. of coastal California; also : its durable wood

**re·ed·u·cate /ˌrēˈe dəˌkāt/ verb**
: to train again; especially : to rehabilitate through education

**Synonyms**
- echo, resonate, resound, reverberate, sound—more at [REVERBERATE](#)

** reef /řɛf/ noun**
1 : a part of a sail taken in or let out in regulating the sail's size
2 : reduction in sail area by reefing

**reef verb**
: to reduce the area of a sail by rolling or folding part of it

**reef noun**
: a ridge of rocks, sand or coral at or near the surface of the water

**ree·fear /ˈrēˌfar/ noun**
: a marijuana cigarette

**ree·fear /ˈrēˌfar/ noun**
1 : a strong or disagreeable fume or odor
2 : a murky condition of the atmosphere or a substance causing it

**ree·fear /ˈrēˌfar/ noun**
1: to give off or become permeated with a strong or offensive odor
   — *reek·er* noun

*reek* /rēˈkər/ adjective
   : emitting or permeated with a reek

*Synonyms*
   — fetid, foul, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, rank, smelly, strong—more at [MALODOROUS](#)

1*reel* /rēl/ noun
   : a revolvable device on which something flexible (as film or tape) is wound; also : a quantity of something wound on such a device

2*reel* verb
   1: to wind on or as if on a reel
   2: to pull or draw (as a fish) by reeling a line
      — *reel·able* adjective
      — *reel·er* noun

3*reel* verb
   1: to be in a whirl: [WHIRL]; also: to be giddy
   2: to waver or fall back (as from a blow)
   3: to walk or move unsteadily

   *Synonyms*
      — [1] spin, swim, whirl
      — [3] careen, dodder, lurch, stagger, teeter, totter—more at [STAGGER](#)

4*reel* noun
   : a reeling motion

   *Synonyms*
      — gyration, pirouette, revolution, roll, rotation, spin, twirl, wheel, whirl—more at [SPIN](#)

5*reel* noun
   : a lively Scottish dance or its music

*reek off* verb
   : to tell or recite rapidly and easily <*reeled off* the right answers>

*re·en·try /rēˈen-trē/ noun
   1: a second or new entry
   2: the action of reentering the earth's atmosphere from space

*re·eval·u·ate /rēˈi-vəˌlə-ˌāt/ verb
   : to determine again the significance, worth, or condition of usu. by careful appraisal and study

*reeve* /rēv/ verb *rove* /rōv/ or *reeved*; *reev·ing*
   : to pass (as a rope) through a hole in a block or cleat

*re·ex·am·i·na·tion /rēˈi-kəm-ə-nə-shən/ noun
   : a second or new examination

   *Synonyms*
      — reappraisal, retrospection, review—more at [REVIEW](#)

*re·ex·am·ine /rēˈi-kə-mən/ verb
   : to subject to reexamination

   *Synonyms*
      — readdress, reanalyze, reconceive, reconsider, rethink, review—more at [RECONSIDER](#)

1*ref* /rēf/ noun
   : REFEREE 2

2*ref* abbreviation
   1 reference
re·fash·ion /ri.ˈfash.ən/ verb
→ to make again : make over

Synonyms
→ alter, change, make over, modify, recast, redo, remake, remodel, repave, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE

re·fec·tion /ri.ˈfek.ʃən/ noun
1 : refreshment esp. after hunger or fatigue
2 : food and drink together : REPAST

re·fec·to·ry /ri.ˈfek.tər.i/, plural -ries : a dining hall (as in a monastery or college)

re·fer /ri.ˈfer/ verb re·ferred; re·ferring
[ORIGIN: ME referren, fr. AF referer, referir, fr. L referre to bring back, report, refer, fr. re- back + ferre to carry]
1 : to assign to a certain source, cause, or relationship
2 : to direct or send to some person or place (as for information or help)
3 : to submit to someone else for consideration or action
4 → : to have recourse (as for information or aid)
5 → : to have connection : RELATE
6 → : to direct attention to or speak of : MENTION
— re·fer·able /ri.ˈfer.ə.bəl, ri.ˈfer.ə/ adjective

Synonyms
→ usually refer to [4] go, resort, turn
→ [5] appertain, apply, bear, pertain, relate—more at APPLY
→ usually refer to [6] advert, cite, instance, mention, name, note, notice, quote, specify, touch—more at MENTION

referee /referee/ noun
1 → : a person to whom an issue esp. in law is referred for investigation or settlement
2 : an umpire in certain games

Synonyms
→ arbiter, arbitrator, judge, umpire—more at JUDGE

referee verb -eed; -ee·ing
→ to act as referee

Synonyms
→ adjudicate, arbitrate, decide, determine, judge, rule, settle, umpire—more at JUDGE

ref·er·ence /refərəns/ noun
1 : the act of referring
2 : RELATION, RESPECT
3 : ALLUSION, MENTION
4 : something that refers a reader to another passage or book
5 : consultation esp. for obtaining information <books for ~> 6 : a person of whom inquiries as to character or ability can be made
7 : a written recommendation of a person for employment

ref·er·en·dum /refərən.dəm/ noun, plural -da /-də/ or -dums : the submitting of legislative measures to the voters for approval or rejection; also : a vote on a measure so submitted

ref·er·ent /reˈfærənt/ noun
→ one that refers or is referred to; especially : the thing a word stands for
— referent adjective

ref·er·ral /ri.ˈfer.əl/ noun
1: the act or an instance of referring
2: one that is referred

refill /rɪˈfɪl/ verb
1: to fill again: REPLENISH
— refill-able adjective
2: refill /rɪˈfɪl/ noun
: a new or fresh supply of something

re-fi-nance /rɪˈfaɪn(ə)s/ verb
: to renew or reorganize the financing of

re-fine /rɪˈfaɪn/ verb re-fi-ned; re-fi-n-ing
1: to free from impurities or waste matter
2: to improve or perfect by pruning or polishing: IMPROVE
3: to free or become free of what is coarse or uncouth
4: to make improvements by introducing subtle changes
— re-fi-n-er noun

Synonyms
ameliorate, amend, better, enhance, enrich, improve, perfect—more at IMPROVE

re-fi-ned /rɪˈfɪnd/ adjective
1: freed from impurities
2: reflecting a meticulous, sensitive, or demanding attitude
3: marked by subtlety of discrimination or precision of method or technique: SUBTLE

Synonyms
[1] absolute, fine, neat, plain, pure, straight, unadulterated, undiluted, unmixed—more at PURE
[2] civilized, cultivated, cultured, genteel, polished—more at CULTIVATED
[3] delicate, exact, fine, minute, nice, subtle—more at FINE

re-fi-n-ment /rɪˈfɪn-mənt/ noun
1: the action of refining
2: the quality or state of being refined
3: a refined feature or method
4: something intended to improve or perfect

Synonyms
[2] civilization, cultivation, culture, polish—more at CULTURE
[4] advance, advancement, breakthrough, enhancement, improvement—more at ADVANCE

re-fi-n-er-y /rɪˈfɪnərɪ/ noun, plural -er-ies
: a building and equipment for refining metals, oil, or sugar

reflec-tion /rɪˈflekʃən/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L. reflectere to bend back, fr. re- back + flectere to bend]
1: to bend or cast back (as light, heat, or sound)
2: to give back a likeness or image of as a mirror does
3: to bring as a result <ed credit on him>
4: to cast reproach or blame <their bad conduct ed on their training>
5: PONDER, MEDITATE

— re-flec-tiv-ity /rɪˈflektɪvətɪ/ noun

re-flec-tion /rɪˈflektʃən/ noun
1: a thought, idea, or opinion formed or a remark made as a result of meditation

Synonyms
comment, note, observation, remark—more at REMARK

re-flec-tive /rɪˈflektɪv/ adjective
1: marked by reflection

Synonyms
contemplative, meditative, melancholy, pensive, ruminant, thoughtful—more at CONTEMPLATIVE
re·flec·tor /ˈrɛ·flektər/ noun
: one that reflects; especially: a polished surface for reflecting radiation (as light)

1 reflex /ˈrɛ·fleks/ noun
1 : an automatic and usu. inborn response to a stimulus not involving higher mental centers
2 plural: the power of acting or responding with enough speed <an athlete with great ~es>

2 reflex adjective
1 : bent or directed back
2 : of, relating to, or produced by a reflex
   — re·flex·ly adverb

1 reflexive /ˈrɛ·fleks·əv/ adjective
: of or relating to an action directed back upon the doer or the grammatical subject <a ~ verb> <the ~ pronoun himself>
   — re·flex·ive·ly adverb
   — re·flex·ive·ness noun

2 reflex noun
: a reflexive verb or pronoun

re·flex·ol·o·gy /ˈrɛ·fleks·əl·ə·je/ noun
: massage in which pressure is applied to specific points on the hands or feet

re·flux /ˈrɛ·fleks/ noun
: a flowing back

re·fo·cus (/rəˈfākəs/ verb
1 : to focus again
2 : to change the emphasis or direction of <~ed her life>

re·for·es·ta·tion /ˌrɛ·fər·əs·tə·shən/ noun
: the action of renewing forest cover by planting seeds or young trees
   — re·for·est /ˌrɛ·fər·əst/ verb

1 reform /rərˈfôrm/ verb
1 ▷ : to make better or improve by removal of faults
2 ▷ : to correct or improve one's own character or habits
   — re·form·a·ble adjective
      Synonyms
      ▷ [1] amend, correct, debug, emend, rectify, remedy—more at CORRECT
      ▷ [2] reclaim, redeem, rehabilitate; also amend, improve; cleanse, purify, restore

2 reform noun
: improvement or correction of what is corrupt or defective

re·form /rərˈfôrm/ verb
: to form again

re·for·ma·tion /rərˈfôr·mə·shən/ noun
1 : the act of reforming: the state of being reformed
2 cap: a 16th-century religious movement marked by the establishment of the Protestant churches

re·for·ma·tive /rərˈfôr·mə·tiv/ adjective
: intended or tending to reform
   Synonyms
   ▷ corrective, remedial—more at CORRECTIVE

1 reformatory /rərˈfôr·mər·eɪ·tərē/ adjective
: aiming at or tending toward reformation: REFORMATIVE

2 reformatory noun, plural -ries
re·form·er /riˈfôrmər/ noun
1 : one that works for or urges reform
2 cap : a leader of the Protestant Reformation
refr abbreviation
refraction
re·fract /riˈfrækt/ verb
[origin: L refractus, pp. of refringere to break open, break up, fr. re- back + frangere to break]
: to subject to refraction
re·frac·tion /riˈfræk·shən/ noun
: the bending of a ray (as of light) when it passes obliquely from one medium into another in which its speed is different
— re·frac·tive /ˌfræk·tiv/ adjective
refractive index noun
: the ratio of the speed of radiation in one medium to that in another medium
re·frac·to·ri·ness /ˌfræk·tərē·nəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being refractory
Synonyms
defiance, disobedience, insubordination, rebelliousness, recalcitrance, unruliness—more at DISOBEDIENCE
re·frac·to·ry /ˌfræk·to·rē/ adjective
1 : resisting control or authority
2 : capable of enduring high temperature <~ bricks>
— refractory noun
Synonyms
contrary, defiant, disobedient, froward, headstrong, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, uncontrollable, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT
refrain /riˈfrān/ verb
¹ : to hold oneself back : FORBEAR
— re·frain·ment noun
Synonyms usually refrain from
abstain, forbear, forgo, keep—more at FORBEAR
² refrain noun
: a phrase or verse recurring regularly in a poem or song
re·fresh /riˈfrēsh/ verb
¹ : to make or become fresh or fresher
² : to revive by or as if by renewal of supplies <~ one's memory>
³ : to freshen up : restore to a state of newness or vitality
⁴ : to supply or take refreshment
— re·fresh·er noun
— re·fresh·ing·ly adverb
Synonyms
¹, ², ³ freshen, recreate, regenerate, rejuvenate, renew, restore, revitalize, revive—more at RENEW
re·fresh·ing adjective
: serving to refresh
Synonyms
bracing, invigorating, restorative, stimulative, tonic—more at TONIC
re·fresh·ment /ˌfrē·mant/ noun
¹ : the act of refreshing : the state of being refreshed
² : something that refreshes
³ plural : a light meal; also : assorted light foods
re·fried beans /rɪˈfrɪd/ noun plural
: beans cooked with seasonings, fried, then mashed and fried again

refrig abbreviation
refrigerating; refrigeration

re·frig·er·ate /rɪˈfrɪɡəreɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to make cool; especially : to chill or freeze (food) for preservation
  — re·frig·er·ant /rɪˈfrɪɡərənt/ adjective or noun
  — re·frig·er·a·tion /rɪˈfrɪɡərəʃən/ noun
  — re·frig·er·a·tor /rɪˈfrɪɡərətər/ noun

ref·uge /rɪˈfyʊj/ noun
  1 : shelter or protection from danger or distress
  2 : a place that provides protection
      Synonyms
      [1, 2] asylum, harbor, haven, retreat, sanctuary, shelter—more at SHELTER

ref·u·gee /rɪˈfyʊʒ/ noun
  : one who flees for safety esp. to a foreign country
      Synonyms
      [1] émigré, evacuee, exile, expatriate—more at ÉMIGRÉ

re·ful·gence /rɪˈfyʊləns, ˈfel-/ noun
  : a radiant or resplendent quality or state
      Synonyms
      [1] brilliance, dazzle, effulgence, illumination, lightness, lucidity, luminosity, radiance, splendor—more at BRILLIANCE

re·ful·gent /rɪˈfyʊlənt/ adjective
  : giving out a bright light : richly radiant
      Synonyms
      [1] beaming, bright, brilliant, effulgent, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lucid, luminous, lustrous, radiant, shiny—more at BRIGHT

1 refund /rɪˈfænd, ˈrɛ·fænd/ verb
  : to give or put back (money) : REPAY
      — re·fund·able adjective

2 refund /rɪˈfænd/ noun
  1 : the act of refunding
  2 : a sum refunded

re·fur·bish /rɪˈfɜːrˌbɪʃ/ verb
  : to brighten or freshen up : RENOVATE

re·fus·al /rɪˈfyʊzəl/ noun
  : the act of refusing or denying
      Synonyms
      [1] denial, disallowance, nay, no, rejection—more at DENIAL

1 refuse /rɪˈfyʊz/ verb re·fused; re·fus·ing
  1 : to decline to accept : REJECT
  2 : to decline to do, give, or grant
      Synonyms
      [1] decline, disallow, disapprove, negative, reject, repudiate, spurn, turn down—more at DECLINE
      [2] decline, deny, disallow, reject, withhold—more at DENY

2 refuse /rɪˈfyʊz, ˈrɛ·fyʊz/ noun
  : rejected or worthless matter : RUBBISH, TRASH
Synonyms

- chaff, deadwood, dust, garbage, junk, litter, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, trash, waste—more at GARBAGE

re·fute /riˈfyüːt/ verb re·fut·ed; re·fut·ing
[origin: L refutare to check, suppress, refute]
- to prove to be false by argument or evidence

- re·fut·a·tion /reˌfiˈyü.əˌshan/ noun
- re·fut·er noun

Synonyms

- belie, confute, disprove, rebut—more at DISPROVE

1reg /reɡ/ noun

: REGULATION

2reg abbreviation

1 region
2 register; registered; registration
3 regular

re·gain /rēˈɡān/ verb

- to acquire or get possession of again

Synonyms

- recapture, reclaim, recoup, recover, repossess, retake, retrieve—more at RECOVER

re·gal /rēˈɡəl/ adjective

1 : of, relating to, or befitting a king : ROYAL
2 : of notable excellence or magnificence : STATELY, SPLENDID

- re·gal·ly adverb

Synonyms

- [1] kingly, monarchical, royal—more at MONARCHICAL
- [2] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, royal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND

re·gale /rēˈɡāl/ verb re·galed; re·gal·ing

1 : to entertain richly or agreeably esp. with fine food and drink
2 : to give pleasure or amusement to

Synonyms

- [1] banquet, dine, feast, junket—more at FEAST
- [2] amuse, disport, divert, entertain—more at AMUSE

re·gal·ia /rēˈgəl.əl.əl/ noun plural

1 : the emblems, symbols, or paraphernalia of royalty (as the crown and scepter)
2 : the insignia of an office or order
3 : special costume : FINERY

Synonyms

- array, best, bravery, caparison, feather, finery, frippery, full dress, gaiety—more at FINERY

1regard /rēˈgārd/ noun

1 : CONSIDERATION, HEED; also : CARE, CONCERN
2 : a quick or cursory look : GLANCE, LOOK
3 : a feeling of respect and affection : RESPECT, ESTEEM
4 plural : friendly greetings implying respect and esteem
5 : an aspect to be considered : PARTICULAR

- re·gard·less adjective

Synonyms

- [2] cast, eye, gander, glance, glimpse, look, peek, peep, sight, view—more at LOOK
- [3] admiration, appreciation, esteem, estimation, favor, respect—more at ADMIRATION
- regards [4] compliment, greetings, respects—more at COMPLIMENT
regard verb
1 ♦: to think of: CONSIDER
2 ♦: to pay attention to
3 ♦: to show respect for: HEED
4 ♦: to hold in high esteem: care for
5 ♦: to look at: gaze upon
6 archaic: to relate to
   Synonyms
   ♦ [1] account, call, consider, count, esteem, hold, rate, reckon, take—more at CONSIDER
   ♦ [2] follow, heed, listen, mind, note, observe, watch—more at HEED
   ♦ [4] admire, appreciate, esteem, respect—more at ADMIRE
regardful adjective
♦: full or expressive of regard or respect
   Synonyms
   ♦ deferential, dutiful, respectful—more at RESPECTFUL
regarding preposition
♦: with respect to: CONCERNING
   Synonyms
   ♦ about, apropos of, concerning, of, on, respecting, toward—more at ABOUT
regardless of /rɪˈɡændəs/ preposition
♦: in spite of
   Synonyms
   ♦ despite, notwithstanding, with—more at DESPITE
regatta /rɪˈɡætə, ˈɡætə/ noun
: a boat race or a series of boat races
regency /ˈrɛdʒənsi/ noun, plural -cies
1 ♦: the office or government of a regent or body of regents
2 ♦: a body of regents
3 ♦: the period during which a regent governs
regeneration /rɪˈdʒɛnərəʃən/ noun
: an act or the process of regenerating
   Synonyms
   ♦ [4] reanimate, revitalize, rejuvenate, renew, resuscitate, revive—more at REVIVE
   ♦ [5] freshen, recreate, refresh, renew, restore
regenerative /rɪˈdʒɛnərətɪv/ adjective
—regenerator /rɪˈdʒɛnərətər/ noun
re·gent /rɪˈdʒent/ noun
1: a person who rules during the childhood, absence, or incapacity of the sovereign

— regent adjective

reg·gae /re_ˈɡā/ noun
: popular music of Jamaican origin that combines native styles with elements of rock and soul music

reg·i·cide /re_ˈjaˌsid/ noun
1: one who murders a king
2: murder of a king

reg·i·me also ré·gime /rəˈzhēm. ri/ noun
1: REGIMEN
2: a form or system of government
3: a government in power; also: a period of rule

Synonyms
administration, authority, government, jurisdiction, rule—more at RULE

reg·i·men /re_ˈjeˌmən/ noun
1: a systematic course of treatment or training <a strict dietary ~>  
2: the continuous exercise of authority over and the performance of functions for a political unit: GOVERNMENT

— reg·i·men·tal /reˌjaˌmenˈtəl/ adjective

2reg·i·men /re_ˈjeˌmən/ verb
: to organize rigidly esp. for regulation or central control; also: to subject to order or uniformity

— reg·i·men·ta·tion /reˌjaˌmenˈtä·shən/ noun

reg·i·men·tals /reˌjaˌmenˈtalz/ noun plural
1: a regimental uniform
2: military dress

re·gion /rēˈzhən/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF regiun, fr. L region-, regio, line, direction, area, fr. regere to rule]

1: an often indefinitely defined part or area

Synonyms
area, demesne, field, zone; also section; locale, locality, location, locus, place, point, position, site, spot

belt, land, tract, zone; also district, territory

re·gion·al /rēˌjaˈnal/ adjective
1: affecting a particular region: LOCALIZED
2: of, relating to, characteristic of, or serving a region

— re·gion·al·ly adverb

1register /reˌjaˌstər/ noun
1: a record of items or details; also: a book or system for keeping such a record
2: the range of a voice or instrument
3: a device to regulate ventilation or heating
4: an automatic device recording a number or quantity
5: CASH REGISTER

Synonyms
catalog, checklist, list, listing, menu, registry, roll, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

2register verb -tered; -ter·ing
1: to enter in a register (as in a list of guests)
2: to record automatically
3: to secure special care for (mail matter) by paying additional postage
register noun
: one who registers or records

registered nurse noun
: a graduate trained nurse who has been licensed to practice by a state authority after passing qualifying examinations

reg·is·tant /'re.jə.strənt/ noun
: one that registers or is registered

reg·is·tar /'strər/ noun
: an official recorder or keeper of records (as at an educational institution)

Synonyms
clerk, register, scribe—more at CLERK

reg·is·tra·tion /'re.jə.strə.shən/ noun
1: the act of registering
2: an entry in a register
3: the number of persons registered: ENROLLMENT
4: a document certifying an act of registering

reg·is·tra·tion /'re.jə.strə.shən/ noun, plural -tries
1: ENROLLMENT, REGISTRATION
2: a place of registration
3: an official record book or an entry in one

Synonyms
catalog, checklist, list, listing, menu, register, roll, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

reg·nant /'rəɡ.nənt/ adjective
1: REIGNING
2: DOMINANT
3: of common or widespread occurrence

1regress /'rē.gres/ noun
1: an act or the privilege of going or coming back
2: RETROGRESSION

2regress /'rē.gres/ verb
: to go or cause to go back or to a lower level
— re·gres·sive adjective
— re·gres·sor /'rē.gres.ər/ noun

re·gres·sion /'rē.gres.ən/ noun
: the act or an instance of regressing; especially: reversion to an earlier mental or behavioral level

1regret /'rē.gret/ verb re·gret·ted; re·gret·ting
1: to mourn the loss or death of
2: to be very sorry for
3: to experience regret
— re·gret·ter noun

Synonyms
bemoan, deplore, lament, repent, rue; also bewail, grieve (for), mourn, sorrow (for)

2regret noun
1 : sorrow caused by something beyond one's power to remedy
2 : an expression of sorrow
3 plural : a note politely declining an invitation

**Synonyms**
- contrition, penitence, remorse, repentance, rue

**regretful** /ˈrɛɡrə(f)əl/ adjective

1 : full of regret

**Synonyms**
- apologetic, contrite, penitent, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorry—more at CONTRITE

**regretfully** adverb

: with regret

**regrettable** /ˈrɛɡrətəbl/ adjective

1 : deserving regret

**Synonyms**
- deplorable, distressful, grievous, heartbreaking, lamentable, unfortunate, woeful; also affecting, moving, poignant, touching; awful, dire, dreadful, fearful, terrible; horrible, horrifying, intolerable, overwhelming, shocking, sickening, unbearable; miserable, pitiful, wretched; calamitous, disastrous

**regretfully** adverb

1 : to a regrettable extent
2 : it is to be regretted

**regroup** /ˈrɛɡrəp/ verb

: to form into a new grouping

**regt** abbreviation

regiment

**regular** /ˈrɛɡəl/ adjective

[ORIGIN: ME regular, fr. AF, fr. LL regularis regular, fr. L, of a bar, fr. regula rule, straightedge, fr. regere to keep straight, direct]

1 : belonging to a religious order
2 : made, built, or arranged according to a rule, standard, or type; also : even or symmetrical in form or structure
3 a : ORDERLY, METHODICAL << habits>
4 : recurring, attending, or functioning at fixed, uniform, or normal intervals : not varying <a ~ pace>
5 : made, selected, or conducted according to rule or custom
6 : properly qualified <not a ~ lawyer>
7 : conforming to the normal or usual manner of inflection
8 : of, relating to, or constituting the permanent standing military force of a state
9 : conforming to a type, standard, or regular pattern

**Synonyms**
- methodical, orderly, systematic—more at METHODICAL
- [3b] constant, frequent, habitual, periodic, repeated, steady; also chronic, confirmed, inveterate; expected, usual

**Antonyms**
- inconstant, infrequent, irregular
- [9] average, characteristic, normal, representative, standard, typical—more at TYPICAL

**regularly** adverb

1 : one that is regular (as in attendance)
2 : a member of the regular clergy
3 : a soldier in a regular army
4 : a player on an athletic team who is usu. in the starting lineup
reg·u·lar·ize /reˌgəˈla.rəˌız/ verb
› to make regular by conformance to law, rules, or custom
  Synonyms
    ◁ formalize, homogenize, normalize, standardize—more at STANDARDIZE

reg·u·late /reˌgəˈlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 › to govern or direct according to rule : CONTROL
2 : to bring under the control of law or authority
3 : to put in good order
4 : to fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of
   — reg·u·la·tive /ˌrē.ɡəˈleɪ.tiv/ adjective
   — reg·u·la·tor /ˌrē.ɡəˈla.tər/ noun
   — reg·u·la·to·ry /ˌrē.ɡəˈla.tər.i/ adjective
   Synonyms
     ◁ administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, run,
     superintend, supervise—more at CONDUCT

reg·u·la·tion /reˌgəˈla.شن/ noun
1 › the act of regulating : the state of being regulated
2 : a rule dealing with details of procedure
3 : an order issued by an executive authority of a government and having the force of law
   Synonyms
     ◁ administration, conduct, control, direction, government, guidance, management, operation, oversight,
     running, superintendence, supervision—more at CONDUCT

re·gur·gi·tate /rēˈgərˌja.tət/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
[origin: ML regurgitare, fr. L re- + LL gurgitare to engulf, fr. L gurgit-, gurges whirlpool]
› to throw or be thrown back, up, or out ◁ food
   — re·gur·gi·ta·tion /ˌrēˈgərˌja.tə.شن/ noun

re·hab /rēˈhæb/ noun
1 : REHABILITATION
2 : a rehabilitated building
   — rehab verb

re·ha·bil·i·tate /rēˈhaˌbiləˌtāt, rēˈa-/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
1 : to restore to a former capacity, rank, or right : REINSTATE
2 › to restore to good condition or health
   — re·ha·bil·i·ta·tive /ˌrē.ˈhaˌbiləˌtiv/ adjective
   Synonyms
     ◁ cure, heal, mend—more at HEAL

re·ha·bil·i·ta·tion /ˌrē.ˈhaˌbiləˌte.شن/ noun
› the action or process of rehabilitating or of being rehabilitated
   Synonyms
     ◁ comeback, convalescence, rally, recovery, recuperation—more at CONVALESCENCE

re·hash /rēˈhaˌʃash/ verb
› to present again in another form without real change or improvement
   — rehash noun

re·hear·ing /rēˈhär.ɪŋ/ noun
› a second or new hearing by the same tribunal

re·hears·al /rēˈheər.sal/ noun
1 : something told again : RECITAL
2 › a private performance or practice session preparatory to a public appearance
   Synonyms
     ◁ dry run, practice, trial; also dress rehearsal; preview; drill, exercise
re-hearse /rɛˈhɑːrs/ verb re-hearsed; re-hears-ing
1 : to say again : REPEAT
2 a ▶ : to recount in order : ENUMERATE
   b ▶ : to present an account of : RELATE
3 : to give a rehearsal of
4 : to train by rehearsal
5 : to engage in a rehearsal
   — re-hears-er noun

Synonyms
   ▶ [2a] detail, enumerate, itemize, list, numerate, tick—more at ENUMERATE
   ▶ [2b] describe, narrate, recite, recount, relate, report, tell—more at TELL

1 reign /rɛɪn/ noun
1 : the authority or rule of a sovereign
2 : the time during which a sovereign rules
2 reign verb
1 : to rule as a sovereign
2 : to be predominant or prevalent

re-im-burse /rəˈimˌbɜːrs/ verb -bursed; -burs-ing
   — re-im-burs-able adjective
   — re-im-bur-s-ment noun

1 rein /rɛin/ noun
1 : a strap fastened to a bit by which a rider or driver controls an animal
2 : a restraining influence : CHECK
3 ▶ : controlling or guiding power
4 : complete freedom — usu. used in the phrase give rein to
   Synonyms
   ▶ chair, head, headship, helm—more at HEAD
2 rein verb
   ▶ : to check or direct by reins
   Synonyms usually rein in
   ▶ bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, restrain, tame

re-in-car-na-tion /rɛˈɪnˌkərˈnənʃən/ noun
: rebirth of the soul in a new body
   — re-in-car-nate /rɛˌɪnˈkərˌnət/ verb

reindeer /rəˈnɪdər/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME reindere, fr. ON hreinn reindeer + ME deer animal, deer]
: CARIBOU — used esp. for one of the Old World

reindeer moss noun
: a gray, erect, tufted, and much-branched edible lichen of northern regions that is an important food of reindeer

re-in-fec-tion /rəˈɪnˌfɛkʃən/ noun
: infection following another infection of the same type

re-in-force /rəˈɪnˌfɔrs/ verb
1 : to strengthen with additional forces << our troops>
2 : to strengthen with new force, aid, material, or support
   — re-in-force-ment noun
   — re-in-force-er noun
re·in·scribe /riˌɛnˈskraɪb/ verb
: to reestablish or rename in a new and esp. stronger form or context

re·in·state /riˌɛnˈsteɪt/ verb -stat·ed; -stat·ing
: to restore to a former position, condition, or capacity
— re·in·state·ment noun

re·in·vent /riˌɛnˈvent/ verb
1 : to make as if for the first time something already invented  
<~ the wheel>
2 : to remake completely

re·in·vig·o·rate /riˌɛnˈvɪgəˌreɪt/ verb
: to give life and energy to again

Synonyms
  reanimate, regenerate, rejuvenate, renew, resuscitate, revitalize, revive—more at REVIVE

re·it·er·ate /riˈɛtərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to state or do over again or repeatedly

Synonyms
  duplicate, redo, remake, repeat, replicate—more at REPEAT

re·it·er·a·tion /riˌɛtərəˈʃən/ noun
: the action of reiterating

Synonyms
  duplication, repeat, repetition, replication—more at REPEAT

1 reject /rɛkˈlɛkt/ verb
1 : to refuse to accept, consider, use, or submit to
2 : to refuse to hear, receive, or admit
3 : to rebuff or withhold love from
4 : to throw out esp. as useless or unsatisfactory
5 : to subject (a transplanted tissue) to an attack by immune system components of the recipient organism

Synonyms
  [1] decline, disallow, disapprove, negative, refuse, repudiate, spurn, turn down—more at DECLINE
  [2] contradict, deny, disallow, disavow, disclaim, gainsay, negate, negative, repudiate—more at DENY
  [4] cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload—more at DISCARD

2 reject /rɛkˈlɛkt/ noun
: a rejected person or thing

Synonyms
  castaway, outcast—more at OUTCAST
  cull, discard, rejection—more at CULL

re·jec·tion /rɛˈjekʃən/ noun
1 : the action of rejecting : the state of being rejected
2 : something rejected

Synonyms
  contradiction, denial, disallowance, disavowal, disclaimer, negation, refusal, repudiation—more at DENIAL

re·joice /rɛˈdʒoɪz/ verb re·joiced; re·joic·ing
1 : to give joy to : GLADDEN
2 : to feel joy or great delight
— re·joic·er noun

Synonyms
  [1] content, delight, gladden, gratify, please, satisfy, suit, warm—more at PLEASE
  [2] crow, delight, exult, glory, joy, triumph—more at EXULT

re·joic·ing /rɛˈdʒoɪŋ/ adjective
: having or expressing feelings of joy or triumph
**Synonyms**
- exultant, jubilant, triumphant—more at EXULTANT

**re·join /riˈdʒɔn/ verb**
1: to join again  
2: to say in answer (as to a plaintiff's plea in court): REPLY  

**Synonyms**
- answer, reply, respond, retort, return—more at ANSWER

**re·join·der /riˈdʒɔn dər/ noun**  
: something said, written, or done in answer or response: REPLY; especially : an answer to a reply

**re·ju·ve·nate /riˈju.vəˌnät/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing**
1: to make young or youthful again : give new vigor to  
2: to restore to an original or new state  

**Synonyms**
- [1] reanimate, regenerate, reinvigorate, renew, resuscitate, revitalize, revive—more at REVIVE  
- [2] freshen, recreate, refresh, renew, restore, revive—more at RENEW

**re·ju·ve·na·tion /riˈju.vəˌnā .shən/ noun**  
- the action of rejuvenating or the state of being rejuvenated  

**re·kin·dle /riˈkîn.dəl/ verb**  
: to kindle again : arouse again

**rel abbreviation**
1 relating; relative  
2 religion; religious

**relapse /riˈlāps, riˈlæps/ noun**  
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. ML relapsus, fr. L. relabi to slide back]  
1: the act or process of backsliding or worsening  
2: a recurrence of illness after a period of improvement

**relapse /riˈlāps/ verb re·lapsed; re·laps·ing**  
: to slip or fall back into a former worse state (as of illness)

**re·late /riˈlāt/ verb re·lat·ed; re·lat·ing**
1: to give an account of: TELL  
2: to show or establish logical or causal connection between  
3: to have relationship or connection  
4: to have or establish relationship <the way a child ~s to a teacher>  
5: to respond favorably  
- re·lat·able adjective
- re·lat·er or re·la·tor /ˈrē. lā.tar/ noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] describe, narrate, recite, recount, rehearse, report, tell—more at TELL  
- [2] associate, connect, correlate, identify, link—more at ASSOCIATE  
- [3] appertain, apply, bear, pertain, refer—more at APPLY

**re·lat·ed adjective**
1: connected by some understood relationship  
2: connected through membership in the same family  
- re·lat·ed·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- akin, kindred; also associated, connected; alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, corresponding, like, matching, parallel, resembling, similar, such, suchlike; identical, same; germane, pertinent, relevant

**Antonyms**
relation /riˈleɪʃən/ noun
1 : NARRATION, ACCOUNT
2 : an aspect or quality (as resemblance) that connects two or more things or parts as being or belonging or working together or as being of the same kind : CONNECTION, RELATIONSHIP
3 : connection by blood or marriage : KINSHIP; also : RELATIVE
4 : REFERENCE, RESPECT <in relation to>
5 : the state of being mutually interested or involved (as in social or commercial matters)
6 plural : commercial, professional, public, or personal business : DEALINGS
7 plural : SEXUAL INTERCOURSE
— relation- al /ˈreɪ.ʃə.nəl/ adjective

Synonyms
▷ [2] association, bearing, connection, kinship, liaison, linkage, relationship—more at CONNECTION
▷ relations [6] dealings, intercourse; also interrelationship

relationship /ˈreɪ.ʃən십/ noun
▷ the state of being related or interrelated

Synonyms
▷ association, bearing, connection, kinship, liaison, linkage, relation—more at CONNECTION
▷ affiliation, alliance, association, collaboration, confederation, connection, cooperation, hookup, liaison, partnership, relation, union—more at ASSOCIATION

relative /ˈreɪ.lət/ noun
1 : a word referring grammatically to an antecedent
2 : a thing having a relation to or a dependence upon another thing
3 : a person connected with another by blood or marriage

Synonyms
▷ kin, kinsman, relation; also in-law; kinswoman; blood, clan, family, folk, house, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, stock, tribe

relative adjective
1 : introducing a subordinate clause qualifying an expressed or implied antecedent <~ pronoun>; also : introduced by such a connective <~ clause>
2 : having significant and demonstrable bearing on the matter at hand : PERTINENT
3 : not absolute or independent : COMPARATIVE
4 : expressed as the ratio of the specified quantity to the total magnitude or to the mean of all quantities involved

— relative- ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [2] applicable, apposite, apropos, germane, material, pertinent, pointed, relevant—more at PERTINENT
▷ [3] approximate, comparative, near—more at COMPARATIVE

relative humidity noun
▷ the ratio of the amount of water vapor actually present in the air to the greatest amount possible at the same temperature

relative- ly adverb
▷ to a relative degree or extent

Synonyms
▷ fairly, kind of, like, pretty, quite, rather, somewhat, sort of

relativistic /ˌreɪ.lev.tɪs.tɪk/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or characterized by relativity
2 : moving at a velocity that is a significant fraction of the speed of light so that effects predicted by the theory of relativity become evident <a ~ electron>

— relativistically /ˌrel.a.tɪv.iˈsɪ.tɪk.lɪ/ adverb

relativity /ˌreɪ.lev.tɪˈteɪ.tɪv/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being relative
2 : a theory in physics that considers mass and energy to be equivalent and that predicts changes in mass, dimension,
and time which are related to speed but are noticeable esp. at speeds approaching that of light

**relax** /riˈlæks/ verb
1 : to make or become less firm, tense, or rigid
2 : to make less severe or strict
3 : to seek rest or recreation
— **relax-er** noun

**relaxed** /riˈlæksəd/ 1 : freed from or lacking in precision or stringency
2 : set or being at rest or at ease
3 : easy of manner

**relaxant** /riˈlæksənt/ adjective
: of, relating to, or producing relaxation

**relaxation** /riˈlæksəˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act of relaxing or state of being relaxed : a lessening of tension
2 : a relaxing or recreative state, activity, or pastime

**release** /rɪˈlɛs/ verb re·leased; re·leasing
1 a : to set free from confinement or restraint
   b : DISMISS
2 : to relieve from something that oppresses, confines, or burdens
3 : RELINQUISH <= a claim>
4 : to permit publication, performance, exhibition, or sale of; also : to make available to the public

**Synonyms**
- discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE
- loose, loosen, uncork, unleash, unlock, unloosen; also discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, manumit, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter; air, express, vent
Antonyms
bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, hold in, inhibit, regulate, rein (in), restrain, tame

release noun
1 : relief or deliverance from sorrow, suffering, or trouble
2 : discharge from an obligation or responsibility
3 : an act of setting free : the state of being freed
4 : a document effecting a legal release
5 : a releasing for performance or publication; also : the matter released (as to the press)
6 : a device for holding or releasing a mechanism as required

Synonyms
[2] delivery, discharge, quietus, quittance; also exemption, immunity, waiver
[5] advertisement, announcement, bulletin, notice, notification—more at ANNOUNCEMENT

re·e·gate /ˈreˌe.gāt/ verb -gat·ed, -gat·ing
1 : to send into exile: BANISH
2 : to remove or dismiss to some less prominent position
3 : to assign to a particular class or sphere
4 : to submit to someone or something for appropriate action: DELEGATE

— re·e·ga·tion /ˈreˌe.gəˌshən/ noun

re·lent /ˈrelənt/ verb
1 : to become less stern, severe, or harsh
2 : to make slack (as by lessening tension or firmness): SLACKEN

Synonyms
abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, shrink, subside, taper, wane—more at DECREASE

re·lent·less /ˈrelənt·ləs/ adjective
1 : showing or promising no abatement of severity, intensity, or pace ◂ pressure ◆
2 : unremitting: UNYIELDING

— re·lent·less·ly adverb
— re·lent·less·ness noun

Synonyms
determined, dogged, grim, implacable, unflinching, unrelenting, unyielding—more at UNYIELDING

re·lent·less·ly /ˈrelənt·ləs·lē/ adjective

rel·e·vant /ˈreləvant/ adjective
1 : bearing on the matter at hand: PERTINENT
2 : applicable, apposite, apropos, germane, material, pertinent, pointed, relative—more at PERTINENT

rel·e·vant·ly /ˈreləvant·li/ adverb

rel·e·vant·cy /ˈreləvant·sē/ noun
: RELEVANCE

rel·e·vant·i·ty /ˈreləvant·ə·tē/ noun
: the quality or state of being reliable

Synonyms
dependability, solidity, sureness, trustworthiness; also infallibility

re·li·able /ˈreləbəl/ adjective
1 : fit to be trusted or relied on: DEPENDABLE, TRUSTWORTHY
2 : dependable, good, responsible, safe, solid, steady, sure, tried, true, trustworthy—more at DEPENDABLE

re·li·able·ness noun
[3] creed, cult, faith, persuasion; also church, communion, denomination, sect; belief, doctrine, dogma, theology; monotheism, theism, polytheism

religious /riˈliːjəs/ adjective
1 : relating or devoted to an acknowledged ultimate reality or deity
2 ◁ : of or relating to religious beliefs or observances
3 ◁ : scrupulously and conscientiously faithful
4 : FERVENT, ZEALOUS
— re·li·gious·ly adverb
  Synonyms ◁ [2] devotional, sacred, spiritual; also blessed, consecrated, hallowed, holy, sacrosanct, sanctified; liturgical, ritual, sacramental
  Antonyms ◁ nonreligious, profane, secular
    ◁ [3] devout, faithful, godly, holy, pious, sainted, saintly—more at HOLY

2religious noun, plural religious
: a member of a religious order under monastic vows

re·lin·quish /rəˈlinˌkwish, -kwish/ verb
1 : to withdraw or retreat from : ABANDON, QUIT
2 ◁ : to yield control or possession of ◁ a title
3 : to let go of : RELEASE
  Synonyms ◁ cede, deliver, give up, hand over, leave, render, surrender, turn over, yield—more at SURRENDER
  ◁ abdicate, abnegate, cede, renounce, resign, step down, surrender—more at ABDICATE

re·lin·quish·ment noun
: the act of relinquishing : a giving up
  Synonyms ◁ capitulation, submission, surrender—more at SURRENDER

rel·i·quary /reləˈkwərē/ noun, plural -quar·ies
: a container for religious relics

1relish /ˈrelish/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME reles taste, fr. OF, something left behind, release, fr. relessier to relax, release, fr. L relaxare]
1 : characteristic flavor : SAVOR
2 ◁ : keen enjoyment or delight in something
3 ◁ : a strong liking : APPETITE
4 : a highly seasoned sauce (as of pickles) eaten with other food to add flavor
  Synonyms ◁ [2] contentment, delectation, delight, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, pleasure, satisfaction—more at PLEASURE
  ◁ [3] appetite, fancy, favor, fondness, like, liking, love, partiality, preference, shine, taste, use—more at LIKING

2relish verb
1 : to add relish to
2 ◁ : to be pleased or gratified by : ENJOY
3 : to eat with pleasure
— re·lish·able adjective
  Synonyms ◁ adore, delight, dig, enjoy, fancy, groove, like, love, revel—more at ENJOY

re·live /riˈliv/ verb
: to live again or over again; especially : to experience again in the imagination

re·lo·cate /ˌrē,loˈkāt, ˌrē,loˈkät/ verb
1 : to locate again
2 : to move to a new location
re·lo·ca·tion /ˌrē.lo.ˈkā.shən/ noun

re·luc·tance /ˌrē.ləkˈtans/ noun
▶ the quality or state of being reluctant
  Synonyms
    disinclination, hesitancy; also faltering, hesitation, indecision, irresolution, shilly-shallying, staggering, vacillation, wavering, wobbling; distrust, doubt, incertitude, misgiving, mistrust, mistrustfulness, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty
  Antonyms
    inclination, willingness
re·luc·tant /ˌrē.ləkˈtənt/ adjective
▶ feeling or showing aversion, hesitation or unwillingness <~ to get involved>
— re·luc·tant·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    afraid, dubious, hesitant, indisposed—more at HESITANT
re·ly /rēˈli/ verb re·lied; re·ly·ing
[Origin: ME relien to rally, fr. AF relier to retie, gather, rally, fr. L religare to tie out of the way, fr. re- back + ligare to tie]
▶ to place faith or confidence: DEPEND
  Synonyms
    count, depend, lean, reckon—more at DEPEND
REM /rem/ noun
▶ RAPID EYE MOVEMENT
re·main /rēˈmān/ verb
1 ▶ to be left after others have been removed, subtracted, or destroyed
2 ▶ to be something yet to be shown, done, or treated <it ~s to be seen>
3 ▶ to stay after others have gone
4 ▶ to continue unchanged
5 ▶ to stay in the same place or with the same person or group
  Synonyms
    abide, dwell, hang around, stay, stick around, tarry—more at STAY
re·main·der /rēˈmān.dər/ noun
1 ▶ that which is left over: a remaining group, part, or trace
2 ▶ the number left after a subtraction
3 ▶ the number that is left over from the dividend after division and that is less than the divisor
4 ▶ a book sold at a reduced price by the publisher after sales have slowed
  Synonyms
    end, fag end, leftover, remnant, scrap—more at SCRAP
    balance, leavings, leftovers, odds and ends, remains, remnant, residue, rest; also fragment, scrap; oddment, stub, stump; excess, surplus
rem·ains /ˈmānz/ noun plural
1 ▶ a remaining part or trace <the ~ of a meal>
2 ▶ a dead body
  Synonyms
    [1] debris, residue, rubble, ruins, wreck, wreckage; also detritus, flotsam, jetsam; garbage, refuse, trash
    [2] cadaver, corpse—more at CORPSE
1 re·make /rēˈmāk/ verb -made /ˌmād/, -mak·ing
▶ to make anew or in a different form
  Synonyms
    alter, change, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remodel, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE
    duplicate, redo, reiterate, repeat, replicate—more at REPEAT
**remake** /rēˌmāk/ noun
: one that is remade; especially: a new version of a motion picture

**remand** /riˈmænd/ verb
: to order back; especially: to return to custody pending trial or for further detention

**remark** /riˈmärk/ noun
1: the act of remarking: OBSERVATION, NOTICE
2 ➢: a passing observation or comment

Synonyms

- comment, note, observation, reflection; also analysis, commentary, exposition; annotation; belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict, view

**remark** verb
1 ➢: to take notice of: OBSERVE
2 ➢: to express as an observation or comment

Synonyms

- [1] behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, see, sight, spy, view, witness—more at SEE
- [2] comment, note, observe, opine, say; also articulate, express, speak, state, talk, tell, utter, verbalize, vocalize

**remarkable** /rēˈmär-kə-bal/ adjective

- worthy of being or likely to be noticed esp. as being uncommon or extraordinary: NOTEWORTHY

— **remarkable** noun

Synonyms

- bold, catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, noteworthy, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, striking—more at NOTICEABLE

**remarkably** /rēˈmär-kə-bəl-ē/ adverb
1: in a remarkable manner
2: as is remarkable

**remediable** /rēˈme-de-ə-bal/ adjective
: capable of being remedied

**remedial** /rēˈme-de-əl/ adjective
: intended to remedy or improve

Synonyms

- corrective, reformative—more at CORRECTIVE

**remedy** /rēˈme-dē/ noun, plural -dies
[origin: ME remedie, fr. AF, fr. L remedium, fr. re- back, again + mederi to heal]
1 ➢: a medicine or treatment that cures or relieves a disease or condition
2: something that corrects or counteracts an evil or compensates for a loss

Synonyms

- cure, drug, medicine, pharmaceutical, specific—more at MEDICINE

**remedy** verb -died; -dy·ing

- to provide or serve as a remedy for

Synonyms

- amend, correct, debug, emend, rectify, reform—more at CORRECT

**remember** /rēˈmem-bər/ verb -bered; -ber·ing
1 ➢: to bring to mind or think of again: RECOLLECT
2: to keep from forgetting: keep in mind
3: to convey greetings from
4: COMMEMORATE

Synonyms

- recall, recollect, reminisce, think; also recapture, recur; educe, elicit, evoke, extract, remind; relive

Antonyms
re·mem·brance /ˈbrɛm-brəns/ noun
1: an act of remembering : RECOLLECTION
2: the ability to remember : MEMORY
3: the period over which one’s memory extends
4: a memory of a person, thing, or event
5: something that serves to bring to mind : REMINDER
6: a greeting or gift recalling or expressing friendship or affection

Synonyms

forget, unlearn

re·mind /rɛˈmənd/ verb
: to put in mind of something : cause to remember

re·mind·er noun
: something that reminds by association

rem·i·nisce /rɛmɪˈnɪs/ verb -nisced; -niscing
: to indulge in reminiscence

Synonyms usually reminisce about

recall, recollect, remember, think—more at REMEMBER

rem·i·nis·cence /ˌrɛmɪˈnɪsəns/ noun
1: a recalling or telling of a past experience
2: an account of a memorable experience

Synonyms

memory, recall, recollection, remembrance—more at MEMORY

rem·i·nis·cent /rɛˈmɪnɪsnt/ adjective
1: of or relating to reminiscence
2: marked by or given to reminiscence
3: serving to remind : SUGGESTIVE

— rem·i·nis·cent·ly adverb

rem·iss /rɛˈmis/ adjective
1: negligent or careless in the performance of work or duty
2: showing neglect or inattention

— rem·iss·ly adverb

Synonyms

careless, derelict, lax, negligent, slack—more at NEGLIGENCE

re·mis·sion /rɛˈmiʃən/ noun
1: the act or process of remitting
2: a state or period during which something is remitted

Synonyms

absolution, amnesty, forgiveness, pardon—more at PARDON

re·mis·sion·ess noun

: the quality or state of being remiss

Synonyms

carelessness, dereliction, heedlessness, laxness, neglect, negligence, slackness—more at NEGLIGENCE

re·mit /rɪˈmɪt/ verb re·mit·ted; re·mit·ting
1: FORGIVE, PARDON
2: to give or gain relief from (as pain)
3: to refer for consideration, report, or decision
4: to refrain from exacting or enforcing (as a penalty)
5: to send (money) in payment of a bill
6: to abate in force or intensity
7: to place later in order of precedence, preference, or importance

re·mit·tal /rēˈmīt-təl/ noun
: the act or process of remitting: REMISSION

re·mit·tance /rēˈmīt-təns/ noun
1: a sum of money remitted
2: transmittal of money (as to a distant place)

Synonyms
[1, 2] compensation, consideration, disbursement, pay, payment, recompense, remuneration, requital—more at PAYMENT

re·m·nant /rēˈmənt/ noun
1: a usu. small part or trace remaining
2: an unsold or unused end of a fabric that is sold by the yard

Synonyms
end, fag end, leftover, remainder, scrap—more at SCRAP

re·mod·el /rēˈmōd-əl/ verb
: to alter the structure of: MAKE OVER

Synonyms
alter, change, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, revamp, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE

re·mon·strance /rēˈmän-strəns/ noun
: an act or instance of remonstrating

Synonyms
challenge, complaint, demur, expostulation, fuss, kick, objection, protest, question—more at OBJECTION

re·mon·strant /rēˈmän-strənt/ adjective
: vigorously objecting or opposing

— remonstrant noun
— re·mon·strant·ly adverb

re·mon·strate /rēˈmän-strät/ verb -strat·ed; -strat·ing
: to plead in opposition to something: speak in protest or reproof — usu. used with with

— re·mon·stra·tion /rēˈmän-strā-shən, rēˈmän-/ noun
— re·mon·stra·tor /rēˈmän-strā-ter/ noun

Synonyms usually remonstrate with
demur, kick, object, protest—more at OBJECT

re·mo·ra /ˌre-mō-ra/ noun
: any of a family of marine bony fishes with sucking organs on the head by which they cling esp. to other fishes

re·morse /rēˈmōrs/ noun
: a gnawing distress arising from a sense of guilt for past wrongs

Synonyms
contrition, guilt, penitence, repentance, self-reproach, shame—more at GUILT

re·morse·ful adjective
: motivated or marked by remorse

Synonyms
apologetic, contrite, guilty, penitent, regretful, repentant, rueful, sorry—more at CONTRITE

re·morse·less /ˈre-mōr-səl/ adjective
1: MERCILESS
2: PERSISTENT, RELENTLESS

re·mo·te /rēˈmōt/ adjective re·mo·t·er; -est
1: far off in place or time: not near
2: not closely related: **DISTANT**
3: located out of the way: **SECLUDED**
4: acting, acted on, or controlled indirectly or from a distance
5: small in degree: **SLIGHT** \(<\sim a \sim chance>\)
6: distant or aloof in manner
   — **re·mote·ly** adverb
   — **re·mote·ness** noun

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] away, distant, far, far-off—more at **DISTANT**
   - [3] cloistered, covert, isolated, quiet, secluded, secret—more at **SECLUDED**
   - [5] negligible, off, outside, slight, slim, small

   **Antonyms**
   - good
   - [6] aloof, antisocial, cold, cool, detached, distant, frosty, standoffish, unsociable—more at **COOL**

2 **remote** noun
1: a radio or television program or a portion of a program originating outside the studio
2: **REMOTE CONTROL**

2 **remote control** noun
1: control (as by radio signal) of operation from a point at some distance removed
2: a device or mechanism for controlling something from a distance

1 **remount** \(\text{'rē·maunt}/\) verb
1: to mount again
2: to furnish remounts to

2 **remount** \(\text{'rē·maunt}/\) noun
: a fresh horse to replace one no longer available

2 **removal** \(\text{'rē·mov·əl}/\) noun
: the act or process of removing

   **Synonyms**
   - disposal, disposition, dumping, jettison, riddance—more at **DISPOSAL**

2 **remove** \(\text{'rē·muv}/\) verb **removed; re·mov·ing**
1: to move from one place to another: **TRANSFER**
2: to move by lifting or taking off or away
3: to dismiss from office
4: to get rid of: **ELIMINATE** \(<\sim a \sim fire hazard>\)
5: to change one's residence or location
6: to go away: **DEPART**
7: to be capable of being removed
   — **re·mov·able** adjective
   — **re·mov·er** noun

   **Synonyms**
   - budge, dislocate, displace, disturb, move, shift, transfer—more at **MOVE**
   - doff, peel, put off, take off; also husk, shed

   **Antonyms**
   - don, put on, slip (into)
   - clear, draw, withdraw; also dislodge; abstract, cut, extract, pull; move, shift, transfer

2 **remove** noun
1: a transfer from one location to another: **MOVE**
2: a degree or stage of separation

**Synonyms**
distance, lead, length, spread, stretch, way—more at DISTANCE

REM sleep noun
: a state of sleep that recurs cyclically several times during normal sleep and is associated with rapid eye movements and dreaming

re·mu·ner·ate /rəˈmYuˌnərē/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to pay an equivalent for or to: RECOMPENSE

re·mu·ner·a·tor /ˈrā.tər/ noun

Synonyms
: compensate, indemnify, pay, recompense, recoup, requite—more at COMPENSATE

re·mu·ner·a·tion /rəˈmYuˌnərāˈSHAN/ noun
1
: something that remunerates: COMPENSATION, PAYMENT
2
: an act or fact of remunerating

Synonyms
: [1] compensation, consideration, disbursement, pay, payment, recompense, remittance, requital—more at PAYMENT
: [2] compensation, damages, indemnity, quittance, recompense, redress, reparation, requital, restitution, satisfaction—more at COMPENSATION

re·mu·ner·a·tive /rəˈmYuˌnərəˈtiv/ adjective
: serving to remunerate: GAINFUL

Synonyms
: fat, gainful, lucrative, profitable—more at PROFITABLE

re·nais·sance /ˌrēnəˈsäns/ noun
1 cap: the cultural revival and beginnings of modern science in Europe in the 14th–17th centuries; also: the period of the Renaissance
2 often cap: a movement or period of vigorous artistic and intellectual activity
3
ren·al /rēnəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or located in or near the kidneys

ren·a·scence /ˈrēnəˌsəns/ noun, often cap
: RENAISSANCE

rend /rend/ verb rent /rent/; rend·ing
1: to remove by violence: WREST
2
: to tear forcibly apart

Synonyms
: rip, rive, shred, tatter, tear—more at TEAR

ren·der /ˈren.dər/ verb
1: to extract (as lard) by heating
2
: to give to another; also: YIELD
3: to give in return
4: to do (a service) for another <~ aid>
5: to cause to be or become: MAKE
6: to reproduce or represent by artistic or verbal means
7: TRANSLATE <~ into English>

Synonyms
: cede, deliver, give up, hand over, leave, relinquish, surrender, turn over, yield—more at SURRENDER

ren·dez·vous /rənˈdēvˌvoo/ noun, plural ren·dez·vous /ˌvooz/
[origin: MF, fr. rendez vous present yourselves]
1 a: a place appointed for a meeting; also: a meeting at an appointed place
b
: an agreement to meet each other or with another person or thing
2
: a place of popular resort
rendezvous verb -voused /ˈvōd/; -voused /ˈvōzd/; -vouses /ˈvōz/  
† : to come or bring together at a rendezvous

ren·di·tion /renˈdə shən/ noun  
: an act or a result of rendering <first ~ of the work into English>

ren·e·gade /reˈnē gäd/ noun  
† : a deserter from one faith, cause, principle, or party for another

re·neg·er /rēˈné ər/ noun  
† : to go back on a promise or commitment
2 : to fail to follow suit when able in a card game in violation of the rules

re·new /rēˈnū/ verb  
1 † : to make or become new, fresh, or strong again
2 † : to restore to existence : REVIVE
3 : to make or do again : REPEAT '<~ a complaint>
4 † : to begin again : RESUME '<~ed his efforts>
5 : REPLACE '<~ the lining of a coat>
6 : to grant or obtain an extension of or on '<~ a lease> '<~ a subscription>

re·new·er /rēˈnū ər/ noun  
† : freshen, recreate, refresh, regenerate, rejuvenate, restore, revitalize, revive; also make over, refurbish, rehabilitate, remake, remodel, renovate; refill, replenish, resupply
2 † : reanimate, reinvigorate, resuscitate, revive—more at REVIVE
3 † : continue, reopen, restart, resume—more at RESUME

re·new·able /rēˈnū ə bəl/ adjective  
1 : capable of being renewed
2 : capable of being replaced by natural ecological cycles or sound management procedures '<~ resources>

re·new·al /rēˈnū ə l/ noun  
1 : the act of renewing : the state of being renewed
2 : something renewed

re·net /rēˈnet/ noun  
1 : the contents of the stomach of an unweaned animal (as a calf) or the lining membrane of the stomach used for curdling milk
2 : rennin or a substitute used to curdle milk
re·ninin /rɛˈnæn/ noun
: a stomach enzyme that coagulates casein and is used commercially to curdle milk in the making of cheese

re·nounce /rɛˈnəns/ verb re·nounced; re·nounc·ing
1 : to give up, refuse, or resign usu. by formal declaration
2 : to refuse further to follow, obey, or recognize
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] abdicate, abnegate, cede, relinquish, resign, step down, surrender—more at ABDICATE
   ▶ [2] abjure, recant, retract, take back, unsay, withdraw—more at ABJURE

re·nounc·ment noun
▶ : the act or practice of renouncing
   Synonyms
   ▶ abnegation, renunciation, repudiation, self-denial—more at RENUNCIATION

re·nove·ate /rɛˈnəvət/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing
1 : to make like new again : put in good condition
2 : to restore to vigor or activity
— ren·o·va·tion /rɛˈnəvəˈʃən/ noun
— ren·o·va·tor /rɛˈnəvəˈtər/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ doctor, fix, mend, patch, recondition, repair, revamp—more at MEND

re·nown /rɛˈnən/ noun
▶ : a state of being widely acclaimed and honored
   Synonyms
   ▶ celebrity, fame, notoriety—more at FAME

re·nowned /rɛˈnənd/ adjective
▶ : having renown
   Synonyms
   ▶ celebrated, famed, famous, noted, notorious, prominent, star, well-known—more at FAMOUS

rent /rɛnt/ noun
1 : money or the amount of money paid or due at intervals for the use of another's property
2 : property rented or for rent

rent verb
1 : to give possession and use of in return for rent
2 : to take and hold under an agreement to pay rent
3 : to be for rent <~s for $100 a month>
   Synonyms
   ▶ engage, hire, lease, let—more at HIRE

rent noun
1 ▶ : an act or instance of rending
2 : a split in a party or organized group : SCHISM
3 ▶ : an opening made by or as if by rending
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] gash, laceration, rip, slash, slit, tear—more at GASH
   ▶ [3] breach, break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, interval, opening, rift, separation—more at GAP

rent·er noun
▶ : one that rents
   Synonyms
   ▶ boarder, lodger, roomer, tenant—more at TENANT

rental /rɛntəl/ noun
1 : an amount paid or collected as rent
2 : something that is rented
3 : an act of renting
rental adjective
: of or relating to rent

renunciation /riˌnənˈʃən/ noun
▶: the act of renouncing: REPUDIATION

Synonyms
▶ abnegation, renouncement, repudiation, self-denial; also denial, refusal; relinquishment, resignation, surrender

Antonyms
indulgence, self-indulgence

reopen /ˈrē.opən/ verb
▶: to enter upon again

Synonyms
▶ continue, renew, restart, resume—more at RESUME

rep /ˈrep/ noun
▶ REPRESENTATIVE <sales ~s>

 abbrevi ation
1 repair
2 repeat
3 report; reporter
4 republic

Rep abbreviation
Republican

repackage /ˈrē.ˈpäˌkā/ verb
▶: to package again or anew; especially: to put into a more attractive form

repair /ˈrē.ˈpār/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF repaire to go back, return, fr. LL repatriare to go home again, fr. L re- back + patria native country]
▶: to make one's way: GO <~ to the drawing room>

1 repair noun
— repair man noun

Synonyms
▶ doctor, fix, mend, patch, recondition, renovate, revamp—more at MEND

rep noun
1: a result of repairing
2: an act of repairing
3: condition with respect to need of repairing <in bad ~> 

4: the state of being in good or sound condition

Synonyms
▶ condition, estate, fettle, form, order, shape, trim—more at CONDITION

rep-er-a-tion /ˌreˌpärˈe.ʃən/ noun
1: the act of making amends for a wrong
2: amends made for a wrong or injury; especially: money paid by a defeated nation in compensation for damages caused during hostilities—usu. used in pl.

Synonyms
▶ compensation, damages, indemnity, quittance, recompense, redress, remuneration, requital, restitution,
re·par·a·tive /riˈparəˌti/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or effecting repairs
2 : serving to make amends

re·par·tee /ˌreˌpar.ˈtē/ noun
1 a : a witty reply
2 a : a succession of clever replies
b : skill in making such replies
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] comeback, retort, riposte—more at RETORT
   ▶ [2a] banter, chaff, persiflage, raillery—more at BANTER

re·past /ˈre.past, ˈrēˌpast/ noun
1 : a supply of food and drink served as a meal
   Synonyms
   ▶ board, chow, feed, meal, mess, table—more at MEAL

re·pa·tri·ate /ˌrēˈpa.trēˌāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to send or bring back to the country of origin or citizenship (<~ prisoners of war>)
   —re·pa·tri·ate /ˌrēˈpa.trēˌāt/ noun
   —re·pa·tri·a·tion /ˌrēˈpa.trēˌāshən/ noun

re·pay /ˈre.pā/ verb -paid /ˈpād/; -pay·ing
1 : to pay back : REFUND
2 : to give or do in return or requital
3 : to make a return payment to : RECOMPENSE, REQUITE
   —re·pay·able adjective
   —re·pay·ment noun

1re·peal /ˈriˌpēl/ verb
[ORIGIN: ME repelen, fr. AF repeler, lit., to call back, fr. re- back + apeler to appeal, call]
1 : to annul by authoritative and esp. legislative action
   —re·peal·er noun
   —Synonyms
   ▶ abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, rescind, void—more at ABOLISH

2re·peal noun
1 : the act or an instance of repealing
2re·peal /ˈriˌpēl/ verb
1 ▶ : to say again
2 ▶ : to do again
3 : to say over from memory
4 ▶ : to say after another
   —re·peat·a·ble adjective
   —re·peat·er noun
   —Synonyms
   ▶ [1] rehearse, reiterate; also echo, parrot; mouth
   ▶ [2] duplicate, redo, reiterate, remake, replicate; also renew
   ▶ [4] echo, quote; also mouth; copy, imitate, mimic

2re·peal /ˈriˌpēl, ˈrēˌpēl/ noun
1 ▶ : the act of repeating
2 : something repeated or to be repeated (as a radio or television program)
3re·peal /ˈriˌpēl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or being one that repeats an offense, achievement, or action
   —Synonyms
duplication, reiteration, repetition, replication; also rerun

repeated /riˈpētəd/ adjective
▷ done or recurring again and again: FREQUENT
   Synonyms
   ▷ constant, frequent, habitual, periodic, regular, steady—more at REGULAR

repeatedly adverb
▷ renewed or recurring again and again
   Synonyms
   ▷ constantly, continually, frequently, often—more at OFTEN

repel /riˈpel/ verb repelled; repelling
1 ▷ to drive away: REPULSE
2 ▷ to fight against: RESIST
3 ▷ to turn away: REJECT
4 ▷ to cause aversion in: DISGUST
   Synonyms
   ▷ [1] fend, repulse, stave off; also hold off, resist, withstand; deflect, ward (off); rebuff, snub, spurn
   ▷ [2] buck, defy, fight, oppose, resist, withstand—more at RESIST
   ▷ [4] disgust, nauseate, repulse, revolt, sicken, turn off—more at DISGUST

repellent also repellant /riˈpelənt/ adjective
1 : tending to drive away <a mosquito-repellent spray>
2 ▷ causing disgust
   Synonyms
   ▷ abhorrent, awful, distasteful, foul, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive,
   repugnant, repulsive, revolting

repellent also repellant noun
1 : something that repels; especially: a substance that repels insects
2 : a list of plays, operas, pieces, or parts which a company or performer is prepared to present
3 ▷ experiencing repentance
   Synonyms
   ▷ apologetic, contrite, guilty, penitent, regretful, remorseful, rueful, sorry—more at CONTRITE

repertory /riˈper.tərē/ noun
1 : a list of plays, operas, pieces, or parts which a company or performer is prepared to present
2 : a list of the skills or devices possessed by a person or needed in a person's occupation
1: REPOSITORY
2: REPERTOIRE
3: a company that presents its repertoire in the course of one season at one theater

rep·e·ti·tion /ˌre-pəˈti-shən/ noun
1: the act or an instance of repeating
2: the fact of being repeated

   Synonyms
   • duplication, reiteration, repeat, replication—more at REPEAT

rep·e·ti·tious /ˌre-pəˈti-shəs/ adjective
: marked by repetition; especially: tediously repeating
   — rep·e·ti·tious·ly adverb
   — rep·e·ti·tious·ness noun

re·pet·i·tive /ˌre-pəˈti-tiv/ adjective
: REPETITIOUS
   — re·pet·i·tive·ly adverb
   — re·pet·i·tive·ness noun

re·phrase /ˌri-fār/ verb re·phined; re·phin·ing
: to express again in words or in appropriate or telling terms

   Synonyms
   • paraphrase, restate, translate—more at PARAPHRASE

re·pine /ˌri-pīn/ verb
1: to feel or express discontent or dejection
2: to long for something

   Synonyms
   • beef, bellyache, complain, fuss, gripe, grouse, grumble
   • usually repine for [2] crave, desire, long, pine, want, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

repl abbreviation
 replace; replacement

re·place /ˌri-plās/ verb
1: to restore to a former place or position
2: to take the place of
3: to put something new in the place of

   Synonyms
   • displace, substitute, supersede, supplant; also preempt, usurp

re·place·ment /ˌri-plās-mənt/ noun
1: the act of replacing: the state of being replaced
2: one that replaces another esp. in a job or function

   Synonyms
   • backup, pinch hitter, relief, reserve, stand-in, sub, substitute—more at SUBSTITUTE

re·play /ˌrē-plā/ verb
: to play again or over

re·plen·ish /ˌrē-plān/ verb
: to fill or build up again: stock or supply anew

   — re·plen·ish·ment noun
**re·plete** /reˈplēt/ adjective
1 : fully provided
2 : fully or abundantly provided or filled : **FULL**; especially : full of food
— re·plete·ness noun

  Synonyms
  — flush, fraught, full, rife, thick

**re·ple·tion** /reˈplē·shən/ noun
: the state of being replete

**rep·li·ca** /reˈpliˌkə/ noun
[origin: It, repetition, fr. replicare to repeat, fr. LL, fr. L, to fold back, fr. re- back + plicare to fold]
1 : an exact reproduction (as of a painting) executed by the original artist
2 : a copy exact in all details : **DUPLICATE**

  Synonyms
  — carbon copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, ringer, spit—more at **IMAGE**

**re·pli·cate** /reˈplī·kat/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to make a copy of : **DUPLICATE**
2 : to do over or again : **REPEAT**

  Synonyms
  — [1] copy, duplicate, imitate, reproduce—more at **COPY**
  — [2] duplicate, redo, reiterate, remake, repeat—more at **REPEAT**

**rep·li·ca·tion** /reˈpliˌkei·shən/ noun
1 : ANSWER, REPLY
2 : precise copying or reproduction; also : an act or process of this
3 : an imitation, transcript, or reproduction of an original work

  Synonyms
  — [2] duplication, reiteration, repeat, repetition—more at **REPEAT**
  — [3] carbon copy, copy, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, imitation, replica, reproduction—more at **COPY**

**re·ply** /riˈpl/ verb re·plied; re·ply·ing
1 : to say or do in answer : **RESPOND**

  Synonyms
  — answer, rejoin, respond, retort, return—more at **ANSWER**

**rep·ly** noun, plural replies
1 : something said, written, or done in answer or response : **RESPONSE**

  Synonyms
  — answer, comeback, response, retort, return—more at **ANSWER**

**repo** /rēˈpoʊ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being in the business of repossessing property (as a car)

**re·port** /riˈpört/ noun
1 : common talk : **RUMOR**
2 : quality of reputation
3 : a usu. detailed account or statement
4 : an explosive noise

  Synonyms
  — [2] character, mark, name, note, reputation—more at **REPUTATION**
  — [3] account, chronicle, history, narrative, record, story—more at **ACCOUNT**
  — [4] bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, slam, smash, snap, thwack, whack—more at **CLAP**
2 report verb
1: to give an account of: RELATE, TELL
2: to serve as carrier of (a message)
3: to prepare or present (as an account of an event) for a newspaper or a broadcast
4: to make a charge of misconduct against
5: to present oneself (as for work)
6: to make known to the authorities — a fire
7: to return or present (as a matter referred to a committee) with conclusions and recommendations
— reportable adjective
  Synonyms
  descrive, narrate, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, tell — more at TELL

report-age /rəˈpȯrˌti/ esp for 2. reˌpar.ˈtāzh, reˌpȯr.ˈt/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
1: the act or process of reporting news
2: writing intended to give an account of observed or documented events

report card noun
a: a periodic report on a student's grades

report-ed·ly /rəˈpȯr.təd.əl/ adverb
: according to report

report·er /rəˈpȯr.tər/ noun
: one that reports; especially: a person who gathers and reports news for a news medium
— report·o·ri·al /rəˌpȯr.əˈrē.əl/ adjective

1 repose /rəˈpōz/ verb re·posed; re·pos·ing
1: to lay at rest
2: to lie at rest
3: to lie dead
4: to take a rest
5: to have as a basis or support — usu. used with on
  Synonyms
  bask, loll, lounge, relax, rest — more at REST

2 repose noun
1: a state of resting (as after exertion); especially: SLEEP
2: eternal or heavenly rest
3: freedom from something that disturbs or excites: CALM, PEACE
4: cessation or absence of activity, movement, or animation
5: composure of manner: POISE
— repose·ful adjective
  Synonyms
  [1] rest, sleep, slumber — more at SLEEP
  [3] calm, calmness, hush, peace, placidity, quiet, quietness, serenity, still, stillness, tranquillity — more at CALM
  [4] ease, leisure, relaxation, rest — more at REST

3 repose verb re·posed; re·pos·ing
1: to place (as trust) in someone or something
2: to place for control, management, or use

re·pos·i·to·ry /rəˈpōz.əˌtȯrē/ noun, plural -ries
1: a place where something is deposited or stored
2: a person to whom something is entrusted
  Synonyms
  depository, depot, magazine, storage, storehouse, warehouse — more at STOREHOUSE


re·pos·sess /ˌrē-pəˈses/ verb
1 ♦: to regain possession of
2 : to take possession of in default of the payment of installments due
   Synonyms
   • recapture, reclaim, recoup, recover, regain, retake, retrieve—more at recover

re·pos·ses·sion /ˌrē-pəˈsen·shən/ noun
♦: the act or state of possessing again
   Synonyms
   • reclamation, recovery, retrieval—more at recovery

re·prehend /ˌrē-prəˈhend/ verb
♦: to express disapproval of: CENSURE
   — re·pre·hen·sion /ˌrē-prəˈhen·shən/ noun
   Synonyms
   • blame, censure, condemn, criticize, denounce, fault, knock, pan—more at criticize

re·pre·hen·si·ble /ˌrē-prəˈhen·sa·bil/ adjective
♦: deserving blame or censure: culpable
   — re·pre·hen·si·bly /ˌrē-prəˈhen·sa·bli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   • blamable, blameworthy, censurable, culpable—more at blameworthy
   • censurable, objectionable, obnoxious, offensive—more at objectionable

re·pre·sent /ˌrē-prəˈzent/ verb
1 ♦: to present a picture or a likeness of: depict
2 : to serve as a sign or symbol of
3 : to act the role of
4 : to stand in the place of: act or speak for; also: to manage the legal or business affairs of
5 : to be a member or example of: typify
6 : to serve as an elected representative of
7 ♦: to describe as having a specified quality or character
8 : to state with the purpose of affecting judgment or action
   Synonyms
   • [1] depict, image, picture, portray—more at picture
   • [7] characterize, define, depict, describe, portray—more at characterize

re·pre·sen·ta·tion /ˌrē-prəˈzen·tā·shən/ noun
1 : the act of representing
2 : one (as a picture or image) that represents something else
3 : the state of being represented in a legislative body; also: the body of persons representing a constituency
4 : a usu. formal statement made to effect a change
   Synonyms
   • 1 representative /ˌrē-prəˈzen·tətiv/ adjective
      1 ♦: serving to represent
      2 : standing or acting for another
      3 : founded on the principle of representation: carried on by elected representatives <~ government>
   — re·pre·sen·ta·tive·ly adverb
   — re·pre·sen·ta·tive·ness noun
   • average, characteristic, normal, regular, standard, typical—more at typical

2 representative noun
1 ♦: a typical example of a group, class, or quality
2 ♦: one that represents another; especially: one representing a district in a legislative body usu. as a member of a lower house
   Synonyms
   • [1] case, example, exemplar, illustration, instance, sample, specimen—more at example
   • [2] ambassador, delegate, emissary, envoy, legate, minister—more at ambassador
[2] agent, attorney, commissary, delegate, deputy, envoy, factor, proxy—more at AGENT

re·press /riˈpres/ verb
1 a : to check by or as if by pressure : CURB
b : to put down by force : SUBDUE.
2 : to prevent the natural or normal expression, activity, or development of : SUPPRESS
3 : to exclude from consciousness
— re·pres·sive /ˌpreˈsəив/ adjective
Synonyms
1b clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, quell, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL
2 choke, pocket, smother, stifle, strangle, suppress, swallow—more at SUPPRESS

re·pres·sion /ˌpreˈshan/ noun
: the action or process of repressing
Synonyms
constraint, inhibition, restraint, self-control, self-restraint, suppression

re·prieve /riˈprēv/ verb re·prieved; re·prev·ing
1 : to delay the punishment or execution of
2 : to give temporary relief to

re·prieve noun
1 : the act of reprieving : the state of being reprieved
2 : a formal temporary suspension of a sentence esp. of death
3 : a temporary respite

re·primand /reˈprimand/ noun
: a severe or formal reproof
Synonyms
censure, denunciation, rebuke, reproach, reproof, stricture—more at CENSURE

re·primand verb
1 : to reprove severely or formally
2 : chide for a fault
Synonyms
censure, condemn, denounce, rebuke, reproach, reprove—more at CENSURE

re·print /riˈprint/ verb
: to print again

re·print /riˈprint/ noun
: a reproduction of printed matter

re·pri·sal /riˈprɪzəl/ noun
: an act in retaliation for something done by another
Synonyms
requital, retaliation, retribution, revenge, vengeance—more at REVENGE

re·prise /riˈprɪz/ noun
: a recurrence, renewal, or resumption of an action; also : a musical repetition

re·proach /riˈprōch/ noun
1 : an expression of disapproval
2 : the condition of one fallen from grace or honor : DISGRACE
3 : the act of reproaching : REBUKE
4 : a cause or occasion of blame or disgrace
— re·proach·ful /ˈfəl/ adjective
— re·proach·ful·ly adverb
— re·proach·ful·ness noun
Synonyms
- censure, denunciation, rebuke, reprimand, reproof, stricture—more at CENSURE

reproach verb
1: to express disappointment in or displeasure with (a person) for conduct that is blameworthy or in need of amendment: REBUKE
2: to cast discredit on
— reproachable adjective

reproach noun
1: a person foreordained to damnation
2: a thoroughly bad person: SCOUNDREL

reprobate /ˈreɪpɑːbət/ noun
1: a person foreordained to damnation
2: a thoroughly bad person: SCOUNDREL

reproduce /rɪˈpɜːdʒ/ verb reproved; reproving
1: to produce again or anew
2: to produce offspring
— reproducible /ˈrɪprədʒəbəl/ adjective
— reproductive /rɪˈprədətɪv/ adjective

reproof /rɪˈprɔft/ noun
: blame or censure for a fault

reprove /rɪˈprɔv/ verb reproved; reprov-ing
1: to administer a rebuke to
2: to express disapproval of
— reprover noun

rept abbreviation
report

reptile /ˈreptəl/ noun
[origin: ME reptil, fr. MF or LL; MF reptile, fr. LL reptile, fr. L repere to crawl]
: any of a large class of air-breathing scaly vertebrates including snakes, lizards, alligators, turtles, and extinct related forms (as dinosaurs)
— reptilian /ˈrɛptəliən/ adjective or noun
re·pub·lic /riˈpʌblɪk/ noun
1: a government having a chief of state who is not a monarch and is usu. a president; also: a nation or other political unit having such a government
2: a government in which supreme power is held by the citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives governing according to law; also: a nation or other political unit having such a form of government
3: a constituent political and territorial unit of the former nations of Czechoslovakia, the U.S.S.R., or Yugoslavia

re·pub·li·can /ˌrəˈpʌblɪkən/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or resembling a republic
2: favoring or supporting a republic
3 cap: of, relating to, or constituting one of the two major political parties in the U.S. evolving in the mid-19th century
— re·pub·li·can·ism noun, often cap

re·pu·di·ate /ˌrɪˈpjuː.dəˌeɪt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[ORIGIN: L repudiare to cast off, divorce, fr. repudium rejection of a prospective spouse, divorce]
1 ▶: to give up or renounce as one's own: DISOWN
2 ▶: to refuse to have anything to do with: refuse to acknowledge, accept, or pay <~ a charge> <~ a debt>
3 ▶: to reject as untrue or unjust
— re·pu·di·a·tor /ˌrɪˈpjuː.dəˌeɪ.tər/ noun

re·pu·di·a·tion /ˌrɪˈpjuː.dəˌeɪ.ʃən/ noun
▶: the act of repudiating: the state of being repudiated

re·pu·gn·ance /ˌrɪˈpʌɡ.nəns/ noun
1: the quality or fact of being contradictory or inconsistent
2 ◀: strong dislike, distaste, or antagonism

re·pu·gn·ant /ˌrɪˈpʌɡ.nənt/ adjective
1: marked by repugnance
2 ◀: contrary to a person's tastes or principles: exciting distaste or aversion
— re·pu·gn·ant·ly adverb

re·pulse /ˌrɪˈpʌls/ verb re·puls·ed; re·puls·ing
1 ▶: to drive or beat back: REPEL
2 ▶: to repel by discourtesy or denial: REBUFF
3 ▶: to cause a feeling of repulsion in: DISGUST

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Synonyms
 democractic, popular, self-governing—more at DEMOCRATIC

disavow, disclaim, disown—more at DISCLAIM

deny, disallow, disapprove, negative, refuse, reject, spurn, turn down—more at DECLINE

disavowal, disclaimer, negation, rejection—more at DENIAL

distasteful, foul, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive, repellent, repulsive, revolting

to fend, repel, stave off—more at REPEL

to disgust, nauseate, repel, revolt, sicken, turn off—more at DISGUST
repulse noun
1 : an abrupt rejection of an offer or advance : REBUFF
2 : the action of repelling an attacker : the fact of being repelled
   Synonyms
   – brush-off, cold shoulder, rebuff, snub—more at COLD SHOULDER

re-pul-sion / riˈpəl·shan/ noun
1 : the action of repulsing : the state of being repulsed
2 : the force with which bodies, particles, or like forces repel one another
3 : a feeling of aversion
   Synonyms
   – aversion, disgust, distaste, loathing, nausea, repugnance, revulsion—more at DISGUST

re-pul-sive / riˈpəl·siv/ adjective
1 : serving or tending to repel or reject
2 : arousing aversion or disgust
   – re-pul-sive·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   – abhorrent, distasteful, horrible, horrid, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, revolting

re-pul-sive·ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being repulsive
   Synonyms
   – atrociousness, atrocity, frightfulness, hideousness, horror, monstrosity—more at HORROR

re-pur·pose / riˈpər·pas/ verb
: to give a new purpose or use to

re-pu·ta·ble / riˈpyə·ta·bal/ adjective
1 : having a good reputation
   – re-pu·ta·bly / riˈpyə·ta·bli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   – name, prestigious, reputed, respectable—more at RESPECTABLE

re-pu·ta·tion / riˈpyə·ta·shan/ noun
1 : overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general
2 : place in public esteem or regard
   Synonyms
   – character, mark, name, note, report; also credit, honor; celebrity, fame, notoriety, renown

1 repute / riˈpyūt/ verb re·put·ed, re·put·ing
1 : the character or status commonly ascribed to one : REPUTATION
2 : the state of being favorably known or spoken of

2 repute noun
1 : the character or status commonly ascribed to one : REPUTATION
2 : the state of being favorably known or spoken of

re·put·ed / riˈpyū·təd/ adjective
1 : having a good repute : REPUTABLE
2 : according to reputation : SUPPOSED
   – re·put·ed·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   – [1] name, prestigious, reputable, respectable—more at RESPECTABLE
   – [2] apparent, assumed, evident, ostensible, seeming, supposed—more at APPARENT

req abbreviation
1 request
2 require; required
3 requisition
**request** /ɪˈkrɛst/ noun
1 : an act or instance of asking for something
2 : a thing asked for
3 : the condition of being asked for <available on ~>  
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ call, inquiry, query, question—more at QUESTION

**request** verb
1 : to make a request to or of
2 ➔ : to ask for
   ➔ **re·quest·er** noun
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ ask, call, order, requisition—more at ORDER

**requi·em** /ˌrē kwē əm/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L (first word of the requiem mass), acc. of requies rest, fr. quies quiet, rest]
1 : a mass for a dead person; also : a musical setting for this
2 ➔ : a musical service or hymn in honor of the dead
3 : something that resembles a solemn chant in honor of the dead
   **Synonyms**  
   ➔ dirge, elegy, lament, threnody—more at LAMENT

**re·quire** /ɪˈkwɛr/ verb re·quired; re·quir·ing
1 ➔ : to demand as necessary or essential
2 ➔ :
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ demand, necessitate, need, take, want, warrant—more at NEED

**re·quire·ment** /ˈmen ənt/ noun
1 : something (as a condition or quality) required <entrance ~>s
2 ➔ : something wanted or needed : NECESSITY
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ condition, demand, essential, must, necessity, need, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL

**requisite** /ɪˈkwə zəl/ adjective
1 ➔ : of the utmost importance : NECESSARY
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ essential, imperative, indispensable, integral, necessary, needful, vital—more at ESSENTIAL

**requisite** noun
1 : something that is required or necessary
2 ➔ :

**requisition** /ˌrē kwə zishən/ noun
1 : formal application or demand (as for supplies)
2 : the state of being in demand or use
2 ➔ : to make a requisition for
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ ask, order, request—more at ORDER

**re·quit·al** /ˈrē kwit əl/ noun
1 ➔ : something given in return, compensation, or retaliation
2 ➔ : the act or action of requiting : the state of being requited
   **Synonyms**
   ➔ [1] compensation, damages, indemnity, payment, quittance, recom pense, redress, remuneration, reparation, restitution, satisfaction—more at COMPENSATION
   ➔ [2] reprisal, retaliation, retribution, revenge, vengeance—more at REVENGE

**re·quite** /ɪˈkwit/ verb re·quited; re·quitting
1 : to make return for : REPAY
2 ▸ to make retaliation for: AVENGE
3 ▸ to make return to
   Synonyms
   ▸ [2] avenge, retaliate, revenge—more at AVENGE
   ▸ [3] compensate, indemnify, recompense, recoup, remunerate—more at COMPENSATE

rere-dos /rər_ə_dās/ noun
   : a usu. ornamental wood or stone screen or partition wall behind an altar

re-run /rē_.rən. (.rē_.rən/ noun
   : the act or an instance of running again or anew; especially: a showing of a motion picture or television program after its first run
   — re-run /(.rē_.rən/ verb

res abbreviation
   1 research
   2 reservation; reserve
   3 reservoir
   4 residence; resident
   5 resolution

re-sale /rē_.sāl. (.rē_.sāl/ noun
   : the act of selling again usu. to a new party
   — re-sal-able /(.rē_.sāl_ə.bāl/ adjective

re-scind /rē_.sīnd/ verb
   ▸ to destroy the force, effectiveness, or validity of: REPEAL
   Synonyms
   ▸ abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, repeal, void—more at ABOLISH

re-scis-sion /ˌsi_.zhen/ noun
   ▸ an act of rescinding
   Synonyms
   ▸ abortion, calling, cancellation, recall, repeal, revocation—more at CANCELLATION

re-script /rē_.skript/ noun
   : an official or authoritative order or decree

res-cue /res_kaY/ verb res-cued; res-cu-ing
   [origin: ME rescouen, rescuen, fr. AF rescure, fr. re- back, again + escure to shake off, fr. L excutere]
   ▸ to free from danger, harm, or confinement
   — rescue noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ deliver, save—more at SAVE

 rescuer noun
   ▸ one that rescues
   Synonyms
   ▸ deliverer, redeemer, savior—more at SAVIOR

1 research /rē_.sərch. rē_.sərch/ noun
   1 : careful or diligent search
   2 ▸ : studious inquiry or examination aimed at the discovery and interpretation of new knowledge
   3 : the collecting of information about a particular subject
   — re-search·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ examination, exploration, inquiry, investigation, probe, study—more at INQUIRY

2 research verb
   ▸ to search or investigate exhaustively
   Synonyms
re·sec·tion /rēˈsekshən/ noun
: the surgical removal of part of an organ or structure

re·sem·blance /rēˈzembləns/ noun
: the quality or state of resembling; also: a point of likeness

Synonyms
community, correspondence, likeness, parallelism, similarity, similitude—more at SIMILARITY

re·sem·ble /rēˈzəmbl/ verb -bled; -bling
: to be like or similar to

re·sent /rēˈzent/ verb
: to feel or exhibit annoyance or indignation at

re·sent·ful /ˈrēsəntfəl/ adjective
: full of resentment: inclined to resent
—re·sent·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
acrid, acrimonious, bitter, hard, rancorous, sore—more at BITTER

covetous, envious, jaundiced, jealous—more at ENVIOUS

re·sent·ment noun
: a feeling of indignant displeasure or ill will at something regarded as a wrong, insult, or injury

Synonyms
dudgeon, huff, offense, peeve, pique, umbrage—more at PIQUE

re·ser·pine /rēˈsərˌpīn/ noun
: a drug used in treating high blood pressure and nervous tension

res·er·va·tion /rēˈzərˌvāˈshən/ noun
1 : an act of reserving
2 : something (as a room in a hotel) arranged for in advance
3 : something reserved; especially: a tract of public land set aside for special use
4 : a limiting condition

Synonyms
condition, provision, proviso, qualification, stipulation—more at CONDITION

1re·serve /rēˈzərv/ verb reserved; re·serv·ing
1 : to store for future or special use
2 : to hold back for oneself
3 : to set aside or arrange to have set aside or held for special use

Synonyms
[1] accumulate, cache, garner, hoard, lay up, stash, stockpile, store
[2] hang on, hold, keep, retain, withhold—more at KEEP
[3] allocate, consecrate, dedicate, devote, earmark, save—more at DEVOTE

2 re·serve noun
1 : something reserved: STORE
2 : a military force withheld from action for later use — usu. used in pl.
3 : the military forces of a country not part of the regular services; also: RESERVIST
4 : a tract set apart: RESERVATION
5 : an act of reserving
6 : restraint or caution in one’s words or bearing
7 : money or its equivalent kept in hand or set apart to meet liabilities
8 : a person or thing that takes the place or function of another

Synonyms
[1] cache, deposit, hoard, store—more at STORE
[6] constraint, restraint, self-control; also aloofness, distance; bashfulness, modesty, shyness; reticence, silence, taciturnity; inhibition
backup, pinch hitter, relief, replacement, stand-in, sub, substitute—more at SUBSTITUTE

reserved /rəˈzərd/ adjective
1 : restrained in words and actions
2 : set aside for future or special use
— reserved-ly /rəˈzərdli/ adverb
— reserved-ness /rəˈzərdnəs/ noun

Synonyms
✦ closemouthed, laconic, reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative—more at SILENT

reserved /rəˈzərd/ noun
: a member of a military reserve

reservoir /rəˈzər.vɔːr.ˌzər.ˈzər.ˌvɔːr/ noun
[origin: F]
: a place where something is kept in store; especially : an artificial lake where water is collected and kept for use

resuffle /rəˈʃəfəl/ verb
1 : to shuffle again
2 : to reorganize usu. by redistribution of existing elements

— resuffle noun

reside /rəˈzɪd/ verb resi·ded; resi·ding
1 : to make one’s home : DWELL
2 : to be present as a quality or vested as a right

Synonyms
✦ abide, dwell, live—more at LIVE

residence /rəˈzəndəs/ noun
1 : the act or fact of residing in a place as a dweller or in discharge of a duty or an obligation
2 : the place where one actually lives
3 : a building used as a home : DWELLING
4 : the period of living in a place

Synonyms
✦ abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, habitation, hearth, home, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, roof—more at HOME

residen·cy /rəˈzən.dəs·sə/ noun, plural -cies
1 : the residence of or the territory under a diplomatic resident
2 : a period of advanced training in a medical specialty

1resident /ˈrɛzənt/ adjective
1 : RESIDING
2 : being in residence
3 : not migratory

2resident noun
1 : one who resides in a place
2 : a diplomatic representative with governing powers (as in a protectorate)
3 : a physician serving a residency

Synonyms
✦ denizen, dweller, inhabitant, occupant—more at INHABITANT

residen·tial /rəˈzən.ˈten·ʃəl/ adjective
1 : used as a residence or by residents
2 : occupied by or restricted to residences

— residen·tial·ly adverb

1residual /rɪˈzjuːdəl/ adjective
: being a residue or remainder

2residual noun
1: a residual product or substance
2: a payment (as to an actor or writer) for each rerun after an initial showing (as of a taped TV show)

**residuary** /ˈreˌzərˌe-ər-i/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting a residue esp. of an estate

**residue** /ˈreˌzəˌdi-ə/ noun
: a part remaining after another part has been taken away

**residual** /ˈreˌzi-dəl/ adjective
: balance, leavings, leftovers, odds and ends, remainder, remains, remnant, rest—more at remainder

**residuum** /ˈreˌzi-də-əm/ noun, plural **residua** /ˈreˌzi-du-ə/ [origin: L]
1: something remaining or residual after certain deductions are made
2: a residual product

**resign** /rəˈziŋ/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. AF resigner, fr. L resignare, lit., to unseal, cancel, fr. signare to sign, seal]
1: to give up deliberately (as one's position) esp. by a formal act
2: to give (oneself) over (as to grief or despair) without resistance

— **resignedly** /ˈreˌziŋd-lē/ adverb

**resignation** /ˌreˌziŋ-əshən/ noun
1: an act or instance of resigning; also: a formal notification of such an act
2: the quality or state of being resigned

**resigned** /ˌreˌziŋd/ adjective
: being resigned to something : characterized by resignation

— **resignedly** adverb

**resilience** /ˈreˌzi-ləns/ noun
1: the ability of a body to regain its original size and shape after being compressed, bent, or stretched
2: an ability to recover from or adjust easily to change or misfortune

**resilience** /ˈreˌzi-ləns/ noun
: RESILIENCE

**resilient** /ˈreˌzi-lənt/ adjective
: marked by resilience

— **resiliently** adverb

**resin** /ˈreˌzi-n/ noun
: any of various substances obtained from the gum or sap of some trees and used esp. in varnishes, plastics, and medicine; also: a comparable synthetic product

— **resinous** adjective

**resist** /ˈrez-əst/ verb
1: to fight against: OPPOSE
2: to withstand the force or effect of

— **resistible** /ˈrezəst-I-bəl/ adjective
— **resistless** adjective

— **resistance** /ˌrezəst-əns/ noun

— **resistant** /ˈrezəst-ənt/ adjective

— **resistantly** adverb

— **resistantness** /ˌrezəst-ənt-əs/ noun

— **resistantly** adverb

— **resistantness** /ˌrezəst-ənt-əs/ noun

— **resistantly** adverb
baffle, balk, foil, frustrate, thwart; check, counter, hinder, obstruct, stem

Antonyms
bow (to), capitulate (to), give in (to), submit (to), succumb (to), surrender (to), yield (to)

resist noun
: something (as a coating) that resists or prevents a particular action

resis-tance /ˈrɪzəns/ noun
1 : the act or an instance of resisting : OPPOSITION
2 : the power or capacity to resist; especially : the inherent ability of an organism to resist harmful influences (as disease or infection)
3 : the opposition offered by a body to the passage through it of a steady electric current

resis-tant /ˈrɪzənt/ adjective
: giving or capable of resistance

re·sis-tor /ˈrɪzɪs.tər/ noun
: a device used to provide resistance to the flow of an electric current in a circuit

res·o·lute /ˈrezələt/ adjective
▷ firmly determined in purpose
— re·so·lu·tely adverb

Synonyms
▷ bent, bound, decisive, determined, firm, intent, purposeful, set—more at DETERMINED

re·so·lu·tion /ˈrezəˌluˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of resolving
2 : the action of solving; also : SOLUTION
3 : the quality of being resolute : DETERMINATION
4 : a formal statement expressing the opinion, will, or intent of a body of persons
5 : a measure of the sharpness of an image or of the fineness with which a device can produce or record such an image

Synonyms
▷ [3] decision, decisiveness, determination, firmness, granite, resolve—more at DETERMINATION
▷ [4] conclusion, decision, judgment, opinion, verdict

re·sol·vable adjective
▷ capable of being resolved

Synonyms
▷ answerable, explicable, soluble, solvable—more at SOLVABLE

resolve /rəˈzəlv/ verb res·olved; re·sol·ving
1 : to break up into constituent parts
2 : to distinguish between or make visible adjacent parts of
3 : to find an answer to : SOLVE
4 : to reach a firm decision about : DECIDE
5 : to make or pass a formal resolution

Synonyms
▷ [3] answer, break, crack, dope, figure out, puzzle, riddle, solve, unravel, work, work out—more at SOLVE
▷ [4] choose, conclude, decide, determine, figure, opt—more at DECIDE

resolve noun
1 : fixity of purpose
2 : something resolved

Synonyms
▷ decision, decisiveness, determination, firmness, granite, resolution—more at DETERMINATION

re·o·nance /ˈrezəˌnans/ noun
1: the quality or state of being resonant
2: a reinforcement of sound in a vibrating body caused by waves from another body vibrating at nearly the same rate

res·o·nant /ˈrɛzəˌnɑnt/ adjective
1: continuing to sound : RESOUNDING
2: relating to or exhibiting resonance
3: intensified and enriched by or as if by resonance
   — res·o·nant·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   † golden, resounding, ringing, round, sonorous, vibrant; also deep, full, mellifluous, mellow, rich; loud, powerful, stentorian, thundering, thunderous

res·o·nate /ˌrɛzəˈnät/ verb -nat·ed, -nat·ing
1: to produce or exhibit resonance
2: to produce or exhibit resonance : REVERBERATE

   Synonyms
   † echo, reecho, resound, reverberate, sound—more at REVERBERATE

res·o·na·tor /ˌrɛzəˈnɑtər/ noun
: something that resounds or exhibits resonance

re·sorp·tion /ˌrɛzərˈpʃən, ˌrɛzərˈp/ noun
: the action or process of breaking down and assimilating something (as a tooth or an embryo)

resort /rɪˈzaʊrənt/ noun
[Origin: ME, return, source of aid, fr. AF, fr. resortir to rebound, resort, fr. sortir to go out, leave]
1: one looked to for help : REFUGE
2: a turning to someone or something for help or protection : RECURSE
3: frequent or general visiting <place of ~> 
4: a frequently visited place : HAUNT
5: a place providing recreation esp. to vacationers

   Synonyms
   † [2] expedient, recourse, resource—more at RESOURCE
   † [4] hangout, haunt, rendezvous—more at HANGOUT

resort verb
1: to go often or habitually
2: to have recourse <ed to violence>

   Synonyms
   † usually resort to [1] frequent, hang around, hang out, haunt, visit—more at FREQUENT
   † usually resort to [2] go, refer, turn; also employ, use, utilize; depend (on), rely (on)

re·sound /rɪˈzaʊnd/ verb
1: to become filled with sound : REVERBERATE
2: to sound loudly

   Synonyms
   † echo, reecho, resonate, reverberate, sound—more at REVERBERATE

re·sound·ing adjective
1: producing or characterized by resonant sound : RESONANT
2: impressively sonorous <name>
3: uttered with or marked by emphasis : EMPHATIC <a success>

   re·sound·ing·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   † [1, 2] golden, resonant, ringing, round, sonorous, vibrant—more at RESONANT
   † [3] aggressive, assertive, dynamic, emphatic, energetic, forceful, strenuous, vehement, vigorous—more at EMPHATIC

re·source /rɪˈsɔrˌs, rɪˈsɔrs/ noun
[orig: F ressource, fr. OF ressource relief, resource, fr. resourdre to relieve, lit., to rise again, fr. L resurgere, fr. re- again + surgere to rise]

1: a source of supply or support — usu. used in pl.
2 plural: available funds
3: a possibility of relief or recovery
4: a means of spending leisure time
5: ability to meet and handle situations
6: something to which one has recourse in difficulty

— re·source·ful /ri'sɔrsful/ adjective
— re·source·ful·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ resources [2] finances, fund, pocket, wherewithal—more at FUND
▷ [6] expedient, recourse, resort; also hope, opportunity, possibility, relief; makeshift, replacement, stopgap, substitute

1 respect /ri'spekt/ noun
1: relation to something usu. specified: REGARD <in ~ to>
2: high or special regard: ESTEEM
3 plural: an expression of respect or deference
4: DETAIL, PARTICULAR
— re·spect·ful·ly adverb
— re·spect·ful·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [2] admiration, appreciation, esteem, estimation, favor, regard—more at ADMIRATION
▷ respects [3] compliment, greetings, regards—more at COMPLIMENT

2 respect verb
1: to consider deserving of high regard: ESTEEM
2: to refrain from interfering with <~ another’s privacy>
3: to have reference to: CONCERN
— re·spect·er noun

Synonyms
▷ admire, appreciate, esteem, regard—more at ADMIRE

re·spect·able /ri'spektəbəl/ adjective
1: worthy of respect
2: decent or correct in conduct
3: fair in size, quantity, or quality: TOLERABLE
4: fit to be seen: PRESENTABLE

— re·spect·a·bil·i·ty /ri'spektəbiləti/ noun
— re·spect·ably /'ri'spektəbli/ adverb

Synonyms
▷ [1] name, prestigious, reputable, reputed; also honorable, worthy; creditable, good, praiseworthy; celebrated, distinguished, famed, famous, honored, illustrious, notable, prominent, renowned, well-known
Antonyms
disreputable, loose
▷ [2] correct, decent, decorous, genteel, nice, polite, proper, seemly—more at PROPER
▷ [3] acceptable, adequate, all right, decent, fine, OK, passable, satisfactory, tolerable—more at ADEQUATE

re·spect·ful /'fəl/ adjective
▷: marked by or showing respect or deference

Synonyms
▷ deferential, dutiful, regardful; also reverent, reverential, venerating, worshipful; fawning, groveling, obsequious, servile, subservient, sycophantic; civil, courteous, gracious, polite
Antonyms
disrespectful

re·spect·ing preposition
with regard to

**Synonyms**
- about, apropos of, concerning, of, on, regarding, toward—more at ABOUT

**Respective** /riˈspɛktiv/ adjective
- not shared with another: SEPARATE <returned to their ~ homes>

**Synonyms**
- different, individual, separate—more at SEPARATE

**Respectively** /riˈspektɪvli/ adverb
1: as relating to each
2: each in the order given

**Respiration** /ˌres.pəˈrā.ʃən/ noun
1: an act or the process of breathing
2: the physical and chemical processes (as breathing and oxidation) by which a living thing obtains oxygen and eliminates waste gases (as carbon dioxide)

- **Respiratory** /ˌres.pəˈrā.tɔr.i/ adjective
- **Respire** /riˈspər/ verb

**Respite** /ˈres.pət/ noun
1: a temporary delay
2: an interval of rest or relief

**Synonyms**
- break, breath, breather, recess—more at BREAK

**Resplendence** /ˌres.plən.dəns/ noun
- the quality or state of being resplendent

**Synonyms**
- augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, splendor, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE

- **Resplendent** /ˌres.plən.dənt/ adjective
  : SPLENDID
- **Resplendently** adverb

**Respond** /riˈspɔnd/ verb
1: to say something in return: ANSWER, REPLY
2: REACT <~ed to a call for help>
3: to show favorable reaction <~ to medication>

**Responder** noun

- **Response** /riˈspɔns/ noun
1: an act of responding
2: something constituting a reply or a reaction

**Synonyms**
- [1] reaction, reply, take—more at REACTION
- [2] answer, comeback, reply, retort, return—more at ANSWER
responsibility /rɪˈspʌnsəˌbiləti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the quality or state of being responsible
2 : something for which one is responsible
   Synonyms
   - [1] blame, fault, liability; also accountability
   - [2] burden, charge, commitment, duty, need, obligation—more at obligation

responsible /rɪˈspʌnsəbəl/ adjective
1 : liable to be called upon to answer for one's acts or decisions : ANSWERABLE
2 : able to fulfill one's obligations : TRUSTWORTHY
3 : able to choose for oneself between right and wrong
4 : involving accountability or important duties <- position
   — responsible-ness noun
   — responsible-ly /rɪˈspʌnsərəli/ adverb
   Synonyms
   - [1] accountable, answerable, liable; also beholden, indebted, obligated, obliged
   Antonyms
   irresponsible, unaccountable
   - [2] dependable, good, reliable, safe, solid, steady, sure, tried, true, trustworthy—more at dependable

responsive /rɪˈspʌnsɪv/ adjective
1 : RESPONDING
2 : quick to respond
3 : using responses <- readings
   — responsive-ly adverb
   — responsive-ness noun

rest /rɛst/ noun
1 : a bodily state characterized by minimal functional and metabolic activities : SLEEP
2 : freedom from work or activity
3 : a state of motionlessness or inactivity
4 : a place of shelter or lodging
5 : a silence in music equivalent in duration to a note of the same value; also : a character indicating this
6 : something used as a support
   — rest-ful-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - [1] repose, sleep, slumber—more at sleep
   - [2] ease, leisure, relaxation, repose; also dozing, napping, resting, sleep, slumber, slumbering, snoozing;
     quiet, silence, stillness; calm, peace, placidity, serenity, tranquility
   Antonyms
   exertion, labor, toil, work

rest verb
1 : to get rest by lying down; especially : SLEEP
2 : to cease from action or motion
3 : to give rest to : set at rest
4 : to sit or lie fixed or supported
5 : to place on or against a support
6 : to remain based or founded
7 : to cause to be firmly fixed : ground
8 : to remain for action : depend
   Synonyms
   - [1] catnap, doze, nap, sleep, slumber, snooze—more at sleep
   - [2] bask, loll, lounge, relax, repose; also bum, goldbrick, idle, loaf, slack (off)
   - [7] base, ground—more at base

rest noun
- : something left over
Synonyms

- balance, leavings, leftovers, odds and ends, remainder, remains, remnant, residue

**re·start** /ˈrɪˌstɑːrt/ verb
- : to begin again an activity or undertaking

  **Synonyms**
  - continue, renew, reopen, resume

**re·state** /ˈrɪˌstɑːt/ verb
- : to express again in words

  **Synonyms**
  - paraphrase, rephrase, translate

**res·ta·rant** /ˈres.træn.t/ noun
  [origin: F, fr. prp. of restaurer to restore, fr. L restaurare]
  - : a public eating place

  **Synonyms**
  - café, diner, grill; also cafeteria, coffeehouse, garden, luncheonette, lunchroom, snack bar; bar, barroom, inn, tavern

**res·ta·ra·teur** /ˈres.tərə.tər/ also **res·tau·ran·teur** /ˌrən.tər/ noun
- : the operator or proprietor of a restaurant

**rest·ful** adjective
- : marked by, affording, or suggesting rest and repose

  **Synonyms**
  - calm, hushed, peaceful, quiet, serene, still, tranquil

**rest home** noun
- : an establishment that gives care for the aged or convalescent

**res·ti·tu·tion** /ˈres.ti.tju.ʃən/ noun
  1 : the act of restoring : the state of being restored; especially : restoration of something to its rightful owner
  2 : a compensating, repaying, or giving an equivalent for some injury

  **Synonyms**
  - compensation, damages, indemnity, quittance, recompense, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, satisfaction

**res·tive** /ˈrɛst.ɪv/ adjective
  [origin: ME restif, fr. AF restif, fr. F restif to stop, resist, remain, fr. L restare, fr. re- back + stare to stand]
  1 : stubbornly resisting control : BALKY
  2 : marked by impatience or uneasiness : UNEASY
  — res·tive·ly adverb

**res·tive·ness** noun
  : the quality or state of being restive

**rest·less** /ˈrɛst.ləs/ adjective
  1 : lacking or denying rest <a ~ night>
  2 : never resting or settled : always moving <the ~ sea>
  3 : marked by or showing unrest esp. of mind <~ pacing back and forth>
  — res·tless·ly adverb

  **Synonyms**
  - [1] uneasy; also agitated, distressed, disturbed, perturbed, troubled, unsettled; aflutter, anxious, edgy, fidgety, het up, hung up, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervy, tense, upset, uptight, worried

  **Antonyms**
  - restful
  - [3] anxious, distressful, nervous, tense, unsettling, upsetting, worrisome

**rest·less·ness** noun
- : the quality or state of being restless
Synonyms

- disquiet, ferment, turmoil, uneasiness, unrest—more at UNREST

restorable /rɪˈstɔrəbəl/ adjective
: fit for restoring or reclaiming

restoration /rɪˈstɔrəʃən/ noun
1: an act of restoring : the state of being restored
2: something (as a building) that has been restored

restorative /rɪˈstɔrətɪv/ noun
: something that restores esp. to consciousness or health

restorative adjective

: of or relating to restoration; especially: having power to restore

Synonyms

- healthful, healthy, salubrious, salutary, wholesome—more at HEALTHFUL
- bracing, invigorating, refreshing, stimulative, tonic—more at TONIC

restore /rɪˈstɔr/ verb restored; restoring
1: to give back : RETURN
2: to put back into use or service
3: to put or bring back into a former or original state
4: to put again in possession of something

— restorer noun

Synonyms

- freshen, recreate, refresh, regenerate, rejuvenate, renew, revitalize, revive—more at RENEW

restrain /rɪˈstreɪn/ verb
1: to prevent from doing something
2: to limit, restrict, or keep under control : CURB
3: to place under restraint or arrest

— restraining adjective
— restrainer noun

Synonyms

- [2] bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, tame
- [3] apprehend, arrest, nab, pick up, seize—more at ARREST

restrained /rɪˈstrænd/ adjective

: marked by restraint

— restrainedly /rɪˈstrændli/ adverb

Synonyms

- conservative, muted, quiet, subdued, unpretentious—more at QUIET

restraining order noun
: a legal order directing one person to stay away from another

— restraint /rɪˈstreɪnt/ noun
1: an act of restraining : the state of being restrained
2: a restraining force, agency, or device
3: deprivation or limitation of liberty : CONFINEMENT
4: control over the expression of one's feelings

Synonyms

- [2] check, condition, constraint, curb, fetter, limitation, restriction—more at RESTRICTION
- [4] self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-possession, self-restraint, will, willpower—more at WILL
- [4] constraint, inhibition, repression, suppression

restrict /rɪˈstrɪkt/ verb
1: to confine within bounds : LIMIT
2: to place under restriction as to use
— re·strict·ive adjective
— re·strict·ive·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ▶ check, circumscribe, confine, control, curb, inhibit, limit, restrain—more at LIMIT

re·strict·ed /riˈstrɪktɪd/ adjective
▶ subject or subjected to restriction

  Synonyms
  ▶ definite, determinate, finite, limited, measured, narrow—more at LIMITED

re·stric·tion /riˈstrɪkʃən/ noun
1 ▶ something (as a law or rule) that restricts
2 ▶ an act of restricting : the state of being restricted

  Synonyms
  ▶ check, condition, constraint, curb, fetter, limitation, restraint; also exception, qualification, reservation, proviso, stipulation, strings

  rest room noun
▶ a room or suite of rooms that includes sinks and toilets

1 result /riˈzəlt/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. ML resultare, fr. L, to rebound, fr. re- re- + saltare to leap]
1 ▶ to come about as an effect or consequence
2 ▶ to have an issue or result <the disease ~ed in death>

  Synonyms usually result in
  ▶ bring about, cause, create, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, work, yield—more at EFFECT

2 result noun
1 ▶ something that results : EFFECT
2 ▶ beneficial or discernible effect
3 ▶ something obtained by calculation or investigation

  Synonyms
  ▶ aftermath, conclusion, consequence, corollary, development, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, resultant, sequence, upshot—more at EFFECT

1 resultant /ˈzəlt-ənt/ adjective
▶ derived from or resulting from something else

  Synonyms
  ▶ attendant, consequent, consequential, due; also accompanying, coincident, concomitant

2 resultant noun
▶ something that results

  resume /riˈzəm/ verb re·sumed; re·sum·ing
1 ▶ to take or assume again
2 ▶ to return to or begin again after interruption
3 ▶ to take back to oneself

  re·sump·tion /ˈzəmp-ʃən/ noun

  Synonyms
  ▶ continue, renew, reopen, restart; also resuscitate, revive

ré·su·mé or re·su·me also re·su·mé /ʁe.zə.mə, re.zə.mə/ noun
[origin: F résumé]
1 ▶ an abstract, abridgment, or compendium : SUMMARY
2 ▶ a short account of one's career and qualifications usu. prepared by a job applicant

  Synonyms
  ▶ abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, recapitulation, roundup, sum, summary, synopsis—more at SUMMARY

re·sur·gence /riˈsar-джəns/ noun
a rising again into life, activity, or prominence

— **re-sur-gent** /riˈsər-ˌgənt/ adjective
  
  **Synonyms**
  
  rebirth, regeneration, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, resuscitation, revival—more at [REVIVAL](#)

**res·ur·rect** /riˈzər-ˈrek/ verb

1 : to raise from the dead
2 : to bring to attention or use again

**res·ur·rec·tion** /riˈzər-ˈrek-shən/ noun

1 *cap* : the rising of Christ from the dead
2 *often cap* : the rising to life of all human dead before the final judgment
3 ▶ : an act or instance of reviving : [REVIVAL](#)

  **Synonyms**
  
  rebirth, regeneration, rejuvenation, renewal, resurgence, resuscitation, revival—more at [REVIVAL](#)

**re·sus·ci·tate** /riˈsus-ˌsət-ət/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing

▶ : to revive from apparent death or unconsciousness; also : [REVITALIZE](#)

— **re·sus·ci·ta·tor** /riˈsus-ˌsə-tər/ noun

**Synonyms**

reanimate, regenerate, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renew, revitalize, revive—more at [REVIVE](#)

**re·sus·ci·ta·tion** /riˈsus-ˌsə-tə-shən/ noun

▶ : an act of resuscitating or the state of being resuscitated

**Synonyms**

rebirth, regeneration, rejuvenation, renewal, resurgence, resurrection, revival—more at [REVIVAL](#)

**ret** abbreviation

retired

1 **retail** /riˈtāl, esP for 2 also riˈtāl/ verb

1 ▶ : to sell in small quantities directly to the ultimate consumer
2 ▶ : to tell in detail or to one person after another

— **re·tail·er** noun

**Synonyms**

deal, market, merchandise, put up, sell, vend—more at [MARKET](#)

2 **retail** /riˈtāl/ noun

: the sale of goods in small amounts to ultimate consumers

— **retail** adjective or adverb

1 **retain** /riˈtān/ verb

1 ▶ : to hold in possession or use
2 ▶ : to engage (as a lawyer) by paying a fee in advance
3 ▶ : to keep in a fixed place or position

**Synonyms**

[1] hang on, hold, keep, reserve, withhold—more at [KEEP](#)
[2] employ, engage, hire, take on—more at [EMPLOY](#)

1 **retainer** /riˈtān-ər/ noun

1 : one that retains
2 ▶ : a servant in a wealthy household
3 : [EMPLOYEE](#)
4 : a device that holds something (as teeth) in place

**Synonyms**

domestic, flunky, lackey, menial, servant, steward—more at [SERVANT](#)

2 **retainer** noun

: a fee paid to secure services (as of a lawyer)
1 retake /rēˈtāk/ verb -took /ˈtōk/; -ta·ken /ˈtākən/; -ta·king
   1 ▶: to take or seize again
   2 ▶: to photograph again
      Synonyms
      ▶ recapture, reclaim, recoup, recover, regain, repose, retrieve—more at RECOVER
2 retake /rēˈtāk/ noun
   : a second photographing of a motion-picture scene

re·tal·i·ate /rēˈta·lēˌa·tē/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
   ▶: to return like for like; especially: to get revenge
   — re·tal·i·a·to·ry /rēˈta·lēˌa·tō·rē/ adjective
      Synonyms
      ▶ avenge, requite, revenge—more at AVENGE

re·tal·i·a·tion /rēˈta·lēˌa·shən/ noun
   ▶: an act of retaliating
      Synonyms
      ▶ reprisal, requital, retribution, revenge, vengeance—more at REVENGE

re·tar·d /rēˈtar·d/ verb
   ▶: to hold back: delay the progress of
   — re·tar·da·tion /rēˌtar·dəˈshən/ noun
   — re·tar·der noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ brake, decelerate, slow—more at SLOW

re·tar·dant /rēˌtar·dənt/ adjective
   : serving or tending to retard
   — retardant noun

re·tar·d ed adjective, sometimes offensive
   : slow or limited in intellectual, emotional, or academic progress

re·tch /rēch/ verb
   1 ▶: to try to vomit
   2 ▶: to throw up: VOMIT

re·ten·tion /rēˈten·chən/ noun
   1 ▶: the act of retaining: the state of being retained
   2 ▶: the power of retaining esp. in the mind: RETENTIVENESS

re·ten·tive /rēˈten·tiv/ adjective
   : having the power of retaining; especially: retaining knowledge easily
   — re·ten·tive·ness noun

re·think /rēˈthink/ verb -thought /ˈthōtht/; -think·ing
   ▶: to think about again: RECONSIDER
      Synonyms
      ▶ readdress, reanalyze, reconceive, reconsider, reexamine, review—more at RECONSIDER

re·ti·cent /rēˌti·sənt/ adjective
   1 ▶: tending not to talk or give out information
   2 ▶: RELUCTANT
   3 ▶: restrained in expression, presentation, or appearance
      — re·ti·cence /ˈrisəns/ noun
      — re·ti·cent·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      ▶ closemouthed, laconic, reserved, silent, taciturn, uncommunicative—more at SILENT

ret·i·na /rēˈti·nə/ noun, plural retinas or ret·i·nae /ˈri tiˌnē/
retinal /rəˈtɪnəl/ adjective

retinue /rɪˈnjuː/ noun
- : the body of attendants or followers of a distinguished person

Synonyms
- cortege, following, suite, train—more at CORTEGE

re·tire /rɪˈtaɪr/ verb re·tired; re·tir·ing
1 - to withdraw from action or danger: RETREAT
2 - to withdraw esp. for privacy
3 - to withdraw from one's occupation or position: conclude one's career
4 - to go to bed
5 - to cause to be out in baseball
6 - to cause to retire
7 - to withdraw from use or service

Synonyms
- [1] back, fall back, recede, retreat, withdraw—more at RETREAT
- usually retire from [3] leave, quit, resign, step down—more at QUIT
- [6] cashier, dismiss, fire, remove, sack—more at DISMISS

re·tired /rɪˈtaɪrd/ adjective
1 - screened or hidden from view: SECLUDED, QUIET
2 - withdrawn from active duty or from one's career

re·tir·ee /rɪˈtɪrɪ/ noun
- a person who has retired from a career

re·tir·ment noun
- an act of retiring: the state of being retired

re·tir·ing adjective
- sensitively diffident: SHY

Synonyms
- bashful, coy, demure, diffident, introverted, modest, reserved, shy—more at SHY

re·tool /rɪˈtʊl/ verb
1 - to reequip with tools
2 - to modify with usu. minor improvements <~ed the team for next year>

retort /rɪˈɔrt/ verb
[ORIGIN: L retortus, pp. of retorquēre, lit., to twist back, hurl back, fr. re- back + torquēre to twist]
1 - to say in reply: answer back usu. sharply
2 - to answer (an argument) by a counter argument
3 - RETALIATE

Synonyms
- answer, rejoin, reply, respond, return—more at ANSWER

2 retort noun
- a quick, witty, or cutting reply; especially: one that turns back or counters the first speaker's words

Synonyms
- comeback, repartee, riposte; also back talk; crack, quip, sally, wisecrack, witticism; cut, insult, put-down
- answer, comeback, reply, response, return—more at ANSWER

3 retort /rɪˈɔrt/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF retorte, fr. ML retorta, fr. L, fem. of retortus, pp. of retorquēre to twist back; fr. its shape]
- a vessel in which substances are distilled or broken up by heat

re·touch /rɪˈtʃuʃ/ verb
- TOUCH UP; especially: to change (as a photographic negative) in order to produce a more desirable appearance
re·trace /ˈrē-trās/ verb
: to go over again or in a reverse direction <retraced his steps>

re·tract /rē-trakt/ verb
1 : to draw back or in
2 ♦ : to withdraw (as a charge or promise)
— re·tract·able adjective
— re·traction /ˈrē-trak-shən/ noun
   Synonyms
      ♦ abjure, recant, renounce, take back, unsay, withdraw—more at ABJURE

re·tract·tile /rē-trakt·əl/ ·ˈrē-trak-təl/ adjective
: capable of being drawn back or in <~ claws>

1 retread /rē-tred/ verb re·tread·ed; re·tread·ing
: to put a new tread on (a worn tire)

2 retread /rē-tred/ noun
1 : a retreaded tire
2 : one pressed into service again; also : REMAKE

1 retreat /rē-trēt/ noun
1 ♦ : an act of withdrawing esp. from something dangerous, difficult, or disagreeable
2 : a military signal for withdrawal; also : a military flag-lowering ceremony
3 ♦ : a place of privacy or safety : REFUGE
4 : a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, or study
   Synonyms
      ♦ [1] revulsion, withdrawal; also flinch, recoil, shrinking
   Antonyms
      advancement
      ♦ [3] asylum, harbor, haven, refuge, sanctuary, shelter—more at SHELTER

2 retreat verb
1 ♦ : to make a retreat
2 : to slope backward
   Synonyms
      ♦ back, fall back, recede, retire, withdraw; also flinch, recoil, shrink; chicken (out); back down, backtrack; abandon, depart, evacuate, go, leave, quit, vacate
   Antonyms
      advance

re·trench /rē-trench/ verb
[origin: obs. F retrencher (now retrancher), fr. MF retrenchier, fr. re- + trenchier to cut]
1 : to cut down or pare away : REDUCE, CURTAIL
2 : to cut down expenses : ECONOMIZE
— re·trench·ment noun

re·trib·u·tion /ˌrē-trē-ˈbyu-shən/ noun
♦ something administered or exacted in recompense; especially : PUNISHMENT
— re·trib·u·tive /ˌrē-trē-ˈbyo-ə-tiv/ adjective
— re·trib·u·to·ry /ˌrē-trē-ˈbyo-tərē/ adjective
   Synonyms
      ♦ punishment, reprisal, requital, retaliation, revenge, vengeance—more at REVENGE

re·triev·al /ˈrē-vəl/ noun
♦ an act or process of retrieving
   Synonyms
      ♦ reclamation, recovery, repossession—more at RECOVERY

re·trieve /rē-triv/ verb re·trieved; re·triev·ing
1: to search about for and bring in (killed or wounded game)
2: to get back again: **RECOVER**

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**re·trievable adjective**

**Synonyms**
- recapture, reclaim, recoup, recover, regain, repossession, retake—more at **RECOVER**

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**re·trie·ver** /ri'tri evər/ noun

: one that retrieves; especially: a dog of any of several breeds used esp. for retrieving game

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**re·tro** /re troʊ/ adjective

: relating to or being the styles and fashions of the past <~ clothing>

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**re·tro·ac·tive** /re troʊ ək tiv/ adjective

: made effective as of a date prior to enactment <a ~ pay raise>

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**ret·ro·fit** /re troʊ fit/ verb

: to furnish (as an aircraft) with newly available equipment

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**ret·rograde** /re troʊ g्रˌdəd/ adjective

1: moving or tending backward
2: tending toward or resulting in a worse condition

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**ret·ro·gres·sion** /re troʊ ˌgres ʃən/ noun

: return to a former and less complex level of development or organization

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**ret·ro·spec·tion** /re troʊ spək ʃən/ noun

: the act or process or an instance of surveying the past

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**re·turn** /rə tərn/ verb

1: to go or come back
2: to pass, give, or send back to an earlier possessor
3: to put back to or in a former place or state
4: to respond in words or writing: **REPLY, ANSWER**
5: to report esp. officially
6: to elect to office
7: to bring in (as profit): **YIELD**
return noun
1: an act of coming or going back to or from a former place or state
2: RECURRENT
3: a report of the results of balloting
4: a formal statement of taxable income
5: the profit from labor, investment, or business
6: the act of returning something
7: something that returns or is returned; also: a means for conveying something (as water) back to its starting point
8 a: something given in repayment or reciprocation
   b: something said, written, or done in answer or response: ANSWER, RETORT
9: an answering play
— return adjective
   Synonyms
   earnings, gain, income, net, payoff, proceeds, profit, revenue, yield—more at INCOME

returnable /ˈrɪtərəbəl/ adjective
1: capable of being returned (as for reuse or recycling); also: permitted to be returned
2 returnable noun
: a returnable beverage container

returnee /rɪˈtər.ɪˌni/ noun
: one who returns

reunion /riˈjuːn/ noun
1: an act of reuniting: the state of being reunited
2: a meeting of persons after separation

rew /riˈew/ noun
1: a revolution of a motor
2 rev verb revved; rev·ving
: to increase the revolutions per minute of (a motor)
3 rev abbreviation
1 revenue
2 reverse
3 review; reviewed
4 revised; revision
5 revolution

Rev abbreviation
1 Revelation
2 Reverend
— revamp /rɪˈvæmp/ verb
1: to make a new, amended, improved, or up-to-date version of: REVISE
2: to restore to a former better state (as by cleaning, repairing, or rebuilding)
   Synonyms
   [1] alter, change, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revise, rework, vary—more at CHANGE
   [2] doctor, fix, mend, patch, recondition, renovate, repair—more at MEND

revenge /rɛvˈæŋ/ noun
[origin: F]
: REVENGE; especially: a usu. political policy designed to recover lost territory or status

reveal /rɪˈvɛl/ verb
1: to make known
2: to show plainly: open up to view

**Synonyms**
- bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, show, spill, tell, unbosom, uncoak, uncover, unmask, unveil; also debunk, show up; unclotue; advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, sound; betray, blab, give away, leak, let on; inform, squeal, talk; communicate, impart, relate; acknowledge, admit, avow, concede, confess, own; disinter, unearth

**Antonyms**
- cloak, conceal, cover (up), enshroud, hide, mask, shroud, veil

**rev-ei·le** /ˈrē.vi.ˌlē/ noun
[origin: modif. of F réveillez, imper. pl. of réveiller to awaken, fr. MF eveiller to awaken, fr. (assumed) VL *exvigilare, fr. L vigilare to keep watch, stay awake]
: a military signal sounded at about sunrise

1. **revel** /ˈrē.val/ verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
   1: to take part in a revel
   2: to take great pleasure or satisfaction <ed in the quiet after everyone had gone>
   **Synonyms usually revel in**
   - adore, delight, dig, enjoy, fancy, groove, like, love, relish—more at enjoy

2. **revel** noun
   - a usu. wild party or celebration
   **Synonyms**
   - binge, fling, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, romp—more at fling

**rev-e·la·tion** /ˌrē.vəˈlā·shən/ noun
1: an act of revealing
2: something revealed; especially: an enlightening or astonishing disclosure

**Revelation** noun

**rev-el·er or rev·el·ler** /ˈrē.vəˌlər/ noun
- one who engages in revelry

**Synonyms**
- celebrant, merrymaker, roisterer—more at celebrant

**rev·el·ry** /ˈrē.vəˌlē/ noun
- noisy partying or merrymaking

**Synonyms**
- conviviality, festivity, gaiety, jollification, merriment, merrymaking—more at merrymaking

1. **revenge** /ˈri.vən/ verb re·venged; re·veng·ing
   - to inflict harm or injury in return for (a wrong): AVENGE
   — re·veng·er noun
   **Synonyms**
   - avenge, requite, retaliate—more at AVENGE

2. **revenge** noun
   1: a desire for revenge
   2: an act or instance of retaliation to get even
   3: an opportunity for getting satisfaction
   — re·venge·ful adjective
   **Synonyms**
   - reprisal, requital, retaliation, retribution, vengeance; also counter, counterattack, counteroffensive; castigation, chastisement, correction; discipline, nemesis, penalty, punishment, wrath; amends, compensation, indemnification, indemnity, quittance, recompense, redress, remuneration, restitution

**rev·e·nue** /ˈri.və.nyü/ noun
[origin: ME, return, revenue, fr. AF, fr. revenir to return, fr. L revenire, fr. re- back + venire to come]
1: investment income
2: money collected by a government (as through taxes)
3: the total income produced by a given source

**Synonyms**
- earnings, income, proceeds, profit, return, yield—more at INCOME

**revenue /rˈvēnər/ noun**
- a revenue officer or boat

**reverb /rəˈvərb/ noun**
- an electronically produced echo effect in recorded music; also: a device for producing reverb

*reverb-ber-ate /rəˈvər-bər-ət/ verb -at-ed; -at-ing*
1: **REFLECT** light or heat
2: to resound in or as if in a series of echoes

**re-verb·er·a·tion /ˌrə-vər-bər-ə-ˈʃən/ noun**
- echo, reecho, resonate, resound, sound

**revere /rəˈvər/ verb re-vered; re-ver-ing**
- to show honor and devotion to: VENERATE

*reverence /rəˈvərn-s/ noun*
1: honor or respect felt or shown
2: a gesture (as a bow or curtsy) of respect

**reverence verb -enced; -enc-ing**
- to regard or treat with reverence

**reverend /rəˈvərənd/ adjective**
1: worthy of reverence: REVERED
2: being a member of the clergy — used as a title

*reverend noun*
- a member of the clergy

**reverent /rəˈvərənt/ adjective**
- expressing reverence

- reverent-ly adverb

**reverent-tial /rəˈvərənt-əl/ adjective**
- REVERENT

**reverie also revery /rəˈvərē/ noun, plural -er-ies**
[origin: F rêverie, fr. MF, delirium, fr. resver, rever to wander, be delirious]
1: DAYDREAM
2: the condition of being lost in thought

*Synonyms*
- study, trance, woolgathering; also contemplation, meditation, musing; absentmindedness, absorption, abstraction, preoccupation; chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality, vision

**reverse /rəˈvərs/ noun**
1: an act or process of reversing
2: a change (as of fortune) often for the worse

**Synonyms**
reverse /riʻvərs/ adjective
1: opposite to a previous or normal condition <in ~ order>
2: acting or working in a manner opposite the usual
3: bringing about reverse movement <~ gear>
— re·verse·ly adverb

reverse verb re·versed; re·vers·ing
1: to turn upside down or completely about in position or direction
2: to set aside or change (as a legal decision)
3: to change to the contrary <~ a policy>
4: to go or cause to go in the opposite direction
5: to put (as a car) in reverse
— re·vers·ible /ˌvar.əs.əl/ adjective

Synonyms
flip, turn; also transpose; exchange, interchange, shift, switch; overturn, upset

reverse noun
1: something contrary to something else: OPPOSITE
2: an act or instance of reversing; especially: a change for the worse
3: the back side of something
4: a gear that reverses something

Synonyms
[1] antipode, antithesis, contrary, negative, opposite—more at OPPOSITE
[2] lapse, reversal, setback; also disappointment, frustration, letdown; comedown, decline, descent, down, downfall, fall; turnaround; recession, regression, retrogression, reversion; relapse; breakdown, collapse, crash, meltdown, ruin, undoing

reverse engineer verb
: to disassemble or analyze in detail in order to discover concepts involved in manufacture
— reverse engineering noun

re·ver·sion /ˌriˌvər.zhən/ noun
1: the right of succession or future possession (as to a title or property)
2: return toward some former or ancestral condition; also: a product of this

— re·ver·sion·ary /ˌzər.vəˈne.ər.i/ adjective

re·vert /riˌvərt/ verb
1: to come or go back <~ed to savagery>
2: to return to a proprietor or his or her heirs
3: to return to an ancestral type

1 review /riˈvyʊ/ noun
1: an act of revising
2: a formal military inspection
3: a general survey
4: an act or the process of reviewing: INSPECTION
5: a critical evaluation (as of a book)
6: a magazine devoted to reviews and essays
7: a renewed study of previously studied material
8: REVUE
9: a retrospective view or survey (as of one's life)

Synonyms
[4] audit, check, checkup, examination, inspection, scan, scrutiny, survey—more at INSPECTION
[9] reappraisal, reexamination, retrospection; also recap, recapitulation, rehash

2 review /riˈvyʊ, 1 also ri / verb
1 a: to examine or study again
b: to reexamine judicially
2 : to hold a review of <- troops>
3 : to write a critical examination of <- a novel>
4 : to look back over <-ed her accomplishments>
   Synonyms
   ❖ audit, check, examine, inspect, scan, scrutinize, survey—more at INSPECT
   ❖ readdress, reanalyze, reconceive, reconsider, reexamine, rethink—more at RECONSIDER

review·er /ri.'yuvər/ noun
: one that reviews; especially : a writer of critical reviews

rev·ile /ri.'vil/ verb re·viled; re·vil·ing
: to abuse verbally : rail at
   — re·vile·ment noun
   — re·vil·er noun

1 rev·ise /ri.'viz/ verb re·vised; re·vis·ing
   1 : to look over something written in order to correct or improve
   2 : to make a new version of
      — re·vis·able adjective
      — re·vis·er or re·vis·or /.vilzər/ noun
         Synonyms
         ❖ [1] edit, redraft, revamp, rework—more at EDIT
         ❖ [2] alter, change, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, rework, vary—more at CHANGE

2 rev·ise noun
: an act of revising

re·vise·on /.vilzən/ noun
: an act of revising
   Synonyms
   ❖ alteration, change, difference, modification, revise, variation—more at CHANGE

re·vi·tal·ise British variant of REVITALIZE

re·vi·tal·i·za·tion /ri.'vəl.təl.əzən/ noun
: an act or instance of revitalizing

re·vi·tal·ize /ri.'vəl.təlˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to give new life or vigor to
   Synonyms
   ❖ reanimate, regenerate, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renew, resuscitate, revive—more at REVIVE

re·vi·val /ri.'vəl/ noun
1 : an act of reviving : the state of being revived
2 : a new publication or presentation (as of a book or play)
3 : an evangelistic meeting or series of meetings
   Synonyms
   ❖ rebirth, regeneration, rejuvenation, renewal, resurgence, resurrection, resuscitation; also renaissance, renascence; reactivation; rally, recovery, recuperation

re·vi·ve /ri.'və/ verb re·vived; re·viv·ing
1 : to bring back or return to life, consciousness, or activity : make or become fresh or strong again
2 : to bring back into use
   — re·viv·er noun
   Synonyms
   ❖ reanimate, regenerate, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renew, resuscitate, revitalize; also reactivate, restart
   ❖ come around, come round, come to—more at COME TO

re·vi·vi·fy /ri.'vi.vəˌfi/ verb
: REVIVE
re·vi·fi·ca·tion /rē.vəˌfi.ka.ˈshən/ noun
  : an act or instance of revoking
  Synonyms
    abortion, calling, cancellation, recall, repeal, rescission—more at CANCELLATION

re·vo·ca·ble /rē.və.kaˈbəl/ adjective
  : capable of being revoked

re·vo·ca·tion /rē.və.ˈkə.shən/ noun
  : an act or instance of revoking
  Synonyms
    abortion, calling, cancellation, recall, repeal, rescission—more at CANCELLATION

re·vo·ke /rē.ˈvök/ verb re·voked; re·vok·ing
  1 : to annul by recalling or taking back : REPEAL, RESCIND
  2 : RENEGE

re·vo·ker noun
  Synonyms
    abort, call, call off, cancel, drop, recall, repeal, rescind—more at CANCEL

re·volt /rē.ˈvōlt/ verb
  [Origin: MF revolter, fr. It rivoltare to overthrow, fr. VL *revolvitare, fr. L. revolvere to revolve, roll back]
  1 : to throw off allegiance to a ruler or government : REBEL
  2 : to experience disgust or shock
  3 : to turn or cause to turn away with disgust or abhorrence
  Synonyms
    disgust, nauseate, repel, repulse, sicken, turn off—more at DISGUST

re·volt·er noun
  : one that revolts
  Synonyms
    insurgent, insurrectionist, mutineer, rebel, red, revolutionary—more at REBEL

re·volt·ing adjective
  : extremely offensive
  — re·volt·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, distasteful, hideous, horrible, horrid, nasty, nauseating, noisome, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive

re·vo·lu·tion /ˌrē.vo.ˈlu.ˈshən/ noun
  1 : the action by a heavenly body of going round in an orbit
  2 : motion of any figure about a center or axis; also : one complete turn : ROTATION
  3 a : a sudden, radical, or complete change
  b : the overthrow or renunciation of one ruler or government and substitution of another by the governed
  Synonyms
    [2] gyration, pirouette, reel, roll, rotation, spin, twirl, wheel, whirl—more at SPIN
    [3b] insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolution, uprising—more at REBELLION

revo·lu·tion·ar·y /ˌrē.və.lo.ˈshəˌner.i/ adjective
  1 : of or relating to revolution
  2 : tending to or promoting revolution
  3 : constituting or bringing about a major change
  Synonyms
    insurgent, mutinous, rebellious—more at REBELLIOUS

revo·lu·tion·ar·y noun, plural -ar·ies
  : one who takes part in a revolution or who advocates revolutionary doctrines
  Synonyms
insurgent, insurrectionist, mutineer, rebel, red, revoler—more at rebellion

revolutionise /ˌrɛvəˈljuːʃənɪz/ British variant of REVOLUTIONIZE

1 revolutionist /ˌrɛvəˈljuːʃənist/ noun
: REVOLUTIONARY

2 revolutionist adjective
: of or relating to revolutions or revolutionists

revolutionize /ˌrɛvəˈljuːʃənɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to change fundamentally or completely

revolutionizer /ˌrɛvəˈljuːʃənɪзаːr/ noun
: one that revolutionizes

revolve /rɪˈvɑːlv/ verb revolved; revolving
1 : to turn over in the mind : reflect upon : PONDER
2 : to move in an orbit; also : ROTATE
— revolve·able adjective

Synonyms
pivot, roll, rotate, spin, swing, swirl, turn, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl—more at TURN

revolver /rɪˈvɑːlvər/ noun
: a pistol with a revolving cylinder of several chambers

revue /rɪˈvjuː/ noun
: a theatrical production consisting typically of brief often satirical sketches and songs

revulsion /rɪˌvʌlsn/ noun
1 : a strong sudden reaction or change of feeling
2 : a feeling of complete distaste or repugnance
3 : a strong pulling or drawing away

Synonyms
[2] aversion, disgust, distaste, loathing, nausea, repugnance, repulsion—more at DISGUST
[3] retreat, withdrawal—more at RETREAT

revved past and past participle of REV

revving present participle of REV

1 reward /rɪˈwɔːrd/ verb
1 : to give a reward to or for
2 : RECOMPENSE

2 reward noun
1 : something given in return for good or evil done or received or for some service or attainment
2 : a stimulus that is administered to an organism after a response and that increases the probability of occurrence of the response

reward·ing adjective
1 : yielding or likely to yield a reward
2 : serving as a reward : giving pleasure as if a reward

Synonyms
comforting, encouraging, gratifying, heartening, heartwarming, satisfying—more at HEARTWARMING

1 rewind /rɪˈwʊnd/ verb -wound; -wind·ing
1 : to wind again
2 : to reverse the winding of (as film)

2 rewind /rɪˈwʊnd/ noun
1 : something that rewinds
2 : an act of rewinding
3 : a function of an electronic device that reverses a recording to a previous portion
re·work /ˈrēˌwark/ verb
1 : to work again or anew : REVISE
2 : to reprocess for further use
   Synonyms
     • alter, change, edit, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, vary—more at CHANGE

1 rewrite /ˈrēˌrīt/ verb -wrote; -writ·ten; -writ·ing
   : to make a revision of : REVISE

2 rewrite /rēˌrīt/ noun
   : an instance or a piece of rewriting

RF abbreviation
radio frequency

RFD abbreviation
rural free delivery

Rh symbol
rhodium

RH abbreviation
right hand

rhap·sod·ic /raˈpəˌsädik/ adjective
   • extravagantly emotional
     — rhap·sod·i·cal·ly /ˌdiˌk(ə)ˈlä/ adverb
       Synonyms
         • ecstatic, elated, euphoric, intoxicated, rapturous—more at ECSTATIC

rhap·so·dize /raˈpəˌsaˌdiz/ verb
   : to speak or write in a rhapsodic manner
   Synonyms
     • enthuse, fuss, gush, rave, slobber—more at GUSH

rhap·so·dy /raˈpəˌsaˌdē/ noun, plural -dies
[origin: L rhapsodia portion of an epic poem adapted for recitation, fr. Gk rhapsōidia recitation of selections from epic poetry, ultim. fr. rhaptein to sew, stitch together + aidein to sing]
1 : an expression of extravagant praise or ecstasy
2 : a musical composition of irregular form
3 : a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion
   Synonyms
     • ecstasy, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rapture, transport—more at ECSTASY

rhea /ˈrēˌē/ noun
: either of two large flightless 3-toed So. American birds that resemble but are smaller than the African ostrich

rhe·ni·um /ˈrēˌnē.əm/ noun
: a rare heavy hard metallic chemical element

rhe·os·tate /ˈrēˌoˌstāt/ noun
: a resistor for regulating an electric current by means of variable resistances
   — rhe·os·ta·tic /ˌrēˌoˌstātˈik/ adjective

rhe·sus monkey /ˈrēˌsas/ noun
: a pale brown Asian monkey often used in medical research

rheto·ric /ˌrēˌtoʊrɪk/ noun
1 : the art of speaking or writing effectively
2 • : insincere or grandiloquent language

— rhetorical /rēˈtōr-ə-kl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or concerned with rhetoric
2 • : given to rhetoric
3 : asked merely for effect with no answer expected <a ~ question>

Synonyms
• bombastic, gaseous, grandiloquent, oratorical, windy; also elevated, florid, flowery, grandiose, highfalutin, high-flown, high-sounding, inflated, lofty, pompous, pretentious, stilted; overdone, verbose, wordy

rheum /rūm/ noun
: a watery discharge from the mucous membranes esp. of the eyes or nose

— rheumy adjective

rheumatic /rü-ˈmat-ik/ noun
: an acute disease chiefly of children and young adults that is characterized by fever, by inflammation and pain in and around the joints, and by inflammation of the membranes surrounding the heart and the heart valves

rheumatism /rü-ˈma-tiz-əm, rū-ˈ/ noun
: any of various conditions marked by stiffness, pain, or swelling in muscles or joints

2 : RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

— rheumatic /rü-ˈmat-ik/ adjective

rheumatoid arthritis /ˌrē-moʊt-ə-d/ noun
: a usu. chronic progressive autoimmune disease characterized by inflammation and swelling of joint structures

rheumatologist /ˌrē-mō-tab-ə-lōg-əst/ noun
: a medical science dealing with rheumatic diseases

— rheumatologist /ˌrē-mō-tab-ə-lōg-əst/ noun

Rh factor /ˌrē-ˈfak-tər/ noun
[origin: rhesus monkey (in which it was first detected)]
: any of one or more inherited substances in red blood cells that may cause dangerous reactions in some infants or in transfusions

rhinestone /ˌrīn-stōn/ noun
: a colorless imitation stone of high luster made of glass, paste, or gem quartz

rhino /ˌrī-nō/ noun, plural rhinos also rhino
: RHINOCEROS

: any of a family of large thick-skinned mammals of Africa and Asia with one or two upright horns of keratin on the snout and three toes on each foot

rhizome /ˈrī-zəm/ noun
: a fleshy, rootlike, and usu. horizontal underground plant stem that forms shoots above and roots below

— rhizomatous /ˌrī-zə-məˈtəs/ adjective

Rh-negative /ˌrē-ˈnē-nə ˈgē-nətiv/ adjective
: lacking Rh factors in the red blood cells

rho /rō/ noun
: the 17th letter of the Greek alphabet — P or ρ
rho·di·um /rōˈdēəm/ noun
: a rare hard ductile metallic chemical element

rho·do·den·ron /rōˈdē.ənˈdrən/ noun
: any of a genus of shrubs or trees of the heath family with clusters of large bright flowers

rhom·boid /rōmˈboíd/ noun
: a parallelogram with unequal adjacent sides and angles that are not right angles
— rhomboidal or rhom·boi·dal /rōmˈboiˌdəl/ adjective

rhom·bus /rōmˈbəs/ noun, plural rhom·bus·es or rhom·bi /rōmˈbē/ : a parallelogram having all four sides equal

Rh·pos·i·tive /rāpˈsə.tīv/ adjective
: containing one or more Rh factors in the red blood cells

rhu·barb /rūˈbārb/ noun
[origin: ME rubarbe, fr. AF reubarbe, fr. ML reubarbarum, alter. of rha barbarum, lit., barbarian rhubarb]
: a garden plant related to the buckwheat having leaves with thick juicy edible pink and red stems

1 rhyme /rīm/ noun
1 : a composition in verse that rhymes; also: POETRY
2 : correspondence in terminal sounds (as of two lines of verse)

2 rhyme verb rhymed; rhym·ing
1 : to make rhymes; also: to write poetry
2 : to have rhymes: be in rhyme

rhythm /rithˈəm/ noun
1 : regular rise and fall in the flow of sound in speech
2 : a movement or activity in which some action or element recurs regularly
— rhythm·i·cal·ly /rithˈim.əlē/ adverb
   
  Synonyms
  — beat, cadence, measure, meter; also accent, accentuation, emphasis, stress; drum, throb; lilt, movement, sway;
  hexamer, pentameter, tetrameter, trimeter

rhythm and blues noun
: popular music based on blues and black folk music

rhythm·ic /rithˈmik/ or rhythm·i·cal /rithˈmikəl/ adjective
: marked by or moving in pronounced rhythm

  Synonyms
  — cadenced, measured, metrical; also even, regular, steady, uniform; musical, swaying

  Antonyms
  — unmeasured, unrhythmic

rhythm method noun
: birth control by refraining from sexual intercourse during the time when ovulation is most likely to occur

RI abbreviation
Rhode Island

1 rib /rīb/ noun
1 : any of the series of curved bones of the chest of most vertebrates that are joined to the backbone in pairs and help to support the body wall and protect the organs inside
2 : something resembling a rib in shape or function
3 : an elongated ridge (as in fabric)

2 rib verb ribbed; rib·bing
1 : to furnish or strengthen with ribs
2 : to knit so as to form ridges

3 rib verb ribbed; rib·bing
• to poke fun at: TEASE
— rib·ber noun
  Synonyms
  • chaff, jive, josh, kid, rally, razz, ride, roast, tease—more at TEASE

rib·ald /riˈbald/ adjective
• coarse or indecent esp. in language (<~ jokes>
  Synonyms
  • bawdy, coarse, crude, indecent, lewd, obscene, smutty, vulgar
  • racy, spicy, suggestive—more at SUGGESTIVE

rib·ald·ry /bəldrē/ noun
• a ribald quality or element
  Synonyms
  • bawdiness, coarseness, indecency, lewdness, obscenity, smut, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY

rib·and /ˈri.bænd/ noun
: RIBBON

rib·bon /ˈrɪ.bʌn/ noun
1: a narrow fabric typically of silk or velvet used for trimming and for badges
2: a strip of inked cloth (as in a typewriter)
3: a tattered or shred

ri·bo· fla·vin /riˈbo.ˌfla.ˌven, ˈrɪ.bləˌflə.ˌven/ noun
: a growth-promoting vitamin of the vitamin B complex occurring esp. in milk and liver

ri·bo· nu·cle·ic acid /ˌri.blə.ˌnəˌklə.ˌik/ noun
: RNA

ri·bose /ˈrɪ.bəs/ noun
: a sugar with five carbon atoms and five oxygen atoms in each molecule that is part of RNA

ri·bo·some /ˈrɪ.bə.ˌsʌm/ noun
— ri·bo·so·mal /ˈrɪ.bəˌsəˌməl/ adjective

rice /rɪs/ noun
: the starchy seeds of an annual grass that are cooked and used for food; also: this widely cultivated grass of warm wet areas

rich /rɪtʃ/ adjective
1 • possessing or controlling great wealth: WEALTHY
2: COSTLY, VALUABLE
3: deep and pleasing in color or tone
4 • having great plenty
5: containing much sugar, fat, or seasoning; also: high in combustible content
6: highly productive or remunerative: FRUITFUL, FERTILE
— rich·ness noun
  Synonyms
  • [1] affluent, flush, loaded, moneyed, opulent, wealthy, well-heeled, well-to-do; also comfortable, propertied, prosperous, successful; prospering, thriving; blessed, privileged
  Antonyms
  • destitute, impecunious, impoverished, indigent, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken
  • [4] concentrated, full, full-bodied, potent, robust, strong—more at FULL-BODIED

rich·es /ˈrɪtʃes/ noun plural
[origin: ME, sing. or pl., fr. richesse wealth, fr. AF richesce, fr. riche rich]
• things that make one rich: WEALTH
  Synonyms
  • assets, capital, fortune, means, opulence, substance, wealth, wherewithal—more at WEALTH
rich·ly /ˈrɪk.əli/ adverb
  ▶ in a rich manner
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ expensively, extravagantly, grandly, high, lavishly, luxuriously, opulently—more at **HIGH**

Rich·ter scale /ˈrɪk.tər/ noun
  : a scale for expressing the magnitude of a seismic disturbance (as an earthquake) in terms of the energy dissipated in it

r·ick /ˈrɪk/ noun
  ▶ a large stack (as of hay) in the open air
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ cock, heap, hill, mound, mountain, pile, stack—more at **PILE**

r·ick·ets /ˈrɪk.əts/ noun
  : a childhood deficiency disease marked esp. by soft deformed bones and caused by lack of vitamin D

r·ick·et·si·a /ˈrɪk.ət.sə.ə/ noun, plural -si·as or -si·ae /ˈrɪk.ə.tə.sə/ or -si·ae
  : any of a group of usu. rod-shaped bacteria that cause various diseases (as typhus)

r·ick·ety /ˈrɪk.ə.ti/ adjective
  1 ▶ affected with rickets
  2 ▶ SHAKY; also : in unsound physical condition

r·ick·shaw also r·ick·sha /ˈrɪk.ʃə/ noun
  : a small covered 2-wheeled carriage pulled by one person and used orig. in Japan

1 r·icoch·et /ˈrɪk.ə.shət/ Brit also /ʃəl/ noun
  [ORIGIN: F]
  : a bouncing off at an angle (as of a bullet off a wall); also : an object that ricochets

2 r·icoch·et verb -ched /-təd/ also -ched·ed /-təd/ /-she·təd/; -ching /-shəŋ/ also -ch·ing /-she·təŋ/ or -ching /-she·təŋ/; -ching /-she·təŋ/
  ▶ to skip with or as if with glancing rebounds
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ bounce, carom, glance, rebound, skim, skip—more at **GLANCE**

r·icot·ta /ˈrɪk.ə.tə/ noun
  : a white unripened whey cheese of Italy that resembles cottage cheese

r·id /rid/ verb rid also /drid; rid·ding
  ▶ to make free of something burdensome : CLEAR
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ clear, disburden, disencumber, free, relieve, unburden; also discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unchain, unfetter; bail (out), deliver, redeem, rescue; disengage, disentangle, extricate

  **Antonyms**
  burden, encumber, saddle

r·id·dance /ˈrɪd.dənts/ noun
  ▶ an act of ridding
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ disposal, disposition, dumping, jettison, removal—more at **DISPOSAL**

r·id·den /ˈrɪd.ən/ adjective
  1 ▶ harassed, oppressed, or obsessed by <debt-ridden>
  2 ▶ excessively full of or supplied with <slum-ridden>

1 r·iddle /ˈrɪd.l/ noun
  1 ▶ a puzzling question to be solved or answered by guessing
  2 ▶ something or someone difficult to understand
  
  **Synonyms**
  ▶ conundrum, enigma, mystery, mystification, puzzle, puzzlement, secret—more at **MYSTERY**
2 riddle verb rid·dled; rid·dling
1 : to find the solution of : SOLVE
2 : to speak in riddles
   Synonyms
   ▶ answer, break, crack, dope, figure out, puzzle, resolve, solve, unravel, work, work out—more at SOLVE
3 riddle noun
   : a coarse sieve
4 riddle verb rid·dled; rid·dling
   1 : to sift with a riddle
   2 : to pierce with many holes
3 ride /rid/ verb rode /rōd/; rid·den /rid·ən/; rid·ing
   1 : to go on an animal's back or in a conveyance (as a boat, car, or airplane); also : to sit on and control so as to be
carried along <~ a bicycle>
   2 : to float or move on water <~ at anchor>; also : to move like a floating object
   3 : to bear along : CARRY <rode her on their shoulders>
   4 : to travel over a surface <the car ~s well>
   5 : to proceed over on horseback
   6 : to torment by nagging or teasing; also : to poke fun at
   7 : to last longer than — usu. used with out
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] drift, float, glide, hang, hover, poise, sail, waft—more at FLOAT
   ▶ [6] bait, bug, hassel, heckle, needle, taunt, tease—more at TEASE
   ▶ [6] chaff, jive, josh, kid, rally, razz, rib, roast, tease—more at TEASE
2 ride noun
   1 : an act of riding; especially : a trip on horseback or by vehicle
   2 : a way (as a road or path) suitable for riding
   3 : a mechanical device (as a merry-go-round) for riding on
   4 : a means of transportation
2 rid·er /rid·ər/ noun
   1 : one that rides
   2 : an addition to a document often attached on a separate piece of paper
   3 : a clause dealing with an unrelated matter attached to a legislative bill during passage
      — rid·er·less adjective
1 ridge /rid/ noun
   [ORIGIN: ME rigge, fr. OE hrycg]
   1 : a range of hills
   2 : a raised line or strip
   3 : the line made where two sloping surfaces (as of a roof) meet
      — ridgy adjective
2 ridge verb ridged; ridg·ing
   1 : to form into a ridge
   2 : to extend in ridges
1 ridicule /ri·du·lə/ noun
   : the act of ridiculing : DERISION, MOCKERY
2 ridicule verb -culed; -cul·ing
   ▶ : to laugh at or make fun of mockingly or contemptuously
      Synonyms
      ▶ deride, gibe, jeer, laugh, mock, scout; also scoff (at), scorn, sneer (at); bad-mouth, belittle, decry, disparage,
pooh-poo, put down; chaff, jive, josh, kid, quiz, rally, razz, rib, ride, tease; bait, bug, harass, harry, hassel, heckle, needle, pester, target, taunt, torment; ape, burlesque, caricature, imitate, lampoon, mimic, parody,
parrot, satirize, take off (on), travesty

rid·ic·u·lous /rɪˈdɪkjələs/ adjective
 nutritious or deserving ridicule : ABSURD; also : provoking laughter
 — ri·dic·u·lous·ly adverb
 — ri·dic·u·lous·ness noun

Synonyms
 • absurd, comical, derisive, farcical, laughable, ludicrous, preposterous, risible, silly; also asinine, brainless, dumb, fatuous, foolish, half-witted, harebrained, idiotic, imbecilic, inane, Jerky, moronic, nonsensical, stupid, unwise, witless; balmy, cockeyed, crazy, cuckoo, daffy, daft, insane, kooky, loony, lunatic, mad, nutty, screwball, senseless, wacky; fantastic, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unreal, unreasonable
 • antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, riotous, risible, screaming, uproarious—more at FUNNY

rid·ley /ridˈleɪ/ noun
 either of two relatively small sea turtles

Ries·ling /rɪzˈlɪŋ/ noun
 a sweet to very dry white wine made from a single variety of grape orig. grown in Germany

RIF abbreviation
 reduction in force

rife /rɪf/ adjective
 occurring in abundance
 — rife adverb
 — rife·ly adverb

Synonyms
 • flush, fraught, replete, thick; also bulging, bursting, chock-full, crammed, crowded, fat, filled, full, jammed, jam-packed, loaded, packed, saturated, stuffed; clogged, congested, overflowing, surfeited; alive, animated, astir, bustling, busy, buzzing, humming, lively

riff /rɪf/ noun
 a repeated phrase in jazz typically supporting a solo improvisation; also : a piece based on such a phrase
 — riff verb

riff·raff /rɪfˈræf/ noun
 [origin: ME riff raffe, fr. rif and raf every single one, fr. AF rif et raf altogether]
1 • : disreputable persons : RABBLE
2 : something worth little or nothing : REFUSE

Synonyms
 • rabble, scum, trash—more at RABBLE

1 rif·le /rɪfˈlɛl/ verb ri·fled; ri·flying
 • to ransack esp. with the intent to steal
 — ri·fler noun

Synonyms
 • dig, dredge, hunt, rake, ransack, rummage, scour, search—more at SEARCH

2 rif·le verb ri·fled; ri·flying
 : to cut spiral grooves into the bore of <rifled pipe>
 — rifling noun

3 rif·le noun
1 : a shoulder weapon with a rifled bore
2 plural : soldiers armed with rifles
 — ri·fle·man /rɪˈfləmən/ noun

rift /rɪft/ noun
1 • : a narrow opening or crack of considerable length and depth usu. from some breaking or parting
2 : FAULT 6
3: ESTRANGEMENT, SEPARATION
4: a clear space or interval
— rift verb
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] chink, cleft, crack, cranny, crevice, fissure, split—more at CRACK
   ‣ [4] breach, break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, interval, opening, rent, separation—more at GAP

1 rig /rig/ verb rigged; rig·ging
1: to fit out (as a ship) with rigging
2: to provide with clothes: CLOTHE, DRESS — usu. used with out
3: to furnish with special gear: EQUIP
4: to set up esp. as a makeshift <= up a shelter
   Synonyms
   ‣ usually rig out [2] apparel, array, attire, caparison, clothe, deck, dress, garb, invest, suit—more at CLOTHE
   ‣ [3] accoutre, equip, fit, furnish, outfit, supply—more at FURNISH

2 rig noun
1: the distinctive shape, number, and arrangement of sails and masts of a ship
2: a carriage with its horse
3: CLOTHING, DRESS
4: EQUIPMENT

3 rig verb rigged; rig·ging
1: to manipulate or control esp. by deceptive or dishonest means
2: to fix in advance for a desired result
   — rig·ger noun

rig·ging /ri·gin, _gin/ noun
1: the ropes and chains that hold and move masts, sails, and spars of a ship
2: a network (as in theater scenery) used for support and manipulation

1 right /rit/ adjective
1: morally right or justifiable: RIGHTOUS
2: being in accordance with what is just, good, or proper: JUST
3: conforming to truth or fact: CORRECT
4: adapted to a use or purpose: APPROPRIATE
5: free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities: STRAIGHT <a ~ line>
6: not artificial, fraudulent, or illusory: GENUINE
7: of, relating to, or being the side of the body which is away from the side on which the heart is mostly located
8: located nearer to the right hand; especially: being on the right when facing in the same direction as the observer
9: made to be placed or worn outward <= side of a rug>
10: being in good physical or mental health or order: NORMAL <not in her ~ mind>
   Synonyms
   ‣ [2] due, just—more at JUST
   ‣ [3] accurate, correct, exact, precise, proper, so, true—more at CORRECT
   ‣ [4] applicable, appropriate, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, meet, proper, suitable—more at FIT
   ‣ [10] balanced, clearheaded, lucid, normal, sane, stable—more at SANE

2 right noun
1: qualities that constitute what is correct, just, proper, or honorable
2: something (as a power or privilege) to which one has a just or lawful claim
3: just action or decision: the cause of justice
4: the side or part that is on or toward the right side
5 cap: political conservatives
6 often cap: a conservative position
   — right·ward /ward/ adjective or adverb
   Synonyms
   ‣ birthright, due, perquisite, prerogative, privilege
right adverb
1 : according to what is right <live ~>
2 : in an exact manner : EXACTLY, PRECISELY <~ here and now>
3 : in a direct line, course, or manner : DIRECTLY <went ~ home>
4 : according to fact or truth <guess ~>
5 : all the way : COMPLETELY <~ to the end>
6 : IMMEDIATELY <~ after lunch>
7 : to a great degree : VERY <~ nice weather>
8 : on or to the right <looked ~ and left>

Synonyms
- accurately, exactly, just, precisely, sharp, squarely—more at EXACTLY
- dead, direct, directly, due, plump, straight—more at DIRECTLY

right verb
1 : to relieve from wrong
2 : to adjust or restore to a proper state or position
3 : to bring or restore to an upright position
4 : to become upright
- right·er noun

right angle noun
: an angle whose measure is 90° : an angle whose sides are perpendicular to each other
- right–an·gled /ˈrɪtˌæŋɡəld/ or right–an·gle /ˈæŋɡəl/ adjective

right away adverb
: without delay or hesitation

Synonyms
directly, forthwith, immediately, instantly, now, promptly, pronto, right now—more at IMMEDIATELY

right circular cone noun
: CONE 2

right·eous /ˈrɪtʃəs/ adjective
: acting or being in accordance with what is just, honorable, and free from guilt or wrong : UPRIGHT

Synonyms
decent, ethical, good, honest, honorable, just, moral, right, straight, upright, virtuous—more at GOOD

right·eous·ly adverb
: in a righteous manner

Synonyms
chastely, modestly, purely, virtuously—more at PURELY

right·eous·ness noun
: the quality or state of being righteous

Synonyms
character, decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, uprightness, virtue—more at MORALITY

right·ful /ˈrɪt,fəl/ adjective
1 a : acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good : JUST
b : FITTING
2 : having or held by a legally just claim
- right·ful·ly adverb
- right·ful·ness noun

right–hand /ˈrɪt, ′hænd/ adjective
1 : situated on the right
2 : RIGHT-HANDED
3 : chiefly relied on <his ~ man>

right–hand·ed /′hænd.dəd/ adjective
1: using the right hand habitually or better than the left
2: designed for or done with the right hand

— right-handed adverb
— right-hand-ed-ly adverb
— right-hand-ed-ness noun

right-ly /rɪˈlaɪ/ adverb
1: FAIRLY, JUSTLY
2: in the right or proper manner: PROPERLY
3: CORRECTLY, EXACTLY

Synonyms
appropriately, correctly, fittingly, happily, properly, suitably—more at PROPERLY
	right-ness noun

▷: the quality or state of being right

Synonyms
appropriateness, aptness, fitness, suitability—more at APPROPRIATENESS

right now adverb
1: without delay or hesitation
2: at present

Synonyms
▷ [1] directly, forthwith, immediately, instantly, now, promptly, pronto, right away—more at IMMEDIATELY
▷ [2] anymore, now, nowadays, presently, today—more at NOW

right-of-way noun, plural rights-of-way
1: a legal right of passage over another person's ground
2: the area over which a right-of-way exists
3: the land on which a public road is built
4: the land occupied by a railroad
5: the land used by a public utility
6: the right of traffic to take precedence over other traffic

right on interjection
— used to express agreement or give encouragement

right-to-life adjective
: ANTIABORTION
— right-to-lifer noun

right triangle noun
: a triangle having one right angle

right whale noun
: any of a family of large baleen whales having a very large head on a stocky body

rig-id /ˈrɪd/ adjective
1 a: lacking flexibility
b: inflexibly exact with respect to opinions or observances
2: strictly observed

Synonyms
▷ [1a] inflexible, stiff, unyielding—more at STIFF
▷ [1b] adamant, hard, immovable, implacable, pat, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting, unyielding
▷ [2] exacting, inflexible, rigorous, strict, stringent, uncompromising; also close, conscientious, scrupulous, undeviating; adamant, adamantine, determined, dogged, firm, relentless, resolved, steadfast, stubborn, tenacious, unbending, unflinching; immovable, implacable, unrelenting, unyielding; austere, demanding, flinty, grim, hard, hardened, harsh, severe, stern, tough

Antonyms
flexible, lax, loose, relaxed
rigid·i·ty /ˈrɪ.dɪ.tɪ/ noun
  ‣ the quality or state of being rigid
  Synonyms
    ‣ hardness, harshness, inflexibility, severity, sternness, strictness—more at severity

rig·id·ly adv
  ‣ in a rigid manner
  Synonyms
    ‣ exactly, precisely, rigorously, strictly—more at strictly

rig·ma·role /ˈrɪ.gə.məˌrəl/ noun
[origin: alter. of obs. ragman roll long list, catalog]
  1: confused or senseless talk
  2: a complex and ritualistic procedure

rig·or /ˈrɪ.ɡər/ noun
  1: the quality of being inflexible or unyielding esp. in opinion or behavior
  2: a condition that makes life difficult, challenging, or uncomfortable
  3: a tremor caused by a chill
  4: strict precision: exactness
  5: unnatural rigidity of a body part
  Synonyms
    ‣ adversity, asperity, difficulty, hardness, hardship—more at difficulty

rig·or·ous adj
  ‣ manifesting, exercising, or favoring rigor
  Synonyms
    ‣ accurate, close, delicate, exact, fine, mathematical, pinpoint, precise—more at precise
    ‣ exacting, inflexible, rigid, strict, stringent, uncompromising—more at rigid

rig·or·ous·ly adv
  ‣ in a rigorous manner
  Synonyms
    ‣ exactly, precisely, rigidly, strictly—more at strictly

rig·or mor·tis /ˈrɪ.ɡər.ˈmɔrtəs/ noun
[origin: NL, stiffness of death]
  : temporary rigidity of muscles occurring after death

rig·our chiefly British variant of rigor

rile /rɪ(ə)/ verb riled; ril·ing
  1: to make angry
  2: to stir or move from a state of calm or order
  Synonyms
    ‣ aggravate, anger, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, vex—more at irritate

ril /rɪl/ noun
  ‣ a very small brook
  Synonyms
    ‣ brook, creek, rivulet, streamlet—more at creek

1rim /rɪm/ noun
  1: the outer part of a wheel
  2: an outer edge esp. of something curved: margin
  Synonyms
    ‣ border, bound, boundary, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, skirt, verge—more at border

2rim verb rimmed; rim·ming
1: to serve as a rim for: **BORDER**
2: to run around the rim of

1. **rime** /ˈraɪm/ noun
   - FROST 2
   - **rimy** /ˈraɪmi/ adjective
   - **rime** variant of **RHYME**

1. **rind** /ˈraɪnd/ noun
   - a usu. hard or tough outer layer <lemon ~>  

1. **ring** /rɪŋ/ noun
   1: a circular band worn as an ornament or token or used for holding or fastening <wedding ~> <key ~>  
   2: something circular in shape <smoke ~>  
   3: a place for contest or display <boxing ~>; **also** : **PRIZEFIGHTING**  
   4: **ANNUAL RING**  
   5: a group of people who work together for selfish or dishonest purposes  
   6: a temporary group of persons working cooperatively  
   - **ringed** adjective  
   - **ring-like** /ˈraɪŋˌlɪk/ adjective

   **Synonyms**
   - [2] band, circle, eye, hoop, loop, round; also belt, cincture, collar, girdle; wreath; coil, spiral
   - [5] cabal, conspiracy, gang, mob, syndicate; also circle, clan, clique, coterie, crowd; junta, oligarchy
   - [6] body, bunch, circle, clan, clique, community, coterie, crowd, fold, gang, lot, set—more at **GANG**

2. **ring** verb **ringed; ring-ing** /rɪŋ/  
   1: to place or form a ring around : **ENCIRCLE**  
   2: to throw a ring over (a mark) in a game (as quoits)  
   3: to move in a ring or spirally

   **Synonyms**
   - circle, encircle, enclose, encompass, surround—more at **SURROUND**

3. **ring** verb **rang** /ræŋ/; **rung** /raʊŋ/; **ring-ing** /rɪŋ/  
   1: to sound resonantly when struck; also : to feel as if filled with such sound  
   2: to cause to make a clear metallic sound by striking  
   3: to announce or call by or as if by striking a bell <~ an alarm>  
   4: to repeat loudly and persistently  
   5: to summon esp. by a bell <~ for the butler>

   **Synonyms**
   - chime, knell, peal, toll; also clang, clank, jangle, jingle, ping, tinkle; resound, reverberate

4. **ring** noun
   1: a set of bells  
   2: the clear resonant sound of vibrating metal  
   3: resonant tone : **SONORITY**  
   4: a sound or character expressive of a particular quality  
   5: an act or instance of ringing; **especially** : a telephone call

1. **ringer** /ˈrɪŋər/ noun
   1: one that sounds by ringing  
   2: one that enters a competition under false representations  
   3: one that closely resembles another

   **Synonyms**
   - carbon copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, replica, spit—more at **IMAGE**

2. **ringer** noun
   - one that encircles or puts a ring around
ring finger

noun
the third finger of the hand counting the index finger as the first

ring·ing adjective
clear and full in tone
Synonyms
golden, resonant, resounding, round, sonorous, vibrant—more at resonant

ring·head·er /rɪˈnɪldər/ noun
a leader esp. of a group of troublemakers

ring·let /ˈreɪlt/ noun
a long curl

ring·mas·ter /ˌrɪŋˈmeɪstər/ noun
one in charge of performances in a circus ring

ring up verb
1: to total and record esp. by means of a cash register
2: ACHIEVE rang up many triumphs

ring·worm /rɪŋˈwɜːm/ noun
any of several contagious skin diseases caused by fungi and marked by ring-shaped discolored patches

rink /rɪŋk/ noun
a level extent of ice marked off for skating or various games; also: a similar surface (as of wood) marked off or enclosed for a sport or game roller-skating ~

1 rinse /rɪns/ verb rinsed; rins·ing
[origin: ME rincen, AF rincer, alter. of OF recincier, fr. VL *recentiare, fr. L recent-, recens fresh, recent] 1: to wash lightly or in water only 2 : to cleanse (as of soap) with clear water 3: to treat (hair) with a rinse —rins·er noun
Synonyms
flush, irrigate, sluice, wash—more at FLUSH

2 rinse noun
1: an act of rinsing
2: a liquid used for rinsing
3: a solution that temporarily tints hair

ri·ot /ˈriət/ noun
1 archaic: disorderly behavior 2: disturbance of the public peace; especially: a violent public disorder 3: random or disorderly profusion a ~ of color 4: one that is wildly amusing the comedy is a ~ —riot verb
—ri·ot·er noun
—ri·ot·ous adjective
c: practicing or marked by license or excess; also: existing in abundance
Synonyms
copious, lavish, profuse—more at PROFUSE

1 rip /rɪp/ verb ripped; rip·ping
1 : to cut or tear open 2 : to saw or split (wood) with the grain 3 : to slash or slit with or as if with a sharp blade 4 : to rush headlong —rip·per noun
Synonyms
rip noun
: an opening made by ripping

Synonyms
- gash, laceration, rent, slash, slit, tear—more at GASH

RIP abbreviation
[ORIGIN: L requiescat in pace]
may he rest in peace, may she rest in peace; [ORIGIN L requiescant in pace] may they rest in peace

ri-par-i-an /ri-par-é-an/ adjective
: of or relating to the bank of a stream, river, or lake

rip cord noun
: a cord that is pulled to release a parachute out of its container

ripe /riP/ adjective rip·er; rip·est
1 ▶ : fully grown and developed : MATURE <~ fruit>
2 : fully prepared : READY
— rip·e·ly adverb
— rip·e·ness noun

Synonyms
- adult, full-blown, full-fledged, mature—more at MATURE

rip·en /ri·Pэн/ verb rip·ened; rip·en·ing
1 ▶ : to make ripe : become ripe
2 : to bring to completeness or perfection; also : to age or cure (cheese) to develop characteristic flavor, odor, body, texture, and color

Synonyms
- age, develop, grow, grow up, mature, progress—more at MATURE

rip·off /rip·Of/ noun
1 ▶ : an act of stealing : THEFT
2 : a cheap imitation

Synonyms
- grab, theft—more at THEFT

rip off verb
▶ : to take something away from by force : steal from

Synonyms
- burglarize, rob, steal—more at ROB

ri·poste /ri·post/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, modif. of It risposta, lit., answer]
1 : a fencer's return thrust after a parry
2 ▶ : a retaliatory maneuver or response; especially : a quick retort
— riposte verb

Synonyms
- comeback, repartee, retort—more at RETORT

ripp·ed /ri·Pd/ adjective
: having high muscle definition

ripp·ple /ri·Pэl/ verb rip·pled; rip·pling
1 : to become lightly ruffled on the surface
2 : to make a sound like that of rippling water
3 ▶ : to flow in small waves
— ripple noun
**Synonyms**
- dribble, gurgle, lap, plash, slosh, splash, trickle, wash—more at **GURGLE**

**rip-saw** /ˈripˌsaw/ noun
- a coarse-toothed saw used to cut wood in the direction of the grain

**rip-stop** /ˌrip-stəp/ adjective
- being a fabric woven in such a way that small tears do not spread &lt;~ nylon&gt; — ripstop noun

1. **rise** /rɪz/ verb rose /rɪz/; risen /ˈriz/; rising
   1: to get up from sitting, kneeling, or lying
   2: to get up from sleep or from one's bed
   3: to return from death
   4: to take up arms
   5: to end a session : ADJOURN
   6: to appear above the horizon
   7: to move upward : ASCEND
   8: to extend above other objects
   9: to attain a higher level or rank
   10: to increase in quantity, intensity, or pitch
   11: to come into being : HAPPEN, BEGIN, ORIGINATE

**Synonyms**
- [7] arise, ascend, climb, lift, mount, soar, up—more at ASCEND
- [10] accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply,
mushroom, proliferate, snowball, swell, wax—more at INCREASE

2. **rise** noun
   1: a spot higher than surrounding ground
   2: an upward slope
   3: an act of rising : a state of being risen
   4: BEGINNING, ORIGIN
   5: the elevation of one point above another
   6: an increase in amount, number, or volume
   7: an angry reaction

**Synonyms**
- [1] elevation, eminence, height, highland, hill, mound, prominence—more at HEIGHT
- [3] advancement, ascent, elevation, promotion, upgrade—more at ADVANCEMENT
- [6] accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise,
supplement—more at INCREASE

**riser** /rɪzər/ noun
1: one that rises
2: the upright part between stair treads

**ris-i-bil-i-ty** /rɪzaˌbɪləti/ noun, plural -ties
- the ability or inclination to laugh — often used in pl.

**ris-i-ble** /rɪzaˈblə/ adjective
1: able or inclined to laugh
2: arousing laughter; especially : amusingly ridiculous

**Synonyms**
- antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous,
rigorous, screaming, uproarious—more at FUNNY

**risk** /rɪsk/ noun
1: exposure to possible loss or injury : DANGER
2: someone or something that creates or suggests a hazard

— **risk-i-ness** /rɪskəˈnes/ noun

**Synonyms**
risk verb
1 : to expose to danger <~ed his life>
2 : to incur the danger of
   Synonyms
   - [1] adventure, compromise, gamble, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, menace, venture
   - [2] chance, gamble, hazard, venture; also brave, challenge, dare, defy, face; compromise, endanger, imperil, jeopardize, menace; expose, subject; bet (on), wager

risky adjective
1 : attended with risk or danger
   Synonyms
dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, serious, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome
   —more at DANGEROUS
ri-sot-tō /rē'sōt-tō/ noun, plural -tos
: rice cooked usu. in meat or seafood stock and seasoned
risqué /ris'kā/ adjective
[ORIGIN: F]
: verging on impropriety or indecency
ri-tard /ri'yārd/ adverb or adjective
: with a gradual slackening in tempo — used as a direction in music
rite /ri/ noun
1 : a set form for conducting a ceremony
2 : the liturgy of a church
3 : a ceremonial act or action
   Synonyms
ceremonial, ceremony, form, formality, observance, ritual, solemnity; also amenities, civility, decorum, etiquette, graces, proprieties; convention, custom, habit, manners, mores, practice, standard, tradition, way; celebration, service
ritual /ri'chə-wəl/ noun
1 : the established form esp. for a religious ceremony
2 : a system of rites
3 : a ceremonial act or action
4 : an act or series of acts regularly repeated in a precise manner
   — ritualism /rē'chə-liz-əm/ noun
   — ritualistic /rē'chə-wi-sti-lik/ adjective
   — rit·u·al·i·ty /rēk(a)'lē-tē/ adverb
   — rit·u·al·ly adverb
   2ritual adjective
1 : of, relating to, or employed in rites or a ritual
   Synonyms
ceremonial, ceremonious, formal
ritzy /rit'sā/ adjective ritz·i·er; -est
: showily elegant : POSH
riv abbreviation
river
1rivāl /ri'vel/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF or L; MF, fr. L rivalis one using the same stream as another, rival in love, fr. rīvalis of a stream, fr. rivus stream]
1 : one of two or more trying to get what only one can have
2 : one striving for competitive advantage
3 a: one that equals another esp. in desired qualities: MATCH, PEER
   Synonyms
   [1] challenger, competition, competitor, contender, contestant—more at COMPETITOR
   [2] adversary, antagonist, opponent—more at OPPONENT
   [3] coordinate, counterpart, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, match, parallel, peer—more at EQUAL

2 rival adjective
   : COMPETING

3 rival verb -valed or -valled; -val·ing or -val·ling
   1: to be in competition with
   2: to try to equal or excel
   3: to have qualities that approach or equal another's

rival·ry /rɪˈvæl.rɪ/ noun, plural -ries
   : the act of competing: the state of being a rival
   Synonyms
   battle, combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, duel, face-off, struggle, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST

rive /rɪv/ verb rived /rɪv/; rived /rɪv/ also rived; rив·ing
   1 a: to wrench open or tear apart or to pieces: REND
   2: SHATTER
   Synonyms
   rend, rip, shred, tatter, tear—more at TEAR

riv·er /rɪˈvər/ noun
   1: a natural stream larger than a brook
   2: a large stream or flow

riv·er·bank /ˌrɪvərˈbæŋk/ noun
   : the bank of a river

riv·er·bed /ˌrɪvərˈbed/ noun
   : the channel occupied by a river

riv·er·boat /ˌrɪvərˈboʊt/ noun
   : a boat for use on a river

riv·er·front /ˌrɪvərˈfrʌnt/ noun
   : the land or area along a river

riv·er·side /ˌrɪvərˈsaɪd/ noun
   : the side or bank of a river

riv·et /rɪˈvet/ noun
   : a metal bolt with a head at one end used to join parts by being put through holes in them and then being flattened on the plain end to make another head

riv·et verb
   1: to fasten with or as if with a rivet
   2 a: to fix and hold (as the attention)
   — riv·et·er noun
   Synonyms
   concentrate, fasten, focus, train—more at CONCENTRATE

riv·u·let /rɪˈvju.let/ noun
   : a small stream
   Synonyms
   brook, creek, rill, streamlet—more at CREEK

rm abbreviation
   room
Rn symbol
radon

1RN /ˌərˈɛn/ noun
: REGISTERED NURSE

2RN abbreviation
Royal Navy

RNA /ˈrænə/ noun
: any of various nucleic acids (as messenger RNA) that are found esp. in the cytoplasm of cells, have ribose as the 5-carbon sugar, and are associated with the control of cellular chemical activities

rnd abbreviation
round

1roach /rōch/ noun, plural roach also roaches
: any of various bony fishes related to the carp; also : any of several sunfishes

2roach noun
1: COCKROACH
2: the butt of a marijuana cigarette

road /rōd/ noun
[origin: ME rode, fr. OE rād ride, journey]
1: ROADSTEAD — often used in pl.
2: an open way for vehicles, persons, and animals: HIGHWAY
3: a way to a conclusion or end <the ~ to success>
4: a series of scheduled visits (as games or performances) in several locations or the travel necessary to make these visits <the team is on the ~>
5: RAILROAD

Synonyms
artery, highway, pike, route, thoroughfare, trace, turnpike, way—more at WAY

road-bed /rōd_ˌbed/ noun
1: the foundation of a road or railroad
2: the part of the surface of a road on which vehicles travel

road-block /ˌrōd_ˌbläk/ noun
1: a barricade on the road <a police ~>
2: an obstruction to progress

roadie /rō_dē/ noun
: a person who works for traveling entertainers

road-kill /rōd_ˌkil/ noun
: the remains of an animal that has been killed on a road by a motor vehicle

road-runn-er /ˌrōd_ˌrân_ər/ noun
: a largely terrestrial bird of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico that is a speedy runner

road-side /rōd_ˌsīd/ noun
: the strip of land along a road
— roadside adjective

road-stead /ˌrōd_ˌstēd/ noun
: an anchorage for ships usu. less sheltered than a harbor

road-ster /rōd_ˌstēt/ noun
1: a driving horse
2: an open automobile that seats two

road-way /ˌrōd_ˌwā/ noun
road·work noun
1: work done in constructing or repairing roads
2: conditioning for an athletic contest (as a boxing match) consisting mainly of long runs

roam verb
1: to go from place to place without purpose or direction: WANDER
2: to range or wander over or about
3: to use a cell phone outside one's local calling area

Synonyms
   gad, gallivant, knock, meander, mope, ramble, range, rove, traipse, wander—more at WANDER

roaming adjective
   : being one that roams; also: involving cell phone use beyond one's local calling area

Synonyms
   errant, itinerant, nomad, peripatetic, vagabond, vagrant—more at ITINERANT

roan adjective
1: of dark color (as black, red, or brown) sprinkled with white <a ~ horse>
2: an animal (as a horse) with a roan coat; also: its color

roar verb
1: to utter a full loud prolonged sound
2: to make a loud confused sound (as of wind or waves)

   — roar·er noun

   Synonyms
      bellow, boom, growl, thunder; also grumble, roll, rumble; blare, blast, peal, scream, screech, shriek, squall;
      cry, holler, shout, whoop, yell; caterwaul, howl, wail, yowl

roaring adjective
1: making or characterized by a noise like a roar
2: marked by prosperity or bustle esp. of a temporary nature

   Synonyms
      [1] booming, clamorous, deafening, earsplitting, loud, piercing, resounding, ringing, sonorous, stentorian,
      thunderous—more at LOUD
      [2] booming, golden, palmy, prosperous, successful—more at PROSPEROUS

roast verb
1: to cook by exposure to dry heat or an open flame
2: to criticize severely or kiddingly

   — roast·er noun

   Synonyms
      chaff, jive, josh, kid, rally, razz, rib, ride, tease—more at TEASE

roast adjective
1: a piece of meat suitable for roasting
2: an outing at which food is roasted <corn ~>
rob /rəb/ verb robbed; robbing
1 ▶ to steal from
2 ▶ to deprive of something due or expected
3 ▶ to commit robbery
— robber noun
  Synonyms
  • burglarize, rip off, steal; also despoil, loot, pillage, plunder, sack, spoil, strip; bleed, break in, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, exploit, fleece, gyp, mulct, rook, squeeze, stick, swindle; hold up, mug, stick up

robber fly noun
: any of a family of predaceous flies resembling bumblebees

robbery /rəˈbər-i/ noun, plural -beries
• the act or practice of robbing; especially : theft of something from a person by use of violence or threat
  Synonyms
  • larceny, theft, thievery—more at THEFT

robe /rəb/ noun
1 ▶ a long flowing outer garment; especially : one used for ceremonial occasions
2 ▶ a wrap or covering for the lower body (as for sitting outdoors)

robe verb robbed; robbing
1 ▶ to clothe with or as if with a robe
2 ▶ to dress or cover with clothing : DRESS

robin /rəˈben/ noun
1 ▶ a small chiefly European thrush with a somewhat orange face and breast
2 ▶ a large No. American thrush with a grayish back, a streaked throat, and a chiefly dull reddish breast

robot /rəˈbót/ noun
[origin: Czech, fr. robota compulsory labor]
1 ▶ a machine that looks and acts like a human being
2 ▶ an efficient but insensitive person
3 ▶ a device that automatically performs esp. repetitive tasks
4 ▶ something guided by automatic controls
— robotic adjective
• of or relating to mechanical robots
  Synonyms
  • automatic, laborsaving, self-acting—more at LABORSAVING

robotics /rəˈbót-iks/ noun
: technology dealing with the design, construction, and operation of robots

robust /rəˈbəst/ adjective
[origin: L. robustus oaken, strong, fr. robustus oak, strength]
1 ▶ strong and vigorously healthy; also : having or showing vigor, strength, or firmness
2 ▶ capable of performing without failure under a wide range of conditions
3 ▶ imparting to the palate the general impression of substantial weight and rich texture
— robustly adverb
  Synonyms
  • [1] able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, sound, well, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY
  • [1] firm, forceful, hearty, lusty, solid, stout, strong, sturdy, vigorous
  • [3] concentrated, full, full-bodied, potent, rich, strong—more at FULL-BODIED

robustness noun
• the quality or state of being robust
  Synonyms
fitness, health, heartiness, soundness, wellness, wholeness, wholesomeness—more at HEALTH

ROC abbreviation
Republic of China (Taiwan)

1 rock /ræk/ verb
1 • to move back and forth in or as if in a cradle
2 • to sway or cause to sway back and forth
3 • to arouse to excitement (as with rock music) 
4 slang • to be extremely enjoyable or effective <this car ~s>

Synonyms
• [1, 2] careen, lurch, pitch, roll, seesaw, sway, toss, wobble; also blunder, dodder, falter, flounder, halt, hitch, hobble, jerk, reel, stagger, stumble, teeter, toddle, totter, tumble, waddle, weave; oscillate, undulate, wag, wobble

2 rock noun
1 • a rocking movement
2 • popular music usu. played on electric instruments and characterized by a strong beat and much repetition

3 rock noun
1 • a mass of stony material; also : broken pieces of stone
2 • solid mineral deposits
3 • something like a rock in firmness
4 • GEM; especially : DIAMOND
— rock adjective
— rock-like adjective
— rocky adjective

rock and roll noun
: 2ROCK 2

rock-bound /ræk.baʊnd/ adjective
: fringed or covered with rocks

rock·er /ræk.ər/ noun
1 • one of the curved pieces on which something (as a chair or cradle) rocks
2 • a chair that rocks on rockers
3 • a device that works with a rocking motion
4 • a rock performer, song, or enthusiast

1 rocket /ræk.ət/ noun
[origin: It rocchetta, lit., small distaff]
1 • a firework that is propelled through the air by the discharge of gases produced by a burning substance
2 • a jet engine that operates on the same principle as a firework rocket but carries the oxygen needed for burning its fuel
3 • a rocket-propelled bomb or missile

2 rocket verb
1 • to convey by means of a rocket
2 • to rise up swiftly, spectacularly, and with force
3 • to travel rapidly in or as if in a rocket

Synonyms
• shoot, skyrocket, soar, zoom—more at SKYROCKET

rock·et·ry /ræk.ə.trē/ noun
: the study or use of rockets

rocket ship noun
: a rocket-propelled spacecraft

rock·fall /ræk.fəl/ noun
: a mass of falling or fallen rocks
rock·fish /_fish/ noun
: any of various bony fishes that live among rocks or on rocky bottoms

rock salt noun
: common salt in rocklike masses or large crystals

Rocky Mountain sheep noun
: BIGHORN

ro·co·co /re_ˌkō_ˌkō/ adjective
[origin: F, irreg. fr. rocaille style of ornament, lit., stone debris]
: of or relating to an artistic style esp. of the 18th century marked by fanciful curved forms and elaborate ornamentation
— rococo noun

rod /rōd/ noun
1 : a straight slender stick
2a : a stick or bundle of twigs used in punishing a person
b : PUNISHMENT
3 : a staff borne to show rank
4 : a unit of length equal to 5 1/2 yards
5 : any of the rod-shaped receptor cells of the retina that are sensitive to faint light
6 slang : HANDGUN

rode past of RIDE

ro·dent /rōd_ənt/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. L rodent-, rodens, prp. of rodere to gnaw]
: any of an order of relatively small mammals (as mice, squirrels, and beavers) with sharp front teeth used for gnawing

ro·deo /rō_ˌdē_ˌō, re_ˌdē_ˌō/ noun, plural ro·de·os
[origin: Sp, fr. rodear to surround, fr. rueda wheel, fr. L rota]
1 : ROUNDUP
2 : a public performance featuring cowboy skills (as riding and roping)

roe /rō/ noun, plural roe or roes
: DOE
1 : the eggs of a fish esp. while bound together in a mass

roe·buck /rō_ˌbāk/ noun, plural roebuck or roebucks
: a male roe deer

roe deer noun
: either of two small nimble European or Asian deers

roent·gen /rō_ˌent_ˌgen, ˌrent_ˌjen/ noun
: the international unit of measurement for X-rays and gamma rays

rog·er /rō_ˌjər/ interjection
— used esp. in radio and signaling to indicate that a message has been received and understood

rogue /rō_ˈgō/ noun
1 : a dishonest person : SCOUNDREL
2 : a mischievous person : SCAMP
— rou·gu·ery /rō_ˌgē_ˌerē/ noun
Synonyms
: devil, hellion, imp, mischief, monkey, rapscallion, rascal, scamp, urchin—more at SCAMP

rogu·ish adjective
: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of a rogue
— rog·uish·ly  adjective
— rog·uish·ness noun

Synonyms
- devilish, impish, knavish, mischievous, rascally, sly, waggish, wicked—more at MISCHIEVOUS

roil /rōıl/ for 2 also rōıl/ verb
1 : to make cloudy or muddy by stirring up
2 : to provoke to anger
3 : to move turbulently : be in a state of turbulence or agitation
— roily /rō·i·lē/ adjective

Synonyms
- [2] anger, antagonize, enrage, inflame, infuriate, madden, outrage, rankle, rile—more at ANGER
- [3] boil, churn, seethe—more at SEEHE

rois·ter /roı́·stər/ verb rois·ter·ed; rois·ter·ing
: to engage in noisy revelry : CAROUSE
— rois·ter·ous /ˌsle·rəs/ adjective
rois·ter·er noun
- : one that roisters

Synonyms
- celebrant, merrymaker, reveler—more at CELEBRANT

ROK abbreviation
Republic of Korea (South Korea)

role also rôle /rōl/ noun
1 : an assigned or assumed character; also : a part played (as by an actor)
2 : a function or part performed esp. in a particular operation or process : FUNCTION

Synonyms
- capacity, function, job, part, place, position, purpose, task, work; also affair, business, concern, involvement, participation; niche, office, post, situation; calling, occupation, pursuit, vocation; activity, assignment, charge, commission, duty, mission, responsibility, service, use

role model noun
: a person whose behavior in a particular role is imitated by others

1 roll /rōl/ noun
[origin: ME rolle scroll, fr. AF, fr. ML rolla, alter. of rotula, fr. L, dim. of rota wheel]
1 : a document containing an official record
2 : an official list of names
3 : something (as a bun) that is rolled up or rounded as if rolled
4 : something that rolls : ROLLER

Synonyms
- catalog, checklist, list, listing, menu, register, registry, roster, schedule, table—more at LIST

2 roll verb
1 : to move by turning over and over
2 : to press with a roller
3 : to move on wheels
4 : to sound with a full reverberating tone
5 : to make a continuous beating sound (as on a drum)
6 : to utter with a trill
7 : to move onward as if by completing a revolution <years ~ed by>
8 : to flow or seem to flow in a continuous stream or with a rising and falling motion <the river ~ed on>
9 : to swing or sway from side to side
10 : to shape or become shaped in rounded form
11 : to move by or as if by turning a crank <~ down the window>

Synonyms
- [1] pivot, revolve, rotate, spin, swing, swirl, turn, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl—more at TURN
roll noun
1: a sound produced by rapid strokes on a drum
2: a heavy reverberating sound
3: a rolling movement or action
4: a swaying movement (as of a ship)
5: a somersault made in contact with the ground

roll-back /rōlˈbak/ noun
: the act or an instance of rolling back

roll back verb
1: to reduce (as a commodity price) on a national scale
2: to cause to withdraw: push back

roll bar noun
: an overhead metal bar on an automobile designed to protect riders in case the automobile overturns

roll call noun
: the act or an instance of calling off a list of names (as of soldiers); also: a time for a roll call

roll·er /rōlər/ noun
1: a revolving cylinder used for moving, pressing, shaping, applying, or smoothing something
2: a rod on which something is rolled up
3: a long heavy ocean wave

roll·er coast·er /rōləˈkōstər/ noun
: an amusement ride consisting of an elevated railway having sharp curves and steep slopes

roller skate noun
: a skate with wheels instead of a runner
— roller-skate verb
— roller skater noun

rol·lick /rōˈlik/ verb
: to move or behave in a carefree joyous manner: frolic

Synonyms
- caper, cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, romp, sport—more at frolic

rol·lick·ing adjective
: full of fun and good spirits

roly–poly /rōˈpēˌpē/ adjective
: being short and pudgy: rotund

Rom abbreviation
1 Roman
2 Romance
3 Romania; Romanian
4 Romans

ROM /rōm/ noun
[origin: read-only memory]
: a computer memory that contains special-purpose information (as a program) which cannot be altered

ro·maine /rōˈmeɪn/ noun
[origin: F, lit., Roman]
: a garden lettuce with a tall loose head of long crisp leaves

1 Roman /rōˈmān/ noun
1 : a native or resident of Rome
2 not cap : roman letters or type

Roman adjective
1 : of or relating to Rome or the Romans and esp. the ancient Romans
2 not cap : relating to type in which the letters are upright (as in this definition)
3 : of or relating to the Roman Catholic Church

Roman candle noun
: a cylindrical firework that discharges balls of fire

Roman Catholic adjective
: of, relating to, or being a Christian church led by the pope and having a liturgy centered in the Mass
— Roman Catholicism noun

1 romance /rōˈmans/ noun
[origin: ME romauns, fr. AF romanz French, something written in French, tale in verse, fr. ML Romanice in a vernacular language, ultim. fr. L Romanus Roman]
1 : a medieval tale of knightly adventure
2 : a prose narrative dealing with heroic or mysterious events set in a remote time or place
3 : a love story
4 : a romantic attachment or episode between lovers
— rom·anc·er noun

2 romance verb romanced; romanc·ing
1 : to exaggerate or invent detail or incident
2 : to have romantic fancies
3 : to carry on a romantic episode with

Romance /rōˈmans/ adjective
: of or relating to any of several languages developed from Latin

Romanian /rōˈmän-i-ən/ also Ru·ma·nian /rū/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Romania
2 : the language of the Romanians

Roman numeral noun
: a numeral in a system of notation that is based on the ancient Roman system

Roman·no /rōˈmän-ˌnä/ noun
: a hard Italian cheese that is sharper than Parmesan

Romans /rōˈmänz/ noun

1 romantic /rōˈmän-tik/ noun
› : a romantic person; especially : a romantic writer, composer, or artist
Synonyms
› dreamer, idealist, utopian, visionary—more at IDEALIST

2 romantic adjective
1 : IMAGINARY
2 : VISIONARY
3 : having an imaginative or emotional appeal
4 : of, relating to, or having the characteristics of romanticism
— rom·an·ti·cal·ly /ˌrō-ˌkän-tə-lē/ adverb

Romanti·cism /rōˈmän-ti-ˌsiz·əm/ noun, often cap
: a literary movement (as in early 19th-century England) marked esp. by emphasis on the imagination and the emotions and by the use of autobiographical material

Romanti·cist /rōˌmän-tə-st/ noun
: a romantic person, trait, or component
roman·ti·cize /ˈroʊ.mən.təˌzi/ verb -cized; -ciz·ing
1: to make romantic
2: to have romantic ideas

1. romp /rəmp/ verb
1: to play actively and noisily
2: to win a contest easily

   Synonyms
   • caper, cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, rollick, sport—more at FROLIC

2. romp noun
1: high-spirited, carefree, and boisterous play

   Synonyms
   • binge, fling, frolic, gambol, lark, revel, rollick—more at FLING

romp·er /ˈræm.pər/ noun
1: one that romps
2: a jumpsuit usu. for infants — usu. used in pl.

root /rūt/ noun
1: one that romps
2: a jumpsuit usu. for infants — usu. used in pl.

1. roof /rūf, ˈrʊf/ noun, plural roofs /ˈrʊfs, ˈrʊfs; ˈrʊvz, ˈrʊvz/
1: the upper covering part of a building
2: something suggesting a roof of a building
3: the roof of a dwelling conventionally designating the home itself
   — roofed /ˈrʊft, ˈrʊft/ adjective
   — roofing noun
   — roof·less adjective

   Synonyms
   • [2] canopy, ceiling, tent—more at CANOPY
   • [3] abode, domicile, dwelling, fireside, habitation, hearth, home, house, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence—more at HOME

2. roof verb
1: to cover with a roof
2: to provide with shelter or a home

roof·top /ˈrʊtp/ noun
: a roof esp. of a house

1. rook /ˈrʊk/ noun
: a common Old World bird resembling the related crow

2. rook verb
: to defraud by cheating or swindling

   Synonyms
   • bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at FLEECE

3. rook noun
: a chess piece that can move parallel to the sides of the board across any number of unoccupied squares

rook·ery /ˈrʊk.əˌri/ noun, plural -er·ies
: a breeding ground or haunt of gregarious birds or mammals; also: a colony of such birds or mammals

rook·ie /ˈrʊk.i/ noun
1: one that begins something: BEGINNER
2: a first-year player in a professional sport

   Synonyms
   • beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, novice, recruit, tenderfoot, tyro—more at
**BEGINNER**

1. **room** /ˈrʊm, ˈrʊm/ **noun**
   1. †: an extent of space occupied by or sufficient or available for something
   2. a †: a partitioned part of a building: **CHAMBER**
   b: the people in a room
   3. †: a suitable or fit occasion or opportunity: **OPPORTUNITY** (~ to develop his talents>
   — **room·ful** **noun**
   **Synonyms**
   † [1] place, space, way; also capacity, range, scope; clearance, freedom, latitude, leeway, play
   † [2a] cell, chamber, closet; also accommodation, berth, booth, cabin, compartment, cubicle
   † [3] chance, occasion, opening, opportunity—more at **OPPORTUNITY**

2. **room** **verb**
   †: to occupy lodgings: **LODGE**
   a. **room·er** **noun**
   †: one who occupies a rented room in another’s house
   **Synonyms**
   — boarder, lodger, renter, tenant—more at **TENANT**
   — **room·ette** /ˈrʊˌmɛt, ˈrʊt/ **noun**
   †: a small private room on a railroad sleeping car
   — **room·mate** /ˈrʊmˌmeɪt, ˈrʊm/ **noun**
   †: one of two or more persons sharing the same room or dwelling
   — **roomy** **adjective**
   †: having ample room
   **Synonyms**
   † ample, capacious, commodious, spacious—more at **SPACIOUS**

3. **roost** /ˈrʊst/ **noun**
   †: a support on which or a place where birds perch
   2. **roost** **verb**
   †: to settle on or as if on a roost
   **Synonyms**
   † alight, land, light, perch, settle—more at **ALIGHT**
   † ensconce, install, lodge, perch, settle—more at **ENSConCE**
   — **roost·er** /ˈrʊst·ər, ˈrʊs/ **noun**
   †: an adult male domestic chicken: **COCK**
   — **root** /ˈrʊt, ˈrʊt/ **noun**
   1: the leafless usu. underground part of a seed plant that functions in absorption, aeration, and storage or as a means of anchorage; also: an underground plant part esp. when fleshy and edible
   2: something (as the basal part of a tooth or hair) resembling a root
   3: **SOURCE, ORIGIN**
   4: the essential core: **HEART** (~ get to the ~ of the matter>
   5: a number that when taken as a factor an indicated number of times gives a specified number
   6: the lower part
   — **root·less** **adjective**
   — **root·like** **adjective**
   2. **root** **verb**
   1: to form roots
   2: †: to fix or become fixed by or as if by roots: **ESTABLISH**
   3: †: to remove altogether by or as if by pulling out by the roots—usu. used with **out**
   **Synonyms**
   † [2] embed, entrench, establish, fix, implant, ingrain, lodge—more at **ENTRENCH**
− usually root out [3] extract, prize, pry, pull, tear, uproot, wrest—more at EXTRACT

root verb
1 : to turn up or dig with the snout <pigs ~ing>
2 : to poke or dig around (as in search of something)

root /rʊt/ verb
1 : to applaud or encourage noisily : CHEER
2 : to wish success or lend support to
   — root·er noun

root beer noun
: a sweetened carbonated beverage flavored with extracts of roots and herbs

root canal noun
: a dental operation to save a tooth by removing the pulp in the root of the tooth and filling the cavity with a protective substance

root·let /ˈrʊtˌlət, ˈrʊt-/ noun
: a small root

root·stock /ˈrʊtˌstɑk/ noun
: an underground part of a plant that resembles a rhizome

rope /rōp/ noun
1 : a large strong cord made of strands of fiber
2 : a hangman's noose
3 : a thick string (as of pearls) made by twisting or braiding

Synonyms
cable, cord, lace, line, string, wire—more at CORD

rope verb roped; rop·ing
1 : to bind, tie, or fasten together with a rope
2 : to separate or divide by means of a rope
3 : LASSO

Ror·schach test /rərˌʃa-k/ noun
: a psychological test in which a subject interprets ink-blot designs in terms that reveal intellectual and emotional factors

ro·sa·ry /ˈroʊ.zərē, ˈroʊ-/ noun, plural -ries
1 often cap : a Roman Catholic devotion consisting of meditation on sacred mysteries during recitation of Hail Marys
2 : a string of beads used in praying

1rose past of RISE
2rose /rōz/ noun
1 : any of a genus of usu. prickly often climbing shrubs with divided leaves and bright often fragrant flowers; also : one of these flowers
2 : something resembling a rose in form
3 : a moderate purplish red color
   — rose adjective

ro·sé /ˈroʊ.zəl/, ˈroʊ-zəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: F]
: a light pink wine

ro·s·e·ate /ˈroʊ.zəˌeɪt, ˈroʊ-/adjective
1 : resembling a rose esp. in color
2 : overly optimistic <a ~ view of the future>

rose·bud /rōzˈbud/ noun
rose-bush /ˈrʌsbə/ noun
: a shrubby rose

rosemary /ˈrɔz.mər.i/ noun, plural -mar·ies
: a fragrant shrubby Mediterranean mint; also: its leaves used as a seasoning

rosette /ˈrɔz.tət/ noun
[origin: F]
1: a usu. small badge or ornament of ribbon gathered in the shape of a rose
2: a circular ornament filled with representations of leaves

rose·water /ˈrɔz.wɔtə/ noun
: a watery solution of the fragrant constituents of the rose used as a perfume

rose·wood /ˈrɔs.wud/ noun
: any of various tropical trees with dark red wood streaked with black; also: this wood

Rosh Ha·sha·nah /ˈrɔsh.həˌshə.nə/ noun
[origin: Heb rōsh hashānāh, lit., beginning of the year]
: the Jewish New Year observed as a religious holiday in September or October

rosin /ˈrɔz.ɪn/ noun
: a brittle resin obtained esp. from pine trees and used esp. in varnishes and on violin bows

roster /ˈrɔstər/ noun
1: a list of personnel; also: the persons listed on a roster
2 ♦: an itemized list

ros·trum /ˈrɔstrəm/ noun, plural rostrums or ros·tra /ˈrastrə/
[origin: L Rostra, pl., a platform for speakers in the Roman Forum decorated with the beaks of captured ships, fr. pl. of rostrum beak, ship's beak, fr. rodere to gnaw]
♦: a stage or platform for public speaking

ro·sy /ˈrɔz.i/ adjective ros·i·er; -est
1 ♦: of the color rose
2 ♦: characterized by or tending to promote optimism: hopeful
— ros·i·ly /ˈrɔz.i.li/ adverb
— ros·i·ness /ˈrɔz.i.nəs/ noun

rot /rət/ verb rot·ted; rot·ting
1 ♦: to undergo decomposition: decay
2 ♦: to go to ruin

2 rot noun
1 ♦: the process of rotting: decay
2: any of various diseases of plants or animals in which tissue breaks down
3 ♦: language, conduct, or an idea that is absurd or contrary to good sense: nonsense; also: words or language having no meaning or conveying no intelligible ideas
Synonyms

1. breakdown, corruption, decay, decomposition, putrefaction, spoilage—more at corruption
2. bunk, claptrap, drivel, fiddlesticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, piffle, silliness, slush, stupidity, trash—more at nonsense

rotary /ˈroʊ.təri/ adjective
1. turning on an axis like a wheel
2. having a rotating part

rotary noun, plural -ries
1. a rotary machine
2. a one-way circular road junction

rotate /ˈroʊ.teɪt/ verb rotated; rotating
1. to turn or cause to turn about an axis or a center: revolve
2. to alternate in a series

- rotator /ˈroʊ.tə.tər/ noun
- rotatory /ˈroʊ.tə.tə.rē/ adjective

Synonyms
pivoting, revolving, rolling, swinging, swirling, turning, twirling, twisting, wheeled, whirling—more at turn

rotation /ˈroʊ.teɪʃən/ noun
the action or process of rotating on or as if on an axis or center

Synonyms
gyration, pirouette, reel, revolution, rolling, spinning, swirling, twirling, wheeled, whirling—more at spin

ROTC abbreviation
Reserve Officers’ Training Corps

rote /roʊt/ noun
1. repetition from memory often without attention to meaning
2. fixed routine or repetition

- rote adjective

Synonyms
grooving, patterning, routine, rutting, channeling—more at routine

rotisserie /ˌroʊ.tiˌsiːrē/ noun
[origin: F]
1. a restaurant specializing in broiled and barbecued meats
2. an appliance fitted with a spit on which food is rotated before or over a source of heat

roto gravure /ˌroʊ.təˈɡrævər/ noun
photogravure

rotor /roʊ.tər/ noun
1. a part that rotates; especially: the rotating part of an electrical machine
2. a system of rotating horizontal blades for supporting a helicopter

rotovator /ˌroʊ.təˈvə.tər/ noun
an engine-powered machine with rotating blades used to lift and turn over soil

rotten /ˈrət.ən/ adjective
1. having rotted
2. morally corrupt
3. extremely unpleasant or inferior
4. of very poor quality

- rottenness noun

Synonyms
1. bad, putrid; also curdled, fermented, rancid, sour, soured, turned; contaminated, defiled, fouled, polluted, tainted; corroded, crumbled, degenerated; decaying, moldering, moldy, putrefying, rotting
2. bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous,
wicked, wrong—more at bad
- [3] bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, sour, uncongenial, unlovely, unpleasant, unwelcome—more at unpleasant
- [3, 4] bad, deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, punk, substandard, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong—more at bad
- [4] cheap, junky, lousy, mediocre, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy, trashy

rot·ten·stone /ˈrOtˌsten/ noun
: a decomposed siliceous limestone used for polishing

rott·wei·ler /ˈrOtˌwēlər/ noun, often cap
: any of a breed of tall powerful black-and-tan short-haired dogs

ro·tund /ˈrOtˌənd/ adjective
1 : rounded out
2 ▪ as notably plump
  Synonyms
  - chubby, fat, plump, portly, round—more at fat

ro·tun·di·ty /ˈrOtˌəndəl/ noun
: the quality or state of being rotund

ro·tun·da /ˈrOtˌəndə/ noun
1 : a round building; especially: one covered by a dome
2 : a large round room

roué /ˈrō/ noun
[origin: F, lit., broken on the wheel, fr. pp. of rouer to break on the wheel, fr. ML rotare, fr. L, to rotate; fr. the feeling that such a person deserves this punishment]
: a man devoted to a life of sensual pleasure: rake

rouge /ˈrōZH, ˈrül/ noun
[origin: F, lit., red]
: a cosmetic used to give a red color to cheeks and lips
   — rouge verb

1 rough /rāf/ adjective rough·er; rough·est
1 ▪ uneven in surface: not smooth
2 : covered with or made up of coarse and often shaggy hair: shaggy
3 : not calm: turbulent
4 ▪ marked by harshness or violence
5 ▪ presenting a challenge: difficult
6 : coarse or rugged in character or appearance
7 ▪ marked by lack of refinement
8 : not brought to an end or to the desired final state: crude
9 : done or made hastily or tentatively
  Synonyms
  - [1] broken, bumpy, coarse, irregular, jagged, lumpy, pebbly, ragged, rugged, uneven—more at uneven
  - [4] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rugged, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at harsh
  - [5] arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, herculean, laborious, strenuous, tall, toilsome, tough—more at hard
  - [7] coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at coarse

2 rough noun
1 : uneven ground covered with high grass esp. along a golf fairway
2 : a crude, unfinished, or preliminary state; also: something in such a state
3 : rowdy, tough

3 rough verb
ROUGH·EN
1 : to subject to abuse : MANHANDLE — usu. used with up
2 : to make or shape roughly esp. in a preliminary way
— rough·er noun
  Synonyms usually rough up
  ♠ maltreat, manhandle, maul, mishandle—more at MANHANDLE

ROUGH·AGE /ro̱.fl/ noun
: FIBER 2; also : food containing much indigestible material acting as fiber

ROUGH·AND·READY /ro̱.fən·rd·ré/ adjective
: rude or unpolished in nature, method, or manner but effective in action or use

ROUGH·AND·TUM·BLE /rəm·bəl/ noun
: rough unrestrained fighting or struggling
— rough·and·tumble adjective

ROUGH·EN /ro̱.fən/ verb rough·ened; rough·en·ing
1 : to make or become rough

ROUGH·HEWN /ro̱.hym/ adjective
1 : being rough and unfinished "<~ beams>"
2 : lacking smooth manners or social grace
— rough·hew /ro̱.hjə/ verb

ROUGHHOUSE /ro̱.həs/ verb rough·housed; rough·hous·ing
1 : to participate in rough noisy behavior
2 : violence or rough boisterous play
  Synonyms
  ♠ foolery, high jinks, horseplay, monkeyshines, shenanigans, tomfoolery—more at HORSEPLAY

ROUGH·LY adverb
1 : in a rough manner
  Synonyms
  ♠ hard, hardly, harshly, ill, oppressively, severely, sternly, stiffly—more at HARDLY

ROUGH·NECK /ro̱.nek/ noun
1 : a rough or uncouth person : ROWDY
2 : a worker on a crew drilling oil wells

ROUGH·NESS noun
: the quality or state of being rough

ROUGH·SHOD /ro̱.shäd/ adverb
1 : in a roughly forceful manner "<rode ~ over the opposition>

ROU·LETT·E /rū·lēt/ noun
[ORIGIN: F, lit., small wheel]
1 : a gambling game in which a whirling wheel is used
2 : a wheel or disk with teeth around the outside

ROUND /raúnd/ adjective
1 ♠ : having every part of the surface or circumference the same distance from the center
2 : CYLINDRICAL
3 : COMPLETE, FULL
4 a : approximately correct
b ♠ : exact only to a specific decimal or place "<~ numbers>
5 : liberal or ample in size or amount
6 : BLUNT, OUTSPOKEN
7 : moving in or forming a circle
round

1 : having curves rather than angles
2 : well filled out
3 : having full or unimpeded resonance or tone
   — roundish adjective
   — roundness noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] circular, global; also annular, disklike, ringlike; curved, spiral; balled, rotund, rounded, roundish
      ▶ [4b] even, exact, flat, precise—more at even
      ▶ [9] fat, full, plump, portly, rotund—more at fat
      ▶ [10] golden, resonant, resounding, ringing, sonorous, vibrant—more at resonant
2 round adverb
   1 : from beginning to end : around
   2 : in the reverse or opposite direction
   3 : in all or various directions from a fixed point
      Synonyms
      ▶ [2] about, around, back—more at around
      ▶ [3] about, around, over, through, throughout—more at around
3 round noun
   1 : something round (as a circle, globe, or ring)
   2 : a curved or rounded part (as a rung of a ladder)
   3 : an indirect path or course; also : a regularly covered route (as of a security guard)
   4 : a series or cycle of recurring actions or events
   5 : one shot fired by a soldier or a gun; also : ammunition for one shot
   6 : a period of time or a unit of play in a game or contest
   7 : a cut of meat (as beef) esp. between the rump and the lower leg
      — in the round
      1 : freestanding
      2 : with a center stage surrounded by an audience <theater in the round>
      Synonyms
      ▶ band, circle, eye, hoop, loop, ring—more at ring
4 round verb
   1 : to make or become round
   2 : to go or pass around or part way around
   3 : to bring to completion or perfection : finish — often used with out or off
   4 : to become plump or shapely
   5 : to express as a round number — often used with off
   6 : to follow a winding course : bend
      Synonyms
      ▶ [1] agglomerate, ball, conglomerate, roll, wad—more at wad
      ▶ [2] circle, circumnavigate, coil, compass, encircle, girdle, loop, orbit, ring—more at encircle
      ▶ usually round off or round out [3] close, conclude, end, finish, terminate, wind up, wrap up—more at close
      ▶ [6] arch, arch, bend, bow, crook, curve, hook, sweep, swerve, wheel—more at curve
5 round preposition
   : around
1 roundabout /ˈraʊn daˌbaut/ adjective
   ▶ having a circular or winding course : indirect
      Synonyms
      ▶ circuitous, circular, indirect—more at indirect
2 roundabout noun, British
   : merry-go-round
roun·de·lay /ˈraʊn daˌlā/ noun
   1 : a simple song with a refrain
2: a poem with a recurring refrain

round-house /rəʊndˈhaʊs/ noun
1: a circular building for housing and repairing locomotives
2: a blow with the hand made with a wide swing

round-ly /rəʊndˈlaɪ/ adverb
1 a : in a complete manner
b : WIDELY
2: in a blunt way
3: with vigor

   Synonyms
   ▶ completely, exhaustively, fully, minutely, thoroughly, totally—more at THOROUGHLY

round-robin /rəʊndˈrɒbɪn/ noun
: a tournament in which each contestant meets every other contestant in turn

round-shouldered /rəʊndˈʃʊldərd/ adjective
: having the shoulders stooping or rounded

round-trip noun
: a trip to a place and back

round-up /rəʊndˈʌp/ noun
1: the gathering together of cattle on the range by riding around them and driving them in; also: the ranch hands and horses engaged in a roundup
2: a gathering in of scattered persons or things
3 ▶: a summary of information: SUMMARY <news ~>
   Synonyms
   ▶ abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, recapitulation, résumé, sum, summary, synopsis—more at SUMMARY

round up verb
▶: to gather in or bring together from various quarters
   Synonyms
   ▶ accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, concentrate, garner, gather, group, lump, pick up, scrape—more at GATHER

roundworm /rəʊndˈwɜrn/ noun
: NEMATODE

rouse /rəʊz/ verb roused; rousing
1: to excite to activity: stir up
2 ▶: to wake from sleep
— rouser noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ arouse, awake, wake

rousing /rəʊzɪŋ/ adjective
▶: giving rise to excitement
   Synonyms
   ▶ breathtaking, electric, exciting, exhilarating, stirring, thrilling—more at EXCITING

roustabout /rəʊstˈbaʊt/ noun
: one who does heavy unskilled labor (as on a dock or in an oil field)

rout /rəʊt/ noun
1: MOB 1, 2
2: DISTURBANCE
3: a fashionable gathering

rout verb
1: **RUMMAGE**

2: to gouge out

3: to expel by force

   **Synonyms**
   - banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, run off, throw out—more at **EJECT**

4: **rout noun**

   1: a state of wild confusion or disorderly retreat

   **Synonyms**
   - defeat, loss, shelling—more at **DEFEAT**

4: **rout verb**

   1: to put to flight

   2: to defeat decisively

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, run off, throw out—more at **EJECT**
   - [2] beat, best, clobber, conquer, crush, defeat, drub, lick, master, overcome, prevail, skunk, subdue, surmount, thrash, trim, triumph, trounce, wallop, whip, win—more at **BEAT**

1: **route /rüt, rōt/ noun**

   [origin: ME, fr. AF *rute, fr. VL *rupta (via), lit., broken way]

   1: a traveled way

   2: **CHANNEL**

   3: a line of travel

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] artery, avenue, highway, road, thoroughfare, way—more at **WAY**
   - [3] course, line, path, track, way—more at **PATH**

2: **route verb rout-ed; rout-ing**

   : to send by a selected route : **DIRECT**

3: **route-man /mân/ noun**

   : a person who sells and makes deliveries on an assigned route

4: **router /ˈrōtər/ noun**

   : a machine with a revolving spindle and cutter for shaping a surface (as of wood)

1: **routine /ˈrōtən/ noun**

   [origin: F, fr. MF, fr. **route** traveled way]

   1: a regular course of procedure

   2: an often repeated speech or formula

   3: a part fully worked out <a comedy ~>?

   4: a set of computer instructions that will perform a certain task

   — **rou-tin-ize /ˈrō-tənˌīz/ verb**

   **Synonyms**
   - groove, pattern, rote, rut, treadmill; also custom, fashion, habit, practice, trick, wont; approach, manner, method, procedure, strategy, style, tack, way; design, plan, program, scheme; convention, policy, tradition
   - drill, exercise, practice, training, workout—more at **EXERCISE**

2: **routine adjective**

   1: of a commonplace or repetitious character

   2: of, relating to, or being in accordance with established procedure

   — **rou-tine-ly adverb**

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at **ORDINARY**
   - [2] ceremonial, ceremonious, conventional, formal, orthodox, regular—more at **FORMAL**

1: **rove /rōv/ verb roved; rov-ing**
- to wander over or through

  **Synonyms**
  - gad, gallivant, knock, maunde, meander, mope, ramble, range, roam, traipse, wander—more at WANDER

**rove** past and past participle of REVEE

**rover** noun
- one that wanders

  **Synonyms**
  - drifter, nomad, rambler, stroller, vagabond, wanderer—more at NOMAD

**rover** noun
- one who commits or practices piracy

  **Synonyms**
  - buccaneer, corsair, freebooter, pirate—more at PIRATE

**row** /rəʊ/ verb
1 : to propel a boat with oars
2 : to transport in a rowboat
3 : to pull an oar in a crew

  **row·er** /rəʊ·ər/ noun

  **Synonyms**
  - scull; also canoe; pole, punt

**row** noun
- an act or instance of rowing

**row** noun
1 : a number of objects in an orderly sequence
2 : a thoroughfare for travel or transportation from place to place: WAY

**row** /rəʊ/ noun
1 : a noisy quarrel
2 : a noisy disturbance

  **Synonyms**
  - [1] altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, disagreement, dispute, fight, quarrel, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUMENT
  - [2] commotion, disturbance, furor, hullabaloo, pandemonium, tumult, turmoil, uproar—more at COMMOTION

**row** /rəʊ/ verb
- to engage in a row

  **Synonyms**
  - argue, bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, scrap, spat, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUE

**row·boat** /rəʊˈbɑːt/ noun
- a small boat designed to be rowed

**row·dy** /rəʊˈdiː/ adjective row·di·er; -est
- coarse or boisterous in behavior

  **row·di·ness** /rəʊˈdiːnəs/ noun
  **row·di·sh** adjective
  **row·di·sm** noun

  **Synonyms**
  - boisterous, rambunctious, raucous—more at BOISTEROUS

**row·dy** noun
- a rowdy person

  **Synonyms**
  - bully, hoodlum, punk, ruffian, thug, tough—more at HOODLUM

**row·el** /rəʊˈel/ noun
- a small pointed wheel on a rider's spur
royal
1 adjective
[ORIGIN: ME roial, fr. AF real, roial, fr. L regalis, fr. reg-, rex king]
1: of or relating to a sovereign: REGAL
2: fit for a king or queen <a ~ welcome>
3: of superior size, magnitude, or quality
—roy·al·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   • [2] kingly, monarchical, princely, queenly, regal—more at MONARCHICAL
   • [3] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, splendid, stately—more at GRAND

2 noun
: a person of royal blood

royal flush noun
: a straight flush having an ace as the highest card

roy·al·ist /ˈroʊi.əlist/ noun
: an adherent of a king or of monarchical government

roy·al·ty /ˈroʊi.əl.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1: the state of being royal
2: royal persons
3: a share of a product or profit (as of a mine or oil well) claimed by the owner for allowing another person to use the property
4: a payment made to an author or composer for each copy of a work sold or to an inventor for each article sold under a patent

RP abbreviation
1 relief pitcher
2 Republic of the Philippines

rpm abbreviation
revolutions per minute

rps abbreviation
revolutions per second

rpt abbreviation
1 repeat
2 report

RR abbreviation
1 railroad
2 rural route

RS abbreviation
1 recording secretary
2 revised statutes
3 Royal Society

RSV abbreviation
Revised Standard Version

RSVP abbreviation
[ORIGIN: F répondez s’il vous plaît]
please reply

rt abbreviation
1 right
2 route
RT: abbreviation
round-trip

ru: abbreviation
route

Ru: symbol
ruthenium

rub /rub/ verb rubbed; rubbing
1: to use pressure and friction on a body or object
2: to fret or chafe with friction
3: to scour, polish, erode, or smear by pressure and friction

Synonyms
- [2] abrade, chafe, erode, fray, fret, gall, wear—more at ABRATE
- [3] buff, file, grind, hone, rasp, sand—more at GRIND
- [3] buff, burnish, dress, gloss, grind, polish, shine, smooth—more at POLISH

rub noun
1: DIFFICULTY, OBSTRUCTION
2: something grating to the feelings

rubber /ˈrubər/ noun
1: one that rubs
2: ERASER
3: a flexible waterproof elastic substance made from the milky juice of various tropical plants or made synthetically;
also: something made of this material
4: CONDOM

rub·ber·ize /ˈrubərˌīz/ verb

rub noun
1: a contest that consists of an odd number of games and is won by the side that takes a majority
2: an extra game played to decide a tie

rub·ber·neck /ˈrubərnɛk/ noun
1: an idly or overly inquisitive person
2: a person on a guided tour

rub·ber·neck verb
: to look about, stare, or listen with excessive curiosity

rub·ber·neck·er noun

rub·bery adjective
: resembling rubber (as in elasticity, consistency, or texture)

rub·bish /ˈrəbəsh/ noun
1: useless waste or rejected matter: TRASH
2: something worthless or nonsensical

rub·bish noun
1: chaff, deadwood, dust, garbage, junk, litter, refuse, riffinfr, scrap, trash, waste—more at GARBAGE

rub·ble /ˈrəbəl/ noun
: broken fragments esp. of a destroyed building

rub·ble noun

ru·bel·la /ˈrubələ/ noun
GERMAN MEASLES

ru·bi·cund /ˈrü·bə(k)and/ adjective
: having a healthy reddish color : RED, RUDDY

ru·bid·i·um /ˈrü·bəˌdē.əm/ noun
: a soft silvery metallic chemical element

ru·ble /ˈrü.bəl/ noun
: the basic monetary unit of Russia

rub out verb
: to destroy completely

rub·ric /ˈrü.brik/ noun
[origin: ME rubrike red ocher, heading in red letters of part of a book, fr. AF, fr. L rubrica, fr. ruber red]
1 : a heading of a part of a book or manuscript
2 : a rule esp. for the conduct of a religious service

ru·by /ˈrü.bə/ noun, plural rubies
: a clear red precious stone

— ruby adjective

ru·by–throat·ed hummingbird /ˈrü.ðēˌthrō.itzid/ noun
: a bright green and whitish hummingbird of eastern No. America with a red throat in the male

ruck·us /ˈrä.kaəs/ noun
: a noisy disturbance or quarrel : ROW

rud·der /ˈrä.de/ noun
: a movable flat piece attached at the rear of a ship or aircraft for steering

rud·dy /ˈrä.ðē/ adjective rud·di·er; -est
1 : REDDISH
2 : of a healthy reddish complexion

— rud·di·ness /ˈrä.ðē.nəs/ noun

Synonyms
- florid, flush, glowing, rosy, sanguine; also bronzed, brown, tanned; flushed, pink, pinkish, warm; cherubic

rude /ˈrǔd/ adjective rud·er; rud·est
1 : roughly made : CRUDE
2 : not developed : PRIMITIVE
3 : lacking refinement or delicacy
4 : marked by or suggestive of lack of training or skill : UNSKILLED
5 : not being in a cultural or civilized state

— rude·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] artless, clumsy, crude, rough, unrefined; also defective, faulty, imperfect; imprecise, inexact; inartistic, undressed, unfinished, unpolished; amateur, amateurish, inexpert, unprofessional, unskilled, unskillful; primitive, rudimentary
- [3] coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at COARSE
- [3] discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly—more at IMPOLITE
- [5] barbarous, heathen, heathenish, Neanderthal, savage, uncivilized, wild—more at SAVAGE

rude·ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being rude
2 : a rude action
ru·di·ment /ˈrʊ.də.mənt/ noun
1 ▸ : an elementary principle or basic skill — usu. used in pl.
2 ▸ : something not fully developed — usu. used in pl.
   Synonyms rudiments
   ▸ elements, essentials, principles

ru·di·men·ta·ry /ˈrʊ.daˌmen.tərē/ adjective
1 ▸ : consisting in basic principles
2 ▸ : of a primitive kind
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] basic, elemental, elementary, essential, fundamental, underlying—more at ELEMENTARY
   ▸ [2] crude, low, primitive, rude—more at PRIMITIVE

rue /rū/ noun
1 ▸ : deep distress, sadness, or regret
   — rue·ful·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▸ contrition, penitence, regret, remorse, repentance

2 rue verb rued; ru·ing
1 ▸ : to feel regret, remorse, or penitence for
   Synonyms
   ▸ bemoan, deplore, lament, regret, repent—more at REGRET

3 rue noun
1 ▸ : a European strong-scented woody herb with bitter-tasting leaves

rue·ful /ˈrū.fəl/ adjective
1 ▸ : expressing sorrow
2 ▸ : full of sorrow
3 ▸ : exciting pity or sympathy
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] dolorous, funeral, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, regretful, sorrowful, weeping, woeful—more at MOURNFUL
   ▸ [2] apologetic, contrite, penitent, regretful, remorseful, repentant, sorry—more at CONTRITE
   ▸ [3] heartbreaking, miserable, pathetic, piteous, pitiful, poor, sorry, wretched

rue·ful·ly adverb
1 ▸ : in a rueful manner

ruff /ruf/ noun
1 ▸ : a large round pleated collar worn in the 16th and 17th centuries
2 ▸ : a fringe of long hair or feathers around the neck of an animal
   — ruffed /ˈrufd/ adjective

ruf·fi·an /ˈruf.fē.an/ noun
1 ▸ : a brutal person
   — ruf·fi·an·ly adjective
   Synonyms
   ▸ bully, gangster, goon, hood, hoodlum, mobster, mug, punk, rowdy, thug, tough—more at HOODLUM

ruffle /ˈruf.l/ verb ruf·fled; ruf·fling
1 ▸ : to roughen the surface of
2 ▸ : to erect (as hair or feathers) in or like a ruff
3 ▸ : to flip through (as pages)
4 ▸ : to draw into or provide with plaits or folds
2 ruffle noun
1 : a strip of fabric gathered or pleated on one edge
2 : RUFF 2
3 : RIPPLE
— ruf·fly /ˈra.fəˌlē/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ➤ flounce, frill, furbelow; also border, edging, fringe, trim; pleat, ruff; bunting, skirting

RU·486 /ˈär.əˌyü.ˌtör.əˈfē.ˈsiks/ noun
: a drug taken orally to induce abortion esp. early in pregnancy

rug /ˈrą/ noun
1 : a covering for the legs, lap, and feet
2 : a piece of heavy fabric usu. with a nap or pile used as a floor covering

rug·by /ˈrąˌbē/ noun, often cap
[origin: Rugby School, Rugby, England, where it was first played]
: a football game in which play is continuous and interference and forward passing are not permitted

rug·ged /ˈrą.ɡed/ adjective
1 : having a rough uneven surface
2 : TURBULENT, STORMY
3 : austere or stern in aspect, conduct, or character : STERN
4 : strongly built or constituted : STURDY
5 : presenting a severe test of ability, stamina, or resolution
— rug·ged·ize /ˈrą.ɡed.iz/ verb
— rug·ged·ly adverb
— rug·ged·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] broken, bumpy, coarse, irregular, jagged, lumpy, pebbly, ragged, rough, uneven—more at UNEVEN
  ➤ [4] hard, hard-bitten, hardy, stout, strong, sturdy, tough, vigorous—more at HARDY
  ➤ [5] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, severe, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH

1 ruin /ˈrū.ən/ noun
1 : complete collapse or destruction
2 : the remains of something destroyed — usu. used in pl.
3 : a cause of destruction
4 : the action of destroying
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] annihilation, demolition, desolation, destruction, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, wastage, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION
  ➤ ruins [2] debris, remains, residue, rubble, wreck, wreckage—more at REMAINS

2 ruin verb
1 : to reduce to ruins : DESTROY
2 : to damage beyond repair
3 : BANKRUPT
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] destroy, devastate, ravage, scourge—more at RAVAGE
  ➤ [2] annihilate, blot out, demolish, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, pulverize, shatter, smash, tear down, waste, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY

ru·in·ation /ˌrū.əˈnā.ʃən/ noun
: the state of being ruined : RUIN, DESTRUCTION

ru·in·ous /ˌrū.əˈnəs/ adjective
1 : RUINED, DILAPIDATED
2 : causing ruin
ru·in·ous·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  calamitous, catastrophic, destructive, devastating, disastrous, fatal, fateful, unfortunate—more at fatal

rule /ˈrʊl/ noun
[origin: ME reule, fr. AF, fr. L regula straightedge, rule, fr. regere to keep straight, direct]
1: a guide or principle for governing action: regulation
2: the usual way of doing something
3: the exercise of authority or control: government
4: ruler
  Synonyms
  [1] regulation; also code, constitution; act, law, ordinance, statute; command, decree, dictate, directive, edict, fiat, order; axiom, fundamental, maxim, precept; moral, principle, value; prohibition, restriction; convention, custom, habit, manners, mores, practice, tradition, way; blueprint, canon, formula, guide, guideline, recipe, standard
  [3] administration, authority, government, jurisdiction, regime; also reign; dominion, power, sovereignty, supremacy, sway; command, leadership; direction, management, regulation, superintendence, supervision; dictatorship, domination, mastery, oppression, subjugation, tyranny

rule verb ruled; ruling
1: to exert control, direction, or influence on; also: govern
2: to be supreme or outstanding in
3: to give or state as a considered decision
4: to mark on paper with or as if with a ruler
  Synonyms
  [1] boss, captain, command, control, govern, preside—more at govern
  usually rule on [3] adjudicate, arbitrate, decide, determine, judge, referee, settle, umpire—more at judge

rule out verb
1: to remove from consideration
  Synonyms
  ban, bar, debar, eliminate, except, exclude—more at exclude

rul·er /ˈrʊlər/ noun
1: one that rules
2: a straight strip of material (as wood or metal) marked off in units and used for measuring or as a straightedge
  Synonyms
  autocrat, monarch, sovereign—more at monarch

ruling noun
1: an official or authoritative decision, decree, statement, or interpretation (as by a judge on a point of law)
  Synonyms
  doom, finding, holding, judgment, sentence—more at sentence
  decree, directive, edict, fiat—more at edict

rum /rəm/ noun
1: an alcoholic liquor made from sugarcane products (as molasses)
2: alcoholic liquor

Ru·ma·nian variant of romanian

rum·ba /ˈrəm·ba, ˈrəm-/ noun
1: a dance of Cuban origin marked by strong rhythmic movements

rum·ble /ˈrəm·ba/ verb rumbled; rumbling
1: to make a low heavy rolling sound
2: to move along with such a sound
  Synonyms
  growl, grumble, lumber, roll; also boom, drum, thunder
2 *rumble* noun
1 : a low heavy rolling sound
2 : a street fight esp. among gangs

*rumble seat* noun
: a folding seat in the back of an automobile that is not covered by the top

*rum·bling* /ˈrum·blɪŋ/ noun
1 : RUMBLE
2 : widespread talk or complaints — usu. used in pl.

*ru·men* /ˈrʊ·mɛn/ noun, plural *ru·mi·na* /ˈru·mi·nə/ or *rumens*
: the large first compartment of the stomach of a ruminant (as a cow)

1 *ruminant* /ˈrʊ·mɪnənt/ noun
 : a ruminant mammal

2 *ruminant* adjective
1 : chewing the cud; also : of or relating to a group of hoofed mammals (as cattle, deer, and camels) that chew the cud and have a complex 3- or 4-chambered stomach
2 : given to or engaged in contemplation : MEDITATIVE

*ru·mi·nate* /ˈru·mi·nət/ verb -nat·ed, -nat·ing
[origin: L ruminari to chew the cud, muse upon, fr. rumin-, rumen first stomach chamber of a ruminant]
1 : to engage in contemplation : to spend time in thought on
2 : to chew the cud

— *ru·mi·na·tion* /ˈru·mi·nə·shən/ noun

*rummage* /ˈrʌm·ʒɪ/ verb *rumaged*; *rummag·ing*
1 : to search thoroughly
— *rum·mag·er* noun

2 *rummage* noun
1 : a miscellaneous collection
2 : an act of rummaging

*run·my* /ˈrʌnˌmɪ/ noun
: any of several card games for two or more players

*rumor* /ˈrʊ·mɛr/ noun
1 : common talk
2 : a statement or report current but not authenticated

2 *rumor* verb
1 : to tell or spread by rumor

*run·mour* chiefly British variant of RUMOR

*rump* /ˈrʌmp/ noun
1 : the rear part of an animal; also : a cut of meat (as beef) behind the upper sirloin
2 : a small or inferior remnant (as of a group)
3 : the upper rounded part of the hindquarters of a quadruped mammal

**Synonyms**
- backside, bottom, butt, buttocks, posterior, rear, seat—more at **BUTTOCKS**

**rump·ple /ˈrump-pəl/ verb rump·pled; rump·pling**
1 : to become or cause to become marked with or contracted into irregular folds : **WRINKLE**
2 : to make unkempt : **MUSS**

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**rump·le noun**

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**rump·ply /ˈrump-pli/ adjective**

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**Synonyms**
- [1] crease, crinkle, furrow, wrinkle—more at **WRINKLE**
- [2] dishevel, disorder, muddle, muss, tumble, upset—more at **DISORDER**

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**rump·us /ˈrump-as/ noun**
 : a usu. noisy commotion : **RUCKUS**

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**rumpus room noun**
 : a room usu. in the basement of a home that is used for games, parties, and recreation

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**run /rən/ verb ran; *ran*, run; running**
1 : to go faster than a walk
2 : to take to flight : **FLEE**
3 : to go without restraint <let chickens ~ loose>
4 : to go rapidly or hurriedly : **HASTEN, RUSH**
5 : to make a quick or casual trip or visit
6 : to contend in a race; especially : to enter an election
7 : to put forward as a candidate for office
8 : to move on or as if on wheels : pass or slide freely
9 : to go back and forth : **PLY**
10 a : to move in large numbers esp. to a spawning ground <shad are running>
 b : to drive (livestock) esp. to a grazing place
11 : **FUNCTION, OPERATE** <left the motor running>
12 : to continue in force <two years to ~> 
13 a : to flow rapidly or under pressure : **MELT**
 b : **DISCHARGE** 7 <my nose is running>
14 : to tend to produce or to recur <family ~s to blonds>
15 : to take a certain direction
16 : to be worded or written
17 : to be current <rumors running wild>
18 : to cause to produce a flow
19 : **TRACE** << down a rumor>
20 : to perform or bring about by running
21 : to cause to pass << a wire from the antenna>
22 : to cause to collide
23 : **SMUGGLE**
24 : to direct the business or activities of : **MANAGE** << a business>
25 : **INCUR** << a risk>
26 : to permit to accumulate before settling << up a bill>
27 : **PRINT, PUBLISH**
28 : to exist or occur in a continuous range of variation

**Synonyms**
- [1] dash, gallop, jog, scamper, sprint, trip; also bound, canter, leap, lope, skip, spring; foot (it), hoof (it), hotfoot (it), leg (it); nip, race, scuttle, step (along)
- [2] bolt, break, flee, fly, retreat, run away, run off; also abscond, clear out, decamp, elope, escape, light out, retreat, scam, skip (out)
- [13a] flow, liquefy, melt, pour, roll, stream, thaw—more at **FLOW**
run noun
1: an act or the action of running
2: a migration of fish; also: the migrating fish
3: a score in baseball
4: BROOK, CREEK
5: a continuous series esp. of similar things: a period of existence <the play had an extended ~> 
6: persistent heavy demands from depositors, creditors, or customers
7: the quantity of work turned out in a continuous operation; also: a period of operation (as of a machine or plant)
8: the usual or normal kind <the ordinary ~ of students>
9: the distance covered in continuous travel or sailing
10: a regular course or trip
11: freedom of movement in a place or area <has the ~ of the house>
12: an enclosure for animals
13: an inclined course (as for skiing)
14: a lengthwise ravel (as in a stocking)
15: general tendency or direction
— run-less adjective
Synonyms
[5] date, duration, life, lifetime, standing, time—more at DURATION
[11] authorization, freedom, latitude, license—more at FREEDOM

run-about /rə_nə_ˈbaʊt/ noun
: a light wagon, automobile, or motorboat

run-a·gate /rə_nə_ˈɡat/ noun
1: VAGABOND
2: FUGITIVE

run-around /rə_nə_ˈraʊnd/ noun
: evasive or delaying action esp. in response to a request

1runaway /rə_nə_ˈwā/ noun
1: one that runs away: FUGITIVE
2: the act of running away out of control; also: something (as a horse) that is running out of control

2runaway adjective
1: FUGITIVE
2: won by a long lead; also: extremely successful
3: subject to uncontrolled changes <~ inflation>
4: operating out of control <a ~ locomotive>

run away verb
: to leave quickly in order to avoid or escape something
Synonyms
abscond, clear out, escape, flee, fly, get out, lam, run off—more at ESCAPE

run-down /rə_ˈdaʊn/ noun
: an item-by-item report or review: SUMMARY

run-down /rə_ˈdaʊn/ adjective
1: EXHAUSTED, WORN-OUT <that ~ feeling>
2: being in poor repair <a ~ farm>
run down verb
1: to collide with and knock down
2: to chase until exhausted or captured
3 ▶: to find by search
4: DISPARAGE
5: to cease to operate for lack of motive power
6: to decline in physical condition
   Synonyms
   ▶ ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, locate, scout, track—more at FIND
   rune /rûn/ noun
1: any of the characters of any of several alphabets formerly used by the Germanic peoples
2: MYSTERY, MAGIC
3: a poem esp. in Finnish or Old Norse
   — ru·nic /rû̅̄nik/ adjective
1 rung past participle of RING
2 rung /rûn/ noun
1: a rounded crosspiece between the legs of a chair
2: one of the crosspieces of a ladder
run-in /rûn·în/ noun
1 ▶: a noisy heated angry dispute
2: something run in
   Synonyms
   ▶ brush, encounter, hassle, scrape, skirmish—more at ENCOUNTER
run in verb
1: to insert as additional matter
2: to arrest esp. for a minor offense
3: to pay a casual visit
run·nel /rûn·əl/ noun
: BROOK, STREAMLET
run·ner /rûn·ər/ noun
1: one that runs
2: BASE RUNNER
3: BALLCARRIER
4: a thin piece or part on which something (as a sled or an ice skate) slides
5: the support of a drawer or a sliding door
6: a horizontal branch from the base of a plant that produces new plants
7: a plant producing runners
8: a long narrow carpet
9: a narrow decorative cloth cover for a table or dresser top
10 ▶: one who bears a message or does an errand
   Synonyms
   ▶ courier, go-between, messenger, page—more at MESSENGER
run·ner–up /rûn·ər–əp/ noun, plural runners–up also runner–ups
: the competitor in a contest who finishes second
running adjective
1: FLOWING
2: FLUID, RUNNY
3: CONTINUOUS, INCESSANT
4: measured in a straight line <cost per ~ foot>
5: of or relating to an act of running
6: made or trained for running << horse >> << shoes >>
7: carrying on a function or being in action
   Synonyms
   active, alive, functional, living, on, operational, operative, working—more at ACTIVE
2 running adverb
   : in succession
   running light noun
   : any of the lights carried by a vehicle (as a ship) at night
run-ny /ra.nē/ adjective
   : having a tendency to run << dough >> << nose >>
   Synonyms
   fluent, fluid, liquid—more at FLUID
run-off /ra.n.ōf/ noun
   : a final contest (as an election) to decide a previous indecisive contest
run off verb
1: to drive off (as trespassers)
2: to run away
   Synonyms
   [1] banish, boot, bounce, cast, chase, dismiss, drum, eject, expel, oust, rout, throw out—more at EJECT
   [2] bolt, break, flee, fly, retreat, run, run away—more at RUN
run-of-the-mill adjective
   : not outstanding
   Synonyms
   average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, standard, unexceptional,
   unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at ORDINARY
run on verb
1: to talk at length
2: to continue (matter in type) without a break or a new paragraph
3: to place or add (as an entry in a dictionary) at the end of a paragraphed item
4: to keep going
   — run-on /ra.n.ōn, ...än/ noun
   Synonyms
   [1] maunder, ramble, rattle—more at RAMBLE
   [4] abide, continue, endure, hold, keep up, last, persist—more at CONTINUE
run out verb
   : to use up or exhaust a supply << ran out of gas >>
run /ra.n/ noun
   — runty adjective
   Synonyms
   dwarf, midget, mite, peewee, pygmy, scrub, shrimp—more at DWARF
run through verb
   : to spend or consume wastefully
   Synonyms
   blow, dissipate, fritter, lavish, misspend, spend, squander, throw away, waste—more at WASTE
run-way /ra.n.wā/ noun
1: a beaten path made by animals; also: a passage for animals
2: a paved strip of ground for the landing and takeoff of aircraft
3: a narrow platform from a stage into an auditorium
4: a support (as a track) on which something runs
ru·pee /ruˈpē/ noun
: the basic monetary unit of several countries on the Indian subcontinent (as India and Pakistan)

1rupture /ˈraptər/ noun
: a breaking or tearing apart; also: HERNIA

2rupture verb rup·tured; rup·tur·ing
: to cause or undergo rupture

ru·ral /ˈrʊrəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the country, country people, or agriculture

Synonyms
bucolic, country, pastoral, rustic; also countrified, provincial; agrarian, agricultural

Antonyms
urban

ruse /rūs, rūz/ noun
: a wily subterfuge: TRICK, ARTIFICE

1rush /rash/ noun
: any of various often tufted and hollow-stemmed grasslike marsh plants
— rusty adjective

2rush verb
[origin: ME russen, fr. AF reuser, ruser, russher to drive back, repulse, fr. L recusare to oppose]
1 : to move forward or act with too great haste or eagerness or without preparation
2 : to perform in a short time or at high speed
3 : to run toward or against in attack: CHARGE
4 : to urge to an unnatural or extreme speed
— rush·er noun

Synonyms
[1] dash, fly, hasten, hurry, pelt, race, rip, rocket, run, shoot, speed, whirl, whisk, zip, zoom—more at HURRY
[3] assail, assault, attack, beset, charge, descend, jump, pounce, raid, storm, strike—more at ATTACK
[4] accelerate, hasten, hurry, quicken, speed, step up, whisk—more at HURRY

3rush noun
1 : a violent forward motion
2 : unusual demand or activity
3 : a crowding of people to one place
4 : a running play in football
5 : a sudden feeling of pleasure
6 : a burst of activity, productivity, or speed

Synonyms
[1] aggression, assault, attack, charge, descent, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, strike—more at ATTACK
[6] haste, hurry, hustle, precipitation—more at HURRY

4rush adjective
: requiring or marked by special speed or urgency <~ orders>

rush hour noun
: a time when the amount of traffic or business is at a peak

rusk /ˈrask/ noun
: a sweet or plain bread baked, sliced, and baked again until dry and crisp

rus·set /ˈraˌsit/ noun
1 : a coarse reddish brown cloth
2 : a reddish brown
3 : a baking potato
— russet adjective
**Russian** /ˈrʊʃən/ **noun**
1: a native or inhabitant of Russia  
2: a Slavic language of the Russian people
   — Russian adjective

**rust** /rʌst/ **noun**
1: a reddish coating formed on iron when it is exposed to esp. moist air  
2: any of numerous plant diseases characterized by usu. reddish spots; also: a fungus causing rust  
3: a strong reddish brown
   — rust verb  
   — rusty adjective

'rustic' /ˈrʌstɪk/ **adjective**
›: of, relating to, or suitable for the country or country people
   — rustic·ly /ˈrʌstɪskli/ **adverb**  
   — rustic·i·ty /ˈrʌstɪkəti/ **noun**
   Synonyms
   † bucolic, country, pastoral, rural—more at RURAL

**rustic** noun
1: a rustic person
   Synonyms
   † bumpkin, clodhopper, hick, hillbilly, provincial, yokel—more at HICK

**rusticate** /ˈrʌstɪkeit/ **verb** -cate·ed; -cate·ing
: to go into or reside in the country
   — rustica·tion /ˈrʌstɪkeɪʃən/ **noun**

**rustle** /rʌstəl/ **verb** rust·led; rust·ling
1: to make or cause a rustle  
2: to cause to rustle  <~ a newspaper>  
3 a: to act or move with energy or speed  
b: to procure in this way  
4: to forage food  
5: to steal cattle from the range

**rustle** noun
1: a quick series of small sounds  <~ of leaves>

**rustler** noun
: one that rustles: as
a: an alert energetic driving person  
b: a cattle thief

1**rut** /rʌt/ **noun**
: state or period of sexual excitement esp. in male deer
   — rut verb

2**rut** noun
1: a track worn by wheels or by habitual passage of something
2 ➤: a usual or fixed routine
   Synonyms
   † groove, pattern, rote, routine, treadmill—more at ROUTINE

**ru·ta·ba·ga** /rʊˈta.bə.ɡə/ **noun**
: a turnip with a large yellowish root

**Ruth** /rʊθ/ **noun**
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

**ru·the·ni·um** /rʊθˈnɛ.əm/ **noun**
ruth·er·ford·ium /ˌruth.ər.ˈfȯrd.i.əm/ noun
: an artificially produced radioactive chemical element

ruth·less /rūth.les/ adjective

: having no pity: MERCILESS
— ruth·less·ly adverb
— ruth·less·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ❖ callous, cold-blooded, hard, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, soulless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD

1 RV /ˌrē.ˈvā/ noun
: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

2 RV abbreviation
Revised Version

R–value /ˈrē.ˌval.yō/ noun
: a measure of resistance to the flow of heat through a substance (as insulation)

RW abbreviation
1 right worshipful
2 right worthy

rwy or ry abbreviation
railway

-ry /ˈrē/ noun suffix
: -ERY <bigotry>

rye /rē/ noun
1: a hardy annual grass grown for grain or as a cover crop; also: its seed
2: a whiskey distilled from a rye mash
S

1's /'es/ noun, plural s's or ss /'es/ often cap
: the 19th letter of the English alphabet

2's abbreviation, often cap
1 saint
2 second
3 senate
4 series
5 shilling
6 singular
7 small
8 son
9 south; southern

1. -s /s at. ter sounds 1, k, k, p, t, th: az at. ter sounds ch, j, s, sh, z, zh; z at. ter other sounds/ noun plural suffix
— used to form the plural of most nouns that do not end in s, z, sh, or ch or in y following a consonant <heads> <books> <boys> <beliefs>, to form the plural of proper nouns that end in y following a consonant <Marys>, and with or without a preceding apostrophe to form the plural of abbreviations, numbers, letters, and symbols used as nouns <MCs> <4s> <$s> <B's>

2. -s adverb suffix
— used to form adverbs denoting usual or repeated action or state <works nights>

3. -s verb suffix
— used to form the third person singular present of most verbs that do not end in s, z, sh, or ch or in y following a consonant <falls> <takes> <plays>

S symbol
sulfur
SA abbreviation
1 Salvation Army
2 seaman apprentice
3 sex appeal
4 [ORIGIN L sine anno without year] without date
5 South Africa
6 South America
7 subject to approval

Sab·bath /'sa bæθ/ noun
1 : the 7th day of the week observed as a day of worship by Jews and some Christians
2 : Sunday observed among Christians as a day of worship

Sab·bat·i·cal /sa ba ti kal/ noun
: a leave often with pay granted (as to a college professor) usu. every 7th year for rest, travel, or research

Sa·ber or Sa·bre /sə ba or / noun
[ORIGIN: F sabre]
: a cavalry sword with a curved blade and thick back

Saber saw noun
: a portable electric saw with a pointed reciprocating blade; especially: JIGSAW

Sa·ble /'sa bəl/ noun, plural sables
1 : the color black
2 plural : mourning garments
3 : a dark brown mammal chiefly of northern Asia related to the weasels; also : its fur or pelt
sabotage /sa_ba.tAz/ noun  [origin: F]
1: deliberate destruction of an employer's property or hindering of production by workers
2: destructive or hampering action by enemy agents or sympathizers in time of war

sabotage verb -tagged; -tag·ing
: to practice sabotage on : WRECK

sab·o·teur /sa_be.tar/ noun
: a person who practices sabotage

sac /sa_k/ noun
: a pouch in an animal or plant often containing a fluid

SAC abbreviation
Strategic Air Command

sac·cha·rin /sa_kar_en/ noun
: a white crystalline compound used as an artificial calorie-free sweetener

sac·cha·rine /sa_kar_en/ adjective
: nauseatingly sweet (~ poetry)

Synonyms
corny, maudlin, mawkish, mushy, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY

sac·er·do·tal /sa.sear.dot_En/ adjective
: of or relating to priests or a priesthood : PRIESTLY

Synonyms
clerical, ministerial, pastoral, priestly—more at CLERICAL

sac·er·do·tal·ism /sa_sear.dot_liz_em/ noun
: a religious belief emphasizing the powers of priests as essential mediators between God and man

sa·chem /sa.chem/ noun
[origin: Narragansett sâchim]
: a No. American Indian chief

sa·chet /sa.shet/ noun
[origin: MF, fr. OF, dim. of sac bag]
: a small bag filled with perfumed powder for scenting clothes

sack /sak/ noun
1: a usu. rectangular-shaped bag (as of paper or burlap)
2: a loose jacket or short coat

sack verb
: to dismiss esp. summarily : FIRE

Synonyms
cashier, dismiss, fire, remove, retire—more at DISMISS

sack noun
[origin: modif. of MF sec dry, fr. L siccus]
: a white wine popular in England in the 16th and 17th centuries

sack verb
: to plunder a captured town

Synonyms
despoil, loot, maraud, pillage, plunder, ransack, strip—more at RANSACK

sack-cloth /sa_kloth/ noun
: a rough garment worn as a sign of penitence

sac·ra·ment /sa_kra.man_t/ noun
1: a formal religious act or rite; especially: one (as baptism or the Eucharist) held to have been instituted by Christ
2 : the elements of the Eucharist

— sac·ra·men·tal /sa.kra.men.təl/ adjective

sa·cred /sə.kred/ adjective
1 ▪ : set apart for the service or worship of deity
2 ▪ : devoted exclusively to one service or use
3 ▪ : worthy of veneration or reverence
4 ▪ : of or relating to religion : RELIGIOUS
— sa·cred·ly adverb
— sa·cred·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] blessed, hallowed, holy, sacrosanct, sanctified—more at HOLY
▷ [3] holy, inviolable, sacrosanct, untouchable; also inviolate, pure; privileged, protected, shielded; exempt, immune
▷ [4] devotional, religious, spiritual—more at RELIGIOUS

sacred noun
: one that is often unreasonably immune from criticism

1'sacrifice /sa.kra.fis/ noun
1 : the offering of something precious to deity
2 ▪ : something offered in sacrifice
3 : LOSS, DEPRIVATION
4 : a bunt allowing a base runner to advance while the batter is put out; also : a fly ball allowing a runner to score after the catch
— sac·ri·fic·ial /sa.kra.fi.shəl/ adjective
— sac·ri·fic·ial·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ victim; also holocaust; contribution, donation

2'sacrifice verb -ficed; -fic·ing
1 ▪ : to offer up or kill as a sacrifice
2 ▪ : to accept the loss or destruction of for an end, cause, or ideal
3 ▪ to make a sacrifice in baseball

Synonyms
▷ offer; also consecrate, dedicate, devote; give, surrender, yield

sac·ri·le·ge /sa.kra.lēg/ noun
1 ▪ : violation of something consecrated to God
2 ▪ : gross irreverence toward a hallowed person, place, or thing

Synonyms
▷ [1, 2] blasphemy, defilement, desecration, impiety, irreverence—more at BLASPHEMY

sac·ri·le·gious /sa.kra.lijəs/-ē / adjective
▷ : committing sacrilege : characterized by or involving sacrilege
— sac·ri·le·gious·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ blasphemous, profane

sac·ris·tan /sa.kra.stən/ noun
1 : a church officer in charge of the sacristy
2 : Sexton

sac·ris·ty /sa.kri.tə/ noun, plural -ties
: vestry

sac·ro·il·i·ac /sa.krō.ˈlē.ak/ noun
: the joint between the upper part of the hipbone and the sacrum
sacro-sanct /saˈkrəˌsankt/ adjective
1 • : most sacred or holy
2 • : treated as if holy : immune from criticism
  Synonyms
     • [1] blessed, hallowed, holy, sacred, sanctified—more at HOLY
     • [2] holy, inviolable, sacred, untouchable—more at SACRED

sacrum /ˈsakrəm, ˈsækəm/ noun, plural sacra /ˈsakərə, ˈsækərə/
: the part of the vertebral column that is directly connected with or forms a part of the pelvis and in humans consists of five fused vertebrae

sad /ˈsæd/ adjective sad-der; sad-dest
1 • : affected with or expressive of grief or unhappiness : DOWNCAST
2 • : causing sorrow
3 • : DULL, SOMBER
  Synonyms
     • [1] bad, blue, dejected, depressed, disconsolate, down, downcast, droopy, forlorn, gloomy, glum, low, melancholy, miserable, mournful, sorrowful, sorry, unhappy, woeful, wretched; also aggrieved, distressed, troubled; despairing, hopeless; disappointed, discouraged, disheartened, dispirited; suicidal; dolorous, lugubrious, plaintive, tearful; regretful, rueful; grieving, wailing, weeping; black, bleak, cheerless, dark, darkening, depressing, desolate, dismal, drear, dreary, funereal, gray, morbid, morose, murky, saturnine, somber, sullen
     • [2] depressing, dismal, dreary, heartbreaking, melancholy, pathetic, sorry, tearful; also discomposing, disquieting, distressing, perturbing; affecting, moving, poignant, touching; discouraging, disheartening, dispiriting
  Antonyms
     • cheerful, chipper, glad, happy, joyful, joyous, sunny, upbeat

sad·den /ˈsæd·n/ verb
 • to make or become sad
  Synonyms
     • burden, depress, oppress—more at DEPRESS

1 saddle /ˈsædl/ noun
: a usu. padded leather-covered seat (as for a rider on horseback)

2 saddle verb saddled; saddling
1 • : to put a saddle on
2 • : to place a burden or encumbrance upon : BURDEN
  Synonyms
     • burden, encumber, load, lumber, weight—more at LOAD

sad·dle·bow /ˈsædlˌbō/ noun
: the arch in the front of a saddle

saddle horse noun
: a horse suited for or trained for riding

Sad·du·ce·ee /ˈsæd daˌsē, ˈsaˌdeɪə/ noun
: a member of an ancient Jewish sect consisting of a ruling class of priests and rejecting certain doctrines
  — Sad·du·ce·an /ˈsæd daˌsēən, ˈsaˌdeɪən/ adjective

sad·iron /ˈsædˌərn/ noun
: a flatiron with a removable handle

sa·dism /ˈsædˌɪzəm, ˈsa/ noun
1 • : a sexual perversion in which gratification is obtained by inflicting physical or mental pain on others
2 • : delight in physical or mental cruelty; also : excessive cruelty
to provide a safeguard for: **Protect**

**Synonyms**
- cover, defend, guard, protect, screen, secure, shield, ward—more at **Defend**

**safe-keep-ing** /ˌsāˈfē.ˌkēp.ɪŋ/ **noun**
- a keeping or being kept in safety

**Synonyms**
- care, custody, guardianship, keeping, trust, ward—more at **Custody**

**safe sex** **noun**
- sexual activity and esp. sexual intercourse in which various measures (as the use of latex condoms) are taken to avoid disease (as AIDS) transmitted by sexual contact

**safe-ty** /ˌsāˈti/ **noun, plural safeties**
1: freedom from danger: **Security**
2: a protective device
3: a football play in which the ball is downed by the offensive team behind its own goal line
4: a defensive football back in the deepest position

--- **safety adjective**

**safety glass** **noun**
- shatter-resistant material formed of two sheets of glass with a sheet of clear plastic between them

**safety match** **noun**
- a match that ignites only when struck on a special surface

**saf-flow-er** /ˈsaˌflaʊ.ər/ **noun**
- a widely grown Old World herb related to the daisies that has large orange or red flower heads yielding a dyestuff and seeds rich in edible oil

**saf-fron** /ˈsaf.ən/ **noun**
- a deep orange powder from the flower of a crocus used to color and flavor foods

**sag** /sæg/ **verb sagged; sag-ging**
1: to droop or settle from or as if from pressure
2: to lose firmness or vigor

**Synonyms**
- decay, droop, fail, flag, go, lag, languish, waste, weaken, wilt—more at **Weaken**

**sag noun**
1: a sagging part
2: an instance or amount of sagging

**Synonyms**
- droop, slack, slackness; also laxity, laxness, looseness

**sa·ga** /ˈsä.ɡə/ **noun**

[ORIGIN: ON]
- a narrative of heroic deeds; especially: one recorded in Iceland in the 12th and 13th centuries

**sa·ga·cious** /ˈsä.ɡə.ʃəs/ **adjective**
- of keen mind

**Synonyms**
- discerning, insightful, perceptive, sage, sapient, wise—more at **Wise**

**sa·ga·ci·ty** /ˈsä.ɡəˌsi.ti/ **noun**
- the quality of being sagacious

**Synonyms**
- discernment, insight, perception, sapience, wisdom—more at **Wisdom**

**sag·a·more** /ˈsä.ɡə.ˈmɔr/ **noun**
- a subordinate No. American Indian chief
1 sage /'sæɡ/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF, fr. VL *sapius, fr. L sapere to taste, have good taste, be wise]
▶ : wise through reflection and experience; also : proceeding from or characterized by wisdom, prudence, and good judgment
— sage·ly adverb
Synonyms
▶ discerning, insightful, perceptive, sagacious, sapient, wise—more at wise
2 sage noun
: one who is distinguished for wisdom
3 sage noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF sage, salge, fr. L salvus healthy; fr. its use as a medicinal herb]
1 : a perennial mint with aromatic leaves used in flavoring; also : its leaves
2 : SAGEBRUSH
sage·brush /'sæɡ.bresh/ noun
: any of several low shrubby No. American composite plants; especially : one of the western U.S. with a sagelike odor

Sag·it·tar·i·us /sa.je.tər.əs/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, lit., archer]
1 : a zodiacal constellation between Scorpio and Capricorn usu. pictured as a centaur archer
2 : the 9th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also : one born under this sign
sago /'sæɡ.o/ noun, plural sagos
: a dry granulated starch esp. from the pith of various tropical palms (sago palm)

sa·gu·ro /sa.gwar.ə, ˈswär.ə/ noun, plural -ros
[ORIGIN: MexSp]
: a tall columnar usu. sparsely-branched cactus of dry areas of the southwestern U.S. and Mexico that may attain a height of up to 50 feet (16 meters)
said past and past participle of SAY
1 sail /sāl/ noun
1 : a piece of fabric by means of which the wind is used to propel a ship
2 : a sailing ship
3 : something resembling a sail
4 ▶ : a trip on a sailboat
Synonyms
▶ crossing, cruise, passage, voyage
2 sail verb
1 ▶ : to travel on a sailing ship
2 : to pass over in a ship
3 : to manage or direct the course of a ship
4 ▶ : to move with ease, grace, nonchalance, or without resistance
5 ▶ : to travel on water; also : to move through the air
Synonyms
▶ [1] boat, cruise, navigate, voyage; also yacht; coast; log
▶ [4] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, skim, slide, slip, stream, sweep, whisk—more at FLOW
▶ [5] drift, float, glide, hang, hover, poise, ride, waft—more at FLOAT
sail·board /sālˈbɑrd/ noun
: a modified surfboard having a mast and sailed by a standing person
sail·boat /ˈsālˌboʊt/ noun
▶ : a boat propelled primarily by sail
Synonyms
▶ bark; also brigantine, caravel, catboat, clipper, corvette, cutter, corvette, frigate, galleon, galley, junk, ketch,
outrigger, pinnace, schooner, shallop, ship, sloop, square-rigger, yacht, yawl; bottom, craft, vessel

sailcloth /_ˈklôth/ noun
: a heavy canvas used for sails, tents, or upholstery

sailfish /ˈsālˌfis/ noun
: any of a genus of large marine bony fishes with a large dorsal fin that are related to marlins

sailing noun
: the sport of handling or riding in a sailboat

sailor /ˈsālər/ noun
: one that sails; especially : a member of a ship's crew

Synonyms
- gob, jack, jack-tar, mariner, seaman, swab, tar; also crewman, deckhand

sailplane /ˈsālˌplān/ noun
: a glider designed to rise in an upward air current

Saint /ˌsānt/ noun
1: one officially recognized as preeminent for holiness
2: one of the spirits of the departed in heaven
3: a holy or godly person

Saint Bernard /ˌbarˈnärd/ noun
: any of a Swiss alpine breed of tall powerful working dogs used esp. formerly in aiding lost travelers

Saint-ed /ˌsānt-əd/ adjective
: relating to, resembling, or befitting a saint; especially : marked by or showing reverence for deity and devotion to divine worship

Synonyms
- devout, faithful, godly, holy, pious, religious, saintly—more at HOLY

Saint-hood /ˌhōd/ noun
: the quality or state of being a saint

Synonyms
- blessedness, devoutness, godliness, holiness, piety, sanctity—more at HOLINESS

Saint-li-ness /ˌliˈnəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being saintly

Saint-ly /ˌsāntˈleɪ/ adjective
: relating to, resembling, or befitting a saint

Synonyms
- devout, faithful, godly, holy, pious, religious, sainted—more at HOLY

Saint–John's–wort /sāntˈjänzˌwərt/ noun
1: any of a genus of herbs and shrubs with showy yellow flowers
2: the dried aerial parts of a Saint-John's-wort used esp. in herbal remedies

Saint Val-ent-i-ne's Day /ˈvaˌlənˌfint/ noun
: VALENTINE'S DAY

 sake /sāk/ noun
1: END, PURPOSE
2: personal or social welfare, safety, or well-being

sake or sa·ki /sāˈkē/ noun
: a Japanese alcoholic beverage of fermented rice

sa·laam /saˈlām/ noun
[ORIGIN: Ar salām, lit., peace]
1: a salutation or ceremonial greeting in the East
2: an obeisance performed by bowing very low and placing the right palm on the forehead
— salaam verb

**sa·la·cious** /sa'la shas/ adjective
1 : arousing sexual desire or imagination
2 : LUSTFUL
— **sa·la·cious·ly** adverb
— **sa·la·cious·ness** noun

**sal·ad** /sal ed/ noun
: a cold dish (as of lettuce, vegetables, fish, eggs, or fruit) served with dressing

**sal·a·man·der** /sal a man der/ noun
: any of numerous amphibians that look like lizards but have scaleless usu. smooth moist skin

**sa·la·mi** /sa la me/ noun
[origin: It]
: a highly seasoned sausage of pork and beef

**sal·a·ry** /sal a re/ noun, plural -ries
[origin: ME salarie, fr. L salarium pension, salary, fr. neut. of salarius of salt, fr. sal salt]
▶ : payment made at regular intervals for services

**Synonyms**
▶ emolument, hire, pay, payment, stipend, wage—more at WAGE

**sale** /sāl/ noun
1 ▶ : transfer of ownership of property from one person to another in return for money
2 : ready market : DEMAND
3 : AUCTION
4 : a selling of goods at bargain prices
— **sal·able** or sale·able /sā le ba/ adjective

**Synonyms**
▶ deal, trade, transaction; also auction; haggle, negotiation; bargain, buy; purchase; clearance; fair; garage sale, rummage sale, yard sale

**sales·girl** /sälz garl/ noun
: SALESWOMAN

**sales·man** /man/ noun
: a person who sells in a store or to outside customers
— **sales·man·ship** noun

**sales·per·son** /par san/ noun
: a salesman or saleswoman

**sales·wom·an** /wom an/ noun
: a woman who sells merchandise

**sal·i·cyl·ic acid** /sa la si lik/ noun
: a crystalline organic acid used in making aspirin and other medicinal preparations (as skin lotions)

1 **salient** /säl vant/ noun
: jutting forward beyond a line; also : PROMINENT

2 **salient** noun
: a projecting part in a line of defense

1 **saline** /sā lēn, lēn/ adjective
▶ : consisting of or containing salt : SALTY
— **sa·lin·i·ty** /sā lin i te/ noun

**Synonyms**
▶ briny, salty—more at SALTY

2 **saline** noun
1: a metallic salt esp. with a purgative action
2: a saline solution

sa·li·va /saˈliˌva/ noun
   : a liquid secreted into the mouth that helps digestion
   — sal·i·vary /saˌliˈver.i/ adjective
      Synonyms
      ‣ slobber, spit; also foam, froth; expectoration, sputum

sal·i·vate /saˌliˌveɪt/ verb -vat·ed; -vat·ing
   ‣ to produce saliva esp. in excess
   — sal·i·va·tion /saˌliˌvāˈʃen/ noun
      Synonyms
      ‣ dribble, drivel, drool, slaver, slobber—more at DROOL

sal·low /ˈsal.ləʊ/ adjective
   : of a yellowish sickly color <a ~ face>
      Synonyms
      ‣ cadaverous, green, lurid, pale, pasty, peaked, sickly—more at SICKLY

1sally /ˈsaˌleɪ/ noun, plural sallies
1 : a rushing attack on besiegers by troops of a besieged place
2 : a witty remark or retort
3 : a brief excursion
      Synonyms
      ‣ [2] crack, gag, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantry, quip, waggery, wisecrack, witticism—more at JOKE
      ‣ [3] excursion, jaunt, junket, outing—more at EXCURSION

2sally verb sal·lied; sal·li·ing
1 : to leap out or burst forth suddenly
2 : to start out on a course or a journey — often used with forth
      Synonyms
      ‣ usually sally forth clear out, depart, exit, get off, go, move, pull, quit, shove, take off—more at GO

sal·mon /ˈsaˌmən/ noun, plural salmon also salmons
1 : any of several bony fishes with pinkish flesh that are used for food and are related to the trouts
2 : a strong yellowish pink color

sal·mo·nel·la /ˌsal.məˈnɛlə/ noun, plural -nel·lae /ˌɛlə/ or -nellas or -nella
: any of a genus of rod-shaped bacteria that cause various illnesses (as food poisoning)

sa·lon /saˈlɔn,ˌsaˌlɑn,ˌsaˌlō/ noun
[origin: F]
1 : an elegant drawing room
2 : a fashionable shop <beauty ~> 
      Synonyms
      ‣ establishment, place—more at PLACE

sa·loon /saˈlʊn/ noun
1 : a large public cabin on a ship
2 : a place where liquors are sold and drunk : BARROOM
3 British: SEDAN 2
      Synonyms
      ‣ bar, barroom, café, pub, public house, tavern—more at BARROOM

sal·sa /ˈsaˌsælə/ noun
: a spicy sauce of tomatoes, onions, and hot peppers

1salt /sɔlt/ noun
1 : a white crystalline substance that consists of sodium and chlorine and is used in seasoning foods
2 : a saltlike cathartic substance (as Epsom salts)
3 : a compound formed usu. by action of an acid on metal
4 : one that sails : SAILOR
   — salt·i·ness /səltˈiˌnəs/ noun
 2 salt verb
   : to preserve, season, or feed with salt
 3 salt adjective
   : preserved or treated with salt; also : SALTY
SALT abbreviation
Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
salt away verb
   ◂ to lay away safely
   Synonyms
   ◂ cache, hoard, lay away, lay up, put by, stash, stockpile, store—more at HOARD
salt·box /ˈsəltˌbäks/ noun
   : a frame dwelling with two stories in front and one behind and a long sloping roof
salt·cel·lar /ˌsəltˌsələr/ noun
   : a small container for holding salt at the table
sal·tine /ˈsəltən/ noun
   : a thin crisp cracker sprinkled with salt
salt lick noun
   : LICK 5
salt·pe·ter /ˈsəltˌpətər/ noun
[origin: ME salt petre, alter. of salpetre, fr. MF, fr. ML sal petrae, lit., salt of the rock]
 1 : POTASSIUM NITRATE
 2 : SODIUM NITRATE
salt·wa·ter /ˈsəltˌwātər/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or living in salt water
salty /ˈsəltē/ adjective salt·i·er, -i·est
 1 ◂ of, seasoned with, or containing salt
 2 : suggesting the sea or nautical life
 3 ◂ marked by uncultivated vulgarity
   Synonyms
   ◂ [1] briny, saline; also brackish
   ◂ [3] racy, spicy, suggestive
sa·lu·bri·ous /saˈləbriəs/ adjective
   : favorable to health
   Synonyms
   ◂ healthful, healthy, restorative, salutary, wholesome—more at HEALTHFUL
sal·u·tar·y /ˈsaləˌtarē/ adjective
   : health-giving; also : BENEFICIAL
   Synonyms
   ◂ advantageous, beneficial, favorable, helpful, profitable—more at BENEFICIAL
   ◂ healthful, healthy, restorative, salubrious, wholesome—more at HEALTHFUL
sal·u·ta·tion /ˈsaləˌtāshən/ noun
   : an expression of greeting, goodwill, or courtesy usu. by word or gesture; also : a speech of honor or praise
   Synonyms
   ◂ greeting, hello, salute—more at HELLO
   ◂ accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, eulogy, homage, paean, panegyrical, tribute—more at ENCOMIUM
səˌluːtəˈtoʊri·ən /saˌlūtəˈtôrē/ noun
: the student having the 2d highest rank in a graduating class who delivers the salutatory address

səˌluːtəˈtôrē /saˌlūtəˈtôrē/ adjective
: relating to or being the welcoming oration delivered at an academic commencement

1salute /saˈlūt/ verb sal·ut·ed; sal·ut·ing
  1: GREET
  2: to honor by special ceremonies
  3: to show respect to (a superior officer) by a formal position of hand, rifle, or sword
  4 ․ to express commendation of
    Synonyms
      ․ acclaim, applaud, cheer, crack up, hail, laud, praise, tout—more at ACCLAIM

2salute noun
  1: an expression of greeting, goodwill, or courtesy by word, gesture, or ceremony : GREETING
  2: the formal position assumed in saluting a superior

1salvage /ˈsal.vij/ noun
  1: money paid for saving a ship, its cargo, or passengers when the ship is wrecked or in danger
  2: the saving of a ship
  3: the saving of possessions in danger of being lost
  4: things saved from loss or destruction (as by a wreck or fire)

salvage verb sal·vaged; sal·vag·ing
  : to rescue from destruction

sal·va·tion /salˈvāˌshən/ noun
  1: the saving of a person from sin or its consequences esp. in the life after death
  2: the saving from danger, difficulty, or evil
  3: something that saves

1salve /ˈsāv, ˈsāv/ noun
  1: a medicinal substance applied to the skin
  2: a soothing influence

2salve verb salved; salv·ing
  : EASE, SOOTHE

sal·ver /ˈsal.vər/ noun
[origin: F salve, fr. Sp salva sampling of food to detect poison, tray, fr. salvar to save, sample food to detect poison, fr. LL salvare to save, fr. L salvus safe]
: a small serving tray

sal·vo /ˈsal.vō/ noun, plural salvos or salvoes
  ․: a simultaneous discharge of guns; also : something suggestive of a salvo
    Synonyms
      ․ barrage, bombardment, cannonade, fusillade, hail, shower, storm, volley—more at BARRAGE

Sam or Saml abbreviation
Samuel

SAM /ˈsāmˌesˌô,əm/ noun
[origin: surface-to-air missile]
: a guided missile for use against aircraft by ground units

Sa·mar·i·tan /saˈmerˌi·tən/ noun
  1: a native or inhabitant of Samaria
  2: a person who is generous in helping those in distress

sa·mar·i·um /saˈmerˌēəm/ noun
: a silvery-white lustrous rare metallic chemical element
**same /sām/ adjective**

1 ▶ : being the one referred to : not different

2 ▶ : resembling in every relevant respect

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ [1] identical, selfsame, very

   **Antonyms**
   ▶ another, different, other

   ▶ [2] duplicate, equal, even, identical, indistinguishable; also akin, alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, corresponding, equivalent, like, matching, parallel, similar, such, suchlike, tantamount

   **Antonyms**
   ▶ different, dissimilar, distinguishable, other, unalike, unlike

**same pronoun**

: the same one or ones

**same adverb**

: in the same manner

**same-ness noun**

: the quality or state of being the same; also : tedious similarity

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ equality, equivalence, par, parity—more at EQUIVALENCE

**Sa·mi also Saa·mi /sā′mē/ noun, plural Sami or Samis also Saami or Saamis**

: a member of a people of northern Scandinavia, Finland, and the Kola Peninsula of Russia

**Sa·mo-an /sa′mōˌän/ noun**

: a native or inhabitant of Samoa

— Samoan adjective

**sa·mo·sa /sa′mōˌsa/ noun**

: a small triangular pastry filled with spiced meat or vegetables and fried

**sam·o·var /sa′mōˌvār/ noun**

[ORIGIN: Russ, fr. samo- self + varit’ to boil]

: an urn with a spigot at the base used esp. in Russia to boil water for tea

**sam·pan /sam′pan/ noun**

: a flat-bottomed skiff of eastern Asia usu. propelled by two short oars

**sample /sam′ple/ noun**

: a representative piece, item, or set of individuals that shows the quality or nature of the whole from which it was taken: EXAMPLE

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ case, example, exemplar, illustration, instance, representative, specimen—more at EXAMPLE

**sample verb sam·pled; sam·pling**

: to judge the quality of by a sample

**sam·pler /sam′pler/ noun**

: a piece of needlework; especially : one testing skill in embroidering

**Sam·u·el /sam′uəl/ noun**

: either of two books of Jewish and Christian Scripture

**sam·u·rai /sam′uəˌrei, ’sam·uəˌri/ noun, plural samurai**

: a military retainer of a Japanese feudal lord who adhered to strict principles of honor and duty

**san·a·to·ri·um /saˌnaˈtərēəm/ noun, plural -ri·ums or -ria /ˌriə/**

1 : a health resort

2 : an establishment for the care esp. of convalescents or the chronically ill

**sanc·ti·fi·ca·tion /saŋ′ti fəˈkā shən/ noun**
an act of sanctifying; also: the state of being sanctified

**Synonyms**
- blessing, consecration—more at **CONSECRATION**

**sanc·ti·fied** adjective
- made holy: made free of sin; also: set apart to sacred duty or use

**Synonyms**
- blessed, hallowed, holy, sacred, sacrosanct—more at **HOLY**

**sanc·ti·fy** /saŋkˈti.fə/ verb -fied, -fy·ing
1: to make holy: **CONSECRATE**
2: to free from sin

**Synonyms**
- [1] bless, consecrate, hallow—more at **BLESS**
- [2] purify—more at **PURIFY**

**sanc·ti·mo·nious** /saŋˈkta.ˈmən.əs/ adjective
- hypocritically pious

— **sanc·ti·mo·nious·ly** adverb

1 **sanction** /saŋkˈshan/ noun
1: authoritative approval
2: a measure (as a threat or fine) designed to enforce a law or standard <economic ~s>

**Synonyms**
- allowance, authorization, clearance, concurrence, consent, leave, license, permission, sufferance—more at **PERMISSION**

2 **sanction** verb
- to give approval to: **RATIFY**

**Synonyms**
- approve, authorize, clear, OK, ratify, warrant—more at **APPROVE**

**sanc·ti·ty** /saŋˈkta.teɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1: holiness of life and character: **GODLINESS**
2: **SACREDNESS**

**Synonyms**
- blessedness, devoutness, godliness, holiness, piety, sainthood—more at **HOLINESS**

**sanc·tu·ary** /saŋkˈtər.i/ noun, plural -ar·ies
1: a consecrated place (as the part of a church in which the altar is placed)
2: a place of refuge <bird ~>

**Synonyms**
- asylum, harbor, haven, refuge, retreat, shelter

**sanc·tum** /saŋkˈtem/ noun, plural sanctums also sancta /səntə/ a private office or study: **DEN** <an editor's ~>

1 **sand** /sand/ noun
1: loose particles of hard broken rock
2: a yellowish-gray color

2 **sand** verb
1: to cover or fill with sand
2: to scour, smooth, or polish with an abrasive (as sandpaper)

— **sand·er** noun

**Synonyms**
- buff, file, grind, hone, rasp, rub—more at **GRIND**

**sand·al** /sand.əl/ noun
- a shoe consisting of a sole strapped to the foot; also: a low or open slipper or rubber overshoe
sand·al·wood /ˌsandəlˈwud/ noun
: the fragrant yellowish heartwood of a parasitic tree of southern Asia that is much used in ornamental carving and cabinetwork; also : the tree

sand·bag /ˌsandˌbæɡ/ noun
: a bag filled with sand and used in fortifications, as ballast, or as a weapon

sand·bank /ˌbæŋk/ noun
: a deposit of sand (as in a bar or shoal)

sand·bar /ˌbær/ noun
: a ridge of sand formed in water by tides or currents

sand·blast /ˌblas/ verb
: to treat with a stream of sand blown (as for cleaning stone) by compressed air

sand·blaster /ˌblasər/ noun

sand dollar noun
: any of numerous flat circular sea urchins living chiefly on sandy bottoms in shallow water

S & H abbreviation
shipping and handling

sand·hog /ˈsandˌhɑɡ, ˈhɑɡ/ noun
: a laborer who builds underwater tunnels

sand·lot /ˌlɑt/ noun
: a vacant lot esp. when used for the unorganized sports of children

sand·lot·ter /ˌlɑtər/ noun

sand·man /ˌmæn/ noun
: the genie of folklore who makes children sleepy

sand·pa·per /ˌpæˈpeər/ noun
: paper with abrasive (as sand) glued on one side used in smoothing and polishing surfaces

sandpaper /ˈpæpər/ noun

sand·pip·er /ˌpɪˈpɪər/ noun
: any of various shorebirds with a soft-tipped bill longer than that of the related plovers

sand·stone /ˌstɑn/ noun
: rock made of sand united by a natural cement

sand·storm /ˌstoːm/ noun
: a windstorm that drives clouds of sand

sand trap noun
: a hazard on a golf course consisting of a hollow containing sand

sandwich /ˈsandwɪtʃ/ noun
[origin: after John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich †1792 Eng. diplomat]
1 : two or more slices of bread with a layer (as of meat or cheese) spread between them
2 : something resembling a sandwich

sandwich verb
to squeeze or crowd in
Synonyms
: cram, crowd, jam, ram, squeeze, stuff, wedge—more at crowd

sandy adjective sand·i·er; -est
1 : consisting of or containing sand
2 : of the color sand
Synonyms
- blond, fair, flaxen, golden, straw—more at BLOND

sane /ˈsān/ adjective san·er; san·est
1 ▲: mentally sound and healthy
2: proceeding from a sound mind: SENSIBLE, RATIONAL
— sane·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▲ balanced, clearheaded, lucid, normal, right, stable; also clear, logical, rational, reasonable; judicious, levelheaded, sensible, wise; healthy, sound
   Antonyms
crazed, crazy, demented, deranged, insane, lunatic, mad, maniacal, mental, unbalanced, unsound

sang past of SING

sang·froid /ˈsæŋˌfrɔːd/ noun
[origin: F sang-froid, lit., cold blood]
: self-possession or an imperturbable state esp. under strain

san·gui·nary /ˈsæŋɡwəˈner.i/ adjective
▲: willing or anxious to shed blood; also: marked by bloodshed (< battle>
   Synonyms
   ▲ bloodthirsty, bloody, homicidal, murderous, sanguine—more at BLOODTHIRSTY

san·guine /ˈsæŋɡwən/ adjective
1 ▲: having a healthy reddish color: RUDDY
2 ▲: anticipating the best
3 ▲: willing or anxious to shed blood
   Synonyms
   [1] florid, flush, glowing, rosy, ruddy—more at RUDDY
   [2] assured, certain, clear, cocksure, confident, doubtless, positive, sure—more at CERTAIN

sanit abbreviation
sanitary; sanitation

san·i·tar·i·an /ˌsən.əˈtər.i.ən/ noun
: a specialist in sanitation and public health

san·i·tar·i·um /ˌsən.əˈtər.i.əm/ noun, plural -i·ums or -ia /ˈi.ə/
: SANATORIUM

san·i·tary /ˌsən.əˈtər.i.ə/ adjective
1 ▲: of or relating to health: HYGIENIC
2 ▲: free from filth or infective matter
   Synonyms
   ▲ aseptic, hygienic, sterile; also antibacterial, antibiotic, antiseptic, germicidal; clean, immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless, stainless, unsoiled, unsullied; beneficial, healthful, healthy, restorative, salubrious, salutary, wholesome
   Antonyms
   unhygienic, unsanitary

sanitary napkin noun
: a disposable absorbent pad used to absorb uterine flow (as during menstruation)

san·i·ta·tion /ˌsən.əˈtər.ən/ noun
: the act or process of making sanitary; also: protection of health by maintenance of sanitary conditions

san·i·tize /ˌsən.ə.ˈtīz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
1 ▲: to make sanitary
2 ▲: to make more acceptable by removing unpleasant features

san·i·ty /ˌsən.ə.tē/ noun
soundness of mind

Synonyms
- head, mind, reason, wit—more at MIND

sank /sink/ past of sink

sans /sanz/ preposition
- deprived or destitute of: WITHOUT

Synonyms
- minus, wanting, without—more at WITHOUT

San·skrit /sanˌskrɪt/ noun
- an ancient language that is the classical language of India and of Hinduism

Sanskrit adjective

San·ta Ana /sænˈte.ə.nə/ noun
[origin: Santa Ana Mountains in southern Calif.]
- a hot dry wind from the north, northeast, or east in southern California

1 sap /sap/ noun
- a vital fluid; especially: a watery fluid that circulates through a vascular plant
- bodily health and vigor

2 sap·less

sap·id /ˈsæpɪd/ adjective
- FLAVORFUL

sa·pi·ence /səˈpiːəns/ noun
- keen and farsighted judgment: profound knowledge

Synonyms
- discernment, insight, perception, sagacity, wisdom—more at WISDOM

sa·pi·ent /səˈpiːənt/ adjective
- possessing or expressing great intelligence: WISE

Synonyms
- discerning, insightful, perceptive, sagacious, sage, wise—more at WISE

sap·ling /ˈsæplɪŋ/ noun
- a young tree

sap·phire /ˈsæfər/ noun
- a hard transparent usu. rich blue gem

sap·py /ˈsæpə/ adjective sap·pi·er; -est
- full of sap
- overly sentimental
- lacking in good sense: SILLY, FOOLISH

Synonyms
- corny, maudlin, mawkish, mushy, saccharine, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY

sap·ro·phyte /ˈsæpˌroʊfɪt/ noun
a living thing and esp. a plant living on dead or decaying organic matter
— sap·ro·phyt·ic /saˈpraˌfɪtɪk/ adjective

sap·suck·er /sapˈsʌkər/ noun
: any of a genus of N. American woodpeckers

sap·wood /ˌsəpˌwʊd/ noun
: the younger active and usu. lighter and softer outer layer of wood (as of a tree trunk)

sar·casm /ˈsɑr.kəzəm/ noun
1 : a cutting or contemptuous remark
2 : ironic criticism or reproach

Synonyms
▷ affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, outrage, put-down, slight, slur, wound—more at INSULT

sar·cas·tic /ˈsɑr.kəs.tɪk/ adjective
▷ : having the character of sarcasm; also : given to the use of sarcasm

— sar·cas·ti·cal·ly /ˌsɑrkəstɪˈkəlɪ/ adverb

Synonyms
▷ acrid, biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, pungent, satiric, scathing, sharp, tart; also acid, acidic, cross, sour; incisive, trenchant; cynical, dry, ironic, wry; facetious, flippant, tongue-in-cheek; acrimonious, bitter, resentful; harsh, rough, severe, stringent; concise, crisp, curt, pithy, succinct, terse; backhanded, insincere

sar·coma /ˈsɑr.kəmə/ noun, plural -mas also -ma·ta /ˌmaˈtə/ : a malignant tumor esp. of connective tissue, bone, cartilage, or striated muscle

sar·coph·a·gus /sɑrˈkəfəˌɡəs/ noun, plural -gi /ˈɡəɡi/ also -gus·es [ORIGIN: L sarcophagus (lapis) limestone used for coffins, fr. Gk (lithos) sarkophagos, lit., flesh-eating stone, fr. sark--, sarx flesh + phagein to eat]
: a large stone coffin

sar·dine /ˈsɑrdən/ noun, plural sardines also sardine
: a young or small fish preserved for use as food

sar·don·ic /ˈsɑrdənɪk/ adjective
: disdainfully or skeptically humorous : derisively mocking : SARCASTIC

— sar·don·i·cal·ly /ˌsɑrdənɪˈkəlɪ/ adverb

sa·ri also sa·ree /ˈsɑr.i/ noun [ORIGIN: Hindi sāṛī] : a garment worn by women in southern Asia that consists of a long cloth draped around the body and head or shoulder

sa·rin /ˈsɑr.ən. zə.ˈrɛn/ noun
: an extremely toxic chemical weapon used as a lethal nerve gas

sa·rong /ˈsɑr.əŋ. ˈrɛn/ noun
: a loose garment wrapped around the body and worn by men and women of the Malay Archipelago and the Pacific islands

sar·sa·pa·ril·la /ˌsɑrˌsæprəˈrɪlə, sârˈsærə/ noun
1 : the dried roots of a tropical American smilax used esp. for flavoring; also : the plant
2 : a sweetened carbonated beverage flavored with sassafras and an oil from a birch

sar·to·ri·al /ˈsɑr.təˌri əl/ adjective
: of or relating to a tailor or tailored clothes
— sar·to·ri·al·ly adverb

SASE abbreviation
self-addressed stamped envelope

sash /ˈsæʃ/ noun
- : a broad band worn around the waist or over the shoulder
  
  **Synonyms**
  - belt, cincture, cummerbund, girdle—more at belt

2. **sash** noun, plural **sashes** also **sash·es**
: a frame for panes of glass in a door or window; also : the movable part of a window

**sa·shay** /saˈʃeɪ/ verb
1 : WALK, GLIDE, GO
2 : to strut or move about in an ostentatious manner
3 : to proceed in a diagonal or sideways manner

**Sask** abbreviation
Saskatchewan

**Sas·quatch** /ˈsæskwətʃ/ noun
[origin: Halkomelem (American Indian language of British Columbia) sés ˈqəc]
: a large hairy humanlike creature reported to exist in the northwestern U.S. and western Canada

**sas·sa·fras** /ˈsɑsəfrəs/ noun
[origin: Sp sasafrás]
: an aromatic No. American tree related to the laurel; also : its carcinogenic dried root bark

**sassy** /ˈsæsi/ adjective **sass·i·er; -est**
: marked by contemptuous or cocky boldness or disregard of others : SAUCY
  
  **Synonyms**
  - arch, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, saucy—more at NERVY

1. **sat** past and past participle of SIT
2. **sat** abbreviation
1 satellite
2 saturated

**Sat** abbreviation
Saturday

**Sa·tan** /ˈsætən/ noun
: DEVIL

**sa·tan·ic** /ˈsætənɪk, sɑtənɪk/ adjective
1 : of or characteristic of Satan
2 : extremely malicious or wicked
  
  — **sa·tan·i·cal·ly** /ˌsætəˈnəkəl/ adverb
  
  **Synonyms**
  - [1, 2] demonic, devilish, diabolical, fiendish—more at FIENDISH

**satch·el** /ˈsætʃəl/ noun
: SUITCASE

**sate** /sæt/ verb sat·ed; sat·ing
: to satisfy to the full; also : glut
  
  **Synonyms**
  - assuage, quench, satiate, satisfy
  - glut, gorge, stuff, surfeit—more at GORGE

**sated** adjective
: filled to the point of excess
  
  **Synonyms**
  - full, satiate, satiated—more at FULL

**sa·teen** /ˈsætɛn, saˈtɛn/ noun
: a cotton cloth finished to resemble satin
sat·el·lite /satˈəˌlīt/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF, fr. L satelles attendant]
1 : an obsequious follower of a distinguished person: TOADY
2 : a celestial body that orbits a larger body
3 : a manufactured object that orbits a celestial body

satellite dish noun
a microwave dish for receiving usu. television transmissions from an orbiting satellite

sa·ti·ate /səˈshā.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to satisfy fully or to excess
   Synonyms
   » assuage, quench, sate, satisfy

satiated adjective
1 : filled to satiety
   Synonyms
   » full, sated, satiate—more at FULL

sa·ti·ety /saˌti.ətē/ noun
fullness to the point of excess

sat·in /saˈtın/ noun
1 : a fabric (as of silk) with a glossy surface

sat·iny adjective
1 : having or resembling the soft texture or lustrous smoothness of satin
   Synonyms
   » glossy, lustrous, polished, sleek—more at GLOSSY
   » cottony, downy, silken, soft, velvety—more at SOFT

sat·in·wood /saˈtınˌwōd/ noun
1 : a hard yellowish brown wood of satiny luster; also: a tree yielding this wood

sa·ti·rate /saˈtərət/ verb
1 : biting wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose vice or folly; also: a literary work having these qualities

sa·tir·ic /saˈtərɪk/ or sa·tir·i·cal /saˌtərɪˈkəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or constituting satire; also: manifesting or given to satire

sa·tir·i·cal·ly /saˌtərɪˈkəl.i/ adverb
1 : acrid, biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, pungent, sarcastic, scathing, sharp, tart—more at SARCASTIC

sat·is·fac·tion /saˈtas.əkˈʃən/ noun
1 : payment through penance of punishment incurred by sin
2 : the quality or state of being satisfied: GRATIFICATION
3 : reparation for an insult
4 : settlement of a claim
   Synonyms
   » [2] contentment, delection, delight, enjoyment, gladness, gratification, pleasure, relish—more at PLEASURE
   » [4] compensation, damages, indemnity, quittance, recompense, redress, remuneration, reparation, requital, restitution—more at COMPENSATION

sat·is·fac·to·ri·ly /saˌtas.əkˈtərəli/ adverb
: in a satisfactory manner
   Synonyms
   » adequately, all right, fine, good, nicely, OK, passably, so-so, tolerably, well—more at WELL
   » adequately, enough—more at ENOUGH

sat·is·fac·to·ry /saˌtas.əkˈtərē/ adjective
Synonyms for "satisfy" include:
- agreeable, all right, alright, fine, good, OK, palatable;
- delectable, delicious, delightful, dreamy, felicitous, gratifying, nice, pleasant, pleasing, scrumptious, welcome;
- acceptable, adequate, decent, passable, tolerable

Antonyms for "satisfy" include:
- disagreeable, unsatisfactory

The word "satisfy" can also be used to mean:
1. to answer or discharge (a claim) in full
2. to make happy
3. to pay what is due to
4. to bring (as by argument) to belief, consent, or a course of action
5. to meet the requirements of

For more synonyms and antonyms, please refer to the dictionary entries for "ADEQUATE".

The word "satisfying" means giving satisfaction:

- Synonyms:
  - agreeable, congenial, delectable, delicious, delightful, dreamy, felicitous, good, grateful, gratifying, nice, palatable, pleasant, pleasurable
  - cogent, compelling, conclusive, convincing, decisive, effective, forceful, persuasive, strong, telling

- Antonyms:
  - disagreeable, unsatisfactory

The word "satisfyingly" can be used as:

- in a pleasant way

The word "saturated" means:

- full of moisture: made thoroughly wet
- being a solution that is unable to absorb or dissolve any more of a solute at a given temperature and pressure
- having high saturation
- having no double or triple bonds between carbon atoms (~ fats)

The word "saturate" can be used as:

- to soak thoroughly
- to treat or charge with something to the point where no more can be absorbed, dissolved, or retained
- drench, drown, impregnate, soak, sop, souse, steep

The word "saturate" can also be used as:

- adj.
- n.
the planet 6th in order from the sun

sat·ur·nine /'sa.tur.nihn/ adjective
: cold and steady in mood; also : of a gloomy or surly disposition : SULLEN

sa·tyr /'sā.tər/ noun
1 often cap : a woodland deity in Greek mythology having certain characteristics of a horse or goat
2 : a lecherous man

1sauce /sōs, 3 usu' sas/ noun
1 : a fluid dressing or topping for food
2 : stewed fruit
3 ▶ : pert or impudent language or actions

Synonyms
▶ back talk, cheek, impertinence, impudence, insolence—more at BACK TALK

2sauce /sōs, 2 usu'sas/ verb sauced; sauc·ing
1 : to put sauce on; also : to add zest to
2 : to be impudent to

sauce·pan /sōs'pan/ noun
: a small deep cooking pan with a handle

sau·cer /sōsər/ noun
: a rounded shallow dish for use under a cup

sauc·i·ness /sōsə nəs/ noun
▶ the quality or state of being saucy

Synonyms
▶ audacity, brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve, presumption, sauce, temerity—more at EFFRONTERY

saucy /'sa.sē, 'sō/ adjective sauc·i·er; -est
▶ : impertinently bold and impudent
— sauc·i·ly /sōsə lē/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ arch, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky, cocky, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, sassy—more at NERVOUS

Sau·di /sōdē, sā, sā́, sā́dē/ noun
: SAUDI ARABIAN
— Saudi adjective

Saudi Arabian noun
: a native or inhabitant of Saudi Arabia
— Saudi Arabian adjective

sau·er·kraut /sō.ar krōt/ noun
[origin: G, fr. sauer sour + Kraut greens]
: finely cut cabbage fermented in brine

Sauk /sōk/ or Sac /saks, 'sok/ noun, plural Sauk or Sauks or Sac or Sacs
: a member of an American Indian people formerly living in what is now Wisconsin

sau·na /sō.nə, 'sau nə/ noun
1 : a Finnish steam bath in which the steam is provided by water thrown on hot stones
2 : a dry heat bath; also : a room or cabinet used for such a bath

saun·ter /sōn'tər, 'sän/ verb
: STROLL

sau·ro·pod /sōrəpəd/ noun
: any of a suborder of plant-eating dinosaurs (as a brontosaurus) with a long neck and tail and a small head
— sauropod adjective
sau·sage /ˈsō.ˌsāj/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME sausige, fr. AF sauseche, fr. LL salsicia, fr. L salsus salted]
: minced and highly seasoned meat (as pork) usu. enclosed in a tubular casing

S Aust abbreviation
South Australia

sau·té /ˈso.ˌtā̇, sō̅.ˌtā̇/ verb sau·téed or sau·téd; sau·téd·ing
[ORIGIN: F]
: to fry lightly in a little fat
—— sau·té noun

sau·tèr·ne /sō̅.tā̇rˌnē, sō̅.tērˌnē/ noun, often cap
: a usu. semisweet American white wine

1 savage /ˈsa.vāj/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF salavage, savage, LL salvaticus, alter. of L silvaticus of the woods, wild, fr. silva forest]
1 ▶: not domesticated or under human control : WILD, UNTAMED
2 ▶: lacking complex or advanced culture : UNCIVILIZED
3 ▶: lacking the restraints normal to civilized human beings : FIERCE
—— sav·age·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] feral, unbroken, undomesticated, untamed, wild—more at WILD
▶ [2] barbarous, heathen, heathenish, Neanderthal, rude, uncivil, uncivilized, uncultivated, wild; also coarse, crude, primitive, rough; uncouth, uncultured

Antonyms
civilized
▶ [3] barbarous, brutal, cruel, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, vicious, wanton—more at CRUEL
▶ [3] fell, ferocious, fierce, grim, vicious—more at FIERCE

2 savage noun
1 : a member of a primitive human society
2 ▶ : a rude, unmannersly, or brutal person

Synonyms

savage·ness noun
: the quality or state of being savage

savage·ry /ˈtājərē/ noun
1 a : the quality of being savage
b ▶ : an act of cruelty or violence
2 : an uncivilized state

Synonyms
▶ barbarity, brutality, cruelty, inhumanity, sadism, viciousness, wantonness—more at CRUELTY

sa·van·na also sa·van·nah /ˈsa.ˌvanə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp zavana]
▶ : grassland containing scattered trees

Synonyms
▶ down, grassland, plain, prairie, steppe, veld—more at PLAIN

sa·vant /ˈsā.vant, sə.ˌsā vant/ noun
: a learned person : SCHOLAR

1 save /ˈsāv/ verb saved; sav·ing
1 : to redeem from sin
2 ▶: to rescue from danger
3 ▶: to preserve or guard from destruction or loss; also : to store (data) in a computer or on a storage device
4 ▶: to put aside as a store or reserve

Synonyms
deliver, rescue; also salvage; emancipate, free, liberate, manumit, release; disentangle, extricate; recover

Antonyms
compromise, endanger, imperil, jeopardize

[3] economize, scrimp, skimp—more at ECONOMIZE

[3] conserve, keep up, maintain, preserve—more at MAINTAIN

[4] allocate, consecrate, dedicate, devote, earmark, reserve—more at DEVOTE

double plural noun: a play that prevents an opponent from scoring or winning

3 save preposition
: other than : EXCEPT

Synonyms
aside from, bar, barring, besides, but, except, outside—more at EXCEPT

double plural noun: one that saves

savings and loan association noun
: a cooperative association that holds savings of members in the form of dividend-bearing shares and that invests chiefly in mortgage loans

savings bank noun
: a bank that holds funds of individual depositors in interest-bearing accounts and makes long-term investments (as mortgage loans)

savings bond noun
: a registered U.S. bond issued in denominations of $50 to $10,000

savior or saviour noun
1 : one who saves
2 cap : Jesus Christ

Synonyms
deriverer, redeemer, rescuer; also custodian, defender, guard, guardian, keeper, lookout, protector, sentinel, sentry, warden, warden, watch, watchman

savoir faire noun [ORIGIN: F savoir-faire, lit., knowing how to do]
: sureness in social behavior

1 savor also sa-vour noun
1 : the taste and odor of something
2 : a special flavor or quality affecting taste

Synonyms
lusciousness, tastiness—more at DELICIOUSNESS

2 savor also saavour verb
1 : to have a specified taste, smell, or quality
2 : to taste with pleasure
3 : to give flavor to

Synonyms
flavor, season, spice—more at SEASON

3 savory noun [ORIGIN: F savoure, sa-vare, savor, verb]

: having savor: as
a : pleasing to the sense of taste esp. by reason of effective seasoning
b : pungently flavorful without sweetness

Synonyms
ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, scrumptious, tasty, toothsome,
yummy—more at DELICIOUS

2
savory noun, plural -ries
: either of two aromatic mints used in cooking

1
savvy /'sa.vē/ verb saw-ved; sav-vy-ing
: UNDERSTAND, COMPREHEND

2
savvy noun
: practical know-how <political ~>
— savvy adjective

Synonyms
: experience, expertise, know-how, proficiency—more at EXPERIENCE

1
saw past of \:SEE

2
saw /'sō/ noun
: a cutting tool with a blade having a line of teeth along its edge

3
saw verb sawed /'sōd/; sawed or sawn /'sōn/; saw-ing
: to cut or shape with or as if with a saw

4
saw noun
: a common saying : MAXIM

sawdust /sō_.dəst/ noun
: fine particles made by a saw in cutting

sawfly /'sō.fl/ noun
: any of numerous insects belonging to the same order as bees and wasps and including many whose larvae are plant-feeding pests

sawhorse /'hōrs/ noun
: a rack on which wood is rested while being sawed by hand

sawmill /'māl/ noun
: a mill for sawing logs

saw palmetto noun
: any of several shrubby palms with spiny-toothed petioles

sawyer /'sō.yar/ noun
: a person who saws timber

sax /saks/ noun
: SAXOPHONE

saxifrage /sak.se.fra_.frā/ noun
: any of a genus of plants with showy flowers and usu. with leaves growing in tufts close to the ground

saxophone /sak.se.fān/ noun
: a musical instrument having a conical metal tube with a reed mouthpiece and finger keys

— saxophonist /'sē.nist/ noun

1
say /sā/ verb said /sed/; say-ing; says /sez/
1 : to express in words \: & what you mean>
2 : to state as opinion or belief
3 : PRONOUNCE; also : RECITE, REPEAT \: & your prayers>
4 : INDICATE & the clock &s noon>

Synonyms
: articulate, clothe, couch, express, formulate, phrase, put, state, word—more at PHRASE
: articulate, speak, state, talk, tell, utter, verbalize, vocalize; also air, discuss, express, give, look, sound, state,
vent, ventilate, voice; advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, proclaim, publicize, publish;
affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow; breathe, drawl, gasp, mouth, murmur, shout, splutter, spout, whisper;
couch, formulate, phrase, put, word; comment, remark

say noun, plural says /sæz/
1 : an expression of opinion
2 : power of decision

say-ing noun
› : a commonly repeated statement

Synonyms
› adage, aphorism, byword, epigram, maxim, proverb; also cliche, commonplace, platitude; expression,
felicity; axiom, motto, precept, truism, truth; observation, reflection, remark

say-so /sæ(ˌ)səʊ/ noun
: an esp. authoritative assertion or decision; also : the right to decide

sb abbreviation

substantive

Sb symbol
[ORIGIN: L stibium]
antimony

SB abbreviation
[ORIGIN: NL scientiae baccalaureus]
bachelor of science

SBA abbreviation
Small Business Administration

sc abbreviation
1 scale
2 scene
3 science

Sc symbol
scandium

SC abbreviation
1 South Carolina
2 supreme court

scab /skæb/ noun
1 : scabies of domestic animals
2 : a crust of hardened blood forming over a wound
3 : a worker who replaces a striker or works under conditions not authorized by a union
4 : any of various bacterial or fungus plant diseases marked by crusted spots on stems or leaves

scab verb scabbed; scab·bing
1 : to become covered with a scab
2 : to work as a scab

scab·bard /skæˈbɑrd/ noun
: a sheath for the blade of a weapon (as a sword)

scab·by adjective scab·bi·er; -bi·est
1 : covered with or full of scabs
2 : worthy of contempt

Synonyms
› contemptible, despicable, lousy, nasty, pitiful, scurvy, sorry, wretched—more at CONTTEMPTIBLE

scab·bies /skæˈbɛz/ noun
[ORIGIN: L]
: contagious itch or mange caused by mites living as parasites under the skin

sca·brous /skəˈbrəs/ˈskæ/ adjective
1 : DIFFICULT, KNOTTY
2 : rough to the touch : SCALY, SCURFY <a ~ leaf>
3 : dealing with suggestive, indecent, or scandalous themes; also : SQUALID

cscad /skæd/ noun
° : a large number or quantity — usu. used in pl.

Synonyms
° gobs, heap, loads, lot, much, plenty, quantity

scaf·fold /skəˈfəld/ noun
1 : a raised platform for workers to sit or stand on
2 : a platform on which a criminal is executed (as by hanging)

scaf·fold·ing noun
° : a system of scaffolds; also : materials for scaffolds

scal·a·wag or scal·lywag /skəˈləw/ˈləw/ noun
° : a mean, unprincipled, or dishonest person : RASCAL

Synonyms
° devil, knave, no-good, rapscallion, rascal, rogue, scamp, villain

1 scald /skəld/ verb
1 : to burn with or as if with hot liquid or steam
2 : to heat to just below the boiling point

2 scald noun
° : a burn caused by scalding

1 scale /skæl/ noun
1 : either pan of a balance
2 : BALANCE — usu. used in pl.
3 : a weighing instrument

2 scale verb scaled; scal·ing
° : to weigh in scales

Synonyms
° gauge, measure, span—more at MEASURE

3 scale noun
1 : one of the small thin plates that cover the body esp. of a fish or reptile
2 : a thin plate or flake
3 : a thin coating, layer, or incrustation

4 scale adjective
° : SCALE INSECT
— scaled /skəld/ adjective
— scale·less /skəl·əs/ adjective

5 scale adjective
° : to strip of scales

4 scale noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. LL scala ladder, staircase, fr. L scalae, pl., stairs, rungs, ladder]
1 : something divided into regular spaces as a help in drawing or measuring
2 ° : a graduated series
3 : the size of a sample (as a model) in proportion to the size of the actual thing
4 : a standard of estimation or judgment
5 : a series of musical tones going up or down in pitch according to a specified scheme

6 ° : a distinctive relative size, extent, or degree

Synonyms
[2] graduation, ladder; also arrangement, array, disposal, disposition, distribution, order, sequence, series
[6] gamut, range, spectrum, spread, stretch—more at RANGE

scale verb scaled; scaling
1: to climb by or as if by a ladder
2: to arrange in a graded series

cake insect noun
: any of numerous small insects with wingless scale-covered females that are related to aphids and feed on and are often pests of plants

cake·pan /skālˌpan/ noun
: 1. SCALES 1

cake·lion /skalˌyən/ noun
[origin: ultim. fr. L ascalonia (ceapa) onion of Ascalon (seaport in Palestine)]
: an onion without an enlarged bulb

cake /skālˌap, ˈskā/ noun
1: any of numerous marine bivalve mollusks with radially ridged shells; also: a large edible muscle of this mollusk
2: one of a continuous series of rounded projections forming an edge

cake verb
1: to bake in a casserole <~ed potatoes>
2: to shape, cut, or finish in scallops <~ed edges>

scalp /skalp/ noun
1: the part of the skin and flesh of the head usu. covered with hair
2: scalp verb
1: to remove the scalp from
2: to resell at greatly increased prices <~ tickets>
— scalp·er noun

cake·pel /skalˌpel/ noun
: a small straight knife with a thin blade used esp. in surgery

cake /skam/ noun
: a fraudulent or deceptive act or operation

cake /skamp/ noun
1: a dishonest person: RASCAL; also: an impish or playful young person

Synonyms
knave, no-good, scalawag, varlet, villain
devil, hellion, imp, mischief, monkey, rascallion, rascal, rogue, urchin; also cutup, madcap; ragamuffin; brat, nuisance; juvenile delinquent; gamin, gamine

cake·per /skamˌper/ verb
1: to run nimbly and playfully
— cake·per noun

Synonyms
dash, gallop, jog, run, sprint, trip—more at RUN

cake·pi /skamˌpē/ noun, plural cake·pi
[origin: It]
: a usu. large shrimp; also: large shrimp prepared with a garlic-flavored sauce

cake /skan/ verb scanned; cake·ning
1: to read (verses) so as to show metrical structure
2: to examine closely
3: to input or examine systematically in order to obtain data esp. for display or storage
4: to make a scan of (as the human body)
Synonyms
- audit, check, examine, inspect, review, scrutinize, survey—more at inspect

2. scan noun
1. the act or process of scanning
2. a picture of the distribution of radioactive material in something; also: an image of a bodily part produced (as by computer) by combining radiographic data obtained from several angles or sections

Synonyms
- audit, check, checkup, examination, inspection, review, scrutiny, survey—more at inspection

Scand abbreviation
Scandinavia

scan·dal /skandəl/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. LL scandalum stumbling block, offense, fr. Gk skandalon]
1. a circumstance or action that offends propriety or established moral conceptions or disgraces those associated with it: disgrace, dishonor
2. malicious gossip: slander

— scan·dal·ize verb

Synonyms
- crime, disgrace, dishonor, reflection, reproach—more at disgrace

scan·dal·mon·ger /ˌskan-dəl-mənˌger/ noun
: a person who circulates scandal

scan·dal·ous adjective
- containing defamatory information; also: offensive to propriety or morality

— scan·dal·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
- defamatory, libelous, slanderous—more at libelous
- appalling, awful, distasteful, dreadful, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, shocking

Scan·di·na·vian /ˈskan-də-nəvən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Scandinavia

— Scandinavian adjective

scan·di·um /ˈskan-də-əm/ noun
: a silvery white metallic chemical element

scan·ner /ˈskan·ər/ noun
1. a radio receiver that sequentially scans a range of frequencies for a signal
2. a device that scans an image or document esp. for use or storage on a computer

1. scant /skant/ adjective
1. barely sufficient
2. having scarcely enough

Synonyms
- light, meager, niggardly, poor, scanty, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stingy—more at meager

2. scant verb
1. skimp
2. to provide with a meagre or inadequate portion or supply: stint

Synonyms
- skimp, spare, stint—more at spare

scant·i·ness /ˈskant·ə-nəs/ noun
- the quality or state of being scanty

Synonyms
- dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scarcity, shortage, want—more at deficiency

scant·ling /ˈskant·ləng/ noun
: a small piece of lumber (as an upright in a house)

**scanty** /ˈskænt.i/ adjective **scant·i·er; -est**
- barely sufficient : **SCANT**
- **scant·i·ly** /ˈskænt.i.lə/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- light, meager, niggardly, poor, scant, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stingy—more at **MEAGER**

**scape·goat** /ˈskæp.gət/ noun
: one that bears the blame for others

**scape·grace** /ˌskāp.g्रēs/ noun
[origin: scape (escape)]
: an incorrigible rascal

**scap·u·la** /ˈskäp.yə.lə/ noun, plural -lae /ˌlē/ or -las
[origin: L]
: **SHOULDER BLADE**

**scap·u·lar** noun
: a pair of small cloth squares worn on the breast and back under the clothing esp. for religious purposes

**scar** /ˈskār/ noun
- a mark left after injured tissue has healed
- **scar** verb

**Synonyms**
- blemish, defect, deformity, disfigurement, fault, flaw, imperfection, mark, pockmark—more at **BLEMISH**

**scar·ab** /ˈskär.əb/ noun
[origin: MF scarabee, fr. L scarabaeus]
: any of a family of large stout beetles; also : an ornament (as a gem) representing such a beetle

**scarce** /ˈskār.s/ adjective **scarc·er; scarcest**
1 : deficient in quantity or number : not plentiful
2 : intentionally absent <made himself ~ at inspection time>

**Synonyms**
- deficient, inadequate, insufficient, short, shy, wanting—more at **SHORT**

**scarce·ly** ˈskär.əlē/ adverb
1 : by a narrow margin : **BARELY**
2 : almost not
3 : very probably not

**Synonyms**
- barely, hardly, just, marginally, slightly—more at **JUST**

**scar·ci·ty** /ˈskär.sə.tē/ noun
- the quality or state of being scarce; especially : want of provisions for the support of life

**Synonyms**
- dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, shortage, want—more at **DEFICIENCY**

1**scare** /ˈskār/ verb **scared; scar·ing**
- to frighten esp. suddenly : **STARTLE**

**Synonyms**
- alarm, frighten, horrify, panic, shock, spook, startle, terrify, terrorize—more at **FRIGHTEN**

2**scare** noun
- **FRIGHT**

**scare·crow** /ˈskārˌkrō/ noun
: a crude figure set up to scare birds away from crops

**scared** adjective
thrown into or being in a state of fear, fright, or panic

Synonyms
- afraid, aghast, fearful, terrified—more at AFRAID

scarf /skärf/ noun, plural scarves /skärvis/ or scarfs
1: a broad band (as of cloth) worn about the shoulders, around the neck, over the head, or about the waist
2: a long narrow cloth cover for a table or dresser top

scarf verb
[origin: alter. of earlier scoff eat greedily]
1: to eat greedily

scar·i·fy /skär.i.fə/ verb -fied; -fi·ing
1: to make scratches or small cuts in <~ skin for vaccination> <~ seeds to help them germinate>
2: to lacerate the feelings of
3: to break up and loosen the surface of (as a road)

— scar·i·fi·ca·tion /skär.i.fəˌkā·shən/ noun

scar·let /skär.lat/ noun
1: a bright red color
— scarlet adjective

scarlet fever noun
1: an acute contagious disease marked by fever, sore throat, and red rash and caused by certain streptococci

scarf /skärf/ noun
1: a line of cliffs produced by faulting or erosion

Synonyms
- bluff, cliff, crag, escarpment, palisade, precipice—more at CLIFF

scary /skær.i/ adjective scar·i·er; -est
1: causing fright
2: easily scared
3: feeling alarm or fright

Synonyms
- [1] dire, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, shocking, terrible, terrifying—more at FEARFUL
- [2] faint-hearted, fearful, mousy, shy, skittish, timid—more at SHY

scathing /skə.thiŋ/ adjective
1: bitterly severe <a ~ condemnation>

Synonyms
- acrid, biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, pungent, sarcastic, satiric, sharp, tart—more at SARCASTIC

scat·o·log·i·cal /skəˈtə lō ˌjikəl/ adjective
1: concerned with obscene matters

scat·ter /skəˈtər/ verb
1: to distribute or strew about irregularly
2: to cause to separate widely : DISPERSE

Synonyms
- [1] dot, pepper, sow, spray, sprinkle, strew; also blanket, dust; stud; dapple, spot, fleck, speckle, stipple
- [2] clear out, disband, disperse, dissipate; also break up, isolate, part, segregate, separate, split up; diffuse, disseminate, diverge, spread

Antonyms
assemble, cluster, collect, concentrate, gather, congregate

scat·ter·brain /skəˈtər brān/ noun
1: a silly careless person

scat·ter·brained /ˌbrānd/ adjective
having the characteristics of a scatterbrain

**Synonyms**
- flighty, frivolous, giddy, goofy, harebrained, light-headed, silly—more at *GIDDY*

**scattered adjective**
- marked by disorganized dispersion

**Synonyms**
- aimless, arbitrary, desultory, erratic, haphazard, random, stray—more at *RANDOM*

**scavenge /ˈskavenj/ verb scavenged; scavenging**
- to work or function as a scavenger

**scavenger /ˈskævənʤər/ noun**
[origin: alter. of earlier scavager, fr. AF scavageur collector of scavage (duty imposed on nonresident street merchants), fr. skavage scavage, fr. MF dial. (Flanders) escauver to inspect, fr. MD scouwen]
- a person or animal that collects, eats, or disposes of refuse or waste

**scen·ario /ˈsɛnərē/ noun, plural -ē·os**
- the plot or outline of a dramatic work; also: an account of a possible action

**scene /ˈsiːn/ noun**
[origin: MF, stage, fr. L scena, scaena stage, scene, prob. fr. Etruscan, fr. Gk skēnē temporary shelter, tent, building forming the background for a dramatic performance, stage]
- a division of one act of a play
- a single situation or sequence in a play or motion picture
- a stage setting
- 1: a division of one act of a play
- 2: a single situation or sequence in a play or motion picture
- 3: a stage setting
- 4: *VIEW, PROSPECT*
- 5: the place of an occurrence or action
- 6: a display of strong feeling and esp. anger
- 7: a sphere of activity ⟨*the fashion*⟩
- 8: a critical, trying, or unusual state of affairs

**Synonyms**
- [6] blowup, dudgeon, explosion, fireworks, fit, huff, tantrum—more at *TANTRUM*
- [8] footing, picture, posture, situation, status—more at *SITUATION*

**scenery /ˈsɛnərē/ noun, plural -er·ies**
- the painted scenes or hangings and accessories used on a theater stage
- a picturesque view or landscape

**1scent /ˈsent/ noun**
- effluvia from a substance that affect the sense of smell: *ODOR, SMELL*
- sense of smell
- course of pursuit: *TRACK*
- *PERFUME 2*
- an agreeable odor

**Synonyms**
- [1] odor, redolence, smell, sniff—more at *SMELL*
- [5] aroma, bouquet, fragrance, incense, perfume, redolence, spice—more at *FRAGRANCE*

**2scent verb**
- to perceive by the olfactory organs: *SMELL*
- to imbue or fill with odor
- to get or have an inkling of

**Synonyms**
- [1] nose, smell, sniff, whiff—more at *SMELL*
- [3] feel, perceive, see, sense, smell, taste—more at *FEEL*

**scent·ed /ˈsentid/ adjective**
Synonyms

: having scent

ambrosial, aromatic, fragrant, redolent, savory, sweet—more at FRAGRANT

sceptic variant of SKEPTIC

scep·ter /septər/ noun

: a staff borne by a sovereign as an emblem of authority

scep·tre British variant of SCEPTER

sch abbreviation

school

1 schedule /ˈskedəl, esp Brit ˈsked.i.əl/ noun

1 : a list of items or details

2 : a brief usu. printed outline of the order to be followed, of the features to be presented, and the persons participating (as in a public performance) : TIMETABLE

Synonyms

[1] catalog, checklist, list, listing, menu, register, registry, roll, roster, table—more at LIST

[2] agenda, calendar, docket, program, timetable—more at PROGRAM

2 schedule verb scheduled; sched·ul·ing

1 : to make a schedule of; also : to enter on a schedule

2 : to appoint, assign, or designate for a fixed time

Synonyms

catalog, enroll, enter, index, inscribe, list, put down, record, register, slate—more at LIST

2 sche·ma /ˈskē.mə/ noun, plural sche·ma·ta /ˈskē.mə.tə/ also schemas

: a diagrammatic presentation or plan : OUTLINE

sche·mat·ic /skiˈmæt.ɪk/ adjective

: of or relating to a scheme or diagram : DIAGRAMMATIC

— schematic noun

— sche·mat·i·cal·ly /-ka.ləl/ adverb

1 sche·me /ˈskēm/ noun

1 : a plan for doing something; especially : a crafty plot

2 : a systematic design

Synonyms

[1] artifice, device, dodge, gimmick, jig, ploy, sleight, stratagem, trick, wile—more at TRICK

[1] conspiracy, design, intrigue, machination, plot—more at PLOT

[2] blueprint, program, strategy, system—more at PROGRAM

2 sche·me verb schemed; schem·ing

1 : to form a plot : INTRIGUE

— schem·er noun

Synonyms

conspire, contrive, intrigue, machinate, plot—more at PLOT

schism /ˈsizəm, ˈskiz.əm/ noun

1 : the act or process of dividing : DIVISION; also : DISCORD

2 : a formal division in or separation from a religious body

Synonyms

breakup, dissolution, division, partition, separation, split—more at SEPARATION

conflict, discord, disension, dissent, disunity, friction, strife, variance, war, warfare—more at DISCORD

schis·mat·ic /ˈsiz.mə.tik, ˈskiz.mə.tik/ noun

: one who creates or takes part in schism

— schismatic adjective

schist /ˈshist/ noun
schiz·op·he·ria /skiz'əp-ri-a/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. Gk schizoid to split + phrēn diaphragm, mind]
: a psychotic mental illness that is characterized by a distorted view of the real world, by a greatly reduced ability to carry out one's daily tasks, and by abnormal ways of thinking, feeling, perceiving, and behaving
—schiz·oid /skiz'ə-d/ adjective or noun
—schiz·op·hen·ic /skiz'ə-pen-ik/ adjective or noun
schle·muel also shle·muel /'shləˌməl/ noun
: an unlucky bungler: CHUMP
schlep or schlepp /'shlep/ verb
[origin: Yiddish shlepn]
1 : DRAG, HAUL
2 : to move slowly or awkwardly
schlock /'shläk/ or schlocky /'shläˌkē/ adjective
: of low quality or value
—schlock noun
schlub also shlub /'shləb/ noun
[origin: Yiddish zhlob, zhlob yokel, boor]
slang
: a stupid, ineffectual, or unattractive person
schmaltz also schmalz /'shmalts, 'shmölts/ noun
[origin: Yiddish shmalts, lit., rendered fat]
: sentimental or florid music or art
schmaltzy adjective
: excessively sentimental

Synonyms
corny, maudlin, mawkish, mushy, saccharine, sappy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY
schmooze or shmooze /'shmüz/ verb
: to chat informally esp. to gain favor
—schmooze noun
schnapps /'shnaps/ noun, plural schnapps
: a liquor (as gin) of high alcoholic content
schnau·zer /'shnəl-za/, 'shna-ˌza/ noun
[origin: G, fr. Schnauze snout]
: a dog of any of three breeds that are characterized by a wiry coat, long head, pointed ears, heavy eyebrows, and long hair on the muzzle
schol·ar /'skələr/ noun
1 : STUDENT, PUPIL
2 : a learned person: SAVANT
3 ▶ : a person who has done advanced study in a special field

Synonyms
ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, master, shark, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at EXPERT
schol·ar·ly adjective
: of, characteristic of, or suitable to learned persons

Synonyms
educated, erudite, knowledgeable, learned, literate, well-read—more at EDUCATED
accademic, educational, scholastic—more at ACADEMIC
schol·ar·ship /'shələr-ship/ noun
\[1\] : the qualities or learning of a scholar
\[2\] : money awarded to a student to help pay for further education

**Synonyms**
- education, erudition, knowledge, learning, science—more at [EDUCATION](#)

**school·tic /skəˌlāsˈtik/ adjective**
: of or relating to schools, scholars, or scholarship

**Synonyms**
- academic, educational, scholarly—more at [ACADEMIC](#)

\[1\] **school /ˈskool/ noun**
1 : an institution for teaching and learning; also : the pupils in attendance
2 : a body of persons of like opinions or beliefs [the radical ~>]

\[2\] **school verb**
: to teach or drill in a specific knowledge or skill : [TRAIN](#)

**Synonyms**
- educate, indoctrinate, instruct, teach, train, tutor—more at [TEACH](#)

\[3\] **school noun**
: a large number of one kind of water animal swimming and feeding together

**school·boy /ˌbō/ noun**
: a boy attending school

**school·fel·low /ˌfəˈlō/ noun**
: [SCHOOLMATE](#)

**school·girl /ˌɡərl/ noun**
: a girl attending school

**school·house /ˈhous/ noun**
: a building used as a school

**school·marm /ˌmärəm/ or school·ma·am /ˌmām, ˌməm/ noun**
1 : a woman who is a schoolteacher
2 : a person who exhibits characteristics popularly attributed to schoolteachers

**school·mas·ter /ˌmasˌtər/ noun**
: a man who is a schoolteacher

**school·mate /ˌmāt/ noun**
: a school companion

**school·mis·tress /ˌmīsˈtres/ noun**
: a woman who is a schoolteacher

**school·room /ˌrōm, ˌrəm/ noun**
: [CLASSROOM](#)

**school·teach·er /ˌtēˈchar/ noun**
: one who teaches in a school

**Synonyms**
- educator, instructor, pedagogue, teacher—more at [TEACHER](#)

**schoo·ner /ˈskəˌnar/ noun**
: a fore-and-aft rigged sailing ship

**schtick** variant of [SHTICK](#)

**schuss /ˈshüz, ˈshuːz/ verb**
[origin: G Schuss, n., lit., shot]
: to ski down a slope at high speed
— schuss noun

sci abbreviation

science; scientific

sci-at-i-cal /sīˈatəˌkal/ noun
: pain in the region of the hips or along the course of the nerve at the back of the thigh

sci-ence /ˈsīˌens/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L scientia, fr. scient-, scien·tific having knowledge, fr. prp. of scire to know]
1 : an area of knowledge that is an object of study; especially: NATURAL SCIENCE
2 : knowledge covering general truths or the operation of general laws esp. as obtained and tested through the scientific method
3 : knowledge as distinguished from ignorance or misunderstanding

— sci-en-ti-fi-c /sīˈənˌtīˌfik/ adjective
— sci-en-ti-fi-cal-ly /ˌsī.ənˈtīˌfik.lē/ adverb
— sci-en-tist /ˈsīˌənˌtist/ noun

Synonyms
   2 [2] knowledge, lore, wisdom—more at KNOWLEDGE
   3 [3] education, erudition, knowledge, learning, scholarship—more at EDUCATION

science fiction noun
: fiction dealing principally with the impact of actual or imagined science on society or individuals

scientific method noun
: the rules and methods for the pursuit of knowledge involving the finding and stating of a problem, the collection of facts through observation and experiment, and the making and testing of ideas that need to be proven right or wrong

sci-gi-tar /sīˌjēˌtar/ noun
: a curved sword used chiefly by Arabs and Turks

sci-ti-la /ˈsīˌtəˌlə/ noun
: SPARK, TRACE

sci-ti·late /ˈsīˌtəˌlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
   1 : to throw off as a spark or as sparkling flashes : SPARKLE, GLEAM
   2 : to glow as a trace of light or a sparkling flash

— sci-ti-la·tion /ˈsīˌtəˌlāshən/ noun

Synonyms
   flame, flash, glance, gleam, glisten, glitter, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

sci-on /ˈsīˌən/ noun
1 : a shoot of a plant joined to a stock in grafting
2 : DESCENDANT

scis·sors /ˈsī.zərs/ noun plural
: a cutting instrument like shears but usu. smaller

scissors kick noun
: a swimming kick in which the legs move like scissors

sclero·der·ma /ˈsklerəˌder.mə/ noun
: a chronic disease characterized by the usu. progressive hardening and thickening of the skin

sclero·sis /ˈsklerəˌsēs/ noun
: abnormal hardening of tissue (as of an artery); also: a disease characterized by this

— scler-o·tic /ˈsklerəˌtīk/ adjective

scoff /skətf/ verb
: MOCK, JEER

scoff·er noun
   1 : one that scoffs

Synonyms
heckler, mocker, quiz, taunter, tease—more at QUIZ

scoff-law /skôl/ noun
: a contemptuous law violator

1 scold /skôld/ noun
: a person who scolds
  Synonyms
  ➢ carper, castigator, caviler, censurer, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, raider—more at CRITIC

2 scold verb
: to censure severely or angrily
  Synonyms
  ➢ berate, castigate, chew out, dress down, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, score, upbraid; also admonish, chide, remonstrate (with), reprove; abuse, assail, attack, bad-mouth, blame, blast, censure, condemn, criticize, crucify, denounce, excoriate, fault, knock, lash, pan, reprehend, slam; belittle, disparage, mock, put down; ridicule, scoff, scorn

sconce /skôns/ noun
: a candlestick or an electric light fixture fastened to a wall

scone /skôn/, skän/ noun
: a biscuit (as of oatmeal) baked on a griddle

1 scoop /sküp/ noun
  1 ➢: a large shovel; also: a utensil with a shovel-like or rounded end
  2: an act of scooping
  3 ➢: information of immediate interest
  Synonyms
  ➢ [1] ladle, spoon—more at SPOON
  ➢ [3] dope, lowdown, tip—more at DOPE

2 scoop verb
  1 ➢: to take out or up or empty with or as if with a scoop
  2: to make hollow
  3: to report a news item in advance of
  Synonyms
  ➢ dip, ladle, spoon—more at DIP

scoot /skût/ verb
: to move swiftly
  Synonyms
  ➢ course, dash, fly, hasten, hurry, hustle, run, rush, shoot, speed, zip, zoom—more at HURRY

scooter /skü`tər/ noun
  1: a child's vehicle consisting of a narrow board mounted between two wheels tandem with an upright steering handle attached to the front wheel
  2: MOTOR SCOOTER

1 scope /sköp/ noun
[origin: It scopo purpose, goal, fr. Gk skopos]
  1: space or opportunity for action or thought
  2 ➢: extent covered: RANGE
  Synonyms
  ➢ amplitude, breadth, compass, extent, range, reach, realm, sweep, width—more at RANGE

2 scope noun
: an instrument (as a microscope or telescope) for viewing

scorch /skôrch/ verb
  1 ➢: to burn the surface of
  2: to dry or shrivel with heat <<ed lawns>
Synonyms
- char, sear, singe; also fire, ignite, inflame, kindle, light; bake, cremate, incinerate; scald

scorch·ing adjective
- that scorches

Synonyms
- broiling, burning, fiery, hot, red-hot, sultry, torrid—more at HOT

1. score /skɔər/ noun, plural scores
   1 or pl score : TWENTY
   2: CUT, SCRATCH, SLASH
   3: a record of points made (as in a game)
   4: DERT
   5: REASON, GROUND
   6: the music of a composition or arrangement with different parts indicated
   7: success in obtaining something (as drugs) esp. illegally
   8: a feeling of deep-seated resentment or ill will

Synonyms
- grievance, grudge, resentment—more at GRUDGE

2. score verb scored; scor·ing
   1: RECORD
   2: to keep score in a game
   3: to mark with lines, grooves, scratches, or notches
   4: to gain or tally in or as if in a game<br>scored a point<br>
   5: to assign a grade or score to ~ the tests
   6: to compose a score for
   7: to be successful
   8: to scold or condemn vehemently and at length

— score·less adjective
— scor·er noun

Synonyms
- [3] groove, scribe; also abrade, file, graze, rasp, scarify, scratch
- [7] achieve, attain, hit, make, win—more at ACHIEVE

1. scorn /skaρn/ noun
   - an emotion involving both anger and disgust: CONTEMPT

— scorn·ful·ly adverb

Synonyms
- contempt, despite, disdain—more at CONTEMPT

2. scorn verb
   - to hold in contempt: DISDAIN

Synonyms
- disdain, high-hat, slight, sniff, snub; also scout; abhor, despise, detest, hate, loathe; disapprove (of), discountenance, disfavor, frown (on or upon)

Antonyms
- honor, respect
- despise, disregard, flout; also dismiss, forget, ignore, neglect, overlook, overpass, pass over, slight, slur (over)

scorn·er noun
- one that scorns

scorn·ful /fəl/ adjective
- full of scorn

Synonyms
- contemptuous, degrading, derogatory, disdainful, uncomplimentary—more at DEROGATORY

Scor·pio /ˈskɔrˌpeɪə/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, lit., scorpion]
1: a zodiacal constellation between Libra and Sagittarius usu. pictured as a scorpion
2: the 8th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also: one born under this sign

scor·pi·on /'skɔr.pən/ noun
: any of an order of arthropods related to the spiders that have a poisonous stinger at the tip of a long jointed tail

1Scot /'skɑt/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Scotland
2Scot abbreviation
Scotland; Scottish

Scotch /'skɑtʃ/ noun
1: SCOTS
2 Scotch plural: the people of Scotland
3: a whiskey distilled in Scotland esp. from malted barley
   — Scotch adjective
   — Scotch·wom·an /ˌskoʊ.ɪŋ/ noun
Scotch bonnet noun
: a small roundish very hot chili pepper esp. of the Caribbean

Scotch·man /ˌmæn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Scotland

Scotch pine noun
: a pine that is naturalized in the U.S. from northern Europe and Asia and is a valuable timber tree

Scotch terrier noun
   : SCOTTISH TERRIER
scot–free /ˈskɑt.fri/ adjective
: free from obligation, harm, or penalty

Scots /ˈskɑts/ noun
: the English language of Scotland

Scots·man /ˈskɑts.mæn/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Scotland: SCOT

Scots·wom·an /ˌskoʊts.ɪn/ noun
: a woman who is a Scot

Scot·tie /ˈskɑti/ noun
1: SCOTTISH TERRIER
2: a native or inhabitant of Scotland: SCOT

Scot·tish /ˈskɔt.ɪʃ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of Scotland, Scots, or the Scots

Scottish terrier noun
: any of an old Scottish breed of terrier with short legs, a long head with small erect ears, a broad deep chest, and a thick rough coat

scoun·drel /ˈskɑʊn.drel/ noun
: a disreputable person: VILLAIN

scour /ˈskɔr/ verb
1: to rub (as with a gritty substance) in order to clean
2: to cleanse by or as if by rubbing

scour verb
1: to move rapidly through: RUSH
2: to examine thoroughly
   Synonyms
scourge /ˈskɔrˌdʒ/ noun
1: an instrument consisting usu. of a handle and lash forming a flexible rod that is used for whipping: LASH, WHIP
2 a: PUNISHMENT
b: a cause of affliction (as a plague)

scourge verb scourged; scourging
1 ▶: to beat with or as if with a rod or whip: LASH
2 ▶: to punish severely; also: to distress so severely as to cause persistent suffering or anguish

Synonyms
▶ [1] flog, lash, thrash, whale, whip
▶ [2] destroy, devastate, ravage, ruin—more at RAVAGE

scout /skou̇t/ verb
[origin: ME, fr. MF escouter to listen, fr. L auscultare]
1: to look around: RECONNOITER
2: to inspect or observe to get information
3 ▶: to find by making a search

Synonyms
▶ usually scout up ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, locate, run down, track—more at FIND

scout noun
1: a person sent out to get information; also: a soldier, airplane, or ship sent out to reconnoiter
2: BOY SCOUT
3: GIRL SCOUT
4: a human being

scout verb
▶: to treat with contempt or ridicule; also: to reject scornfully

Synonyms
▶ deride, gibe, jeer, laugh, mock, ridicule—more at RIDICULE

scout·mas·ter /ˌskou̇t.ˈmər/ noun
: an adult leader of a Boy Scout troop

scow /skou̇/ noun
: a large flat-bottomed boat with square ends

scowl /skou̇l/ verb
▶: to make a frowning expression of displeasure

Synonyms
▶ frown, glare, gloom, glower, lower—more at FROWN

scowl noun
▶: a facial expression of displeasure

Synonyms
▶ face, frown, grimace, lower, mouth, pout—more at GRIMACE

SCPO abbreviation
senior chief petty officer

scrabble /ˈskræb/ verb scrambled; scrabbling
1: SCRAPE, SCRATCH
2: CLAMBER, SCRAMBLE
3: to work hard and long
4: SCRIBBLE
— scrabbler noun

scrabble noun
▶: the act or an instance of scrambling
Synonyms
- battle, fight, fray, struggle
- Synonyms
  - scraggly /'skra-glē/ adjective
    - irregular in form or growth; also: RAGGED
  - Synonyms
    - broken, craggy, jagged, ragged

scram /skram/ verb scrambled; scrambling
- to go away at once
  - 1. scramble /skram-bal/ verb scrambled; scrambling
    - 1: to clamber clumsily around
    - 2: to struggle for or as if for possession of something
    - 3: to spread irregularly
    - 4: to mix together
    - 5: to cook (eggs) by stirring during frying
      - Synonyms
        - confuse, disarray, disorder, jumble, mix, muddle
  - 2. scramble noun
    - 1: the act or an instance of scrambling
    - 2: a disordered mass
      - Synonyms
        - assortment, clutter, hodgepodge, jumble, miscellany, muddle, potpourri, rumpage, variety, welter

scrap /skrap/ noun
- 1: a small detached piece
- 2: discarded material
  - Synonyms
    - [1] bit, fragment, piece
    - [2] chaff, deadwood, dust, garbage, junk, litter, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, trash, waste
    - [2] end, fag end, leftover, remainder, remnant; also leavings, odds and ends, remains, residual, residue, stump; balance, rest; chip, flake, fragment, piece, sliver, splinter, shred, tatter

scrap verb scrapped; scraping
- 1: to make into scrap
- 2: to get rid of as useless
  - Synonyms
    - cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, reject, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out, unload

scrap noun
- a hostile encounter: FIGHT; also: a verbal disagreement
  - Synonyms
    - argument, brawl, disagreement, dispute, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, spat, squabble

scrap verb scrapped; scraping
- to contend against in or as if in battle or physical combat: FIGHT
  - scrap noun
    - argument, bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, spat, squabble

scrap-book /skrap-book/ noun
- a blank book in which mementos are kept

scrape /skrap/ verb scraped; scraping
- to remove by drawing a knife over; also: to clean or smooth by rubbing off the covering
- to damage or injure the surface of by contact with something rough
- to draw across a surface with a grating sound
4: to get together (as money) in small amounts by laborious effort — often used with up or together
5: to get along with difficulty

— scraper noun
  Synonyms
  ↳ [2] abrade, graze, scratch, scuff; also bark, skin; chafe, fret, gall; claw, cut, lacerate; bruise, contuse
  ↳ [3] grate, grind, rasp, scratch; also rub; groan, whine
  ↳ [4] eke out, squeeze, wrest, wring—more at EKE OUT
  ↳ usually scrape together [4] accumulate, amass, assemble, collect, concentrate, garner, gather, group, lump, pick up, round up—more at GATHER

scrape noun
1: the act or the effect of scraping
2: a bow accompanied by a drawing back of the foot
3: an unpleasant predicament; also: a noisy heated angry dispute
  Synonyms
  ↳ [1] grind, rasp, scratch—more at RASP
  ↳ [3] brush, encounter, hassle, run-in, skirmish—more at ENCOUNTER

scrappy /ˈskrappi/ adjective scrap·pi·er; -est
  : DISCONNECTED, FRAGMENTARY

scrappy adjective scrap·pi·er; -est
1: apt or disposed to quarrel in an often petty manner: QUARRELsome
2: having an aggressive and determined spirit
  Synonyms
  ↳ argumentative, contentious, disputatious, quarrelsome—more at ARGUMENTATIVE

scratch /ˈskrætʃ/ verb
1: to scrape, dig, or rub with or as if with claws or nails <a dog ~ing at the door> <~ed my arm>
2: to draw across a surface with a grating sound <~ed his nails across the blackboard>
3: SCRAPE
4: to cancel or erase by or as if by drawing a line through
5: to withdraw from a contest
  Synonyms
  ↳ [1] abrade, graze, scrape, scuff—more at SCRAPE
  ↳ [2] grate, grind, rasp, scrape—more at SCRAPE

scratch noun
1 a: a mark or injury made by or as if by scratching
   b: a sound made by scratching
2: the starting line in a race
   — from scratch: with no steps completed or ingredients prepared ahead of time <built it from scratch>
  Synonyms
  ↳ grind, rasp, scrape—more at RASP

scratch adjective
1: made as or used for a trial attempt <~ paper>
2: made or done by chance <a ~ hit>

scratchy adjective scratch·i·er; -est
1: likely to scratch
2: making a scratching noise
  Synonyms
  ↳ [1] brambly, prickly, thorny; also coarse, jagged, rough; irritating, itchy, stinging
  ↳ [2] coarse, gravelly, gruff, hoarse, husky, throaty—more at HOARSE

scrawl /ˈskrɔrl/ verb
: to write hastily and carelessly
  — scrawl noun
scraw·ny /ˈskrōˌnē/ adjective scraw·ni·er; -est
: very thin : SKINNY

1scream /ˈskrēm/ verb
: to cry out loudly and shrilly

Synonyms
howl, shriek, shrill, squeal, yell, yelp; also bay, caterwaul, keen, squawk, wail, yawp (or yaup), yowl; bawl, call, cry, holler, shout, vociferate

2scream noun
: a loud shrill cry

scream·ing /ˈskrē.mɪŋ/ adjective
1 : so striking as to attract notice as if by screaming <~ headlines>
2 : so funny as to provoke screams of laughter

Synonyms
antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous, risible, uproarious—more at FUNNY

screech /ˈskrēch/ verb
: to utter a high shrill piercing cry : SHRIEK

— screech noun
— screechy /ˈskrē.chē/ adjective

1screen /ˈskrēn/ noun
1 a : a device or partition used to hide, restrain, protect, or decorate <a window ~> 
1 b : something that shelters, protects, or conceals 
2 : a sieve or perforated material for separating finer from coarser parts (as of sand) 
3 : a surface on which an image is made to appear (as in television); also : the information displayed on a computer screen at one time 
4 : the motion-picture industry

Synonyms
[1b] aegis, armor, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, security, shield, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE

2screen verb
1 : to shield with or as if with a screen
2 : to separate with or as if with a screen; also : to select or categorize methodically <~ contestants>
3 : to present (as a motion picture) on the screen

Synonyms
cover, defend, guard, protect, safeguard, secure, shield, ward—more at DEFEND

blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, enshroud, hide, mask, obscure, occult, shroud, veil—more at HIDE

screen·ing /ˈskrē.nɪŋ/ noun
1 : metal or plastic mesh (as for window screens) 
2 : a showing of a motion picture

screen saver noun
: a computer program that displays something (as images) on the screen of a computer that is on but not in use

1screw /ˈskrū/ noun
1 : a machine consisting of a solid cylinder with a spiral groove around it and a corresponding hollow cylinder into which it fits
2 : a naillike metal piece with a spiral groove and a head with a slot that is inserted into material by rotating and is used to fasten pieces of solid material together 
3 : PROPELLER

2screw verb
1 : to fasten or close by means of a screw 
2 : to operate or adjust by means of a screw
3 : to move or cause to move spirally; also : to close or set in position by such an action
4 : to twist into strained configurations: CONTORT <~ed up his face>
   Synonyms
   ▶ contort, deform, distort, warp—more at CONTORT

screw·ball /ˈskrəl·bəl/ noun
1 : a baseball pitch breaking in a direction opposite to a curve
2 : a whimsical, eccentric, or crazy person
   Synonyms
   ▶ character, crackpot, crank, eccentric, kook, nut, oddball, weirdo—more at ECCENTRIC

screw·driv·er /ˈdri vər/ noun
1 : a tool for turning screws
2 : a drink made of vodka and orange juice

screw·worm /ˈskrəwərm/ noun
: an American blowfly of warm regions whose larva matures in wounds or sores of mammals and may cause disease or death; especially : its larva

screw·y /ˈskrə ə/ adjective screw·i·er; -est
1 : crazily absurd, eccentric, or unusual
2 : disordered in mind: CRAZY
   Synonyms
   ▶ bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kinky, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, strange, wacky, weird, wild—more at ODD

scrib·ble /ˈskrə bəl/ verb scrib·bled; scrib·bling
▶ : to write hastily or carelessly
— scribble noun
— scrib·bler noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ author, pen, scratch, write—more at WRITE

scribe /ˈskrə bə/ noun
1 : a scholar of Jewish law in New Testament times
2 : a person whose business is the copying of writing
3 : JOURNALIST
   Synonyms
   ▶ clerk, register, registrar—more at CLERK

scrim /ˈskrəm/ noun
: a light loosely woven cotton or linen cloth

1 scrimmage /ˈskrə mij/ noun
1 : the play between two football teams beginning with the snap of the ball; also : practice play between two teams
2 : a confused fight
   Synonyms
   ▶ battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scuffle, skirmish, struggle, tussle—more at FIGHT

2 scrimmage verb scrimmage·ed; scrimmage·ing
▶ : to take part in a scrimmage
   Synonyms
   ▶ usually scrimmage with battle, clash, combat, fight, skirmish, war—more at FIGHT

scrimp /ˈskrə m/ verb
▶ : to economize greatly <~ and save>
   Synonyms
   ▶ economize, save, skimp—more at ECONOMIZE

scrim·shaw /ˈskrə m ʃo/ noun
scrip /skrip/ noun
1 : a certificate showing its holder is entitled to something (as stock or land)
2 : paper money issued for temporary use in an emergency

1script /skrip/ noun
1 : written matter (as lines for a play or broadcast)
2 : written characters : HANDWRITING
   Synonyms
   ➥ handwriting, manuscript, penmanship—more at HANDWRITING

2script abbreviation
scripture

scrip·ture /skrip_tur/ noun
1 cap : the books of the Bible — often used in pl.
2 : the sacred writings of a religion
   — scrip·tur·al /skrip_tur_əl/ adjective
   — scrip·tur·al·ly adverb

scriv·en·er /skrip_və_nər/ noun
: SCRIBE, COPYIST, WRITER

scrod /skroʊd/ noun
[origin: prob. fr. Brit. dial. (Cornwall) scrawed, pp. of scraw, scrawl to split, salt, and dry (young fish)]
: a young fish (as a cod or haddock); especially : one split and boned for cooking

scro·fu·la /skroʊ_fyə_lə/ noun
: tuberculosis of lymph nodes esp. in the neck

1scroll /skrəl/ noun
: a roll of paper or parchment for writing a document; also : a spiral or coiled ornamental form suggesting a loosely or partly rolled scroll

2scroll verb
: to move or cause to move text or graphics up, down, or across a display screen

scroll saw noun
1 : FRETSAW
2 : a machine saw with a narrow vertically reciprocating blade for cutting curved lines or openwork

scro·tum /skrətəm/ noun, plural scro·ta /-tə/ or scrotums
[origin: L]
: a pouch that in most male mammals contains the testes

scrounge /skraʊŋ/ verb scrounged; scroung·ing
: to collect by or as if by foraging

1scrub /skrəb/ noun
1 : a thick growth of stunted trees or shrubs; also : an area of land covered with scrub
2 : an inferior domestic animal
3 : a person of insignificant size or standing
4 : a player not on the first team
   — scrub adjective
   — scrub·by adjective
   Synonyms
   ➥ dwarf, midget, mite, peewee, pygmy, runt, shrimp—more at DWARF

2scrub verb scrubbed; scrub·bing
1 : to clean or wash by rubbing
2: cancel

3: scrub noun
1: an act or instance of scrubbing <gave the clothes a good ~>
2 plural: loose-fitting clothing worn by hospital staff <surgical ~s>

scrub·ber /skrub-bar/ noun
: one that scrubs; especially: an apparatus for removing impurities esp. from gases

scruff /skruf/ noun
: the loose skin of the back of the neck: NAPE

scruffy /skruf-ē/ adjective scrub·i·er, -est
: not in order or neat

Synonyms
- dilapidated, grungy, mangy, mean, miserable, neglected, ratty, seedy, shabby, tacky, threadbare—more at SHABBY

scrump·tious /skrump-tish/ adjective
: highly pleasing; especially: DELICIOUS

— scrump·tious·ly adverb

Synonyms
- ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, tasty, toothsome, yummy—more at DELICIOUS

scrunch·ie or scrunchy /skrunch-ē/ noun
: a fabric-covered elastic for the hair

1: scruple /skrub·pal/ noun
[origin: ME scrupil, scriple, fr. AF scruble, fr. L scrupulus, dim. of scrupus source of uneasiness, lit., sharp stone]
1: a point of conscience or honor
2: hesitation due to ethical considerations

Synonyms
- compunction, misgiving, qualm—more at QUALM

2: scruple verb scrup·pled; scrup·ling
: to be reluctant on grounds of conscience: HESITATE

3: scruple noun
: a minute part or quantity

scru·pu·lous /skrub·lōs/ adjective
1: having moral integrity
2: PAINSTAKING

— scru·pu·lous·ly adverb

Synonyms
- conscientious, ethical, honest, honorable, just, moral, principled—more at CONSCIENTIOUS

scru·pu·lous·ness noun
: conformity to high standards of ethics or excellence

Synonyms
- care, carefulness, heed, heedfulness, pains—more at CARE

scrut·ni·se British variant of SCRUTINIZE

scrut·ni·ze /skrūti·niz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
: to examine closely

Synonyms
- audit, check, examine, inspect, review, scan, survey—more at INSPECT

scrut·ni·ty /skrūti·nē/ noun, plural -nies
[origin: L scrutinium, fr. scrutari to search, examine, prob. fr. scrutum trash]
: a careful looking over
Synonyms
• audit, check, checkup, examination, inspection, review, scan, survey—more at inspection

scuba /ˈskuːba/ noun
[origin: self-contained underwater breathing apparatus]
• an apparatus for breathing while swimming underwater
• scuba diver noun
• one who swims underwater with the aid of scuba gear

1 scud /skəd/ verb scud·ded; scud·ding
• to move speedily
2 scud noun
• light clouds driven by the wind

1 scuff /ˈskæf/ verb
1 • to scrape the feet while walking: SHUFFLE
2 • to scratch or become scratched or worn away

Synonyms
• abrade, graze, scrape, scratch—more at scrape

2 scuff noun
1 • a mark or injury caused by scuffing
2 • a flat-soled slipper without heel strap

1 scuffle /ˈskʌfl/ verb scuf·fled; scuf·fling
1 • to struggle confusedly at close quarters
2 • to shuffle one's feet

Synonyms
• grapple, tussle, wrestle—more at wrestle

2 scuffle noun
• a rough haphazard struggle with scrambling and confusion

Synonyms
• battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scrimmage, skirmish, struggle, tussle
—more at fight

1 scull /ˈskʌl/ noun
1 • an oar for use in sculling: also • one of a pair of short oars for a single oarsman
2 • a racing shell propelled by one or two persons using sculls

2 scull verb
• to propel (a boat) by an oar over the stern

Synonyms
• row—more at row

scullery /ˈskʌlərē/ noun, plural -ler·ies
• a small room near the kitchen used for cleaning dishes, cooking utensils, and vegetables

scullion /ˈskʌlYən/ noun
• a kitchen helper

sculpt /ˈskʌlp/ verb
• to cut with care or precision: CARVE, SCULPTURE

sculptor /ˈskʌlptoʊr/ noun
• a person who produces works of sculpture
sculpture /ˈskʌpˌtʃər/ noun
: the act, process, or art of carving or molding material (as stone, wood, or plastic); also : work produced this way
— sculpt·ur·al /ˈskʌpˌtʃərəl/ adjective

sculpture verb sculpt·ured; sculpt·ur·ing
: to form or alter as or as if a work of sculpture

scum /ˈskʌm/ noun
1 : a slimy or filmy covering on the surface of a liquid
2 : waste matter
3 ›: a low, vile, or worthless person or group of people : RABBLE

Synonyms
rabble, riffraff, trash—more at RABBLE

scupper /ˈskʌpər/ noun
[origin: ME skopper-, perh. fr. AF *escopoir, fr. escopir to spit out]
: an opening in the side of a ship through which water on deck is drained overboard

scurf /ˈskɜrf/ noun
: thin dry scales of skin (as dandruff); also : a scaly deposit or covering
— scurfy /ˈskɜrfi/ adjective

scurr·i·lous /ˈskərəˌləs/ adjective
: coarsely jesting : OBSCENE, VULGAR

scurry /ˈskərri/ verb scur·ried; scurry·ing
›: to move in or as if in a brisk pace : SCAMPER

Synonyms
dash, fly, hasten, hurry, run, rush, scamper, scoot, shoot, speed

scurry verb scut·ted; scut·ting
: to move in or as if in a brisk pace : SCURRY, SCAMPER

scurvy /ˈskərvi/ noun
: a disease caused by a lack of vitamin C and characterized by spongy gums, loosened teeth, and bleeding under the skin

— scurvy adjective
›: arousing disgust or scorn : CONTEMPTIBLE
— scur·vi·ly /ˈskərviˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
contemptible, despicable, lousy, nasty, pitiful, scabby, sorry, wretched—more at CONTEMPTIBLE

scutch·eon /ˈskʌtʃən/ noun
: ESCUTCHEON

scuttle /ˈskətəl/ noun
1 : a pail for carrying coal
2 : a small opening with a lid esp. in the deck, side, or bottom of a ship
3: scuttle verb scut·ted; scut·ting
: to cut a hole in the deck, side, or bottom of (a ship) in order to sink
4: scuttle verb scut·ted; scut·ting
: to move in or as if in a brisk pace : SCURRY, SCAMPER

scuttle·butt /ˈskətˌbu/ noun
: GOSSIP

scythe /ˈsith/ noun
: an implement for mowing (as grass or grain) by hand
— scythe verb

SD abbreviation
1 South Dakota
2 special delivery

S Dak abbreviation
South Dakota

SDI abbreviation
Strategic Defense Initiative

Se symbol
selenium

SE abbreviation
southeast

sea /ˈsē/ noun
1: a large body of salt water
2 ▶: the waters of the earth as distinguished from the land and air: OCEAN
3: rough water; also: a large wave
4: something likened to the sea esp. in vastness
— sea adjective
— at sea
: LOST, BEWILDERED

Synonyms
▶ blue, brine, deep, ocean—more at OCEAN

sea anemone noun
: any of numerous coelenterate polyps whose form, bright and varied colors, and cluster of tentacles superficially resemble a flower

sea·bird /ˈsēˌbərd/ noun
: a bird (as a gull) frequenting the open ocean

sea·board /ˌbōrd/ noun
: SEACOAST; also: the land bordering a coast

sea·borg·i·um /ˈsēˌbɔrgəˌēəm/ noun
: a short-lived radioactive chemical element produced artificially

sea·cost /ˌkōst/ noun
: the shore of the sea

sea·far·er /ˌfərˈer/ noun
: a person who navigates or assists in navigating a ship: SEAMAN 1

sea·far·ing /ˌfərˈin/ noun
: the use of the sea for travel or transportation
— seafaring adjective

sea·food /ˈfūd/ noun
: edible marine fish and shellfish

sea·go·ing /ˈgōiŋ/ adjective
: OCEANOING

sea·gull /ˈsēˌgəl/ noun
: GULL

sea horse noun
: any of a genus of small marine fishes with the head and forepart of the body sharply flexed like the head and neck of a horse

1 seal /ˈsēl/ noun, plural seals also seal
[Origin: ME sele, fr. OE seolh]
1: any of numerous large carnivorous sea mammals occurring chiefly in cold regions and having limbs adapted for
swimming
2 : the pelt of a seal

2 seal verb
: to hunt seals

3 seal noun
[origin: ME sele, seele, fr. AF seal, sel, fr. L sigillum, fr. dim. of signum sign, seal]
1 : GUARANTEE, PLEDGE
2 : a device having a raised design that can be stamped on clay or wax; also : the impression made by stamping with such a device
3 : something that seals or closes up <safety ~> 

4 seal verb
1 : to affix a seal to; also : AUTHENTICATE
2 : to fasten with or as if with a seal to prevent tampering
3 : to close or make secure against access, leakage, or passage
4 : to determine irrevocably <<ed his fate>

sea-lane /sēˌlān/ noun
: an established sea route

seal-ant /sēˌlənt/ noun
: a sealing agent

sealer /sēˌlər/ noun
: a coat applied to prevent subsequent coats of paint or varnish from sinking in

sea level noun
: the level of the surface of the sea esp. at its mean midway between mean high and low water

sea lion noun
: any of several large Pacific seals with small external ears

seal-skim /sēlˈskim/ noun
1 : 1SEAL 2
2 : a garment of sealskin

1 seam /sēm/ noun
1 : the line of junction of two edges and esp. of edges of fabric sewn together
2 : a layer of mineral matter
3 : WRINKLE

2 seam verb
1 : to join by or as if by sewing
2 : to mark with lines suggesting seams

sea-man /sēˌmān/ noun
1 ➤ : one who assists in the handling of ships : MARINER
2 : an enlisted man in the navy ranking next below a petty officer third class

Synonyms
> gob, jack, jack-tar, mariner, sailor, swab, tar—more at SAILOR

seaman apprentice noun
: an enlisted man in the navy ranking next below a seaman

seaman recruit noun
: an enlisted man of the lowest rank in the navy

sea-man-ship /sēˌmānˌship/ noun
: the art or skill of handling a ship

seam-less /sēmˈles/ adjective
: having no flaws or interruptions <a ~ transition>
— **seam-less-ly** adverb

**sea-mount /ˈsēˌmānt/ noun**
: an underwater mountain

**seam-stress /ˈsēm strēs/ noun**
: a woman who does sewing

**seamy /ˈsē mē/ adjective seam·i·er; -est**
1: **UNPLEASANT**
2: **DEGRADED, SORDID**

**sé·ance /sē ˈäns/ noun**
[origin: F]
: a meeting to receive communications from spirits

**sea-plane /ˈsēˌplān/ noun**
: an airplane that can take off from and land on water

**sea-port /ˈsē ˈpərt/ noun**
: a port for oceangoing ships

**sear /sir/ verb**
1 a: to make withered and dry
2 a: to burn or scorch esp. on the surface
b: **BRAND**

— sear noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] dehydrate, dry, parch—more at DRY
- [2a] char, scorch, singe—more at SCORCH

**1 search /sār/ verb**
[origin: ME cerchen, fr. MF cerchier to go about, survey, search, fr. LL circare to go about, fr. L circum round about]
1 a: to look through in trying to find something
2 a: to uncover, find, or come to know by inquiry or scrutiny: SEEK
3: subject to a penetrating investigation: PROBE

— search·er noun

**Synonyms**
- [1, 3] explore, hunt, probe, prospect—more at EXPLORE
- **usually search for or search out** [2] cast about, forage, hunt, pursue, quest, seek—more at SEEK
- [3] dig, dredge, hunt, rake, ransack, rifle, rummage, scour; also audit, check (out), examine, investigate, review, scan, scrutinize, survey; ascertain, descry, detect, determine, discover, ferret (out), find, find out, get, hit (on or upon), learn, locate, run down, scare up, track (down); explore, skirmish, snoop, probe, prospect

**2 search noun**
: the act of searching

— search engine noun
: computer software or a Web site used to search data (as text or other Web sites) for specified information

**search-light /ˈsār lāt/ noun**
: an apparatus for projecting a powerful beam of light; also: the light projected

**sear·ing /ˈsir·ing/ adjective**
: very sharp, harsh or intense <- pain> <- a ~ review>

**sea scallop noun**
: a large scallop of the Atlantic coast of No. America that is harvested for food

**sea-scape /ˈsēˌskāp/ noun**
1: a view of the sea
2 : a picture representing a scene at or of the sea

sea·shell /ˈsēˌshel/ noun
: the shell of a marine animal and esp. a mollusk

sea·shore /ˌshōr/ noun
: the shore of a sea

sea·sick /ˈsɪk/ adjective
: nauseated by or as if by the motion of a ship
— sea·sick·ness noun

sea·side /ˈsēˌsid/ noun
: SEASHORE

1season /ˈsē.zən/ noun
[origin: ME sesoun, fr. AF seison natural season, appropriate time, fr. L sation-, satio action of sowing, fr. serere to sow]
1 : one of the divisions of the year (as spring or summer)
2 : a period of the year associated with a particular activity, event, or holiday <the Easter ~> <hunting ~>— sea·son·al /ˌze-.nəl/ adjective
— sea·son·al·ly adverb

2 season verb
1 : to make pleasant to the taste by use of salt, pepper, or spices
2 : to make (as by aging or drying) suitable for use
3 : to accustom or habituate to something (as hardship)
— sea·son·er noun

Synonyms
[1] flavor, savor, spice; also enhance, enrich, sauce; salt, pepper
[3] fortify, harden, steel, strengthen, toughen—more at HARDEN

sea·son·able /ˈsē.zə.nəbəl/ adjective
: occurring at a good or proper time
— sea·son·ably adverb

seasonal affective disorder noun
: depression that recurs as the days grow shorter during the fall and winter

sea·soned adjective
1 : made fit by use
2 : made skillful or wise through experience

Synonyms
[2] accomplished, ace, adept, crack, experienced, expert, master, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, skilled, skillful, versed—more at EXPERIENCED

sea·son·ing noun
: something that seasons : CONDIMENTS

Synonyms
flavor, spice; also sauce

1 seat /ˈsēt/ noun
1 : a chair, bench, or stool for sitting on
2 : a place which serves as a capital or center
3 : the part of the body that bears the weight in sitting

Synonyms
[2] base, center, core, cynosure, eye, focus, heart, hub, mecca, nucleus—more at CENTER
[3] backside, bottom, butt, buttocks, posterior, rear, rump—more at BUTTOCKS

2 seat verb
1 : to place in or on a seat
2 : to provide seats for
Synonyms

place, put, set down, sit; also ensconce, settle; lay, lie, rest; recline, repose

seat belt noun
- straps designed to hold a person in a seat

SEATO /sē.əˈtō/ abbreviation
Southeast Asia Treaty Organization

seat–of–the–pants adjective
- employing or based on personal experience, judgment, and effort rather than technological aids

sea turtle noun
- any of two families of marine turtles that have the feet modified into paddles

sea urchin noun
- any of numerous spiny marine echinoderms having thin brittle globular shells

sea–wall /ˈsiː.wɔːl/ noun
- an embankment to protect the shore from erosion

seaward /ˈsiː.wɔːrd/ noun
- the direction or side away from land and toward the open sea

also seawards /ˈwɔːrdz/ adverb
- toward the sea

seaward adjective
1. directed or situated toward the sea
2. coming from the sea

sea–wa·ter /ˈsiː.wətər, ˈsiː.wər/ noun
- water in or from the sea

sea–way /ˈsiː.wā/ noun
- an inland waterway that admits ocean shipping

seaweed /ˌsiː.ˈwɛd/ noun
- a marine alga (as a kelp); also : a mass of marine algae

seaworthy /ˌsiː.ˈwɔrθi/ adjective
- fit for a sea voyage

se·ba·ceous /si.bəˈsēəs/ adjective
- of, relating to, or secreting fatty material

sec abbreviation
1. second; secondary
2. secretary
3. section
4. [ORIGIN L secundum] according to

SEC abbreviation
Securities and Exchange Commission

se·cede /siˈsɛd/ verb se·ced·ed; se·ced·ing
- to withdraw from an organized body and esp. from a political body

se·ces·sion /siˈse.ʃən/ noun
- the act of seceding

— se·ces·sion·ist noun

se·clude /siˈklud/ verb se·clu·died; se·clu·dying
- to keep or shut away from others

Synonyms
secluded adjective
1 ▷ : screened or hidden from view
2 : living in seclusion
   Synonyms
   ▷ cloistered, covert, isolated, quiet, remote, secret; also lonely, solitary; private

se·clu·sion /sēˈklü-zhən/ noun
▷ : the act of secluding : the state of being secluded
— se·clu·sive /sēˈklü-siv/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▷ insulation, isolation, segregation, sequestration, solitude—more at isolation

1 second /ˈse kand/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF secund, fr. L secundus second, following, favorable, fr. sequi to follow]
1 : being number two in a countable series
2 : next after the first
3 : alternate <every ~ year>
— second or second·ly adverb

2 second noun
1 : one that is second
2 : one who assists another (as in a duel)
3 : an inferior or flawed article (as of merchandise)
4 : the second forward gear in a motor vehicle

3 second noun
[origin: ME secunde, fr. ML secunda, fr. L, fem. of secundus second; fr. its being the second division of a unit into 60 parts, as a minute is the first]
1 : the 60th part of a minute of time or angular measure
2 ▷ : an instant of time
   Synonyms
   ▷ flash, instant, jiffy, minute, moment, shake, trice, twinkle, twinkling, wink—more at instant

4 second verb
1 : to encourage or give support to
2 : to act as a second to
3 : to support (a motion) by adding one's voice to that of a proposer

1 secondary /ˈse kən dərē/ adjective
▷ : second in rank, value, or occurrence
2 : belonging to a second or later stage of development
3 : coming after the primary or elementary <* schools>
   Synonyms
   ▷ inferior, mean, minor, second-rate—more at inferior

2 secondary noun, plural -ar·ies
: the defensive backfield of a football team

secondary sex characteristic noun
: a physical characteristic that appears in members of one sex at puberty or in seasonal breeders at breeding season and is not directly concerned with reproduction

second fiddle noun
: one that plays a supporting or subservient role

second·guess /ˌse kand′gēs/ verb
1 : to think out other strategies or explanations for after the event
2 : to seek to anticipate or predict

second·hand /ˈˈhand/ adjective
secondhand smoke noun
: tobacco smoke that is inhaled by smokers or is given off by burning tobacco and is inhaled by persons nearby
  a second lieutenant noun
: a commissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a first lieutenant
second-rate /ˈse-kənd-rēt/ adjective
  : of second or inferior quality or value
   Synonyms
   • common, fair, indifferent, mediocre, medium, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, so-so—more at mediocre
   • cheap, cut-rate, inferior, junky, lousy, mediocre, poor, sleazy
second-string /ˈse-kənd-strēn/ adjective
: being a substitute (as on a team)
secrecy /ˈse-krä-sē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : the habit or practice of being secretive
2 : the condition of being hidden or concealed
  1 secret /ˈse-krakt/ adjective
1 : kept from knowledge or view <a ~ staircase>
2 : working with hidden aims or methods: covert, stealthy; also: engaged in detecting or spying <a ~ agent>
3 : kept from general knowledge
   —secret·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   • [2] clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhanded; also classified, confidential, restricted, top secret, undisclosed; concealed, hidden, secreted, subterannean, unadvertised, unexposed
   Antonyms
   • open, overt, public
   • [3] confidential, hushed, inside, intimate, private—more at private
2 secret noun
1 : something kept hidden or unexplained: mystery
2 : something kept from the knowledge of others
   Synonyms
   • conundrum, enigma, mystery, mystification, puzzle, puzzlement, riddle—more at mystery
secret·tary /ˈse-kra-ter-ē/ noun
1 : the office of a secretary
2 : the secretarial staff in an office
3 : the administrative department of a governmental organization <the UN ~>
   secret·tary·ship /ˈse-kra-ter-ē-shot/ noun
1 : a person employed to handle records, correspondence, and routine work for another person
2 : an officer of a corporation or business who is in charge of correspondence and records
3 : an official at the head of a department of government
4 : a writing desk
   —secret·tary·al /ˈse-kra-ter-ē-əl/ adjective
   —secret·tary·ship·ship /ˈse-kra-ter-ē-shot-ship/ noun
1 secrete /ˈse-kraıt/ verb secret·ed; secret·ing
: to form and give off (a secretion)
2 secrete /ˈse-kraıt, ˈse-kra-t/ verb secret·ed; secret·ing
: to deposit or conceal in a hiding place: hide
Synonyms
 bury, cache, conceal, ensconce, hide—more at HIDE

se·c być /siˈkrĕ_ˌshan/ noun
1 : the process of secreting something
2 : a product of glandular activity; especially : one (as a hormone) useful in the organism
3 סכבי
 — se·cipient /siˈkrĕ_ˌtār_ˌi/ adjective
 Synonyms
 concealment—more at CONCEALMENT

se·c ré·tive /sĕ_ˌkră_ˌtiv, siˈkră_/ adjective
 1 : tending to keep secrets or to act secretly
 — se·c ré·tive·ly adverb
 — se·c ré·tive·ness noun
 Synonyms
 close, closemouthed, dark, reticent, uncommunicative; also quiet, reserved, silent, taciturn; discreet, prudent; clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underhand, underhanded
 Antonyms
 communicative, open

1sect /sekt/ noun
 1 : a dissenting religious body
 2 : a religious denomination
 3 : a group adhering to a distinctive doctrine or to a leader
 4 סט
 — Synonyms
 bloc, body, coalition, combination, combine, faction, party, set, side, wing—more at FACTION

sect abbreviation
section; sectional

1sectarian /sektˈrē ˌē ən/ adjective
 1 : of or relating to a sect or sectarian
 2 סטאר
 — sec·tar·i·an·ism noun
 Synonyms
 insular, little, narrow, parochial, petty, provincial, small—more at NARROW

2sectarian noun
 1 : an adherent of a sect
 2 : a narrow or bigoted person

sec·ta·ry /sekˈtərē/ noun, plural -ries
 : a member of a sect

1section /seks ˌshan/ noun
 1 סכְתִין
 : a part cut off or separated
 2 סכין
 : a distinct part (as of a territorial or political area, community, or group of people)
 3 : the appearance that a thing has or would have if cut straight through
 — Synonyms
 [1] member, part, partition, portion, segment—more at PART
 [2] district, neighborhood, quarter—more at DISTRICT

2section verb
 1 סכין
 : to separate or become separated into sections
 2 : to represent in sections

sec·tion·al /seks ˌsha ˌnal/ adjective
 1 סכְתִין
 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a section
2: local or regional rather than general in character
3: divided into sections

sectionalism noun

sector noun
1: a part of a circle between two radii
2: an area assigned to a military leader to defend
3: a subdivision of society

secular adjective
1: not sacred or ecclesiastical
2: not bound by monastic vows

Synonyms
nonreligious, profane, temporal

secularism noun
: indifference to or exclusion of religion

Synonyms
profane, temporal

secularist noun

secularize verb -ized; -izing
1: to make secular
2: to transfer from ecclesiastical to civil or lay use, possession, or control

Synonyms
secularise, secularise

secure adjective
1: easy in mind: free from fear
2: free from danger or risk of loss
3: characterized by certainty or security

Synonyms
all right, alright, safe

secure verb -ured; -uring
1: to make safe
2: to assure payment of by giving a pledge or collateral
3: to fasten safely
4: to get secure usu. lasting possession or control of

Synonyms
cover, defend, guard, protect, safeguard, screen, shield, ward

security noun, plural -ties
1: safety
2: freedom from worry
3: something given as pledge of payment
4 plural: bond or stock certificates
5: something that secures

Synonyms
gage, guarantee, guaranty, pawn, pledge

2: to get secure usu. lasting possession or control of: acquire

Synonyms
cover, defend, guard, protect, safeguard, screen, shield, ward

3: aegis, armor, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, shield, wall, ward

4 plural: bond or stock certificates

Synonyms
gage, guarantee, guaranty, pawn, pledge
se·cy abbreviation
secretary

se·dan /sɪˈdæn/ noun
1 : a covered chair borne on poles by two men
2 : an automobile seating four or more people and usu. having a permanent top

1 se·date /sɪˈdæt/ adjective
: quiet and dignified in behavior
— se·date·ly adverb

2 se·date verb se·dat·ed; se·dat·ing
: to dose with sedatives

1 se·da·tion /sɪˈdæ.ʃən/ noun

1 se·da·tive /sɪˈde.ə.tɪv/ adjective
: serving or tending to relieve tension

Synonyms
comforting, dreamy, narcotic, soothing—more at SOOTHING

2 se·da·tive noun
: a sedative drug

se·den·tary /sɛdənˈteɪri/ adjective
: characterized by or requiring much sitting

sedge /seʤ/ noun
: any of a family of plants esp. of marshy areas that differ from the related grasses esp. in having solid stems

1 se·di·ment /sɛdɪˈment/ noun
1 ▶ : the material that settles to the bottom of a liquid
2 : material (as stones and sand) deposited by water, wind, or a glacier

1 se·di·men·ta·ry /sɛdɪˈmen.tər.i/ adjective

se·di·tion /sɪˈdi.ʃən/ noun
: the causing of discontent, insurrection, or resistance against a government

se·duce /sɪˈdʊs, ˈdjuːs/ verb se·duced; se·duc·ing
1 : to persuade to disobedience or disloyalty
2 ▶ : to lead astray
3 : to entice to sexual intercourse

se·duc·er noun

Synonyms
allure, beguile, decoy, entice, lead on, lure, tempt—more at LURE

se·duc·tion /sɪˈdək.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act of seducing
2 ▶ : something that seduces
3 : something that attracts or charms

Synonyms
enticement, lure, solicitation, temptation—more at TEMPTATION

se·duc·tive /ˈsɛdəˌtɪv/ adjective
: tending to seduce : having alluring or tempting qualities

Synonyms
alluring, attractive, captivating, charming, elfin, engaging, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, magnetic—more
at FASCINATING

sed·u·lous /ˈsedəˌləs/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L. sedulus, fr. sedulo sincerely, diligently, fr. se without + dolus guile]
☞ diligent in application or pursuit

Synonyms
☞ active, assiduous, busy, diligent, engaged, laborious, occupied, working—more at BUSY

1 see /ˈsē/ verb saw /ˈsɔː/; seen /ˈsēn/; see·ing
   1 ☞ to perceive by the eye; also : to have the power of sight
   2 ☞ to have experience of
   3 ☞ to perceive the meaning or importance of; also : to be aware of
   4 : to make sure <~ that order is kept>
   5 : to meet with
   6 : to keep company with esp. in dating
   7 : ACCOMPANY, ESCORT

Synonyms
☞ [1] behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, sight, spy, view, witness; also identify, make out, pick out; attend (to), consider, heed, mark, mind; study, watch; examine, inspect, scan, scrutinize, survey; glance (at), glimpse, peer (at)
☞ [2] endure, experience, feel, have, know, suffer, sustain, taste, undergo—more at EXPERIENCE
☞ [3] ascertain, catch on, discover, find out, hear, learn, realize—more at DISCOVER
☞ [3] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, make out, perceive, seize, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND

2 see noun
   : the authority or jurisdiction of a bishop

1 seed /ˈsed/ noun, plural seed or seeds
   1 : the grains of plants used for sowing
   2 : a ripened ovule of a flowering plant that may develop into a new plant; also : a plant structure (as a spore or small dry fruit) capable of producing a new plant
   3 : offspring of animals or plants
   4 : SOURCE, ORIGIN
   — seed·less adjective
   — go to seed
   or run to seed
   1 : to develop seed
   2 : DECAY

Synonyms
☞ issue, offspring, posterity, progeny, spawn—more at OFFSPRING

2 seed verb
   1 ☞ to sprinkle with seed : PLANT <~ land to grass>
   2 : to bear or shed seeds
   3 : to remove seeds from
   — seed·er noun

Synonyms
☞ drill, plant, sow—more at PLANT

seed·bed /ˈsedˌbéd/ noun
   : soil or a bed of soil prepared for planting seed

seed·ling /ˈsedˌlɪŋ/ noun
   1 : a young plant grown from seed
   2 : a young tree before it becomes a sapling

seed·time /ˈsedˌtɜrn/ noun
   : the season for sowing
seedy /ˈsē.ˌdē/ adjective seed·i·er; -est
1 : containing or full of seeds
2 ▶ : inferior in condition or quality : SHABBY
   Synonyms
   ▶ ragged, ratty, shabby, tattered, threadbare, worn-out—more at RAGGED

seek /sēk/ verb sought /ˈsōt/; seek·ing
1 ▶ : to search for
2 ▶ : to try to reach or obtain
3 ▶ : to make an attempt
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] cast about, forage, hunt, pursue, quest, search; also ferret (out), root (out)
   ▶ [2] ask, call, plead, quest, request, solicit, sue
   ▶ [3] assay, attempt, endeavor, essay, strive, try—more at ATTEMPT

seek·er noun
▶ : one that seeks or is used in seeking
   Synonyms
   ▶ applicant, aspirant, campaigner, candidate, contender, hopeful, prospect—more at CANDIDATE

seem /sēm/ verb
1 ▶ : to appear to the observation or understanding
2 ▶ : to be so in appearance : APPEAR
   Synonyms
   ▶ act, appear, look, make, sound; also dissemble, pretend; resemble, suggest; hint, imply, insinuate

seem·ing adjective
▶ : outwardly apparent
   Synonyms
   ▶ apparent, assumed, evident, ostensible, reputed, supposed—more at APPARENT

seem·ing·ly adverb
▶ : so far as can be seen or judged
   Synonyms
   ▶ apparently, evidently, ostensibly, presumably, supposedly—more at APPARENTLY

seem·ly /sēmˈli/ adjective seem·li·er; -est
1 ▶ : conventionally proper
2 ▶ : FIT
   Synonyms
   ▶ correct, decent, decorous, genteel, nice, polite, proper, respectable—more at PROPER

seep /sēp/ verb
▶ : to flow or pass slowly through fine pores or cracks
— seep·age /ˈsēpˌij/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ bleed, exude, ooze, percolate, strain, sweat, weep—more at EXUDE

seer /siər/ noun
▶ : a person who foresees or predicts events : PROPHET
   Synonyms
   ▶ augur, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, futurist, prognosticator, prophet, soothsayer—more at PROPHET

seer·suck·er /siərˌsəkər/ noun
[origin: Hindi śīršaker, fr. Per shīr-o-shakar, lit., milk and sugar]
▶ : a light fabric of linen, cotton, or rayon usu. striped and slightly puckered

1 seesaw /ˈsiˌsō/ noun
1 ▶ : a contest in which each side assumes then relinquishes the lead
2 ▶ : a children's sport of riding up and down on the ends of a plank supported in the middle; also : the plank so used
2 see-saw /'si:sɔ/ verb : to move backward and forward or up and down
   Synonyms
   - careen, lurch, pitch, rock, roll, sway, toss, wobble—more at rock
   - bob, bobble, jog, jounce, nod, pump—more at nod

seethe /'seθ/ verb seethed; seeth·ing [origin: archaic seethe boil]
   : to become violently agitated
   Synonyms
   - boil, burn, fume, rage, steam—more at boil
   - boil, churn, roil; also reel, spin, swirl, whirl; agitate, stir

seg·ment /'seg.ment/ noun
   1 : a division of a thing : section
   2 : a part cut off from a geometrical figure (as a circle) by one or more points, lines, or planes
   — seg·ment·ed /'men.tid/ adjective
   Synonyms
   - member, part, partition, portion, section—more at part

seg·re·gate /seˌgrəˈgāt/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
   [origin: L segregare, fr. se- apart + greg-, grex herd, flock]
   1 : to cut off from others
   2 : to separate esp. by races
   Synonyms
   - cut off, insulate, isolate, seclude, separate, sequester—more at isolate

seg·re·ga·tion /seˌgrəˈɡā.ʃən/ noun
   : the act or process of segregating : the state of being segregated
   Synonyms
   - insulation, isolation, seclusion, sequestration, solitude—more at isolation

seg·re·ga·tion·ist /seˌgrəˈɡa.ʃənist/ noun
   : one who believes in or practices the segregation of races

sei·gneur /sənˈyaʀ/ noun, often cap
   [origin: MF, fr. ML senior, fr. L, adj., elder]
   : a feudal lord

1 see·ne /ˈsiːn/ noun
   : a large weighted fishing net

2 see·ne verb seined; see·ning
   : to fish or catch with a seine
   — see·ner noun

seis·mic /sɪzˈmɪk/ 'sɪs/ adjective
   : of, relating to, resembling, or caused by an earthquake
   — seis·mi·cal·ly /ˌmɪk(ə)lɛ/ adverb
   — seis·mi·cally /ˌmɪz.ˈmiˌsɪk.ə.lɛ, sɪs-/ noun

seis·mo·gram /sɪzˈmo.ɡræm, 'sɪs-/ noun
   : the record of an earth tremor made by a seismograph

seis·mo·graph /ˌsɪz.ˈməʊɡræf/ noun
   : an apparatus to measure and record seismic vibrations
   — seis·mo·graph·ic /ˌsɪz.ˈməˌɡræf.ɪk, 'sɪs-/ adjective
   — seis·mo·graph·y /ˌsɪz.ˈməˌɡræf.əˌli, sɪs-/ noun

seis·mol·o·gy /sɪzˈməʊ.ˌlidʒi, 'sɪs-/ noun
seis·mology /ˌsīz.məˈlōj.i/ adjective
— seis·mol·o·gist /ˌsīz.məˌlōj.ist/ noun
seis·mom·e·ter /ˌsīz.məˌmē.tər/ noun
: a seismograph measuring the actual movement of the ground

seize /sēz/ verb seized; seiz·ing
1 : to lay hold of or take possession of by force
2 : to take prisoner : ARREST
3 : to understand fully and distinctly
4 : to attack or overwhelm physically : AFFLICT

Synonyms
[1] bag, capture, catch, collar, corral, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, nab, snare, trap—more at CATCH
[2] apprehend, arrest, nab, pick up, restrain—more at ARREST
[3] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, make out, perceive, see, tumble, understand—more at COMPREHEND

sei·zure /sē.zər/ noun
1 : the act of seizing : the state of being seized
2 : a sudden attack (as of disease)

Synonyms
attack, bout, case, fit, siege, spell—more at ATTACK

sel abbreviation
select; selected; selection

sel·dom /ˈsel.dəm/ adverb
: in few instances : RARELY

Synonyms
infrequently, little, rarely; also ne'er, never

Antonyms
frequently, often

1select /səˈlekt/ adjective
1 : chosen from a number or group by fitness or preference; also : of special value or excellence : CHOICE
2 : judicious or restrictive in choice : DISCRIMINATING

Synonyms
choice, dainty, delicate, elegant, exquisite, rare—more at CHOICE
chosen, elect; also fashionable; exclusive; culled, screened, weeded (out), winnowed (out)

2select verb
: to choose from a number or group : pick out

Synonyms
choose, cull, elect, handpick, name, opt, pick, prefer, single, take—more at CHOOSE

se·lect·ed /ˈsel.əkt.əd/ adjective
: chosen by fitness or preference : SELECT; specif : of a higher grade or quality than the ordinary

se·lec·tion /ˌsəˈlek.ʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of selecting
2 : something selected : CHOICE
3 : a natural or artificial process that tends to favor the survival and reproduction of individuals with certain traits but not those with others

Synonyms
choice, election; also option; appointment, assignment, designation, naming, nomination

se·lec·tive /ˈsəˈlek.tiv/ adjective
: of or relating to selection : selecting or tending to select <~ shoppers>

Synonyms
choosy, particular, picky; also fastidious, finicky, fussy; discriminating, discerning, judicious
Antonyms

nonselective

selective service noun
: a system for calling men up for military service: DRAFT

selectman /ˈsɪlektˌmæn/ noun
: one of a board of officials elected in towns of most New England states to administer town affairs

seleminium /ˈsɛliˌniəm/ noun
: a photosensitive chemical element

self /self/ noun, plural selves /ˈsɛlvz/
1: the essential person distinct from all other persons in identity
2: a particular side of a person's character
3: personal interest: SELFISHNESS

self- combining form
1: oneself: itself
2: of oneself or itself
3: by oneself or itself; also: automatic
4: to, for, or toward oneself

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix self-:

self-abasement
self-absorbed
self-absorption
self-acceptance
self-accusation
self-addressed
self-adjusting
self-administer
self-advancement
self-aggrandizement
self-aggrandizing
self-analysis
self-anointed
self-appointed
self-appraisal
self-asserting
self-assertion
self-awareness
self-betrayal
self-cleaning
self-closing
self-complacent
self-concern
self-condemned
self-confessed
self-congratulation
self-congratulatory
self-constituted
self-contempt
self-contradiction
self-contradictory
self-correcting
self-created
self-criticism
self-cultivation
self-deceit
self-deception
self-defeating
self-definition
self-delusion
self-denying
self-deprecating
self-deprecation
self-depreciation
self-described
self-despair
self-destruction
self-destructive
self-directed
self-distrust
self-doubt
self-educated
self-employed
self-employment
self-enhancement
self-examination
self-explaining
self-explanatory
self-expression
self-forgetful
self-giving
self-hate
self-help
self-hypnosis
self-image
self-imposed
self-improvement
self-incrimination
self-induced
self-indulgence
self-indulgent
self-inflicted
self-knowledge
self-limiting
self-love
self-lubricating
self-luminous
self-operating
self-perception
self-perpetuating
self-pity
self-portrait
self-preservation
self-proclaimed
self-professed
self-promotion
self-propelled
self-propelling
self-protection
self-realization
self-referential
self-reliance
self–renewing
self–respecting
self–revelation
self–rule
self–sacrifice
self–sacrificing
self–service
self–serving
self–starting
self–styled
self–sustaining
self–taught
self–torment
self–winding
self–worth

self–act·ing /ˈself.ˈæk.tɪŋ/ adjective
- : acting or capable of acting of or by itself
  Synonyms
  - automatic, laborsaving, robotic—more at LABORSAVING

self–as·ser·tive /ˌself.ˈæsər.tɪv/ adjective
- : given to or characterized by a forceful claim or demand to being recognized or listened to
  Synonyms
  - aggressive, ambitious, assertive, enterprising, fierce, go-getting, high-pressure, militant—more at AGGRESSIVE

self–as·sur·ance /ˌself.ˈæsər.əns/ noun
- : confidence in oneself and in one's powers and abilities
  Synonyms
  - aplomb, assurance, confidence, self-confidence, self-esteem—more at CONFIDENCE

self–as·sured /ˈself.ˈæsərd/ adjective
- : sure of oneself
  Synonyms
  - assured, confident, secure, self-confident—more at CONFIDENT

self–cen·tered /ˈself.ˈsen.tərd/ adjective
- : concerned only with one's own self

self–cen·tered·ness noun
- : the quality or state of being self-centered
  Synonyms
  - egoism, egotism, self-interest, self-regard, selfishness—more at EGOISM

self–com·posed /ˌself.ˈkɑm.ˈpōzd/ adjective
- : having control over one's emotions

self–con·ceit /ˌself.ˈkən.ˈsɛt/ noun
- : an exaggerated opinion of one's own qualities or abilities
  Synonyms
  - complacence, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-esteem, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory, vanity—more at COMPLACENCE

self–con·fi·dence /ˌsel·f-kənˈfiːdəns/ noun
- : confidence in oneself and in one's powers and abilities
  Synonyms
  - aplomb, assurance, confidence, self-assurance, self-esteem—more at CONFIDENCE

self–con·fi·dent /ˌsel·f-kənˈfiːdənt/ adjective
- : confident of one's own strength or ability
  Synonyms
assured, confident, secure, self-assured—more at CONFIDENT

**self–cons–cious /sɛlˈkɑːn.ʃəs/ adjective**
: uncomfortably conscious of oneself as an object of observation by others
— **self–cons–cious·ly** adverb
— **self–cons–cious·ness** noun

**self–con–tained /sɛl.ˈkɑːn.ˈtænd/ adjective**
1 : complete in itself
2 : showing self-control; also : reserved in manner

**self–con–trol /sɛl.ˈkɑːn.ˈtrol/ noun**
: restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions, or desires

**Synonyms**
- constraint, inhibition, repression, restraint, self-restraint, suppression
- self-discipline, self-government, self-possession, will, willpower—more at WILL

**self–de–fense /sɛl.dəˈfens/ noun**
1 : a plea of justification for the use of force or for homicide
2 : the act of defending oneself, one's property, or a close relative

**self–de–ni·al /sɛl.ˈdiː.n(ə)/ noun**
: a restraint or limitation of one's own desires or interests

**Synonyms**
- abnegation, renouncement, renunciation, repudiation—more at RENUNCIATION

**self–de–struc·t /sɛl.ˈdɛstrɛkt/ verb**
: to bring about one's own ruin or destruction

**self–de–ter–mi·na·tion /sɛl.ˈdɛr.mə.ˈnæ.tʃən/ noun**
1 : free choice of one's own acts or states without external compulsion
2 : determination by the people of a territorial unit of their own future political status

**Synonyms**
- accord, choice, free will, option, volition, will—more at FREE WILL

**self–dis·ci·pline /sɛl.ˈdɪ.sə.plən/ noun**
: correction or regulation of oneself for the sake of improvement

**Synonyms**
- restraint, self-control, self-government, self-possession, self-restraint, will, willpower—more at WILL

**self–ef·fac·ing /sɛl.ˈɛf.ʃən/ adjective**
: RETIRING, SHY

**self–es·teem /sɛl.ˈɛstɛm/ noun**
: a confidence and satisfaction in oneself; also : SELF-CONCEIT

**Synonyms**
- aplomb, assurance, confidence, self-assurance, self-confidence, self-regard, self-respect—more at CONFIDENCE
- complacence, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory, vanity—more at COMPLACENCE

**self–ev·i·dent /sɛl.ˈe və.ˈdɛnt/ adjective**
: evident without proof or reasoning

**self–fer·til·iza·tion /sɛl.ˈfɜrlə.ʒən/ noun**
: fertilization of a plant or animal by its own pollen or sperm

**self–ful·fill·ing /sɛl.ˈfʊl.ˈfɪlɪŋ/ adjective**
: becoming real or true by virtue of having been predicted or expected <a ~ prophecy>

**self–gov·ern·ing /sɛl.ˈɡər.ɪŋ/ adjective**
: having control or rule over oneself; specif : having self-government

**Synonyms**
self-govern-ment /ˈgəʊ.vərn(ment)/ noun
1 : restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions, or desires
2 : government under the control and direction of the inhabitants of a political unit rather than by an outside authority

Synonyms
1 [1] restraint, self-control, self-discipline, self-possession, self-restraint, will, willpower—more at will
2 [2] autonomy, freedom, independence, liberty, sovereignty—more at freedom

self-help /ˈself.hɛlp/ noun
: the process of bettering oneself or coping with one's problems without the aid of others

— self-help adjective

self-iden·ti·ty /ˌsiːf.ɪˈdɛnt.i.ti/ noun
1 : sameness of a thing with itself
2 : character, identity, individuality, personality—more at individuality

Synonyms
1 restraint, self-control, self-discipline, self-possession, self-restraint, will, willpower—more at will
2 autonomy, freedom, independence, liberty, sovereignty—more at freedom

self-importance /ˈself.imˈpɔr.təns/ noun
: an exaggerated estimate of one's own importance; also : arrogant or pompous behavior

Synonyms
arrogance, haughtiness, loftiness, pretense, pretention, pretentiousness, superiority—more at arrogance
complacency, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory, vanity—more at complacency

self-important /ˈsiːf.ɪmˈpɔrt.ənt/ adjective
: having or showing self-importance

Synonyms
complacent, conceited, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at conceited

self-indulgence /ˌsiːf.ɪnˈdʌl.dʒəns/ noun
: excessive or unrestrained gratification of one's own appetites, desires, or whims

self-interest /ˌsiːf.ɪnˈtərst/ noun
: a concern for one's own advantage and well-being

Synonyms
egoism, egotism, self-centeredness, self-regard, selfishness—more at egoism

selfish /ˈsiːf.ɪʃ/ adjective
: concerned with one's own welfare excessively or without regard for others

— selfish·ly adverb

Synonyms
egocentric, egotistic, self-seeking—more at egocentric

selfish·ness noun
: the quality or state of being selfish

Synonyms
egoism, egotism, self-centeredness, self-interest, self-regard—more at egoism

self-less /ˈsiːf.ɪl.es/ adjective
: unselfish

— self-less·ness noun

self-made /ˈsiːf.ɪmd/ adjective
: having achieved success or prominence by one's own efforts <a ~ man>

self-pol·li·na·tion /ˌsiːf.ɔlˌplɪˈneɪ.ʃən/ noun
pollination of a flower by its own pollen or sometimes by pollen from another flower on the same plant

self-posessed /self.ˈpə.zest also ˈsest/ adjective
- having or showing self-possession: composed in mind or manner

Synonyms
- calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at Calm

self-possession /ˌpə.ˈze.ʃən also ˈse/ noun
- control of one's emotions or reactions esp. when under stress

Synonyms
- aplomb, calmness, composure, coolness, equanimity, placidity, serenity, tranquillity—more at EQUANIMITY
- restraint, self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-restraint, will, willpower—more at WILL

self-regard /ˌri.ˈɡàrd/ noun
- regard for or consideration of oneself or one's own interests

Synonyms
- ego, pride, self-esteem, self-respect—more at PRIDE
- egoism, egotism, self-centeredness, self-interest, selfishness—more at EGOISM

self-regulating /ˌself.ˈre.ɡəˈleɪ.ʃən/ adjective
- AUTOMATIC

self-reliant /ˌri.ˈli.ənt/ adjective
- having confidence in and exercising one's own powers or judgment

Synonyms
- independent, self-sufficient, self-supporting—more at SELF-SUFFICIENT
- restraint, self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-restraint, will, willpower—more at WILL

self-reproach /ˌri.ˈprəʊ.ʃən/ noun
- the act or an instance of reproaching oneself

Synonyms
- contrition, guilt, penitence, remorse, repentance, shame—more at GUILT

self-respect /ˌri.ˈspɛkt/ noun
1: a proper respect for oneself as a human being
2: regard for one's own standing or position

Synonyms
- ego, pride, self-esteem, self-regard—more at PRIDE

self-restraint /ˌri.ˈstrænt/ noun
- restraint imposed on oneself

Synonyms
- constraint, inhibition, repression, restraint, self-control, suppression
- self-discipline, self-government, self-possession, will, willpower—more at WILL

self-righteous /ˌri.ˈrɪθ.əs/ adjective
- strongly convinced of one's own righteousness

— self-righteous·ly adverb

self-same /ˌself.ˈsæm/ adjective
- precisely the same: IDENTICAL

Synonyms
- identical, same, very—more at SAME

self-satisfaction /ˌself.ˈsaˌtəs.ˈfak.ʃən/ noun
- a usu. smug satisfaction with oneself or one's position or achievements

Synonyms
- complacency, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-importance, smugness, vainglory, vanity—more at COMPLACENCE

self-satisfied /ˌself.ˈsaˌtas.ˈfɪd/ adjective
- feeling or showing self-satisfaction

  **Synonyms**
  - complacent, conceited, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, smug, stuck-up, vain—more at **CONCEITED**

  **self–seal·ing /ˈselfˌsē.ling/ adjective**
  - capable of sealing itself (as after puncture)

  **self–seek·ing /ˈselfˌsē.king/ adjective**
  - seeking only to further one's own interests
  - **self–seek·ing noun**
    - **Synonyms**
      - ambitious, go-getting—more at **AMBITIOUS**
      - egocentric, egotistic, selfish—more at **EGOCENTRIC**

  **self–start·er /ˈstār.tər/ noun**
  - a person who has initiative
    - **Synonyms**
      - go-getter, hustler, live wire, powerhouse—more at **GO-GETTER**

  **self–suf·fi·cien·cy /ˌsē.lí.shən(t)ˌsē/ noun**
  - the quality or state of being self-sufficient
  - **self–suf·fi·cient /ˌlīˌshənt/ adjective**
    - able to maintain oneself or itself without outside aid: capable of providing for one's own needs
    - **Synonyms**
      - independent, self-reliant, self-supporting; *also* potent, powerful, resilient, strong
    - **Antonyms**
      - dependent, reliant

  **self–sup·port·ing /ˌsē.ˈpər.tən/ adjective**
  - meeting one's needs by one's own efforts or output
    - **Synonyms**
      - independent, self-reliant, self-sufficient—more at **SELF-SUFFICIENT**

  **self–will /ˈselfˌwil/ noun**
  - stubborn or willful adherence to one's own desires or ideas: **OBSTINACY**
    - **Synonyms**
      - hardheadedness, mulishness, obdurancy, obstinacy, peevishness, pertinacity, stubbornness, tenacity—more at **OBSTINACY**

  **sell /sel/ verb sold /sŏld/; sell·ing**
  1: to transfer (property) in return for money or something else of value
  2: to deal in as a business
  3: to achieve satisfactory sales <cars are ~ing well>
  4: to have a specified price — usu. used with *at* or *for*
    - **Synonyms**
      - [2] deal, market, merchandise, put up, retail, vend—more at **MARKET**
      - *usually* sell for [4] bring, cost, fetch, go—more at **COST**

  **sell·er noun**
  - one that offers for sale
    - **Synonyms**
      - dealer, vendor—more at **VENDOR**

  **sell out verb**
  1: to dispose of entirely by sale; *especially* : to sell one's business
  2: **BETRAY**
    - **sell·out /ˈselˌaut/ noun**

  **selt·zer /ˈseltˌzər/ noun**
ORIGIN: modif. of G Selterser (Wasser) water of Selters, fr. Nieder Selters, Germany

: artificially carbonated water

sel·vage or sel·vedge /ˈsɛlvɪdʒ/ noun

: the edge of a woven fabric so formed as to prevent raveling

selves plural of self

sem abbreviation

1 semicolon
2 seminar
3 seminary

se·man·tic /ˈsɛməˌtɪk/ also se·man·ti·cal /ˌtɪˌkəl/ adjective

: of or relating to meaning in language

se·man·tics /ˈsɛməˌtɪks/ noun singular or plural

: the study of meanings in language

sema·phore /ˈse.məˌfɔr/ noun

1 : a visual signaling apparatus with movable arms
2 : signaling by hand-held flags

sem·blance /ˈseməˌblans/ noun

1 : outward and often deceptive appearance or show
2 : IMAGE, LIKENESS

Synonyms

> appearance, face, guise, name, show—more at APPEARANCE

se·men /ˈsɛ.mən/ noun

[ORIGIN: NL, fr. L, seed]

: a sticky whitish fluid of the male reproductive tract that contains the sperm

se·mes·ter /ˈse.məˌstər/ noun

[ORIGIN: G, fr. L semestris half-yearly, fr. sex six + mensis month]

1 : half a year
2 : one of the two terms into which many colleges divide the school year

semi /ˈse.mə/ noun, plural sem·is

: SEMITRAILER

semi- /ˈse.mə, ˌse.mə/ prefix

1 : precisely half of
2 : half in quantity or value; also : half of or occurring halfway through a specified period
3 : partly : incompletely
4 : partial : incomplete
5 : having some of the characteristics of

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix semi-:

 semiannual
 semiarid
 semicentennial
 semicircle
 semicircular
 semicivilized
 semiclassical
 semiconscious
 semidivine
 semiformal
 semigloss
 semi–independent
 semiliquid
semiliterate
semimonthly
semiofficial
semipermanent
semipolitical
semiprecious
semiprivate
semiprofessional
semireligious
semiretired
semiskilled
semisoft
semisolid
semisweet
semitransparent
semiweekly
semiyearly

semiautomatic /ˌse.mıˈə.tə.mıˈtɪk/ adjective, of a firearm
: able to fire repeatedly but requiring release and another press of the trigger for each successive shot

semicolon /ˈse.mıˌkə.lan/ noun
: a punctuation mark ; used esp. to separate major sentence elements

semiconductor /ˌse.mıˈkənˈdərk.tər/ noun
: a substance whose electrical conductivity is between that of a conductor and an insulator
— semiconductor adjective

semitransparent /ˌse.mıˌtrænˈspærənt/ adjective

semidarkness /ˌdər.kəˈnɪzn/ noun
: partial darkness

Synonyms
dusk, gloaming, gloom, murk, shade, shadow, twilight—more at DARK

1 semifinal /ˌse.mıˈfin.əl/ adjective
: being next to the last in an elimination tournament

2 semifinal /ˌse.mıˈfin.əl/ noun
: a semifinal round or match
— semifinalist /ˌse.mıˌfıˈnal.ɪst/ noun

semilunar /ˌse.mıˈlu.nar/ adjective
: shaped like a crescent

seminal /ˌse.mıˈnəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or consisting of seed or semen
2 : containing or contributing the seeds of later development : CREATIVE, ORIGINAL
— seminarily adverb

seminary /ˌse.mıˈner.ə/ noun
1 : a course of study pursued by a group of advanced students doing original research under a professor
2 : a meeting for giving and discussing information : CONFERENCE

Synonyms
assembly, conference, congress, convention, convocation, council, gathering, get-together, huddle, meeting, powwow—more at MEETING

— colloquy, conference, council, forum, panel, parley, powwow, symposium—more at FORUM

seminary /ˌse.mıˈner.ə/ noun, plural -naries
: an educational institution; especially : one that gives theological training

— seminary /ˌse.mıˈner.ə/ noun
Sem·i·nole /ˈse.mə.nōl/ noun, plural Sem·i·noles or Seminole
: a member of an American Indian people of Florida

semi·per·me·a·ble /ˈse.mī.pərˈmē.ə.bəl/ adjective
: partially but not freely or wholly permeable; especially : permeable to some usu. small molecules but not to other usu. larger particles <a ~ membrane>
— semi·per·me·abil·i·ty /ˌ.se.mī.əˈbil.i.tē/ noun

Sem·ite /ˈse.mīt/ noun
: a member of any of a group of peoples (as the Hebrews or Arabs) of southwestern Asia
— Se·mit·ic /ˈse.mīt.ık/ adjective

semi·trial·er /ˈse.miˌtrē.lər, ˈsiˌmi-/ noun
: a freight trailer that when attached is supported at its forward end by the truck tractor; also : a semitrailer with attached tractor

sem·o·li·na /ˈse.mō.li.na/ noun
: the purified hard grains produced from the milling of wheat and used esp. for pasta

sempstress variant of SEAMSTRESS

sen abbreviation
1 senate; senator
2 senior

sen·ate /ˈse.net/ noun
: the second of two chambers of a legislature

sen·a·tor /ˈse.na.tar/ noun
: a member of a senate
— sen·a·to·ri·al /ˈse.na.tor.i.əl/ adjective

send /sed/ verb sent /sent/, send·ing
1 ▶: to cause to go
2 : EMIT
3 : to propel or drive esp. with force
4 : to put or bring into a certain condition
— send·er noun

Synonyms
▶ consign, dispatch, pack, ship, transfer, transmit, transport; also convey, deliver, hand over; advance, drop, launch, remit; address, forward; bestow, contribute, donate, give, present

Antonyms
accept, receive

send·off /ˈsedˌəf/ noun
: a demonstration of goodwill and enthusiasm at the start of a new venture (as a trip)

send·up /ˈsedˌəp/ noun
: PARODY, TAKEOFF

Sen·e·ca /ˈsen.əkə/ noun, plural Seneca or Senecas
: a member of an American Indian people of western New York

Sen·e·ga·lese /ˈsen.əˌgə.lēz, -lēz/ noun, plural Senegalese
: a native or inhabitant of Senegal
— Senegalese adjective

se·nes·cence /ˈsi.nəs.əns/ noun
: the state of being old; also : the process of becoming old
— se·nes·cent /ˈsi.nəs.tənt/ adjective

se·nile /ˈsə.nil, ˈse.əl/ adjective
OLD, AGED; especially: exhibiting a loss of cognitive abilities associated with old age

sen·il·i·ty /si'nəl.i.tē/ noun

1 senior /ˈsē.nēr/ noun
   1: a person older or of higher rank than another
   2: a member of the graduating class of a high school or college
      Synonyms
         better, elder, superior—more at SUPERIOR

2 senior adjective
   [ORIGIN: ME, fr. L, older, elder, compar. of senex old]
   1: of earlier birth or greater age
   2: more advanced in dignity or rank
   3: belonging to the final year of a school or college course
      Synonyms
         ancient, elderly, geriatric, old—more at ELDERLY

sen·i·or·pet·ty /sē.nēr.ai.tē/ noun
   : a petty officer in the navy or coast guard ranking next below a master chief petty officer

sen·i·or·cit·izen /ˈsē.nərˌsī.tən/ noun
   : an elderly person; especially: one who has retired
      Synonyms
         ancient, elder, golden-ager, oldster; also senior; graybeard, patriarch; beldam, grandam; adult, grown-up
      Antonyms
         youth, youngster

sen·i·or·high·school /ˈsē.nərˌhī.ˌkōlz/ noun
   : a school usu. including grades 10 to 12

sen·i·or·i·ty /ˈsē.nər.i.tē/ noun
   1: the quality or state of being senior
   2: a privileged status owing to length of continuous service

sen·i·or·mas·ter·ser·geant /ˈsē.nərˌma.sər.ˈsər.dənt/ noun
   : a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a chief master sergeant

sen·na /ˈse.nə/ noun
   1: CASSIA 2; especially: one used medicinally
   2: the dried leaflets or pods of a cassia used as a purgative

sen·sa·tion /ˈsen.ˈsā.ʃon/ noun
   1 a: awareness (as of noise or heat) or a mental process (as seeing or hearing) due to stimulation of a sense organ
   b: an indefinite bodily feeling
   2 a: a condition of excitement; also: the thing that causes this condition
      Synonyms
         [1b] feel, feeling, sense; also impression, perception; hint, suggestion
         [2] craze, enthusiasm, fad, fashion, go, mode, rage, style, trend, vogue—more at FASHION
         [2] caution, flash, marvel, miracle, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, wonder—more at WONDER

sen·sa·tion·al /ˈsen.ˈsā.ʃən.əl/ adjective
   1: of or relating to sensation or the senses
   2: arousing an intense and usu. superficial interest or emotional reaction
   3: exceedingly or unexpectedly excellent or great <a ~ talent>

— sen·sa·tion·al·ly adverb
   Synonyms
      [1] sensitive, sensory, sensuous—more at SENSORY
      [3] classic, excellent, fabulous, fine, grand, great, marvelous, splendid, superb, superior, terrific, wonderful—more at EXCELLENT

sen·sa·tion·al·ise British variant of SENSATIONALIZE
sensation /ˈsenˌsāshən, -ˌshən/ noun
: the use or effect of sensational subject matter or treatment
— sensationalist /ˈsenˌsāʃənəl·ist/ adjective or noun
— sensationalistic /ˈsenˌsāʃənəl·is·tik/ adjective
sensationalize /ˈsenˌsāshənal·iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to present in a sensational manner

1 sense /ˈsenz/ noun
1 ➤ : semantic content : MEANING
2 : the faculty of perceiving by means of sense organs; also : a bodily function or mechanism (as sight, hearing, or smell) involving the action and effect of a stimulus on a sense organ
3 ➤ : a particular sensation; also : a motivating or discriminating awareness
4 ➤ : capacity for effective application of the powers of the mind as a basis for action or response
5 : OPINION <the ~ of the meeting>
— sense·less·ly adverb

Synonyms
➤ [1] denotation, drift, import, intent, meaning, purport, significance, signification—more at MEANING
➤ [3] feel, feeling, sensation—more at SENSATION
➤ [4] common sense, horse sense, wisdom, wit—more at COMMON SENSE
➤ [4] logic, reason, reasoning—more at LOGIC

2 sense verb sensed; sens·ing
1 ➤ : to be or become aware of <~ danger>; also : to perceive by the senses
2 : to detect (as radiation) automatically

Synonyms
➤ feel, perceive, scent, see, smell, taste—more at FEEL

sense·less adjective
➤ : destitute of, deficient in, or contrary to sense

Synonyms
➤ cold, unconscious—more at UNCONSCIOUS
➤ empty, meaningless, pointless—more at MEANINGLESS
➤ dumb, fatuous, foolish, mindless, silly, stupid, stupid, unintelligent, vacuous, witless—more at STUPID

sense organ noun
: a bodily structure (as an eye or ear) that receives stimuli (as heat or light) which excite neurons to send information to the brain

sensibility /ˈsenˌsəbəl·ətē, -ˌsitē/ noun, plural -ties
: delicacy of feeling : SENSITIVITY

sensible /ˈsenˌsəbəl/ adjective
1 ➤ : capable of being perceived by the senses or the mind; also : capable of receiving sense impressions
2 ➤ : emotionally aware and responsive : CONSCIOUS
3 ➤ : having, containing, or indicative of good sense or reason : REASONABLE

— sensibly /ˈsəbəl·ē/ adverb

Synonyms
➤ [1] appreciable, detectable, discernible, distinguishable, palpable, perceptible—more at PERCEPTIBLE
➤ [2] alive, aware, cognizant, conscious, mindful, sentient—more at CONSCIOUS
➤ [3] good, hard, informed, just, levelheaded, logical, rational, reasonable, reasoned, sober, solid, valid, well-founded—more at GOOD

sensitive /ˈsenˌsətiv/ adjective
1 ➤ : subject to excitation by or responsive to stimuli
2 : having power of feeling
3 ➤ : of such a nature as to be easily affected; also : easily hurt or damaged
4 : TOUCHY <a ~ issue>

— sensitivity /ˈsenˌsətiv·n/ noun
— sen·si·tiv·i·ty /senˈsiˌtivəˈti/ noun
  *Synonyms*
  ▶ [1] acute, delicate, keen, perceptive, sharp—more at ACUTE
  ▶ [3] delicate, fragile, frail, tender—more at TENDER
  ▶ [3] demonstrative, emotional, feeling, intense, passionate, sentimental, soulful

  sensitive plant noun
  : any of several mimosas with leaves that fold or droop when touched

sen·si·tize /senˈsiˌtiz/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
  : to make or become sensitive or hypersensitive
— sen·si·ti·za·tion /senˈsaˌtəˌziˈzhən/ noun

sen·sor /senˈsor, ˈser/ noun
  : a device that responds to a physical stimulus

sen·so·ry /senˈso ri/ adjective
  1 ▶: of or relating to sensation or the senses
  2 : AFFERENT
    *Synonyms*
    ▶ sensational, sensitive, sensuous; also afferent, receptive; sensual

sen·su·al /senˈsu ə l/ adjective
  1 : relating to gratification of the senses
  2 ▶: devoted to the pleasures of the senses
— sen·su·al·ist noun
— sen·su·al·i·ty /senˈso ə ləˌti/ noun
— sen·su·al·ly adverb
  *Synonyms*
  ▶ carnal, fleshly, luscious, sensuous, voluptuous; also bodily, corporeal; agreeable, delectable, delicious, delightful, dreamy, gratifying, palatable, pleasant, pleasurable, pleasing, scrumptious; epicurean, luxurious, self-indulgent

sen·su·ous /senˈsu ə s/ adjective
  1 ▶: relating to the senses or to things that can be perceived by the senses
  2 : producing or characterized by gratification of the senses : VOLUPTUOUS
— sen·su·ous·ly adverb
— sen·su·ous·ness noun
  *Synonyms*
  ▶ sensational, sensitive, sensory—more at SENSORY

sent past and past participle of SEND

1 sen·tence /ˈsen təns, ˈsen tənz/ noun
  [origin: ME, fr. MF, fr. L sententia, lit., feeling, opinion, fr. sentire to feel]
  1 ▶: the punishment set by a court
  2 : a grammatically self-contained speech unit that expresses an assertion, a question, a command, a wish, or an exclamation
    *Synonyms*
    ▶ doom, finding, holding, judgment, ruling; also verdict; injunction; decree, edict, order; declaration, deliverance, dictum, pronouncement; conclusion, decision, determination, opinion, resolution; discipline, penalty, punishment

2 sentence verb sen·ten·ced; sen·ten·cing
  : to impose a sentence on
  *Synonyms*
  ▶ condemn, damn, doom; also adjudge, judge; castigate, chasten, chastise, correct, discipline, penalize, punish; conclude, decide, determine, find, opine, resolve

sen·ten·tious /senˈten chəs/ adjective
sententious /senˈtenchəs/ noun
: using wise sayings or proverbs; also : using pompous language
— sen·ten·tious·ly adverb
— sen·ten·tious·ness noun

sentient /ˈsen.tēənt/ adjective
▶ capable of feeling : having perception
  Synonyms
  ▶ alive, aware, cognizant, conscious, mindful, sensible—more at CONSCIOUS

sentiment /ˈsen.təmənt/ noun
1 ▶ : FEELING; also : thought and judgment influenced by feeling
2 ▶ : a specific view or notion
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] emotion, feeling, passion—more at FEELING
  ▶ [2] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, verdict, view—more at OPINION

sentimental /ˈsen.təˌməntəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : influenced by tender feelings
2 ▶ : affecting the emotions
— sentimen·tal·ist noun
— sentimen·tal·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] demonstrative, emotional, feeling, intense, passionate, sensitive, soulful
  ▶ [2] corny, maudlin, mawkish, mushy, saccharine, sappy, schmaltzy, sloppy, sugary—more at CORNY

sentimental·ise British variant of SENTIMENTALIZE

sentimental·ism noun
: the disposition to favor or indulge in sentimentality; also : an excessively sentimental conception or statement

sentimen·tal·i·ty /ˈsen.təˌməntəl.tē/ noun
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being sentimental esp. to excess or in affectation
2 ▶ : a sentimental idea or its expression
  Synonyms
  ▶ mawkishness, mush; also emotion; sentiment; corn, schmaltz

sentimen·tal·ize /ˈsen.təˌməntəˌlīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to indulge in sentiment
2 : to look upon or imbue with sentiment
— sentimen·tal·i·za·tion /ˈsen.təˌməntəl.iˌzaˈSHUN/ noun

sentinel /ˈsen.tənəl/ noun
: one that watches or guards : SENTRY

sentry /ˈsen.trē/ noun, plural sentries
▶ : person who keeps watch : GUARD; especially : a soldier standing guard at a point of passage (as a gate)
  Synonyms
  ▶ custodian, guard, guardian, keeper, lookout, picket, warden, warder, watch, watchman—more at GUARD

sep abbreviation
separate, separated

Sep abbreviation
September

SEP abbreviation
simplified employee pension

sepal /ˈsē.pəl, ˈse-/ noun
: one of the modified leaves comprising a flower calyx
separable /ˈse.pə·rə.bəl/ adjective
: capable of being separated

1 separate /ˈse.pəˌrāt/ verb -rat·ed; -rat·ing
1 ▶ : to set or keep apart: DISCONNECT
2 : to keep apart by something intervening
3 : to cease to be together: PART
4 ▶ : to make a distinction between; also: to put in a certain place or rank according to kind, class, or nature
5 ▶ : to go in different directions

Synonyms
▶ [1] break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissemble, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, sever, split, sunder, unyoke; also decompose, disassemble, dissolve; bisect, halve, quarter, segment, subdivide; break, rend, rip, rupture, tear; cut off, insulate, isolate, seclude, segregate, sequester; detach, disengage, disentangle, untie

Antonyms
join, link, unify, unite
▶ [1] cut off, insulate, isolate, seclude, segregate, sequester—more at ISOLATE
▶ [4] differentiate, discern, discriminate, distinguish—more at DISTINGUISH
▶ [4] assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, sort—more at CLASSIFY
▶ [5] branch, diverge, divide, fork; also broadcast, clear out, disband, dispel, disperse, dissipate, distribute, scatter, sow; distance, recede, retreat

Antonyms
converge, join

2 separate /ˈse.pəˌrāt/ adjective
1 : not connected
2 : divided from each other
3 : SINGLE, PARTICULAR <the ~ pieces of the puzzle>
4 ▶ : existing by itself
5 ▶ : not shared with another

— separ·ate·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [4] detached, disconnected, discrete, freestanding, single, unattached, unconnected; also independent, self-contained; individual, private

Antonyms
attached, connected, joined
▶ [5] different, individual, respective; also disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, unalike, varied

Antonyms
same

3 separate noun
: an article of dress designed to be worn interchangeably with others to form various combinations

separation /ˈse.pəˈrā·shən/ noun
1 ▶ : the act or process of separating; the state of being separated
2 ▶ : a point, line, means, or area of division
3 ▶ : a formal separating of a married couple by agreement but without divorce

Synonyms
▶ [1] breakup, dissolution, division, partition, schism, split; also breach, rupture; decomposition, subdivision; dispersal, scattering; administration, apportionment, distribution; isolation, seclusion, segregation, sequestration

Antonyms
unification, union
▶ [1] demarcation, discrimination, distinction; also differentiation
▶ [2] breach, break, discontinuity, gap, gulf, hole, interval, opening, rent, rift—more at GAP

separatist /ˈse.pəˌrā·tist, seˈpaˌrāt/ noun
: an advocate of separation (as from a political body)
sep·a·rat·ism /ˈse.pəˌrəˌtizəm/ noun
  : tending toward, causing, or expressing separation

dēn·a·tor /ˈsi.pəˌrəˌtər/ noun
  : one that separates; especially : a device for separating cream from milk

se·pia /ˈsē.pēə/ noun
  : a brownish gray to dark brown color

sep·sis /ˈse.pəˌsēz/ noun, plural sep·ses /ˈseˌsēz/ noun
  : a toxic condition due to spread of bacteria or their toxic products in the body

Sept abbreviation
  September

sep·tem·ber /ˈseˌtem.bər/ noun
  [origin: ME Septembre, fr. AF & OE, both fr. L September (seventh month), fr. septem seven]
  : the 9th month of the year having 30 days

sep·tic /ˈse.pəˌtik/ adjective
  1: PUTREFACTIVE
  2: relating to or involving sepsis
  3: of, relating to, or used for sewage treatment and disposal

sep·ti·ce·mia /ˈseˌpəˌsē.ma/ noun
  : BLOOD POISONING

se·pul·chral /ˈse.pəˌlakral/ adjective
  1: related to burial or the grave
  2: suited to or suggestive of a sepulchre: GLOOMY

se·pul·chre or sep·ul·cher /ˈse.pəˌlakər/ noun
  : a burial vault: TOMB

se·pul·ture /ˈse.pəˌlakchar/ noun
  1: the act or process of burying: BURIAL
  2: SEPULCHRE

se·quel /ˈseˌkwəl/ noun
  1: logical consequence
  2: a literary or cinematic work continuing a story begun in a preceding one

3 sep·ta /ˈseptə/ noun, plural sep·ta /ˈseptə/ noun
  : a dividing wall or membrane esp. between bodily spaces or masses of soft tissue

4 sep·tu·a·ge·nar·i·an /ˈseptəˌō.ɡə.nər.i.ən/ noun
  : a person whose age is in the seventies

— septuagenarian adjective

5 Sep·tu·a·gint /ˈseptəˌō.ɡənt/ noun
  : a Greek version of the Old Testament prepared in the 3d and 2d centuries B.C. by Jewish scholars

6 sep·tum /ˈseptəm/ noun, plural sep·ta /ˈseptə/ noun
  : a dividing wall or membrane esp. between bodily spaces or masses of soft tissue

7 sep·ul·chral /ˈsepəˌlakral/ adjective
  1: related to burial or the grave
  2: suited to or suggestive of a sepulchre: GLOOMY

Synonyms
  bleak, dreary, funereal, gloomy, glum, gray, murky

1 sepulchre or sep·ul·cher /ˈsepəˌlakər/ noun
  : a burial vault: TOMB

2 sepulchre or sepulcher verb -chred or -chered; -chring or -cher·ing
  : BURY, ENTOMB

sep·ul·ture /ˈsepəˌlakchar/ noun
  1: the act or process of burying: BURIAL
  2: SEPULCHRE

Synonyms
  burial, entombment, interment—more at BURIAL

se·quel /ˈseˌkwəl/ noun
  1: logical consequence
  2: a literary or cinematic work continuing a story begun in a preceding one
sequence /səˈkwəns/ noun
1 : a continuous or connected series
2 : chronological order of events
3 : something produced by a cause or necessarily following from a set of conditions : RESULT, SEQUEL
— se·quent·ial·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] chain, progression, string, train—more at CHAIN
  ▶ [2] arrangement, array, disposal, disposition, distribution, order, setup—more at ORDER

sequent /səˈkwænt/ adjective
1 : SUCCEDING, CONSECUTIVE
2 : RESULTANT

sequent·ial /səˈkwənt.iəl/ adjective
▶ of, relating to, or arranged in a sequence
  Synonyms
  ▶ consecutive, successive—more at CONSECUTIVE

sequester /səˈkwes.tər/ verb
1 ▶ : to set apart : SEGREGATE
2 : to place (property) in custody esp. in sequestration
  Synonyms
  ▶ cut off, insulate, isolate, seclude, segregate, separate—more at ISOLATE

sequest·rate /səˈkwes.træt, səˈkwes.trət/ verb -trat·ed, -trat·ing
: SEQUESTER

sequest·ration /səˈkwes.træʃən, səˈkwes.trəʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : the act of sequestering : the state of being sequestered
2 : a deposit whereby a neutral depositary agrees to hold property in litigation and to restore it to the party to whom it is adjudged to belong
  Synonyms
  ▶ insulation, isolation, seclusion, segregation, solitude—more at ISOLATION

sequin /səˈkwən/ noun
1 : an old gold coin of Turkey and Italy
2 : a small metal or plastic plate used for ornamentation esp. on clothing
— se·quined or se·quinned /kwən/ adjective

sequoia /səˈkwəs.ə/ noun
: either of two huge California coniferous trees

ser abbreviation
1 serial
2 series
3 service

sera plural of SERUM

ser·a·glio /seˈralɡë/ noun, plural -glios
[origin: It serraglio]
: HAREM

ser·a·pe /seˈra.pē/ noun
: a colorful woolen shawl worn over the shoulders esp. by Mexican men

seraph /səˈraφ/ noun, plural ser·a·phim /ˈsərəˌfēm/ or seraphs
: one of the 6-winged angels standing in the presence of God

ser·a·phim /ˈsərəˌfēm/ noun plural
1 : the highest order of angels
2 singular plural seraphim : SERAPH
— se·ra·fic /ˈse-rə-fik/ adjective

Serb /ˈsɛrb/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Serbia

Ser·bi·an /ˈsɛr-bən/ noun
1 : SERB
2 : a south Slavic language spoken by the Serbian people
— Serbian adjective

Ser·bo–Cro·a·tian /ˈsɛr-bəˌkrōˈshən/ noun
: the Serbian and Croatian languages together with the Slavic speech of Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Montenegro taken as a single language with regional variants

sere /ˈsir/ adjective
▶ : being dried and withered : DRY
  Synonyms
  ▶ arid, dry, thirsty—more at DRY

1 serenade /ˈsɛr-əˌnäd/ noun
[Origin: F, fr. It serenata, fr. sereno clear, calm (of weather)]
: music sung or played as a compliment esp. outdoors at night for a woman being courted

2 serenade verb -nad·ed; -nad·ing
: to entertain with or perform a serenade

ser·en·dip·i·ty /ˌsərənˈdi-pə-tē/ noun
[Origin: fr. its possession by the heroes of the Persian fairy tale The Three Princes of Serendip]
: the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for
— ser·en·dip·i·tous /ˌləs/ adjective

se·rene /ˈsir-ən/ adjective
1 ▶ : clear and free of storms or unpleasant change ◀ skies
2 ▶ : marked by or suggestive of utter calm and unruffled repose or quiet
— se·re·ne·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1, 2] calm, halcyon, hushed, peaceful, placid, quiet, still, tranquil, untroubled—more at CALM
  ▶ [2] calm, collected, composed, cool, self-possessed, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, unworried—more at CALM

se·ren·i·ty /ˌsərənˈne-tē/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being serene
  Synonyms
  ▶ calm, calmness, hush, peace, placidity, quiet, quietness, repose, still, stillness, tranquillity—more at CALM
  ▶ aplomb, composure, coolness, equanimity, self-possession—more at EQUANIMITY

serf /ˈsərf/ noun
: a member of a servile class bound to the land and subject to the will of the landowner
— serf·dom /ˈdəm/ noun

serge /ˈsərd/ noun
: a twilled woolen cloth

ser·geant /ˈsərdʒənt/ noun
[Origin: ME, servant, attendant, sergeant, fr. AF sergent, serjan, fr. L servient-, serviens, prp. of servire to serve]
1 : a noncommissioned officer (as in the army) ranking next below a staff sergeant
2 : an officer in a police force

sergeant at arms
: an officer of an organization who preserves order and executes commands

sergeant first class noun
: a noncommissioned officer in the army ranking next below a master sergeant
sergeant major noun, plural sergeants major or sergeant majors
1 : a noncommissioned officer in the army or marine corps serving as chief administrative assistant in a headquarters
2 : a noncommissioned officer in the marine corps ranking above a first sergeant

serial /ˈsirēəl/ adjective
1 : appearing in successive parts or numbers <a ~ story>
2 : performing a series of similar acts over a period of time <a ~ killer>; also : occurring in such a series
— se·ri·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
• episodic, periodic; also sequential; recurrent, regular

serial noun
: a serial story or other writing
— se·ri·al·ist /ˈərēəlist/ noun

series /ˈsirēəs/ noun, plural series
: a number of things or events arranged in order and connected by being alike in some way

seri-graph /ˈserēəgrəf/ noun
: an original silk-screen print
— se·rig·ra·pher /ˈserēəgrəfer/ noun
— se·rig·ra·phy /ˈsirēəɡrəfi/ noun

serious /ˈsirēəs/ adjective
1 : thoughtful or subdued in appearance or manner : SOBER
2 : requiring much thought or work
3 : EARSEST, DEVOTED
4 : having important or dangerous possible consequences
5 : excessive or impressive in quantity or degree <making ~ money>
6 : of or relating to a matter of importance
— se·ri·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
• [1] earnest, grave, humorless, severe, sober, solemn, staid, unsmiling, weighty; also harsh, stern, strict; dignified, distinguished, elevated
Antonyms
• facetious, flip, flippant, humoristic, jocose, joking, playful
• [4] dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, unhealthy, unsafe, venturesome
— more at DANGEROUS
• [6] grave, heavy, weighty; also big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial
Antonyms
• light

seriousness noun
• : the quality or state of being serious

Sermon /ˈserəmən/ noun
1 : a religious discourse esp. as part of a worship service
2 : a lecture on conduct or duty

sermonize /ˈserəmənez/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
1 : to compose or deliver a sermon
2 : to preach to or on at length

serology /ˈsiərələj/ noun
: a science dealing with serums and esp. their reactions and properties
— se·ro·log·i·cal /ˌsiərəˌləjik/ or se·ro·log·ic /ˌliŋk/ adjective
serotonin noun: a neurotransmitter that is a powerful vasoconstrictor

serous adjective: of, relating to, resembling, or producing serum; especially: of thin watery constitution

serpent noun: a snake

serpentine adjective
1: sly, crafty
2: winding or turning one way and another

Synonyms
crooked, devious, sinuous, tortuous, winding—more at CROOKED

serpentine noun: a dull-green mineral having a mottled appearance

ser-rate adjective: having a saw-toothed edge ❖ a ~ leaf

serried adjective: crowded or pressed together: dense

Synonyms
close, compact, crowded, dense, packed, thick, tight—more at CLOSE

serum noun, plural serums or sera [origin: L, whey, wheylike fluid]: the clear yellowish antibody-containing fluid that can be separated from blood when it clots; also: a preparation of animal serum containing specific antibodies and used to prevent or cure disease

serv abbreviation
service

servant noun: one that serves others; especially: a person employed for domestic or personal work

Synonyms
domestic, flunky, lackey, menial, retainer, steward; also butler, footman, groom, houseboy, man, majordomo, manservant, servitor, valet; handmaiden, housekeeper, housemaid, lady-in-waiting, maid, maidservant, wench, woman; attendant, follower

Antonyms
master

serve verb served; serving
1: to work as a servant
2: to render obedience and worship to (God)
3: to comply with the commands or demands of
4: to work through or perform a term of service (as in the army)
5: put in <served five years in jail>
6: to be of use <pine boughs served for a bed>
7: to provide services that benefit or help: benefit
8: to prove adequate or satisfactory for <a pie that ~s eight people>
9: to make ready and pass out <~ drinks>
10: to furnish or supply with something <one power company serving the whole state>
11: to wait on <~ a customer>
12: to treat or act toward in a specified way
13: to put the ball in play (as in tennis)

Synonyms
[6] act, function, perform, work—more at FUNCTION
[7] avail, benefit, profit—more at BENEFIT
serve noun
: the act of serving a ball (as in tennis)

server noun
1 : one that serves
2 : a computer in a network that is used to provide services (as access to files) to other computers in the network

service /ˈsərˌvəs/ noun
1 : the occupation of a servant
2 : HELP, BENEFIT
3 : a meeting for worship; also : a form followed in worship or in a ceremony <burial ~> 
4 : the act, fact, or means of serving
5 : performance of official or professional duties
6 : SERVE
7 : a set of dishes or silverware
8 a : a branch of public employment; also : the persons in it <civil ~> 
b : one of a nation's organized fighting forces (as the army, navy, or air force)
9 : military or naval duty
10 : contribution to the welfare of others; also : disposal for use

Synonyms
4 boon, courtesy, favor, grace, indulgence, kindness, mercy, turn—more at FAVOR
services [8b] armed forces, military, troops—more at ARMED FORCES
10 account, avail, use, utility—more at USE

service verb serviced; servicing
: to do maintenance or repair work on or for

serviceable /ˈsərˌvəsəbəl/ adjective
: prepared for service : USEFUL

Synonyms
applicable, functional, practicable, practical, usable, useful, workable, working—more at PRACTICAL

serviceman /ˈsərˌvəsˌmən/ noun
1 : a man who is a member of the armed forces
2 : a man employed to repair or maintain equipment

Synonyms
fighter, legionnaire, man-at-arms, regular, soldier, warrior—more at SOLDIER

servemark noun
: a mark or device used to identify a service (as transportation or insurance) offered to customers

service station noun
: a retail station for servicing motor vehicles

servicewoman /ˈsərˌvəsˌwəmən/ noun
: a woman who is a member of the armed forces

servile /ˈsərˌvəl/ adjective
1 : befitting a slave or servant
2 : behaving like a slave : SUBMISSIVE
— servilely adverb

servility /ˈsərˌvələtē/ noun
: a slave's condition : the state of slavery

servitor /ˈsərˌvətər/ noun
: a male servant
series·tude /ˈsɛr·vi·t(y)ˌd/ noun
» the condition of a slave or serf: SLAVERY, BONDAGE

  Synonyms
  » bondage, enslavement, slavery, thrall, yoke—more at SLAVERY

ser·vo /ˈsɜr·v(ə)/ noun, plural servos
1: SERVOMOTOR
2: SERVOMECHANISM

ser·vo-mech·a·nism /ˈsɜr.vəˌmē.ˌkəˌni.zəm/ noun
» a device for automatically correcting the performance of a mechanism

ser·vo·mo·tor /ˌsər.vəˈmō.tər/ noun
» a mechanism that supplements a primary control

ses·a·me /ˈse.ˌsəˌmē/ noun
» a widely cultivated annual herb of warm regions; also: its seeds that yield an edible oil (sesame oil) and are used in flavoring

ses·qui·cen·ten·ni·al /ˌse.ˈkwəˌsen.təˈni.əl/ noun
[Origin: L sesqui- one and a half, half again]
» a 150th anniversary or its celebration
  — sesquicentennial adjective

ses·qui·pe·da·lian /ˈseˌsi.ˌpi.ˌde.əˌli.ən/ adjective
1: having many syllables: LONG
2: using long words

ses·sile /ˈseˌsəl/ adjective
» permanently attached and not free to move about

ses·sion /ˈse.ʃən/ noun
1: a meeting or series of meetings of a body (as a court or legislature) for the transaction of business
2: a meeting or period devoted to a particular activity

set /set/ verb set; set·ting
1: to cause to sit
2: PLACE
3 »: to put into a desired position, adjustment, or condition
4: to cause to be or do
5 »: to fix or decide on as a time, limit, or regulation: SETTLE
6: to fix in a frame
7: to fix at a certain amount
8: WAGER, STAKE
9 »: to make or become fast or rigid
10: to adapt (as words) to something (as music)
11 »: to become fixed or firm or solid
12: to be suitable: FIT
13 »: to cover and warm eggs to hatch them: BROOD
14 »: to have a certain direction
15: to pass below the horizon
16: to defeat in bridge
  — set about: to begin to do
  — set forth: to begin a trip
  — set out: to begin a trip or undertaking
  — set sail: to begin a voyage
— set upon
: to attack usu. with violence

**Synonyms**
- [3] deposit, dispose, fix, lay, place, position, put, set up, stick—more at PLACE
- [3, 9] anchor, catch, clamp, fasten, fix, hitch, moor, secure
- [5] arrange, decide, fix, name, settle—more at ARRANGE
- [13] brood, hatch, incubate, sit; also lay, spawn; pip
- [14] aim, bend, cast, direct, head, level, train—more at AIM

2 set **noun**
1: a setting or a being set
2: **DIRECTION, COURSE; also : TENDENCY**
3: **FORM, BUILD**
4: the fit of something (as a coat)
5: an artificial setting for the scene of a play or motion picture
6: a group of tennis games in which one side wins at least six
7: a group of persons or things of the same kind or having a common characteristic usu. classed together
8: a collection of things and esp. of mathematical elements (as numbers or points)
9: an electronic apparatus <<a television >>

**Synonyms**
- bloc, body, coalition, combination, combine, faction, party, sect, side, wing—more at FACTION
- circle, clan, clique, community, coterie, crowd—more at GANG
- array, assemblage, cluster, collection, group, package, parcel, suite

3 set **adjective**
1: firmly resolved : INTENT
2: fixed by authority or custom
3: incapable of being moved
4: PERSISTENT
5: being in readiness

**Synonyms**
- [1] bent, bound, decisive, determined, firm, intent, purposeful, resolute—more at DETERMINED
- [2] distinct, especial, express, precise, special, specific—more at EXPRESS
- [3] fast, firm, frozen, secure, snug, tight—more at TIGHT
- [5] fit, go, ready—more at READY

set·back /setˌbak/ **noun**
: a temporary defeat : REVERSE

**Synonyms**
- lapse, reversal, reverse—more at REVERSE

set back **verb**
1: HINDER, DELAY; also : REVERSE
2: COST

set down **verb**
1: to cause to sit down
2: to put in writing

**Synonyms**
- jot, log, mark, note, put down, record, register—more at RECORD

set off **verb**
1: to start out on a course or trip
2: to set in motion : cause to begin

**Synonyms**
- activate, actuate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, spark, start, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at ACTIVATE
set-screw /set_.skrʊ/ noun
: a screw screwed through one part tightly upon or into another part to prevent relative movement

set-tee /se_.tē/ noun
▷ a bench or sofa with a back and arms

Synonyms
▷ couch, davenport, divan, lounge, sofa—more at COUCH

set-ter /se_.lāt/ noun
: a large long-coated hunting dog

setting /se_.tīŋ/ noun
1 : the frame in which a gem is set
2 : the time, place, and circumstances in which something occurs or develops
3 : music written for a text (as of a poem)
4 : the eggs that a fowl sits on for hatching at one time

Synonyms
▷ atmosphere, climate, environment, environs, medium, milieu, surroundings—more at ENVIRONMENT

settle /set_.lavl verb settled; settles
[origin: ME settle to seat, bring to rest, come to rest, fr. OE setlan, fr. setl seat]
1 : to place so as to stay
2 : to establish in residence; also: COLONIZE
3 : to make compact
4 : to make or become quiet or orderly
5 : to establish or secure permanently
6 : to direct one's efforts
7 : to fix by agreement
8 : to give legally
9 : to arrange in a desired position
10 : to fix or resolve conclusively: DECIDE
11 : to make a final disposition of <~ an account>
12 : to come to rest
13 : to reach an agreement on
14 : to sink gradually to a lower level
15 : to become clear by depositing sediment

Synonyms
▷ [1, 9] ensconce, install, lodge, perch, roost—more at ENSCONCE
▷ [4] allay, calm, compose, quiet, soothe, still, tranquilize—more at CALM
▷ usually settle down [4] calm, cool, hush, quiet—more at QUIET
▷ [7, 13] arrange, decide, fix, set—more at ARRANGE
▷ [10] adjudicate, arbitrate, decide, determine, judge, referee, rule, umpire—more at JUDGE
▷ [11] clear, discharge, foot, liquidate, pay, pay off, quit, recompense, spring, stand—more at PAY
▷ [12] alight, land, light, perch, roost—more at ALIGHT

settled adjective
▷ : unlikely to change or be changed: established or decided beyond dispute or doubt

Synonyms
▷ confirmed, deep-rooted, deep-seated, inveterate—more at INVETERATE
▷ certain, determinate, final, firm, fixed, flat, frozen, hard, hard-and-fast, set, stable—more at FIXED

settle-ment /set_.laml/ noun
1 : the act or process of settling
2 : BESTOWAL "a marriage ~"
3 : payment or adjustment of an account
4 : COLONY
5 : a small village
6 : an institution providing various community services esp. to large city populations
7 : adjustment of doubts and differences
**Settler** noun
: one that settles (as a new region)

**Synonyms**
- colonist, frontiersman, homesteader, pioneer—more at FRONTIERSMAN
- emigrant, émigré, immigrant, migrant—more at EMIGRANT

**Set-to /set_\text{\text{\text{-}}}t\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}/ noun, plural set-tos**
: FIGHT

**Set-up /set_\text{\text{\text{-}}p}/ noun**
1 : the manner or act of arranging
2 : glass, ice, and nonalcoholic beverage for mixing served to patrons who supply their own liquor
3 : something (as a plot) that has been constructed or contrived; also : FRAME-UP

**Synonyms**
- arrangement, configuration, conformation, format, layout
- arrangement, array, disposal, disposition, distribution, order, sequence—more at ORDER

**Set up verb**
1 : to place in position; also : ASSEMBLE
2 : CAUSE
3 : to bring about the beginning of : FOUND
4 : FRAME 5
5 : to place upright

**Synonyms**
- [1] assemble, deposit, dispose, fix, lay, place, position, put, set, stick—more at PLACE
- [3] constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, launch, pioneer, start—more at FOUND
- [5] erect, pitch, put up, raise, rear—more at ERECT

**Seven /se\_\text{\text{\text{-}}}v\_\text{\text{-}}n/ noun**
1 : one more than six
2 : the 7th in a set or series
3 : something having seven units
   - seven adjective or pronoun
   - seventieth /\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{\text{-}}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}/ adjective or adverb or noun

**Seven-teen /se\_\text{\text{\text{-}}}v\_\text{\text{\text{-}}}\text{\text{-}}\_\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}n/ noun**
: one more than 16
   - seventeen adjective or pronoun
   - seventeenth /\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}/ adjective or noun

**Seventeen-year locust noun**
: a cicada of the U.S. that has in the North a life of 17 years and in the South of 13 years of which most is spent underground as a nymph and only a few weeks as a winged adult

**Seventy /se\_\text{\text{\text{-}}}v\_\text{\text{-}}n\_\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}/ noun, plural seventies**
: seven times 10
   - seventieth /\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}/ adjective or noun
   - seventy adjective or pronoun

**Sever /se\_\text{\text{\text{-}}}v\_\text{\text{-}}\text{\text{-}}/ verb severed; severing**
: to separate into individual parts : DIVIDE; especially : to separate by or as if by cutting

**Synonyms**
- break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissever, dissociate, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, split, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE
several /ˈsevərəl, ˈsɛvərəl/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. ML separalis, fr. L separ separate, fr. separare to separate]
1: INDIVIDUAL, DISTINCT <federal union of the ~ states>
2: consisting of an indefinite number but yet not very many
—several·ly adverb

severance pay noun
: extra pay given an employee upon termination of employment

severe /ˈsɪvər/ adjective severe·er; -est
1: marked by strictness or sternness : AUSTERE
2: strict in discipline
3: causing distress and esp. physical discomfort or pain <~ weather> <a ~ wound>
4: hard to endure <~ trials>
5: of a great degree : SERIOUS <~ depression>

Synonyms
1, 2: austere, authoritarian, flinty, hard, harsh, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, stern, strict; also demanding, exacting; uncharitable, unforgiving; adamant, adamantine, hardened, immovable, implacable, inflexible, ossified, unbending, uncompromising, unyielding; dour, gruff; ascetic, monastic; browbeating, bullying; determined, firm, resolved, steadfast, unflinching; dogged, intractable, obstinate, relentless

Antonyms
forbearing, indulgent, lax, lenient, tolerant
4: bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, stiff, tough, trying—more at HARSH

severely adverb
: in a severe manner : with severity

Synonyms
hard, hardly, harshly, ill, oppressively, roughly, sternly, stiffly—more at HARDLY

severity /ˈsɪvərətɪ/ noun
: quality or state of being severe

Synonyms
hardness, harshness, inflexibility, rigidity, sternness, strictness; also implacability, obduracy; asceticism, austerity, monasticism; determination, firmness, resolve, steadfastness; obstinacy, stubbornness

Antonyms
gentleness, flexibility, laxness, mildness

sew /sɔː/ verb sewed; sewn /sɔːn/ or sewed; sewing
1: to unite or fasten by stitches
2: to engage in sewing

sewage /ˈsjuːɪdʒ/ noun
: waste materials carried off by sewers

1sewer /sɔːr/ noun
: one that sews

2sewer /ˈsjuːər/ noun
: an artificial pipe or channel to carry off waste matter

sewerage /ˈsjuːərədʒ/ noun
1: a system of sewers
2: SEWAGE

sewing noun
1: the activity of one who sews
2: material that has been or is to be sewed

sex /ˈseks/ noun
1: either of the two major forms that occur in many living things and are designated male or female according to
their role in reproduction; also: the qualities by which these sexes are differentiated and which directly or indirectly function in reproduction involving two parents

2 a: sexual activity or behavior

b: physical sexual contact between individuals that involves the genitalia: SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

— sexed /séks’d/ adjective

— sex·less adjective

sex·a·ge·nar·i·an /sék’sə nәr’ә n/ noun
: a person whose age is in the sixties

— sexagenarian adjective

sex appeal
: personal appeal or physical attractiveness esp. for members of the opposite sex

sex cell noun
: an egg cell or sperm cell

sex chromosome noun
: one of usu. a pair of chromosomes that are usu. similar in one sex but different in the other sex and are concerned with the inheritance of sex

sex hormone noun
: a steroid hormone (as estrogen or testosterone) that is produced esp. by the gonads or adrenal cortex and chiefly affects the growth or function of the reproductive organs

sex·ism /sék’siz’am/ noun
: prejudice or discrimination based on sex; especially: discrimination against women

— sex·ist /sék’sist/ adjective or noun

sex·ol·o·gy /sék’sə la’jé/ noun
: the study of sex or of the interactions of the sexes

— sex·ol·o·gist /jist/ noun

sex·pot /sék’spät/ noun
: a conspicuously sexy woman

sex symbol noun
: a usu. renowned person (as an entertainer) noted and admired for conspicuous attractiveness

sex·tant /sék’stant/ noun
[origin: NL sextant-, sextans sixth part of a circle, fr. L, sixth part, fr. sextus sixth]
: a navigational instrument for determining latitude

sex·tet /sék’stet/ noun
1: a musical composition for six voices or instruments; also: the performers of such a composition

2: a group or set of six

sex·ton /sék’stan/ noun
: one who takes care of church property

sex·u·al /sék’suә l/ adjective
: of, relating to, or involving sex or the sexes <a ~ spore> <~ relations>

— sex·u·al·i·ty /sék’suә la’te/ noun

— sex·u·al·ly /sék’suә la’ l/ adverb

sexual intercourse noun
1 ^: intercourse between a male and a female in which the penis is inserted into the vagina

2: intercourse between individuals involving genital contact other than insertion of the penis into the vagina

Synonyms

^ copulation, intercourse; also fornication; safe sex; sexuality

sexually transmitted disease noun
: a disease (as syphilis, gonorrhea, AIDS, or the genital form of herpes simplex) that is caused by a microorganism
or virus usu. or often transmitted by direct sexual contact

sexual relations noun plural

: physical sexual contact between individuals that involves the genitalia: SEXUAL INTERCOURSE

sexy /sek'sē/ adjective sex·i·er; -est

: sexually suggestive or stimulating: EROTIC

— sex·i·ly /sē ˌlē/ adverb

— sex·i·ness /sē ˌnas/ noun

Synonyms

 amatory, amorous, erotic—more at EROTIC

SF abbreviation

1 sacrifice fly

2 science fiction

SFC abbreviation

sergeant first class

Sg symbol

seaborgium

SG abbreviation

1 senior grade

2 sergeant

3 solicitor general

4 surgeon general

sgd abbreviation

signed

Sgt abbreviation

sergeant

Sgt Maj abbreviation

sergeant major

sh abbreviation

share

shab·by /'sha bē/ adjective shab·bi·er; -est

1 : dressed in worn clothes

2 : threadbare and faded from wear

3 : DESPICABLE, MEAN; also : UNFAIR <~ treatment>

— shab·bi·ly /ˈsha be le/ adverb

— shab·bi·ness /ˈbē ni əs/ noun

Synonyms

dilapidated, grungy, mangy, mean, miserable, neglected, ragged, ratty, scruffy, seedy, tacky, tattered, threadbare; also abandoned, desolate, forlorn; decrepit, worn-out; bedraggled, dingy, decaying, ramshackle; broken, damaged, destroyed, harmed, hurt, impaired, injured, ruined, wrecked

shack /'shak/ noun

: an often small and temporary dwelling of simple construction: HUT

Synonyms

cabin, camp, hut, hutch, shanty; also lean-to, shed; cot, cottage, lodge; cabana; bungalow, chalet; hogan, wickiup, wigwam

1 shack·le /'sha kal/ noun

1 : something (as a manacle or fetter) that confines the legs or arms

2 : a check on free action made as if by fetters

3 : a device for making something fast or secure

Synonyms

[1] band, bond, chain, fetter, irons, ligature, manacle—more at BOND
shackle verb shack·led; shack·ling
1 : to bind or fasten with shackles
2 : to limit free movement or expression with restrictions or handicaps
   Synonyms
   (1) bind, chain, enchain, fetter, handcuff, manacle, trammel
   (2) clog, cramp, delay, embarrass, encumber, hamper, handicap, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, obstruct, tie up—more at HAMPER

shad /shad/ noun, plural shad
: any of several sea fishes related to the herrings that swim up rivers to spawn and include some important food fishes

shade /shad/ noun
1 a : partial obscurity
   b plural : the shadows that gather as darkness comes on
2 : space sheltered from the light esp. of the sun
3 : a disembodied spirit : PHANTOM
4 : something that shelters from or intercepts light or heat; also, pl : SUNGLASSES
5 : a dark color or a variety of a color
6 : a small difference
   Synonyms
   shade—more at DARK
   shadow; also blackness, dimness, duskiness, gloominess, murkiness, obscurity; cloudiness, dullness
   apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith—more at GHOST
   cast, color, hue, tinge, tint, tone—more at COLOR

shade verb shad·ed; shad·ing
1 : to shelter from light and heat
2 : DARKEN, OBSCURE
3 : to mark with degrees of light or color
4 : to show slight differences esp. in color or meaning
   shaded adjective
   : protected from heat or light (as with shade or shadow)
   Synonyms
   shadowy, shady—more at SHADY

shad·ing noun
: the color and lines representing darkness or shadow in a drawing or painting

shade /'sha dl/ noun
1 a : partial darkness in a space from which light rays are cut off
   b plural : a place or time of little or no light
2 : SHELTER
3 : shade cast upon a surface by something intercepting rays from a light <the ~ of a tree>
4 : something (as a specter) apparent to sense but with no substantial existence : PHANTOM
5 : a shaded portion of a picture
6 : a small portion or degree : TRACE <a ~ of doubt>
7 : a source of gloom or unhappiness
8 : one (as a spy or detective) that shadows
   Synonyms
   shade—more at SHADE
   shadows [1b] dark, darkness, dusk, gloaming, gloom, murk, night, semidarkness, shade, twilight—more at DARK
   [6] relic, trace, vestige—more at VESTIGE
[8] detective, investigator, operative, sleuth, tail—more at DETECTIVE

shadow verb
1 : to cast a shadow on
2 : to represent faintly or vaguely
3 : to follow and watch closely : TRAIL

Synonyms
[1] becloud, blacken, cloud, darken, dim, obscure, overcast, overshadow
[3] chase, dog, follow, hound, pursue, tag, tail, trace, track, trail—more at FOLLOW

shadow-box /ˈshaˌdōˌbäks/ verb
: to box with an imaginary opponent esp. for training

shady /ˈshaˌdē/ adjective shade·ier; -est
1 : faintly perceptible
2 : being in or obscured by shadow; also : producing or providing shade

Synonyms
bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, unclear, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at PAINT

Antonyms
sunny
[2] crooked, deceptive, dishonest, fast, fraudulent, sharp, shifty, underhanded—more at DISHONEST
[2] debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fishy, problematic, questionable, shaky, suspect, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL

shaft /ˈshaft/ noun, plural shafts
1 : the long handle of a spear or lance
2 : a thrusting or throwing weapon with long shaft and sharp head or blade : SPEAR, LANCE
3 or pl shaves /ˈʃaʊvz/ : POLE; especially : one of two poles between which a horse is hitched to pull a vehicle
4 : something (as a column) long and slender
5 : a bar to support a rotating piece or to transmit power by rotation
6 : an inclined opening in the ground (as for finding or mining ore)
7 : a vertical opening (as for an elevator) through the floors of a building
8 : harsh or unfair treatment — usu. used with the
9 : a sharply delineated beam of light shining through an opening

shaft verb
1 : to fit with a shaft
2 : to treat unfairly or harshly

shag /ˈʃag/ noun
: a shaggy tangled mass or covering (as of wool) : long coarse or matted fiber, nap, or pile

shaggy /ˈʃag·gē/ adjective shade·i·er; -est
1 : rough with or as if with long hair or wool
2 : tangled or rough in surface
Synonyms
fleecy, furry, hairy, hirsute, rough, unshorn, woolly—more at HAIRY

shah /ˈshā, ˈshó/ noun, often cap
: a sovereign of Iran
Shak abbreviation
Shakespeare
shake /ˈʃeɪk/ verb shook /ˈʃʊk/; shaken /ˈʃəkən/; shaking
1 ‣: to move or cause to move jerkily or irregularly
2: BRAG, WAVE <shaking his fist>
3: to disturb emotionally <shaken by her death>
4: WEAKEEN <shook his faith>
5: to bring or come into a certain position, condition, or arrangement by or as if by moving jerkily
6: to clasp (hands) in greeting or as a sign of goodwill or agreement
7 ‣: to get away from: get rid of
— shak·able or shakeable /ˈʃeɪkəbəl/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] agitate, convulse, jolt, jounce, quake, quiver, shudder, vibrate, wobble; also rock, sway; quaver, shiver, tremble; dodder, waver; flicker, fluctuate, flutter, oscillate, wave; beat, palpitate, pit-a-pat, pitter-patter, pulsate, pulse, throb
   ‣ [7] avoid, dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shirk, shun—more at ESCAPE
2 shake noun
1: the act or a result of shaking
2: DEAL, TREATMENT <a fair ~>
3 ‣: a very brief period of time
4 plural ‣: a condition of trembling or nervousness
   Synonyms
   ‣ [3] flash, instant, jiffy, minute, moment, second, trice, twinkle, twinkling, wink—more at INSTANT
   ‣ shakes [4] dither, jitters, shivers, willies—more at JITTERS
shake·down /ˈʃeɪk.dərn/ noun
1: an improvised bed
2: EXTORTION
3: a process or period of adjustment
4: a test (as of a new ship or airplane) under operating conditions
shake down verb
1: to take up temporary quarters
2: to occupy a makeshift bed
3: to become accustomed esp. to new surroundings or duties
4: to settle down
5: to give a shakedown test to
6: to obtain money from in a deceitful or illegal manner
7: to bring about a reduction of
shak·er /ˈʃeɪkər/ noun
1: one that shakes <pepper ~> 2 cap: a member of a religious sect founded in England in 1747
Shake·spear·ean or Shake·spear·ian /ˈʃeɪkərˌspər.ən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of Shakespeare or his writings
shake·up /ˈʃeɪk·əp/ noun
: an extensive often drastic reorganization
shake up verb
†: to jar by or as if by a physical shock
   Synonyms
   ‣ appall, bowl, floor, jolt, shock—more at SHOCK
shak·i·ness /ˈʃeɪkənˌnes/ noun
†: the quality or state of being shaky
   Synonyms
   ‣ insecurity, instability, precariousness, unsteadiness—more at INSTABILITY
shaky /ˈʃeɪkə/ adjective shak·i·er; -est
1 : lacking in authority or reliability
2 : characterized by shaking
   — shak·i·ly /shāˈke-lē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fishy, problematic, questionable, shady, suspect, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL
   ▶ [2] tremulous, wobbly; also shivering, shivery
shale /shāl/ noun
   : a finely layered rock formed from clay, mud, or silt
shall /shal/ verb, past should /shud/ pres sing & pl shall
   — used as an auxiliary to express a command, what seems inevitable or likely in the future, simple futurity, or determination
   Synonyms
   ▶ have, must, need, ought, should—more at NEED
shal·lop /shaˈlop/ noun
   : a light open boat
shal·lot /shaˈlat/ noun
   [origin: modif. of Fr échalote]
   1 : a small clustered bulb that is used in seasoning and is produced by a perennial herb belonging to a subspecies of the onion; also : this herb
   2 : GREEN ONION
1shallow /ˈshaˌlō/ adjective
   1 : not deep
   2 : not intellectually profound
2shallow noun
   : a shallow place in a body of water — usu. used in pl.
1sham /ˈsham/ noun
   1 : an ornamental covering for a pillow
   2 : an imitation or counterfeit purporting to be genuine; also : cheap falseness
   3 : a person who shams
   Synonyms
   ▶ counterfeit, fake, forgery, hoax, humbug, phony—more at FAKE
   ▶ caricature, farce, joke, mockery, parody, travesty—more at MOCKERY
2sham verb shammed; sham·ming
   : to act intentionally so as to give a false impression : FEIGN, PRETEND
   — sham·mer noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ affect, assume, counterfeit, fake, feign, pretend, profess, put on, simulate—more at FEIGN
3sham adjective
   : not genuine : FALSE
   Synonyms
   ▶ bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, inauthentic, phony, spurious, unauthentic—more at COUNTERFEIT
   ▶ affected, artificial, assumed, contrived, factitious, feigned, imitation, mechanical, mock, put-on, unnatural—more at ARTIFICIAL
sha·man /ˈshaˌmən, ˈshān/ noun
   [origin: ultim. fr. Evenki (a language of Siberia) šamān]
   : a priest or priestess who uses magic to cure the sick, to divine the hidden, and to control events
sham·ble /ˈsham-bəl/ verb sham·bled; sham·bling
   : to shuffle along
   — sham·ble noun
Synonyms

- lumber, scuff, scuffle, shuffle, stumble, tramp, tromp—more at LUMBER

sham·bles /ʃəmˈbɛlz/ noun
1 : a scene of great slaughter
2 : a scene or state of great destruction or disorder; also : MESS

Synonyms
- chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, havoc, hell, jumble, mess, muddle—more at CHAOS

sham /ʃəm/ noun
1 ▶ : a painful sense of having done something wrong, improper, or immodest
2 ▶ : a condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute : DISGRACE
3 : a cause of feeling shame
4 : something to be regretted <it's a ~ you'll miss the party>

— shame·ful·ly adverb
— shame·less adjective
— shame·less·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] contrition, guilt, penitence, remorse, repentance, self-reproach—more at GUILT
- [2] discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, reproach—more at DISGRACE

shame verb shamed; sham·ing
1 ▶ : to bring shame to : DISGRACE
2 : to make ashamed

Synonyms
- abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, smirch, take down—more at HUMBLE

shame·faced /ʃəmˈfæst/ adjective
▶ : showing shame : ASHAMED

— shame·faced·ly /ˈfæst.əˌli/ adverb

Synonyms
- ashamed, contrite, guilty, hangdog, penitent, remorseful, repentant—more at GUILTY

shame·ful /ʃəmˈfjuːl/ adjective
▶ : bringing shame; also : arousing the feeling of shame

Synonyms
- discreditable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, ignominious, infamous, notorious—more at DISREPUTABLE

1 shampoo /ʃəmˈpuː/ verb
[ORIGIN: Hindi cāpā, imper. of cāpā to press, shampoo]
: to wash (as the hair) with soap and water or with a special preparation; also : to clean (as a rug) similarly

2 shampoo noun, plural shampoos
1 : the act or an instance of shampooing
2 : a preparation for use in shampooing

sham·rock /ʃəmˈrək/ noun
[ORIGIN: Ir seamróg, dim. of seamár clover]
: a plant of folk legend with leaves composed of three leaflets that is associated with St. Patrick and Ireland

shang·hai /ʃɑŋˈheɪ/ verb shang·haid; shang·hai·ing
[ORIGIN: Shanghai, China]
: to force aboard a ship for service as a sailor; also : to trick or force into an undesirable position

Shan·gri–la /shanˈgri.lə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Shangri-La, imaginary land depicted in the novel Lost Horizon (1933) by James Hilton]
: a remote idyllic hideaway
shank /ˈʃaŋk/ noun
1 : the part of the leg between the knee and the human ankle or a corresponding part of a quadruped
2 : a cut of meat from the leg
3 : the narrow part of the sole of a shoe beneath the instep
4 : the part of a tool or instrument (as a key or anchor) connecting the functioning part with a part by which it is held or moved

shan·tung /ˈshæntən/ noun
: a fabric in plain weave having a slightly irregular surface

shan·ty /ˈʃænti/ noun, plural shanties
▷ : a small roughly built shelter or dwelling

Synonyms
cabin, camp, hut, hutch, shack—more at shack

1shape /ʃeɪp/ verb shaped; shap·ing
1 : to form esp. in a particular shape
2 : DESIGN
3 ▷ : to make fit for (as a particular use or purpose) : ADAPT, ADJUST
4 : REGULATE
5 ▷ : to come to pass; also : to take on or approach a mature or definite form — often used with up

Synonyms
[3] acclimate, accommodate, adapt, adjust, condition, conform, fit—more at ADAPT
▷ usually shape up [5] crystallize, form, jell, solidify

shape noun
1 ▷ : spatial form or contour
2 : surface configuration : FORM
3 : bodily contour apart from the head and face : FIGURE
4 : PHANTOM
5 ▷ : the condition in which someone or something exists at a particular time
6 ▷ : the appearance of the body as distinguished from that of the face

— shaped adjective

Synonyms
▷ [1] cast, configuration, conformation, figure, form, geometry
▷ [5] condition, estate, fettle, form, order, repair, trim—more at CONDITION
▷ [6] build, constitution, figure, form, frame, physique—more at PHYSIQUE

shape·less /ˈʃeɪp·ləs/ adjective
1 ▷ : having no definite shape
2 ▷ : not shapely

— shape·less·ly adverb
— shape·less·ness noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] amorphous, formless, unformed, unshaped, unstructured—more at FORMLESS
▷ [2] deformed, distorted, malformed, misshapen, monstrous—more at MALFORMED

shape·ly /ˈʃeɪp·li/ adjective shape·li·er; -est
: having a pleasing shape

— shape·li·ness noun

shape·shift·er /ˈʃeɪpˌshif·tər/ noun
: one that seems able to change form or identity at will

shard /ˈʃard/ also sherd /ˈʃerd/ noun
: a broken piece : FRAGMENT

share /ˈʃaər/ noun
**share** noun
1 : a portion belonging to one person or group
2 : any of the equal interests into which the capital stock of a corporation is divided

**Synonyms**
- [1] allotment, allowance, cut, part, portion, proportion, quota; also lot, ration; commission, percentage; member, partition, section, segment
- [2] claim, interest, stake—more at INTEREST

**share** verb shared; shar·ing
1 : APPORTION
2 : to use or enjoy with others
3 : PARTICIPATE

**share·crop·per** /ˌkraʊˌpər/ noun
: a farmer who works another's land in return for a share of the crop

**share·crop** verb

**share·hold·er** /ˌshərˌhəldər/ noun
: STOCKHOLDER

**shar·er** noun
: one that shares

**Synonyms**
- partaker, participant, party—more at PARTICIPANT

**share·ware** /ˈʃeərˌwār/ noun
: software available for usu. limited trial use at little or no cost but that can be upgraded for a fee

**shark** /ʃɑrk/ noun
: any of various active, usu. predatory, and mostly large marine cartilaginous fishes

**shark** noun
1 : a greedy crafty person
2 : one who excels greatly esp. in a particular field

**Synonyms**
- [1] cheat, dodger, hoaxter, sharper, swindler, trickster—more at TRICKSTER
- [2] ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, master, scholar, virtuoso, whiz, wizard—more at EXPERT

**shark·skin** /ˌʃɑrkˈskīn/ noun
1 : the hide of a shark or leather made from it
2 : a fabric woven from strands of many fine threads and having a sleek appearance and silky feel

**sharp** /ʃɑrp/ adjective
1 : having a thin cutting edge or fine point : not dull or blunt
2 : briskly or bitingly cold : COLD <a ~ wind>
3 : keen in intellect, perception, or attention
4 : BRISK, ENERGETIC
5 : IRRITABLE <a ~ temper>
6 : causing intense distress <a ~ pain>
7 : cutting in language or import : HARSH <a ~ rebuke>
8 : affecting the senses as if cutting or piercing <a ~ sound> <a ~ smell>
9 : not smooth or rounded <a ~ features>
10 : involving an abrupt or extreme change <a ~ turn>
11 : CLEAR, DISTINCT <mountains in ~ relief>; also : easy to perceive <a ~ contrast>
12 a : higher than the true pitch
b : raised by a half step
13 : being in the latest or current fashion : STYLISH <a ~ dresser>
14 : keen in attention to one's own interest sometimes to the point of being unethical
sharp·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] cutting, edgy, ground, keen; also jabbing, jagged, lacerating, piercing, scratching, stabbing

Antonyms
blunt, blunted, dull, dulled, obtuse
[1] peaked, pointed—more at POINTED
[3] acute, astute, canny, hardheaded, knowing, shrewd, smart—more at SHREW
[3] alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted—more at INTELLIGENT
[6] acute, agonizing, biting, excruciating, smart; also bitter, cutting, keen, penetrating, piercing, raw, stinging; afflicting, distressing, upsetting; cruel, grievous, harsh, heartrending, hurtful, lacerating, painful, paralyzing, severe, tormenting, torturous; insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unacceptable, unbearable, unsupportable; appalling, awful, bad, dire, dreadful, ghastly, horrible, miserable, nasty, rotten, terrible, vile, wretched

Antonyms
dull
[8] nippy, pungent, strong; also acid, acidic; acrid, bitter, harsh; piquant, spicy, tart; putrid, rancid, rank; acute, keen; animating, energizing, exciting, galvanizing, invigorating, provocative; appetizing, delectable, delicious, palatable, toothsome; flavorful, savory, tasty

Antonyms
bland, smooth, mild

sharp adverb
1 : in a sharp manner
2 : in a manner or measure or to a degree or number that strictly conforms to a fact or condition: EXACTLY

Synonyms
accurately, exactly, just, precisely, right, squarely—more at EXACTLY

sharp noun
1 : a sharp edge or point
2 : a character ♯ which indicates that a specified note is to be raised by a half step; also : the resulting note
3 : SHARPER

sharp verb
: to raise in pitch by a half step

shar·pei, shā' pē, shā' pər noun, plural shar·peis often cap S&P
[origin: Chin (Guangdong dial.) sā sand + pēi fur]
: any of a Chinese breed of dogs that have loose wrinkled skin esp. when young

sharp·en verb
: to make or become sharp

Synonyms
edge, grind, hone, strop, whet; also file

Antonyms
blunt, dull

sharp·er noun
: an unduly sharp or canny person; especially : a cheating gambler

Synonyms
cheat, dodger, hoaxer, shark, swindler, trickster—more at TRICKSTER

sharp·ie or sharp·y noun, plural sharp·ies
1 : SHARPER
2 : a person who is exceptionally keen or alert

sharp·ness noun
: the quality or state of being sharp

Synonyms
• acidity, acrimony, acuteness, asperity, bite, bitterness, edge, harshness, keenness, pungency, tartness
• bite, bitterness, bleakness, chill, nip, rawness—more at CHILL

sharp-shoot·er /shäp_ˌshoo_tər/ noun
• : a good marksman
  — sharp-shooting noun

Synonyms
• marksman, shooter, shot—more at MARKSMAN

shat·ter /′sha_tər/ verb
• : to dash or burst into fragments; also : to cause the disruption or annihilation of
  — shat·ter-proof /′sha_tər_ˌprōt/ adjective

Synonyms
• blast, blow up, burst, demolish, destroy, explode, pop, smash—more at BLAST

1 shave /′shäv/ verb shaved; shaved or shav·en /′shäv_en/; shav·ing
  1 : to slice in thin pieces
  2 : to make bare or smooth by cutting the hair from
  3 : to cut or pare off by the sliding movement of a razor
  4 ▼ : to skim along or near the surface of

Synonyms
• brush, graze, kiss, nick, skim—more at BRUSH

2 shave noun
  1 : any of various tools for cutting thin slices
  2 : an act or process of shaving

shav·er /′shäv_ər/ noun
  1 : an electric razor
  2 ▼ : a male child from birth to adulthood : BOY

Synonyms
• boy, lad, nipper, stripling, youth—more at BOY

shav·ing noun
  1 : the act of one that shaves
  2 : something shaved off

shawl /′shäl/ noun
• : a square or oblong piece of fabric used esp. by women as a loose covering for the head or shoulders

Shaw·nee /′shō_ˌnē, shä/ noun, plural Shawnee or Shawnees
• : a member of an American Indian people orig. of the central Ohio valley; also : their language

shd abbreviation
• should

she /′shē/ pronoun
• : that female one <who is ~>; also : that one regarded as feminine <~’s a fine ship>

sheaf /′shēf/ noun, plural sheaves /′shēvz/
  1 : a bundle of stalks and ears of grain
  2 : a group of things bound together

1 shear /′shir/ verb sheared; sheared or shorn /′shörn/; shear·ing
  1 ▼ : to cut the hair or wool from : CLIP
  2 : to deprive by or as if by cutting
  3 : to cut or break sharply

Synonyms
• bob, clip, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, dock, lop, nip, prune, shave, trim—more at CLIP

2 shear noun
• 1 : any of various cutting tools that consist of two blades fastened together so that the edges slide one by the other —
usu. used in pl.
2 chiefly British: the act, an instance, or the result of shearing
3: an action or stress caused by applied forces that causes two parts of a body to slide on each other

sheath /ˈʃeɪθ/ noun, plural sheaths /ˈʃeɪθz, ˈʃeɪθz/
1 a case for a blade (as of a knife); also: an anatomical covering suggesting such a case
2 a close-fitting dress usu. worn without a belt

Synonyms
- armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, shell—more at CASE

sheathe /ˈʃeɪθ/ also sheath /ˈʃeɪθ/ verb sheathed; sheathing
1: to put into a sheath
2: to cover with something that guards or protects

sheathing /ˈʃeɪθɪŋ/ noun
: material used to sheathe something; especially: the first covering of boards or of waterproof material on the outside wall of a frame house or on a timber roof

sheave /ˈʃeɪv, ˈʃeɪv/ noun
: a grooved wheel or pulley (as on a pulley block)

she-bang /ˈʃeɪ bæn/ noun
: everything involved in what is under consideration <sold the whole ~>
fault

  Synonyms
  ➔ bashful, coy, demure, diffident, introverted, modest, retiring, shy—more at shy

sheep·ish·ly /ˈʃēpˌish·li/ adverb
  ➔ in a sheepish manner

  Synonyms
  ➔ humbly, lowly, meekly, modestly

sheep·skin /ˈʃēpˌskin/ noun
  1 : the hide of a sheep or leather prepared from it; also : PARCHMENT
  2 : DIPLOMA

  1sheer /ˈshir/ verb
  ➔ to turn from a course

  Synonyms
  ➔ detour, deviate, swerve, swing, turn, turn off, veer—more at TURN

  2sheer adjective
  1 ➔ very thin or transparent
  2 : carried to the utmost point or highest degree : UNQUALIFIED (~ folly)
  3 : very steep
    ➔ sheer adverb

  Synonyms
  ➔ gauzy, transparent; also clear, limpid, liquid, lucent, pellucid; lucid, translucent; dainty, delicate, flimsy, fragile, frail; colorless, uncolored

  1sheet /ˈʃēt/ noun
  1 : a broad piece of cloth (as for a bed); also : SAIL 1
  2 : a single piece of paper
  3 : a broad flat surface <a ~ of ice>
  4 : something broad and long and relatively thin

  2sheet noun
  ➔ a rope used to trim a sail

  sheet·ing /ˈʃētn/ noun
  ➔ material in the form of sheets or suitable for forming into sheets

  sheik or sheik· /ˈshēk, ˈshāk/ noun
  ➔ an Arab chief
    ➔ sheikh·dom or sheik·dom /ˈdäm/ noun

  shek·el /ˈshek·əl/ noun
  ➔ a basic monetary unit of Israel

  shelf /ˈʃelf/ noun, plural shelves /ˈʃelvz/ noun
  ➔ a thin flat usu. long and narrow structure fastened horizontally (as on a wall) above the floor to hold things
  ➔ something (as a sandbar) that suggests a shelf

  shelf·life /ˈshelf·la/ noun
  ➔ the period of storage time during which a material will remain useful

  1shell /ˈshel/ noun
  1 ➔ a hard or tough often thin outer covering of an animal (as a beetle, turtle, or mollusk) or of an egg or a seed or fruit (as a nut); also : something that resembles a shell <a pastry ~>
  2 : a light narrow racing boat propelled by oarsmen
  3 : a case holding an explosive and designed to be fired from a cannon; also : a case holding the charge of powder and shot or bullet for small arms
  4 : a plain usu. sleeveless blouse or sweater
  5 ➔ a framework or exterior structure; especially : a building with an unfinished interior
    ➔ shelled /ˈsheld/ adjective
— _shelly_ /ˈʃeɪlɪ/ _adjective_

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ [1] armor, capsule, case, casing, cocoon, cover, housing, husk, jacket, pod, sheath—more at _CASE_
  ▶ [5] configuration, frame, framework, skeleton, structure—more at _FRAME_

  **2 shell verb**
  1 ▶ : to remove from a shell or husk
  2 ▶ : to throw shells at, upon, or into : _BOMBARD_

— _shell·er_ _noun_

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ [1] bark, flay, hull, husk, peel, shuck, skin—more at _PEEL_
  ▶ [2] blitz, bombard—more at _BOMBARD_

  **1 shellac /ˈʃeɪ.læk/ _noun_**
  1 : a purified lac
  2 : lac dissolved in alcohol and used as a wood filler or finish

  **2 shellac _verb shel·lacked; shel·lack·ing_**
  1 : to coat or treat with shellac
  2 : to defeat decisively

  **shell·lack·ing _noun_**
  ▶ : a sound drubbing

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ defeat, loss, rout—more at _DEFEAT_

  **shell bean _noun_**
  : a bean grown esp. for its edible seeds; _also_ : its edible seed

  **shell-fish /ˈʃeɪl.fɪʃ/ _noun_**
  : an invertebrate water animal (as an oyster or lobster) with a shell

  **shell out _verb_**
  : _PAY_

  **shell shock _noun_**
  : _COMBAT FATIGUE_

— _shell·shocked /ˈʃeɪl·ʃəkt/ _adjective_

  **1 shelter /ˈʃeɪ.lər/ _noun_**
  ▶ : something that gives protection : _REFUGE_

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ asylum, harbor, haven, refuge, retreat, sanctuary; _also_ anchorage, mooring, port; cover, screen; abode, domicile, dwelling, habitation, house, housing, lodgment, lodging, pad, place, quarters, residence, rest, roof; den, lair, hermitage, hideaway, hideout; fastness, fort, fortress, palisade, stronghold; lean-to, shed, windbreak

  **2 shelter _verb shel·tered; shel·ter·ing_**
  ▶ : to give protection or refuge to

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ accommodate, billet, chamber, domicile, harbor, house, lodge, put up, quarter, roof, take in—more at _HOUSE_

  **shelve /ʃel/ _verb shelved; shelv·ing_**
  1 : to slope gradually
  2 : to store on shelves
  3 : to dismiss from service or use
  4 ▶ : to put aside : _DEFER_ << a proposal>>

  **Synonyms**
  ▶ defer, delay, hold up, postpone, put off—more at _POSTPONE_

  **shelv·ing /ˈʃel.vɪŋ/ _noun_**
  : material for shelves; _also_ : _SHELVES_
she·nan·i·gan /she·na·nə·gən/ noun
1 : an underhand trick
2 : questionable conduct — usu. used in pl.
3 ▶ : high-spirited or mischievous activity — usu. used in pl.
   Synonyms
   ▶ shenanigans devilishness, impishness, knavery, mischief, mischievousness, rascality, waggery, wickedness
   —more at MISCHIEF
   ▶ shenanigans foolery, high jinks, horseplay, monkeyshines, roughhouse, tomfoolery—more at HORSEPLAY

she·per·d /she·pərd/ noun
1 : one who tends sheep
2 : GERMAN SHEPHERD

she·per·d·ess /she·pə·dəs/ noun
: a woman who tends sheep

shep·her·d·ing /she·pə·rə·dəng/ noun
: to tend as or in the manner of a shepherd
   Synonyms
   ▶ coach, counsel, guide, lead, mentor, pilot, show, tutor—more at GUIDE

she·perd·ing /she·pə·dənd/ noun
: a meat pie with a mashed potato crust

she·qel /she·qəl/ noun, plural sheqalim variant of SHEKEL

she·r·bet /shərˈbet/ noun
[origin: Turk şerbet, fr. Per sharbat, fr. Ar sharbah drink]
1 : a drink of sweetened diluted fruit juice
2 also sher·bert /ˈbərt/ : a frozen dessert of fruit juices, sugar, milk or water, and egg whites or gelatin

she·riff /ˈʃɛrɪf/ noun
[origin: ME shirreve, fr. OE scīrgerēfa, lit., shire reeve (local official)]
: a county officer charged with the execution of the law and the preservation of order

she··tland pony /ˈʃetˌlænd/ noun
: any of a breed of small stocky hardy ponies

shew /ʃʊə/ British variant of SHOW

shi·at·su also shi·at·zu /ʃiˈætsʊ/ noun
[origin: short for Jp shiatsuryōhō]
: a form of acupressure originating in Japan

shib·bo·leth /ˈʃɪbəˌlɛθ/ noun
[origin: Heb shibbóleth stream; fr. the use of this word as a test to distinguish the men of Gilead from members of the tribe of Ephraim (Judges 12:5, 6)]
1 ▶ : a word or saying used by adherents of a party, sect, or belief and usu. regarded by others as empty of real meaning; also : a banal, trite, or stale remark
2 : language that is a criterion for distinguishing members of a group
   Synonyms
   ▶ cry, slogan, watchword—more at SLOGAN
   ▶ banality, cliché, commonplace, platitude—more at COMMONPLACE

shiel·d /ˈʃiːld/ noun
1 : a broad piece of defensive armor carried on the arm
2 ▶ : something that protects or hides
3 : a police officer’s badge
   Synonyms
- aegis, armor, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, wall, ward—more at DEFENSE

- **shield** verb
  - to protect or hide with a shield

- **shift** /shift/ verb
  1. to exchange for or replace by another
  2. to change place, position, or direction: MOVE; also: to change gears
  3. to assume responsibility: GET BY
  4. to go through a change

- **shift** noun
  1. SCHEME, TRICK
  2. a woman's slip or loose-fitting dress
  3. a change in direction, emphasis, or attitude
  4. a group working together alternating with other groups
  5. TRANSFER
  6. GEARSHIFT
  7. a means or device for effecting an end

- **shift·less** /shift·les/ adjective
  - lacking in ambition or incentive: LAZY

- **shift·less·ness** noun
  - the quality or state of being shiftless

- **shifty** /shif·î/ adjective shift·i·er; -est
  1. a: given to deception, evasion, or fraud
     - ELUSIVE
  2. b: indicative of a tricky nature <~ eyes>

- **shii·ta·ke** /shë·tä·kë/ noun
  - [ORIGIN: Jp]: a dark Asian mushroom widely cultivated for its edible cap

- **shill** /shîl/ noun
  - one who acts as a decoy (as for a pitchman)
  - shill verb

- **shil·le·lagh** also shil·la·lah /shë·lë·lah/ noun
  - [ORIGIN: Shillelagh, town in Ireland]: a short heavy club: CUDGEL

- **shil·ling** /shë·lin/ noun
: a former monetary unit of the United Kingdom equal to 1/20 pound

shilly–shally /ˈʃɪlɪ-ʃəlɪ/ verb shilly–shall·ied; shilly–shall·ying
1 ▶: to show hesitation or lack of decisiveness
2 ▶: to waste time

   Synonyms
   † falter, hang back, hesitate, stagger, teeter, vacillate, waver, wobble—more at HESITATE

shim /ˈʃɪm/ noun
: a thin often tapered piece of wood, metal, or stone used (as in leveling) to fill in space

shim·mer /ˈʃɪm.ər/ verb
1 ▶: to shine waveringly or tremulously: GLIMMER
   — shim·mer noun
   — shim·mer·y adjective

   Synonyms
   † flame, flash, glance, gleam, glimmer, glisten, glitter, scintillate, sparkle, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

shim·my /ˈʃɪm.i/ noun, plural shimmies
: an abnormal vibration esp. in the front wheels of a motor vehicle
   — shim·my noun
   — shim·my·ing verb

shin /ˈʃɪn/ noun
1 ▶: the front part of the leg below the knee
2 ▶: to climb (as a pole) by gripping alternately with arms or hands and legs
   — shin·bone noun
   : TIBIA

shin·er /ˈʃɪn.ər/ noun
1 ▶: a silvery fish; especially: any of numerous small freshwater American fishes related to the carp
2 : BLACK EYE

shingle /ˈʃɪŋɡəl/ noun
1: a small thin piece of building material used in overlapping rows for covering a roof or outside wall
2: a small sign
3: to cover with shingles
4: a beach strewn with gravel; also: coarse gravel (as on a beach)
5: an acute inflammation of the spinal and cranial nerves caused by reactivation of the chicken pox virus and associated with eruptions and pain along the course of the affected nerves
6: to have transported by a carrier
7: to engage to serve on a ship
8: consign, dispatch, pack, send, transfer, transmit, transport
9: a state: condition: quality
10: office: dignity: profession
11: art: skill
12: something showing, exhibiting, or embodying a quality or state
13: one entitled to a (specified) rank, title, or appellation
14: the body of persons engaged in a specified activity
15: a small oceangoing boat
16: a ship's officers and crew
17: AIRSHIP, AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT
18: to put or receive on board a ship for transportation
19: to have transported by a carrier
20: to take or draw into a boat (~ oars) (~ water)
21: to engage to serve on a ship
22: consign, dispatch, pack, send, transfer, transmit, transport
2 : a naval enlisted man who works as a plumber

ship·mate /ship·mət/ noun
: a fellow sailor

ship·ment /ship·ment/ noun
1 : the process of shipping
2 : the goods shipped

Synonyms
cargo, freight, load, payload—more at CARGO

ship·ping noun
1 : SHIPS; especially : ships in one port or belonging to one country
2 : transportation of goods

ship·shape /ship·shāp/ adjective
>: exhibiting neatness or good order : TIDY

Synonyms
crisp, neat, orderly, snug, tidy, trim, uncluttered—more at NEAT

ship·worm /ship·wørn/ noun
: any of various wormlike marine clams that have a shell used for burrowing in wood and damaging wooden ships and wharves

shipwreck /ship·rek/ noun
1 : a wrecked ship
2 : destruction or loss of a ship
3 : total loss or failure : RUIN

Synonyms
wreck, wreckage; also beaching, grounding, stranding; foundering, sinking

shipwreck verb
: to cause or meet disaster at sea through destruction or foundering

ship·wright /ship·rīt/ noun
: a carpenter skilled in ship construction and repair

ship·yard /ship·yard/ noun
: a place where ships are built or repaired

shire /shir, in place_name comPounds :shir, shar/ noun
: a county in Great Britain

shirk /shirk/ verb
>: to avoid performing (duty or work)
— shirk·er noun

Synonyms
avoid, dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shun—more at ESCAPE

shirr /shar/ verb
1 : to make shirring in
2 : to bake (eggs removed from the shell) until set

shirr·ing /shar·ing/ noun
: a decorative gathering in cloth made by drawing up parallel lines of stitches

shirt /shirt/ noun
1 : a loose cloth garment usu. having a collar, sleeves, a front opening, and a tail long enough to be tucked inside pants or a skirt
2 : UNDERSHIRT
— shirt·less adjective

shirt·ing /shirt·ing/ noun
cloth suitable for making shirts

**shish ke-bab** /ˈʃɪʃ kəˈbæb/ noun
[Origin: Turk şiş kebabı, fr. şiş spit + kebab roast meat]
: kebab cooked on skewers

**shiv** /ˈʃɪv/ noun, slang
: KNIFE

1 **shiver** /ˈʃɪvər/ verb
: TREMBLE, QUIVER

2 **shiver** noun
  : an instance of shivering; also: an intense shivery sensation esp. of fear — often used in pl. with the
  Synonyms
    quiver, shudder, tremble; also agitation, convulsing, jolt, quake, shake, tremor, vibration, wobble; fluctuation, flutter, oscillation, wave; beat, palpitation, pulsation, pulse, throb
  : shivers dither, jitters, shakes, willies—more at JITTERS

shivery adjective
: causing shivers

shlemiel variant of SCHLEMIEL

shlub variant of SCHLUB

shmooze variant of SCHMOOZE

**Sho·ah** /ˈʃoʊə/ noun
: HOLOCAUST

1 **shoal** /ˈʃɔːl/ noun
  1: SHALLOW
  2: a sandbank or bar creating a shallow

2 **shoal** noun
: a large group (as of fish)

shoat /ˈʃɔt/ noun
: a weaned young pig

1 **shock** /ˈʃɔk/ noun
: a pile of sheaves of grain or cornstalks set up in a field

2 **shock** noun
[Origin: MF choc, fr. choquer to strike against]
  1: a sharp impact or violent shake or jar
  2: a sudden violent mental or emotional disturbance
  3: a state of bodily collapse that is often marked by a drop in blood pressure and volume and that is caused esp. by crushing wounds, blood loss, or burns
  4: the effect of a charge of electricity passing through the body
  5: SHOCK ABSORBER

— **shock-proof** /ˈʃɔkpruːf/ adjective

  Synonyms
    [1] bump, collision, concussion, crash, impact, jar, jolt, smash, strike, wallop—more at IMPACT
    [2] amazement, astonishment, surprise—more at SUOIRSE

3 **shock** verb
  1: to strike with surprise, horror, or disgust
  2: to subject to the action of an electrical discharge

  Synonyms
    appall, bowl, floor, jolt, shake up; also affright, alarm, dismay, frighten, horrify, panic, scare, spook, startle, terrify, terrorize; disgust, nauseate, revolt, revolt, sicken, turn off; displease, offend, outrage, scandalize; amaze,
astound, awe; chill, daunt, demoralize, dispirit, unman, unnerve; discompose, disconcert, disquiet, disturb, perturb, unsettle, upset; crush, overpower, overwhelm

- amaze, astonish, astound, dumbfound, flabbergast, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise—more at surprise

**1. shock** *noun*
: a thick bushy mass (as of hair)

**2. shock absorber** *noun*
: any of several devices for absorbing the energy of sudden shocks in machinery

**shock·er** /ˈʃəkər/ *noun*
: one that shocks; especially: a sensational work of fiction or drama

**shock·ing** /ˈʃəkɪŋ/ *adjective*
: extremely startling and offensive

- **shock·ing·ly** *adverb*

  **Synonyms**
  - amazing, astonishing, astounding, eye-opening, startling, stunning, surprising—more at surprising
  - dire, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, scary, terrible, terrifying—more at fearful
  - abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, distasteful, foul, hideous, horrid, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, obscene, odious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, scandalous, ugly—more at offensive

**3. shock therapy** *noun*
: the treatment of mental disorder by induction of coma or convulsions by drugs or electricity

**4. shock wave** *noun*
: a wave formed by the sudden violent compression of the medium through which it travels

**5. shoddy** /ˈʃɑːdi/ *noun*
1 : wool reclaimed from old rags; also: a fabric made from it
2 : inferior or imitation material

**6. shoddy** *adjective shod·di·er; -est*
1 : made of shoddy
2 ∨ : poorly done or made

- **shod·di·ly** /ˈʃɑːdi·li/ *adverb*

- **shod·di·ness** /ˌʃɑːdi·nas/ *noun*

  **Synonyms**
  - bad, bum, cheap, inferior, junky, lousy, mediocre, poor, sleazy—more at cheap

**7. shoe** /ʃu/ *noun*
1 : a covering for the human foot
2 : HORSESHOE
3 : the part of a brake that presses on the wheel

**8. shoe** *verb shod /ˈʃəd/ also shoed /ˈʃʊd/; shoe·ing*
: to put a shoe or shoes on

**shoe·horn** /ˌʃɔrən/ *noun*
: a curved implement (as of horn or plastic) used in putting on a shoe

**shoe·lace** /ˈʃuːˌlɑs/ *noun*
: a lace or string for fastening a shoe

**shoe·mak·er** /ˌʃuːˌmækər/ *noun*
: one who makes or repairs shoes

**shoe·string** /ˌʃuːˈstrɪŋ/ *noun*
1 : SHOELACE
2 ∨ : a small sum of money

**Synonyms**
mites, peanuts, pittance, song—more at MITE

sho·gun /shō·gūn/ noun
[origin: Jp shōgun general] any of a line of military governors ruling Japan until the revolution of 1867–68

shone past and past participle of SHINE

shook past of SHAKE

shook–up /ˌshūkˈəp/ adjective nervously upset: AGITATED

1 shoot /shūt/ verb shot /shōt; shoot·ing
  1 : to drive (as an arrow or bullet) forward quickly or forcibly
  2 : to hit, kill, or wound with a missile
  3 : to cause a missile to be driven forth or forth from <~ a gun>
  4 : to send forth (as a ray of light)
  5 : to thrust forward or out
  6 : to pass rapidly along <~ the rapids>
  7 : to take a picture or series of pictures of: PHOTOGRAPH
  8 : to move swiftly: DART
  9 : to grow by or as if by sending out shoots; also: MATURE, DEVELOP
  10 : to grow or rise rapidly—often used with up

Synonyms
  [1] blast, discharge, fire, loose; also launch, project; blaze (at), snipe (at); cast, catapult, fling, heave, hurl, pelt, pitch, sling, throw, toss
  [2] drill, gun, plug, pop; also blaze, pepper; blast (at), fire (at); pick off; overshoot; snipe (at); destroy, dispatch, do in, fell, kill, slay; annihilate, blot out, butcher, decimate, massacre, slaughter, wipe out
  [3] blast, discharge, fire; also blaze, pepper, snipe
  [4] cast, discharge, emit, exhale, expel, issue, release, vent—more at EMIT
  usually shoot up [10] rocket, skyrocket, soar, zoom—more at SKYROCKET

2 shoot noun
  1 : a plant stem with its leaves and branches esp. when not yet mature
  2 : an act of shooting
  3 : a shooting match

shoot·er noun one that shoots: as
  a : a person who fires a missile-discharging device (as a rifle or bow)
  b : one who photographs

Synonyms
  marksman, sharpshooter, shot—more at MARKSMAN

shooting iron noun
  FIREARM

shooting star noun
  METEOR 2

shoot up verb
  to inject a narcotic into a vein

1 shop /shāp/ noun
[origin: ME shoppe, fr. OE sceoppa booth] a place where things are made or worked on: FACTORY, MILL
  2 : a retail store <dress ~>
shop verb shopped; shopping
: to visit stores for purchasing or examining goods
— shopper noun

shopkeeper /ˈshɑpˌkɛr/ noun
: a retail merchant

shoplift /ˈʃɑplift/ verb
: to steal goods on display from a store
— shoplifter noun

shop-talk /ˈʃɑptəl/ noun
: talk about one's business or special interests

shopworn /ˈʃɔpwɔrn/ adjective
: soiled or frayed from much handling in a store

shore /ʃɔr/ noun
: land along the edge of a body of water
— shoreless adjective

shore verb shored; shoring
: to give support to: brace — usu. used with up

Synonyms
 usu. shored up bear, bolster, brace, buttress, carry, prop, stay, support, uphold—more at support

shore noun
: a prop for preventing sinking or sagging

Synonyms
 brace, bulwark, buttress, mount, stay, support, underpinning—more at support

shorebird /ˈʃɔrbird/ noun
: any of a suborder of birds (as the plovers and sandpipers) mostly found along the seashore

shorepatrol noun
: a branch of a navy that exercises guard and police functions

shoring /ˈʃɔrin/ noun
: a group of things that shore something up

shorn past participle of shear

short /short/ adjective
1: not long or tall
2: not great in distance
3: brief in time
4: not coming up to standard or to an expected amount
5: curt, abrupt
6: insufficiently supplied
7: made with shortening: flaky
8: consisting of or relating to a sale of securities or commodities that the seller does not possess or has not contracted for at the time of the sale

Synonyms
 [3] brief, little, short-lived; also abbreviated, abridged, curtailed, shortened; compact, condensed; abrupt, sudden; ephemeral, fleeting, momentary, transient, transitory; impermanent; compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary, terse; short-term

Antonyms
 extended, great, lengthy, long, marathon

[4, 6] deficient, inadequate, insufficient, scarce, shy, wanting; also hand-to-mouth, light, meager, niggardly, poor, scant, scanty, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stingy; bare, mere, minimum; slight, small

Antonyms
adequate, enough, sufficient

2 short adverb
  1: in an abrupt manner: **ABRUPTLY**
  2: at some point before a goal aimed at

3 short noun
  1: something shorter than normal or standard
  2 plural: drawers or pants of less than knee length
  3: **SHORT CIRCUIT**

4 short verb
  : **SHORT-CIRCUIT**

short·age /ˈʃɔr.ɪdʒ/ noun
  : the fact or state of being wanting or deficient: **LACK**
  **Synonyms**
  death, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, want—more at **DEFICIENCY**

short·cake /ˈʃɔrtˌkeɪk/ noun
  : a dessert consisting of short biscuit spread with sweetened fruit

short·change /ˈʃɔrtˌkæŋ/ verb
  : to cheat esp. by giving less than the correct amount of change
  **Synonyms**
  bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at **FLEECE**

short circuit noun
  : a connection made between points in an electric circuit where current is not intended to flow
  — short–circuit verb

short·com·ing /ˈʃɔrtˌkəmɪŋ/ noun
  : an imperfection or lack that detracts from the whole: **FAILING**
  **Synonyms**
  demerit, failing, fault, foible, frailty, vice, weakness—more at **FAULT**

short·cut /ˈʃɔrtˌkʌt/ noun
  1: a route more direct than that usu. taken
  2: a quicker way of doing something

short·en /ˈʃɔrtən/ verb
  : to make or become short
  **Synonyms**
  abbreviate, abridge, curtail, cut back; also digest, summarize; abate, compress, constrict, contract, cut, cut down, pare, prune, trim; decrease, de-escalate, deflate, diminish, dock, dwindle, lessen, lower, moderate, modify, reduce, retrench, shrink, slash, taper
  **Antonyms**
  elongate, extend, lengthen, prolong, protract

short·en·ing /ˈʃɔrtənɪŋ/ noun
  : a substance (as lard or butter) that makes pastry tender and flaky

short·hand /ˈʃɔrtˌhænd/ noun
  : a method of writing rapidly by using symbols and abbreviations for letters, words, or phrases: **STENOGRAPHY**

short·hand·ed /ˈʃɔrtˌhændɪd/ adjective
  : short of the needed number of people

short·horn /ˈʃɔrtˌhɔrn/ noun, often cap
  : any of a breed of red, roan, or white cattle of English origin
short hundredweight noun
: a unit of weight equal to 100 pounds in the U.S.

short-lived /ˈʃɔrt.ˈlɪvd/ adjective
: of short life or duration
  Synonyms
  ▸ brief, ephemeral, evanescent, flash, fleeting, fugitive, impermanent, momentary, passing, temporary, transient
  —more at MOMENTARY

short-ly /ˈʃɔr.t.ɪə/ adverb
1 ▸ : in a few words
2 ▸ : in a short time : SOON
  Synonyms
  ▸ [1] compactly, concisely, crisply, laconically, succinctly, summarily, tersely; also exactly, precisely; abruptly, bluntly, brusquely, curtly
  ▸ [2] anon, momentarily, presently, soon; also directly, forthwith, immediately, instantly, now, promptly, pronto, right away, right now, straightaway

short-ness noun
: the quality or state of being short esp. in duration
  Synonyms
  ▸ brevity, briefness, conciseness—more at BREVITY

short-ordered /ˈʃɔrt.ˌɔrd.əd/ adjective
: preparing or serving food that can be quickly cooked

short shrift noun
1 : a brief respite from death
2 : little consideration

short-sighted /ˈʃɔrt.ˌsɪd.tɪd/ adjective
1 : NEARSIGHTED
2 : lacking foresight
  — short-sighted-ness noun

short-stop /ˈʃɔrt.stʌp/ noun
: a baseball player defending the area between second and third base

short-story noun
: a short work of fiction usu. dealing with a few characters and a single event
  Synonyms
  ▸ narrative, novella, story, tale—more at STORY

short-tempered /ˈʃɔrt.ˈtem.ɚd/ adjective
: having a quick temper
  Synonyms
  ▸ choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perverse, petulant, snappish, snippy, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

short-term /ˈʃɔrt.ˌtɜrm/ adjective
1 ▸ : occurring over or involving a relatively short period of time
2 : of or relating to a financial transaction based on a term usu. of less than a year
  Synonyms
  ▸ impermanent, interim, provisional, temporary—more at TEMPORARY

short-ton noun
: a unit of weight equal to 2000 pounds in the U.S.

short-wave /ˈʃɔrt.wɔv/ noun
: a radio wave with a wavelength between 10 and 100 meters

Sho·sho·ne or Sho·sho·ni /ˈʃoʊ.ʃə.ni/ noun, plural Shoshones or Shoshoni
shot /ʃoʊt/ noun
1: an act of shooting
2: a stroke or throw in some games
3: something that is shot: MISSILE, PROJECTILE; especially: small pellets forming a charge for a shotgun
4: a metal sphere that is thrown for distance in the shot put
5: RANGE, REACH
6: one that shoots; especially: MARKSMAN
7: a single photographic exposure
8: a single sequence of a motion picture or a television program made by one camera
9: an injection (as of medicine) into the body
10: a small serving of undiluted liquor
11: the act or an instance of attempting <I'll give it a ~>

Synonyms
[1] discharge; also potshot; barrage, bombardment, broadside, burst, cannonade, fusillade, hail, salvo, storm, volley
[6] marksman, sharpshooter, shooter—more at MARKSMAN
[7] photograph, print, snap, snapshot—more at PHOTOGRAPH
[10] draft, drag, drink, nip, quaff, slug, snort, swallow, swig—more at DRINK
[11] attempt, crack, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, stab, trial, try, whack—more at ATTEMPT

shot past and past participle of SHOOT
shot·gun /ˈʃoʊtˌɡæn/ noun
: a gun with a smooth bore used to fire shot at short range

shot put noun
: a field event in which a shot is heaved for distance

should /ʃuːd. ʃæd/ past of SHALL
— used as an auxiliary to express condition, obligation or propriety, probability, or futurity from a point of view in the past

Synonyms
have, must, need, ought, shall—more at NEED

shoulder /ˈʃoʊldər/ noun
1: the part of the body of a person or animal where the arm or foreleg joins the body
2: either edge of a roadway
3: a rounded or sloping part (as of a bottle) where the neck joins the body

shoulder verb
1: to push or thrust with the shoulder
2: to bear on the shoulder
3: to take the responsibility of

Synonyms
accept, assume, bear, take over, undertake—more at ASSUME

shoulder belt noun
: an automobile safety belt worn across the torso and over the shoulder

shoulder blade noun
: a flat triangular bone at the back of each shoulder

shout /ʃaʊt/ verb
1: to utter a sudden loud cry; also: to utter in a loud voice

Synonyms
bawl, call, cry, holler, vociferate, yell—more at CALL

2: shout noun
: a loud cry or call
Synonyms
- cry, holler, hoot, whoop, yell, yowl; also scream, screech, shriek, squall, squeak, squeal, yelp; bellow, clamor, roar; caterwaul, wail

shove /ˈʃəʊv/ verb shoved; shov·ing
1 : to push along, aside, or away
2 : to go away — usu. used with off
— shove noun

Synonyms
- [1] drive, propel, push, thrust—more at PUSH
- usually shove off [2] clear out, depart, exit, get off, go, move, pull, quit, sally, take off—more at GO

shovel /ˈʃəʊvl/ noun
1 : a broad long-handled scoop used to lift and throw material
2 : the amount a shovel will hold

1 shovel verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
1 : to take up and throw with a shovel
2 : to dig or clean out with a shovel

show /ʃəʊ/ verb showed /ˈʃəʊd/; shown /ˈʃəʊn/ or showed; show·ing
1 : to cause or permit to be seen : EXHIBIT ~~ anger
2 : CONFER, BESTOW ~~ mercy
3 : to reveal by one's condition, nature, or behavior : DISCLOSE ~~ ed courage in battle
4 : to communicate knowledge to : INSTRUCT ~~ me how
5 : to demonstrate or establish by argument or reasoning : PROVE ~~ s he was guilty
6 : APPEAR
7 : to be noticeable
8 : to be third in a horse race
9 : to bring by or as if by leading : USHER

Synonyms
- [1] display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, parade, show off, sport, strut, unveil; also brandish, flourish; advertise, air, broadcast, proclaim, publicize; divulge, talk (about), tell (of); bare, discover, reveal, uncloak, uncover
- [3] bespeak, betray, demonstrate, disclose, display, evince, expose, give away, manifest, reveal; also bare, unbosom, uncloak, uncover; advertise, air, broadcast, proclaim, publicize
- [4] coach, counsel, guide, instruct, lead, mentor, pilot, shepherd, tutor—more at GUIDE
- [5] demonstrate, establish, prove, substantiate—more at ESTABLISH
- [9] conduct, direct, guide, lead, marshal, pilot, route, steer, usher—more at LEAD

2 show noun
1 : a demonstrative display
2 : outward appearance ~~ of resistance
3 : SPECTACLE
4 : a theatrical presentation
5 : a radio or television program
6 : third place in a horse race
7 : a large display or exhibition arranged to arouse interest or stimulate sales

Synonyms
- [1] demonstration, display, exhibition; also act, pretense, simulation; affectation, pose, sham; betrayal, disclosure
- [2] appearance, face, guise, name, pretense, semblance—more at APPEARANCE
- [7] display, exhibit, exhibition, exposition, fair—more at EXHIBITION

1 showcase /ˈʃəʊˌkæs/ noun
: a cabinet for displaying items (as in a store)

2 showcase verb show·cased; show·cas·ing
 : EXHIBIT
show-down /ˈʃoʊ.ˌdaʊn/ noun
: a decisive confrontation or contest; especially : the showing of poker hands to determine the winner of a pot

1shower /ˈshaʊ.ər/ noun
 1 : a brief fall of rain
 2 : a party given by friends who bring gifts
 3 : a bath in which water is showered on the person; also : a facility (as a stall) for such a bath
 4 : something resembling a rain shower
      — shower-ery adjective
      * Synonyms
        * hail, rain, storm—more at RAIN

2shower verb
 1 : to rain or fall in a shower
 2 : to bathe in a shower
 3 : to give in abundance
      — Synonyms
        * heap, lavish, pour, rain—more at RAIN

show-i-ness /ˌʃoʊ.ɪ.nəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being showy
      — Synonyms
        * flamboyance, flashiness, gaudiness, glitz, ostentation, pretentiousness, swank—more at OSTENTATION

show-man /ˈʃoʊ.мен/ noun
: a notably spectacular, dramatic, or effective performer
      — show-man-ship noun

show-off /ˈʃoʊ.əf/ noun
: one that seeks to attract attention by conspicuous behavior
      — show off verb
 1 : to display proudly
 2 : to act as a show-off
      — Synonyms
        * [1] display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, parade, show, sport, strut, unveil—more at SHOW
        * [2] act up, clown, cut up, fool, horse, monkey, skylark—more at CUT UP

show-piece /ˈʃoʊ. pie/ noun
: an outstanding example used for exhibition

show-place /ˌʃoʊ.plæs/ noun
: an estate or building that is a showpiece

show up verb
 1 : to make an appearance : ARRIVE
 2 : to expose or discredit esp. by revealing faults
 3 : to be plainly evident
      — Synonyms
        * [1] arrive, come, land, turn up—more at COME
        * [2] debunk, expose, uncloak, uncover, unmask—more at EXPOSE
        * [3] appear, come out, materialize, turn up—more at APPEAR

showy /ˈʃoʊ.ɪ/ adjective show-i-er; -est
: superficially impressive or striking
      — show-i-ly /ˈʃoʊ.ɪ.lɪ/ adverb
      * Synonyms
        * catchy, conspicuous, dramatic, flamboyant, striking; also flashy, garish, gaudy, glitzy, jazzy, loud, meretricious, swank, tawdry; emphatic, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable; ostentatious, pretentious; extravagant, fancy, florid, glittery, spectacular; opulent, ornate, overdone, overwrought; absorbing, engrossing, enthralling, fascinating, interesting, riveting
Antonyms
inconspicuous, unobtrusive
*
shpt abbreviation

shipment

shrapnel /ˈʃræpnl/ noun, plural shrapnel
[origin: Henry Shrapnel †1842 Eng. artillery officer]
: bomb, mine, or shell fragments

1.shred /ˈʃred/ noun
: a narrow strip cut or torn off : a small fragment

2.shred verb shred·ded; shred·ding
†: to cut or tear into shreds

Synonyms
† rend, rip, rive, tatter, tear—more at TEAR

shrew /ʃrū/ noun
1: any of a family of very small mammals with short velvety fur that are related to the moles
2: a scolding woman

Synonyms
† fury, harpy, termagant, virago; also carper, castigator, censurer, caviler, critic, faultfinder, nitpicker, raider, scold; detractor; petitfogger, quibbler

shrewd /ˈʃrűd/ adjective
†: given to wily and artful ways or dealing : ASTUTE
— shrewd·ly adverb
— shrewd·ness noun

Synonyms
† astute, canny, hardheaded, knowing, sharp, smart; also artful, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, wily; discerning, insightful, perceptive, perspicacious, sagacious, sage, sapient, wise; experienced, veteran; discriminating; agile, alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, quick, quick-witted, apt, ingenious, resourceful, informed, knowledgeable, well-read

Antonyms
unknowing

shrew·ish /ˈʃrū·ish/ adjective
†: having an irritable disposition : ILL-TEMPERED
— shrew·ish·ly adverb

1.shriek /ˈʃrēk/ noun
: a shrill cry : SCREAM, YELL

2.shriek verb
†: to utter a sharp shriek sound; also: to utter with a shriek

Synonyms
† howl, scream, shrill, squeal, yell—more at SCREAM

shrift /ʃrĭt/ noun, archaic
: the act of shriving

shrike /ʃrĭk/ noun
: any of numerous usu. largely grayish or brownish birds that often impale their usu. insect prey upon thorns before devouring it

1.shrill /ˈʃrĭl/ verb
†: to make a high-pitched piercing sound

Synonyms
† howl, scream, shriek, squeal, yell, yelp—more at SCREAM

2.shrill adjective
†: high-pitched ‹~ whistle›
— *shril·ly* adverb

*Synonyms*
- acute, sharp, squeaky, treble; also peeping, thin, tinny; piercing, earsplitting, piercing, penetrating, strident; squealing, whining, yelping

*Antonyms*
- bass, deep, low, throaty

**shrimp** /shrimp/ noun, plural **shrimps** or **shrimp**
1: any of various small marine crustaceans related to the lobsters
2: a small or puny person or thing

*Synonyms*
- dwarf, midget, mite, peewee, pygmy, runt, scrub—more at **DWARF**
- nobody, nonentity, nothing, whippersnapper, zero—more at **NOBODY**

**shrine** /shrīn/ noun
[origin: ME, receptacle for the relics of a saint, fr. OE scēn, fr. L scrinium case, chest]
1: the tomb of a saint; also: a place where devotion is paid to a saint or deity
2: a place or object hallowed by its associations

1 **shrink** /shrick/ verb **shrank** or **shrunk**; **shrunk** or **shrunk·en** /ˈʃr̮əŋk/; **shrun·ken** /ˈʃr̮əŋkən/; **shrink·ing**
1: to draw back or away
2: to become smaller or more compact
3: to lessen in value

— **shrink·able** adjective

*Synonyms*
- [1] blench, flinch, quail, recoil, wince—more at **FLINCH**
- [2] compress, condense, constrict, contract—more at **CONTRACT**
- [2, 3] abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, subside, taper, wane—more at **DECREASE**

2 **shrink** noun
: a clinical psychiatrist or psychologist

**shrink·age** /ˈʃr̮ɪŋkij/ noun
1: the act of shrinking
2: the amount lost by shrinkage

*Synonyms*
- abatement, decline, decrease, decrement, diminution, drop, fall, loss, reduction—more at **DECREASE**

**shrive** /ˈʃrɪv/ verb **shrived** or **shrove** /ˈʃrʌv/; **shriv·en** /ˈʃrɪvən/ or **shrived**
[origin: ME, fr. OE sc Wright fr. scriber, fr. L scribere to write]
: to administer the sacrament of reconciliation to

**shriv·el** /ˈʃrɪvl/ verb **-eled** or **-elled**; **-el·ing** or **-el·ling**
: to shrink and draw into wrinkles: **D W I N D L E**

1 **shroud** /ˈʃrɔud/ noun
1: something that covers or screens
2: a cloth placed over a dead body
3: any of the ropes leading from the masthead of a ship to the side to support the mast

*Synonyms*
- cloak, curtain, hood, mantle, mask, veil—more at **CLOAK**

2 **shroud** verb
1: to veil or screen from view; also: to veil under another appearance (as by obscuring or disguising)
2: to cover with a shroud

*Synonyms*
- blanket, blot out, cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, hide, mask, obscure, occult, screen—more at **HIDE**
- embrace, enclose, encompass, enfold, enshroud, envelop, invest, lap, mantle, swathe, veil, wrap—more at **ENFOLD**
shrub /ˈʃrub/ noun
: a low usu. several-stemmed woody plant
— shrub·by adjective

shrub·bery /ˈʃrub.bərē/ noun, plural -ber·ies
: a planting or growth of shrubs

shrug /ˈʃrug/ verb shrugged; shrug·ging
: to hunch (the shoulders) up to express aloofness, indifference, or uncertainty
— shrug noun

shrug off verb
1 : to brush aside: MINIMIZE
2 : to shake off
3 : to remove (a garment) by wriggling out

Synonyms
brush, condone, disregard, excuse, gloss, ignore, minimize, pardon, pass over, wink—more at EXCUSE

shtick also schtick or shtik /ˈʃtik/ noun
[origin: Yiddish shtik pranks, lit., piece]
1 : a usu. comic or repetitious performance or routine
2 : one's special trait, interest, or activity

1shuck /ˈʃak/ noun
: SHELL, HUSK

2shuck verb
1 : to strip of shucks
2 : to lay aside — often used with off

Synonyms
usually shuck off cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, reject, scrap, shed, slough, throw away, throw out, unload—more at DISCARD

shudder /ˈʃudər/ verb
: to tremble convulsively: QUAKE

Synonyms
agitée, convulse, jolt, jounce, quake, quiver, shake, vibrate, wobble—more at SHAKE

shudder noun
: an act of shuddering

Synonyms
quiver, shiver, tremble—more at SHIVER

1shuffle /ˈʃəf·əl/ verb shuffled; shuf·fled
: to mix in a disorderly mass
2 : to rearrange the order of (cards in a pack) by mixing two parts of the pack together
3 : to shift from place to place
4 : to move with a sliding or dragging gait
5 : to dance in a slow lagging manner

Synonyms
[1] confuse, derange, disarray, disorder, jumble, mess, mix, muddle, scramble, upset—more at DISORDER
[4] lumber, scuff, scuffle, shamble

2shuffle noun
1 : an act of shuffling (as of cards)
2 : a confusing jumble (as of papers or events)

Synonyms
assortment, clutter, jumble, litter, medley, mélange, miscellanea, muddle, scramble, tumble, variety, welter

shu·fle·board /ˈʃəf·əlˌbərd/ noun
: a game in which players use long-handled cues to shove disks into scoring areas marked on a smooth surface
shun /ˈʃʌn/ verb shunned; shun·ning
▶ : to avoid deliberately or habitually
  Synonyms
  ▶ avoid, dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, shake, shirk—more at escape

1 shunt /ˈʃʌnt/ verb
[origin: ME, to turn away]
▶ : to turn off to one side; especially : to switch (a train) from one track to another

2 shunt noun
  1 : a method or device for turning or thrusting aside
  2 : a conductor joining two points in an electrical circuit forming an alternate path through which a portion of the current may pass

shut /ʃʌt/ verb shut; shut·ting
  1 : close
  2 : to forbid entrance into
  3 : to lock up
  4 : to fold together <~ a penknife>
  5 : to cease or suspend activity <~ down an assembly line>

shut·down /ˌʃʌt.ˈdaʊn/ noun
▶ : a temporary cessation of activity (as in a factory)
  Synonyms
  ▶ cessation, close, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, stop, stoppage, termination—more at end

shut-in /ˈʃʌt.ɪn/ noun
▶ : an invalid confined to home, a room, or bed

shut-out /ˈʃʌt.əʊt/ noun
▶ : a game or contest in which one side fails to score

shut out verb
  1 : exclude
  2 : to prevent (an opponent) from scoring in a game or contest

shut off verb
▶ : to stop the operation of (as a machine); also : to cease operating
  Synonyms
  ▶ break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, layoff, leave off, quit, stop—more at stop

shut·ter /ˈʃʌt.ər/ noun
  1 : a movable cover for a door or window : blind
  2 : the part of a camera that opens and closes to allow light to enter

shut·ter·bug /ˈʃʌt.ər.ˌbʌg/ noun
▶ : a photography enthusiast

1 shuttle /ˈʃʌt./ noun
  1 : an instrument used in weaving for passing the horizontal threads between the vertical threads
  2 : a vehicle traveling back and forth over a short route <a ~ bus>
  3 : space shuttle

2 shuttle verb shut·ted; shut·ting
▶ : to move back and forth frequently

shut·tle·cock /ˈʃʌt.əl.ˈkɔk/ noun
▶ : a light conical object (as of cork or plastic) used in badminton

shut up verb
▶ : to cease or cause to cease talking
Synonyms
- clam up, hush, quiet; also calm (down), cool (down), settle (down); haw, hem

Antonyms
- speak, talk

1 shy /ʃaɪ/ adjective shi·er or shi·er /ʃiˈer/; shi·est or shi·est /ʃiˈest/  
  1: easily frightened : TIMID  
  2: WARY  
3: sensitively diffident or retiring : BASHFUL  
4: having less than the full or specified amount or number : LACKING  
— shy·ly adverb  
— shy·ness noun

Synonyms
- [1] fainthearted, fearful, mousy, scary, skittish, timid; also chicken, chickenhearted, cowardly, craven, dastardly, jittery, jumpy, pusillanimous, spineless, unheroic, yellow; anxious, apprehensive, nervous; afraid, alarmed, horrified, panicked, panicked, panicky, scared, shocked, spooked, startled, terrified, terrorized

Antonyms
- adventuresome, adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, dashing, gutsy, hardy, venturous, venturesome  
- [3] bashful, coy, demure, diffident, introverted, modest, retiring, sheepish; also antisocial, unsociable; awkward, embarrassed, self-conscious, unadventurous, unassertive, unenterprising; inhibited, reserved, uneasy, uptight

Antonyms
- extroverted, immodest, outgoing  
- [4] deficient, inadequate, insufficient, scarce, short, wanting—more at SHORT

2 shy verb shied; shying  
  1: to show a dislike : RECOIL  
  2: to start suddenly aside through fright <the horse shied>

sh·y·ster /ʃiˈstoʊr/ noun  
: an unscrupulous lawyer or politician

Si symbol  
silicon  
SI abbreviation  
[ORIGIN: F Système International d'Unités]  
International System of Units

Si·a·mese /siˈəmeɪs/ , Si·a·mēz ·ˈmeɪz/ noun, plural Si·a·mese  
: THAI
— Siamese adjective

Siamese cat noun  
: any of a breed of slender blue-eyed short-haired domestic cats of Asian origin

Siamese twin noun  
[ORIGIN: fr. Chang †1874 and Eng †1874 twins born in Siam with bodies united]  
: one of a pair of twins with bodies joined together at birth

Siberian husky noun  
: any of a breed of thick-coated compact dogs orig. developed in Siberia to pull sleds

1 sibilant /siˈbələnt/ adjective  
: having, containing, or producing the sound of or a sound resembling that of the s or the sh in sash  
— sib·il·ant·ly adverb

2 sibilant noun  
: a sibilant speech sound as English \s\, \z\, \sh\, \zh\, \ch (=tsh), or \j (=dzh))

sib·ling /ˈsɪblɪŋ/ noun  
: a brother or sister considered irrespective of sex; also: one of two or more offspring having one common parent


sib·y{l}/ˈsə ˌbēl/ noun, often cap
  : PROPHETESS

— sib·y{l}-line/ˈbaˌlin, -lən/ adjective

sic /ˈsik, ‘sēk/ adverb
  : intentionally so written — used after a printed word or passage to indicate that it exactly reproduces an original< said he seed [sic] it all>
sick /ˈsik/ adjective
  1 : not in good health : ILL; also : of, relating to, or intended for use in sickness <-~ pay>
  2 : suffering from nausea : NAUSEATED
  3 : having a strong distaste from an overabundance; also : DISGUSTED
  4 : PINING
  5 : MACABRE, SADISTIC <- jokes>

  Synonyms
  ➤ [1] bad, down, ill, indisposed, peaked, punk, unhealthy, unsound, unwell; also nauseated, nauseous, qualmish, queasy, squeamish; airsick, carsick, seasick, dizzy, woozy; achy, feverish; diseased, disordered; feeble, frail, infirm, sickly, weak, weakly; afflicted, troubled; challenged, crippled, debilitated, disabled, incapacitated, lame

  Antonyms
  chipper, hale, healthful, healthy, sound, well, whole, wholesome

  ➤ [2] ill, nauseated, nauseous, queasy, queer, squeamish—more at NAUSEOUS

  ➤ [3] fed up, jaded, tired, weary—more at WEARY

  ➤ [3] disgusted, squeamish; also angry, displeased, mad, upset

sick·bed /ˈsikˌbed/ noun
  : a bed on which one lies sick

sick·en /ˈsik·ən/ verb
  ➤ : to make or become sick

— sick·en·ing·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ➤ disgust, nauseate, repel, repulse, revolt, turn off—more at DISGUST

  ➤ usually sicken with catch, come down, contract, get, take—more at CONTRACT

sickening adjective
  : causing sickness or disgust

sick·le /ˈsik·l/ noun
  : a cutting tool consisting of a curved metal blade with a short handle

sickle–cell anemia noun
  : an inherited anemia in which red blood cells tend to become crescent-shaped and clog small blood vessels and which occurs esp. in individuals of African, Mediterranean, or southwest Asian ancestry

sick·ly /ˈsikˌl/ adjective
  1 a : somewhat unwell

  b : habitually ailing

  2 ➤ : produced by or associated with sickness

  Synonyms
  ➤ [1b] invalid, weakly; also bedridden; delicate, fragile, frail; dying, fading, incurable, moribund; challenged, crippled, debilitated, incapacitated, lame; decrepit, enfeebled, feeble, infirm, weak, weakened, worn-out

  Antonyms
  healthy, well

  ➤ [2] cadaverous, green, lurid, pale, pasty, peaked, sallow; also ashen, ash, blanched, colorless, livid, white; waxen, waxy; deathlike, deathly; anemic, bloodless

  Antonyms
  florid, flush, healthy, rubicund, ruddy, sanguine

sick·ness /ˈsikˌnas/ noun
  1 ➤ : ill health; also : a specific disease

  2 : a stomach distress with distaste for food and an urge to vomit : NAUSEA
Synonyms
- affection, ailment, bug, complaint, complication, condition, disease, disorder, fever, ill, illness, infirmity, malady, trouble—more at DISEASE
- illness, unsoundness; also malaise; ailment, condition, disease, disorder, malady, trouble, upset; debility, decrepitude, feebleness, infirmity, lameness

Antonyms
- health, healthiness, soundness, wellness, wholeness, wholesomeness

side /sid/ noun
1: the right or left part of the trunk of a body
2: a place away from a central point or line
3: a border of an object; especially: one of the longer borders as contrasted with an end
4: an outer surface of an object
5: a position regarded as opposite to another
6: a body of partisans or contestants
— side adjective

Synonyms
- [5] angle, aspect, facet, hand, phase—more at ASPECT
- [6] bloc, body, coalition, combination, combine, faction, party, sect, set, wing—more at FACTION

side-arm /ˈsайд-әrm/ adjective
: made with a sideways sweep of the arm
— sidearm adverb

da side noun
: a weapon worn at the side or in the belt

side-bar /ˈsайд-әrәr/ noun
: a short news story accompanying a major story and presenting related information

side-board /ˈsайд-әrd/ noun
- a piece of dining-room furniture for holding articles of table service

Synonyms
- buffet, cabinet, closet, cupboard, hutch, locker—more at CABINET

side-burns /ˈsайд-әrnz/ noun plural
: whiskers on the side of the face in front of the ears

side by side adverb
1: beside one another
2: in the same place, time, or circumstance
— side–by–side adjective

side-car /ˈsайд-әrәr/ noun
: a one-wheeled passenger car attached to the side of a motorcycle

side effect noun
: a secondary and usu. adverse effect (as of a drug)

side-kick /ˈsайд-әkіk/ noun
: a person closely associated with another as a subordinate or partner

Synonyms
- aid, apprentice, assistant, deputy, helper, helpmate, mate—more at HELPER

side-line /ˈsайд-әлив/ noun
1: an activity pursued in addition to one's regular occupation
2: the space immediately outside the lines of an athletic field or court
3: a sphere of little or no participation — usu. used in pl.

sidelong /ˈsайд-әләŋ/ adverb
: in the direction of or along the side: OBLIQUELY
sidelong adjective
: directed to one side (<~ look>)

side·man /ˈsīdˌmən/ noun
: a member of a jazz or swing orchestra

side·piece /ˈsid-pēs/ noun
: a piece forming or contained in the side of something

si·de·re·al /ˌsīdˈrē-əl/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L sidereus, fr. sider-, sidas star, constellation]
1 : of or relating to the stars
2 : measured by the apparent motion of the stars

side·saddle /ˈsid-səd/ noun
: a saddle for women on which the rider sits with both legs on the same side of the horse
— sidesaddle adverb

side·show /ˈsid-shō/ noun
1 : a minor show offered in addition to a main exhibition (as of a circus)
2 : an incidental diversion

side·step /ˈsid-step/ verb
1 : to step aside
2 ▶: to move out of the way of; also : to avoid an issue or decision

Synonyms
▶ circumvent, dodge, skirt—more at CIRCUMVENT
▶ dodge, duck—more at DODGE

side·stroke /ˈsid-strōk/ noun
: a swimming stroke which is executed on the side and in which the arms are swept backward and downward and the legs do a scissors kick

side·swipe /ˈsid-swip/ verb
: to strike with a glancing blow along the side
— sideswipe noun

1 sidetrack /ˈsid-träk/ noun
: SIDING 1

2 sidetrack verb
1 : to switch from a main railroad line to a siding
2 : to turn aside from a purpose

side·walk /ˈsid-walk/ noun
: a paved walk at the side of a road or street

side·wall /ˈsid-wōl/ noun
1 : a wall forming the side of something
2 : the side of an automobile tire

side·ways /ˈsid-wāz/ adverb or adjective
1 : from the side
2 : with one side to the front
3 : to, toward, or at one side

side·wind·er /ˈsid-wind-ər/ noun
: a small pale-colored desert rattlesnake of the southwestern U.S.

sid·ing /ˈsid-ən/ noun
1 : a short railroad track connected with the main track
2 : material (as boards) covering the outside of frame buildings
si·dle ˈsidl/ verb si·dled; si·dling
: to move sideways or with one side foremost

SIDS abbreviation
sudden infant death syndrome

siege /ˈsiɡ/ noun
1 : the placing of an army around or before a fortified place to force its surrender
2 : a persistent attack (as of illness)
   Synonyms
   ▶ attack, bout, case, fit, seizure, spell—more at ATTACK

sie·mens /ˈsāˌmənz, ˈzāˌ/ noun
: a unit of conductance equivalent to one ampere per volt

si·er·ra /ˈsiˌrə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, lit., saw, fr. L serra]
: a range of mountains esp. with jagged peaks

si·es·ta /ˈsiˌsteə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. L sexta (hora) noon, lit., sixth hour]
1 : a midday rest or nap
   Synonyms
   ▶ catnap, doze, drowse, forty winks, nap, snooze, wink—more at NAP

sieve /ˈsiv/ noun
: a utensil with meshes or holes to separate finer particles from coarser or solids from liquids

sift /ˈsift/ verb
1 : to pass through a sieve
2 : to separate with or as if with a sieve
3 : to examine carefully
4 : to scatter by or as if by passing through a sieve
   — sift·er noun

sig abbreviation
signature

SIG abbreviation
special interest group

sigh /ˈsij/ verb
1 : to let out a deep audible breath (as in weariness or sorrow)
2 : to long persistently, wistfully, or sadly : YEARN
   — sigh noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ ache, die, hanker, hunger, itch, long, pant, pine, thirst, yearn

sight /ˈsijt/ noun
1 : something seen or worth seeing
2 : the process or power of seeing; especially : the sense of which the eye is the receptor and by which qualities of appearance (as position, shape, and color) are perceived
3 : INSPECTION
4 : a device (as a small bead on a gun barrel) that aids the eye in aiming
5 : the act of looking at or beholding : VIEW, GLIMPSE
6 : the range of vision
7 : something ludicrous or disorderly in appearance
   — sight·less adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] eye, vision
   ▶ [7] eyesore, fright, horror, mess, monstrosity—more at EYESORE
2. sight verb
1. to get sight of
2. to aim by means of a sight
   Synonyms
   - behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, spy,
     view, witness—more at see

sight-ed /ˈsɪtɪd/ adjective
: having sight

sight-ly /ˈlɪ/ adjective
: pleasing to the sight

sight-see-ing /ˈsɪtˌsɛ.iŋ/ adjective
: engaged in or used for seeing sights of interest

sight-seer /ˌsɪt.ʃər/ noun
: one that visits places of interest
   Synonyms
   - excursionist, tourist, traveler—more at tourist

sig·ma /ˈsɪɡ.mə/ noun
: the 18th letter of the Greek alphabet — Σ or σ or ς

1. sign /sɪn/ noun
   1. a gesture expressing a command, wish, or thought
   2. a notice publicly displayed for advertising purposes or for giving direction or warning
   3. the message, sound, or image transmitted in electronic communication (as radio)
   Synonyms
   - gesture, pantomime, signal—more at gesture

2. sign verb
   1: to mark with a sign
   2: to represent by a sign
   3: to make a sign or signal
   4: to write one's name on in token of assent or obligation
   5: to assign legally
   6: to use sign language
   — signer noun

1. signal /ˈsɪɡ.nəl/ noun
   1: a sign agreed on as the start of some joint action
   2: a sign giving warning or notice of something
   3: the message, sound, or image transmitted in electronic communication (as radio)
   Synonyms
   - gesture, pantomime, sign—more at gesture

2. signal verb -naled or -nalled; -nal·ing or -nal·ling
   1: to notify by a signal
   2: to communicate by signals
   Synonyms
   - flag, gesture, motion, wave—more at motion

3. signal adjective
   distinguished from the ordinary <a ~ honor>
   — sig·nal·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - distinguished, eminent, illustrious, noble, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, star,
superior—more at EMINENT

sig·nal·ize /sig_nəˌlīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to point out or make conspicuous
  — sig·nal·i·za·tion /sig_nəˌlaˈzəˌshən/ noun

sig·nal·man /sig_nəlˌmən, _ˌmən/ noun
: a person who signals or works with signals

sig·na·to·ry /sig_nəˈtōrē, _ˌtārē/ noun, plural -ries
: a person or government that signs jointly with others
  — signatory adjective

sig·na·ture /sig_nəˈchər/ noun
  1 : the name of a person written by himself or herself
  2 : the sign placed after the clef to indicate the key or the meter of a piece of music

sign·board /ˈsignəbərd/ noun
: a board bearing a sign or notice

sign·net /ˈsignən/ noun
: a small intaglio seal (as in a ring)

sig·nif·i·cate /sig_nəˈfikət/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to show by a sign
  1 : having meaning; especially : having a hidden or special meaning
  2 : having or likely to have considerable influence or effect : IMPORTANT
  3 : of a noticeably or measurably large amount
  — sig·nif·i·cat·ly adverb

sign·ifi·ca·tion /sig_nəˈfikəˈʃən/ noun
  1 : the act or process of signifying by signs or other symbolic means
  2 : the meaning that a term, symbol, or character regularly conveys or is intended to convey

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] denotation, drift, import, intent, meaning, purport, sense, signification—more at MEANING
  ▶ [3] consequence, import, magnitude, moment, weight

sig·nif·i·cant /ˈsiganfikənt/ adjective
  1 : having meaning; especially : having a hidden or special meaning
  2 : having or likely to have considerable influence or effect : IMPORTANT
  3 : of a noticeably or measurably large amount

— sig·nif·i·cat·ly adverb

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, substantial, weighty—more at IMPORTANT
  ▶ [1] denotive, indicative, telltale—more at INDICATIVE
  ▶ [2] important, influential, mighty, potent, powerful, strong—more at IMPORTANT
  ▶ [3] considerable, good, goodly, healthy, respectable, sizable, substantial, tidy—more at CONSIDERABLE

sign in verb
: to make a record of arrival (as by signing a register)

sign language noun
sign off verb
: to announce the end (as of a program or broadcast)

sign on verb
1 ‹: to engage oneself by or as if by a signature: enlisted, enrolled, entered, joined, signed up—more at enlist
2 ‹: to announce the start of broadcasting for the day

Synonyms
• usually sign on for enlist, enrolled, entered, joined, signed up—more at enlist

sign out verb
: to make a record of departure (as by signing a register)

sign-post noun
: a post bearing a sign

sign up verb
• to sign one’s name (as to a contract) in order to obtain, do, or join something

Synonyms
• usually sign up for enlist, enrolled, entered, joined, signed on—more at enlist

Sikh noun
: an adherent of a religion of India marked by rejection of caste
— Sikh-ism noun

silage noun
: fodder fermented (as in a silo) to produce a rich moist animal feed

silence noun
1 : forbearance from speech or noise
2 ‹: absence of sound or noise: stillness
3 : secrecy

Synonyms
• hush, quiet, quietness, still, stillness; also calm, lull, tranquillity

Antonyms
• hush, quiet, quietness, still, stillness; also calm, lull, tranquillity

silence verb silenced; silencing
1 ‹: to reduce to silence: still
2 ‹: to cause to cease hostile firing or criticism

Synonyms
• [1] hush, mute, quell, settle, still
• [2] clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, quell, repress, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress

—more at quell

silencer noun
: a device for muffling the noise of a gunshot

silent adjective
1 ‹: not speaking: mute; also: not inclined to talk
2 ‹: free from sound or noise: still, quiet
3 : performed or borne without utterance
— silently adverb

Synonyms
• [1] dumb, mum, mute, speechless, uncommunicative; also inarticulate, tongue-tied; nonvocal, voiceless

Antonyms
• communicative, speaking, talking
• [1] closemouthed, laconic, reserved, reticent, taciturn, uncommunicative; also inhibited, introverted,
restrained; sedate, self-contained, sober, staid

**Antonyms**
chatty, communicative, conversational, gabby, garrulous, loquacious, talkative, unreserved

- [2] hushed, muted, noiseless, quiet, soundless, still; also peaceful, tranquil

**Antonyms**
nosy, unquiet

1 **silhouette** /siˈleɪt/ **noun**
[ORIGIN: F]
1: a representation of the outlines of an object filled in with black or some other uniform color
2: the outline of a body viewed as circumscribing a mass: outline << of a ship>

**Synonyms**
- contour, figure, outline—more at outline

2 **silhouette** verb -ett·ed; -ett·ing
- to represent by a silhouette; also: to show against a light background

**Synonyms**
- define, delineate, outline, sketch, trace—more at outline

**sil·i·ca** /siˈliːkə/ **noun**
: a mineral that consists of silicon and oxygen

**sil·i·cate** /siˈleɪ.kæt/ **noun**
: a chemical salt that consists of a metal combined with silicon and oxygen

**si·li·ceous** also si·li·ci·ous /siˌliː.ʃəs/ **adjective**
: of, relating to, or containing silica or a silicate

**sil·i·con** /siˈlən/ **noun**
: a nonmetallic chemical element that occurs in combination as the most abundant element next to oxygen in the earth’s crust and is used esp. in alloys and semiconductors

**sil·i·cone** /siˈlən/ **noun**
: an organic silicon compound used esp. for lubricants and varnishes

**sil·i·co·sis** /siˌliː.kəˈsiːs/ **noun**
: a lung disease caused by prolonged inhaling of silica dusts

**silk** /silk/ **noun**
1: a fine strong lustrous protein fiber produced by insect larvae usu. for their cocoons; especially: one from moth larvae (silk*worms/*ˌwɜːrmz/) used for cloth
2: thread or cloth made from silk

**sil·ky** **adjective**
: resembling silk (as in texture or appearance)

**Synonyms**
- cottony, downy, satiny, soft, velvety—more at soft

**silk screen** **noun**
: a stencil process in which coloring matter is forced through the meshes of a prepared silk or organdy screen; also: a print made by this process

— **silk–screen** **verb**

**sil·li·ness** **noun**
: the quality or state of being silly; also: a silly practice

**Synonyms**
absurdity, asininity, balminess, craziness, daftness, fatuity, folly, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, nonsense, simplicity, zaniness

sil·ly /sɪˈlɪ/ adjective sil·li·er, -est
[ORIGIN: ME sely, silly happy, innocent, pitiable, feeble, fr. OE sǣlig, fr. sǣl happiness]

: exhibiting or indicative of a lack of common sense or sound judgment; also : lacking in seriousness

Synonyms

absurd, asinine, balmy, daft, fatuous, foolish, harebrained, kooky, lunatic, mad, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, sappy, screwball, senseless, stupid, unwise, wacky, witless, zany—more at FOOLISH

flighty, frivolous, giddy, goofy, harebrained, light-headed, scatterbrained—more at GIDDY

si·lo /sɪˈloʊ/ noun, plural silos
[ORIGIN: Sp]

1: a trench, pit, or esp. a tall cylinder for making and storing silage
2: an underground structure for housing a guided missile

silt /sɪlt/ noun

1: fine earth; especially : particles of such soil floating in rivers, ponds, or lakes
2: a deposit (as by a river) of silt

— sily adjective

silt /sɪlt/ verb

: to obstruct or cover with silt

— silation /sɪˈleɪʃən/ noun

Si·lu·ri·an /sɪˈluˌrēən/ adjective

: of, relating to, or being the period of the Paleozoic era between the Ordovician and the Devonian marked by the appearance of the first land plants

— Silurian noun

1silver /sɪˈlər/ noun

1: a white ductile metallic chemical element that takes a high polish and is a better conductor of heat and electricity than any other substance
2: coin made of silver
3: : articles (as hollowware or table flatware) made of or plated with silver : FLATWARE
4: a grayish white color

Synonyms

flatware, tableware—more at TABLEWARE

silver /sɪˈlər/ adjective

1: relating to, made of, or coated with silver
2: resembling silver (as in sheen or color) : SILVERY

silver verb sil·vered; sil·ver·ing

: to coat with or as if with silver

— sil·ver·er noun

silver bromide noun

: a light-sensitive compound used esp. in photography

silver iodide noun

: a light-sensitive compound used in photography, rainmaking, and medicine

silver maple noun

: a No. American maple with deeply cut leaves that are green above and silvery white below

silver nitrate noun

: a soluble compound used in photography and as an antiseptic
silverware /ˈsɪlvərˌwɛr/ noun
: eating and serving utensils (as knives, forks, and spoons) : flatware

silverly adjective
▶ : resembling or having the luster of silver
  Synonyms
  ▶ gray, leaden, pewter, silver, slate, steely—more at gray

simian /ˈsɪmɪən/ noun
: monkey, ape — simian adjective

similar /ˈsɪmələr/ adjective
▶ : marked by correspondence or resemblance
  Synonyms
  ▶ akin, alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, like, parallel, such—more at alike

similarity /ˈsɪmlərəti/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being similar; also : a comparable aspect
  Synonyms
  ▶ community, correspondence, likeness, parallel, parallelism, resemblance, similitude; also counterpart, equal, equivalence, parity; identity, sameness; correlation, relationship; accordance, agreement, compatibility, conformity, congruity
  Antonyms
  dissimilarity, unlikeness

similarly adverb
▶ : in the same or a comparable manner
  Synonyms
  ▶ alike, also, correspondingly, likewise, so—more at also

simile /ˈsɪmlɪl/ noun
[Origin: ME, fr. L, likeness, comparison, fr. neut. of similis like, similar] : a figure of speech in which two dissimilar things are compared by the use of like or as (as in “cheeks like roses”)

similitude /ˈsɪmlɪtud/ noun
▶ : correspondence in kind or quality : resemblance; also : a point of comparison
  Synonyms
  ▶ community, correspondence, likeness, parallelism, resemblance, similarity—more at similarity

simmer /ˈsɪmər/ verb simpered; simmering
1 : to stew at or just below the boiling point
2 : to be on the point of bursting out with violence or emotional disturbance
— simmer noun

simmer down verb
: to become calm or peaceful

smoosh /ˈsmoʊz/ verb -mooshed; -mooshing
: to polish with or as if with wax

smoony /ˈsmoʊni/ noun

simpathy /ˌsɪmpəˈθi/ adjective
: congenial, likable

simper /ˈsɪmpər/ verb
: to smile in a silly manner
— simper noun
1 ▶ : free from dishonesty or vanity : INNOCENT
2 ▶ : free from ostentation
3 : of humble origin or modest position
4 : slow of mind : STUPID
5 ▶ : not complex : PLAIN <a ~ melody> <~ directions>
6 ▶ : lacking education, experience, or intelligence
7 : developing from a single ovary <a ~ fruit>
8 : not limited or restricted
— simple-ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1, 2] artless, genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, real, sincere, true, unaffected, unpretentious
  ▶ [5] bald, bare, naked, plain, unadorned, undecorated, unvarnished—more at PLAIN
  ▶ [5] easy, effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, smooth, snap, soft—more at EASY
  ▶ [6] green, ignorant, ingenuous, innocent, naive, unknowing, unsophisticated, unwary, unworldly—more at NAIVE

simple interest noun : interest paid or computed on the original principal only of a loan or on the amount of an account

simpleton /ˈsɪmplətən/ noun
  ▶ a person lacking in common sense : FOOL
  Synonyms
  ▶ booby, fool, goose, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, nitwit, nut, turkey—more at FOOL

simplici-ty /ˈsɪmplɪsaɪtɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 : lack of complication : CLEARNESS
2 ▶ : freedom from pretense or guile
3 : plainness in manners or way of life
4 : lack of good sense or normal prudence and foresight : SILLINESS, FOLLY
5 ▶ : directness of expression
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] artlessness, greenness, ingenuousness, innocence, naiveté, naturalness, unworldliness—more at NAIVETÉ
  ▶ [5] clarity, explicitness, lucidity, perspicuity; also directness, forthrightness, openness
  Antonyms
  obscurity

sim-pli-fy /ˈsɪmpləˌfaɪ/ verb -fied; -fy-ing : to make simple or simpler
— sim-pli-fi-ca-tion /ˈsɪmpləˌfɪkəˈteɪʃən/ noun

sim-plis-tic /ˈsɪmplɪstɪk/ adjective
: excessively simple : tending to overlook complexities <a ~ solution>

sim-ply adverb
1 ▶ : without ambiguity; also : without embellishment
2 ▶ : to the exclusion of all else; also : no more than
  Synonyms
  ▶ alone, exclusively, just, only, solely—more at SOLELY

sim-u-late /ˈsɪməˌleɪt/ verb -lated; -lat-ing
  ▶ : to give or create the effect or appearance of often with the intent to deceive; also : to make a simulation of
  — sim-u-la-tor /ˈsɪməˌleɪtər/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ affect, assume, counterfeit, fake, feign, pretend, profess, put on, sham—more at FEIGN
simulation /ˈsɪmləˌleɪʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of simulating
2 : an object that is not genuine
3 : the imitation by one system or process of the way in which another system or process works

simultaneous /ˈsɪmləˌtənəəs/ adjective
¬ simultaneous: occurring or operating at the same time
¬ simultaneously adverb
¬ simultaneity noun
Synonyms
¬ coeval, concurrent, contemporary, synchronous—more at CONTEMPORARY

sin /ˈsɪn/ noun
1 ▶ : an offense esp. against God
2 : FAULT
3 ▶ : a weakened state of human nature in which the self is estranged from God
4 ▶ : an action that is or is felt to be highly reprehensible
¬ sinless adjective
Synonyms
¬ breach, crime, error, malefaction, misdeed, misdoing, offense, transgression, trespass, violation, wrongdoing—more at OFFENSE
¬ [4] crime, disgrace, pity, shame—more at CRIME
¬ [4] evil, ill, immorality, iniquity, villainy, wrong—more at EVIL

sin verb sinned; sinning
▶ to commit a sin
Synonyms
¬ err, offend, transgress, trespass—more at OFFEND

sin abbreviation
sine

since /ˈsɪns/ adverb
1 : from a past time until now
2 : backward in time : AGO
3 : after a time in the past

since conjunction
1 : from the time when
2 ▶ : seeing that : BECAUSE
Synonyms
¬ because, for, now, whereas

since preposition
1 : in the period after <changes made ~ the war>
2 : continuously from <has been here ~ 1980>

sincere /ˈsɪnər/ adjective sincerer; sincerest
1 ▶ : free from hypocrisy : HONEST
2 ▶ : marked by genuineness : GENUINE
¬ sincerity /ˈsɪnərəti/ noun
Synonyms
¬ [1, 2] artless, genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, real, simple, true, unaffected, unpretentious

sincerely adverb
▶ in a sincere manner

sine /ˈsɪn/ noun
[ORIGIN: ML. sinus, fr. L, curve]
▶ the trigonometric function that is the ratio between the side opposite an acute angle in a right triangle and the
hypotenuse

si·ne·cure /ˈsīˌnəˌkyûr, ˈsi/ noun
: a paying job that requires little or no work

si·ne die /ˌsīˌnēˈdē/ˌsiˌnāˈdēˌā/ adverb
[ORIGIN: L, without day]
: INDEFINITELY

si·ne qua non /ˌsīˌnēˈkwəˈnän/ noun, plural sine qua nons also sine qui·bus non /ˌsīˌkwēˈbəs/ [ORIGIN: LL, without which not]
: something indispensable or essential

sin·ew /ˈsīˌnē/ noun
1 : TENDON
2 : physical strength
   Synonyms
   energy, force, main, might, muscle, potency, power, strength, vigor—more at POWER

sin·ewy adjective
: having or marked by great physical power
   Synonyms
   brawny, muscular, rugged, stalwart, stout, strong—more at STRONG

sin·ful /ˈsīˌfəl/ adjective
: marked by or full of sin : WICKED
— sin·ful·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong

sin·ful·ness noun
: the quality or state of being sinful

1 sing /sĭŋ/ verb sang /săng/ or sung /săng/; sung; sing·ing
1 : to produce musical tones with the voice; also : to utter with musical tones
2 : to make a prolonged shrill sound <locusts ~ing>
3 : to produce harmonious sustained sounds <birds ~ing>
4 : CHANT, INTONE
5 : to write poetry; also : to celebrate in song or verse
6 : to give information or evidence
   Synonyms
   carol, chant, descant, vocalize; also belt, croon, harmonize, hum, lilt, quaver, sharp, slur, trill, troll, warble, yodel; serenade

2 sing abbreviation
singular

Sin·ga·por·ean /ˌsınˈgəˌpôrˌi践/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Singapore
— Singaporean adjective

sin·ge /sĭŋ/ verb singed; sing·ing
: to scorch lightly the outside of; especially : to remove the hair or down from usu. by passing over a flame
   Synonyms
   char, scorch, sear—more at SCORCH

sin·ger /sĭŋˈgər/ noun
: one that sings
   Synonyms
   caroler, songster, vocalist, voice; also hummer, warbler, yodeler; cantor; songstress
1 single /ˈsɪŋɡəl/ adjective
1 : not married
2 : being alone: being the only one
3 : having only one feature or part
4 : made for one person
— single-ness noun
   Synonyms
   [1] unattached, unmarried, unwed; also fancy-free, footloose; marriageable, unpaired; separated
   Antonyms
   attached, married, wed
— [2] detached, disconnected, discrete, freestanding, separate, unattached, unconnected—more at SEPARATE

2 single verb sin-gled; sin-gling
1 : to select or distinguish (one) from a group — usu. used with out
2 : to hit a single
   Synonyms
   usually single out choose, cull, elect, handpick, name, opt, pick, prefer, select, take—more at CHOOSE
   usually single out distinguish, identify, pinpoint—more at IDENTIFY

3 single noun
1 : a separate person or thing; also : an unmarried person
2 : a hit in baseball that enables the batter to reach first base
3 plural : a tennis match with one player on each side
   single bond noun
   a chemical bond in which one pair of electrons is shared by two atoms in a molecule
   single-lens reflex noun
   a camera having a single lens that forms an image which is reflected to the viewfinder or recorded on film
   single-minded /ˈsɪŋɡəlmɪndəd/ adjective
   : having one driving purpose or resolve
   — single-minded-ly adverb
   — single-minded-ness noun
   singly adverb
   : without the company of others
   Synonyms
   alone, independently, solely, unaided, unassisted—more at ALONE

sing-ular /ˈsɪŋɡyələr/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or constituting a word form denoting one person, thing, or instance
2 : OUTSTANDING, EXCEPTIONAL
3 : of unusual quality
4 : departing from general usage or expectation : ODD
5 : of or relating to a separate person or thing
— singular noun
— single-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   [4] curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, peculiar, queer, rare, strange, unaccustomed, uncommon,
   uncustomary, unique, unusual, un wonted, weird—more at UNUSUAL
   [5] individual, particular, peculiar, personal, private, separate, unique—more at INDIVIDUAL

sing-ularity /ˈsɪŋɡyəlarətɪ/ noun
   : something that is singular; especially : unusual or distinctive manner or behavior
   Synonyms
   crotchet, eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, mannerism, oddity, peculiarity, quirk, trick—more at IDIOSYNCRASY

sin-is-ter /ˈsɪnəs.tər/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ME sinistre, fr. AF senestre on the left, fr. L sinister on the left side, inauspicious]
1: singularly evil or productive of evil
2: accompanied by or leading to disaster

Synonyms
- baleful, dire, foreboding, menacing, ominous, portentous

sink /sink/ verb sank /sank/ or sunk /sunk/, sunk, sink·ing
1: SUBMERGE
2: to descend lower and lower
3: to grow less in volume or height
4: to slope downward
5: to penetrate downward
6: to deteriorate in health, strength, or condition
7: LAPSE, DEGENERATE
8: to cause (a ship) to descend to the bottom
9: to make (a hole or shaft) by digging, boring, or cutting
10: INVEST

— sink·able adjective

Synonyms
- [2] decline, descend, dip, drop, fall, lower, plummet, plunge, tumble
- [6] decay, decline, degenerate, descend, deteriorate, ebb, rot, worsen

sink noun
1: DRAIN, SEWER
2: a basin connected with a drain
3: an extensive depression in the land surface

sink·er /sink·ər/ noun
a: a weight for sinking a fishing line or net

sink·hole /sink·hōl/ noun
: a hollow place in which drainage collects

sin·ner noun
: one that sins

Synonyms
- evildoer, malefactor, wrongdoer

si·nol·o·gy /si,nəˈlädʒə/ noun, often cap
: the study of the Chinese and esp. their language, history, and culture

— si·nol·o·gic·al /siˌnəˈlojikəl/ adjective, often cap
— si·nol·o·gic /siˌnəˈlōjik/ noun, often cap

sin tax noun
: a tax on substances or activities considered sinful or harmful

sin·u·ous /ˈsɪn.yəˌəs, -ˌwəs/ adjective
: bending in and out: WINDING

— sin·u·ous·ty /ˈsɪn.yəˌəs.ti/ noun
— sin·u·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
- crooked, devious, serpentine, tortuous, winding

sin·us /ˈsɪn.as/ noun
1: any of several cavities of the skull usu. connecting with the nostrils
2: a space forming a channel (as for the passage of blood)

sin·u·sitis /ˌsɪn.as.ˈi.tɪs/ noun
: inflammation of a sinus of the skull
Sioux /sü/ noun, plural Sioux /same or sůz/
: DAKOTA

1 sip /sip/ verb sipped; sip·ping
: to drink in small quantities

2 sip noun
: a small draft taken with the lips

siphon also syphon /siˈfən/ noun
1 : a bent tube through which a liquid can be transferred by means of air pressure up and over the edge of one container and into another container placed at a lower level
2 usually sy·phon : a bottle that ejects soda water through a tube when a valve is opened

siphon verb si·phon·ed; si·phon·ing
: to draw off by or as if by means of a siphon

Synonyms
  channel, conduct, direct, funnel, pipe—more at CHANNEL

sir /sir/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME sir, sire, fr. AF, lord, feudal superior, fr. VL *seior, alter. of L senior, compar. of senex old, old man]
1 : a man of rank or position — used as a title before the given name of a knight or baronet
2 — used as a usu. respectful form of address

Si·rach /sĭrək, səˌrāk/ noun
: a book of the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament

sire /sir/ noun
1 : FATHER; also archaic : FOREFATHER
2 archaic : LORD — used as a form of address and a title
3 : the male parent of an animal (as a horse or dog)

sire verb sired; sir·ing
: to procreate as the father : BEGET

si·ren /siˈrən/ noun
1 : a seductive or alluring woman
2 : an electrically operated device for producing a loud shrill warning signal
— siren adjective

sir·loin /sarˌlōn/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of earlier surloin, modif. of MF surlonge, fr. sur over (fr. L super) + longe loin]
: a cut of beef taken from the part in front of the round

Sirup variant of SYRUP

si·sal /siˈsal, _zal/ noun
: a strong cordage fiber from an agave; also : this agave

sis·sy /siˈsē/ noun, plural sissies
1 : an effeminate boy or man
2 : a timid or cowardly person

Synonyms
  chicken, coward, craven, dastard, poltroon, recreant—more at COWARD

sis·ter /sisˈtər/ noun
1 : a female having one or both parents in common with another individual
2 : a member of a religious order of women : NUN
3 chiefly British : NURSE
4 : a girl or woman regarded as a comrade
— sis·ter·ly adjective
sisterhood /ˈsɪstərˌhʊd/ noun
1 : the state of being a sister
2 : a community or society of sisters
3 : the solidarity of women based on shared conditions

sister-in-law /ˈsɪstər ɪnˌlɔː/ noun, plural sisters-in-law
1 : the sister of one’s spouse; also : the wife of one’s brother

sit /sɪt/ verb sat /sæt/, sitting
1 : to rest upon the buttocks or haunches
2 : ROOST, PERCH
3 : to occupy a seat
4 : to hold a session
5 : to cover eggs for hatching : BROOD
6 : to pose for a portrait
7 : to remain quiet or inactive
8 : FIT
9 : to cause (oneself) to be seated
10 : to place in position
11 : to keep one’s seat on <~ a horse>
12 : BABYSIT
13 : to occupy a position <the house ~s on a hill>

Synonyms
[5] brood, hatch, incubate, set—more at SET
[13] be, lie, stand

sitar /sɪˈtɑːr/ noun
[Origin: Hindi & Urdu sitār] : an Indian lute with a long neck and a varying number of strings

sit-com /sɪtˌkɒm/ noun
: SITUATION COMEDY

site /sɪt/ noun
1 : the spatial location of an actual or planned structure (as a building, town, or monuments) : LOCATION
2 : WEB SITE

Synonyms
locale, location, place, point, position, spot—more at PLACE

sit-in /sɪtˈɪn/ noun
: an act of sitting in the seats or on the floor of an establishment as a means of organized protest

sitter noun
1 : one that sits
2 : a person who babysits

Synonyms
babysitter, nurse, nursemaid—more at NURSE

situated /sɪˈtjuəˌtɪd/ adjective
: LOCATED, PLACED

situation /sɪˈʃuəˈʃən/ noun
1 : LOCATION, SITE
2 : position or place of employment : JOB
3 : position with respect to conditions and circumstances
4 : relative position or combination of circumstances at a certain moment

Synonyms
[2] appointment, billet, capacity, function, job, place, position, post—more at JOB
[3] footing, picture, posture, scene, status; also rank, standing; place, spot, state; score, status quo
situation comedy noun
: a radio or television comedy series that involves a continuing cast of characters in a succession of episodes

sit-up /sit_əp/ noun
: an exercise performed from a supine position by raising the torso to a sitting position and returning to the original position without lifting the feet

six /siks/ noun
1: one more than five
2: the 6th in a set or series
3: something having six units
   — six adjective or pronoun
   — sixth /sikst/ adjective or adverb or noun

six-gun /siksˌgən/ noun
: a 6-chambered revolver

six-pack /ˈsɪksˌpæk/ noun
: six bottles or cans (as of beer) packaged and purchased together; also: the contents of a six-pack

six-pence /ˈsiksˌpens, US also /ˈsiksˌpəns/ noun
: the sum of six pence; also: an English silver coin of this value

six-shooter /ˈsiksˌʃuər/ noun
: SIX-GUN

sixteen /ˈsiksˌtēn/ noun
: one more than 15
   — sixteen adjective or pronoun
   — sixteenth /ˈsiksˌtiːnθ/ adjective or noun

sixty /ˈsiksˌtiː/ noun, plural sixties
: six times 10
   — sixtieth /ˈsiksˌtiːθ/ adjective or noun
   — sixty adjective or pronoun

sizable or sizeable /ˈsɪzəbəl/ adjective
: quite large
   Synonyms
   — big, considerable, goodly, grand, great, handsome, large, significant, substantial, tidy

sizablely /ˈsɪzəlē/ adverb
: in a sizable manner: to a sizable degree
   Synonyms
   — broadly, considerably, greatly, largely, much

1 size /ˈsайz/ noun
[origin: ME sise assize, judgment, quantity, fr. AF, short for assise assize]
: physical extent or bulk: DIMENSIONS; also: considerable proportions
   — sized /ˈsайд/ adjective
   Synonyms
   — dimension, extent, magnitude, measure, measurement, proportion; also area; capaciousness, spaciousness; amplitude, bigness, bulk, grandness, greatness, grossness, hugeness, immensity, largeness, mass, massiveness, vastness, volume, voluminosity

2 size verb sized; sizing
1: to grade or classify according to size
2: to form a judgment of <~ up the situation>

3 size noun
: a gluey material used for filling the pores in paper, plaster, or textiles
   — sizing noun
4 size verb sized; siz·ing
: to cover, stiffen, or glaze with size

1 sizzle /ˈzizəl/ verb siz·zled; siz·zling
1 : to fry or shrivel up with a hissing sound
2 : to make a hissing sound in or as if in burning or frying
   Synonyms
   ‣ fizz, hiss, swish, whish, whiz

2 sizzle noun
: a hissing sound (as of something frying over a fire)
   a SJ abbreviation Society of Jesus
   b SK abbreviation Saskatchewan

ska /skā/ noun
: popular music of Jamaican origin combining traditional Caribbean rhythms and jazz
   a ska noun, plural skates also skate
       : any of a family of rays with thick broad winglike fins

2 skate noun
1 : a metal frame and runner attached to a shoe and used for gliding over ice
2 : ROLLER SKATE; especially: IN-LINE SKATE
   — skate verb
   — skat·er noun

skate·board /skātˈbȯrd/ noun
: a short board mounted on small wheels
   — skateboard verb
   — skate·board·er noun

skeet /skēt/ noun
: trapshooting in which clay targets are thrown in such a way that their angle of flight simulates that of a flushed game bird

skein /skān/ noun
: a loosely twisted quantity of yarn or thread wound on a reel

skel·e·tal /ˈskelət̬əl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, forming, attached to, or resembling a skeleton
2 : extremely thin from lack of nourishment or from disease
   Synonyms
   ‣ cadaverous, gaunt, haggard, wasted

skel·e·ton /ˈskelətən/ noun
1 : a usu. bony supporting framework of an animal body
2 : a bare minimum
3 : something forming a structural framework
   Synonyms
   ‣ configuration, frame, framework, shell, structure—more at FRAME

skep·tic /ˈskēp tɪk/ noun
1 : one who believes in skepticism
2 : a person disposed to skepticism esp. regarding religion
   Synonyms
   ‣ disbeliever, doubter, questioner, unbeliever; also cynic, misanthrope, pessimist; scoffer

skep·ti·cal /ˈskēp tɪkal/ adjective
: relating to, characteristic of, or marked by skepticism
skep·ti·cal·ly /ˈskɛptəkəl/ adverb

Synonyms
- distrustful, incredulous, leery, mistrustful, suspicious, uncertain, unsure; also paranoid; critical, puzzled, quizzical; careful, cautious, guarded, leery, wary, watchful; cynical, experienced, knowing, sophisticated, worldly, worldly-wise; curious, inquiring, inquisitive, nosy; undecided, undetermined, unsettled; hesitant

Antonyms
- credulous, gullible, trustful, trusting, uncritical, unquestioning

skep·ti·cism /ˈskɛptɪˌsɪzm/ noun
1: a doubting state of mind
2: a doctrine that certainty of knowledge cannot be attained
3: doubt concerning religion

Synonyms
- distrust, doubt, incertitude, misgiving, mistrust, suspicion, uncertainty—more at DOUBT

1 sketch /ˈskɛtʃ/ noun
[origin: D schets, fr. It schizzo, lit., splash]
1: a rough drawing or outline
2: a short or light literary composition (as a story or essay); also: a short comedy piece

— sketchy adjective

Synonyms
- [1] cartoon, delineation, drawing—more at DRAWING
- [2] delineation, depiction, description, picture, portrait, portrayal—more at DESCRIPTION

2 sketch verb
1: to make a sketch, rough draft, or outline of

Synonyms
- define, delineate, outline, silhouette, trace—more at OUTLINE
- delineate, depict, describe, draw, image, paint, picture, portray—more at DESCRIBE

1 skew /skjuː/ verb
1: to distort esp. from a true value or symmetrical form: TWIST, SWERVE

2 skew noun
: SLANT

1 skewer /ˈskjuər/ noun
: a long pin for holding small pieces of meat and vegetables for broiling

2 skewer verb
1: to fasten or pierce with or as if with a skewer

Synonyms
- gore, harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, spear, spike, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

1 ski /ski/ noun, plural skis
[origin: Norw, fr. ON skīth stick of wood, ski]
: one of a pair of long strips (as of wood, metal or plastic) curving upward in front that are used for gliding over snow or water

2 ski verb skied /ˈskɛd/; skiing
: to glide on skis

— ski·able /ˈskɛ.ə.bəl/ adjective

— skier noun

1 skid /skɪd/ noun
1: a plank for supporting something above the ground
2: a device placed under a wheel to prevent turning
3: a timber or rail over or on which something is slid or rolled
4: the act of skidding
5: a runner on the landing gear of an aircraft
skid verb skid·ded; skid·ding
1 : to slide without rotating <a skidding wheel>
2 : to slide sideways on the road <the car skidded on ice>
3 : SLIDE, SLIP

skid row noun
: a district of cheap saloons frequented by vagrants and alcoholics

skiff /skif/ noun
: a small boat

ski jump noun
: a jump made by a person wearing skis; also : a course or track prepared for such jumping
   — ski jump verb
   — ski jumper noun

skil·ful chiefly British variant of SKILLFUL

ski lift noun
: a mechanical device (as a chairlift) for carrying skiers up a long slope

skill /skil/ noun
1 ▶ : ability to use one's knowledge effectively in doing something
2 : developed or acquired ability
   Synonyms
   ▶ adeptness, adroitness, art, artfulness, artifice, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, masterfulness; also
dexterity, ease, finesse, handiness; experience, expertise, expertness, know-how, proficiency; creativity,
ingenuity, inventiveness, knowledge, learning; aptitude, bent, flair, gift, knack, talent
   Antonyms
   artlessness, ineptitude, ineptness

skilled /skild/ adjective
1 ▶ : having acquired mastery of or skill in something (as a technique or a trade)
2 : of, relating to, or requiring workers or labor with skill and training in a particular occupation, craft, or trade
   Synonyms
   ▶ accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, crackerjack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, masterly,
   proficient, skillful, virtuoso—more at PROFICIENT
	skil·let /i skillet/ noun
: a frying pan

skill·ful /skil fel/ adjective
1 : having or displaying skill : EXPERT
2 ▶ : accomplished with skill
   Synonyms
   ▶ adroit, artful, delicate, dexterous, expert, masterful, masterly, practiced, proficient, virtuoso; also facile,
   smooth; artistic, creative, fancy, ingenious, neat; adept, clever, cunning; able, adequate, capable, competent
   Antonyms
   amateur, amateurish, artless, rude, unprofessional, unskillful

skill·ful·ly adverb
▶ in a skillful manner
   Synonyms
   ▶ ably, adeptly, capably, expertly, masterfully, proficiently, well—more at WELL

skill·ful·ness noun
: the quality or state of being skillful

skim /skim/ verb skim·med; skim·ming
1 : to take off from the top of a liquid; also : to remove (scum or cream) from milk
2 ▶ : to read rapidly and superficially
3 : to pass swiftly over; also: to glide or skip along, above, or near a surface
   — **skim·mer** noun

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ [2] browse, dip, glance, glimpse, peek—more at **GLANCE**
   ▶ [3] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skip, slide, slip, stream, sweep, whisk—more at **FLOW**

2 **skim** adjective
   : having the cream removed

**skimp** /skimp/ verb
   ▶ : to give insufficient attention, effort, or funds; also: to save by skimping

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ economize, save, scrimp—more at **ECONOMIZE**
   ▶ usually **skimp** on scant, spare, stint—more at **SPARE**

**skimpy** /skim·pē/ adjective skimp·i·er; -est
   ▶ : deficient in supply or execution

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ light, meager, niggardly, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stingy—more at **MEAGER**

1 **skin** /skin/ noun
   1 : the outer limiting layer of an animal body; also: the usu. thin tough tissue of which this is made
   2 : an outer or surface layer (as a rind or peel)

   — **skin·less** adjective
   — **skinned** adjective

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ [1] fur, hide, pelt—more at **HIDE**
   ▶ [2] exterior, face, outside, surface, veneer—more at **EXTERIOR**

2 **skin** verb skinned; skin·ning
   1 : to free from skin : remove the skin of
   2 : to strip of money or property

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ [1] bark, flay, hull, husk, peel, shell
   ▶ [2] bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle, victimize—more at **FLEECE**

3 **skin** adjective
   : devoted to showing nudes <~ magazines>

**skin diving** noun
   : the sport of swimming under water with a face mask and flippers and esp. without a portable breathing device

   — **skin·dive** verb
   — **skin·diver** noun

**skin·flint** /skin·flint/ noun
   ▶ : a very stingy person

   **Synonyms**
   ▶ cheapskate, miser, niggard, tightwad—more at **MISER**

**skin graft** noun
   : a piece of skin surgically removed from one area to replace skin in another area

   — **skin grafting** noun

**skin·head** /skin·hed/ noun
   : a person whose hair is cut very short

1 **skinny** /skin·ē/ adjective skin·ni·er; -est
   1 : resembling skin
   2 ▶ : very thin
Synonyms

- lean, narrow, slender, slim, spare, thin—more at \textit{thin}

\textit{2} skinny noun
- : inside information

\textit{skin-ny-dip} /ˈskɪnˌnɪ_ˌdɪp/ verb
- : to swim in the nude

- \textit{skin-ny-dip-per} /ˌdɪ.ˈpər/ noun

\textit{skin-tight} /ˈskɪn.tɪt/ adjective
- : closely fitted to the figure

\textit{1} skip /skɪp/ verb skipped; skip\textit{-ping}

1 : to move with leaps and bounds; also : to bound off one point after another
2 : to leap lightly over
3 : to pass from point to point (as in reading) disregarding what is in between
4 : to pass over without notice or mention

Synonyms

- bound, hop, spring, trip; also caper, frisk, gambol, romp; skim, skitter; jump, leap, vault
- bounce, carom, glance, rebound, ricochet, skim—more at \textit{glance}

\textit{2} skip noun
- : a light bouncing step; also : a gait of alternate hops and steps

\textit{skip-jack} /skɪp_ˌjak/ noun
- : a small sailboat with vertical sides and a bottom similar to a flat V

\textit{skip-per} /skɪ_ˌpər/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MD schipper, fr. schip ship]
- : the master of a ship; also : the manager of a baseball team

- \textit{skipper} verb

\textit{1} skirmish /ˈskɜr.mɪʃ/ noun

1 : a minor engagement in war; also : a minor dispute or contest

Synonyms

- brush, encounter, hassle, run-in, scrape—more at \textit{encounter}
- battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scrimmage, scuffle, struggle, tussle—more at \textit{fight}

\textit{2} skirmish verb
- : to engage in a skirmish

\textit{1} skirt /skɜrt/ noun

1 : a free-hanging garment or part of a garment extending from the waist down
2 : the rim, periphery, or environs of an area

Synonyms

- border, bound, boundary, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, verge—more at \textit{border}

\textit{2} skirt verb

1 : to pass around the outer edge of
2 : to form or run along the border or edge of : \textit{border}
3 : to avoid esp. because of difficulty or fear of controversy

Synonyms

- [1] bypass, circumvent, detour—more at \textit{detour}
- [2] abut, adjoin, border, flank, fringe, join, touch, verge—more at \textit{adjoin}
- [3] circumvent, dodge, sidestep—more at \textit{circumvent}

\textit{skit} /skɪt/ noun
- : a brief dramatic sketch
ski tow noun
: SKI LIFT

skitter verb
: to glide or skip lightly or quickly: skim along a surface

skittish adjective
1 : lively or frisky in action
2 : easily frightened <a horse>; also: WARY

Synonyms
[1, 2] excitable, flighty, fluttery, high-strung, jittery, jumply, nervous, spooky, wary—more at EXCITABLE

skiwear noun
: clothing suitable for wear while skiing

skosh noun
[origin: Jp sukoshi]
: a small amount: BIT

skulldugery or skull-dug-ery noun, plural -geries
: underhanded or unscrupulous behavior

skulk verb
: to move furtively: SNEAK

— skulkler noun

Synonyms
lurk, pussyfoot, slide, slink, slip, snake, sneak, steal—more at SNEAK

skull noun
: the skeleton of the head of a vertebrate that protects the brain and supports the jaws

skull and crossbones noun, plural skulls and crossbones
: a depiction of a human skull over crossbones usu. indicating a danger

skullcap noun
: a close-fitting brimless cap

1 skunk noun, plural skunks also skunk
1 : any of various black-and-white New World mammals related to the weasels that can forcibly eject an ill-smelling fluid when startled
2 : a contemptible person

Synonyms
beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, slob, snake—more at JERK

2 skunk verb
: to defeat decisively; especially: to prevent from scoring at all in a game

Synonyms
beat, best, clobber, conquer, crush, defeat, drub, lick, master, overcome, prevail, rout, subdue, surmount, thrash, trim, triumph, trounce, wallop, whip, win—more at BEAT

skunk cabbage noun
: either of two No. American perennial herbs related to the arums that occur in shaded wet to swampy areas and have a fetid odor suggestive of a skunk

sky noun, plural skies
[origin: ME, sky, cloud, fr. ON sky cloud]
1 : the upper air
2 : HEAVEN

— skyey adjective

Synonyms
blue, high; also horizon, skyline

sky-cap noun
sky·div·ing /ˌskī.vid·əŋ/ noun
: the sport of jumping from an airplane and executing various body maneuvers before opening a parachute
— sky·div·er noun

sky·jack /ˌskā.₃jək/ verb
: to commandeer an airplane in flight by threat of violence
— sky·jack·er noun
— sky·jack·ing noun

skylark /ˌskā.lərk/ noun
: a European lark noted for singing during flight

sky·line /ˌskī.līn/ noun
1 : HORIZON
2 : an outline (as of buildings) against the sky

skyrocket /ˌskī.ˈrō.kət/ noun
1 : ROCKET
2 : to rise or cause to rise or increase abruptly and rapidly

sky·scraper /ˌskī.skrā.珀/ noun
: a very tall building

sky·surf·ing /ˌskī.sərˈfıŋ/ noun
: skydiving with a short modified surfboard attached to the feet
— sky·surf·er /ˌskī.sərfər/ noun

sky·walk /ˌskī.wŏk/ noun
: an aerial walkway connecting two buildings

sky·ward /ˌskī.woord/ adverb
: toward the sky

sky·writ·ing /ˌskī.writ.ɪŋ/ noun
: writing in the sky formed by smoke emitted from an airplane
— sky·writ·er noun

slab /slæb/ noun
: a thick flat piece or slice

slack /slak/ adjective
1: not using due diligence, care, or dispatch: CARELESS
2: SLUGGISH, LISTLESS
3: not taut: LOOSE
4: not busy or active
— slack·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] careless, derelict, lax, negligent, remiss—more at NEGLIGENCE
  ▶ [3] insecure, lax, loose, relaxed—more at LOOSE

slack verb
1: to make or become slack: LOOSEN
2: SLAKE 2
  Synonyms
  ▶ ease, loosen, relax, slacken—more at SLACKEN

slack noun
1: cessation of movement or flow: LETUP
2: a part that hangs loose without strain <~ of a rope>
3: pants esp. for casual wear — usu. used in pl.
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] droop, sag, slackness—more at SAG
  ▶ slacks [3] pants, trousers

slack·en /slaˈken/ verb
▶ to make or become slack
  Synonyms
  ▶ ease, loosen, relax, slack; also detach, free, unbind, undo, unfasten, untie
  Antonyms
  strain, stretch, tense, tighten

slack·er /slaˈker/ noun
1: one that shirks work or evades military duty
2: a young person perceived to be disaffected, apathetic, cynical, or lacking ambition

slack·ness noun
▶ the quality or state of being slack or behaving slackly; also: something that is slack
  Synonyms
  ▶ carelessness, dereliction, heedlessness, laxness, negligence, remissness—more at NEGLIGENCE

slag /slæg/ noun
▶ the waste left after the melting of ores and the separation of metal from them

slain past participle of SLAY

slake /slæk, for 2 also 'slak/ verb slaked; slak·ing
1: to relieve or satisfy with or as if with refreshing drink <~ thirst>
2: to cause (lime) to crumble by mixture with water

sla·lom /sləˈlem/ noun
[origin: Norw slalåm, lit., sloping track]
▶ skiing in a zigzag course between obstacles

1slam /ˈslæm/ noun
▶ the winning of every trick or of all tricks but one in bridge

2slam noun
1: a heavy jarring impact: BANG
2: harsh criticism
3: a poetry competition
  Synonyms
  ▶ bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, smash, snap, thwack, whack—more at CLAP
3. **slam** verb *slammed; slamming*  
   1: to shut violently and noisily  
   2 ‣: to throw or strike with a loud impact  
   3: to strike or beat hard  
   4 ‣: to criticize harshly  
   **Synonyms**  
   ‣ [2] hang, bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, impact, knock, ram, smash, strike, swipe, thud—more at [HIT]  
   ‣ [4] abuse, assail, attack, belabor, blast, castigate, excoriate, jump, lambaste, vituperate—more at [ATTACK]

**slam-mer** /'sla.mər/ noun
: [JAIL, PRISON]

1. **slander** /'slan.dər/ verb  
   ‣: to utter slander against: [DEFAME]
   — **slan-der-er** noun  
   **Synonyms**  
   ‣ blacken, defame, libel, malign, smear, traduce, vilify; also belittle, detract, disparage; discredit, disgrace, dishonor, shame; abuse, debase, degrade, humble, humiliate; disdain, scorn

2. **slander** noun  
   [ORIGIN: ME sclaundre, slaundre, fr. AF esclandre, alter. of escandle, fr. LL scandalum stumbling block, offense]  
   ‣: a false report maliciously uttered and tending to injure the reputation of a person  
   **Synonyms**  
   ‣ defamation, libel, vilification; also aspersion, innuendo, smear; backbiting, detraction; abuse, invective, vituperation; attack, criticism, censure, denunciation; contempt, disdain, scorn; disparagement; cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malevolence, malice, malignancy, meanness, nastiness, spleen, spite, spitefulness, venom, viciousness

**slan-der-ous** adjective  
†: containing or constituting slander  
**Synonyms**  
† defamatory, libelous, scandalous—more at [LIBELOUS]

**slang** /'slæŋ/ noun  
†: an informal nonstandard vocabulary composed typically of invented words, arbitrarily changed words, and extravagant figures of speech  
— **slangy** adjective  
**Synonyms**  
† argot, cant, jargon, language, lingo, terminology, vocabulary—more at [TERMINOLOGY]

1. **slant** /'slænt/ noun  
   1 ‣: a sloping direction, line, or plane  
   2 ‣: a particular or personal viewpoint  
   — **slant** adjective  
   **Synonyms**  
   ‣ [1] cant, diagonal, grade, inclination, incline, lean, pitch, slope, tilt, upgrade; also ascent, bank, climb, rise, upgrade  
   ‣ [2] angle, outlook, perspective, point of view, standpoint, viewpoint—more at [POINT OF VIEW]

2. **slant** verb  
   1 ‣: to turn or incline from a right line or a level : [SLOPE]  
   2: to interpret or present in accordance with a special viewpoint or bias  
   — **slant-ing-ly** adverb  
   **Synonyms**  
   ‣ angle, cant, cock, heel, incline, lean, list, slope, tilt, tip—more at [LEAN]

**slant-wise** /'slænt.wɪz/ adjective  
†: being at a slant: moving or directed in a slanting position or direction  
— **slant-wise** adverb  
**Synonyms**
· askew, awry, cockeyed, crooked, listing, lopsided, oblique, uneven—more at Awry
· canted, diagonal, inclined, leaning—more at diagonal

1 slap /slap/ verb slapped; slap·ping
1 : to strike sharply with the open hand
2 : REBUFF, INSULT
2 slap noun
: a quick sharp blow; also : a blow with the open hand
· slap·stick /ˌslapˈstik/ noun
  : comedy stressing horseplay
Synonyms
  comedy, farce, humor—more at comedy

1 slash /slash/ verb
1 : to cut with sweeping strokes
2 : to cut slits in (a garment)
3 : to reduce sharply
4 : to hit with a stroke like that used in slashing
   — slash·er /ˈslash·ər/ noun
Synonyms
  cut, gash, rip, slice, slit—more at cut
2 slash noun
1 : a long cut or stroke made by or as if by slashing : gash
2 : an ornamental slit in a garment
3 : a mark / used to denote “or” (as in and/or), “and/or” (as in straggler/deserter), or “per” (as in feet/second)
   Synonyms
     gash, laceration, rent, rip, slit, tear—more at gash

slat /slæt/ noun
: a thin narrow flat strip

1 slate /slæt/ noun
1 : a dense fine-grained rock that splits into thin layers
2 : a roofing tile or a writing tablet made from this rock
3 : a written or unwritten record <start with a clean ~>
4 : a list of candidates for election
2 slate verb slat·ed; slat·ing
1 : to cover with slate
2 : to designate for action or appointment
   Synonyms
     catalog, enroll, enter, index, inscribe, list, put down, record, register, schedule—more at list

slat·ter·er /ˈslæt·ər/ verb
: to spread with or on thickly or lavishly

slat·tern /ˈslæt·ərn/ noun
: a slovenly woman
   — slat·tern·ly adjective

1 slaughter /ˈschar·ər/ noun
1 : the butchering of livestock for market
2 : great destruction of lives esp. in battle
   Synonyms
     butchery, carnage, massacre—more at massacre
2 slaughter verb
1 : to kill (animals) for food : BUTCHER
2 : to kill in large numbers or in a bloody way : MASSACRE
slaugh·ter·house /ˈhau̯s/ noun
: an establishment where animals are butchered

Slav /ˈsläv,ˈslæv/ noun
: a person speaking a Slavic language

1 slave /ˈslæv/ noun
[origin: ME sclave, fr. AF or ML; AF esclave, fr. ML sclavus, fr. Sclavus Slav; fr. the enslavement of Slavs in central Europe in the Middle Ages]
1 ♦: a person held in servitude as property
2 ♦: a device (as the printer of a computer) that is directly responsive to another
3 ♦: a toiler at hard monotonous work
— slave adjective

Synonyms

[1] bondman, chattel, thrall; also helot, serf; attendant, domestic, drudge, lackey, menial, servant
Antonyms
freeman

[3] drudge, fag, peon, toiler, worker; also workhorse; coolie, serf

2 slave verb slaved; slav·ing
: to work like a slave : DRUDGE

Synonyms

drudge, labor, plod, plug, slog, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work—more at LABOR

1 slaver /ˈsla vər,ˈslævər/ noun
: to secrete saliva in anticipation of food : Slobber
— slaver verb

Synonyms

dribble, drivel, drool, salivate, slobber—more at DROOL

2 slaver /ˈslævər/ noun
: a ship or a person engaged in transporting slaves

slav·ery /ˈslæv rē,ˈslæv ərē/ noun

1 ♦: wearisome drudgery
2 ♦: the condition of being a slave
3 ♦: the practice of owning slaves

Synonyms

[1] drudgery, grind, labor, sweat, toil, travail—more at TOIL
[2] bondage, enslavement, servitude, thrall, yoke; also peonage, serfdom; dependence, subjection, subjugation; captivity, imprisonment, incarceration
Antonyms
freedom, liberty

1 Slavic /ˈsla vik,ˈslæv/ noun
: a branch of the Indo-European language family including various languages (as Russian or Polish) of eastern Europe

2 Slavic adjective
: of or relating to the Slavs or their languages

slav·ish /ˈslæv əsh/ adjective
1 ♦: servile
2 ♦: obeying or imitating with no freedom of judgment or choice

Synonyms

imitative, mimic, unoriginal—more at IMITATIVE

slav·ish·ly adverb
: in a slavish manner

Synonyms
determinedly, diligently, hard, hardly, laboriously, mightily, strenuously, tirelessly—more at HARD

slaw /slä/ noun  
: COLESLAW

slay /slaɪ/ verb slew /slū; slain /slän/; slaying  
: to kill violently, wantonly, or in great numbers; broadly : to strike down : KILL  
— slayer noun  
Synonyms  
• destroy, dispatch, do in, fell, kill, murder—more at KILL

sleaze /slēz/ noun  
: a sleazy quality, appearance, or behavior

sleazy /slē zē/ adjective sleazier; -est  
1 : FLIMSY, SHODDY  
2 : marked by low character or quality  
Synonyms  
• bad, bum, cheap, coarse, common, lousy, mediocre, rotten, second-rate, terrible, trashy—more at CHEAP

sled /sled/ noun  
: a vehicle usu. on runners adapted esp. for sliding on snow

sled verb sled·ded, sled·ding  
: to ride or carry on a sled

sledge /sle/ noun  
: SLEDGEHAMMER

1 sledge noun  
: a strong heavy sled

sledge·ham·mer /sle dʒe hæ mər/ noun  
: a large heavy hammer wielded with both hands  
— sledgehammer adjective or verb

sleek /slek/ verb  
1 : to make smooth or glossy  
2 : to gloss over

sleek adjective  
1 : having a smooth well-groomed look  
2 : trim and graceful in design <a ~ car>  
Synonyms  
• glossy, lustrous, polished, satiny—more at GLOSSY

sleep /slep/ noun  
1 : the natural periodic suspension of consciousness during which bodily powers are restored  
2 : a state (as death or coma) suggesting sleep  
Synonyms  
• repose, rest, slumber; also catnap, doze, drowse, forty winks, nap, siesta, snooze, wink; oversleeping; dreaming, rapid eye movement  
Antonyms  
• consciousness, wakefulness

2 sleep verb slept /slep t/, sleeping  
1 : to rest or be in a state of sleep; also : to spend in sleep  
2 : to have sexual intercourse—usu. used with with  
3 : to provide sleeping space for  
Synonyms  
• catnap, doze, nap, rest, slumber, snooze; also drowse (off), nod (off); oversleep; dream, hibernate
sleep·er /ˈslē.ər/ noun
1 : one that sleeps
2 : a horizontal beam to support something on or near ground level
3 : SLEEPING CAR
4 : someone or something unpromising or unnoticed that suddenly attains prominence or value

sleep·i·ness /ˌPě.ənəs/ noun
: the quality or state of being sleepy

sleeping bag noun
: a warmly lined bag for sleeping esp. outdoors

sleeping car noun
: a railroad car with berths for sleeping

sleeping pill noun
: a drug in tablet or capsule form taken to induce sleep

sleeping sickness noun
: a serious disease of tropical Africa that is marked by fever, lethargy, confusion, and sleep disturbances and is caused by protozoans transmitted by the tsetse fly

sleep·less adjective
☞ not able to sleep; also : affording no sleep
— sleep·less·ness noun

Synonyms
☞ awake, wakeful, wide-awake—more at WAKEFUL

sleep·over /ˈslē.ər.vər/ noun
: an overnight stay (as at another's home)

sleep·walk·er /ˈslē.əp.wər/ noun
: one that walks while or as if while asleep
— sleep·walk /ˌwōk/ verb

sleepy /ˈslē.pi/ adjective sleep·i·er; -est
1 ☞ : ready for sleep
2 ☞ : quietly inactive
— sleep·i·ly /ˈslē.pə.lē/ adverb

Synonyms
☞ [1] drowsy, slumberous; also asleep, dormant, dozing, resting, sleeping, slumbering; nodding, yawning

Antonyms
alert, awake, conscious, wakeful, wide-awake
☞ [2] dull, inactive, inert, lethargic, quiescent, sluggish, torpid—more at INACTIVE

sleet /ˈslēt/ noun
: frozen or partly frozen rain
— sleet verb
— sleety adjective

sleeve /ˈslēv/ noun
1 : a part of a garment covering an arm
2 : a tubular part designed to fit over another part
— sleeved adjective
— sleeve·less adjective

sleigh /ˈslē/ noun
1 : an open usu. horse-drawn vehicle on runners for use on snow or ice
2 : to drive or travel in a sleigh
sleight /sli/ noun
1 ▷ deceitful craftiness: TRICK
2 ▷ mental or physical skill or quickness: DEXTERY

Synonyms
▷ [1] artifice, device, dodge, gimmick, jig, ploy, scheme, stratagem, trick, wile—more at TRICK
▷ [2] adroitness, agility, cleverness, craft, dexterity, finesse—more at DEXTERY

sleight of hand
1: a cleverly executed trick or deception esp. requiring manual dexterity
2: skill in deception

slen·der /slen·der/ adjective
1 ▷ spare in frame or flesh: THIN; also: small or narrow in circumference or width in proportion to length or height
2: WEAK, SLIGHT
3: limited or inadequate in amount or scope: MEAGER, INADEQUATE

Synonyms
▷ lean, narrow, skinny, slim, spare, thin—more at THIN

slen·der·ize /slen·der·iz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
▷ to make slender

sleuth /slēth/ noun
[Origin: short for sleuthhound bloodhound, fr. ME (Sc) sleuth hund, fr. ME sleuth, sloith, sloth track of an animal or person, fr. ON slóth]
▷ one employed or engaged in detecting lawbreakers or in getting information that is not readily or publicly accessible: DETECTIVE

Synonyms
▷ detective, investigator, operative, shadow, tail—more at DETECTIVE

1 slew /slō/ past of SLAY
2 slew verb
▷ TURN, VEER, SKID

1 slice /sli/ verb sliced; slic·ing
1 ▷ to cut a slice from; also: to cut into slices
2: to hit (a ball) so that a slice results

Synonyms
▷ cut, gash, rip, slash, slit—more at CUT

2 slice noun
1: a thin flat piece cut from something
2: a flight of a ball (as in golf) that curves in the direction of the dominant hand of the player hitting it

1 slick /sklik/ verb
▷ to make smooth or sleek

Synonyms
▷ grease, lubricate, oil, wax—more at LUBRICATE

2 slick adjective
1 ▷ very smooth: SLIPPERY
2 ▷ characterized by subtlety or nimble wit

Synonyms
▷ [1] greasy, slippery, slithery; also brushed, buffed, burnished, glossed, ground, polished, rubbed, shined; coated, glazed, waxed; soapy, waxy; rasped, sandblasted, sanded, scoured, scraped, scrubbed
▷ [2] artful, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, sly, subtle, wily—more at ARTFUL

3 slick noun
1: a smooth patch of water covered with a film of oil
2: a popular magazine printed on coated paper

slick·er /sklik·ar/ noun
1: a long loose raincoat
2: a sly tricky person
3: a city dweller esp. of natty appearance or sophisticated mannerisms

slide /slad/ verb slid /slid/; sliding /slid-in/
1: to move smoothly along a surface
2: to fall by a loss of support
3: to pass unobtrusively
4: to move or pass smoothly; also: to pass unnoticed <let it ~ by>
5: to fall or dive toward a base in baseball

Synonyms
[1] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slip, stream, sweep, whisk—more at FLOW
[3] lurk, pussyfoot, skulk, slink, slip, snake, sneak, steal—more at SNEAK

slide noun
1: an act or instance of sliding
2: something (as a cover or fastener) that operates by sliding
3: a fall of a mass of earth or snow down a hillside
4: a surface on which something slides
5: a glass plate on which a specimen is mounted for examination under a microscope
6: a small transparent photograph that can be projected on a screen

slider /slad-or/ noun
1: one that slides
2: a baseball pitch that looks like a fastball but curves slightly

slide rule noun
: a manual device for calculation consisting of a ruler and a movable middle piece graduated with logarithmic scales

slieier comparative of SLY

slieiest superlative of SLY

slight /slit/ adjective
1 a: having a slim or delicate build : SLENDER
b: lacking in strength or substance : FRAIL
2: deficient in weight, solidity, or importance:
3: small of its kind; also: small in amount

Synonyms
[1b] delicate, effete, enervated, faint, feeble, frail, infirm, languid, low, prostrate, soft, tender, torpid,
unsustantial, wasted, weak, wimpy—more at WEAK
[2] frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, minute, negligible, small, trifling,
trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT
[3] negligible, off, outside, remote, slim, small—more at REMOTE

slight verb
1: to treat as unimportant
2: to ignore discourteously
3: to perform or attend to carelessly

Synonyms
[1] disregard, forget, ignore, neglect, overlook, pass over, slur—more at NEGLECT
[1, 2] disdain, high-hat, scorn, sniff, snub—more at SCORN
[2] affront, insult, offend, outrage, wound—more at INSULT

slight noun
: a humiliating discourtesy

Synonyms
affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, outrage, put-down, sarcasm, slur, wound—more at INSULT

slightly adverb
slim /ˈslɪm/ adjective /ˈslɪmər, ˈslɪmɪst/
[origin: D, bad, inferior, fr. MD, slimp crooked, bad]  
1a: of small diameter or thickness in proportion to the height or length: thin  
b: limited or less than sufficient in degree, quantity, or extent: scanty, meager  
   Synonyms  
   [1a] fine, narrow, skinny, slender, thin—more at narrow  
   [1b] lean, skinny, slender, spare, thin—more at thin  
   [2] meager, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, skimpy, sparse, stingy—more at meager  
   [2] negligible, off, outside, remote, slight, small—more at remote  
2slim verb slimmed; slim·ming
: to make or become slender  
slime /ˈslɪm/ noun  
1a: sticky mud  
b: a slippery substance (as on the skin of a slug or catfish)  
   Synonyms  
   mire, muck, mud, ooze, slop, sludge, slush—more at mud  
slimy adjective /ˈslɪm·i·er, -est/  
1: of, relating to, or resembling slime  
b: covered with or yielding slime  
   Synonyms  
   mire, mucky, muddy, oozy, slushy—more at muddy  
1sling /ˈslɪŋ/ verb /slæŋ/; sling·ing
e: to throw forcibly: fling  
b: to hurl with or as if with a sling  
   Synonyms  
   cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, throw, toss—more at throw  
2sling noun  
1: a short strap with strings attached for hurling stones or shot  
b: something (as a rope or chain) used to hoist, lower, support, or carry; especially: a bandage hanging from the neck to support an arm or hand  
3sling verb /slæŋ/; sling·ing  
1: place in a sling for hoisting or lowering  
b: to suspend by or as if by a sling  
   Synonyms  
   dangle, hang, suspend, swing—more at hang  
sling·shot /ˈslɪŋˌʃɔt/ noun  
: a forked stick with elastic bands for shooting small stones or shot  
slink /ˈslɪŋk/ verb /slæŋk/ also slinked /ˈslɪŋkt/; sink·ing  
e: to move stealthily or furtively  
b: to move sinuously  
   —slinky adjective  
   Synonyms  
   lurk, pussyfoot, skulk, slide, slip, snake, sneak, steal—more at sneak  
1slip /slɪp/ verb slipped; slip·ping  
e: to escape quietly or secretly  
b: to slide along or cause to slide along smoothly
3: to make a mistake
4: to pass unnoticed or undone
5: to fall off from a standard or level
6: to get speedily into or out of clothing
7: to insert quietly or secretly
8: to slide out of place or away from a support or one's grasp

**Synonyms**
- [2] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slide, stream, sweep, whisk—more at FLOW
- usually slip on or slip into [6] don, put on, throw—more at PUT ON
- [7] infiltrate, insinuate, sneak, work, worm—more at INSINUATE
- [8] fall, stumble, topple, trip, tumble—more at FALL

**slip noun**
1: a ramp for repairing ships
2: a ship's berth between two piers
3: secret or hurried departure, escape, or evasion
4: an unintentional and trivial mistake or fault: BLUNDER
5: the act or an instance of slipping down or out of a place; also: a sudden mishap
6: a woman's one-piece garment worn under a dress
7: PILLOWCASE

**Synonyms**
- [3] escape, flight, getaway, lam—more at ESCAPE
- [4] blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, miscue, misstep, mistake, oversight, stumble—more at ERROR
- [5] fall, spill, stumble, tumble—more at FALL

**slip noun**
1: a shoot or twig from a plant for planting or grafting
2: a long narrow strip; especially: one of paper used for a record <deposit ~>

**slip verb** slipped; slipping
- to take slips from (a plant)

**slip-knot noun**
- a knot that slips along the rope around which it is made

**slipped disk noun**
- a protrusion of one of the disks of cartilage between vertebrae with pressure on spinal nerves resulting esp. in low back pain

**slipper noun**
- a light low shoe that may be easily slipped on and off

**slippery adjective** slip·per·i·er; -est
1: icy, wet, smooth, or greasy enough to cause one to fall or lose one's hold
2: not to be trusted: TRICKY

— slip·per·i·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] greasy, slick, slithery—more at SLICK
- [2] furtive, shady, shifty, sly, sneaky, stealthy, tricky—more at SNEAKY

**slipshod** slipshod adjective
- SLOVENLY, CARELESS <~ work>

**slipstream** slipstream noun
- a stream (as of air) driven aft by a propeller

**slip up** slip up noun
1: a wrong action or statement proceeding from faulty judgment, inadequate knowledge, or inattention: MISTAKE
2: ACCIDENT
slit /slit/ verb slit; slit·ting
1 ▶: to make a slit in: SLASH
2 ▶: to cut off or away
   Synonyms
   › cut, gash, rip, slash, slice—more at CUT
slit noun
  ▶: a long narrow cut or opening
   Synonyms
   › gash, laceration, rent, rip, slash, tear—more at GASH
slith·er /slä thar/ verb
  ▶: to slip or glide along like a snake
   Synonyms
   › crawl, creep, grovel, snake, worm—more at CRAWL
slith·ery adjective
  ▶: having a slippery surface, texture, or quality
   Synonyms
   › greasy, slick, slippery—more at SLICK
sliv·er /slä var/ noun
  ▶: a long slender piece cut or torn off: SPLINTER
slob /släb/ noun
  ▶: a slovenly or boorish person
   Synonyms
   › beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, snake—more at JERK
slob·ber /slä bär/ verb slob·bered; slob·ber·ing
1 ▶: to dribble saliva
2 ▶: to be excessively or unrestrainedly enthusiastic or emotional
   Synonyms
   › [1] dribble, drivel, drool, salivate, slaver—more at DROOL
   › [2] enthuse, fuss, gush, rave, rhapsodize—more at GUSH
slobber noun
  ▶: saliva drooled from the mouth
   Synonyms
   › saliva, spit—more at SALIVA
sloe /slō/ noun
  : the fruit of the blackthorn
slog /släg/ verb slogged; slog·ging
1 ▶: to hit hard: BEAT
2 ▶: to work hard and steadily
   Synonyms
   › drudge, labor, peg, plod, plug, slave, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work—more at LABOR
slo·gan /släg·gan/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of earlier slugorn, fr. ScGael sluaggh-ghairm, fr. sluaggh army, host + gairm cry]
  ▶: a word or phrase expressing the spirit or aim of a party, group, or cause
slo–mo /slō·mo/ noun
  : SLOW MOTION
   — slo–mo adjective
   Synonyms
   › cry, shibboleth, watchword; also tag line; expression, idiom; cliché; maxim, motto
sloop /slüp/ noun
[ORIGIN: D sloep]
slop /släp/ noun
1: thin tasteless drink or liquid food — usu. used in pl.
2: food waste for animal feed: SWILL
3: excreted body waste — usu. used in pl.
4: soft mud
   Synonyms
   ▶ slops [3] droppings, waste—more at DROPPINGS
   ▶ [4] mire, muck, mud, ooze, slime, sludge, slush—more at MUD

erslop verb slopped; slop·ping
1: SPILL
2: to feed with slop <~ hogs>

slope /slōp/ verb sloped; slop·ping
1: to lie or fall in a slant: INCLINE; also: to cause to incline or slant
   Synonyms
   ▶ angle, cant, cock, heel, incline, lean, list, slant, tilt, tip—more at LEAN

slope noun
1: upward or downward slant or degree of slant
2: ground that forms an incline
3: the part of a landmass draining into a particular ocean
   Synonyms
   ▶ cant, diagonal, grade, inclination, incline, lean, pitch, slant, tilt, upgrade—more at SLANT

sloppy /slä′pē/ adjective slop·pi·er; -est
1: wet so as to spatter easily: MUDDY, SLUSHY
2: untidy esp. in personal appearance: SLOVENLY, MESSY; also: lazily slipshod
3: excessive in emotional expression
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] dowdy, frowsy, messy, slovenly, unkempt, untidy; also chaotic, cluttered, confused, disarranged,
   disheveled, disordered, messed, muddled, mussed, mussy, rumpled
   Antonyms
   dapper, dressing, dolled up, sharp, smart, spruce
   ▶ [3] corny, dashing, dolled up, sharp, smart, spruce

sloppy joe /′jō/ noun
: ground beef cooked in a thick spicy sauce and usu. served on a bun

slosh /slāsh/ verb
1: to flounder through or splash about in or with water, mud, or slush
2: to move with a splashing motion
   Synonyms
   ▶ lap, plash, splash, swash; also babble, bubble, gurgle, ripple

slot /slōt/ noun
1: a long narrow opening or groove
2: a position in a sequence

slot car noun
: an electric toy racing car that runs on a grooved track

sloth /slōth/ noun, plural sloths /′slothz/.
1: disinclination to action or labor: LAZINESS, INDOLENCE
2: any of several slow-moving plant-eating arboreal mammals of So. and Central America
   Synonyms
   ▶ idleness, indolence, inertia, laziness—more at LAZINESS

sloth·ful adjective
inclined to sloth

Synonyms
- idle, indolent, lazy, shiftless—more at LAZY

slot machine noun
1: a machine whose operation is begun by dropping a coin into a slot
2: a coin-operated gambling machine that pays off according to the matching of symbols on wheels spun by a handle

1 slouch /slouʃ/ noun
1: a lazy or incompetent person
2: a loose or drooping gait or posture

Synonyms
- drone, idler, lazybones, loafer, slug, sluggard—more at LAZYBONES

2 slouch verb
: to walk, stand, or sit with a slouch : SLUMP

1 slough /slou̇/ 2 usu 'slou̇/ noun
1: a wet and marshy or muddy place (as a swamp)
2: a discouraged state of mind

Synonyms
- bog, fen, marsh, mire, morass, swamp—more at SWAMP

2 slough /slou̇/ also sluff noun
: something that has been or may be shed or cast off

3 slough /slou̇/ also sluff verb
: to cast off

Synonyms
- cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, throw away, throw out, unload
—more at DISCARD

Slovak /slō̇ˌvāk, -vak/ noun
1: a member of a Slavic people of Slovakia
2: the language of the Slovaks

— Slovak adjective
— Slo·va·ki·an /slō̇ˌvā.ˈkē.ən, -ˈva-/ adjective or noun

Slovene /slaˌven/ noun
[origin: ME sloveyn slut, rascal, perh. fr. MD slof negligent]
: an untidy person

Slo·ven·ly /slaˌven.lē/ adjective
1: untidy in dress or person
2: lazily or carelessly done : SLIPSHOD

Synonyms
- dowdy, frowsy, sloppy, unkempt, untidy—more at SLOPPY

1 slow /slō̇/ adjective
1 a: SLUGGISH
b: dull in mind : STUPID
2: moving, flowing, or proceeding at less than the usual speed
3: taking more than the usual time
4: registering behind the correct time
5: not lively: **BORING**

*Synonyms*
- creeping, dilatory, laggard, languid, poky, sluggish, tardy; *also* deliberate, measured; inactive, inert, lethargic, loafing, lounging; lingering, loitering, tarrying; ambling, inching, plodding, shuffling, strolling; decelerating, slowing; procrastinating, stalling

*Antonyms*
- barreling, bolting, breakneck, breathless, brisk, careering, dizzzy, fast, fleet, flying, hasty, hurrying, lightning, quick, racing, rapid, rocketing, running, rushing, scudding, scurrying, snappy, speeding, speedy, swift, whirling, whirlwind, whisking, zipping

*slow verb*
1: to make slow: hold back
2: to go slower

*Synonyms*
- brake, decelerate, hinder, retard; *also* encumber, hamper, handicap, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, obstruct, tie up

*Antonyms*
- accelerate, hasten, hurry, quicken, rush, speed (up), step up

*slow adverb*
  - : in a slow manner: not quickly, fast, early, rashly, or readily

*Synonyms*
- laggardly, slowly, sluggishly, tardily; *also* carefully, cautiously, deliberately, purposefully; ploddingly

*Antonyms*
- apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, quick, quickly, rapidly, speedily, swift, swiftly

*slow·ly adverb*
  - : in a slow manner: not quickly, fast, early, rashly, or readily

*Synonyms*
- laggardly, slow, sluggishly, tardily—more at **SLOW**

*slow motion noun*
: motion-picture action photographed so as to appear much slower than normal

— **slow·motion adjective**

*slow·ness noun*
: the quality or state of being slow

*SLR abbreviation*
: single-lens reflex

*sludge /sladj/ noun*
  - : a slushy mass: **OOZE**; *especially*: solid matter produced by sewage treatment processes

*Synonyms*
- mire, muck, mud, ooze, slime, slop, slush—more at **MUD**

*slug /slag/ noun*
1: a small mass of metal; *especially*: **BULLET**
2: a metal disk for use (as in a slot machine) in place of a coin
3: any of numerous wormlike mollusks related to the snails
4: : a quantity of liquor drunk
5: : a habitually lazy person: **SLUGGARD**

*Synonyms*
- draft, drag, drink, nip, quaff, shot, snort, swallow, swig—more at **DRINK**

*slug verb slugged; slug·ging*
  - : to strike forcibly and heavily

— **slug·ger noun**

*Synonyms*
- belt, clout, hit, punch, strike, wallop
3. **slug** noun
   a heavy blow esp. with the fist

**slug·gard /sla_gard/ noun**
- a habitually lazy person
  - **Synonyms**
    - drone, idler, lazybones, loafer, slouch, slug

**slug·gish /sla_gish/ adjective**
1: SLOTHFUL, LAZY
2: slow in movement or flow
3: STAGNANT, DULL
   - **slug·gish·ness noun**
     - **Synonyms**
       - creeping, dilatory, laggard, languid, poky, slow, tardy

**slug·gish·ly adverb**
- in a sluggish manner
  - **Synonyms**
    - laggardly, slow, slowly, tardily

1. **sluice /sluis/ noun**
   [ORIGIN: ME sluse, scluse, fr. AF escluse, fr. LL exclusa, fr. L, fem. of exclusus, pp. of excludere to shut out, exclude]
   1: an artificial passage for water with a gate for controlling the flow; also: the gate so used
   2: a channel that carries off surplus water
   3: an inclined trough or flume for washing ore or floating logs

2. **sluice verb sluiced; sluic·ing**
   1: to draw off through a sluice
   2: to wash with running water: FLUSH
     - **Synonyms**
       - flush, irrigate, rinse, wash

1. **slum /slam/ noun**
   a thickly populated area marked by poverty and dirty or deteriorated houses
   - **slum·my /sla_më/ adjective**

2. **slum verb slummed; slum·ming**
   : to visit slums esp. out of curiosity; also: to go somewhere or do something that might be considered beneath one's station

1. **slumber /slam·ber/ verb slumbered; slum·ber·ing**
   1 a: to sleep lightly: DOZE
   b: to rest in a state of sleep
   2: to be in a sluggish or torpid state
     - **Synonyms**
       - [1a, b] catnap, doze, drowse, nap, sleep, snooze

2. **slumber noun**
   : the natural periodic suspension of consciousness during which bodily powers are restored: SLEEP; also: a light sleep
     - **Synonyms**
       - repose, rest, sleep
   [slumber·ous /slam·ber·ous/, slum·berous /bes/]

1. **slumber·ous /slam·ber·ous/ or slum·brous /bes/ adjective**
   1: feeling a strong inclination toward sleep: SLEEPY
   2: PEACEFUL, INACTIVE
   3: inducing slumber
     - **Synonyms**
       - [1] drowsy, sleepy
slum·lord /slam_.lord/ noun
: a landlord who receives unusually large profits from substandard properties

slump /slamp/ verb
1 : to sink down suddenly : COLLAPSE
2 : SLOUCH
3 : to decline sharply

slung past and past participle of SLING
slunk past and past participle of SLINK

1slur /slar/ verb slurred; slur·ring
1 : to slide or slip over without due mention or emphasis <slurred over certain facts>
2 : to perform two or more successive notes of different pitch in a smooth or connected way

Syonyms usually slur over

slur noun
: a curved line connecting notes to be slurred; also : a group of slurred notes

3slur noun
: a slighting remark

Synonyms

slurp /slarp/ verb
: to eat or drink noisily

slur·ry /slar_.ri/ noun, plural slur·ries
: a watery mixture of insoluble matter

slush /slash/ noun
1 : partly melted or watery snow
2 : soft mud
3 : silly, worthless, or cheaply sentimental material

Synonyms

slush fund noun
: an unregulated fund often for illicit purposes

slush·y adjective slush·i·er; -est
: full of or covered with slush

Synonyms

slut /slat/ noun
1 : a slovenly woman
2 : a promiscuous woman

sly /sl/ adjective sli·er or sly·er /sli_.er/; sli·est or sly·est /sli_.est/
1 : displaying cleverness : CRAFTY
2 : clever in concealing one's aims or ends
3 : lightly mischievous : ROGUISH

— sly·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] artful, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, subtle, wily—more at ARTFUL
- [2] furtive, shady, shifty, slippery, sneaky, stealthy—more at SNEAKY
- [3] devilish, impish, knavish, mischievous, rascally, roguish, waggish, wicked—more at MISCHIEVOUS

sly·ness noun
  : the quality or state of being sly

  Synonyms
  artfulness, artifice, caginess, canniness, craft, craftiness, cunning, guile, wiliness—more at CUNNING

sm abbreviation
small

Sm symbol
samarium

SM abbreviation
  1 master of science
  2 sergeant major
  3 service mark
  4 stage manager

  1 smack /smak/ noun
    : characteristic flavor; also : a slight trace
  2 smack verb
    1 : to have a taste
    2 : to have a trace or suggestion
  3 smack verb
    1 : to move (the lips) so as to make a sharp noise
    2 : to kiss or slap with a loud noise
  4 smack noun
    1 : a sharp noise made by the lips
    2 : a noisy slap
  5 smack adverb
    : squarely and sharply
  6 smack noun
    : a sailing ship used in fishing
  7 smack noun, slang
    : HEROIN

SMaj abbreviation
sergeant major

  1 small /sməl/ adjective
    1 : little in size or amount
    2 : operating on a limited scale
    3 : little or close to zero (as in number or value)
    4 : made up of little things
    5 : of little consequence : UNIMPORTANT
    6 : lacking in mental discrimination : PETTY

  Synonyms
  [1] dwarf, dwarfish, fine, little, pocket, pygmy, slight, undersized; also petite; scrubby, stunted; inappreciable, infinitesimal, micro, microscopic, midget, miniature, minute, teeny, tiny, wee; underweight; meager, nigardly, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, spare, stingy; deficient, inadequate, insufficient, lacking, wanting

  Antonyms
  big, bumper, considerable, goodly, grand, great, handsome, king-size, large, outsize, oversize, sizable, substantial, super, whacking, whopping
[5] frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, minute, negligible, slight, trifling, trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT

2 small noun
: a small part or product <the ~ of the back>

small-ish adjective
: somewhat small : slightly below normal size

small-ness noun
1 : the quality or state of being small
2 : something that is small

small-pox /'smolˌpāks/ noun
: a contagious virus disease of humans formerly common but now eradicated

small talk noun
: light or casual conversation

small-time /'smolˌtim/ adjective
: insignificant in performance and standing : MINOR

— small-tim·er noun

smarmy /'smärˌmē/ adjective smarm·i·er; -est
: marked by a smug ingratiating, or false earnestness

1 smart /'smart/ verb
1 › to cause or feel a stinging pain
2 › to feel or endure distress

Synonyms
› ache, hurt, pain—more at HURT

2 smart adjective
1 › : making one smart <a ~ blow>
2 › : mentally quick, perceptive, or clever
3 : marked by or full of wit : WITTY
4 : appealing to sophisticated tastes : STYLISH
5 : being a guided missile
6 : containing a microprocessor for limited computing capability <~ terminal>
7 › : exhibiting neatness, good order, or compactness of line or structure <soldiers in ~ uniforms>
8 › : impertinently bold, impudent, or facetious

— smart-ness noun

Synonyms
› [1] acute, agonizing, biting, excruciating, sharp—more at SHARP
› [2] alert, brainy, bright, brilliant, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, sharp, shrewd—more at INTELLIGENT
› [7] dapper, natty, neat, spruce; also dressy, dressy, elegant, formal; tidy; fashionable, modish, stylish; careful, fastidious, fussy, meticulous; clean, immaculate, spotless

Antonyms
sloppy, slovenly
› [8] facetious, flip, flippant, pert—more at FLIPPANT

3 smart noun
› a smarting pain; especially : a stinging local pain

Synonyms
› ache, pain, pang, prick, sting, stitch, tingle, twinge—more at PAIN

smart al·eck /'smārt ə lēk/ noun
: a person given to obnoxious cleverness

smart card noun
: a small plastic card that has a built-in microprocessor to store and handle data
smart·en  /ˈsmɑrt,n/ verb  
: to make smart or smarter — usu. used with up

smart·ly adverb  
: in a smart manner : so as to be or seem smart

smash  /ˈsmash/ noun  
1 : a smashing blow  
2 : a hard, overhand stroke in tennis  
3 ▶ : the act or sound of smashing  
4 ▶ : collision of vehicles : CRASH  
5 : COLLAPSE, RUIN; especially : BANKRUPTCY  
6 ▶ : a striking success : HIT

— smash adjective

Synonyms
▶ [3] bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, snap, thwack, whack—more at CLAP
▶ [4] collision, crack-up, crash, wreck—more at CRASH
▶ [6] blockbuster, hit, success, winner—more at HIT

smash verb  
1 ▶ : to break or be broken into pieces  
2 ▶ : to move forward with force and shattering effect  
3 : to destroy utterly : WRECK

Synonyms
▶ [1] blast, blow up, burst, demolish, explode, pop, shatter—more at BLAST
▶ [2] bang, bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, impact, knock, ram, slam, strike, swipe, thud—more at HIT

smat·ter·ing  /ˈsmɑtərən/ noun  
1 : superficial knowledge  
2 ▶ : a small scattered number or amount

Synonyms
▶ few, handful, sprinkle, sprinkling—more at FEW

smear  /ˈsmir/ noun  
1 : a spot left by an oily or sticky substance  
2 : material smeared on a surface (as of a microscope slide)

smear verb  
1 ▶ : to overspread esp. with something oily or sticky  
2 : SMUDGE, SOIL  
3 ▶ : to injure by slander or insults

Synonyms
▶ [1] daub; also coat, paint, plaster; grease, oil; gum, lard, pitch, tar; begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, muddy, smirch, smudge, soil, stain, sully  
▶ [3] blacken, defame, libel, malign, slander, traduce, vilify—more at SLANDER

smell  /ˈsmel/ verb smelled /ˈsmeld/ or smelt /ˈsmelt/; smell·ing

1 a ▶ : to perceive the odor of by sense organs of the nose  
b ▶ : to detect as if with the nose <I ~ trouble>  
2 : to have or give off an odor

Synonyms
▶ [1a] nose, scent, sniff, whiff; also breathe, drink (in), inhale  
▶ [1b] feel, perceive, scent, see, sense, taste—more at FEEL

smell noun  
1 ▶ : the property of a thing that affects the olfactory organs : ODOR, SCENT  
2 : the process or power of perceiving odor; also : the special sense by which one perceives odor  
3 : an act of smelling

Synonyms
▶ odor, redolence, scent, sniff; also whiff; aroma, bouquet, fragrance, perfume; ambrosia, lusciousness, savor,
spice, tang; acridness, foulness, rancidity, rankness, stench, stink; incense, musk

**smelling salts** noun plural
: an aromatic preparation used as a stimulant and restorative (as to relieve faintness)

**smelly** adjective
› having a usu. bad smell

**Synonyms**
› fetid, foul, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, rank, reeky, strong—more at **MALODOROUS**

1**smelt** /'smɛlt/ noun, plural **smelts** or **smelt**
: any of a family of small food fishes of coastal or fresh waters that are related to the trouts and salmons

2**smelt** verb
: to melt or fuse (ore) in order to separate the metal; also : **REFINE**

1**smelter** /'smɛl.ɛr/ noun
1 : one that smelts
2 : an establishment for smelting

2**smel·ler** /'smɛl.ɪr/ noun
1 : one that smelts
2 : an establishment for smelting

**smid·gen** also **smid·geon** or **smid·gin** /'smɪd.ɡən/ noun
: a small amount : **BIT**

**smi·lax** /'smɪ.læks/ noun
1 : any of various mostly climbing and prickly plants related to the lilies
2 : an ornamental plant related to the asparagus

1**smile** /'smɪl/ verb smiled, smil·ing
1 : to look with a smile
2 : to be favorable
3 : to express by a smile

2**smile** noun
: a change of facial expression to express amusement, pleasure, or affection

**smil·ey** /'smɪl.i/ adjective
: exhibiting a smile : frequently smiling

1**smirch** /'smɜrʃ/ verb
1 : to make dirty or stained
2 : to bring disgrace on

**Synonyms**
› [1] befoul, begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, muddy, soil, stain—more at **DIRTY**
› [2] abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, shame, take down—more at **HUMBLE**

2**smirch** noun
1 : a dirty blurred mark or blot
2 : something that tarnishes a reputation

**Synonyms**
› blot, brand, spot, stain, stigma, taint—more at **STAIN**

1**smirk** /'smɜrk/ verb
: to wear a self-conscious or conceited smile : **SIMPER**

— **smirk** noun

2**smirch** /'smɜrk/ verb
: to strike heavily; also : to kill by striking

2 : to affect as if by a heavy blow

1**smith** /'smɪθ/ noun
: a worker in metals; especially : **BLACKSMITH**

2**smith·er·eens** /'smɪθ.ə.rɛnz/ noun plural
smirh不到

smithy /ˈsmɪθi/ noun, plural smith·ies
1 : a smith's workshop
2 : BLACKSMITH

1smock /ˈsmɔːk/ noun
: a loose garment worn over other clothes as a protection

2smock verb
: to gather (cloth) in regularly spaced tucks
   — smock·ing noun

smog /ˈsmɒɡ, ˈsmɔɡ/ noun
[ORIGIN: blend of smoke and fog]
† : a thick haze caused by the action of sunlight on air polluted by smoke and automobile exhaust fumes
   Synonyms
   † fog, haze, mist, murk, soup—more at HAZE

smog·gy adjective smog·gi·er; -est
† : characterized by or abounding in smog
   Synonyms
   † cloudy, foggy, hazy, misty, murky, soupy—more at HAZY

1smoke /ˈsmʊk/ noun
1 : the gas from burning material (as coal, wood, or tobacco) in which are suspended particles of soot
2 : a mass or column of smoke
3 : something (as a cigarette) to smoke; also : the act of smoking
   — smoke·less adjective
   — smoky adjective

2smoke verb smoked; smok·ing
1 : to emit smoke
2 : to inhale and exhale the fumes of burning tobacco; also : to use in smoking ~ a pipe
3 : to stupefy or drive away by smoke
4 : to discolor with smoke
5 : to cure (as meat) with smoke
   — smok·er noun

smoke detector noun
: an alarm that sounds automatically when it detects smoke

smoke jumper noun
: a forest firefighter who parachutes to locations otherwise difficult to reach

smoke screen noun
1 : a screen of smoke to hinder enemy observation
2 : something designed to obscure, confuse, or mislead

smoke-stack /ˈsmʊkˌstæk/ noun
: a pipe or funnel through which smoke and gases are discharged

smol·der or smoul·der /ˈsmɔldər/ verb smol·dered or smoul·dered; smol·der·ing or smoul·der·ing
1 : to burn and smoke without flame
2 : to burn inwardly
   — smolder noun

smooch /ˈsmʊtʃ/ verb
: to touch or caress with the lips as a mark of affection
   — smooch noun

1smooth /ˈsmʌθ/ adjective
1: not rough or uneven
2: not jarring or jolting
3: BLAND, MILD
4: fluent in speech and agreeable in manner
5: free from difficulties or impediments
— smooth·ness noun

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] even, flat, flush, level, plane—more at LEVEL
  ▶ [4] debonair, sophisticated, suave, urbane—more at SUAVE
  ▶ [5] easy, effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, simple, snap, soft—more at EASY

2 smooth verb
1: to make smooth
2: to free from trouble or difficulty

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] even, level, plane—more at EVEN
  ▶ [1] buff, burnish, dress, gloss, grind, polish, rub, shine—more at POLISH
  ▶ [2] ease, facilitate, loosen, unclog—more at EASE

smooth·ly adverb
1: in a smooth manner: without difficulties

  Synonyms
  ▶ easily, effortlessly, fluently, freely, handily, lightly, painlessly, readily—more at EASILY

smooth muscle noun
: muscle with no cross striations that is typical of visceral organs (as the stomach and bladder) and is not under voluntary control

smoothy or smooth·ie /ˈsmūˌthē/ noun, plural smooth·ies
1: an artfully suave person
2 smoothie: a creamy beverage of fruit blended with juice, milk, or yogurt

s'more /ˈsmaʊr/ noun
: a dessert of marshmallow and pieces of chocolate sandwiched between graham crackers

smor·gas·bord /ˈsmɔrˌɡəs.bɔrd/ noun
[Origin: Sw smörgasbord, fr. smörgas open sandwich + bord table] : a luncheon or supper buffet consisting of many foods

smote past and past participle of SMITE

1 smother /ˈsmʌðər/ noun
1: thick stifling smoke
2: a dense cloud (as of fog or dust)
3: a confused multitude of things

2 smother verb smoth·ered; smoth·er·ing
1: to be overcome by or die from lack of air
2: to kill by depriving of air
3: to suppress expression or knowledge of
4: to cover thickly

  Synonyms
  ▶ [1, 2] choke, stifle, strangle, suffocate; also garrote, throttle; asphyxiate; drown
  ▶ [3] choke, pocket, repress, stifle, strangle, suppress, swallow—more at SUPPRESS

SMSgt abbreviation
senior master sergeant

1 smudge /ˈsmjud/ verb smudged; smudging
: to soil or blur by rubbing or smearing

2 smudge noun
**: a dirty or blurred spot
— **smudgy** adjective

**smug /ˈsmʌɡ/ adjective smug·ger; smug·gest**
› : conscious of one’s virtue and importance : SELF-SATISFIED
— **smug·ly** adverb
  **Synonyms**
  › complacent, conceited, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, stuck-up, vain—more at CONCEITED

**smug·gle /ˈsmʌɡ·gəl/ verb smug·gled; smug·gling**
1 : to import or export secretly, illegally, or without paying the duties required by law
2 : to convey secretly
— **smug·gler /ˈsmʌɡ·gər/ noun**

**smug·ness noun**
› : the quality or state of being smug
  **Synonyms**
  › complacence, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-importance, self-satisfaction, vainglory, vanity—more at COMPLACENCE

**smut /ˈsmʌt/ noun**
1 : something (as soot) that smudges; also : SMUDGE, SPOT
2 : any of various destructive diseases of plants caused by fungi; also : a fungus causing smut
3 › : indecent language or matter
  **Synonyms**
  › bawdiness, coarseness, dirt, dirtiness, filth, filthiness, foulness, grossness, indecency, lewdness, nastiness, obscenity, ribaldry, vulgarity—more at OBSCENITY

**smutch /ˈsmʌtʃ/ noun**
› : SMUDGE

**smut·ty adjective smut·ti·er; -est**
› : soiled or tainted with smut : not decent
  **Synonyms**
  › bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lascivious, lewd, nasty, obscene, pornographic, ribald, unprintable, vulgar, wanton—more at OBSCENE

**Sn symbol**
[ORIGIN: LL stannum]
tin

**SN abbreviation**
seaman

**snack /ˈsnæk/ noun**
› : a light meal : BITE

**snaf·fle /ˈsnæfl/ noun**
› : a simple jointed bit for a horse's bridle

**1 snag /ˈsnæɡ/ noun**
1 : a stump or piece of a tree esp. when under water
2 › : an unexpected difficulty
  **Synonyms**
  › booby trap, catch, pitfall—more at PITFALL

**2 snag verb snagged; snag·ging**
1 : to become caught on or as if on a snag
2 : to seize quickly : SNATCH

**snail /ˈsnæl/ noun**
snake /ˈsnɑːk/ noun
1: any of numerous long-bodied limbless reptiles
2: a treacherous person
3: something that resembles a snake
   —snaky adjective
   —Synonyms
      beast, boor, churl, clown, creep, cretin, cur, heel, jerk, joker, louse, lout, skunk, slob—more at jerk
snake-bite /ˈbait/ noun
: the bite of a snake and esp. a venomous snake

1snap /snæp/ verb snapped; snapping
1: to grasp or slash at something with the teeth
2: to get or buy quickly — usu. used with up
3: to utter sharp or angry words
4: to break suddenly with a sharp sound
5: to give a sharp cracking noise
6: to throw with a quick motion
7: flash <her eyes snapped>
8: to put a football into play
9: to take photographically
   —snapper noun
   —snappy adjective
   —Synonyms
      usually snap up [2] catch, collar, grab, nab, seize
      [9] mug, photograph, shoot—more at photograph

2snap noun
1: the act or sound of snapping
2: something very easy to do:
cinch
3 a: a short period of cold weather
   b: a small amount
4: a catch or fastening that closes with a click
5: a thin brittle cookie
6: a pleasing vigorous quality:
energy; also:
smartness of movement
7: the putting of the ball into play in football
8: a casual photograph:
snapshot
   —Synonyms
      [1] bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, smash, thwack, whack—more at clap
      [2] breeze, child’s play, cinch, picnic, pushover—more at cinch
      [6] dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, life, pep, sap, vigor, vim, vitality, zing, zip—more at vigor
3snap adjective
1: done, made, or carried through suddenly or without deliberation
2: unusually easy or simple
   —Synonyms
      [1] ad-lib, extemporaneous, impromptu, offhand, unplanned, unprepared, unrehearsed—more at extemporaneous
      [2] easy, effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, simple, smooth, soft—more at easy
snap back verb
1: to make a quick or vigorous recovery
   —Synonyms
      convalesce, gain, heal, mend, rally, recover, recuperate—more at convalesce
snap bean noun
: a bean grown primarily for its long pods that are cooked as a vegetable when young and tender
snap·drag·on  n noun
: any of a genus of herbs with long spikes of showy flowers

snapping turtle  n noun
: either of two large American turtles with powerful jaws and a strong musky odor

snap·pish  a adjective
: given to curt irritable speech

Synonyms
choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

snap·py  a adjective snap·pi·er; -est
1 : given to curt irritable speech
2 : quickly made or done; also : marked by vigor or liveliness
3 : briskly cold
4 : having style

Synonyms
[2] fast, hasty, quick, rapid, speedy, swift
[2] active, brisk, energetic, lively, peppy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY
[4] à la mode, chic, fashionable, in, modish, sharp, smart, stylish—more at STYLISH

snap·shot  n noun
: a photograph taken usu. with an inexpensive hand-held camera

Synonyms
photograph, print, shot, snap—more at PHOTOGRAPH

1 snare /sna·r/ n noun
: a trap often consisting of a noose for catching birds or mammals; also : something by which one is entangled, involved in difficulties, or impeded

Synonyms
ambush, entanglement, net, trap, web—more at TRAP

2 snare  v verb
: to capture by or as if by use of a snare

Synonyms
enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, mesh, tangle, trap—more at ENTANGLE
bag, capture, catch, collar, corral, get, grab, grapple, hook, land, nab, seize, trap—more at CATCH

1 snarl /sna·rl/ v verb
: to cause to become knotted and intertwined

Synonyms
entangle, interlace, intertwine, interweave, knot, tangle—more at ENTANGLE

2 snarl  n noun
: TANGLE

3 snarl  v verb
: to growl angrily or threateningly

4 snarl  n noun
: an angry ill-tempered growl

1 snatch /snach/ v verb
1 : to try to grasp something suddenly
2 : to seize or take away suddenly

2 snatch  n noun
1 : a short period
2 : an act of snatching
3 : something brief or fragmentary <<es of song>>
sneak /snek/ verb sneak ed /snek/; or snuck /snek/; sneak·ing
▶ to go or act in a furtive manner; also: to put, bring, or take in a furtive or artful manner
— sneak·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ lurk, pussyfoot, skulk, slide, slink, slip, snake, steal; also crawl, creep, edge, inch, worm; pad, tiptoe

sneak noun
1: one who acts in a furtive or shifty manner
2: a stealthy or furtive move or escape
— sneak adjective

sneak·er /snek·er/ noun
1: a sports shoe with a pliable rubber sole
— sneak·i·ly /snek·i·lē/ adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ furtive, shady, shifty, slippery, sly, stealthy; also devious, guileful, close, closemouthed, dark, reticent, secretive, clandestine, covert; deceiving, deceitful, deceptive, tricky, underhand, underhanded; crooked, dishonest, double-dealing, two-faced; lying, mendacious, untrustworthy, untruthful; insidious, perfidious, treacherous
    ▶ clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhanded—more at SECRET

sneer /snir/ verb
▶ to show scorn or contempt by curling the lip or by a jeering tone
— sneer noun
  Synonyms
    ▶ jeer, laugh, snicker, sniff, snort; also catcall, disdain; hoot, insult, mock, ridicule; scorn

sneeze /sniz/ verb sneez ed; sneez·ing
[Origin: ME snesen, alter. of fnesen, fr. OE fnēosan]
▶ to force the breath out suddenly and violently as a reflex act
— sneeze noun
  SNF abbreviation
skilled nursing facility

snick·er /snik·er/ noun
▶ a partly suppressed laugh
— snicker verb
  Synonyms
    ▶ cackle, chortle, laugh, laughter, titter—more at LAUGH

snide /snid/ adjective
1 ▶ unworthy of esteem: LOW <a ~ trick>
2 ▶ slyly disparaging <a ~ remark>
— snide·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    ▶ base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, sordid, vile, wretched—more at IGNoble

sniff /snif/ verb
1 ▶ to draw air audibly up the nose esp. for smelling
2 ▶ to show disdain or scorn
3 ▶ to detect by or as if by smelling
— sniff noun
  Synonyms
    ▶ usually sniff at [2] disdain, high-hat, scorn, slight, snub—more at SCORN
    ▶ [3] nose, scent, smell, whiff—more at SMELL
sniffle /ˈsnɪfl/ noun
1 plural: a head cold marked by nasal discharge
2 •: SNUFFLE

snip /ˈsnɪp/ noun
1: a fragment snipped off
2: a simple stroke of the scissors or shears

snip verb snipped; snipping
• to cut off by bits: CLIP; also: to remove by cutting off

snipe /ˈsnɪp/ noun, plural snipes or snipe
• any of several long-billed game birds esp. of marshy areas that belong to the same family as the sandpipers

snip verb sniped; sniping
• to shoot at an exposed enemy from a concealed position

snippy /ˈsnɪp.i/ adjective snip·pi·er; -est
1: having a quick temper: SNAPPISH
2: •: unduly brief or curt

Synonyms
abrput, bluff, blunt, brusque, curt—more at BLUNT

snips /ˈsnɪps/ noun plural
• hand shears used esp. for cutting sheet metal <tin ~>

snitch /ˈsnɪtʃ/ verb
1 •: to give information (as of another's wrongdoing) to an authority: INFORM
2 •: to take by stealth: PILFER

Synonyms
[1] inform, squeal, talk, tell—more at SQUEAL
[2] appropriate, filch, hook, misappropriate, nip, pilfer, pocket, purloin, steal, swipe, thieve—more at STEAL

snivel /ˈsnɪvəl/ verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
1: to have a running nose; also: SNUFFLE
2: to whine in a snuffling manner

Synonyms

snob /ˈsnəb/ noun
• one who seeks association with persons of higher social position and looks down on those considered inferior

snob·bish adjective

snob·bish·ly adverb

snob·bish·ness noun

snob·bery /ˈsnə�.beri/ noun, plural -ber·ies
• snobbish conduct

snob·ber·y /ˈsnə�.beri/ noun, plural -ber·ies
• snobbish conduct

snoop /ˈsnʊp/ verb
[Origin: D snoepen to buy or eat on the sly]
•: to pry in a furtive or meddlesome way

Synonyms
butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle, mess, nose, obtrude, poke, pry—more at INTERFERE

snoopy /ˈsnʊpi/ adjective snoot·i·er; -est
• DISDAINFUL, SNOBISH
snooze /ˈsnʊz/ verb snoozed; snooz·ing
  ‣ : to take a nap : *DOZE*
  Synonyms
  ‣ catnap, doze, drowse, nap, slumber—more at NAP

snooze noun
  ‣ : a short sleep esp. during the day
  Synonyms
  ‣ catnap, doze, drowse, forty winks, nap, siesta, wink—more at NAP

snore /ˈsnɔr/ verb snored; snor·ing
  : to breathe with a rough hoarse noise while sleeping
  — snore noun

snor·kel /ˈsnɔrˌkəl/ noun
  [origin: G Schnorchel]
  : a tube projecting above the water used by swimmers for breathing with the face under water
  — snorkel verb

snort /ˈsnɔrt/ verb
  1 : to force air violently and noisily through the nose <his horse ~ed>
  2 : to inhale (a drug) through the nostrils
  3 : to express scorn, anger, indignation, or surprise by a snort

snort noun
  1 ‣ : the act or sound of snorting
  2 ‣ : a drink of usu. straight liquor taken in one draft
  Synonyms
  ‣ [1] boo, catcall, hiss, hoot, jeer, raspberry—more at CATCALL
  ‣ [2] draft, drag, drink, nip, quaff, shot, slug, swallow, swig—more at DRINK

snot /ˈsnɑt/ noun
  1 : nasal mucus
  2 : a snotty person

snot·ty /ˈsnɑt̬i/ adjective snot·ti·er; -est
  1 : soiled with snot
  2 : meanly contemptible

snout /ˈsnaut/ noun
  1 : a long projecting muzzle (as of a pig)
  2 : a usu. large or grotesque nose

snow /ˈsnɔ/ noun
  1 : crystals of ice formed from water vapor in the air
  2 : a descent or shower of snow crystals

snow verb
  1 : to fall or cause to fall in or as snow
  2 : to cover or shut in with or as if with snow
  3 : deceive, persuade, or charm glibly

snowball /ˈsnɔˌbol/ noun
  : a round mass of snow pressed into shape in the hand for throwing

snowball verb
  1 : to throw snowballs at
  2 ‣ : to increase or expand at a rapidly accelerating rate
  Synonyms
  ‣ accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply,
  mushroom, proliferate, rise, swell, wax—more at INCREASE
snow·bank /ˈbæŋk/ noun
: a mound or slope of snow

snow·belt /ˈbell/ noun, often cap
: a region that receives an appreciable amount of annual snowfall

snow·blow·er /ˈblōˌer/ noun
: a machine in which a rotating spiral blade picks up and propels snow aside

snow·board /ˈbɔrd/ noun
: a board like a wide ski ridden in a surfing position downhill over snow

snow·drift /ˈdrift/ noun
: a bank of drifted snow

snow·drop /ˈdrɒp/ noun
: a plant with narrow leaves and a nodding white flower that blooms early in the spring

snow·fall /ˈfɔl/ noun
: a fall of snow

snow fence noun
: a fence across the path of prevailing winds to protect something (as a road) from drifting snow

snow·field /ˈsn̩ˌfild/ noun
: a mass of perennial snow at the head of a glacier

snow·mo·bile /ˈsn̩ˌmōˌbəl/ noun
: any of various automotive vehicles for travel on snow

— snow·mo·bil·er /ˌbəˈlər/ noun
— snow·mo·bil·ing /ˈlin/ noun

snow pea noun
: a cultivated pea with flat edible pods

snow·plow /ˈsn̩ˌpləw/ noun
1 : a device for clearing away snow
2 : a skiing maneuver in which the heels of both skis are slid outward for slowing down or stopping

snow·shoe /ˈshu/ noun
1 : a lightweight platform for the foot designed to enable a person to walk on soft snow without sinking
2 snow·shoe verb snow·shoed; snow·shoe·ing
: to travel on snowshoes

snow·storm /ˈstɔrm/ noun
: a storm of falling snow

snow thrower noun
: SNOWBLOWER

snow under verb
: to overwhelm esp. in excess of capacity to absorb or deal with something

Synonyms
: carry away, crush, devastate, floor, oppress, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, prostrate, swamp—more at OVERWHELM

snow·y /ˈsn̩ˌe/ adjective snow·i·er; -est
1 : marked by snow
2 : white as snow

snow·y /ˈsn̩ˌe/ noun
: to treat with disdain : SLIGHT

Synonyms
- disdain, high-hat, scorn, slight, sniff—more at **SCORN**

**snub** noun
- an act or an instance of snubbing

**Synonyms**
- brush-off, cold shoulder, rebuff, repulse—more at **COLD SHOULDER**

**snub-nosed** /ˈsnəbˌnəʊzd/ adjective
- having a nose slightly turned up at the end

**snuck** /ˈsnʌkt/ past and past participle of **SNEAK**

1. **snuff** /ˈsnʌf/ verb
   - to pinch off the charred end of (a candle)
   - to put out (a candle) — often used with **out**
   - to make extinct; also: put an end to — usu. used with **out**
     — **sniffer** noun

**Synonyms**
- usually **snuff out** [2] douse, extinguish, put out, quench—more at **EXTINGUISH**
- usually **snuff out** [3] annihilate, blot out, demolish, exterminate, liquidate, obliterate, root, rub out, stamp, wipe out—more at **ANNIHILATE**
- usually **snuff out** [3] clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, quell, repress, silence, squash, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at **QUELL**

2. **snuff** verb
   - to draw forcibly into or through the nose

3. **snuff** noun
   - **SNIFF**

4. **snuff** noun
   - pulverized tobacco

**snuffle** /ˈsnʌfl/ verb snuffled; snuffling
- to snuff or sniff audibly and repeatedly
- to breathe with a sniffing sound
  — **snuffle** noun

**snug** /ˈsnʌg/ adjective **snug-ger; snug-gest**
1. fitting closely and comfortably
2. concealed
3. exhibiting neatness, good order, or compactness of line or structure
4. enjoying or affording warm secure shelter or cover and opportunity for ease and contentment <a ~ cottage>
  — **snug-ly** adverb
  — **snug-ness** noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] fast, firm, frozen, secure, set, tight—more at **TIGHT**
- [3] crisp, neat, orderly, shipshape, tidy, trim, uncluttered—more at **NEAT**
- [4] comfortable, easy, soft—more at **COMFORTABLE**

**snuggle** /ˈsnʌg/le/ verb snuggled; snuggling
- to curl up or draw close comfortably: **NESTLE**

**Synonyms**
- cuddle, curl up, nestle, snug; also huddle

**so** /so/ adverb
- in the manner indicated
- in the same way
- **THUS**
- **FINALLY**
5: to an indicated or great extent <I'm ~ bored>
6: for that reason: THEREFORE
7: to a great extent or degree: VERY

**Synonyms**
- [2] alike, also, correspondingly, likewise, similarly—more at ALSO
- [6] accordingly, consequently, ergo, hence, therefore, thus, wherefore—more at THEREFORE

2so conjunction
: for that reason <he wanted it, ~ he took it>

3so pronoun
1: the same <became chairman and remained ~> 
2: approximately that <a dozen or ~>

4so abbreviation
south; southern

SO abbreviation
strikeout

1soak /sōk/ verb
1: to remain in a liquid
2: to make or become saturated by or as if by immersion: WET
3: to draw in by or as if by absorption
4: to cause to pay an exorbitant amount

**Synonyms**
- [2] drench, drown, impregnate, saturate, sop, souse, steep, wet; also inundate, submerge; bathe, douse, wash, water; infiltrate, penetrate, permeate

**Antonyms**
- [3] absorb, drink, imbibe, sponge, suck—more at ABSORB
- [4] gouge, overcharge, sting—more at OVERCHARGE

2soak noun
1: the act of soaking
2: the liquid in which something is soaked
3: one who is habitually drunk: DRUNKARD

soap /sōp/ noun
: a cleansing substance made usu. by action of alkali on fat
— soap verb
— soapy adjective

**Synonyms**
- cleaner, detergent—more at CLEANER

soap·box /sōpˌbäks/ noun
: an improvised platform used for delivering informal speeches

soap opera noun
[origin: fr. its sponsorship by soap manufacturers]
: a radio or television daytime serial drama

soap·stone /sōpˌstōn/ noun
: a soft talc-containing stone with a soapy feel

soar /sōr/ verb
: to fly upward or at a height on or as if on wings; also: to rise or increase dramatically (as in position, value, or price)

**Synonyms**
- arise, ascend, climb, lift, mount, rise, up—more at ASCEND
- fly, glide, plane, wing—more at FLY
sob /sōb/ verb sobbed; sob·bing
▶ : to weep with convulsive heavings of the chest or contractions of the throat
— sob noun

Synonyms
▶ bawl, blubber, cry—more at CRY

so·ba /soˈba/ noun
[origin: Jp]
▶ a Japanese noodle made from buckwheat flour

so·ber /soˈber/ adjective so·ber·er /soˈber·ər/; so·ber·est /soˈber·est/
1 : temperate in the use of liquor
2 ▶ : not drunk
3 ▶ : serious or grave in mood or disposition
4 : having a quiet tone or color
— so·ber·ly adverb
— so·ber·ness noun

Synonyms
▶ [2] clearheaded, dry, straight, temperate

Antonyms
▶ drunk, high, inebriated, intoxicated, soused, tipsy
▶ [3] earnest, grave, humorless, serious, solemn, staid, unsmiling, weighty—more at SERIOUS

so·bri·ety /soˈbri·e-tē/ noun
▶ the quality or state of being sober

Synonyms
▶ earnestness, gravity, intentness, seriousness, solemnity—more at EARNESTNESS

so·bri·quet /soˈbri·kā.ˈket/ noun
[origin: F]
▶ NICKNAME

soc abbreviation
1 social; society
2 sociology

so–called /soˈkōld/ adjective
▶ commonly but often inaccurately so termed

soc·cer /sōkər/ noun
[origin: by shortening & alter. fr. association football]
▶ a game played on a field by two teams with a round inflated ball that is kicked or hit with any body part other than the hands or arms

so·cia·bil·i·ty /soˈsē.ˈbil.i.tē/ noun
▶ the quality or state of being sociable; also : the act or an instance of being sociable

1 sociable /soˈshə-bal/ adjective
1 : liking companionship: FRIENDLY
2 ▶ : characterized by pleasant social relations
— soci·ably /soˈshə.bəl·ē/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ affable, cordial, genial, gracious, hospitable—more at GRACIOUS

2 sociable noun
▶ SOCIAL

1 social /soˈshəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : marked by pleasant companionship with one's friends
2 : naturally living and breeding in organized communities ← insects>
3 : of or relating to human society (institutions)  
4 : of, relating to, or based on rank in a particular society (circles); also : of or relating to fashionable society  
— socially adverb  

   Synonyms  

   ▶ boon, companionable, convivial, extroverted, gregarious, outgoing, sociable—more at convivial  

social noun  

: a social gathering  

— socialise British variant of SOCIALIZE  

socialism /sōʊˈʃələˌɪzəm/ noun  

: any of various social systems based on shared or government ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods  

— socialist /sōʊˈʃəlist/ noun or adjective  

— socialistic /sōʊˈʃəlɪstɪk/ adjective  

socialite /sōʊˈʃəlɪt/ noun  

: a person prominent in fashionable society  

socialize /sōʊˈʃəlaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing  

1 : to regulate according to the theory and practice of socialism  
2 : to adapt to social needs or uses  
3 : to participate actively in a social gathering  

— socialization /sōʊˈʃələˌzaʃən/ noun  

   Synonyms  

   ▶ associate, fraternize, hobnob, mingle, mix  

social science noun  

: a science (as economics or political science) dealing with a particular aspect of human society  

— social scientist noun  

social work noun  

: services, activities, or methods providing social services esp. to the economically or socially disadvantaged  

— social worker noun  

society /saˈʃi.i.ti/ noun, plural -ties  

[origin: MF societé; fr. L societatis, socieitas, fr. socius companion]  

1 : the fellowship existing among companions : COMPANIONSHIP  
2 : a voluntary association of persons for common ends  
3 : a part of a community bound together by common interests and standards; especially : the group or set of fashionable people  

   Synonyms  

   ▶ [1] camaraderie, companionship, company, comradeship, fellowship—more at COMPANIONSHIP  
   ▶ [2] association, brotherhood, club, college, congress, council, fellowship, fraternity, guild, institute, institution, league, order, organization—more at ASSOCIATION  

socioeconomic /sōˈsē.oˌekənˈmik/ adjective  

: of, relating to, or involving both social and economic factors  

social abbreviation  

sociologist; sociology  

sociology /sōˈsē.əˌlō.jē/ noun  

: the science of society, social institutions, and social relationships  

— sociological /sōˈsē.əˌlōjəl/ adjective  

— sociologist /səˈlō.jət/ noun  

sociopath /sōˈsē.əˌpæθ/ noun  

: a person exhibiting antisocial behavior : PSYCHOPATH  

— sociopathic /səˈpæθ.ɪk/ adjective
sock /säk/ noun, plural socks or sox /säks/
: a stocking with a short leg
sock verb
: to hit, strike, or apply forcefully
sock noun
: a vigorous blow : PUNCH
socket /säk/ noun
: an opening or hollow that forms a holder for something
socket wrench noun
: a wrench usu. in the form of a bar and removable socket made to fit a bolt or nut
sock·eye salmon /säk·i/ noun
: a commercially important Pacific salmon
sod /säd/ noun
1 : TURF 1
2 : one's native land

Synonyms
▷ country, fatherland, home, homeland, motherland—more at COUNTRY
sod verb sod·ded; sod·ding
: to cover with sod
so·da /sō·da/ noun
1 : SODIUM CARBONATE
2 : SODIUM BICARBONATE
3 : SODIUM
4 : SODA WATER
5 : SODA POP
6 : a sweet drink of soda water, flavoring, and often ice cream
soda pop noun
: a carbonated, sweetened, and flavored soft drink
soda water noun
: a beverage of water charged with carbon dioxide
sod·den /säd·n/ adjective
1 : lacking spirit : DULLED
2 : heavy with or as if with moisture or water : SOAKED
3 : heavy or doughy from being improperly cooked <~ biscuits>

Synonyms
▷ saturated, soggy, waterlogged, watery, wet—more at WET
so·di·um /so·di·əm/ noun
: a soft waxy silver white metallic chemical element occurring in nature in combined form (as in salt)
sodium bicarbonate noun
: a white weakly alkaline salt used esp. in baking powders, fire extinguishers, and medicine
sodium carbonate noun
: a carbonate of sodium used esp. in washing and bleaching textiles
sodium chloride noun
: SALT 1
sodium fluoride noun
: a salt used chiefly in tiny amounts (as in fluoridation) to prevent tooth decay
sodium hydroxide noun
a white brittle caustic substance used in making soap and rayon and in bleaching

sodium nitrate noun

a crystalline salt used as a fertilizer and in curing meat

sodium thiosulfate noun

a hygroscopic crystalline salt used as a photographic fixing agent

sod·omy /sə.de.mə/ noun

anal or oral sexual intercourse with a member of the same or opposite sex; also: sexual intercourse with an animal

— sod·om·ize /sə.de.məz/ verb

so·ev·er /sō.ə.vər/ adverb

1: in any degree or manner <how bad ~> 
2: at all : of any kind <any help ~> 

so·fa /sō.fə/ noun


: a couch usu. with upholstered back and arms

Synonyms

— couch, davenport, divan, lounge, settee—more at COUCH

soft /soft/ adjective

1: not hard or rough : NONVIOLENT
2 ✓: marked by a gentleness, kindness, or tenderness
3: emotionally susceptible
4: not prepared to endure hardship
5: not containing certain salts that prevent lathering <~ water>
6: occurring at such a speed as to avoid destructive impact <~ landing of a spacecraft on the moon>
7: BIODEGRADABLE <a ~ pesticide>
8: not alcoholic <~ drinks>
9: less detrimental than a hard narcotic <~ drugs>
10 ✓: demanding little work or effort
11: lacking robust strength, stamina, or endurance
12 ✓: lacking firmness or strength of character
13 ✓: bringing ease, comfort, or quiet
14 ✓: quiet in pitch or volume
15 ✓: smooth or delicate in texture, grain, or fiber
16 ✓: yielding to physical pressure

— soft·ly adverb

— soft·ness noun

Synonyms

✓ [2] balmy, benign, bland, delicate, gentle, light, mellow, mild, soothing, tender—more at GENTLE
✓ [10] easy, effortless, facile, fluent, fluid, light, painless, ready, simple, smooth, snap—more at EASY
✓ [12] effete, frail, nerveless, spineless, weak, wimpy, wishy-washy—more at WEAK
✓ [13] comfortable, easy, snug—more at COMFORTABLE
✓ [14] dull, low, quiet; also dead, silent, still; dreamy, peaceful, restful, soothing, tranquil; muffled, muted, softened, toned (down)

Antonyms

blaring, clamorous, deafening, earsplitting, loud
✓ [15] cottony, downy, satiny, silken, velvety; also creamy; delicate, fine, slick, smooth

Antonyms

course, harsh, rough, scratchy
✓ [16] flabby, mushy, pulpy, spongy; also unhardened; doughy, fleshy; droopy, flaccid, floppy, lank, limp, slack, yielding; malleable, pliable, pliant, workable

Antonyms

firm, hard, solid

soft·ball /soft.ˈbol/ noun
a game similar to baseball played with a ball larger and softer than a baseball; also: the ball used in this game

soft-bound /ˈsoʊftˌbaʊnd/ adjective
: not bound in hard covers ↔ books

soft coal noun
: BITUMINOUS COAL

soften /ˈsoʊfən/ verb
: to make or become soft
— soften noun

Synonyms
- debilitate, enervate, enfeeble, prostrate, sap, tire, waste, weaken—more at weaken
- buffer, cushion, gentle—more at cushion

soft palate noun
: the fold at the back of the hard palate that partially separates the mouth from the pharynx

software /ˈsoʊfər/ noun
: the entire set of programs, procedures, and related documentation associated with a system; especially: computer programs

softwood /ˈsoʊftwʊd/ noun
1: the wood of a coniferous tree as compared to that of a broad-leaved deciduous tree
2: a tree yielding softwood
— softwood adjective

soggy /ˈsɒgə/ adjective soggy or -er
: heavy with water or moisture
— soggy verb /ˈsɒɡə/ adverb
— soggy noun /ˈsɒɡi/ noun

Synonyms
- saturated, sodden, waterlogged, watery, wet—more at wet

soigné or soignée /swaˈnē/ adjective
: elegantly maintained; especially: well-groomed

1soil /ˈsoʊl/ verb
1: CORRUPT, POLLUTE
2: to make or become dirty
3: STAIN, DISGRACE

Synonyms
- befoul, begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, muddy, smirch, stain—more at dirty

2soil noun
1: STAIN, DEFILEMENT
2: something that spoils or pollutes

Synonyms
- dirt, filth, grime, muck, smut—more at filth

3soil noun
1: firm land: earth
2: the upper layer of earth in which plants grow
3: COUNTRY, REGION

Synonyms
- [1] dirt, dust, earth, ground, land—more at earth
- [2] dirt, earth, ground—more at dirt

soirée or soirée /swaˈrɛ/ noun
[origin: F soirée evening period, evening party, fr. MF, fr. soir evening, fr. L sero at a late hour]
: an evening party
1. sojourn /səˈjɜrn/ verb
   ▶: to dwell in a place temporarily
   — sojourn·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ stay, tarry, visit—more at visit

2. sojourn noun
   : a temporary stay

1. sol noun
   : a fluid colloidal system

2. sol abbreviation
   1 solicitor
   2 soluble
   3 solution

Sol /ˈsɔl/ noun
   : SUN

1. solace /səˈleɪs/ noun
   ▶: alleviation of grief or anxiety; also: a source of relief or consolation
   Synonyms
   ▶ cheer, comfort, consolation, relief—more at comfort
   ▶ comforting, consolation—more at consolation

2. solace verb so·laced; so·lac·ing
   ▶: to give solace to: CONSOLE
   Synonyms
   ▶ assure, cheer, comfort, console, reassure, soothe—more at comfort

so·lar /ˈsə.lər/ adjective
1: of, derived from, or relating to the sun
2: measured by the earth's course in relation to the sun <the ~ year>
3: operated by or using the sun's light or heat <~ energy>

solar cell noun
: a photoelectric cell used as a power source

solar collector noun
: a device for the absorption of solar radiation for the heating of water or buildings or the production of electricity

solar flare noun
: a sudden temporary outburst of energy from a small area of the sun's surface

so·lar·i·um /səˈlær.ē.əm/ noun, plural -ium /ˌi.əm/ also -iums
: a room exposed to the sun; especially: a room (as in a hospital) for exposure of the body to sunshine

solar plexus noun
: the general area of the stomach below the sternum
   Synonyms
   ▶ abdomen, belly, gut, stomach, tummy—more at stomach

solar system noun
: the sun together with the group of celestial bodies that revolve around it

solar wind noun
: plasma continuously ejected from the sun's surface

sold past and past participle of sell

sol·der /ˈsɔl.dər,ˈsɔl./ noun
: a metallic alloy used when melted to mend or join metallic surfaces
   — solder verb
soldering iron noun
   : a metal device for applying heat in soldering

soldier /səldıər/ noun
   ◁ a person in military service; especially: an enlisted man or woman
   — sol·dier·ly adjective or adverb
      Synonyms
      ◁ fighter, legionnaire, man-at-arms, regular, serviceman, warrior; also servicewoman; cavalier, dragoon, trooper; doughboy, footman, infantryman; commando, marine, ranger; musketeer, rifleman; archer, lancer, spearman; Federal, GI, guardsman; guerilla, irregular, partisan; combatant, noncombatant; mercenary, soldier of fortune; veteran; conscript, draftee, recruit; reservist
      Antonyms
      ◁ civilian

soldier verb sol·diered; sol·dier·ing
   1 : to serve as a soldier
   2 : to pretend to work while actually doing nothing

sol·diery /səldıərē/ noun
   : a body of soldiers

sole /sōl/ noun
   1 : any of various flatfishes including some used for food
   2 sole noun
      1 : the undersurface of the foot
      2 : the bottom of a shoe
   3 sole verb soled; sol·ing
      : to furnish (a shoe) with a sole
   4 sole adjective
      ◁ being the only one : ONLY; also : belonging exclusively or otherwise limited to one usu. specified individual, unit, or group
      Synonyms
      ◁ alone, lone, only, singular, solitary, special, unique—more at ONLY

so·lecism /sō′le-siz胺/ noun
1 : a mistake in grammar
2 : a breach of etiquette

sole·ly /sōlē/ adverb
   1 ◁ without another
   2 ◁ to the exclusion of all else
      Synonyms
      ◁ [1] alone, independently, singly, unaided, unassisted—more at ALONE
      ◁ [2] alone, exclusively, just, only, simply; also mainly, mostly, primarily

sol·emn /sələm/ adjective
1 : marked by or observed with full religious ceremony
   2 : FORMAL, CEREMONIOUS
   3 ◁ highly serious
   4 : SOMBER, GLOOMY
      — sol·emn·ly /sələm′lē/ adverb
      Synonyms
      ◁ august, dignified, imposing, staid, stately—more at DIGNIFIED
      ◁ earnest, grave, humorless, serious, severe, sober, staid, unsmiling, weighty—more at SERIOUS

sol·emn·ni·ty /sələm′nö′tē/ noun
1 ◁ formal or ceremonial observance of an occasion or event
2 • : a solemn condition or quality
   
   *Synonyms*
   - [1] ceremonial, ceremony, form, formality, observance, rite, ritual—more at RITE
   - [2] earnestness, gravity, inteniveness, seriousness, sobriety—more at EARNESTNESS

   **sol·em·nize** /səˈləmˌnīz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
   1 : to observe or honor with solemnity
   2 : to celebrate (a marriage) with religious rites

   — **sol·em·ni·za·tion** /səˈləmˌnəˌzān/ noun

   **so·le·noid** /səˈlē.noid/ noun
   : a coil of wire usu. in cylindrical form that when carrying a current acts like a magnet

   **so·lic·it** /səˈli·sit/ verb
   1 • to make petition to : ENTREAT
   2 • to approach with a request or plea
   3 • TEMPT, LURE
   4 • to try to obtain by usu. urgent requests or pleas

   *Synonyms*
   - [1] appeal, beg, beseech, entreat, implor, impartant, petition, plead, pray, supplicate—more at BEG
   - [2] canvass, poll, survey—more at CANVASS
   - [4] ask, call, plead, quest, request, seek, sue

   **so·lic·i·ta·tion** /ˌsəˈli·se·ˈtaʃən/ noun
   : the practice or act or an instance of soliciting; also : a moving or drawing force

   *Synonyms*
   - appeal, cry, entreaty, petition, plea, prayer, suit, supplication—more at PLEA

   **so·lic·i·tor** /səˈli·səˈtər/ noun
   1 • one that solicits
   2 • LAWYER; especially : a legal official of a city or state

   *Synonyms*
   - pleader, suitor

   **so·lic·i·tous** /səˈli·səˈtəs/ adjective
   1 • full of concern or fears : WORRIED, CONCERNED
   2 • full of desire : EAGER
   3 • manifesting or expressing attentive care and protectiveness

   — **so·lic·i·tous·ly** adverb

   *Synonyms*
   - attentive, considerate, kind, thoughtful—more at THOUGHTFUL

   **so·lic·i·tude** /səˈli·saˌtēd, ˌsəˌlī·ya/ noun
   : the state of being concerned and anxious : ANXIETY, CONCERN

   **sol·id** /səˈlid/ adjective
   1 • not hollow; also : written as one word without a hyphen <a ~ compound>
   2 • having, involving, or dealing with three dimensions or with solids <~ geometry>
   3 • not loose or spongy : COMPACT <a ~ mass of rock>; also : neither gaseous nor liquid : HARD, RIGID <~ ice>
   4 • of good substantial quality or kind <~ comfort>
   5 • thoroughly dependable : RELIABLE <a ~ citizen>; also : serious in purpose or character <~ reading>
   6 • UNANIMOUS, UNITED <~ for pay increases>
   7 • of one substance or character
   8 • free from error, fallacy, or misapprehension

   — **sol·id** adverb
   — **sol·id·ly** adverb

   *Synonyms*
   - [3] compact, firm, hard, rigid, stiff, unyielding—more at FIRM
   - [5] dependable, good, reliable, responsible, safe, steady, sure, tried, true, trustworthy—more at DEPENDABLE
2 : an action in which there is only one performer
   — solo adjective or verb
   — solo·ist noun
 2 solo adverb
   : without a companion : ALONE

so·lon /sŏ.lən/ noun
1 : a member of a legislative body
   Synonyms
   • lawmaker, legislator—more at LEGISLATOR

sol·stice /sŏl.stis/ noun
: the time of the year when the sun is farthest north of the equator (summer solstice) about June 22 or farthest south (winter solstice) about Dec. 22
   — sol·sti·tial /sŏl.sti.tēəl/ adjective

sol·u·ble /sŏl.yə.bəl/ adjective
1 : capable of being dissolved in or as if in a liquid
2 ▶: capable of being solved or explained
   — sol·u·bil·i·ty /sŏl.yə.bi.lə.tē/ noun
   Synonyms
   • answerable, explicable, resolvable, solvable—more at SOLVABLE

sol·ute /sŏl.yoot/ noun
: a dissolved substance

so·lu·tion /sŏl.yu shuts/ noun
1 : an action or process of solving a problem; also : an answer to a problem
2 : an act or the process by which one substance is homogenously mixed with another usu. liquid substance; also : a mixture thus formed

sol·v·able /sŏl.və.bəl/ adjective
• : susceptible of solution or of being solved, resolved, or explained
   Synonyms
   • answerable, explicable, resolvable, soluble; also decipherable; feasible, workable
   Antonyms
   • inexplicable, insoluble, unsolvable

solve /sŏlv/ verb solved; solv·ing
• : to find the answer to or a solution for
   Synonyms
   • answer, break, crack, dope, figure out, puzzle, resolve, riddle, unravel, work, work out; also clear (up), iron out, straighten (out), unscramble, untangle, untie; divine, guess; decipher, decode

sol·ven·cy /sŏl.vən.sē/ noun
: the condition of being solvent
1 solvent /səlvənt/ adjective
1 : able or sufficient to pay all legal debts
2 : dissolving or able to dissolve

2 solvent noun
: a usu. liquid substance capable of dissolving or dispersing one or more other substances

So·ma·lian /sŏamə lēən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Somalia
   — Somali·an adjective

so·mat·ic /sŏ.mat.ɪk/ adjective
•: of, relating to, or affecting the body in contrast to the mind or the sex cells and their precursors

**Synonyms**
- animal, bodily, carnal, corporal, fleshly, material, physical—more at PHYSICAL

**som·ber or som·bre /ˈsəm.bər/ adjective**
1 •: so shaded as to be dark and gloomy
2 •: of a serious or depressing character: GRAVE, MELANCHOLY
   — som·ber·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- dark, darkling, dim, dusky, gloomy, murky, obscure—more at DARK

**som·bre·ro /ˈsəm.bɾə.ɾo/ noun, plural -ros**
[Origin: Sp, fr. sombra shade]
•: a broad-brimmed felt hat worn esp. in the Southwest and in Mexico

1 **some /ˈsəm/ adjective**
1 •: one unspecified <~ man called> 
2 : an unspecified or indefinite number of <~ berries are ripe> 
3 •: at least a few or a little <~ years ago>

**Synonyms**
- anonymous, certain, one, unidentified, unnamed, unspecified—more at CERTAIN
2 **some pronoun**
•: a certain number or amount <~ of the berries are ripe> <~ of it is missing>

1 **some /ˈsəm/ adjective suffix**
•: characterized by a (specified) thing, quality, state, or action <awesome> <burdensome>

2 **some noun suffix**
•: a group of (so many) members and esp. persons <foursome>

1 **somebody /ˈsəm.bə.deɪ, _bəd/ pronoun**
•: some person
2 **somebody noun**
•: a person of importance

**Synonyms**
- celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, standout, star, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

**some·day /ˈsəm.deɪ/ adverb**
•: at some future time

**Synonyms**
- eventually, sometime, ultimately, yet—more at YET

**some·how /ˈsəm.hau/ adverb**
•: by some means

**some·one /ˈsəm.oʊn/ pronoun**
•: some person

**som·er·sault also sum·er·sault /ˈsə.mər.ˈsɔlt/ noun**
•: a leap or roll in which a person turns heels over head
   — somersault verb

**som·er·set /ˈsəm.ərˌset/ noun or verb**
•: SOMERSAULT

**some·thing /ˈsəm.θɪŋ/ pronoun**
•: some undetermined or unspecified thing

**some·time /ˈsəm.tɪm/ adverb**
**1.** at a future time

**Synonyms**
- eventually, someday, ultimately, yet—more at *YET*

**sometimes** /ˈsʌmtəmz/ adverb
- at times: **OCCASIONALLY**

1. **somewhat** /ˈsʌmtət/ /ˈsʌmtət/ /ˈsʌmtət/ adverb
   - at an unknown or unnamed time
   - **SYNONYMS**
   - eventually, someday, ultimately, yet—more at *YET*

2. **somewhat** adverb
   - in some degree

**somewhere** /ˈsʌmtərə/ /ˈsʌmtərə/ /ˈsʌmtərə/ adverb
- in, at, or to an unknown or unnamed place

**somnambulism** /ˈsʌmˌnæmˈbjuːləz/ /ˈsʌmˌnæmˈbjuːləz/ /ˈsʌmˌnæmˈbjuːləz/ noun
- performance of motor acts (as walking) during sleep; **also:** an abnormal condition of sleep characterized by this
  - **SYNONYMS**
  - somnambulist, sleepwalking

**somnolent** /ˈsʌmˌnələnt/ /ˈsʌmˌnələnt/ /ˈsʌmˌnələnt/ adjective
- inclined to or heavy with sleep: **SLEEPY, DROWSY**
  - **SYNONYMS**
  - enough, fairly, kind of, moderately, pretty, quite, rather, so-so, sort of—more at *FAIRLY*

**son** /sʌn/ /sʌn/ /sʌn/ noun
- 1: a male offspring or descendant
- 2 cap: Jesus Christ
- 3: a person deriving from a particular source (as a country, race, or school)

**sonar** /ˈsʌnər/ /ˈsʌnər/ /ˈsʌnər/ noun
- [**ORIGIN:** sound navigation and ranging]
- a method or device for detecting and locating submerged objects (as submarines) by sound waves

**sonata** /ˈsʌnətə/ /ˈsʌnətə/ /ˈsʌnətə/ noun
- [**ORIGIN:** It]
- an instrumental composition with three or four movements differing in rhythm and mood but related in key

**sonatina** /ˈsʌnətənə/ /ˈsʌnətənə/ /ˈsʌnətənə/ noun
- [**ORIGIN:** It, dim. of *sonata*]
- a short usu. simplified sonata

**song** /ˈsɒŋ/ /ˈsɒŋ/ /ˈsɒŋ/ noun
- 1: vocal music; **also:** a short composition of words and music
- 2: poetic composition
- 3: a distinctive or characteristic sound (as of a bird)
- 4: a small amount <sold for a ~ Major terms:
  - **SYNONYMS**
    - [1] air, lay, melody, strain, tune, warble—more at *MELODY*
    - [1] jingle, lay, lyric, vocal; **also:** anthem, canticle, carol, chorale, hymn, noel, psalm, spiritual; dirge, lament, requiem, threnody; hallelujah, paean; aria, barcarole, blues, cantata, chanson, chorus, croon, descant, glee, lullaby, madrigal, motet, part-song, pop, rocker, round, roundelay, serenade, troll
    - [2] poem, poetry, verse—more at *POETRY*
    - [4] mite, peanuts, pittance, shoestring—more at *MITE*

**songbird** /ˈsʌŋˌbɜrd/ /ˈsʌŋˌbɜrd/ /ˈsʌŋˌbɜrd/ noun
- a bird that utters a series of musical tones

**Song of Songs**
- a book in the Jewish Scriptures and in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament and corresponding to the
Song of Solomon in the Protestant canon of the Old Testament

song·ster /ˈsɒŋˌstər/ noun
- one that sings
  Synonyms
  caroler, singer, vocalist, voice—more at singer

song·stress /ˈsɒŋˌstrɛs/ noun
- a girl or woman who is a singer

son·ic /ˈsaɪ.nɪk/ adjective
- of or relating to sound waves or the speed of sound

sonic boom noun
- an explosive sound produced by an aircraft traveling at supersonic speed

son·in–law /ˈsaɪ.nənˌlɔː/ noun, plural sons-in-law
- the husband of one’s daughter

son·net /ˈsaɪ.nɛt/ noun
- a poem of 14 lines usu. in iambic pentameter with a definite rhyme scheme

son of a gun noun
- an offensive or disagreeable person

so·no·rous /ˈsoʊ.nərəs/ˈsə.ˌna.rəs/ adjective
1 : giving out sound when struck
2 : loud, deep, or rich in sound
3 : high-sounding : IMPRESSIVE
  Synonyms
  golden, loud, resonant, resounding, ringing, round, vibrant—more at resonant

soon /sʊn/ adverb
1 : before long
2 : in a prompt manner : quickly
3 archaic : early
4 : in agreement with one’s choice or preference : willingly
  Synonyms
  [1] anon, momentarily, presently, shortly—more at shortly
  [4] first, preferably, rather, readily—more at rather

soot /sʊt/ˈsoʊt, sʊt/ noun
- a fine black powder consisting chiefly of carbon that is formed when something burns and that colors smoke
  Synonyms
  sooty adjective

sooth /sʊθ/ noun, archaic
- truth

soothe /sʊθ/ verb soothed; soothing
1 : to please by flattery or attention
2 : to calm down
3 : RELIEVE, ALLEVIATE <~ a burn>
  Synonyms
  assure, cheer, comfort, console, reassure, solace—more at comfort
  allay, alleviate, assuage, calm, ease, help, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve—more at help

soothing adjective
- tending to soothe; also : having a sedative effect
  Synonyms
  comforting, dreamy, narcotic, sedative; also hypnotic, opiate; anesthetic, deadening, depressant
sooth-sayer /ˈsūthˌsār/ noun
  1: one who foretells events

Synonyms
  - augur, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, futurist, prognosticator, prophet, seer—more at PROPHET

sooth-saying noun
  1: the act of foretelling events; also : something that is predicted

Synonyms
  - cast, forecast, prediction, prognostication, prophecy—more at PREDICTION

1sop /ˈsōp/ noun
  : a conciliatory bribe, gift, or concession

2sop verb sopped; sopp-ing
  1: to steep or dip in or as if in a liquid
  2: to wet thoroughly: SOAK; also: to mop up (a liquid)

Synonyms
  - drench, drown, impregnate, saturate, soak, souse, steep—more at SOAK

SOP abbreviation
  standard operating procedure; standing operating procedure

soph abbreviation
  sophomore

soph-ism /ˈsäˌfizəm/ noun
  1: an argument correct in form but embodying a subtle fallacy
  2: SOPHISTRY

soph-ist /ˈsäˌfist/ noun
  : PHILOSOPHER; especially: a captious or fallacious reasoner

so-phis-tic /ˈsäˌfis.tik, -tik/ or so-phis-ti-cal /-tiˈkəl/ adjective
  : of or characteristic of sophists or sophistry

so-phis-ti-cat-ed /ˈsäˌfis.təˈkād/ adjective
  1: highly complicated or developed: COMPLEX <~ instruments>
  2: made worldly-wise by wide experience
  3: intellectually appealing <~ novel>

Synonyms
  - [1] complex, complicated, convoluted, elaborate, intricate, involved, knotty—more at COMPLEX
  - [2] cosmopolitan, smart, worldly, worldly-wise—more at WORLDLY-WISE
  - [2] debonair, smooth, suave, urbane—more at SUAVE

so-phis-ti-ca-tion /ˈfis.təˈkāshən/ noun
  1: the process or result of becoming cultured, knowledgeable, or disillusioned
  2: the process or result of becoming more complex, developed, or subtle

Synonyms
  - complexity, elaborateness, intricacy—more at COMPLEXITY

soph-ist-ry /ˈsäˌfis.trē/ noun
  : subtly deceptive reasoning or argument

soph-o-more /ˈsāˌmōr. ˈsāˌfeə/ noun
  : a student in the second year of high school or college

soph-o-mor-ic /ˈsāˌmōr.ək, ˈsāˌfeə/ adjective
  1: being overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature
  2: of, relating to, or characteristic of a sophomore <a ~ prank>

So·pho·ni·as /ˌsāˌfe.niˈəs, ˌsō-/ noun
  : ZEPHANIAH
sop·o·rif·ic /ˌsäˌpərˈrif/ adjective
1 : causing sleep or drowsiness
2 : LETHARGIC

so·pra·no /sohˈprä-nō/ ·prä/ noun, plural -nos
[orig: It, fr. sopra above, fr. L supra]
1 : the highest singing voice; also : a singer with this voice
2 : the highest part in a 4-part chorus
   — soprano adjective

sor·bet /sôrˈbā/ noun
: a usu. fruit-flavored ice served for dessert or between courses as a palate refresher

so·pra·no /ˌsoʊˈprä-nō/ noun
1 : the highest singing voice; also : a singer with this voice
2 : the highest part in a 4-part chorus

sor·cer·er /ˈsɔrˌsɛr/ noun
: a person who practices sorcery
   Synonyms
   ▶ conjurer, enchanter, magician, necromancer, voodoo, witch, wizard—more at MAGICIAN

sor·cer·ess /ˈsɔrˌsɛs/ noun
: a woman who is a sorcerer

sor·cery /ˈsɔrˌsərē/ noun
[orig: ME sorcerie, fr. AF, fr. sorcer sorcerer, fr. ML sortarius, fr. L sort-, sors chance, lot]
1 : the use of magic : WITCHCRAFT
   Synonyms
   ▶ bewitchment, enchantment, magic, necromancy, witchcraft, wizardry—more at MAGIC

sor·did /ˈsɔrˌdid/ adjective
1 ▶ : marked by baseness or grossness : VILE
2 : marked by filthiness and degradation : DIRTY
   — sor·did·ly adverb
   — sor·did·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, vile, wretched—more at IGNORABLE

sore /sôr/ adjective sor·er, sor·est
1 ▶ : causing pain or distress <a ~ bruise>
2 : painfully sensitive <~ muscles>
3 : SEVERE, INTENSE
4 : feeling or showing anger : ANGRY
   — sore·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ nasty, painful—more at PAINFUL

sore·head /ˈsôrˌhed, ˈsôr/ noun
: a person easily angered or discontented

sore·ly adverb
1 : in a sore manner
2 : to a high degree

sore throat noun
: painful throat due to inflammation of the fauces and pharynx

sor·ghum /ˈsôrˌgəm/ noun
: a tall variable Old World tropical grass grown widely for its edible seed, for forage, or for its sweet juice which yields a syrup
sor·ori·ty /sör·ər·əlē/ noun, plural -ties
[origin: ML sororitas sisterhood, fr. L soror sister]
: a club or organization usu. of female students for social purposes

1 sor·rel /sör·əl/ noun
: a brownish orange to light brown color; also: a sorrel-colored animal (as a horse)

2 sorrel noun
: any of various herbs having a sour juice

1 sorrow /sər·ər/ noun
1: deep distress, sadness, or regret; also: resultant unhappy or unpleasant state
2: a cause of grief or sadness
3: a display of grief or sadness

Synonyms
affliction, anguish, dolor, grief, heartache, woe; also agony, distress, pain, torment, suffering; blues, dejection, depression, desolation, despondency, distress, doldrums, dumps, forlornness, gloom, gloominess, heartickness, melancholy, miseries, misery, oppression, sadness, unhappiness, wretchedness; regret, remorse, rue

Antonyms
blessedness, bliss, cheer, cheerfulness, cheeriness, delight, ecstasy, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, exuberance, exultation, gladness, glee, happiness, joy, joyousness, jubilation, pleasure, rapture

2 sorrow verb
1: to feel or express sorrow

Synonyms
agonize, bleed, feel, grieve, hurt, mourn, suffer—more at GRIEVE

sor·row·ful /fəl/ adjective
1: full of or marked by sorrow
2: expressive of or inducing sorrow

Synonyms
[1] anguished, dolorous, lamentable, mournful, plaintive, sad, sorry, woeful; also funereal, gloomy, lugubrious; regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful; miserable, pathetic, piteous, wretched; deploring, grieving, wailing, weeping; dejected, depressed, dispirited, downcast, downhearted, heartsick

[2] dolorous, funeral, lugubrious, mournful, plaintive, regretful, rueful, weeping, woeful—more at MOURNFUL

sor·row·ful·ly /fəl·ē/ adverb
1: in a sorrowful manner

Synonyms
agonizingly, bitterly, grievously, hard, hardly, sadly, unhappily, woefully, wretchedly—more at HARD

sor·ry /sər·ē/ adjective sor·ri·er; -est
1: feeling sorrow, regret, or penitence
2: full of sorrow: MOURNFUL
3: causing sorrow, pity, or scorn

Synonyms
[1] apologetic, contrite, penitent, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful—more at CONTRITE

[3] depressing, dismal, dreary, heartbreaking, melancholy, pathetic, sad, tearful—more at SAD

[3] contemptible, despicable, pitiful

1 sort /sərt/ noun
1: a group of persons or things that have similar characteristics: CLASS
2: WAY, MANNER
3: QUALITY, NATURE
4: an instance of sorting
5: a single human being <he's a good ~>
Synonyms
- breed, class, description, feather, ilk, kind, like, manner, nature, order, species, type; also model; sample, specimen; bracket, category, division, family, grade, group, lot, persuasion, set

sort verb
1: to put in a certain place according to kind, class, or nature
2: to be in accord: AGREE

Synonyms
- assort, break down, categorize, class, classify, grade, group, peg, place, range, rank, separate—more at CLASSIFY

sortie /ˈsɔrti/ noun
1: a sudden issuing of troops from a defensive position against the enemy
2: one mission or attack by one airplane

sort of adverb
1: to a moderate degree

Synonyms
- enough, fairly, kind of, moderately, pretty, quite, rather, so-so, somewhat—more at FAIRLY

SOS /ˌes(ə)ˈsi/ noun
1: a call or request for help or rescue

so–so /ˈsəʊ, ˈsoʊ/ adverb
1: moderately well

Synonyms
- adequately, all right, fine, good, nicely, OK, passably, satisfactorily, tolerably, well—more at WELL

so–so adjective
1: neither very good nor very bad

Synonyms
- common, fair, indifferent, mediocre, medium, middling, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill, second-rate—more at MEDIocre

sot /ˈsɒt/ noun
1: a habitual drunkard

Synonyms
- sot·ish adjective
- sot·ish·ly adverb

Soun·fle /ˈsufl/ noun
[origin: F, fr. souffle, pp. of souffler to blow, puff up, fr. OF sufler, fr. L sufflare, fr. sub- up + flare to blow]
1: a spongy dish made light in baking by stiffly beaten egg whites

sough /ˈsoʊ, ˈsoʊ/ verb
1: to make a moaning or sighing sound

Synonyms
- sought past and past participle of SEEK

soul /ˈsɔʊl/ noun
1: the immaterial essence of an individual life
2: the spiritual principle embodied in human beings or the universe
3: an active or essential part
4: the moral and emotional nature of human beings
5: spiritual or moral force
6: an individual human: PERSON <a kindly ~> 
7: a strong, positive feeling (as of intense sensitivity and emotional fervor) conveyed esp. by black American performers; also: NEGritude

souled /ˈsɔʊld/ adjective
**Synonyms**

- [3] core, heart, quick
- [4] essence, nature, quintessence, stuff, substance—more at ESSENCE

2. **soul** adjective

1: of, relating to, or characteristic of black Americans or their culture (food)
2: designed for or controlled by blacks (radio stations)

a. **soul brother** noun

: a black male

b. **soul·ful** /ˈsoʊfəl/ adjective

: full of or expressing deep feeling

— *soul·ful·ly* adverb

Synonyms

- demonstrative, emotional, feeling, intense, passionate, sensitive, sentimental

c. **soul·less** /ˈsoʊləs/ adjective

: having no soul or no greatness or warmth of mind or feeling

Synonyms

- callous, hard, heartless, pitiless, ruthless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD

2. **soul music** noun

: music that is closely related to rhythm and blues and characterized by intensity of feeling

1. **sound** /saʊnd/ adjective

1: not diseased or sickly
2: free from flaw or defect
3: securely or solidly fixed in place: STRONG
4: free from error or fallacy
5: LEGAL, VALID
6: THOROUGH
7: UNDISTURBED (sleep)
8: showing good judgment

— *sound·ly* adverb

Synonyms

- [1] able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, well, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY
- [3] fast, firm, stable, stalwart, steady, strong, sturdy—more at STABLE
- [4] analytic, coherent, good, logical, rational, reasonable, sensible, sober, valid—more at LOGICAL

2. **sound** noun

1: the sensation of hearing; also: mechanical energy transmitted by longitudinal pressure waves (sound waves) (as in air) that is the stimulus to hearing
2: something heard: NOISE, TONE; also: hearing distance: EARSOUND
3: a musical style

— *sound·less·ly* adverb

— *sound·proof* /ˈsoʊndpruːft/ adjective or verb

3. **sound** verb

1: to make or cause to make a sound
2: to order or proclaim by a sound (alarm)
3: to convey a certain impression: SEEM
4: to examine the condition of by causing to give out sounds

— *sound·able* /ˈsoʊndəbəl/ adjective

Synonyms

- [2] air, express, give, state, vent, voice—more at EXPRESS
- [2] advertise, announce, blaze, broadcast, declare, enunciate, placard, post, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish—more at ANNOUNCE
- [3] act, appear, look, make, seem—more at SEEM
sound noun
- a long passage of water wider than a strait often connecting two larger bodies of water

Synonyms
- channel, narrows, strait—more at CHANNEL

sound verb
1: to measure the depth of (water) esp. by a weighted line dropped from the surface: FATHOM
2: PROBE
3: to dive down suddenly <the hooked fish ~ed>

- sound·ing noun

Synonyms
- dive, pitch, plunge—more at DIVE

sound bite noun
- a brief recorded statement broadcast esp. on a news program

sound card noun
- a circuit board in a computer system designed to produce or reproduce sound

sound·er /ˈsaʊn.ər/ noun
- one that sounds; especially: a device for making soundings

sound·less adjective
- making no sound

Synonyms
- hushed, muted, noiseless, quiet, silent, still—more at SILENT

sound·ness noun
- the quality or state of being sound

Synonyms
- firmness, stability, steadiness, strength, sturdiness—more at STABILITY
- fitness, health, heartiness, robustness, wellness, wholeness, wholesomeness—more at HEALTH

sound off verb
- to voice one's opinions freely and vigorously

Synonyms
- speak up, spout—more at SPEAK UP

sound·stage /ˈsaʊnd._ˈstæɡ/ noun
- the part of a motion-picture studio in which a production is filmed

sound·track /ˈsaʊnd._ˈtræk/ noun
- music recorded to accompany a film, DVD, or videotape

soup /ˈsuːp/ noun
1: a liquid food with stock as its base and often containing pieces of solid food
2: something (as a heavy fog) having or suggesting the consistency of soup
3: an unfortunate predicament <in the ~>

Synonyms
- fog, haze, mist, murk, smog—more at HAZE

soup·con /ˈsʊp._ˈkɒn/ noun
[origin: F, lit., suspicion]
- a little bit: 1TRACE 2

soup up verb
- to increase the power of

- souped-up /ˈsʊpt._ˈʌp/ adjective

soupy /ˈsuː.ˈpɪ/ adjective soup·i·er; -est
1: having the consistency of soup
2: densely foggy or cloudy
Synonyms

1. sour /sɔːr/ adjective
   1 : having an acid or tart taste <~ as vinegar>
   2 : SPOILED, PUTRID <a ~ odor>
   3 : not pleasant : DISAGREEABLE <~ disposition>; also marked by overt hostility
      — sour·ish adjective
      — sour·ly adverb
      — sour·ness noun

   Synonyms
   1 [1] acid, tart, vinegary; also dry, soured, unsweetened; pungent, sharp, tangy; astringent; hyperacid
   2 [3] bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, rotten, uncooperative, unlovely, unpleasant, unwelcome—more at UNPLEASANT

2. sour verb
   : to become or make sour

   Synonyms
   alienate, disaffect, disgruntle, estrange—more at ESTRANGE

source /sɔːs/ noun

1 : ORIGIN, BEGINNING
2 : a supplier of information
3 : the beginning of a stream of water

source code noun
: a computer program in its original programming language and before translation (as by a compiler)

1. souse /saʊs/ verb soured; sous·ing
   1 : PICKLE
   2 : to plunge into a liquid
   3 : to wet thoroughly : DRENCH
   4 : to make drunk

   Synonyms
   [2] dip, douse, duck, dunk, immerse, submerge—more at DIP
   [3] drench, drown, impregnate, saturate, soak, sop, steep—more at SOAK

2. souse noun
   1 : something (as pigs' feet) steeped in pickle
   2 : a soaking in liquid
   3 : a habitual drunkard

   Synonyms
   drunk, inebriate, soak, sot, tippler—more at DRUNK

1. south /saʊθ/ adverb
   : to or toward the south; also : into a state of decline

2. south adjective
   1 : situated toward or at the south
   2 : coming from the south

3. south noun
   1 : the direction to the right of one facing east
   2 : the compass point directly opposite to north
   3 cap : regions or countries south of a specified or implied point; especially : the southeastern part of the U.S.
      — south·er·ly /saʊθər·lē/ adjective or adverb
      — south·ern /saʊθərn/ adjective
      — South·ern·er noun
      — south·er·most /saʊθər·məst/ adjective
      — south·ward /saʊθ·wərd/ adverb or adjective
— south·wards /ˌwɔrdz/ adverb

South African noun a native or inhabitant of the Republic of South Africa
— South African adjective

south·east /sou̇.thˈiːst, naut saʊ̇.th ˈiːst/ noun
1: the general direction between south and east
2: the compass point midway between south and east
3 cap: regions or countries southeast of a specified or implied point
— southeast adjective or adverb
— south·east·er·ly adverb or adjective
— south·east·ern /ˌsō.ːt.ɪrn/ adjective

south·paw /sou̇.thˌpɔ/ noun a left-handed person; especially: a left-handed baseball pitcher
— southpaw adjective

south pole noun, often cap S&P the southernmost point of the earth

south·west /sou̇.thˌwest, naut saʊ̇.th ˈwest/ noun
1: the general direction between south and west
2: the compass point midway between south and west
3 cap: regions or countries southwest of a specified or implied point
— southwest adjective or adverb
— south·west·er·ly adverb or adjective
— south·west·ern /ˌsə.ʊt.ɪrn/ adjective

sou·ve·nir /,sūˌvaˌnɪr/ noun [origin: F] something serving as a reminder
    Synonyms
  • keepsake, memento, memorial, monument, remembrance, token—more at MEMORIAL

sou'west·er /soʊˌwestˈer/ noun a long waterproof coat worn in storms at sea; also: a waterproof hat

1 sove·reign /sə.ˈvənˌ.ən, ˌvaˌrən/ noun
1: one possessing the supreme power and authority in a state
2: a gold coin of the United Kingdom
    Synonyms
  • autocrat, monarch, ruler—more at MONARCH

2 sove·reign adjective
  1: EXCELLENT, FINE
  2: supreme in power or authority
  3: having undisputed ascendancy: CHIEF
  4: having independent authority
    Synonyms
  • autonomous, free, independent, self-governing, separate—more at FREE

sove·reign·ty /ˌsə.ˈvən.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1: supremacy in rule or power
2: power to govern without external control
3: the supreme political power in a state
4: one that is sovereign; also: an autonomous state
    Synonyms
  • autonomy, freedom, independence, liberty, self-government—more at FREEDOM
  • commonwealth, country, land, nation, state—more at NATION
soviet /səˈvē-əl, 'sä-əl/ noun
1 : an elected governmental council in a Communist country
2 plural cap : the people and esp. the leaders of the U.S.S.R.
   — soviet adjective, often cap
   — so-viet-ize verb, often cap
1 sow /sau/ noun
   : an adult female swine
2 sow /sō/ verb sowed; sown /sōn/ or sowed; sowing
   1 ♦ : to plant seed esp. by scattering
   2 : to strew with seed
   3 ♦ : to scatter abroad
   — sower /sō-ər/ noun
Synonyms
   ♦ [1] drill, plant, seed—more at plant
   ♦ [3] dot, pepper, scatter, spray, sprinkle, strew—more at scatter
sow bug /ˈsou/ noun
   : WOOD LOUSE
sox plural of sock
soy /sō/ noun
   : a sauce made from soybeans fermented in brine
soy-bean /sōˈbē-ən/ noun
   : an Asian legume widely grown for forage and for its edible seeds that yield a valuable oil (soybean oil); also : its seed
sp abbreviation
1 special
2 species
3 specimen
4 spelling
5 spirit
Sp abbreviation
Spain
SP abbreviation
1 shore patrol; shore patrolman
2 shore police
3 specialist
spa /ˈspä/ noun
[origin: Spa, watering place in Belgium]
1 : a resort with mineral springs
2 : a health and fitness facility
3 : a hot tub with a whirlpool device
space /spās/ noun
1 ♦ : a period of time
2 ♦ : some small measurable distance, area, or volume
3 : the limitless area in which all things exist and move
4 : an empty place
5 : the region beyond the earth’s atmosphere
6 : a definite place (as a seat on a train or ship)
Synonyms
   ♦ [1] bit, spell, stretch, while—more at while
   ♦ [2] place, room, way—more at room
^2 space verb spaced; spacing
: to place at intervals
   — spacier noun

space-age /ˈspāsˌād/ adjective
  : of or relating to the age of space exploration
     Synonyms
      ▶ contemporary, current, hot, mod, modern, new, newfangled, red-hot, ultramodern, up-to-date—more at MODERN

spacecraft /ˈspāskrɑːft/ noun
: a vehicle for travel beyond the earth's atmosphere

space flight /ˈspāskfl/ noun
: flight beyond the earth's atmosphere

space heater noun
: a usu. portable device for heating a relatively small area

space man /ˈspāsmən, -mən/ noun
: one who travels outside the earth's atmosphere

space out verb
: to become distracted or inattentive

space ship /ˈspāship/ noun
: a vehicle used for space travel

space shuttle noun
: a reusable spacecraft designed to transport people and cargo between earth and space

space station noun
: a large artificial satellite serving as a base (as for scientific observation)

space suit noun
: a suit equipped to make life in space possible for its wearer

space walk noun
: a period of activity outside a spacecraft by an astronaut in space
   — space walk /ˈspāswək/ verb
   — space walker noun

spacious /ˈspāshəs/ adjective
  : very large in extent: ROOMY
     Synonyms
      ▶ ample, capacious, commodious, roomy; also broad, wide; big, bulky, considerable, generous, goodly, grand,
great, handsome, hefty, hulking, king-size, large, outsize, oversize, sizable, substantial, super, voluminous;
enormous, immense, vast; expansive, extended, extensive; boundless, limitless, unbounded

1 spade /spād/ noun
: a shovel with a blade for digging
   — spadeful noun

2 spade verb spaded; spading
: to dig with a spade
   — spader noun

3 spade noun
: any of a suit of playing cards marked with a black figure resembling an inverted heart with a short stem at the bottom
spadix /spɑː.diks/ noun, plural spadix /spɑː.dɪks/ : a floral spike with a fleshy or succulent axis usu. enclosed in a spathe.


spam /spæm/ noun : unsolicited usu. commercial e-mail sent to a large number of addresses.
— spam verb
  1. spam /spæm/ noun
     1: an English unit of length equal to nine inches (about 23 centimeters)
     2: a limited portion of time
     3: the spread (as of an arch) from one support to another.
  2. span verb spanned; spanning
     1: to ascertain the measurements of: measure
     2: to extend across.

Synonyms
  → gauge, measure, scale—more at measure.

3. span noun : a pair of animals (as mules) driven together.

Span abbreviation Spanish.

span-dex /spænˈdɛks/ noun : any of various elastic synthetic textile fibers.

span-date /spænˈɡeɪt/ noun : a small disk of shining metal or plastic used esp. on a dress for ornament.
— spangle verb.

Span-glish /spænˈɡlɪʃ/ noun : a combination of Spanish and English.

Spaniard /spænˈjərd/ noun : a native or inhabitant of Spain.


Spanish /spaˈnɪʃ/ noun
  1: the chief language of Spain and of the countries colonized by the Spanish.
  2 Spanish plural: the people of Spain.
— Spanish adjective.

Spanish American noun : a resident of the U.S. whose native language is Spanish; also: a native or inhabitant of one of the countries of America in which Spanish is the national language.
— Spanish–American adjective.

Spanish fly noun : a toxic preparation of dried green European beetles that causes the skin to blister and is thought to be an aphrodisiac.

Spanish moss noun : a plant related to the pineapple that grows in pendent tufts of grayish green filaments on trees from the southern
Spanish rice noun: rice cooked with onions, green peppers, and tomatoes

spank /ˈspæŋk/ verb: to hit on the buttocks with the open hand
— spank noun

spank noun: a blow usu. with the palm of the hand

spank·ing /ˈspæŋk_ˈɪŋ/ adjective: being fresh and strong: BRISK ~ breeze
— spanking adverb

span·ner /ˈspæn_ər/ noun, chiefly British: WRENCH

spar /ˈspɑr/ noun
1: a stout pole
2: a rounded wood or metal piece (as a mast, yard, boom, or gaff) for supporting sail rigging

spar verb spared; spar·ring: to box for practice without serious hitting; also: SKIRMISH, WRANGLE

spar adjective spar·er; spar·est
1: held in reserve
2: being over and above what is needed: SUPERFLUOUS
3: not liberal or profuse
4: healthily lean: THIN
5: not abundant or plentiful: SCANTY
— spar·ness noun

spark /ˈspɑrk/ noun
1: a small particle of a burning substance or a hot glowing particle struck from a mass (as by steel on flint)
2: a short bright flash of electricity between two points
3: SPARKLE
4: a particle capable of being kindled or developed: GERM

2 spark verb
1: to emit or produce sparks
2: to stir to activity: INCITE

Synonyms
- activate, actuate, crank, drive, incite, move, propel, run, set off, start, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at ACTIVATE

3 spark verb
: WOO, COURT

1 sparkle /ˈspɑrk/ verb sparked; sparking
1 a: to throw out sparks
b: to give off or reflect bright moving points of light: FLASH
2: to perform brilliantly
3: EFFERVESCE

Synonyms
- flame, flash, glance, gleam, glimmer, glisten, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, twinkle, wink—more at FLASH

2 sparkle noun
1: GLEAM
2: ANIMATION

spark plug noun
1: a device that produces a spark to ignite the fuel mixture in an engine cylinder
2: one that begins something or drives something forward

sparrow /ˈspærə/ noun
: any of several small dull-colored singing birds

sparse /ˈspɔrs/ adjective sparser; sparest
1: thinly scattered: SCANTY
2: SPARSELY
3: SPARSNESS

Synonyms
- light, meager, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare—more at MEAGER

spasm /ˈspæzəm/ noun
1: a sudden involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
2: a sudden, violent, and temporary effort, feeling, or outburst

Synonyms
- agony, burst, eruption, explosion, fit, flare, flare-up, flash, flush, gale, gush, gust, outburst, paroxysm, storm
  —more at OUTBURST

spasmodic /ˈspæzəˌmədik/ adjective
1: relating to or affected or characterized by spasm (~ movements); also: resembling a spasm
2: acting or proceeding fitfully: INTERMITTENT

Synonyms
- casual, choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, sporadic, spotty, unsteady—more at FITFUL

spastic /ˈspæstık/ adjective
: of, relating to, marked by, or affected with muscular spasm (~ paralysis)

— spastic noun
1 spat /spæt/ past and past participle of spit

2 spat noun, plural spats or spats
   : a young bivalve mollusk (as an oyster)

3 spat noun
   : a gaiter covering instep and ankle

4 spat noun
   : a brief petty quarrel : DISPUTE

5 spat verb spat·ted; spat·ting
   † to quarrel briefly
   † Synonyms
      † argu, bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, scrap, squabble, wrangle—more at ARGUE

spate /spæt/ noun
   † a great rise or overflowing of a stream; also : a sudden outburst
   † Synonyms
      † cataclysm, cataract, deluge, flood, inundation, overflow, torrent—more at FLOOD

spathe /spæθ/ noun
   : a sheathing bract or pair of bracts enclosing an inflorescence (as of the calla lily) and esp. a spadix on the same axis

spat·ial /spæˈʃəl/ adjective
   : of or relating to space or to the facility to perceive objects in space
   — spat·ial·ly adverb

spat·ter /spætər/ verb
   1 † to splash with drops of liquid
   2 † to sprinkle around
   — spat·ter noun
   † Synonyms
      † dash, plash, splash—more at SPLASH

spat·u·la /spætʃələ/ noun
   : a flexible knifelike implement for scooping, spreading, or mixing soft substances

spav·in /spævˈɛn/ noun
   : a bony enlargement of the hock of a horse
   — spav·ined /ˈvænd/ adjective

1 spawn /spɔn/ verb
   [origin: ME, fr. OF espandre to spread out, expand, fr. L expandere, fr. ex- out + pandere to spread]
   1 † to produce eggs or offspring esp. in large numbers
   2 † to bring into existence : GENERATE
   — spawn·er noun
   † Synonyms
      † create, engender, generate, induce, make, produce—more at GENERATE

2 spawn noun
   1 † the eggs of water animals (as fishes or oysters) that lay many small eggs
   2 † offspring esp. when produced in great numbers
   — Synonyms
      † issue, offspring, posterity, progeny, seed—more at OFFSPRING

spay /spɔi/ verb spayed; spay·ing
   : to remove the ovaries of (a female animal)

SPCA abbreviation
   Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SPCC  abbreviation
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

speak /ˈspēk/ verb spoke /ˈspök/; spo·ken /ˈspō·ken/; speak·ing
1 : to utter words
2 : to express orally
3 : to mention in speech or writing
4 : to address an audience
5 : to use or be able to use (a language) in talking
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] articulate, say, state, talk, tell, utter, verbalize, vocalize—more at SAY
   ▶ [4] declaim, descant, discourse, harangue, lecture, orate, talk—more at TALK

speak·easy /ˈspēkˌe-zē/ noun, plural -eas·ies
: an illicit drinking place

speak·er /ˈspē·kar/ noun
1 : one that speaks
2 : the presiding officer of a deliberative assembly
3 : LOUDSPEAKER
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] mouthpiece, spokesperson—more at SPOKESPERSON
   ▶ [2] chair, chairman, moderator, president

speak out verb
1 : to speak loud enough to be heard
2 : to speak boldly : express an opinion frankly

speak up verb
1 : to speak loudly and distinctly
2 : to express an opinion freely
   Synonyms
   ▶ sound off, speak out, spout; also bawl, call, cry, holler, shout, sing (out), vociferate, yell; articulate, enunciate

1 spear /ˈspōr/ noun
1 : a long-shafted weapon with a sharp point for thrusting or throwing
2 : a sharp-pointed instrument with barbs used in spearing fish
   — spear·man /ˈspōr·man/ noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ lance, pike; also dart, spike; gaff, halberd, harpoon, trident

2 spear verb
▶ to strike or pierce with or as if with a spear
   — spear·er noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ gore, harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spike, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

3 spear noun
: a usu. young blade, shoot, or sprout (as of asparagus)

spear·head /ˈspōr·hed/ verb
▶ to serve as a leading force, element, or influence
   — spearhead noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ boss, captain, command, dominate, head, lead—more at LEAD

spear·mint /ˈspōr·mint/ noun
: a common highly aromatic garden mint

1 spec abbreviation
1 special
2 specifically
3 specialist

spec /spek/ noun
SPECIFICATION 2 — usu. used in pl.

special /speʃəl/ adjective
1 : UNCOMMON, NOTEWORTHY
2 : particularly favored
3 : readily distinguishable from others of the same category : UNIQUE
4 : EXTRA, ADDITIONAL
5 : confined to or designed for a definite field of action, purpose, or occasion

— special noun

Synonyms
[2] beloved, darling, dear, favorite, loved, pet, precious, sweet
[3] alone, lone, only, singular, sole, solitary, unique—more at ONLY
[5] distinct, especial, express, precise, set, specific—more at EXPRESS

special delivery noun
: delivery of mail by messenger for an extra fee

special effects noun plural
: visual or sound effects introduced into a motion picture, video recording, or taped television production

Special Forces noun plural
: a branch of the army composed of soldiers specially trained in guerrilla warfare

special·ise British variant of SPECIALIZE

special·ist /speʃəlist/ noun
1 : a person who specializes in a particular branch of learning or activity
2 : an enlisted rank in the army corresponding to the grade of corporal

special·ize /speʃəˌız/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to concentrate one's efforts in a special activity or field; also : to change in an adaptive manner

— special·i·za·tion /speʃəˌizəˈshən/ noun

special·ty /speʃəˈte/ adverb
1 : in a special manner
2 : for a special purpose : in particular

special·ty /speʃəˈteɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 : a particular quality or detail
2 : a product of a special kind or of special excellence
3 : something (as a discipline) in which one specializes

Synonyms
area, arena, demesne, department, discipline, domain, field, line, province, realm, sphere—more at FIELD

spec·ie /ˈspɛ.ʃi/ noun
: money in coin

species /ˈspɛ.ʃiz/ noun, plural species
[origin: ME, fr. L, appearance, kind, species, fr. specere to look]
1 : a group united by common traits or interests : KIND
2 : a category of biological classification ranking just below the genus or subgenus and comprising closely related organisms potentially able to breed with one another

Synonyms
breed, class, description, feather, ilk, kind, like, manner, nature, order, sort, type—more at SORT
bracket, category, class, division, family, grade, group, set—more at CLASS

specif abbreviation
specific; specifically
specific /ˈspēˌsiɡ/ adjective
1: having a unique effect or influence or reacting in only one way or with only one thing (~ antibodies) (~ enzymes)
2: free from ambiguity: DEFINITE
3: of, relating to, or constituting a species
4: constituting or falling into a specifiable category
— specific·ly /ˌspiˌki·leɪ/ adverb
    Synonyms
    ◁ [2] clear-cut, definite, definitive, explicit, express, unambiguous, unequivocal—more at EXPLICIT
    ◁ [4] distinct, especial, express, precise, set, special—more at EXPRESS

specific noun
1: something specific: DETAIL, PARTICULAR — usu. used in pl.
2: a drug or remedy having a specific mitigating effect on a disease <used as a ~ against malaria>
    Synonyms
cure, drug, medicine, pharmaceutical, remedy—more at MEDICINE

spec·ifi·ca·tion /ˌspiˌsa.fəˈkeɪ.ʃən/ noun
1: the act or process of specifying
2: a description of work to be done and materials to be used (as in building) — usu. used in pl.

specific gravity noun
the ratio of the density of a substance to the density of some substance (as water) taken as a standard when both
densities are obtained by weighing in air

spec·i·fy /ˈspiˌsa.fɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
 tended to mention or name explicitly
    Synonyms
define, lay down, prescribe—more at PRESCRIBE
advert, cite, instance, mention, name, note, notice, quote, refer, touch—more at MENTION

spec·i·men /ˈspiˌsa.mən/ noun
1: an item or part typical of a group or whole; also: a single human being
    Synonyms
case, example, exemplar, illustration, instance, representative, sample—more at EXAMPLE

spe·cious /ˈspiˌʃuəs/ adjective
 tended to be genuine, correct, or beautiful but not really so (~ reasoning)
    Synonyms
deceitful, deceptive, delusive, fallacious, false, misleading—more at DECEPTIVE

1 speck /ˈspēk/ noun
1: a small spot or blemish
2: a small particle
    Synonyms
    ◁ [1] blotch, dapple, dot, fleck, mottle, patch, point, spot—more at SPOT
    ◁ [2] atom, bit, crumb, fleck, flyspeck, grain, granule, molecule, morsel, mote, particle, patch, scrap, scruple, tittle

2 speck verb
 tended to produce specks on or in
    Synonyms
    blotch, dapple, dot, fleck, freckle, mottle, pepper, spot, sprinkle, stipple—more at SPOT

1 speckle /ˈspek·əl/ noun
: a little speck

2 speckle verb
1: to mark with speckles
2: to be distributed in or on like speckles
specs /ˈspeks/ noun plural
: a pair of lenses used to correct defects of vision : GLASSES

spectacle /ˈspektəkl/ noun
1 : an unusual or impressive public display
2 plural • : a pair of lenses used to correct defects of vision : GLASSES
— spectacled /ˈspektəklid/ adjective

Synonyms
• eyeglasses, glasses, specs—more at GLASSES

spectacular /ˈspektəkəl/ adjective
: exciting to see : SENSATIONAL

spectator /ˈspektətər/ noun
: a person who looks on (as at a sports event)

specter or spectre /ˈspektər/ noun
• : a visible disembodied spirit : GHOST

Synonyms
• apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, spirit, spook, vision, wraith—more at GHOST

spectral /ˈspektərəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling a specter
2 : of, relating to, or made by a spectrum

spectrogram /ˈspektrogrəm/ noun
: a photograph, image, or diagram of a spectrum

spectrograph /ˈspektrogræf/ noun
: an instrument for dispersing radiation into a spectrum and recording or mapping the spectrum

— spectrographic /ˈspektrogræfik/ adjective
— spectrographical /ˈspektrogræfiʃəl/ adverb

spectrometer /ˈspektroməter/ noun
: an instrument for measuring spectra

— spectroscopic /ˈspektroskəpik/ adjective
— spectroscopically /ˈspektroskəpikəli/ adverb

— spectroscope /ˈspektroskəp/ noun
: an instrument that produces spectra esp. of visible electromagnetic radiation

— spectroscopic /ˈspektroskəpik/ adjective

— spectroscopy /ˈspektroskəpi/ noun
: the science dealing with the spectrum of radiation emitted or reflected by objects

— spectrometry /ˈspektromətri/ noun
: the science dealing with the spectrum of radiation emitted or reflected by objects

— spectrometer /ˈspektroməter/ noun

speculum /ˈspekyləm/ noun, plural specula /ˈspekylə/ or spectrums
[origin: NL, fr. L, appearance, fr. specere to look]
1 : a series of colors formed when a beam of white light is dispersed (as by a prism) so that its parts are arranged in the order of their wavelengths
2 : a series of radiations arranged in regular order
3 • : a continuous sequence or range <a wide ~ of political opinions>

Synonyms
• gamut, range, scale, spread, stretch—more at RANGE

speculate /ˈspeklət/ verb -lated; -lating
[origin: L speculaturi to spy out, examine, fr. specula watchtower, fr. specere to look, look at]
1 • : to think or wonder about a subject
2 : to take a business risk in hope of gain
— spec·u·la·tive·ly adverb

— spec·u·la·tor /ˌspəˈleɪtər/ noun

Synonyms
- assume, conjecture, guess, presume, suppose, surmise, suspect—more at GUESS

spec·u·la·tion /ˌspəˈkələˈteiʃən/ noun
- : an act or instance of speculating

Synonyms
- chance, enterprise, flier, gamble, venture—more at GAMBLE

spec·u·la·tive /ˌspəˈkələtɪv/ adjective
- : involving, based on, or constituting intellectual speculation; also : theoretical rather than demonstrable

Synonyms
- conjectural, hypothetical, theoretical—more at THEORETICAL

speech /spɛtʃ/ noun
- 1 : the act of speaking
- 2 : TALK, CONVERSATION
- 3 : a public talk or lecture
- 4 : a variety of language identified with a region or group : LANGUAGE
- 5 : an individual manner of speaking
- 6 : the power of speaking

Synonyms
- address, declamation, harangue, oration, talk; also diatribe, rant, tirade; eulogy, panegyric, tribute; lecture; homily, sermon; monologue, soliloquy; pitch, presentation, spiel

speech·less adjective
- : unable to speak; also : not speaking

Synonyms
- dumb, mum, mute, silent, uncommunicative—more at SILENT

1 speed /spɛd/ noun
- 1 archaic : SUCCESS
- 2 : the act or state of moving swiftly : SWIFTNESS
- 3 : rate of motion or performance
- 4 : a transmission gear (as of a bicycle)
- 5 : METHAMPHETAMINE; also : a related drug

Synonyms
- celerity, fastness, fleetness, haste, hurry, quickness, rapidity, swiftness, velocity; also clip, pace, rate, tempo; drive, hustle; acceleration, rush; dispatch, expedition, promptness

Antonyms
- slowness, sluggishness

2 speed verb sped /spɛd/ or speed·ed; speed·ing
- 1 archaic : PROSPER; also : GET ALONG, FARE
- 2 : to go fast; especially : to go at an excessive or illegal speed
- 3 : to cause to go faster

— speed·er noun

Synonyms
- [2] barrel, dash, fly, hurry, hurtle, hustle, pelt, race, rip, rocket, shoot, tear, zip, zoom—more at HURRY
- usually speed up [3] accelerate, hasten, hurry, quicken, rush, step up, whisk—more at HURRY

speed·boat /ˌspɛdˈboʊt/ noun
- : a fast motorboat

speed bump noun
- : a low raised ridge across a roadway (as in a parking lot) to limit vehicle speed

speed·i·ly /spɛˈdeɪli/ adverb
:\ in a speedy manner

**Synonyms**
- apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, posthaste, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, soon, swiftly—more at **FAST**

**Speed of Light**
: a fundamental physical constant that is the speed of electromagnetic radiation propagation in a vacuum and has the value of 299,792,458 meters per second

**speed·om·e·ter** /'spi ld_ ma_tər/ noun
: an instrument for indicating speed

**speed·up** /'spēd_up/ noun
: **ACCELERATION**

**speed·way** /'wā/ noun
: a racecourse for motor vehicles

**speed·well** /'spēd wel/ noun
: **VERONICA**

**speedy** adjective
: marked by swiftness of motion or action

**Synonyms**
- breakneck, breathless, brisk, dizzy, fast, fleet, hasty, lightning, nippy, quick, rapid, rattling, snappy, swift—more at **FAST**

1**spell** /'spel/ verb **spelled** /'speld/, **spell·ing**
[origin: ME, to signify, read by spelling out, fr. AF espeleir, of Gmc origin]
1 : to name, write, or print in order the letters of a word
2 : to add up to : **MEAN**

**Synonyms**
- denote, express, import, mean, signify—more at **MEAN**

2**spell** noun
[origin: ME, talk, tale, fr. OE]
1 : a magic formula : **INCANTATION**
2 : a controlling influence

**Synonyms**
- bewitchment, charm, conjuration, enchantment, incantation; also hex, jinx, curse; conjuring, magic, necromancy, sorcery, witchcraft, witchery, wizardry

3**spell** noun
1 : one's turn at work or duty
2 : a stretch of a specified kind of weather
3 : a period of bodily or mental distress or disorder : **ATTACK**
4 : an indeterminate period of time

**Synonyms**
- [3] attack, bout, case, fit, seizure, siege—more at **ATTACK**
- [4] bit, space, stretch, while—more at **WHILE**

4**spell** verb **spelled** /'speld/, **spell·ing**
: to take the place of for a time in work or duty : **RELIEVE**

5**spell** verb **spelled** /'speld/, **spell·ing**
: to put under a spell

**spell·bind·er** /'spən dər/ noun
: a speaker of compelling eloquence

**spell·bound** /'spəlbund/ adjective
: held by or as if by a spell
Synonyms

bewitched, charmed, entranced

spell-check·er /ˈspɛlˌtʃe.ka(r)/ noun
: a computer program that identifies possible misspellings in a block of text
— spell-check /ˌtʃe.ka(r)/ verb

spell·er /ˈspɛl.ər/ noun
1: one who spells words
2: a book with exercises for teaching spelling

spell out verb transitive
1: to make plain
2: to write or print in letters and in full

Synonyms
clarify, clear, construe, demonstrate, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, illuminate, illustrate, interpret—more at EXPLAIN

spelt /ˈspelt/ chiefly British past and past participle of SPELL

spe·lunk·er /ˈspi.ləŋ.ka(r)/ noun
[ORIGIN: L. spelunca cave, fr. Gk spēlynx]
: one who makes a hobby of exploring caves
— spe·lunk·ing noun

spend /ˈspend/ verb spent /ˈspent/, spending
1 ▶: to pay out: EXPEND
2: to consume entirely: WEAR OUT, EXHAUST; also: to consume wastefully
3: to cause or permit to elapse: PASS

Synonyms
disburse, expend, give, lay out, pay; also lavish, rain; blow; squander, waste

spend·er noun
: one that spends money; especially: one that spends lavishly

spend-thrift /ˈspend.θrif/ noun
: one who spends wastefully or recklessly

Synonyms
prodigal, profligate, wastrel—more at PRODIGAL

spent /ˈspent/ adjective
: drained of energy

Synonyms
beat, bushed, dead, drained, effete, jaded, limp, prostrate, tired, weary, worn-out—more at WEARY

sperm /ˈspɜrm/ noun, plural sperm or sperms
1: SEMEN
2: a male gamete

sper·ma·to·zo·on /ˌspɜr.mə.toʊ.ˈzoʊ.ən/ noun, plural -zoa /ˌzo.a/
: a motile male gamete of an animal usu. with a rounded or elongated head and a long posterior flagellum

sper·mi·cide /ˈspɜr.məˌsaɪd/ noun
: a preparation or substance used to kill sperm
— sper·mi·cid·al /ˈspɜr.məˌsaɪ.dəl/ adjective

sperm whale noun
: a large whale with a massive square-shaped head containing a fluid-filled cavity
spew /ˈspyə/ verb
1 : vomit
2 : to come in a flood or gush; also : emit or eject with vigor or violence
   Synonyms
   • gush, jet, pour, rush, spout, spurt, squirt—more at gush
   • belch, disgorge, eject, erupt, expel—more at erupt

SPF abbreviation
sun protection factor

sp gr abbreviation
specific gravity

sphag-num /ˈsfəɡ.nəm/ noun
: any of a genus of atypical mosses that grow in wet acid areas where their remains become compacted with other plant debris to form peat; also : a mass of these mosses

sphere /ˈsfir/ noun
[origin: ME spere, globe, celestial sphere, fr. AF espere, fr. L sphaera, lit., ball]
1 : a globe-shaped body : ball
2 : a celestial body
3 : a solid figure so shaped that every point on its surface is an equal distance from the center
4 : range of action or influence
   — spherical /ˈsfirəl/ adjective
   — spher·i·cal·ly /ˌsfir.iˈkəl.i/ adverb
   Synonyms
   • [1] ball, orb—more at ball
   • [4] area, arena, demesne, department, discipline, domain, field, line, province, realm, specialty—more at field

spher·oid /ˈsfir.əd, ˈsfər/ noun
: a figure similar to a sphere but not perfectly round

sphinc·ter /ˈsfɪŋk.tər/ noun
: a muscular ring that closes a bodily opening

sphinx /ˈsfɪŋks/ noun, plural sphinx·es or sphin·ges /ˈsfɪŋgˌz/:
1 : a winged monster in Greek mythology having a woman's head and a lion's body and noted for killing anyone unable to answer its riddle
2 : an enigmatic or mysterious person
3 : an ancient Egyptian image having the body of a lion and the head of a man, ram, or hawk

spice /ˈspaɪs/ noun
1 : any of various aromatic plant products (as pepper or nutmeg) used to season or flavor foods
2 : something that adds interest and relish
3 : a pungent or fragrant odor
   Synonyms
   • [1] flavor, seasoning—more at seasoning
   • [3] aroma, bouquet, fragrance, incense, perfume, redolence, scent—more at fragrance

spice verb spiced; spic·ing
• to season with spices
   Synonyms
   • flavor, savor, season—more at season

spick–and–span or spic–and–span /ˈspik.ənd,ˈspan/ adjective
1 : quite new
2 : spotlessly clean
   Synonyms
[1] brand-new, new, unused—more at NEW
[2] clean, immaculate, spotless, stainless, unsullied—more at CLEAN

spic·ule /ˈspɪkəl/ noun
: a slender pointed body esp. of calcium or silica <sponge ~>

spicy adjective
1 : having the quality, flavor, or fragrance of spice
2 : verging on impropriety or indecency; also : somewhat scandalous or salacious
  Synonyms
    bawdy, lewd, racy, ribald, suggestive

spi·der /ˈspɪdər/ noun
1 : any of an order of arachnids that have a 2-part body, eight legs, and two or more pairs of abdominal organs for spinning threads of silk used esp. in making webs for catching prey
2 : a cast-iron frying pan
  — spi·der·ry adjective

spider·mite noun
: any of various small web-spinning mites that feed on and are pests of plants

spider·plant noun
: a houseplant of the lily family having long green leaves usu. striped with white and producing tufts of small plants on long hanging stems

spi·der·web /ˈspɪdər.web/ noun
: the web spun by a spider

spiel /ˈspɪl/ verb
: to talk in a fast, smooth, and usu. colorful manner
  — spiel noun

spi·got /ˈspɪɡət/ noun
: a fixture for drawing or regulating the flow of liquid esp. from a pipe : FAUCET
  Synonyms
    cock, faucet, gate, tap, valve—more at FAUCET

1spike /ˈspɪk/ noun
1 : a very large nail
2 : any of various pointed projections (as on the sole of a shoe to prevent slipping)
  — spiky adjective

2spike verb spiked; spik·ing
1 : to fasten with spikes
2 : to put an end to : QUASH <~ a rumor>
3 : to pierce with or impale on a spike
4 : to add alcoholic liquor to (a drink)
  Synonyms
    gore, harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, stab, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

3spike noun
1 : an ear of grain
2 : a long cluster of usu. stemless flowers

1spill /ˈspɪl/ verb spilled /ˈspɪld/, spilt /ˈspɪlt/; spill·ing
1 : to cause or allow to fall, flow, or run out esp. unintentionally
2 : to cause (blood) to be lost by wounding
3 : to run out or over with resulting loss or waste
4 : to let out : DIVULGE
  — spill·able adjective
  Synonyms
spill noun
1: an act of spilling; also: a fall from a horse or vehicle or an erect position
2: something spilled
   Synonyms
   f fall, slip, stumble, tumble—more at FALL

spill·way /ˌspil-ˌwā/ noun
: a passage for surplus water to run over or around an obstruction (as a dam)

spin /spin/ verb spun /spən/; spin·ning
1: to draw out (fiber) and twist into thread; also: to form (thread) by such means
2: to form thread by extruding a sticky quickly hardening fluid; also: to construct from such thread <spiders ~ their webs>
3: to produce slowly and by degrees <~ a story>
4: to revolve rapidly: TWIRL; also: to cause to whirl
5: to feel as if in a whirl: WHIRL, REEL <my head is spinning>
6: to move rapidly along
7: to present (as information) with a particular spin
   — spin·ner noun
   Synonyms
   f gyrate, pirouette, revolve, roll, rotate, turn, twirl, wheel, whirl; also coil, curl, curve, round, spiral, twine, twist, wind; circle, orbit

spin noun
1: a rapid rotating motion
2: an excursion in a wheeled vehicle
3: a particular point of view, emphasis, or interpretation
4: a state of mental confusion
   Synonyms
   f [1] gyration, pirouette, reel, revolution, roll, rotation, twirl, wheel, whirl; also circuit, circulation; coil, curl, curve, spiral, twist; circle, orbit; eddy, swirl
   f [4] daze, fog, haze, muddle—more at HAZE

spi·na bi·fi·da /ˌspi·nə ˈbiː fə de/ noun
: a birth defect in which the spinal column has a fissure

spin·ach /ˈspɪnətʃ/ noun
: a dark green herb grown for its edible leaves

spi·nal /ˈspɪnəl/ adjective
: of or relating to the backbone or spinal cord
   — spi·nal·ly adverb

spinal column noun
: the bony column in the back of a vertebrate that extends from the neck to the tail and protects the spinal cord: BACKBONE

spinal cord noun
: the thick cord of nervous tissue that extends from the brain along the back in the cavity of the backbone and carries nerve impulses to and from the brain

spinal nerve noun
: any of the paired nerves which arise from the spinal cord and pass to various parts of the body and of which there are normally 31 pairs in human beings

spin control noun
: the act or practice of attempting to manipulate the way an event is interpreted

spin·dle /ˈspɪn(d)əl/ noun
1 : a round tapering stick or rod by which fibers are twisted in spinning

2 : a turned part of a piece of furniture <the ~ s of a chair>

3 : a slender pin or rod which turns or on which something else turns

spin·dling /spɪndɪlɪn/ adjective
: of a disproportionately tall or long and thin appearance : SPINDLY

spin·dly /spɪndɪlɪ/ adjective
› being long or tall and thin and usu. weak

Synonyms
› gangling, lanky, rangy—more at LANKY

spin·drift /spɪnˈdɹɪft/ noun
: spray blown from waves

spine /spɪn/ noun
1 ▶ : the bony column in the back of a vertebrate that extends from the neck to the tail and protects the spinal cord : BACKBONE
2 : a stiff sharp process esp. on a plant or animal
3 : the part of a book where the pages are attached

Synonyms
› backbone, vertebral column; also back, spinal cord, vertebra

spin·nel /spɪnˈnel/ noun
: a hard crystalline mineral of variable color used as a gem

spin·less /spɪnˈles/ adjective
1 : having no spines, thorns, or prickles
2 : lacking a backbone
3 ▶ : lacking courage or determination

Synonyms
› chicken, cowardly, craven, dastardly, pusillanimous, recreant, yellow—more at COWARDLY
› effete, frail, nerveless, soft, weak, wimpy, wishy-washy—more at WEAK

spin·et /spɪnˈeɪt/ noun
1 : an early harpsichord having a single keyboard and only one string for each note
2 : a small upright piano

spin·na·ker /spɪnˈnəkər/ noun
: a large triangular sail set on a long light pole

spinning jen·ny /ˈje.nɪ/ noun
: an early multiple-spindle machine for spinning wool or cotton

spinning wheel noun
: a small machine for spinning thread or yarn in which a large wheel drives a single spindle

spin–off /spɪnˈɒf/ noun
1 ▶ : a usu. useful by-product
2 : something (as a TV show) derived from an earlier work

— spin off verb

Synonyms
› derivative, offshoot, outgrowth—more at DERIVATIVE

spin·ster /spɪnˈstɛr/ noun
: an unmarried woman past the common age for marrying

— spin·ster·hood /ˈstɜrˌhʊd/ noun

spiny adjective
1 ▶ : abounding with difficulties, obstacles, or annoyances
2 : covered or armed with spines
Synonyms
- catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at TRICKY

spiny lobster noun
: any of several edible crustaceans differing from the related lobsters in lacking the large front claws and in having a spiny carapace

1. spiral /ˈspɪrəl/ adjective
- winding or coiling around a center or axis and usu. getting closer to or farther away from it
  — spir·al·ly adverb
  Synonyms
- helical, winding; also curving, curling, twisting

2. spiral noun
1 : something that has a spiral form; also: a single turn in a spiral object
2 : a continuously spreading and accelerating increase or decrease

3. spiral verb -raled or -ralled; -ral·ing or -ral·ling
1 : to move and esp. to rise or fall in a spiral course
2 : to form into a spiral
  Synonyms
- coil, curl, entwine, twine, twist, wind—more at WIND

spir·ant /ˈspɪrənt/ noun
: a consonant (as \f\, \s\, \sh\) uttered with decided friction of the breath against some part of the oral passage
  — spirant adjective

spire /ˈspɪər/ noun
1 : a slender tapering stalk (as of grass)
2 : a pointed tip (as of an antler)
3 : STEEPLE
  — spiry adjective

spi·rea or spi·rea·a /ˈspɪrə.ə/ noun
: any of a genus of shrubs related to the roses with dense clusters of small usu. white or pink flowers

1. spirit /ˈspɪr.ət/ noun [origin: ME, fr. OF or L; OF, fr. L spiritus, lit., breath, fr. spirare to blow, breathe]
1 : a life-giving force; also: the animating principle: SOUL
2 cap: HOLY SPIRIT
3 : an often malevolent being that is bodiless but can become visible: GHOST
4 : PERSON
5 : an inclination, impulse, or tendency of a specified kind: MOOD
6 : a lively or brisk quality in a person or a person's actions
7 : essential or real meaning: INTENT
8 : distilled alcoholic liquor—often used in pl.
9 : LOYALTY <school ~>
  Synonyms
- [3] apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spook, vision, wraith—more at GHOST
- [5] cheer, frame, humor, mode, mood, temper—more at MOOD
- [6] bounce, dash, drive, esprit, ginger, pep, punch, snap, verve, vim, zing, zip; also animation, briskness, jauntness, liveliness, vivaciousness, vivacity; ardor, fervor, fire, passion, zeal; eagerness, enthusiasm; energy, go, spunk, starch, vigor, vitality; character, force, substance
  — spirits [8] alcohol, booze, drink, intoxicant, liquor, moonshine—more at ALCOHOL

2. spirit verb
: to carry off secretly or mysteriously

spir·it·ed /ˈspɪr.ə.ted/ adjective
1 : full of energy or animation : ANIMATED
2 : full of courage : COURAGEOUS
   
   **Synonyms**
   
   ◆ active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, lively, peppy, sprightly, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY
   ◆ fiery, high-spirited, mettlesome, peppy, spunky
   
   **Antonyms**
   
   ◆ spiritless

spir·it·less adjective
   1 : lacking animation, cheerfulness, or courage
   
   **Synonyms**
   
   ◆ enervated, lackadaisical, languid, languorous, limp, listless—more at LISTLESS

1 spiritual /spir·i·chəl, cha, wa/ adjective
   1 : of, relating to, consisting of, or affecting the spirit : INCORPOREAL
   2 : of or relating to sacred matters
   3 : ecclesiastical rather than lay or temporal
      — spir·i·tu·al·i·ty /spir·i·chə·lə·tē/ noun
      — spir·i·tu·al·ize /spir·i·chə·liz/ verb
      — spir·i·tu·al·ly adverb
   
   **Synonyms**
   
   ◆ [1] bodiless, immaterial, incorporeal, insubstantial, nonmaterial, nonphysical, unsubstantial—more at IMMATERIAL
   ◆ [2] devotional, religious, sacred—more at RELIGIOUS

2 spiritual noun
   1 : a religious song originating among blacks of the southern U.S.
   
   **Synonyms**
   
   ◆ anthem, canticle, carol, chorale, hymn, psalm—more at HYMN

spir·i·tu·al·ism /spir·i·chə, il·zəm/, cha, wa/ noun
   : a belief that spirits of the dead communicate with the living usu. through a medium
      — spir·i·tu·al·ist /il·ist/ noun, often cap
      — spir·i·tu·al·is·tic /il·is·tik/ adjective

spir·i·tu·ous /spir·i·chəs, cha, was, spir·e·əs/ adjective
   : containing alcohol

spi·ro·chete also spi·ro·chaete /spi·ro·kēt/ noun
   : any of an order of spirally undulating bacteria including those causing syphilis and Lyme disease

spirit variant of SPURT

1 spit /spit/ noun
   1 : a thin pointed rod for holding meat over a fire
   2 : a point of land that runs out into the water
      
      **Synonyms**
      
      ◆ arm, cape, headland, peninsula, point, promontory—more at CAPE

2 spit verb spit·ted, spit·ting
   : to pierce with or as if with a spit

3 spit verb spit or spat /spat/; spit·ting
   1 : to eject (saliva) from the mouth
   2 : to express by or as if by spitting
   3 : to rain or snow lightly

4 spit noun
   1 : a watery digestive secretion that is secreted into the mouth by salivary glands : SALIVA
2 : perfect likeness

Synonyms
- carbon copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, image, likeness, match, picture, replica, ringer—more at IMAGE

spit-ball /ˈspɪt_ˈbal/ noun
1 : paper chewed and rolled into a ball to be thrown as a missile
2 : a baseball pitch delivered after the ball has been moistened with saliva or sweat

spite /ˈspɪt/ noun
1 : ill will with a wish to annoy, anger, or frustrate : petty malice
2 : in spite of
3 : in defiance or contempt of : NOTWITHSTANDING

Synonyms
- cattiness, despite, hatefulfulness, malice, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spleen, venom, viciousness—more at MALICE

spite verb spit·ed; spit·ing
1 : to treat maliciously : ANNOY, OFFEND
2 : fill with or showing spite

spite·ful /ˌfɛl/ adjective
1 : filled with or showing spite

Synonyms
- catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, virulent—more at HATEFUL

spite·ful·ly adverb
1 : filled with or showing spite

Synonyms
- hatefully, maliciously, meanly, nastily, viciously, wickedly—more at NASTILY

spit·tle /ˈspɪt_ˈl/ noun
: a watery digestive secretion that is secreted into the mouth by salivary glands : SALIVA

spit·tle·bug /ˌˈbɑ/ noun
: any of a family of leaping insects with froth-secreting larvae that are related to aphids

spit·toon /ˈspɪt_ˈtʊn/ noun
: a receptacle for spit

spit up verb
1 : to disgorge (the contents of the stomach) through the mouth

Synonyms
- gag, heave, throw up, vomit—more at VOMIT

splash /ˈsplaʃ/ verb
1 : to dash a liquid about
2 : to scatter a liquid on : SPATTER
3 : to fall, move, or strike with a splashing noise

Synonyms
- [1] lap, plash, slosh, swash—more at SLOSH
- [2] dash, plash, spatter; also drench, drown, impregnate, saturate, soak, sop, souse, steep; bathe, douse, wash, water, wet; throw; spray; slop, sprinkle; squirt

splash·down /ˈsplaʃ_ˈdaʊn/ noun
: the landing of a manned spacecraft in the ocean

splash down verb

splashy /ˈsplaʃ_ə/ adjective splash·i·er; -est
: conspicuously showy : OSTENTATIOUS
splat·ter /ˈsplætər/ verb
: to splash with or as if with a liquid : SPATTER
— splatter noun

1splat /ˈsplat/ verb
: to spread outward or apart
— splay noun

2splay adjective
1 : spread out : turned outward
2 : AWKWARD, CLUMSY

spleen /ˈsplēn/ noun
1 : a vascular organ located near the stomach in most vertebrates that is concerned esp. with the filtration and storage of blood, destruction of red blood cells, and production of lymphocytes
2 : feelings of anger or ill will often suppressed

Synonyms
- anger, cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malice, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, venom, viciousness—more at MALICE

splen·did /ˈplen did/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L splendidus, fr. splendēre to shine]
1 : SHINING, BRILLIANT
2 : SHOWY, GORGEOUS
3 : fine or imposing in appearance or impression
4 : very good of its kind : EXCELLENT

Synonyms
- august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, stately—more at GRAND

splendid·ly adverb
: in a splendid manner

Synonyms
- agreeably, delightfully, favorably, felicitously, gloriously, nicely, pleasantly, pleasingly, satisfyingly, well

splen·dor /ˈplen dər/ noun
1 : great brightness or luster : BRILLIANCE
2 : a display of magnificence

Synonyms
- [1] brilliance, dazzle, effulgence, illumination, lightness, lucidity, luminosity, radiance, refulgence—more at BRILLIANCE
- [2] augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, stateliness—more at MAGNIFICENCE

splen·dour /ˈplen dar/ chiefly British variant of SPLENDER

splen·tic /ˈplen tɪk/ adjective
: marked by bad temper or spite

Synonyms
- bearish, biliious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-tempered, ornery, surly

splen·ic /ˈplen ik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or located in the spleen

splice /ˈsplɪs/ verb spliced; splic·ing
1 : to unite (as two ropes) by weaving the strands together
2 : to unite (as two lengths of film) by connecting the ends together
— splice noun

splint /ˈsplɪnt/ noun
1: a thin strip of wood interwoven with others to make something (as a basket)
2: material or a device used to protect and keep in place an injured body part (as a broken arm)
3: a thin piece split or broken off lengthwise

**SPLINTER**

### splinter noun

1: a thin piece of something split off lengthwise: SLIVER

**Synonyms**

- chip, flake—more at CHIP

### splinter verb

: to split into splinters

### split verb split; splitting

1: to divide lengthwise or along a grain or seam
2: to burst or break in pieces
3: to divide into parts or sections

**Synonyms**

- break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissemble, dissociate, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, sunder, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

### split–level /spiltˌlēˌvel/ noun

: a house divided so that the floor in one part is about halfway between two floors in the other

### split personality noun

: SCHIZOPHRENIA; also: MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER

### split–second /spiltˌseˌkend/ adjective

1: occurring in a very brief time
2: extremely precise (<~ timing>

### splitting adjective

: causing a piercing sensation (<a ~ headache>

### splotch /ˈsploth/ noun

: a small area visibly different (as in color, finish, or material) from the surrounding area: BLOTCH

### splurge /ˈsplərdʒ/ verb splurged; splurg·ing

: to spend more than usual esp. on oneself

### splutter /ˈspʌtər/ noun

: SPUTTER

### splutter verb


### spoil /spōl/ noun

1: plunder taken from an enemy in war or from a victim in robbery (<~s of war>

**Synonyms**

- booty, loot, plunder, swag—more at LOOT

### spoil verb spoiled /ˈspōld/, spoilt/ or spoilt /ˈspɔlt/; spoiling

1: ROB, PILLAGE
2: to damage seriously: RUIN
3: to impair the quality or effect of
4 : to damage the disposition of by pampering; also : INDULGE, CODDL
5 : to lose valuable or useful qualities usu. as a result of decay : DECAY, ROT
6 : to have an eager desire 👑 for a fight

Synonyms
- [3] blemish, mar, poison, stain, taint, tarnish, touch, vitiate—more at TAINT
- [4] baby, coddle, indulge, mollycoddle, nurse, pamper—more at BABY
- [5] break down, corrupt, decay, decompose, disintegrate, molder, putrefy, rot—more at DECAY

spoil·age /spōlˈij/ noun
- the act or process of spoiling

Synonyms
- breakdown, corruption, decay, decomposition, putrefaction, rot—more at CORRUPTION

spoil·er /spōlˈər/ noun
1 : one that spoils
2 : a device (as on an airplane or automobile) used to disrupt airflow and decrease lift

spoil·sport /spōlˈspɔrt/ noun
- one who spoils the fun of others

spoke /spōk/ past & archaic past participle of SPEAK

spoke noun
- any of the rods extending from the hub of a wheel to the rim

spo·ken /spoʊkən/ adjective
- delivered by word of mouth; also : characterized by speaking in (such) a manner

Synonyms
- oral, unwritten, verbal—more at VERBAL

spokes·man /spōksˈmæn/ noun
- a person who speaks as the representative of another or others

spokes·per·son /ˈspökˌpərˌson/ noun
- a person who speaks as the representative of another or others : SPOKESMAN

Synonyms
- mouthpiece, speaker, spokesman, spokeswoman; also talker; agent, delegate, deputy, representative

spokes·wom·an /ˌspōksˌwən/ noun
- a woman who speaks as the representative of another or others

spoil·a·tion /spōlˈeɪʃən/ noun
- the act of plundering : the state of being plundered

1 sponge /ˈsɒŋ/ noun
1 : an elastic porous water-absorbing mass of fibers that forms the skeleton of various primitive sea animals; also : any of a phylum of chiefly marine sea animals that are the source of natural sponges
2 : a spongelike or porous mass or material
3 : one who lives on others

Synonyms
- hanger-on, leech, parasite—more at LEECH

2 sponge verb sponged; spon·ging
1 : to bathe or wipe with a sponge
2 : to live at another's expense
3 : to gather sponges
4 : to absorb with or as if with or in the manner of a sponge

Synonyms
- absorb, drink, imbibite, soak, suck—more at ABSORB

sponge cake noun
spong·er noun
: one that sponges

sponge rubber noun
: a cellular rubber resembling natural sponge

spongy /ˈspän-jē/ adjective
1 : resembling a sponge
2 : not firm or solid
   Synonyms
   flabby, mushy, pulpy, soft—more at soft

spon·sor /ˈspän.sər/ noun
[origin: LL, fr. L, guarantor, surety, fr. spondere to promise]
1 : one who takes the responsibility for some other person or thing : surety
2 : godparent
3 : a business firm that pays the cost of a radio or television program usu. in return for advertising time during its course
— sponsor verb
— spon·sor·ship noun
   Synonyms
   backer, guarantor, patron, surety; also chaperon; advocate, champion, supporter; benefactor; coach, mentor, teacher

spon·ta·ne·ity /ˌspän.ˈte.ˈnē.a.ˈtē/ noun
: the quality or state of being spontaneous
   Synonyms
   abandon, abandonment, ease, lightheartedness, naturalness, unrestraint—more at abandon

spon·ta·ne·ous /ˈspän.tə.ˈnē.əs/ adjective
[origin: LL spontaneus, fr. L sponte of one’s free will, voluntarily]
1 : done or produced freely or naturally
2 : acting or taking place without external force or cause
— spon·ta·ne·ous·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   automatic, involuntary, mechanical, natural—more at automatic

spontaneous combustion noun
: a bursting into flame of material through heat produced within itself by chemical action (as oxidation)

1 spoof /ˈspōf/ verb
1 : deceive, hoax
2 : to make good-natured fun of
— spoof noun
2 spoof noun
: a light humorous parody
   Synonyms
   burlesque, caricature, parody, takeoff—more at parody

1 spook /ˈspök/ noun
1 : a disembodied soul : ghost
2 : spy2
2 spook verb
: to make frightened or frantic : frighten
   Synonyms
   alarm, frighten, horrify, panic, scare, shock, startle, terrify, terrorize—more at frighten
spooky adjective
1: relating to, resembling, or suggesting spooks
2: easily frightened
   Synonyms
   - [1] creepy, eerie, haunting, uncanny, unearthly, weird—more at eerie
   - [2] excitable, flighty, fluttery, high-strung, jittery, jumpy, nervous, skittish—more at excitable

spool /spūl/ noun
: a cylinder on which flexible material (as thread) is wound

1spoon /spūn/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE spōn splinter, chip]
1: an eating or cooking implement consisting of a small shallow bowl with a handle
2: a metal piece used on a fishing line as a lure
   spoonful noun
   Synonyms
   - ladle, scoop; also skimmer

2spoon verb
1: to take up and usu. transfer in a spoon
   Synonyms
   - dip, ladle, scoop—more at dip

spoonbill /spūnˌbil/ noun
: any of several wading birds related to the ibises that have a bill with a broad flat tip

spoon-feed /ˌspōnˌfed/ verb -fed /ˌfed/; -feeding
: to feed by means of a spoon

dspoor /spōr, ˈspōr/ noun, plural spoor or spoors
: a track, a trail, a scent, or droppings esp. of a wild animal

sporangic /spaˈræŋɪk/ adjective
: occurring now and then
   Synonyms
   - casual, choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, spotty, unsteady
   —more at fitful

spore /ˈspɔr/ noun
: a primitive usu. one-celled often environmentally resistant dormant or reproductive body produced by plants, fungi, and some microorganisms

1sport /ˈspɔrt/ verb
1: to amuse oneself: FROLIC
2: to display or wear usu. ostentatiously: SHOW OFF
   Synonyms
   - [1] caper, cavort, disport, frisk, frolic, gambol, lark, play, rollick, romp—more at FROLIC
   - [2] display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, parade, show, show off, strut, unveil—more at SHOW

2sport noun
1: a source of diversion
2: physical activity engaged in for pleasure
3: a frivolous mood or manner: JEST
4: MOCKERY <make ~ of his efforts>
5: BUTT, LAUGHINGSTOCK
6: one who accepts results cheerfully whether favorable or not
7: an individual exhibiting marked deviation from its normal type esp. as a result of mutation
— sporty adjective

Synonyms
- dalliance, frolic, fun, play, relaxation

sport or sports adjective
- of, relating to, or suitable for sport or casual wear

— sport fish noun
- a fish noted for the sport it affords angler

sport·ive /ˈspɔr.tɪv/ adjective
- full of gaiety: full of play

Synonyms
- antic, coltish, elfish, fay, frisky, frolicsome, playful

— sports·cast noun
- a broadcast dealing with sports events

— sports·cast·er noun

— sports·man noun
1: a person who engages in sports (as in hunting or fishing)
2: one who plays fairly and wins or loses gracefully

— sports·man·ship noun

— sports·man·like /ˌspɔr.tə.mənˌlaɪk/ adjective
- consistent with the ideals of good sportsmanship

Synonyms
- clean, fair, legal

— sports medicine noun
- a field of medicine dealing with the prevention and treatment of sports-related injuries

— sports·wom·an /ˈspɔr.tə.mən/ noun
- a woman who engages in sports

— sports·writ·er noun
- one who writes about sports esp. for a newspaper

— sports·writ·ing noun

— sport–util·ity vehicle /ˈspɔrt-ju-ə.tē/ noun
- SUV

— spot /ˈspɑt/ noun
1: a taint on character or reputation: STAIN
2: a small part different (as in color) from the main part
3: a particular place, area, or part
4: a position usu. of difficulty or embarrassment
5: a small quantity or amount

— on the spot
1: at the place of action
2: in difficulty or danger

Synonyms
- [2] blotch, dapple, dot, fleck, mottle, patch, point, speck; also birthmark, freckle, mole; blot, mark, smear, smudge, stain; spatter, splash
- [3] locale, location, place, point, position, site
- [4] corner, fix, hole, jam, pickle, predicament

— spot verb spotted; spotting
1: to mark or disfigure with spots
2: to pick out: RECOGNIZE, IDENTIFY

Synonyms
• blotch, dapple, dot, fleck, freckle, mottle, pepper, speck, sprinkle, stipple; also marble; dye, stain; streak, stripe; intersperse, stud; bespatter, spatter

3**spot** adjective
1: being, done, or originating on the spot <a ~ broadcast>
2: paid upon delivery
3: made at random or at a few key points <a ~ check>

**spot-check** /'spät.chek/ verb
: to make a spot check of

**spot-less** adjective
: having no spot : free from impurity, fault, or stain
— **spot-less-ly** adverb

**Spot·light** /'spät·liht/ noun
1: a circle of brilliant light projected upon a particular area, person, or object (as on a stage); also : the device that produces this light
2: public notice

**spot-on** /'spät·ən/ adjective
: exactly correct <a ~ forecast>

**spotted** adjective
: having spots

**spotted owl** noun
: a rare large dark brown dark-eyed owl of humid old growth forests and thickly wooded canyons from British Columbia to southern California and central Mexico

**spot·ter** /'spät·ər/ noun
1: one that keeps watch :
2: one that removes spots

**spot·ty** /'spät·ə lé/ adjective **spot·ti·er**; **-est**
1: uneven in quality; also : sparsely distributed <~ attendance>
2: marked with spots : **SPOTTED**

**spous·al** /'spouz·ə l/ noun
: MARRIAGE 2, WEDDING — usu. used in pl.

**spouse** /'spouz/ noun
: one's partner in a marriage (as husband or wife)

— **spous·al** /'spouz·ə l/ adjective

**spout** /'spout/ verb
1: to eject or issue forth forcibly and freely <wells ~ oil>
2: to speak pompously
3: to speak or utter readily, volubly, and at length

**spous·al** /'gash/ verb
: [1] gush, jet, pour, rush, spew, spurt, squirt—more at GUS赫

spout noun
1: a pipe or hole through which liquid spouts
2: a jet of liquid; especially: WATERSPOUT 2

Synonyms

spillpipe, gutter, trough—more at GUTTER

spp abbreviation, plural
species

sprain /spraɪn/ noun
1: a sudden or severe twisting of a joint with stretching or tearing of ligaments; also: a sprained condition
2: sprain verb
: to subject to sprain

sprat /spraɪt/ noun
: a small European fish related to the herring; also: SARDINE

sprawl /spraʊl/ verb
1: to lie or sit with limbs spread out awkwardly
2: to spread out irregularly
— sprawl noun

spray /spreɪ/ noun
1: a usu. flowering branch; also: a decorative arrangement of flowers and foliage
2: spray verb
1: to scatter or let fall in a spray
2: to discharge spray on or into
— spray·er noun

Synonyms

dot, pepper, scatter, sow, sprinkle, strew—more at SCATTER

spray can noun
: a pressurized container from which aerosols are sprayed

spray gun noun
: a device for spraying liquids (as paint or insecticide)

spread /spreʊd/ verb spread; spreading
1: to scatter over a surface
2: to flatten out: open out
3: to distribute over a period of time or among many persons
4: to cover something with ~ rugs on the floor>
5: to prepare for a meal ~ a table>
6: to pass on from person to person
7: to stretch, force, or push apart
8: to make widely known
— spread·er noun

Synonyms

usually spread out [2] expand, extend, fan, flare, open, stretch, unfold
[3] broadcast, circulate, disseminate, propagate, strew; also radiate; diffuse, dispense, disperse, dissipate,
scatter, sow; communicate, pass (on), transmit

spread noun
1 : the act or process of spreading
2 : a surface area : EXPANSE
3 : a prominent display in a periodical
4 : a food to be spread on bread or crackers
5 : a cloth cover for a bed
6 : distance between two points
7 : a sumptuous meal

Synonyms
[2] breadth, expanse, extent, reach, stretch—more at EXPANSE
[5] bedspread, counterpane—more at COUNTERPANE
[6] distance, lead, length, remove, stretch, way—more at DISTANCE
[7] banquet, dinner, feast, feed—more at FEAST

spread·sheet /spré-shēt/ noun
: an accounting program for a computer

spree /spri/ noun
: an unrestrained outburst <buying ~>; also : a drinking bout

sprig /spri/ noun
: a small shoot or twig

spright·li·ness /sprit-i-nes/ noun
: the quality or state of being sprightly

Synonyms
animation, briskness, exuberance, liveliness, lustiness, robustness, vibrancy, vitality—more at VITALITY

spright·ly /sprit-i/ adjective spright·li·er; -est
: marked by a gay lightness and vivacity : LIVELY

Synonyms
active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, gay, lively, peppy, spirited, springy, vital, vivacious—more at LIVELY

1spring /spri/ verb sprang /spraŋ/ or sprung /spraŋ/; sprung; spring·ing
1 : to move suddenly upward or forward
2 : to grow quickly <weeds sprang up overnight>
3 : to come from by birth or descent
4 : to move quickly by elastic force
5 : WARP
6 : to develop (a leak) through the seams
7 : to cause to close suddenly <~ a trap>
8 : to make known suddenly <~ a surprise>
9 : to make lame : STRAIN
10 : to come into being
11 : to release or cause to be released from confinement or custody
12 : to discharge indebtedness for — used with for

Synonyms
[1] bound, hop, jump, leap, vault—more at JUMP
[10] arise, begin, commence, dawn, form, materialize, originate, start—more at BEGIN
usually spring up [10] crop, emerge, surface—more at ARISE
[11] discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, unbind, unchain, unfetter—more at FREE
usually spring for [12] clear, discharge, foot, liquidate, pay, pay off, quit, recompense, settle, stand—more at PAY
spring noun
1: a source of supply; especially: an issuing of water from the ground
2: SOURCE, ORIGIN; also: MOTIVE
3: the season between winter and summer
4: an elastic body or device that recovers its original shape when it is released after being distorted
5: the act or an instance of leaping up or forward
6: RESILIENCE
   Synonyms
   ↳ bound, hop, jump, leap, vault—more at JUMP

spring-board /ˈspringˌbərd/ noun
: a springy board used in jumping or vaulting or for diving

spring fever noun
: a lazy or restless feeling often associated with the onset of spring

spring tide noun
: a tide of greater-than-average range that occurs at each new moon and full moon

spring-time /ˈspringˌtaɪm/ noun
: the season of spring

springy adjective
1: having an elastic quality
2: having or showing a lively and energetic movement
   Synonyms
   ↳ [1] elastic, flexible, resilient, rubbery, stretch, supple—more at ELASTIC
   ↳ [2] active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, lively, spirited, sprightly

sprinkle /ˈsprɪŋkl/ verb sprinkled; sprinkling
: to scatter in small drops or particles
   — sprinkler noun
   Synonyms
   ↳ dot, pepper, scatter, sow, spray, strew—more at SCATTER

sprinkle noun
1: a light rainfall
2: a small number esp. distributed at random
   Synonyms
   ↳ few, handful, smattering, sprinkling—more at FEW

sprinkling noun
: a limited quantity or amount : SMATTERING
   Synonyms
   ↳ few, handful, smattering, sprinkle—more at FEW

sprint /ˈsprɪnt/ verb
: to run at top speed esp. for a short distance
   — sprinter noun
   Synonyms
   ↳ dash, gallop, jog, run, scamper, trip—more at RUN

sprint noun
1: a short run at top speed
2: a short distance race

sprite /ˈsprait/ noun
1: GHOST, SPIRIT
2: a small often mischievous fairy: ELF

spritz verb
: SPRAY
sprocket /ˈsprækət/ noun
: a toothed wheel whose teeth engage the links of a chain

sprout /ˈsprout/ verb
1: to send out new growth (<-ing seeds>)
2: a usu. young and growing plant shoot (as from a seed)

spruce /ˈsprʊs/ verb spruced; spruc·ing
1: to make or become spruce
2: spruce adjective spruc·er; spruc·est
: neat and smart in appearance

Synonyms
- dapper, natty, sharp, smart—more at SMART

spruce noun, plural spruc·es also spruce
: any of a genus of evergreen pyramid-shaped trees related to the pines and having soft light wood; also: the wood of a spruce

sprung past and past participle of SPRING

spry /ˈspri/ adjective spri·er or spry·er /ˈspriər/; spri·est or spry·est /ˈspriːst/
: quick and light in motion: NIMBLE

Synonyms
- agile, graceful, light, lissome, lithe, nimble—more at GRACEFUL

spud /ˈspud/ noun
1: a sharp narrow spade
2: POTATO

spume /ˈspjuːm/ noun
: frothy matter on liquids: FOAM

Synonyms
- foam, froth, head, lather—more at FOAM

spumone also spumone /ˈspjʊmən/ noun
[Origin: It spumone, fr. spuma foam]
: ice cream in layers of different colors, flavors, and textures often with candied fruits and nuts

spun past and past participle of SPIN

spun glass noun
: FIBERGLASS

spunk /ˈspʌŋk/ noun
: vigor and strength of spirit or temperament: PLUCK

Synonyms
- backbone, fiber, fortitude, grit, guts, pluck—more at FORTITUDE

spunky adjective
: full of spunk

Synonyms
- fiery, high-spirited, mettlesome, peppery, spirited—more at SPIRITED

spur /ˈspər/ noun
1: a pointed device fastened to a rider's boot and used to urge on a horse
2: something that urges to action
3: a stiff sharp spine (as on the leg of a cock); also: a hollow projecting appendage of a flower (as a columbine)
4: a ridge extending sideways from a mountain
5: a branch of railroad track extending from the main line
— spurred /spərd/ adjective
— on the spur of the moment
: on hasty impulse

Synonyms
❖ boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, stimulus, yeast—more at IMPULSE

spur verb spurred; spur·ring
1: to urge a horse on with spurs
2: INCITE

spurge /ˈspɜrj/ noun
: any of a family of herbs and woody plants with a bitter milky juice

spuri·ous /ˈspyrəʃəs/ adjective
[ORIGIN: LL spurius false, fr. L, spurius, n., son of an unknown father]
❖ not genuine : FALSE

Synonyms
❖ affected, artificial, assumed, bogus, contrived, factitious, fake, false, feigned, mechanical, mock, phony, put-on, sham, unnatural—more at ARTIFICIAL

spurn /ˈspərn/ verb
1: to kick away or trample on
2: to reject with disdain

Synonyms
❖ decline, disallow, disapprove, negative, refuse, reject, repudiate, turn down—more at DECLINE

spurt /ˈspərt/ verb
❖ to gush out: SPOUT

Synonyms
❖ gush, jet, pour, rush, spew, spout, squirt—more at GUSH

spurt noun
1: a sudden gushing or spouting
2: a sharp increase of activity <~ in sales>

Synonyms
❖ burst, flare, flare-up, flash, flurry, flutter, outbreak, outburst—more at OUTBREAK

4spurt verb
❖ to make a spurt

sput·ter /ˈspʌtər/ verb
1: to spit small scattered particles: SPLUTTER
2: to utter words hastily or explosively in excitement or confusion
3: to make small popping sounds
— sputter noun

Synonyms
❖ babble, chatter, drivel, gabble, gibber, jabber, prattle—more at BABBLE

spu·tum /ˈspytəm/ noun, plural spu·ta /ˈta/ [ORIGIN: L]
: material (as phlegm) that is spit out or coughed up esp. during illness

spy /ˈspī/ verb spied; spy·ing
1: to watch or search for information secretly: act as a spy
2 ‣ : to get a momentary or quick glimpse of : SEE

Synonyms
- behold, descry, discern, distinguish, espy, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, view, witness—more at SEE

2 spy noun, plural spies
1 : one who secretly watches others
2 : a secret agent who tries to get information for one country in the territory of an enemy

spy-glass /′sprəˌglaN/ noun
: a small telescope

sq abbreviation
1 squadron
2 square

squab /′skwəb/ noun, plural squabs or squab
: a young bird and esp. a pigeon

squable /′skwəb′l/ noun
› a noisy altercation : WRANGLE

Synonyms
- altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, disagreement, dispute, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, wrangle—more at ARGUMENT

2 squabble verb
› : to quarrel noisily and usu. over petty matters

Synonyms
- argue, bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, wrangle—more at ARGUE

squad /′skwəd/ noun
1 : a small organized group of military personnel
2 ‣ : a small group engaged in a common effort

Synonyms
- band, company, crew, gang, outfit, party, team—more at GANG

squad car noun
: a police car connected by two-way radio with headquarters

squadron /′skwədrən/ noun
: any of several units of military organization

squalid /′skwələd/ adjective
1 : filthy or degraded through neglect or poverty
2 : SORDID, DEBASED

squall /′skwəl/ noun
1 : a sudden violent gust of wind often with rain or snow
2 : a short-lived commotion

squally adjective
› : marked by squalls

Synonyms
- bleak, dirty, foul, inclement, nasty, raw, rough, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent—more at FOUL

squak /′skwak/ noun
: the quality or state of being squalid

squander /′skwəndər/ verb
› : to spend wastefully or foolishly

Synonyms
- blow, dissipate, fritter, lavish, misspend, run through, spend, throw away, waste—more at WASTE

1 square /′skwawr/ noun
1: an instrument used to lay out or test right angles
2: a rectangle with all four sides equal
3: something square
4: the product of a number multiplied by itself
5: an area bounded by four streets
6: an open area in a city where streets meet
7: a highly conventional person

2square adjective squar·er; squar·est
1: having four equal sides and four right angles
2: forming a right angle <cut a ~ corner>
3: multiplied by itself: SQUARED <\(x^2\) is the symbol for \(x\) ~>
4: being a unit of square measure equal to a square each side of which measures one unit <a ~ foot>
5: being of a specified length in each of two dimensions <an area 10 feet ~> 
6: exactly adjusted
7: marked by impartiality and honesty: JUST <a ~ deal>
8: leaving no balance <make accounts ~> 
9: SUBSTANTIAL <a ~ meal>
10: highly conservative or conventional

Synonyms
  ➞ disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, unbiased, unprejudiced—more at FAIR

3square verb squared; squar·ing
1: to form with four equal sides and right angles or with flat surfaces <~ a timber>
2: to multiply (a number) by itself
3: to agree precisely: CONFORM
4: BALANCE, SETTLE <~ an account>

Synonyms
  ➞ accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, tally—more at CHECK

square dance noun
: a dance for four couples arranged to form a square

square·ly adverb
: in a manner or measure or to a degree or number that strictly conforms to a fact or condition

Synonyms
  ➞ accurately, exactly, just, precisely, right, sharp—more at EXACTLY

square measure noun
: a unit or system of units for measuring area

square–rigged /skwarˈrɪgd/ adjective
: having the chief sails extended on yards that are fastened to the masts horizontally and at their center

square–rig·ger /ˌsiːɡˈriːgər/ noun
: a square-rigged craft

square root noun
: either of the two numbers whose squares are equal to a given number <the square root of 9 is +3 or −3>

1squash /ˈskwāʃ, ˈskwāʃ/ verb
1: to beat or press into a pulp or flat mass
2: to bring to an end: QUASH

Synonyms
  ➞ [1] crush, mash—more at CRUSH
  ➞ [2] clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squelch, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL

2squash noun
1: the impact of something soft and heavy; also: the sound of such impact
2: a crushed mass
3: a game played on a 4-wall court with a racket and rubber ball

squash noun, plural squash·es or squash
: any of various fruits of plants of the gourd family that are used esp. as vegetables; also: a plant and esp. a vine bearing squashes

squash racquets noun
: SQUASH 3

1 squat /skwät/ verb squat·ted; squat·ting
[origin: ME squatten to crush, crouch in hiding, fr. MF (dial. of Picardy) esquater, escuater, fr. OF es- ex- + quatir to hide, fr. VL *coactire to squeeze, alter. of L coactare to compel, fr. cogere to compel]
1: to sit down upon the hams or heels
2: to settle on land without right or title; also: to settle on public land with a view to acquiring title
— squat·ter noun

Synonyms

crouch, huddle, hunch—more at CROUCH

2 squat noun
: the act or posture of squatting

3 squat adjective squat·ter; squat·test
1: low to the ground
2: short and thick in stature

Synonyms

chunky, dumpy, heavyset, stocky, stout, stubby, stumpy, thickset—more at STOCKY

squawk /skwäk/ noun
: a harsh loud cry; also: a noisy protest
— squawk verb

Synonyms

beef, complaint, fuss, grievance, gripe, grumble, murmur, plaint—more at COMPLAINT

squeak /skwēk/ verb
1: to utter or speak in a weak shrill tone
2: to make a thin high-pitched sound
— squeak noun

Synonyms

cheep, peep, squeal

squeaky adjective
: of the nature of, emitting, or tending to emit squeaks

Synonyms

acute, sharp, shrill, treble—more at SHRILL

1 squeal /skwēl/ verb
1: to make a shrill sound or cry
2: to betray a secret or turn informer
3: COMPLAIN, PROTEST

Synonyms

[1] howl, scream, shriek, shrill, yell, yelp—more at SCREAM
[2] inform, snitch, talk, tell; also betray, give away, turn in; blab, tattle; tip (off)

2 squeal noun
: a shrill sharp cry or noise

squeamish /skwē mish/ adjective
1: easily nauseated; also: NAUSEATED
2: easily disgusted

Synonyms
squeamishness noun
: the quality or state of being squeamish

Synonyms
nausea, queasiness, sickness—more at NAUSEA

squeegee /skwiˈʒe/ noun
: a blade set crosswise on a handle and used for spreading or wiping liquid on, across, or off a surface

— squeegee verb

1. squeeze /skwiˈz/ verb squeezed; squeezing
   1 : to exert pressure on the opposite sides or parts of : COMPRESS
   2 : to obtain by pressure (< juice from a lemon>
   3 : to force, thrust, or cause to pass by pressure
   4 : to pass, win, or get by narrowly
   5 : to get or deprive by extortion

   — squeeze er noun

   Synonyms
   [1] compact, compress, condense, constrict, contract—more at COMPRESS
   [2] crush, express, mash, press—more at PRESS
   [3] cram, crowd, jam, ram, sandwich, stuff, wedge—more at CROWD

2. squeeze noun
   1 : an act of squeezing
   2 : a quantity squeezed out

squeegee bottle noun
: a flexible plastic bottle that dispenses its contents when it is squeezed

squelch /skwelch/ verb

1. to suppress completely : CRUSH
2. to move in soft mud

— squelch noun

Synonyms
clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, repress, silence, snuff, squash, subdue, suppress—more at QUELL

squirb /skwɜːb/ noun
: a brief witty writing or speech

squid /ˈskwɪd/ noun, plural squid or squids
: any of an order of long-bodied sea mollusks having eight short arms and two longer tentacles and usu. a slender internal shell

squint /ˈskwaɪnt/ verb

1. to look or aim obliquely
2. to look or peer with the eyes partly closed
3. to be cross-eyed

— squint noun or adjective

1. squire /ˈskwer/ noun
[origin: ME squier, fr. AF esquier, fr. LL scutarius, fr. L scutum shield]
1 : an armor-bearer of a knight
2 : a man gallantly devoted to a lady
3 : a member of the British gentry ranking below a knight and above a gentleman; also : a prominent landowner
4 : a local magistrate

2. squire verb squired; squir·ing

: to attend as a squire or escort

Synonyms
accompany, attend, convoy, escort—more at accompany

squirm /ˈskwɜrm/ verb
▽ to twist about like a worm: wriggle
  Synonyms
    fiddle, fidget, jerk, toss, twitch, wiggle, wriggle—more at fidget

1 squirrel /ˈskwərəl/ noun, plural squirrels also squirrel
: any of various rodents usu. with a long bushy tail and strong hind legs; also: the fur of a squirrel

2 squirrel verb -relled or -relled; -rel·ing or -rel·ling
: to store up for future use

squirt /ˈskwart/ verb
▽ to eject liquid in a thin spurt
  Synonyms
    gush, jet, pour, rush, spew, spout, spurt—more at gush

1 squirt noun
  1 : an instrument (as a syringe) for squirting
  2 : a small forcible jet of liquid

2 Sr abbreviation
  1 senior
  2 sister

2 Sr symbol
  strontium

SR abbreviation
  seaman recruit

1 SRO /əˌsɛrˈoʊ/ noun
[Origin: single-room occupancy]
: a house or apartment building in which low-income tenants live in single rooms

2 SRO abbreviation
  standing room only

SS abbreviation
  1 saints
  2 Social Security
  3 steamship
  4 sworn statement

SSA abbreviation
  Social Security Administration

SSE abbreviation
  south-southeast

SSG or SSgt abbreviation
  staff sergeant

SSI abbreviation
  supplemental security income

SSM abbreviation
  staff sergeant major

SSN abbreviation
  Social Security Number
ssp abbreviation
subspecies

SSR abbreviation
Soviet Socialist Republic

SSS abbreviation
Selective Service System

SST /es_.(e)es.ˈteɪ/ noun
[origin: super sonic transport]
: a supersonic passenger airplane

SSW abbreviation
south-southwest

st abbreviation
1 stanza
2 state
3 stitch
4 stone
5 street

St abbreviation
saint

ST abbreviation
1 short ton
2 standard time

sta abbreviation
station; stationary

stab /stab/ noun
1 ▶ : a wound produced by a pointed weapon
2 : a quick thrust
3 ▶ : a brief attempt
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] perforation, pinhole, prick, punch, puncture—more at PRICK
   ▶ [3] attempt, crack, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, shot, trial, try, whack—more at ATTEMPT

2 stab verb stabbed; stabbing
1 ▶ : to pierce or wound with or as if with a pointed weapon
2 : thrust, drive
   Synonyms
   ▶ gore, harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stick, transfix—more at IMPALE

stable /stəˈbɛl/ noun
: an abstract sculpture or construction similar to a mobile but made to be stationary

stability /stəˈbiləti/ noun
▶ the quality, state, or degree of being stable : the strength to stand or endure
   Synonyms
   ▶ firmness, soundness, steadiness, strength, sturdiness; also dependability, durability, reliability; solidity, solidness; cohesion, toughness
   Antonyms
   instability, unsoundness, unsteadiness
   ▶ constancy, fixedness, immutability, steadiness—more at constancy

stabilize /stəˈbaɪˌlaɪz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
1 : to make stable
2 : to hold steady <~ prices>
— sta·bi·li·za·tion /stəˈbəˌləˌziˈeiʃən/ noun
— sta·bi·li·zer /stəˌbəˌliˈzər/ noun

1 stable /stəˌbəl/ noun
   : a building in which domestic animals are sheltered and fed

— sta·ble·man /ˈmænˌmæn/ noun

2 stable verb sta·bled; sta·bling
   : to put or keep in a stable

3 stable adjective sta·bler; sta·blest
   1 a : firmly established
   b : mentally and emotionally healthy
   2 : steady in purpose : CONSTANT
   3 : continuing or enduring without fundamental or marked change
   4 : resistant to chemical or physical change

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] certain, determinate, final, firm, fixed, flat, frozen, hard, hard-and-fast, set, settled—more at FIXED
   ▶ [1b] balanced, clearheaded, lucid, normal, right, sane—more at SANE

   Antonyms
   ▶ [2, 3] constant, stationary, steady, unchanged, unvarying—more at CONSTANT
   ▶ [3, 4] fast, firm, sound, stalwart, steady, strong, sturdy; also dependable, durable, reliable; solid; cohesive, tough

stac·ca·to /stəˈkæˌtəʊ/ adjective or adverb
[ORIGIN: It]
   : cut short so as not to sound connected &<~ notes>

1 stack /stæk/ noun
   1 : a large pile (as of hay or grain)
   2 : an orderly pile (as of poker chips)
   3 : a large quantity
   4 : a vertical pipe : SMOKESTACK
   5 : a rack with shelves for storing books

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] cock, heap, hill, mound, mountain, pile, rick—more at PILE
   ▶ [3] abundance, deal, gobs, heap, loads, lot, pile, plenty, quantity—more at LOT

2 stack verb
   1 : to pile up
   2 : to arrange (cards) secretly for cheating

   Synonyms
   ▶ heap, hill, mound, pile—more at PILE

stack up verb
   : to be equal or alike : MEASURE UP — usu. used with against; also : to add up

   Synonyms usually stack up against
   ▶ approach, approximate, compare, measure up—more at APPROXIMATE

sta·di·um /staˈdiəm/ noun, plural -di·um /ˈdiːəm/ or -di·ums
   : a structure with tiers of seats for spectators built around a field for sports events

   Synonyms
   ▶ bowl, circus, coliseum; also gym, gymnasium, spa; arena, hippodrome

1 staff /stɑf/ noun, plural staffs /ˈstæfs, ˈstavz/ or staves /ˈstævz, ˈstāvz/
   1 : a pole, stick, rod, or bar used for supporting, for measuring, or as a symbol of authority; also : CLUB, CUDGEL
   2 : something that sustains <bread is the ~ of life>
   3 : the five horizontal lines on which music is written
   4 : a body of assistants to an executive
5: a group of officers holding no command but having duties concerned with planning and managing

**Synonyms**
- force, help, personnel, pool—more at FORCE

1. **staff** verb
   : to supply with a staff or with workers

2. **staff·er /stəfər/ noun
   : a member of a staff (as of a newspaper)

3. **staff sergeant** noun
   : a noncommissioned officer ranking in the army next below a sergeant first class, in the air force next below a technical sergeant, and in the marine corps next below a gunnery sergeant

1. **stag /stæg/ noun, plural stags or stag
   : an adult male of various large deer

2. **stag adjective
   : restricted to or intended for men <~ party> <~ movies>

3. **stag adverb
   : unaccompanied by a date

1. **stage /stæɡ/ noun
   1: a raised platform on which an orator may speak or a play may be presented
   2: the acting profession : THEATER
   3: the scene of a notable action or event
   4 a: a station or resting place on a traveled road
   b: the distance between two stopping places on a road
   5: STAGECOACH
   6: a degree of advance in an undertaking, process, or development
   7: a propulsion unit in a rocket

— **stagy /ˈstæʒ/ adjective**

**Synonyms**
- [1] dais, platform, podium, rostrum, stand—more at PLATFORM
- [2] theater, theatricals
- [4b] lap, leg, step—more at LEG
- [6] cut, degree, grade, inch, notch, peg, phase, point, step—more at DEGREE

2. **stage verb staged; stag·ing
   : to produce or perform on or as if on a stage

— **stage·able adjective**

**Synonyms**
- carry, give, mount, offer, present—more at PRESENT

1. **stage·coach /stæjˈkoch/ noun
   : a horse-drawn coach that runs regularly between stations

2. **stage·manager noun
   : one who supervises the physical aspects of a stage production

3. **stag·fla·tion /stægˈfləˌshan/ noun
   : inflation with stagnant economic activity and high unemployment

1. **stagger /ˈstæg/ verb
   1: to reel from side to side : TOTTER
   2: to begin to doubt : WAVER
   3: to cause to reel or waver
   4: to arrange in overlapping or alternating positions or times <~ working hours>
   5: ASTONISH
— stagger·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
- careen, dodder, lurch, reel, teeter, totter; also rock, sway, weave, wobble; clump, flounder, lumber, lump, pound, scuff, scuffle, shamble, shuffle, stamp, stomp, stumble, tramp, tromp

2 stagger noun
1 singular or plural : an abnormal condition of domestic animals associated with damage to the central nervous system and marked by lack of coordination and a reeling unsteady gait
2 : a reeling or unsteady gait or stance

stag·ing /stāˈjin/ noun
1 : SCAFFOLDING
2 : the assembling of troops and matériel in transit in a particular place

stag·nant /ˈstəɡˌnənt/ adjective
1 : not flowing : MOTIONLESS <- water in a pond>
2 : DULL, INACTIVE <- business>

stag·nate /ˈstəɡˌnät/ verb stag·nat·ed; stag·nat·ing
: to be or become stagnant

— stag·na·tion /stāˈnāˈshən/ noun

staid /ˈstād/ adjective
- marked by settled sedateness and often firm self-restraint

Synonyms
- august, dignified, imposing, solemn, stately—more at DIGNIFIED
- earnest, grave, humorless, serious, severe, sober, solemn, unsmiling, weighty—more at SERIOUS

1 stain /ˈstān/ verb
1 √ : to discolor esp. with dirt : SOIL
2 √ : to touch or affect slightly with something bad : TAINT
3 √ : DISGRACE
4 √ : to color (as wood, paper, or cloth) by processes affecting the material itself

Synonyms
- [1] befoul, begrime, besmirch, blacken, dirty, foul, grime, mire, muddy, smirch, soil—more at DIRTY
- [2] blemish, mar, poison, spoil, taint, tarnish, touch, vitiate—more at TAINT
- [4] color, dye, paint, tinge, tint—more at COLOR

2 stain noun
1 : a small soiled or discolored area
2 √ : a taint of guilt : STIGMA
3 √ : a preparation (as a dye or pigment) used in staining

Synonyms
- [2] blot, brand, smirch, spot, stigma, taint; also discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, guilt, ignominy, infamy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, shame
- [3] color, dye, pigment—more at PIGMENT

stain·less adjective
- free from stain or stigma

Synonyms
- clean, immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless, unsoiled, unsullied—more at CLEAN

stainless steel noun
: steel alloyed with chromium that is highly resistant to stain, rust, and corrosion

stair /ˈstār/ noun
1 : a series of steps or flights of steps for passing from one level to another — often used in pl.
2 : one step of a stairway

stair·case /ˈstārˌkās/ noun
: a flight of steps with their supporting framework, casing, and balusters
stair·way /ˈstɛərˌweɪ/ noun  
: one or more flights of stairs with connecting landings

stair·well /ˈstɛərˌwel/ noun  
: a vertical shaft in which stairs are located

1 stake /ˈstæk/ noun  
1 : a pointed piece of material (as of wood) driven into the ground as a marker or a support  
2 : a post to which a person is bound for death by burning; also : execution by burning at the stake  
3 : something that is ventured for gain or loss  
4 : the prize in a contest  
5 : an interest or share in an undertaking or enterprise

Synonyms  
claim, interest, share—more at interest

2 stake verb staked; stak·ing  
1 : to mark the limits of by or as if by stakes  
2 : to tie to a stake  
3 : to support or secure with stakes  
4 : BET, WAGER  
5 : to back financially

Synonyms  
capitalize, endow, finance, fund, subsidize, underwrite—more at finance

stake·out /ˈstækˌaʊt/ noun  
: a surveillance by police (as of a suspected criminal)

sta·lac·tite /ˈstələkˌtīt/ noun  
[origin: NL stalactites, fr. Gk stalaktos dripping, fr. stalassein to let drip]  
: an icicle-shaped deposit hanging from the roof or sides of a cavern

sta·lag·mite /ˈstələgˌmīt/ noun  
[origin: NL stalagmites, fr. Gk stalagma drop or stalagmos dripping]  
: a deposit resembling an inverted stalactite rising from the floor of a cavern

stale /stāl/ adjective stal·er; stal·est  
1 : having lost good taste and quality from age <~ bread>  
2 : used or heard so often as to be dull <~ news>  
3 : not as strong or effective as before <~ from lack of practice>

— stale·ness noun

Synonyms  
banal, commonplace, hackneyed, musty, stereotyped, threadbare, tired, trite; also canned, unimaginative, uninspired, unoriginal; normal, ordinary, rote, routine, standard, stock, typical, usual; boring, drab, dreary, dry, dull, flat, heavy, humdrum, jading, leaden, monotonous, pedestrian, ponderous, prosaic, tame, tedious, tiresome, tiring, uninterseting, vapid, wearsome, weary, wearying; corny, maudlin, mawkish, mushy, sacramarine, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy, sugary

Antonyms  
fresh, new, original

stale·mate /ˈstālˌmāt/ noun  
: a drawn contest: DEADLOCK

— stalemate verb

Synonyms  
deadlock, draw, halt, impasse, standoff, standstill, tie—more at impasse

1 stalk /ˈstəkl/ noun  
: a plant stem; also : any slender usu. upright supporting or connecting part

— stalked /ˈstəkld/ adjective

2 stalk verb
1 : to pursue (game) stealthily
2 ▷ : to walk stiffly or haughtily
   Synonyms
   ▷ strut, swagger—more at strut

1stall /stəl/ noun
1 : a compartment in a stable or barn for one animal
2 : a booth or counter where articles may be displayed for sale
3 : a seat in a church choir; also : a church pew
4 chiefly British : a front orchestra seat in a theater

2stall verb
▷ : to bring or come to a standstill unintentionally (~ an engine)
   Synonyms
   ▷ arrest, catch, check, draw up, fetch up, halt, hold up, stay, still, stop—more at halt
   ▷ break, break down, conk, crash, cut out, die, fail—more at fail

3stall noun
▷ : the condition of an airfoil or aircraft in which lift is lost and the airfoil or aircraft tends to drop

4stall noun
[origin: alter. of stale lure]
▷ : a ruse to deceive or delay

5stall verb
▷ : to hold off, divert, or delay by evasion or deception

stal·lion /ˈstælˌlɪn/ noun
▷ : a male horse

stal·wart /ˈstɔlˌwɔrt/ adjective
▷ : marked by outstanding strength and vigor of body, mind, or spirit : STRONG; also : VALIANT
   Synonyms
   ▷ brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stout, undaunted, valiant, valorous—more at brave
   ▷ brawny, muscular, rugged, sinewy, stout, strong—more at strong

sta·men /ˈstæmən/ noun
▷ : an organ of a flower that produces pollen

stam·i·na /ˈstæmənə/ noun
[origin: L, pl. of stamen warp, thread of life spun by the Fates]
▷ : VIGOR, ENDURANCE

sta·mi·nate /ˈstɑməˌneɪt, ˈstæˌmeɪt, ˈstæˌmət/ adjective
1 : having or producing stamens
2 : having stamens but no pistils

stam·mer /ˈstæmər/ verb
▷ : to hesitate or stumble in speaking
   — stammer noun
   — stam·mer·er noun

1stamp /stæmp, for 2 alsoˈstæmp orˈstomp/ verb
1 : to pound or crush with a heavy instrument
2 ▷ : to strike or beat with the bottom of the foot
3 : IMPRESS, IMPRINT
4 : to cut out or indent with a stamp or die
5 : to attach a postage stamp to
6 ▷ : to extinguish or destroy by or as if by stamping with the foot — used with out
7 : to strike or thrust the foot forcibly or noisily downward
   Synonyms
stomp, tramp, trample, tromp—more at TRAMPLE
usually stomp out [6] annihilate, blot out, demolish, eradicate, exterminate, liquidate, obliterate, root, rub out, snuff, wipe out—more at ANNIHILATE

2 stamp noun
1 : a device or instrument for stamping
2 ▶ : the mark made by stamping; also : a distinctive mark or quality
3 : the act of stamping
4 : a stamped or printed paper affixed to show that a charge has been paid <postage ~> <tax ~>
   Synonyms
     ▶ impress, impression, imprint, print—more at PRINT

1 stampede /stam.ˈpēd/ noun
: a wild headlong rush or flight esp. of frightened animals

2 stampede verb stam·ped·ed; stam·ped·ing
1 : to flee or cause to flee in panic
2 : to act or cause to act together suddenly and heedlessly

stance /stans/ noun
: a way of standing

1 stanch /ˈstänch, ˈstänch, ˈstanch/ or staunch /ˈstänch, ˈstänch/ verb
: to check the flowing of (as blood); also : to cease flowing or bleeding

2 stanch variant of 2 STAUNCH

stan·chion /ˈstän.chən/ noun
: an upright bar, post, or support
   Synonyms
     ▶ column, pier, pillar, post—more at PILLAR

1 stand /stænd/ verb stood /ˈstūd/; stand·ing
1 : to take or be at rest in an upright or firm position
2 : to assume a specified position
3 : to remain stationary or unchanged
4 : to be steadfast
5 : to act in resistance <~ against a foe>
6 : to maintain a relative position or rank
7 : to gather slowly and remain <tears stood in her eyes>
8 : to set upright
9 ▶ : to tolerate without flinching : ENDURE <I won't ~ for that>
10 : to submit to <~ trial>
11 ▶ : to pay the cost of (a treat) : pay for
   — stand pat
: to oppose or resist change
   Synonyms
     ▶ [9] abide, bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR
     ▶ [11] clear, discharge, foot, liquidate, pay, pay off, quit, recompense, settle, spring—more at PAY

2 stand noun
1 : an act of standing, staying, or resisting
2 : a stop made to give a performance
3 : POSITION, VIEWPOINT
4 : a place taken by a witness to testify in court
5 plural : tiered seats for spectators
6 ▶ : a raised platform (as for speakers)
7 : a structure for a small retail business
8 : a structure for supporting or holding something upright <music ~>
9: a group of plants growing in a continuous area

**Synonyms**
- dais, platform, podium, rostrum, stage—more at **PLATFORM**

`stand-alone` /ˈstændˌələn/ **adjective**
- **SELF-CONTAINED**: especially: capable of operation independent of a computer system

1`standard` /ˈstændərd/ **noun**
1: a figure adopted as an emblem by a people
2: the personal flag of a ruler; *also: FLAG*
3: something set up as a rule for measuring or as a model to be followed; *also: a model of behavior established by custom*
4: an upright support <lamp ~>

**Synonyms**
- [2] banner, colors, ensign, flag, jack, pennant, streamer—more at **FLAG**
- [3] criterion, grade, mark, measure, par, touchstone, yardstick; *also: rule; case, example, instance; acme, apex, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, zenith*
- **standards** [3] ethics, morality, morals, principles—more at **ETHICS**

2`standard` **adjective**
1: constituting or conforming to a standard esp. as established by law or custom
2: regularly and widely used, available, or supplied

**Synonyms**
- [1] average, characteristic, normal, regular, representative, typical—more at **TYPICAL**
- [2] conventional, current, customary, popular, stock, usual—more at **CURRENT**

`standard-bearer` /ˌstændərd.ˈbɛər/ **noun**
- the leader of a cause

`standard deviation` **noun**
- a measure of dispersion in a set of data

`standard-ise` British variant of **STANDARDIZE**

`standard-issue` /ˈstændərd.ˈɪʃu/ **adjective**
- **STANDARD, TYPICAL** <a ~ blue suit>

`standardize` /ˈstændərdˌaɪz/ **verb**-ized; -iz·ing
- to make standard or uniform

— `standardization` /ˌstændərdˌɪzaˈʃən/ **noun**

**Synonyms**
- formalize, homogenize, normalize, regularize; *also: codify, organize, systematize; average, equalize, even; accredit, certify; control, govern, regulate; coordinate, harmonize, integrate, reconcile, synthesize*

`standard of living`
- the necessities, comforts, and luxuries that a person or group is accustomed to

`standard time` **noun**
- the time established by law or by general usage over a region or country

1`standby` /ˈstændˌbɪ/ **noun**, plural `standbys` /ˈbɪz/
1: one that can be relied on
2: a substitute in reserve

— **on standby**
- ready or available for immediate action or use

**Synonyms**
- buttress, dependence, mainstay, pillar, reliance, support—more at **DEPENDENCE**

2`standby` **adjective**
1: ready for use
2: relating to airline travel in which the passenger must wait for an available unreserved seat

— **standby adverb**
stand–in /ˈstänˌdän/ noun
1 : someone employed to occupy an actor's place while lights and camera are readied  
2 ▶ : a person or thing that takes the place or function of another : SUBSTITUTE  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ backup, pinch hitter, relief, replacement, reserve, sub, substitute—more at SUBSTITUTE  
stand in verb  
   ▶ : to act as a stand-in  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ cover, fill in, pinch-hit, sub, substitute, take over—more at COVER  

1 standing /ˈstänˌdän/ adjective  
1 : ERECT  
2 : not flowing : STAGNANT  
3 : remaining at the same level or amount for an indefinite period ◄ offer>  
4 : PERMANENT  
5 : done from a standing position ◄ jump>  
2 standing noun  
1 a ▶ : length of service  
   b ▶ : relative position in society or in a profession : RANK  
2 : maintenance of position or condition : DURATION  
   Synonyms  
      [1a] date, duration, life, lifetime, run, time—more at DURATION  
      [1b] degree, footing, level, place, position, rank, situation, station, status—more at RANK  
stand-off /ˈstänˌdof/ noun  
   ▶ : a state of inaction or neutralization resulting from the opposition of equally powerful uncompromising persons or factions : TIE  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ dead heat, draw, stalemate, tie—more at TIE  
stand-offish /ˈstänˌdofəs/ adjective  
   ▶ : somewhat cold and reserved  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ aloof, antisocial, cold, cool, detached, distant, frosty, remote, unsociable—more at COOL  
stand-out /ˈstänˌdout/ noun  
   ▶ : something conspicuously excellent  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, star, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY  
stand-pipe /ˈstänˌpchip/ noun  
   ▶ : a high vertical pipe or reservoir for water used to produce a uniform pressure  
stand-point /ˌpoint/ noun  
   ▶ : a position from which objects or principles are judged  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ angle, outlook, perspective, point of view, slant, viewpoint—more at POINT OF VIEW  
stand-still /ˌstil/ noun  
   ▶ : a state of rest  
   Synonyms  
      ▶ deadlock, halt, impasse, stalemate—more at IMPASSE  
stank past of STINK  
stand-up /ˈstänˌdæp/ adjective  
   ▶ : done or performing in a standing position ◄ comic> ◄ comedy>
stan·za /ˈstæn.zə/ noun
[Origin: It]
: a group of lines forming a division of a poem

sta·pes /ˈstæp.zəs/ noun, plural stapes or sta·pe·des /ˈstæp.ˌdēz/
: the small innermost bone of the ear of mammals

staph /ˈstæf/ noun
: STAPHYLOCOCCUS

staph·y·lo·coc·cus /ˈstæf.əˌloʊˌkɒkəs/ noun, plural -coc·ci /ˈkɑ̃ˌkiː, ˈkäkˌsi/—staph·y·lo·coc·cal /ˈkɑ̃ˌkɔl/ adjective

1staple /ˈstæpəl/ noun
: a U-shaped piece of metal or wire with sharp points to be driven into a surface or through thin layers (as paper) for attaching or holding together
— staple verb
— stapler noun

2staple noun
1 : a chief commodity or product
2 : a chief part of something
3 : unmanufactured or raw material
4 : a textile fiber suitable for spinning into yarn

Synonyms
body, bulk, core, generality, main, mass, weight—more at BODY

3staple adjective
1 : regularly produced in large quantities
2 : PRINCIPAL, MAIN

1star /ˈstɑr/ noun
1 : a celestial body that appears as a fixed point of light; especially: such a body that is gaseous, self-luminous, and of great mass
2 : a planet or configuration of planets that is held in astrology to influence one's fortune — usu. used in pl.
3 obsolete: DESTINY, FORTUNE
4 : a conventional figure representing a star; especially: ASTERISK
5 : an actor or actress playing the leading role
6 : a brilliant performer
7 : a person who is preeminent in a particular field
— star adjective
— star·dom /ˈstɑr.ˌdəm/ noun
— star·less adjective
— star·like adjective

Synonyms
[6, 7] celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, superstar, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

2star verb starred; star·ring
1 : to adorn with stars
2 : to mark with an asterisk
3 : to play the leading role

star·board /ˈstɑrˌbɔrd/ noun
[Origin: ME sterbord, fr. OE stēorbord, fr. stēor- steering oar + bord ship's side]
: the right side of a ship or airplane looking forward
— starboard adjective

1starch /ˈstɑrk/ verb
: to stiffen with or as if with starch
starch noun
1 : a complex carbohydrate that is stored in plants, is an important foodstuff, and is used in adhesives and sizes, in laundering, and in pharmacy
2 : a stiff formal manner
3 : resolute vigor

starchy adjective
1 : containing, consisting of, or resembling starch
2 ▶ : characterized by punctilious respect for form

Synonyms
ceremonious, correct, decorous, formal, proper—more at CEREMONIOUS

stare /ˈstār/ verb stared; staring
▶ : to look fixedly with wide-open eyes
— stare noun
— star·er noun

Synonyms
gape, gawk, gaze, goggle, peer, rubberneck—more at GAPE

star·fish /ˈstârˌfish/ noun
: any of a class of echinoderms that have usu. five arms arranged around a central disk and feed largely on mollusks

star fruit noun
: CARAMBOLA

1 stark /stârk/ adjective
1 : rigid as if in death; also : STRICT
2 archaic : STRONG, ROBUST
3 : SHEER, UTTER
4 ▶ : not productive : BARREN ⸼ landscape>; also : being without a usual, typical, or expected attribute or accompaniment : UNADORNED ⸼ realism>
5 : sharply delineated
6 : rigidly conforming (as to a pattern or doctrine)
— stark·ly adverb

Synonyms
barren, infertile, poor, unadorned, unproductive, waste—more at BARREN

2 stark adverb
: WHOLLY, ABSOLUTELY ⸼ naked>

star·light /ˈstârˌlīt/ noun
: the light given by the stars

star·ling /ˈstârˌlin/ noun
: a dark brown or in summer glossy greenish black European bird related to the crows that is naturalized nearly worldwide and often considered a pest

star·ry adjective
▶ : of, relating to, or consisting of stars

Synonyms
astral, star, stellar—more at STELLAR

start /stârt/ verb
1 ▶ : to give an involuntary twitch or jerk (as from surprise)
2 ▶ : to begin an activity or undertaking : BEGIN
3 ▶ : to set going
4 : to enter or cause to enter a game or contest; also : to be in the starting lineup
5 : to protrude or seem to protrude
— start·er noun

Synonyms
[1] bolt, jump, startle; also jerk, twitch; flinch, recoil; bound, leap, spring; react, respond
[2] arise, begin, commence, dawn, form, materialize, originate, spring—more at BEGIN
[2] embark, begin, get off, launch, open, strike—more at BEGIN
[3] constitute, establish, found, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, introduce, pioneer, set up—more at FOUND
[3] activate, actuate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, touch off, trigger, turn on—more at ACTIVATE

2 start noun
1 : a sudden involuntary motion : LEAP
2 : a spasmodic and brief effort or action

3 : BEGINNING; also : the place of beginning
Synonyms
  beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, genesis, launch, morning, onset, outset, threshold—more at BEGINNING

start·tle /'stâr-tl/ verb start·tled; start·ling
1 : to frighten or surprise suddenly : cause to start
2 : to move or jump suddenly (as in surprise or alarm)
Synonyms
  [1] amaze, astonish, astound, floor, shock, stun, surprise—more at SURPRISE
  [1] alarm, frighten, scare, spook—more at FRIGHTEN
  [2] bolt, jump, start—more at START

start·ling adjective
1 : causing sudden fear, surprise, or anxiety
Synonyms
  amazing, astonishing, astounding, eye-opening, shocking, stunning, surprising—more at SURPRISING

starve /'stârv/ verb starved; star·ving
[ORIGIN: ME sterven to die, fr. OE steorfan]
1 : to die or cause to die from hunger
2 : to suffer extreme hunger or deprivation <starving for affection>
3 : to subdue by famine
— star·va·tion /'stâr-və-shan/ noun

starve·ling /'stâr-və-lən/ noun
: one that is thin from lack of nourishment

1 stash /'stāsh/ verb
+ to store in a secret place for future use
Synonyms
  cache, hoard, lay away, lay up, put by, salt away, stockpile, store—more at HOARD

2 stash noun
+ : something stored or hidden away
Synonyms
  cache, hoard, stockpile, store—more at HOARD

sta·sis /'stā-sēs, 'stə/ noun, plural sta·ses /'stā-sēz, 'stəz/
1 : a stoppage or slowing of the normal flow of a bodily fluid (as blood)
2 : a state of static balance : STAGNATION

1 stat /'stæt/ adverb
[ORIGIN: L statim]
+ : without delay : IMMEDIATELY

2 stat abbreviation
statute

1 state /'stāt/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME stat, fr. OF & L; OF estat, fr. L status, fr. stare to stand]
1: mode or condition of being <the four ~s of matter>
2: condition of mind
3: social position
4: a body of people occupying a territory and organized under one government; also: the government of such a body of people
5: one of the constituent units of a nation having a federal government
   — state·hood /ˌstāˈhōd/ noun
       Synonyms
       commonwealth, country, land, nation, sovereignty
2: state verb stat·ed; stat·ing
   1: to set by regulation or authority
   2: to express in words
       Synonyms
       clothe, couch, express, formulate, phrase, put, say, word—more at PHRASE
       articulate, say, speak, talk, tell, utter, verbalize, vocalize—more at SAY
state·craft /ˈstāstrəft/ noun
   the art of conducting state affairs
state·house /ˌstāˈhous/ noun
   the building in which a state legislature meets
state·li·ness noun
   : impressiveness in scale or proportion; also: imposing or courtly formality
       Synonyms
       class, elegance, grace, handsomeness, majesty, refinement—more at ELEGANCE
       augustness, brilliance, glory, grandeur, grandness, magnificence, majesty, nobility, nobleness, resplendence, splendor—more at MAGNIFICENCE
state·ly /ˈstālē/ adjective state·li·er; -est
   1: having lofty dignity
   2: impressive in size or proportions: MAJESTIC
       Synonyms
       [1] august, dignified, imposing, lofty, solemn, staid—more at DIGNIFIED
       [2] august, baronial, gallant, glorious, grand, grandiose, heroic, imposing, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid—more at GRAND
state·ment /ˈstāmənt/ noun
   1: the act or result of presenting in words
   2: a summary of a financial account
       Synonyms
       [1] articulation, expression, formulation, utterance, voice—more at EXPRESSION
       [2] account, bill, check, invoice, tab—more at BILL
state·room /ˈstārōm, ˈstārəm/ noun
   a private room on a ship or railroad car
state·side /ˈstāsid/ adjective
   of or relating to the U.S. as regarded from outside its continental limits
   — stateside adverb
states·man /ˈstātsˌman/ noun
   a person engaged in fixing the policies and conducting the affairs of a government; especially: one wise and skilled in such matters
   — states·man·like adjective
   — states·man·ship noun
1: static /ˈstātik/ adjective
   1: acting by mere weight without motion <~ pressure>
2 : relating to bodies at rest or forces in equilibrium
3 • : not moving : not active
4 : of or relating to stationary charges of electricity
5 : of, relating to, or caused by radio static
   Synonyms
   • immobile, immovable, standing, stationary, unmovable—more at STATIONARY

static noun
: noise produced in a radio or television receiver by atmospheric or other electrical disturbances

station /ˈstā.shən/ noun
1 • : the place where a person or thing stands or is assigned to remain
2 : a regular stopping place on a transportation route
3 : a place where a fleet is assigned for duty
4 : a stock farm or ranch esp. in Australia or New Zealand
5 • : social standing
6 : a complete assemblage of radio or television equipment for sending or receiving
   Synonyms
   • [1] position, post, quarter; also assignment, detail
   • [5] degree, footing, level, place, position, rank, situation, standing, status—more at RANK

station verb
: to assign to a station

stationary adjective /ˈstā.shə.ner.i/ adjective
1 • : fixed in a station, course, or mode
2 • : unchanging in condition
   Synonyms
   • [1] immobile, immovable, standing, static, unmovable; also irremovable, nonmotile, unbudging; frozen, motionless, stagnant, still
   Antonyms
   • mobile, movable, moving
   • [2] constant, stable, steady, unchanging, unvarying—more at CONSTANT

stationary front noun
: the boundary between two air masses neither of which is advancing

station break noun
: a pause in a radio or television broadcast to announce the identity of the network or station

stationer /ˈstā.shə.nər.i/ noun
: one that sells stationery

stationery /ˈstā.shə.ner.i/ noun
: materials (as paper, pens, or ink) for writing; especially : letter paper with envelopes

station wagon noun
: an automobile having a long interior, one or more folding or removable rear seats, and usu. a door at the rear

stat·is·tic /ˈstā.tis.tik/ noun
1 : a single term or datum in a collection of statistics
2 : a quantity (as the mean) that is computed from a sample

stat·is·tics /ˈstā.tis.tiks/ noun singular or plural
[origin: G Statistik study of political facts and figures, fr. NL statisticus of politics, fr. L status state] : a branch of mathematics dealing with the collection, analysis, and interpretation of masses of numerical data; also : a collection of such numerical data
   — stat·is·ti·cal /ˈstā.tis.tik.əl/ adjective
   — stat·is·ti·cal·ly /ˈstā.tis.tik.əl.i/ adverb
   — stat·is·ti·cian /ˈstā.tis.ti.ʃən/ noun

stat·u·ary /ˈstā.cho.ner.i/ noun, plural -ar·ies
1: the art of making statues
2: STATUES

stat·ue /sta.chu/ noun
: a likeness (as of a person or animal) sculptured, modeled, or cast in a solid substance

stat·u·esque /sta.chu`wesk/ adjective
: tall and shapely

stat·u·ette /sta.chu`wel/ noun
: a small statue

stat·u·re /sta.cher/ noun
1: natural height (as of a person)
2: quality or status gained (as by achievement)

stat·u·us /sta.las, sta/ noun
1: the condition of a person in the eyes of others or of the law
2 †: state of affairs
3 †: position or rank in relation to others

Synonyms
† [2] footing, picture, posture, scene, situation—more at SITUATION
† [3] degree, footing, level, place, position, rank, situation, standing, station—more at RANK

stat·u·s quo /'kw6/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, state in which]
: the existing state of affairs

stat·u·te /sta.chu/ noun
†: a law enacted by a legislative body

Synonyms
† act, enactment, law, ordinance—more at LAW

stat·u·ry /'sta.chör/ adjective
: imposed by statute: LAWFUL

statutory rape noun
: sexual intercourse with a person who is below the statutory age of consent

1 staunch /stönch/ variant of STANCH

2 staunch adjective
1: WATERTIGHT <a ~ ship>
2 a: FIRM, STRONG
b †: steadfast in loyalty or principle
— staunch·ly adverb

Synonyms
† constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, steadfast, steady, true, true-blue—more at FAITHFUL

1 stave /stöv/ noun
1: CUDGEL, STAFF
2: any of several narrow strips of wood placed edge to edge to make something (as a barrel)
3: STANZA

2 stave verb staved or stove /stöv/; stav·ing
1: to break in the staves of;
also: to break a hole in
2: to drive or thrust away

stave off verb
†: to fend or ward off

Synonyms
† fend, repel, repulse—more at REPEL
staves plural of STAFF

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stay /stā/ noun
1: a strong rope or wire used to support a mast
2: guy

stay verb stayed /stād/ also staid /stād/; stay·ing
1:Pause, wait
2: to continue in a place or condition
3: to stand firm
4: to take up residence: live, dwell
5: delay, postpone
6: to last out (as a race)
7: to stop or delay the proceeding or advance of: check
8: to satisfy (as hunger) for a time

Synonyms
▷ [2] abide, dwell, hang around, remain, stick around, tarry, visit; also await, hang on, hold on, wait; dally, linger, loiter; keep

Antonyms
▷ [7] arrest, catch, check, draw up, fetch up, halt, hold up, stall, still, stop—more at halt

stay noun
1: stop, halt
2: a residence or sojourn in a place

Synonyms
▷ sojourn, visit—more at visit

stay noun
1: one that serves as a prop: support
2: corset — usu. used in pl.

Synonyms
▷ brace, bulwark, buttress, mount, shore, support, underpinning—more at support

stay verb
▷ to hold up: prop

Synonyms
▷ bear, bolster, brace, buttress, carry, prop, shore, support, uphold—more at support

staying power noun
▷ stamina

std abbreviation
starboard

std abbreviation
standard

STD /stēd/ noun
▷ sexually transmitted disease

Ste abbreviation
[origin: F sainte]
saint (female)

stead /sted/ noun
1: advantage <stood him in good ~>
2: the place or function ordinarily occupied or carried out by another <acted in her brother's ~>
steadfast: firm in belief, determination, or adherence: **LOYAL**

— **stead-fast·ly adverb**

*Synonyms*

constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steady, true, true-blue—more at **FAITHFUL**

steadfastness: the quality or state of being steadfast

*Synonyms*

allegiance, constancy, dedication, devotion, faith, faithfulness, fastness, fealty, fidelity, loyalty—more at **FIDELITY**

steadfastness /ste·dā·nəs/ noun

the quality or state of being steady

*Synonyms*

firmness, soundness, stability, strength, sturdiness—more at **STABILITY**

constancy, fixedness, immutability, stability—more at **CONSTANCY**

steady /ste·dē/ adjective **steady·er; -est**

1: direct or sure in movement; also: **CALM**

2: firm in position: **FIRM, FIXED**

3: showing little variation or fluctuation

4: constant in feeling, principle, purpose, or attachment

5: not changed, replaced, or interrupted: **REGULAR**

6: capable of being depended on: **RELIABLE**

— **steady·ly /ste·dē·lē/ adverb**

— **steady adverb**

*Synonyms*

[3] constant, stable, stationary, unchanging, unvarying—more at **CONSTANT**

[3] undeviating, uniform, unwavering—more at **UNIFORM**

[4] constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, true, true-blue—more at **FAITHFUL**

[5] constant, frequent, habitual, periodic, regular, repeated

[6] dependable, good, reliable, responsible, safe, solid, sure, tried, true, trustworthy—more at **DEPENDABLE**

steady verb **stead·ied; steady·ing**

1: to make or become steady

2: steal /stēl/ noun

a slice of meat and esp. beef; also: a slice of a large fish

1: to take and carry away without right or permission

2: to come or go secretly or gradually

3: to get for oneself slyly or by skill and daring (<~ a kiss> <~ the ball in basketball>)

4: to gain or attempt to gain a base in baseball by running without the aid of a hit or an error

*Synonyms*

[1] appropriate, filch, hook, misappropriate, nip, pilfer, pocket, purloin, snitch, swipe, thieve; also burglarize, fleece, rob; loot, pillage, plunder, sack; hijack; pick, rifle; poach, rustle, shoplift; collar, grab, grasp, nail, seize, snatch, take; sponge; abduct, kidnap, shanghai, spirit

usually steal from [1] burglarize, rip off, rob—more at **ROB**

[2] lurk, pussyfoot, skulk, slide, slink, slip, snake, sneak—more at **SNEAK**

2: steal noun

1: an act of stealing

2: an advantageous purchase: **BARGAIN**

*Synonyms*

bargain, buy, deal—more at **BARGAIN**

stealth /stēth/ noun

1: secret or unobtrusive procedure

2: an aircraft design intended to produce a weak radar return
stealthy /ˈstɛl.θē/ adjective stealth·i·er, -est
  ▸ : done by stealth : FURTIVE, SLY
— stealth·i·ly /ˈstɛl.θē.əl/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▸ furtive, shady, shifty, slippery, sly, sneaky—more at SNEAKY
  ▸ clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhanded—more at SECRET

1 steam /stem/ noun
  1: the vapor into which water is changed when heated to the boiling point
  2: water vapor when compressed so that it supplies heat and power
  3: POWER, FORCE, ENERGY
— steamy adjective

2 steam verb
  1: to pass off as vapor
  2: to emit vapor
  3: to move by or as if by the agency of steam
  4 ▸ : to be angry
— steamer noun
  Synonyms
  ▸ boil, burn, fume, rage, seethe—more at BOIL

steam·boat /ˈstɛmˌbōt/ noun
  : a boat driven by steam

steam engine noun
  : a reciprocating engine having a piston driven by steam

steam·fit·ter /ˈstɛmˌfiˈtər/ noun
  : a worker who puts in or repairs equipment (as steam pipes) for heating, ventilating, or refrigerating systems

steam·roll·er /ˌrōlˈlər/ noun
  : a machine for compacting roads or pavements
— steam·roll·er also steam·roll /ˌrōl/ verb

steam·ship /ˌstɛmˌship/ noun
  : a ship driven by steam

steel /stēl/ noun
  1: iron treated with intense heat and mixed with carbon to make it hard and tough
  2: an article made of steel
  3: a quality (as hardness of mind) that suggests steel
— steel adjective

2 steel verb
  ▸ : to fill with courage or determination
  Synonyms
  ▸ encourage, fortify, harden, nerve, ready, season, strengthen, toughen—more at HARDEN

steel wool noun
  : long fine steel shavings used esp. for cleaning and polishing

steely adjective
  ▸ : resembling or suggesting steel (as in hardness, color, strength, or coldness)
  Synonyms
  ▸ austere, dour, fierce, flinty, forbidding, grim, gruff, rough, rugged, severe, stark, stern—more at GRIM
gray, leaden, pewter, silver, silvery, slate—more at GRAY

1 steep /stēp/ adjective
1 ▶ : having a very sharp slope : PRECIPITOUS
2 ▶ : too great or too high << prices
— steep·ly adverb
— steep·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] abrupt, bold, precipitous, sheer; also perpendicular, plumb, straight, vertical; craggy, hilly, mountainous; angled, canted, cocked, heeled, inclined, listed, slanted, sloped, tilted, tipped
  Antonyms
  ▶ [2] easy
  ▶ [2] excessive, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, stiff—more at EXCESSIVE

2 steep noun
: a steep slope

3 steep verb
1 ▶ : to soak in a liquid; especially : to extract the essence of by soaking << tea
2 ▶ : to saturate with or subject thoroughly to (some strong or pervading influence) << ed in learning
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] drench, drown, impregnate, saturate, soak, sop, souse—more at SOAK
  ▶ [2] imbue, inculcate, infuse, ingrain, invest, suffuse—more at INFUSE

stee·ple /ˈstiːpəl/ noun
: a tall tapering structure built on top of a church tower; also : a church tower

stee·ple·chase /ˌstē.ˈpləˌchās/ noun
[origin: fr. the use of church steeples as landmarks to guide the riders]
: a horse race across country; also : a race over a course obstructed by hurdles

1 steer /stir/ noun
: a male bovine animal castrated before sexual maturity and usu. raised for beef

2 steer verb
1 ▶ : to direct the course of (as by a rudder or wheel)
2 : GUIDE, CONTROL
3 : to pursue a course of action
4 : to be subject to guidance or direction
— steers·man /ˈstīrs.mən/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ conduct, direct, guide, lead, marshal, pilot, route, show, usher—more at LEAD

steer·age /ˈstir.əˌj/ noun
1 : DIRECTION, GUIDANCE
2 : a section in a passenger ship for passengers paying the lowest fares

stego·sau·rus /stē.ɡəˈsȯr.əs/ noun
: any of a genus of plant-eating armored dinosaurs with a series of bony plates along the backbone

stein /sfin/ noun
: an earthenware mug

stel·lar /ˈstelər/ adjective
1 ▶ : of or relating to stars : resembling a star
2 : marked by eminence and distinction
  Synonyms
  ▶ astral, star, starry; also celestial, empyrean, heavenly; astronomical, astrophysical; astronautic; starlike

1 stem /stɛm/ noun
1 : the main stalk of a plant; also : a plant part that supports another part (as a leaf or fruit)
2: the bow of a ship
3: a line of ancestry: STOCK
4: that part of an inflected word which remains unchanged throughout a given inflection
5: something resembling the stem of a plant
—stem-less adjective
—stemmed /stemd/ adjective

stem verb stemmed; stemming: to have a specified source: DERIVE

stem verb stemmed; stemming: to make headway against ~ the tide

stem verb stemmed; stemming: to stop or check by or as if by damming

stem cell noun
: an undifferentiated cell that may give rise to many different types of cell

stench /stench/ noun
: STINK

stencil /stenسأل/ noun
[origin: prob. ultim. fr. ME stanseld brightly ornamented, fr. AF estencelé spangled, pp. of estencer to sparkle, fr. estenele spark, fr. VL *stincilla, alter. of L scintilla]
: an impervious material (as metal or paper) perforated with lettering or a design through which a substance (as ink or paint) is applied to a surface to be printed
—stencil verb

steno·graph·y /ste'nəˌgrafɪ/ noun
: the art or process of writing in shorthand
—steno·graph·er /fer/ noun
—steno·graph·ic /ste'nəˌgrəfɪk/ adjective

steno·sis /steinə'sɪs/ noun, plural -no·ses /-sɪz/
: a narrowing of a bodily passage or orifice

stent /sten/ noun
: a short narrow tube inserted into an anatomical vessel esp. to keep a passage open

sten·to·ri·an /stenˈtɔrē.ən/ adjective
: extremely loud and powerful

Synonyms
—booming, clamorous, deafening, ear-splitting, loud, piercing, resounding, ringing, roaring, sonorous, thunderous—more at LOUD

step /step/ noun
1: a rest for the foot in ascending or descending: STAIR
2: an advance made by raising one foot and putting it down elsewhere
3: manner of walking
4: a small space or distance
5: a degree, rank, or plane in a series
6: a sequential measure leading to a result

Synonyms
—expedient, measure, move, shift—more at MEASURE
—cut, degree, grade, inch, notch, peg, phase, point, stage—more at DEGREE

step verb stepped; stepping
1: to advance or recede by steps
2: to go on foot: WALK
3: to move along briskly
4: to press down with the foot
5 : to measure by steps
6 : to construct or arrange in or as if in steps
7 : to engage in or perform a dance

Synonyms
  foot, leg, pad, traipse, tread, walk—more at WALK

step aerobics noun singular or plural
  : aerobics that involves repeatedly stepping on and off a raised platform

step-brother /ˌstep-braθər/ noun
  : the son of one's stepparent by a former marriage

step-child /ˌchild/ noun
  : a child of one's husband or wife by a former marriage

step-daughter /ˌdər/ noun
  : a daughter of one's wife or husband by a former marriage

step down verb
1 : to give up deliberately : RETIRE, RESIGN
2 : to lower (a voltage) by means of a transformer

Synonyms
  usually step down from leave, quit, resign, retire—more at QUIT
  usually step down from abdicate, abnegate, cede, relinquish, renounce, resign, surrender—more at ABDICATE

step-father /ˌfɑθər/ noun
  : the husband of one's mother when distinct from one's natural or legal father

step-ladder /ˌlædər/ noun
  : a light portable set of steps in a hinged frame

step-mother /ˌmoθər/ noun
  : the wife of one's father when distinct from one's natural or legal mother

step-parent /ˌpærnt/ noun
  : a person who is a stepfather or stepmother

steppe /step/ noun
[ORIGIN: Russ step']
  : dry level grass-covered treeless land in regions of wide temperature range esp. in southeastern Europe and Asia

Synonyms
  down, grassland, plain, prairie, savanna, veld—more at PLAIN

step-sister /ˌsisər/ noun
  : the daughter of one's stepparent by a former marriage

step-son /ˌson/ noun
  : a son of one's wife or husband by a former marriage

step up verb
1 : to increase (a voltage) by means of a transformer
2 : to increase, augment, or advance esp. by one or more steps
3 : to come forward
   — step-up /ˈstep.ap/ noun

Synonyms
  amplify, beef, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, redouble, strengthen—more at INTENSIFY

ster abbreviation
sterling

ster·eo /ˈstəˌrēˌō, ˈstir-/ noun, plural ster·eos
1 : stereophonic reproduction
2 : a stereophonic sound system
   — stereo adjective
   
ste·reo·phon·ic /ster·ēəˌfənˈik/ adjective
   : of or relating to sound reproduction designed to create the effect of listening to the original
   — ste·reo·phon·i·cal·ly /sterēəˌfənˈi kal/ adverb
   
ster·eo·scope /ster·ēəˈskōp/ noun
   [origin: Gk stereos solid + -skopion means for viewing]
   : an optical instrument that blends two slightly different pictures of the same subject to give the effect of depth
   
ste·reo·scop·ic /ster·ēəˈskōp·ik/ adjective
   1 : of or relating to the stereoscope
   2 : characterized by the seeing of objects in three dimensions (~ vision)
   — ste·reo·scop·i·cal·ly /sterēəˈskōp·i kal/ adverb
   
ste·reo·type /ster·ēəˌtīp/ noun
   1 : a metal printing plate cast from a mold made from set type
   2 : something agreeing with a pattern; especially : an idea that many people have about a thing or a group and that may often be untrue or only partly true
   — stereotypic verb
   — ste·reo·typ·i·cal /sterēəˌtīp·i kal/ adjective
   — ste·reo·typ·i·cal·ly /sterēəˌtīp·i kal/ adverb
   
    Synonyms
    — aphorism, generality, generalization, maxim—more at GENERALIZATION
   
ste·reo·typed /ˌtīpt/ adjective
   : lacking originality or individuality
   — Synonyms
    — banal, commonplace, hackneyed, musty, stale, threadbare, tired, trite—more at STALE
   
ster·ile /ster·ēəl/ adjective
   1 : unable to bear fruit, crops, or offspring
   2 : free from living things and esp. germs
   — ste·ril·i·ty /ster·ēəˌlē·tē/ noun
   — Synonyms
    — [1] barren, impotent, infertile; also altered, neutered; castrated, emasculated, gelded; spayed; fruitless, unproductive
    — Antonyms
     — fat, fertile, fruitful
    — [2] aseptic, hygienic, sanitary—more at SANITARY
   
ster·il·i·ze /ster·ēəˈliz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
   : to make sterile; especially : to free from germs
   — ster·il·i·za·tion /ster·ēəˌlē·za·ˈSHEN/ noun
   — ster·il·i·zer /ster·ēəˈlīz·ər/ noun
   1 ster·ling /ˈster·lin/ noun
   1 : British money
   2 : sterling silver
   — ster·ling adjective
   1 : of, relating to, or calculated in terms of British sterling
   2 : having a fixed standard of purity represented by an alloy of 925 parts of silver with 75 parts of copper
   3 : made of sterling silver
   4 : eminently good: EXCELLENT
1stern /stärn/ adjective
1 : having a definite hardness or severity of nature or manner : SEVERE
2 : STOUT, STURDY (~ resolve>
    Synonyms
    ➞ austere, authoritarian, flinty, hard, harsh, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, strict—more at SEVERE

2stern noun
: the rear end of a boat

stern·ly adverb

stern·ness noun
: the quality or state of being stern
    Synonyms
    ➞ hardness, harshness, inflexibility, rigidity, severity, strictness—more at SEVERITY

stern·num /stərˈnəm/ noun, plural sternums or ster·na /sterˈnə/ : a long flat bone or cartilage at the center front of the chest connecting the ribs of the two sides

ste·roid /ˈster.i.d/ noun
: any of various compounds including numerous hormones (as anabolic steroids) and sugar derivatives
    — steroid or ste·roi·dal /stəˈri.ə.dəl/ adjective

stetho·scope /ˌstethəˈskəp/ noun
: an instrument used to detect and listen to sounds produced in the body

ste·ve·dore /ˈste.vəˌdɔr/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp estibador, fr. estibar to pack, fr. L stipare to press together]
: one who works at loading and unloading ships

1stew /stū/ˈstü/ noun
1 : a dish of stewed meat and vegetables served in gravy
2 : a state of agitation, worry, or resentment
    Synonyms
    ➞ dither, fluster, fret, fuss, huff, lather, pother, tizzy, twitter—more at FRET

2stew verb
1 : to boil slowly : SIMMER
2 : to be in a state of agitation, worry, or resentment
    Synonyms
    ➞ bother, fear, fret, sweat, trouble, worry—more at WORRY

stew·ard /ˈste.ər.d/ˈstüˌard/ˈstü/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE stīweard, fr. stī, stig hall, sty + weard ward]
1 : one employed on a large estate to manage domestic concerns
2 : one who supervises the provision and distribution of food (as on a ship); also : an employee on a ship or airplane who serves passengers
3 : one actively concerned with the direction of the affairs of an organization
    — stew·ard·ship noun
    Synonyms
    ➞ domestic, flunky, lackey, menial, retainer, servant—more at SERVANT

stew·ard·ess /ˈstüˌər.desˈstüˌ/ noun
: a woman who is a steward esp. on an airplane

stg abbreviation
sterling
stick /stɪk/ noun
1 : a cut or broken branch or twig; also : a long slender piece of wood
2 : ROD, STAFF
3 : something resembling a stick
4 : a dull uninteresting person
5 plural : remote usu. rural areas

stick verb stuck /stɪk/, stick·ing
1 : STAB, PRICK
2 : to pierce with or as if with something pointed
3 : ATTACH, FASTEN
4 : to thrust or project in some direction or manner
5 : to be unable to proceed or move freely
6 : to hold fast by or as if by gluing : ADHERE
7 : to hold to something firmly or closely : CLING
8 : to become jammed or blocked
9 : to put or set in a specified place or position

Synonyms
[2] gore, harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, transfix—more at IMPALE
[6] adhere, cling, hew; also bind, cohere, fasten, fuse, glue, unite
[9] deposit, dispose, fix, lay, place, position, put, set, set up—more at PLACE

stick around verb
: to stay or wait about

Synonyms
abide, dwell, hang around, remain, stay, tarry—more at STAY

stick out verb
1 : to jut out
2 : to regard with acceptance or tolerance

Synonyms
[1] bag, balloon, beetle, belly, billow, bulge, overhang, poke, project, protrude, start—more at BULGE
[2] abide, bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stomach, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR

stick·er /'stɪk.r/ noun
: one that sticks (as a bur) or causes sticking (as glue); especially : an adhesive label

sticker shock noun
: astonishment and dismay on being informed of a product's unexpectedly high price

stick insect noun
: any of various usu. wingless insects with a long round body resembling a stick

stick·ler /'stɪk.lər/ noun
: one who insists on exactness or completeness

stick shift noun
: a manually operated automobile gearshift usu. mounted on the floor

stick·to·it·ive·ness /stɪk.tu.tɪv.nəs/ noun
: dogged perseverance : TENACITY

stick up verb
: to rob at gunpoint

— stick·up /'stɪk.up/ noun

sticky /'stɪk.i/ adjective stick·ier; -i·est
1 : having the quality of remaining attached or associated
2 : being thick or tacky like glue : VISCOUS
3 : tending to stick <~ valve>
4 : DIFFICULT
5 : containing or characterized by perceptible moisture: HUMID
   Synonyms
   [2] adhesive, gelatinous, gluey, glutinous, gooey, gummy, viscous; also tacky; adherent, tenacious
   Antonyms
   nonadhesive
   [5] humid, muggy, sultry—more at HUMID

1 stiff /stif/ adjective
1 : not pliant: RIGID
2 : not limber << joints>>; also: TENSE, TAUT
3 : not flowing or working easily << paste>>
4 a : not natural and easy: FORMAL
   b : lacking in ease or grace: STILTED
5 : STRONG, FORCEFUL << breeze>>
6 : inflicting physical discomfort or hardship: SEVERE
7 : extremely or excessively high <<paid a ~ fine>>
— stiff·ness noun
   Synonyms
   [1] hard, inflexible, rigid, solid, unyielding; also inelastic
   Antonyms
   flexible, floppy, pliable, pliant, supple, yielding
   [4b] awkward, clumsy, gauche, graceless, inelegant, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungraceful, wooden—more at AWKWARD
   [6] bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, tough, trying—more at HARSH

2 stiff verb
   : to refuse to pay or tip
   — stiff·en /stif·en/ verb
   : to make or become stiff
   — stiff·en·er noun
   stiff·ly adverb
   : in a stiff manner
   Synonyms
   hard, hardly, harshly, ill, oppressively, roughly, severely, sternly—more at HARDLY

stiff–necked /stif·nek/ adjective
   : STUBBORN, HAUGHTY

stif·le /stif·l/ verb stif·led; stif·ling
1 : to kill by depriving of oxygen or air; also: to die from lack of oxygen
2 : to keep in check by effort: SUPPRESS << a sneeze>>
— stif·ling·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   [1] choke, smother, strangle, suffocate—more at SMOOTHER
   [2] choke, pocket, repress, smother, strangle, suppress, swallow—more at SUPPRESS

stig·ma /stig·ma/ noun, plural stig·ma·ta /stig·ma·ta, 'stig·ma·ta/ or stigmas
   [ORIGIN: L]
1 : a mark of disgrace or discredit
2 stigmata plural: bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Jesus
3 : the upper part of the pistil of a flower that receives the pollen in fertilization
— stig·mat·ic /stig·mat·ik/ adjective
   Synonyms
   blot, brand, smirch, spot, stain, taint—more at STAIN

stig·ma·tize /stig·ma·tize/ verb -tized; -tiz·ing
1 : to mark with a stigma
still /ˈstɪl/ noun  
1: steps used for crossing a fence or wall  
2: stiletto /ˈstɪlet.oʊ/ noun, plural -tos or -toes  
[ORIGIN: It. dim. of stilo stylus, dagger]  
3: a slender dagger  
4: still /ˈstɪl/ adjective  
1: making no sound  
2: to make or become still  
3: still /stil/ verb  
4: still /ˈstɪl/ noun  
1: the quality or state of being quiet  
2: a static photograph esp. from a motion picture  
3: still-life noun, plural still-lifes  
1: the birth of a dead fetus  
2: born dead  
still life noun, plural still-lifes  
1: freedom from agitation  
2: the quality or state of being soundless  
3: one of a pair of poles for walking with each having a step or loop for the foot to elevate the wearer above the ground; also: a polelike support of a structure above ground or water level  
4: still /ˈstɪl/ adjective  
5: stilted /ˈstɪlt.təd/ adjective  
6: not easy and natural <~ language>
awkward, clumsy, gauche, graceless, inelegant, stiff, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungraceful, wooden—more at AWKWARD

Stil·ton /ˈstɪl.tən/ noun
: a blue cheese of English origin

stim·u·lant /ˈstim.yə.lənt/ noun
1 : an agent (as a drug) that temporarily increases the activity of an organism or any of its parts
2 : something that rouses or incites to activity : STIMULUS
3 : an alcoholic beverage
— stimulant adjective

stim·u·late /ˈstim.yə.lət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to make active or more active
— stim·u·la·tion /ˈstim.yə.lə.shən/ noun

stim·u·la·tive /ˈstim.yə.lə.tiv/ adjective
1 : having power or tendency to stimulate

stim·u·lus /ˈstim.yə.ləs/ noun, plural -li /ˈli/ [origin: L]
1 : something that moves to activity
2 : an agent that directly influences the activity of a living organism or one of its parts

sting /stɪŋ/ verb stung /ˈstʌŋ/; sting·ing
1 : to prick painfully esp. with a sharp or poisonous process
2 : to cause to suffer acutely
— sting·er noun

sting·i·ness /ˈstɪŋ.ə.nəs/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being stingy

sting·gy /ˈstɪŋ.ə/ adjective sting·gi·er; -est
1 : not generous : giving or spending as little as possible
2 : meanly scanty or small

stin·gi·ness /ˈstɪŋ.ə.nəs/ noun
1 : not generous : giving or spending as little as possible
[2] light, meager, niggardly, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, skimpy, slender, slim, spare, sparse—more at MEAGER

**stink** /ˈstɪŋk/ verb *stank /ˈstɑŋk/ or *stunk /ˈstʌŋk/; *stunk; *stink·ing
1 : to give forth a strong and offensive smell
2 : to be extremely bad in quality or repute

**stink** noun
: a strong offensive odor

**stink·er** noun
: an offensive or contemptible person

**stink·bug** /ˈstɪŋkˌbaɡ/ noun
: any of various true bugs that emit a disagreeable odor

**stint** /ˈstɪnt/ verb
1 ▶ : to be sparing or frugal
2 : to cut short in amount

**Synonyms**

▸ [1] scant, skimp, spare—more at SPARE

**stint** noun
1 ▶ : an assigned amount of work
2 : RESTRAINT, LIMITATION
3 ▶ : a period of time spent at a particular activity

**Synonyms**

▸ [1] assignment, chore, duty, job, task—more at CHORE
▸ [3] hitch, tenure, term, tour—more at TERM

**stip·end** /ˈstɪp.end_.ˈpɛnd/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, alter. of stipendy, fr. L stipendium, fr. stips gift + pendere to weigh, pay]

▸ : a fixed sum of money paid periodically for services or to defray expenses

**Synonyms**

▸ emolument, hire, pay, payment, salary, wage—more at WAGE

**stip·ple** /ˈstɪp.ple/ verb *stip·pled; *stip·pling
1 : to engrave by means of dots and light strokes
2 : to apply (as paint or ink) with small short touches
3 ▶ : to mark with speckles

▸ *stipple noun

**Synonyms**

▸ blotch, dapple, dot, fleck, freckle, mottle, pepper, speck, spot, sprinkle—more at SPOT

**stip·u·late** -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to make an agreement
2 ▶ : to make a special demand for something as a condition in an agreement

**Synonyms**

▸ call, claim, clamor, command, demand, enjoin, exact, insist, press, quest—more at DEMAND

**stip·u·la·tion** /ˈstɪp.uˌle.ˈʃæn/ noun
1 : something stipulated
2 ▶ : a condition, requirement, or item specified in a legal instrument

**Synonyms**

▸ condition, provision, proviso, qualification, reservation—more at CONDITION

**stir** /ˈstɜr/ verb *stir·red; *stir·ring
1 ▶ : to move slightly
2 : to disturb the quiet of
3 ▶ : to mix, dissolve, or make by continued circular movement ⟨*eggs into cake batter⟩
4 ▶ : to move to activity (as by pushing, beating, or prodding)
Synonyms
- [1] budge, move, shift
- [3] agitate, churn, swirl, whirl; also beat, paddle, whip, whisk; reel, shake, wheel
- usually stir up [4] abet, ferment, foment, incite, instigate, provoke, raise, whip—more at INCITE
- [4] arouse, encourage, excite, fire, incite, instigate, move, pique, provoke, stimulate

stir noun
1 : a state of agitation or activity
2 : an act of stirring

Synonyms
- [1] bustle, commotion, disturbance, turmoil, uproar, welter, whirl—more at COMMOTION
- [2] motion, move, movement, moving, shift, stirring—more at MOVEMENT

stir-fry /ˈstɪr.fri/ verb
: to fry quickly over high heat while stirring continuously
— stir–fry noun

stir·ring /ˈstɪr.ɪŋ/ adjective
1 : ACTIVE, BUSTLING
2 : giving rise to excitement

Synonyms
- breathtaking, electric, exciting, exhilarating, rousing, thrilling—more at EXCITING
- affecting, emotional, impressive, moving, poignant, touching—more at MOVING

stir·rup /ˈstɪr.rəp/ noun
[origin: ME stirop, fr. OE stigrāp, lit., mounting rope]
1 : a light frame hung from a saddle to support the rider's foot
2 : STAPES

1stitch /ˈstɪtʃ/ noun
1 : a sudden sharp pain esp. in the side
2 : one of the series of loops formed by or over a needle in sewing

Synonyms
- ache, pain, pang, prick, smart, sting, tingle, twinge—more at PAIN

2stitch verb
1 : to fasten or join with stitches
2 : to decorate with stitches
3 : SEW

stk abbreviation
stock

stoat /ˈstɔt/ noun, plural stoats also stoat
: the common Old and New World ermine esp. in its brown summer coat

1stock /ˈstɔk/ noun
1 archaic : a block of wood
2 : a stupid person
3 : a wooden part of a thing serving as its support, frame, or handle
4 plural : a device for publicly punishing offenders consisting of a wooden frame with holes in which the feet and hands can be locked
5 : the original from which others derive; also : a group having a common origin : FAMILY
6 : LIVESTOCK
7 : a supply of goods
8 : the ownership element in a corporation divided to give the owners an interest and usu. voting power
9 : a company of actors playing at a particular theater and presenting a series of plays
10 : liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been simmered that is used as a basis for soup, gravy, or sauce

Synonyms
- ancestry, blood, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, tribe—more at
FAMILY

2. stock verb
   : to provide with stock

3. stock adjective
   1: kept regularly for sale or use
   2: commonly used: standard

   Synonyms
      - conventional, current, customary, popular, standard, usual—more at current

stock·ade /stākˈəd/ noun
[Origin: Sp estacada, fr. estaca stake, pale]
: an enclosure (as of posts and stakes) for defense or confinement

stock·bro·ker /ˌstōkˈbrōkər/ noun
: one who executes orders to buy and sell securities

stock car noun
: a racing car that is similar to a regular car

stock exchange noun
: a place where the buying and selling of securities is conducted

stock·hold·er /ˈstōkˌhōldər/ noun
: one who owns corporate stock

stock·i·nette or stock·i·net /stākˈi.nət/ noun
: an elastic knitted fabric used esp. for infants' wear and bandages

stock·ing /ˈstōkɪŋ/ noun
: a close-fitting knitted covering for the foot and leg

stock market noun
1: stock exchange
2: a market for stocks

1. stockpile /ˈstōkˌpīl/ noun
   : a reserve supply esp. of something essential

   Synonyms
      - cache, hoard, stash, store—more at hoard

2. stockpile verb
   : to place or store in or on a stockpile; also: to accumulate a stockpile of

   Synonyms
      - cache, hoard, lay away, lay up, put by, salt away, stash, store—more at hoard

stocky /ˈstōkˌki/ adjective stock·i·er; -est
: being short and relatively thick

   Synonyms
      - chunky, dumpy, heavyset, squat, stout, stubby, stumpy, thickset; also beefy, brawny, bulky, burly, husky, sturdy, thick, weighty; chubby, corpulent, fat, fleshy, full, gross, heavy, obese, overweight, plump, portly, pudgy, roly-poly, rotund, round; paunchy, potbellied; flabby, soft

stock·yard /ˈstōkˌyard/ noun
: a yard for stock; especially: one for livestock about to be slaughtered or shipped

stodgy /ˈstōdˌje/ adjective stodg·i·er; -est
1: not interesting: dull
2: extremely old-fashioned

1. stoic /ˈstōk/ noun
: one who suffers without complaining

stoic or sto·ic /stoˈɪk/ adjective

▷ not affected by passion or feeling; especially: showing indifference to pain
— sto·ical·ly /stoˈɪk(ə)l/ adverb
— sto·icism /stoˈɪs.m/ noun

Synonyms
▷ forbearing, long-suffering, patient, tolerant, uncomplaining—more at PATIENT
▷ apathetic, cold-blooded, impassive, phlegmatic, stolid, unemotional—more at IMPASSIVE

stoke /stəʊk/ verb stoked; stok·ing
1: to stir up a fire
2: to tend and supply fuel to a furnace

— stok·er noun

STOL abbreviation
short takeoff and landing

1stole past of STEAL

2stole noun
1: a long narrow band worn round the neck by some members of the clergy
2: a long wide scarf or similar covering worn by women

stolen past participle of STEAL

stol·id /stəˈlid/ adjective

▷ not easily aroused or excited: showing little or no emotion
— sto·li·d·i·ty /stəˈlɪdi.ti/ noun
— sto·li·d·i·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ apathetic, cold-blooded, impassive, phlegmatic, stoic, unemotional—more at IMPASSIVE
▷ blank, deadpan, expressionless, impassive, inexpressive, vacant—more at BLANK

stol·on /stəˈlən/ noun

: RUNNER 6

1stomach /stoʊmək/ noun
1: a saclike digestive organ of a vertebrate into which food goes from the mouth by way of the throat and which opens below into the intestine
2: a cavity in an invertebrate animal that is analogous to a stomach
3 ▷ : the part of the body that contains the stomach: ABDOMEN
4: desire for food caused by hunger: APPETITE
5: INCLINATION, DESIRE

Synonyms
▷ abdomen, belly, gut, solar plexus, tummy; also middle, midriff, waist; paunch, potbelly; thorax

2stomach verb

▷ to bear without open resentment: put up with

Synonyms
▷ abide, bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, support, sustain, take, tolerate—more at BEAR

stom·ach·ache /ˈstoʊk.ək/ noun

: pain in or in the region of the stomach

stom·ach·er /stoʊˈmək.ər/ noun

: the front of a bodice often appearing between the laces of an outer garment (as in 16th-century costume)

stomp /stɒmp/ verb

1 ▷ : to walk with a loud heavy step usu. in anger
2: to strike or beat forcibly with the bottom of the foot: STAMP

— stomp noun
**Synonyms**
- clump, lumber, pound, stamp, tramp, tromp—more at **LUMBER**

1. **stone** /ˈstōn/ *noun*
   - 1: hardened earth or mineral matter: **ROCK**
   - 2: a small piece of rock
   - 3: a precious stone: **GEM**
   - 4: **CALCULUS**
   - 5: a hard stony seed (as of a date) or one (as of a plum) with a stony covering
   - 6 *pl usu stone* : a British unit of weight equal to 14 pounds

2. **stone** *verb* stoned; ston·ing
   - 1: to pelt or kill with stones
   - 2: to remove the stones of (a fruit)

**Stone Age** *noun*
- the first known period of prehistoric human culture characterized by the use of stone tools

**stoned** /ˈstōnd/ *adjective*
- 1: **DRUNK**
- 2: being under the influence of a drug

**stone-wall** /ˈstōnˌwōl/ *verb*
- to refuse to comply or cooperate with

**stone-washed** /ˈstōnˌwäsht, ˈstōnˌwäsht/ *adjective*
- having been washed with stones during manufacture to create a softer fabric << jeans

**stony** *also ston·ey* /ˈstōnˌē/ *adjective*
- : manifesting no movement or reaction

**Synonyms**
- callous, cold-blooded, hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, soulless, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at **HARD**

**stood** past and past participle of **STAND**

**stooge** /ˈstū/ *noun*
- 1: a person who plays a subordinate or compliant role to a principal
- 2: **STRAIGHT MAN**

**stool** /ˈstōl/ *noun*
- 1: a seat usu. without back or arms
- 2: **FOOTSTOOL**
- 3: a seat used while urinating or defecating
- 4: a discharge of fecal matter

**stool pigeon** *noun*
- : a person acting as a decoy or informer; especially: a spy sent into a group to report (as to the police) on its activities

**Synonyms**
- betrayer, informer, tattletale, telltale—more at **INFORMER**

1. **stoop** /ˈstüp/ *verb*
   - 1: to bend forward and downward
   - 2: **CONDESCEND**
   - 3: to lower oneself morally

2. **stoop** *noun*
   - 1: an act of bending forward
   - 2: a bent position of head and shoulders

3. **stoop** *noun*
   [ORIGIN: D stoep]
: a porch, platform, or entrance stairway at a house door

1. **stop** /stɑʊp/ verb stopped; stopping
   1. : to close (an opening) by filling or covering closely
   2. : to cause to cease : **HALT**
   3. : to cease to go on
   4. : to bring activity or operation to an end
   5. **a**: **STAY**, **TARRY**
   6. : to make a brief call — usu. used with by or in

   **Synonyms**
   - usually **stop up** [1] block, choke, clog, close, congest, dam, fill, jam, obstruct, plug, stuff—more at **CLOG**
   - [2] arrest, catch, check, draw up, fetch up, halt, hold up, stall, stay, still—more at **HALT**
   - [3, 4] break, break off, cease, cut, desist, discontinue, drop, end, halt, knock off, layoff, leave off, quit, shut off; also complete, conclude, finish; close (down); deactivate; block, blockade, dam, delay, detain, hinder, hold, hold back, impede, obstruct, stem; call, suspend; arrest, brake, check, clamp down, rein (in), squash, squelch, stamp, stanch, stunt, suppress, turn back; pause, stay, suspend; abolish, abort, annul, demolish, destroy, dissolve, kill, ruin, scuttle, snuff
   - usually **stop by or stop in** [5b] call, drop, pop, visit—more at **CALL**

2. **stop** noun
   1. : a temporary or final ceasing : **END**, **CESSATION**
   2. : a set of organ pipes of one tone quality; also : a control knob for such a set
   3. : something that impedes, obstructs, or brings to a halt : **OBSTRUCTION**
   4. : **PLUG**, **STOPPER**
   5. : an act of stopping : **CHECK**
   6. : a delay in a journey
   7. : a place for stopping
   8. **chiefly British** : any of several punctuation marks
   9. : a function of an electronic device that stops a recording

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] cessation, close, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stoppage, termination—more at **END**
   - [3] bar, block, clog, crimp, drag, embarrassment, hindrance, let, obstacle, obstruction, stumbling block—more at **OBSTACLE**

3. **stop–action** /ˈstɑp-ˌæk_ˈʃən/ noun
   : **STOP-MOTION**

4. **stop–gap** /ˈstɑp_ˌgæp/ noun
   : something that serves as a temporary expedient : **MAKESHIFT**

5. **stop–light** /ˈstɑp_ˌlaɪt/ noun
   : **TRAFFIC LIGHT**

6. **stop–motion** /ˈstɑp_ˌmən_ˈʃən/ noun
   : a filming technique in which successive positions of objects are photographed to produce the appearance of movement

7. **stop–over** /ˈstɑp_ˌˌər/ noun
   1. : a stop at an intermediate point in one's journey
   2. : a stopping place on a journey

8. **stop–page** /ˈstɑp_ˌpi/ noun
   : the act of stopping : the state of being stopped

   **Synonyms**
   - cessation, close, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stop, termination—more at **END**

9. **stop–per** /ˈstɑp_ˌpər/ noun
stop·watch /ˈstɑːpˌwɑtʃ/ noun
: a watch that can be started or stopped at will for exact timing

stor·age /ˈstɔrˌɪdʒ/ noun
1 a : space for storing
b : cost of storing
2 : MEMORY 6
3 : the act of storing; especially : the safekeeping of goods (as in a warehouse)

Synonyms
▷ depository, depot, magazine, repository, storehouse, warehouse—more at STOREHOUSE

storage battery noun
: a group of connected rechargeable electrochemical cells used to provide electric current

1 store /ˈstɔr/ verb stored; stor·ing
1 ▷ : to place or leave in a safe location for preservation or future use
2 ▷ : to provide esp. for a future need

Synonyms
▷ [1, 2] cache, hoard, lay away, lay up, put by, salt away, stash, stockpile—more at HOARD

2 store noun
1 ▷ : something accumulated and kept for future use
2 a large or ample quantity
3 : STOREHOUSE
4 ▷ : a retail business establishment

Synonyms
▷ [1] cache, deposit, hoard, reserve, stash, stock, stockpile; also budget, fund, nest egg, pool, reservoir, supply; accumulation, assemblage, collection, gathering
▷ [4] emporium, shop—more at SHOP

store·house /ˈstɔrˌhoʊs/ noun
1 ▷ : a building for storing goods or supplies
2 : an abundant source or supply

Synonyms
▷ depository, depot, magazine, repository, storage, warehouse; also cache, storeroom; bank, bin, container, locker; arsenal, dump

store·keep·er /ˈstɔrˌkiːpər/ noun
: one who operates a retail store

store·room /ˈstɔrˌrʊm, ˈstɔrˌrʊm/ noun
: a room for storing goods or supplies

sto·ried /ˈstɔrˌɪd/ adjective
: celebrated in story or history

stork /ˈstɔrk/ noun
: any of various large stout-billed Old World wading birds related to the herons and ibises

1 storm /ˈstɔrəm/ noun
1 ▷ : a heavy fall of rain, snow, or hail with high wind
2 ▷ : a sudden or violent outbreak or disturbance
3 : a mass attack on a defended position
4 ▷ : a heavy discharge of objects
5 : a disturbed or agitated state
— storm·i·ly /ˈstɔrˌiːlə/ adverb
— storm·i·ness /ˈstɔrˌiːnəs/ noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] cloudburst, deluge, downpour, rain, rainstorm, wet—more at RAIN
storm verb
1 a : to blow with violence
b : to rain, snow, or hail heavily
2 : to make a mass attack against
3 : to be violently angry : RAGE
4 : to rush along furiously

Synonyms
[1b] pour, precipitate, rain—more at RAIN
[2] assail, assault, attack, beset, charge, descend, jump, pounce, raid, rush, strike—more at ATTACK

stormy adjective
1 : relating to, characterized by, or indicative of a storm
2 : marked by turmoil or fury

Synonyms
[1] bleak, dirty, foul, inclement, nasty, raw, rough, squally, tempestuous, turbulent, wild—more at FOUL
[1] rainy, wet—more at RAINY
[2] explosive, ferocious, fierce, furious, hot, rabid, rough, tempestuous, turbulent, violent, volcanic—more at VIOLENT

story /ˈstərē/ noun, plural stories
1 : an account of incidents or events : NARRATIVE
2 : a statement regarding the facts of a situation : REPORT
3 : usu. short narrative of an interesting, amusing, or biographical incident : ANECDOTE
4 : a fictional narrative shorter than a novel : SHORT STORY
5 : an untrue statement made with intent to deceive : LIE, FALSEHOOD
6 : a news article or broadcast

Synonyms
[1, 2] account, chronicle, history, narrative, record, report—more at ACCOUNT
[3] anecdote, tale; also episode, event, happening, incident, occurrence; recital, recitation
[4] narrative, novella, short story; also fable, parable; anecdote, joke; fairy tale, legend, myth, romance; account, annals, chronic, history, record, report
[6] intelligence, item, news, tidings, word—more at NEWS

story also sto·rey /ˈstərē/ noun, plural stories also storeys
: a floor of a building or the space between two adjacent floor levels

story·tell·er /ˈstərē.təl/ noun
: a teller of stories

stout /ˈstōt/ adjective
1 : strong of character : BRAVE
2 : not weak or uncertain : FIRM
3 : physically or materially strong
4 : STAUNCH, ENDURING
5 : SOLID
6 a : possessing or filled with force : FORCEFUL
b : VIOLENT
7 : bulky in body : THICKSET

Synonyms
[1, 3] brave, hard, hard-bitten, hardy, rugged, strong, sturdy, tough, vigorous—more at HARDY
[2] firm, forceful, hearty, lusty, robust, solid, strong, sturdy, vigorous
[7] chunky, dumpy, heavyset, squat, stocky, stubby, stumpy, thickset—more at STOCKY

stout noun
stout·ly adverb
▶ : in a stout manner

Synonyms
▶ energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, mightily, powerfully, stiffly, strenuously, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at hard

stout·ness noun
1 ▶ : the quality or state of being strong physically or morally
2 : bulkiness of structure

Synonyms
▶ bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, nerve, valor—more at courage

1stove /stōv/ noun
▶ : an apparatus that burns fuel or uses electricity to provide heat (as for cooking or heating)
2stove past and past participle of stave

stow /stō/ verb
1 : to put away : store
2 : to pack in a compact mass

stow·away /stō_ə_wā/ noun
▶ : one who hides on a vehicle to ride free

STP abbreviation
standard temperature and pressure

strad·dle /sträd·lē/ verb strad·dled; strad·dling
1 : to stand, sit, or walk with legs spread apart
2 : to favor or seem to favor two apparently opposite sides
— straddle noun

strafe /strāf/ verb strafed; straf·ing
[origin: G Gott strafe England may God punish England, propaganda slogan during World War I] : to fire upon with machine guns from a low-flying airplane

strag·gle /strāg·gəl/ verb strag·gled; strag·gling
1 : to wander from the direct course : rove, stray
2 : to become separated from others of the same kind
— strag·gler noun

— strag·gly /strāg·gə Lý/ adjective

1straight /strāth/ adjective
1 ▶ : free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities
2 ▶ : not wandering from the main point or proper course<br>thinking
3 ▶ : exhibiting honesty and fairness : upright
4 : having the elements in correct order
5 : free from extraneous matter : unmixed<br>whiskey
6 : conventional, square; also : heterosexual
7 : marked by honest sincere expression

Synonyms
▶ [1] right, straightforward; also unbent, uncurled; direct, undeviating, unswerving
Antonyms
crooked
▶ [2] direct, forthright, foursquare, plain, straightforward
▶ [3] decent, ethical, good, honest, honorable, just, moral, right, righteous, upright, virtuous—more at good

2straight adverb
▶ : in a straight manner
Synonyms
- dead, direct, directly, due, plump, right—more at DIRECTLY
- directly, forthrightly, foursquare, plain, plainly, straightforward—more at STRAIGHTFORWARD

straight noun
1 : a straight line, course, or arrangement
2 : the part of a racetrack between the last turn and the finish
3 : a sequence of five cards in a poker hand

straight-arm noun
- an act of warding off a person with the arm fully extended
  - straight-arm verb

straight-away noun
- a straight stretch (as at a racetrack)

straightaway adverb
- without delay : IMMEDIATELY

straight-edge noun
- a piece of material with a straight edge for testing straight lines and surfaces or drawing straight lines

straighten verb
- to make or become straight

straight flush noun
- a poker hand containing five cards of the same suit in sequence

straight-forward adjective
1 : free from evasiveness or obscurity : CANDID
2 : proceeding in a straight course or manner
  - Synonyms
    - [1] candid, direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, open, outspoken, plain, straight, unguarded, unreserved—more at FRANK
    - [2] right, straight—more at STRAIGHT
  - [2] direct, forthright, foursquare, plain, straight; also aboveboard, candid, frank, honest, open, outspoken, plain-spoken, unguarded, unreserved; artless, earnest, sincere; uninhibited, unrestrained; abrupt, bluff, blunt, brusque, curt, gruff, sharp; impolite, inconsiderate, rude, tactless, undiplomatic; true, truthful, veracious
  - Antonyms
    - circuitous, indirect, roundabout

straight man noun
- an entertainer who feeds lines to a comedian who replies with usu. humorous quips

straight-way adverb
- without delay or hesitation : IMMEDIATELY

strain noun
[ORIGIN: ME streen progeny, lineage, fr. OE strēon gain, acquisition]
1 : line of descent : ANCESTRY
2 : a group (as of people or plants) of presumed common ancestry
3 : an inherited or inherent character or quality <a ~ of madness in the family>
4 : a slight admixture : TRACE
5 : a pleasing succession of musical tones : MELODY
6 : the general style or tone
  - Synonyms
    - air, lay, melody, song, tune, warble—more at MELODY

strain verb
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. MF estraindre, fr. L stringere to bind or draw tight, press together]
1 : to draw taut
2 : to exert to the utmost
3: to strive violently
4: to injure by improper or excessive use
5: to filter or remove by filtering
6: to stretch beyond a proper limit
7: to pass through or as if through a strainer

— strainer noun

Synonyms
- [2] drudge, endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, labor, peg, plod, plug, slave, slog, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, work—more at LABOR
- [4] pull, rack, stretch, wrench; also fray, tax, weaken; damage, harm, hurt, impair, wound; batter, bruise, tear; cripple, lame, mangle, mutilate

3 strain noun
1: excessive tension or exertion (as of body or mind)
2: bodily injury from excessive tension, effort, or use; especially: one in which muscles or ligaments are unduly stretched usu. from a wrench or twist
3: deformation of a material body under the action of applied forces

Synonyms
- pressure, stress, tension—more at STRESS

strained adjective
: done or produced with excessive effort

1 strait /strāt/ adjective
1 archaic: STRICT
2 archaic: NARROW
3 archaic: CONSTRUCTED
4: DIFFICULT, STRAITENED

2 strait noun
1: a narrow channel connecting two bodies of water
2 plural: DISTRESS

Synonyms
- channel, narrows, sound—more at CHANNEL

straighten /strātˈen/ verb
1: to hem in: CONFINE
2: to make distressing or difficult

straight-jacket also straight-jacket /strātˈjaˌkæt/ noun
: a cover or garment of strong material (as canvas) used to bind the body and esp. the arms closely in restraining a violent prisoner or patient
— straightjacket verb

straight-laced or straight-laced /ˈstrātˌlēd/ adjective
- strict in manners, morals or opinion

Synonyms
- prim, prudish, puritanical; also priggish, staid, stuffy; genteel, proper, refined; decent, honest, moral, right, righteous, upright, virtuous

1 strand /strænd/ noun
: SHORE, BEACH

2 strand verb
1: to run, drift, or drive upon the shore <a ~ed ship>
2: to place or leave in a helpless position

3 strand noun
1: one of the fibers twisted or plaited together into a cord, rope, or cable; also: a cord, rope, or cable made up of such fibers
2: a twisted or plaited ropelike mass <a ~ of pearls>
— stranded /strənd əd/ adjective

strange /strən/ adjective stranger; strangest
1: of external origin, kind, or character
2†: not before known, heard, or seen
3: distant
4†: not habituated: unaccustomed
— strangely adverb
— strangeness noun

Synonyms
▷ [2] fresh, new, novel, original, unaccustomed, unfamiliar, unknown—more at new
▷ [2] bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kinky, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, wacky, weird, wild—more at odd
▷ [4] curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, peculiar, queer, rare, singular, unaccustomed, uncommon, uncustodary, unique, unusual, unwon, weird—more at unusual

stranger /strən ər/ noun
1: foreigner
2: intruder
3: a person with whom one is unacquainted

strangely /strəng ləl/ verb stranded; strangling
1†: to choke to death
2: to withhold from circulation or expression: suppress
— strangler noun

Synonyms
▷ choke, garrote, throttle—more at choke

strangulate /strəng yəˌlət/ verb -lated; -ling
1: stranglish; constrict
2: to become so constricted as to stop circulation

— strangulation /strəng yəˌlə shən/ noun
: the act or process of strangling or strangulating; also: the state of being strangulated

strap /stræp/ noun
1: a narrow strip of flexible material used esp. for fastening, holding together, or wrapping
2: strap verb strapped; strapping
1: to secure with a strap
2: bind, constrict
3: to flog with a strap
4: stop

strapless /ˈstræpləs/ adjective
1: having no straps; especially: having no shoulder straps
2: strapping adjective
1: large, strong, husky
2: strapping noun
1: material for a strap

stratagem /strəˈtædʒəm/ noun
1†: a trick to deceive or outwit the enemy; also: a deceptive scheme
2: skill in deception

Synonyms:
▷ artifice, device, dodge, gimmick, jig, ploy, scheme, sleight, trick, wile—more at trick
**strategy** /ˈstræ.təŋ/ noun, plural -gies
[Origin: Gk stratēgia generalship, fr. stratēgos general, fr. stratos camp, army + agein to lead]
1: the science and art of military command aimed at meeting the enemy under conditions advantageous to one’s own force
2: a careful plan or method esp. for achieving an end

— **strategic** adjective
— **strategist** noun

**stratify** /ˈstræ.ˌfɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to form or arrange in layers

— **stratification** noun

**stratigraphy** /strɑː.trɪˌgrɑːfɪ/ noun
: geology that deals with rock strata

— **stratigraphic** adjective

**stratosphere** /ˈstræ.ˌsfɜːr/ noun
: the part of the earth’s atmosphere between about 7 miles (11 kilometers) and 31 miles (50 kilometers) above the earth

— **stratospheric** adjective

**stratum** /ˈstræ.təm/ noun, plural **stra·ta** /ˈstræ.ˌtæ/ noun
[Origin: NL, fr. L, spread, bed, fr. neut. of stratus, pp. of sternere to spread out]
1: a bed, layer, or sheetlike mass (as of one kind of rock lying between layers of other kinds of rock)
2: a level of culture; also: a group of people representing one stage in cultural development

**straw** /ˈstrɔʊ/ noun
1: stalks of grain after threshing; also: a single coarse dry stem (as of a grass)
2: a thing of small worth: TRIFLE
3: a tube (as of paper or plastic) for sucking up a beverage

— **straw** adjective
1: made of straw
2: having no real force or validity <a ~ vote>
3: of the color of straw

**strawberry** /ˈstrɔʊ.ˌber.i/ noun
: an edible juicy usu. red pulpy fruit of any of several low herbs with white flowers and long slender runners; also: one of these herbs

**straw boss** noun
: a foreman of a small group of workers

**strawflower** /ˈstrɔʊ.ˌflɔːr/ noun
: any of several plants whose flowers can be dried with little loss of form or color

— **straw** noun
1: a domestic animal wandering at large or lost
2: WAIF

— **stray** verb
1: to wander or roam without purpose
2: DEViate
stray adjective
1 : having strayed : separated from the group or the main body
2 : occurring at random

Synonyms
- aimless, arbitrary, desultory, erratic, haphazard, random, scattered—more at RANDOM

streak /strēk/ noun
1 : a line or mark of a different color or texture from its background
2 : a narrow band of light; also : a lightning bolt
3 : a slight admixture: TRACE
4 : a brief run (as of luck); also : an unbroken series

Synonyms
- band, bar, stripe—more at STRIPE

streak verb
1 : to form streaks in or on
2 : to move very swiftly

stream /strēm/ noun
1 : a body of water (as a river) flowing on the earth; also : any body of flowing fluid (as water or gas)
2 : a continuous procession

stream verb
1 : to flow in or as if in a stream
2 : to pour out streams of liquid
3 : to trail out in length
4 : to move forward in a steady stream

Synonyms
- flow, pour, roll, run—more at FLOW
- bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slide, slip, sweep, whisk—more at FLOW

stream·bed /strēm_ bed/ noun
: the channel occupied by a stream

stream·er /strē_ er/ noun
1 : a long narrow ribbonlike flag
2 : a long ribbon on a dress or hat
3 : a newspaper headline that runs across the entire sheet
4 plural : AURORA

Synonyms
- banner, colors, ensign, flag, jack, pennant, standard—more at FLAG

stream·ing /strē_ in/ adjective
: relating to or being the transfer of data (as music) in a continuous stream esp. for immediate processing or playback

stream·let /strē_ let/ noun
1 : a small stream

Synonyms
- brook, creek, rill, rivulet—more at CREEK

stream·lined /ˌstrē_ ind/ adjective
1 : made with contours to reduce resistance to motion through water or air
2 : SIMPLIFIED
3 : MODERNIZED

stream·line verb

street /strē/ noun
[origin: ME strete, fr. OE stræt, fr. LL strata paved road, fr. L, fem. of stratus, pp. of sternere to spread out]
1 : a thoroughfare esp. in a city, town, or village
2 : the occupants of the houses on a street

Synonyms
artery, avenue, drag, drive, pass, road, route, thoroughfare, way—more at way

street-car /,strēt kar/ noun
: a passenger vehicle running on rails on city streets

street hockey noun
: a game resembling ice hockey played on a hard surface with hockey sticks and a small ball

street railway noun
: a company operating streetcars or buses

street-walker /'strēt waˌlæk/ noun
: PROSTITUTE

strength /strēnt/ noun
1 : the quality of being strong : ability to do or endure
2 : power to resist force
3 : power to resist attack
4 : INTENSITY
5 : force as measured in numbers <the ~ of an army>

Synonyms
[1] energy, force, main, might, muscle, potency, power, sinew, vigor—more at POWER
[2] firmness, soundness, stability, steadiness, sturdiness—more at STABILITY

strength-en /strēntən/ verb
: to make or become stronger

— strength-en-er noun

Synonyms
beef, fortify, harden, toughen; also anneal, temper; firm (up), tone (up); energize, invigorate, vitalize; restrengthen

Antonyms
debilitate, enervate, enfeeble, weaken
amplify, beef, boost, consolidate, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, redouble, step up—more at INTENSIFY

stren·u·ous /strēn yoo u əs/ adjective
1 : vigorously active : ENERGETIC
2 : requiring energy or stamina

Synonyms
arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, herculean, laborious, murderous, rough, stiff, tall, toilsome, tough—more at HARD

stren·u·ous·ly adverb
: in a strenuous manner

Synonyms
energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, mightily, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strongly, sturdily, vigorously—more at HARD

strep /'streP/ noun
: STREPTOCOCCUS

strep throat noun
: an inflammatory sore throat caused by streptococci and marked by fever, prostration, and toxemia

strep-to·co·cus /'strep tə kā kəs/ noun, plural -co·ci /'kā kə sē/ : any of various spherical bacteria that usu. grow in chains and include some causing serious diseases

— strep-to·co·cal /'kāl/ adjective

strep-to·my·cin /'streP ˌmī sən/ noun
: an antibiotic produced by soil bacteria and used esp. in treating tuberculosis

stress /'streS/ noun
1: **pressure, strain**; especially: a force that tends to distort a body
2: a factor that induces bodily or mental tension; also: a state induced by such a stress
3: force or intensity that gives impressiveness or importance to something: **emphasis**
4: relative prominence of sound
5: **accent**: any syllable carrying the accent

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**stressful** /strəsˈful/ adjective

- [2] pressure, strain; tension; also: load, weight; anxiety, concern, uneasiness, worry; aggravation, anger, annoyance, exasperation, irritation, persecution, trouble
- [3] accent, accentuation, emphasis, weight—more at **emphasize**

**stress** verb

1: to put pressure or strain on
2: to put emphasis on: **accent**

- accent, accentuate, emphasize, feature, highlight, play, point, underline, underscore—more at **emphasize**

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**stretch** /str̩t/ verb

1: to spread or reach out: **extend**
2: to draw out in length or breadth: **expand**
3: to make tense; also: to injure by improper or excessive use: **strain**
4: to amplify or enlarge beyond natural or proper limits: **exaggerate**
5: to become extended without breaking (rubber ~es easily)

- [1] draw out, elongate, extend, lengthen, prolong, protract—more at **extend**
- usually: **stretch out** [2] expand, extend, fan, flare, open, spread, unfold
- [4] color, elaborate, embellish, embroider, exaggerate, magnify, pad—more at **embroider**

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**stretch** noun

1: an act of extending or drawing out beyond ordinary or normal limits
2: a continuous extent in length, area, or time
3: the extent to which something may be stretched
4: either of the straight sides of a racecourse

- distance, lead, length—more at **distance**
- breadth, expanse, extent, reach, spread—more at **expanses**
- bit, space, spell, while—more at **while**

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**stretch** adjective

: easily stretched (pants)

**stretcher** /strētʃər/ noun

1: one that stretches
2: a device for carrying a sick, injured, or dead person

**stretch marks** noun plural

: striae on the skin (as of the abdomen) due to excessive stretching and rupture of elastic fibers (as from pregnancy)

**strew** /strū/ verb strewed; strewed or strewn /strūn/; strewing

1: to spread by scattering
2: to cover by or as if by scattering something over or on
3: **disseminate**

- dot, pepper, scatter, sow, spray, sprinkle—more at **scatter**

**stria** /strēə/ noun, plural striae /strē.ē/ /ˈstr̩.ē/ /ˈstr̩.ə/ /ˈstr̩.e/ /ˈstr̩.iə/

1: striation
2: a stripe or line (as in the skin)

**striated muscle** /strə.əd/ noun
muscle tissue made up of long thin cells with many nuclei and alternate light and dark stripes that includes esp. the muscle of the heart and muscle that moves the vertebrate skeleton and is mostly under voluntary control

stri·a·tion /strəˈeɪ.ʃən/ noun
1 : the state of being marked with stripes or lines
2 : arrangement of striations or striae
3 : a minute groove, scratch, or channel esp. when one of a parallel series

strick·en /ˈstri.kən/ adjective
1 : afflicted by or as if by disease, misfortune, or sorrow
2 : WOUNDED

strict /ˈstrɪkt/ adjective
1 ➤ allowing no evasion or escape : RIGOROUS << discipline>
2 ➤ free from error : PRECISE

Synonyms
[1] austere, authoritarian, flinty, hard, harsh, heavy-handed, ramrod, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern—more at SEVERE
[2] accurate, authentic, exact, faithful, precise, right, true, veracious—more at FAITHFUL

strict·ly adverb
➤ in a strict manner

Synonyms
➤ exactly, precisely, rigidly, rigorously; also carefully, conscientiously, meticulously, scrupulously

Antonyms
imprecisely, inexactly, loosely

strict·ness noun
➤ the quality or state of being strict

Synonyms
➤ hardness, harshness, inflexibility, rigidity, severity, sternness—more at SEVERITY

stric·ture /ˈstrɪk.tʃər/ noun
1 : an abnormal narrowing of a bodily passage; also : the narrowed part
2 ➤ hostile criticism : a critical remark

Synonyms
censure, denunciation, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reproof—more at CENSURE

1 stride /strīd/ verb strode /strōd/; strid·den /strid.ən/; strid·ing
➤ to walk or run with long regular steps

— strid·er noun

Synonyms
➤ file, march, pace, parade—more at MARCH

2 stride noun
1 : a long step
2 : a stage of progress
3 : manner of striding : GAIT

strid·ent /strīd.ənt/ adjective
➤ harsh sounding : GRATING, SHRILL

strike /strīk/ noun
1 ➤ the state or condition of distrust or enmity : CONFLICT
2 : FIGHT, STRUGGLE

Synonyms
cconflict, discord, dissension, dissent, disunity, friction, schism, variance, war, warfare—more at DISCORD

1 strike /strīk/ verb struck /strukt/; struck also strick·en /ˈstri.kən/; strik·ing
1 ➤ to take a course : GO <struck off through the brush>
2 ➤ to touch or hit sharply; also : to deliver a blow
3 : to produce by or as if by a blow <struck terror in the foe>
strike noun
1: an act or instance of striking
2: a sudden discovery of rich ore or oil deposits
3: a pitched baseball that is swung at but not hit
4: the knocking down of all the bowling pins with the 1st ball
5: a military attack
6: a quality or circumstance that makes achievement unusually difficult

Synonyms
[1] bump, collision, concussion, crash, impact, jar, jolt, shock, smash, wallop
[5] aggression, assault, attack, charge, descent, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, raid, rush
[6] disadvantage, drawback, handicap, liability, minus, penalty

strike-breaker /strākˈbrikər/ noun
: a person hired to replace a striking worker

strike-out /strākˈaʊt/ noun
: an out in baseball as a result of a batter's being charged with three strikes

strike out verb
1: to enter upon a course of action
2: to start out vigorously
3: to make an out in baseball by a strikeout

strike up verb
1: to begin or cause to begin to sing or play
2: BEGIN

strike zone noun
: the area over home plate through which a pitched baseball must pass to be called a strike

striking adjective
: attracting attention : very noticeable

SYNONYMS
bold, catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable

stri-ly adverb

SYNONYMS
bold, catchy, conspicuous, emphatic, marked, noticeable, prominent, pronounced, remarkable
string /strɪŋ/ noun
  1 ♦: a line usu. composed of twisted threads
  2 ♦: a series of things arranged as if strung on a cord
  3 : a plant fiber (as a leaf vein)
  4 plural: the stringed instruments of an orchestra

Synonyms
  ♦ [1] cable, cord, lace, line, rope, wire—more at CORD
  ♦ [2] column, cue, file, line, queue, range, train—more at LINE
  ♦ [2] chain, progression, sequence, train—more at CHAIN

string /strɪŋ/ verb
  strung /stɹɪŋ/; string·ing
  1: to provide with strings <~ a racket>
  2: to make tense
  3: to thread on or as if on a string <~ pearls>
  4: to hang, tie, or fasten by a string
  5: to take the strings out of <~ beans>
  6: to extend like a string

string along verb
  ♦: to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid

Synonyms
  ♦ beguile, bluff, cozen, deceive, delude, dupe, fool, gull, have, hoax, hoodwink, humbug, misinform, mislead, take in, trick—more at DECEIVE

string bean noun
  : a bean of one of the older varieties of kidney bean that have stringy fibers on the lines of separation of the pods;
  also: SNAP BEAN

string bikini noun
  : a scanty bikini

string cheese noun
  : cheese that can be pulled apart in narrow strips

stringed /strɪnd/ adjective
  1: having strings <~ instruments>
  2: produced by strings

string·gen·cy /strɪnˌjen.sɪ/ noun
  1: STRICTNESS, SEVERITY
  2: SCARCITY <~ of money>

string·gent /ˌjen.t/ adjective
  ♦: marked by rigor, strictness, or severity esp. with regard to rule or standard

Synonyms
  ♦ exacting, inflexible, rigid, rigorous, strict, uncompromising—more at RIGID

string·er /strɪŋ.ər/ noun
  1: a long horizontal member in a framed structure or a bridge
  2: a news correspondent paid by the amount of copy

stringy /strɪŋ.ə/ adjective
  string·er, -est
  1: resembling string esp. in tough, fibrous, or disordered quality <~ meat> <~ hair>
  2: lean and sinewy in build

strip /strɪp/ verb
  stripped /strɪpt/ also stript; strip·ping
  1 ♦: to take the covering or clothing from
  2: to take off one’s clothes
  3: to pull or tear off
  4: to make bare or clear (as by cutting or grazing)
  5: to deprive of possessions: PLUNDER
strip·per noun
   Synonyms
   → unclothe, undress—more at UNDRESS

strip noun
1 : a long narrow flat piece
2 : AIRSTRIP

stripe /strīp/ verb striped /strīpt/; strip·ping
   : to mark with stripes
   Synonyms
   → band, bar, streak; also blaze

stripe noun
1 ▶ : a line or long narrow division having a different color from the background
2 : a strip of braid (as on a sleeve) indicating military rank or length of service
3 : TYPE, CHARACTER
   — striped /strīpt, strīpt/ adjective
   Synonyms
   → band, bar, streak; also blaze, crossbar, pinstripe

striped bass noun
   : a large black-striped marine bony fish that occurs along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the U.S. and is an excellent food and sport fish

strip·ling /strīp-līng/ noun
1 : YOUTH
2 ▶ : an adolescent male : LAD
   Synonyms
   → boy, lad, nipper, shaver, youth—more at BOY

strip mall noun
   : a long building or group of buildings housing several retail stores or service establishments

strip mine noun
   : a mine that is worked from the earth's surface by the stripping of the topsoil
   — strip–mine verb

strip·tease /strīp-teez/ noun
   : a burlesque act in which a performer removes clothing piece by piece
   — strip·teas·er noun

strive /strīv/ verb strove /strōv/ also strived /strīvd/; striv·en /strīvən/ or strived; striv·ing
1 ▶ : to make an effort : labor hard
2 : to struggle in opposition : CONTEND
   Synonyms
   → assay, attempt, endeavor, essay, seek, try—more at ATTEMPT

stroke /strōk/ noun
1 : STROBOSCOPE
2 : a device for high-speed intermittent illumination (as in photography)

stro·bo·scope /strō-bō-skōp/ noun
   : an instrument for studying rapid motion by means of a rapidly flashing light

strode past of STRIDE

stroke /strōk/ verb stroked; strok·ing
1 a : to rub gently
   b ▶ : to touch or stroke lightly in a loving or endearing manner
2 : to flatter in a manner designed to persuade
   Synonyms
stroll /strɔl/ verb
  : to walk in a leisurely or idle manner

stroll noun
  : an idle and leisurely walk

Synonyms
  perambulation, ramble, turn, walk—more at WALK

stroller noun
  : one who goes idly about

Synonyms
  drifter, nomad, rambler, rover, vagabond, wanderer—more at NOMAD

strong /strɔŋ/ adjective stronger /strɔŋ.gər/; strongest /strɔŋ.gest/
1 ▷ : having or marked by power
2 : HEALTHY, ROBUST
3 : of a specified number <an army 10 thousand ~> 
4 ▷ : not mild or weak
5 : VIOLENT <~ wind>
6 : ZEALOUS
7 : not easily broken
8 : well established : FIRM, SOLID
9 ▷ : having an offensive or intense odor or flavor
  Synonyms
    [1] brawny, muscular, powerful, rugged, sinewy, stalwart, stout; also forceful, mighty, potent, puissant; able-bodied, athletic, fit, trim; beefy, burly, husky, strapping; masculine, virile; hard, inured, strengthened, sturdy, tough, toughened; energetic, energized, invigorated, lusty, robust, vigorous, vitalized; hale, healthy, hearty, sound
  Antonyms
    delicate, feeble, frail, weak, wimpy
    [1] cogent, compelling, conclusive, convincing, decisive, effective, forceful, persuasive, satisfying, telling—more at COGENT
    [4] firm, forceful, hearty, lusty, robust, solid, stout, sturdy, vigorous
    [7] fast, firm, sound, stable, stalwart, steady, sturdy—more at STABLE
    [9] fetid, foul, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, rank, reeky, smelly—more at MALODOROUS
    [9] nippy, pungent, sharp—more at SHARP

strong-arm /strɔŋˌərm/ adjective
  : having or using undue force <~ methods>

strong force noun
  : the physical force responsible for binding together nucleons in the atomic nucleus

stronghold /ˌstrɔŋ.həld/ noun
  : a fortified place : FORTRESS

Synonyms
  bastion, citadel, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, hold—more at FORT
strong·ly adverb
▶: in a strong manner

Synonyms
▶ energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, mightily, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, sturdily, vigorously—more at HARD

strong·man /ˌmæn/ noun
▶: one who leads or controls by force of will and character or by military strength

stron·tium /strənˈtēəm, strənˈtēəm/ noun
▶: a soft malleable metallic chemical element

1strop /strəp/ noun
▶: STRAP; especially: one for sharpening a razor

2strop verb stropped; strop·ping
▶: to sharpen a razor on a strop

Synonyms
▶ edge, grind, hone, sharpen, whet—more at SHARPEN

stro·phe /strəf/ noun
[origin: Gk strophē, lit., act of turning]
▶: a division of a poem

— stroph·ic /strəf·ik/ adjective

strove past of STRIVE

struck past and past participle of STRIKE

1structure /strəkˈchar/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L structura, fr. struere to heap up, build]
1 ▶: the action of building: CONSTRUCTION
2 ▶: something built (as a house or a dam); also: something made up of interdependent parts in a definite pattern of organization
3 ▶: arrangement or relationship of elements (as particles, parts, or organs) in a substance, body, or system

— struc·tur·al adjective

Synonyms
▶ configuration, frame, framework, shell, skeleton—more at FRAME

2structure verb struc·tured, struc·tur·ing
▶: to make into a structure

stru·del /strʊdəl, strʊdəl/ noun
[origin: G, lit., whirlpool]
▶: a pastry made of a thin sheet of dough rolled up with filling and baked <apple ->

1struggle /strəɡˈɡel/ verb strug·gled; strug·gling
1 ▶: to make strenuous efforts against opposition: STRIVE
2 ▶: to proceed with difficulty or with great effort

Synonyms
▶ drudge, endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, labor, peg, plod, plug, slave, slog, strain, strive, sweat, toil, travail, work
—more at LABOR

2struggle noun
1 ▶: exertion or contention for superiority: CONTEST
2 ▶: a violent effort or exertion

Synonyms
▶ [1] battle, combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, duel, face-off, rivalry, tug-of-war, warfare—more at CONTEST
▶ [2] battle, effort, exertion, fight, fray, scrabble; also labor, pains, trouble, work; drudgery, grind, sweat, toil, travail; combat, conflict, contest, strife, tussle, war, warfare; attempt, endeavor, essay, try
strum /strʌm/ verb strummed; strum·ming
: to play on a stringed instrument by brushing the strings with the fingers <~ a guitar>

strum·pet /strʌm.ˌpɛt/ noun
: PROSTITUTE

strung /strʌŋ/ past and past participle of STRING

1strut /strʌt/ verb strut·ted; strut·ting
  1 ▶ : to walk with an affectedly proud gait
  2 ▶ : to parade (as clothes) with a show of pride

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] stalk, swagger; also flounce, mince, traipse; pussyfoot, tiptoe; parade, promenade; pad, step, tread; pace, stride; lumber, lurch, pound, shamble, shuffle, stagger
   ▶ [2] display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, parade, show, show off, sport, unveil—more at SHOW

2strut noun
  1 : a bar or rod for resisting lengthwise pressure
  2 : a haughty or pompous gait

strych·nine /strɪk.nɪnˌn.ənˌnɛn/ noun
: a bitter poisonous plant alkaloid used as a poison (as for rats) and medicinally as a stimulant of the central nervous system

1stub /stʌb/ noun
  1 : STUMP
  2 : a short blunt end
  3 : a small part of each leaf (as of a checkbook) kept as a memorandum of the items on the detached part

2stub verb stubbed; stub·bing
: to strike (as one's toe) against something

stub·ble /stʌbl/ noun
  1 : the cut stem ends of herbs and esp. grasses left in the soil after harvest
  2 : a rough surface or growth resembling stubble

  — stub·bly /b(ə)lɪ/ adjective

stub·born /stʌb.ˌbɔrn/ adjective
  1 : FIRM, DETERMINED
  2 ▶ : done or continued in a willful, unreasonable, or persistent manner
  3 : not easily controlled or remedied <a ~ cold>

  — stub·born·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  ▶ dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, unyielding, willful—more at OBSTINATE

stub·born·ness noun
  ▶ : the quality or state of being stubborn

  Synonyms
  ▶ hardheadedness, mulishness, obduracy, obstinacy, peevishness, pertinacity, self-will, tenacity—more at OBSTINACY

stub·by /stʌb.ˌbi/ adjective
  ▶ : short, blunt, and thick like a stub

  Synonyms
  ▶ chunky, dumpy, heavyset, squat, stocky, stout, stumpy, thickset—more at STOCKY

stuc·co /stʊkə/ noun, plural stuccos or stuccoes
[origin: It]
: plaster for coating exterior walls

  — stuc·coed /stʊkəd/ adjective
stuck past and past participle of stick

stuck-up /ˈstækˌəp/ adjective
- having or showing an excessively high opinion of oneself: conceited
  Synonyms
  - complacent, conceited, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, vain—more at conceited

1 stud /ˈstʌd/ noun
- a male animal and esp. a horse (stud*horse/*hɔːs/) kept for breeding

2 stud noun
1 : one of the smaller uprights in a building to which the wall materials are fastened
2 : a removable device like a button used as a fastener or ornament <shirt ~s>
3 : a projecting nail, pin, or rod

3 stud verb stud·ded; stud·ding
1 : to supply with or adorn with studs
2 : DOT

4 stud abbreviation
student

stud·book /ˈstʌdˌbʊk/ noun
- an official record of the pedigree of purebred animals (as horses or dogs)

stud·ding /ˈstʌdɪŋ/ noun
- the studs in a building or wall

student /ˈstʌdɪnt/ noun
- SCHOLAR, PUPIL; especially: one who attends a school

studied /ˈstʌdɪd/ adjective
- carefully considered or prepared <a ~ insult>
  Synonyms
  - advised, calculated, deliberate, measured, reasoned, thoughtful—more at deliberate

studio /ˈstʌdɪəʊ,ˈstjuː-/ noun, plural -dios
1 : a place where an artist works; also: a place for the study of an art
2 : a place where motion pictures are made
3 : a place equipped for the transmission of radio or television programs

studious /ˈstʌdɪəs,ˈstjuː-/ adjective
- devoted to study
  — studious·ly adverb

1 study /ˈstʌdi/ noun, plural studies
1 : the use of the mind to gain knowledge
2 : the act or process of learning about something
3 : careful examination
4 : INTENT, PURPOSE
5 : a branch of learning
6 : a room esp. for reading and writing
7 : a state of contemplation
  Synonyms
  - [3] examination, exploration, inquiry, investigation, probe, research—more at inquiry
  - [7] reverie, trance, woolgathering—more at reverie

2 study verb studied; studying
1 : to engage in study or the study of
2 : to consider attentively or in detail
Synonyms

- chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, think, weigh—more at ponder

1. **stuff /strf/ noun**
   
   [origin: ME, fr. AF estuffes goods, fr. estuffer to fill in (with rubble), furnish, equip, of Gmc origin]
   
   1: personal property
   
   2: raw material
   
   
   4: writing, talk, or ideas of little or transitory worth
   
   5: an unspecified material substance or aggregate of matter
   
   6: fundamental material
   
   7: special knowledge or capability

   **Synonyms**
   
   - [2] material, raw material, substance
   
   - [6] essence, nature, quintessence, soul, substance—more at essence
   
   - [7] capability, credentials, qualification—more at qualification

2. **stuff verb**
   
   1: to fill by packing things in: cram
   
   2: to eat greedily: gorge
   
   3: to prepare (as meat) by filling with a stuffing
   
   4: to fill (as a cushion) with a soft material
   
   5: to stop up: plug

   **Synonyms**
   
   - [1] charge, cram, fill, heap, jam, jam-pack, load, pack—more at fill
   
   - [2] glut, gorge, sate, surfeit—more at gorge
   
   - [5] block, choke, clog, close, congest, dam, jam, obstruct, plug, stop—more at clog

3. **stuffed shirt /strfdt/ noun**
   
   : a smug, conceited, and usu. pompous and inflexibly conservative person

4. **stuffing noun**
   
   : material used to fill tightly; especially: a mixture of bread crumbs and spices used to stuff food

   **Synonyms**
   
   - fill, filler, filling, padding—more at filling

5. **stuffy /strf/ adjective stuff-i-er, -est**
   
   1: lacking in vitality or interest: stodgy
   
   2: lacking fresh air: close; also: blocked up <a ~ nose>

   **Synonyms**
   
   - [1] drab, dreary, dry, dull, flat, heavy, humdrum, leaden, monotonous, ponderous, stupid, tame, uninteresting, weary
   
   - [2] breathless, close; also unventilated; heavy, thick, oppressive

   **Antonyms**
   
   - airy, breezy

6. **stultify /stul.ti.f~/ verb -fied, -fy-ing**
   
   1: to cause to appear foolish or stupid
   
   2: to impair, invalidate, or make ineffective
   
   3: to have a dulling effect on

   **— stultification /stul.ti.fi.ca.tion/ noun**

7. **stumble /stum.bl/ verb stum-bled; stum-bling**
   
   1: to blunder morally
   
   2: to trip in walking or running
   
   3 a : to walk unsteadily
   
   b : to speak or act in a blundering or clumsy manner
   
   4: to happen by chance
stumble noun

: an act or instance of stumbling

- Synonyms
  - fall, slip, spill, tumble—more at FALL
  - blunder, error, fault, flub, fumble, goof, lapse, miscue, misstep, mistake, oversight, slip—more at ERROR

stumbling block noun

: an obstacle to belief, understanding, or progress

- Synonyms
  - bar, block, clog, crimp, drag, embarrassment, hindrance, let, obstacle, stop—more at OBSTACLE

stump /stem/ noun

1 : the base of a bodily part (as a leg or tooth) left after the rest is removed
2 : the part of a plant and esp. a tree remaining with the root after the trunk is cut off
3 : a place or occasion for political public speaking

stump verb

1 : BAFFLE, PERPLEX
2 : to clear (land) of stumps
3 : to tour (a region) making political speeches
4 : to walk clumsily and heavily
5 : to challenge to perform an action

stumpy adjective

: short and thick

- Synonyms
  - chunky, dumpy, heavyset, squat, stocky, stout, stubby, thickset—more at STOCKY

stun /stʌn/ verb stunned; stun·ning

1 : to make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow
2 ▶ : to overcome esp. with paralyzing astonishment or disbelief : STUPEFY

- Synonyms
  - amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stupefy, surprise—more at SURPRISE

stung past and past participle of STING

stunk past and past participle of STINK

stunned adjective

: affected by stunning; also : caused by or as if by stunning

- Synonyms
  - amazed, awestruck, thunderstruck—more at THUNDERSTRUCK
  - confused, dizzy—more at DIZZY

stun·ning adjective

1 ▶ : causing astonishment or disbelief
2 ▶ : strikingly beautiful

- stun·ning·ly adverb

- Synonyms
  - [1] amazing, astonishing, astounding, eye-opening, shocking, startling, surprising—more at SURPRISING
  - [1] awesome, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, stupendous, sublime, surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS
  - [2] attractive, beautiful, fair, gorgeous, handsome, knockout, lovely, pretty, ravishing—more at BEAUTIFUL

5 ▶ : to come unexpectedly or by chance

- Synonyms
  - [2] fall, slip, topple, trip, tumble—more at FALL
  - [3a] clump, flounder, limp, lumber, succumb, scuffle, shamble, shuffle, straggle, tromp—more at LUMBER
  - usually stumble on or stumble onto or stumble upon [5] chance, encounter, find, happen, hit, meet, stumble—more at HAPPEN (on or upon)
1 stunt /stʌnt/ verb
   : to hinder the normal growth or progress of

2 stunt noun
   : an unusual or spectacular feat
   Synonyms
   deed, exploit, feat, trick—more at FEAT

stupefy /ˈstʊpəˌfai/, ˈstüˌfē/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to make stupid, groggy, or insensible
2 : to strike with sudden and usu. great wonder or surprise : ASTONISH
   — stupefaction /ˈstʊpəˌfæk·shən, ˈstüˌfāk·shən/ noun
   Synonyms
   amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, surprise—more at SURPRISE

stupendous /ˈstʊpəˌdəs, ˈstüˌdəs/ adjective
   : causing astonishment esp. because of great size or height
   Synonyms
   amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, awful, eye-opening, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, stunning, sublime, surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS

stupendously adverb
   : to a stupendous degree
   Synonyms
   broadly, considerably, greatly, hugely, largely, massively, monstrously, much, sizably, tremendously, utterly, vastly—more at GREATLY

stupid /ˈstʊpəd, ˈstüˈpid/ adjective
[origin: MF stupide, fr. L stupitus, fr. stupere to be numb, be astonished]
1 : very dull in mind
2 : showing or resulting from dullness of mind
3 : lacking interest or intellectual stimulation <a ~ book>
   — stupidly adverb
   Synonyms
   [1] dense, dull, dumb, fatuous, mindless, obtuse, senseless, simple, slow, thick, unintelligent, vacuous, witless; also feebleminded, retarded; foolish, idiotic, imbecile, imbecilic, moronic; ignorant, illiterate, lowbrow, uneducated, uninformed, untaught, unthinking; absurd, asinine, balmy, cockeyed, crazy, cuckoo, daft, harebrained, insane, kooky, loony, lunatic, mad, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, sappy, screwball, silly, unwise, wacky, zany; fallacious, illogical, invalid, irrational, unreasonable
   Antonyms
   brainy, brilliant, clever, intelligent, quick-witted, sharp, smart
   [2] absurd, crazy, foolish, insane, mad, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, senseless, silly, unwise, wacky—more at FOOLISH
   [3] drab, dreary, monotonous, ponderous, uninteresting, weary

stupidity /ˈstʊpəd·ətē, ˈstüˌpid·ətē/ noun
1 : the quality or state of being stupid
2 : a stupid idea or act
   Synonyms
   [1] denseness, dopiness, fatuity, foolishness, imbecility, mindlessness, obtuseness, vacuity; also absurdity, asininity, balminess, craziness, daftness, folly, idiocy, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness, simplicity, zaniness; fallacy, irrationality, unreasonable
   Antonyms
   brightness, brilliance, cleverness, intelligence, keenness, quickness, sharpness, smartness
   [2] absurdity, asininity, fatuity, folly, foolery, idiocy, imbecility, inanity, insanity, lunacy—more at FOLLY

stupor /ˈstʊpər, ˈstüˌpər/ noun
1 : a condition of greatly dulled or completely suspended sense or feeling
2 : a state of extreme apathy or torpor often following stress or shock
— stupor·ous adjective

Synonyms

apyth, impassivity, numbness, phlegm—more at APATHY

stur·di·ly /ˈstʊr.dəˌli/ adverb

in a sturdy manner

Synonyms

energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, mightily, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, vigorously—more at HARD

stur·di·ness /ˈdəˌnis/ noun

the quality or state of being sturdy

Synonyms

firmness, soundness, stability, steadiness, strength—more at STABILITY

stur·dy /ˈstʊr.də/ adjective stur·di·er; -est


1 : RESOLUTE, UNYIELDING
2 ▶ : capable of withstanding adverse conditions : STRONG

Synonyms

hard, hard-bitten, hardy, rugged, stout, strong, tough, vigorous—more at HARDY

fast, firm, sound, stable, stalwart, steady, strong—more at STABLE

stur·geon /ˈstʊr.dʒən/ noun

any of a family of large bony fishes including some whose roe are made into caviar

stut·ter /ˈstʊt.ər/ verb

to speak with involuntary disruption or blocking of sounds

— stutter noun

— stut·ter·er noun

stutter step noun

a move made by a runner (as in football) done to fake a defender out of position

stye /ˈstɪ/ noun, plural sties

PIGPEN

stye or sty noun, plural sties or styes

an inflamed swelling of a skin gland on the edge of an eyelid

style /ˈstɪl/ noun

1 : mode of address : TITLE

2 ▶ : a way of speaking or writing; especially : one characteristic of an individual, period, school, or nation <ornate ~> 

3 ▶ : manner or method of acting, making, or performing; also : a distinctive or characteristic manner

4 : a slender pointed instrument or process; especially : STYLUS

5 ▶ : a fashionable manner or mode

6 : overall excellence, skill, or grace in performance, manner, or appearance

7 : the custom followed in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and typography

— sty·lis·tic /ˈstɪl.ɪs.tɪk/ adjective

Synonyms

[2] fashion, locution, manner, mode, phraseology, tone, vein; also delivery, elocution; colloquialism, accretion, connotation, idiomatic

[3] approach, fashion, form, manner, method, strategy, system, tack, tactics, technique, way—more at METHOD

[5] craze, fad, mode, rage, trend, vogue—more at FAD

style verb styled; styl·ing

1 ▶ : to call or designate by an identifying term : NAME
2 : to make or design in accord with a prevailing mode

**Synonyms**
- baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, label, name, term, title—more at NAME

**sty·ling /ˈstɪ·lɪŋ/ noun**
: the way in which something is styled

**styl·ise** British variant of STYLIZE

**styl·ish /ˈstɪ·lɪʃ/ adjective**
- : conforming to current fashion
  - **stylish·ly** adverb
  - **stylish·ness noun**

**Synonyms**
- à la mode, chic, fashionable, in, modish, sharp, smart, snappy; also dapper, dashing, natty, spruce, rakish; posh, swank; elegant, graceful, handsome, majestic, refined, sophisticated, stately, tasteful, understated; foppish; classic, exquisite, quiet, restrained, simple; affected, grandiose, pretentious

**Antonyms**
- dowdy, outmoded, unfashionable, unstylish

**styl·ist /ˈstɪ·lɪst/ noun**
1 : one (as a writer) noted for a distinctive style
2 : a developer or designer of styles

**styl·ize /ˈstɪ·lɪz/; styl·ized; styl·iz·ing**
: to conform to a style; especially : to represent or design according to a pattern or style rather than according to nature or tradition

- **styl·i·za·tion /ˈstɪ·lɪ·za·ʃən/ noun**

**sty·lus /ˈstɪ·lus/ noun, plural sty·li /ˈstɪ·li/ also sty·lus·es /ˈstɪ·lus·es/**
[Origin: L. stylus, stilus spike, stylus]
1 : a pointed implement used by the ancients for writing on wax
2 : a phonograph needle
3 : a pen-shaped pointing device for entering data into a computer

**sty·mie /ˈstɪ·mi/ verb sty·mied; sty·mie·ing**
: BLOCK, FRUSTRATE

**styp·tic /ˈstɪp·tɪk/ adjective**
: tending to check bleeding

- **styp·tic noun**

**suave /ˈsweɪv/ adjective**
[Origin: MF, pleasant, sweet, fr. L suavis]
- : persuasively pleasing : smoothly agreeable

- **suave·ly adverb**
- **sua·vi·ty /swəˈvi·tɪ/ noun**

**Synonyms**
- debonair, smooth, sophisticated, urbane; also glib, slick, unctuous; civilized, cultivated, cultured, graceful, poised, polished, refined; cosmopolitan, smart, worldly-wise; experienced, knowing, practiced, schooled, seasoned; amiable, appealing, attractive; assured, calm, collected, composed, confident, cool, placid, secure, serene, self-assured, self-confident, self-possessed, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed

**Antonyms**
- boorish, churlish, clownish, loutish, uncouth

**1 sub /ˈsʌb/ noun**
: a person or thing that takes the place or function of another : SUBSTITUTE

**2 sub noun**
1 : a naval vessel designed to operate underwater : SUBMARINE
2 : a large sandwich on a long split roll with any of a variety of fillings : SUBMARINE
3 **sub** abbreviation

1 subtract

2 suburb

4 **sub** verb

: to serve as a substitute

*Synonyms*

: cover, fill in, pinch-hit, stand in, substitute, take over—more at COVER

**sub-** /sub/ prefix

1: under : beneath

2: subordinate : secondary

3: subordinate portion of : subdivision of

4: with repetition of a process described in a simple verb so as to form, stress, or deal with subordinate parts or relations

5: somewhat

6: falling nearly in the category of : bordering on

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix sub-:

- subacute
- subagency
- subagent
- subaqueous
- subarctic
- subarea
- subatmospheric
- subaverage
- subbasement
- subcategory
- subcellular
- subchapter
- subclass
- subclassify
- subcommittee
- subcontract
- subcontrator
- subculture
- subcutaneous
- subdiscipline
- subentry
- subfamily
- subfield
- subfreezing
- subgenre
- subgenus
- subgroup
- subhead
- subheading
- subhuman
- subkingdom
- sublethal
- subliterate
- subminimal
- subminimum
- suboptimal
- suborder
- subparagraph
- subparallel
subphylum
subplot
subpopulation
subproblem
subprofessional
subprogram
subregion
subroutine
subsection
subsense
subsoil
subspecies
substage
substation
subsystem
subteen
subthreshold
subtopic
subtotal
subtreasury
subtype
subroutine
subvisible
subzero

sub·al·pine /ˈsəbˌælˈpɪn/ adjective
1: of or relating to the region about the foot and lower slopes of the Alps
2: of, relating to, or inhabiting high upland slopes esp. just below the timberline

sub·al·tern /ˈsəbˌælˈtərn/ noun
: SUBORDINATE; especially : a junior officer (as in the British army)

sub·as·sem·bly /ˈsəbˌæsˈmblē/ noun
: an assembled unit to be incorporated with other units in a finished product

sub·atom·ic /ˈsəbˌætəˈmik/ adjective
: of or relating to the inside of the atom or to particles smaller than atoms

sub·clin·i·cal /ˈsəbˌklinəl/ adjective
: not detectable by the usual clinical tests <a ~ infection>

sub·com·pact /ˈsəbˌkəmˈpækt/ noun
: an automobile smaller than a compact

1 sub·con·scious /ˈsəbˌkənˈchas/ adjective
: existing in the mind without entering conscious awareness
— sub·con·scious·ly adverb
— sub·con·scious·ness noun

2 sub·con·scious noun
: mental activities just below the threshold of consciousness

sub·con·ti·nent /ˈsəbˌkənˈtənənt/ noun
: a major subdivision of a continent
— sub·con·ti·nen·tal /ˈsəbˌkənˈtənəl/ adjective

sub·di·vide /ˈsəbˌdiˈvīd/ verb
: to divide the parts of into more parts; especially : to divide (a tract of land) into building lots
— sub·di·vi·sion /ˌsəbˌdiˈvīzən/ noun
sub·duc·tion /sub_ˈdək_ʃən/ noun
: the descent of the edge of one crustal plate beneath the edge of an adjacent plate

sub·due /sub_ˈdī/ verb sub·dued; sub·du·ing
1 †: to conquer and bring into subjection
2 : to bring under control : CURB
3 : to reduce the intensity of
   Synonyms
   † conquer, dominate, overpower, subject, vanquish—more at CONQUER

subdued adjective
†: lacking in vitality, intensity, or strength
   Synonyms
   † conservative, muted, quiet, restrained, unpretentious—more at QUIET

subj abbreviation
1 subject
2 subjunctive

1 sub·ject /ˈsubˌdʒekt/ noun
[origin: ME suget, subget, fr. AF, fr. L subjectus one under authority & subjectum subject of a proposition, fr. subicere to subject, lit., to throw under, fr. sub- under + jacere to throw]
1 : a person under the authority of another
2 : a person subject to a sovereign
3 : an individual that is studied or experimented on
4 †: the person or thing discussed or treated : TOPIC
5 : a word or word group denoting that of which something is predicated
   Synonyms
   † content, matter, motif, motive, question, theme, topic—more at MATTER

2 subject adjective
1 : being under the power or rule of another
2 †: suffering a particular liability or exposure : LIABLE <> to floods>
3 †: dependent on some act or condition <appointment ~ to senate approval>
   Synonyms
   † usually subject to [2] exposed, liable, open, sensitive, susceptible, vulnerable—more at LIABLE
   † usually subject to [3] conditional, contingent, dependent—more at DEPENDENT

3 subject /ˈsubˌdʒekt/ verb
1 †: to bring under control : CONQUER
2 : to make liable
3 : to cause to undergo or endure
   Synonyms
   † conquer, dominate, overpower, subdue, vanquish—more at CONQUER

sub·jec·tion /ˈjek_ʃən/ noun
†: the act of subduing or subjecting
   Synonyms
   † conquest, domination—more at CONQUEST

sub·jec·tive /ˈsabˌdʒek_тив/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or constituting a subject
2 : of, relating to, or arising within one's self or mind in contrast to what is outside : PERSONAL
   — sub·jec·tive·ly adverb
   — sub·jec·tiv·i·ty /ˈjek_ˈtiv_əti/ noun

subject matter noun
†: matter presented for consideration, discussion, or study

sub·join /ˈsabˌdʒän/ verb
subject /ˈsʌb.juː.dɪ.kət/ verb -gat·ed; -gat·ing
1: to bring under control and governance as a subject: CONQUER
2: ENSLAVE

subjective /ˈsʌbˌjɛktɪv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting a verb form that represents an act or state as contingent or possible or viewed emotionally (as with desire) <the ~ mood>

— subjunctive noun

sublease /ˈsʌbˌlēs, ˌlēs/ noun
: a lease by a lessee of part or all of leased premises to another person with the original lessee retaining some right under the original lease

— sublease verb

1. sublet /ˈsʌbˌlɛt/ verb -let; -let·ting
: to let all or a part of (a leased property) to another; also: to rent (a property) from a lessee

2. sublet /ˈlɛt/ noun
: property and esp. housing obtained by or available through a sublease

sublime /ˈsʌbləm/ verb -limed; -lim·ing
1: to pass or cause to pass directly from the solid to the vapor state

2. adjective
1: lofty, grand, or exalted in thought, expression, or manner: NOBLE
2: having awe-inspiring beauty or grandeur

— sublime·ly adverb

— sublim·i·ty noun

Synonyms
1 [1] chivalrous, gallant, great, greathearted, high, high-minded, lofty, lordly, magnanimous, noble—more at NOBLE
2 [2] amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, awful, eye-opening, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, stunning, stupendous, surprising, wonderful—more at MARVELOUS

subliminal /ˈsʌbˌlɪmən.əl/ adjective
[origin: sub- + L limin-, limen threshold]
1: inadequate to produce a sensation or mental awareness <~ stimuli>
2: existing or functioning below the threshold of consciousness <the ~ mind> <~ advertising>

submachine gun /ˈsʌbˌmiʃən ˈɡaːn/ noun
: an automatic firearm fired from the shoulder or hip

submarine /ˈsʌbˌmərɪn/ adjective
: lying, growing, worn, or operating below the surface of the water: UNDERWATER; especially: UNDERSEA

Synonyms
submerged, underwater

2. **submarine noun**
   1: a naval vessel designed to operate underwater
   2: a large sandwich made from a long split roll with any of a variety of fillings

   *Synonyms*
   - grinder, hoagie, poor boy, sub

   **submerge /səbˈmɜːrj/ verb submerged; submerging**
   1: to put or plunge under the surface of water
   2: to cover or overflow with water: INUNDATE

   *Synonyms*
   - [1] dip, douse, duck, dunk, immerse, souse—more at dip
   - [2] deluge, drown, engulf, flood, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, swamp—more at flood

   **submerse /səbˈmɜːrs/ verb submersed; submersing**
   : to put or go under water: SUBMERGE

   *Synonyms*
   - [1] submersible /səbˈmɜːrsəbəl/ adjective
   - capable of being submerged
   - [2] submersible noun
   - something that is submersible; especially: a small underwater craft used for deep-sea research

   **submicroscopic /səbˌmikrəˈsəʊpɪk/ adjective**
   : too small to be seen in an ordinary light microscope

   **subminiature /səbˈmiːniətʃər, ˈsæb-/ adjective**
   : very small

   **submission /ˈsəbˌmɪʃən/ noun**
   : an act of submitting to the authority or control of another

   *Synonyms*
   - compliance, conformity, obedience, observance, subordination—more at obedience
   - capitulation, relinquishment, surrender—more at surrender

   **submissive /ˈsəbˌmɪʃɪv/ adjective**
   : submitting to others

   *Synonyms*
   - amenable, compliant, conformable, docile, obedient, tractable—more at obedient

   **submit /səbˈmɪt/ verb submitted; submitting**
   1: to commit to the discretion or decision of another or of others
   2: to yield oneself to the authority or will of another: SURRENDER
   3: to put forward as an opinion

   *Synonyms*
   - [1, 2] bow, budge, capitulate, concede, give in, knuckle under, quit, succumb, surrender, yield—more at yield

   **subnormal /səbˈnɔrəməl/ adjective**
   : falling below what is normal; also: having less of something and esp. intelligence than is normal

   *Synonyms*
   - subnormality /səbˈnɔrələtɪ/ noun

   **suborbital /səbˈɔrɪtəl/ adjective**
   : being or involving less than one orbit

   *Synonyms*
   - subordinated /saˌbɔrˈdərd/ adjective
   1: of lower class or rank
   2: INFERIOR
   3: submissive to authority
subordinated to other elements in a sentence ◄ clause>

Synonyms

inferior, junior, less, lesser, lower, minor, under—more at LESSER

subordinate noun

one that is subordinate

Synonyms

inferior, junior, underling—more at UNDERLING

subordinate /səˈbɔrdər/ noun

1: to place in a lower rank or class
2: SUBDUE

subordinate /saˈbɔrdərn/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing

1: the act of subordinating (as by making secondary or subject)
2: the quality or state of being subordinate to authority: obedient submission

Synonyms

compliance, conformity, obedience, observance, submission—more at OBEDIENCE

suborn /saˈbɔrn/ verb

1: to induce secretly to do an unlawful thing
2: to induce to commit perjury

suborn /saˈbɔrn/ noun

[Origin: ME suppena, fr. LL sub poena under penalty]

1: a writ commanding the person named in it to attend court under penalty for failure to do so

subpoena verb -naed; -na·ing

1: to summon with a subpoena

sub·Sa·ha·ran /ˌsub saˈhərən/ adjective

of, relating to, or being the part of Africa south of the Sahara

subscribe /ˈsubskrɪb/ verb sub·scribed; sub·scrib·ing

1: to sign one’s name to a document
2: to give consent by or as if by signing one’s name
3: to promise to contribute by signing one’s name with the amount promised
4: to place an order by signing
5: to receive a periodical or service regularly on order
6: to feel favorably disposed: FAVOR

Synonyms

usually subscribe to accept, approve, care, countenance, favor, OK

subscript /ˈsubskrɪpt/ noun

a symbol (as a letter or number) immediately below or below and to the right or left of another written character

subscript /ˈsubskrɪpt/ adjective

subscrip·tion /ˈsubskripʃən/ noun

1: the act of subscribing: SIGNATURE
2: a purchase by signed order

sub·se·quent /ˈsəˌsɛkwənt, əˈsɛkwənt/ adjective

1: following after: SUCCEEDING

Synonyms

after, later, posterior; also behind, belated, delayed, late, slow; eventual, last, ultimate; following

Antonyms

antecedent, anterior, fore, precedent, preceding, previous, prior

sub·se·quent·ly adverb
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a subdivision of a species; especially: a category in biological classification ranking just below a species that designates a geographic population genetically distinct from other such populations and potentially able to breed with them where its range overlaps theirs

sub·stance /ˈsʌb.stəns/ noun
1: essential nature: ESSENCE <divine ~>; also: the fundamental or essential part or quality <the ~ of the speech>
2: physical material from which something is made or which has discrete existence; also: matter of particular or definite chemical constitution
3: material possessions: WEALTH
4: something (as drugs or alcohol) deemed harmful and usu. subject to legal restriction <~ abuse>

Synonyms
- [1] essence, nature, quintessence, soul, stuff—more at ESSENCE
- [2] being, entity, individual, object, thing—more at ENTITY
- [2] material, raw material, stuff
- [3] assets, capital, fortune, means, opulence, riches, wealth, wherewithal—more at WEALTH

substance abuse noun
: excessive use of a drug (as alcohol or cocaine): use of a drug without medical justification

sub·stand·ard /ˈsʌb.stændərd/ adjective
: falling short of a standard or norm

Synonyms
- bad, deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, punk, rotten, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong
  —more at BAD

sub·stan·tial /ˈsʌb.stən.tʃəl/ adjective
1: existing as or in substance: MATERIAL; also: not illusory: REAL
2: marked by or indicative of significant worth or consequence: IMPORTANT
3: NOURISHING, SATISFYING <~ meal>
4: having means: WELL-TO-DO
5: large in extent or degree: CONSIDERABLE <~ profit>
6: STRONG, FIRM

— sub·stan·ti·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] concrete, material, physical, real—more at MATERIAL
- [2] big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, weighty—more at IMPORTANT
- [5] considerable, good, goodly, healthy, respectable, significant, sizable, tidy—more at CONSIDERABLE

sub·stan·ti·ate /ˈsʌb.stən.tʃə.tät/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to give substance or body to
2: to establish by proof or competent evidence

Synonyms
- [1] embody, epitomize, manifest, materialize, personify—more at EMBODY
- [2] bear out, confirm, corroborate, prove, support, validate, verify, vindicate—more at CONFIRM

sub·stan·ti·a·tion /ˌsʌb.stən.tʃə.ˈæ.shən/ noun
: something offered as proof

Synonyms
- attestation, confirmation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, proof, testament, testimony, validation, witness—more at PROOF

1substantive /ˈsʌb.stən.tiv/ noun
: NOUN; also: a word or phrase used as a noun

2substantive adjective
: having substance: REAL

1substitute /ˈsʌb.stə.tjuˌ.tʃə.tyut/ noun
: a person or thing replacing another
Synonyms
› backup, pinch hitter, relief, replacement, reserve, stand-in, sub; also alternate, understudy; apology, makeshift, stopgap; agent, attorney, commissary, delegate, deputy, envoy, factor, procurator, proxy, representative, surrogate; assistant, second

2 substitute verb -tut·ed, -tut·ing
1 › to put or use in the place of another
2 › to serve as a substitute
— substi·tu·tion /ˈsəb-stə-ˌshən/ noun
  Synonyms
› [1] change, commute, exchange, shift, swap, switch, trade—more at CHANGE
› [2] cover, fill in, pinch-hit, stand in, sub, take over—more at COVER
› [2] displace, replace, supersede, supplant—more at REPLACE

3 substitute adjective
› : serving as or fitted for use as a substitute
  Synonyms
› backup, new—more at NEW

sub·strate /ˈsəb-ˈstrāt/ noun
1 : the base on which a plant or animal lives
2 : a substance acted upon (as by an enzyme)

sub·stratum /ˈsəb-ˈsträ-təm, -ˈstrəm/ noun, plural -stra·tum /-ˈstrəm/ : the layer or structure (as subsoil) lying underneath

sub·strate /ˈsəb-ˈstrāk-chər/ noun
: FOUNDATION, GROUNDWORK

sub·sum·e /ˈsəb-ˈsəm/ verb sub·sumed, sub·sum·ing
› to include or place within something larger or more comprehensive

sub·sur·face /ˈsəb-sər-fas/ noun
: earth material near the surface of the ground
— subsurface adjective

sub·ter·fuge /ˈsəb-ˈtər·fij/ noun
› : deception by artifice or stratagem in order to conceal, escape, or evade; also : a trick or device used to deceive
  Synonyms
› artifice, chicanery, hanky-panky, trickery, wile—more at TRICKERY

sub·ter·ra·nean /ˈsəb-ˈtər-rə-nē-ən/ adjective
1 : lying or being underground
2 : SECRET, HIDDEN

sub·tile /ˈsəb-ˈtil/ adjective sub·til·er /ˈsəb-til·ər, -ˈtələr/; sub·til·est /ˈsəb-til·ēst, -ˈtəl·ēst/
: SUBTLE

sub·ti·tle /ˈsəb-ˈtil·əl/ noun
1 : a secondary or explanatory title (as of a book)
2 : printed matter projected on a motion-picture screen during or between the scenes

sub·tle /ˈsəb-ˈtil/ adjective sub·ter·le /ˈsəb-ˈter·lə/; sub·ter·test /ˈsəb-ˈter·təst/
1 : hardly noticeable <> differences
2 : SHREWD, PERCEPTIVE
3 : adept in the use of subtlety and cunning : CLEVER, SLY
4 › cunningly made or contrived
— sub·tly /ˈsəb-ˈtil·ē/ adverb
  Synonyms
› delicate, exact, fine, minute, nice, refined—more at FINE
sub·tle·ty /səˈtɛli/ noun
: the quality or state of being subtle

sub·tract /səbˈtrækt/ verb
: to take away (as one part or number) from another; also : to perform the operation of deducting one number from another
— sub·tract·ion /ˈtræktʃən/ noun

sub·tra·hend /səbˈtraˌhend/ noun
: a number that is to be subtracted from another

sub·trop·i·cal /səbˈtræpˌɪkəl, səb/ also sub·trop·ic /ˈpɪk/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being regions bordering on the tropical zone
— sub·trop·ics /ˈpɪks/ noun plural

sub·urb /səˈɜrbr/ noun
1 : an outlying part of a city; also : a small community adjacent to a city
2 plural : a residential area adjacent to a city
— sub·ur·ban /səˈɜrbrən/ adjective or noun
— sub·ur·ban·ite /səˈɜrbrənˈaɪt/ noun
sub·ur·bia /səˈɜrbiə/ noun
1 ▶ : the suburbs of a city
2 : suburban people or customs

Synonyms
environs, exurbia, outskirts—more at ENVIRONS

sub·ven·tion /səbˈvɛnʃən/ noun
: SUBSIDY, ENDOWMENT

sub·vert /səbˈvɜrt/ verb
1 : OVERTHROW, RUIN
2 ▶ : to pervert or corrupt by an undermining of morals, allegiance, or faith
— sub·ver·sion /səˈvɜrizhən/ noun
— sub·ver·sive /səˈvɜrsiv/ adjective

Synonyms
abase, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demean, demoralize, deprave, pervert, poison, profane, prostitute, warp—more at DEBASE

sub·way /səˈweɪ/ noun
: an underground way; especially : an underground electric railway

sub·woof·er /səbˈwʊfər/ noun
: a loudspeaker responsive only to the lowest acoustic frequencies

suc·ceed /səkˈsiːd/ verb
1 ▶ : to follow next in order or next after another; especially : to inherit sovereignty, rank, title, or property
2 ▶ : to attain a desired object or end : be successful

Synonyms
click, deliver, go over, pan out, work out; also catch on; flourish, prosper, thrive

Antonyms
collapse, fail, flop, flunk, fold, wash out

flourish, prosper, thrive; also prevail, triumph, win

Antonyms
fail

suc·cess /səkˈses/ noun
1 ▶ : favorable or desired outcome
2 : the gaining of wealth and fame
3 ▶ : one that succeeds
— suc·cess·ful·ly adverb
Synonyms
› [1] accomplishment, achievement, attainment, coup, triumph—more at accomplishment
› [3] blockbuster, hit, smash, winner—more at hit
successful /fəˈsl/ adjective
› : resulting or terminating in success <a ~ outcome>; also : gaining or having gained success <a ~ writer>
  Synonyms
› palmy, prosperous, triumphant; also coming, promising; booming, growing, roaring, robust
  Antonyms
failed, unsuccessful
succession /suːˈkeɪʃən/ noun
1 : the order, act, or right of succeeding to a property, title, or throne
2 : the act or process of following in order
3 : a series of persons or things that follow one after another
  successional /suːˈkeɪʃənl/ adjective
› : following in order : consecutive
successively /suːˈkeɪʃənli/ adverb
  Synonyms
› consecutive, sequential—more at consecutive
successor /suːˈseɪr/ noun
: one that succeeds (as to a throne, title, estate, or office)
succinct /ˈsʌkɪnt, ˈsəkɪnt/ adjective
› : marked by compact precise expression without wasted words : brief
  Synonyms
› brief, compact, compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, summary, terse—more at concise
succinctly /ˈsʌkɪntli/ adverb
› : in a succinct manner : with concise and precise brevity
  Synonyms
› compactly, concisely, crisply, laconically, shortly, summarily, tersely—more at shortly
succinctness noun
› : the quality or state of being succinct
  Synonyms
› brevity, briefness, compactness, conciseness, crispness, terseness; also bluntness, curtness, shortness
  Antonyms
prolixity, verbosity, wordiness
succor /ˈsʌkər/ noun
[origin: ME socour, succurs (taken as pl.), fr. AF succur, succors, fr. ML succursus, fr. L succurrere to run to the rescue, bring aid]
› : aid, help, relief
— succor verb
succotash /ˈsʌkətəʃ/ noun
[origin: Narraganset (American Indian language of Rhode Island) msíckquatash boiled corn kernels]
: beans and corn kernels cooked together
succour chiefly British variant of succor
1 succulent /ˈsʌkəˌlənt/ adjective
› : full of juice : juicy; also : having fleshy tissues that conserve moisture << plants>
— succulence /ˈlənts/ noun
  Synonyms
› fleshy, juicy, pulpy—more at juicy
2 succulent noun
: a succulent plant (as a cactus or an aloe)
suc·cumb /ˈsək.əm/ verb
1 ▶: to yield to superior strength or force or overpowering appeal or desire
2 ▶: to pass from physical life: die

Synonyms
▶ [1] bow, budge, capitulate, concede, fall, give in, knuckle under, quit, submit, surrender, yield—more at YIELD
▶ [2] decaese, depart, die, expire, pass, pass away, perish—more at DIE

1such /ˈsach, ˈsich/ adjective
1 ▶: of this or that kind
2 : having a quality just specified or to be specified

Synonyms
▶ akin, alike, analogous, comparable, correspondent, like, parallel, similar—more at ALIKE

2such pronoun
1 : such a one or ones <he's a star, and acted as ~> 
2 : that or those similar or related thereto <boards and nails and ~> 

3such adverb
: to that degree: so

such·like /ˈsach.lɪk/ adjective
: of like kind: SIMILAR

1suck /ˈsæk/ verb
1 : to draw in liquid and esp. mother's milk with the mouth
2 : to draw liquid from by action of the mouth (< an orange>
3 ▶: to take in or up or remove by or as if by suction
4 : to be objectionable

Synonyms
▶ usually suck up absorb, drink, imitate, soak, sponge—more at ABSORB

2suck noun
1 : a sucking movement or force
2 : the act of sucking

suck·er /ˈsæk.ər/ noun
1 : one that sucks
2 : a part of an animal's body used for sucking or for clinging
3 : any of numerous freshwater fishes with thick soft lips for sucking in food
4 : a shoot from the roots or lower part of a plant
5 ▶: a person easily deceived
6 — used as a generalized term of reference

Synonyms
▶ dupe, gull, pigeon, sap, tool—more at DUPE

suck·le /ˈsæk.ləl/ verb suck·led; suck·ling 
: to give or draw milk from the breast or udder; also : NURTURE

suck·ling /ˈsæk.lɪŋ/ noun
: a young unweaned mammal

suck·up /ˈsæk.up/ noun
: a person who seeks to gain favor by flattery <a ~ to the teacher>

suc·rose /ˈsʊ,krəs, ˌkrəz/ noun
: a sweet sugar obtained commercially esp. from sugarcane or sugar beets

suc·tion /ˈsæk.shən/ noun
1 : the act of sucking
2 : the act or process of drawing something (as liquid or dust) into a space (as in a vacuum cleaner or a pump) by partially exhausting the air in the space
—— suctional /ˈsəkʃən(ə)l/ adjective
  suction cup noun
  : a cup-shaped device in which a partial vacuum is produced when applied to a surface
—— Sudanese /sūˈdānˌi.-sē/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of Sudan
  — Sudanese adjective
—— sudden /ˈsədən/ adjective
  1 : happening or coming unexpectedly << shower>>; also : changing angle or character all at once << turn>>
  2 : HASTY, RASH << decision>>
  3 : made or brought about in a short time : PROMPT << cure>>
  — suddenness noun
   — suddenly adverb
     : in a sudden manner
     Synonyms
       aback, unaware, unawares—more at UNAWARES
—— sudden infant death syndrome noun
  : death due to unknown causes of an apparently healthy infant usu. before one year of age and esp. during sleep
—— suds /sʌdz/ noun plural
  : soapy water esp. when frothy
  — sudsy /ˈsʌdˌzi/ adjective
—— sue /suː/ verb sued; su-ing
  [origin: ME sewen, siuen to follow, strive for, petition, fr. AF sivre, siure, fr. VL *sequere, fr. L sequi to follow]
  1 : to make a request or application : PETITION, SOLICIT — usu. used with for or to
  2 : to seek justice or right by bringing legal action
  Synonyms
    usually sue for ask, call, petition, plead, quest, request, seek, solicit
—— suede also suède /ˈswaːd/ noun
  [origin: F gants de Suède Swedish gloves]
  1 : leather with a napped surface
  2 : a fabric with a suedelike nap
—— suet /sjuːt/ noun
  : the hard fat from beef and mutton that yields tallow
—— suff abbreviation
  1 sufficient
  2 suffix
—— suffer /ˈsafər/ verb suf-fered; suf-fer-ing
  1 : to feel or endure pain
  2 : to have experience of : UNDERGO
  3 : to bear loss, damage, or injury
  4 : to allow esp. by reason of indifference : PERMIT
  — sufferer noun
    Synonyms
      [1] agonize, bleed, feel, grieve, hurt, mourn, sorrow—more at GRIEVE
      [2] endure, experience, feel, have, know, see, sustain, taste, undergo—more at EXPERIENCE
      [4] allow, have, permit
—— suffer-able /ˈsafərə-bal/ adjective
  1 : not forbidden
  2 : that can be suffered
Synonyms
▸ bearable, endurable, supportable, sustainable, tolerable—more at bearable

suffer-ance /ˈsə fnəns, ˈsə fnəns/ noun
1 ▸ : consent or approval implied by lack of interference or resistance
2 ▸ : power or ability to withstand : patience
   Synonyms
   ▸ [1] allowance, authorization, clearance, concurrence, consent, leave, license, permission, sanction—more at permission
   ▸ [2] forbearance, long-suffering, patience, tolerance—more at patience

suffer-ing /ˈsə fənɡ/ noun
: pain, misery, hardship

suf-fic-e /saˈfɪs/ verb suf-ficed; suf-fic-ing
1 ▸ : to satisfy a need : be sufficient
2 ▸ : to be capable or competent

suf-fic-i-ency /saˈfi snəs/ noun
1 ▸ : a sufficient quantity to meet one's needs
2 ▸ : the quality or state of being sufficient : adequacy

suf-fic-i-ent /saˈfi sənt/ adjective
: adequate to accomplish a purpose or meet a need
   ▸ suf-fic-i-ent-ly adverb
   ▸ 1 suffix /saˈflɪks/ noun
      : an affix occurring at the end of a word
   ▸ 2 suffix /saˈflɪks, (ˌ)saˈflɪks/ verb
      : to attach as a suffix
      ▸ suf-fic-ation /saˈflɪk ˈsæ ˌsən/ noun

suf-foc-ate /saˈfək ˈkeɪt/ verb -cat-ed; -cat-ing
▸ : to deprive of oxygen : smother
   ▸ suf-foc-ating-ly adverb
   ▸ suf-foc-ation /saˈfək ˈkeɪtʃən/ noun
   ▸ Synonyms
      ▸ choke, smother, stifle, strangle—more at smother

suf-frag-an /saˈfrɪg ən/ noun
: an assistant bishop; especially : one not having the right of succession
   ▸ suffragan adjective

suf-frage /ˈsə frɪdʒ/ noun
[origin: L suffragium]
1 ▸ : the right to vote : franchise
   ▸ enfranchisement, franchise, vote—more at vote

suf-frag-ette /ˈsə frɪdʒ ə t/ noun
: a woman who advocates suffrage for women

suf-frag-ist /ˈsə frɪdʒ ə st/ noun
: one who advocates extension of the suffrage esp. to women

suf-fuse /ˈsə fəs/ verb suf-fused; suf-fus-ing
▸ : to spread over or through in the manner of a fluid or light
   ▸ suf-fus-ion /ˈsə fəs ʒən/ noun
   ▸ Synonyms
1 sugar /ʃuˈgær/ noun
1 : a sweet substance that is colorless or white when pure and is chiefly sucrose from sugarcane or sugar beets
2 : a water-soluble compound (as glucose) similar to sucrose

2 sugar verb sug·ared; sug·ar·ing
1 : to mix, cover, or sprinkle with sugar
2 : SWEETEN "<~ advice with flattery>"
3 : to form sugar <a syrup that ~s>
4 : GRANULATE

sugar beet noun
: a large beet with a white root from which sugar is made

sug·ar·cane /ʃuˈgærˌkæn/ noun
: a tall grass widely grown in warm regions for the sugar in its stalks

sugar daddy noun
1 : a well-to-do usu. older man who supports or spends lavishly on a mistress or girlfriend
2 : a generous benefactor of a cause

sugar maple noun
: a maple with a sweet sap; especially : one of eastern No. America with sap that is the chief source of maple syrup and maple sugar

sugar pea noun
: SNOW PEA

sug·ar·plum /ʃuˈɡærˌplʌm/ noun
: a small ball of candy

sug·ar·ry adjective
\> : cloyingly sweet

Synonyms
\> corny, maudlin, mawkish, mushy, saccharine, sappy, schmaltzy, sentimental, sloppy—more at CORNY

sug·gest /ˈsəɡˌjest/ verb
1 \> : to put (as a thought, plan, or desire) into a person's mind
2 \> : to remind or evoke by association of ideas

Synonyms
\> [1] advise, counsel—more at ADVISE
\> [1] advance, offer, pose, proffer, propose, propound, vote—more at PROPOSE
\> [2] allude, hint, imply, indicate, infer, insinuate, intimate—more at HINT

sug·gest·i·ble /ˈsəɡˌjestəbl, -əb-, -əl/ adjective
: easily influenced by suggestion

sug·ges·tion /ˌles ʃən/ noun
1 a : an act or instance of suggesting
b \> : something suggested
2 \> : a slight indication

Synonyms
\> [1b] offer, proffer, proposal, proposition—more at PROPOSAL
\> [2] clue, cue, hint, indication, inkling, intimation, lead—more at HINT

sug·ges·tive /ˌles ˈtiv/ adjective
\> : tending to suggest something; especially : suggesting something improper or indecent
— sug·ges·tive·ly adverb
— sug·ges·tive·ness noun

Synonyms
eloquent, expressive, meaning, meaningful, pregnant, significant—more at EXPRESSIVE
bawdy, lewd, racy, ribald, spicy; also coarse, crude, earthy, foul, gross, salty; dirty, filthy, lascivious, nasty, obscene, pornographic, smutty, unprintable, vulgar; indecorous, unbecoming; naughty, wicked; exceptionable, objectionable, unacceptable, undesirable, unwanted, unwelcome

suicide /ˈsjuː.i.d/ noun
1 : the act of killing oneself purposely
2 : one that commits or attempts suicide

suicidal /ˈsjuː.i.d.əl/ adjective

suicide adjective
: being or performing a deliberate act resulting in the voluntary death of the person who does it <a ~ mission> <a ~ bomber>

sui generis /ˈsjuɪ.ˈdʒen.rɪs/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L, of its own kind]
: being in a class by itself : UNIQUE

suit /sʊt/ noun
1 : an action in court to recover a right or claim
2 a : an act of suing or entreating
   b : COURTSHIP
3 : a number of things used together <~ of clothes>
4 : all the playing cards in a pack bearing the same symbol

Synonyms
[1] action, lawsuit, proceeding—more at LAWSUIT
[2a] appeal, cry, entreaty, petition, plea, prayer, solicitation, supplication—more at PLEA

suit verb
1 : to be appropriate or fitting
2 : to be becoming to
3 : to meet the needs or desires of : PLEASE
4 : to outfit with clothes : DRESS

Synonyms
[1] befit, do, fit, go, serve—more at DO
[3] content, delight, gladden, gratify, please, rejoice, satisfy, warm—more at PLEASE
[4] apparel, array, attire, caparison, clothe, deck, dress, garb, invest, rig—more at CLOTHE

suitability /ˈsjuː.tə.bəl.i.ti/ noun
: the quality or state of being suitable

Synonyms
appropriate, aptness, fitness, rightness—more at APPROPRIATENESS

suitable /ˈsjuː.tə.bəl/ adjective
: adapted to a use or purpose

Synonyms
able, capable, competent, fit, good, qualified—more at COMPETENT
applicable, appropriate, apt, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, meet, proper, right—more at FIT

suitability /ˈsjuː.tə.bəl.i.ti/ noun
: the quality or state of being suitable

suitably /ˈsjuː.tə.blə/ adverb
: in a suitable manner

Synonyms
appropriately, correctly, fittingly, happily, properly, rightly—more at PROPERLY

suitcase /ˈsjuː.tə.kæs/ noun
: a portable case designed to hold a traveler's clothing and personal articles

Synonyms
suite /swēt, for 4 also 'sū/ noun
1 • a group of retainers or attendants: RETINUE
2 • a group of rooms occupied as a unit
3 • a modern instrumental composition in several movements of different character; also: a long orchestral concert arrangement in suite form of material drawn from a longer work
4 • a set of matched furniture for a room
5 • a group of things forming a unit or constituting a collection

Synonyms
• cortege, following, retinue, train—more at CORTEGE

suit·ing /ˈsūtɪŋ/ noun
• fabric for suits of clothes

suit·or /ˈsūtər/ noun
1 • one who sues or petitions
2 • one who seeks to marry a woman

Synonyms
• [1] pleader, solicitor
• [2] gallant, swain, wooer; also beau, boyfriend, fellow, man; admirer, crush, steady; beloved, darling, dear, favorite, flame, honey, love, lover, sweet, sweetheart, valentine; date, escort; fiancé, intended

su·ki·ya·ki /skēˈyäˌkēˌsūˌkēˌyāˌ/ noun
• thin slices of meat, tofu, and vegetables cooked in soy sauce and sugar

sul·fa drug /ˈsəlˌfə/ noun
• any of various synthetic organic bacteria-inhibiting drugs

sul·fate /ˈsəlˌfät/ noun
• a salt or ester of sulfuric acid

sul·fide /ˈsəlˌfīd/ noun
• a compound of sulfur

sul·fur also sul·phur /ˈsəlˌfər/ noun
• a nonmetallic chemical element used esp. in the chemical and paper industries and in vulcanizing rubber

sulfur di·ox·ide /ˈsəlˌfər ˌdākˈsid/ noun
• a heavy pungent toxic gas that is used esp. in bleaching, as a preservative, and as a refrigerant, and is a major air pollutant

sul·fu·ric /ˈsəlˌfyoʊr ˌiːk/ adjective
• of, relating to, or containing sulfur

sulfuric acid or sul·phu·ric acid /ˈsəlˌfyoʊr ˌiːk/ noun
• a heavy corrosive oily strong acid

sul·fu·rous also sul·phu·rous /ˈsəlˌfyoʊrəsˌfəˌrəsˌ fəˌrəsˌfəˌrəs/ adjective
1 • of, relating to, or containing sulfur
2 • of or relating to brimstone or the fire of hell: INFERNAL
3 • FIERY, INFAMED "sermons"

sulk /səlk/ verb
• to be or become moodily silent or irritable

sulk noun
• a sulky mood or spell

Synonyms
• pet, pout, sullenness; also blues, dumps; surliness; biliousness, grumpiness, irascibility, irritability, peevishness, perverseness, perversity, petulance; cantankerousness, disagreeableness

sulk·i·ness /ˈsəlkəˌnis/ noun
1. **sulky** /ˈsʌlkɪ/ adjective sulk·i·er; -est
   - inclined to sulk: MOROSE, MOODY
   — sulk·i·ly /ˈsʌlkɪli/ adverb

   **Synonyms**
   - glum, moody, morose, sullen, surly; also dour, gloomy; choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouch, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peeve, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappy, snippy, testy, waspish; brooding, moping; bearish, bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-natured, ill-tempered, ornery; sensitive, thin-skinned, temperamental, touchy

2. **sulky** noun, plural sulkies
   - a light 2-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle with a seat for the driver and usu. no body

3. **sul·len /ˈsʌlən/ adjective**
   1. gloomily silent
   2. showing or causing gloom or depression: GLOOMY <a ~ sky>
   — sul·len·ly adverb

   **Synonyms**
   - glum, sulky, surly—more at SULKY

4. **sul·len·ness noun**
   - the quality or state of being sullen

5. **sul·ly /ˈsʌli/ verb sul·lied; sul·li·ing**
   - to make or become soiled, tarnished, or defiled: SOIL, SMIRCH

6. **sul·tan /ˈsʌltən/ noun**
   - a sovereign esp. of a Muslim state

7. **sul·ta·na /ˈsʌltəna/ noun**
   1. a female member of a sultan's family
   2. a pale seedless grape; also: a raisin of this grape

8. **sul·try /ˈsʌltri/ adjective sul·tri·er; -est**
   - [origin: obs. E sulter to swelter, alter. of E swelter]
   1. very hot and moist; also: burning hot
   2. exciting sexual desire

   **Synonyms**
   - humid, muggy, sticky—more at HUMID
   - broiling, burning, fiery, hot, red-hot, scorching, torrid—more at HOT

9. **sum /ˈsʌm/ noun**
   - [origin: ME summe, fr. AF sume, somme, fr. L summa, fr. fem. of summus highest]
   1. a quantity of money
   2. the whole amount
   3. GIST
   4. the result obtained by adding numbers
   5. a problem in arithmetic
   6. a summary of the chief points or thoughts

   **Synonyms**
   - aggregate, full, total, totality, whole—more at WHOLE

10. **sum verb summed; sum·ming**
    - to find the sum of by adding or counting; also: to reach a sum

   **Synonyms**
   - add, foot, total—more at ADD
   - usually sum to or sum into add up, amount, come, number, total—more at AMOUNT (TO)
su·mac also su·mach /ˈsʊ·mək, ˈshə/ noun
: any of a genus of trees, shrubs, and woody vines having spikes or loose clusters of red or whitish berries

sum·mar·i·ly /ˈsa·mer·ə·lē, ˈsa·ma·rə·lē/ adverb
: in a summary manner or form

  Synonyms
  ▶ compactly, concisely, crisply, laconically, shortly, succinctly, tersely—more at SHORTLY

sum·ma·rise British variant of SUMMARIZE

sum·ma·rize /ˈsa·me·riz/ verb -rized; -riz·ing
: to tell in a summary

  Synonyms
  ▶ abstract, digest, encapsulate, epitomize, outline, recapitulate, sum up, wrap up; also abridge, condense, curtail, shorten; downsize, shrink; concentrate, consolidate; simplify, streamline

1 summary /ˈsa·me·rē/ adjective
1 ▶ : covering the main points briefly : CONCISE
2 : done without delay or formality <~ punishment>

  Synonyms
  ▶ brief, compact, compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, terse—more at CONCISE

2 summary noun, plural -ries
: a concise statement of the main points

  Synonyms
  ▶ abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, recapitulation, résumé, round-up, sum, synopsis; also abbreviation, abridgment, condensation, curtailment, shortening; brief; rundown; simplification

sum·ma·tion /ˈsa·mə·shən/ noun
1 : a summing up
2 : a speech in court summing up the arguments in a case

sum·mer /ˈsə·mər/ noun
: the season of the year in a region in which the sun shines most directly : the warmest period of the year
— sum·mery adjective

sum·mer·house /ˈsə·mər·həʊs/ noun
: a covered structure in a garden or park to provide a shady retreat

summersault variant of SOMERSAULT

summer squash noun
: any of various squashes (as zucchini) used as a vegetable while immature

sum·mit /ˈsə·mət/ noun
1 ▶ : the highest point
2 : a conference of highest-level officials

  Synonyms
  ▶ acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, tip-top, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

sum·mon /ˈsə·mən/ verb
[origin: ME somnen, somonen, fr. AF somondre, fr. VL *summonere, alter. of L summonēre to remind secretly]
1 ▶ : to call to a meeting : CONVOKE
2 : to send for; also : to order to appear in court
3 : to evoke esp. by an act of the will <~ up courage>

  Synonyms
  ▶ assemble, call, convene, convok, muster—more at CONVOK

sum·mons /ˈsə·mənz/ noun, plural sum·mons·es
1 : an authoritative call to appear at a designated place or to attend to a duty
2: a warning or citation to appear in court at a specified time to answer charges

sumptuous /ˈsʌmptʃuəs/ adjective

- extremely costly, rich, luxurious, or magnificent: LUXURIOUS
  Synonyms
  - deluxe, lavish, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, palatial, plush—more at LUXURIOUS

sum up verb

- to tell in or reduce to a summary: SUMMARIZE
  Synonyms
  - abstract, digest, encapsulate, epitomize, outline, recapitulate, summarize, wrap up

sun /ˈsʌn/ noun

1: the shining celestial body around which the earth and other planets revolve and from which they receive light and heat
2: a celestial body like the sun
3: SUNSHINE

— sunless adjective

2sun verb sunned; sunning

1: to expose to or as if to the rays of the sun
2: to sun oneself

Sun abbreviation

Sunday

sun-bath /ˈsʌnˌbɑθ/ noun

- an exposure to sunlight or a sunlamp

— sunbathe /ˈsʌnbæθ/ verb

sunbeam /ˈsʌnbɛm/ noun

- a ray of sunlight

sun-block /ˈsʌnˌblæk/ noun

- a preparation used on the skin to prevent sunburn (as by blocking ultraviolet radiation)

sunbonnet /ˈsʌnbəˈnet/ noun

- a bonnet with a wide brim to shield the face and neck from the sun

1sunburn /ˈsɜrn/ verb -burned /ˈbɜrnid/ or -burnt /ˈbɜrnt/; -burn-ing

- to cause or become affected with sunburn

2sunburn noun

- a skin inflammation caused by overexposure to ultraviolet radiation esp. from sunshine

sun-dae /ˈsʌnˌdeɪ/ noun

- ice cream served with topping

Sunday /ˈsʌndə/ noun

- the 1st day of the week: the Christian Sabbath

sun-der /ˈsʌnˌdər/ verb

- to force apart
  Synonyms
  - break up, disconnect, disjoint, disunite, divide, disunite, free, part, separate, sever, split, unyoke—more at SEPARATE

sun-dial /ˈsʌnˌdaɪl/ noun

- a device for showing the time of day from the shadow cast on a plate by an object with a straight edge

sun-down /ˈsʌndʌn/ noun

- the time at which the sun disappears below the horizon: SUNSET 2
  Synonyms
- dusk, evening, gloaming, nightfall, sunset, twilight—more at dusk

sun-dries /san_drēz/ noun plural
- various small articles or items

Synonyms
- novelties, notions, odds and ends

sun-dry /san_drē/ adjective
- SEVERAL, DIVERS, VARIOUS

sun-fish /san_fish/ noun
1: a large marine fish with a deeply flattened body
2: any of numerous often brightly colored No. American freshwater fishes related to the perches and usu. having the body flattened from side to side

sun-flow·er /flauər/ noun
- any of a genus of tall New World plants related to the daisies and often grown for the oil-rich seeds of their yellow-petaled dark-centered flower heads

sun past and past participle of sing

sun·glasses /san_gla.saz/ noun plural
- glasses to protect the eyes from the sun
sunk past and past participle of sink

sun·ken /sən_kən/ adjective
1: covered with water: SUBMERGED
2: fallen in: HOLLOW (<< cheeks>)
3: lying in a depression (<a garden>); also: constructed below the general floor level (<a living room>)

Synonyms
- [1] submarine, submerged, underwater
- [2] concave, depressed, hollow—more at hollow

sun·lamp /san_lamp/ noun
- an electric lamp designed to emit radiation of wavelengths from ultraviolet to infrared

sun·light /_līt/ noun
- SUNSHINE

sun·lit /_lit/ adjective
- lighted by or as if by the sun

sun protection factor noun
- a number that is the factor by which the time required for unprotected skin to become sunburned is increased when a sunscreen is used

sun·ny /sa.nē/ adjective
- : full of sunshine; also: full of good spirits

Synonyms
- clear, cloudless, fair, sunshiny, unclouded—more at fair
- blithe, bright, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, lightsome, merry, upbeat—more at cheerful

sun·rise /_rīz/ noun
1: the apparent rising of the sun above the horizon
2: the time at which the sun rises

Synonyms
- aurora, cockcrow, dawn, morning—more at dawn

sun·roof /_rūf, _ruf/ noun
- a panel in an automobile roof that can be opened

sun·screen /.skriën/ noun
a preparation on the skin to prevent sunburn (as by absorbing ultraviolet radiation)

**sun·set /ˌsʌt/ noun**
1: the apparent descent of the sun below the horizon
2: the time at which the sun sets
   
   **Synonyms**
   - dusk, evening, gloaming, nightfall, sundown, twilight—more at **dusk**

**sun·shade /ˈsenˌshād/ noun**
: something (as a parasol or awning) used as a protection from the sun's rays

**sun·shine /ˌshīn/ noun**
: the direct light of the sun

**sun·shiny adjective**
- bright with or as if with the rays of the sun
   
   **Synonyms**
   - clear, cloudless, fair, sunny, unclouded—more at **FAIR**

**sun·spot /ˌspōt/ noun**
: any of the dark spots that appear at times on the sun's surface

**sun·stroke /ˌstrōk/ noun**
: heatstroke caused by direct exposure to the sun

**sun·tan /ˌtān/ noun**
: a browning of the skin from exposure to the sun's rays

**sun·up /ˌsəp/ noun**
: the apparent rising of the sun above the horizon: **SUNRISE**

1**sup /səp/ verb supped; sup·ping**
- to take or drink in swallows or gulps
   
   **Synonyms**
   - drink, guzzle, imbibe, quaff, swig, toss—more at **DRINK**

2**sup noun**
- a mouthful esp. of liquor or broth; also: a small quantity of liquid
   
   **Synonyms**
   - draft, swallow

3**sup verb supped; sup·ping**
1: to eat the evening meal
2: to make one's supper <supped on roast beef>

4**sup abbreviation**
1: superior
2: supplement; supplementary
3: supply
4: supra

1**super /ˈsəpər/ noun**
- SUPERINTENDENT

2**super adjective**
1: very fine: **EXCELLENT**
2: extreme, excessive
3: very large or powerful: **HUGE**

**super- /ˈsəpər/ prefix**
1: over and above: higher in quantity, quality, or degree than: more than
2: in addition: extra
3: exceeding a norm
4: in excessive degree or intensity
5: surpassing all or most others of its kind
6: situated above, on, or at the top of
7: next above or higher
8: more inclusive than
9: superior in status or position

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix super-:
- superabsorbent
- superachiever
- superagency
- superblock
- superbomb
- supercity
- superclean
- superexpensive
- superfast
- superfine
- superheat
- superheavy
- superhero
- superhumanly
- superindividual
- superliner
- superman
- supermom
- supernormal
- superpatriot
- superpatriotic
- superpatriotism
- superpremium
- superrich
- supersalesman
- supersecret
- supersize
- supersized
- supersmart
- supersophisticated
- superspy
- superstate
- superstore
- superstratum
- superstrength
- superstrong
- supersubtle
- supersystem
- supertanker
- superthin
- superwoman

superabundance /ˈsəuperˌæbən-dəns/ noun
- great abundance; also: the state or an instance of surpassing usual, proper, or specified limits

Synonyms
- abundance, plenty, wealth—more at PLENTY
- excess, fat, overabundance, overflow, overkill, overmuch, superfluity, surfeit, surplus—more at EXCESS

superabundant /ˈsəuperˌæbən-dənt/ adjective
more than ample

superannuate /ˈsú.pər.ən.əˌtāt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1: to make out-of-date
2: to retire and pension because of age or infirmity
— superannuated adjective

superb /ˈsú.pərb/ adjective
[Origin: L. superbus excellent, proud, fr. super above]
▶ marked to the highest degree by excellence, brilliance, or competence
— superbly adverb

supercharger /ˈsú.pər.ˈchɑr.jər/ noun
: a device for increasing the amount of air supplied to an internal combustion engine

supercilious /ˈsú.pər.ˈsəl.əs/ adjective
[Origin: L. superciliosus, fr. supercilium eyebrow, haughtiness]
▶ haughtily contemptuous

supercomputer /ˈsú.pər.ˈkam.pəˌtər/ noun
: a large very fast mainframe

superconductivity /ˈsú.pər.kən.dəˌkən.tiv.ə.tē/ noun
: a complete disappearance of electrical resistance in a substance esp. at very low temperatures
— superconductive /ˌkən.dəˌkən.tiv.ə.tē/ adjective
— superconductor /ˌkən.dəˌkən.tər/ noun

supercontinent /ˈsú.pər.ˌkən.tən.tənt/ noun
: a former large continent from which other continents are held to have broken off and drifted away

superego /ˈsú.pər.ˈe.ɡō/ noun
: the one of the three divisions of the psyche in psychoanalytic theory that functions to reward and punish through a system of moral attitudes, conscience, and a sense of guilt

superficial /ˈsú.pər.ˈfər.əl/ adjective
1: of or relating to the surface or appearance only
2: not thorough: SHALLOW
— superficially adverb

superfluity /ˈsú.pər.ˈflō.ə.tē/ noun
▶ the state or an instance of surpassing usual, proper, or specified limits

superfluity /ˈsú.pər.ˈflō.ə.tē/ noun
▶ exceeding what is sufficient or necessary: SURPLUS

superfluously /ˈsú.pər.ˈflō.ə.sē/ adjective
▶ excess, extra, spare, supernumerary, surplus—more at SPARE

superhighway /ˈsú.pər.ˈhī.wā/ noun
: a broad highway designed for high-speed traffic

superhuman /ˈsú.pər.ˈhyo.ˌman/ adjective
› : being above the human; also : exceeding normal human power, size, or capability

**Synonyms**
- magical, miraculous, phenomenal, supernatural, uncanny, unearthly—more at [SUPERNATURAL](#).

**superimpose /ˌsərˌɪmˈpəʊz/ verb**
: to lay (one thing) over or above something else

**superintendent /ˌsjuːˈpreɪnənt/ noun**
› : the act or function of superintending or directing

**Synonyms**
- administer, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, supervise—more at [CONDUCT](#).

**superintendent /ˌsjuːˈpreɪnənt/ noun**
1 : the office, post, or jurisdiction of a superintendent
2 : the act or function of superintending or directing

**superintendent /ˌsjuːˈpreɪnənt/ noun**
› : one who has executive oversight and charge

**Synonyms**
- administrator, director, executive, manager, supervisor—more at [EXECUTIVE](#).

1**superior /ˈsuːpjərɪər/ adjective**
1 : situated higher up, over, or near the top; also : higher in rank or numbers
2 › : of greater value or importance
3 : courageously indifferent (as to pain or misfortune)
4 : better than most others of its kind
5 › : affecting or assuming an air of superiority : [HAUGHTY](#)

**Synonyms**
- [2] distinguished, eminent, illustrious, noble, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, preeminent, prestigious, signal, star—more at [EMINENT](#).
- [5] disdainful, haughty, highfalutin, lofty, lordly, prideful, proud—more at [PROUD](#).

2**superior noun**
1 › : one who is above another in rank, office, or station; especially : the head of a religious house or order
2 : one higher in quality or merit

**Synonyms**
- better, boss, chief, elder, head, leader, master, senior

**Antonyms**
- inferior, subordinate, underling

**superiority /ˌsjuːˈpreɪəri ɪti/ noun**
› : the quality or state of being superior; also : a superior characteristic

**Synonyms**
- distinction, excellence, greatness, preeminence, supremacy—more at [EXCELLENCE](#)
- arrogance, haughtiness, loftiness, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, self-importance—more at [ARROGANCE](#)

1**superlative /ˈsuːpərəltəv/ adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or constituting the degree of grammatical comparison that denotes an extreme or unsurpassed level or extent
2 : surpassing others : [SUPREME](#)

— **superlative adverb**
superlative noun
1 : the superlative degree or a superlative form in a language
2 : the utmost degree: ACME

supermarket /sü'parˌmärˈket/ noun
a self-service retail market selling foods and household merchandise

super·nal /sü′parˌnal/ adjective
1 : being or coming from on high
2 ♦ : of heavenly or spiritual character
3 : superlatively good
Synonyms
celestial, Elysian, empyrean, heavenly—more at CELESTIAL

supernatural /sü′parˌnaˈchərəl/ adjective
1 ♦ : of or relating to phenomena beyond or outside of nature
2 ♦ : relating to or attributed to a divinity, ghost, or devil
—supernaturally adverb
Synonyms
metaphysical, preternatural, superhuman, unearthly; also occult; extrasensory; celestial, divine, heavenly natural
1 magical, miraculous, phenomenal, superhuman, uncanny, unearthly; also bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kooky, outlandish, out-of-the-way, outrageous, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, strange, wacky, way-out, weird, wild; baffling, bewildering, confounding, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling, shocking; aberrant, abnormal, atypical, extraordinary, fantastic, flaky, freak, freakish, idiosyncratic, rare, singular, uncommon, unique, unusual, unwonted; unconventional, uncanny, unearthly; conspicuous, notable, noticeable, outstanding, prominent, salient, striking
2 blessed, divine, godlike, heavenly, holy, sacred—more at HOLY

supernova /sü′parˈnövə/ noun
the explosion of a very large star
1 supernumerary /njuˌmaʊˈnerē/ adjective
exceeding the usual or required number: EXTRA
Synonyms
excess, extra, spare, superfluous, surplus—more at SPARE
2 supernumerary noun, plural -aries
an extra person or thing; especially : an actor hired for a nonspeaking part

superpose /sü′parˈpōz/ verb -posed, -pos·ing
SUPERIMPOSE
—super·po·si·tion /ˈpərˈpoʊzən/ noun

super·pow·er /sü′parˌpauər/ noun
1 : excessive or superior power
2 : one of a few politically and militarily dominant nations

supercharged /sərˈkārd/ adjective
containing an amount of a substance greater than that required for saturation

super·scribe /sü′parˌskrib, sü′parˈskrib/ verb -scribed, -scrib·ing
: to write on the top or outside: ADDRESS
—super·scrip·tion /sü′parˌskripˈshan/ noun

super·script /sü′parˌskript/ noun
a symbol (as a numeral or letter) written immediately above or above and to one side of another character

super·cede /sü′parˌsēd/ verb -ced, -ced·ing
superceeden to defer, fr. MF superceder, fr. L supersedēre to be superior to, refrain from, fr. super-above + sedēre to sit

: to take the place of: REPLACE

Synonyms
- displace, replace, substitute, supplant—more at REPLACE

super-son-ic /səˈsoni k/ adjective
1: ULTRASONIC
2: being or relating to speeds from one to five times the speed of sound; also: capable of moving at such a speed <a ~ airplane>

super-star /sūˌpərˈstār/ noun
: one that is very prominent or is a prime attraction

Synonyms
- celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, VIP—more at CELEBRITY

super-sti·tion /sūˌpərˈsti ʃən/ noun
1: beliefs or practices resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, or trust in magic or chance
2: an unreasoning fear of nature, the unknown, or God resulting from superstition

super-sti·tious /səˈpər ˈsti tʃəs/ adjective

super-struct·ure /sūˌpərˈstraktʃər/ noun
: something built on a base or as a vertical extension

super-til·le /sūˌpərˈtĭl ə/ noun
: a translation of foreign-language dialogue displayed above a screen or performance

super-ve·ne /sūˌpərˈvēn/ verb -vened; -ven·ing
: to occur as something additional or unexpected

super-vise /sūˌpərˈviz/ verb -vised; -vis·ing
: to have or exercise the charge and oversight of

Synonyms
- administer, boss, captain, carry on, conduct, control, direct, govern, guide, handle, manage, operate, oversee, regulate, run, superintend—more at CONDUCT
- attend, care, mind, tend—more at TEND

super-vi·sion /sūˌpərˈvizhən/ noun
: the action, process, or occupation of supervising; especially: a critical watching and directing (as of activities or a course of action)

Synonyms
- administration, conduct, control, direction, government, management, operation, running—more at CONDUCT
- care, charge, guidance, headship, oversight, regulation, superintendence; also monitoring, observing; administration, control, direction, management, running; leadership, piloting, shepherding, steering; government, reign, rule; aegis, guardianship, protection, tutelage

super-vi·sor /sūˌpərˈviz ər/ noun
: one that supervises; especially: an administrative officer in charge of a business, government, or school unit or operation

Synonyms
- administrator, director, executive, manager, superintendent—more at EXECUTIVE

super-vi·so·ry /sūˌpərˈviz ə rē/ adjective
: of or relating to supervision

Synonyms
- directorial, executive, managerial—more at EXECUTIVE

su·pine /sūˈpīn/ adjective
1: lying on the back or with the face upward
2: LETHARGIC, SLUGGISH; also: ABJECT
sup or suppl abbreviation
supplement; supplementary

sup·per /saˈpər/ noun
: the evening meal esp. when dinner is taken at midday

— sup·per·time /ˌsa.pərˈtaɪm/ noun

sup·plant /saˈplant/ verb
1: to take the place of (another) esp. by force or trickery
2: to take the place of esp. by reason of superior excellence or power: REPLACE

Synonyms
displace, replace, substitute, supersede—more at REPLACE

sup·ple /saˈpal/ adjective sup·pler; sup·plest
1: COMPLIANT, ADAPTABLE
2: capable of bending without breaking or creasing: LIMBER

Synonyms
flexible, limber, lissome, lithe, pliable, willowy—more at WILLOWY

1sup·ple·ment /saˈpləˌment/ noun
1: something that supplies a want or makes an addition
2: a continuation (as of a book) containing corrections or additional material
3: DIETARY SUPPLEMENT

Synonyms
accretion, addition, augmentation, boost, expansion, gain, increase, increment, plus, proliferation, raise, rise

—more at INCREASE

sup·ple·men·tal /saˈpləˌment·əl/ adjective
: serving to supplement

sup·ple·men·ta·ry /saˈpləˌmen·təri/ adjective
: added or serving as a supplement

Synonyms
accessory, auxiliary, peripheral—more at AUXILIARY

2sup·ple·ment /saˈpləˌment/ verb
: to fill up the deficiencies of: add to

sup·pli·ant /saˈpləˌant/ noun
: one who supplicates: PETITIONER

sup·pli·cant /saˈpləˌkant/ noun
: one who supplicates: SUPPLIANT

sup·pli·cate /saˈpləˌkat/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1: to make a humble entreaty; especially: to pray to God
2: to ask earnestly and humbly: BESEECH

Synonyms
appeal, beg, beseech, entreat, implore, importune, petition, plead, pray, solicit—more at BEG

sup·pli·ca·tion /saˈpləˌkæsən/ noun
: a humble and earnest petition

Synonyms
appeal, cry, entreaty, petition, plea, prayer, solicitation, suit—more at PLEA

1sup·ply /saˈplɪ/ verb sup·plied; sup·ply·ing
[origin: ME supplien, to complete, compensate for, fr. MF souplier fr. L supplēre to fill up, supplement, supply, fr. subst under, up to + plēre to fill]
1: to add as a supplement
2: to satisfy the needs of
3 : to make available for use: **FURNISH**, **PROVIDE**

— **sup·plier** noun

Synonyms

- [2] accoutre, equip, fit, furnish, outfit, rig—more at **FURNISH**
- [3] deliver, feed, furnish, give, hand, hand over, provide—more at **FURNISH**

**Supply noun, plural supplies**

1 a : the quantity or amount (as of a commodity) needed or available
b : **PROVISIONS**, **STORES** — usu. used in pl.

2 : the quantities of goods or services offered for sale at a particular time or at one price

Synonyms

- budget, fund, pool; also reservoir, reserve, resource; cache, hoard, stockpile; refill, renewal, replacement; kitty, nest egg, pot, purse; source, well, wellspring

**Supply-side** /ˈspəˌplai/ adjective

: of, relating to, or being an economic theory that recommends the reduction of tax rates to expand economic activity

**Support** /ˈspərt/ verb

1 : to endure bravely or quietly : **BEAR**
2 : to take sides with : **BACK**
3 : to provide with food, clothing, and shelter
4 : to hold up or serve as a foundation for
5 : to uphold or defend as valid or right
6 : to provide with substantiation : **CORROBORATE**
7 : to give usu. supplementary help or aid to

— **supportive** adjective

Synonyms

- [2] advocate, back, champion, endorse, patronize; also adopt, embrace, espouse; abet, aid, assist, prop (up), second; bolster, boost, buttress, reinforce; bail out, deliver, rescue, save
- [3, 7] abet, aid, assist, back, help, prop—more at **HELP**
- [4] bear, bolster, brace, buttress, carry, prop, shore, stay, uphold; also steady, truss, underlie
- [6] bear out, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, validate, verify, vindicate—more at **CONFIRM**

**Support** noun

1 : the act of supporting : the state of being supported
2 : one that supports

Synonyms

- [1] aid, assist, assistance, backing, boost, help, lift—more at **HELP**
- [2] brace, bulwark, buttress, mount, shore, stay, underpinning; also column, pedestal, pilaster, pillar; arch, bracket, cantilever; crutch, mainstay, peg, post, stake, stanchion, stand, stilt, truss; base, foundation, frame
- [2] dependence, mainstay, pillar, reliance, standby—more at **DEPENDENCE**

**Supportable** adjective

: capable of being supported

**Support** noun

: one that supports or acts as a support

Synonyms

- bearable, endurable, sufferable, sustainable, tolerable—more at **BEARABLE**
- defensible, justifiable, maintainable, sustainable, tenable—more at **TENABLE**

**Supporter** noun

: one that supports or acts as a support

**Support group** noun

: a group of people with common experiences and concerns who provide emotional and moral support for one another

**Sup·pose** /ˈspəpəzd/ verb supposed; sup·posing
SUPPOSED /so pəzd, pə zd/ adjective
1 : held as an opinion; also : mistakenly believed
Synonyms
- apparent, assumed, evident, ostensible, reputed, seeming—more at APPARENT

SUPPOSED.ly /pə zd. lē, pəzd.lē/ adverb
1 : as supposed
Synonyms
- apparently, evidently, ostensibly, presumably, seemingly—more at APPARENTLY

SUPPOSING conjunction
: if by way of hypothesis : on the assumption that

SUPPOSITION /so pə zən/ noun
1 : something that is supposed
2 : the act of supposing
Synonyms
- conjecture, hypothesis, proposition, theory—more at THEORY
- assumption, postulate, premise, presumption—more at ASSUMPTION
- conjecture, guess, surmise—more at CONJECTURE

SUPPOSITORY /so pə zə tōr.ē/ noun, plural -RIES
[origin: ME suppositorie, fr. AF, fr. ML suppositorium, fr. LL, neut. of suppositorius placed beneath]
: a small easily melted mass of usu. medicated material for insertion (as into the rectum)

SUPPRESS /so pres/ verb
1 : to put down by authority or force : SUBDUE <> a revolt
2 : to keep from being known; also : to stop the publication or circulation of
3 : to hold back : REPRESS <> anger <> a cough
— SUPPRESS.IBLE /pə pres. bəl/ adjective
— SUPPRESSOR /pə pres/ noun
Synonyms
- clamp down, crack down, crush, put down, quash, quell, repress, silence, snuff, squash, squelch, subdue—more at QUIEL
- choke, pocket, repress, smother, stifle, strangle, swallow; also control, govern, handle, manage; bridle, check, curb, hold back, quell; bottle up, contain, hold in; muffle, squelch

SUPPRESSION /pə shən/ noun
1 : an act or instance of suppressing : the state of being suppressed
2 : the conscious intentional exclusion from consciousness of a thought or feeling
Synonyms
- constraint, inhibition, repression, restraint, self-control, self-restraint

SUPPRESSANT /so pres. ənt/ noun
: an agent (as a drug) suppressing rather than eliminating something <> a cough ~

SUPPRESS.ATE /so pres. ət/ verb -AT.ed; -AT.ING
: to form or give off pus
— SUPPRESSION /so pres. ən/ noun
su·pra /sū.prä/ adverb
: earlier in this writing : ABOVE

su·pra·na·tion·al /sū.prä.na.shə.nəl/ adjective
: going beyond national boundaries, authority, or interests <~ organizations>

su·pre·m·a·cist /sū.pre.ma.sist/ noun
: an advocate of group supremacy

su·pre·m·a·cy /sū.pre.ma.sə/ noun, plural -cies
1 ‣ : the quality or state of being supreme
2 ‣ : supreme authority or power

Synonyms
[1] distinction, excellence, greatness, preeminence, superiority—more at EXCELLENCE
[2] ascendancy, dominance, dominion, predominance, preeminence; also primacy, superiority, lordship, scepter, sovereignty; arm, authority, command, clutch, control, grip, hold, mastery, sway; direction, jurisdiction, management; clout, pull, weight; eminence, importance, moment; prerogative, privilege, right

su·pre·me /sū.pre.mə/ adjective
[origin: L supremus, superl. of superus upper, fr. super over, above]
1 ‣ : highest in rank or authority
2 ‣ : highest in degree or quality <~ among poets>
3 ‣ : the best or most extreme of its kind : ULTIMATE <the ~ sacrifice>
— su·pre·me·ly adverb
— su·pre·me·ness noun

Synonyms
[1, 2] arch, cardinal, central, chief, dominant, first, foremost, grand, key, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, sovereign—more at FOREMOST
[3] consummate, maximum, most, nth, paramount, top, ultimate, utmost—more at ULTIMATE

Supreme Being noun
› : the Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness who is worshipped as creator and ruler of the universe

Synonyms
› Almighty, deity, Jehovah

supt abbreviation
superintendent

sur·cease /sərˌsēz/ noun
: a temporary or final ceasing : CESSATION

1 sur·charge /sərˌchar/ verb
1 : to fill to excess : OVERLOAD
2 : to apply a surcharge to (postage stamps)
3 : to charge too much or too fully

2 sur·charge noun
1 : an extra fee or cost
2 : an excessive load or burden
3 : something officially printed on a postage stamp esp. to change its value

sur·cin·gle /sərˈsintgal/ noun
: a band put around a horse's body to make something (as a saddle) fast

1 sur· /ˈshūr/ adjective sur·er; sur·est
[origin: ME, seur, sure, fr. AF seur, fr. L securus secure]
1 ‣ firmly established
2 ‣ : suitable or fit to be relied on : TRUSTWORTHY, RELIABLE
3 ‣ : characterized by a lack of wavering or hesitation : CONFIDENT
4 : not to be disputed : UNDOUBTED
5 ‣ : bound to happen
6: careful to remember or attend to something <be ~ to lock the door>

**Synonyms**
- [2] dependable, good, reliable, responsible, safe, solid, steady, tried, true, trustworthy—more at DEPENDABLE
- [3] assured, certain, clear, cocksure, confident, doubtless, positive, sanguine—more at CERTAIN
- [5] certain, inevitable, necessary, unavoidable—more at INEVITABLE

**2.sure adverb**
: SURELY

**sure·fire /shūrˈfər/ adjective**
: certain to get results : DEPENDABLE

**sure·ly /shūrˈlē/ adverb**
1: in a sure manner
2: without doubt
3: INDEED, REALLY

**Synonyms**
- certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at INDEED

**sure·ness noun**
: the quality or state of being sure

**Synonyms**
- assurance, certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, positiveness—more at CONFIDENCE
- dependability, reliability, solidity, trustworthiness—more at RELIABILITY

**sure·ty /shūrˈtē/ noun, plural -ties**
1: SURENESS, CERTAINTY
2: something that makes sure : GUARANTEE
3: one who is a guarantor for another person

**Synonyms**
- [2] bond, contract, covenant, guarantee, guaranty, warranty—more at GUARANTEE
- [3] backer, guarantor, patron, sponsor—more at SPONSOR

**1.surf /sər夫/ noun**
: waves that break upon the shore; also : the sound or foam of breaking waves

**2.surf verb**
1: to ride the surf (as on a surfboard)
2: to scan the offerings of (as television or the Internet) for something of interest
— surf·er noun
— surf·ing noun

**1.surface /ˈsər fəs/ noun**
1: the outside of an object or body
2: outward aspect or appearance

**surface adjective**

**Synonyms**
- exterior, face, outside, skin, veneer—more at EXTERIOR

**2.surface verb sur·faced; sur·fac·ing**
1: to give a surface to : make smooth
2: to rise to the surface
3: to come into public view

**Synonyms**
- arise, crop, emerge, materialize, spring—more at ARISE

**surf-board /ˈsərˌbōrd/ noun**
: a buoyant board used in surfing

**1.surfeit /ˈsər fəlt/ noun**
1: an overabundant supply: EXCESS
2: excessive indulgence (as in food or drink)
3: disgust caused by excess
   Synonyms
   ➢ excess, fat, overabundance, overflow, overkill, overmuch, superabundance, superfluity, surplus—more at EXCESS

2 surfeit verb
   ➢ to feed, supply, or indulge to the point of surfeit
   Synonyms
   ➢ glut, gorge, sate, stuff—more at GORGE

surg abbreviation
surgeon; surgery; surgical

1 surge /sər/ verb surged; surg·ing
   1: to rise and fall actively: TOSS
   2: to move in waves
   3: to rise suddenly to an excessive or abnormal value

2 surge noun
   1: a sweeping onward like a wave of the sea <a ~ of emotion>
   2 ➢ a large billow
   3: a transient sudden increase of current or voltage in an electrical circuit
   Synonyms
   ➢ billow, swell, wave—more at WAVE

surgeon /sərˈjeon/ noun
   a physician who specializes in surgery

surgery /sərˈjeərē/ noun, plural -ger·ies
   1: a branch of medicine concerned with the correction of physical defects, the repair of injuries, and the treatment of disease esp. by operations
   2: a room or area where surgery is performed
   3: the work done by a surgeon

sur·gi·cal /sərˈjıˈkal/ adjective
   ➢ of, relating to, or associated with surgeons or surgery
   — sur·gi·cal·ly /sərˈjıˈkāli/ adverb

sur·ly /sərˈlē/ adjective sur·li·er; -est
[origin: alter. of ME serreli lordly, imperious, prob. fr. sire, ser sire]
   ➢ having a rude unfriendly disposition
   — sur·li·ness /sərˈlē.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   ➢ glum, sulky, sullen—more at SULKY
   ➢ bearish, bilious, cantankerous, disagreeable, dyspeptic, ill-humored, ill-tempered, ornery, splenetic—more at ILL-TEMPERED

1 surmise /sərˈmiz/ verb sur·mised; sur·mis·ing
   ➢ to form a notion from scanty evidence: GUESS
   Synonyms
   ➢ assume, conjecture, guess, presume, speculate, suppose, suspect—more at GUESS

2 surmise noun
   ➢ a thought or idea based on scanty evidence
   Synonyms
   ➢ conjecture, guess, supposition—more at CONJECTURE
sur·mount /surˈmaʊnt/ verb
1 : to prevail over : OVERCOME
2 : to get to or lie at the top of
   Synonyms
   ➤ beat, conquer, crush, defeat, master, overcome, prevail, subdue, triumph, win—more at BEAT

sur·name /ˈsnɔrnəm/ noun
1 : NICKNAME
2 : the name borne in common by members of a family

sur·pass /surˈpās/ verb
1 : to be superior to in quality, degree, or performance : EXCEL
2 : to go beyond the range or powers of
   — sur·pass·ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] beat, better, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, top, transcend; also exceed, outrun, overpass; best, clobber, conquer, crush, defeat, drub, lick, master, overcome, overhaul, prevail (over), rout, skunk, subdue, surmount, thrash, trim, triumph (over), trounce, wallop, whip, win (against), worst; outweigh, overshadow
   ➤ [2] exceed, overreach, overrun, overshoot, overstep—more at EXCEED

sur·plice /ˈsɜrpliːs/ noun
: a loose white outer vestment usu. of knee length

sur·plus /ˈsɜrpləs/ noun
1 : quantity left over : EXCESS
2 : the excess of assets over liabilities
   Synonyms
   ➤ excess, fat, overabundance, overflow, overkill, overmuch, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit—more at EXCESS

1sur·prise /ˈsərpriːz/ noun
1 : an attack made without warning
2 : a taking unawares
3 : something that surprises
4 : the state of being surprised : AMAZEMENT
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] ambush, trap—more at AMBUSH
   ➤ [3] bolt, bombshell, jar, jolt; also shock, thunderclap; revelation, shocker
   ➤ [4] amazement, astonishment, shock, wonder; also awe, wonderment; startle; bewilderment, confusion, discomfiture, dismay

2sur·prise verb sur·prised; sur·pris·ing
1 : to come upon and attack unexpectedly
2 : to take unawares
3 : to strike with wonder or amazement esp. because unexpected : AMAZE
4 : to cause astonishment or surprise
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] ambush, waylay—more at AMBUSH
   ➤ [3] amaze, astonish, astound, bowl, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, shock, startle, stun, stupefy; also befuddle, bewildel, confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, dismay, muddle, nonplus, perplex

sur·pris·ing adjective
➤ of a nature that excites surprise
   Synonyms
   ➤ amazing, astonishing, astounding, eye-opening, shocking, startling, stunning; also unannounced, unanticipated, unexpected, unforeseen; awesome, awful, breathtaking, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, staggering, stupendous, sublime, wonderful, wondrous; extraordinary, phenomenal, rare, sensational, spectacular; befuddling, bewildering, confounding, confusing, discomfitting, disconcerting,
dismaying, muddling, nonplussing, perplexing; incomprehensible, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable; singular, uncommon, unique, unusual, unwonted; conspicuous, notable, noticeable, outstanding, remarkable; impressive, striking
  ➤ awesome, eye-opening, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, stupendous, sublime, wonderful—more at Marvelous

**sur·pris·ing·ly** /səˈprɪzəŋˈli/ **adverb**
1 : in a surprising manner or degree
2 : it is surprising that

**sur·re·al** /səˈrē·əl/ **adjective**
1 : having the intense irrational reality of a dream
2 : of or relating to surrealism
  — **sur·re·al·ly** adverb

**sur·re·al·ism** /səˈrē·ə·liz·əm/ **noun**
: art, literature, or theater characterized by fantastic or incongruous imagery or effects produced by unnatural juxtapositions and combinations
  — **sur·re·al·ist** /səˈrē·ə·lĭst/ **noun or adjective**
  — **sur·re·al·is·tic** /səˈrē·ə·lĭs·tĭk/ **adjective**
  — **sur·re·al·is·ti·cal·ly** /səˌrēˌəˌlĭsˈtĭkˈli/ **adverb**

**sur·ren·de·r** /səˈren·dər/ **verb**
1 ☞ : to yield to the power of another : give up under compulsion
2 ☞ : to give up completely or agree to forgo esp. in favor of another : RELINQUISH
3 ☞ : to give (oneself) over to something (as an influence)
  **Synonyms**
  ➤ [1] bow, budge, capitate, concede, fall, give in, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, yield—more at YIELD
  ➤ [2] cede, deliver, give up, hand over, leave, relinquish, render, turn over, yield; also commit, consign, entrust; waive; renounce, resign; abandon, desert, discard, forsake, shed
  ➤ [3] bow, give in, submit, succumb, yield

**sur·rende·r** noun
1 : the act of giving up or yielding oneself or the possession of something to another
  **Synonyms**
  ➤ capitulation, relinquishment, submission; also acceptance, acquiescence, concession; compromise; appeasement, conciliation; capture, fall

**sur·rep·ti·tious** /sərˈrep·təˈshəs/ **adjective**
1 : done, made, or acquired by stealth : CLANDESTINE
  — **sur·rep·ti·tious·ly** adverb
  **Synonyms**
  ➤ clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, undercover, underground, underhanded—more at SECRET

**sur·rey** /səˈrē/ **noun, plural surreys**
: a 2-seated horse-drawn carriage

**sur·ro·ga·cy** /səˈro·gəˈsē/ **noun**
: SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD

**sur·ro·gate** /sərəˈgāt/ **noun**
1 : DEPUTY, SUBSTITUTE
2 : a law officer in some states with authority in the probate of wills, the settlement of estates, and the appointment of guardians
3 : SURROGATE MOTHER

**surrogate mother** noun
1 : a woman who becomes pregnant (as by surgical implantation of a fertilized egg) in order to carry the fetus for another woman
— surrogate motherhood

surround /saˈraʊnd/ verb
1 : to enclose on all sides : ENCIRCLE
2 : to enclose so as to cut off retreat or escape

   Synonyms
   ▶ circle, encircle, enclose, encompass, ring; also fence (in), hem (in), wall; besiege, entrench, invest

surround·ings /saˌraʊnd.ɪŋz/ noun plural
▶ : conditions by which one is surrounded

   Synonyms
   ▶ atmosphere, climate, environment, environs, medium, milieu, setting—more at ENVIRONMENT

surround sound noun
▶ sound reproduction that uses three or more transmission channels

sur·tax /ˈsɜrtaks/ noun
▶ an additional tax over and above a normal tax

sur·tout /ˈsɜrtū/ noun
▶ a man’s long close-fitting overcoat

surv abbreviation
survey; surveying; surveyor

sur·veil·lance /ˈsɜrvələns/ noun
[origin: F]
▶ : close watch; also : SUPERVISION

1 survey /ˈsɜrvər/ verb sur·veyed; sur·vey·ing
[origin: ME, fr. AF surveer to look over, fr. sur- over + veer to see, fr. L vidère]
1 ▶ to look over and examine closely
2 : to find and represent the contours, measurements, and position of a part of the earth’s surface (as a tract of land)
3 : to view or study something as a whole
4 ▶ to query (someone) in order to collect data for the analysis of some aspect of a group or area

— sur·vey·or /ˈsɜrvər/ noun

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] audit, check, examine, inspect, review, scan, scrutinize—more at INSPECT
   ▶ [4] canvass, poll, solicit—more at CANVASS

2 survey /ˈsɜrvər/, plural surveys
▶ : the act or an instance of surveying; also : something that is surveyed

   Synonyms
   ▶ audit, check, checkup, examination, inspection, review, scan, scrutiny—more at INSPECTION

sur·vive /ˈsɜrvɪv/ verb sur·vived; sur·viv·ing
1 : to remain alive or existent
2 ▶ to continue to exist or live after
3 ▶ to continue to function or prosper

— sur·viv·al noun
— sur·vi·vor /ˈsɜrvɪvər/ noun

   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] ride; also outlast, outlive; abide, continue, endure, hang on, last, lead, persist; be, breathe, exist, live, subsist; flourish, prosper, thrive
   ▶ [3] hold, hold out, keep up, last, prevail—more at HOLD OUT

sus·cep·ti·bil·i·ty /saˌsɛp.təˈbli.ti/ noun
▶ the quality or state of being susceptible; especially : lack of ability to resist some extraneous agent (as a pathogen or drug)

sus·cep·ti·ble /ˈsɛp.tə.bl/ adjective
1: of such a nature as to permit <words ~ of being misunderstood>
2: having little resistance to a stimulus or agency <~ to colds>
3: capable of being easily influenced
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] exposed, liable, open, sensitive, subject, vulnerable—more at LIABLE
   ▶ [3] easy, gullible, naive—more at EASY

sus·shi /sü·shé/ noun
[origin: Jp]
: cold rice formed into various shapes and garnished esp. with bits of raw fish or seafood

1'suspect /'sas.Pekt, sa.'Spekt/ adjective
   : regarded with suspicion; also: QUESTIONABLE
   Synonyms
   ▶ debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fishy, problematic, questionable, shady, shaky, suspicious—more at DOUBTFUL

2'suspect /'sas.Pekt/ noun
: one who is suspected (as of a crime)

3'suspect /sa.'Spekt/ verb
  1: to have doubts of: MISTRUST
  2: to imagine to be guilty without proof
  3: to imagine to exist or be true, likely, or probable: SURMISE
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] distrust, doubt, mistrust, question—more at DISTRUST
   ▶ [3] assume, conjecture, guess, presume, speculate, suppose, surmise—more at GUESS

sus·pend /'sas.Pend/ verb
  1: to bar temporarily from a privilege, office, or function
  2: to stop temporarily: make inactive for a time
  3: to withhold (judgment) for a time
  4: to fasten to some elevated point without support from below; especially: to hang so as to be free except at one point
  5: to keep from falling or sinking by some invisible support
   Synonyms
   ▶ dangle, hang, sling, swing—more at HANG

sus·pend·er /'sas.Pend.ər/ noun
: one of two supporting straps which pass over the shoulders and to which the pants are fastened

sus·pense /'sas.Pens/ noun
  1: the state of being suspended: SUSPENSION
  2: mental uncertainty: ANXIETY
  3: excitement as to an outcome
   —sus·pense·ful adjective

sus·pen·sion /'sas.Pen.shun/ noun
  1: the act of suspending: the state or period of being suspended
  2: the state of a substance when its particles are mixed with but undissolved in a fluid or solid; also: a substance in this state
  3: something suspended
  4: the system of devices supporting the upper part of a vehicle on the axles
   Synonyms
   ▶ abeyance, doldrums, dormancy, latency, quiescence—more at ABEYANCE

sus·pen·so·ry /'sas.Pen.sər/ adjective
  1: SUSPENDED; also: fitted or serving to suspend something
  2: temporarily leaving undetermined
suspicion /səˈspɪʃən/ noun
1 • the act or an instance of suspecting something wrong without proof
2 • a barely detectable amount: TRACE
   Synonyms
   • distrust, doubt, incertitude, misgiving, mistrust, skepticism, uncertainty—more at DOUBT

suspicious /səˈspɪʃəs/ adjective
1 • open to or arousing suspicion
2 • inclined to suspect
3 • showing suspicion
   Synonyms
   • [1] debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fishy, problematic, questionable, shady, shaky, suspect—more at DOUBTFUL
   • [2, 3] distrustful, doubtful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, uncertain, undecided, unsettled, unsure—more at DOUBTFUL

suspicious·ly adverb
• with suspicion
   Synonyms
   • askance, distrustfully, dubiously, mistrustfully—more at ASKANCE

sustain /səˈstān/ verb
1 • to provide with nourishment
2 • to keep going: PROLONG <$> ed effort>
3 • to hold up: PROP
4 • to hold up under: ENDURE
5 • to go through: SUFFER <$ a broken arm>
6 • to support as true, legal, or valid
7 • PROVE, CORROBORATE
   Synonyms
   • [4] abide, bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, take, tolerate—more at BEAR
   • [5] endure, experience, feel, have, know, see, suffer, taste, undergo—more at EXPERIENCE

sustainable /səˈstānəbəl/ adjective
• capable of being sustained
   Synonyms
   • defensible, justifiable, maintainable, supportable, tenable—more at TENABLE
   • bearable, endurable, sufferable, tolerable—more at BEARABLE

sustainability /səˈstānəˌnəns/ noun
1 • FOOD, NOURISHMENT
2 • a supplying with the necessities of life
3 • something that sustains or supports

suture /ˈsə.chər/ noun
1 • material or a stitch for sewing a wound together
2 • a seam or line along which two things or parts are joined by or as if by sewing

SUV /ˌsəˌyu.ˈvē/ noun
[origin: sport-utility vehicle]
• a vehicle similar to a station wagon but built on a light-truck chassis

suzerain /səˈzərənˌərən/ noun
[origin: F]
1 • a feudal lord
2 • a nation that has political control over the foreign relations of another nation— suzerainty /ˈzərən.tē/ noun

svc or svce abbreviation
• service
svelte /svelt/ adjective svelter; sveltest
  : SLENDER, LITHE
svgs abbreviation
savings
SW abbreviation
1 shortwave
2 southwest

1swab /swäb/ noun
1 : MOP
2 : a wad of absorbent material esp. for applying medicine or for cleaning; also : a sample taken with a swab
3 ▶ : a member of a ship's crew : SAILOR
  Synonyms
   ▶ gob, jack, jack-tar, mariner, sailor, seaman, tar—more at SAILOR
2swab verb swabbed; swabbing
  : to use a swab on : MOP
swad·dle /swäd·dəl/ verb swaddled; swaddling
1 : to bind (an infant) in bands of cloth
2 : to wrap up : SWATHE
swaddling clothes noun plural
  : bands of cloth wrapped around an infant
swag /swäg/ noun
   ▶ : stolen goods : LOOT
  Synonyms
   ▶ booty, loot, plunder, spoil—more at LOOT
swag·ger /swäg·ger/ verb
1 ▶ : to walk with a conceited swing or strut
2 ▶ : to puff oneself up in speech : BOAST
— swagger noun
  Synonyms
   ▶ [1] stalk, strut—more at STRUT
   ▶ [2] boast, brag, crow, plume—more at BOAST
Swahíli /swä·hē·le/ noun
  : a language that is a trade and governmental language over much of eastern Africa and the Congo region
swain /swän/ noun
[origin: ME swein boy, servant, fr. ON sveinn]
1 : RUSTIC; especially : SHEPHERD
2 ▶ : a male admirer or suitor
  Synonyms
   ▶ beau, boyfriend, fellow, man—more at BOYFRIEND
   ▶ gallant, suitor, wooer—more at SUITOR
SWAK abbreviation
sealed with a kiss

1swallow /swä·lō/ noun
  : any of numerous small long-winged migratory birds that often have a deeply forked tail
2swallow verb
1 : to take into the stomach through the throat
2 : to envelop or take in as if by swallowing
3 ▶ : to accept or believe without question, protest, or anger
4 ▶ : to keep from expressing or showing
   Synonyms
   ▶ [3] accept, believe, credit, trust—more at BELIEVE
   ▶ [4] choke, pocket, repress, smother, stifle, strangle, suppress—more at SUPPRESS

swallow noun
1 : an act of swallowing
2 ▶ : an amount that can be swallowed at one time
   Synonyms
   ▶ draft, drag, drink, nip, quaff, shot, slug, snort, swig—more at DRINK

swal·low·tail /swəˈlōˌtāl/ noun
1 : a deeply forked and tapering tail like that of a swallow
2 : TAILCOAT
3 : any of various large butterflies with the border of each hind wing usu. drawn out into a process resembling a tail
   — swal·low·tailed /ˌtāld/ adjective

swam past of SWIM

swa·mi /swəˈmē/ noun
[origin: Hindi svāmī, fr. Skt svāmin owner, lord]
: a Hindu ascetic or religious teacher

1 swallow /swəl/ noun
▶ : a spongy wetland
   — swallow adjective
   — swampy adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ bog, fen, marsh, mire, morass, slough; also quagmire; muck, mud, ooze, slime, slop, sludge, slush

2 swamp verb
1 ▶ : to fill or become filled with or as if with water
2 ▶ : to overwhelm numerically or by an excess of something
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] deluge, drown, engulf, flood, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, submerge—more at FLOOD
   ▶ [2] carry away, crush, devastate, floor, oppress, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, prostrate, snow under—more at OVERWHELM

swamp·land /ˌländ/ noun
: a spongy wetland: SWAMP

swan /swān/ noun, plural swans also swan
: any of various heavy-bodied long-necked mostly pure white swimming birds related to the geese

1 swank /swānk/ or swanky /swānˈkē/ adjective swank·er or swank·i·er; -est
   : showily smart and dashing; also : fashionably elegant

2 swank noun
1 ▶ : arrogance or ostentation of dress or manner: PRETENTIOUSNESS
2 : ELEGANCE
   Synonyms
   ▶ flamboyance, flashiness, gaudiness, glitz, ostentation, pretentiousness, showiness—more at OSTENTATION

swans·down /swānzˌdaʊn/ noun
1 : the very soft down of a swan used esp. for trimming
2 : a soft thick cotton flannel

swan song noun
: a farewell appearance, act, or pronouncement

1 swap /swāp/ verb swapped; swapping
▶ : to give in trade: EXCHANGE
Synonyms
change, commute, exchange, shift, substitute, switch, trade—more at change

swamp noun
: to give in trade
  Synonyms
  barter, commutation, exchange, trade, truck—more at exchange

sward /sward/ noun
: the grassy surface of land

swarm /swərm/ noun
1 : a great number of honeybees leaving together from a hive with a queen to start a new colony; also : a hive of bees
2 : a large crowd
  Synonyms
  army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, throng—more at crowd

swarm verb
1 : to form in a swarm and depart from a hive
2 : to throng together : gather in great numbers
3 : to beset or surround in a swarm
  Synonyms
  crowd, flock, mob, throng—more at crowd

swart /swɔrt/ adjective
: SWARTHY
swar-thy /swɔr-thə, -θi/ adjective swar-thi-er; -est
: dark in color or complexion : dark-skinned

swash /swash/ verb
: to move about with a splashing sound
  Synonyms
  lap, plash, slosh, splash—more at slosh

swash-buck-ler /swaʃˈbʌkər/ noun
: a swaggering or daring soldier or adventurer
  — swash-buck-ling adjective

swast-ika /swaːstɪˈkɑː/ noun
[origin: Skt svastika, fr. svasti well-being, fr. su- well + as- to be]
: a symbol or ornament in the form of a cross with the ends of the arms bent at right angles

swat /swɔt/ verb swat-ted, swat-ting
: to hit sharply <$~ a fly> <$~ a ball>
  Synonyms
  bat, clout, crack, hit, slam, strike

swat noun
: a powerful or crushing blow
  SWAT abbreviation
  Special Weapons and Tactics

swatch /swɔtʃ/ noun
: a sample piece (as of fabric) or a collection of samples

swath /swɔθ/ noun
: a row of cut grass or grain

[origin: ME, fr. OE swaeth footstep, trace]
swathe /swaθ/ noun
1 : the sweep of a scythe or mowing machine or the path cut in mowing
2 : to bind or wrap with or as if with a bandage

Synonyms
- embrace, enclose, encompass, enfold, enshroud, envelop, invest, lap, mantle, shroud, veil, wrap—more at ENFOLD

swath·ing noun
1: to bind or wrap with or as if with a bandage

synonym
- embrace, enclose, encompass, enfold, enshroud, envelop, invest, lap, mantle, shroud, veil, wrap—more at ENFOLD

sway /swa/ noun
1: a gentle swinging from side to side
2: controlling influence or power

Synonyms
- authority, clout, influence, power, pull, weight—more at INFLUENCE

sway verb
1: to swing gently from side to side
2: RULE, GOVERN
3: to cause to swing from side to side
4 a: to swing gently from side to side

Synonyms
- careen, lurch, pitch, rock, roll, seesaw, toss, wobble—more at ROCK

sway·back /swaˈbāk/ also sway·back /ˈbāk/ adjective
- having an abnormally sagging back <a ~ mare>

— swayback noun

swear /swar/ verb swore /swɔr/; sworn /swɔrn/; swearing
1: to make a solemn statement or promise under oath
2: to assert or promise emphatically or earnestly
3: to administer an oath to
4: to bind by or as if by an oath
5: to use profane or obscene language

— swearer noun

Synonyms
- [1] attest, depose, testify, witness—more at TESTIFY
- [2] covenant, pledge, promise, vow—more at PROMISE

swear in verb
- to induct into office by administration of an oath

swelt /swelt/ verb sweat or sweat·ed; sweat·ing
1: to excrete salty moisture from glands of the skin : PERSPIRE
2 a: to form drops of moisture on the surface
b: to become exuded through pores or a porous surface
3: to work so that one sweats : TOIL
4: to cause to sweat
5: to draw out or get rid of by or as if by sweating
6: to make a person overwork
7: to undergo anxiety or mental or emotional distress

— sweaty adjective

Synonyms
- [2b] bleed, exude, ooze, percolate, seep, strain, weep—more at EXUDE
- [3] drudge, fag, grub, labor, slave, toil, travail—more at TOIL
- [7] bother, fear, fret, stew, trouble, worry—more at WORRY

swet noun
- hard work

Synonyms
- drudgery, grind, labor, slavery, toil, travail—more at TOIL
sweat·er /ˈswet.ər/ noun
1 : one that sweats
2 : a knitted or crocheted jacket or pullover

sweat·shirt /ˈswet.ʃa.rt/ noun
: a loose collarless pullover usu. of heavy cotton jersey

sweat·shop /ˈswet.shəp/ noun
: a shop or factory in which workers are employed for long hours at low wages and under unhealthy conditions

Swed abbreviation
Sweden

swede /swēd/ noun
1 cap : a native or inhabitant of Sweden
2 chiefly British : RUTABAGA

Swed·ish /ˈswēd.ish/ noun
1 : the language of Sweden
2 Swedish plural : the people of Sweden
— Swedish adjective

1 sweep /swēp/ verb swept /ˈswpekt/; sweeping
1 : to remove or clean by or as if by brushing
2 : to destroy completely; also : to remove or take with a single swift movement
3 : to remove from sight or consideration
4 ▶ : to move over with speed and force <the tide swept over the shore>
5 : to win an overwhelming victory in; also : to win all the games or contests of
6 ▶ : to move or extend in a wide curve
7 : to move swiftly, forcefully, or devastatingly
— sweep·er noun

Synonyms
[4] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slide, slip, stream, whirl—more at FLOW
[6] arc, arch, bend, bow, crook, curve, hook, round, swerve, wheel—more at CURVE

2 sweep noun
1 : something (as a long oar) that operates with a sweeping motion
2 : a clearing off or away
3 : a winning of all the contests or prizes in a competition
4 : a sweeping movement
5 : CURVE, BEND
6 ▶ : extent of treatment, activity, or influence : SCOPE

Synonyms
amplitude, breadth, compass, extent, range, reach, realm, scope, width—more at RANGE

sweep·ing adjective
: extensive; also : indiscriminately inclusive <generalities>
sweep·ings /ˈswēp.ɪŋz/ noun plural
: things collected by sweeping

sweep·sec·ond hand /ˈswēp.səˌkænd/ noun
: a hand marking seconds on a timepiece

sweep·stake /ˈswēp.stāk/ also sweep·stake /ˈstāk/ noun, plural sweepstakes
1 : a race or contest in which the entire prize may go to the winner
2 : any of various lotteries

1 sweet /swēt/ adjective
1 : being or causing the one of the four basic taste sensations that is caused esp. by table sugar and is identified esp. by the taste buds at the front of the tongue; also : pleasing to the taste
2: marked by gentle good humor or kindliness: **AGREEABLE**
3: pleasing to a sense other than taste (a smell) (music):
4: not stale or spoiled: **WHOLESALE** (milk)
5: not salted (butter)
6: much loved

—**sweet**-ish adjective
—**sweet-ly** adverb

**Synonyms**
- [2] affable, agreeable, amiable, genial, good-natured, gracious, nice, well-disposed—more at **AMIABLE**
- [3] ambrosial, aromatic, fragrant, redolent, savory, scented—more at **FRAGRANT**
- [6] beloved, darling, dear, favorite, loved, pet, precious, special

[two] **sweet** noun
1: something sweet
2: a dearly loved person: **DARLING**

**sweet-bread** /swɛt brɛd/ noun
: the pancreas or thymus of an animal (as a calf or lamb) used for food

**sweet-bri-ar or sweet-bri-er** /swɛt bɛr/ noun
: a thorny Old World rose with fragrant white to deep pink flowers

**sweet clover** noun
: any of a genus of erect legumes widely grown for soil improvement or hay

**sweet corn** noun
: an Indian corn with wrinkled translucent kernels that are rich in sugar

**sweet-en** /swɛt ɛn/ verb **sweet-ened**; **sweet-en-ing**
: to make sweet

—**sweet-en-er** noun
—**sweet-en-ing** noun

**sweet-heart** /swɛt hɛrt/ noun
: one who is loved

**Synonyms**
- beloved, darling, dear, flame, honey, love, sweet; also beau, boyfriend, fellow, lover, man, swain; gal, girl, girlfriend, mistress; date, escort; gallant, suitor, wooer; groom, husband; fiancé, intended; admirer, crush, steady

**sweet-meat** /swɛt mi特/ noun
: **CANDY** 1

**sweet-ness** noun
: the quality or state of being sweet

**Synonyms**
- agreeableness, amenity, amiability, geniality, graciousness, niceness, pleasantness—more at **AMIABILITY**

**sweet pea** noun
: a garden plant of the legume family with climbing stems and fragrant flowers of many colors; also: its flower

**sweet pepper** noun
: any of various large mild thick-walled fruits of a pepper; also: a plant bearing sweet peppers

**sweet potato** noun
: a tropical vine related to the morning glory; also: its large sweet edible root

**sweet-talk** /swɛt tɔk/ verb
: **FLATTER**, **COAX**

—**sweet talk** noun

**sweet tooth** noun
: a craving or fondness for sweet food

**sweet wil·liam** /swēt, wĭlˈyəm/ **noun**, often Cap W
: a widely cultivated Old World pink with small white to deep red or purple flowers often showily spotted, banded, or mottled

**swell** /swel/ **verb** swelled; swelled or swol·len /swōlˈən/, swell·ing
1 ▶ to grow big or make bigger
2 : to expand or distend abnormally or excessively <a swollen joint>; also : BULGE
3 : to fill or be filled with emotion (as pride)
   - **Synonyms**
     - accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, wax—more at INCREASE
     - add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, extend, increase, raise, up—more at INCREASE

**swell** **noun**
1 ▶ : a long crestless wave or series of waves in the open sea
2 : the condition of being protuberant
3 : a person dressed in the height of fashion; also : a person of high social position
   - **Synonyms**
     - billow, surge, wave—more at WAVE

**swell** **adjective**
1 : STYLISH; also : socially prominent
2 : very good of its kind : EXCELLENT

**swell·ing** **noun**
▶ : something that is swollen; specif : an abnormal bodily protuberance or localized enlargement
   - **Synonyms**
     - bump, knot, lump, nodule—more at BUMP

**swelled head** **noun**
: an exaggerated opinion of oneself : SELF-CONCEIT

**sweat·er** /swētˈər/ **verb**
[origin: ME sweltren, fr. swelten to die, be overcome by heat, fr. OE swelten to die]
1 : to be faint or oppressed with the heat
2 : to become exceedingly hot
   - **swel·ter·ing** /ˈswel tər ɪŋ/ **adjective**

**swept** past and past participle of **Sweep**

**swerve** /ˈswerv/ **verb** swerved; swerv·ing
▶ : to move abruptly aside from a straight line or course
   - **Synonyms**
     - sheer, veer, yaw; also skew, slew; arc, arch, bend, bow, curve, crook, hook, round, sweep, wheel; circle, coil, curl, loop, spiral; turn, twist, wind; deviate, stray, wander, wavering

**swift** /swift/ **adjective**
1 ▶ : moving or capable of moving with great speed
2 : occurring suddenly
3 : READY, ALERT
   - **Synonyms**
     - breakneck, breathless, brisk, dizzy, fast, fleet, hasty, lightning, nippy, quick, rapid, rattling, snappy, speedy—more at FAST

**swift** **noun**
: any of numerous small insect-eating birds with long narrow wings
swift·ly  
  adverb
  : in a swift manner : with speed
  
  Synonyms
  : apace, briskly, fast, full tilt, hastily, posthaste, presto, pronto, quick, rapidly, soon, speedily—more at FAST

swift·ness  
  noun
  : the quality or state of being swift; also: the fact of being swift
  
  Synonyms
  : celerity, fastness, fleetness, haste, hurry, quickness, rapidity, speed, velocity—more at SPEED

1 swig  
  /swiɡ/  
  verb swigged; swig·ging
  : to drink in long drafts
  
  Synonyms
  : drink, guzzle, imbibe, quaff, sup, toss—more at DRINK

2 swig  
  noun
  : a quantity drunk at one time
  
  Synonyms
  : draft, drag, drink, nip, quaff, shot, slug, snort, swallow—more at DRINK

1 swill  
  /swil/  
  verb
  1 : to swallow greedily : GUZZLE
  2 : to feed (as hogs) on swill

2 swill  
  noun
  1 : food for animals composed of edible refuse mixed with liquid
  2 : GARBAGE
  3 : a draft of liquor

1 swim  
  /swim/  
  verb swam; swum; swim·ming
  1 : to propel oneself along in water by natural means (as by hands and legs, by tail, or by fins)
  2 : to glide smoothly along
  3 : FLOAT
  4 : to be covered with or as if with a liquid
  5 : to be dizzy <his head swam>
  6 : to cross or go over by swimming
  — swim·mer  
  noun
  
  Synonyms
  : reel, spin, whirl

2 swim  
  noun
  1 : an act of swimming
  2 : the main current of activity <in the ~> 

swim·ming  
  noun
  : the action, art, or sport of swimming and diving

swimming pool  
  noun
  : a tank (as of concrete or plastic) designed for swimming

swim·suit  
  /swimˌsüt/  
  noun
  : a suit for swimming or bathing

swim·wear  
  /swimˌwer/  
  noun
  : clothing for wear while swimming or bathing

1 swindle  
  /swiNdəl/  
  verb swin·dled; swin·dling
  : to take money or property from by fraud or deceit : CHEAT
  
  Synonyms
  : bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting,
swindle noun

: an act or instance of swindling

Synonyms

hustle, racket

swindler noun

: one that swindles

Synonyms

cheat, dodger, hoaxter, shark, sharper, trickster—more at TRICKSTER

swine /swɪn/ noun, plural swine

1: any of a family of stout short-legged hoofed mammals with bristly skin and a long flexible snout; especially: one widely raised as a meat animal

2: a contemptible person

— swinish adjective

1swing /swɪŋ/ verb swung /swʌŋ/; swing·ing

1: to move or cause to move rapidly in an arc

2: to sway or cause to sway back and forth

3: to hang so as to move freely back and forth or in a curve

4: to be executed by hanging

5: to move or turn on a hinge or pivot

6: to manage or handle successfully

7: to march or walk with free swaying movements

8: to have a steady pulsing rhythm; also: to play swing music

9: to be lively and up-to-date; also: to engage freely in sex

10: to cause to face or move in another direction

— swing·er noun

— swing·ing adjective

Synonyms

[3] dangle, hang, sling, suspend—more at HANG

[6] contend, cope, grapple, handle, manage, maneuver, negotiate, treat—more at HANDLE

[10] divert, swerve, turn, veer, wheel, whip—more at TURN

2swing noun

1: the act of swinging

2: a swinging blow, movement, or rhythm

3: the distance through which something swings: FLUCTUATION

4: progression of an activity or process <in full ~>

5: a seat suspended by a rope or chain for swinging back and forth for pleasure

6: jazz music played esp. by a large band and marked by a steady lively rhythm, simple harmony, and a basic melody often submerged in improvisation

— swing adjective

1: of or relating to swing music

2: that may swing often decisively either way (as on an issue) <~ voters>

1swipe /swɪp/ noun

: a strong sweeping blow

2swipe verb swiped; swing·ing

1: to strike or wipe with a sweeping motion

2: to take or appropriate without right and with intent to keep: PILFER

3: to slide (a card having a magnetic code) through a reading device

Synonyms

appropriate, filch, hook, misappropriate, nip, pilfer, pocket, purloin, snitch, steal, thief—more at STEAL

swirl /swɜːrl/ verb
swirl noun

swirly /ˈswɪr.lɪ/ adjective

Synonyms
pivot, revolve, roll, rotate, spin, swing, turn, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl—more at TURN

1swish /ˈswɪʃ/ noun
1 : a prolonged hissing sound
2 : a light sweeping or brushing sound

Synonyms
fizz, hiss, sizzle, whish, whiz—more at HISS

2swish verb
: to move, pass, swing, or whirl with the sound of a swish

Swiss /ˈswɪs/ noun
1 plural Swiss : a native or inhabitant of Switzerland
2 : a hard cheese with large holes

— Swiss adjective

Swiss chard noun
: a beet having large leaves and succulent stalks often cooked as a vegetable

1switch /ˈswɪtʃ/ noun
1 : a slender flexible whip, rod, or twig
2 : a blow with a switch
3 : a shift from one thing to another; also : change from the usual
4 : a device for adjusting the rails of a track so that a locomotive or train may be turned from one track to another; also : a railroad siding
5 : a device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit
6 : a heavy strand of hair often used in addition to a person's own hair for some coiffures

Synonyms
lash, scourge, whip

2switch verb
1 : to punish or urge on with a switch
2 : WHISK <a cow ~ing her tail>
3 : to shift or turn by operating a switch
4 : to make a shift in or exchange of : CHANGE

Synonyms
[1] flail, flog, hide, lash, scourge, slash, thrash, whale, whip—more at WHIP
[4] change, commute, exchange, shift, substitute, swap, trade—more at CHANGE

switch-back /ˈswɪtʃ.bæk/ noun
: a zigzag road, trail, or section of railroad tracks for climbing a steep hill

switch-blade /ˈswɪtʃ.bled/ noun
: a pocket-knife with a spring-operated blade

switch-board /ˈswɪtʃ.bɔrd/ noun
: a panel for controlling the operation of a number of electric circuits; especially : one used to make and break telephone connections

switch-hit-ter /ˈswɪtʃ.hɪtər/ noun
: a baseball player who bats either right-handed or left-handed

— switch–hit /ˈswɪtʃ.hɪt/ verb

switch–man /ˈswɪtʃ.mæn/ noun
: one who attends a railroad switch

Switz abbreviation
Switzerland
1. swivel /ˈswɪvəl/ noun
   : a device joining two parts so that one or both can turn freely

2. swivel verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
   : to swing or turn on or as if on a swivel

swiv·et /ˈswɪvət/ noun
   : an agitated state

swiz·zle stick /ˈswɪzəl/ noun
   : a stick used to stir mixed drinks

swollen past participle of SWELL

1. swoon /ˈswʊn/ verb
   : to undergo a temporary loss of consciousness : FAINT
       Synonyms
       — black out, faint, pass out—more at FAINT

2. swoon noun
   : a partial or total loss of consciousness; also : a state of suspended animation
       Synonyms
       — blackout, faint, knockout—more at FAINT

swoop /ˈswʊp/ verb
   : to move with a sweep <the eagle ~ed down on its prey>
   — swoop noun

swoopy /ˈswʊpɪ/ adjective
   : having lines that extend in a wide curve <a ~ silhouette>

swop chiefly British variant of SWAP

sword /ˈsɔrd/ noun
1 : a weapon with a long blade for cutting or thrusting
2 : the use of force

sword·fish /ˈfɪʃ/ noun
   : a very large ocean fish used for food that has the upper jaw prolonged into a long swordlike beak

sword·play /ˈswɔrdˌpleɪ/ noun
   : the art or skill of wielding a sword

swords·man /ˈsɔrdsˌmæn/ noun
   : one skilled in swordplay; especially : FENCER

sword·tail /ˈsɔrdˌtæl/ noun
   : a small brightly marked Central American fish often kept in aquariums

swore past of SWEAR

sworn past participle of SWEAR

swum past participle of SWIM

swung past and past participle of SWING

syb·a·rite /ˈsaɪbəˌrɪt/ noun
   : a lover of luxury : VOLUPTUARY
       — syb·a·rit·ic /ˈsaɪbəˌrɪtɪk/ adjective

syc·a·more /ˈsaɪkəˌmɔr/ noun
   : a large spreading tree chiefly of the eastern and central U.S. that has light brown flaky bark and small round fruits hanging on long stalks

sy·co·phant /ˈsaɪkəˌfænt/ noun
a servile flatterer

— sy·co·phan·tic /siˈkaˌfən.tik/ adjective

syl or syll abbreviation

syllable

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syl·lab·i·ca·tion /saˌlaˈbiˌkāˈshən/ noun

° the division of words into syllables

° syl·lab·i·fy /saˌlaˈbiˌfil/ verb -fied; -fy·ing

° to form or divide into syllables

— syl·lab·i·ca·tion /ˌlaˈbeˌkāˈshən/ noun

syl·lab·ic /saˈlaˌbik/ adjective

° syl·lab·us /saˈlaˌbəs/ noun, plural -bi /ˈbi/ or -bus·es

° a summary containing the heads or main topics of a speech, book, or course of study

° syl·lo·gism /ˈsɪləˌjizəm/ noun

° a logical scheme of a formal argument consisting of a major and a minor premise and a conclusion which must logically be true if the premises are true

— syl·lo·gis·tic /ˌsɪləˈjɪs.tɪk/ adjective

sylph /ˈsɪlf/ noun

° 1: an imaginary being inhabiting the air

° 2: a slender graceful woman

° syl·van /ˈsɪlvən/ adjective

° 1: living or located in a wooded area; also: of, relating to, or characteristic of forest

° 2: abounding in woods or trees

° sym abbreviation

° 1 symbol

° 2 symmetrical

° sym·bi·o·sis /ˈsɪmˌbaˌsisis, ˈsəˌsēz/ noun, plural -o·ses /ˌsəˈsēz/

° the living together in close association of two dissimilar organisms esp. when mutually beneficial

— sym·bi·ot·ic /ˈsɪmˌbaˌótɪk/ adjective

° sym·bol /ˈsɪmlˌbəl/ noun

° 1 : something that stands for something else; especially: something concrete that represents or suggests another thing that cannot in itself be pictured "the lion is a ~ of bravery"

° 2 : a letter, character, or sign used in writing or printing to represent operations, quantities, elements, sounds, or other ideas

— sym·bol·ic /ˈsɪmlˌbəlɪk/ also sym·bol·i·cal /ˈsɪmlˌka l/ adjective

— sym·bol·i·cal·ly /k(ə)ˈkæl/ adverb

° Synonyms

° emblem, hallmark, logo, trademark—more at EMBLEM

sym·bol·ise British variant of SYMBOLIZE

° sym·bol·ism /ˈsɪmlˌbaˌlɪzəm/ noun

° representation of abstract or intangible things by means of symbols

° sym·bol·ize /ˈsɪmlˌbaˌlaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

° 1: to serve as a symbol of

° 2: to represent by symbols
sym·bol·i·za·tion /ˈsim.bəl.i.zəˈʃən/ noun

sym·me·try /ˈsɪm.ə.tri/ noun, plural -tries
1 ›: an arrangement marked by regularity and balanced proportions
2 ›: correspondence in size, shape, and position of parts that are on opposite sides of a dividing line or center

sym·met·ri·cal /ˈsɪm.ə.tri.kal/ or sym·met·ric /ˈsɪm.ə.trɪk/ adjective

sym·met·ri·cal·ly /ˈsɪm.ə.tri.ˈkæli/ adverb

Synonyms
› balance, coherence, consonance, harmony, proportion, symphony, unity—more at HARMONY

sym·pa·thetic /ˈsym.pə.thet.ɪk/ adjective
›: given to, marked by, or arising from sympathy, compassion, friendliness, and sensitivity to others' emotions

sym·pa·the·ci·cal·ly /ˈsym.pə.thɛ.ˈkeɪli/ adverb

Synonyms
› compassionate, humane, understanding; also gentle, sensitive, tender, tenderhearted, warm, warmhearted; benevolent, benignant, charitable, kind; clement, lenient, merciful; cordial, friendly, good-natured, good-tempered, gracious; affectionate, loving

Antonyms
› callous, cold-blooded, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, unfeeling, unsympathetic

sympathetic nervous system noun
›: the part of the autonomic nervous system that is concerned esp. with the body’s response to stress and that tends to decrease the tone and contractility of smooth muscle and increase blood pressure and the activity of the heart

sym·pa·thize /ˈsym.pə.thɪz/ verb -thized; -thiz·ing
›: to feel or show sympathy

Synonyms usually sympathize with
› bleed, commiserate, feel, pity—more at PITY

sym·pa·thiz·er noun
›: one that sympathizes : one that acts or reacts in sympathy

Synonyms
› abettor, ally, backer, confederate, supporter—more at ALLY

sym·pa·thy /ˈsym.pə.thi/ noun, plural -thies
1 ›: a relationship between persons or things wherein whatever affects one similarly affects the other
2 ›: harmony of interests and aims
3 ›: FAVOR, SUPPORT
4 ›: the capacity for entering into and sharing the feelings or interests of another; also : COMPASSION
5 ›: an expression of sorrow for another’s loss, grief, or misfortune

Synonyms
› commiseration, compassion, feeling; also condolence, regret; humanity, kindliness, kindness, mercy, pity; affinity, empathy, rapport, sensitivity; altruism, benevolence, benignity, charity, generosity, goodwill, humanitarianism, philanthropy

Antonyms
› callousness

sym·phon·ic /ˈsɪm.fə.nɪk/ adjective
›: musically concordant

Synonyms
› euphonious, harmonious, melodious, musical, tuneful—more at HARMONIOUS

sym·pho·ny /ˈsɪm.fə.ni/ noun, plural -nies
1 ›: harmony of sounds
2 ›: a large and complex composition for a full orchestra
3 : a large orchestra of a kind that plays symphonies

**Synonyms**
- balance, coherence, consonance, harmony, proportion, symmetry, unity—more at [HARMONY](#)

**sym-p-o-si·um /sil-po-zé-əm/ noun, plural -sia /zē-ə/ or -siums**
- a conference at which a particular topic is discussed by various speakers; also : a collection of opinions about a subject

**Synonyms**
- colloquy, conference, council, forum, panel, parley, powwow, seminar—more at [FORUM](#)

**sym-p-tom /sil-pəm/ noun**
[Origin: LL symptoma, fr. Gk sympōtema happening, attribute, symptom, fr. sympiptein to happen, fr. syn with + piptein to fall]
1 : something that indicates the presence of disease or abnormality; especially : something (as a headache) that can be sensed only by the individual affected
2 : [SIGN](#), INDICATION

**sym-p-tom·at·ic /sil-pə-mat-ik/ adjective**
- serving to indicate

**Synonyms**
- characteristic, classic, distinct, distinctive, individual, peculiar, proper, typical—more at [CHARACTERISTIC](#)

**syn abbreviation**
synonym; synonymous; synonymy

**syn·a·gogue also syn·a·gog /si-nə-gōg/ noun**
1 : a Jewish congregation
2 : the house of worship of a Jewish congregation

**syn·ap·se /si-naps, sa-naps/ noun**
- the point at which a nervous impulse passes from one neuron to another

**syn·ap·tic /sa-nap-tik/ adjective**
1 sync also synch /sɪŋk/ verb synced also synched /sɪŋkt/; syn·ch·ing also synch·ing /sɪŋkɪŋ/ : SYNCHRONIZE
2 sync also synch noun
- SYNCHRONIZATION, SYNCHRONISM

**syn·chro·ni·sa·tion, syn·chro·ni·s·is** British variant of SYNCHRONIZATION, SYNCHRONIZE

**syn·chro·nize /sɪn-krə-niz, sin/- verb -nized; -niz·ing**
1 : to occur or cause to occur at the same instant
2 : to represent, arrange, or tabulate according to dates or time
3 : to cause to agree in time
4 : to make synchronous in operation
- syn·chro·nism /ni.zəm/ noun
- syn·chro·ni·za·tion /si-nə-ne-zə-shən, zə-shen, sən/- noun
- syn·chro·niz·er noun

**syn·chro·nous /sɪn-krə-nəs, sɪn/- adjective**
1 : happening at the same time : CONCURRENT
2 : working, moving, or occurring together at the same rate and at the proper time

**Synonyms**
- coeval, concurrent, contemporary, simultaneous—more at [CONTEMPORARY](#)

**syn·co·pa·tion /sin-ke'pə-shən/- noun**
: a shifting of the regular musical accent: occurrence of accented notes on the weak beat

— **syncopate** /sɪnˈkəˌpæt/ *verb*

**syncpe** /sɪnˈkeɪ.pɛ/ *noun*
: the loss of one or more sounds or letters in the interior of a word (as in foˈcʌle for forecastle)

— **syndicate** /ˈsɪndəˌkeɪt/ *noun*
1 ♦ : a group of persons who combine to carry out a financial or industrial undertaking
2 ♦ : a loose association of racketeers
3 : a business concern that sells materials for publication in many newspapers and periodicals at the same time

**Synonyms**
- [1] cartel, combination, combine, trust—more at **CARTEL**
- [2] cabal, conspiracy, gang, mob, ring—more at **RING**

— **syndicate** /ˈsɪndəˌkeɪt/ *verb* -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : to combine into or manage as a syndicate
2 : to publish through a syndicate

— **syndication** /ˈsɪndəˌkeɪˈʃən/ *noun*

**syndrome** /sɪndrəm/ *noun*
: a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and characterize a particular abnormality or condition

— **synergism** /sɪnəˈʐɪzm/ *noun*
: interaction of discrete agencies (as industrial firms), agents (as drugs), or conditions such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effects

— **synergist** /sɪnəˈʐɪst/ *noun*
— **syn·er·gistic** /sɪnəˈʐɪstɪk/ *adjective*
— **syn·er·gistic·ally** /sɪnəˈʐɪstɪkəˈli/ *adverb*

**synergy** /ˈsɪnərəʤi/ *noun*, plural -gies
: **SYNERGISM**

**synfuel** /sɪnˌfyʊəl/ *noun*
[ORIGIN: synthetic]
: a fuel derived esp. from a fossil fuel

— **synod** /ˈsɪnəd/ *noun*
: council, assembly; especially: a religious governing body

— **synodal** /ˈsɪnədəl/ *adjective*
— **synodical** /ˌsɪnəˈdɪkəl/ *adjective*

— **synonym** /ˌsɪnəˈnɒm/ *noun*
: one of two or more words in the same language which have the same or nearly the same meaning

— **synonymous** /ˌsɪnəˈnɒməs/ *adjective*
— **synonymy** /ˌsɪnəˈnɒməri/ *noun*

— **synopsis** /ˈsɪnəpˌsɪs/ *noun*, plural -op·ses /ˌsɪnəpˌses/ *noun*
: a condensed statement or outline (as of a treatise): **ABSTRACT**

**Synonyms**
- abstract, digest, encapsulation, epitome, outline, précis, recapitulation, résumé, roundup, sum, summary—more at **SUMMARY**

— **synoptic** /ˌsɪnəˈpɒtɪk/ *adjective*
also **syn·op·ti·cal** /ˌsɪnəˈpɒtɪkəl/ *adjective*
: characterized by or affording a comprehensive view

— **syn-tax** /ˈsɪnˌtæks/ *noun*
: the way in which words are put together to form phrases, clauses, or sentences

— **syn·tactic** /ˈsɪnˌtæk.tɪk/ *adjective*

— **syn·thesis** /ˈsɪnθəˌsɪs/ *noun*, plural -thes·ses /ˌsɪnθəˌthes·ses/ *noun*
: the combination of parts or elements into a whole; especially : the production of a substance by union of chemically simpler substances

*syn-thet-i-cal-ly* /ˌsiŋˌθətˈiˌkəli/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- artificial, bogus, factitious, fake, false, imitation, mimic, mock, sham, substitute—more at imitation

*syph-i·lis* /ˈsɪfəˌleɪs/ noun

[origin: NL, fr. Syphilus, hero of the poem Syphilis sive Morbus Gallicus (Syphilis or the French disease) (1530) by Girolamo Fracastoro †1553 Ital. physician]

: an infectious usu. venereal disease caused by a spirochete

*syph-i·lit·ic* /ˌsiŋˌθətˈiˌlik/ adjective or noun

*syph·i·lit·ic* /ˌsiŋˌθətˈiˌlik/ adjective or noun

*Sy·ran* /ˈsɪrən/ noun

: a native or inhabitant of Syria

**Syrian** adjective

*Syr·rah* /ˈsɜrə/ noun

: a red wine

*syringe* /ˈsɜrɪn/ noun

- : a device used esp. for injecting liquids into or withdrawing them from the body

**Synonyms**
- hypodermic syringe, needle—more at needle

*syringe* verb sy·ring·ed; sy·ring·ing

: to flush or cleanse with or as if with a syringe

*syr·up* /ˈsɜrəp/ noun

1 : a thick sticky solution of sugar and water often flavored or medicated
2 : the concentrated juice of a fruit or plant

**Syrupy** adjective

- thick, viscous—more at thick

*syst* abbreviation

*system* /ˈsɪstəm/ noun

1 : a group of units so combined as to form a whole and to operate in unison
2 : the body as a functioning whole; also : a group of bodily organs (as the nervous system) that together carry on some vital function
3 : a definite scheme or method of procedure or classification
4 : regular method or order

**Synonyms**
- [3, 4] approach, fashion, form, manner, method, plan, strategy, style, tack, tactics, technique, way—more at method

*sys·tem·at·ic* /ˌsɪstəˈmeɪtɪk/ adjective

- methodical in procedure or plan

**Synonyms**
- methodical, orderly, regular—more at methodical
systematise British variant of SYSTEMATIZE

systematize /sɪˈteɪməˈtɪz/ verb -a·tized; -a·tiz·ing
▷ to make into a system : arrange methodically

Synonyms
▷ arrange, array, classify, codify, dispose, draw up, marshal, order, organize, range—more at ORDER

systemic /sɪˈstɪmɪk/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or affecting the whole body <~ disease>
2 : of, relating to, or being a pesticide that when absorbed into the sap or bloodstream makes the entire plant or animal toxic to a pest (as an insect or fungus)

systemic noun
▷ a systemic pesticide

systemic lupus erythematosus noun
▷ a systemic disease esp. of women characterized by fever, skin rash, and arthritis, often by anemia, by small hemorrhages of the skin and mucous membranes, and in serious cases by involvement of various internal organs

systemize /sɪˈteɪmɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
▷ SYSTEMATIZE

systems analyst noun
▷ a person who studies a procedure or business to determine its goals or purposes and to discover the best ways to accomplish them
— systems analysis noun

systole /ˈsɪstəʊl/ noun
▷ a rhythmically recurrent contraction of the heart
— systolic /ˈsɪstəlɪk/ adjective
T

¹ /t/ noun, plural t's or ts /ts/ often cap
: the 20th letter of the English alphabet

² t abbreviation, often cap
1 metric ton
2 tablespoon
3 teaspoon
4 temperature
5 ton
6 transitive
7 troy
8 true

T abbreviation
1 toddler
2 T-shirt

Ta symbol
tantalum

TA abbreviation
teaching assistant

¹ tab /tæb/ noun
1 : a short projecting flap, loop, or tag; also : a small insert or addition
2 : close surveillance : WATCH <keep ~s on him>
3 : a creditor's statement : BILL
4 : a key on a keyboard esp. for putting data in columns

Synonyms
account, bill, check, invoice, statement—more at BILL

² tab verb tabbed; tab·bing
: DESIGNATE

tab·by /taˌbē/ noun, plural tabbies
: a usu. striped or mottled domestic cat; also : a female domestic cat

table /ˈtæb/ noun
tab·er·na·cle /ˌtæbərˈnalˌkəl/ noun
1 often cap : a tent sanctuary used by the Israelites during the Exodus
2 : a receptacle for the consecrated elements of the Eucharist
3 : a house of worship

¹ table /ˈtæb/ noun
1 : a flat slab or plaque : TABLET
2 : a piece of furniture consisting of a smooth flat top fixed on legs
3 : a supply of food
4 : a group of people assembled at or as if at a table
5 : an orderly arrangement of data usu. in rows and columns
6 : a short list <~ of contents>
7 : something that resembles a table esp. in having a flat surface : TABLELAND

— ta·ble·top /ˌtæbəˈtɑp/ noun

Synonyms
[3] board, chow, feed, meal, mess, repast—more at MEAL
[5] catalog, checklist, list, listing, menu, register, registry, roll, roster, schedule—more at LIST

² table verb tab·bled; tab·bing
1 British : to place on the agenda
2: to remove (a parliamentary motion) from consideration indefinitely

tabl·eau /ta_ˌblō/ noun, plural tab·l·eaux /ˌblōz/ also tableaux
[origin: F]
: a scene or event usu. presented on a stage by silent and motionless costumed participants

tabl·e·cloth /tāˌblēˌklōth/ noun
: a covering spread over a dining table before the table is set

tabl·e d'hôte /tāˌblē dɔt/ noun
[origin: F, lit., host's table]
: a complete meal of several courses offered at a fixed price

tabl·e·land /tāˌblēˌländ/ noun
: a broad level elevated area: PLATEAU
  Synonyms
  • mesa, plateau, table—more at PLATEAU

tabl·e·spoon /ˌspōn/ noun
1: a large spoon used esp. for serving
2: a unit of measure equal to 1/2 fluid ounce (15 milliliters)

tabl·e·spoon·ful /ˌful/ noun, plural -spoon·fuls /ˌfūlz/ also -spoons·ful /ˌspōnzˌfūl/
: TABLESPOON 2

tab·let /ta_ˌblät/ noun
1: a flat slab suited for or bearing an inscription
2: a collection of sheets of paper glued together at one edge
3 a: a compressed or molded block of material
   b: a small mass of medicated material
  Synonyms
  • capsule, pill—more at PILL

table tennis noun
: a game resembling tennis played on a tabletop with wooden paddles and a small hollow plastic ball

tabl·e·ware /tāˌblēˌwar/ noun
: utensils (as of china or silver) for table use
  Synonyms
  • silver; also setting; cutlery; chopstick, fork, knife, spoon, tablespoon, teaspoon

1tabl·oid /ta_ˌblōid/ adjective
: condensed into small scope

2tabl·oid noun
: a newspaper marked by small pages, condensation of the news, and usu. many photographs

1taboo also ta·bu /taˌbō, ta/ adjective
[origin: Tongan (a Polynesian language) tabu]
: prohibited by a taboo
  Synonyms
  • forbidden, impermissible—more at IMPERMISSIBLE

2taboo also tabu noun, plural taboos also tabus
1: a prohibition against touching, saying, or doing something for fear of immediate harm from a supernatural force
2: a prohibition imposed by social custom

ta·bor also ta·bour /tāˈbor/ noun
: a small drum used to accompany a pipe or fife played by the same person

tab·u·lar /taˌbyəˌlər/ adjective
1: having a flat surface
2: arranged in a table; especially: set up in rows and columns
3 : computed by means of a table

*tab·u·late /ˈtabəˌlāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
  : to put into tabular form
  — *tab·u·la·tion /ˈtabəˌlāshən/ noun
  — *tab·u·la·tor /ˈtabəˌlātər/ noun

*TAC /tak/ abbreviation
  Tactical Air Command

tach /tak/ noun
  : TACHOMETER

*ta·chom·e·ter /təˌkäməˈter/ noun
  [origin: ultim. fr. Gk tachos speed]
  : a device to indicate speed of rotation
  — *ta·chom·e·tra·tion /təˌkäməˈtrəshən/ noun
  — *ta·chom·e·tra·tor /təˌkäməˈtrətər/ noun

*tachy·car·dia /tækˈsɛrədiə/ noun
  : relatively rapid heart action
  — *tachy·car·dia·tion /tækˈsɛrədiəˈshən/ noun
  — *tachy·car·dia·tor /tækˈsɛrədiəˈtər/ noun

tachy·on /tækˈsēən/ noun
  : a hypothetical particle held to travel faster than light
  — *tachy·on·ic /tækˈsēənik/ adjective
  — *tachy·on·ic·ally /tækˈsēənikəlē/ adverb
  — *tachy·on·ic·ness /tækˈsēənikəsn/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ implicit, unexpressed, unspoken, unvoiced, wordless—more at IMPlicit

*tac·it /ˈtæsət/ adjective
  [origin: F or L; F tacite, fr. L tacitus silent, fr. tacēre to be silent]
  1 : expressed without words or speech
  2 ➢ : implied or indicated but not actually expressed (<~ consent)
    — *tac·it·ly /ˈtæsətli/ adverb
    — *tac·it·ness /ˈtæsətəsn/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ implicit, unexpressed, unspoken, unvoiced, wordless—more at IMPlicit

*tac·i·turn /ˈtæsətərn/ adjective
  : disinclined to talk
  — *tac·i·tur·ni·ty /ˈtæsətərˌnətə/ noun
  Synonyms
  ➢ closemouthed, laconic, reserved, reticent, silent, uncommunicative—more at SILENT

tack /tæk/ verb
  1 a : to fasten with tacks
    b ➢ : to add on
  2 : to change the direction of (a sailing ship) from one tack to another
  3 : to follow a zigzag course
  Synonyms
  ➢ add, adjoin, annex, append—more at ADD

tack noun
  1 : a small sharp nail with a broad flat head
  2 : the direction toward the wind that a ship is sailing (<starboard ~> ; also : the run of a ship on one tack
  3 : a change of course from one tack to another
  4 : a zigzag course
  5 ➢ : a course of action
  Synonyms
  ➢ approach, fashion, form, manner, method, strategy, style, system, tactics, technique, way—more at METHOD

tack noun
  : gear for harnessing a horse

*tackle /tækˌkl/ noun
  1 ➢ : a set of the equipment used in a particular activity : GEAR
  2 : the rigging of a ship
3 : an arrangement of ropes and pulleys for hoisting or pulling heavy objects
4 : the act or an instance of tackling; also : a football lineman playing between guard and end

**Synonyms**
- accoutrements, apparatus, equipment, gear, matériel, outfit, paraphernalia—more at **EQUIPMENT**

**tackle** verb tack·led; tack·ling
1 : to attach and secure with or as if with tackle
2 : to seize, grapple with, or throw down with the intention of subduing or stopping
3 : to set about dealing with

— tack·ler noun

**tacky** /taˈki/ adjective tack·i·er; -est
: sticky to the touch

**tacky** adjective tack·i·er; -est
1 : decayed, deteriorated, or fallen into partial ruin esp. through neglect or misuse: **SHABBY**
2 : marked by lack of style or good taste; also : cheaply showy

**Synonyms**
- [1] dilapidated, grungy, mangy, mean, miserable, neglected, ratty, scruffy, seedy, shabby, threadbare—more at **SHABBY**
- [2] dowdy, inelegant, tasteless, trashy, unattractive, unstylish; also inappropriate, incorrect, unbecoming, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong; outmoded, out-of-date, passe; coarse, crude, unrefined, vulgar; cheap, common, inferior, junky, lousy, second-rate, shabby, sleazy, tawdry; gaudy, loud, ostentatious, showy, overrun

**Antonyms**
- elegant, fashionable, modish, smart, stylish, tasteful

**ta·co** /täˈkō/ noun, plural tacos /ˈkōs/
[origin: MexSp]
: a usu. fried tortilla rolled up with or folded over a filling

**tact** /takt/ noun
[origin: F, sense of touch, fr. L tactus, fr. tangere to touch]
: a keen sense of what to do or say to keep good relations with others

— tact·ful /fəl/ adjective
— tact·ful·ly adverb

**tactic** /taktık/ noun
: a planned action for accomplishing an end

**tac·ti·cal** /takˈti kəl/ adjective
- of or relating to tactics; especially : intended for a particular purpose

**Synonyms**
- advisable, desirable, expedient, judicious, politic, prudent, wise—more at **EXPEDIENT**

**tactics** /takˈtiks/ noun singular or plural
1 : the science of maneuvering forces in combat
2 : the skill of using available means to accomplish an end
3 : a system or mode of procedure

— tac·ti·cian /takˈtishən/ noun

**Synonyms**
- approach, fashion, form, manner, method, strategy, style, system, tack, technique, way—more at **METHOD**

**tact·i·le** /taktəl, ‘taktəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or perceptible through the sense of touch

**tact·less** /taktələs/ adjective
- marked by lack of tact

— tact·less·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- ill-advised, imprudent, indiscreeet, unwise—more at **INDISCREET**
tad·pole /ˈtad,pôl/ noun
[origin: ME taddepol, fr. tode toad + polle head]
: an aquatic larva of a frog or toad that has a tail and gills

tae kwon do /ˈtāˌkwōn,dō/ noun
: a Korean martial art of self-defense

taf·fe·ta /ˈtafˌtoʊ, ˈtafˌteɪ/ noun
: a crisp lustrous fabric (as of silk or rayon)

taff·rail /ˈtafˌrɛl, ˈræl/ noun
: the rail around a ship's stern

taf·fy /ˈtaf, ˈtaf/ noun, plural taffies
: a candy usu. of molasses or brown sugar stretched until porous and light-colored

1 tag /tæg/ noun
1 : a metal or plastic binding on an end of a shoelace
2 : a piece of hanging or attached material
3 : a hackneyed quotation or saying
4 : a descriptive or identifying epithet

Synonyms
→ label, marker, ticket—more at label

2 tag verb tagged; tagging
1 : to provide or mark with or as if with a tag; especially: IDENTIFY
2 : to attach as an addition
3 : to follow closely and persistently <~s along everywhere we go>
4 : to hold responsible for something

Synonyms
→ [1] identify, label, mark, ticket—more at label
→ [3] chase, dog, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tail, trace, track, trail—more at follow

3 tag noun
: a game in which one player chases others and tries to touch one of them

4 tag verb tagged; tagging
1 : to touch in or as if in a game of tag
2 : SELECT

TAG abbreviation
the adjutant general

tag sale noun
: GARAGE SALE

ta·hi·tian /ˌta.méˈshan/ noun
1 : a native or inhabitant of Tahiti
2 : the Polynesian language of the Tahitians
— Tahitian adjective

tai·ga /ˈtaɪɡə/ noun
[origin: Russ taïga]
: a moist coniferous subarctic forest extending south from the tundra

1 tail /tāl/ noun
1 : the rear end or a process extending from the rear end of an animal
2 : something resembling an animal's tail
3 plural: full evening dress for men
4 : the back, last, lower, or inferior part of something; especially: the reverse of a coin
5 : one who follows or keeps watch on someone
— tailed /ˈtāld/ adjective
tail·less /ˈtālˌliːs/ adjective

Synonyms
- detective, investigator, operative, shadow, sleuth—more at Detective

tail verb
- to follow for the purpose of surveillance

Synonyms
- chase, dog, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tag, trace, track, trail—more at Follow

tail·coat /ˈtālˌkōt/ noun
- a coat with tails; especially: a man's full-dress coat with two long tapering skirts at the back

1 tailgate /ˌtālˌgāt/ noun
- a board or gate at the back end of a vehicle that can be let down (as for loading)

2 tailgate verb tail·gat·ed; tail·gat·ing
1 : to drive dangerously close behind another vehicle
2 : to hold a tailgate picnic

3 tailgate adjective
- relating to or being a picnic set up on a tailgate

tail·light /ˈtālˌlīt/ noun
- a usu. red warning light mounted at the rear of a vehicle

1 tailor /ˈtālər/ noun
[origin: ME taillour, fr. OF tailleur, fr. taillier to cut, fr. LL taliare, fr. L talea twig, cutting]
- a person whose occupation is making or altering garments

2 tailor verb
1 : to make or fashion as the work of a tailor
2 : to make or adapt to suit a special purpose

tai·lored adjective
- made by a tailor; also: altered or fitted as if custom-made

Synonyms
- custom, custom-made—more at CUSTOM-MADE

tail·pipe /ˈtālˌpi p/ noun
- an outlet by which engine exhaust gases are expelled from a vehicle (as an automobile)

tail·spin /ˈtālˌspin/ noun
- a rapid descent or downward spiral

tail·wind /ˈtālˌwīnd/ noun
- a wind blowing in the same general direction as a course of movement (as of an aircraft)

1 taint /tānt/ verb
1 ▪ to contaminate morally
2 ▪ to affect or become affected with something bad (as putrefaction)

Synonyms
- [1] blemish, mar, poison, spoil, stain, tarnish, touch, vitiate; also besmear, besmirch, blacken, cloud, dirty, discolor, smear, smirch, smudge, smut, soil, sully, tar; color, distort, twist; damage, deface, flaw, harm, hurt, impair; destroy, ruin, wreck
- [2] befoul, contaminate, defile, foul, poison, pollute—more at CONTAMINATE

2 taint noun
- a contaminating mark or influence

Synonyms
- blot, brand, smirch, spot, stain, stigma—more at STAIN

Tai·wan·ese /ˌti waˌnēzˌnēs/ noun
- a native or inhabitant of Taiwan
take /tāk/ verb took /tʊk/; taken /tən/; taking
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE tacan, fr. ON taka]
1 ▶: to get into one's hands or possession: GRASP
2: CAPTURE; also: DEFEAT
3: to obtain or secure for use
4 ▶: to catch or attack through the effect of a sudden force or influence <was taken with the flu>
5: CAPTIVATE, DELIGHT
6: to bring into a relation <~ a wife>
7: REMOVE, SUBTRACT
8 ▶: to pick out: CHOOSE
9: ASSUME, UNDERTAKE
10: RECEIVE, ACCEPT
11: to use for transportation <~ a bus>
12: to become impregnated with: ABSORB <~s a dye>
13: to receive into one's body (as by swallowing) <~ a pill>
14 ▶: to submit to: ENDURE
15: to lead, carry, or cause to go along to another place
16: to be in need of: REQUIRE
17: to obtain as the result of a special procedure <~ a snapshot>
18: to undertake and do, make, or perform <~ a walk>
19 ▶: to take effect: ACT
20: to hold without crowding or inconvenience: ACCOMMODATE
21 ▶: to understand or regard in a certain way <I ~ this to be your final offer> <do you ~ me for a fool?>
—taker noun
—take advantage of
1: to profit by
2: EXPLOIT
—take after
: RESEMBLE
—take care
: to be careful
—take care of
: to attend to
—take effect
: to become operative
—take exception
: OBJECT
—take place
: HAPPEN
—take to
1: to go to
2: to apply or devote oneself to
3: to conceive a liking for

Synonyms
▶ [1] clasp, grasp, grip, hold; also clench, cling (to), clutch, hang on (to), hold on (to); catch, nab, seize, snatch
▶ [4] catch, come down, contract, get, sicken—more at CONTRACT
▶ [8] choose, cull, elect, handpick, name, opt, pick, prefer, select, single—more at CHOOSE
▶ [14] abide, bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, tolerate—more at BEAR
▶ [19] act, function, operate, perform, work—more at ACT
▶ usually take for [21] account, call, consider, count, esteem, hold, rate, reckon, regard—more at CONSIDER

take noun
1: the number or quantity taken; also: PROCEEDS, RECEIPTS
2: an act or the action of taking
3: a television or movie scene filmed or taped at one time; also: a sound recording made at one time
4: a distinct or personal point of view
5: a visible response or reaction (as to something unexpected)
   Synonyms
   reaction, reply, response—more at reaction

take back verb
   : to make a retraction of: withdraw
   Synonyms
   abjure, recant, renounce, retract, unsay, withdraw—more at abjure

take down verb
   1: to take apart: disassemble
   2: to lower the spirit or vanity of
   Synonyms
   [1] disassemble, dismantle, knock down, strike—more at disassemble
   [2] abase, debase, degrade, demean, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, shame, smirch—more at humble

take in verb
   1: to give shelter to
   2: to encompass within its limits
   3: to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid: deceive
   Synonyms
   [1] accommodate, billet, chamber, domicile, harbor, house, lodge, put up, quarter, roof, shelter—more at house
   [2] carry, comprehend, contain, embrace, encompass, entail, include, involve, number—more at include

take-off /ˈtā,ˌkōf/ noun
   1: an imitation esp. in the way of caricature
   2: an act or instance of taking off
   Synonyms
   burlesque, caricature, parody, spoof—more at parody

take off verb
   1: to remove (an article of wear) from the body
   2: deduct
   3: to set out: go away
   4: to begin flight
   Synonyms
   [1] doff, peel, put off, remove—more at remove
   [3] clear out, depart, exit, get off, go, move, pull, quit, sally, shove—more at go

take on verb
   1: to begin to perform or deal with; also: to contend with as an opponent
   2: to provide occupation for: hire
   3: to assume or acquire as or as if one's own
   4: to make an unusual show of one's feelings esp. of grief or anger
   Synonyms
   [1] battle, encounter, engage, face, meet—more at engage
   [2] employ, engage, hire, retain—more at employ

take out verb
   : to find release for
   Synonyms
   loose, release, unleash, vent
   Antonyms
   bottle (up), repress, suppress

take over verb
take·over /təˈkərvər/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ cover, fill in, pinch-hit, stand in, sub, substitute—more at COVER
  ▶ accept, assume, bear, shoulder, undertake—more at ASSUME

take up verb
  1: PICK UP
  2: to begin to occupy (land)
  3: to absorb or incorporate into itself <plants taking up nutrients>
  4: to begin to engage in <took up jogging>
  5: to make tighter or shorter <take up the slack>
  6 ▶: to accept or adopt as one's own <took up the life of a farmer>
  Synonyms
  ▶ adopt, borrow, embrace—more at ADOPT

tak·ings /təˈkɪŋz/ noun plural, chiefly British
  : receipts esp. of money

talc /tælk/ noun
  : a soft mineral with a soapy feel used esp. in making a soothing powder (talcum powder /təˈkʌm pərəd/ for the skin

tale /tæl/ noun
  1: a relation of a series of events
  2: a report of a confidential matter
  3: idle talk; especially: harmful gossip
  4 ▶: a usu. imaginative narrative
  5 ▶: an intentionally untrue report: FALSEHOOD
  6: COUNT, TALLY
  Synonyms
  ▶ [4] narrative, novella, short story, story—more at STORY
  ▶ [5] fabrication, fairy tale, falsehood, falsity, fib, lie, mendacity, prevarication, story, untruth, whopper—more at LIE

tal·ent /təˈlənt/ noun
  1: an ancient unit of weight and value
  2 ▶: the natural endowments of a person
  3: a special often creative or artistic aptitude
  4: mental power: ABILITY
  5: a person of talent
  —tal·ent·ed adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ aptitude, endowment, faculty, flair, genius, gift, knack; also bent, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, propensity, turn; ear, eye, head, mind, nose; feel, hang, instinct, touch, way; capability, competence, facility, proficiency, skill; capacity, power, potential

ta·ler /təˈlər/ noun
  : any of numerous silver coins issued by German states from the 15th to the 19th centuries

tales·man /təˈləz.mən/ noun
  : a person summoned for jury duty

tal·is·man /təˈlɪz.mən, ləz/ noun, plural -mans
  [origin: F talisman or Sp talismán or It talismano, fr. Ar āṭilsam, fr. MGk telesma, fr. Gk, consecration, fr. telein to initiate into the mysteries, complete, fr. telos end]
  : an object thought to act as a charm
  Synonyms
  ▶ amulet, charm, fetish, mascot—more at CHARM

talk /təlk/ verb
1: to express in speech: utter words: **SPEAK**
2: **DISCUSS** <<~ business>>
3: to influence or cause by talking <<~ ed him into going>>
4: to use (a language) for communicating
5: to express, communicate, or exchange ideas or thoughts by means of spoken words: **CONVERSE** — often used with *to* or *with*
6 a: to reveal secret or confidential information
   b: to relate rumor or report of an intimate nature: **GOSSIP**
7: to give a talk: **LECTURE**
8: to speak idly
   — **talk back**
   : to answer impertinently

**Synonyms**
- **usually talk into** [3] argue, convince, get, induce, move, persuade, prevail, satisfy, win—more at **PERSUADE**
- **usually talk to** [5] chat, speak; also accost, address, greet, hail, herald; inform, notify, tell
- [6a] inform, snitch, squeal, tell—more at **SQUEAL**
- [6b] blab, gossip, tattle—more at **GOSSIP**
- [7] declaim, descant, discourse, harangue, lecture, orate, speak; also recite, soliloquize; mouth, spout; filibuster; stump; eulogize

**talk noun**
1: the act or an instance or period of talking
2: a way of speaking
3: a formal discussion, negotiation, or exchange of views
4: **REPORT**, **RUMOR**
5: the topic of comment or gossip <<the ~ of the town>>
6: an analysis or discussion prepared for public presentation

**Synonyms**
- [1] chat, chatter, chitchat, gabfest, gossip, palaver, rap—more at **CHAT**
- [3] argument, colloquy, conference, deliberation, discourse, discussion, give-and-take, parley—more at **DISCUSSION**
- [6] address, declamation, harangue, oration, speech—more at **SPEECH**

**talk·a·tive** /tak·əˈtiv/ **adjective**
: given to talking
   — **talk·a·tive·ly** **adverb**
   — **talk·a·tive·ness** **noun**

**Synonyms**
- chatty, conversational, gabby, garrulous, loquacious; also communicative, expansive; demonstrative, effusive, gushing; outspoken, unreserved, vocal; articulate, fluent, glib, voluble; gossipy; long-winded, prolix, verbose, windy, wordy; extroverted, gregarious, outgoing, sociable

**Antonyms**
- closemouthed, laconic, reserved, reticent, taciturn

**talk·er** /takˈər/ **noun**
: one that talks

**Synonyms**
- chatterbox, jabberer, magpie—more at **CHATTERBOX**

**talk·ing–to** /tak′əŋˌtə/ **noun**
: **REPRIMAND**, **REPROOF**

**talk over** **verb**
: to review or consider in conversation

**Synonyms**
- argue, chew over, debate, discuss, dispute, hash, moot—more at **DISCUSS**

**talk radio** **noun**
: radio programming consisting of call-in shows
tall /təl/ adjective

1 : high in stature; also : of a specified height <six feet ~>  
2 : large or formidable in amount, extent, or degree <a ~ order>  
3 : UNBELIEVABLE, IMPROBABLE <a ~ story>  
— tall·ness noun  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ [1] high, lofty, towering—more at HIGH  
   ▶ [2] arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, grueling, hard, herculean, laborious, murderous, rough, stiff, strenuous, toilsome, tough—more at HARD  

tal·low /təˌlō/ noun  
: a hard white fat rendered usu. from cattle or sheep tissues and used esp. in candles  

'tally /ˈtālē/ noun, plural tallies  
[origin: ME talye, fr. ML talea, fr. L, twig, cutting]  
1 : a device for visibly recording or accounting esp. business transactions  
2 : a recorded account  
3 : a corresponding part; also : CORRESPONDENCE  

1tally verb tal·lied; tal·ly·ing  
1 : to mark on or as if on a tally  
2 : to make a count of : RECKON; also : SCORE  
3 : to be in conformity or agreement : CORRESPOND  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ accord, agree, answer, check, coincide, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, go, harmonize, jibe, square—more at CHECK  

tal·ly·ho /ˈtālē.hō/ noun, plural -hos  
: a call of a huntsman at sight of the fox  

Tal·mud /ˈtälməd/ noun  
[origin: Late Heb talmūd, lit., instruction]  
: the authoritative body of Jewish tradition  
— Tal·mu·dic /ˈtālmədik/ adjective  
— Tal·mud·ist /ˈtālmədɪst/ noun  

tal·on /ˈtālən/ noun  
: the claw of an animal and esp. of a bird of prey  

ta·lus /ˈtälas/ noun  
: rock debris at the base of a cliff  

tam /ˈtam/ noun  
: TAM-O'-SHAMTER  

ta·ma·le /ˈtäməl/ noun  
[origin: MexSp tamales, pl. of tamal tamale, fr. Nahuatl (American Indian language) tamalli steamed cornmeal dough]  
: ground meat seasoned with chili, rolled in cornmeal dough, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed  

tam·a·rack /ˈtäməræk/ noun  
: a larch of northern No. America; also : its hard resinous wood  

tam·a·rin /ˈtəmərən/ noun  
: any of several small So. American monkeys related to the marmosets  

tam·a·rind /ˈtāmərənd/ noun  
[origin: Sp & Pg tamarindo, fr. At tamr hindī, lit., Indian date]  
: a tropical tree of the legume family with hard yellowish wood and feathery leaves; also : its acid fruit  

tam·bo·rine /ˈtəmbo rīn/ noun  
: a small shallow drum with loose disks at the sides played by shaking or striking with the hand
1. **tame** /ˈtām/ adjective **tam-er, tam-est**
   1: reduced from a state of native wildness esp. so as to be useful to humans: **DOMESTICATED**
   2: made docile: **SUBDUED**
   3: lacking spirit or interest
   — *tame-ly* adverb
   — *tame-ness* noun

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] domestic, domesticated; also broken, housebroken, trained; docile, gentle
   **Antonyms**
   - [3] dull, flat, uninteresting

2. **tame** verb **tamed; tam-ing**
   1: to make or become tame; also: to subject (land) to cultivation
   2: **HUMBLE, SUBDUE**
   3: to bring under control
   — *tam-able or tame-able* /ˈtā.məl/ adjective
   — *tame-less* adjective
   — *tam-er* noun

   **Synonyms**
   - bridle, check, constrain, contain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, regulate, rein, restrain

3. **tam-o’-shanter** /ˈtā.mə,ˈshāntər/ noun
   [Origin: fr. poem *Tam o’ Shanter* (1790) by Robert Burns †1796 Scot. poet]
   : a Scottish woolen cap with a wide flat circular crown and usu. a pom-pom in the center

4. **tamp** /tamp/ verb
   : to drive down or in by a series of light blows

5. **tam-per** /tāmˈpər/ verb
   1: to carry on underhand negotiations (as by bribery) *<~ with a witness>*
   2: to interfere so as to weaken or change for the worse *<~ with a document>*
   3: to try foolish or dangerous experiments
   **Synonyms** usually *tamper with* [2, 3]
   - fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, play, tinker; also alter, doctor, manhandle, manipulate, misuse; butt in, interfere, intrude, meddle

6. **tam-pon** /ˈtāmˌpən/ noun
   [Origin: F, lit., plug]
   : a plug (as of cotton) introduced into a body cavity usu. to absorb secretions (as from menstruation) or to arrest bleeding

7. **tan** /tān/ verb **tanned; tan-ning**
   1: to change (hide) into leather esp. by soaking in a liquid containing tannin
   2: to make or become brown (as by exposure to the sun)
   3: to strike with a slender lithic implement (as a lash or rod) esp. as a punishment: **WHIP**

8. **tan** noun
   1: a brown skin color induced by sun or weather
   2: a light yellowish brown color

9. **tan** abbreviation
   tangent

10. **tan-a-ger** /ˈtā.nəˌjar/ noun
    : any of numerous American birds that are often brightly colored

11. **tan-bark** /ˈtānˌbārk/ noun
    : bark (as of oak or sumac) that is rich in tannin and used in tanning
1 **tandem** /'tan_ˌدم/ noun |
[origin: L, at last, at length (taken to mean “lengthwise”), fr. tam so] |
1 : a 2-seated carriage with horses hitched tandem; also: its team |
2 : a bicycle for two persons sitting one behind the other |
— in tandem |
: in a tandem arrangement |
2 **tandem** adverb |
: one behind another |
3 **tandem** adjective |
1 : consisting of things arranged one behind the other |
2 : working in conjunction with each other |

**tang** /'tan/ noun |
1 : a part in a tool that connects the blade with the handle |
2 : a sharp distinctive flavor; also: a pungent odor |
— **tangy** adjective |

1 **tangent** /'tan_ˌジェنت/ adjective |
[origin: L tangent-, tangens, prp. of tangere to touch] |
: TOUCHING; especially: touching a circle or sphere at only one point |

2 **tangent** noun |
1 : the trigonometric function that is the ratio between the side opposite and the side adjacent to an acute angle in a right triangle |
2 : a tangent line, curve, or surface |
3 : an abrupt change of course |

1 **tangential** /'tan_ˌジェン 첼/ adjective |
1 : TANGENT |
2 : touching lightly: INCIDENTAL, <~ involvement> |
— **tangential** adverb |

**tangerine** /'tan_ˌジェン_ri_ˌन/ noun |
1 : a deep orange loose-skinned citrus fruit; also: a tree that bears tangerines |

1 **tangible** /'tan_ˌジェン_bi_ˌi_ˌti/ adjective |
1 : perceptible esp. by the sense of touch: PALPABLE |
2 : substantially real: MATERIAL, <~ rewards> |
3 : capable of being appraised |
— **tangibility** /'tan_ˌジェン_ˌi_ˌti_ˌke/ noun |

2 **tangible** noun |
: something tangible; especially: a tangible asset |

1 **tangle** /'tan_ˌجل/ verb tangled; tangling |
1 a : to involve so as to hamper or embarrass |
2 b : to seize or hold in or as if in a snare or net: ENTRAP |
2 : to unite or knit together in intricate confusion: ENTANGLE |

Synonyms |
1b enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, mesh, snare, trap—more at ENTRAP |
[2] entangle, interlace, intertwine, interweave, knot, snarl—more at ENTRAP |

2 **tangle** noun |
1 : a tangled twisted mass |
2 : a confusedly complicated state: MUDDLE |

**tango** /'tan_ˌ الجو/ noun, plural tangos |
: a dance of Latin-American origin |
— **tango** verb
tank /ˈtaŋk/ noun
1: a large artificial receptacle for liquids
2: a heavily armed and armored combat vehicle that moves on tracks
   — tank·ful noun
tank·ard /ˈtaŋkərd/ noun
: a tall one-handled drinking vessel
tank·er /ˈtaŋkər/ noun
: a vehicle equipped for transporting a liquid
tank top noun
: a sleeveless collarless pullover shirt with shoulder straps
tank town noun
: a small town
tan·ner /ˈtaːnər/ noun
: one that tans hides
tan·nery /ˈtaːnərē/ noun, plural -ner·ies
: a place where tanning is carried on
tan·nic acid /ˈtaːnɪk/ noun
: TANNIN
tan·nin /ˈtaːnən/ noun
: any of various plant substances used esp. in tanning and dyeing, in inks, and as astringents
tan·sy /ˈtaːnzi/ noun, plural tansies
: a common weedy herb related to the daisies with an aromatic odor and bitter-tasting finely divided leaves
tan·ta·lise British variant of TANTALIZE
tan·ta·lize /ˈtaːntəliz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
[origin: fr. Tantalus, king of Greek myth punished in Hades by having to stand up to his chin in water that receded as he bent to drink]
: to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but keeping it out of reach
   — tan·ta·liz·er noun
   — tan·ta·liz·ing·ly adverb
tan·ta·lum /ˈtaːntələm/ noun
: a gray-white ductile metallic chemical element
tan·ta·mont /ˈtaːntəmənt/ adjective
: equivalent in value or meaning
tan·trum /ˈtaːntrəm/ noun
: a fit of bad temper
   Synonyms
   ▶ blowup, dudgeon, explosion, fireworks, fit, huff, scene; also eruption, flare-up, outburst, storm, uproar; agitation, delirium, distraction, frenzy, furor, furore, fury, hysteria, rage, rampage, uproar; paroxysm, seizure, spasm, upheaval; reaction, rise; dander, temper; pet, pouts
Tan·za·ni·an /ˈtaŋzəˌnēən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Tanzania
   — Tanzanian adjective
Tao·ism /ˈtaʊ.i.zəm/ noun
: a Chinese mystical philosophy; also: a religion developed from Taoist philosophy and Buddhism
   — Tao·ist /ˈtaʊ.i.st/ adjective or noun
tap /tæp/ noun
1 ♦: a device consisting of a spout and valve attached to the end of a pipe to control the flow of a fluid: faucet, cock
2 ♦: liquor drawn through a tap
3 ♦: the removing of fluid from a container or cavity by tapping
4 ♦: a tool for forming an internal screw thread
5 ♦: a point in an electric circuit where a connection may be made
Synonyms
cock, faucet, gate, spigot, valve—more at faucet

tap verb tapped; tapping
1 ♦: to release or cause to flow by piercing or by drawing a plug from a container or cavity
2 ♦: to pierce so as to let out or draw off a fluid
3 ♦: to draw from
4 ♦: to cut in on (as a telephone signal) to get information
5 ♦: to form an internal screw thread in by means of a tap
6 ♦: to connect (as a gas or water main) with a local supply
— tap·per noun
Synonyms
bleed, drain, draw, pump, siphon—more at drain

tap verb tapped; tapping
1 ♦: to rap lightly
2 ♦: to bring about by repeated light blows
3 : SELECT; especially : to elect to membership
Synonyms
beat, drum, rap; also bang, hammer, hit, knock, pound, thud, thump, whack, thwack; chink, clatter, clink, ping; pat, chuck, clap, flick, tip

tap noun
1 ♦: a light blow or stroke; also: its sound
2 ♦: a small metal plate for the sole or heel of a shoe

ta·pa /təˈpa/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, lit., cover, lid]
: an hors d’oeuvre served with drinks esp. in Spanish bars — usu. used in pl.

tape /tæp/ noun
1 ♦: a narrow flexible band or strip (as of woven fabric)
2 ♦: MAGNETIC TAPE; also: CASSETTE

tape verb taped; taping
1 ♦: to fasten or support with tape
2 ♦: to record on magnetic tape
tape deck noun
: a device used to play back cassette tapes that usu. has to be connected to an audio system
tape measure noun
: a tape marked off in units (as inches) for measuring
taper /ˈtæpər/ noun
1 ♦: a slender wax candle; also: a long waxed wick
2 ♦: a gradual lessening of thickness or width in a long object
taper verb tapered; tapering
1 ♦: to make or become gradually smaller toward one end
2 ♦: to diminish gradually
Synonyms
abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede,
relent, shrink, subside, wane—more at DECREASE

tape•re•cord /tāˈpriˌkôrd/ verb
  : to make a recording of on magnetic tape
    — tape recorder noun
    — tape recording noun

taper off verb
  : to diminish gradually: TAPER

tapes•try /tāˈpěstrē/ noun, plural -tries
  : a heavy reversible textile that has designs or pictures woven into it and is used esp. as a wall hanging

tape•worm /tāpˌwɔrm/ noun
  : any of a class of long flat segmented worms parasitic esp. in vertebrate intestines

tap•i•oa /tāˈpēˌō.ca/ noun
  : a usu. granular preparation of cassava starch used esp. in puddings; also: a dish (as pudding) that contains tapioca

ta•pir /tāˈpēr/ noun, plural tapirs also tapir
  [origin: Pg tapir, tapira, fr. Tupinambà (American Indian language of Brazil) tapi’íra]
  : any of a genus of large herbivorous hoofed mammals of tropical America and southeastern Asia

tap•pet /tāˈpet/ noun
  : a lever or projection moved by some other piece (as a cam) or intended to move something else

tap•room /tāpˌrûmˌ rûm/ noun
  : BARROOM

tap•root /ˌröt/ noun
  : a large main root growing straight down and giving off small side roots

taps /tāps/ noun singular or plural
  : the last bugle call at night blown as a signal that lights are to be put out; also: a similar call blown at military funerals and memorial services

tap•ster /tāpˌstər/ noun
  : BARTENDER

tar /tār/ noun
  1: a thick dark sticky liquid distilled from organic material (as wood or coal)
  2: one that sails: SAILOR

  Synonyms
  ○ gob, jack, jack-tar, mariner, sailor, seaman, swab—more at SAILOR

tar verb tarred; tar•ring
  : to cover or smear with or as if with tar

tar•an•tel•la /ˌtār.ənˈtel.ə/ noun
  : a lively folk dance of southern Italy in 6/8 time

tar•an•tula /ˌtār.ənˈtə.lə/ noun, plural tarantulas also tar•ant•ulae /ˌtār.ənˈtə.ləˌlēˌ lē/ noun
  : any of a family of large hairy American spiders with a sharp bite that is not very poisonous to human beings

  tar•di•ly /tārˌde.lē/ adverb
  ○ in a tardy manner

  Synonyms
  ○ laggardly, slow, slowly, sluggishly—more at SLOW

tar•dy /tārˌde/ adjective tar•di•er; -est
  1: moving slowly: SLUGGISH
  2: delayed beyond the expected or proper time: LATE

  — tar•di•ness /ˌdē.nes/ noun
Synonyms

1. creeping, dilatory, laggard, languid, poky, slow, sluggish
2. behind, belated, delinquent, late, overdue

1. tare /tər/ noun
   : a weed of grain fields
2. tare noun
   : a deduction from the gross weight of a substance and its container made in allowance for the weight of the container
   — tare verb

1. target /ˈtɑr ət/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. MF targette, dim. of targe light shield, of Gmc origin]
   1 : a mark to shoot at
   2 : an object of ridicule or criticism
   3 : a goal to be achieved
   — Synonyms
   butt, laughingstock, mark, mockery, victim
2. target verb
   : to make a target of

1. tariff /ˈtɑrf əl/ noun
[origin: It tariffa, fr. Ar tasrif notification]
   1 : a schedule of duties imposed by a government esp. on imported goods; also : a duty or rate of duty imposed in such a schedule
   2 : a schedule of rates or charges

1. tarmac /ˈtɑr mæk/ noun
   : a surface paved with crushed stone covered with tar
2. tarn /tɑrn/ noun
   : a small mountain lake
3. tarnish /ˈtɑrn əsh/ verb
   1 : to make or become dull or discolored
   2 : to bring disgrace on
   — tarnish noun
   — Synonyms
   blemish, mar, poison, spoil, stain, taint, touch, vitiate

1. taro /ˈtɑr oʊ/ noun, plural taros
   : a large-leaved tropical plant related to the arums that is grown for its edible starchy corms; also : its corms
2. tarot /ˈtɑr ət/ noun
   : one of a set of usu. 78 playing cards used esp. for fortune-telling

1. tarpon /ˈtɑr pn/ noun, plural tarpons or tarpons
   : a large silvery bony fish often caught for sport in the warm coastal waters of the Atlantic esp. off Florida
2. tarra gon /ˈtɑr rə ɡən/ noun
   : a small widely cultivated perennial wormwood with aromatic leaves used as a seasoning; also : its leaves

1. tarry /ˈtɑr ə/ verb tarried; tarrying
   1 : to be tardy: DELAY; especially : to be slow in leaving
   2 : to stay in or at a place
   — Synonyms
   [1] crawl, creep, dally, dawdle, delay, dillydally, drag, lag, linger, loiter, poke

Related:
1. SLOW
2. LATE
[2] abide, dwell, hang around, remain, stay, stick around—more at STAY

tarry /tār/ adjective
: of, resembling, or smeared with tar
tar sand noun
: sand or sandstone that is naturally soaked with the heavy sticky portions of petroleum

tar-sus /tārˌsəs/ noun, plural tar-si /ˌsē/ [origin: NL]
: the part of a vertebrate foot between the metatarsus and the leg; also: the small bones that support this part— tar-sal /ˌsäl/ adjective or noun

tart /tārt/ adjective
1 ▶: agreeably sharp or acid to the taste
2 ▶: marked by a biting, acrimonious, or cutting quality: CAUSTIC
— tart-ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] acid, sour, vinegary—more at SOUR
[2] acrid, biting, caustic, cutting, mordant, pungent, sarcastic, satiric, scathing, sharp—more at SARCASTIC

tart noun
1: a small pie or pastry shell containing jelly, custard, or fruit
2: PROSTITUTE

tar-tan /tārˈtən/ noun
: a plaid textile design of Scottish origin usu. distinctively patterned to designate a particular clan

tar-tar /tārˈtar/ noun
1: a substance in the juice of grapes deposited (as in wine casks) as a reddish crust or sediment
2: a crust on the teeth formed from plaque hardened by calcium salts

tar-tar sauce or tar-tare sauce /tārˌtar/ noun
: mayonnaise with chopped pickles, olives, or capers

tart-ness /ˈnäs/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being tart

Synonyms
 acidity, acrimony, acuteness, asperity, bite, bitterness, edge, harshness, keenness, pungency, sharpness

task /tāsk/ noun
[origin: ME taske, fr. MF dial. tasque, fr. ML tasca tax or service imposed by a feudal superior, fr. taxare to tax]
1 ▶: a piece of assigned work
2 ▶: the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists

Synonyms
[1] assignment, chore, duty, job, stint—more at CHORE
[2] capacity, function, job, part, place, position, purpose, role, work—more at ROLE

task verb
▶: to oppress with great labor

task force noun
: a temporary grouping to accomplish a particular objective

task-mas-ter /tāskˌmasˌtar/ noun
▶: one that imposes a task or burdens another with labor

Synonyms
 boss, captain, chief, foreman, head, headman, helmsman, kingpin, leader, master—more at BOSS

tassel /ˈtaˌsəlˈtā/ noun
1 ▶: a hanging ornament made of a bunch of cords of even length fastened at one end
2 ▶: something suggesting a tassel; especially: a male flower cluster of Indian corn
2 **tassel** verb *-seled or -elled; -sel·ing or -sel·ling*  
: to adorn with or put forth tassels

1 **taste** /tāst/ verb *tast·ed; tast·ing*  
1 † to become acquainted with by experience : EXPERIENCE  
2 : to try or determine the flavor of by taking a bit into the mouth  
3 : to eat or drink esp. in small quantities : SAMPLE  
4 : to have a specific flavor  
5 † to perceive or recognize as if by the sense of taste  

   **Synonyms**  
   † [1] endure, experience, feel, have, know, see, suffer, sustain, undergo—more at EXPERIENCE  
   † [5] feel, perceive, scent, see, sense, smell—more at FEEL

2 **taste** noun  
1 †: a small amount tasted  
2 : BIT: especially : a sample of experience  
3 : the special sense that perceives sweet, sour, bitter, or salty qualities and is mediated by taste buds on the tongue  
4 : a quality perceptible to the sense of taste; also : the sensation obtained from a substance in the mouth : FLAVOR  
5 †: individual preference  
6 : critical judgment, discernment, or appreciation; also : aesthetic quality

— **tast·er** noun  

   **Synonyms**  
   † [1] bite, morsel, mouthful, nibble, tidbit—more at MORSEL  
   † [5] appetite, fancy, favor, fondness, like, liking, love, partiality, preference, relish, shine, use—more at LIKING

**taste bud** noun  
: a sense organ mediating the sensation of taste

**taste·ful** /tāst·fəl/ adjective  
1 : tasty  
2 †: having, exhibiting, or conforming to good taste

— **taste·ful·ly** adverb  

   **Synonyms**  
   † elegant, graceful, handsome, majestic, refined, stately—more at ELEGANT

**taste·less** /tāst·ls/ adjective  
1 a †: having no taste <~ vegetables>  
   b : arousing no interest  
2 †: not having or exhibiting good taste <a ~ joke> <~ clothes>

— **taste·less·ly** adverb  

   **Synonyms**  
   † [1a] flat, flavorless, insipid—more at INSIPID  
   † [2] coarse, common, crass, crude, rough, rude, uncouth, vulgar—more at COARSE  
   † [2] dowdy, inelegant, tacky, trashy, unfashionable, unstylish—more at TACKY

**tast·i·ness** /tāst·i·nis/ noun  
: the quality or state of being tasty

   **Synonyms**  
   † lusciousness, savor

**tasty** /tāst/ adjective *tast·er; -est*  
†: pleasing to the taste : SAVORY

   **Synonyms**  
   † ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, scrumptious, toothsome, yummy—more at DELICIOUS

**tat** /tāt/ verb *tat·ted; tat·ting*  
: to work at or make by tatting

1 **tatter** /tāt/ verb
: to make or become ragged

**Synonyms**
- rend, rip, rive, shred, tear—more at TEAR

 tat·ter noun
1: a part torn and left hanging  
2 plural: tattered clothing

 tat·ter·de·ma·lion /ta.ˈtər.diˌmælated/ noun  
: one that is ragged or disreputable

tat·tered /ˈtætərd/ adjective
: torn into shreds

**Synonyms**
- ragged, ratty, seedy, shabby, threadbare, worn-out—more at RAGGED

 tat·ter·sall /ˈtætər.ˈsɔlˌsɔl/ noun
: a pattern of colored lines forming squares on solid background; also: a fabric in a tattersall pattern

 tat·ting /ˈtæt.ɪŋ/ noun
: a delicate handmade lace formed usu. by looping and knotting with a single thread and a small shuttle; also: the act or process of making such lace

 tat·tle /ˈtæt.əl/ verb tat·tled; tat·ting
1: CHATTER, PRATE
2: to tell secrets; also: to inform against another

**Synonyms**
- blab, gossip, talk—more at GOSSIP

 tat·tler /ˈtætlər, ˈtætlər/ noun
: one that tattles

 tat·tle·tale /ˈtætləˌtel/ noun
: one that tattles: INFORMER

**Synonyms**
- betrayer, informer, stool pigeon, telltale—more at INFORMER

1 tattoo /ˈtætoʊ/ noun, plural tattoos
[ORIGIN: alter. of earlier taptoo, fr. D taptoe, fr. the phrase tap toe! taps shut!]
1: a call sounded before taps as notice to go to quarters
2: a rapid rhythmic rapping

2 tattoo verb
: to mark (the skin) with tattoos

3 tattoo noun, plural tattoos
[ORIGIN: Tahitian tatau]
: an indelible figure fixed upon the body esp. by insertion of pigment under the skin

 tau /ˈtaʊ, tō/ noun
: the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet — T or τ

 taught past and past participle of TEACH

1 taunt /ˈtɑnt/ noun
: a sarcastic challenge or insult

2 taunt verb
: to reproach or challenge in a mocking manner: jeer at

**Synonyms**
- bait, bug, hassle, heckle, needle, ride, tease—more at TEASE

 taunt·er /ˈtɑnt.ər, ˈtɑnt/ noun
taupe /tɔp/ noun
: a brownish gray
tau·rus /ˈtoʊrəs/ noun
[origin: L, lit., bull]
1 : a zodiacal constellation between Aries and Gemini usu. pictured as a bull
2 : the 2d sign of the zodiac in astrology; also : one born under this sign
taut /tət/ adjective
1 : tightly drawn : not slack
2 : extremely nervous : TENSE
taut·ly adverb
taut·ness noun
Synonyms
rigid, tense, tight; also firm, inflexible, stiff, tightened, unyielding
Antonyms
lax, loose, slack
tau·tol·o·gy /ˈtɔ.tələdʒi/ noun, plural -gies
: needless repetition of an idea, statement, or word; also : an instance of such repetition
tau·to·log·i·cal /ˈtɔ.tələˌjikəl/ adjective
tau·to·log·i·cally /ˈtɔ.tələˌjikəl.i/ adverb
tau·tol·o·gous /ˈtɔ.tələˌɡəs/ adjective
tau·tol·o·gous·ly adverb
tav·ern /ˈta.vərn/ noun
[origin: ME taverne, fr. AF, fr. L taberna hut, shop]
1 : an establishment where alcoholic liquors are sold to be drunk on the premises
2 : an establishment for the lodging and entertaining of travelers : INN
Synonyms
[1] bar, barroom, café, pub, public house, saloon—more at BARROOM
[2] hospice, hotel, inn, lodge, public house—more at HOTEL
taw /tɔ/ noun
1 : a marble used as a shooter
2 : the line from which players shoot at marbles
taw·dry /tɔ.dri/ adjective taw·dri·er; -est
[origin: tawdry lace a tie of lace for the neck, fr. St. Audrey (St. Etheldreda) †679 queen of Northumbria]
: cheap and gaudy in appearance and quality
taw·dri·ly adverb
Synonyms
flamboyant, flashy, garish, gaudy, glitzy, loud, ostentatious, swank—more at GAUDY
taw·ny /tɔ.ni/ adjective taw·ni·er; -est
: of a brownish orange color
tax /taks/ verb
1 : to levy a tax on
2 : CHARGE, ACCUSE
3 : to put under pressure
— tax·able /ˈtaks.əbəl/ adjective
tax·a·tion /ˈtaks.əˈʃən/ noun
Synonyms
strain, stretch, test, try
2 tax noun
1 a charge usu. of money imposed by authority on persons or property for public purposes
2 a heavy charge: STRAIN

   Synonyms
   ➔ assessment, duty, impost, levy; also excise, income tax, poll tax, tariff, toll, tribute, withholding tax;
surcharge, surtax; revenue

1 taxi /ˈtaksi/ noun, plural taxis /ˈtæksɪz/ also tax·ies
   ➔ an automobile that carries passengers for a fare usu. based on the distance traveled: TAXICAB; also: a similarly
   operated boat or aircraft

2 taxi verb tax·ied; tax·ing or tax·y·ing; tax·is or tax·ies
   1 to move along the ground or on the water under an aircraft’s own power when starting or after a landing
   2 to go by taxicab

tax·i·cab /ˈtaksiˌkæb/ noun
   ➔ an automobile that carries passengers for a fare usu. based on the distance traveled

   Synonyms
   ➔ hack; also hackney; limousine; ricksha

taxi·der·my /ˌtaksi.ˈdər.mē/ noun
   ➔ the skill or occupation of preparing, stuffing, and mounting skins of animals

   — taxi·der·mist /ˌtaksi.ˈdər.mist/ noun

tax·ing /ˈtæks.ɪŋ/ adjective
   ➔ involving, imposing, or constituting a burden

   Synonyms
   ➔ arduous, burdensome, challenging, demanding, exacting, grueling, laborious, onerous, toilsome—more at

   DEMANDING

1 tax·on /ˈtaks.ən/ noun, plural taxa /sə/; also taxons
   ➔ a taxonomic group or entity

2 tax·on·o·my /ˌtaks.əˈnoʊ.mē/ noun
   ➔ classification esp. of animals or plants according to natural relationships

   — tax·on·o·mic /ˌtaks.əˈnoʊ.mik/ adjective

   — tax·on·o·mist /ˌtaks.əˈnoʊ.mist/ noun

1 tax·pay·er /ˈtaks.pər/ noun
   ➔ one who pays or is liable for a tax

   — tax·pay·ing adjective

   Tay–Sachs disease /ˈtāˌsachs/ noun
   ➔ a hereditary disorder caused by the absence of an enzyme needed to break down fatty material, marked by buildup
   of lipids in nervous tissue, and causing death in childhood

   tb abbreviation
   tablespoon; tablespoonful

   Tb symbol
   terbium

TB /ˈtē.ˈbē/ noun
   ➔ TUBERCULOSIS

   TBA abbreviation, often not cap
   to be announced

T–bar /ˈtēˌbār/ noun
   ➔ a ski lift with a series of T-shaped bars

   tbs or tbsp abbreviation
   tablespoon; tablespoonful
Tc symbol
technetium

TC abbreviation
teachers college

T cell noun
: any of several lymphocytes (as a helper T cell) specialized esp. for activity in and control of immunity and the immune response

TCP/IP /ˌtɛkˈsiːp/ noun
[origin: transmission control protocol/Internet protocol]
: a set of communications protocols used over networks and esp. the Internet

TD abbreviation
1 touchdown
2 Treasury Department

TDD abbreviation
telecommunications device for the deaf

TDY abbreviation
temporary duty

Te symbol
tellurium

tea /ˈtē/ noun
[origin: Chin (dialect of Fujian province) ͜dĕ]
1 : the cured leaves and leaf buds of a shrub grown chiefly in China, Japan, India, and Sri Lanka; also : this shrub
2 : a drink made by steeping tea in boiling water
3 : refreshments usu. including tea served in late afternoon; also : a reception at which tea is served

teach /tēch/ verb taught /tēt/; teaching
1 : to cause to know something : act as a teacher
2 : to show how <a child to swim>
3 : to make to know the disagreeable consequences of an action
4 : to guide the studies of
5 : to impart the knowledge of <algebra>
— teach·able adjective

Synonyms
educate, indoctrinate, instruct, school, train, tutor; also coach, mentor, drill, fit, ground, prepare, prime, qualify; direct, guide, lead, rear; catechize, lecture, moralize, preach; implant, inculcate, instill; homeschool; edify, enlighten; brief, familiarize, impart (to), inform, verse; initiate, introduce, show; reeducate, retrain

teach·er /ˈtē彻/ noun
1 : one that teaches; especially : one whose occupation is to instruct

Synonyms
educator, instructor, pedagogue, schoolteacher; also headmaster, master, schoolmaster; headmistress, schoolmarm, schoolmistress; coach, guide, guru, trainer; mentor, tutor; drillmaster; dean, don, professor; pedant; governess, homeschooler; catechist, lecturer, moralizer, preacher

teach·ing noun
1 : the act, practice, or profession of a teacher
2 : something taught; especially : DOCTRINE

Synonyms
education, instruction, training, tutelage—more at EDUCATION

tea·cup /ˈtēˌkuːp/ noun
: a small cup used with a saucer for hot beverages

teak /ˈtēk/ noun
: the hard durable yellowish brown wood of a tall tropical Asian timber tree related to the vervains; also : this tree
tea·ket·tle /ˈteɪˌkɛtəl/ noun
: a covered kettle with a handle and spout for boiling water

tea /ˈtɛə/ noun, plural teal or teals
1 : any of various small short-necked wild ducks
2 : a dark greenish blue color
1 team /ˈtiːm/ noun
[origin: ME teme, fr. OE tēam offspring, lineage, group of draft animals]
1 : two or more draft animals harnessed to the same vehicle or implement
2 ▶ : a number of persons associated in work or activity; especially : a group on one side in a match
   Synonyms
   ▶ band, company, crew, gang, outfit, party, squad—more at GANG
2 team verb
1 ▶ : to haul with or drive a team
2 ▶ : to form a team : join forces
   Synonyms
   ▶ collaborate, concert, cooperate, join—more at COOPERATE
3 team adjective
   : of or performed by a team; also : marked by devotion to teamwork <a ~ player>
4 team·mate /ˈtiːmˌmeɪt/ noun
: a fellow member of a team
5 team·ster /ˈtiːm.ster/ noun
: one who drives a team or truck
6 team·work /ˈtiːm.wɜrk/ noun
   ▶ : the work or activity of a number of persons acting in close association as members of a unit
   Synonyms
   ▶ collaboration, cooperation, coordination; also fellowship, partnership; community, symbiosis; synergism;
   communion, oneness, solidarity, togetherness
7 tea·pot /ˈteɪˌpɒt/ noun
: a vessel with a spout for brewing and serving tea
8 tear /tɪər/ noun
: a drop of the salty liquid that moistens the eye and inner side of the eyelids; also, pl : an act of weeping or grieving
2 tear /tɪər/ verb
: to fill with or shed tears <eyes ~ ing in the wind>
3 tear /tɪər/ verb tore /tɔr/; torn /tɔrn/; tear·ing
1 ▶ : to separate parts of or pull apart by force : REND
2 : LACERATE
3 : to disrupt by the pull of contrary forces
4 ▶ : to remove by force : WRENCH
5 ▶ : to move or act with violence, haste, or force
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] rend, rip, rive, shred, tatter; also break, cleave, rupture, split; cut, gash, incise, lacerate, slash; butcher,
   dismember, dissect, hack, mangle
   ▶ [4] rip, wrench, wrest; also grab, nab, seize, snap (up), snatch; lop (off), nip, jerk; amputate, cut (off),
   dissever, sever; force, pry
   ▶ [5] barrel, career, course, dash, fly, hasten, hurry, race, rip, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, whirl, whisk, zip,
   zoom—more at HURRY
4 tear /tɪər/ noun
1 : the act of tearing
2 ▶ : a hole or flaw made by tearing : RENT
Synonyms
- gash, laceration, rent, rip, slash, slit—more at GASH

tear down verb
1 a : to cause to decompose or disintegrate
   b : VILIFY, DENIGRATE <trying to tear down his reputation>
2. : to take apart : disassemble
   Synonyms
   - demolish, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, ruin, shatter, smash, waste, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY

tearful /ˈtɛər.fəl/ adjective
1 : flowing with or accompanied by tears <~ entreaties>
2. : causing tears <a ~ eulogy>
   — tearful-ly adverb
   Synonyms
   - depressing, dismal, dreary, heartbreaking, melancholy, pathetic, sad, sorry—more at SAD

tear gas /ˈtɛərˌɡɑs/ noun
: a substance that on dispersion in the atmosphere blinds the eyes with tears
   — tear gas verb

 tear-jerker /ˈtɛərˌjər.ka(r)/ noun
: an extravagantly pathetic story, song, play, movie, or broadcast

 tease /tɛz/ verb teased; teasing
1 : to disentangle and lay parallel by combing or carding <~ wool>
2 : to scratch the surface of (cloth) so as to raise a nap
3 a : to disturb or annoy by persistent irritating or provoking esp. in a petty or mischievous way
   b : to make fun of : KID
4 : to comb (hair) by taking a strand and pushing the short hairs toward the scalp with the comb
   Synonyms
   - [3a] bait, bug, hassel, heckle, needle, ride, taunt; also haze; gibe, mock, ridicule; annoy, bother, chafe, fret, nag, nettle, irritate, gall, get, gnaw (at), pester, trouble, vex; aggravate, exasperate, goad, test, try; aggrieve, agitate, bedevil, beleaguer, discomfort, disturb, perturb; badger, dog, hound; browbeat, bully, hector; harass, harry, persecute, plague, terrorize, torture
   - [3b] chaff, jive, josh, kid, rally, razz, rib, ride, roast; also banter, joke; fool, fun; jest, quip, wisecrack

 tease noun
1 : the act of teasing or state of being teased
2. : one that teases
   Synonyms
   - heckler, mocker, quiz, scoff, taunter—more at QUIZ
   - annoyance, bother, gadfly, nuisance, persecutor, pest—more at NUISANCE

tea-sel /ˈtɛˌzəl/ noun
: a prickly herb or its flower head covered with stiff hooked bracts and used to raise the nap on cloth; also : an artificial device used for this purpose

tea-spoon /ˈtɛˌsəpən/ noun
1 : a small spoon suitable for stirring beverages
2 : a unit of measure equal to 1/6 fluid ounce (5 milliliters)

 tea-spoon-ful /ˌtɛˌspənˌfʊl/ noun, plural -spoon-fuls also -spoons-ful /ˌspənˌfʊl/ : TEASPOON 2

teat /ˈtɛt, ˈtɛt/ noun
: the protuberance through which milk is drawn from an udder or breast

 tech abbreviation
1 technical; technically; technician
2 technological; technology
tech·ne·tium /tekˈnēˌshē.əm/ noun
: a radioactive metallic chemical element

tech·nic /tekˈnik, tekˈnēk/ noun
: TECHNIQUE 1

tech·ni·cal /tekˈniˌkāl/ adjective
[Origin: Gk technikos of art, skillful, fr. technē art, craft, skill]
1 : having special knowledge esp. of a mechanical or scientific subject <~ experts>
2 : of or relating to a particular and esp. a practical or scientific subject <~ training>
3 : according to a strict interpretation of the rules
4 : of or relating to technique
   — tech·ni·cal·ly /ˌk(ə)li/ adverb

tech·ni·cal·i·ty /tekˈniˌkāl.i·ti/ noun, plural -ties
1 : a detail meaningful only to a specialist
2 : the quality or state of being technical

technical sergeant noun
: a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a master sergeant

tech·ni·cian /tekˈniˌshēn/ noun
: a person who has acquired the technique of a specialized skill or subject

tech·nique /tekˈnēk/ noun
[Origin: F]
1 : the manner in which technical details are treated or basic physical movements are used
2 : technical methods
3 : a method of accomplishing a desired aim
   Synonyms
   approach, fashion, form, manner, method, strategy, style, system, tack, tactics, way—more at METHOD

tech·noc·ra·cy /tekˈnäˌkra.sē/ noun
: management of society by technical experts
   — tech·no·crat /tekˈnäˌkrat/ noun
   — tech·no·crat·ic /tekˈnäˌkrāt.ik/ adjective

tech·nol·o·gy /tekˈnäˌlō.jē/ noun, plural -gies
: ENGINEERING; also : a manner of accomplishing a task using technical methods or knowledge
   — tech·no·log·i·cal /tekˈnäˌlō.jiˌkal/ adjective

tec·ton·ics /tekˈtāˌnēks/ noun singular or plural
1 : geological structural features
2 : geology dealing esp. with the faulting and folding of a planet or moon
   — tec·ton·ic /ˈtēˌnik/ adjective

ted·dy bear /ˈte.dēˌbär/ noun
[Origin: Teddy Roosevelt; fr. a cartoon depicting the president sparing the life of a bear cub while hunting]
: a stuffed toy bear

ted·ious /ˈte.dēˌəs/ adjective
: tiresome because of length or dullness : BORING
   — te·dious·ly adverb
   — te·dious·ness noun

ted·i·um /ˈte.dēˌəm/ noun
1 : TEDIOUSNESS
2 : the state of being weary and restless through lack of interest : BOREDOM
   Synonyms
   weariness—more at BOREDOM

1 tee /te/ noun
tee verb teed; te·ing
: to place (a ball) on a tee

teen /ˈtiːn/ verb
: to become filled to overflowing: ABOUND

teen adjective
: TEENAGE

teen·age /ˈtiːn.ədʒ/ or teen·aged /ˈtiːn.əd/ adjective
: of, being, or relating to people in their teens

— teen·ag·er /ˈtiːn.ədʒər/ noun

teens /ˈtiːnz/ noun plural
: the numbers 13 to 19 inclusive; especially: the years 13 to 19 in a person's life

tee·ny /ˈtiː.ni/ adjective tee·ni·er; -est
: very small or diminutive: TINY

Synonyms
| atomic, infinitesimal, microscopic, miniature, minute, tiny, wee—more at TINY |

teepee variant of TEPEE

tee shirt variant of T-SHIRT

tee·ter /ˈtiː.tər/ verb
1 ▶ : to move unsteadily
2 ▶ : to move backward and forward or up and down
3 a : to shift back and forth uncertainly « on the brink of bankruptcy >
b ▶ : to waver in mind, will, or feeling « s between conformity and individuality >

— teeter noun

Synonyms
| [1] careen, dodder, lurch, reel, stagger, totter—more at STAGGER |
| [2] falter, rock, seesaw, sway, totter, waver, wobble; also flounder, lurch, stumble, toddler; quaver, tremble; careen, reel, stagger, weave |
| [3b] falter, hang back, hesitate, shilly-shally, vacillate—more at HESITATE |

tee·the /ˈtiːθ/ verb teethed; teeth·ing
: to experience the rising of one's teeth through the gums: to grow teeth

teething noun
: growth of the first set of teeth through the gums with its accompanying phenomena

 tee·to·tal·er or tee·to·tal·ler /ˈtiː.tə.təl/ noun
: a person who practices complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks

— tee·to·tal /ˈtiː.tə.təl/ adjective

— tee·to·tal·ism /ˈtiː.tə.təl.iЗm/ noun

TEFL abbreviation
| teaching English as a foreign language |

Te·ja·no /təˈja.nə/ noun, plural -nos
[ORIGIN: MexSp, fr. Tejas Texas]
: a Texan of Hispanic descent

tek·tite /ˈtɛk.tɪt/ noun
: a glassy body of probably meteoric origin

tel abbreviation
1 telegram
2 telegraph
3 telephone

telephone /teˌli.fon/ noun
: an instrument for sending and receiving sounds over long distances by electricity

1 telephone verb -phoned; -phon·ing
1 : to send or communicate by telephone
2 : to speak to or attempt to reach by telephone

Synonyms
call, dial—more at CALL
telephony /teˌle.foʊ.ni/ noun
use or operation of an apparatus for transmission of sounds as electrical signals between distant points
— telephonic /teˌle.foʊ.nɪk/ adjective

telephoto /teˌle.foʊ.təʊ/ adjective
being a camera lens giving a large image of a distant object
— telephotography /teˌle.foʊ.təˈɡræ.fi/ noun

teleplay /teˌle.plɛɪ/ noun
a story prepared for television production

teleprinter /teˌle.prɪn.tər/ noun
: TELETYPewriter
teleprompter /teˌle.prə.mər/ noun
a device for displaying prepared text to a speaker or performer

telecope /teˌle.skəʊp/ noun
1: a cylindrical instrument equipped with lenses or mirrors for viewing distant objects
2: RADIO TELESCOPE

telescopic /teˌle.skəˈpɪk/ adjective
1: of or relating to a telescope
2: seen only by a telescope
3: able to discern objects at a distance
4: having parts that telescope
— tele·scopi·cal·ly /ˌteɪləskəˈpɪkli/ adverb

teletext /teˌle.tekst/ noun
a system for broadcasting text over a television signal and displaying it on a decoder-equipped television

telethon /teˌle.θən/ noun
a long television program usu. to solicit funds for a charity

teleprinter /teˌle.prɪn.tər/ noun
a printing device resembling a typewriter used to send and receive signals over telephone lines

televiser /teˌle.veɪzər/ verb -vised; -vis·ing
: to broadcast by television

televisive /teˌle.veɪziv/ verb -vised; -vis·ing
: a system for transmitting images and sound by converting them into electrical or radio waves which are converted back into images and sound by a receiver; also: a television receiving set

tell /tel/ verb told /təld/, tell·ing
1: to indicate or name by units or groups so as to find the total number of units involved: COUNT
2 †: to relate in detail: NARRATE
3: to give utterance to: SAY
4 †: to make known
5 †: to report to: INFORM
6 †: to give an order to: DIRECT
7: to find out by observing
8: to have a marked effect
9: to serve as evidence

Synonyms
[2] describe, narrate, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, report; also deliver, give, state, utter, voice; detail, enumerate, itemize, particularize; disclose, divulge, reveal; delineate, depict, express, render, sketch

[4] bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, unbother, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at REVEAL

[5] acquaint, advise, apprise, brief, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, instruct, wise—more at ENLIGHTEN

[6] bid, boss, charge, command, direct, enjoin, instruct, order—more at COMMAND

tell·er /ˈtelər/ noun
1: one that relates : NARRATOR
2: one that counts
3: a bank employee handling money received or paid out
tell·ing /ˈtelɪŋ/ adjective
: producing a marked effect : EFFECTIVE

Synonyms
cogent, compelling, conclusive, convincing, decisive, effective, forceful, persuasive, satisfying, strong—more at COGENT
tell off verb
: REPRIMAND, SCOLD
tell·tale /ˈtel. təl/ noun
1: one that informs against another : INFORMER
2: something that serves to disclose : INDICATION
tell·tale adjective
1: telling what one should hold secret or in confidence
2: disclosing or indicating something often of a private or secret nature <~ crumbs on the kitchen counter>

Synonyms
denotative, indicative, significant—more at INDICATIVE
tel·lu·ri·um /ˈteləˌriəm/ noun
: a chemical element used esp. in alloys
tel·net /ˈtel.net/ noun
: a telecommunications protocol for accessing and using a remote computer via a local computer — telnet verb
tem·bler /ˈtem.bler/ noun
[origin: Sp, lit., trembling]
: EARTHQUAKE
tem·ber·i·ty /ˈtem.ber.aˌti/ noun, plural -ties
: rash or presumptuous daring
Synonyms
audacity, brass, brazenness, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, nerve, presumption, sauce, sauciness—more at EFFRONTERY
temp /temp/ noun
1: TEMPERATURE
2: a temporary worker
temp abbreviation
temporary
tem·per /ˈtem.pər/ verb
1: to dilute or soften by the addition of something else <~ justice with mercy>
2: to bring (as steel) to a desired hardness by reheating and cooling
3: to toughen (glass) by gradual heating and cooling
4: TOUGHEN
5: TUNE
temper noun
1 : characteristic tone : TENDENCY
2 : the hardness or toughness of a substance (~ of a knife blade)
3 : a characteristic frame of mind : DISPOSITION
4 : calmness of mind : COMPOSURE
5 : state of feeling or frame of mind at a particular time
6 : heat of mind or emotion
7 : main or essential nature esp. as strongly marked and serving to distinguish

— tempered /tem_Pared/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ➤ [5] cheer, frame, humor, mode, mood, spirit—more at MOOD
  ➤ [7] air, atmosphere, aura, climate, flavor, mood, note—more at AURA

tempera /tem_Pa_rea/ noun
[origin: It]
: a painting process using an albuminous or colloidal medium as a vehicle; also : a painting done in tempera

temperament /tem_Pra_mant, _Par_mant/ noun
1 : characteristic or habitual inclination or mode of emotional response : DISPOSITION <nervous ~> 2 : excessive sensitiveness or irritability
  Synonyms
  ➤ disposition, grain, nature, temper—more at DISPOSITION

temperamental /tem_Pra_men_tel, _Par_men_tel/ adjective
1 : marked by excessive sensitivity and impulsive mood changes <a ~ child>
2 : unpredictable in behavior or performance <a ~ computer>
  Synonyms
  ➤ [1, 2] capricious, changeable, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at FICKLE

temperature /tem_Pras, _Pa_rens/ noun
: habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites or passions; especially : moderation in or abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages

temperate /tem_Pra_reit, _Pa_reit/ adjective
1 : not extreme or excessive : MILD
2 : moderate in indulgence of appetite or desire
3 : moderate in the use of alcoholic beverages
4 : having a moderate climate
  Synonyms
  ➤ balmy, clement, equable, gentle, mild, moderate—more at CLEMENT

temperate zone noun, often cap T&Z
: the region between the Tropic of Cancer and the arctic circle or between the Tropic of Capricorn and the antarctic circle

temperature /tem_Par_chur, _Par_chur, _char/ noun
1 : degree of hotness or coldness of something (as air, water, or the body) as shown by a thermometer
2 : FEVER

tempest /tem_Past/ noun
[origin: ME tempeste, fr. AF, ultim. fr. L tempestas season, weather, storm, fr. tempus time]
1 : a violent storm
2 : a violent commotion or agitation
  Synonyms
  ➤ cataclysm, convulsion, paroxysm, storm, tumult, upheaval, uproar

tempestuous /tem_Pes_cha_waz/ adjective
  ➤ of, involving, or resembling a tempest : STORMY
— tem·pes·tu·ous·ly  
  adverb

— tem·pes·tu·ous·ness  
  noun

  Synonyms
  ◦ explosive, ferocious, fierce, furious, hot, rabid, rough, stormy, turbulent, violent, volcanic—more at VIOLENT
  ◦ bleak, dirty, foul, inclement, nasty, raw, rough, squally—more at FOUL

tem·plate  
  /temˈplāt/  
  noun
  : a gauge, mold, or pattern that functions as a guide to the form or structure of something being made

1tem·ple  
  /temˈpl/  
  noun
  1: a building reserved for religious practice
  2: a place devoted to a special or exalted purpose

2temple  
  noun
  : the flattened space on each side of the forehead esp. of humans

tem·po  
  /temˈpō/  
  noun, plural tem·pi /ˈtempē/ or tempos
[origin: It., lit., time]
  1: the rate of speed of a musical piece or passage
  2: rate of motion or activity : PACE

1temporal  
  /temˈpōrəl/  
  adjective
  1: of, relating to, or limited by time <~ and spatial bounds>
  2: of or relating to earthly life or secular concerns <~ power>

  Synonyms
  ◦ carnal, earthly, fleshly, material, mundane, worldly—more at EARTHLY
  ◦ nonreligious, profane, secular—more at PROFANE

2temporal  
  adjective
  : of or relating to the temples or the sides of the skull

1temporary  
  /temˈpərərē/  
  adjective
  : lasting for a time only

— tem·po·rar·i·ly  
  /temˈpərərē·lē/  
  adverb

  Synonyms
  ◦ impermanent, interim, provisional, short-term; also acting; alternate, proxy, substitute; expedient, improvised, makeshift; intermediary, intermediate, transitional; ephemeral, short-lived, transitory; conditional, contingent, limited, qualified, tentative; replaceable, terminable

Antonyms
  long-term, permanent

2temporary  
  noun, plural -rar·ies
  : one serving for a limited time
temp·o·rise  
  British variant of TEMORIZE

tem·po·rize  
  /temˈpərīz/  
  verb -rized; -riz·ing
  1: to adapt one's actions to the time or the dominant opinion : COMPROMISE
  2: to draw out matters so as to gain time

— tem·po·rizer  
  noun
tempt  
  /tempt/  
  verb
  1: to entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain
  2: PROVOKE
  3: to risk the dangers of
  4: to induce to do something : INCITE

— tempt·er  
— tempt·ing·ly  
  adverb

  Synonyms
  ◦ allure, beguile, decoy, entice, lead on, lure, seduce—more at LURE
temp·ta·tion /tempˈtəˌshən/ noun
1 : the act of tempting : the state of being tempted
2 : something that tempts
   Synonyms
   • [1, 2] enticement, lure, seduction, solicitation; also appeal, attraction; beckoning, invitation; inducement, influence, persuasion, power, sway

tempt·ress /tempˌtras/ noun
: a woman who tempts

ten /ˈten/ noun
1 : one more than nine
2 : the 10th in a set or series
3 : something having 10 units
   — ten adjective or pronoun
   — tenth /ˈtenth/ adjective or adverb or noun

ten·a·ble /ˈte.nəˈbəl/ adjective
: capable of being held, maintained, or defended
   — ten·a·bil·i·ty /ˌte.nəˈbil.i.tē/ noun
   Synonyms
   • defensible, justifiable, maintainable, supportable, sustainable; also rational, reasonable, sensible; acceptable, admissible, allowable, exceptional, legitimate, passable, unobjectionable, viable; provable, verifiable
   Antonyms
   • indefensible, unjustifiable, insupportable, untenable

te·na·cious /ˈte.nəˈchəs/ adjective
1 : not easily pulled apart : COHESIVE, TOUGH <a ~ metal>
2 : holding fast <~ of his rights>
3 : RETENTIVE <a ~ memory>
   — te·na·cious·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   • dogged, insistent, patient, persevering, persistent, pertinacious—more at PERSISTENT

te·na·ci·ty /ˈte.nəˌsə.tē/ noun
: the quality or state of being tenacious
   Synonyms
   • hardheadedness, mulishness, obdurancy, obstinacy, peevishness, pertinacity, self-will, stubbornness—more at OBSTINACY

ten·an·cy /ˈtenəˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
: the temporary possession or occupancy of something (as a house) that belongs to another; also : the period of a tenant’s occupancy

ten·ant /ˈtenənt/ noun
1 : one who rents or leases (as a house) from a landlord
2 : DWELLER, OCCUPANT
   — tenant verb
   — ten·ant·less adjective
   Synonyms
   • boarder, lodger, renter, roomer; also roommate; guest, visitor; occupant, resident
   Antonyms
   • landlord

ten·ant farmer noun
: a farmer who works land owned by another and pays rent either in cash or in shares of produce

ten·ant·ry /ˈtenəntrē/ noun, plural -ries
: the body of tenants esp. on an estate

Ten Commandments noun plural
tend /tend/ verb
1: to apply oneself <~ to your affairs>
2 : to take care of <~ a plant>
3 : to manage the operations of <~ a machine>
   Synonyms
   ➢ attend, care, mind, oversee, superintend, supervise; also direct, manage; guard, patrol, protect, safeguard;
   baby, baby-sit, chaperon, mother, shepherd
   ➢ crop, cultivate, culture, grow, promote, raise, rear—more at GROW

tend verb
1: to move or develop one's course in a particular direction
2 : to show an inclination or tendency
   Synonyms
   ➢ incline, lean, run, trend—more at LEAN

ten·den·cy /ten′dən-sē/ noun, plural -cies
1 : direction or approach toward a place, object, effect, or limit : TREND
2 : a proneness to or readiness for a particular kind of thought or action : PROPENSITY
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1] current, drift, leaning, run, tide, trend, wind—more at TREND
   ➢ [2] aptness, bent, disposition, inclination, leaning, penchant, predilection, proclivity, proneness, propensity, way

ten·den·tious /ten′dən-cho̞s/ adjective
: marked by a tendency in favor of a particular point of view : BIASED
   — ten·den·tious·ly adverb
   — ten·den·tious·ness noun

1tender /ten′dar/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF tendre, fr. L tendere to stretch, direct]
1 : having a soft texture : easily broken, chewed, or cut
2 : physically weak : DELICATE; also : IMMATURE
3 : expressing or responsive to love or sympathy
4 : SENSITIVE, TOUCHY
5 : delicate or soft in quality or tone
   — ten·der·ly adverb
   — ten·der·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ➢ [2] delicate, fragile, frail, immature, sensitive; also breakable, brittle; flimsy, puny, soft, weak; perishable, resistless, susceptible, unresistant, vulnerable, yielding
   Antonyms
   tough
   ➢ [3] beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindly, loving, sympathetic, tenderhearted, warmhearted—more at HUMANE
   ➢ [5] balmy, benign, bland, delicate, gentle, light, mellow, mild, soft, soothing—more at GENTLE

2tender noun
[origin: AF tendre, fr. tendre, v., to stretch, hold out, offer, fr. L tendere to stretch, direct]
1 : an offer or proposal made for acceptance; especially : an offer of a bid for a contract
2 : something (as money) that may be offered in payment
   Synonyms
   ➢ cash, currency, dough, lucre, money, pelf—more at MONEY

3tender verb
😞: to present for acceptance
   Synonyms
   ➢ extend, give, offer, proffer—more at OFFER

: the commandments of God given to Moses on Mount Sinai
4tender /ˈtenər/ noun
1 : one that tends or takes care
2 : a boat carrying passengers and freight to a larger ship
3 : a car attached to a steam locomotive for carrying fuel and water

5tender noun
[origin: prob. short for tenderloin]
: a strip of meat (as of chicken breast) often breaded

ten·der·foot /ˈtenərˌfʊt/ noun, plural -feet /ˈfʊt/ also -foots /ˈfʊts/  
1 : one not hardened to frontier or rough outdoor life
2 : an inexperienced beginner

Synonyms
beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, novice, recruit, rookie, tyro—more at BEGINNER

ten·der·heart·ed /ˈtenərˌhɑrˌɪd/ adjective
1 : easily moved to love, pity, or sorrow

Synonyms
beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, warmhearted—more at HUMANE

ten·der·ize /ˈtenərˌaɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to make (meat) tender

— ten·der·iz·er /ˈtenərˌaɪzər/ noun

ten·der·loin /ˈtenərˌlɔɪn/ noun
1 : a tender strip of beef or pork from near the backbone
2 : a district of a city largely devoted to vice

— ten·di·nous /ˈtenərˈnəs/ adjective

ten·di·ni·tis or ten·don·itis /ˈtenənˈnɪtɪs/ noun
: inflammation of a tendon

ten·don /ˈtenən/ noun
: a tough cord of dense white fibrous tissue uniting a muscle with another part (as a bone)

— ten·di·na·tions /ˈtenənˈneɪʃənz/ noun

ten·dril /ˈtenərˌdrɪl/ noun
: a slender coiling organ by which some climbing plants attach themselves to a support

— ten·e·brous /ˈteɪnərəˈbrəs/ adjective
: shut off from the light: GLOOMY, OBSCURE

ten·e·ment /ˈteɪnəmənt/ noun
1 : a house used as a dwelling
2 : a building divided into apartments for rent to families; especially: one meeting only minimum standards of safety and comfort
3 : a room or set of rooms fitted esp. with housekeeping facilities and usu. leased as a dwelling: APARTMENT, FLAT

te·net /ˈteɪnət/ noun
[origin: L, he holds, fr. tenēre to hold]
: one of the principles or doctrines held in common by members of a group (as a church or profession)

ten·fold /ˈtenfəld, -fəld/ adjective
: being 10 times as great or as many

— ten·fold /ˈtenfəld/ adverb

ten·gallon hat noun
: a wide-brimmed hat with a large soft crown

Tenn abbreviation
Tennessee
ten·nis /ˈteɪ.nəs/ noun
: a game played with a ball and racket on a court divided by a net

ten·on /ˈte.nən/ noun
: a projecting part in a piece of material (as wood) for insertion into a mortise to make a joint

ten·or /ˈte.nər/ noun
1: the general drift of something spoken or written
2: the highest natural adult male voice; also: a singer having this voice
3: a continuing in a course, movement, or activity <the ~ of my life>

ten·pin /ˈte.nˌpɪn/ noun
: a bottle-shaped bowling pin set in groups of 10 and bowled at in a game (tenpins)

ten·sion /ˈten.ʃən/ noun
1: the act of straining or stretching; also: the condition of being strained or stretched
2: a state of mental unrest often with signs of bodily stress
3: a state of latent hostility or opposition
   Synonyms
   ➔ pressure, strain, stress—more at STRESS

ten·sile /ˈten.səl/ adjective
: of or relating to tension <~ strength>

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tentacle: any of various long flexible projections about the head or mouth (as of an insect, mollusk, or fish)

- tentacular /ten.ə.kəl/ adjective
- tentatively /ten.təтив/ adjective

1: not fully worked out or developed <~ plans>
2: hesitant, uncertain <a ~ smile>
- tentatively adverb

Synonyms
- conditional, contingent, qualified

tenuous /ten.ə.wəs/ adjective
1: not dense: rare <a ~ fluid>
2: not thick: slender <a ~ rope>
3: having little substance: flimsy, weak <~ influences>
4: lacking stability: shaky <~ reasoning>

- tenuity /ten.ə.tət.i/ noun
- tenously /ten.ə.təs.l/ adverb

- tenure /ten.ər/ noun

1: the act, right, manner, or period of holding something (as a landed property, an office, or a position)

Synonyms
- hitch, stint, term, tour—more at term

tenured /ten.ərd/ adjective
: having tenure <~ faculty members>

tenosine /tə.sin.tə/ noun
: a tall annual grass of Mexico that is closely related to Indian corn

teppee or teepee /tə.pi/ noun
[origin: Dakota tʰipi, fr. tʰi- to dwell]
: an American Indian conical tent usu. of skins

tepid /te.pid/ adjective
1: moderately warm: lukewarm
2: marked by an absence of enthusiasm or conviction: halfhearted

Synonyms
- halfhearted, uneager, unenthusiastic; also apathetic, disinterested, dispassionate, indifferent, neutral, uninterested; lackadaisical, languid, listless, perfidious, undemonstrative, unemotional, unresponsive; unfeeling, unsympathetic; chill, chilly, cold, cool, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, unfriendly, wintry

Antonyms
- eager, enthusiastic, hearty, keen, passionate, warm, wholehearted

tequila /te.kə.lə/ noun
: a Mexican liquor distilled from an agave's sap

ter abbreviation
1 terrace
2 territory

tera-byte /ter.a.bit/ noun
[origin: tera- trillion (10^12), fr. Gk terat-, teras monster]
: 1024 gigabytes; also: one trillion bytes

terbium /ter.bi.am/ noun
: a metallic chemical element

tercentenary /ter.sen.tə.nər.i/ noun, plural -ries
: a 300th anniversary or its celebration
tercentenary adjective

*ter·cen·ten·ni·al* /ˈterˌsen.tənˌeɪ.əl/ adjective or noun: TERCENTENNIAL

terdeo /deˈrɛ.θoʊ/ noun, plural -dos
[Origin: L]

: SHIPWORM
teriya-ki /ˌter.ə.ˈya.kə/ noun
[Origin: Jp]

: a Japanese dish of meat or fish soaked in a soy marinade and cooked

1*term* /tərm/ noun

1: END, TERMINATION
2 a: a limited or definite extent of time: DURATION
   b >: the time for which something lasts <of office> <lost money in the short ~> 
3: a mathematical expression connected with another by a plus or minus sign; also: an element (as a numerator) of a fraction or proportion
4: a word or expression that has a precise meaning in some uses or is limited to a particular subject or field
5 plural: PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS <of a contract>
6 plural: mutual relationship <on good ~>s
7: AGREEMENT, CONCORD
   Synonyms
   hitch, stint, tenure, tour; also shift, watch; go, turn; duration, standing, time; cycle, span, spell, stretch; life, lifetime

ter·ma·gant /ˈter.mə.gənt/ noun

: an overbearing or nagging woman: SHREW
   Synonyms
   fury, harpy, shrew, virago—more at SHREW

ter·mi·nal /ˈter.mə.nəl/ adjective
1 >: of, relating to, or forming an end, limit, or terminus
2: FATAL 2 <cancer>; also: being in or relating to the final stages of a fatal disease <a ~ patient>

— ter·mi·nal·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   final, hindmost, last, latter, ultimate—more at LAST

ter·mi·nal noun

1: EXTREMITY, END
2: a device at the end of a wire or on electrical equipment for making a connection
3: either end of a transportation line (as a railroad) with its offices and freight and passenger stations; also: a freight or passenger station
4: a device (as in a computer system) for data entry and display

terminate /ˈter.mə.nteɪ/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
1 >: to bring or come to an end
2 >: to serve as an ending, limit, or boundary of

— ter·mi·na·ble /ˈne.bəl/ adjective

— ter·mi·na·tor /ˈne.nə.tər/ noun
   Synonyms
   1 close, conclude, end, finish, round, wind up, wrap up—more at CLOSE
   1 break off, break up, cease, die, discontinue, elapse, expire, halt, lapse, leave off, let up, pass, quit, stop—more at CEASE
termination /ter·mi·na·tion/ noun
1 : end in time or existence
2 : the act of terminating
3 : a limit in space or extent

Synonyms
[1] death, demise, expiration—more at DEATH
[2] cessation, close, closure, conclusion, end, ending, expiration, finish, halt, lapse, shutdown, stop, stoppage—more at END
[3] bound, boundary, ceiling, confines, end, extent, limit, limitation, line—more at LIMIT

terminology /ter·mi·nol·o·gy/ noun, plural -gies
: the technical or special terms used in a business, art, science, or special subject

Synonyms
argot, cant, jargon, language, lingo, slang, vocabulary; also colloquialism, dialect, idiom, parlance, patois, pidgin, provincialism, speech, vernacular; journalese

terminus /ter·mi·nus/ noun, plural -ni /-nI/ or -nus-es
[origin: L]
1 : final goal : END
2 : either end of a transportation line or travel route; also : the station or city at such a place

term /term/ noun
: any of numerous pale soft-bodied social insects that feed on wood

tern /tern/ noun
: any of various chiefly marine birds with narrow wings and often a forked tail

ternary /ter·nə·rē/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or proceeding by threes
2 : having three elements or parts

terra abbreviation
territory

terrace /ter·əs/ noun
1 : a flat roof or open platform
2 : a level area next to a building
3 : an embankment with level top
4 : a bank or ridge on a slope to conserve moisture and soil
5 : a row of houses on raised land; also : a street with such a row of houses
6 : a strip of park in the middle of a street

terrace verb ter·race-d; ter·race·ing
: to form into a terrace or supply with terraces

terracotta /ter·ə·kōtə/ noun
[origin: It terra cotta, lit., baked earth]
: a reddish brown earthenware

terra firma /ter·ra fir·ma/ noun
[origin: NL]
: solid ground

terrain /ter·ə·rən/ noun
: the surface features of an area of land <a rough ~>

terrains plural
: an unexplored area or field of knowledge
ter·ra·pin /ˈteərəpɪn/ noun  
: any of various turtles of fresh or brackish water

ter·rar·i·um /ˈteərərɛəm/ noun, plural -ia /-əˌiə/ or -i·ums
: a usu. transparent enclosure for keeping or raising plants or small animals indoors

ter·res·tri·al /ˈteərəstrəl/ adjective  
1 : of or relating to the earth or its inhabitants  
2 : living or growing on land (<~ plants>)

Synonyms
  
  → carnal, earthly, fleshly, material, mundane, temporal, worldly—more at EARTHLY

ter·ri·ble /ˈteərɪbəl/ adjective  
1 : exciting terror or alarm (DREADFUL)  
2 : hard to bear (DISTRESSING (<a ~ situation>)  
3 : extreme in degree (INTENSE (<~ heat))  
4 : of very poor quality (AWFUL (<a ~ play))  
5 : strongly repulsive

Synonyms
  
  → [1] dire, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, scary, shocking, terrifying—more at FEARFUL  
  → [4] atrocious, awful, cheap, execrable, lousy, punk, rotten, wretched  
  → [5] appalling, ghastly, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, lurid, macabre, monstrous, nightmarish, shocking—more at HORRIBLE

ter·ri·bly /ˈteərɪbli/ adverb  
: to an extreme degree (VERY)

ter·ri·er /ˈteərɪər/ noun  
: any of various usu. small energetic dogs orig. used by hunters to drive small game animals from their holes

ter·rif·ic /ˈteərɪfɪk/ adjective  
1 : exciting terror  
2 : EXTRAVAGANT, ASTOUNDING (<~ speed)  
3 : unusually good (<makes ~ chili>)

Synonyms
  
  → A1, excellent, fabulous, fine, marvelous, sensational, splendid, superb, superior, wonderful—more at EXCELLENT

ter·ri·fied /ˈteərɪfɪd/ adjective  
: filled with fear or anxiety

Synonyms
  
  → afraid, aghast, fearful, scared—more at AFRAID

ter·ri·fy /ˈteərɪfɪ/ verb -fied; -fy·ing  
: to fill with terror (FRIGHTEN)

Synonyms
  
  → alarm, frighten, horrify, panic, scare, shock, spook, startle, terrorize—more at FRIGHTEN

terrifying adjective  
: causing terror or apprehension  
→ ter·ri·fy·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
  
  → dire, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, forbidding, formidable, frightful, hair-raising, horrible, redoubtable, scary, shocking, terrible—more at FEARFUL

ter·ri·to·ry /ˈteərətɔrɪ/ noun, plural -ries  
1 : a geographic area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a governmental authority  
2 : a part of the U.S. not included within any state but organized with a separate legislature  
3 : REGION, DISTRICT; also : a region in which one feels at home


4: a field of knowledge or interest
5: an assigned area
6: an area occupied and defended by one or a group of animals
— **ter·ri·to·ri·al** /ˈter.rəˌtōrē.əl/ adjective

*Synonyms*

- habitat, home, niche, range—more at **HOME**

**ter·ror** /ˈter.ər/ noun

1: a state of intense fear: **FRIGHT**
2: one that inspires fear

*Synonyms*

- alarm, anxiety, apprehension, dread, fear, fright, horror, panic, trepidation—more at **FEAR**

**ter·ror·ism** /ˈter.ər.i.zəm/ noun

: the systematic use of terror esp. as a means of coercion

— **ter·ror·ist** /ˈter.ər.i.st/ adjective or noun

**ter·ror·ize** /ˈter.ərˌiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

1: to fill with terror: **SCARE**
2: to coerce by threat or violence

*Synonyms*

- alarm, frighten, horrify, panic, scare, shock, spook, startle, terrify—more at **FRIGHTEN**

**ter·ry** /ˈter.ər/ noun, plural **terries**

: an absorbent fabric with a loose pile of uncut loops

**terse** /ˈtərs/ adjective **ters·er**; **ters·est**

[origin: L tersus clean, neat, neut. pp. of tergēre to wipe off]

1: effectively brief: **CONCISE**

*Synonyms*

- brief, compact, compendious, concise, crisp, epigrammatic, laconic, pithy, succinct, summary—more at **CONCISE**

**terse·ly** /ˈtərs.l/ adverb

1: in a terse manner

*Synonyms*

- compactly, concisely, crisply, laconically, shortly, succinctly, summarily—more at **SHORTLY**

**terse·ness** /ˈtərs.nəs/ noun

1: the quality or state of being terse

*Synonyms*

- brevity, briefness, compactness, conciseness, crispness, succinctness—more at **SUCCINCTNESS**

**ter·tia·ry** /ˈter.shē.ərē/ adjective

1: of third rank, importance, or value
2 cap: of, relating to, or being the earlier period of the Cenozoic era
3: occurring in or being the third stage

**Tertiary** noun

: the Tertiary period

**TESL** abbreviation

teaching English as a second language

**TESOL** abbreviation

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

**test** /test/ noun

[origin: ME, vessel in which metals were assayed, potsherd, fr. AF, pot, fr. L testum earthen vessel]

1: a critical examination or evaluation
2: a means or result of testing

*Synonyms*
test verb
1 : to put to test : TRY
2 : to undergo or score on tests

Synonyms
strain, stretch, tax, try

test adjective
: relating to or used in testing <a ~ group>

testament /tes′tə-mənt/ noun
1 cap : either of two main divisions of Christian Scripture
2 : a tangible proof or tribute : EVIDENCE
3 : CREED
4 : the legal instructions for the disposition of one's property after death : WILL

— testa·ment·ry /tes′ta-men·trē/ adjective

Synonyms
attestation, confirmation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testimony, validation, witness—more at PROOF

testate /tes′tāt/ noun
: having left a valid will

tester /tes′ter/ noun
: a person who dies leaving a valid will

— tester /tes′ter/ noun
: a canopy over a bed, pulpit, or altar

testicle /tes′tī-kəl/ noun
: TESTIS; especially : one of a mammal usu. with its enclosing structures

— testicular adjective

testify /tes′ta-fē/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to make a statement based on personal knowledge or belief : bear witness
2 : to serve as evidence or proof
3 : to make a solemn declaration under oath for the purpose of establishing a fact (as in a court)
4 : to bear witness to : ATTEST

Synonyms
[3] attest, depose, swear, witness; also vouch; vow, promise
usually testify to [4] attest, authenticate, avouch, certify, vouch, witness—more at CERTIFY

testimony /tes′tə-mə-nē/ noun
1 : evidence based on observation or knowledge
2 : an outward sign : SYMBOL
3 : a solemn declaration made by a witness under oath esp. in a court

Synonyms
attestation, confirmation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, validation,
witness—more at PROOF

tes·tis /tes.ˌtas/ noun, plural tes·tes /ˌtes.ˌtēz/
[origin: L, witness, testis]
: a typically paired male reproductive gland that produces sperm and testosterone and that in most mammals is contained within the scrotum at sexual maturity

tes·tos·ter·one /ˌtes.ˈstās.ˌte.ˌrōn/ noun
: a male sex hormone causing development of the male reproductive system and secondary sex characteristics

test tube noun
: a glass tube closed at one end and used esp. in chemistry and biology

tes·ty /ˈtes.tē/ adjective tes·ti·er; -est
: easily annoyed; also : marked by ill humor

Synonyms
- choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, waspish—more at IRRITABLE

tet·a·nus /ˌtē.tən.əs/ noun
: an infectious disease caused by bacterial poisons and marked by muscle stiffness and spasms esp. of the jaws—tet·a·nal /ˈtē.tən.əl/ adjective

tetchy /ˈte.chē/ adjective tetchi·er; -est
: irritably or peevishly sensitive

tète–à–tête /tēt.ə.tā.tē/ noun
[origin: F, lit., head to head]
: a private conversation between two persons

tète–à–tête /tēt.ə.tā.tē/ adverb
: in private

tète–à–tête /tēt.ə.tā.tē/ adjective
: being face-to-face: PRIVATE

tether /ˈte.thər/ noun
1: something (as a rope) by which an animal is fastened
2: the limit of one's strength or resources

tether verb
: to fasten or restrain by or as if by a tether

tet·ra·eth·yl lead /ˌte.trə.ˈe.thəl/ noun
: a heavy oily poisonous liquid used esp. formerly as an antiknock agent in gasoline

tet·ra·he·dron /ˌte.trə.ˈhe.dron/ noun, plural -dra /ˈdē.ə/ or -drons
: a polyhedron that has four faces
— tet·ra·he·dral /ˈdē.əl/ adjective

tet·ra·hy·dro·can·na·bin·o·l /ˌte.trə.hi.ˈdrō.ˌkan.ə.ˌbin.əˌnōl/ noun
: THC

tet·tra·me·ter /ˌte.trə.ˈme.tər/ noun
: a line of verse consisting of four metrical feet

Teu·ton·ic /ˈtū.tən.ik/ adjective
: GERMANIC

Tex abbreviation
Texas
Tex–Mex /ˈtekstɪmɛks/ adjective
: characteristic of Mexican-American culture and esp. that of southern Texas

**text** /ˈtekst/ noun
1 : the actual words of an author's work
2 : the main body of printed or written matter on a page
3 : a scriptural passage chosen as the subject esp. of a sermon
4 : THEME, TOPIC
5 : TEXTBOOK

**textual** /tekˈʃuːəl/ adjective

**textbook** /ˈtekstbuk/ noun
: a book used in the study of a subject

**Synonyms**
- handbook, manual, primer; also grammar, reader, speller; tract, treatise; dictionary, lexicon, vocabulary, wordbook; encyclopedia, reference; bible, guide, guidebook

**textile** /tekˈsɪl/ noun
: CLOTH; especially : a woven or knit cloth

**texture** /tekˈʃʊər/ noun
1 : the visual or tactile surface characteristics and appearance of something <a coarse ~>
2 : essential part
3 : basic scheme or structure : FABRIC
4 : overall structure

**TGIF** abbreviation
thank God it's Friday

1**Th** abbreviation
Thursday

2**Th** symbol
thorium

2-th or -eth adjective suffix
— used in forming ordinal numbers <hundredth>

3-th noun suffix
1 : act or process
2 : state or condition <dearth>

**Thai** /θaɪ/ noun, plural **Thai** or **Thais**
1 : a native or inhabitant of Thailand
2 : the official language of Thailand

**Synonyms**
— THAI adjective

**thal·a·mus** /ˈθeɪləˌmæs/ noun, plural -mi /ˈmi/ [origin: NL]
: a subdivision of the brain that serves as a relay station to and from the cerebral cortex and functions in arousal and the integration of sensory information

**thal·as·se·mia** /ˈθeɪləˌsəˌmiə/ noun
: any of a group of inherited disorders of hemoglobin synthesis

**thal·as·so·ther·a·py** /ˈθeɪləˌsəˌsoʊˌθɛrəˈpeɪ/ noun [origin: Gk thalassa sea]
: the use of seawater or sea products (as seaweed) for the benefit of health or beauty

**thal·li·um** /ˈθeɪləˌjəm/ noun
: a poisonous metallic chemical element

1**than** /ˈθæn, ˈθen/ conjunction
1 — used after a comparative adjective or adverb to introduce the second part of a comparison expressing inequality
<older ~ I am>
2 — used after other or a word of similar meaning to express a difference of kind, manner, or identity <adults other ~ parents>

than preposition
: in comparison with <older ~ me>

thane /ˈθān/ noun
1 : a free retainer of an Anglo-Saxon lord
2 : a Scottish feudal lord

thank /ˈθænk/ verb
: to express gratitude to «ed them for the present>

thankful /ˈθæŋk fəl/ adjective
1 : conscious of benefit received
2 ▶ : expressive of thanks
3 : GLAD
   Synonyms
   ⦿ appreciative, grateful, obliged—more at GRATEFUL

thankful·ly /ˈθæŋk fə lē/ adverb
1 : in a thankful manner
2 : as makes one thankful

thank·ful·ness /ˌθæŋk ˈfə l尼斯/ : the quality or state of being thankful

thank·less /ˈθæŋk lēs/ adjective
1 : UNGRATEFUL
2 : UNAPPRECIATED

thanks /ˈθæŋks/ noun plural
: an expression of gratitude
   Synonyms
   ⦿ appreciation, gratefulness, gratitude; also thanksgiving; indebtedness, gratification, satisfaction; acknowledgment, recognition, tribute
   Antonyms
   ⦿ ingratitude, ungratefulness

thanks·giv·ing /ˈθæŋks ˈgiv in/ noun
1 : the act of giving thanks
2 : a prayer expressing gratitude
3 cap : the 4th Thursday in November observed as a legal holiday for giving thanks for divine goodness

that /ðæt, θæt/ pronoun, plural those /θɔz/
1 : the one indicated, mentioned, or understood « is my house>
2 : the one farther away or first mentioned <this is an elm, ~'s a maple>
3 : what has been indicated or mentioned « after ~, we left>
4 : the one or ones : IT, THEY <those who wish to leave may do so>

that /ðæt, θæt/ conjunction
1 : the following, namely <he said ~ he would>; also : which is, namely <there's a chance ~ it may fail>
2 : to this end or purpose <shouted ~ all might hear>
3 : as to result in the following, namely <so heavy ~ it can't be moved>
4 : for this reason, namely : BECAUSE <we're glad ~ you came>

that adjective, plural those
1 : being the one mentioned, indicated, or understood « boy > <those people>
2 : being the one farther away or less immediately under discussion <this chair or ~ one>
that /θæt, ˈðæt/  
1: WHO, WHOM, WHICH <the man ~ saw you> <the man ~ you saw> <the money ~ was spent>
2: in, on, or at which <the way ~ he drives> <the day ~ it rained>

that /θæth/  
: to such an extent or degree <I like it, but not ~ much>

1 thatch /θætʃ/  
: to cover with or as if with thatch

— thatcher noun

2 thatch noun
1: plant material (as straw) for use as roofing
2: a mat of grass clippings accumulated next to the soil on a lawn
3: a covering of or as if of thatch <a ~ of white hair>

thaw /θɔː/  
1 : to melt or cause to melt
2 : to become so warm as to melt ice or snow
3 : to abandon aloofness or hostility

— thaw noun

Synonyms
deliquesce, flux, fuse, liquefy, melt—more at LIQUEFY

THC /θɛ(ˌ)ɛk.ˈsɛn.əbəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: tetra hydrocannabinol]
: a physiologically active chemical from hemp plant resin that is the chief intoxicant in marijuana

1 the /θi:/  
before vowel sounds usu θé/ definite article
1 : that in particular
2 — used before adjectives functioning as nouns <a word to ~ wise>

2 the adverb
1 : to what extent <~ sooner, the better>
2 : to that extent <the sooner, ~ better>

theat abbreviation
theater; theatrical

the-at·er or the-at·re /θiˈe.ə.tər/ noun
1 : a building or area for dramatic performances; also : a building or area for showing motion pictures
2 : a place of enactment of significant events <~ of war>
3 : a place (as a lecture room) resembling a theater
4 : dramatic literature or performance

Synonyms
[1, 3] arena, hall—more at HALL
[4] stage, theatricals

the·at·er–in–the–round noun
: a theater with the stage in the center of the auditorium

the·at·ri·cal /θiˈæтри.kəl/ also the·at·ric /θiˈæтри.ık/ adjective
1 : of or relating to the theater
2 : marked by artificiality of emotion : HISTRIONIC
3 : marked by extravagant display : SHOWY

Synonyms
dramatic, histrionic, melodramatic; also overacted, overdone, sensational, staged; conspicuous, elaborate, flamboyant, grandiose, ostentatious, showy; affected, artificial, formal, mannered, pretentious, self-conscious, studied, unnatural

the·at·ri·cals /ˈθe.ə.tri.ks/ noun plural
the·at·rics /ˈthé.ə.triks/ noun plural
1 : THEATRICALS
2 : staged or contrived effects
thee /θi/ pronoun, archaic
objective case of THOU
theft /θeft/ noun
1 : the act or an instance of stealing
   Synonyms
   — larceny, robbery, thievery; also burglary, housebreaking; embezzlement, embezzling, graft, misappropriation; filching, pilfering, purloining, shoplifting; abduction, hijacking, kidnapping, shanghaiing; despoliation, despoilment, despoilation, pillage, plundering, rapine; poaching, rustling, smuggling; banditry, piracy
   — grab, rip-off; also burglary, holdup, mugging
the·gn /ˈθæn/ noun
1 : THANE 1
their /ˈðer, ˈðer/ adjective
1 : of or relating to them or themselves
2 : theirs /ˈðerz/ pronoun
   : their one : their ones
the·is·m /ˈθēˌizəm/ noun
1 : belief in the existence of a god or gods
   — the·is·t /ˈθēˌist/ noun or adjective
   — the·is·tic /ˈθēˌistık/ adjective
the·m /ˈθem/ noun
1 : a subject or topic of discourse or of artistic representation
2 : a written exercise : COMPOSITION
3 : a melodic subject of a musical composition or movement
   — the·mat·ic /ˈθiˈmatık/ adjective
   Synonyms
   1] content, matter, motif, motive, question, subject, topic—more at MATTER
   2] article, composition, essay, paper—more at ESSAY
them·selves /ˈθemˌselvz, ˈθem/ pronoun plural
1 : THEY, THEM — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions <they govern ~> <they ~ came> <they busy, they sent me>

1then /ˈðen/ adverb
1 : at that time
2 : soon after that : NEXT
3 : in addition : BESIDES
4 : in that case
5 : CONSEQUENTLY
   Synonyms
   additionally, again, also, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, too, withal, yet

2then noun
1 : that time <since ~> 3then adjective
1 : existing or acting at that time <the ~ attorney general>
thence /ˈθens, ˈθəns/ adverb
1: from that place
2 archaic: THENCEFORTH
3: from that fact: THEREFROM

thence·forth /ˌθensfərθ/ adverb
: from that time forward: THEREAFTER

thence·for·ward /ˈθens.fər.wərd, ˈθəns/ also thence·for·wards /ˈθəns.wərdz/ adverb
: onward from that place or time

the·o·ra·cy /ˈθeə.riˌsē/ noun, plural -cies
1: government by officials regarded as divinely inspired
2: a state governed by a theocracy

— the·o·rat·ic /ˈθeə.riˌtik/ adjective

theol abbreviation
theological; theology

the·o·lo·gy /ˈθeə.ləˌje/ noun, plural -gies
1: the study of religious faith, practice, and experience; especially: the study of God and of God's relation to the world
2: a theory or system of theology

— the·o·lo·gian /ˈθeə.ləˌje.ən/ noun
— the·o·log·i·cal /ˈθeə.ləˌjik/ adjective

the·o·rem /ˈθeə.ri.əm, ˈθir.əm/ noun
1: a statement esp. in mathematics that has been or is to be proved
2: an idea accepted or proposed as a demonstrable truth: PROPOSITION

— the·o·ret·i·cal /ˈθeə.ro.ti.əl, ˈθir.o.ti.əl/ also the·o·ret·ic /ˈθi.r.ətik/ adjective

1: relating to or having the character of theory
2: existing only in theory: HYPOTHETICAL

— the·o·ret·i·cal·ly /ˈθi.rət.i.əl.i/ adverb

Synonyms

conjectural, hypothetical, speculative; also alleged, assumed, presumed, presupposed, proposed, supposed, unproven, untested; academic, debatable, moot; abstract, conceptual, intellectual

Antonyms

actual, factual, real

the·o·rise British variant of THEORIZ

the·o·rize /ˈθi.rəˌriz/ verb -rized; -riz·ing
: to form a theory: SPECULATE

— the·o·rist /ˈθi.rist/ noun

the·o·ry /ˈθeə.ri, ˈθir.i/ noun, plural - ries
1: abstract thought
2: the general principles of a subject
3: a plausible or scientifically acceptable general principle offered to explain observed facts
4: a hypothesis assumed for the sake of argument or investigation: CONJECTURE

Synonyms

conjecture, hypothesis, proposition, supposition; also assumption, concession, premise, presumption, presupposition; generalization, guess, speculation, surmise; proffer, proposal, suggestion; feeling, hunch, impression, inkling, notion, suspicion; abstraction, concept, conception

the·o·sop·hy /ˈθeə.soˌfa/ noun
: belief about God and the world held to be based on mystical insight

— the·o·sop·hi·cal /ˈθeə.soˌfəˌkal/ adjective
— the·o·sop·hist /ˈθeə.soˌfist/ noun
therapeutic /ˌθɛrəˈpyü tɪk/ adjective
[origin: Gk therapeuítikos, fr. therapeuein to attend, treat, fr. theraps attendant]
of, relating to, or dealing with healing and esp. with remedies for diseases
— therapeutically /ˌθɛrəˈpyü tɪk lɪk/ adverb
therapeutics /ˌθɛrəˈpyü tɪks/ noun
a branch of medical or dental science dealing with the use of remedies
therapy /ˈθɛrə pí/ noun, plural -pies
: treatment of bodily, mental, or behavioral disorders
— therapist /ˈθɛrə pɪst/ noun
1 there /θər, θer/ adverb
1: in or at that place — often used interjectionally
2: to or into that place: THITHER
3: in that matter or respect
2 there /θər, θer, θer/ pronoun
— used as a function word to introduce a sentence or clause <~'s a pen here>
3 there /θər, θer/ noun
1: that place <get away from ~> 2: that point <you take it from ~> thereabouts /θər, θer, baufs, θer, 'θar, a baufs, θer, / or thereabout /θaul, ..bauf/ adverb
1: near that place or time
2: near that number, degree, or quantity
thereafter /θər, a ˈfɛr, θer, / adverb
: after that: AFTERWARD
Syonyms
after, afterward, later, subsequently—more at AFTER
thereat /ˈθɛr ət/ adverb
1: at that place
2: at that occurrence: on that account
thereby /θər, bi, θer, , θarb, bi, 'θer, bi/ adverb
1: by that: by that means
2: connected with or with reference to that
therefor /θər, fər, θer, / adverb
: for or in return for that
Syonyms
for that reason: CONSEQUENTLY
therefore /θər, fər, θer, / adverb
: accordingly, consequently, ergo, hence, so, thus, wherefore
therefrom /θər, frəm, θer, / adverb
: from that or it
therein /θər, in, θer, / adverb
1: in or into that place, time, or thing
2: in that respect
thereof /ˈθɔv, ˈθɔv/ adverb
1: of that or it
2: from that: THEREFROM
thereon /ˈθən, ˈθɔn/ adverb
1: on that
there·to /ˈθarˌtō, ˈθar-/ adverb
: to that

there·un·to /ˈθarˌan(ˌ)tu, ˈθarˌənˌtu, ˈθar-/ adverb, archaic
: THERETO

there·upon /ˈθarˌəpən, ˈθarˌəˌpən, ˈθarˌəˌpən/ adverb
1: on that matter
2: for that reason: THEREFORE
3: immediately after that: at once

there·with /ˈθarˌwɪθ, ˈθarˌˌwɪθ/ adverb
1: with that
2: archaic: THEREUPON, FORTHWITH

ther·mal /ˈθərˌməl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or caused by heat
2: designed to prevent the loss of body heat: <~ underwear>
— ther·mal·ly adverb

ther·mal·ly adverb

ther·mal·pollution noun
: the discharge of heated liquid (as waste water from a factory) into natural waters at a temperature harmful to the environment

ther·mocline /ˈθarˌmōˌklān/ noun
: the region in a thermally stratified body of water that separates warmer surface water from cold deep water

ther·mo·cou·ple /ˈθarˌmōˌkuˈpl/ noun
: a device for measuring temperature by measuring the temperature-dependent potential difference created at the junction of two dissimilar metals

ther·mo·dy·nam·ics /ˈθarˌmōˌdaɪˈnæmɪks/ noun
: physics that deals with the mechanical action or relations of heat
— ther·mo·dy·nam·ic /ˈmɪk/ adjective
— ther·mo·dy·nam·i·cal·ly /ˈmɪk(ə)lɪ/ adverb

ther·mom·e·ter /ˈθarˌmɑˌmeˌtər/ noun
[origin: F thermomètre, fr. Gk thermē heat + metron measure]
: an instrument for measuring temperature typically by the rise or fall of a liquid (as mercury) in a thin glass tube
— ther·mo·met·ric /ˈθarˌmɑˌmeˌtrɪk/ adjective
— ther·mo·met·ri·cal·ly /ˈmɪtrɪk(ə)lɪ/ adverb

ther·mo·nu·cle·ar /ˈθarˌməˌnuˌkluər, ˈθarˌməˌnuˌkluər/ adjective
1: of or relating to changes in the nucleus of atoms of low atomic weight (as hydrogen) that require a very high temperature (as in the hydrogen bomb)
2: utilizing or relating to a thermonuclear bomb: <~ war>

ther·mo·plas·tic /ˈθarˌməˌplæsˈtɪk/ adjective
: capable of softening when heated and of hardening again when cooled: <~ resins>
— thermoplastic noun
ther·mos /'θer.məs/ noun
: a cylindrical container with a vacuum between an inner and an outer wall used to keep liquids hot or cold

ther·mo·sphere /'θer.mə.sfir/ noun
: the part of the earth's atmosphere that lies above the mesosphere and that is characterized by steadily increasing temperature with height

ther·mo·stat /'θer.mə.stat/ noun
: a device that automatically controls temperature
  — ther·mo·static /'θer.mə.stat.ɪk/ adjective
  — ther·mo·stat·ic·al·ly /'θer.mə.stat.ɪk.lɪ/ adverb

the·sau·rus /'θi.sɔr.əs/ noun, plural -sau·ri /'sɔr.i/ or -sau·rus·es /'sɔr.ə.səz/
: a book of words and their synonyms
  — the·sau·ral /'θəʊr.əl/ adjective
  — the·sau·ral·ly /'θəʊr.əli/ adverb
	hese plural of THIS

the·sis /'θi.sɪs/ noun, plural the·ses /'θi.səz/
1 : a proposition that a person advances and offers to maintain by argument
2 : an essay embodying results of original research; especially : one written for an academic degree
  Synonyms
    argument, assertion, contention—more at CONTENTION

1thespian /'θɛs.pən/ adjective, often cap
[origin: fr. Thespis, 6th cent. B.C. Greek poet and reputed originator of tragedy]
: relating to the drama : DRAMATIC

2thespian noun
: ACTOR
Thess abbreviation
Thessalonians

Thes·sa·lo·nians /'θɛs.ə.lə.ni.ənz, .nɛ.ə.nζ/ noun
: either of two books of the New Testament of Christian Scripture

the·ta /'θɛ.tə/ noun
: the 8th letter of the Greek alphabet — Θ or θ

thew /'θuː, 'θuː/ noun
: MUSCLE, SINEW — usu. used in pl.
they /'θeɪ/ pronoun
1 : those individuals under discussion : the ones previously mentioned or referred to
2 : unspecified persons : PEOPLE

thi·a·mine /'θi.ə.mən, ..mən/ also thi·a·min /'mən/ noun
: a vitamin of the vitamin B complex essential to normal metabolism and nerve function
  1 : having relatively great depth or extent from one surface to its opposite <a ~ plank>; also : heavily built:
    THICKSET
  2 : close-packed with units or individuals; also : NUMERous
  3 : dense or viscous in consistency <~ syrup>
  4 : marked by haze, fog, or mist <~ weather>
  5 : measuring in thickness <one meter ~> 
  6 : imperfectly articulated : INDISTINCT <~ speech>
  7 : lacking sharpness or quickness of sensibility or intellect : STUPID, ORTUSE
  8 : associated on close terms : INTIMATE
  9 : EXCESSIVE
thick·ly adverb

Synonyms
- [1] broad, fat, thickset, wide—more at WIDE
- [2] close, compact, crowded, dense, packed, serried, tight—more at CLOSE
- [2] close, compact, crowded, dense, packed, serried, tight—more at CLOSE
- [3] syrupy, viscid, viscous; also creamy, heavy, slushy, thickened, turbid, undiluted; sticky, gluey, glutinous; gelatinous, gooey, gummy; concentrated, condensed

Antonyms
- [8] bosom, chummy, close, familiar, friendly, intimate—more at FAMILIAR

2 thick noun
1 : the most crowded, intense, or active part
2 : the part of greatest thickness

Synonyms
- center, deep, depth, heart, height, middle, midst

thick and thin noun
: every difficulty and obstacle <was loyal through thick and thin>

thick·en /thi肯/ verb
: to make or become thick

thick·en·er noun

thick·et /thi凯/ noun
: a dense growth of bushes or small trees

Synonyms
- brake, brushwood, chaparral, coppice, covert; also canebrake; brush, bush, scrub; bramble, jungle, tangle; grove, hedge, stand, woodland

thick·ness /thi孔斯/ noun
1 : the smallest of three dimensions <length, width, and ~>
2 : the quality or state of being thick
3 : LAYER, SHEET <a single ~ of canvas>

Synonyms
- consistency, viscosity—more at CONSISTENCY

thick·set /thik·set/ adjective
1 : closely placed or planted
2 : having a thick body

Synonyms
- chunky, dumpy, heavyset, squat, stocky, stout, stubby, stumpy—more at STOCKY

thick·skinned /’θi skind/ adjective
1 : having a thick skin
2 : not easily bothered by criticism or insult

thief /θiФ/ noun, plural thieves /θиФ vz/ :
: one that steals esp. secretly

thieve /θиФ/ verb thieved; thiev·ing
: to take (the property of another) wrongfully and esp. as a habitual or regular practice : STEAL

Synonyms
- appropriate, filch, hook, misappropriate, nip, pilfer, pocket, purloin, snatch, steal, swipe—more at STEAL

thiev·ery /θиФ эри/ noun, plural -er·ies
: the act of stealing : THEFT

Synonyms
- larceny, robbery, theft—more at THEFT

thigh /θиФ/ noun
thigh·bone /ˈθīɡˌbôn/ noun
: FEMUR

thin·ble /ˈthinˌbəl/ noun
: a cap or guard worn on the finger to push the needle in sewing
— thin·ble·ful noun

thin /ˈθīn/ adjective thin·ner; thin·nest
1 : having little extent from one surface through to its opposite : not thick : SLENDER
2 : not closely set or placed : SPARSE
3 : not dense or not dense enough : more fluid or rarefied than normal <air> <syrup>
4 : lacking substance, fullness, or strength <broth>
5 : FLIMSY
6 : not well fleshed : LEAN
— thin·ly adverb
— thin·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] fine, narrow, skinny, slender, slim—more at NARROW
[4] dilute, watery, weak—more at WEAK
[6] lean, skinny, slender, slim, spare; also angular, bony, rawboned, scrawny, sinewy; lank, lanky, rangy, reedy, spindling, spindly, twiggy, waspish, weedy, willowy, wiry; anorexic, cadaverous, emaciated, gaunt, haggard, pinched, skeletal, wasted, wizened; puny, meager, slight

Antonyms
chubby, corpulent, fat, gross, obese, overweight, plump, portly, rotund

thin verb thinned; thin·ning
: to make or become thin

Synonyms
adulterate, dilute, water, weaken—more at ADULTERATE

thine /ˈθīn/ pronoun, archaic
: one or the ones belonging to thee

thing /ˈθing/ noun
1 : a matter of concern : AFFAIR
2 plural : state of affairs <are improving>
3 : something that happens : EVENT
4 : something that is done : DEED, ACT <expected great ~ of him>
5 : a distinct entity : OBJECT
6 : an inanimate object distinguished from a living being
7 plural : movable property : EFFECTS
8 : an article of clothing
9 : DETAIL, POINT
10 : IDEA, NOTION
11 : something one likes to do : SPECIALTY <doing her ~>
12 : a single human being
13 a : a product of work or activity
   b : the end or aim of effort or activity <is to get well>

Synonyms
[1] affair, business, matter—more at MATTER
[5] being, entity, individual, object, substance—more at ENTITY
[7] belongings, chattels, effects, holdings, paraphernalia, possessions—more at POSSESSION
[13b] aim, ambition, aspiration, design, dream, end, goal, intent, mark, meaning, object, objective, plan, pretension, purpose—more at GOAL

think /θink/ verb thought /θoʊt/; think·ing
1 : to form or have in the mind
2 ➤ : to have as an opinion : **BELIEVE**
3 ➤ : to reflect on : **PONDER**
4 ➤ : to call to mind : **REMEMBER**
5 ➤ : **REASON**
6 ➤ : to form a mental picture of : **IMAGINE**
7 ➤ : to devise by thinking <**thought** up a plan to escape>

— **think·er** noun

Synonyms

➤ [2] believe, consider, deem, feel, figure, guess, hold, imagine, suppose—more at **BELIEVE**
➤ **usually think about** or **think over** [3] chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, weigh—more at **PONDER**
➤ **usually think of** [4] recall, recollect, remember, reminisce—more at **REMEMBER**
➤ **usually think up** [7] concoct, contrive, cook, devise, fabricate, invent, make up, manufacture—more at **INVENT**

**think·er /thiŋˈker/ noun**

: one that thinks: as
a ➤ one that thinks in a specified way <a slow ~> 
b ➤ one that has special capacity for thinking

Synonyms

➤ brain, genius, intellect, whiz, wizard—more at **GENIUS**

**think tank** noun

: an institute, corporation, or group organized for interdisciplinary research (as in technological or social problems)

**think·ner /thiŋˈnər/ noun**

: a volatile liquid (as turpentine) used to thin paint

**thin·skinned /thinˈskind/ adjective**

1 ➤ having a thin skin or rind
2 ➤ extremely sensitive to criticism or insult

1 ➤ **third /θɜrd/ adjective**

: next after the second
— **third** or **third·ly** adverb

2 ➤ **third** noun

1 ➤ one of three equal parts of something
2 ➤ one that is number three in a countable series
3 ➤ the 3d forward gear in an automotive vehicle

**third degree** noun

: the subjection of a prisoner to mental or physical torture to force a confession

**third dimension** noun

1 ➤ thickness, depth, or apparent thickness or depth that confers solidity on an object
2 ➤ a quality that confers reality
— **third·dimension·al** adjective

**third world** noun, often cap T&W

: the aggregate of the underdeveloped nations of the world

1 ➤ **thirst /θirst/ noun**

1 ➤ a feeling of dryness in the mouth and throat associated with a desire to drink; also : a bodily condition producing this
2 ➤ : an ardent desire <a ~ for knowledge>

Synonyms

➤ appetite, craving, desire, drive, eagerness, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, urge, yearning, yen
— more at **DESIRE**

2 ➤ **thirst** verb

1 ➤ to need drink : suffer thirst
2 ▶: to have a strong desire
   
   **Synonyms** *usually* *thirst for*
   ◀ ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, want, wish, yearn—more at
   **DESIRe**
   
   **thirsty** /θərˌstiː/ adjective *thirst·i·er; -est*
   1 a ▶: feeling thirst
   b ▶: deficient in moisture ◀ land
   2 ▶: having a strong desire : AVID
   
   **Synonyms**
   ◀ [1b] arid, dry, sere—more at **DRY**
   ◀ [2] ardent, athirst, avid, eager, enthusiastic, keen—more at **EAGER**
   
   **thir·teen** /θərˈtiːn/ noun
   : one more than 12
   — **thirteen** adjective or pronoun
   — **thir·teenth** /θərˈtiːnθ/ adjective or noun
   a ▶: feeling thirst
   b ▶: deficient in moisture ◀ land
   2 ▶: having a strong desire : AVID
   
   **Synonyms**
   ◀ [1b] arid, dry, sere—more at **DRY**
   ◀ [2] ardent, athirst, avid, eager, enthusiastic, keen—more at **EAGER**
   
   **thir·ty** /θərˈtiː/ noun, plural **thirties**
   : three times 10
   — **thir·ti·eth** /θərˈtiːθ/ adjective or noun
   — **thirty** adjective or pronoun
   
   **this** /θɪs/ pronoun, plural **these** /θiːz/
   1 : the one close or closest in time or space ◀ is your book>
   2 : what is in the present or under immediate observation or discussion ◀ is a mess>; also : what is happening or being done now ◀ after ~ we’ll leave
   
   **this** adjective, plural **these**
   1 : being the one near, present, just mentioned, or more immediately under observation ◀ book>
   2 : constituting the immediate past or future ◀ friends all these years>
   
   **this** adverb
   : to such an extent or degree ◀ we need a book about ~ big>
   
   **this** /θɪs/ noun
   : any of various tall prickly composite plants with often showy heads of tightly packed tubular flowers
   
   **this·tle·down** /ˌθɪs·tən/ noun
   : the down from the ripe flower head of a thistle
   
   **thong** /θɔŋ/ noun
   1 : a strip esp. of leather or hide
   2 : a sandal held on the foot by a thong between the toes
   3 : a narrow strip of swimwear or underwear that passes between the thighs
   
   **tho·rax** /θərˈraks/ noun, plural **tho·rax·es** or **tho·ra·ces** /θɔrəˌsēz/
   1 : the part of the body of a mammal between the neck and the abdomen; also : its cavity containing the heart and lungs
   2 : the middle of the three main divisions of the body of an insect
   — **tho·rac·ic** /θəˈræsɪk/ adjective
   
   **tho·ri·um** /θɔrəˈeəm/ noun
   : a radioactive metallic chemical element
thorn /θɔrn/ noun
1 : a woody plant bearing sharp processes
2 : a sharp rigid plant process that is usu. a modified leafless branch
3 : something that causes distress
   Synonyms
   > aggravation, annoyance, bother, exasperation, frustration, hassle, headache, inconvenience, irritant, nuisance, peev, pest, problem—more at ANNOYANCE

thorny /θɔrni/ adjective thorn·i·er, -est
1 : full of thorns
2 : full of difficulties or controversial points
   Synonyms
   > [1] brambly, prickly, scratchy—more at SCRATCHY
   > [2] catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, ticklish, touchy, tough, tricky—more at TRICKY

thorough /θɔrə/ adjective
1 : testing all possibilities or considering all elements : EXHAUSTIVE <a ~ search>
2 : very careful : PAINSTAKING <a ~ scholar>
3 : having full mastery
4 : marked by attention to many details <a ~ description>
5 : complete in all respects <a ~ pleasure>
   — thorough·ness noun
   Synonyms
   > [1] all-out, clean, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full-scale, out-and-out, thoroughgoing, total—more at EXHAUSTIVE
   > [4] circumstantial, detailed, elaborate, full, minute—more at DETAILED
   > [5] absolute, all-out, complete, perfect, pure, total, utter—more at ABSOLUTE

1thoroughbred /θɔrə-brəd/ adjective
1 : bred from the best blood through a long line
2 cap : of or relating to the Thoroughbred breed of horses
3 : marked by high-spirited grace
   Synonyms
   > full-blooded, purebred—more at PUREBRED

2thoroughbred noun
1 cap : any of an English breed of light speedy horses kept chiefly for racing
2 : one (as a pedigreed animal) of excellent quality

thoroughfare /θɔrə-fər/ noun
1 : a public road or street
   Synonyms
   > artery, avenue, drag, drive, highway, pass, pike, road, route, row, street, trace, turnpike, way—more at WAY

thorough-going /θɔrə-giŋ/ adjective
1 : marked by thoroughness or zeal
   Synonyms
   > all-out, clean, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full-scale, out-and-out, thorough, total—more at EXHAUSTIVE

thorough·ly /θɔrə-li/ adverb
1 : in a thorough manner or degree
   Synonyms
   > altogether, completely, dead, entirely, fast, flat, full, fully, perfectly, quite, well, wholly—more at FULLY
   > completely, exhaustively, fully, minutely, roundly, totally; also all-out, intensively; broadly, extensively, generally, globally, widely; conclusively, definitely, perfectly

thorp /θɔrp/ noun, archaic
1 : VILLAGE
1 thou /ˈθau/ noun, archaic
: the person addressed

2 thou /ˈθau/ noun, plural thou
: a thousand of something (as dollars)

1 though /θəʊ/ conjunction
1: despite the fact that (~ the odds are hopeless, they fight on)
2: granting that (~ it may look bad, still, all is not lost)
   Synonyms
   † albeit, although, howbeit, when, while—more at ALTHOUGH

2 though adverb
: in spite of that: HOWEVER <not for long, ~> 
   Synonyms
   † but, howbeit, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still, withal, yet—more at HOWEVER

1 thought /θɔt/ past and past participle of THINK

2 thought noun
1: the process of thinking
2: serious consideration
3: reasoning power
4: the power to imagine: CONCEPTION
5: an individual act or product of thinking: IDEA
6: OPINION, BELIEF
   Synonyms
   † [2] consideration, debate, deliberation—more at CONSIDERATION
   † [5] concept, idea, image, impression, notion, picture—more at IDEA

1 thought·ful /ˈθɔtfəl/ adjective
1: absorbed in thought
2: marked by careful thinking <a ~ essay>
3: considerate of others <a ~ host>
   — thought·ful·ness noun
   Synonyms
   † [1] contemplative, meditative, melancholy, pensive, reflective, ruminant—more at CONTEMPLATIVE
   † [2] advised, calculated, deliberate, measured, reasoned, studied—more at DELIBERATE
   † [3] attentive, considerate, kind, solicitous; also brotherly, good, good-hearted, helpful, hospitable, kindhearted, kindly, neighborly, nice; caring, compassionate, sympathetic, tender; chivalrous, courteous, courtly, gallant, gracious, polite; diplomatic, tactful; deferential, dutiful, obliging, regardful, respectful; altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, benignant, humane, selfless, unselfish; charitable, generous, magnanimous
   Antonyms
   heedless, inconsiderate, thoughtless, unthinking

thought·ful·ly /ˈθɔtfələ/ adverb
: in a thoughtful manner
   Synonyms
   † courteously, kindly, nicely, well—more at WELL

thought·less /ˈθɔtləs/ adjective
1: insufficiently alert: CARELESS <a ~ worker>
2: RECKLESS <a ~ act>
3: lacking concern for others: INCONSIDERATE <~ remarks>
   — thought·less·ly adverb
   — thought·less·ness noun
   Synonyms
   † discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly—more at IMPOLITE
thousand /ˈθaʊzən/ noun, plural thousands or thousand
: 10 times 100
— thousand adjective
— thousandth /ˈθaʊzənθ/ adjective or noun
thousands place noun
: the place four to the left of the decimal point in an Arabic number

thral·dom or thrall·dom /ˈthrældəm/ noun
: the state or condition of servitude

thorough /ˈθɔrər/ adjective
1 : a servant slave : BONDMAN
2 : a state of servitude
   — Synonyms
   [1] bondman, chattel, slave—more at SLAVE
   [2] bondage, enslavement, servitude, slavery, yoke—more at SLAVERY

thras·her /ˈθræʃər/ noun
: one that thrashes or threshes

thrace /ˈθreɪs/ noun
: any of various long-tailed American songbirds related to the mockingbird

thread /θred/ noun
1 : a thin continuous strand of spun and twisted textile fibers
2 : something resembling a textile thread
3 : the ridge or groove that winds around a screw
4 : a line of reasoning or train of thought
5 : a continuing element

thread verb
1 : to pass a thread through the eye of (a needle)
2 : to pass (as film) through something
3 : to make one's way through or between
4 : to put together on or as if on a thread <~ beads>
5 : to form a screw thread on or in
6 : to interweave with or as if with threads
   — Synonyms
   [1] interlace, intersperse, intertwine, interweave, lace, weave, wreathe; also insert, intermingle, mingle, mix;
   alternate, juxtapose; amalgamate, assimilate, blend, combine, commingle, embody, fuse, incorporate, integrate, merge

thread-bare /ˈθredˌbər/ adjective
1 : worn to the point that the threads show : having the nap worn off
2 : having no interest or freshness : TRITE
   — Synonyms
   [1] ragged, ratty, seedy, shabby, tattered, worn-out—more at RAGGED
   [2] banal, commonplace, hackneyed, musty, stale, stereotyped, tired, trite—more at STALE
thready /ˈθreɪ.dər/ adjective
1 : consisting of or bearing fibers of filaments <a ~ bark>
2 : lacking in fullness, body, or vigor

threat /ˈθreθ/ noun
1 : an expression of intent to do harm
2 ▶ : one that threatens
  Synonyms
  ▶ danger, hazard, menace, peril, pitfall, risk, trouble—more at DANGER

threat-en /ˈθreθ.ən/ verb
1 : to utter threats against
2 : to give signs or warning of : PORTEND
3 ▶ : to hang over as a threat : MENACE
4 : to cause to feel insecure or anxious
— threat-en-ing-ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ hang, hover, menace, overhang; also endanger, hazard, imperil, jeopardize

threat-en-ed adjective
: having an uncertain chance of continued survival; especially : likely to become an endangered species

three /ˈθrē/ noun
1 : one more than two
2 : the 3d in a set or series
3 : something having three units
— three adjective or pronoun

3–D /ˈθrē. dē/ noun
: a three-dimensional form or picture

three–dimensional adjective
1 : relating to or having three dimensions
2 : giving the illusion of varying distances <a ~ picture>

three-fold /ˈθrē.fəld_. ˈfəld/ adjective
1 ▶ : having three parts : TRIPLE
2 : being three times as great or as many
— three-fold /ˈfəld/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ treble, tripartite, triple—more at TRIPLE

three-pence /ˈθrē.pens_. ˈθrē_. ˈθra_. US also ˈθrē_.pens/ noun
1 plural threepence or three-pen-c-es : a coin worth three pennies
2 : the sum of three British pennies

three-score /ˈθrē. skər/ adjective
: being three times twenty : SIXTY

three-some /ˈθrē. sam/ noun
▷ : a group of three persons or things
  Synonyms
  ▷ triad, trio, triplet; also trilogy; triple; triple

thren-o-dy /ˈθreν.o. dē/ noun, plural -dies
▷ : a song of lamentation : ELEGY
  Synonyms
  ▷ dirge, elegy, lament, requiem—more at LAMENT

thresh /ˈθresh, ˈθrēsh/ verb
1 : to separate (as grain from straw) mechanically
2 : THRASH
thresh·er noun
thresh·old noun
1 : the sill of a door
2 : a point or place of beginning or entering :
    OUTSET
3 : a point at which a physiological or psychological effect begins to be produced
    Synonyms
    beginning, birth, commencement, dawn, genesis, launch, morning, onset, outset, start—more at BEGINNING
threw past of THROW
thrice /thrɪs/ adverb
1 : three times
2 : in a threefold manner or degree
thrift /θrɪft/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. ON, prosperity, fr. thrifask to thrive]
1 : careful management esp. of money :
    FRUGALITY
    — thrift·i·ly /θrɪft·ɪ·lɪ/ adverb
    Synonyms
    economy, frugality, husbandry, providence—more at ECONOMY
thrift·less /θrɪft·lɛs/ adjective
1 : careless, wasteful, or incompetent in handling money or resources
    Synonyms
    extravagant, prodigal, profligate, spendthrift, unthrifty, wasteful—more at PRODIGAL
thrift·y /θrɪft·ɪ/ adjective thrift·i·er; -est
1 : given to or marked by economy and good management
    Synonyms
    economical, frugal, provident, sparing—more at FRUGAL
thrill /θrɪl/ verb
[origin: ME thirlen, thrillen to pierce, fr. OE thyrlian, fr. thyrel hole, fr. thrh through]
1 : to have or cause to have sudden sharp feeling of excitement; also : TINGLE, SHIVER
2 : TREMBLE, VIBRATE
    — thrill·er noun
    Synonyms
    electrify, excite, exhilarate, galvanize, intoxicate, shiver, tingle, titillate, turn on; also arouse, incite, inspire,
    provoke, stimulate; bewitch, captivate, charm, delight, enchant, enthrall, hypnotize, mesmerize, rivet; interest,
    intrigue, tantalize
2 : an instantaneous excitement
    Synonyms
    bang, exhilaration, kick, titillation; also arousal, electrification, intoxication, stimulation; jolt, shock, surprise;
    delectation, delight, enjoyment, joy, lift, pleasure; amusement, diversion, entertainment, fun, treat
thrill·ing adjective
1 : causing an instantaneous surge of emotion
    — thrill·ing·ly adverb
    Synonyms
    breathtaking, electric, exciting, exhilarating, rousing, stirring—more at EXCITING
thrive /θrɪv/ verb thrived or threw /θrɪv/; thrived also thriv·en /θrɪv·ɛn/; thriv·ing
1 : to grow luxuriantly :
    FLOURISH
2 : to gain in wealth or possessions :
    PROSPER
    Synonyms
    [1] burgeon, flourish, prosper; also luxuriate, overgrow, proliferate, shoot up; germinate, root, sprout; bloom,
    flower, fruit, produce, propagate, regenerate, seed
    [2] flourish, prosper, succeed—more at SUCCEED
throat /θrɔː/ noun
: the part of the neck in front of the spinal column; also: the passage through it to the stomach and lungs
— throat·ed adjective
throaty /θrɔː.tɪ/ adjective throat·i·er; -est
1 : uttered or produced from low in the throat <a ~ voice>
2 : heavy, thick, or deep as if from the throat
— throat·i·ly /θrɔː.tɪ.lɪ/ adverb
— throat·i·ness /θrɔː.tɪ.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] bass, deep, low—more at DEEP
   ‣ [2] coarse, gravelly, gruff, hoarse, husky, scratchy—more at HOARSE
throb /θrəb/ verb throbbed; throb·bing
› : to pulsate or pound esp. with abnormal force or rapidity : BEAT
   Synonyms
   ‣ beat, palpitate, pitter-patter, pulsate, pulse—more at PULSATE
throb noun
› : a rhythmic pulsation or beating : BEAT, PULSE
   Synonyms
   ‣ beat, palpitation, pulsation, pulse—more at PULSATION
throe /θrɔː/ noun
1 : a sudden spasm or pang
2 plural : a hard or painful struggle
throm·bo·sis /θrɑ̃.bə.sɪs/ noun, plural throm·bo·ses /θrɑ̃.bə.ses/ : the formation or presence of a clot in a blood vessel
— throm·bot·ic /θrɑ̃.boʊ.tɪk/ adjective
throm·bus /θrɑ̃.bəs/ noun, plural throm·bi /θrɑ̃.bɪ/ [ORIGIN: NL, fr. Gk thrombos lump, clot]
: a clot of blood formed within a blood vessel and remaining attached to its place of origin
thron·en /θroʊn/ noun
1 : the chair of state of a sovereign or high dignitary
2 : royal power : SOVEREIGNTY
throng /θrɔŋ/ noun
1 ‣ : a multitude of assembled persons
2 : a crowding together of many persons
   Synonyms
   ‣ army, crowd, crush, drove, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, press, swarm—more at CROWD
throng verb thronged; throng·ing
› : to crowd together in great numbers
   Synonyms
   ‣ crowd, flock, mob, swarm—more at CROWD
throt·tle /θrɔtl/ verb throt·ted; throt·ting [ORIGIN: ME throtlen, fr. throte throat]
1 ‣ : to compress the throat of : CHoke
2 : SUPPRESS
3 : to reduce the speed of (an engine) by closing the throttle
— throt·tler noun
   Synonyms
   ‣ choke, garrote, strangle—more at CHOKE
throt·tle noun
: a valve regulating the flow of steam or fuel to an engine; also: the lever controlling this valve
through /θru/ preposition
1 : from one end or side to the other of <go ~ the door>
2 : by way of <entered ~ a skylight>
3 : in the midst of <a path ~ the trees>
4 : by means of <succeeded ~ hard work>
5 : over the whole of <rumors swept ~ the office> <homes scattered ~ the valley>
6 : during the whole of <~ the night>
7 : to and including <Monday ~ Friday>

Synonyms
   ➤ [3] amid, among, midst—more at AMONG
   ➤ [4] because of, due to, owing to, with—more at BECAUSE OF
   ➤ [5] about, around, over, round, throughout—more at AROUND
   ➤ [6] during, over, throughout—more at DURING

through adverb
1 ➤ : from one end or side to the other
2 : from beginning to end : to completion <see it ~> <he was wet ~> <break ~> <break ~>

Synonyms
   ➤ across, over

through adjective
1 : permitting free passage <a ~ street>
2 : going from point of origin to destination without change or transfer <a ~ train>
3 : coming from or going to points outside a local area <~ traffic>
4 ➤ : arrived at completion or accomplishment : FINISHED <~ with the job>

Synonyms
   ➤ complete, done, down, finished, over, up—more at COMPLETE

throughout /θrū-/aʊt/ adverb
1 : in or to every part : EVERYWHERE
2 : from beginning to end

throughout preposition
1 ➤ : in or to every part of
2 ➤ : during the whole period of

Synonyms
   ➤ [1] about, around, over, round, through—more at AROUND
   ➤ [2] during, over, through—more at DURING

through·put /θrū-ˌpʌt/ noun
: OUTPUT, PRODUCTION <the ~ of a computer>

threw past of THRIVE

throw /θrō/ verb threw /θruː/; thrown /θrən/; throw·ing
[origin: ME, to cause to twist, throw, fr. OE thrāwan to cause to twist]
1 ➤ : to propel through the air esp. with a forward motion of the hand and arm <~ a ball>
2 : to cause to fall or fall off
3 ➤ : to put suddenly in a certain position or condition <~ into panic> <~ on a coat>
4 : to put on or take off hastily <~ on a coat>
5 : to lose intentionally <~ a game>
6 : to move (a lever) so as to connect or disconnect parts of something (as a clutch)
7 : to act as host for <~ a party>

— throw·er noun

Synonyms
   ➤ [1] cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, toss; also bowl, flip, hook, pass, roll, shoot; eject, impel, precipitate, project, propel, rifle, thrust
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EXPRESSWAY

1. thud /θud/ noun
   1: a forcible stroke delivered with a part of the body or with an instrument: BLOW
   2: a dull sound

2. thud verb thud·ded; thud·ding
   ▶: to move or strike so as to make a thud

   Synonyms
   ▶ bang, bash, bump, collide, crash, hit, impact, knock, ram, slam, smash, strike, swipe—more at HIT

thug /θag/ noun
[origin: Hindi & Urdu thag, lit., thief]
▶: a brutal ruffian or assassin
— thug·gish adjective

   Synonyms
   ▶ bully, gangster, goon, hood, hoodlum, mobster, mug, punk, rowdy, ruffian, tough—more at HOODLUM

thu·li·um /θuˈliəm, θyúm/ noun
: a rare metallic chemical element

1. thumb /θʌm/ noun
   1: the short thick first digit of the human hand or a corresponding digit of a lower animal
   2: the part of a glove or mitten that covers the thumb

2. thumb verb
   1: to leaf through (pages) with the thumb
   2: to wear or soil with the thumb by frequent handling
   3: to request or obtain (a ride) in a passing automobile by signaling with the thumb

1. thumbnail /θʌmˌnæl/ noun
   ▶: the nail of the thumb

2. thumbnail adjective

   BRIEF, CONCISE <a ~ description>

thumb·print /θʌmˈprɪnt/ noun
: an impression made by the thumb

thumb·screw /θʌmˈskruː/ noun
   1: a screw with a head that may be turned by the thumb and forefinger
   2: a device of torture for squeezing the thumb

thumb·tack /θʌmˈtæk/ noun
: a tack with a broad flat head for pressing with one's thumb into a board or wall

1. thump /θʌm/ verb
   1: to strike with or as if with something thick or heavy so as to cause a dull sound
   2: to strike heavily or repeatedly: POUND

2. thump noun
   ▶: a blow with or as if with something blunt or heavy; also: the sound made by such a blow

   Synonyms
   ▶ blow, clout, hit, pound, punch, thud, thwack, wallop, whack—more at BLOW

1. thunder /ˈθændər/ noun
   1: the sound following a flash of lightning; also: a noise like such a sound
   2: a loud utterance or threat

2. thunder verb
   1 ▶: to produce thunder
   2 ▶: to utter or emit a full loud prolonged sound: ROAR
Synonyms
- bellow, boom, growl, roar—more at ROAR

thun-der-bolt /ˌbɑːlt/ noun
- a flash of lightning with its accompanying thunder

thun-der-clap /ˌklɑːp/ noun
- a crash of thunder

thun-der-cloud /ˈklaʊd/ noun
- a cloud charged with electricity and producing lightning and thunder

thun-der-head /ˌhɛd/ noun
- a large cumulus or cumulonimbus cloud often appearing before a thunderstorm

thun-der-ous /ˈθʌndərəs/ adjective
- producing thunder; also: making a noise like thunder
  - thun-der-ous-ly adverb
    - Synonyms
      - booming, clamorous, deafening, ear-splitting, loud, piercing, resounding, ringing, roaring, sonorous, stentorian
      - more at LOUD

thun-der-show-er /ˈθʌndərˌʃɔːr/ noun
- a shower accompanied by thunder and lightning

thun-der-storm /ˌstɔːrəm/ noun
- a storm accompanied by thunder and lightning

thun-der-struck /ˈθʌndərstrʌkt/ adjective
- stunned as if struck by a thunderbolt
  - Synonyms
    - amazed, awestruck, stunned; also startled, surprised; aghast, appalled, dismayed, horrified; bewildered, confused, dazed, overwhelmed; agape, awed, awesome, wide-eyed, widemouthed

Thurs or Thu abbreviation
Thursday

Thurs-day /ˈθɜːrdi/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE thursdæg, fr. ON thōrsdagr, lit., day of Thor (Norse god)]
- the 5th day of the week

thus /θəs/ adverb
1: in this or that manner
2: to this degree or extent: so <~ far>
3: because of this or that: hence
  - Synonyms
    - usually thus far [2] heretofore, hitherto, so, yet—more at HITHERTO
    - [3] accordingly, consequently, ergo, hence, so, therefore, wherefore—more at THEREFORE

1 thwack /θwæk/ verb
- to strike with or as if with something flat or heavy

2 thwack noun
1: a heavy blow: whack
2: the sound of or as if of a heavy blow
  - Synonyms
    - bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, smash, snap, whack—more at CLAP

1 thwart /θɔːt/ verb
1: to oppose successfully: foil
2: block, defeat
  - Synonyms
baffle, balk, beat, checkmate, foil, frustrate—more at 
FRUSTRATE

thwart /ˈθwart/ naut often ˈθɔrt/ adverb
: ATHWART

thwart adjective
: situated or placed across something else

thwart /ˈθwart/ noun
: a seat extending across a boat

thy /ˈθi/ adjective, archaic
: of, relating to, or done by or to thee or thyself

thyme /ˈθɪm/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. MF thym, fr. L thymum, fr. Gk thymon, prob. fr. thyein to make a burnt offering, sacrifice]
: a garden mint with small aromatic leaves used esp. in seasoning; also : its leaves so used

thy·mine /ˈθi.mən/ noun
: a pyrimidine base that is one of the four bases coding genetic information in the molecular chain of DNA

thy·mus /ˈθi.məs/ noun, plural thy·mus·es
: a glandular organ of the neck region that is composed largely of lymphoid tissue, functions esp. in the development of the immune system, and tends to atrophy in the adult

thy·ris·tor /ˈθi.rɪs.tər/ noun
: a semiconductor device that acts as a switch, rectifier, or voltage regulator

thy·roid /ˈθi.roid/ noun
[ORIGIN: NL thyroides, fr. Gk thyreoidēs shield-shaped, thyroid, fr. thyreos shield shaped like a door, fr. thyra door]
: a large 2-lobed endocrine gland that lies at the base of the neck and produces several iodine-containing hormones that affect growth, development, and metabolism

— thyroid also thy·roi·dal /ˈθiˌroɪd.əl/ adjective

thy·rox·ine or thy·rox·in /ˈθi.roks.ən/ noun
: an iodine-containing hormone that is produced by the thyroid gland, increases metabolic rate, and is used to treat thyroid disorders

thy·self /ˈθi.zəlf/ pronoun, archaic
: YOURSELF

Ti symbol

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ti·ara /ˈti.ərə/ noun
1 : a 3-tiered crown worn by the pope
2 : a decorative headband or semicircle for formal wear by women

Ti·bet·an /ˈtə.bətən/ noun
1 : the language of the Tibetan people
2 : a native or inhabitant of Tibet

— Tibetan adjective

tib·ia /ˈti.bē.ə/ noun, plural -i·ae /ˌbi.ē.ə/ also -i·as
[ORIGIN: L]
: the inner of the two bones of the vertebrate hind or lower limb between the knee and the ankle

tic /ˈtik/ noun
: a local and habitual twitching of muscles esp. of the face

— tick /ˈtik/ noun
1 : any of a large group of small bloodsucking arachnids
2 : the fabric case of a mattress or pillow; also : a mattress consisting of a tick and its filling
tick noun
1: a light rhythmic audible tap or beat
2: a small mark used to draw attention to or check something

4tick verb
1: to make the sound of a tick or series of ticks
2: to mark, count, or announce by or as if by ticking beats
3: to mark or check with a tick
4: to function as an operating mechanism : RUN
   Synonyms
   [2, 3] detail, enumerate, itemize, list, numerate, rehearse—more at ENUMERATE

5tick noun, chiefly British
: CREDIT; also : a credit account

tick·er /ˈtɪkər/ noun
1: something (as a watch) that ticks
2: a telegraph instrument that prints information (as stock prices) on paper tape
3 slang : HEART
ticker tape noun
: the paper ribbon on which a telegraphic ticker prints

ticket /ˈtɪkt/ noun
[origin: MF etiquet, estiquote notice attached to something, fr. MF dial. estiquier to attach, fr. MD steken to stick]
1 a : CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, PERMIT
b: a certificate or token showing that a fare or admission fee has been paid
2: a marker used for identification or classification : TAG, LABEL
3: SLATE
4: a summons issued to a traffic offender
   Synonyms
   check, note, pass, token

ticket verb
1: to attach a ticket to
2: to furnish or serve with a ticket
   Synonyms
   label, mark, tag—more at LABEL

tick·ing /ˈtɪkɪŋ/ noun
: a strong fabric used in upholstering and as a mattress covering

tick·le /ˈtɪkl/ verb tick·led; tick·ling
1: to excite or stir up agreeably : PLEASE, AMUSE
2: to have a tingling sensation
3: to touch (as a body part) lightly so as to cause uneasiness, laughter, or spasmodic movements
   — tickle noun
   — tick·ler noun

tick·lish /ˈtɪklɪʃ/ adjective
1: overly sensitive : TOUCHY
2: UNSTABLE <a ~ foothold>
3: requiring delicate handling <~ subject>
4: sensitive to tickling
   — tick·lish·ly adverb
   — tick·lish·ness noun
   Synonyms
   [catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, touchy, tough, tricky—more at TRICKY

tidal wave noun
1. an unusually high sea wave that sometimes follows an earthquake
2. an unusual rise of water alongshore due to strong winds

tid·bit /ˈtidˌbɪt/ noun
▶ a choice morsel
  Synonyms
  ▶ bite, morsel, mouthful, nibble, taste—more at morsel
tid·dant, tid·al /ˈtidˌdænt/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ current, drift, leaning, run, tendency, trend, wind—more at trend
tide /ˈtɪd/ noun
[origin: ME, time, fr. OE tide]
1. the alternate rising and falling of the surface of the ocean
2. something that fluctuates like the tides of the sea
  — tid·al /ˈtidˌdæl/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ current, drift, leaning, run, tendency, trend, wind—more at trend
tide verb tid·ed; tid·ing
: to carry through or help along as if by the tide <a loan to ~ us over>
tide·land /ˈtɪdˌlænd/ noun
1. land overflowed during flood tide
2. land under the ocean within a nation's territorial waters — often used in pl.
tide·wa·ter /ˌtɪdˌwəˈtər/ noun
1. water overflowing land at flood tide
2. low-lying coastal land
tid·ings /ˈtɪdɪŋz/ noun plural
▶ previously unknown information : news
  Synonyms
  ▶ intelligence, item, news, story, word—more at news

1 tidy /ˈtɪdi/ adjective ti·di·er, -est
1. well ordered and cared for : neat
2. exceeding most other things of like kind esp. in quantity or size : large <a ~ sum>
b. significantly great : substantial
  — ti·di·ness /ˈtɪdiˌnəs/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] crisp, neat, orderly, shipshape, snug, trim, uncluttered—more at neat
t. [2a, b] considerable, good, goodly, healthy, large, respectable, significant, sizable, substantial—more at considerable

2 tidy verb ti·died; ti·dy·ing
1. to put in order
2. to make things tidy

3 tidy noun, plural tidies
: a decorated covering used to protect the back or arms of a chair from wear or soil

1 tie /tɪ/ noun
1. a line, ribbon, or cord used for fastening, uniting, or closing
2. a structural element (as a beam or rod) holding two pieces together
3. one of the cross supports to which railroad rails are fastened
4. a connecting link : bond <family ~s>
5. an equality in number (as of votes or scores); also: an undecided or deadlocked contest
6. necktie
  Synonyms
  ▶ [4] bond, cement, knot, ligature, link—more at bond
  ▶ [5] dead heat, draw, stalemate, standoff; also deadlock, impasse; photo finish; toss-up
tie verb tied; ty·ing or tie·ing
1 ▪: to fasten, attach, or close by means of a tie
2 ▪: to bring together firmly: unlE
3 : to form a knot or bow in << a scarf>>
4 : to restrain from freedom of action: constrain
5 a ▪: to make or have an equal score with
b ▪: to provide or offer something equal to

Synonyms
1 band, bind, gird, truss; also cinch, cord, rope, strap, thread, wire; lash, leash, tether; interlace, intertwine, interweave, lace; entangle, knot, snarl, tangle, twist; coil, wind
Antonyms
unbind, untie
5b equal, match, meet

tie·back /ˈtɪbk/ noun
: a decorative strip for draping a curtain to the side of a window

tie–dye·ing /ˈtɪ,_dɪŋ/ noun
: a method of producing patterns in textiles by tying parts of the fabric so that they will not absorb the dye
— tie–dyed /ˌtɪˈdɪd/ adjective

tie–in /ˈtɪˌɪn/ noun
: connection

tier /ˈtɪr/ noun
: row, layer; especially: one of two or more rows arranged one above another
— tiered /ˈtɪrd/ adjective

tie–rod /ˈtɪˌrɑd/ noun
: a rod used as a connecting member or brace

tie up verb
1 a ▪: to place or invest in such a manner as to make unavailable for other purposes <their money was tied up in stocks>
b ▪: to restrain from normal movement, operation, or progress <traffic was tied up for miles>
2 a ▪: to keep busy <was tied up in conference all day>
b ▪: to preempt the use of <tied up the phone for an hour>

Synonyms
1 clog, delay, hamper, hinder, hobble, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, obstruct

tiff /ˈtɪf/ noun
: a petty quarrel
— tiff verb

Tif·fa·ny /ˈtɪf fe_.nɪ/ adjective
: made of pieces of stained glass <a ~ lamp>

ti·ger /ˈtɪ_.gər/ noun
: a very large tawny black-striped Asian cat
— ti·ger·ish adjective

tight /ˈtɪt/ adjective
1 ▪: so close in structure as to prevent passage of a liquid or gas
2 ▪: strongly fixed or held: secure
3 ▪: not slack or loose: taut
4 ▪: fitting usu. too closely << shoes>
5 ▪: set close together: compact << a ~ formation>>
6: DIFFICULT, TRYING <get in a ~ spot>
7: not liberal in giving: STINGY
8: evenly contested: CLOSE
9: INTOXICATED
10: low in supply: hard to get <money is ~> 

—tight·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] impenetrable, impervious; also close, compact, dense, snug, thick; airtight, hermetic, watertight; lightproof, soundproof, waterproof
Antonyms
penetrable, permeable
[2] fast, firm, frozen, secure, set, snug; also bonded, cemented; anchored, clamped; embedded, entrenched, implanted; attached, bound, fastened, secured; immovable, unyielding
Antonyms
insecure, loose
[5] close, compact, crowded, dense, packed, serried, thick—more at CLOSE
[8] close, narrow, neck and neck, nip and tuck—more at CLOSE

tight adverb
1: TIGHTLY, FIRMLY
2: SOUNDLY <sleep ~>

tight·en /ˈtɪtʃən/ verb
: to make or become tight

tight·fist·ed /ˈtɪftɪstɪd/ adjective
: not liberal in giving: STINGY

Synonyms
cheap, close, mean, niggardly, parsimonious, penurious, spare, sparing, stingy, tight, uncharitable—more at STINGY

tight·ness /ˈtɪtnɪs/ noun
: the quality or state of being tight

Synonyms
cheapness, closeness, miserliness, parsimony, stinginess—more at PARSIMONY

tight·rope /ˌtɪtrəp/ noun
: a taut rope or wire for acrobats to perform on

tight·s /ˈtɪts/ noun plural
: skintight garments covering the body esp. below the waist; also British: PANTY HOSE

tight·wad /ˈtɪtwɔd/ noun
: a stingy person

Synonyms
cheapskate, miser, niggard, skinflint—more at Miser

ti·gress /ˈtɪgres/ noun
: a female tiger

ti·la·pia /tɪˈlaˌpiə, ˈtɪləpiə/ noun, plural tilapia also ti·la·pi·as
: any of numerous chiefly African freshwater fishes widely raised for food

ti·le·de /ˈtɪldə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. ML titulus title]
: a mark “placed esp. over the letter n (as in Spanish señor sir) to denote the sound ñ or over vowels (as in Portuguese irmã sister) to indicate nasal quality

ti·le /ˈtil/ noun
1: a flat or curved piece of fired clay, stone, or concrete used for roofs, floors, or walls; also: a pipe of earthenware or concrete used for a drain
2 : a thin piece (as of linoleum) used for covering walls or floors
— tile·ing /ˈtī·ling/ noun

2 tile verb tiled; til·ing
: to cover with tiles
— til·er noun

1 till /till/ preposition or conjunction
: UNTIL

2 till verb
: to work by plowing, sowing, and raising crops : CULTIVATE
— till·able adjective

3 till noun
: DRAWER; especially : a money drawer in a store or bank

till·age /ˈtɪl·ɪj/ noun
1 : the work of tilling land
2 : cultivated land

1 tiller /tɪˈlər/ noun
[origin: OE telgor, telgra twig, shoot]
: a sprout or stalk esp. from the base or lower part of a plant

2 tiller /tɪˈlər/ noun
: one that tills

Synonyms
agriculturist, cultivator, farmer, grower, planter—more at FARMER

3 tiller /tɪˈlər/ noun
[origin: ME tiler stock of a crossbow, tiller, fr. AF teiler stock of a crossbow]
: a lever used for turning a boat's rudder from side to side

1 tilt /tɪlt/ noun
1 : a contest in which two combatants charging usu. with lances try to unhorse each other : Joust; also : a tournament of tilts
2 : a verbal contest : DISPUTE
3 : the act of tilting : the state or position of being tilted

Synonyms
bend, cock, inclination, list, slant, tip; also turn, twist, veer; bow, dip, nod

2 tilt verb
1 : to move or shift so as to incline : TIP
2 : to engage in or as if in combat with lances : Joust, ATTACK

Synonyms
angle, cant, cock, heel, incline, lean, list, slant, slope, tip—more at LEAN

tilth /ˈtɪlθ/ noun
1 : TILLAGE
2 : the state of a soil esp. in relation to the suitability of its particle size and structure for growing crops

Tim abbreviation
Timothy

tim·ber /ˈtim·bər/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE, building, wood]
1 : growing trees or their wood — often used interjectionally to warn of a falling tree
2 : wood for use in making something
3 : a usu. large squared or dressed piece of wood

tim·bered /ˈtim·bərd/ adjective
: having walls framed by exposed timbers
tim·ber·land /ˈtimˌberˌland/ noun
▶ wooded land
  Synonyms
▶ forest, woodland—more at FOREST

tim·ber·line /ˈtimˌberˌlin/ noun
▶ the upper limit of tree growth in mountains or high latitudes

timber rattlesnake noun
▶ a widely distributed rattlesnake of the eastern U.S.

timber wolf noun
▶ GRAY WOLF

tim·bre also tim·ber /ˈtimˌber/ noun
▶ the distinctive quality given to a sound by its overtones

tim·brel /ˈtimˌbrel/ noun
▶ a small hand drum or tambourine

time /ˈtaɪm/ noun
1 a: a period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues <gone a long ~>
b: the duration of the existence of a living being (as a person or an animal) or a thing (as a star) : LIFE TIME
2: LEISURE <found ~ to read>
3 a: a point or period when something occurs : OCCASION <the last ~ we met>
4 a: a set or customary moment or hour for something to occur <arrived on ~>
5 a: a historical period : AGE, ERA
6 a: state of affairs : CONDITIONS <hard ~s>
7 a: a rate of speed : TEMPO
8 a: a moment, hour, day, or year as indicated by a clock or calendar <what ~ is it>
9 a: a system of reckoning time <solar ~>
10 a: one of a series of recurring instances; also, pl: added or accumulated quantities or examples <five ~s greater>
11 a: a person’s experience during a particular period <had a good ~>
12 a: the hours or days of one’s work; also: an hourly pay rate <straight ~>
13: TIME-OUT
  Synonyms
▶ [5] age, epoch, era, period
▶ [11] adventure, experience, happening—more at ADVENTURE

time verb timed; tim·ing
1 a: to arrange or set the time of : SCHEDULE <~s his calls conveniently>
2 a: to set the tempo or duration of <~ a performance>
3 a: to cause to keep time with
4 a: to determine or record the time, duration, or rate of <~ a sprinter>

time bomb noun
1 a: a bomb so made as to explode at a predetermined time
2 a: something with a potentially dangerous delayed reaction

time clock noun
a: a clock that records the time workers arrive and depart

time frame noun
a: a period of time esp. with respect to some action or project

time–hon·ored /ˈtaɪmˌɑrərd/ adjective
▶ honored because of age or long usage

time·keep·er /ˌkaːˌpɛr/ noun
1 a: a clerk who keeps records of the time worked by employees
time·less /'ti:m.lys/ adjective
1: ETERNAL
2: not limited or affected by time <- works of art>
— time·less·ly adverb
— time·less·ness noun

time·li·ness /'ti:m.las/noun
: the quality or state of being timely

Synonyms
  promptitude, punctuality—more at PROMPTITUDE

time·ly /'ti:m.ly/ adjective time·li·er; -est
1: coming early or at the right time <- arrival>
2: appropriate to the time <- book>

Synonyms
  immediate, prompt, punctual—more at PROMPT

time·out /'ti:m.aut/ noun
1: a brief suspension of activity esp. in an athletic game
2: a quiet period used esp. as a disciplinary measure for a child

time·piece /'ti:m.pi:s/ noun
: a device (as a clock) to show the passage of time

Synonyms
  watch; also atomic clock, grandfather clock, time clock; hourglass, sundial; chronograph, stopwatch

tim·er /'ti:m.ər/ noun
: one that times

times /'ti:mz/ preposition
: multiplied by <2 × 2 is 4>

time–shar·ing /'ti:m shar.ing/ noun
1: simultaneous use of a computer by many users
2 or time–share /'ti:m.shar/ : joint ownership or rental of a vacation lodging by several persons with each taking turns using the place

times sign noun
: the symbol × used to indicate multiplication

time·ta·ble /'ti:m.ta.bəl/ noun
1: a table of the departure and arrival times (as of trains)
2: a schedule showing a planned order or sequence

Synonyms
  agenda, calendar, docket, program, schedule—more at PROGRAM

time warp noun
: an anomaly, discontinuity, or suspension held to occur in the progress of time

time·worn /'ti:m.wərn/ adjective
1: worn by time
2: HACKNEYED, STALE

tim·id /'ti:mad/ adjective
: lacking in courage or self-confidence : FEARFUL
— ti·mid·i·ty /'ti:mid.i.ti/ noun
— tim·id·ly adverb

Synonyms
  fainthearted, fearful, mousy, scary, shy, skittish—more at SHY

tim·o·rous /'ti:m.a.roz/ adjective
: of a timid disposition: **AFRAID**
— *tim-o-rous-ly* adverb
— *tim-o-rous-ness* noun

*tim·o·thy* /tim'ə-thə/ noun
: a perennial grass with long cylindrical spikes widely grown for hay in the U.S.

*Tim·o·thy* /tim'ə-thə/ noun
: either of two books of the New Testament of Christian Scripture

*tim·pa·ni* /tim'pa-ne/ noun singular or plural
[origin: It]
: a set of kettledrums played by one performer in an orchestra
— *tim·pa·nist* /nist/ noun

1*tin* /tin/ noun
1: a soft white crystalline metallic chemical element malleable at ordinary temperatures that is used esp. in solders and alloys
2: a container (as a can) made of metal (as tinplate)

2*tin* verb *tinned*; *tin·ning*  
1: to cover or plate with tin  
2: to pack in tins

*TIN* abbreviation
taxpayer identification number

*tinc* /tink/ noun  
: TINCTURE, TINGE

1*tincture* /tink char/ noun
1 archaic: a substance that colors  
2: a slight admixture: **TRACE**
3: an alcoholic solution of a medicinal substance

2*tincture* verb *tinc·tured*; *tinc·tur·ing*  
1: **COLOR**, TINT
2: AFFECT

1*tinder* /tin der/ noun  
1: a very flammable substance used as kindling  
2: something serving to incite or inflame

2*tinder·box* /tin der bak/ noun
1: a metal box for holding tinder and usu. flint and steel for striking a spark
2: a highly flammable object or place

1*tine* /tink/ noun  
: a slender pointed part (as of a fork or an antler) : **PRONG**

*tin·foil* /tin foil/ noun  
: a thin metal sheeting usu. of aluminum or tin-lead alloy

1*tinge* /tin/ verb *tinged*; *tinge·ing* or *ting·ing*  
1 ▶: to color slightly: **TINT**
2: to affect or modify esp. with a slight odor or taste

Synonyms  
▶ color, dye, paint, stain, tint—more at **COLOR**

2*tinge* noun  
: a slight coloring, flavor, or quality: **TRACE**

1*tingle* /ting gəl/ verb *ting·gled*; *ting·ling*
1: to feel a prickling or thrilling sensation

2: **tingle** noun
   - a tingling sensation or condition
   
   **Synonyms**
   - ache, pain, pang, prickle, smart, sting, stitch, twinge—more at PAIN

1: **tinker** noun
   - a usu. itinerant mender of household utensils
   - an unskillful mender: BUNGLER

2: **tinker** verb
   - to repair or adjust something in an unskillful or experimental manner
   
   **Synonyms**
   - fiddle, fool, mess, monkey, play, tamper—more at TAMPER (WITH)

1: **tinkle** verb
   - to make or cause to make a tinkle
   
   **Synonyms**
   - chink, jingle—more at JINGLE

2: **tinkle** noun
   - a series of short high ringing or clinking sounds

**tin-ni-tus** noun
- a sensation of noise (as ringing or roaring) in the ears

**tin-ny** adjective
- abounding in or yielding tin
- resembling tin; also: LIGHT, CHEAP
- thin in tone <a ~ voice>

**tin-plate** noun
- thin sheet iron or steel coated with tin

**tin-sel** noun
- a thread, strip, or sheet of metal, paper, or plastic used to produce a glittering appearance
- something superficially attractive but of little worth

**tin-smith** noun
- one that works with sheet metal (as tinplate)

1: **tint** noun
- a slight or pale coloration: HUE

2: **tint** verb
- to impart a tint to: color

**tin-tin-na-b-u-la-tion** noun
- the ringing of bells
2: a tinkling sound as if of bells

**tin·ware** /ˈtinˌwar/ noun
: articles and esp. utensils made of tinplate

**ti·ny** /ˈtiˌni/ adjective ti·ni·er, -est
: very small: MINUTE

**Synonyms**
- atomic, infinitesimal, microscopic, miniature, minute, teeny, wee; also diminutive, dwarf, little, midget, model, petite, pocket, pygmy, small, smallish; dinky, dwarfish, insignificant, pint-size, puny, scrubby, undersized

**Antonyms**
enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, immense, mammoth

1 **tip** /tip/ verb tipped; tip·ping

1: **OVERTURN, UPSET**
2: to incline, deviate, or bend from a vertical position: **LEAN**; also: to raise and tilt forward <tipped his hat>

**Synonyms**
- angle, cant, cock, heel, incline, lean, list, slant, slope, tilt—more at LEAN

2 **tip** noun
: the act or an instance of tipping

**Synonyms**
- bend, cock, inclination, list, slant, tilt—more at TILT

3 **tip** verb tipped; tip·ping

1: to furnish with a tip
2: to cover or adorn the tip of

4 **tip** noun
1: the usu. pointed end of something
2: a small piece or part serving as an end, cap, or point

**Synonyms**
- apex, cusp, end, pike, point—more at POINT

5 **tip** noun
: a light touch or blow

6 **tip** verb tipped; tip·ping
: to strike lightly: **TAP**

7 **tip** noun
: a piece of advice or expert or confidential information

**Synonyms**
- dope, lowdown, scoop—more at DOPE
- hint, lead, pointer; also advisement, assistance, counsel, guidance, recommendation, suggestion; caution, cautioning, sign, signal, telltale, tip-off, warning; brief, direction, feedback, instruction, observation; prompt, reminder, urging; answer, clue, solution

8 **tip** verb tipped; tip·ping
: to impart a piece of information about or to

9 **tip** verb tipped; tip·ping
: to give a gratuity to

10 **tip** noun
: a gift or small sum given for a service performed or anticipated

**Synonyms**
- bonus, dividend, extra, lagniappe, perquisite—more at BONUS

**tip-off** /ˈtipˌɔf/ noun
tip·pet /ˈtiːpet/ noun
: a long scarf or shoulder cape

tip·ple /ˈtiːpəl/ verb tip·pled; tip·pling
: to drink intoxicating liquor esp. habitually or excessively
— tip·ple noun

tip·ler /ˈtiːpələr/ noun
: one that tipples

Synonyms
drunk, inebriate, soak, sot, souse—more at DRUNK

tip·ster /ˈtiːpˌstər/ noun
: a person who gives or sells tips esp. for gambling

tip·sy /ˈtiːpˌsē/ adjective tip·si·er; -est
: unsteady or foolish from the effects of alcohol
— tip·si·ly /ˈtiːpˌsəli/ adverb

Synonyms
drunk, high, inebriate, intoxicated—more at DRUNK

1tiptoe /ˈtiːptəʊ/ noun
: the position of being balanced on the balls of the feet and toes with the heels raised; also : the ends of the toes

2tiptoe adverb or adjective
: on or as if on tiptoe

3tiptoe verb tip·toed; tip·toe·ing
: to walk or proceed on or as if on tiptoe

1tip–top /ˈtiːptəʊp/ noun
: the highest point

Synonyms
acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, top, zenith—more at HEIGHT

2tip–top adjective
: very good of its kind : EXCELLENT

ti·rade /ˈtiːrəd/ noun
: a prolonged speech of abuse or condemnation

Synonyms
diatrifice, harangue, rant; also assault, attack, invective, lashing, tongue-lashing, vituperation; berating, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reproof; abuse, castigation, censure, criticism, denunciation; deprecation, depreciation, disparagement; execration, excoriation, revilement; admonishment, admonition, lecture, sermon

tir·a·mi·su /tɪrəˈmeːsʊ, ˈmɛːˌsʊ/ noun
[Origin: It tiramisù]
: a dessert made with ladyfingers, mascarpone, and espresso

1tire /ˈtɪər/ verb tired; tir·ing

1 : to make or become weary
2 : to wear out the patience of : BORE

Synonyms
[1] burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at EXHAUST
[2] bore, jade, weary—more at BORE

2tire noun

1 : a metal hoop that forms the tread of a wheel
2 : a rubber cushion usu. containing compressed air that encircles a wheel (as of a bike)

**tired** /tərd/ adjective

1 : exhausted in strength, endurance, vigor, or freshness : **WEARY**, **FATIGUED**

2 : lacking in freshness or originality : **HACKNEYED**

3 : having one's patience, tolerance, or pleasure exhausted

**Synonyms**

- [1] beat, bushed, dead, drained, effete, fatigued, jaded, limp, prostrate, spent, weary, worn-out—more at **WEARY**
- [2] banal, commonplace, hackneyed, musty, stale, stereotyped, threadbare, trite—more at **STALE**
- [3] fed up, jaded, sick, weary—more at **WEARY**

**tired-ness** noun

: the quality or state of being tired

**Synonyms**

- burnout, collapse, exhaustion, fatigue, lassitude, prostration, weariness—more at **FATIGUE**
- boredom, doldrums, ennui, listlessness, restlessness, tedium, weariness—more at **BOREDOM**

**tire-less** /tər-ləs/ adjective

: not tiring : **UNTIRING**

— **tire-less-ness** noun

**Synonyms**

- indefatigable, inexhaustible, unflagging, untiring; also assiduous, conscientious, diligent, meticulous, painstaking, sedulous; determined, dogged, patient, persevering, persistent, pertinacious, plodding, relentless, steadfast, steady, stubborn, tenacious, unfailing, unfa[...]

**tire-less-ly** adverb

: in a tireless manner

**Synonyms**

- determinedly, diligently, hard, hardly, laboriously, mightily, slavishly, strenuously—more at **HARD**

**tire-some** /tər-səm/ adjective

: tending to bore : **WEARISOME**, **TEDIOUS**

— **tire-some-ly** adverb

— **tire-some-ness** noun

**tī-rove** chiefly British variant of **TYRO**

**tis-sue** /tis-ʃu/ noun


1 : a fine lightweight often sheer fabric

2 : **NETWORK**, **WEB**

3 : a soft absorbent paper

4 : a mass or layer of cells forming a basic structural material of an animal or plant

**tit** /tît/ noun

: **TEAT**

2**tit** noun

: any of various small plump Old World songbirds related to the titmice

**Tit** abbreviation

Titus

**ti-tan** /tī-tăn/ noun

1 cap : one of a family of giants overthrown by the gods in Greek mythology

2 : one gigantic in size or power

**Synonyms**

- behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, whale, whopper—more at **GIANT**
ti·tan·ic /ˈtiˌtænək/ adjective
- enormous in size, force, or power
  - Synonyms
    - colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, mammoth, massive, prodigious, tremendous

ti·ta·ni·um /ˈtiˌtænēəm/ noun
- a gray light strong metallic chemical element used esp. in alloys
  - titbit variant of TIDBIT

tithe /ˈtiθ/ noun
[Origin: ME, fr. OE teogotha tenth]
- a 10th part paid or given esp. for the support of a church
  - tithe verb
  - tith·er noun

tit·il·late /ˈtitəˌleɪt/ -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 ▶: to excite pleasurably
2 ▶: TICKLE
  - Synonyms
    - electrify, excite, exhilarate, galvanize, intoxicate, thrill, turn on—more at THRILL

tit·il·la·tion /ˈtitəˌleɪʃən/ noun
- the action of titillating or the state of being titillated
  - Synonyms
    - bang, exhilaration, kick, thrill—more at THRILL

tit·i·vate or tit·ti·vate /ˈtiˌtiˌvæt/ -vat·ed; -vat·ing
- to dress up : spruce up
  - tit·i·va·tion /ˈtiˌtiˌveɪʃən/ noun

ti·tle /ˈtaɪtl/ noun
1 ▶: CLAIM, RIGHT; especially : a legal right to the ownership of property
2 ▶: the distinguishing name esp. of an artistic production (as a book)
3 ▶: an appellation of honor, rank, or office
4 ▶: CHAMPIONSHIP
  - Synonyms
    - [2] heading—more at HEADING
    - [3] appellation, cognomen, denotation, designation, handle, name—more at NAME

ti·tled /ˈtaɪtlid/ adjective
- having a title esp. of nobility

title page noun
- a page of a book bearing the title and usu. the names of the author and publisher

tit·mouse /ˈtiˌmwaʊs/ noun, plural tit·mice /ˌmɪs/:
- any of several small long-tailed No. American songbirds related to the chickadees

ti·tra·tion /ˈtɪtrəʃən/ noun
- a process of finding the concentration of a solution (as of an acid) by adding small portions of a second solution of known concentration (as of a base) to a fixed amount of the first until an expected change (as in color) occurs

titter /ˈtiˌtiər/ verb
- to laugh in an affected or in a nervous or half-suppressed manner : GIGGLE

2 titter noun
- an act or instance of tittering
  - Synonyms
    - cackle, chortle, laugh, laughter, snicker—more at LAUGH

tit·tle /ˈtaɪtl/ noun
› a tiny piece
  Synonyms
  › bit, hoot, jot, lick, modicum, rap, whit—more at jot

tit·tle–tat·tle /ˈtit.ləˌtat.əl/ noun
: idle talk : gossip
— tittle–tattle verb

tit·u·lar /ˈti.chəˌlər/ adjective
1 › : existing in title only: nominal, ~ ruler
2 : of, relating to, or bearing a title ~ role
  Synonyms
  › formal, nominal, paper—more at nominal

Ti·tus /ˈti.təs/ noun

tiz·zy /ˈtiz.di/ noun, plural tizzies
› a highly excited and distracted state of mind
  Synonyms
  › dither, fluster, fret, fuss, huff, lather, pother, stew, twitter—more at fret

tk abbreviation
1 tank
2 truck

TKO /ˈtē.kōˌō/ noun
[origin: technical knock out]
: the termination of a boxing match when a boxer is declared unable to continue the fight

tkt abbreviation
ticket

Tl symbol
thallium

TLC abbreviation
tender loving care

T lymphocyte noun
: T cell

Tm symbol
thulium

TM abbreviation
trademark

T–man /ˈtē.mən/ noun
: a special agent of the U.S. Treasury Department
	n abbreviation
1 ton
2 town

TN abbreviation
Tennessee

tng abbreviation
training

tmpk abbreviation
turnpike

TNT /ˈtē.nənt/ noun
: a flammable toxic compound used as a high explosive and in chemical synthesis

1. **to** /tou/ *preposition*
   1: in the direction of and reaching <drove ~ town>
   2: in the direction of: TOWARD
   3: ON, AGAINST <apply salve ~ a burn>
   4: as far as <can pay up ~ a dollar>
   5: so as to become or bring about <beaten ~ death> <broken ~ pieces>
   6: earlier than: BEFORE <it's five minutes ~ six>
   7: UNTIL <from May ~ December>
   8: fitting or being a part of: FOR <key ~ the lock>
   9: with the accompaniment of: <sing ~ the music>
  10: in relation or comparison with: similar ~ that one <won 10 ~ 6>
  11: in accordance with <add salt ~ taste>
  12: within the range of <~ my knowledge>
  13: contained, occurring, or included in <two pints ~ a quart>
  14: as regards <agreeable ~ everyone>
  15: affecting as the receiver or beneficiary <whispered ~ her> <gave it ~ me>
  16: for no one except <a room ~ myself>
  17: into the action of <we got ~ talking>
  18: — used for marking the following verb as an infinitive <wants ~ go> and often used by itself at the end of a clause in place of an infinitive suggested by the preceding context <goes to town whenever he wants ~> <can leave if you'd like ~>

**Synonyms**
- ahead of, before, ere, of, previous to, prior to—more at BEFORE

2. **to** /tou/ *adverb*
   1: in a direction toward <run ~ and fro>
   2: into contact esp. with the frame of a door <the door slammed ~> 
   3: to the matter in hand <fell ~ and ate heartily>
   4: to a state of consciousness or awareness <came ~ hours after the accident>

**TO** *abbreviation*

*turn over*

**toad** /tou̇d/ *noun*
: any of numerous tailless leaping amphibians differing typically from the related frogs in having a shorter stockier build, rough dry warty skin, and less aquatic habits

**toad-stool** /ˌstou̇ld/ *noun*
: MUSHROOM; especially: one that is poisonous or inedible

1. **toady** /ˈtoʊdi/ *noun, plural toad·ies*
: a person who flatters in the hope of gaining favors: SYCOPHANT

2. **toady** *verb toad·ied; toady·ing*
   : to behave as a toady

**Synonyms**
- fawn, fuss, kowtow—more at FAWN

**to–and–fro** /ˈtou̇ənˌfrō/ *adjective*
: forward and backward

**toast** /tou̇st/ *verb*
  1: to warm thoroughly
  2: to make (as bread) crisp, hot, and brown by heat
  3: to become toasted

**toast** *noun*
  1: sliced toasted bread
toast verb
: to propose or drink to as a toast

toast·er /ˈtōst.ər/ noun
: an electrical appliance for toasting

toaster oven noun
: a portable electrical appliance that bakes, broils, and toasts

toast·mas·ter /ˈtōst.məstər/ noun
: a person who presides at a banquet and introduces the after-dinner speakers

toast·mis·tress /ˈmīs.trēz/ noun
: a woman who acts as toastmaster

toasty /ˈtō.stē/ adjective toast·i·er; -est
: pleasantly warm

Tob abbreviation
Tobit

to·bac·co /ˈtō.bəˌkō/ noun, plural -cos
[ORIGIN: Sp tabaco]
1 : a tall broad-leaved herb related to the potato; also : its leaves prepared for smoking or chewing or as snuff
2 : manufactured tobacco products; also : smoking as a practice

to·bac·co·nist /ˈtō.bəˌkō.nist/ noun
: a dealer in tobacco

To·bi·as /ˈtō.bēˌəs/ noun
: TOBIT

To·bit /ˈtō.bət/ noun
: a book in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament and in the Protestant Apocrypha

1 to·bog·gan /ˈtō.bəˌgən/ noun
: a long flat-bottomed light sled made of thin boards curved up at one end

2 to·bog·gan verb
1 : to coast on or as if on a tobggan
2 : to decline suddenly (as in value)
— to·bog·gan·er noun

toc·sin /ˈtak.sən/ noun
1 : an alarm bell
2 : a warning signal

1 tod·day /ˈtā.dē/ adverb
1 : on or for this day
2 ▶ : at the present time
   Synonyms
   ▶ anymore, now, nowadays, presently, right now—more at NOW

2 tod·day noun
▶ : the present day, time, or age
   Synonyms
   ▶ moment, now, present—more at PRESENT

tod·dle /ˈtō.dəl/ verb tod·dled; tod·dling
: to walk with short tottering steps in the manner of a young child
— tod·dle noun
— tod·dler noun
tod·dy /ˈtədē/ noun, plural toddies
[origin: Hindi & Urdu tāṛī juice of a palm, fr. tāṛ a palm, fr. Skt tāḷa]
: a drink made of liquor, sugar, spices, and hot water

to–do /ˈtəˌdū/ noun, plural to–dos /ˌdūz/
: excited and usu. exaggerated stir: BUSTLE, FUSS

1toe /ˈtō/ noun
1: one of the jointed parts of the front end of the vertebrate foot
2: the front part of a foot or hoof

2toe verb toed; toe·ing
: to touch, reach, or drive with the toes

toe·hold /ˈtōˌhōld/ noun
1: a place of support for the toes
2: a slight footing

toe·nail /ˈtōˌnāl/ noun
: a nail of a toe

tof·fee or tof·fy /ˈtōˌfē, ˈtā/ noun, plural toffees or toffies
: candy of brittle but tender texture made by boiling sugar and butter together

to·fu /ˈtōˌfy/ noun
[origin: Jp とふ]
: a soft white food product made from soybeans

tog /ˈtōɡ/ verb tagged; tog·ging
: to put togs on: PRESS

to·ga /ˈtōɡə/ noun
: the loose outer garment worn in public by citizens of ancient Rome
— to·ga·ed /ˈgād/ adjective

1together /ˈtāˌɡeθər/ adverb
1: in or into one place or group
2: in or into contact or association <mix ~>
3: at one time: SIMULTANEOUSLY <talk and work ~>
4: in succession <for days ~>
5: in or into harmony or coherence <get ~ on a plan>
6: as a group: JOINTLY
— to·geth·er·ness noun

2together adjective
: composed in mind or manner

tog·gery /ˈtōˌɡərē, ˈtō/ noun
: CLOTHING

tog·gle /ˈtōˌɡlə/ verb
: to switch between two options esp. of an electronic device

tog·gle switch /ˈtōˌɡlə/ noun
: an electric switch operated by pushing a projecting lever through a small arc

To·go·lese /ˈtōˌɡəˌlēz, ˌlēs/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Togo
— To·go·lese adjective

togs /ˈtōgz, ˈtōgz/ noun plural
: CLOTHING; especially: clothes for a specified use <riding ~>
1 **toil** /toʊl/ **noun**

1: laborious effort

2: long fatiguing labor: **DRUDGERY**

— **toil·ful** /ˈtoʊlfl/ **adjective**

**Synonyms**
- drudgery, grind, labor, slavery, sweat, travail; also effort, exertion, pains, struggle, trouble; chore, duty, job, obligation, responsibility; routine, treadmill

**Antonyms**
- fun, play

2 **toil** **verb**

[**origin**: ME, to argue, struggle, fr. AF *toiller* to make dirty, fight, wrangle, fr. L *tudiculare* to crush, grind, fr. *tudicula* machine for crushing olives, dim. of *tudes* hammer]

1: to work hard and long

2: to proceed with great effort: **PLOD**

**Synonyms**
- drudge, fag, grub, labor, slave, sweat, travail; also drive, endeavor, strain, strive, struggle; hammer, hump, hustle, peg (away), plod, plow (away), plug (away), slog

3 **toil** **noun**

[**origin**: ME *toile* cloth, net, fr. OF *teile*, fr. L *tela* cloth on a loom]

: **NET**, **TRAP** — usu. used in pl.

**toil·er** **noun**

: one that toils

**Synonyms**
- drudge, fag, peon, slave, worker—more at **SLAVE**

**toilet** /ˈtoʊlɛt/ **noun**

1: the act or process of dressing and grooming oneself

2: a room furnished with a fixture for flushing body waste: **BATHROOM**

3: a fixture for use in urinating and defecating; especially: one consisting essentially of a water-flushed bowl and seat

— **toilet** **verb**

**Synonyms**
- bathroom, lavatory; also commode; outhouse, privy

**toilet·ry** /ˈtoʊlɛtrɪ/ **noun, plural -ries**

: an article or preparation used in cleaning or grooming oneself — usu. used in pl.

**toilet·te** /ˈtoʊlɛt/ **noun**

1: **TOILET 1**

2: formal attire; also: a particular costume

**toilet training** **noun**

: the process of training a child to control bladder and bowel movements and to use the toilet

— **toilet train** **verb**

**toil·some** /ˈtoʊlsəm/ **adjective**

: marked by or full of toil or fatigue

**Synonyms**
- arduous, burdensome, challenging, demanding, exacting, grueling, laborious, onerous, taxing—more at **DEMANDING**

**toil·worn** /ˈtoʊlwɔrn/ **adjective**

: showing the effects of toil

**To·kay** /ˈtɒkə/ **noun**

: naturally sweet wine from Hungary

**toke** /ˈtʌk/ **noun, slang**

: a puff on a marijuana cigarette or pipe
token /ˈtəʊ.kən/ noun
1 : an outward sign
2 : SYMBOL, EMBLEM
3 : something that serves as a reminder : Keepsake
4 : a small part representing the whole
5 : a piece resembling a coin issued as money or for use by a particular group on specified terms

Synonyms
- keepsake, memento, memorial, monument, remembrance, souvenir—more at memorial

token adjective
1 : done or given as a token esp. in partial fulfillment of an obligation
2 : representing only a symbolic effort : minimal, perfunctory

to·ken·ism /təˈken.i.zəm/ noun
: the policy or practice of making only a symbolic effort (as to desegregate)
told past and past participle of tell
tole /təl/ noun
: sheet metal and esp. tinplate for use in domestic and ornamental wares

tol·er·a·ble /təˈle.rə.bəl/ adjective
1 : capable of being borne or endured
2 : moderately good : passable

Synonyms
- [1] bearable, endurable, sufferable, supportable, sustainable—more at bearable
- [2] acceptable, adequate, all right, decent, fine, OK, passable, respectable, satisfactory—more at adequate

tol·er·a·bly /təˈle.rə.bli/ adverb
: in a tolerable manner

Synonyms
- adequately, all right, fine, good, nicely, OK, passably, satisfactorily, so-so, well—more at well
tol·er·ance /təˈle.rəns/ noun
1 : the act or practice of tolerating; especially : sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from one's own
2 : the allowable deviation from a standard (as of size)
3 : the body's capacity to become less responsive over time to something (as a drug used repeatedly)

- tol·er·ant·ly /təˈle.rənt.li/ adverb

Synonyms
- forbearance, long-suffering, patience, sufferance—more at patience
tol·er·ant /təˈle.rənt/ adjective
: inclined to tolerate; especially : marked by forbearance or endurance

Synonyms
- forbearing, long-suffering, patient, stoic, uncomplaining—more at patient
tol·er·ate /təˈle.rət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to exhibit physiological tolerance for (as a drug)
2 : to allow to be or to be done without hindrance

- tol·er·a·tion /təˈle.rə.ʃən/ noun

Synonyms
- abide, bear, brook, countenance, endure, meet, stand, stick out, stomach, support, sustain, take—more at bear
toll /tɔl/ noun
1 : a tax paid for a privilege (as for passing over a bridge)
2 : a charge for a service (as for a long-distance telephone call)
3 : the cost in life, health, loss, or suffering
toll verb
1 : to cause the slow regular sounding of (a bell) esp. by pulling a rope
2: to give signal of: **SOUND**
3: to sound with slow measured strokes
4: to announce by tolling
   **Synonyms**
   - chime, knell, peal, ring—more at **RING**

**toll noun**
: the sound of a tolling bell

**toll·booth /ˈtōlˌbʌθ/ noun**
: a booth where tolls are paid

**toll·gate /ˈgɑːl/ noun**
: a point where vehicles stop to pay a toll

**toll·house /ˈhaʊs/ noun**
: a house or booth where tolls are paid

**tol·u·ene /ˈtəl.yəˌwən/ noun**
: a liquid hydrocarbon used esp. as a solvent

**tom /ˈtəm/ noun**
: the male of various animals (as a cat or turkey)

1. **tomahawk /ˈtəm.ə.ˈhɑk/ noun**
   : a light ax used as a missile and as a hand weapon esp. by No. American Indians

2. **tomahawk verb**
   : to strike or kill with a tomahawk

**to·ma·til·lo /ˌtō.mə.tə.ˈlō/ noun, plural -los**
: a small round usu. pale green edible fruit of a Mexican herb related to the tomato; *also*: this herb

**to·ma·to /ˌtō.mə.ˈtō/ noun, plural -toes**
: a usu. large, rounded, and red or yellow pulpy edible berry of a widely grown tropical herb related to the potato; *also*: this herb

**tomb /ˈtəm/ noun**
1: a place of burial: **GRAVE**
2: a house, chamber, or vault for the dead
   — **tomb verb**
   : a girl who behaves in a manner usu. considered boyish

**tom·boy /ˈtəm.ˌboi/ noun**
: a girl who behaves in a manner usu. considered boyish

**tom·boy·ish /ˌiʃ/ adjective**
: relating to or being a tomboy

**tomb·stone /ˈtəm.ˌstōn/ noun**
: a stone marking a grave
   **Synonyms**
   - gravestone, headstone, monument; *also*: cross, marker, plaque, stone, table, tablet; monolith, obelisk, pillar; memorial, shrine

**tom·cat /ˈtəm.ˌkæt/ noun**
: a male domestic cat

**Tom Col·lins /ˈtəm.ˌkōl.ˈlɪnz/ noun**
: a tall iced drink with a base of gin

**tome /ˈtōm/ noun**
: **BOOK**; especially: a large or weighty one
tom·fool·ery /ˈtɑmˌfūl.ē/ noun
   : playful or foolish behavior
   
   Synonyms
   foolery, high jinks, horseplay, monkeyshines, roughhouse, shenanigans—more at HORSEPLAY

tom·my gun /ˈtɑm.ē.gən/ noun
   : SUBMACHINE GUN
   — tommy-gun verb

to·mog·ra·phy /tōˈmō.grə.fē/ noun
   : a method of producing a three-dimensional image of the internal structures of a solid object (as the human body or the earth)
   — to·mo·graph·ic /ˌtōˌmō.grə.fĭk/ adjective

to·mor·row /tōˈmōr.ə/ adverb
   : on or for the day after today
   — tomorrow noun

 tom·tom /ˈtɑmˌtäm/ noun
   : a small-headed drum beaten with the hands

 ton /ˈtɑn/ noun, plural tons also ton
1 a : a unit of weight equal to 2000 pounds in the U.S. and Canada : SHORT TON
   b : LONG TON
2 : a unit equal to the volume of a long ton weight of seawater used in reckoning the displacement of ships and equal to 35 cubic feet

to·nal·i·ty /ˌtō.nəl.ə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
   : tonal quality

 tone /ˈtōn/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. L tonus tension, tone, fr. Gk tonos, lit., act of stretching; fr. the dependence of the pitch of a musical string on its tension]
1 : vocal or musical sound; especially : sound quality
2 : a sound of definite pitch
3 : WHOLE STEP
4 : accent or inflection expressive of an emotion
5 : the pitch of a word often used to express differences of meaning
6 > : style or manner of expression
7 > : color quality; also : SHADE
8 : the effect in painting of light and shade together with color
9 : healthy and vigorous condition of a living body or bodily part; also : the state of partial contraction characteristic of normal muscle
10 > : general character, quality, or trend
   — ton·al /ˈtōn.əl/ adjective
      Synonyms
      [6] fashion, locution, manner, mode, phraseology, style, vein—more at STYLE
      [7] cast, color, hue, shade, tinge, tint—more at COLOR
      [10] character, complexion, constitution, genius, nature, personality—more at NATURE

tone verb toned; ton·ing
1 : to give a particular intonation or inflection to
2 : to impart tone to
3 : SOFTEN, MELLOW
4 : to harmonize in color : BLEND

tone·arm noun
   : the movable part of a record player that carries the pickup and the needle

toney variant of TONY
**tong** /ˈtɑŋ, ˈtoʊn/ **noun**
- a Chinese secret society in the U.S.

**tongs** /ˈtɑŋz, ˈtoʊnz/ **noun plural**
- a grasping device consisting of two pieces joined at one end by a pivot or hinged like scissors

1. **tongue** /ˈtɑŋ/ **noun**
   - 1: a fleshy movable process of the floor of the mouth used in tasting and in taking and swallowing food and in humans as a speech organ
   - 2: the flesh of a tongue (as of the ox) used as food
   - 3: the power of communication
   - 4: the words, their pronunciation, and the method of combining them used and understood by a community

   **Synonyms**
   - language, lingo, speech, vocabulary—more at LANGUAGE

2. **tongue** **verb** tongued; tonguing
   - 1: to touch or lick with the tongue
   - 2: to articulate notes on a wind instrument

1. **tongue-in-cheek** **adjective**
   - characterized by insincerity, irony, or whimsical exaggeration

2. **tongue-lash** /ˈtɑŋ.lɑʃ/ **verb**
   : CHIDE, REPROVE

1. **tongue-lashing** /ˈtɑŋ.lɑʃ.nɪŋ/ **noun**

1. **tongue-tied** /ˈtɑŋ.tʌɪd/ **adjective**
   - unable or disinclined to speak clearly or freely (as from shyness or a tongue impairment)

1. **tongue twister** **noun**
   - an utterance that is difficult to articulate because of a succession of similar consonants

1. **tonic** /ˈtɑŋ.ɪk/ **adjective**
   - 1: of, relating to, or producing a healthy physical or mental condition; INVIGORATING
   - 2: relating to or based on the 1st tone of a scale

1. **tonic** **noun**
   - 1: something that invigorates, restores, or refreshes
   - 2: the 1st degree of a musical scale

1. **tonic water** **noun**
   - a carbonated beverage flavored with a bit of quinine, lemon, and lime

1. **tonight** /ˈtoʊ.nɪt/ **adverb**
   - on this present night or the coming night

1. **tonight** **noun**
ton·nage /′ta.nij/ noun
1: a duty on ships based on tons carried
2: ships in terms of the number of tons registered or carried
3: total weight in tons shipped, carried, or mined

ton·sil /′tənˌsal/ noun
: either of a pair of oval masses of lymphoid tissue that lie one on each side of the throat at the back of the mouth

ton·sil·lec·to·my /′tənˌsa.ləkˈto.mē/ noun, plural -mies
: the surgical removal of the tonsils

ton·sil·li·tis /′tənˌsa.lēˈtis/ noun
: inflammation of the tonsils

ton·so·ri·al /′tənˌsərəˈral/ adjective
: of or relating to a barber or a barber's work

ton·sure /′tənˌchər/ noun
1: the rite of admission to the clerical state by the clipping or shaving of the head
2: the shaven crown or patch worn by clerics (as monks)

— tonsure verb

tony also ton·ey /′tən.ē/ adjective ton·i·er, -est
: marked by an aristocratic manner or style

too /′tə/ adverb
1: in addition: also
2: to an excessive degree: excessively
3: to such a degree as to be regrettable
4: to a high degree: very

Synonyms
[1] additionally, again, also, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, withal, yet
[2] devilishly, excessively, inordinately, monstrously, overly, overmuch; also extravagantly, immoderately;
extravertionately, inexcusably, intolerably, unbearably, unconscionably, unreasonably; improperly; abnormally,
extraordinarily, singularly, unusually, unusually; considerably, eminently, especially, exceedingly,
exceptionally, extremely, extra, extremely, incredibly, remarkably, significantly, substantially, super, very,
whacking
Antonyms
inadequately, insufficiently

took past of take

tool /′təl/ noun
1: a hand instrument that aids in accomplishing a task
2: the cutting or shaping part in a machine; also: a machine for shaping metal in any way
3: something used in doing a job <a scholar's books are his tools>; also: a means to an end
4: a person used by another: dupe
5 plural: natural ability

Synonyms
[1] device, implement, instrument, utensil—more at implement
[4] dupe, gull, pigeon, sap, sucker—more at dupe

tool verb
1: to shape, form, or finish with a tool; especially: to letter or decorate (as a book cover) by means of hand tools
2: to equip a plant or industry with machines and tools for production
3: drive, ride <<ing along at 60 miles per hour>>
tool bar noun
: a strip of icons on a computer display providing quick access to the pictured functions
t̩oot /ˈtʊt/ verb
1 : to sound or cause to sound in short blasts
2 : to blow an instrument (as a horn)
   — toot·er noun

toot /ˈtʊt/ noun
: a short blast (as on a horn)

tooth /ˈtʊθ/ noun, plural teeth /ˈtɹθ/
1 : one of the hard bony structures borne esp. on the jaws of vertebrates and used for seizing and chewing food and as weapons; also : a hard sharp structure esp. around the mouth of an invertebrate
2 : something resembling an animal’s tooth
3 : any of the projections on the edge of a wheel that fits into corresponding projections on another wheel
4 : effective means of enforcement
   — toothed /ˈtɹθt̩d/ adjective
   — tooth·less adjective

tooth·ache /ˈtɹθeɪk/ noun
: pain in or about a tooth

tooth·brush /ˈbrʌʃ/ noun
: a brush for cleaning the teeth

tooth·paste /ˈpɑːst/ noun
: a paste for cleaning the teeth

tooth·pick /ˈpɪk/ noun
: a pointed instrument for removing food particles caught between the teeth

tooth powder noun
: a powder for cleaning the teeth

tooth·some /ˈtɹθsəm/ adjective
1 : AGREEABLE, ATTRACTIVE
2 : pleasing to the taste : DELICIOUS
   Synonyms
   → ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, scrumptious, tasty, yummy
   —more at DELICIOUS

toothy /ˈtɹθi/ adjective tooth·i·er, -i·est
: having or showing prominent teeth

top /ˈtɑːp/ noun
1 : the highest part, point, or level of something
2 : the part of a plant with edible roots lying above the ground <beet ~s>
3 : the upper end, edge, or surface <the ~ of a page>
4 : an upper piece, lid, or covering
5 : the highest degree, pitch, or rank
   Synonyms
   → [1] acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, zenith—more at HEIGHT
   → [4] cap, cover, lid—more at COVER

top verb topped; top·ping
1 : to remove or trim the top of : PRUNE ~ a tree>
2 : to cover with a top or on the top : CROWN, CAP
3 : to be superior to : SURPASS
4 : to go over the top of
5 : to strike (a ball) above the center
6 : to make an end or conclusion ~ off a meal with coffee
   Synonyms
beat, better, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, surpass, transcend—more at surpass

3 top adjective
1 †: of, relating to, or being at the top
2 †: chief
3 †: of the highest quality, amount, or degree

   Synonyms
   † [1] uppermost; also loftier, upper; maximized, maximum, peaked, utmost; chief, first, foremost, head, leading, predominant, preeminent, premier, principal; dominant, dominating, eminent, prominent, towering; elevated, escalated, heightened, jacked (up), lifted, raised, uplifted, upraised

   Antonyms
   lowermost, lowest, nethermost, undermost
   † [3] consummate, maximum, most, nth, paramount, supreme, ultimate, utmost—more at ultimate
   † [3] full, maximum, utmost—more at full

4 top noun
: a toy that has a tapering point on which it is made to spin

topaz /ˌtōp-əz/ noun
: a hard silicate of aluminum; especially: a yellow transparent topaz used as a gem

topcoat /ˌtōp-kōt/ noun
1 : a lightweight overcoat
2 : a protective coating (as of paint)

top dollar noun
: the highest amount being paid for a commodity or service

top-dress /ˌtōp-dres/ verb
: to apply material to (as land) without working it in; especially: to scatter fertilizer over

top-dressing /ˌtōp-dres-ing/ noun
: a material used to top-dress soil

top-end /ˌtōp-end/ adjective
: topflight

top-flight /ˌtōp-flīt/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the highest level of excellence or rank
   — top flight noun

top hat noun
: a tall-crowned hat usu. of beaver or silk

top-heavy /ˌtōp-ən-He-vē/ adjective
: having the top part too heavy for the lower part

topiary /ˌtōp-ə-rē/ noun, plural -ar·i·es
: the art of training and trimming trees or shrubs with decorative shapes
   — topiary adjective

topic /ˌtōp-ik/ noun
1 : a heading in an outlined argument
2 †: the subject of a discourse or a section of it: theme

   Synonyms
   † content, matter, motif, motive, question, subject, theme—more at matter

topical /ˌtōp-ik-əl/ adjective
1 : designed to be applied to or to work on a part (as of the body)
2 : of, relating to, or arranged by topics (<a ~ outline>)
3 : relating to current or local events
   — topical-ly /ˌtōp-ik-lē/ adverb
top-knot /ˈtɒpˌnɒt/ noun
1 : an ornament (as a knot of ribbons) forming a headdress
2 : a crest of feathers or tuft of hair on the top of the head

top·less /ˈtopəls/ adjective
1 : wearing no clothing on the upper body
2 : featuring topless waitresses or entertainers

top·mast /ˈtɒpˌmɑːst/ noun
: the 2d mast above a ship's deck

top·most /ˈtɒpˌmɔːst/ adjective
: highest of all : UPPERMOST

top·notch /ˈtɒpˌnɑːtʃ/ adjective
: of the highest quality : FIRST-RATE

top·of·the·line adjective
: being or belonging to the highest or most expensive class

to·pog·ra·phy /ˌtɑpəˈɡræfɪ/ noun
1 : the art of showing in detail on a map or chart the physical features of a place or region
2 : the outline of the form of a place showing its relief and the position of features (as rivers, roads, or cities)
— to·pog·ra·pher /ˌtɑpəˈɡrɑːfər/ noun
— to·pog·ra·phic /ˌtɑpəˈɡræfɪk/ or to·pog·ra·phic·al /ˌtɑpəˈɡræfɪkəl/ adjective

to·ping /ˈtɒpɪŋ/ noun
: a food served on top of another to make it look or taste better

top·ple /ˈtɑpəl/ verb top·pled; top·pling
1 ▷ : to fall from or as if from being top-heavy
2 : to push over : OVERTURN; also : OVERTHROW

Synonyms
fall, slip, stumble, trip, tumble—more at FALL

tops /ˈtɑps/ adjective
: topmost in quality or importance <> in his field>

top·sail /ˈtɑpˌsɑːl/ also top·s’l /ˈtɒpəˌsɑːl/ noun
: the sail next above the lowest sail on a mast in a square-rigged ship

— top·sail·ed /ˈtɑpˌsɑːld/ adjective
: demanding complete secrecy among those concerned

top·side /ˈtɑpˌsid/ adverb or adjective
1 : to or on the top or surface
2 : on deck

top·sides /ˈtɒpˌsaɪdz/ noun plural
: the top portion of the outer surface of a ship on each side above the waterline

top·soil /ˈtɑpˌsɔɪl/ noun
: surface soil usu. including the organic layer in which plants have most of their roots

top·sy–tur·vy /ˈtɑpˌsɪˌtɜrvɪ/ or /ˈtɒpˌsɪˌtɜrvɪ/ adjective
▷ : totally disordered
— topsy–turvy adverb

Synonyms
chaotic, disheveled, disordered, disorderly, messy, untidy

toque /ˈtʊk/ noun
: a woman's small hat without a brim
tor /ˈtoʊr/ noun

1 : a high craggy hill

To-rah /təˈrɑː/ noun
1 : a scroll of the first five books of the Old Testament used in a synagogue; also : these five books
2 : the body of divine knowledge and law found in the Jewish Scriptures and tradition

torch /tɔr/ noun
1 : a flaming light made of something that burns brightly and usu. carried in the hand
2 : something that resembles a torch in giving light, heat, or guidance
3 chiefly British : FLASHLIGHT
4 : a portable burner for producing a hot flame

torch verb
: to set fire to

torch-bearer /ˈtɔrchˌber-ər/ noun
1 : a person who carries a torch
2 : one in the forefront (as of a political campaign)

torch-light /ˈtɔrkˌlaɪt/ noun
: light given by torches

torch song noun
: a popular sentimental song of unrequited love

tore past of TEAR

tor·e·ador /tɔrˈe.aˌdɔr/ noun
: BULLFIGHTER

tor·e·ro /tɔrˈe.ɾo/ noun, plural -ros
[ORIGIN: Sp]
: BULLFIGHTER

1 torment /ˈtor.ment/ noun
1 ▶ : extreme pain or anguish of body or mind
2 ▶ : a source of vexation or pain
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] affliction, agony, anguish, distress, misery, pain, torture, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS
   ▶ [2] agony, hell, horror, misery, murder, nightmare, torture—more at HELL

2 torment /ˈtor.ment/ verb
1 ▶ : to cause severe suffering of body or mind to
2 : DISTORT, TWIST
   Synonyms
   ▶ afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, martyr, persecute, plague, rack, torture—more at AFFLICT

tor·men·tor /ˈtor.mənˌtər/ noun
▶ : one that torments
   Synonyms
   ▶ heckler, oppressor, persecutor, taunter, torturer; also mocker, scoff, scouter; accuser, troublemaker; assailant, molester; bother, disturber, pest

torn past participle of TEAR

tor·na·do /tɔrˈnə.ðoʊ/ noun, plural -does or -dos
[ORIGIN: modif of Sp tronada thunderstorm, fr. tronar to thunder, fr. L tonare]
: a violent destructive whirling wind accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud that moves over a narrow path

1 torpedo /tərˈpə.ðoʊ/ noun, plural -does
: a thin cylindrical self-propelled underwater weapon

2 torpedo verb tor·pe·doed; tor·pe·do·ing
torpedo boat noun
a small very fast boat for firing torpedoes

tor·pid /ˈtorˌpɪd/ adjective
1 : having lost motion or the power of exertion : DORMANT
2 : sluggish in functioning or acting
3 : lacking vigor
   Synonyms
dull, inactive, inert, lethargic, quiescent, sleepy, sluggish—more at INACTIVE

tor·por /ˈtorˌpɔr/ noun
1 : PULLNESS, APATHY
2 : extreme sluggishness : STAGNATION

torque /ˈtɔrk/ noun
a force that produces or tends to produce rotation or torsion
verb torqued; torquing
a to impart torque to : cause to twist (as about an axis)

tor·rent /ˈtorˌrɛnt/ noun
1 : a tumultuous outburst
2 : a rushing stream (as of water)
   Synonyms
cataclysm, cataract, deluge, flood, inundation, overflow, spate—more at FLOOD

tor·ren·tial /ˈtorˌrɛnʃəl/ adjective
relating to or resembling a torrent (~ rains)

tor·rid /ˈtorˌrɪd/ adjective
1 : parched with heat esp. of the sun : HOT
2 : ARDENT
   Synonyms
broiling, burning, fiery, hot, red-hot, scorching, sultry—more at HOT

torrid zone noun
the region of the earth between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn

tor·sion /ˈtorˌshən/ noun
1 : a wrenching by which one part of a body is under pressure to turn about a longitudinal axis while the other part is held fast or is under pressure to turn in the opposite direction
2 : a twisting of a bodily organ or part on its own axis
   Synonyms
torsional
— torsional·ly adverb

tor·so /ˈtorˌsō/ noun, plural torsos or tor·si /ˈtorˌsē/
[origin: It., lit., stalk]
the trunk of the human body

tort /ˈtɔrt/ noun
a wrongful act which does not involve a breach of contract and for which the injured party can recover damages in a civil action

tor·ti·lla /ˈtorˌtələ/ noun
a round thin cake of unleavened cornmeal or wheat flour bread

tor·toise /ˈtorˌtəs/ noun
a TURTLE; especially : any of a family of land turtles
tor·toise·shell /ˌsʜeɪl/ noun
: the mottled horny substance of the shell of some turtles used in inlaying and in making various ornamental articles
— tortoiseshell adjective

tor·to·ni /ˈtɔrˌtəˌnē/ noun
: rich ice cream often made with minced almonds and chopped cherries and flavored with rum

tor·tu·ous /ˈtɔrˌchəˌw̱z/ adjective
1 ▶: marked by twists or turns : WINDING
2 ▶: DEVIous, TRICKY
   Synonyms
   ◁ crooked, devious, serpentine, sinuous, winding—more at CROOKED

1 torture /ˈtɔrˌchar/ noun
1 ▶: anguish of body or mind
2 ▶: the infliction of severe pain esp. to punish or coerce
— tor·tur·ous /ˈtɔrˌcharˌos, ˈtɔrˌche̊ˌ/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ◁ [1] affliction, agony, anguish, distress, misery, pain, torment, tribulation, woe—more at DISTRESS
   ◁ [2] agony, hell, horror, misery, murder, nightmare, torment—more at HELL

2 torture verb tor·tured; tor·tur·ing
1 ▶: to cause intense suffering to : TORMENT
2: to punish or coerce by inflicting severe pain
3: TWIST, DISTORT
   Synonyms
   ◁ afflict, agonize, bedevil, curse, harrow, martyr, persecute, plague, rack, torment—more at AFFLICT

tor·tur·er /ˈtɔrˌcharˌar/ noun
1 ▶: one that tortures
   Synonyms
   ◁ heckler, oppressor, persecutor, taunter, tormentor—more at TORMENTOR

To·ry /ˈtɔr̩ˌeɪ/ noun, plural Tories
1: a member of a chiefly 18th century British party upholding the established church and the traditional political structure
2: an American supporter of the British during the American Revolution
3 often not cap: an extreme conservative
   — Tory adjective

1 toss /tɔs, tɔs/ verb
1: to fling to and fro or up and down; also: BANDY
2 ▶: to throw with a quick light motion
3: to fling or lift with a sudden motion <<ed her head angrily>>
4: to move restlessly or turbulently <<es on the waves>>
5 ▶: to twist and turn repeatedly
6: FLOUNCE
7: to accomplish readily << off an article>>
8: to decide an issue by flipping a coin
9 ▶: to consume by drinking << down a drink>>
   Synonyms
   ◁ [2] cast, catapult, chuck, dash, fire, fling, heave, hurl, hurtle, launch, peg, pelt, pitch, sling, throw—more at THROW
   ◁ [5] careen, lurch, pitch, rock, roll, seesaw, sway, wobble—more at ROCK
   ◁ usually toss down or toss off [9] drink, guzzle, imbibe, quaff, sup, swig—more at DRINK

2 toss noun
: an act or instance of tossing; especially: TOSS-UP 1

toss–up /ˌtɔsˌap/ noun
1: a deciding by flipping a coin
2: an even chance
3: something that offers no clear basis for choice

1tot /ˈtɒt/ noun
1: a small child
2: a small drink of alcoholic liquor: **SHOT**

2tot verb **tot·ted; tot·ting**
: to add up

3tot abbreviation
total

1total /ˈtoʊlət/ adjective
1 ‣: making up a whole: **ENTIRE** <~ amount>
2: being definitely what is stated: **COMPLETE** <a ~ failure>
3 ‣: involving a complete and unified effort esp. to achieve a desired effect
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] complete, comprehensive, entire, full, grand, intact, integral, perfect, plenary, whole—more at **COMPLETE**
   ▶ [3] all-out, clean, complete, comprehensive, exhaustive, full-scale, out-and-out, thorough, thoroughgoing—more at **EXHAUSTIVE**

2total noun
1: **SUM**
2: the entire amount
   Synonyms
   ▶ aggregate, full, sum, totality, whole—more at **WHOLE**

3total verb to·taled or to·talled; to·tal·ling or to·tal·ling
1 ‣: to add up
2 ‣: to amount to: **NUMBER**
3: to make a total wreck of (a car)
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] add, foot, sum—more at **ADD**
   ▶ [2] add up, amount, come, number, sum—more at **AMOUNT (TO)**

to·tal·i·tar·i·an /ˌtoʊˈtælətərən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or advocating a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of life esp. by coercive measures
— **totalitarian** noun

to·tal·i·tar·i·an·ism /ˌtoʊˈtælətərənɪzəm/ noun, plural -ties
: centralized control by an autocratic authority
   Synonyms
   ▶ autocracy, despotism, dictatorship, tyranny—more at **DESPOTISM**

to·tal·i·ty /ˌtoʊˈtælətɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1: an aggregate amount: **SUM, WHOLE**
2: **ENTIRETY, WHOLENESS**
   Synonyms
   ▶ aggregate, full, sum, total, whole—more at **WHOLE**

to·tal·iza·tor or to·tal·isa·tor /ˌtoʊˈtæləzəˌteɪtər/ noun
: a machine for registering and indicating the number of bets and the odds on a horse or dog race

to·tal·ly /ˈtoʊləli/ adverb
: in a total manner: to a total or complete degree
   Synonyms
   ▶ absolutely, all, altogether, clean, completely, entirely, fully, quite, utterly, wholly—more at **ALL**
   ▶ completely, exhaustively, fully, minutely, roundly, thoroughly—more at **THOROUGHLY**
**tote** /tōt/ verb **tot·ed, tot·ting**
1 : to carry by hand
2 **tot** verb **tot·ed, tot·ting**
: ADD, TOTAL — usu. used with up

**tot·em** /tōt·əm/ noun
[ORIGIN: Ojibwa oto·te·man his totem]
: an object (as an animal or plant) serving as the emblem of a family or clan and often as a reminder of its ancestry; also : something usu. carved or painted to represent such an object

**totem pole** noun
: a pole that is carved with a series of totems and is erected before the houses of some northwest American Indians

**tot·ter** /tōt·ər/ verb
1 : to tremble or rock as if about to fall : SWAY
2 : to move unsteadily : STAGGER

**tou·can** /tō·kān/ noun
: any of a family of chiefly fruit-eating birds of tropical America with brilliant coloring and a very large bill

**touch** /tōch/ verb
1 : to bring a bodily part (as the hand) into contact with so as to feel
2 : to be or cause to be in contact
3 : to strike or push lightly esp. with the hand or foot
4 : DISTURB, HARM
5 : to make use of <never ~ es alcohol>
6 : to induce to give or lend
7 : to get to : REACH
8 : to refer to in passing : MENTION
9 : to affect the interest of : CONCERN
10 a : to leave a mark on
b : to harm slightly by or as if by contact
11 : to move to sympathetic feeling
12 : to come close : VERGE
13 : to have a bearing : RELATE
14 : to make a usu. brief or incidental stop in port

**touch noun**
1 : a light stroke or tap
2 : the act or fact of touching or being touched
3 : the sense by which pressure or traction on the skin or mucous membrane is perceived; also : a particular sensation conveyed by this sense
4 : mental or moral sensitiveness : TACT
5 : a small quantity : HINT <a ~ of spring in the air>
6 : a manner of striking or touching esp. the keys of a keyboard instrument
7 : an improving detail <add a few ~ es to the painting>
touch-down /ˈtaʊtʃ_ˈdaʊn/ noun
: the act of scoring six points in American football by being lawfully in possession of the ball on, above, or behind an opponent's goal line

touché /ˈtou̇ʃ.ə/ interjection
[origin: F]
— used to acknowledge a hit in fencing or the success of an argument, an accusation, or a witty point

touch football noun
: football in which touching is substituted for tackling

touch-ing adjective
› : capable of stirring emotions
  Synonyms
    • affecting, emotional, impressive, moving, poignant, stirring—more at moving

touch off verb
1 : to describe with precision
2 : to start by or as if by touching with fire
  Synonyms
    • activate, actuate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, trigger, turn on—more at activate

touch-stone /ˈtaʊʃˌstɒn/ noun
› : a test or criterion of genuineness or quality
  Synonyms
    • criterion, grade, mark, measure, par, standard, yardstick—more at standard

touch-tone /ˈtaʊʃ_ˌtōn/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a telephone having push buttons that produce tones corresponding to numbers

touch up verb
: to improve or perfect by small additional strokes or alterations
— touch-up /ˈtaʊʃˌəp/ noun

touchy /ˈtaʊʃ_ə/ adjective touch-i-er; -est
1 : easily offended : peevish
2 : calling for tact in treatment <a ~ subject>
  Synonyms
    • catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, tough, tricky—more at tricky

tough /ˈtaʊf/ adjective
1 : strong or firm in texture but flexible and not brittle
2 : not easily chewed
3 : characterized by severity and determination <a ~ policy>
4 : capable of enduring strain or hardship
5 : hard to influence : stubborn
6 : difficult to accomplish, resolve, or cope with <a ~ problem>
7 : rowdy
— tough-ly adverb
— tough-ness noun
  Synonyms
    • [4] hard, hard-bitten, hardy, rugged, stout, strong, sturdy, vigorous—more at hardy
    • [6] arduous, demanding, difficult, exacting, formidable, hard—more at hard
    • [6] catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tricky—more at tricky

tough noun
› : a tough person : rowdy
  Synonyms
toughen /ˈtaʊfən/ verb toughened; toughening
: to make or become tough
Synonyms
beef, fortify, harden, steel, strengthen—more at strengthen
fortify, harden, season, steel, strengthen—more at harden

toupee /ˈtuːpi/ noun
[Origin: F toupet forelock]
: a small wig for a bald spot
1 tour /ˈtʊr/. 1 is also ˈtɔːr/ noun
1 : one’s turn
2 : a journey in which one returns to the starting point
Synonyms
hitch, stint, tenure, term—more at term
2 tour verb
: to make a tour
Synonyms
journey, travel, trek, voyage—more at travel
tour de force /ˈtʊr.dəˈfɔːrs/ noun, plural tours de force /ˈsmeɪl/ [Origin: F]
: a feat or display of strength, skill, or ingenuity
Tourette’s syndrome /ˈtuːr.ɪts/ noun
: a familial neurological disorder marked by recurrent involuntary tics and vocal sounds
tourism /ˈtʊrizəm/ noun
1 : the practice of traveling for recreation
2 : promotion of touring
3 : accommodation of tourists
tourist /ˈtʊrɪst/ noun
: one that makes a tour for pleasure or culture
Synonyms
excursionist, sightseer, traveler; also vacationer, vacationist; guest, visitor; transient; pilgrim, wayfarer
tourist class noun
: economy accommodations (as on a ship)
tourmaline /ˈtʊr.mləˌlaɪn/ noun
: a mineral that when transparent is valued as a gem
tourniquet /ˈtʊrnəˌkɛt/ noun
1 : a medieval sport in which mounted armored knights contended with blunted lances or swords
2 : a championship series of games or athletic contests
Synonyms
bout, competition, contest, event, game, match, meet—more at game
tourney /ˈtaʊnə/ noun, plural tourneys
: a championship series of games or athletic contests: tournament
tourniquet /ˈtʊrnəˌkɛt/ noun
: a device (as a tight bandage) to check bleeding or blood flow
toussle /ˈtʌzəl/ verb toussled; toussling
: to disorder by rough handling: dishevel
tout /ˈtuːt/. 2 is also ˈtʊt/ verb
1 : to give a tip or solicit bets on a racehorse
2 ▶: to praise or publicize loudly
   — tout noun
     Synonyms
     ▶ acclaim, applaud, cheer, crack up, hail, laud, praise, salute—more at Acclaim
     ▶ ballyhoo, crack up, glorify, plug, promote, publicize, trumpet; also advance, advertise, announce, boost, herald, offer
   1 tow /tou/ verb
     ▶: to draw or pull along behind
     Synonyms
     ▶ drag, draw, hale, haul, lug, pull, tug—more at pull
   2 tow noun
     1: an act of towing or condition of being towed
     2: something (as a barge) that is towed
   3 tow noun
     : short or broken fiber (as of flax or hemp) used esp. for yarn, twine, or stuffing
   to·ward /′tərd, ′tōrd, ′tōrd/ or to·wards /′tərdz, ′tōrdz, ′tōrdz/ preposition
     1: in the direction of <heading ~ the river>
     2: along a course leading to <efforts ~ reconciliation>
     3 ▶: in regard to <tolerance ~ minorities>
     4: so as to face <turn the chair ~ the window>
     5: close upon <it was getting along ~ sundown>
     6: for part payment of <here's $100 ~ your tuition>
     Synonyms
     ▶ about, apropos of, concerning, of, on, regarding, respecting—more at about
   tow·boat /′toʊˈboʊt/ noun
     : tugboat
   tow·el /′touəl/ noun
     : an absorbent cloth or paper for wiping or drying
   tow·el·ing or tow·el·ling noun
     : a cotton or linen fabric for making towels
   1 tower /′toʊər/ noun
     1: a tall structure either isolated or built upon a larger structure <an observation ~> 2: a towering citadel
     3: a personal computer case that stands in an upright position
     — tower·ed adjective
   2 tower verb
     : to reach or rise to a great height
   tow·er·ing adjective
     1 ▶: impressively high or great in size or quality <~ pines>
     2: reaching high intensity <a ~ rage>
     3 ▶: going beyond proper bounds : excessive <~ ambition>
     Synonyms
     ▶ [1] high, lofty, tall—more at high
     ▶ [3] excessive, extreme, immoderate, inordinate, lavish, overmuch
   tow·head /′toʊˌhed/ noun
     : a person having whitish blond hair
     — tow·head·ed /′he̊d/ adjective
   tow·hee /′toʊˌhi/ noun
     : a common finch of eastern No. America having the male black, white, and reddish; also : any of several closely
related finches

- **to wit** adverb
  - **NAMELY**

- **town** /təʊn/ noun
  1: a compactly settled area usu. larger than a village but smaller than a city
  2: a large densely populated urban area: **CITY**
  3: the inhabitants of a town
  4: a New England territorial and political unit usu. containing both rural and urban areas; also: a New England community in which matters of local government are decided by a general assembly (**town meeting**) of qualified voters

- **town house** noun
  1: the city residence of a person having a country home
  2: a single-family house of two or sometimes three stories connected to another house by a common wall

- **town·ie** or **towny** /ˈtʌn·nɪ/ noun, plural **townies**
  - a permanent resident of a town as distinguished from a member of another group

  **Synonyms**
  - burgler—more at **BURGER**

- **towns·folk** /ˈtaʊnzˌfɔːk/ noun plural
  - **TOWNSPEOPLE**

- **town·ship** /ˈtaʊnzʃɪp/ noun
  1: **TOWN**
  2: a unit of local government in some states
  3: an unorganized subdivision of a county
  4: a division of territory in surveys of U.S. public land containing 36 square miles
  5: an area in the Republic of South Africa segregated for occupation by persons of non-European descent

- **towns·man** /ˈtaʊnzˌmæn/ noun
  1: a native or resident of a town or city
  2: a fellow citizen of a town

- **towns·people** /ˈtaʊnzˌpəl/ noun plural
  1: the inhabitants of a town or city
  2: town-bred persons

- **towns·wom·an** /ˈtaʊnzˌwəmən/ noun
  1: a woman who is a native or resident of a town or city
  2: a woman who is a fellow citizen of a town

- **tow·path** /təʊˌpæθ/ noun
  - a path (as along a canal) traveled esp. by draft animals towing boats

- **tow truck** noun
  - a truck equipped for towing vehicles

- **tox·emia** /toʊkˈsiːmə/ noun
  - a bodily disorder associated with the presence of toxic substances in the blood

- **toxic** /təˈsɪk/ adjective
  - of, relating to, or caused by poison or a toxin: **POISONOUS**

  — **toxic·i·ty** /təˈsɪkˈti/ noun

- **tox·i·col·o·gy** /toʊkˈsɪkəˌlɒdʒi/ noun
  - a science that deals with poisons and esp. with problems of their use and control

  — **tox·i·co·log·ic** /toʊkˈsɪkəˈlɒdʒɪk/ adjective
— tox·i·col·o·gist /ˌtōkəˈkələˌjist/ noun

toxic shock syndrome noun
: an acute disease associated with the presence of a bacterium that is characterized by fever, diarrhea, nausea, diffuse erythema, and shock and occurs esp. in menstruating females using tampons

tox·in /ˈtəkˌsən/ noun
: a poisonous substance produced by metabolic activities of a living organism that is usu. unstable, very toxic when introduced into the tissues, and usu. capable of inducing antibodies

  Synonyms
  bane, poison, venom—more at poison

1 toy /tɔ/ noun
  1: something trifling
  2: a small ornament: bauble
  3: something for a child to play with

2 toy verb
  1: to deal with something lightly: trifle
  2: flirt
  3: to amuse oneself as if with a plaything

3 toy adjective
  1: diminutive
  2: designed for use as a toy

tp abbreviation
  1 title page
  2 township

tpk or tpke abbreviation
turnpike

tr abbreviation
  1 translated; translation; translator
  2 transpose
  3 troop

1 trace /træs/ noun
  1 a : a mark (as a footprint or track) left by something that has passed
  b : a path or trail beaten by or as if by the passage of feet
  2 : a minute or barely detectable amount
  3 : a sign or evidence of some past thing

  Synonyms
  [1a] imprint, track, trail—more at track
  [1b] footpath, path, track, trail—more at trail
  [2] glimmer, hint, particle, shadow, suspicion, touch—more at particle
  [3] relic, shadow, vestige—more at vestige

2 trace verb traced; trac·ing
  1 : to mark out: sketch
  2 : to form (as letters) carefully
  3 : to copy (a drawing) by marking lines on transparent paper laid over the drawing to be copied
  4 : to follow the trail of: track down
  5 : to study out and follow the development of

  trace·able adjective

  Synonyms
  [1] define, delineate, outline, silhouette, sketch—more at outline
  [4] chase, dog, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, track, trail—more at follow

3 trace noun
tracer /ˈtræsər/ noun
1 : one that traces
2 : ammunition containing a chemical to mark the flight of projectiles by a trail of smoke or fire
tracer /ˈtræsaˌrē/ noun, plural -er·ies
: ornamental work having a design with branching or interlacing lines
trachea /ˈtrækiə/ noun, plural -che·ae /ˌkē.ə/ also -che·as or -chea
: the main tube by which air passes from the larynx to the lungs of vertebrates
— trache·al /ˈkē.əl/ adjective
tracheotomy /ˈtræki.əˌtəmē/ noun, plural -mies
: the surgical operation of cutting into the trachea esp. through the skin
tracing noun
1 ▶: the act of one that traces
2 : something that is traced
3 : a graphic record made by an instrument for measuring vibrations or pulsations
   Synonyms
   ▶ chase, following, pursuit—more at PURSUIT
1 track /træk/ noun
1 ▶: a mark left in passing
2 ▶: a path, trail, or road made by the passage of animals, people, or vehicles
3 : a course laid out for racing; also : track-and-field sports
4 : one of a series of paths along which material (as music) is recorded (as on a compact disc or magnetic tape)
5 : the course along which something moves; especially : a way made by two parallel lines of metal rails
6 : awareness of a fact or progression <lost ~ of time>
7 : either of two endless metal belts on which a vehicle (as a bulldozer) travels
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] imprint, trace, trail; also footprint, footprint, path, print, step, tread; artifact, evidence, leavings, mark, relic, remainder, reminder, remnant, residual, residue, sign, spoor, telltale, token, vestige; clue, cue, hint, indication, inkling, intimation, suggestion; scent, shadow, whiff
   ▶ [2] footpath, path, trace, trail—more at TRAIL
2 track verb
1 a ▶: to follow the tracks or traces of: TRAIL
   b ▶: to search for by following evidence until found
2 : to observe the moving path of (as a missile)
3 : to make tracks on
4 : to carry (as mud) on the feet and deposit
   — tracker noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] chase, dog, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, trace, trail—more at FOLLOW
   ▶ usually track down [1b] ascertain, descry, detect, determine, dig, discover, find, find out, get, hit, hunt, learn, locate, run down, scout—more at FIND
track·age /ˈtrakˌdʒ/ noun
: lines of railway track
track·and·field adjective
: of or relating to athletic contests held on a running track or on the adjacent field
1 tract /trakt/ noun
1 ▶: an area without precise boundaries <huge ~s of land>
2 ▶: a defined area of land
3 : a system of body parts or organs that act together to perform some function <the digestive ~>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] belt, land, region, zone—more at REGION
[2] field, ground, lot, parcel, plat, plot—more at FIELD

trigger noun
: a pamphlet of political or religious propaganda

tractable /trakˈta bl/ adjective
: easily controlled: DOCILE

Synonyms
- amenable, compliant, conformable, docile, obedient, submissive—more at OBEDIENT

tract house noun
: any of many similar houses built on a tract of land

traction /ˈtrækʃən/ noun
1: the act of drawing: the state of being drawn
2: the drawing of a vehicle by motive power; also: the particular form of motive power used
3: the adhesive friction of a body on a surface on which it moves
4: a pulling force applied to a skeletal structure (as a broken bone) by means of a special device; also: a state of tension created by such a pulling force <a leg in ~>

- tractional /ˈtrækʃəNL/ adjective

- tractive /ˈtræk tiv/ adjective

tractor /ˈtræk tar/ noun
1: an automotive vehicle used esp. for drawing farm equipment
2: a truck for hauling a trailer

trade /trād/ noun
1 ▶: one's regular business or work: OCCUPATION
2 ▶: an occupation requiring manual or mechanical skill
3: the persons engaged in a business or industry
4 ▶: the business of buying and selling or bartering commodities
5 ▶: an act of trading

Synonyms
- [1] calling, employment, line, occupation, profession, vocation, work—more at OCCUPATION
- [2] craft, handicraft—more at CRAFT
- [4] business, commerce, marketplace, traffic—more at COMMERCE
- [5] barter, commutation, exchange, swap, truck—more at EXCHANGE
- [5] deal, sale, transaction—more at SALE

2 trade verb traded; trading
1 ▶: to give in exchange for another commodity
2 ▶: to engage in the exchange, purchase, or sale of goods
3 ▶: to deal regularly as a customer

- trade on

: EXPLOIT <trades on his family name>

Synonyms

- change, commute, exchange, shift, substitute, swap, switch—more at CHANGE

trade-in /trādˌɪn/ noun
: an item of merchandise traded in

trade in verb
: to turn in as part payment for a purchase

1 trademark /trādˈmārk/ noun
1 a: a device (as a word or mark) that points distinctly to the origin or ownership of merchandise to which it is applied and that is legally reserved for the exclusive use of the owner
b ▶: something that identifies a person or thing

Synonyms

- emblem, hallmark, logo, symbol—more at EMBLEM
2 trademark verb
: to secure the trademark rights for

trade name noun
: a name that is given by a manufacturer or merchant to a product to distinguish it as made or sold by him and that may be used and protected as a trademark

trad·er /tr̃d̄.dər/ noun
1 : a person whose business is buying or selling
2 : a ship engaged in trade

Synonyms
dealer, merchant, trafficker—more at MERCHANT

trades·man /tr̃d̄.z.mən/ noun
1 : one who runs a retail store
2 : a worker in a skilled trade : CRAFTSMAN

trades·peo·ple /ˌpr̃də.ˈpəl/ noun plural
: people engaged in trade

trade union noun
: LABOR UNION

trade wind noun
: a wind blowing almost constantly in one direction

trading stamp noun
: a printed stamp given as a premium to a retail customer that when accumulated may be redeemed for merchandise

tra·di·tion /tr̃.də.ʃən/ noun
1 : an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought or action
2 : the handing down of beliefs and customs by word of mouth or by example without written instruction; also : a belief or custom thus handed down

Synonyms
folklore, legend, lore, myth, mythology—more at FOLKLORE

tra·di·tion·al /tr̃.də.ʃə.nəl/ adjective
1 : consisting of or derived from tradition <~ history>
2 : based on an order, code, or practice accepted from the past <~ morality>
3 : observant of or holding to such traditions <~ professor>
— tra·di·tion·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
[2] classical, conventional, customary; also authentic, established, fixed, historical; common, habitual, orthodox, usual; ancestral, historic, old-time, old-world; aged, age-old, ancient, hoary, old, venerable; ageless, dateless, immemorial, timeless

Antonyms
nontraditional, unconventional, uncust omom

[3] conservative, old-fashioned, orthodox, reactionary—more at CONSERVATIVE

tra·du·ce /tr̃.d̄.d̄.s..d̄.jús/ verb tra·duced; tra·duc·ing
: to lower the reputation of : SLANDER

— tra·duc·er noun

Synonyms
blacken, defame, libel, malign, slander, smear, vilify—more at SLANDER

tra·f·ic /tr̃.f̄.k/ noun
1 : the business of bartering or buying and selling
2 : communication or dealings between individuals or groups
3 : the movement (as of vehicles) along a route; also : the vehicles, people, ships, or planes moving along a route
4 : the passengers or cargo carried by a transportation system

Synonyms
business, commerce, marketplace, trade—more at COMMERCE

traffic verb traf·ficked; traf· fick· ing
1: to carry on business dealings
2: DEAL, TRADE

traffic circle noun
: ROTARY

traf· fick· er noun
: a buyer and seller of commodities for profit
  Synonyms
  dealer, merchant, trader—more at MERCHANT

traffic light noun
: a visual signal (as a system of lights) for controlling traffic

tra· ge· di· an /traˈdʒə di ən/ noun
1: a writer of tragedies
2: an actor who plays tragic roles

tra· ge· di· en· ne /traˈdʒə di ən/ noun
[origin: F]
: an actress who plays tragic roles

trag·e· dy /traˈje di ə/ noun, plural -dies
1: a serious drama with a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion
2 †: a disastrous event: CALAMITY; also: MISFORTUNE
3: tragic quality or element <the ~ of life>
  Synonyms
  calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, debacle, disaster, misfortune—more at DISASTER

trag·ic /traˈjik/ also trag·i·cal /ˈtraj i kəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or expressive of tragedy
2: appropriate to tragedy
3: LAMENTABLE, UNFORTUNATE
  — trag·i·cal·ly /ˈtraj i kə lə/ adverb

trail /træl/ verb
1: to hang down so as to drag along or sweep the ground
2: to draw or drag along behind
3: to extend over a surface in a straggling manner
4: to lag behind
5 †: to follow the track of: PURSUE
6: DWINDLE <her voice ~ed off>
  Synonyms
  chase, dog, follow, hound, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, trace, track—more at FOLLOW

trail noun
1: something that trails or is trailed <a ~ of smoke>
2: a trace or mark left by something that has passed or been drawn along: TRACK <a ~ of blood>
3 †: a beaten path; also: a marked path through woods
  Synonyms
  footpath, path, trace, track; also towpath; bypath, byway, detour, passageway, walkway; detour, shortcut; course, passage, road, route, run, runway, way

trail bike noun
: a small motorcycle for off-road use

trail· blaz· er /ˈtrā lə zər/ noun
— trail·blaz·ing adjective or noun

trail·er /trāˈlər/ noun
1 : one that trails; especially : a creeping plant (as an ivy)
2 : a vehicle that is hauled by another (as a tractor)
3 : a vehicle equipped to serve wherever parked as a dwelling or place of business

4 : PREVIEW 2
   Synonyms
   ‣ camper, caravan, motor home—more at CAMPER

trailing arbutus noun
: a creeping spring-flowering plant of the heath family with fragrant pink or white flowers

1 train /trēn/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. trainer to draw, drag]
1 : a part of a gown that trails behind the wearer
2 : a group of retainers or attendants : RETINUE
3 : a moving file of persons, vehicles, or animals
4 : a connected series <a ~ of thought>
5 : AFTERMATH
6 : a connected line of railroad cars usu. hauled by a locomotive
   Synonyms
   ‣ [2] cortège, following, retinue, suite—more at CORTEGE
   ‣ [3] column, cue, file, line, queue, range, string—more at LINE
   ‣ [4] chain, progression, sequence, string—more at CHAIN

2 train verb
[origin: ME, to trail, drag, train, fr. AF trainer]
1 : to cause to grow as desired <a vine on a trellis>
2 a : to form by instruction, discipline, or drill
   b : to teach so as to make fit, qualified, or proficient
3 : to make or become prepared (as by exercise) for a test of skill
4 : to aim at an object or objective <guns on a fort>

— train·er noun
   Synonyms
   ‣ [2b] educate, indoctrinate, instruct, school, teach, tutor—more at TEACH
   ‣ [4] concentrate, fasten, focus, rivet—more at CONCENTRATE
   ‣ [4] aim, bend, cast, direct, head, level, set—more at AIM

train·ee /trēn/ noun
: one who is being trained esp. for a job

train·ing noun
1 : the act, process, or method of one who trains
2 : the skill, knowledge, or experience gained by one who trains
   Synonyms
   ‣ education, instruction, teaching, tutelage—more at EDUCATION

train·man /ˈmæn/ noun
: a member of a train crew

traipse /trāp/ verb traipsed; traips·ing
1 : to go on foot : WALK
2 : to walk or travel about without apparent plan but with or without a purpose
   Synonyms
   ‣ [1] foot, leg, pad, step, tread, walk—more at WALK
   ‣ [2] gad, gallivant, knock, meander, meander, mope, ramble, roam, rove, wander—more at WANDER

trait /trēt/ noun
1 : a distinguishing quality (as of personality) : PECULIARITY
2: an inherited characteristic

**Synonyms**
- attribute, character, characteristic, feature, mark, peculiarity, point, property, quality—more at **CHARACTERISTIC**

**traitor /trāˈtər/ noun**
-Origin: ME traytour, fr. AF traitre, fr. L. traditor, fr. tradere to hand over, deliver, betray, fr. trans- across + dare to give

1: one who betrays another's trust or is false to an obligation
2: one who commits treason

**Synonyms**
- apostate, betrayer, double-crosser, quisling, recreant, turncoat; also collaborator, subversive; conspirator, plotter, schemer; defector, deserter, renegade; gossip, informant, informer, rat, talker, tattler, tattletale

**traitorous /trāˈtərəs/ adjective**

1: guilty or capable of treason
2: constituting treason <~ activities>

**Synonyms**
- disloyal, faithless, false, fickle, inconstant, loose, perfidious, recreant, treacherous, unfaithful, untrue—more at **FAITHLESS**

**trajectory /trəˈje-kərē/ noun, plural -ries**
: the curve that a body (as a planet in its orbit) describes in space

**tram /trām/ noun**
1: a boxlike car running on rails (as in a mine)
2 chiefly British: **streetcar**
3: an overhead cable car

**trammel /trāˈmēl/ noun**
-Origin: ME tramele, a kind of net, fr. MF tremail, fr. LL tremaculum, fr. L tres three + macula mesh, spot

1: something impeding activity, progress, or freedom — usu. used in pl.

**Synonyms**
- chain, encumbrance, fetter, hindrance, interference, manacle, shackle—more at **ENCUMBRANCE**

2 trammel verb -meled or -melled; -mel·ing or -mel·ling
1: to catch and hold in or as if in a net
2: to prevent or impede the free play of: **hamper**

**Synonyms**
- fetter, hamper, hinder, hobble, impede, inhibit, interfere, manacle, shackle, tie up—more at **hamper**

**tramp /trāmp, 1 & 3 are also trāmp, träm/ verb**
1: to walk, tread, or step heavily
2: to walk about or through; also: **HIKE**
3: to tread on forcibly and repeatedly

**Synonyms**
- [1, 3] clump, lumber, pound, stamp, stomp, trample, tromp—more at **LUMBER**

2 tramp /trāmp, 5 is also trāmp, träm/ noun
1: a foot traveler
2: a begging or thieving vagrant
3: an immoral woman; especially: **prostitute**
4: a walking trip: **HIKE**
5: the succession of sounds made by the beating of feet on a road
6: a ship that does not follow a regular course but takes cargo to any port

**Synonyms**
- bum, hobo, vagabond, vagrant; also drifter, transient; beggar, derelict; dodger, malingering, shirker, slacker; gamine,urchin, waif, ragamuffin

**trample /trāmˈpəl/ verb tramped; trampling**
1: to tread heavily so as to bruise, crush, or injure
2: to inflict injury or destruction
3: to press down or crush by or as if by treading
   — trample noun
   — trampler noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ stamp, stomp, tramp, tromp; also override, run down, run over, step (on); mash, smash, squash; boot, kick

trampoline /ˌträmpəˈlin/ noun [Origin: It trampolino springboard]
: a resilient sheet or web (as of nylon) supported by springs in a metal frame and used as a springboard in tumbling
   — trampoline-ist /ˌtræmpəˈlinˌɪst/ noun
1: STUPOR, DAZE
2: a sleeplike state of altered consciousness (as of deep hypnosis)
3: a state of very deep absorption
   Synonyms
   ▶ reverie, study, woolgathering—more at REVERIE

tranquil /ˈtrænkwəl/ adj adjective
: free from agitation or disturbance
   — tranquil-ly adv adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ calm, hushed, peaceful, quiet, restful, serene, still—more at QUIET
   ▶ calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM

tranquil-ize also tranquil-lize /ˌtræŋkwəˈlaɪz, ˈtræŋkwəˈlaɪz/ verb -ized also -lized; -iz·ing also -liz·ing
: to make or become tranquil; especially: to relieve of mental tension and anxiety by means of drugs
   Synonyms
   ▶ allay, calm, compose, quiet, settle, soothe, still—more at CALM

tranquil-izer also tranquil-lizer /ˌtræŋkwəˈlaɪzər/ noun
: a drug used to relieve mental disturbance (as tension and anxiety)

tranquil·li·ty /ˌtræŋkwəˈlaɪtē, ˈtræŋkwəˈlaɪtē/ or tranquil·i·ty /ˌtræŋkwəˈlaɪtē, ˈtræŋkwəˈlaɪtē/ noun
: the quality or state of being tranquil
   Synonyms
   ▶ calm, calmness, hush, peace, placidity, quiet, quietness, repose, serenity, still, stillness—more at CALM
   ▶ aplomb, calmness, composure, coolness, equanimity, placidity, self-possession, serenity—more at EQUANIMITY

trans abbreviation
1 transaction
2 transitive
3 translated; translation; translator
4 transmission
5 transportation
6 transverse

transact /trænzˈæk/, ˈzeɪk/ verb
: CARRY OUT, PERFORM; also: CONDUCT

trans·ac·tion /ˌtrænzəˈkeɪn, ˌzeɪkən/ noun
1: something transacted; especially: a business deal
2: an act or process of transacting
3 plural: the records of the proceedings of a society or organization
**Synonyms**
- deal, sale, trade—more at \textit{SALE}

\texttt{trans-at-lan-\texttt{ti}c} /\textit{trans-at-lan-tik}, \textit{franz}/ adjective
: crossing or extending across or situated beyond the Atlantic Ocean

\texttt{trans-ax-le} /\textit{trans-\texttt{ak}-\texttt{sa}l}/ noun
: a unit combining the transmission and differential gear of a front-wheel-drive automobile

\texttt{trans-ceiv-er} /\textit{trans-\texttt{shee}-\texttt{var}}/ noun
: a radio transmitter-receiver that uses many of the same components for both transmission and reception

\texttt{trans-send} /\textit{trans-send}/ verb
1: to rise above the limits of
2: to rise above or go beyond the limits of \textit{SURPASS}

**Synonyms**
- beat, better, eclipse, excel, outdistance, outdo, outshine, outstrip, surpass, top—more at \textit{SURPASS}

\texttt{trans-scen-dent} /\textit{trans-sen-dant}/ adjective
1: exceeding usual limits: \textit{SURPASSING}
2: transcending material existence

\texttt{trans-scen-den-tal} /\textit{trans-sen-den-tal}/ adjective
1: \textit{TRANSCENDENT}
2: of, relating to, or characteristic of transcendentalism; also: \textit{ABSTRUSE}

\texttt{trans-scen-den-tal-ism} /\textit{trans-sen-den-tal-ism}/ noun
: a philosophy holding that ultimate reality is unknowable or asserting the primacy of the spiritual over the material and empirical

\texttt{trans-scen-den-tal-ist} /\textit{trans-sen-den-tal-ist}/ adjective or noun

\texttt{trans-con-ti-ne-nal} /\textit{trans-\texttt{kon}-\texttt{ti}-\texttt{ne}-\texttt{tal}}/ adjective
: extending or going across a continent

\texttt{transcribe} /\textit{trans-krib}/ verb transcribed; transcribing
1: to write a copy of
2: to make a copy of (dictated or recorded matter) in longhand or on a typewriter
3: to represent (speech sounds) by means of phonetic symbols; also: to make a musical transcription of

\texttt{trans-script} /\textit{trans-skrip-t}/ noun
1: a written, printed, or typed copy
2: an official copy esp. of a student's educational record

\texttt{trans-scrip-tion} /\textit{trans-skip-shun}/ noun
1: an act or process of transcribing
2: \textit{COPY}, \textit{TRANSCRIPT}
3: an arrangement of a musical composition for some instrument or voice other than the original

\texttt{trans-scrip-tion-ist} /\textit{trans-skip-shun-ist}/ noun
: one that transcribes; especially: a typist who transcribes medical reports

\texttt{trans-der-mal} /\textit{trans-\texttt{der}-mal}, \textit{franz}/ adjective
: relating to, being, or supplying a medication in a form for absorption through the skin \textit{<~ nicotine patch>}

\texttt{transduc-er} /\textit{trans-duh-\texttt{ser}}, \textit{franz}, \textendash{}, \textit{dyu}/ noun
: a device that is actuated by power from one system and supplies power usu. in another form to a second system

\texttt{trans-sept} /\textit{trans-sept}/ noun
: the part of a cruciform church that crosses at right angles to the greatest length; also: either of the projecting ends

\texttt{trans-fat} /\textit{trans-flahz}, \textit{franz}/ noun
: a fat containing unsaturated fatty acids (\textit{trans-fatty acids}) that have been linked to an increase in blood cholesterol

\texttt{transfer} /\textit{trans-fer}, \textit{trans-fer}/ verb transferred; transferring
1: to pass or cause to pass from one person, place, or situation to another
2: to make over the possession of
3: to print or copy from one surface to another by contact
4: to change from one vehicle or transportation line to another
— transferable

— transferal

— Synonyms

transfer /ˈtrænsˌfər/ noun
1: conveyance of right, title, or interest in property from one person to another
2: an act or process of transferring
3: one that transfers or is transferred
4: a ticket entitling a passenger to continue a trip on another route

— Synonyms

transference /ˈtrænsfərəns/ noun
1: an act, process, or instance of transferring

transfigure /ˈtrænsˌfɪɡər/ verb -ured; -ur·ing
1: to change the form or appearance of
2: EXALT, GLORIFY

— Synonyms

transfix /ˈtrænsfɪks/ verb
1: to pierce through with or as if with a pointed weapon
2: to hold motionless by or as if by piercing

— Synonyms

gore, harpoon, impale, lance, pierce, puncture, skewer, spear, spike, stab, stick—more at IMPALE

transform /ˈtrænsfɔːrm/ verb
1: to change in structure, appearance, or character

— Synonyms

convert, make over, metamorphose, transfigure—more at CONVERT

transformation /ˈtrænsfɑːr·mə·ʃən/ noun
1: an act, process, or instance of transforming or being transformed

— Synonyms

changeover, conversion, metamorphosis, transfiguration—more at CONVERSION

transformer /ˈtrænsˌfɔr·mər/ noun
1: one that transforms; especially: a device for converting variations of current in one circuit into variations of voltage and current in another circuit

transfuse /ˈtrænsˌfyüz/ verb trans·fused; trans·fus·ing
1: to cause to pass from one to another
2: to diffuse into or through
3: to transfer (as blood) into a vein or an artery of a person or animal
— transfusion /ˈtrænˈfyü.zhən/ noun

— Synonyms
communicate, convey, impart, spread, transfer, transmit—more at \textsc{communicate}

percolate, permeate, suffuse—more at \textsc{permeate}

\textbf{trans\-gen\-der} /\textsc{trans\-jen\-der}/ adjective
: having physical or behavioral characteristics transcending traditional gender boundaries

\textbf{trans\-gen\-ic} /\textsc{trans\-gen\-ik}/ adjective
: being or used to produce an organism or cell with genes introduced from another species of organism \textless~crops~\textgreater

\textbf{trans\-gress} /\textsc{trans\-gres\-tə}/ verb
[\textsc{ORIGIN}: ME, fr. MF transgresser, fr. L transgressus, pp. of transgredi to step beyond or across, fr. trans- across + \textit{gradi} to step]
1 : to go beyond the limits set by \textless~the divine law~\textgreater
2 : to go beyond: \textsc{exceed}
3 : to violate a command or law: \textsc{sine}

\textit{transg\-ress\-or} /\textsc{trans\-gres\-sər}/ noun
\textbf{Synonyms}

\textit{transg\-ress\-ion} /\textsc{trans\-gres\-ʃən}/ noun
\textbf{Synonyms}

\textit{transient} /\textsc{trans\-i\-ənt}/ adjective
1 : not lasting long: \textsc{short-lived}
2 : passing through a place with only a brief stay

\textit{transient\-ly} adverb
\textbf{Synonyms}

\textit{transient} noun
: one that is transient; especially: a transient guest

\textit{trans\-sis\-tor} /\textsc{trans\-zis\-tər}/ noun
[\textsc{ORIGIN}: \textit{transfer} + \textit{resistor}; fr. its transferring an electrical signal across a resistor]
1 : a small electronic semiconductor device used in electronic equipment
2 : a radio having transistors

\textit{trans\-sis\-tor\-ized} /\textsc{trans\-zi\-təzd}/ adjective
: having or using transistors

\textit{trans\-sit} /\textsc{trans\-sit}/ noun
1 : a passing through, across, or over: \textsc{passage}
2 : conveyance of persons or things from one place to another
3 : usu. local transportation esp. of people by public conveyance
4 : a surveyor's instrument for measuring angles

\textit{trans\-si\-tion} /\textsc{trans\-si\-ʃən}/ noun
: passage from one state, place, stage, or subject to another: \textsc{change}

\textit{trans\-si\-tive} /\textsc{trans\-si\-tiv}/ adjective
1 : having or containing an object required to complete the meaning
2 : \textsc{transitional}

\textit{trans\-si\-tiv\-ly} adverb

\textit{trans\-si\-tiv\-ity} /\textsc{trans\-si\-tiv\-iti}/ noun
transitory /ˈtran·si·tōr·ē/ adjective
: of brief duration: SHORT- LIVED

translate /ˈtræn·səˌlāt/ verb translated; translation
1 : to change from one place, state, or form to another
2 : to convey to heaven without death
3 a : to turn into one's own or another language
   b : to express in different terms and esp. different words
   — translatable adjective
   — translation /ˌtræn·səˌlā·shən/ noun
      Synonyms
      ♦ paraphrase, rephrase, restate—more at PARAPHRASE

translation /ˌtræn·səˌlā·shən/ noun
1 ♦ : an act, process, or instance of translating
2 : the process of forming a protein molecule from information in messenger RNA
      Synonyms
      ♦ paraphrase—more at PARAPHRASE

transliterate /ˌtræn·səˌlā·rāt/ verb -lated; -lating
: to represent or spell in the characters of another alphabet
   — transliteration /ˌtræn·səˌlā·rā·shən/ noun

translucent /ˌtræn·səˌlənt/ adjective
: not transparent but clear enough to allow light to pass through
   — translucence /ˌtræn·səˌləns/ noun
   — translucency /ˌtræn·səˌləns·ē/ noun
   — translucently adverb

transmigrate /ˈtræn·zmig·rēt/ verb
: to pass at death from one body or being to another
   — transmigration /ˈtræn·zmig·rā·shən/ noun
   — transmigrate to /ˌtræn·zmig·rē·tō·rē/ adjective

transmission /ˌtræn·zən·ʃən/ noun
1 : an act or process of transmitting
2 : the passage of radio waves between transmitting stations and receiving stations
3 : the gears by which power is transmitted from the engine of an automobile to the axle that propels the vehicle
4 : something transmitted
   — transmissible adjective
      Synonyms
      ♦ communicable, communicable, contagious—more at COMMUNICATE
      ♦ consign, dispatch, pack, send, ship, transfer, transport—more at SEND

transmittable /ˌtræn·zmī·tə·bəl/ adjective
: capable of being transmitted
      Synonyms
      ♦ catching, communicable, contagious—more at CONTAGIOUS
trans·mit·ter /ˈmɪtər/ noun
: one that transmits; especially : an apparatus for transmitting telegraph, radio, or television signals

trans·mog·ri·fy /ˈtrænsˌmɑɡrəˌfı, ˈtrænz-/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
: to change or alter often with grotesque or humorous effect
— trans·mog·ri·ca·tion /ˈtrænsˌmɑɡrəˌkeɪˈʃən/ noun

trans·mute /ˈtrænsmjuːt/ verb trans·mu·ted; trans·mut·ing
: to change or alter in form, appearance, or nature
— trans·mu·ta·tion /ˈtrænsˌmuːtəˈʃən/ noun

trans·na·tion·al /ˈtraŋnəʃənəl/ adjective
: extending beyond national boundaries

trans·oce·an·ic /ˈtraŋsˌoʊʃənɪk, ˈtraŋsˈoʊʃənɪk/ adjective
1: lying or dwelling beyond the ocean
2: crossing or extending across the ocean

trans·om /ˈtrænsəm/ noun
1: a piece (as a crossbar in the frame of a window or door) that lies crosswise in a structure
2: a window above an opening (as a door) built on and often hinged to a horizontal crossbar

trans·son·ic also trans–son·ic /ˈtrænsˈsɑnɪk/ adjective
: being or relating to speeds near that of sound in air or about 741 miles (1185 kilometers) per hour

trans·pa·cif·ic /ˈtrænsˌpekˈsɪfɪk/ adjective
: crossing, extending across, or situated beyond the Pacific Ocean

trans·par·ent /ˈtrænsˌpærənt/ adjective
1: clear enough to be seen through
2: fine or sheer enough to be seen through <a ~ fabric>
3: readily understood : CLEAR; also : easily detected <a ~ lie>
— trans·par·en·cy /ˈtrænsˌpeərənsi/ noun
— trans·par·ent·ly adverb

trans·spi·re /ˈtrænsˌspɪr/ verb trans·spir·ed; trans·spir·ing
[origin: MF transpirer, fr. ML transpirare, fr. trans- across + spirare to breathe]
1: to pass or give off (as water vapor) through pores or a membrane
2: to become known
3: to take place : HAPPEN
— trans·spi·ra·tion /ˈtrænsˌspɪrəˈʃən/ noun

trans·plant /ˈtrænsˌplænt/ verb
1: to dig up and plant elsewhere
2: to remove from one place and settle or introduce elsewhere : TRANSPORT
3: to transfer (an organ or tissue) from one part or individual to another
— trans·plan·ta·tion /ˈtrænsˌplænˈteɪʃən/ noun

trans·po·lar /ˈtrænsˌpəlær/ adjective
transponder /ˈtræspəndər/ noun
[origin: transmitter + responder]
: a radio or radar set that upon receiving a certain signal emits a radio signal and that is used to locate and identify objects and in satellites to relay communications signals

1 transport /ˈtræspɔr t/ verb
1: to convey from one place to another
2: to carry away by strong emotion: ENRAPTURE
3: to send to a penal colony overseas
— transport•er noun

Synonyms
▷ [1] consign, dispatch, pack, send, ship, transfer, transmit—more at SEND
▷ [1] bear, carry, cart, convey, ferry, haul, lug, pack, tote—more at CARRY
▷ [2] carry away, enrapture, enthral, entrance, ravish—more at ENTRANCE
▷ [3] banish, deport, displace, exile, expatriate—more at BANISH

2 transport /ˈtræspɔr t/ noun
1: an act of transporting
2: strong or intensely pleasurable emotion <s of joy>
3: a ship used in transporting troops or supplies; also: a vehicle (as a truck or plane) used to transport persons or goods

Synonyms
▷ [2] ecstasy, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, intoxication, paradise, rapture, rhapsody—more at ECSTASY
▷ [3] conveyance, vehicle—more at CONVEYANCE

transpor•ta•tion /ˌtræspərˈteɪʃən/ noun
1: an act, process, or instance of transporting or being transported
2: means of conveyance or travel from one place to another

trans•pose /ˈtræspoz/ verb trans•posed; trans•posing
1: to change the position or sequence of <~ the letters in a word>
2: to write or perform (a musical composition) in a different key
— trans•po•si•tion /ˌtræspəˈziʃən/ noun

trans•sex•u•al /ˈtræsˌsekʃuəl/ noun
: a person who psychologically identifies with the opposite sex and may seek to live as a member of this sex esp. by undergoing surgery to modify the external sex organs

trans•ship /ˈtræshəp, ˈtræs•/ verb
: to transfer for further transportation from one ship or conveyance to another
— trans•ship•ment noun

trans•sub•stan•ti•a•tion /ˌtræzˌsubˈstæntʃəˈteɪʃən/ noun
: the change in the eucharistic elements from the substance of bread and wine to the substance of the body of Christ with only the appearances of bread and wine remaining

trans•verse /ˈtræsvers, trænz/ adjective
: lying across : set crosswise
— trans•verse /ˈtræsvers, trænz/ noun

transverse•ly adverb
▷: in a transverse direction or line

Synonyms
▷ athwart, crosswise, obliquely—more at CROSSWISE

trans•ves•tite /ˌtræsˌvɛstɪt, trænz/ noun
: a person and esp. a male who adopts the dress and often the behavior of the opposite sex
— transvestite adjective

1 trap /trɑːp/ noun
   1 : a device for catching animals
   2 : something by which one is caught unawares; also : a situation from which escape is difficult or impossible
   3 : a machine for throwing clay pigeons into the air; also : SAND TRAP
   4 : a light one-horse carriage on springs
   5 : a device to allow some one thing to pass through while keeping other things out <a ~ in a drainpipe>
   6 plural : a group of percussion instruments (as in a dance orchestra)

   Synonyms
   ▶ ambush, net, snare, web; also entanglement, entrapment; booby trap, catch, hazard, pitfall, snag; deception, ploy, ruse, subterfuge, trick
   ▶ ambush, surprise—more at AMBUSH

2 trap verb trapped; trapping
   1 ▶ : to catch in or as if in a trap; also : CONFINE
   2 : to provide or set (a place) with traps
   3 : to set traps for animals esp. as a business

   — trapper noun

   Synonyms
   ▶ confine, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, mesh, snare, tangle—more at ENTANGLE

3 trap·door /trɑːpˈdɔːr/ noun
   : a lifting or sliding door covering an opening in a floor or roof

4 trapeze /traˈpez/ noun
   : a gymnastic apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar suspended by two parallel ropes

5 trap·e·zoid /traˈpezəˌwid/ noun
   [origin: NL trapezoïdes, fr. Gk trapezoidēs trapezoidal, fr. trapeza table, fr. tra- four + peza foot]
   : a 4-sided polygon with exactly two sides parallel

   — trap·e·zo·id·al /traˈpezəˌwɪdəl/ adjective

6 trap·pings /traˈpɪninz/ noun plural
   1 : CAPARISON
   2 : outward decoration or dress; also : outward sign <~ of success>

7 traps /træps/ noun plural
   : personal belongings : LUGGAGE

8 trap·shoot·ing /træpˌʃuːtɪŋ/ noun
   : shooting at clay pigeons sprung from a trap into the air away from the shooter

9 trash /træʃ/ noun
   1 a ▶ : something of little worth : RUBBISH
   b ▶ : empty talk : NONSENSE
   2 a : a worthless person
   b ▶ : such persons as a group : RIFFRAFF

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] chaff, deadwood, dust, garbage, junk, litter, refuse, riffraff, rubbish, scrap, waste—more at GARBAGE
   ▶ [1b] bunk, claptap, drivel, fiddlesticks, folly, foolishness, fudge, hogwash, humbug, nonsense, piffle, rot, silliness, slush, stupidity—more at NONSENSE
   ▶ [2b] rabble, riffraff, scum—more at RABBLE

2 trash verb
   1 : VANDALIZE, DESTROY
   2 : ATTACK
   3 : SPOIL, RUIN
   4 : to criticize or disparage harshly
trashy /ˈtrashē/ adjective trash·i·er; -i·est
   : being, resembling, or containing trash : of inferior quality
   Synonyms
      ✷ dowdy, inelegant, tacky, tasteless, unfastionable, unstylish—more at TACKY
      ✷ cheap, common, cut-rate, inferior, junky, lousy, mediocre, miserable, poor, rotten, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy

trau·ma /ˈtraʊ.mə, ˈtrō.mə/ noun, plural traumas also trau·ma·ta /ˌtraʊ.mə.teɪt, ˌtrō.mə-/-teɪt-
[origin: Gk, wound]
   : a bodily or mental injury usu. caused by an external agent; also : a cause of trauma
   — tra·u·mat·ic /ˈtraʊ.mət.ɪk, ˈtrō.mə-/-teɪt./ adjective
   ✷ to inflict trauma upon
1 trav·el /ˈtra.vəl, ˈtra.vəl/ noun
   1 ✷ : painful work or exertion : TOIL
   2 : AGONY, TORMENT
   3 : CHILDBIRTH, LABOR
   Synonyms
      ✷ drudgery, grind, labor, slavery, sweat, toil—more at TOIL
2 trav·el verb
   : to labor hard : TOIL
1 trav·el /ˈtra.vəl/ verb -eled or -elled; -el·ing or -el·ling
[origin: ME travaileyn to torment, labor, journey, fr. AF travailler strive, fr. VL *trepaliare to torture, fr. LL trepalium instrument of torture]
   1 ✷ : to go on or as if on a trip or tour : JOURNEY
   2 : to move as if by traveling <news ~s fast>
   3 : ASSOCIATE
   4 : to go from place to place as a sales representative
   5 : to move from point to point <light waves ~ very fast>
   6 ✷ : to journey over or through ~ing the highways
   Synonyms
      ✷ [1] journey, tour, trek, voyage; also gallivant, hop, jaunt, knock (about), ramble, roam, rove, traipse, wander; cruise, drive, fly, jet, motor, navigate, sail
      ✷ [6] cover, crisscross, cross, cut, follow, go, pass, proceed, traverse—more at TRAVERSE
travel·er /ˈtra.və.lər/ or travel·ler noun
   ✷ : one that travels : one that takes a journey
   Synonyms
      ✷ excursionist, sightseer, tourist—more at TOURIST
2 travel noun
   1 : the act of traveling : PASSAGE
   2 : JOURNEY, TRIP — often used in pl.
   3 : the number traveling : TRAFFIC
   4 : the motion of a piece of machinery and esp. when to and fro
traveler's check noun
   : a check paid for in advance that is signed when bought and signed again when cashed
traveling bag noun
   ✷ : a portable case designed to hold a traveler's clothing and personal articles : SUITCASE
   Synonyms
      ✷ carryall, grip, handbag, portmanteau, suitcase; also carpetbag, duffel bag, kit; backpack, haversack, knapsack; attaché case, valise; baggage, bags, luggage
travel·ogue or travel·og /'tra.vəˌlōg, _ləg/ noun
: a usu. illustrated lecture on travel

1traverse /'tra.vərs/ noun
: something that crosses or lies across

2traverse /traˌvərs, trəˌvərs, trəˈvərs/ verb tra·versed; tra·vers·ing
1 : to go or travel across or over
2 : to move or pass along or through
3 : to extend over
4 : SWIVEL
   Synonyms
   cover, crisscross, cross, cut, follow, go, pass, proceed, travel; also hike, tread, walk; ride

3traverse /'tra.vərs/ adjective
: TRANSVERSE

trav·er·tine /'tra.vərˌtīn, _tīn/ noun
: a crystalline mineral formed by deposition from spring waters

1travesty /'tra.vestē/ verb -tied; -ty·ing
   : to make a travesty of
   Synonyms
   burlesque, caricature, imitate, mimic, mock, parody, take off—more at MIMIC

2travesty noun, plural -ties
   : an imitation that makes crude fun of something; also : an inferior imitation
   Synonyms
   caricature, farce, joke, mockery, parody, sham—more at MOCKERY

1trawl /trōl/ verb
: to fish or catch with a trawl
   — trawl·er noun

2trawl noun
1 : a large conical net dragged along the sea bottom in fishing
2 : a long heavy fishing line equipped with many hooks in series

tray /'trā/ noun
: an open receptacle with flat bottom and low rim for holding, carrying, or exhibiting articles

treach·er·ous /'tre.chərəs/ adjective
1 : characterized by treachery
2 : UNTRUSTWORTHY, UNRELIABLE
3 : providing insecure footing or support
   — treach·er·ous·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   disloyal, faithless, false, fickle, inconstant, loose, perfidious, recreant, traitorous, unfaithful, untrue—more at FAITHLESS

treach·er·y /'tre.chərē/ noun, plural -er·ies
   : violation of allegiance or trust
   Synonyms
   betrayal, disloyalty, double cross, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, treason, unfaithfulness—more at BETRAYAL

trea·cle /'trēˌkāl/ noun
MOLASSES — trea·cly /trēˈklē/ adjective

1 tread /tread/ verb trod /trod/, trod·den /trōd·ən/ or trod; tread·ing
1 : to step or walk on or over
2 ▶ to move on foot : WALK
3 : to beat or press with the feet
— tread water
: to stay afloat and upright in water by sustaining a walking motion

Synonyms
foot, leg, pad, step, traipse, walk—more at WALK

tread noun
1 : a mark made by or as if by treading
2 : the manner or sound of stepping
3 : the part of a wheel that makes contact with a road
4 : the horizontal part of a step

trea·dle /tred/ noun
: a lever device pressed by the foot to drive a machine
— treadle verb

tread·mill /tred·mil/ noun
1 : a mill worked by persons who tread on steps around the edge of a wheel or by animals that walk on an endless belt
2 : a device with an endless belt on which a person walks or runs in place
3 ▶ a wearisome routine

Synonyms
groove, pattern, rote, routine, rut—more at ROUTINE

treas abbreviation
treasurer; treasury

trea·son /trēˈzən/ noun
1 : the offense of attempting to overthrow the government of one’s country or of assisting its enemies in war
2 ▶ the betrayal of a trust
— trea·son·able /ˈza nə bəl/ adjective
— trea·son·ous /ˈza nəs/ adjective

Synonyms
betrayal, disloyalty, double cross, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, infidelity, perfidy, treachery, unfaithfulness
—more at BETRAYAL

treasure /ˈtre zhər, ˈtrā/ noun
1 : wealth stored up or held in reserve
2 ▶ something of great value

Synonyms
catch, gem, jewel, pearl, plum, prize—more at PRIZE

treasure verb trea·sured; trea·sur·ing
1 : HOARD
2 ▶ to keep as precious : CHERISH

Synonyms
appreciate, cherish, love, prize, value—more at LOVE

trea·sur·er /ˈtre zhə rər, ˈtrār/ noun
: an officer of a club, business, or government who has charge of money taken in and paid out

treasure trove /ˈtrā və/ noun
1 : treasure of unknown ownership found buried or hidden
2 : a valuable discovery

*tre·sury* /treˈzərē/ noun, plural -sur·ies
1 : a place in which stores of wealth are kept
2 : the place where collected funds are stored and paid out
3 cap : a governmental department in charge of finances

1*treat* /trēt/ verb
1 : to discuss terms of accommodation or settlement
2a : to deal with esp. in writing — usu. used with of
b : to deal with : HANDLE
3 : to pay for the food or entertainment of
4 : to behave or act toward << them well>>
5 : to regard in a specified manner << as inferiors>>
6 : to give medical or surgical care to
7 : to subject to some action << soil with lime>>

*Synonyms*
- [1] advise, confer, consult, counsel, parley, powwow—more at CONFER
- usually treat of [2a] concern, cover, deal, pertain—more at CONCERN
- [2b] contend, cope, grapple, handle, manage, maneuver, negotiate, swing—more at HANDLE
- [4] act, be, deal, handle, serve, use; also consider, regard; react (to), respond (to)

2*treat* noun
1 : an entertainment given free to those invited; also : food, drink, or entertainment provided at another's expense
2 : a source of joy or amusement

*Synonyms*
- delectation, delight, joy, kick, manna, pleasure—more at DELIGHT
- dainty, delicacy, goody, tidbit—more at DELICACY

*trea·tise* /trēˈās/ noun
: a systematic written exposition or argument

*treat·ment* /trētˌmant/ noun
: the act or manner or an instance of treating someone or something; also : a substance or method used in treating

*trea·ty* /trēˈtē/ noun, plural treaties
: an agreement made by negotiation or diplomacy esp. between two or more states or governments

*Synonyms*
- accord, alliance, compact, convention, covenant, pact; also bargain, charter, contract, deal, settlement, understanding

1*treble* /treˈbəl/ noun
1 : the highest of the four voice parts in vocal music : SOPRANO
2 : a high-pitched or shrill voice or sound
3 : the upper half of the musical pitch range

2*treble* adjective
1 : triple in number or amount
2 : relating to or having the range of a musical treble
3 : high-pitched : SHRILL
— tre·bly adverb

*Synonyms*
- [1] threefold, tripartite, triple—more at TRIPLE
- [3] acute, sharp, shrill, squeaky—more at SHRILL

3*treble* verb tre·bled; tre·bling
: to make or become three times the size, amount, or number

1*tree* /tre/ noun
1 : a woody perennial plant usu. with a single main stem and a head of branches and leaves at the top
2 : a piece of wood adapted to a particular use << a shoe >>
3 : something resembling a tree  <a genealogical ~>

— tree-less adjective

2 tree verb treed; tree-ing
: to drive to or up a tree  <~ a raccoon>

tree farm noun
: an area of forest land managed to ensure continuous commercial production

tree frog noun
: any of numerous usu. tree-dwelling amphibians with adhesive disks on the toes

tree line noun
: TIMBERLINE

tree of heaven
: a Chinese ailanthus widely grown as an ornamental tree

tree surgery noun
: operative treatment of diseased trees esp. for control of decay

— tree surgeon noun

tre-foil /treˌfoil/, tre- noun
1 : an herb (as a clover) with leaves that have three leaflets
2 : a decorative design with three leaflike parts

1 trek /trek/ verb trekked; trek-ing
1 chiefly southern Africa : to travel or migrate by ox wagon
2 : to make one's way arduously

Synonyms
→ journey, tour, travel, voyage—more at TRAVEL

2 trek noun
1 chiefly southern Africa : a migration esp. of settlers by ox wagon
2 : a slow or difficult journey

Synonyms
→ expedition, journey, passage, peregrination, trip—more at JOURNEY

1 trellis /treˈlas/ noun
[origin: ME trelis, fr. AF treleis, fr. OF treille arbor, fr. L trichila summerhouse] : a frame of latticework used esp. to support climbing plants

2 trellis verb
: to provide with a trellis; especially : to train (as a vine) on a trellis

trem-a-tode /treˌmaˌtəd/ noun
: any of a class of parasitic worms

1 tremble /tremˈbəl/ verb trem-bled; trem-bling
1 : to shake involuntarily (as with fear or cold) : SHIVER
2 : to move, sound, pass, or come to pass as if shaken or tremulous
3 : to be affected with fear or doubt

2 tremble noun
→ a spell of shaking or quivering

Synonyms
→ quiver, shiver, shudder—more at SHIVER

tre-men-dous /trəˈmenədəs/ adjective
1 : causing dread, awe, or terror : TERRIFYING
2 : unusually large, powerful, great, or excellent

Synonyms
→ colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, mammoth, massive, monstrous, monumental, prodigious, tinitic
tre·men·dous·ly adverb
  : to a tremendous degree or extent
  Synonyms
  broadly, considerably, greatly, hugely, largely, massively, monstrously, much, sizably, stupendously, utterly, vastly—more at GREATLY

trem·o·lo /treˌma-lō/ noun, plural -los
[Origin: It]
  : a rapid fluttering of a tone or alternating tones

trem·or /treˈmər/ noun
  1 : a trembling or shaking esp. from weakness, emotional stress, or disease
  2 : a quivering motion of the earth (as during an earthquake)

  — trem·u·lous·ly adverb

  Synonyms
  shaky, wobbly—more at SHAKY

trench /ˈtren(t)s/ noun
[Origin: ME trench track cut through a wood, fr. MF, act of cutting, fr. trenchier to cut, prob. fr. (assumed) VL trinicar to cut in three, fr. L trini three each]
  1 : a long narrow cut in the ground: DITCH especially: a ditch protected by banks of earth and used to shelter soldiers
  2 plural : a place or situation likened to warfare conducted from trenches
  3 : a long narrow steep-sided depression in the ocean floor

  Synonyms
  dike, ditch, gutter—more at DITCH

trench verb
  1 : to cut or dig trenches in
  2 : to protect (troops) with trenches
  3 : to come close: VERGE

trench·chant /ˈtren(t)chənt/ adjective
  1 : vigorously effective; also: CAUSTIC
  2 : sharply perceptive: KEEN
  3 : CLEAR-CUT, DISTINCT
  4 : having a fine edge or point: SHARP

trench·cher /ˈtren(t)chər/ noun
  : a wooden platter for serving food

trench·cher·man /ˈtren(t)chər-ˌmən/ noun
  : a hearty eater

trench foot noun
  : a painful foot disorder resembling frostbite and resulting from exposure to cold and wet

trench mouth noun
  : a progressive painful bacterial infection of the mouth and adjacent parts marked by ulceration, bleeding gums, and foul breath

trend /trend/ verb
  1 : to have or take a general direction: TEND
  2 : to show a tendency: INCLINE

  Synonyms
  incline, lean, run, tend—more at LEAN

trend noun
1: a general direction taken (as by a stream or mountain range)
2: a prevailing tendency: **DRIFT**
3: a current style or preference: **VOUGE**

**Synonyms**
- [2] current, drift, leaning, run, tendency, tide, wind; also curve, shift, swing, turn; custom, habit, propensity, tenor, way
- [3] craze, fad, mode, rage, style, vogue—more at **FAD**

**trendy** /trenˈdeɪ/ adjective **trend·i·er; -est**
: very fashionable; also: marked by superficial or faddish appeal or taste

**trep·i·da·tion** /tre_pəˈdiˌshən/ noun
- nervous agitation: **APPREHENSION**

**Synonyms**
- alarm, anxiety, apprehension, dread, fear, fright, horror, panic, terror—more at **FEAR**

**trespass** /tres_a_ pas_, _ Pas/ noun
1 a: a violation of moral or social ethics: **SIN**
b: an unwarranted infringement
2: unlawful entry on someone else's land

**Synonyms**
- [1a] breach, crime, error, malefaction, misdeed, misdoing, offense, sin, transgression, violation, wrongdoing—more at **OFFENSE**
- [1b] breach, infraction, infringement, transgression, violation—more at **BREACH**

**trespass** verb
1: to commit an offense: **ERR**
2: **INTRUDE**, **ENCROACH**; especially: to enter unlawfully upon the land of another
- **tres·pass·er** noun

**tress** /tres/ noun
: a long lock of hair—usu. used in pl.

**tres·tle** also **tres·sel** /tre_səl/ noun
1: a supporting framework consisting usu. of a horizontal piece with spreading legs at each end
2: a braced framework of timbers, piles, or steel for carrying a road or railroad over a depression

**T. rex** /tēˈrekz/ noun
: **TYRANNOSAUR**

**trey** /trā/ noun, plural **trey s**
: a card or the side of a die with three spots

**tri·ad** /trəˈæd_, _æd/ noun
- a union or group of three usu. closely related persons or things

**Synonyms**
- threesome, trio, triple, triplet—more at **THREESOME**

**tri·age** /trəˈæzh, _æZH/ noun
[origin: F, sorting]: the sorting of and allocation of treatment to patients and esp. battle or disaster victims according to a system of priorities designed to maximize the number of survivors

**tri·al** /trəˈāl/ noun
1: the action or process of trying or putting to the proof: **TEST**
2: the hearing and judgment of a matter in issue before a competent tribunal
3: a source of vexation or annoyance
4: a tryout or experiment to test quality, value, or usefulness
5: the act or an instance of attempting
— **trial** adjective

  **Synonyms**
  
  ▶ [3] cross, gauntlet, ordeal; also adversity, affliction, asperity, misfortune, mishap, privation, tragedy, trouble, vicissitude, woe; challenge, complication, difficulty, grief, hardship, rigor; annoyance, discomfort, inconvenience, nuisance
  
  ▶ [4] dry run, practice, rehearsal—more at **REHEARSAL**
  
  ▶ [4] experiment, test—more at **EXPERIMENT**
  
  ▶ [5] attempt, crack, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, shot, stab, try, whack—more at **ATTEMPT**

**triangle** /ˈtriˌaŋɡəl/ noun

1: a polygon that has three sides

2: something shaped like a triangle

— **triangular** /ˈtriˌaŋɡyələr/ adjective

— **triangularly** adverb

— **triangulation** /ˈtriˌaŋɡyəˌlā-shən/ noun

: a method using trigonometry to find the location of a point using bearings from two fixed points a known distance apart

— **triangles** /ˈtriˌaŋ′gəl/ verb

— **Triassic** /ˈtriˌa̱səs/ adjective

: of, relating to, or being the earliest period of the Mesozoic era marked by the first appearance of the dinosaurs

— **Triassic** noun

— **trib** abbreviation

tributary

— **tribe** /ˈtrib/ noun

1 ▶ : a social group comprising numerous families, clans, or generations

2: a group of persons having a common character, occupation, or interest

3: a group of related plants or animals <the cat ~>

— **tribal** /ˈtribəl/ adjective

  **Synonyms**
  
  ▶ blood, clan, family, folk, house, kin, kindred, kinfolk, line, lineage, people, race, stock—more at **FAMILY**

— **tribesman** /ˈtribzˌmən/ noun

: a member of a tribe

— **tribulation** /ˈtribyəˌlā-shən/ noun


: distress or suffering resulting from oppression or persecution; also : a trying experience

  **Synonyms**
  
  ▶ affliction, agony, anguish, distress, misery, pain, torment, torture, woe—more at **DISTRESS**

— **tribunal** /ˈtribənəl/ noun

1 ▶ : the seat of a judge

2: a court of justice

3: something that decides or determines <the ~ of public opinion>

— **tribune** /ˈtribən/ noun

1: an official in ancient Rome with the function of protecting the interests of plebeian citizens from the patricians

2: a defender of the people

— **tributary** /ˈtriˌbyətərē/ adjective

1: paying tribute: **SUBJECT**

2: flowing into a larger stream or a lake

— **tributary** noun, plural -tar·ies
tribute /ˈtrɪbət/ noun
1 : a payment by one ruler or nation to another as an act of submission or price of protection
2 : a usu. excessive tax, rental, or levy exacted by a sovereign or superior

3 a : a gift or service showing respect, gratitude, or affection
   b : something (as material evidence or a formal attestation) that indicates the worth, virtue, or effectiveness of the one in question
   Synonyms
   [3a, b] accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, eulogy, homage, paean, panegyric, salutation—more at ENCOMIUM

trice /trɪs/ noun
a brief space of time : INSTANT, MOMENT
   Synonyms
   —more at INSTANT

triceps /trɪˈsɛps/ noun, plural triceps
a large muscle along the back of the upper arm that is attached at its upper end by three main parts and acts to extend the forearm at the elbow joint

triceratops /ˌtrɪsəˈræptəʊs/ noun, plural -tōps also -tōps·es
[OriGin: NL, Fr. Gk tri- three + kerat-, keras horn + ὀπς face] : any of a genus of large plant-eating Cretaceous dinosaurs with three horns, a bony crest on the neck, and hoofed toes

trichina /ˈtrɪkəna/ noun, plural -nae /-nē/ also -nas
a small slender nematode worm that in the larval state is parasitic in the striated muscles of flesh-eating mammals (as humans)

trichinosis /ˌtrɪkɪˈnoʊsəs/ noun
: infestation with or disease caused by trichiniae and marked esp. by pain, fever, and swelling

trick /trɪk/ noun
1 a : a crafty procedure meant to deceive
   b : a mischievous action : PRANK
   c : a childish action
   d : a deceptive or ingenious feat designed to puzzle or amuse
   e : a habitual peculiarity of behavior or manner
   f : a quick or artful way of getting a result : KNACK
   g : the cards played in one round of a card game
   h : a tour of duty : SHIFT
   Synonyms
   —more at DECEIVE

2 verb
1 a : to deceive by cunning or artifice
   b : to dress ornately
   Synonyms
   —more at DECEIVE

trick·ery /trɪˈkɛrə/ noun
deception by tricks and stratagems
Synonyms
artifice, chicanery, hanky-panky, subterfuge, wile; also artfulness, caginess, craftiness, cunning, sharpness, slipperiness, slyness, treachery, underhandedness, wiliness; deceit, deceitfulness, deception, deceptiveness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile, hypocrisy, insincerity; imposture, quackery; design, plotting, scheming, secrecy, stealth

trick·le /trɪˈkəl/ verb trick·led; trick·ling
1 : to run or fall in drops
2 : to flow in a thin gentle stream
   — trick·le noun
   dribble, gurgle, lap, plash, ripple, slosh, splash, wash—more at GURGLE

trick·ster /trɪˈkɛstər/ noun
1 : one who tricks or cheats
   cheat, dodger, hoaxer, shark, sharper, swindler; also double-crosser, double-dealer; charlatan, fake, faker, humbug, impostor, mountebank, pretender, quack; adventurer, fox, knave, prankster, rascal, rogue; slicker; plotter, schemer, sneak

tricky /trɪˈkɛ/ adjective trick·i·er; -est
1 : inclined to trickery
2 : requiring skill or caution <a ~ situation to handle>
3 : UNRELIABLE <a ~ lock>
   — tricky noun
   catchy, delicate, difficult, knotty, problematic, spiny, thorny, ticklish, touchy, tough; also abstract, abstruse, complex, complicated, hard, intricate, involved, recondite; stubborn, troublesome, vexatious, vexing; burdensome, demanding, discommoding, exacting, importunate, inconvenient, onerous, oppressive, painful

tri·col·or /trɪˈkɑːlər/ noun
1 : a flag of three colors <the French ~> 

tri·cy·cle /trɪˈsɪkəl/ noun
1 : a 3-wheeled vehicle usu. propelled by pedals

tri·dent /trɪˈdent/ noun
[ORIGIN: L trident-, tridens, fr. tri- three + dent-, dens tooth]
1 : a 3-pronged spear

tri·ed /trɪd/ adjective
1 : found trustworthy through testing
2 : subjected to trials
   — tri·en·ni·al /trɪˈenəl/ adjective
1 : occurring or being done every three years
2 : lasting for three years
   — triennial noun

tri·fle /trɪˈfle/ noun
1 : something of little value or importance
2 : a dessert of cake soaked with liqueur and served with toppings (as fruit or cream)
   — trifle noun
   child's play, frippery, nothing, triviality; also naught, nothingness, smoke, zero; molehill, peanuts, pittance, song, straw; nonsense, trivia

tri·fle verb tri·fled; tri·flying
1 : to talk in a jesting or mocking manner
2 : to treat someone or something as unimportant
3 : DALLY, FLIRT
4: to handle idly: TOY
5: to spend or waste (as time or money) in trifling or on trifes
— tri·fler noun

tri·fling /triˈflɪŋ/ adjective
1: FRIVOLOUS
2: lacking in significance or solid worth: TRIVIAL
   Synonyms
    frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, minute, negligible, slight, small, trivial, unimportant—more at UNIMPORTANT

tri·fo·cals /triˈfɪkalz/ noun plural
: eyeglasses with lenses having one part for close focus, one for intermediate focus, and one for distant focus

tri·fo·li·ate /triˈfoʊliət/ adjective
: having three leaves or leaflets

1 trig /trɪg/ adjective
: stylishly trim: SMART

2 trig noun
: TRIGONOMETRY

1 trigger /ˈtrɪgər/ noun
[origin: alter. of earlier tricker, fr. D trekker, fr. MD trekker one that pulls, fr. trecker to pull]
: a movable lever that activates a device when it is squeezed; especially: the part of a firearm lock moved by the finger to fire a gun
   — trigger adjective
   — trig·gered adjective

2 trigger verb
1: to fire by pulling a trigger
2: to initiate, actuate, or set off as if by a trigger
   Synonyms
    activate, actuate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, turn on—more at ACTIVATE

tri·glyc·er·ide noun
: any of a group of lipids that are formed from glycerol and fatty acids and are widespread in animal tissue

tri·gon·om·e·try /ˌtrɪɡəˈnomətrē/ noun
: the branch of mathematics dealing with the properties of triangles and esp. with finding unknown angles or sides given the size or length of some angles or sides
   — trig·o·no·met·ric /ˌtrɪɡəˈnəˌmətrɪk/ also trig·o·no·met·ri·cal /ˌtrɪɡəˌnəˌmɛtrɪˈkæl/ adjective

trike /trɪk/ noun
: TRICYCLE

1 trill /trɪl/ noun
1: the alternation of two musical tones a scale degree apart
2: WARBLE
3: the rapid vibration of one speech organ against another (as of the tip of the tongue against the teeth)
2 trill verb
: to utter as or with a trill

tril·lion /ˈtrɪl.yən/ noun
1: a thousand billions
2 British: a million billions
   — trillion adjective
   — tril·lionth /ˈtrɪl.yənθ/ adjective or noun

tril·li·um /trɪˈliəm/ noun
: any of a genus of spring-blooming herbs that are related to the lilies and have an erect stem bearing a whorl of three leaves and a solitary flower

tril-o-gy /ˈtrɪlədʒi/ noun, plural -gies
: a series of three dramas or literary or musical compositions that are closely related and develop one theme

1 trim /trim/ verb trimmed; trimming
[origin: OE trymian, trymman to strengthen, arrange, fr. trum strong, firm]
1 ▶: to put ornaments on : ADORN
2 ▶: to defeat esp. resoundingly
3 ▶: to make trim, neat, regular, or less bulky by or as if by cutting ↔ a beard ↔ a budget
4 : to cause (a boat) to assume a desired position in the water by arrangement of the load; also : to adjust (as a submarine or airplane) esp. for horizontal motion
5 : to adjust (a sail) to a desired position
6 : to change one's views for safety or expediency
— trim·ly adverb
— trim·ness noun

**Synonyms**

1 [1] adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, deck, decorate, do, dress, embellish, enrich, garnish, grace, ornament—more at DECORATE
2 [2] clobber, drub, rout, skunk, thrash, trounce, wallop, whip
3 [3] bob, clip, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, dock, lop, nip, prune, shave, shear—more at CLIP

2 trim adjective trim·mer; trim·mest
▶: showing neatness, good order, or compactness ↔ a ~ figure

**Synonyms**

1 crisp, neat, orderly, shipshape, snug, tidy, uncluttered—more at NEAT

3 trim noun
1 ▶: good condition
2 ▶: material used for ornament or trimming; especially : the woodwork in the finish of a house esp. around doors and windows
3 : the position of a ship or boat esp. with reference to the horizontal; also : the relation between the plane of a sail and the direction of a ship
4 : the position of an airplane at which it will continue in level flight with no adjustments to the controls
5 : something that is trimmed off

**Synonyms**

1 [1] condition, fettle, form, kilter, order, repair, shape
2 [2] adornment, caparison, decoration, embellishment, frill, garnish, ornament—more at DECORATION

trim·a-ran /ˈtrɪmərən, ˈtrɪməran/ noun
: a sailboat with three hulls

trim·es·ter /ˈtrɪməsər, ˈtrɪməsər/ noun
1 : a period of three or about three months (as in pregnancy)
2 : one of three terms into which an academic year is sometimes divided

trim·e·ter /ˈtrɪməter/ noun
: a line of verse consisting of three metrical feet

trim·mer /ˈtrɪmər/ noun
: one that trims

trim·ming /ˈtrɪmɪŋ/ noun
1 : the loss of a contest : DEFEAT
2 : the action of one that trims
3 : something that trims, ornaments, or completes

tri·month·ly /ˈtrɪmθənlē/ adjective
: occurring every three months
trine /ˈtrɪn/ adjective
  : THREEFOLD, TRIPLE
  
Trin-i·da·di·an /ˈtrɪn.i.ˈda.ˌdə.ˈda.ˈne.ˈaː/ noun
  : a native or inhabitant of the island of Trinidad
  — Trinidadian adjective
  
Trin-i·tar·i·an /ˈtrɪn.i.ˌtər.ə.ˈe.ˌa.ˌne.ˈə/ noun
  : a believer in the doctrine of the Trinity
  — Trinitarianism /ˌtrɪn.ə.ˈne.ri.ˈzəm/ noun
  
Trin-i·ty /ˈtrɪn.i.ˈteɪ/ noun
  1 : the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead
  2 not cap : TRIAD
  
trin·ket /ˈtrɪn.ˌket/ noun
  1 : a small ornament (as a jewel or ring)
  2 : TRIFLE 1
    Synonyms
    — bauble, curiosity, gewgaw, knickknack, novelty, ornamental—more at KNICKKNACK
  
trio /ˈtrɪoʊ/ noun, plural tri·os
  1 : a musical composition for three voices or three instruments
  2 : the performers of a trio
  3 : a group or set of three
    Synonyms
    — threesome, triad, triplet—more at THREESOME
  
trip /trɪp/ verb tripped; tripp·ing
  1 : to move with light quick steps
  2 : to catch the foot against something so as to stumble or cause to stumble
  3 : to make a mistake : SLIP; also : to detect in a misstep : EXPOSE
  4 : to release (as a spring or switch) by moving a catch; also : ACTIVATE
  5 : to get high on a usu. hallucinatory drug
    Synonyms
    — [1] bound, hop, skip, spring—more at SKIP
    — [2] fall, slip, stumble, topple, tumble—more at FALL
  
trip noun
  1 : an act or instance of traveling : JOURNEY
  2 : a quick light step
  3 : a false step : STUMBLE; also : ERROR
  4 : the action of tripping mechanically; also : a device for tripping
  5 : an intense experience; especially : one triggered by a hallucinatory drug
  6 : absorption in an attitude or state of mind <an ego ~>
    Synonyms
    — expedition, journey, passage, peregrination, trek—more at JOURNEY
  
tri·par·tite /ˈtrɪpər.ˈrɪt/ adjective
  1 : divided into three parts
  2 : having three corresponding parts or copies
  3 : made between three parties <a ~ treaty>
    Synonyms
    — threefold, treble, triple—more at TRIPLE
  
tripe /trɪp/ noun
  1 : stomach tissue esp. of a ruminant (as an ox) used as food
  2 : something poor, worthless, or offensive : TRASH
  
1 triple /ˈtrɪpl/ verb tri·pled; tri·pling
1: to make or become three times as great or as many
2: to hit a triple

triple noun
1: a triple quantity
2: a group of three
3: a hit in baseball that lets the batter reach third base

Synonyms
  threesome, triad, trio, triplet—more at THREESOME

triple adjective
1: being three times as great or as many
2: having three units or members
3: repeated three times

Synonyms
  threefold, treble, tripartite; also triplicate

triple bond noun
: a chemical bond in which three pairs of electrons are shared by two atoms in a molecule

triple point noun
: the condition of temperature and pressure under which the gaseous, liquid, and solid forms of a substance can exist in equilibrium

triplet /triˈplet/ noun
1: a unit of three lines of verse
2: a group of three of a kind
3: one of three offspring born at one birth

Synonyms
  threesome, triad, trio, triple—more at THREESOME

triplex /triˈpleks, -ˈpl/ adjective
: having three units or members: THREEFOLD

triplicate /ˌtri-pləˈket/ adjective
: made in three identical copies

triplicate /ˌpləˈket/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1: TRIPLE
2: to provide three copies of "a document"

triplicate /ˌpləˈket/ noun
: three copies all alike—used with in "typed in ~"

tripl·y /ˈtriplē, -pəˈleɪ/ adverb
: in a triple degree, amount, or manner

tripod /ˈtrɪpəd/ noun
: something (as a caldron, stool, or camera stand) that rests on three legs

— tripod or tri·po·dal /ˌtrɪpəˈdəl, -pəˈdal/ adjective

trip·tych /ˌtrɪptɪk/ noun
: a picture or carving in three panels side by side

tri·reme /ˌtrɪrɛm/ noun
: an ancient galley having three banks of oars

— tri·sect /ˌtrɪˌsekt, -ˈsekt/ verb
: to divide into three usu. equal parts

— tri·sec·tion /ˌtrɪˌseks·ʃən/ noun

trite /trɪt/ adjective trit·er; trit·est
triumphant /trɪˈʌmˌfænt/ adjective
1: VICTORIOUS
2: rejoicing for or celebrating victory
3: notably successful
— triumphantly adverb

triumvir /trɪˈʌmˌvɜr/ noun, plural -virs also -vi·ri /ˌvaˌri/ : a member of a triumvirate

triumvirate /trɪˈʌmˌvərɪt/ noun : a ruling body of three persons

triv·et /trɪˈvɛt/ noun
1: a 3-legged stand : TRIPOD
2: a usu. metal stand with short feet for use under a hot dish

triv·ia /trɪˈvɪə/ noun singular or plural : unimportant matters : obscure facts or details <movie ~>
**trivi·ality** /trɪˈvɪ.ə.lə.ti/ noun
1: the quality or state of being trivial
2: something trivial

*Synonyms*
- child's play, frippery, nothing, trifle—more at TRIFLE

**trivi·um** /trɪˈvɪ.ə.m/ noun, plural triv·ia /trɪˈvɪ.a/
: the three liberal arts of grammar, rhetoric, and logic in a medieval university

**tri·week·ly** /trɪˈwɛ.klɪ/ adjective
1: occurring or appearing three times a week
2: occurring or appearing every three weeks

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**trö·che** /trɔ.ˈkɛ/ noun
- LOZENGE 2

**tro·chee** /trɔ.ˈkɛ/ noun
: a metrical foot of one accented syllable followed by one unaccented syllable

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**trod** past and past participle of TREAD

**trodden** past participle of TREAD

**troi·ka** /trɔ.ˈkɛ/ noun
[ORIGIN: Russ troika, fr. troe three]
: a group of three; especially: an administrative or ruling body of three

1**troll** /trɔl/ verb
1: to sing the parts of (a song) in succession
2: to fish by trailing a lure or baited hook from a moving boat
3: to sing or play jovially

2**troll** noun
: a lure used in trolling; also: the line with its lure

3**troll** noun
: a dwarf or giant in Scandinavian folklore inhabiting caves or hills

*Synonyms*
- brownie, dwarf, elf, fairy, fay, gnome, hobgoblin, leprechaun, pixie—more at FAIRY

**trol·ley** also trol·ly /trɔ.ˈlɛ/ noun, plural trol·leys also trolls
1: a device (as a grooved wheel on the end of a pole) to carry current from a wire to an electrically driven vehicle
2: a streetcar powered electrically by overhead wires
3: a wheeled carriage running on an overhead rail or track

**trol·ley·bus** /trɔ.ˈlɛ.ˌbʌs/ noun
: a bus powered electrically by overhead wires

**trolley car** noun
: TROLLEY 2

**trol·lop** /trɔ.ˈlɒp/ noun
: a disreputable woman; especially: one who engages in sex promiscuously

**trom·bone** /trɔmˈbɒn, ˈtrəmˌbɒn/ noun
[ORIGIN: It, lit., big trumpet, fr. tromba trumpet]
: a brass wind instrument that consists of a long metal tube with two turns and a flaring end and that usu. has a movable slide to vary the pitch

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**tromp** /trɔmp, ˈtrɒmp/ verb
1: to walk, tread, or step esp. heavily: TRAMP
2: to stamp with the foot
3: to defeat decisively
4: to tread on forcibly and repeatedly
   Synonyms
   • stamp, stomp, tramp, trample—more at TRAMPLE

tramp /træmp/ noun
1: a cavalry unit corresponding to an infantry company
2 plural ▶: the combined military, naval, and air forces of a nation: ARMED FORCES
3: a collection of people, animals, or things
4: a unit of Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts under an adult leader
   Synonyms
   • armed forces, military, service—more at ARMED FORCES

troop /trüp/ noun
1: to move or gather in crowds

troop·er /trū$pər/ noun
1: an enlisted cavalryman; also: a cavalry horse
2: a mounted or a state police officer

troop·ship /trū$p_ˌship/ noun
: a ship or aircraft for carrying troops

trope /tröp/ noun
: a word or expression used in a figurative sense

trophy /ˈtrəfɪ/ noun, plural trophies
: something gained or given in conquest or victory esp. when preserved or mounted as a memorial

tropic /ˈtrɒpɪk/ noun
1: either of the two parallels of latitude approximately 23 1/2 degrees north (tropic of Can*cer /ˈkæn.sər/) or south (tropic of Cap*ri*corn /ˈkaʊ.pə.ˌkɔrn/) of the equator where the sun is directly overhead when it reaches its most northerly or southerly point in the sky
2 plural often cap: the region lying between the tropics
   ▶ trop-i-cal /ˌtrɒp.ɪ.ˈkæl/ or tropic adjective

trop·ism /ˈtrɒpˌɪzəm/ noun
: an automatic movement by an organism in response to a source of stimulation; also: a reflex reaction involving this

tro·po·sphere /ˌtrəˌpo.ˌsfeər, ˈtrəθ/ noun
: the part of the atmosphere between the earth's surface and the stratosphere in which most weather changes occur
   ▶ tro·po·spher·ic /ˌtrəˌpoˌsfer·ɪk, ˈtrəθˌsfeər/ adjective

1 trot /trɑt/ noun
1: a moderately fast gait of a 4-legged animal (as a horse) in which the legs move in diagonal pairs
2: a human jogging gait between a walk and a run

2 trot verb trot·ted; trot·ting
1: to ride, drive, or go at a trot
2: to proceed briskly: HURRY
   ▶ trot·ter noun

troth /ˈtrəθ, ˈtroθ, ˈtrəθ/ noun
1: pledged faithfulness
2a: one's pledged word
b: the act of promising to marry or the fact of being engaged to marry: betrothal

Synonyms
- [2a] oath, pledge, promise, vow, word—more at promise
- [2b] betrothal, engagement, espousal—more at engagement

trou·ba·dour /trū·ba·dör/ noun
[origin: F, fr. Old Occitan trobador, fr. trobar to compose]
: any of a class of poet-musicians flourishing esp. in southern France and northern Italy during the 11th, 12th, and 13th centuries

trouble /tra·bal/ verb troubled, troubling
1: to feel or cause to feel mentally or spiritually agitated
2: to produce physical disorder in
3: to put to inconvenience
4: ruffle <~ the waters>
5: to make an effort

Synonyms
- [1] bother, fear, fret, stew, sweat, worry—more at worry
- [3] discommode, disoblige, disturb, inconvenience—more at inconvenience

trouble noun
1: the quality or state of being troubled esp. mentally
2: an instance of distress or annoyance
3: a condition of physical distress or ill health: disease <heart ~> 
4: an effort made: exertion <took the ~> to phone>
5: a cause of disturbance, distress, difficulty, or danger
6: a state or condition of distress, annoyance, danger, or difficulty

Synonyms
- [3] affection, ailment, bug, complaint, complication, condition, disease, disorder, fever, ill, illness, infirmity, malady, sickness—more at disease
- [4] effort, exertion, expenditure, labor, pains, sweat, while, work—more at effort
- [6] danger, distress, jeopardy, peril, risk—more at danger

troubled adjective
: feeling worry or concern

Synonyms
- aflutter, anxious, edgy, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervy, perturbed, tense, uneasy, upset, worried—more at nervous

trou·ble·mak·er /ˌmā·ker/ noun
: a person who causes trouble

trou·ble·shoot·er /ˌshū·lar/ noun
1: a worker employed to locate trouble and make repairs in equipment
2: an expert in resolving disputes or problems
— trouble·shoot verb

trouble·some /ˌsem/ adjective
1: difficult, burdensome
2: giving trouble or anxiety
— trouble·some·ly adverb

Synonyms
- unsettling, upsetting, worrisome; also daunting, demoralizing, discomfitting, disconcerting, discouraging, disheartening, dismayling, dispiriting

Antonyms
- reassuring
trou·ble·ous /troo′ba.los/ adjective
1 : full of trouble
2 : causing trouble : TROUBLESOME

trough /trof, trof/ noun, plural troughs /trofs, trofs/ ; trough, troughs
1 : a long shallow open boxlike container esp. for water or feed for livestock
2 : a gutter along the eaves of a house
3 : a long channel or depression (as between waves or hills)
4 : an elongated area of low barometric pressure

trounce /trauns/ verb trounced, trounc·ing
1 : to thrash or punish severely
2 : to defeat decisively
   Synonyms
   beat, clobber, drub, rout, skunk, thrash, trim, wallop, whip

trou·pe /troop/ noun
 : COMPANY : especially : a group of performers on the stage

trou·per /tropər/ noun
1 : a member of a troupe
2 : a person who deals with and persists through difficulty or hardship without complaint
   Synonyms
   actor, impersonator, mummer, player

trou·sers /trouzərs/ noun plural
[Origin: alter. of earlier trouse, fr. ScGael triubhas] : an outer garment covering each leg separately and usu. extending from the waist to the ankle
   — trouser adjective
   Synonyms
   pants, slacks

trou·seau /troo′zō, troo′zo/ noun, plural trousseaux /′zōz, ′zoz/ or trousseaus
[Origin: F] : the personal outfit of a bride

trout /trout/ noun, plural trout also trouts

trow /tri/ verb, archaic
 : THINK, SUPPOSE

trow·el /trauləl/ noun
1 : a hand tool used for spreading, shaping, or smoothing loose or plastic material (as mortar or plaster)
2 : a scoop-shaped tool used in gardening
   — trowel verb

tro·y /troi/ adjective
 : expressed in troy weight (~ ounce)

troy weight noun
 : a system of weights based on a pound of 12 ounces and an ounce of 480 grains (31 grams)

tru·an·cy /′troo.an-si/ noun
 : a student who stays out of school without permission
   — tru·an·cy noun
   — truant adjective

truce /truus/ noun
1 : ARMISTICE
2 : a respite esp. from something unpleasant
1 truck /træk/ verb
   1 : EXCHANGE, BARTER
   2 : to have dealings : TRAFFIC

2 truck noun
   1 : the act or practice of carrying on trade by bartering : BARTER
   2 : small goods or merchandise; especially : vegetables grown for market

3 Synonyms
   • barter, commutation, exchange, swap, trade—more at EXCHANGE

3 truck noun
   1 : a wheeled vehicle (as a strong heavy automobile) designed for carrying heavy articles or hauling a trailer
   2 : a swiveling frame with springs and one or more pairs of wheels used to carry and guide one end of a locomotive or railroad car

4 truck verb
   1 : to transport on a truck
   2 : to be employed in driving a truck

   — truck·er noun

5 truck farm noun
   : a farm growing vegetables for market

6 — truck farmer noun

7 truck·le /tra_kal/ verb truck·led; truck·ling
   : to yield slavishly to the will of another : SUBMIT

8 truc·u·lence /tra_kə_lans/ noun
   • the quality or state of being truculent

   — truc·u·len·cy /lan.seɪ/ noun

   Synonyms
   • aggression, aggressiveness, belligerence, fight, militancy, pugnacity—more at BELLIGERENCE

9 truc·u·lent /tra_kə_lənt/ adjective
   1 : feeling or showing ferocity : SAVAGE
   2 : aggressively self-assertive : PUGNACIOUS

   — truc·u·lent·ly adverb

   Synonyms
   • aggressive, argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, combative, contentious, discordant, disputatious, militant, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, warlike—more at BELLIGERENT

10 trudge /traɪd/ verb trudged; trudging
   : to walk or march steadily and usu. laboriously

1 true /tru/ adjective true·er; true·est
   1 : faithful in allegiance
   2 : free from fraud or deception
   3 : agreeing with facts or reality <a ~ description>
   4 : CONSISTENT ~ to expectations>
   5 : properly so called ~ love>
   6 : RIGHTFUL ~ and lawful king>
   7 : conformable to a standard or pattern; also : placed or formed accurately

   Synonyms
   • [1] constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true-blue—more at FAITHFUL
   • [3] actual, concrete, existent, factual, real, very—more at ACTUAL
   • [5] authentic, bona fide, genuine, real, right—more at AUTHENTIC
   • [7] accurate, correct, exact, precise, proper, right, so—more at CORRECT
true adverb
1 : TRUTHFULLY
2 : ACCURATELY <the bullet flew straight and ~> ; also : without variation from type <breed ~> 

true noun
1 : TRUTH, REALITY — usu. used with the
2 : the state of being accurate (as in alignment) <out of ~> 

true verb trued; true·ing also tru·ing
: to bring or restore to a desired precision 

true-blue adjective
☞ : marked by unswerving loyalty

Synonyms
☞ constant, devoted, faithful, fast, good, loyal, pious, staunch, steadfast, steady, true—more at FAITHFUL 

tru bug noun
: BUG 2 

true·heart·ed /trūˈhārtid/ adjective
☞ : FAITHFUL, LOYAL 

truf·flé /truf·flé, trūˈfl/ noun 
1 : the dark or light edible spore-bearing organ of any of several European fungi that grow underground; also : one of these fungi 
2 : a candy made of chocolate, butter, and sugar shaped into balls and coated with cocoa 

truf·tle /trūˈtə/ noun 
1 : the dark or light edible spore-bearing organ of any of several European fungi that grow underground; also : one of these fungi 
2 : a candy made of chocolate, butter, and sugar shaped into balls and coated with cocoa 

tru·ism /trūˈizəm/ noun 
: an undoubted or self-evident truth 

tru·ly /trūˈleɪ/ adverb
1 : in all sincerity 
2 ❄ : in agreement with fact 
3 : ACCURATELY 
4 : in a proper or suitable manner 
5 ❄ : without any question : INDEED

Synonyms
❄ [2] actually, forsooth, frankly, honestly, really, truthfully, verily—more at ACTUALLY 
❄ [5] certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at INDEED 

trump /trump/ noun
: TRUMPET 

2 trump noun
: a card of a designated suit any of whose cards will win over a card that is not of this suit; also : the suit itself — often used in pl. 

3 trump verb
: to take with a trump 

trumped-up /trampedˌəp/ adjective
: fraudulently concocted : SPURIOUS 

trum·pery /trumˈpərē/ noun 
1 : NONSENSE 
2 : trivial articles : JUNK 

1 trumpet /trampˌpət/ noun 
1 : a wind instrument consisting of a long curved metal tube flaring at one end and with a cup-shaped mouthpiece at the other 
2 : something that resembles a trumpet or its tonal quality
3: a funnel-shaped instrument for collecting, directing, or intensifying sound

1. trumpet verb
   1: to blow a trumpet
   2: to proclaim on or as if on a trumpet

   — trumpet noun
     Synonyms
     » ballyhoo, crack up, glorify, tout—more at TOUT

1. truncate /ˈtræn.kət, ˈtræn.ʃət/ adjective
   : having the end square or blunt

2. truncate verb truncate-ed; truncate-ing
   : to shorten by or as if by cutting

   — truncation /ˈtræn.ʃən/ noun

truncheon /ˈtrʌn.ʃən/ noun
   : a police officer's club

   Synonyms
   » bat, bludgeon, club, cudgel, staff—more at CLUB

trundle /ˈtrʌndəl/ verb trundled; trundling
   : to roll along

trundle bed noun
   : a low bed that can be stored under a higher bed

trunk /ˈtrʌŋk/ noun
   1: the main stem of a tree
   2: the body of a person or animal apart from the head and limbs
   3: the main or central part of something
   4: a box or chest used to hold usu. clothes or personal effects (as of a traveler); also: the enclosed luggage space in the rear of an automobile
   5: the long muscular nose of an elephant
   6: plural: men's shorts worn chiefly for sports
   7: a usu. major channel or passage

   Synonyms
   » box, caddy, case, casket, chest, locker—more at CHEST

trunk line noun
   : a transportation system handling long-distance through traffic

truss /ˈtrʌs/ verb
1: to secure tightly
2: to arrange for cooking by binding close the wings or legs of (a fowl)
3: to support, strengthen, or stiffen by or as if by a truss

   Synonyms
   » band, bind, gird, tie—more at TIE

truss noun
   1: a collection of structural parts (as beams) forming a rigid framework (as in bridge or building construction)
   2: a device worn to reduce a hernia by pressure

trust /ˈtrʌst/ noun
   1: assured reliance on the character, strength, or truth of someone or something
   2: a basis of reliance, faith, or hope
   3: confident hope
   4: financial credit
   5: a property interest held by one person for the benefit of another
   6: a combination of firms formed by a legal agreement; especially: one that reduces competition
   7: something entrusted to one to be cared for in the interest of another
8 immediate charge and control exercised by a person or an authority: custody

Synonyms
- [3] confidence, credence, faith, stock; also acceptance, assurance, certainty, certitude, conviction, positiveness, sureness; credit, dependence, hope, reliance

Antonyms
- distrust, mistrust
- [6] cartel, combination, combine, syndicate—more at cartel
- [8] care, custody, guardianship, keeping, safekeeping, ward—more at custody

trust verb
1: to place confidence: depend
2: to be confident: hope
3: to commit or place in one's care or keeping: entrust
4: to permit to stay or go or to do something without fear or misgiving
5: to rely on or on the truth of: believe
6: to extend credit to

Synonyms
- [3] commend, commit, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, turn over, vest—more at give
- [5] accept, believe, credit, swallow—more at believe

trustee /trəsˈti:/ noun
1: a person to whom property is legally committed in trust
2: a country charged with the supervision of a trust territory

trustee-ship /trəsˌtiːˌship/ noun
1: the office or function of a trustee
2: supervisory control by one or more nations over a trust territory

trustful /trəstfəl/ adjective
- full of trust: confiding
  - trustful-ly adverb
  - trustful-ness noun

trust territory noun
a non-self-governing territory placed under a supervisory authority by the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations

trustworthy /ˌtrəstrəˈθɛr-/ adjective
- worthy of confidence: dependable
  - Synonyms
    - dependable, good, reliable, responsible, safe, solid, steady, sure, tried, true—more at dependable

1 trusty /trəstɪ/ adjective trust-i-er; -i-est
- worthy of confidence: dependable
  - Synonyms
    - dependable, good, reliable, responsible, safe, solid, steady, sure, tried, true—more at dependable

2 trusty /trəstɪ, ˈtræstɪ/ noun, plural trusties
- a trusted person; especially: a convict considered trustworthy and allowed special privileges

truth /trʌθ/ noun, plural truths /ˈtrʌθz, ˈtrʌθs/
1: truthfulness, honesty
2: the real state of things: fact
3: the body of real events or facts: actuality
4: a true or accepted statement or proposition <the ~s of science>
5: agreement with fact or reality: correctness
truth·ful /tr̥θˌfəl/ adjective
: telling or disposed to tell the truth

truth·ful·ly /ˈfəl-i/ adverb
1 : in reality: ACTUALLY <> he didn't do it>
2 : in a truthful manner: "I didn't do it," she said <>

Synonyms
→ actually, forsooth, frankly, honestly, really, truly, verily—more at ACTUALLY

truth·ful·ness noun
: the quality or state of being truthful

Synonyms
→ honesty, integrity, probity, veracity, verity—more at HONESTY

truth serum noun
: a drug held to induce a subject under questioning to talk freely

try /trɪ/ verb tried; trying
[origin: ME trien, fr. AF trier to select, sort, examine, prob. fr. LL tritare to grind]
1 : to examine or investigate judicially
2 : to conduct the trial of
3 : to put to test or trial
4 : to subject to strain, affliction, or annoyance
5 : to extract or clarify (as lard) by melting
6 : to make an effort to do something: ATTEMPT

Synonyms
→ [4] strain, stretch, tax, test; also demand, exact, importune, press, pressure, push; aggravate, agitate, exasperate, get (to), gnaw (at), grate, harass, harry, hassle, irk, irritate, pain, pester
→ [6] assay, attempt, endeavor, essay, seek, strive—more at ATTEMPT

try noun, plural tries
: an experimental trial

Synonyms
→ attempt, crack, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, shot, stab, trial, whack—more at ATTEMPT

try·ing adjective
: severely straining the powers of endurance

Synonyms
→ bitter, brutal, burdensome, cruel, excruciating, grievous, grim, hard, harsh, heavy, inhuman, murderous, onerous, oppressive, rough, rugged, severe, stiff, tough—more at HARSH

try on verb
: to put on (a garment) to test the fit and looks

try out verb
: to participate in competition esp. for a position on an athletic team or a part in a play

try·to·phan /trɪˈpə-fən/ noun
: a crystalline essential amino acid that is widely distributed in proteins

tryst /trɪst/ noun
1 : an agreement (as between lovers) to meet
2 : an appointed meeting or meeting place

try verb
try·st·er noun
Synonyms
→ appointment, date, engagement, rendezvous—more at ENGAGEMENT

tsar variant of CZAR

tsarina variant of CZARINA
tset·se fly /ˌtɛt.ˌsiː/ noun
any of several sub-Saharan African dipteran flies including the vector of sleeping sickness

T'Sgt abbreviation
technical sergeant

T-shirt /tʃərt/ noun
a collarless short-sleeved or sleeveless cotton undershirt; also: an outer shirt of similar design
— T-shirt·ed /tʃərt·ed/ adjective

tsk /a click: often read as tisk/ interjection
— used to express disapproval

tsp abbreviation
teaspoon; teaspoonful

T square noun
a ruler with a crosspiece at one end for making parallel lines

tsu·na·mi /súˈnə.mə, tsú-/ noun
[origin: Jp]
a tidal wave caused esp. by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption

TT abbreviation
Trust Territories

TTY abbreviation
tele typewriter

Tu abbreviation
Tuesday

tub /ˈtæb/ noun
1: a wide low bucketlike vessel
2: BATH TUB; also: BATH
3: the amount that a tub will hold

tu·ba /ˈtu.ˈba, ˈjuː-/ noun
a large low-pitched brass wind instrument

tub·al /ˈtu.ˈbæl, ˈjuː-/ adjective
of, relating to, or involving a tube and esp. a fallopian tube

tube /ˈtu.ˈbɪ/ noun
1 ▶: any of various usu. cylindrical structures or devices; especially: one to convey fluids
2: a slender hollow anatomical part (as a fallopian tube) functioning as a channel in a plant or animal body: DUCT
3: a soft round container from which a paste is squeezed
4: a tunnel for vehicular or rail travel
5: INNER TUBE
6: ELECTRON TUBE
7: TELEVISION
— tubed /ˈtʌbd, ˈjuːbd/ adjective
— tube·less adjective

Synonyms
▶ channel, conduit, duct, leader, line, penstock, pipe—more at PIPE

tu·ber /ˈtu.ˈbɛr, ˈjuː-/ noun
a short fleshy usu. underground stem (as of a potato plant) bearing minute scalelike leaves each with a bud at its base

tu·ber·cle /ˈtu.ˈbɛr.ˌkɛl, ˈjuː-/ noun
1: a small knobby prominence or outgrowth esp. on an animal or plant
2: a small abnormal lump in an organ or on the skin; especially: one caused by tuberculosis
tubercle bacillus noun
: a bacterium that is the cause of tuberculosis

tu·ber·cu·lar /ˌbərˌkuːlər/ noun
1 : TUBERCULOUS
2 : of, resembling, or being a tubercle

tu·ber·cu·lin /ˌbərˌkuːlən/ noun
: a sterile liquid extracted from the tubercle bacillus and used in the diagnosis of tuberculosis esp. in children and cattle

tu·ber·cu·lo·sis /ˌbərˌkuːləˈsɪs/ noun, plural -lo·ses /ˌsɛs/ : a communicable bacterial disease that affects esp. the lungs and is typically marked by fever, cough, difficulty in breathing, and formation of tubercles

— tu·ber·cu·lous /ˌbərˌkuːləs/ adjective

tu·be·rose /ˌtʌbəˈrəʊs/ noun
: a bulbous herb related to the agaves and often grown for its spike of fragrant waxy-white flowers

tu·ber·ous /ˌtʌbəˈrəʊs/ adjective
: of, resembling, or being a tuber

tub·bing /ˈtʌbɪŋ/ noun
1 : material in the form of a tube; also : a length of tube
2 : a series or system of tubes

tu·bu·lar /ˌtʌbjuˈlər/ adjective
: having the form of or consisting of a tube; also : made with tubes

tu·bul·ine /ˈtʌbjuˌlin/ noun
: a small tube

1tuck /tʌk/ noun
1 : a fold stitched into cloth to shorten, decorate, or control fullness
2 : a cosmetic surgical operation for the removal of excess skin or fat <a tummy ~>

2tuck verb
1 : to pull up into a fold <~ed up her skirt>
2 : to make tucks in
3 : to put into a snug often concealing place <~ a book under the arm>
4 : to secure in place by pushing the edges under <~ in a blanket>
5 : to cover by tucking in bedclothes

tuck·er /ˈtʌkər/ verb tuck·ered; tuck·er·ing
: to tire extremely or completely : FATIGUE — often used with out

Synonyms usually tucker out

burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at EXHAUST

Tues or Tue abbreviation
Tuesday

Tues·day /ˈtjuːz dɛ, ˈtjuːz, ˌdæ/ noun
: the 3d day of the week

tu·fa /ˈtjuːfa, ˈtjuː/ noun
: a porous rock formed as a deposit from springs or streams

tuff /tʌf/ noun
: a rock composed of volcanic detritus

1tuft /tʌft/ noun
1 : a small cluster of long flexible outgrowths (as hairs); also : a bunch of soft fluffy threads cut off short and used as
ornament
2 : CLUMP, CLUSTER
— tuft·ed adjective

2 tuft verb
1 : to provide or adorn with a tuft
2 : to make (as a mattress) firm by stitching at intervals and sewing on tufts
— tuft·er noun

1 tug /tæŋ/ verb tugged; tug·ging
1 ▶ : to pull hard
2 ▶ : to struggle in opposition : CONTEND
3 ▶ : to move by pulling hard : HAUL
4 ▶ : to tow with a tugboat

Synonyms ▶ [1, 3] drag, draw, hale, haul, lug, pull, tow—more at PULL.

2 tug noun
1 : a harness trace
2 ▶ : an act of tugging : PULL
3 ▶ : a straining effort
4 ▶ : a struggle between opposing people or forces
5 : TUGBOAT

Synonyms ▶ draw, haul, jerk, pluck, pull, wrench—more at PULL

tug·boat /ˌtægət/ noun
: a strongly built boat used for towing or pushing

tug·of·war /ˌtæɡˌōfˈwôr/ noun, plural tugs·of·war
1 ▶ : a struggle for supremacy
2 ▶ : an athletic contest in which two teams pull against each other at opposite ends of a rope

Synonyms ▶ battle, combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, duel, face-off, rivalry, struggle, warfare—more at CONTEST

tu·ition /tuˈiʃən/ noun
: money paid for instruction <college ~>

tu·la·re·mia /tuˈla rə miə, ˌtə ləˈrimiə/ noun
: an infectious bacterial disease esp. of wild rabbits, rodents, humans, and some domestic animals that in humans is marked by symptoms (as fever) similar to those of influenza

tu·lip /ˈtʌlip/ noun
[origin: NL tulipa, fr. Turk tülbent turban]
: any of a genus of Eurasian bulbous herbs related to the lilies and grown for their large showy erect cup-shaped flowers; also : a flower or bulb of a tulip

tulip tree noun
: a tall No. American timber tree that is related to the magnolias and has greenish tulip-shaped flowers and soft white wood

tulle /ˈtůl/ noun
: a sheer often stiffened silk, rayon, or nylon net <a veil of ~>

1 tumble /ˈtʌm bəl/ verb tum·bled; tum·bling
[origin: ME, fr. tumben to dance, fr. OE tumbian]
1 a ▶ : to fall or cause to fall suddenly and helplessly
b ▶ : to decline suddenly and sharply (as in price) : DROP
2 : to fall into ruin
3 : to perform gymnastic feats of rolling and turning
4 : to roll over and over : TOSS
5: to issue forth hurriedly and confusedly
6: to come to understand
7

 to throw together in a confused mass

Synonyms

- [1a] fall, slip, stumble, topple, trip—more at FALL
- [1b] decline, descend, dip, drop, fall, lower, plummet, plunge, sink—more at DROP
- [7] disorder, hash, jumble, mess, mix, muddle, rumple

2 tumble noun

1 a :

- a disordered mass of objects or material

b : a disorderly state

2 : an act or instance of tumbling

Synonyms

- [1a] assortment, clutter, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, miscellany, muddle, scramble
- [2] fall, slip, spill, stumble—more at FALL

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- [2] fall, slip, spill, stumble—more at FALL
tending to incite a tumult
3  •  marked by violent upheaval
   Synonyms
   • convulsive, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, wild—more at WILD

tun /tən/ noun
: a large cask
tū-na /ˈtū.nə, ˈtyū.nə/ noun, plural tuna or tunas
[Origin: Sp]
: any of several mostly large marine fishes related to the mackerels and caught for food and sport; also: the flesh of a tuna
tun-able /ˈtū.nə.bəl, ˈtyū.əl/ adjective
: capable of being tuned
— tun-abil-i-ty /ˈtū.nə.bəl.i.tē, ˈtyū.əl.i.tē/ noun
tun-dra /ˈtū.nə.dra/ noun
[Origin: Russ]
: a treeless plain of arctic and subarctic regions
t1 tūne /tūn, ˈtyūn/ noun
1  •  a succession of pleasing musical tones: MELODY
2: correct musical pitch
3  •  harmonious relationship: AGREEMENT <in ~ with the times>
4: general attitude <changed his ~>  
5: AMOUNT, EXTENT <in debt to the ~ of millions>
   Synonyms
   • [1] air, lay, melody, song, strain, warble—more at MELODY
   • [3] accord, agreement, conformity, consonance, harmony—more at CONFORMITY

t2 tune verb tuned; tun-ing
1: to adjust in musical pitch
2: to bring or come into harmony: ATTUNE
3: to put in good working order
4: to adjust a radio or television receiver so as to receive a broadcast
5: to adjust the frequency of the output of (a device) to a chosen frequency
   — tun-er noun
tuneful /ˈtən.fəl/ adjective
• having a pleasing melody: MELODIous
   — tuneful-ly adverb
   — tuneful-ness noun
   Synonyms
   • euphonious, harmonious, melodious, musical, symphonic—more at HARMONIOUS
tunel-less /ˈtən.ləs/ adjective
1: UNMELODIous
2: not producing music
   — tunel-less-ly adverb
tune-up /ˈtū.nə.ap, ˈtyū.nəp/ noun
: an adjustment to ensure efficient functioning <an engine ~>  
tung-sten /ˈtaŋ.stən/ noun
[Origin: Sw, fr. tung heavy + sten stone]
: a gray-white hard heavy ductile metallic chemical element used esp. in carbide materials, electrical components, and alloys
tunic /ˈtū.nik, ˈtyū.nik/ noun
1: a usu. knee-length belted under or outer garment worn by ancient Greeks and Romans
2: a hip-length or longer blouse or jacket

*tuning fork* noun
: a 2-pronged metal implement that gives a fixed tone when struck and is useful for tuning musical instruments

*Tun-i-sian* /tûn.ˌeɪ.zhən, ū.ˌve.nî/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Tunisia
— Tunisian adjective

1 *tunnel* /ˈtenəl/ noun
: an enclosed passage (as a tube or conduit); especially: one underground (as in a mine)

2 *tunnel* verb -neled or -nelled; -nel·ing or -nel·ling
: to make a tunnel through or under
— tun·nel·er /ˈten.ələr/ noun

*tun·ny* /ˈtoʊn.ə/ noun, plural tunnies also tunny
: TUNA

tuque /ˈtuk, ˈtuːk/ noun
[origin: CanF]
: a warm knitted cone-shaped cap

tur·ban /ˈtər.bən/ noun
1: a headdress worn esp. by Muslims and made of a cap around which is wound a long cloth
2: a headdress resembling a turban; especially: a woman's close-fitting hat without a brim

tur·bid /ˈtərbəd/ adjective
[origin: L turbidus confused, turbid, fr. turba confusion, crowd]
1: cloudy or discolored by suspended particles in a liquid or stream
2: confused, muddled
— tur·bid·i·ty /ˈtərbədi.ti/ noun

Synonyms
cloudy, muddy—more at CLOUDY

tur·bine /ˈtərbən. ˈbɪ.n/ noun
[origin: F, fr. L turbin-, turbo top, whirlwind, whirl]
: an engine whose central driveshaft is fitted with curved vanes spun by the pressure of water, steam, or gas

tur·bo·fan /ˈtər.bəˌfən/ noun
: a jet engine having a fan driven by a turbine for supplying air for combustion

tur·bo·jet /ˈtər.bo.ˌjet/ noun
: an airplane powered by a jet engine (turbojet engine) having a turbine-driven air compressor supplying compressed air to the combustion chamber

*tur·bo·prop* /ˈtər.bəˌprəp/ noun
: an airplane powered by a jet engine (turbofan engine) having a turbine-driven propeller

*tur·bot* /ˈtər.bət/ noun, plural turbot also turbots
: a European flatfish that is a popular food fish; also: any of several similar flatfishes

tur·bu·lence /ˈtər.bəˌlens/ noun
: the quality or state of being turbulent

tur·bu·lent /ˈtər.bəˌlnt/ adjective
1: causing violence or disturbance
2: marked by agitation or tumult: TEMPESTUOUS
— tur·bu·lent·ly adverb

Synonyms
explosive, ferocious, fierce, furious, hot, rabid, rough, stormy, tempestuous, violent, volcanic—more at VIOLENT
stormy, tempestuous, tumultuous, wild—more at WILD
tu·reen /tuˈrēn, tōˈvō/ noun
[origin: Fr terrine, fr. MF, fr. fem. of terrin of earth]
: a deep bowl from which foods (as soup) are served at table

1turf /ˈturf/ noun, plural turfs /ˈtɜːrfz/ also turves /ˈtɜːrvz/
1 : the upper layer of soil bound by grass and roots into a close mat; also : a piece of this
2 : an artificial substitute for turf (as on a playing field)
3 : a piece of peat dried for fuel
4 : a track or course for horse racing; also : horse racing as a sport or business

turf verb
: to cover with turf

tur·gid /ˈtur.jəd/ adjective
1 : being in a swollen state
2 : excessively embellished in style or language : BOMBASTIC
— tur·gid·i·ty /ˈtur.ji.de.tē/ noun

Turk /ˈtůrk/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Turkey

tur·key /ˈtôrk-i/ noun, plural turkeys
[origin: Turkey, country in western Asia and southeastern Europe; fr. confusion with the guinea fowl, supposed to be imported from Turkish territory]
1 : a large No. American bird related to the domestic chicken and widely raised for food
2 : a complete failure
3 : a stupid, foolish, or inept person

Synonyms
2 [2] bummer, bust, catastrophe, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, loser, washout—more at FAILURE
3 [3] booby, fool, goose, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, nitwit, nut, simpleton—more at FOOL

turkey buzzard noun
: TURKEY VULTURE

turkey vulture noun
: an American vulture with a red head and whitish bill

Turk·ish /ˈtůrk.ish/ noun
: the language of Turkey
— Turkish adjective

tur·mer·ic /ˈtôr.mər.ik/ noun
: a spice or dyestuff obtained from the large aromatic deep-yellow rhizome of an Indian perennial herb related to the ginger; also : this herb

tur·moil /ˈtʰûr.môl/ noun
: an extremely confused or agitated condition

Synonyms
: disquiet, ferment, restlessness, uneasiness, unrest—more at UNREST
: commotion, furor, pandemonium, storm, tumult, uproar

1turn /ˈtɜr/n verb
1 : to move or cause to move around an axis or center : ROTATE << a wheel
2 : to effect a desired end by turning something << the oven on
3 : WRENCH << an ankle
4 : to change or cause to change position by moving through an arc of a circle << ed her chair to the fire
5 : to cause to move around a center so as to show another side of << a page
6 : to revolve mentally : PONDER
7 : to become dizzy : REEL
8 : to reverse the sides or surfaces of << a pancake
9: upset, disorder <things were ~ed topsy-turvy>
10: to set in another esp. contrary direction
11: to change one's course or direction
12: to go around <~ a corner>
13: to undergo change or development: become <my hair ~ed gray> <~ed twenty-one>
14: to direct toward or away from something; also: devote, apply
15: to have recourse <~ to a friend for help>
16: to become or make hostile
17: to cause to become of a specified nature or appearance <~s the leaves yellow>
18: to make or become spoiled: sour
19: to pass from one state to another <water ~s to ice>
20: convert, transform
21: translate, paraphrase
22: to give a rounded form to; especially: to shape by means of a lathe
23: to gain by passing in trade <~ a quick profit>

— turn color
1: bluish
2: to become pale
— turn loose
: to set free

Synonyms
▷ [1] pivot, revolve, roll, rotate, spin, swing, swirl, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl; also screw, unscrew; twiddle; crank, reel, wind; circulate
▷ [10] divert, swerve, swing, veer, wheel, whip; also avert, move, rechannel, shift, shunt, sidetrack, switch, transfer; swivel, twist, whirl, zigzag; bend, curve, sway; reverse, turn back
▷ [11] detour, deviate, sheer, swerve, swing, turn off, veer; also tack, zigzag; double (back), turn back
▷ usually turn to [15] go, refer, resort

2 turn noun
1: a turning about a center or axis: revolution, rotation
2: the action or an act of giving or taking a different direction <made a left ~> 
3: a change of course or tendency <a ~ for the better>
4: a place at which something turns: bend
5: a short walk or trip round about <take a ~ around the block>
6: an act affecting another <did him a good ~> 
7: a place, time, or opportunity accorded in a scheduled order <waited his ~ in line>
8: a period of duty: shift
9: a short act esp. in a variety show
10: a special purpose or requirement <the job serves his ~>
11: a skillful fashioning <neat ~ of phrase>
12: a single round (as of rope passed around an object)
13: natural or special aptitude
14: a usu. sudden and brief disorder of body or spirits; especially: a spell of nervous shock or faintness

Synonyms
▷ [4] angle, arc, arch, bend, bow, crook, curve, wind—more at bend
▷ [5] perambulation, ramble, stroll, walk—more at walk
▷ [6] boon, courtesy, favor, grace, indulgence, kindness, mercy, service—more at favor
▷ [13] bent, devices, disposition, genius, inclination, leaning, partiality, penchant, predilection, proclivity, propensity, tendency—more at inclination

turn-about /ˈtərnˌəbərt/ noun
1: a reversal of direction, trend, or policy
2: retaliation

turn-buck·le /ˈtərnˌbəkəl/ noun
: a link with a screw thread at one or both ends for tightening a rod or stay

turn-coat /ˈtərnˌkōt/ noun
traitor: one who switches to an opposing side or party

Synonyms
- apostate, betrayer, double-crosser, quisling, recreant, traitor—more at TRAITOR

turn down verb
- to decline to accept: REJECT

Synonyms
- decline, disallow, disapprove, negative, refuse, reject, repudiate, spurn—more at DECLINE

turn·er /ˈtɜr.nər/ noun
1: one that turns or is used for turning
2: one that forms articles with a lathe

turn·ery /ˈtɜr.nər.i/ noun, plural turneries: the work, products, or shop of a turner

turn in verb
1: to deliver up
2: to inform on
3: to acquit oneself of <turn in a good job>
4: to go to bed

turn·ing noun
1: the act or course of one that turns
2: a place of a change of direction

turn·nip /ˈtɜr.nip/ noun
1: a garden herb related to the cabbage with a thick edible usu. white root
2: Rutabaga
3: the root of a turnip

turn·key /ˈtɜr.ni/ noun, plural turnkeys: one who has charge of a prison's keys

turn off verb
1: to deviate from a straight course or a main road
2: to stop the functioning or flow of
3: to cause to lose interest; also: to evoke a negative feeling in

Synonyms
- [1] detour, deviate, sheer, swerve, swing, turn, veer—more at TURN
- [3] disgust, nauseate, repel, repulse, revolt, sicken—more at DISGUST

turn on verb
1: to cause to flow, function, or operate
2: to get high or cause to get high as a result of using a drug (as marijuana)
3: to move pleasurably: EXCITE

Synonyms
- [1] activate, actuate, crank, drive, move, propel, run, set off, spark, start, touch off, trigger—more at ACTIVATE
- [3] electrify, excite, exhilarate, galvanize, intoxicate, thrill, titillate—more at THRILL

turn·out /ˈtɜr.naut/ noun
1: an act of turning out
2: the number of people who participate or attend an event
3: a widened place in a highway for vehicles to pass or park
4: manner of dress
5: net yield: OUTPUT

turn out verb
1: **EXPEL, EVICT**
2: **PRODUCE**
3: to come forth and assemble
4: to get out of bed
5: to prove to be in the end
6: to cause to stop functioning by turning a switch

**Synonyms**
- come out, pan out, prove—more at **COME OUT**

1. **turnover /ˈtɜrnər/ noun**
   1: **UPSET**
   2: **SHIFT, REVERSAL**
   3: a filled pastry made by turning half of the crust over the other half
   4: the volume of business done
   5: movement (as of goods or people) into, through, and out of a place
   6: the number of persons hired within a period to replace those leaving or dropped
   7: an instance of a team's losing possession of the ball esp. through error

2. **turnover adjective**
   : capable of being turned over

**turn over verb**
1: to turn from an upright position
2: to take and hand over to or leave for another (*turn the job over to her*)

**Synonyms**
- [1] flip, reverse—more at **REVERSE**
- [2] commend, commit, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, surrender, transfer, transmit, trust, vest—more at **GIVE**

3. **turn·pike /ˈtɜrn pɪk/ noun**

   [Origin: ME turnepike revolving frame bearing spikes and serving as a barrier, fr. turnen to turn + pike]
   1: **TOLLGATE; also**: an expressway on which tolls are charged
   2: a main road

**Synonyms**
- highway, pike, road, route, thoroughfare, way

4. **turn·stile /ˈtɜr n stɪl/ noun**

   : a post with arms pivoted on the top set in a passageway so that persons can pass through only on foot one by one

5. **turn·ta·ble /ˈtɜr n tæ ˈbæl/ noun**

   : a circular platform that revolves (as for turning a locomotive or a phonograph record)

6. **turn to verb**
   : to apply oneself to work

**turn up verb**
1: to come to light or bring to light
2: to arrive at an appointed time or place
3: to happen unexpectedly
4: to raise or increase by or as if by turning a control

**Synonyms**
- [1] appear, come out, materialize, show up—more at **APPEAR**
- [2] arrive, come, land, show up—more at **COME**

7. **tur·pen·tine /ˈtɜr pəntɪn/ noun**

   1: a mixture of oil and resin obtained from various cone-bearing trees (as pines)
   2: an oil distilled from turpentine or pine wood and used as a solvent and paint thinner

8. **tur·pi·tude /ˈtɜr pə tə d/ noun**

   : inherent baseness : **DEPRAVITY**
tur·quoise also tur·quois /ˈtɜrkwaɪz/ noun
[origin: ME turkeys, fr. AF turkeise, fr. fem. of turkeis Turkish, fr. TURC Turk]
1: a blue, bluish green, or greenish gray mineral that is valued as a gem
2: a light greenish blue color

tur·ret /ˈtɜr.rət/ noun
1: a little ornamental tower often at a corner of a building
2: a low usu. revolving structure (as on a tank or warship) in which one or more guns are mounted

1tur·tle /ˈtɜrtəl/ noun, archaic
: TURTLEDOVE

2tur·tle noun, plural tur·tles also turl·tle
: any of an order of horned-beaked land, freshwater, or sea reptiles with the trunk enclosed in a bony shell

tur·tle·dove /ˈtɜrtəldəv/ noun
: any of several small pigeons noted for plaintive cooing

tur·tle·neck /ˈtɜrtəlnɛk/ noun
: a high close-fitting turnover collar (as on a sweater); also: a sweater or shirt with a turtleneck
— tur·tle·necked /ˌtɜrtəlnɛkt/ adjective

turves plural of TURF

Tu·sca·ro·ra /ˌtoʊskərərə/ noun, plural Tuscarora or Tuscaroras
: a member of an American Indian people of No. Carolina and later of New York and Ontario

tusk /tusk/ noun
: a long enlarged protruding tooth (as of an elephant, walrus, or boar) used esp. to dig up food or as a weapon
— tusked /tuskd/ adjective

tus·ker /ˈtus.kər/ noun
: an animal with tusks; especially: a male elephant with two normally developed tusks

1tussle /ˈtusəl/ noun
1: a physical struggle: SCUFFLE
2: an intense argument, controversy, or struggle

Synonyms
— battle, clash, combat, conflict, contest, fight, fracas, fray, hassle, scrap, scrimmage, scuffle, skirmish, struggle
— more at FIGHT

2tussle verb tus·sled; tus·sling
: to struggle roughly

Synonyms
— grapple, scuffle, wrestle—more at WRESTLE

tus·sock /ˈtus.sək/ noun
: a dense tuft esp. of grass or sedge; also: a hummock in a marsh or bog bound together by roots
— tus·socky adjective

tu·te·lage /ˈtu.tələj/ noun
1: an act of guarding or protecting
2: the state of being under a guardian or tutor
3: instruction esp. of an individual

Synonyms
— education, instruction, teaching, training—more at EDUCATION

tu·te·lary /ˈtu.tələrē/ adjective
: acting as a guardian ← deity

1tutor /ˈtʊtər/ noun
1: a person charged with the instruction and guidance of another
2: a private teacher
tutor verb
1 : to have the guardianship of
2 : to teach or guide individually <ed her in Latin>
3 : to receive instruction esp. privately
   Synonyms
t educate, indoctrinate, instruct, school, teach, train—more at TEACH
t coach, counsel, guide, lead, mentor, pilot, shepherd, show—more at GUIDE
tutor al /ˈtʊər-əl/ noun
: a class conducted by a tutor for one student or a small number of students
tut·ti /ˈtʊt-tə/ adjective or adverb
[origin: L, pl. of tutto all]
: with all voices and instruments playing together — used as a direction in music
tut·ti–fru·ti /ˈtʊt-tə-ˌfrʊ-tə/ noun
[origin: L, lit., all fruits]
: a confection or ice cream containing chopped usu. candied fruits
tut·tu /ˈtʊt-ə/ noun
[origin: F]
: a short projecting skirt worn by a ballerina
tux·e·do /ˈtəks-ə-də/ noun, plural -dos or -does
[origin: Tuxedo Park, N.Y.]
1 : a usu. black or blackish blue jacket
2 : a semiformal evening suit for men
TV /tē-ˈvē/ noun
: TELEVISION
TVA abbreviation
Tennessee Valley Authority
TV dinner noun
: a frozen packaged dinner that needs only heating before serving
twad·dle /ˈtwäd-l/ noun
: silly idle talk : DRIVEL
twaddle verb

twain /ˈtwān/ noun
1 : TWO
2 : two similar or associated things : PAIR
   Synonyms
t brace, couple, duo, pair, twosome—more at PAIR

twang /ˈtwäŋ/ noun
1 : a harsh quick ringing sound like that of a plucked bowstring
2 : nasal speech or resonance
3 : the characteristic speech of a region
2twang verb twanged; twang·ing
1 : to sound or cause to sound with a twang
2 : to speak with a nasal twang
tweak /ˈtwiék/ verb
1 : to pinch and pull with a sudden jerk and twitch
2 : to make small adjustments to
   tweak noun
tweed /ˈtwēd/ noun
1: a rough woolen fabric made usu. in twill weaves
2 plural: tweed clothing; especially: a tweed suit

*tweedy /ˈtwe-dē/ adjective tweed-i-er; -est
1: of or resembling tweed
2: given to wearing tweeds
3: suggestive of the outdoors in taste or habits

tween /ˈtwi-n/ preposition
: BETWEEN

tweet /ˈtwi t/ noun
: a chirping note

verb
: to make a usu. repetitive short sharp sound

Synonyms
cheep, chirp, peep, pipe, twitter—more at CHIRP

tweeter /ˈtwer-ət/ noun
: a small loudspeaker that reproduces sounds of high pitch

tweezers /ˈti zirz/ noun plural
: a small pincerlike implement usu. held between the thumb and index finger and used for grasping something

twelve /ˈtwelv/ noun
1: one more than 11
2: the 12th in a set or series
3: something having 12 units

—twelfth /ˈtwel-fθ/ adjective or noun
—twelve adjective or pronoun

twelve-month /ˈmʌnθ/ noun
: YEAR

12-step /ˈtwelv-step/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being a program designed esp. to help someone overcome a problem (as an addiction) by following 12 tenets

twenty /ˈtwen-ti/ noun, plural twenties
: two times 10

—twentieth /ˈtwen-thθ/ adjective or noun
—twenty adjective or pronoun

twenty–twenty or 20/20 /ˈtwen-ti /ˈtwen-ti/ adjective
: characterized by a visual capacity for seeing detail that is normal for the human eye << vision>>

twice /ˈtwais/ adverb
1: on two occasions
2: two times << two is four>>

1 twiddle /ˈtwid-əl/ verb twid-dled; twid-dling
1: to be busy with trifles; also: to play idly with something
2: to rotate lightly or idly

2 twiddle noun
: TURN, TWIST

twig /ˈtwig/ noun
: a small branch

—twiggy adjective

twilight /ˈtwi-lif/ noun
1: the light from the sky between full night and sunrise or between sunset and full night; also: a time of twilight
2: a state of imperfect clarity; also: a period of decline
   Synonyms	dusk, evening, gloaming, nightfall, sundown, sunset—more at dusk

twilight zone noun
1: TWILIGHT 2; also: an area just beyond ordinary legal or ethical limits
2: a world of fantasy or unreality

twil /twil/ noun
[origin: ME twyll, fr. OE twelic having a double thread, part trans. of L bilic-, bilix, fr. bi- two + licium thread]
1: a fabric with a twill weave
2: a textile weave that gives an appearance of diagonal lines

twilled /twild/ adjective
: made with a twill weave

twin /twin/ noun
1: either of two offspring produced at a birth
2: one of two persons or things closely related to or resembling each other
   Synonyms
     companion, fellow, half, match, mate—more at mate

2 twin verb twinned; twin·ning
1: to be coupled with another
2: to bring forth twins

3 twin adjective
1: born with one other or as a pair at one birth <~ brother> <~ girls>
2: made up of two similar or related members or parts
3: being one of a pair <~ city>
   Synonyms
     binary, bipartite, double, dual, duplex—more at double

twine /twin/ noun
1: a strong thread of two or three strands twisted together
2: an act of entwining or interlacing
-- twiny adjective

2 twine verb twined; twin·ning
1: to twist together; also: to form by twisting
2: INTERLACE, WEAVE
3: to coil about a support
4: to stretch or move in a sinuous manner
   -- twin·er noun
   Synonyms
     coil, curl, entwine, spiral, twist, wind—more at wind

1 twinge /twing/ verb twinged; twing·ing or twinge·ing
: to affect with or feel a sharp sudden pain

2 twinge noun
: a sudden sharp stab (as of pain or distress)
   Synonyms
     ache, pain, pang, prick, smart, sting, stitch, tingle—more at pain

1 twinkle /twinkl/ verb twin·kled; twin·kling
1: to shine or cause to shine with a flickering or sparkling light
2: to appear bright with merriment
3: to flutter or flit rapidly
   -- twin·kler noun


**Twinkle noun**

1 a: a wink of the eyelids

b: the duration of a wink: TWINKLING

2: an intermittent radiance

3: a rapid flashing motion

— tweek·ly /twiŋˈkli/ adjective

tweek·ling /twiŋˈklɪŋ/ noun

1: the time required for a wink: INSTANT

**Twirl verb**

1: to turn or cause to turn rapidly << a baton

— twir·ler noun

**Twirl noun**

1: an act of twirling

2: COIL, WHORL

— twirly /twiŋˈrɛ/ adjective

**Twist verb**

1: to unite by winding one thread or strand round another

2: WREATHE, TWINE

3: to wring or wrench so as to dislocate or distort << ed her ankle

4: to twirl into spiral shape

5: to subject (as a shaft) to torsion

6: a turning aside

7: an unexpected turn or development

8: DEVICE, TRICK

9: to turn around

**Twist noun**

1: something formed by twisting or winding

2: an act of twisting: the state of being twisted

3: a spiral turn or curve; also: SPIN

4: a turning aside

5: ECCENTRICITY

6: a distortion of meaning

7: an unexpected turn or development

8: DEVICE, TRICK

9: a variant approach or method

**Twister /twisˈtər/ noun**

1: one that twists; especially: a ball with a forward and spinning motion
2 : TORNADO; also : WATERSPOUT

1twit /twit/ noun
   : FOOL

2twit verb twit-ted; twit-ting
   : to ridicule as a fault; also : TAUNT

1twitch /twitch/ verb
   1 : to move or pull with a sudden motion : JERK
   2 : to move jerkily
   3 : to have a twitch

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] fiddle, fidget, jerk, squirm, toss, wiggle—more at FIDGET
   ▶ [2] buck, hitch, jerk, jolt—more at JERK

2twitch noun
   1 : an act or movement of twitching
   2 : a brief spasmodic contraction of muscle fibers

1twitter /ˈtwɪtər/ verb
   1 : to make a succession of chirping noises
   2 : to talk in a chattering fashion
   3 : to tremble with agitation : FLUTTER

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] cheep, chirp, peep, pipe, tweet—more at CHIRP
   ▶ [2] chat, chatter, gab, gabble, prattle, run on—more at CHAT

2twitter noun
   1 : a slight agitation of the nerves
   2 : a small tremulous intermittent noise (as made by a swallow)
   3 : a light chattering

   Synonyms
   ▶ dither, fluster, fret, fuss, huff, lather, pother, stew, tizzy—more at FRET

twixt /twɪst/ preposition
   : BETWEEN

two /tuː/ noun, plural twos
   1 : one more than one
   2 : the second in a set or series
   3 : something having two units
       — two adjective or pronoun

two cents noun
   1 : a sum or object of very small value
   2 or two cents worth : an opinion offered on a topic under discussion

two–faced /tuːˈfæst/ adjective
   1 : given to or marked by duplicity : DOUBLE-DEALING
   2 : having two faces

   Synonyms
   ▶ artificial, double-dealing, feigned, hypocritical, insincere, left-handed, mealy, mealymouthed, unctuous—more at INSINCERE

two·fold /tuːˈfəld/ adjective
   1 : having two units or members
   2 : being twice as much or as many
       — twofold /ˈtɹəld/ adverb

2,4-D /ˈtuːˌɛrˌdiː/ noun
   : an irritant compound used esp. as a weed killer
2,4,5-T /ˌtīv.ˈɛt/ noun
: an irritant compound used esp. as an herbicide and defoliant

two·pence /ˈtwaˌpens, US also ˈtūˌpens/ noun
: the sum of two pence

two·pen·ny /ˈtwaˌpeŋnə, US also ˈtūˌpeŋnə/ adjective
: of the value of or costing twopence

two·ply /ˈtūˌplaɪ/ adjective
1 : woven as a double cloth
2 : consisting of two strands or thicknesses

two·some /ˈtūˌsām/ noun
1 : a group of two persons or things :
   couple
2 : a golf match between two players
   Synonyms
   brace, couple, duo, pair, twain—more at pair

two·step /ˈtūˌstep/ noun
: a ballroom dance performed with a sliding step in march or polka time; also : a piece of music for this dance
   — two·step verb

two·time /ˈtūˌtaim/ verb
: to betray (a spouse or lover) by secret lovemaking with another
   — two·tim·er noun

two·way adjective
: involving two elements or allowing movement or use in two directions or manners

2WD abbreviation
two-wheel drive
twp abbreviation
township

TWX abbreviation
teletypewriter exchange

TX abbreviation
Texas

ty·coon /ˈtīkən/ noun
[origin: Jp taikun feudal lord]
1 : a masterful leader (as in politics)
2 : a powerful businessman or industrialist
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] baron, czar, king, magnate, mogul, prince—more at magnate

tying present participle of Tie
tyke /ˈtīk/ noun
: a small child

tymp·pan·ic membrane /ˈtimˌpaˌnɪk/ noun
: EARDRUM

tym·pan·um /ˈtimˌpaˌnum/ noun, plural -na /ˈna/ also -nums
: EARDRUM; also : MIDDLE EAR
   — tym·pan·ic /ˈtimˌpaˌnɪk/ adjective

type /taɪp/ noun
1: a person, thing, or event that foreshadows another to come:  
   TOKEN, SYMBOL
2: MODEL, EXAMPLE
3: a distinctive stamp, mark, or sign: EMBLEM
4: rectangular blocks usu. of metal each having a face so shaped as to produce a character when printed
5: the letters or characters printed from or as if from type
6: general character or form common to a number of individuals and setting them off as a distinguishable class
   <horses of draft ~> 
7: a class, kind, or group set apart by common characteristics <a seedless ~ of orange>; also: something distinguishable as a variety <reactions of this ~> 
   Synonyms 
   breed, class, description, feather, group, ilk, kind, like, manner, nature, order, sort, species—more at SORT

2: type verb typed: typing 
   1: to represent beforehand as a type
   2: to produce a copy of; also: REPRESENT, TYPIFY
3: to write with a typewriter or computer keyboard
4: to identify as belonging to a type
5: TYPECAST

   type-cast /ˌkaʊst/ verb -cast; -casting
   1: to cast (an actor) in a part calling for characteristics possessed by the actor
   2: to cast repeatedly in the same type of role

   type-face /ˌfeɪs/ noun
   : all type of a single design

   type-script /ˌskrɪpt/ noun
   : typewritten matter

   type-set /ˌset/ verb -set; -setting
   : to set in type: COMPOSE
   — type-set-ter noun

   type-write /ˌrɪt/ verb -wrote /ˌrɪtɪd/; -written /ˌrɪtɪn/ 
   : TYPE

   type-writ-er /ˌrɪtər/ noun
   1: a machine for writing in characters similar to those produced by printers' type by means of types striking a ribbon to transfer ink or carbon impressions onto paper
   2: TYPIST

   type-writ-ing /ˌrɪtɪŋ/ noun
   : the use of a typewriter <teach ~>; also: writing produced with a typewriter

1: typhoid /ˈtaɪfɔɪd, ˈtaɪˌfɔɪd/ adjective
   : of, relating to, or being a communicable bacterial disease (typhoid fever) marked by fever, diarrhea, prostration, and intestinal inflammation

2: typhoid noun
   : TYPHOID FEVER

ty-phoon /ˈtaɪpʊn/ noun
   : a hurricane occurring esp. in the region of the Philippines or the China sea

   ty-phus /ˈtaɪfəs/ noun
   : a severe infectious disease transmitted esp. by body lice, caused by a rickettsia, and marked by high fever, stupor and delirium, intense headache, and a dark red rash

   typ-i-cal /ˌtaɪ̯.pɪˈkæl/ adjective
   1: being or having the nature of a type
   2: exhibiting the essential characteristics of a group
typ·i·cal·ty noun
— typ·i·cal·ness noun

Synonyms
[2] characteristic, classic, distinct, distinctive, individual, peculiar, proper, symptomatic—more at CHARACTERISTIC
[2, 3] average, characteristic, normal, regular, representative, standard; also common, conventional, customary, ordinary, usual, wonted; expected, familiar, habitual, predictable, routine, unexceptional, unremarkable; predominant, preponderant

Antonyms
aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, atypical, deviant, irregular, nontypical

typ·i·cal·ly /ˌti,pəˈkəl.i/ adverb
1 : in a typical manner
2 : in typical circumstances

Synonyms
commonly, generally, naturally, normally, ordinarily, usually—more at NATURALLY

typ·i·fy /ˈti,pəˌfi/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1 : to represent by an image, form, model, or resemblance
2 : to embody the essential or common characteristics of

Synonyms

typ·i·st /ˈti,pəst/ noun
a person who types esp. as a job

ty·po /ˈti,pəʊ/ noun, plural typos
an error (as of spelling) in typed or typeset material

ty·pog·ra·pher /ˌti,pəˈɡraˌfər/ noun
one who designs or arranges printing

ty·pog·ra·phy /ˌti,pəˈɡraˌfe/ noun
the art of printing with type; also : the style, arrangement, or appearance of printed matter

Synonyms

ty·ran·ni·cal /ˈta,raˌniˌkəl/ also ty·ran·nic /ˈta,raˌnik/ adjective
being or characteristic of a tyrant or tyranny: DESPOTIC

Synonyms
absolute, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, tyrannous—more at ABSOLUTE

tyr·an·nize /ˈta,raˌnaɪz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
: to act as a tyrant : rule with unjust severity

Synonyms

ty·ran·no·saur /ˈta,raˌnəˌsɔr/ noun
a massive American flesh-eating dinosaur of the Cretaceous that had small forelegs and walked on its hind legs

ty·ran·no·sau·rus /ˈta,raˌnəˌsɔrəs/ noun
: TYRANNOSAUR

ty·ran·nous /ˈta,raˌnəs/ adjective
being or characteristic of a tyrant or tyranny; especially : unjustly severe: TYRANNICAL

Synonyms
authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, imperious, masterful, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical—more at BOSSY
tyr•an•ny /ˈtir.ə.nə/ noun, plural -nies
1 : oppressive power
2 : the rule or authority of a tyrant : government in which absolute power is vested in a single ruler
3 : a tyrannical act  
   Synonyms
   ➔ autocracy, despotism, dictatorship, totalitarianism—more at DESPOTISM

ty•rant /ˈtir.ənt/ noun
1 : an absolute ruler
2 : a ruler who governs oppressively or brutally
3 : one who uses authority or power harshly
   Synonyms
   ➔ [1, 2, 3] autocrat, despot, dictator, oppressor—more at DESPOT

tyre chiefly British variant of 2TIRE

ty•ro /ˈti.rəʊ/ noun, plural tyros
[Origin: ML, fr. L tiro young soldier, tyro]
1 : a beginner in learning : NOVICE
   Synonyms
   ➔ beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, novice, recruit, rookie, tenderfoot—more at BEGINNER

tzar variant of CZAR
U

1u /yü/ noun, plural u's or us /yüz/ often cap
: the 21st letter of the English alphabet

2u abbreviation, often cap
unit

1U /yü/ adjective
: characteristic of the upper classes

2U abbreviation
1 [origin abbr. of Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations] kosher certification — often enclosed in a circle
2 university
3 unsatisfactory

3U symbol
uranium

UAE abbreviation
United Arab Emirates

UAR abbreviation
United Arab Republic

UAW abbreviation
United Automobile Workers

ubiquitous /yüˈbiˌkwətəs/ adjective
: existing or being everywhere at the same time : constantly encountered
— ubiquitous·ly adverb
— ubiquity /ˈkwətən/ noun

U-boat /yūˈbōt/ noun
[origin: trans. of G U-Boot, short for Unterseeboot, lit., undersea boat]
: a German submarine

UC abbreviation
uppercase

udder /ˈʌ.ːdər/ noun
: an organ (as of a cow) consisting of two or more milk glands enclosed in a large hanging sac and each provided with a nipple

UFO /yüˈoʊ/ noun, plural UFO's or UFOs /ˈoʊ/ noun, plural UFO's or UFOs /ˈoʊz/
: an unidentified flying object; especially: FLYING SAUCER

Ugandan /ˈʌɡˌdən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Uganda
— Ugandan adjective

ugly /ˈʌɡli/ adjective ugly·er, -est
[origin: ME, fr. ON uggligr, fr. uggr fear]
1: FRIGHTFUL, DIRE
2: offensive to the sight: HIDEOUS
3: offensive or unpleasant to any sense
4: morally objectionable: REPULSIVE
5: likely to cause inconvenience or discomfort
6: SURLY, QUARRELSOME <an ~ disposition>

ugliness /ˈʌɡliˌnis/ noun

Synonyms
- grotesque, hideous, unappealing, unattractive, unlovely, unsightly, vile; also disgusting, repugnant, repulsive,
revolting; unimposing, unprepossessing, unimpressive; plain, unaesthetic, unbecoming, unshapely

Antonyms
attractive, beauteous, beautiful, comely, cute, fair, gorgeous, handsome, lovely, pretty, stunning, taking

UHF abbreviation
ultrahigh frequency

UK abbreviation
United Kingdom

ukase /ˈyuːˌkɑːs, ˈkɑːz/ noun
[origin: F & Russ; F, fr. Russ ukaz, fr. ukazat’ to show, order]
: an edict esp. of a Russian emperor or government

Ukrainian

Ukrai·ni·an /ˌyuːˈkrɑːnɪən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Ukraine
— Ukrainian adjective

uku·le·le also uke·le·le /ˈyuːˌkeəˈleɪ/ noun
[origin: Hawaiian ʻukulele, fr. ʻuku flea + lele jumping]
: a small usu. 4-stringed guitar popularized in Hawaii

ul·cer /ˈalˈsər/ noun
1: an open eroded sore of skin or mucous membrane often discharging pus
2: something that festers and corrupts like an open sore
— ul·cer·ous adjective

ul·cer·ate /ˈalˌsərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
: to become affected with an ulcer

ul·cer·a·tive /ˈalˌsərətɪv/ adjective

ul·cer·a·tion /ˈalˌsərəˈʃən/ noun
1: the process of forming or state of having an ulcer
2: ULCER 1

ul·na /ˈalna/ noun
: the bone on the little-finger side of the human forearm; also: a corresponding bone of the forelimb of vertebrates above fishes

ul·ster /ˈalˈstər/ noun
: a long loose overcoat

ult abbreviation
1 ultimate
2 ultimo

ul·te·ri·or /ˌalˌteəˈriər/ adjective
1: lying farther away: more remote
2: situated beyond or on the farther side
3: going beyond what is openly said or shown: HIDDEN <~ motives>

1 ultimate /alˈteɪmət/ adjective
1: most remote in space or time: FARDEST
2 ▶: last in a progression: FINAL
3 ▶: the best or most extreme of its kind
4: arrived at as the last resort
5: FUNDAMENTAL, ABSOLUTE, SUPREME <~ reality>
6: incapable of further analysis or division: ELEMENTAL
7: MAXIMUM

Synonyms
▶ [2] final, hindmost, last, latter, terminal—more at LAST
▶ [3] consummate, maximum, most, nth, paramount, supreme, top, utmost; also unequaled, unmatched,
unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed; topmost, upmost, uppermost

**Antonyms**
least, minimal, minimum

1. **ultimate** *noun*
   : something ultimate

2. **ultimately** *adverb*
   : at an unspecified later time: in the end

**Synonyms**
- eventually, someday, sometime, yet—more at YET

1. **ul-ti-mate·ly** *adverb*
   : at an unspecified later time: in the end

2. **ul-ti-mate·noun**
   : something ultimate

**ul-ti·ma·tum** /ælˈteɪmətəm/ *noun, plural -tums or -ta /ˈteɪrə/*
: a final condition or demand whose rejection will bring about a resort to forceful action

**ul-ti·mo** /ælˈteɪmoʊ/ *adjective*
[ORIGIN: L ultimo mense in the last month]
: of or occurring in the month preceding the present

1. **ultra** /ˈʌltrə/ *adjective*
   : going beyond others or beyond due limits: EXTREME

2. **ultralight** /əˈltrəlait/ *adjective*
   : extremely light esp. in weight

3. **ultralight** /ælˈtrʌltʃaɪt/ *adjective*
   : a very light recreational aircraft typically carrying only one person

4. **ul·tra·ma·rine** /ɪlˈtra ˈmɑrən/ *noun*
   : a deep blue pigment

5. **ul·tra·ma·rine** /ɪlˈtra ˈmɑrən/ *noun*
   : a very bright deep blue color

6. **ul-tra·mi·cro·scop·ic** /ˌʌlˈtra miˈskrəpɪk/ *adjective*
   : too small to be seen with an ordinary microscope

7. **ul-tra·mod·ern** /ˈʌltrəˈmɒdərn/ *adjective*
   : extremely or excessively modern in idea, style, or tendency

8. **ultra·mon·tane** /ˈʌltrəˈmɒntən/ *adjective*
   : of or relating to countries or peoples beyond the mountains (as the Alps)
   : favoring greater or absolute supremacy of papal over national or diocesan authority in the Roman Catholic Church

9. **ul-tra·pur·e** /ˈʌltrəˈpɜr/ *adjective*
   : of the utmost purity

10. **ul-tra·short** /ˈʌltrəˈʃɔrnt/ *adjective*
    : having a wavelength below 10 meters
2: very short in duration

**ultra sonic** /ˌʌlˈtraʊ.ˈsæ.nɪk/ adjective
: having a frequency too high to be heard by the human ear
— ultra sonic·cal·ly / ˌɪn.kəˈli/ adverb

**ultra sonic·ics** /ˌsæ.nɪks/ noun singular or plural
1: ultrasonic vibrations
2: the science of ultrasonic phenomena

**ultra sound** /ˌsaʊnd/ noun
1: ultrasonic vibrations
2: the diagnostic or therapeutic use of ultrasound and esp. a technique involving the formation of a two-dimensional image of internal body structures
3: a diagnostic examination using ultrasound

**ultra vi·o·let** /ˌʌl.trə ˈvi.ə.lət/ adjective
: having a wavelength shorter than those of visible light and longer than those of X-rays (<~ radiation>); also: producing or employing ultraviolet radiation
— ultraviolet noun

**ultra vi·res** /ˌʌl.trə ˈvi.rəz/ adverb or adjective
[origin: NL, lit., beyond power]
: beyond the scope of legal power or authority

**ul·u·late** /ˌʌl.ə.ˈleɪt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
: howl, wail

**uma·mi** /ˈu.mə.meɪ/ noun
[origin: Jp, flavor]
: a meaty or savory taste sensation produced esp. by monosodium glutamate

**um·bel** /əmˈbel/ noun
: a flat-topped or rounded flower cluster in which the individual flower stalks all arise near one point on the main stem

**um·ber** /əmˈber/ noun
: a brown earthy substance valued as a pigment either in its raw state or burnt
— umber adjective

**umbilical cord** noun
: a cord containing blood vessels that connects the navel of a fetus with the placenta of its mother

**um·bi·li·cus** /əmˈbɪ.li.kəs, əmˈba.ʃə/ noun, plural um·bi·li·ci /əmˈbɪ.liˌsə/ or um·bi·li·cus·es /əmˈbɪ.liˌkusˌes/ noun
— umbilical adjective

**um·bra** /əmˈbra/ noun, plural um·bras or um·brae /əˈbraɪ/ noun
1: a shaded area; shade
2: the conical part of the shadow of a celestial body from which the sun's light is completely blocked

**um·brage** /əmˈbrɑː/ noun
1: shade; also: foliage
2: a feeling of pique or resentment at some often fancied slight or insult: offense <take ~ at a remark>

* Synonyms
  - dudgeon, huff, offense, peev, pique, resentment—more at pique

**um·brel·la** /əmˈbrɛ.lə/ noun
1: a collapsible shade for protection against weather consisting of fabric stretched over hinged ribs radiating from a center pole
2: something that provides protection
3: something that covers a range of elements

**umi·ak** /ˈuː.mə.ak/ **noun**
: an open Eskimo boat made of a wooden frame covered with skins

**ump·ere** /əmˈpər/ **noun**
[origin: ME oumpere, alter. of nounpere (the phrase a nounpere being understood as an oumpere), fr. AF nounpier single, odd, fr. non not + per equal, fr. L par]
1 ‡: one having authority to decide finally a controversy or question between parties
2: an official in a sport who rules on plays

*Synonyms*
   - arbiter, arbitrator, judge, referee—more at [JUDGE](#)

**ump·ire** verb
‡: to supervise or decide as umpire

*Synonyms*
   - adjudicate, arbitrate, decide, determine, judge, referee, rule, settle—more at [JUDGE](#)

**ump·teen** /əmˈpə.tən/ **adjective**
: very many : indefinitely numerous
— **ump·teenth** /əmˈpəθənθ/ **adjective**

**UN** **abbreviation**
United Nations

**un·** /ən/ **prefix**
1: not: IN-; NON-
2: opposite of: contrary to

List of self-explanatory words with the prefix un-:
- unabated
- unabsorbed
- unabsorbent
- unacademic
- unaccented
- unacclimatized
- unaccommodating
- unaccredited
- unacknowledged
- unadventurous
- unadvertised
- unaffiliated
- unafraid
- unaggressive
- unaltered
- unambiguously
- unambitious
- unanchored
- unannounced
- unanswered
- unapologetic
- unapparent
- unappessed
- unappreciated
- unappreciative
- unappropriated
- unapproved
- unarguable
- unarguably
unarmed
unartistic
unassertive
unathletic
unattended
unattested
unauthorized
unavowed
unawakened
unbaked
unbeloved
unbleached
unblinking
unbranched
unbranded
unbreakable
unbridgeable
unbruised
unbrushed
unburied
unburned
uncanceled
uncanonical
uncap
uncapitalized
uncared–for
uncaught
uncensored
uncensured
unchallenged
unchanged
unchaperoned
uncharacteristic
unchastely
unchasteness
unchivalrous
unclaimed
unclassified
uncleaned
uncleared
uncoated
uncollected
uncombed
uncombined
uncomely
uncommercial
uncompensated
uncompleted
 uncomplicated
uncompounded
uncomprehending
unconcealed
unconfirmed
unconformable
unconquered
unconsecrated
unconsolidated
unconstrained
unconsumed
unconsummated
uncontaminated
uncontested
uncontroversial
unconverted
uncooked
uncooperative
uncoordinated
uncorrected
uncorroborated
uncreative
uncredited
uncropped
uncrowded
uncrowned
uncrystallized
uncured
uncurtained
undamaged
undamped
undated
undecipherable
undeclared
undefeated
undefiled
undefinable
undemanding
undemocratic
undenominational
undependable
undeserved
undeserving
undetected
undeterred
undeveloped
undifferentiated
undigested
undignified
undiminished
undimmed
undiplomatic
undirected
undisciplined
undisclosed
undiscovered
undiscriminating
undisguised
undismayed
undisputed
undissolved
undistinguished
undistributed
undogmatic
undone
undoubled
undramatic
undraped
undreamed
undrinkable
undulled
undutiful
uneatable
uneaten
uneconomic
uneconomical
unedifying
unedited
unemphatic
unenclosed
unencumbered
unenforceable
unenforced
unenlightened
unenterprising
unenviable
unequipped
unessential
unexamined
unexcelled
unexcited
unexciting
unexpired
unexplained
unexploded
unexplored
unexposed
unexpurgated
unfading
unfaltering
unfashionably
unfavorably
unfeasible
unfenced
unfermented
unfertilized
unfilled
unfiltered
unfitted
unflattering
unflavored
unfocused
unfolded
unforeseeable
unforgiving
unformulated
unfortified
unframed
unfree
unfulfilled
unknowable
unknowledgeable
unlabeled
unlamented
unleavened
unlicensed
unlighted
unlikable
unlined
unlit
unlivable
unlovable
unloved
unloving
unmade
unmalicious
unmanned
unmapped
unmarked
unmarketable
unmarred
unmasculine
unmeant
unmeasurable
unmeasured
unmentioned
unmerited
 unmilitary
unmilled
unmodified
unmolested
unmotivated
unmounted
unmoved
unnameable
unnecessary
unneeded
unnewsworthy
unnoticeable
unnoticed
unobjectionable
unobservant
unobserved
unofficial
unofficially
unopened
unopposed
unorthodoxy
unostentatious
unowned
unpaged
unpaired
unpasteurized
unpatriotic
unpaved
unpeeled
unperceived
unperceptive
unperformed
unpersuaded
unpersuasive
unplanted
unplowed
unpoetic
unpolitical
unpolluted
unposed
unpractical
unpredictability
unpreparedness
unprepossessing
unpressed
unprivileged
unprofessed
unprogrammed
unpromising
unprompted
unpronounceable
unpropitious
unproven
unprovided
unprovoked
unpublished
unpunished
unquenchable
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unrecognizable
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unreflecting
unreflective
unregulated
unrelated
unrelieved
unremembered
unremovable
unreported
unrepresentative
unrepresented
unrepressed
unresponsive
unresponsiveness
unreturnable
unrewarding
unrhymed
unrhythmic
unromantic
unromantically
unsaid
unsalable
unsalted
unsanctioned
unsanitary
unsatisfied
unscented
unscheduled
unscholarly
unsealed
unseasoned
unseaworthy
unsegmented
unself-conscious
unself-consciously
unsensational
unsentimental
unserious
unserviceable
unsexual
unshaded
unshapely
unshaven
unsifted
unsigned
unsinkable
unsold
unsoldierly
unsolved
unsorted
unspectacular
unsent
unspiritual
unspoiled
unstated
unsterile
unsubdued
unsubtle
unsuccesfully
unsuited
unsupervised
unsurprising
unsurprisingly
unsuspected
unsweetened
unsymmetrical
unsystematic
untactful
untainted
untalented
untanned
untapped
untarnished
untaxed
unteachable
untenable
untenanted
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untraceable
untraditional
untrained
untrammeled
untranslatable
untranslated
untraveled
untrimmed
untrod
untrodden
untypical
unvaried
unventilated
unverifiable
unversed
unvisited
unwashed
unweaned
unwearable
unwearing
unweathered
unwillingly
unwillingness
unwomanly
unworn
unwounded
unwoven
unabashed /ˈʌbəʃd/ adjective
▶: not abashed
  Synonyms
  ▶ unashamed, unblushing, unembarrassed; also prideful, proud; bold, brassy, brazen, impudent, insolent, saucy, shameless; unapologetic, undaunted, undeterred, undismayed; unblinking, unflinching
  Antonyms
  abashed, ashamed, embarrassed, shamefaced, sheepish
unable /ˈʌbl/ adjective
1: not able
2: UNQUALIFIED, INCOMPETENT
unabridged /ˈʌbərɪd/ adjective
1: not abridged <an ~ edition of Shakespeare>
2: complete of its class : not based on one larger <an ~ dictionary>
unacceptable /ˌʌnˈsektəb(ə)l/ adjective
▶: not acceptable : not pleasing or welcome
  Synonyms
  ▶ bad, deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, punk, rotten, substandard, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched, wrong
  —more at BAD
un·ac·com·pa·nied /əˈkəm.pə.nəd/ adjective
1 : not accompanied
2 : being without instrumental accompaniment
   Synonyms
   ▶ alone, lone, lonely, lonesome, solitary—more at ALONE

un·ac·count·able /əˈkaʊn.tə.bəl/ adjective
1 : not to be accounted for : INEXPLICABLE
2 : not responsible
   — un·ac·count·ably /əˈkləntəbli/ adverb

un·ac·count·ed /əˈkaʊn.təd/ adjective
: not accounted <the loss was ~ for>

un·ac·cus·tomed /əˈkəs.təmd/ adjective
1 : not customary : not usual or common
2 : not accustomed or habituated <~ to noise>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, peculiar, queer, rare, singular, strange, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual, unwonted, weird—more at UNUSUAL
   ▶ usually unaccustomed to [2] unadapted, unadjusted, unused—more at UNUSED

un·ac·quaint·ed /əˈkwəintəd/ adjective
: not having experience or knowledge
   Synonyms
   ▶ ignorant, oblivious, unaware, unconscious, uninformed, unknowing, unwitting—more at IGNORANT

un·adapt·ed /əˈdəptəd/ adjective
: not adapted
   Synonyms
   ▶ unaccustomed, unadjusted, unused—more at UNUSED

un·ad·just·ed /əˈdʒəstəd/ adjective
: not adjusted
   Synonyms
   ▶ unaccustomed, unadapted, unused—more at UNUSED

un·adorn·ed /əˈdɔrnəd/ adjective
: not adorned : lacking embellishment or decoration
   Synonyms
   ▶ bald, bare, naked, plain, simple, undecorated, unvarnished—more at PLAIN

un·adul·ter·at·ed /əˈdʌltərətəd/ adjective
1 : not adulterated : PURE
2 : not modified or restricted by reservations
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] absolute, fine, neat, plain, pure, refined, straight, undilated, unmixed—more at PURE
   ▶ [2] absolute, complete, outright, perfect, profound, pure, regular, sheer, simple, total, unequivocal, unqualified, utter—more at ABSOLUTE

un·aes·thet·ic /əˈeθət.ɪk/ adjective
: not aesthetic
   Synonyms
   ▶ grotesque, harsh—more at HARSH

un·af·fect·ed /əˈɛfektəd/ adjective
1 : not influenced or changed mentally, physically, or chemically
2 : free from affectation : GENUINE
   Synonyms
   ▶ artless, genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, real, simple, sincere, true, unpretentious
un·af·fect·ed·ly adverb
  : in an unaffected manner

  Synonyms
  artlessly, ingenuously, naively, naturally—more at naturally

un·aid·ed /ˌəˈdıd/ adjective
  : not aided : being without help

  Synonyms
  alone, independently, singly, solely, unassisted—more at alone

un·alien·able /ˌæl·i·ə·nə·bəl/ adjective
  : inalienable

un·aligned /ˌan·ə·līnd/ adjective
  : not associated with any one of competing international blocs (<~ nations>)

un·alike /əˈlīk/ adjective
  : not alike or similar

  Synonyms
  different, disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, other, unlike—more at different

un·al·loyed /əˈlīd/ adjective
  : not mixed or qualified : pure (<~ happiness>)

un·al·ter·able /ˌəlˈta·rə·bəl/ adjective
  : not capable of being altered or changed

  un·al·ter·ably /əˈlārəbli/ adverb

  Synonyms
  fast, fixed, hard-and-fast, immutable, inflexible, unchangeable—more at inflexible

un·am·big·u·ous /əˈmæbi·gəs/ adjective
  : not ambiguous : having or being a single clearly defined or stated meaning

  Synonyms
  apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unequivocal, unmistakable—more at clear

un·an·tic·i·pat·ed /ˌanˌtikəˈpæd/ adjective
  : not expected

  Synonyms
un·ap·peal·ing /ən.əp.ˈeɪliŋ/ adjective
- not appealing or attractive
  Synonyms
  grotesque, hideous, ugly, unattractive, unlovely, unsightly, vile—more at UGLY

un·ap·pe·tiz·ing /ən.əp.ˈpi.tiŋ/ adjective
- not appetizing
  Synonyms
  distasteful, unsavory—more at DISTASTEFUL

un·ap·proach·able /ən.əˈprō.chəbəl/ adjective
1 : not approachable : physically inaccessible
2 : discouraging intimacies
  Synonyms
  [1, 2] inaccessible, inconvenient, unattainable, unavailable, unobtainable, unreachable, untouchable—more at INACCESSIBLE

un·arm /əˈārm/ verb
- DISARM
un·armed /əˈārməd/ adjective
- not armed or armored

un·ashamed /əˈəshəmd/ adjective
- not ashamed : being without guilt, self-consciousness, or doubt
  Synonyms
  unabashed, unblushing, unembarrassed—more at UNABASHED

un·asked /əˈskəd/ adjective
1 : not being asked
2 : not requested
  Synonyms
  unbidden, undesired, uninvited, unsolicited, unsought, unwanted, unwelcome—more at UNSought

un·as·sail·able /əˈəsələbəl/ adjective
- not liable to doubt, challenge, or attack

un·as·sist·ed /əˈəsəstəd/ adjective
- not assisted : lacking help
  Synonyms
  alone, independently, singly, solely, unaided—more at ALONE

un·as·sum·ing /əˈəsəməŋ/ adjective
- neither bold nor self-assertive
  Synonyms
  demure, humble, lowly, meek, modest, retiring, unpretentious—more at HUMBLE

un·at·tached /əˈətəkt/ adjective
1 : not married or engaged
2 : not joined or united
  Synonyms
  [1] single, unmarried, unwed—more at SINGLE
  [2] detached, disconnected, discrete, freestanding, separate, single, unconnected—more at SEPARATE

un·at·tain·able /əˈətənəbəl/ adjective
- not capable of being attained or accomplished
  Synonyms
  inaccessible, inconvenient, unapproachable, unavailable, unobtainable, unreachable, untouchable—more at INACCESSIBLE
  hopeless, impossible, unsolvable, unworkable—more at IMPOSSIBLE
un·at·tract·ive /əˈtrak.tiv/ adjective
›: not attractive : lacking beauty, interest, or charm
   Synonyms
   › grotesque, hideous, ugly, unappealing, unlovely, unsightly, vile—more at UGLY

un·au·then·tic /əˈðən.tik/ adjective
›: not authentic
   Synonyms
   › bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, inauthentic, phony, sham, spurious—more at COUNTERFEIT

un·avail·able /əˈvɑːləbəl/ adjective
›: not available
   Synonyms
   › inaccessible, inconvenient, unapproachable, unattainable, unobtainable, unreachable, untouchable—more at INACCESSIBLE

un·avail·ing /əˈvɑːlin/ adjective
›: being of no avail
   — un·avail·ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   › abortive, bootless, empty, fruitless, futile, ineffective, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless, vain—more at FUTILE

un·avoid·able /əˈvɔɪde.barəl/ adjective
›: not avoidable
   Synonyms
   › certain, inevitable, necessary, sure—more at INEVITABLE

un·avoid·ably /ˌblovəlē/ adverb
›: in a way or under a condition that is unavoidable
   Synonyms
   › inevitably, necessarily, needs, perforce—more at NEEDS

1 un·aware /əˈwar/ adverb
: without warning : UNAWARES

2 un·aware adjective
›: not aware
   Synonyms
   › ignorant, oblivious, unacquainted, unconscious, uninformed, unknowing, unwitting—more at IGNORANT

un·aware·ness noun
›: the state or fact of being unaware
   Synonyms
   › ignorance, obliviousness—more at IGNORANCE

un·awares /ˌwarz/ adverb
1 : without knowing or intention
2 ›: without warning : by surprise <taken ~> 
   Synonyms
   › aback, suddenly, unaware; also abruptly, short

un·bal·anced /ˈbalənsd/ adjective
1 : not in a state of balance
2 : mentally disordered
3 : not adjusted so as to make credits equal to debits

un·bap·tized /ˈbaP.tɪzd/ adjective
1 a : not baptized
   b ›: not given a name
2 : PROFANE 2
   Synonyms
un·bar /ˈbɑr/ verb
  : UNBOLT, OPEN
un·bear·able /ˈbɛərə bal/ adjective
  : greater than can be borne < pain>
— un·bear·ably /blə/ adverb
  Synonyms
  • insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unendurable, unsupportable; also unacceptable; crushing, overwhelming; harsh, painful, uncomfortable
  Antonyms
  • endurable, sufferable, supportable, tolerable
un·beat·able /ˈbɛətə bal/ adjective
  : not capable of being defeated
  Synonyms
  • impregnable, indomitable, insurmountable, invincible, invulnerable, unconquerable—more at INVINCIBLE
un·beat·en /ˈbɛətə n/ adjective
  1 : not pounded, beaten, or whipped
  2 : UNTRODDEN
  3 : UNDEFEATED
un·be·com·ing /ˌbləˈke mən/ adjective
  : not becoming : UNSUITABLE
— un·be·com·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  • graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong
un·be·knownst /ˌbləˈnənst/ also un·be·known /ˌnən/ adjective
  : happening or existing without one’s knowledge
un·be·lief /ˌbaˈlɛf/ noun
  : the withholding or absence of belief : DOUBT
— un·be·liev·ing /ˌli vɨŋ/ adjective
— un·be·liev·able /ˌlɛ və bal/ adjective
  : too improbable for belief; also : of such a superlative degree as to be hard to believe < an ~ catch for a touchdown>
— un·be·liev·ably /blə/ adverb
  Synonyms
  • fantastic, implausible, inconceivable, incredible, unconvincing, unimaginable, unthinkable—more at INCREDIBLE
un·be·liev·er /ˈlɛ vər/ noun
  1 : one that does not believe : an incredulous person
  2 : INFIDEL
  Synonyms
  • disbeliever, doubter, questioner, skeptic—more at SKEPTIC
un·bend /ˈbend/ verb -bent /ˈbent/; -bend·ing
  1 : to free from being bent : make or become straight
  2 : UNTIE
  3 : to make or become less stiff or more affable : RELAX
un·bend·ing adjective
  1 : formal and distant in manner : INFLEXIBLE
  2 : not bending
  Synonyms
  • adamant, hard, immovable, implacable, inflexible, pat, rigid, uncompromising, unrelenting, unyielding
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un·bi·ased /ˌbīˈəst/ adjective
  : free from bias
  Synonyms
  disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unprejudiced
  —more at fair

un·bid·den /ˈbid.ən/ also un·bid /ˈbid/ adjective
  : not bidden : UNASKED
  Synonyms
  unasked, undesired, uninvited, unsolicited, unsought, unwanted, unwelcome—more at unsought

un·bind /ˈbind/ verb -bound /ˈbaʊnd/; -bind·ing
  1 : to remove bindings from : UNTIE
  2 : to set free : RELEASE
  Synonyms
  [1] undo, untie—more at untie
  [2] discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unchain, unfetter—more at free

un·blem·ished /ˈblem.ɪʃt/ adjective
  : not blemished
  Synonyms
  absolute, faultless, flawless, ideal, impeccable, letter-perfect, perfect—more at perfect

un·blessed also un·blest /ˈbles/ adjective
  1 : not blessed
  2 : evil

un·block /ˈbloʊk/ verb
  : to free from being blocked
  Synonyms
  clear, free

un·blush·ing /ˈblaʊʃɪŋ/ adjective
  1 : not blushing
  2 : having no shame
  — un·blush·ing·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  unabashed, unashamed, unembarrassed—more at unabashed

un·bod·ied /ˈbaʊ.dɪd/ adjective
  1 : having no body; also : disembodied
  2 : formless

un·bolt /ˈbɔlt/ verb
  : to open or unfasten by withdrawing a bolt
  Synonyms
  unfastened, unassembled, unattached, unbound—more at unbound

un·born /ˈbaʊrn/ adjective
  : not yet born

un·bos·om /ˌbů.zəm, ˌbů/ verb
  1 : to give expression to : REVEAL
  2 : to disclose the thoughts or feelings of oneself
  Synonyms
  bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, uncloak, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at reveal

un·bound /ˌbaʊnd/ adjective
  : not bound
Synonyms

footloose, free, loose, unconfined, unrestrained—more at FREE

un·bound·ed /ˌbau’n.dəd/ adjective

having no bounds or limits <~ enthusiasm>

boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unfathomable, unlimited—more at INFINITE

un·bowed /ˈbəʊd/ adjective

1: not bowed down
2: UNSUBDUED

un·bri·dled /ˈbrɪd.əld/ adjective

1: not restrained : UNREstrained
2: not confined by a bridle

intemperate, rampant, unchecked, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhampered, unhindered, unrestrained—more at RAMPANT

un·bro·ken /ˈbrək.ən/ adjective

1: not damaged
2: not subdued or tamed
3: not interrupted : CONTINUous

feral, savage, undomesticated, untamed, wild—more at WILD
ceaseless, continual, continuous, incessant, unceasing, uninterrupted—more at CONTINUOUS

un·buck·le /ˈbʌk.lə/ verb

loose the buckle of <~ a belt>

un·budg·ing /ˈbʌd.ɪŋ/ adjective

not budging : resisting movement or change

immobile, immovable, nonmotile, unmovable—more at IMMOVABLE

un·bur·den /ˈbur.dən/ verb

1: to free or relieve from a burden
2: to relieve oneself of (as cares or worries)

disburden, discharge, disencumber, unload—more at UNLOAD
[1, 2] clear, disburden, disencumber, free, relieve, rid—more at RID

un·but·ton /ˈbʌt.nən/ verb

unfasten the buttons of <~ your coat>

un·called–for /ˈkɔld.fer/ adjective

not called for, needed, or wanted

un·can·ny /ˈkæn.nə/ adjective

1: seeming to have a supernatural character or origin : MYSTERIOUS
2: suggesting superhuman or supernatural powers

un·can·ni·ly /ˈkæn.nə.lɪ/ adverb

creepy, eerie, haunting, mysterious, spooky, unearthly, weird—more at EERIE
magical, miraculour, phenomenal, superhuman, supernatural—more at SUPERNATURAL

un·cat·a·loged /ˈkæt.əl.dəd/ adjective

not cataloged

unlisted, unrecorded, unregistered—more at UNLISTED
un·ceas·ing /ˈsē.ən/ adjective
▶: never ceasing
▶ — un·ceas·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ ceaseless, continual, continuous, incessant, unbroken, uninterrupted—more at continuous

un·cer·e·mo·ni·ous /ˌsər.əˈmər.nəs/ adjective
1 ▶: acting without or lacking ordinary courtesy ▶: abrupt
2 ▶: marked by the absence of formality or ceremony
▶ — un·cer·e·mo·ni·ous·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ informal, irregular, unconventional, unorthodox—more at informal

un·cer·tain /ˈsər.tən/ adjective
1 ▶: not determined or fixed <an ~ quantity>
2 ▶: subject to chance or change <not dependable<~ weather>
3 ▶: not definitely known
4 ▶: not sure <~ of the truth>
▶ — un·cer·tain·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [2] capricious, changeable, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, temperament, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at fickle
▶ [4] distrustful, doubtful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, undecided, unsettled, unsure—more at doubtful

un·cer·tain·ty /ˈsər.tən.tē/ noun
1 ▶: lack of certainty ▶: doubt
2 ▶: something that is uncertain

Synonyms
▶ distrust, doubt, incertitude, misgiving, mistrust, skepticism, suspicion—more at doubt

un·chain /ˈchān/ verb
▶: to free by or as if by removing a chain

Synonyms
▶ discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unfetter—more at free

un·change·able /ˈchān.ə.bəl/ adjective
▶: not changeable ▶: immutable

Synonyms
▶ fast, fixed, hard-and-fast, immutable, inflexible, unalterable—more at inflexible

un·chang·ing /ˈchän.ə.ing/ adjective
▶: not changing or capable of change

Synonyms
▶ constant, stable, stationary, steady, unvarying—more at constant

un·charged /ˈchərd/ adjective
▶: having no electrical charge

un·char·i·ta·ble /ˈchar.ə.tə.bəl/ adjective
1 ▶: not charitable
2 ▶: severe in judging others
▶ — un·char·i·ta·ble·ness noun
▶ — un·char·i·ta·bly /ˈbəl/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] cheap, close, mean, niggardly, parsimonious, penurious, spare, sparing, stingy, tight, tightfisted—more at stingy
▶ [2] callous, hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, unfeeling, unsympathetic—more at hard
un·chart·ed /ˈchɑr.təd/ adjective
1 : not recorded on a map, chart, or plan
2 : UNKNOWN

un·chaste /ˈchæst/ adjective
: not pure or modest in thought or action

un·chas·ti·ty /ˈchas.tə.ti/ noun
: the quality or state of being unchaste

un·checked /ˈchɛkt/ adjective
: not checked : not curbed or hindered

Synonyms
- intemperate, rampant, unbridled, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhampered, unhindered, unrestrained—more at RAMPANT

un·chris·tened /ˈkris.tənd/ adjective
: not named

Synonyms
- anonymous, nameless, unbaptized, unidentified, unnamed, untitled—more at NAMELESS

un·christ·ian /ˈkris.chən/ adjective
1 : not of the Christian faith
2 : contrary to the Christian spirit

un·churched /ˈchɜrtʃd/ adjective
: not belonging to or connected with a church

un·cial /ˈen.she.əlˌen.ʃəl/ adjective
: relating to or written in a form of script with rounded letters used esp. in early Greek and Latin manuscripts

— uncial noun

un·cir·cu·lat·ed /ˈsərkəˌlatəd/ adjective
: issued for use as money but kept out of circulation

un·cir·cum·cised /ˈsərkəmˌsɪzd/ adjective
1 : not circumcised
2 : HEATHEN

un·civ·il /ˈsɪvəl/ adjective
1 : not civilized : BARBAROUS
2 : lacking in courtesy : DISCOURTEOUS

Synonyms
- discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, ungracious, unmanly—more at IMPOLITE

un·civ·i·lized /ˈsɪvəˌlɪzd/ adjective
1 : not civilized : BARBAROUS
2 : remote from civilization : WILD

Synonyms
- barbarous, heathen, heathenish, Neanderthal, rude, savage, uncivil, uncultivated, wild—more at SAVAGE

un·clad /ˈklæd/ adjective
: not covered or clothed

Synonyms
- bare, naked, nude, unclothed, undressed—more at NAKED

un·clasp /ˈklæsp/ verb
: to open by or as if by loosing the clasp

un·de /ˈen.dəl/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF, fr. L avunculus mother's brother]
: the brother of one's father or mother; also : the husband of one's aunt
unclean /ˈkliːn/ adjective
1: morally or spiritually impure
2: prohibited by ritual law for use or contact
3: not clean or pure: DIRTY
— un·clean·ness noun
  Synonyms
  → dirty, dusty, filthy, foul, grubby, grungy, mucky, muddy, nasty, smutty, sordid—more at DIRTY

uncleanliness /ˈkliːn.ləˌnis/ noun
→ the quality or state of being uncleanly
  Synonyms
  → dinginess, dirtiness, filthiness, foulness, grubbiness, nastiness—more at DIRTINESS

unclean·ly /ˈkliːn.lə/ adjective
: physically unclean
un·clean·ness /ˈkliːn.nəs/ noun
→ UNCLEANLINESS

unclear /ˈklaɪər/ adjective
1: difficult to grasp or understand
2: confused or uncertain in statement or understanding
  Synonyms
  → bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, shadowy, undefined, undetermined, vague—more at FAINT

unclench /ˈklen(t)ʃ/ verb
→ to open from a clenched position: RELAX

Uncle Tom /ˈʌntəl tɒm/ noun
[origin: fr. Uncle Tom, faithful slave in Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel Uncle Tom's Cabin (1851-52)]
→ a black who is eager to win the approval of whites

un·cloak /ˈkloʊk/ verb
1: to remove a cloak or cover from
2: to make (something secret or hidden) publicly or generally known: to reveal the true nature of
  Synonyms
  → bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unbosom, uncover, unmask, unveil—more at REVEAL

unclog /ˈklaʊd/ verb
→ to remove an obstruction from
  Synonyms
  → clear, free, open, unstop
  → ease, facilitate, loosen, smooth—more at EASE

un·close /ˈkloʊz/ verb
→ OPEN
— un·closed /ˈkloʊzd/ adjective

un·clothe /ˈkloʊt/ verb
→ to strip of clothes or a covering
  Synonyms
  → strip, undress—more at UNDRESS

un·clothed /ˈkloʊtəd/ adjective
→ not clothed
  Synonyms
  → bare, naked, nude, unclad, undressed—more at NAKED

un·cloud·ed /ˈklɔːdəd/ adjective
→ not covered by clouds: not darkened
un·clut·tered /ˌkləˈtərd/ adjective
▶ not cluttered: having nothing extraneous or unnecessary
  Synonyms
▶ crisp, neat, orderly, shipshape, snug, tidy, trim—more at neat
un·coil /ˈkoɪl/ verb
▶ to release or become released from a coiled state
un·co·lored /ˌkoʊˈlərd/ adjective
▶ having no color
  Synonyms
▶ colorless, unpainted, white—more at colorless
un·com·fort·able /ˌkʌmˈfɔrtəbəl/ adjective
1 ▶ causing discomfort
2 ▶ feeling discomfort: uneasy
— un·com·fort·ably /ˌblə/ adverb
  Synonyms
▶ awkward, disconcerting—more at awkward
un·com·ic /ˌkäˈmik/ adjective
▶ not funny or amusing
un·com·mit·ted /ˈkæmɪtəd/ adjective
▶ not committed; especially: not pledged to a particular belief, allegiance, or program
un·com·mon /ˈkɑmən/ adjective
1 ▶ not ordinarily encountered: unusual
2 ▶ remarkable in character, quality, or kind: exceptional
— un·com·mon·ly adverb
  Synonyms
▶ curious, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, peculiar, queer, rare, singular, strange, unaccustomed, uncustomary, unique, unusual, un wonted, weird—more at unusual
un·com·mu·ni·ca·tive /ˌkaˌməˈniˌkeɪtɪv/ adjective
▶ not inclined to talk or impart information
  Synonyms
▶ closemouthed, laconic, reserved, reticent, secretive, silent, taciturn—more at silent
un·com·plain·ing /ˌkəmˈplɛnɪŋ/ adjective
▶ not complaining
  Synonyms
▶ forbearing, long-suffering, patient, stoic, tolerant—more at patient
un·com·pli·men·ta·ry /ˌkɑmˈplɪməntərɪ/ adjective
▶ not complimentary: detracting from the character or standing of something
  Synonyms
▶ contemptuous, degrading, derogatory, disdainful, scornful—more at derogatory
un·com·pro·mis·ing /ˌkʌmˌprɒˈmɪzɪŋ/ adjective
▶ not making or accepting a compromise: making no concessions
  Synonyms
▶ adamant, hard, immovable, implacable, inflexible, pat, rigid, unbending, unrelenting, unyielding
un·con·cern /ˌkənˈsɜrn/ noun
1 ▶ lack of care or interest: indifference
2 ▶ freedom from excessive concern
un·con·cern·ed /ˈsɜrn̩d/ adjective
1 ► : not having any part or interest
2 ► : not anxious or upset: free of worry

— un·con·cern·ed·ly /sar.ən.də.nl/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] apathetic, casual, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory, uncurious, uninterested—more at INDIFFERENT
- [2] carefree, careless, cavalier, easygoing, gay, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, lighthearted

un·con·di·tion·al /ˌken.dəˈʃənəl/ adjective
: not limited in any way: ABSOLUTE

— un·con·di·tion·al·ly adverb

un·con·di·tion·ed /ˌdi.ʃənd/ adjective
1 : not subject to conditions
2 : not acquired or learned: NATURAL, \(<~\) responses>
3 : producing an unconditioned response \(<~\) stimuli>

un·con·fin·ed /ˌkən.fənd/ adjective
: not kept within limits

**Synonyms**
- footloose, free, loose, unbound, unrestrained—more at FREE

un·con·ge·nial /ˌkən.ʒəˈnēəl/ adjective
1 ► : not to one's taste
2 ► : not sympathetic

**Synonyms**
- bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, rotten, sour, unlovely, unpleasant, unwelcome—more at UNPLEASANT

un·con·nect·ed /ˌkə.ˈnek.təd/ adjective
: not joined or grouped together

**Synonyms**
- detached, disconnected, discrete, freestanding, separate, single, unattached—more at SEPARATE

un·con·quer·able /ˌkən.ˈkær.ə bal/ adjective
: incapable of being conquered or overcome: INDOMITABLE

**Synonyms**
- impregnable, indomitable, insurmountable, invincible, invulnerable, unbeatable—more at INVINCIBLE

un·con·sci·o·na·ble /ˌkən.ˈskə.ˈne.ə bal/ adjective
1 : not guided or controlled by conscience
2 : not in accordance with what is right or just
3 : exceeding what is usual, proper, necessary, or normal
— un·con·sci·o·na·bly /ˌblə/ adverb

**Synonyms**
- cutthroat, immoral, Machiavellian, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous—more at UNPRINCIPLED

1 unconscious /ˌkən.ˈkərs.ə/ adjective
1 ► : not knowing or perceiving: not aware
2 : not done consciously or on purpose
3 ► : having lost consciousness
4 : of or relating to the unconscious
— un·con·scious·ly adverb
— un·con·scious·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] ignorant, oblivious, unacquainted, unaware, uninformed, unknowing, unwitting—more at IGNORANT
- [3] cold, senseless; also semiconscious

**Antonyms**
- conscious

2 unconscious noun
the part of one's mental life of which one is not ordinarily aware but which is often a powerful force in influencing behavior

un-con-sid-ered /ˌkan-ˈsi-dərd/ adjective
1 : not resulting from consideration
2 : not considered or worth consideration

un-con-sti-tu-tion-al /ˌkän-stə-ˈshən-əl/ adjective
: not according to or consistent with the constitution of a state or society
— un-con-sti-tu-tion-al-i-ty /ˌkän-stə-ˈshən-ə-lə-tē/ noun
— un-con-sti-tu-tion-al-ly /ˌkän-stə-ˈshən-ə-lē/ adverb

un-con-trol-la-ble /ˌan-kən-tər-əl/ adjective
怫: incapable of being controlled: UNGOVERNABLE
— un-con-trol-la-bly /ˈblē/ adverb

un-con-trolled /ˌkan-trəld/ adjective
怫: not being under control

un-con-ven- tion-al /ˌkan-ven-ˈchən-əl/ adjective
怫: not conventional: being out of the ordinary
— un-con-ven-tion-al-i-ty /ˌkan-ven-ˈchən-ə-lə-tē/ noun
— un-con-ven-tion-al-ly /ˌkan-ven-ˈchən-ə-lē/ adverb

un-con vinc-ing /ˌkan-ˈvin-sən/ adjective
怫: not convincing: not likely to be believed

un-cork /ˈkōrk/ verb
1: to draw a cork from
2: to release from a sealed or pent-up state; also: to let go

un-count-able /ˌkōn-tə-ˈbāl/ adjective
怫: too many to be numbered or counted: indefinitely numerous

un-count-ed /ˌkōn-ˈtəd/ adjective
1: not counted
2: too many to be numbered: INNUMERABLE

un-cou ple /ˈkəpəl/ verb
怫: to sever the connection of or between: DISCONNECT
un·couth /ˈkʌθ/ adjective
[origin: ME, unfamiliar, fr. OE uncūth, fr. un- + cūth known]
1 : strange, awkward, and clumsy in shape or appearance
2 : vulgar in conduct or speech
3 : lacking in polish and grace
   Synonyms
   ➢ [2, 3] coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncultivated, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at coarse

un·cover /ˈkʌvər/ verb
1 ➢: to make known
2 ➢: to expose to view by removing some covering
3 ➢: to take the cover from
4 ➢: to remove the hat from; also ➢: to take off the hat as a token of respect
   Synonyms
   ➢ bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unbosom, uncloak, unmask, unveil—more at reveal

un·cov·ered /ˈkʌvərd/ adjective
➢: not covered
   Synonyms
   ➢ bald, bare, exposed, naked, open—more at naked

un·crit·i·cal /ˈkrɪtɪkəl/ adjective
1 : not critical : lacking in discrimination
2 : showing lack or improper use of critical standards or procedures
— un·crit·i·cal·ly /ˈkrɪtəˌkli/ adverb

un·cross /ˈkrɔs/ verb
➢: to change from a crossed position <~ed his legs>

un·ction /ənˈkʃən/ noun
1 : the act of anointing as a rite of consecration or healing
2 : exaggerated or insincere earnestness of language or manner

un·cu·tus·ous /ənˈkətəˌəsəs/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. MF or ML; MF unctueus, fr. ML unctuosus, fr. L unctus act of anointing, fr. unguere to anoint]
1 : fatty, oily
2 ➢: insincerely smooth in speech and manner
— un·cu·tus·ous·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➢ artificial, double-dealing, feigned, hypocritical, insincere, left-handed, mealy, mealymouthed, two-faced—more at insincere
   ➢ adulatory, fulsome—more at fulsome

un·cul·ti·vat·ed /ˌen_ˈkəlˌteˌvətəd/ adjective
1 a ➢: lacking in education or refinement
   b ➢: not civilized : barbarous
2 ➢: not put under cultivation : not tilled
   Synonyms
   ➢ [1a] coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at coarse
   ➢ [2] natural, untamed, wild—more at wild

un·cul·tured /ˌkəlˌtərəd/ adjective
1 : not subjected to cultivation
2 ➢: not improved or refined by education
   Synonyms
   ➢ coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar—more at coarse
un·cu·ri·ous /ˈkyʊər.i.əs/ adjective
›: not curious or inquisitive : having no care or interest
  Synonyms
    - apathetic, casual, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory, unconcerned, uninterested—more at INDIFFERENT

un·curl /ˈkɜrl/ verb
›: to make or become straightened out from a curled or coiled position

un·cus·tom·ary /ˈkæs.tə.mər.i/ adjective
›: not customary
  Synonyms
    - aberrant, abnormal, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, freak, odd, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, singular, uncommon, unique, unusual, unwonted—more at EXCEPTIONAL

un·cut /ˈkʌt/ adjective
 1: not cut down or into
 2: not shaped by cutting <an ~ diamond>
 3: not having the folds of the leaves slit <an ~ book>
 4: not abridged or curtailed <the ~ version of the film>
 5: not diluted <~ heroin>

un·daunt·ed /ˈdəʊnt.əd/ adjective
›: not daunted : not discouraged or dismayed
— un·daunt·ed·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    - brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, valiant, valorous—more at BRAVE

un·de·ceive /diˈsēv/ verb
›: to free from deception, illusion, or error
  Synonyms
    - disenchant, disillusion—more at DISILLUSION

un·de·cid·ed /diˈsɛd/ adjective
 1: not yet determined
 2: uncertain how to act or proceed
  Synonyms
    - [1] open, pending, undetermined, unresolved, unsettled—more at PENDING
    - [2] distrustful, doubtful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uncertain, unsettled, unsure—more at DOUBTFUL

un·dec·o·rat·ive /ˈdiˌdɛk.rəˌtiv/ adjective
›: not decorated : without ornament or embellishment
  Synonyms
    - bald, bare, naked, plain, simple, unadorned, unvarnished—more at PLAIN

un·de·fend·ed /diˌfend.əd/ adjective
›: not guarded or protected
  Synonyms
    - defenseless, exposed, helpless, susceptible, unguarded, unprotected, unresistant, vulnerable—more at HELPLESS

un·de·fined /diˈfind/ adjective
›: not defined, determined, or distinguished
  Synonyms
    - bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, undetermined, vague—more at FAINT

un·de·mon·stra·tive /diˌmənˈstrəтив/ adjective
›: restrained in expression of feeling : RESERVED
un·de·ni·able /ˌdɪˌni.əˈbel/ adjective
1 : plainly true : INCONTESTABLE
2 : unquestionably excellent or genuine
   Synonyms
   incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, unanswerable, unquestionable—more at IRREFUTABLE
un·de·ni·ably /ˌblə/ adverb
1 : that cannot be denied
   Synonyms
   certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undoubtedly, unquestionably—more at INDEED
under /ˈʌnder/ adverb
1 : in or into a position below or beneath something
2 : below some quantity, level, or limit <$10 or ~> 
3 : in or into a condition of subjection, subordination, or unconsciousness <the ether put him ~> 
   Synonyms
   below, beneath—more at BELOW
2 under /ˈʌnder, ˈən/ preposition
1 : lower than and overhung, surmounted, or sheltered by <~ a tree>
2 : subject to the authority or guidance of <served ~ him> <was ~ contract>
3 : subject to the action or effect of <~ the influence of alcohol>
4 : within the division or grouping of <items ~ this heading>
5 : less or lower than (as in size, amount, or rank) <earns ~ $5000>
3 under /ˈʌnder/ adjective
1 : lying below, beneath, or on the ventral side
2 : facing or protruding downward
3 : in or into a condition of subjection, subordination, or unconsciousness
4 : lower than usual, proper, or desired in amount, quality, or degree
   Synonyms
   inferior, junior, less, lesser, lower, minor, subordinate—more at LESSER
un·der·achiev·er /ˌʌnder.əˈʃi.vər/ noun
: one who performs below an expected level of proficiency
un·der·act /ˌæk/ verb
1 : to perform feebly or with restraint
2 under·active /ˌæk.tɪv/ adjective
: characterized by abnormally low activity <an ~ thyroid gland>
— un·der·activ·i·ty /ˌæk.tɪv.ɪ.ti/ noun
un·der·age /ˈədʒ/ adjective
: of less than mature or legal age
un·der·arm /ˈʌdər/ adjective
1 : UNDERHAND 2 <an ~ throw>
2 : placed under or on the underside of the arms <~ seams>
— underarm adverb or noun
un·der·bel·ly /ˌʌndər.ˈbel.əl/ noun
1 : the underside of a body or mass
2 : a vulnerable area
   Synonyms
   bottom, underside—more at BOTTOM
un·der·bid /ˌʌndərˈbɪd/ verb -bid; -bid·ding
1 : to bid less than another
2 : to bid too low
underbody noun : the lower parts of the body of a vehicle

underbred adjective : marked by lack of good breeding

underbrush noun : shrubs, bushes, or small trees growing beneath large trees

undercarriage noun 1: a supporting framework (as of an automobile) 2: the landing gear of an airplane

undercharge verb : to charge (as a person) too little

undercharge noun

underclass noun : LOWER CLASS

underclassman noun : a member of the freshman or sophomore class

underclothes noun plural : UNDERWEAR

underclothing noun : clothing or an article of clothing worn next to the skin and under other clothing : UNDERWEAR

undercoat noun 1: a coat worn under another 2: a growth of short hair or fur partly concealed by the longer and usu. coarser hairs of a mammal 3: a coat of paint under another

undercoating noun : a special waterproof coating applied to the underside of a vehicle

undercover adjective : acting or executed in secret; especially : employed or engaged in secret investigation <an ~ agent>

Synonyms: clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, underground, underhanded—more at SECRET


undercurrent noun 1: a current below the surface 2: a hidden tendency of feeling or opinion

undercut verb -cut; -cutting 1: to cut away the underpart of 2: to offer to sell or to work at a lower rate than 3: to strike (the ball) obliquely downward so as to give a backward spin or elevation to the shot

undercut noun

underdeveloped adjective 1: not normally or adequately developed <~ muscles> 2: having a relatively low level of economic development <the ~ nations>

underdog noun
: the loser or predicted loser in a struggle

under·done /ən.dər.ˈdɔn/ adjective
: not thoroughly done or cooked : RARE

under·draw·ers /ən.dər.ˈdrərz, ˈdrər.z/ noun plural
: UNDERPANTS

under·em·pha·size /ən.da.ˈrəm.fəˌsaɪz/ verb
: to emphasize inadequately
— under·em·pha·sis /ˌsəs/ noun

under·em·ployed /ˌɪm.ˈplɔɪd/ adjective
: having less than full-time or adequate employment

under·es·ti·mate /ˌes.təˈmeɪt/ verb
: to set too low a value on

under·ex·pose /ˌɪkˈspəz/ verb
: to expose (a photographic plate or film) for less time than is needed
— under·ex·po·sure /ˌspəˈzʊr/ noun

under·feed /ən.da.ˈfed/ verb -fed /ˈfed/; -feed·ing
: to feed with too little food

under·foot /ˌʌndərˈfʊt/ adverb
1 : under the feet <flowers trampled ~> 2 : close about one's feet : in the way

under·fur /ən.da.ˈfɜr/ noun
: an undercoat of fur esp. when thick and soft

under·gar·ment /ˌʌndərˈgɑr.mənt/ noun
: a garment to be worn under another

under·gird /ən.da.ˈgɜrd/ verb
: to brace up : STRENGTHEN

under·go /ən.da.ˈɡoʊ/ verb -went /ˈwɛnt/; -gone /ˈɡən, ˈɡān/; -go·ing
1 : to submit to : ENDURE 2 : to go through : EXPERIENCE
   Synonyms
   → endure, experience, feel, have, know, see, suffer, sustain, taste—more at EXPERIENCE

under·grad /ən.da.ˈɡræd/ noun
: UNDERGRADUATE

under·grad·u·ate /ən.da.ˈɡræ.jəˌwet, ˌɡræ.ˈwet/ noun
: a student at a university or college who has not taken a first degree

1 underground /ən.da.ˈɡraʊnd/ adverb
1 : beneath the surface of the earth 2 : in or into hiding or secret operation

2 underground /ən.da.ˈɡraʊnd/ noun
1 : a space under the surface of the ground; especially : SUBWAY 2 : a secret political movement or group; especially : an organized body working in secret to overthrow a government or an occupying power 3 : an avant-garde group or movement that operates outside the establishment

3 underground /ən.da.ˈɡraʊnd/ adjective
1 : being, growing, operating, or located below the surface of the ground <~ stems> 2 : conducted by secret means
3 : produced or published by the underground (~ publications); also : of or relating to the avant-garde underground

*Synonyms*
- clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underhanded—more at SECRET

**under-growth** /ənˌdərˈɡrōth/ noun
: low growth (as of herbs and shrubs) on the floor of a forest

**underhand** /ənˈdərˌhænd/ adverb
1 : in a clandestine or secret manner
2 : with an underhand motion

**underhand** adjective
1 : marked by secrecy, chicanery, and deception : not honest and aboveboard : UNDERHANDED
2 : made with the hand kept below the level of the shoulder

**underhanded** /ənˈdərˌhændˌd/ adverb
: UNDERHAND

**underhanded** adjective
- : marked by secrecy and deception
  — **under-hand·ed·ly** adverb
  — **under-hand·ed·ness** noun

*Synonyms*
- clandestine, covert, furtive, hugger-mugger, private, secret, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground—more at SECRET
- crooked, deceptive, dishonest, fast, fraudulent, shady, sharp, shifty—more at DISHONEST

**under·lie** /ˌʌnˈdərlɪ/ verb -lay /ˈleɪ/; -lain /ˈlain/; -ly·ing /ˈlɪŋ/
1 : to lie or be situated under
2 : to be at the basis of : form the foundation of

**underline** /ˌʌnˌdərlɪn/ verb
1 : to draw a line under
2 : to put emphasis on : EMPHASIZE

— **underline** noun

*Synonyms*
- accent, accentuate, emphasize, feature, highlight, play, point, stress, underscore—more at EMPHASIZE

**under·ling** /ˌʌnˈdərlɪŋ/ noun
- : one who is under the orders of another : SUBORDINATE

*Synonyms*
- inferior, junior, subordinate; also attendant, follower, retainer; domestic, menial, steward; flunky, henchman, lackey, minion; adjutant, aid, aide, assistant, coadjutor, deputy, second; helpmate, helpmeet, mate, sidekick

*Antonyms*
- senior, superior

**under·lip** /ˌʌnˈdərlɪp/ noun
: the lower lip

**under·ly·ing** /ˌʌnˌdərlɪŋ/ adjective
1 : lying under or below
2 ▶ : of, relating to, or forming the base or essence : FUNDAMENTAL (~ principles)

*Synonyms*
- basic, elemental, elementary, essential, fundamental, rudimentary—more at ELEMENTARY

**under·mine** /ˈʌndərmain/ verb
1 : to excavate beneath
2 : to weaken or wear away secretly or gradually

**under·most** /ˌʌnˌdərˌmōst/ adjective
: lowest in relative position
— **undermost** adverb

**underneath** /ˌʌndərˈnɛθ/ preposition

1 : directly under
2 : under subjection to

**underneath** adverb

1 : below a surface or object : **BENEATH**
2 : on the lower side

**undernourished** /ˌʌndərˈnɔr.iʃt/ adjective
: supplied with insufficient nourishment
— **undernourishment** /ˌʌndər.nɔr.iʃ.mənt/ noun

**underpants** /ˈʌndərˌpænts/ noun plural
: a usu. short undergarment for the lower trunk : **DRAWERS**

**underpart** /ˌʌndərˈpɑrt/ noun
: a part lying on the lower side (as of a bird or mammal)

**underpass** /ˌʌndərˈpɑs/ noun
: a crossing of a highway and another way (as a road) at different levels; also : the lower level

**underpay** /ˌʌndərˈpeɪ/ verb
: to pay less than what is normal or required

**underpin** /ˌʌndərˈpɪn/ verb
: to hold up or serve as a foundation or prop for

**underpinning** /ˌʌndərˈpɪnɪŋ/ noun
1 : the material and construction (as a foundation) used for support of a structure
2 : something that serves as a foundation

**underplay** /ˌʌndərˈpleɪ/ verb
: to treat or handle with restraint; especially : to play a role with subdued force

**underpopulated** /ˌʌndərˈpɒp.juˌleɪtɪd/ adjective
: having a lower than normal or desirable density of population

**underprivileged** /ˌʌndər.ˈprɪv.i.ˈlid/ adjective
: having fewer esp. economic and social privileges than others

**underproduction** /ˌʌndərprəˌdɪkʃən/ noun
: the production of less than enough to satisfy the demand or of less than the usual supply

**underrate** /ˌʌndərˈreɪt/ verb
: to rate or value too low

**underrepresented** /ˌʌndərˌrɛprɪˈzentid/ adjective
: inadequately represented

**underscore** /ˌʌndərˈskɔr/ verb
1 : to draw a line under : **UNDERLINE**
2 : to place emphasis on : **EMPHASIZE**

— **underscore** noun

**underscore** Synonyms

accent, accentuate, emphasize, feature, highlight, play, point, stress, underline—are at **EMPHASIZE**

**undersea** /ˌʌndərˈsiː/ adjective
undersea or un·der·seas /ˌsēz/ adverb
: beneath the surface of the sea

un·der·sec·re·tary /ˌan.dərˈse.krē.ərē/ noun
: a secretary immediately subordinate to a principal secretary <~ of state>

un·der·sell /ˈsel/ verb -sold /ˈsōld/; -sell·ing
: to sell articles cheaper than

un·der·sexed /ˈsekst/ adjective
: deficient in sexual desire

un·der·shirt /ˌan.dərˈshirt/ noun
: a collarless undergarment with or without sleeves

un·der·shot /ˌan.dərˈshōt/ verb -shot /ˌshōt/; -shoot·ing
1 : to shoot short of or below (a target)
2 : to fall short of (a runway) in landing an airplane

un·der·shorts /ˌan.dərˈshôrts/ noun plural
: underpants for men or boys

un·der·shot /ˌan.dərˈshōt/ adjective
1 : moved by water passing beneath <an ~ waterwheel>
2 : having the lower front teeth projecting beyond the upper when the mouth is closed

un·der·side /ˌan.dərˈsid,ˌan.dərˈsid/ noun
: the side or surface lying underneath

Synonyms
→ bottom, underbelly—more at BOTTOM

un·der·signed /ˌan.dərˈsanld/ noun, plural undersigned
: one whose name is signed at the end of a document

un·der·size /ˌan.dərˈsaiz/ also un·der·size /ˈsaiz/ adjective
: of a size less than is common, proper, or normal

Synonyms
→ dwarf, dwarfish, fine, little, pocket, pygmy, slight, small—more at SMALL

un·der·skirt /ˌan.dərˈskərt/ noun
: a skirt worn under an outer skirt; especially : PETTICOAT

un·der·staffed /ˌan.dərˈstaf/ adjective
: inadequately staffed

un·der·stand /ˌan.dərˈständ/ verb -stood /ˈstūd/; -stand·ing
1 : to grasp the meaning of : COMPREHEND
2 : to have thorough or technical acquaintance with or expertise in <~ finance>
3 : to have reason to believe <I ~ you are leaving tomorrow>
4 : INTERPRET <we ~ this to be a refusal>
5 : to have a sympathetic attitude
6 : to accept as settled <it is understood that he will pay the expenses>
7 : to believe or infer something to be the case

— un·der·stand·able /ˌstan.da.bəl/ adjective

Synonyms
→ [1] appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on, comprehend, get, grasp, make, make out, perceive, see, seize, tumble—more at COMPREHEND
→ [2] comprehend, grasp, know—more at KNOW
→ [7] conclude, deduce, extrapolate, gather, infer, judge, reason—more at INFERENCE
understandably /ˌðərˈstændəbli/ adverb
: as can be easily understood

understanding /ˌʌnˈdərˌstæn(d)ɪŋ/ noun
1 : knowledge and ability to judge: INTELLIGENCE <a person of ~> 
2 : agreement of opinion or feeling 
3 : a mutual agreement informally or tacitly entered into 
4 : a mental grasp 
   Synonyms 
   ▷ [3] accord, agreement, bargain, compact, contract, convention, covenant, deal, pact, settlement—more at AGREEMENT 
   ▷ [4] appreciation, apprehension, comprehension, grasp, grip, perception—more at COMPREHENSION

understanding adjective
▷ : endowed with understanding: SYMPATHETIC 
   Synonyms 
   ▷ compassionate, humane, sympathetic—more at SYMPATHETIC

understate /ˌʌnˈdərˌstāt/ verb
1 : to represent as less than is the case 
2 : to state with restraint esp. for effect 
   — understate·ment noun

understood /ˌʌnˈdərˌstūd/ adjective
1 : agreed upon 
2 : IMPLICIT

undertory /ˌʌnˈdərˌstɔr.ēˌˌstɔr/ noun 
: the vegetative layer between the top layer of a forest and the ground cover

undertake /ˌʌnˈdərˌtāk/ verb -took /ˌtāk/; -tal·en /ˌtāˈken/; -tal·ing 
1 : to take upon oneself: set about <= task> 
2 : to put oneself under obligation 
3 : GUARANTEE, PROMISE 
   Synonyms 
   ▷ accept, assume, bear, shoulder, take over—more at ASSUME

undertaker /ˌʌnˈdərˌtākər/ noun 
: one whose business is to prepare the dead for burial and to arrange and manage funerals

undertaking /ˌʌnˈdərˌtāŋk/ noun 
1 : the act of one who undertakes or engages in any project 
2 : the business of an undertaker 
3 : something undertaken 
4 : PROMISE, GUARANTEE

under-the-counter adjective
: UNLAWFUL, ILLICIT <= sale of drugs>

undertone /ˌʌnˈdərˈtōn/ noun
1 : a low or subdued tone or utterance 
2 : a subdued color (as seen through and modifying another color)

undertow /ˌʌnˈdərˌtō/ noun
un·der·val·ue /ˌanˌdərˈval.yu/ verb
1 : to value or estimate below the real worth
2 : to esteem lightly

un·der·wa·ter /ˌanˌdərˈwətər, ˌwəˈtər/ adjective
› : lying, growing, worn, or operating below the surface of the water
— un·der·wa·ter adverb

Synonyms
› submarine, sunken; also oceanic; abyssal, abyssal, deep, deep-sea

under way /ˈwā/ adverb
1 : into motion from a standstill
2 : in progress

un·der·wear /ˌanˌdərˌwɔr/ noun
: clothing or a garment worn next to the skin and under other clothing

un·der·weight /ˌanˌdərˈwāt/ adjective
: weighing below what is normal, average, or necessary
— underweight noun

un·der·world /ˌanˌdərˌwərld/ noun
1 : the place of departed souls
2 : the side of the world opposite to one
3 : the world of organized crime

un·der·write /ˌanˌdərˌrit, ˌanˌdərˌrīt/ verb -wrote /ˌrōt, ˌrīt/; -writ·ten /ˌrīt.ən, ˌrīt.ən/; -writ·ting
1 : to write under or at the end of something else
2 : to set one's name to an insurance policy and thereby become answerable for a designated loss or damage
3 : to subscribe to : agree to
4 : to guarantee financial support of
— un·der·writ·er noun

Synonyms
› capitalize, endow, finance, fund, stake, subsidize—more at FINANCE

un·de·sign·ing /ˌan.dəzˈn.iŋ/ adjective
: having no artful, ulterior, or fraudulent purpose

un·de·sir·able /ˌziˈrə.bəl/ adjective
: not desirable
— undesirable noun

un·de·sired /ˌdiˈzərd/ adjective
› : not desired : UNWANTED

Synonyms
› unmasked, unbidden, uninvited, unsolicited, unsought, unwanted, unwelcome—more at UNSOUGH

un·de·ter·mined /ˌdiˌtərˌmənd/ adjective
1 : not yet definitely or authoritatively decided, settled, or fixed
2 : not bounded by definite limits or restrictions
3 : not determinate in form or character

Synonyms
› open, pending, undecided, unresolved, unsettled—more at PENDING

un·de·vi·at·ing /ˌdiˌdəˌvēˌəˌtin/ adjective
› : keeping a true course

Synonyms
› steady, unchanging, uniform, unvarying, unwavering—more at UNIFORM

un·dies /ˌan.ˈdīz/ noun plural
un·di·luted /ˈən.dəˌlətd/ adjective
▶ not diluted
Synonyms
▶ absolute, fine, neat, plain, pure, refined, straight, unadulterated, unmixed—more at pure

un·dis·turbed /ˈdi.ʃərbd/ adjective
▶ not disturbed
Synonyms
▶ calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at calm

un·di·vid·ed /ˈən.ˈvi.ˈdəd/ adjective
▶ not divided
Synonyms
▶ all, concentrated, entire, whole—more at whole

un·do /ˈdəʊ/ verb -did /ˈdɪd/; -done /ˈdʌn/; -do·ing
1 ▶ to make or become unfastened or loosened
2 : to make null or as if not done : REVERSE
3 : to bring to ruin
4 ▶ : to disturb the composure of
Synonyms
▶ [1] unbind, untie—more at untie
▶ [4] agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, unhinge, unsettle, upset, worry

un·doc·u·ment·ed /ˈən.ˈdɑ.kəˌmentəd/ adjective
1 : not supported by documentary evidence
2 : lacking documents required for legal immigration

un·do·ing noun
▶ a cause of ruin

un·do·mes·ti·cat·ed /ˈən.ˈdɑ.ˌmɛs.tɪˈkætəd/ adjective
▶ not domesticated
Synonyms
▶ feral, savage, unbroken, untamed, wild—more at wild

un·doubt·ed /ˈdəʊ.ˌtɑ.ˈtəd/ adjective
▶ not doubted or called into question : certain
▶ un·doubt·ed·ly adverb
▶ in an undoubted manner
Synonyms
▶ certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, unquestionably—more at indeed

1undress /ˈdres/ verb
▶ to remove the clothes or covering of : strip
Synonyms
▶ strip, unclothe; also bare, denude, divest, expose, uncover, unveil; bark, flay, peel, skin
Antonyms
▶ dress, gown, robe

2undress noun
1 : informal dress; especially : a loose robe or dressing gown
2 : ordinary dress
3 : nudity

un·dressed /ˈdresd/ adjective
: not dressed

**Synonyms**
- crude, native, natural, raw, unprocessed, unrefined, untreated—more at CRUDE
- bare, naked, nude, unclad, unclothed—more at NAKED

undue /ˈdū, ˌdAʔ/ adjective
1: not due
2: exceeding or violating propriety or fitness: EXCESSIVE

undulant /anˈdəˌlant, ˈan.daˌlənt/ adjective
: rising and falling in waves

undulant fever noun
: a human disease caused by bacteria from infected domestic animals or their products and marked by intermittent fever, chills, headache, weakness, and weight loss

undulate /ˈundəˌlät, ˈan.daˌlät/ verb -lated; -lating
[origin: LL undula small wave, fr. L unda wave]
1: to have a wavelike motion or appearance
2: to rise and fall in pitch or volume

undulation /anˌdəˌlāˈshən, ˈan.daˌləˈshən/ noun
1: wavy or wavelike motion
2: pulsation of sound
3: a wavy appearance or outline

undulatory /ˈunˌdəˌläˈtəre/ adjective

unduly /ˈʌndəˌlē, ˈan.ˌdAˌlē/ adverb
: in an undue manner: EXCESSIVELY

undyed /ˈʌndəd/ adjective
: not dyed

undying /ˈʌndiŋ/ adjective
: not dying: IMMORTAL

Synonyms
- ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, permanent, perpetual, unending—more at EVERLASTING

uneager /ˈänˌijər/ adjective
: showing no eagerness

Synonyms
- halfhearted, tepid, unenthusiastic—more at TEPID

unearned /ˈərnrd/ adjective
: not earned by labor, service, or skill <~ income>

unearth /ˈərnθ/ verb
1: to dig up out of or as if out of the earth <~ buried treasure>
2: to bring to light: DISCOVER <~ a secret>

unearthly /ˈərnθli/ adjective
1: not of or belonging to the earth
2: departing from what is usual or normal esp. so as to appear to transcend the laws of nature

Synonyms
- magical, miraculous, phenomenal, superhuman, supernatural, uncanny—more at SUPERNATURAL
- creepy, eerie, haunting, spooky, uncanny, weird—more at FERIE

un easiness /ˈänˌeziˈnes/ noun
: the quality or state of being uneasy

Synonyms
- disquiet, ferment, restlessness, turmoil, unrest—more at UNREST
agitation, anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, nervousness, perturbation, worry—more at ANXIETY

un·easy /ˈeɪ.zē/ adjective
1 ▶ : marked by lack of ease: AWKWARD <~ among strangers>
2 ▶ : disturbed by pain or worry
3 ▶ : lacking or denying rest
4 ▶ : UNSTABLE <an ~ truce>
— un·eas·i·ly /ˈeɪ.zə.lē/ adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] awkward, clumsy, gauche, graceless, inelegant, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, ungraceful, wooden—more at AWKWARD
▶ [2] aflutter, anxious, edgy, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nery, perturbed, tense, troubled, upset, worried—more at NERVOUS

un·ed·u·cat·ed /ˈe.dəˌkæ.tid/ adjective
▶ : not educated

Synonyms
▶ dark, ignorant, illiterate, simple, unlearned, untaught—more at IGNORANT

un·em·bar·rassed /ɪmˈbær.əs.tɪd/ adjective
▶ : free from embarrassment

Synonyms
▶ unabashed, unashamed, unblushing—more at UNABASHED

un·emo·tion·al /ɪnˈmə创投.ʃən.əl/ adjective
▶ : not emotional: not easily aroused or excited

Synonyms
▶ apathetic, cold-blooded, impassive, phlegmatic, stoic, stolid—more at IMPASSIVE

un·em·ploy·ed /ɪmˈpləʊrd/ adjective
▶ : not being used; also: having no job

un·em·ploy·ment /ɪmˈpləʊr.mənt/ noun
1 ▶ : lack of employment
2 ▶ : money paid at regular intervals (as by a government agency) to an unemployed person

un·end·ing /ˈen.dɪŋ/ adjective
▶ : having no ending: ENDLESS

Synonyms
▶ ceaseless, dateless, deathless, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, permanent, perpetual, undying—more at EVERLASTING

un·en·dur·able /ɪnˈdɔrəbəl/ adjective
▶ : not endurable: UNBEARABLE

Synonyms
▶ insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unbearable, unsupportable—more at UNBEARABLE

un·en·thu·si·as·tic /ɪn.ˈenthəˌzi.əstɪk/ adjective
▶ : lacking ardor or excitement

Synonyms
▶ halfhearted, tepid, uneager—more at TEPID

un·equal /ˈe. kwəl/ adjective
1 ▶ : not alike (as in size, amount, number, or value)
2 ▶ : not uniform
3 ▶ : badly balanced or matched
4 ▶ : INADEQUATE, INSUFFICIENT <~ to the task>
— un·equal·ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ erratic, irregular, uneven, unstable, unsteady—more at UNEVEN

un·equal·ed or un·equal·led /kwəld/ adjective
un·equiv·o·cal /ˌɪn.ɪˈvɪ.kwəˌkɔl/ adjective
1 : leaving no doubt
2 : not questionable
   — un·equiv·o·cal·ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] clear-cut, definite, definitive, explicit, express, specific, unambiguous—more at explicit
[2] clear, distinct, evident, manifest, obvious, plain, unambiguous, unmistakable—more at clear

un·err·ing /ərˈɪŋ, ənˈriŋ/ adjective
: making no errors : certain, unerring
   — un·err·ing·ly adverb

UNES·CO /ˈyuː nəsˌkō/ abbreviation
United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

un·eth·i·cal /anˈe.thəˌkæl/ adjective
: not conforming to approved standards of behavior, a socially accepted code, or professionally endorsed principles and practices

Synonyms
cutthroat, immoral, Machiavellian, unconscionable, unprincipled, unscrupulous

un·even /ˈi.ven/ adjective
1 : odd 3
2 : not even : not level or smooth
3 : not uniform : irregular; also : varying in quality
4 : varying from the straight or parallel
   — un·even·ly adverb
   — un·even·ness noun

Synonyms
[2] broken, bumpy, coarse, irregular, jagged, lumpy, pebbly, ragged, rough, rugged; also lopsided, unbalanced; inexact, irregular, unaligned; undulating, wavy; harsh, scraggly, scratchy; nonuniform
Antonyms
even, flat, level, plane, smooth
[3] erratic, irregular, unequal, unstable, unsteady; also capricious, changeable, changeful, choppy, fickle, fluid, inconsistent, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, uncertain, unsettled, variable, volatile
Antonyms
constant, stable, steady, unchanging, unvarying

un·event·ful /iˈvent.fəl/ adjective
: lacking interesting or noteworthy incidents
   — un·event·ful·ly adverb

un·ex·am·pled /iɡˈzæm.pləd/ adjective
: having no example or parallel : unparalleled

un·ex·cep·tion·able /ˌi.kˈsep.ʃəˌne.əl/ adjective
: not open to exception or objection : beyond reproach

un·ex·cep·tion·al /ˌi.kˈsep.ʃəˌne.l/ adjective
1 : open to no objection
2 : allowing no exception
3 : constituting no exception to the general rule

Synonyms
average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unremarkable, usual, workaday—more at ordinary
un·ex·pect·ed /ˌɪkˈsɛkˌtɪd/ adjective
▶: not expected: **UNFORESEEN**

**Synonyms**
▶ unanticipated, unforeseen; also unintended, unplanned; improbable, unlikely; startling, surprising

**Antonyms**
▶ anticipated, expected, foreseen

un·ex·pect·ed·ly adverb
▶: in an unexpected manner

un·ex·pressed /ˌɪkˈɛsˌprɛsd/ adjective
▶: not expressed: not uttered in words

**Synonyms**
▶ implicit, tacit, unspoken, unvoiced, wordless—more at **IMPLICIT**

un·fail·ing /ˌɪnˈfæl.ɪŋ/ adjective
1 ▶: not failing, flagging, or waning
2 ▶: INEXHAUSTIBLE
3 ▶: incapable of error

**Synonyms**
▶ certain, infallible, sure—more at **INFALLIBLE**

un·fail·ing·ly adverb
▶: in an unfailing manner: without fail

**Synonyms**
▶ always, constantly, continually, ever, forever, incessantly, invariably, perpetually—more at **ALWAYS**

un·fair /ˈfɛr/ adjective
1 ▶: marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
2 ▶: not equitable in business dealings

— un·fair·ly adverb
— un·fair·ness noun

**Synonyms**
▶ dirty, foul, illegal, unsportsmanlike

un·faith·ful /ˌɪnfæθˈfjuːl/ adjective
1 ▶: not observant of vows, allegiance, or duty: **DISLOYAL**
2 ▶: INACCURATE, UNTRUSTWORTHY

— un·faith·ful·ly adverb

**Synonyms**
▶ disloyal, faithless, false, fickle, inconstant, loose, perfidious, recreant, traitorous, treacherous, untrue—more at **FAITHLESS**

un·faith·ful·ness noun
▶: the quality or state of being unfaithful

**Synonyms**
▶ disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, inconstancy, infidelity, perfidy—more at **INFIDELITY**

un·fa·mil·iar /ˌɪnˈfæməl.iər/ adjective
1 ▶: not well-known: **STRANGE** <an ~ place>
2 ▶: not well acquainted <~ with the subject>

**Synonyms**
▶ fresh, new, novel, original, strange, unaccustomed, unknown—more at **NEW**

un·fa·mil·iar·i·ty /ˌɪnˈfæməl.iər.i.ti/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being unfamiliar

un·fash·ion·able /ˌɪnˌfæʃən.əˈbeɪl/ adjective
▶: not in accord with or not following current fashion: not favored socially

**Synonyms**
▶ dowdy, inelegant, tacky, tasteless, trashy, unstylish—more at **TACKY**
un·fas·ten /ˈfæs-tən/ verb  
: to make or become loose : UNDO

un·fath·om·able /ˌɪn.fæ.təˈme.bəl/ adjective  
1 ▶: not capable of being fathomed : IMMEASURABLE
2 ▶: incomprehensible
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unlimited—more at INFINITE
   ▶ [2] impenetrable, incomprehensible—more at INCOMPREHENSIBLE

un·fa·vor·able /ˌɪn.fər.vəˈrəl/ adjective  
1 ▶: set or placed in opposition
2 ▶: not propitious : DISADVANTAGEOUS
   Synonyms
   ▶ adverse, counter, disadvantageous, hostile, inimical, negative, prejudicial, unfriendly, unsympathetic—more at ADVERSE

un·feel·ing /ˈɪn.fər.ləŋ/ adjective  
1 ▶: lacking feeling
2 ▶: devoid of kindness or sympathy
— un·feel·ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] asleep, dead, numb—more at NUMB
   ▶ [2] callous, hard, heartless, merciless, pitiless, stony, uncharitable, unsparing, unsympathetic—more at HARD

un·feigned /ˈɪn.fənd/ adjective  
: not feigned : not hypocritical : GENUINE

un·fem·i·nine /ˌɪn.fə.məˈnən/ adjective  
: not suitable to or appropriate for a woman : not characteristic of a woman

un·fet·ter /ˈɪn.fətər/ verb  
1 ▶: to free from fetters
2 ▶: to loose from restraint : LIBERATE
   Synonyms
   ▶ discharge, emancipate, enfranchise, free, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, spring, unbind, unchain—more at FREE

un·fil·ial /ˌɪn.fəl.əl, ˌɪf.əl.əl/ adjective  
: not observing the obligations of a child to a parent : UNDUTIFUL

un·fin·ished /ˌɪn.fìn.əd/ adjective  
1 ▶: not brought to an end
2 ▶: being in a rough or unpolished state

1 unfit /ˈɪf.it/ adjective  
1 ▶: not fit or suitable
2 ▶: physically or mentally unsound
   Synonyms
   ▶ incapable, incompetent, inept, inexpert, unqualified, unskilled, unskillful—more at INCOMPETENT
   ▶ graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong

2 unfit verb  
: to make unfit : DISQUALIFY

un·fit·ness noun  
: the quality or state of being unfit

un·fix /ˈɪfiks/ verb  
1 ▶: to loosen from a fastening : DETACH
un·settle /ˈun.stəl/ verb
1 : to make more uneasy : unsettle
2 : to make less comfortable

un·flag·ging /ˈfla_.ɡɪŋ/ adjective
› not flagging : continuing with vigor
 Synonyms
 ‣ indefatigable, inexhaustible, tireless, untiring—more at tireless

un·flag·pa·ble /ˈfla_.pə_.bəl/ adjective
› not easily upset or panicked
 — un·flag·pa·bly adverb
 Synonyms
 ‣ imperturbable, nerveless, unshakable; also calm, collected, composed, cool, nonchalant, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unruffled, unshaken, untroubled, unworried
 Antonyms
 ‣ shakable

un·fledged /ˈflid/ adjective
1 : not feathered or ready for flight
2 : not fully developed : immature

un·flinch·ing /ˈflin_.ʃɪŋ/ adjective
› not flinching or shrinking
 — un·flinch·ing·ly adverb
 Synonyms
 ‣ determined, dogged, grim, implacable, relentless, unrelenting, unyielding—more at unyielding

un·fold /ˈfʊld/ verb
1 a : to open the folds of : open up
2 : to lay open to view : disclose
3 ‣ to produce or yield flowers : blossom
4 ‣ to open the folds of : spread or straighten out
 Synonyms
 ‣ [3] bloom, blossom, blow, burgeon, flower—more at bloom
 ‣ [4] expand, extend, fan, flare, open, spread, stretch

un·for·tun·ate /ˌfɔr_.tə_.nət/ adjective
1 : not fortunate : unlucky
2 : attended with misfortune

un·flap·pa·ble /ˈfla_.pə_.bəl/ adjective
› not easily upset or panicked
 — un·flap·pa·bly adverb
 Synonyms
 ‣ imperturbable, nerveless, unshakable; also calm, collected, composed, cool, nonchalant, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unruffled, unshaken, untroubled, unworried
 Antonyms
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un·fledged /ˈflid/ adjective
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2 : not fully developed : immature

un·for·get·ta·ble /ˌfɔr_.ɡə_.tə_.bəl/ adjective
› incapable of being forgotten
 — un·for·get·ta·bly adverb

un·for·giv·able /ˌfɔr_.gə_.və_.bəl/ adjective
› incapable of being forgiven
 Synonyms
 ‣ indefensible, inexcusable, unjustifiable, unpardonable, unwarrantable—more at inexcusable

un·form·ed /ˌfɔr_.məd/ adjective
1 : not regularly formed or ordered : undeveloped
2 : not formed
 Synonyms
 ‣ amorphous, formless, shapeless, unshaped, unstructured—more at formless

un·for·tu·nate /ˌfɔr_.tə_.nət/ adjective
1 ‣ not fortunate : unlucky
2 ‣ attended with misfortune
unsuitable noun

Synonyms

- [1] hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, unhappy, unlucky—more at unlucky
- [2] calamitous, catastrophic, destructive, disastrous, fatal, fateful, ruinous—more at fatal
- [4] deplorable, distressful, grievous, heartbreaking, lamentable, regrettable, woeful—more at regrettable

un·for·tu·nate·ly /ˌunfəˈtənətəli/ adverb
1: in an unfortunate manner
2: it is unfortunate

un·found·ed /ˌau̇nˈfoun·ded/ adjective
- lacking a sound basis: groundless

Synonyms

- baseless, groundless, invalid, unreasonable, unsubstantiated, unsupported, unwarranted—more at baseless

un·free·ze /ˌfrɪz/ verb -froze /ˌfrɪz/; -fro·zen /ˌfrɪzn/; -freez·ing
1: to cause to thaw
2: to remove from a freeze (<~ prices>

un·fre·quent·ed /ˌfrɪˈkwɛns·tɪd/ adjective
- seldom visited or traveled over

un·friend·ly /ˌfrɛnd·li/ adjective
1: not friendly or kind
2: set or placed in opposition
- un·friend·li·ness /ˌfrɛnd·li·nis/ noun

Synonyms

- [1] chill, chilly, cold, cold-blooded, cool, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, unsympathetic, wintry—more at cold
- [2] adverse, counter, disadvantageous, hostile, inimical, negative, prejudicial, unfavorable, unsympathetic—more at adverse

un·frock /ˌfrɔk/ verb
- defrock

un·fruit·ful /ˌfruːtˈfjuːl/ adjective
1: not producing fruit or offspring: barren
2: yielding no valuable result: unprofitable
- un·fruit·ful·ness noun

un·fun·ny /ˌfʌnˈni/ adjective
- not funny: failing to achieve the humor intended

un·fur·n /ˌfɜrɪn/ verb
- to loose from a furled state: unfold

un·gain·ly /ˌgæn·li/ adjective
[origin: un- + obs. gainly proper, becoming, fr. gain direct, handy, fr. ME geyn, fr. OE gēn, fr. ON gegn]
1: lacking in smoothness or dexterity: clumsy
2: hard to handle: unwieldy
- un·gain·li·ness /ˌgæn·li·nis/ noun

Synonyms

- awkward, clumsy, gawky, graceless, heavy-handed, lubberly, lumpish, unhandy—more at clumsy

un·gen·er·ous /ˌɡenəˈrəs/ adjective
- not generous or liberal: stingy

un·gen·tle /ˌɡenˈtəl/ adjective
- lacking in softness or congeniality

un·glued /ˌɡlju̇d/ adjective
un·god·ly /ˈgōd·li/ adjective
1 : IMPIOUS, IRRELIGIOUS
2 : SINFUL, WICKED
3 : OUTRAGEOUS <an ~ hour>
4 : offensive to civilized taste
   — un·god·li·ness /ˌlēˌnas/ noun

un·gov·ern·able /ˈgər·ər·nə·bəl/ adjective
: not capable of being governed, guided, or restrained : UNRULY

un·gov·ern·ed /ˈgər·ər·nd/ adjective
   : not subjected to regulation or control
   Synonyms
   › intemperate, rampant, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrolled, unhampered, unhindered, unrestrained—more at RAMPANT

un·grace·ful /ˈgrās·fel/ adjective
   : lacking in charm or felicity
   Synonyms
   › awkward, clumsy, gauche, graceless, inelegant, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, wooden—more at AWKWARD

un·gra·cious /ˈgrā·shəs/ adjective
1 › : not courteous : RUDE
2 : not pleasing : DISAGREEABLE
   Synonyms
   › discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, unmannerly—more at IMPOLITE

un·grate·ful /ˈgrāt·fel/ adjective
1 : not thankful for favors
2 : DISAGREEABLE; also : THANKLESS
   — un·grate·ful·ly adverb
   — un·grate·ful·ness noun

un·guard·ed /ˈgär·dəd/ adjective
1 › : vulnerable to attack : UNPROTECTED
2 › : free from guile or wariness : DIRECT <~ remarks>
3 › : marked by lack of caution : having one's guard down
   Synonyms
   › [1] defenseless, exposed, helpless, susceptible, undefended, unprotected, unresistant, vulnerable—more at HELPLESS
   › [2] candid, direct, forthright, foursquare, frank, honest, open, outspoken, plain, straight, straightforward, unreserved—more at FRANK
   › [3] careless, heedless, mindless, unsafe, unwary—more at CARELESS

un·guent /ˈgu·ənt/ noun
: a soothing or healing salve : OINTMENT

ungulate /ˈung·ɡə·lət/ noun
[origin: LL ungulatus, fr. L ungula hoof, fr. unguis nail, hoof]
: having hoofs

ungulate /ˈung·ɡə·lət/ adjective
: a hoofed mammal (as a cow, horse, or rhinoceros)

un·hal·lowed /ˈha·ləd/ adjective
1 : not consecrated : UNHOLY
2 : IMPIOUS, PROFANE
3: contrary to accepted standards: **IMMORAL**

un·ham·pered /ˈhanˌpərd/ adjective
▶: not held in check

*Synonyms*
▶ intemperate, rampant, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhindered, unrestrained—more at **RAMPANT**

un·hand /ˈhænd/ verb
▶: to remove the hand from: let go

un·hand·some /ˈhanˌsam/ adjective
1: not beautiful or handsome: **HOMELY**
2: **UNBECOMING**
3: **DISCOURTEOUS**, **RUDE**

un·handy /ˈhanˌdē/ adjective
1: hard to handle
2: lacking in skill or dexterity: **AWKWARD**

*Synonyms*
▶ awkward, clumsy, cranky, cumbersome, ungainly, unwieldy—more at **CUMBERSOME**

un·hap·pi·ly /ˈhaˌpəˌlē/ adverb
▶: in an unhappy manner: without pleasure

*Synonyms*
▶ agonizingly, bitterly, grievously, hard, hardly, sadly, sorrowfully, woefully, wretchedly—more at **HARD**

un·hap·pi·ness /ˈhaˌpəˌnas/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being unhappy

un·hap·py /ˈhaˌpē/ adjective
1: not fortunate: **UNLUCKY**
2: not cheerful or glad: **SAD**
3: not appropriate: **INAPPROPRIATE**

*Synonyms*
▶ [1] hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, unfortunate, unlucky—more at **UNLUCKY**
▶ [3] improper, inappropriate, inapt, infelicitous, unfit, unsuitable, wrong

un·har·ness /ˈhärˌnəs/ verb
▶: to remove the harness from (as a horse)

un·health·ful /ˈhelθˌfəl/ adjective
▶: detrimental to good health

un·healthy /ˈhelθˌē/ adjective
1: not conducive to health: **UNWHOLESOME**
2: not in good health
3: exposing to or involving danger

*Synonyms*
▶ [1] noisome, noxious, unwholesome; also unhygienic, unsanitary; poisonous, toxic; fatal, lethal, mortal

*Antonyms*
healthful, healthy
▶ [2] bad, down, ill, indisposed, peaked, punk, sick, unsound, unwell—more at **SICK**
▶ [3] dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, paralyzing, perilous, risky, serious, unsafe, venturesome—more at **DANGEROUS**

un·heard /ˈhərd/ adjective
1: not heard
2: not granted a hearing

unheard–of adjective
▶: previously unknown; especially: **UNPRECEDENTED**
un·he·ro·ic /ˌhi_ˈrō_ik/ adjective
: not heroic

un·hin·dered /ˌhin_dərd/ adjective
: not hindered or restrained
Synonyms
- intemperate, rampant, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhampered, unrestrained—more at RAMPANT

un·hinge /ˈhin/ verb
1 : to take from the hinges
2 : to make unstable esp. mentally
Synonyms
- craze, derange, madden—more at CRAZE
- agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unsettle, upset, worry

un·hitch /ˈhich/ verb
: UNFASTEN, LOOSE

un·ho·ly /ˈhəˌlē/ adjective
1 : not holy : PROFANE, WICKED
2 : very unpleasant <an ~ mess>

un·ho·li·ness /ˈleˌnis/ noun

un·hook /ˈhük/ verb
: to loose from a hook

un·horse /ˈhɔrs/ verb
: to dislodge from or as if from a horse

un·hur·ried /ˈhər_əd/ adjective
: not hurried : in a leisurely manner

uni·cam·er·al /ˌyuː.niˈkeɪ.mərəl/ adjective
: having a single legislative house or chamber

UNI·CEF /ˈyuː.nəˌsɛf/ abbreviation
[ORIGIN: United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund, its former name]
United Nations Children's Fund

uni·cel·lu·lar /ˌyuː.niˈsɛl.yəˈlar/ adjective
: having or consisting of a single cell

uni·corn /ˌyuː.nəˈkɔrn/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME unicorn, fr. AF, fr. LL unicorns, fr. L, having one horn, fr. unus one + cornu horn]
: a mythical animal with one horn in the middle of the forehead

uni·cy·cle /ˌyuː.nəˈsɪkəl/ noun
: a vehicle that has a single wheel and is usu. propelled by pedals

un·iden·ti·fied /ˌen.ləˌden.təˌfɪd/ adjective
: not identified though not necessarily unidentifiable
Synonyms
- anonymous, certain, one, some, unnamed, unspecified—more at CERTAIN

uni·di·rec·tion·al /ˌyuː.ni.ˈdɛrek.ʃən.əl/ adjective
: having, moving in, or responsive in a single direction

uni·fi·ca·tion /ˌyuː.nəˌfe.ˈkɑˌʃən/ noun
: the act, process, or result of unifying : the state of being unified
Synonyms
- combination, connection, consolidation, coupling, junction, union—more at UNION
uniform /ˈyū.nə.foʊrm/ adjective
1 : not varying
2 : of the same form with others (~ procedures)
— uniform·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    steady, unchanging, undeviating, unvarying, unwavering; also immutable, invariable, unalterable, unchangeable
  Antonyms
    changing, deviating, varying

uniform verb
: to clothe with a uniform

uniform noun
: distinctive dress worn by members of a particular group (as an army or a police force)

uniformity /ˈyū.nə.for.mə.tē/ noun, plural -ties
: the state of being uniform

uniformity verb /ˈyū.nə.ˌfoʊr.mə.tē/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  : to make into a unit or a coherent whole : UNITE
  Synonyms
    associate, coalesce, combine, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, marry, unite—more at UNITE

uniform·ly adverb

uni·lat·er·al /ˌyū.nə.ˈla.tərˌal/ adjective
: of, having, affecting, or done by one side only
— uni·lat·er·al·ly adverb

un·imag·in·able /ən.iˈma.jə.nə.bəl/ adjective
  : not imaginable or comprehensible
  Synonyms
    fantastic, implausible, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unconvincing, unthinkable—more at INCREDIBLE

un·im·peach·able /ən.iˈpē.chə.bəl/ adjective
: not liable to accusation : BLAMELESS, IRREPROACHABLE

un·im·por·tant /ən.iˈpər.tənt/ adjective
  : lacking in importance
  Synonyms
    frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, minute, negligible, slight, small, trifling, trivial; also paltry, petty, worthless; anonymous, nameless, obscure, unknown
  Antonyms
    important, major, meaningful, significant, substantial, weighty

un·in·formed /ən.ˈin.for.məd/ adjective
  : not informed; especially : lacking in knowledge, awareness, or information
  Synonyms
    ignorant, oblivious, unacquainted, unaware, unconscious, unknowing, unwitting—more at IGNORANT

un·in·hib·it·ed /ən.ˈin.hi.ba.təd/ adjective
  : free from inhibition; also : boisterously informal
  — un·in·hib·it·ed·ly adverb
  Synonyms
    demonstrative, effusive, emotional, unreserved, unrestrained—more at DEMONSTRATIVE

un·in·struct·ed /ən.ˈin.strəktəd/ adjective
  : not instructed : deficient in knowledge or enlightenment

un·in·tel·li·gent /ən.ˈin.təl.i.dənt/ adjective
  : lacking intelligence
Synonyms
- dense, dull, dumb, fatuous, mindless, obtuse, senseless, simple, slow, stupid, thick, vacuous, witless—more at STUPID

un·in·tel·li·gible /ənˌɪntəˈlɪdʒəbl/ adjective
- not intelligible: OBSCURE
- un·in·tel·li·gibly /ˌɪntəˈlɪdʒəbli/ adverb

un·in·tend·ed /ənˌɪnˈtendd/ adjective
- not intended; especially: not deliberate
  Synonyms
  - accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated, unwitting
    —more at ACCIDENTAL

un·in·ten·tion·al /ənˌɪnˈtenʃənəl/ adjective
- not intentional
  Synonyms
  - involuntary, unintended—more at INVOLUNTARY

un·in·ter·est·ed /ənˌɪnˈtərəstəd, ənˌɪnˈtərəstəd/ adjective
- not interested; not having the mind or feelings engaged or aroused
  Synonyms
  - apathetic, casual, disinterested, indifferent, insouciant, nonchalant, perfunctory, unconcerned, uncurious—more at INDIFFERENT

un·in·ter·est·ing /ənˌɪnˈtərstɪŋ, ənˌɪnˈtəristɪŋ/ adjective
- not attracting interest or attention
  Synonyms
  - drab, dreary, dry, dull, flat, monotonous, weary

un·in·ter·rupt·ed /ənˌɪnˈtərprətəd/ adjective
- not interrupted: CONTINUOUS
  Synonyms
  - ceaseless, continual, continuous, incessant, unbroken, unceasing—more at CONTINUOUS

un·in·vit·ed /ənˌɪnˈvɪtəd/ adjective
- not invited
  Synonyms
  - unasked, unbidden, undesired, unsolicited, unsought, unwanted, unwelcome—more at UNSOUGHT

union /ˈjuːnɪn/ noun
1: an act or instance of uniting two or more things into one; the state of being so united
2: a uniting in marriage
3: something formed by a combining of parts or members; especially: a confederation of independent individuals (as nations or persons) for some common purpose
4: an organization of workers (as a labor union or a trade union) formed to advance its members' interests esp. in respect to wages and working conditions
5: a device emblematic of union used on or as a national flag; also: the upper inner corner of a flag
6: a device for connecting parts (as of a machine); especially: a coupling for pipes
  Synonyms
  - [1] combination, connection, consolidation, coupling, junction, unification; also amalgamation, blend, commingling, compounding, fusion, intermingling, intermixture, mingling, mix, mixture; reunification, reunion
  Antonyms
  - breakup, disconnection, dissolution, division, parting, partition, schism, split
    —more at ASSOCIATION
  - [3] alliance, bloc, coalition, combination, combine, confederacy, confederation, federation, league—more at CONFEDERACY

union·ism /ˈjuːnɪəˌnɪzəm/ noun
1 : the principle or policy of forming or adhering to a union; especially cap : adherence to the policy of a firm federal union before or during the U.S. Civil War
2 : the principles or system of trade unions

union·ist noun

union·ize /yʊ.INDOW/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to form into or cause to join a labor union

union·i·za·tion /yʊ.INDOW.nə.zən/ noun

union jack noun
1 : a flag consisting of the part of a national flag that signifies union
2 cap U&J : the national flag of the United Kingdom

unique /yʊ.ˈnik/ adjective
1 : being the only one of its kind
2 : very unusual
— unique·ly adverb
— unique·ness noun

un·i·sex /yʊ.ˈnɛks/ adjective
: not distinguishable as male or female; also : suitable or designed for both males and females

uni·sex·u·al /yʊ.ˈsɛks.yəˈʃəl/ adjective
1 : having only male or only female sex organs
2 : UNISEX

uni·son /yʊ.ˈsɔn/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME unisoun, fr. MF unisson, fr. ML unisonus having the same sound, fr. L unus one + sonus sound]
1 : sameness or identity in musical pitch
2 : the condition of being tuned or sounded at the same pitch or in octaves <sing in ~>
3 : harmonious agreement or union : ACCORD

unit /yʊ.ˈnait/ noun
1 : the smallest whole number greater than zero : ONE
2 : a definite amount or quantity used as a standard of measurement
3 : a single thing, person, or group that is a constituent of a whole; also : a part of a military establishment that has a prescribed organization

Uni·tar·i·an /yʊ.ˈtɛr.e.ən/ noun
: a member of a religious denomination stressing individual freedom of belief

uni·tar·i·an·ism noun

uni·tary /yʊ.ˈtɛr.ər/ adjective
1 : of or relating to a unit
2 : not divided

unite /yʊ.ˈnit/ verb unit·ed; unit·ing
1 : to put or join together so as to make one
2 a : to join by a legal or moral bond
   b : to join in interest or fellowship
3 : to put together to form a single unit : CONSOLIDATE
4 : to act in concert

Synonyms
associate, coalesce, combine, conjoin, connect, couple, fuse, join, link, marry, unify; also: mate, yoke; ally, confederate, league; chain, compound, hitch, hook; congregate, gather, meet; recombine, rejoin, reunify, reunite

Antonyms
break up, dissemble, part, section, separate, sever, split, sunder

[2b] ally, associate, band, club, confederate, conjoin, cooperate, federate, league—more at ALLY

[3] center, centralize, compact, concentrate, consolidate, unify—more at CENTRALIZE

**united** /*ˈjuːnɪtɪd*/ adjective
1: made one: COMBINED
2: relating to or produced by joint action
3: being in agreement: HARMONIOUS

Synonyms
[2] collective, common, communal, concerted, conjoint, joint, mutual, public—more at COLLECTIVE
[3] agreeable, amicable, compatible, congenial, harmonious, kindred, unanimous—more at HARMONIOUS

**unitize** /*ˈjuːnɪtaɪz*/ verb -ized; -izing
1: to form or convert into a unit
2: to divide into units

**unity** /*ˈjuːnɪtɪ*/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being or being made one: ONENESS
2: a definite quantity or combination of quantities taken as one or for which 1 is made to stand in calculation
3: a condition of harmony
4: continuity without change <~ of purpose>
5: reference of all the parts of a literary or artistic composition to a single main idea
6: totality of related parts

Synonyms
balance, coherence, consonance, harmony, proportion, symmetry, symphony—more at HARMONY

**univ** abbreviation
1 universal
2 university

**univalve** /*ˈjuːnɪvəl/ noun
: a mollusk having a shell with only one piece; especially: GASTROPOD
— univalve adjective

**universal** /*ˈjuːnɪvərsəl*/ adjective
1: including, covering, or affecting the whole without limit or exception <a ~ rule>
2: present or occurring everywhere
3: used or for use among all <a ~ language>
4: comprehensively broad and versatile
— univer-sal-ly adverb

Synonyms
[1] blanket, common, general, generic, global, overall—more at GENERAL
[1] compendious, complete, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, global, inclusive, omnibus, panoramic—more at ENCYCLOPEDIC
[4] adaptable, all-around, protean, versatile—more at VERSATILE

**universal-ity** /*ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːrlətɪ*/ noun
: the quality or state of being universal

**universal-ize** /*ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːrlaɪz*/ verb -ized; -izing
: to make universal: GENERALIZE

**universal-iza-tion** /*ˌjuːnɪˈvɜːrləˌzaʃən*/ noun

**universal joint** noun
: a shaft coupling for transmitting rotation from one shaft to another not in a straight line with it

**Universal Product Code** noun
uni·verse /ˌyuː.nəˈvərˌsi/ noun
› the whole body of things observed or assumed: COSMOS
Synonyms
› cosmos, creation, macrocosm, nature, world; also existence, reality
uni·ver·si·ty /ˌyuː.nəˈvərˌsə.ti/ noun, plural -ties
› an institution of higher learning authorized to confer degrees in various special fields (as theology, law, and medicine) as well as in the arts and sciences generally
un·just /ˈənˌjuːst/ adjective
› characterized by injustice
— un·just·ly adverb
un·just·fi·able /ˌjuːnˌjuːstˌfəˈbeɪl/ adjective
› not justifiable: lacking in propriety or justice
Synonyms
› indefensible, inexcusable, unforgivable, unpardonable, unwarrantable—more at INEXCUSABLE
un·kempt /ˈʌŋkempt/ adjective
1 a : lacking order or neatness
b : ROUGH, UNPOLISHED
2 : not combed: DISHEVELED
Synonyms
› chaotic, confused, disheveled, disordered, messy, muddled, sloppy, untidy—more at MESSY
un·kind /ˈʌŋkɪnd/ adjective
› not kind or sympathetic <an ~ remark>
— un·kind·ly adverb
— un·kind·ness noun
un·kind·ly /ˈʌŋkɪnd.lɪ/ adjective
: UNKIND
— un·kind·li·ness noun
un·know·ing /ˌənˈnəʊ.ɪŋ/ adjective
› not knowing
— un·know·ing·ly adverb
Synonyms
› ignorant, oblivious, unacquainted, unaware, unconscious, uninformed, unwitting—more at IGNORANT
un·known /ˈʌnkwən/ adjective
› not known or not well-known
— unknown noun
Synonyms
› fresh, new, novel, original, strange, unaccustomed, unfamiliar—more at NEW
› anonymous, nameless, obscure, unsung—more at OBSCURE
un·lace /ˈʌnlæs/ verb
› to loose by undoing a lace
un·lade /ˈʌnləd/ verb -lad·ed; -laden or -lad·en /ˈʌnlədˌen/; -lad·ing
› to take the load or cargo from: UNLOAD
un·la·dy·like /ˌʌn.ləˈde.ˌlɪk/ adjective
› lacking the behavior, manner, or style considered proper for a lady
un·latch /ˌʌnlætʃ/ verb
1 : to open or loose by lifting the latch
un·law·ful /'lō. fəl/ adjective
1 ▽: not lawful: ILLEGAL
2: not morally right or conventional
   — un·law·ful·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▽ criminal, illegal, illegitimate, illicit, wrongful—more at ILLEGAL
un·lead·ed /'le.dad/ adjective
: not treated or mixed with lead or lead compounds
un·learn /'lərn/ verb
: to put out of one's knowledge or memory; also: to discard the habit of
   un·learn·ed /'lar.nəd for 1; 'larnd for 2/ adjective
1 ▽: possessing inadequate learning or education: UNEDUCATED
2: not gained by study or training
   Synonyms
   ▽ dark, ignorant, illiterate, simple, uneducated, untaught—more at IGNORANT
un·leash /'lēsh/ verb
▽: to free from or as if from a leash: let loose
   Synonyms
   ▽ loose, loosen, release, uncork, unlock, unloosen—more at RELEASE
un·less /an.les, 'an..les/ conjunction
: except on condition that <won't go ~ you do>
un·let·tered /an.'le.terd/ adjective
: not educated: ILLITERATE
un·like /'līk/ adjective
1 ▽: not like: DIFFERENT
2: unequal
   — un·like·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▽ different, disparate, dissimilar, distinct, distinctive, distinguishable, diverse, other, unalike—more at DIFFERENT
2 un·like·li·hood /'līk.lē.hūd/ noun
   : IMPROBABILITY
un·like·ly /'līk.lē/ adjective
1 ▽: not likely: IMPROBABLE
2: likely to fail
   Synonyms
   ▽ doubtful, dubious, flimsy, improbable, questionable—more at IMPROBABLE
un·like·ness noun
▽ the quality or state of being unlike
   Synonyms
   ▽ contrast, difference, disagreement, discrepancy, disparity, distinction, diversity—more at DIFFERENCE
un·lim·ber /'lim.bər/ verb
: to get ready for action
un·lim·it·ed /'lɪm.ɪ.təd/ adjective
1: lacking any controls
2: having no bounds: without limits
3: not bounded by exceptions
   **Synonyms**
   - [2] boundless, endless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable—more at **INFINITE**
   - [3] all-around, general, unqualified, unrestricted

**unlisted** /ˌlis’tid/ **adjective**
1: not appearing on a list; especially: not appearing in a telephone book
2: not listed on a stock exchange
   **Synonyms**
   - uncataloged, unrecorded, unregistered; also: unwritten; unidentified, unspecified; undisclosed, unknown
   **Antonyms**
   - cataloged, listed, recorded, registered

**unliterary** /ˌli.tər.i/ **adjective**
: not literary

**unload** /lōd/ **verb**
1 a: to take away or off: REMOVE ~ cargo from a hold
   b: to get rid of
2: to take a load from ~ the ship; also: to relieve or set free: UNBURDEN ~ one's mind of worries
3: to draw the charge from ~ the gun
4: to sell in volume
   **Synonyms**
   - [1b] cast, discard, ditch, dump, fling, jettison, junk, lose, reject, scrap, shed, shuck, slough, throw away, throw out—more at **DISCARD**
   - [2] disburden, discharge, disencumber, unburden; also: free, lighten, relieve; clear, empty, evacuate, vacate, void
   **Antonyms**
   - load, pack

**unlock** /lāk/ **verb**
1: to open or unfasten through release of a lock
2: to free from restraints or restrictions: RELEASE ~ a flood of emotions
3: DISCLOSE, REVEAL ~ nature's secrets
   **Synonyms**
   - loose, loosen, release, uncork, unleash, unloosen—more at **RELEASE**

**unlooked–for** /ˌlōkt′fôr/ **adjective**
: not foreseen: UNEXPECTED

**unloose** /lōs/ **verb**
1: UNLOOSEN
2: UNTIE

**unloosen** /lōs’n/ **verb**
1: to relax the strain of; also: set free
2: UNTIE
   **Synonyms**
   - loose, loosen, release, uncork, unleash, unlock—more at **RELEASE**

**unlovely** /ˌlav’lē/ **adjective**
1: having no charm or appeal
2: not amiable
   **Synonyms**
   - bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, rotten, sour, uncongenial, unpleasant, unwelcome—more at **UNPLEASANT**

**unluckily** /ˌluk’i lē/ **adverb**
: UNFORTUNATELY
un·lucky /ˈlækə/ adjective
1 : having or meeting with misfortune : ILL-FATED
2 : likely to bring misfortune : INAUSPICIOUS
3 : REGRETTABLE
   Synonyms
   ➢ hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, unfortunate, unhappy; also adverse, ill, inauspicious, unfavorable, unpromising, untoward; calamitous, catastrophic, disastrous; damned, tragic
   Antonyms
   fortunate, happy, lucky

un·man /ˈmæn/ verb
1 : to deprive of manly courage
2 : CASTRATE
   Synonyms
   ➢ demoralize, undo, unnerve—more at UNNERVE
   ➢ daunt, demoralize, discourage, dishearten, dispirit, unnerve—more at DISCOURAGE

un·man·age·able /ˈmænə.je.əbel/ adjective
1 : not manageable : INTRACTABLE
   Synonyms
   ➢ froward, headstrong, intractable, recalcitrant, refractory, uncontrollable, unruly, untoward, wayward, willful
   —more at UNCONTROLLABLE

un·man·ly /ˈmæn.əli/ adjective
1 : not manly : COWARDLY
2 : having feminine qualities untypical of a man : EFFEMINATE
   Synonyms
   ➢ effeminate, feminine, girlish, sissy, womanly—more at EFFEMINATE

un·man·ner·ly /ˈmæn.ə.nərli/ adjective
1 : not mannerly : IMPOLITE
2 : not mannerly : IMPOLITE
   — unmannerly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➢ discourteous, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless, uncivil, ungracious—more at IMPOLITE

un·mar·ried /ˈmær.əd/ adjective
1 : not married
   Synonyms
   ➢ single, unattached, unwed—more at SINGLE

un·mask /ˈmæsk/ verb
1 : to strip of a mask or a disguise : EXPOSE
2 : to remove one's mask
   Synonyms
   ➢ bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unbosom, uncloak, uncover, unveil—more at REVEAL

un·matched /ˈmætʃt/ adjective
1 : not matchable
2 : not matching
   Synonyms
   ➢ incomparable, inimitable, matchless, nonpareil, only, peerless, unequaled, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed—more at ONLY

un·mean·ing /ˈmiːnɪŋ/ adjective
1 : having no meaning : SENSELESS

un·me·di·at·ed /ˈmiːdi.ə.təd/ adjective
1 : not mediated : not communicated or transformed by an intervening agency
un·meet /ˈmēt/ adjective
not meet or fit: UNSUITABLE, IMPROPER

un·me·lo·di·ous /ˌmə.ˈlɔ.ˌdi.əs/ adjective
not melodious
Synonyms
discordant, dissonant, inharmonious, unmusical—more at DISSONANT

un·men·tion·able /ˌmɛn.ʃə.ˈne.əl/ adjective
not fit or proper to be talked about

un·mer·ci·ful /ˌmɛr.ˈsɪ.fəl/ adjective
not merciful: MERCILESS
—un·mer·ci·ful·ly adverb

un·mind·ful /ˌmɪnd.ˈfʊl/ adjective
not conscientiously aware, attentive, or heedful: UNAWARE

un·mis·tak·able /ˌmɪs.ˈtæk.ə.bəl/ adjective
not capable of being mistaken or misunderstood: OBVIOUS
—un·mis·tak·ably /ˈblə/ adverb
Synonyms
apparent, broad, clear, clear-cut, distinct, evident, lucid, manifest, obvious, palpable, patent, perspicuous, plain, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal—more at CLEAR

un·mit·i·gat·ed /ˌmɪt.ɪ.ˈɡæ.təd/ adjective
1: not softened or lessened
2: being so definitely what is stated as to offer little chance of change or relief: ABSOLUTE <an ~ liar>

un·mixed /ˈmɪkst/ adjective
not mixed
Synonyms
absolute, fine, neat, plain, pure, refined, straight, unadulterated, undiluted—more at PURE

un·moor /ˈmʊər/ verb
to loose from or as if from moorings

un·mor·al /ˈmɔr.əl/ adjective
having no moral perception or quality: AMORAL
—un·mor·al·i·ty /ˌmɔr.ə.ˈle.ti/ noun

un·mov·able /ˌmʌv.ə.ˈbeɪl/ adjective
1: incapable of being moved; firmly fixed
2: not moving or not intended to be moved
Synonyms
[1, 2] immobile, immovable, nonmotile, stationary, unbunging—more at IMMOVABLE

un·mu·si·cal /ˈmʌs.ɪ.ˈkəl/ adjective
not musical
Synonyms
discordant, dissonant, inharmonious, unmelodious—more at DISSONANT

un·muz·ze /ˈmə.zəl/ verb
to remove a muzzle from

un·named /ˈnɑməd/ adjective
not named or identified
Synonyms
anonymous, certain, one, some, unidentified, unspecified—more at CERTAIN

un·nat·u·ral /ˌnɑt.ə.ˈreɪl/ adjective
1: contrary to or acting contrary to nature or natural instincts
2: not being in accordance with normal human feelings or behavior: ABNORMAL
— un·nat·u·ral·ly adverb
— un·nat·u·ral·ness noun

   Synonyms
     ▷ [1, 2] aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, atypical, deviant, irregular—more at deviant

un·nec·es·sar·i·ly /ˌne-se-sər-ə-lē/ adverb
1 : not by necessity
2 : to an unnecessary degree <> harsh

un·nerve /ˌnərv/ verb
1 ▶ : to deprive of courage, strength, or steadiness
2 : to cause to become nervous

   Synonyms
     ▷ demoralize, undo, unman; also debilitate, enervate, enfeeble, weaken; prostrate, sap, soften, tire, waste; frighten, scare, terrify, terrorize; daunt, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit; craze, derange, madden, unhinge; decompose, disquiet, disturb, faze, perturb, unsettle, upset

   Antonyms
     nerve
     ▷ daunt, demoralize, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, unman—more at discourage

un·nil·hex·i·um /ˌyun·i-hēk·sē·əm/ noun
[origin: NL, fr. unnil- (fr. L unus one + nil zero) + Gk hex six + NL -ium]
: the chemical element of atomic number 106

un·nil·pen·ti·um /ˌpēn·tē·əm/ noun
: the chemical element of atomic number 105

un·nil·qua·di·um /ˌkwä·dē·əm/ noun
: the chemical element of atomic number 104

un·num·bered /ən·ˈnum·bərd/ adjective
1 : not numbered or counted
2 ▶ : too many to be numbered : INNUMERABLE

   Synonyms
     ▷ countless, innumerable, numberless, uncountable, untold—more at countless

un·ob·struct·ed /əb·ˈstrukt·əd/ adjective
1 : not obstructed or hindered

   Synonyms
     ▷ clear, free, open—more at OPEN

un·ob·tain·able /əb·ˈtā·nə·bəl/ adjective
1 : not obtainable

   Synonyms
     ▷ inaccessible, inconvenient, unapproachable, unattainable, unavailable, unreachable, untouchable—more at INACCESSIBLE

un·ob·tru·sive /əb·ˈtrüs·iv/ adjective
: not obtrusive or forward : INCONSPICUOUS
— un·ob·tru·sive·ly adverb

un·oc·cu·pied /əˈkə̇p·əd/ adjective
1 : not busy : UNEMPLOYED
2 : not occupied : EMPTY, VACANT

un·or·ga·nized /ˌər·gə-nəzid/ adjective
1 : not formed or brought into an integrated or ordered whole
2 : not organized into unions <> labor

un·ori·gin·al /əˈrə̅jə·nal/ adjective
1 : not original

   Synonyms
imitative, mimic, slavish—more at IMITATIVE

un·or·tho·dox /ˌo>rθəˈdəks/ adjective
▶ not orthodox: not in accord with approved, standardized, or conventional doctrine, method, thought, custom, or opinion
   Synonyms
   ▶ broad-minded, liberal, nonorthodox, nontraditional, open-minded, progressive, radical, unconventional—more at LIBERAL
   ▶ informal, irregular, unceremonious, unconventional—more at INFORMAL

un·pack /ˈpɑk/ verb
1: to separate and remove things packed
2: to open and remove the contents of

un·paid /ˈpæd/ adjective
1: not paid: serving without pay
2 a: not presented as payment
   b ▶: not cleared by payment
3: not paying a salary
   Synonyms
   ▶ outstanding, overdue, payable, unsettled—more at OUTSTANDING

un·paint·ed /ˈpæntıd/ adjective
▶ not painted: not having a coat of paint
   Synonyms
   ▶ colorless, uncolored, white—more at COLORLESS

un·pal·at·able /ˈpaˌlətəbəl/ adjective
1: not palatable: DISTASTEFUL
2: not pleasant: not amiable or agreeable

un·par·al·leled /ˌpaˌrəˈleld/ adjective
1 ▶: having no parallel
2 ▶: having no equal or match
   Synonyms
   ▶ incomparable, inimitable, matchless, nonpareil, only, peerless, unequaled, unmatched, unrivaled, unsurpassed—more at ONLY

un·par·don·able /ˈpärdənəbəl/ adjective
▶ not worthy of pardon
   Synonyms
   ▶ indefensible, inexcusable, unforgivable, unjustifiable, unwarrantable—more at INEXCUSABLE

un·par·lia·men·ta·ry /ˌpärˌleˌmenˈteərē/ adjective
: contrary to parliamentary practice

un·peg /ˈpēɡ/ verb
1: to remove a peg from
2: to unfasten by or as if by removing a peg

un·per·son /ənˈpərsən/ noun
: a person who usu. for political or ideological reasons is removed from recognition or consideration

un·per·tur·bated /ənˈpərˌtərbd/ adjective
▶ not perturbed: unaffected by worry, interruption, disturbance, or disarrangement
   Synonyms
   ▶ calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unshaken, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM

un·pile /ˈpɪl/ verb
▶ to take or disentangle from a pile
un·pin /ˈpin/ verb
: to remove a pin from: UNFASTEN

un·planned /ˈpländ/ adjective
1 : not planned
2 : not expected
    Synonyms
    • [1] ad-lib, extemporaneous, impromptu, offhand, snap, unpromeditated, unprepared, unrehearsed—more at EXTEMPORANEOUS
    • [2] accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintended, unintentional, unpromeditated, unwitting—more at ACCIDENTAL

un·pleas·ant /ˌplez_ənt/ adjective
: not pleasant: DISAGREEABLE
— un·pleas·ant·ly adverb
— un·pleas·ant·ness noun
    Synonyms
    • bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, rotten, sour, uncongenial, unlovely, unwelcome; also abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, beastly, disgusting, dreadful, foul, hideous, horrendous, horrible, horrid, invidious, loathsome, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, obscene, odious, repellant, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, scandalous, shocking, sickening, ugly, villainous; annoying, galling, irritating, vexing
    Antonyms
    agreeable, nice, pleasant, pleasurable, pleasing, satisfying, welcome

un·pleas·ing /ˌplɛz_ən/ adjective
: not pleasing: causing discomfort, displeasure, or repugnance

un·plug /ˈplæg/ verb
1 : UNCLOG
2 : to remove (a plug) from a receptacle; also: to disconnect from an electric circuit by removing a plug

un·plumbed /ˈplʌmd/ adjective
1 : not tested or measured with a plumb line
2 : not thoroughly explored

un·pol·ished /ˈpəlɪʃt/ adjective
1 : not made smooth by polishing
2 : not marked by refinement
    Synonyms
    • coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, vulgar—more at COARSE

un·pop·u·lar /ˈpəpəˌlər/ adjective
: not popular: looked upon or received unfavorably
— un·pop·u·lar·i·ty /ˌpəˌpəˌlərə t̬ɪ/ noun

un·pre·ced·ent·ed /ˌpɹɪsˌsɪd.əntəd/ adjective
: having no precedent: NOVEL

un·pre·dict·able /ˌprɪˌdɪk.təˈbəl/ adjective
: not predictable
    Synonyms
    • capricious, changeable, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, temperamental, uncertain, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile—more at FICKLE

un·prej·u·di·ced /ˌprɛˌdʒu.dəst/ adjective
: not prejudiced: free from undue bias
    Synonyms
    • disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair, impartial, just, nonpartisan, objective, square, unbiased—
un·pre·med·i·tat·ed /ən.prəˈmed.ə.təd/ adjective
▶ : not premeditated
Synonyms
▶ accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unwitting—more at ACCIDENTAL

un·pre·pared /ən.prəˈpərd/ adjective
1 : not prepared
2 a : happening without preparation
b : arriving or taking place unexpectedly or without warning
Synonyms
▶ ad-lib, extemporaneous, impromptu, offhand, snap, unplanned, unpremeditated, unrehearsed—more at EXTEMPORANEOUS

un·pre·ten·ding /ən.prəˈten.dɪŋ/ adjective
▶ : not pretending; especially : UNPRETENTIOUS

un·pre·ten·tious /ən.prəˈten.chəs/ adjective
▶ : not pretentious
Synonyms
▶ artless, genuine, honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, real, simple, sincere, true, unaffected
▶ demure, humble, lowly, meek, modest, retiring, unassuming—more at HUMBLE

un·pret·ty /ən.prəˈti/ adjective
▶ : not pretty : lacking in beauty

un·prin·ci·pled /ən.prɪnˈsi.pləd/ adjective
▶ : lacking sound or honorable principles : UNSCRUPULOUS
Synonyms
▶ cutthroat, immoral, Machiavellian, unconscionable, unethical, unscrupulous; also calculating, intriguing, opportunistic, scheming; merciless, pitiless, remorseless, ruthless; crooked, deceitful, dishonest; corrupt, debased, debauched, decadent, degenerate, degraded, demoralized, depraved, dissipated
Antonyms
▶ ethical, moral, principled, scrupulous

un·print·able /ən.prɪnˈtəbəl/ adjective
▶ : unfit to be printed; especially : too obscene or offensive to be shown in print
Synonyms
▶ bawdy, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, lascivious, lewd, nasty, obscene, pornographic, ribald, smutty, vulgar, wanton—more at OBSCENE

un·pro·cess·ed /ən.prəˈsɛs.təd/ adjective
▶ : not processed; especially : not altered from an original or natural state
Synonyms
▶ crude, native, natural, raw, undressed, unrefined, untreated—more at CRUDE

un·pro·duc·tive /ən.prəˈdək.tiv/ adjective
▶ : not productive
Synonyms
▶ barren, infertile, poor, stark, waste—more at BARREN
▶ abortive, bootless, empty, fruitless, futile, ineffective, unavailing, unsuccessful, useless, vain—more at FUTILE

un·pro·fes·sion·al /ən.prəˈfes.ənəl/ adjective
1 : not belonging to or gainfully employed at a particular profession
2 : not characteristic of or befitting a professional
Synonyms
▶ amateur, amateurish, inexperienced, inexpert, nonprofessional, unskilled, unskillful—more at AMATEURISH
un·prof·it·able /ˈpräˌfər.ətəl/ adjective
: not profitable: USELESS

un·pro·gres·sive /ˈprəˌgres.əv/ adjective
: not progressive; especially: not devoted to or showing economic, social, or political progress

un·pro·tec·t·ed /ˈprəˌtek.təd/ adjective
: lacking protection or defense

Synonyms
- defenseless, exposed, helpless, susceptible, undefended, unguarded, unresistant, vulnerable—more at HELPLESS

un·qual·i·fied /ˌkwəl.əˌfaid/ adjective
1 : not having requisite qualifications
2 : not modified or restricted by reservations: COMPLETE

un·qual·i·fied·ly /ˌkwəl.əˌfai.dəlē/ adverb

Synonyms
- [1] incapable, incompetent, inept, inexpert, unfit, unskilled, unskillful—more at INCOMPETENT
- [2] absolute, complete, outright, total, unequivocal

un·ques·tion·able /ˌkwes.ən.ˈʃənəbəl/ adjective
: not questionable: INDISPUTABLE

Synonyms
- incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, unanswerable, undeniable—more at IRREFUTABLE

un·ques·tion·ably /ˌkwəs.ən.ˈʃənəbəl.i/ adverb
: without any question

Synonyms
- certainly, definitely, doubtless, forsooth, incontestably, indeed, indisputably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly—more at INDEED

un·ques·tion·ing /ˌkwəs.ən.ˈʃənəŋ/ adjective
: not questioning: accepting without examination or hesitation

un·ques·tion·ing·ly /ˌkwəs.ən.ˈʃənəŋ.lē/ adverb

un·qui·et /ˈkwək.ət/ adjective
1 : not quiet: AGITATED, DISTURBED
2 : physically, emotionally, or mentally restless: UNEASY

un·quote /ˈkwək.ət/ noun
— used orally to indicate the end of a direct quotation

un·rav·el /ˈrəv.əl/ verb
1 : to separate the threads of
2 : to resolve the intricacy, complexity, or obscurity of: clear up <~ a mystery>
3 : to become unravelled

Synonyms
- [1] disentangle, untangle, untwine; also smooth, straighten (out); undo, unlace, untie, unwind

Antonyms
- entangle, snarl, tangle

un·reach·able /ˈrēch.əˌbəl/ adjective
: incapable of being reached

Synonyms
- inaccessible, inconvenient, unapproachable, unattainable, unavailable, unobtainable, untouchable—more at INACCESSIBLE

un·read /ˈrēd/ adjective
1 : not read; also: left unexamined
un·re·al /ˈrēəl/ adjective
1: lacking in reality, substance, or genuineness
   Synonyms
   • chimerical, fabulous, fanciful, fantastic, fictitious, imaginary, made-up, mythical, phantom, pretend—more at IMAGINARY

un·re·al·i·ty /ˌrē.ə.lə.ˈti/ noun
1 a: the quality or state of being unreal : lack of substance or validity
   b: something unreal, insubstantial, or visionary
2: ineptitude in dealing with reality
   Synonyms
   • chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, vision—more at FANTASY

un·rea·son·able /ˌrē.ə.zən.ˈbəl/ adjective
1 a: not governed by or acting according to reason
   b: not conformable to reason
2: exceeding the bounds of reason or moderation
   —un·rea·son·able·ness noun
   —un·rea·son·ably adverb
   Synonyms
   • [1a] fallacious, illogical, invalid, irrational, unsound, weak—more at ILLOGICAL
   • [1b] baseless, groundless, invalid, unfounded, unsubstantiated, unsupported, unwarranted—more at BASELESS

un·rea·soned /ˌrē.ə.zənd/ adjective
: not based on reason or reasoning

un·rea·son·ing /ˌrē.ə.zən.ˈing/ adjective
: not using or showing the use of reason as a guide or control

un·re·con·struct·ed /ˌrē.əˌkonˈstrクトd/ adjective
: not reconciled to some political, economic, or social change; especially : holding stubbornly to a particular belief, view, place, or style

un·re·cord·ed /ˌrē.əˈkȯrd.əd/ adjective
1: not recorded
2: not made a matter of official record
   Synonyms
   • uncataloged, unlisted, unregistered—more at UNLISTED

un·re·cov·er·able /ˌrē.ə.kər.ˈe.bəl/ adjective
1: incapable of being recovered, recaptured, or regained : hopelessly lost
2: admitting of no remedy or correction
   Synonyms
   • irredeemable, irremediable, irreparable, unredeemable—more at IRREPARABLE

un·re·deem·able /ˌrē.əˌdēm.əˈbəl/ adjective
1: admitting of no change or release
2: irresuscitable of redemption or reform : utterly and hopelessly bad
3: not redeemable : not recoverable on payment of what is due
   Synonyms
   • hopeless, incorrigible, incurable, irredeemable, irremediable, unrecoverable—more at HOPELESS

un·reel /ˈrēəl/ verb
1: to unwind from or as if from a reel
2: to perform successfully

un·re·fined /ˌrē.əˈfind/ adjective
1: lacking moral or social cultivation or the graces of manners or speech
2: not separated from impurity or unwanted matter
**Synonyms**

- [1] coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unfinished, vulgar—more at **COARSE**
- [2] crude, native, natural, raw, undressed, unprocessed, untreated—more at **CRUDE**

un-re-gen·er·ate /ˌriˈɡenərət/ adjective

: not regenerated or reformed

Synonyms

- un·re·gen·er·ate

un-reg·is·tered /ˌriˈjestərd/ adjective

: not registered

Synonyms

- un·re·gen·er·ate

un·re·hearsed /ˌriˈhərzd/ adjective

1: not narrated

2: ad-lib, extemporaneous, impromptu, offhand, snap, unplanned, unprepared—more at **EXTEMPORANEOUS**

un-re·lent·ing /ˌriˈlɛntɪŋ/ adjective

1: not yielding in determination

2: not letting up or weakening in vigor or pace

— un-re·lent·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms

- un·re·gen·er·ate

un·re·li·able /ˌriˈlɪəbəl/ adjective

: not reliable or trustworthy

un·re·mark·able /ˌriˈmɑrkəbəl/ adjective

: lacking interest or distinction: of a kind to be expected in the normal course of events

Synonyms

- average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, usual, workaday—more at **ORDINARY**

un·re·mit·ting /ˌriˈmɪtɪŋ/ adjective

: not remitting:

— un-re·mit·ting·ly adverb

un-re·quit·ed /ˌriˈkwɪtɪd/ adjective

: not reciprocated or returned in kind

un-re·pen·tant /ˌriˈpenənt/ adjective

1: not repentant

2: holding to a prior conviction or attitude

un-re·served /ˌriˈzɜrvd/ adjective

1: not limited or partial

2: not cautious or reticent

3: not set aside for special use

— un-re·served·ly /ˌzɜrvəldəl/ adverb

Synonyms

- un·re·gen·er·ate

un-re·sis·tant /ˌriˈzɪstənt/ adjective

: not resistant

Synonyms

- un·re·gen·er·ate

- defenseless, exposed, helpless, susceptible, undefended, unguarded, unprotected, vulnerable—more at **HELPLESS**
un·re·sist·ing /ˌriz.ɪst.ɪŋ/ adjective
›: not resistant
  Synonyms
    acquiscent, passive, resigned, tolerant, unresistant, yielding—more at passive
un·re·solved /ˌrizəlvəd/ adjective
›: not yet determined
  Synonyms
    open, pending, undecided, undetermined, unsettled—more at pending
un·rest /ˌrest/ noun
›: a disturbed or uneasy state: turmoil
  Synonyms
    disquiet, ferment, restlessness, turmoil, uneasiness; also fidgets; agitation, commotion, confusion, tumult, turbulence, upheaval; anarchy, chaos, disorder
    calm, ease, peace, quiet
un·rest·ful /ˌrest.fəl/ adjective
›: not restful: not feeling or not conducive to repose
  Synonyms
1: not restrained
2: free of constraint, inhibition, or timidity
  Synonyms
[1] intemperate, rampant, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrolled, ungoverned, unhampered, unhindered—more at rampant
[2] demonstrative, effusive, emotional, spontaneous, uninhibited, unreserved—more at demonstrative
un·re·strait·ed /ˌrɪstrət̬ɪd/ adjective
›: not restricted
  Synonyms
    free-for-all, open, public—more at open
    all-around, general, unlimited, unqualified
un·rid·dle /ˌrid.ðl/ verb
: to find the explanation of: solve
un·right·eous /ˌri.ˌchəs/ adjective
1: not righteous: sinful, wicked
2: unjust
— un·right·eous·ness noun
un·ripe /ˌrip/ adjective
: not ripe or fully developed: immature
un·ri·pened /ˌrɪ.pənd/ adjective
: not ripened: not having attained maturity
un·ri·valed or un·ri·valled /ˌrɪ.vɔld/ adjective
›: having no rival
  Synonyms
    incomparable, inimitable, matchless, nonpareil, only, peerless, unequalled, unmatched, unparalleled, unsurpassed—more at only
un·robe /ˌrəb/ verb
: disrobe, undress
un-roll /əˈrəʊl/ verb
1: to unwind a roll of : open out
2: DISPLAY, DISCLOSE
3: to become unrolled or spread out

un-roof /əˈruːf/ verb
: to strip off the roof or covering of

un-ruffled /əˈruːfəld/ adjective
1: not agitated or upset
2: not ruffled: SMOOTH (~ water)

un-rul-i-ness /əˈruːli-nes/ noun
: the quality or state of being unruly

Synonyms
  • defiance, disobedience, insubordination, rebelliousness, recalcitrance, refractoriness—more at DISOBEDIENCE

un-ruly /əˈruːli/ adjective
: not readily ruled, disciplined, or managed

Synonyms
  • contrary, defiant, disobedient, froward, headstrong, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, uncontrollable, untoward, onward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT

un-sad-dle /əˈsædəl/ verb
1: to remove the saddle from a horse
2: UNHORSE

un-safe /əˈseɪf/ adjective
: not safe: exposed or exposing to danger

Synonyms
  • dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, venturesome—more at DANGEROUS

un-sat-is-fac-to-ry /əˈsat.iːsɪˌfæktəri/ adjective
: not satisfactory

Synonyms
  • bad, deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, punk, rotten, substandard, unacceptable, wanting, wretched, wrong—more at BAD

un-sat-u-rat-ed /əˈsæt.uˌræ.təd/ adjective
1: capable of absorbing or dissolving more of something
2: containing double or triple bonds between carbon atoms (~ fats)

— un-sat-u-rate /əˈsæt.uˌræt/ noun

un-saved /əˈsævd/ adjective
: not saved; especially: not rescued from eternal punishment

un-sa-vory /əˈsævərɪ/ adjective
1: TASTELESS
2: unpleasant to taste or smell
3: morally offensive

Synonyms
  • distasteful, unappetizing—more at DISTASTEFUL

un-say /əˈseɪ/ verb -said /əˈsed/; -say-ing
: to take back (something said): RETRACT

Synonyms
  • abjure, recant, renounce, retract, take back, withdraw—more at ABJURE

un-scathed /əˈskæðt/ adjective
un·schooled /ˈskəld/ adjective
: not schooled : UNTAUGHT

un·sci·en·tif·ic /ˌsəˌsən.ˈtif.ɪk/ adjective
: not scientific : not in accord with the principles and methods of science

un·scram·ble /ˈskram.bəl/ verb
1: RESOLVE, CLARIFY
2: to restore (as a radio message) to intelligible form

un·screw /ˈskrū/ verb
1: to draw the screws from
2: to loosen by turning

un·scru·pu·lous /ˈskrəp.ə.ləs/ adjective
: not scrupulous : UNPRINCIPLED
— un·scru·pu·lous·ly adverb
— un·scru·pu·lous·ness noun

Synonyms
— cutthroat, immoral, Machiavellian, unconscionable, unethical, unprincipled—more at UNPRINCIPLED

un·seal /ˈsēl/ verb
: to break or remove the seal of : OPEN

un·search·able /ˌsər.she.əl/ adjective
: not capable of being searched or explored

un·sea·son·able /ˌsēz.ən.əbəl/ adjective
: not seasonable : happening or coming at the wrong time : UNTIMELY

Synonyms
— early, precocious, premature, untimely—more at EARLY

un·sea·son·ably /ˈbē/ adverb
: in an unseasonable manner : at an unseasonable time

Synonyms
— beforehand, early, precociously, prematurely—more at EARLY

un·seat /ˈsēt/ verb
1: to throw from one's seat esp. on horseback
2: to remove from political office

un·seem·ly /ˈsēm.lē/ adjective
1: not according with established standards of good form or taste
2: not suitable

— un·seem·li·ness noun

Synonyms
— graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unsuitable, wrong

un·seen /ˈsēn/ adjective
: not seen : INVISIBLE

un·seg·re·gat·ed /ˈseŋ.gri.ɡət.əd/ adjective
: not segregated; especially : free from racial segregation

un·self·ish /ˈself.ish/ adjective
: not selfish : GENEROUS

— un·self·ish·ly adverb

Synonyms
— bountiful, charitable, free, generous, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unsparing—more at GENEROUS

un·self·ish·ness noun
un·set·tle /ˈset-təl/ verb
1 : to move or loosen from a settled position  [DIPLACE]
2 : to perturb or agitate mentally or emotionally
   Synonyms
   agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhinge, upset, worry
un·set·tled /ˈset-təld/ adjective
1 : not settled : not fixed (as in position or character)
2 : not calm  [DISTURBED]
3 : not decided in mind
4 : not paid  [accounts]
5 : not occupied by settlers
   Synonyms
   [1] open, pending, undecided, undetermined, unresolved—more at PENDING
   [3] distrustful, doubtful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uncertain, undecided, unsure—more at DOUBTFUL
   [4] outstanding, overdue, payable, unpaid—more at OUTSTANDING
un·set·tling /ˈset-təl-əŋ/ adjective
: having the effect of upsetting, disturbing, or discomposing
   Synonyms
   troublesome, upsetting, worrisome—more at TROUBLESOME
un·shack·le /ˈshak·əl/ verb
: to free from shackles
un·shak·able /ˈshə·ka·bəl/ adjective
: not shakable
   Synonyms
   imperturbable, nerveless, unflappable—more at UNFLAPPABLE
un·shak·en /ˈshə·ken/ adjective
: not shaken
   Synonyms
   calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, untroubled, unworried—more at CALM
un·shaped /ˈshəp·əd/ adjective
: not shaped; especially : not being in finished, final, or perfect form  [ideas]  [timber]
   Synonyms
   amorphous, formless, shapeless, unformed, unstructured—more at FORMLESS
un·sheat·he /ˈshēt/ verb
: to draw from or as if from a sheath
un·ship /ˈship/ verb
1 : to remove from a ship
2 : to remove or become removed from position  [an oar]
un·shod /ˈshōd/ adjective
: not wearing or provided with shoes
un·shorn /ˈshōrn/ adjective
1 : not cut
2 : not harvested
3 : not diminished
Synonyms
  ▶ fleecy, furry, hairy, hirsute, rough, shaggy, woolly—more at hairy

unsightly /ˌsītəˈlī/ adjective
  ▶ : unpleasant to the sight : ugly
  Synonyms
  ▶ grotesque, hideous, ugly, unappealing, unattractive, unlovely, vile—more at ugly

unskilled /ˌskīld/ adjective
  1 a ▶ : not skilled
      b : not skilled in a specified branch of work
  2 : not requiring skill
  Synonyms
  ▶ amateur, amateurish, inexperienced, inexpert, unprofessional, unskilled—more at amateurish

unskillful /ˌskīlˈfəl/ adjective
  ▶ : lacking in skill or proficiency
  — unskillfully adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ incapable, incompetent, inept, inexpert, unqualified, unskilled—more at incompetent

unsling /ˈsling/ verb -slinging -slinged -sling·er
  : to remove from being slung

unsilver /ˈsmi.ˌlinər/ adjective
  ▶ : not smiling
  Synonyms
  ▶ earnest, grave, humorless, serious, severe, sober, solemn, staid, weighty—more at serious

unsnap /ˈsna.p/ verb
  : to loosen or free by or as if by undoing a snap

unsnarl /ˈsnärəl/ verb
  : to remove snarls from : untangle

unsociable /ˌso.ˌsha.ˈbal/ adjective
  1 ▶ : having or showing a disinclination for social activity
  2 : not conducive to sociability
  Synonyms
  ▶ aloof, antisocial, cold, cool, detached, distant, frosty, remote, standoffish—more at cool

unsullied /ˌsōld/ adjective
  ▶ : not soiled or dirtied : not sullied
  Synonyms
  ▶ clean, immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless, stainless, unsullied—more at clean

unsolicited /ˌsəˈli.ˌsə.təd/ adjective
  ▶ : not solicited : not asked for
  Synonyms
  ▶ unasked, unbidden, undesired, uninvited, unsought, unwanted, unwelcome—more at unsought

unsolvable /ˌsāl.ˌvərˈbal/ adjective
  ▶ : not solvable
  Synonyms
  ▶ hopeless, impossible, unattainable, unworkable—more at impossible

unsophisticated /ˌso.ˌsəˌfis.ˈtækt/ adjective
  1 ▶ : not worldly-wise : lacking sophistication
  2 : simple
  Synonyms
  ▶ green, ingenuous, innocent, naive, simple, unknowing, unwaried, unworldly—more at naive
unsought /ʌnˈsɔt/ adjective
- : not sought : not searched for or asked for (unsought honor)
  Synonyms
  - unasked, unbidden, undesired, uninvited, unsolicited, unwanted, unwelcome; also objectionable, offensive, unacceptable, undesirable; uncalled-for
  Antonyms
  - desired, solicited, wanted, welcome

unsound /ˌsaʊnd/ adjective
1 a : not healthy or whole
   b : not mentally normal
2 : not valid
3 : not firmly made or fixed
   — unsound·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   [1a] bad, down, ill, indisposed, peaked, punk, sick, unhealthy, unwell—more at sick
   [1b] balmy, cracked, crazy, cuckoo, daft, deranged, insane, loco, lunatic, mad, maniacal, mental, nuts, nutty, screwy, wacky—more at insane
   [2] fallacious, illogical, invalid, irrational, unreasonable, weak—more at illogical

unsound·ness noun
- : the quality or state of being unsound
  Synonyms
  - illness, sickness—more at sickness

un·spar·ing /ˌspərɪŋ/ adjective
1 : not merciful or forbearing: hard
2 : not frugal: liberal
  Synonyms
  [1] callous, cold-blooded, hard, heartless, inhuman, inhumane, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, souless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling, unsympathetic—more at hard
  [2] bountiful, charitable, free, generous, liberal, munificent, openhanded, unselfish—more at generous

un·spe·ak·able /ˌspɛˈkeɪ-bal/ adjective
1 : impossible to express in words
2 : extremely bad
   — un·spe·ak·ably /ˈblɛ/ adverb
   Synonyms
   - indescribable, ineffable, inexpressible, nameless, unutterable—more at indescribable

un·spec·i·fied /ˌspe sakˈfaɪd/ adjective
- : not specified
  Synonyms
  - anonymous, certain, one, some, unidentified, unnamed—more at certain

un·spo·ken /ˌspɑkˈken/ adjective
1 : not spoken or uttered
2 : not spoken to or addressed
3 : not speaking
  Synonyms
  - implicit, tacit, unexpressed, unvoiced, wordless—more at implicit

un·sports·man·like /ˌspɔrtsˌmənˌlaɪk/ adjective
- : not sportsmanlike : not characteristic of or exhibiting good sportsmanship
  Synonyms
  - dirty, foul, illegal, unfair

un·spot·ted /ˌspɑtɪd/ adjective
- : not spotted or stained; especially : free from moral stain
un·sprung /ˈspraŋ/ adjective  
: not sprung; especially: not equipped with springs

un·sta·ble /ˈstā.bəl/ adjective  
1 a : not stable: not steady in action or movement  
b : lacking steadiness: apt to move, sway, or fall  
2 a : wavering in purpose or intent: FICKLE; also: lacking effective emotional control  
3 : readily changing (as by decomposing) in chemical or physical composition or in biological activity <an ~ atomic nucleus>  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ [1a] erratic, irregular, unequal, uneven, unsteady—more at UNEVEN  
   ▶ [2] capricious, changeable, fickle, inconstant, mercurial, temperamental, unpredictable, unsettled, unsteady, volatile—more at FICKLE

un·stained /ˈstānd/ adjective  
1 : not stained or discolored: not spotted  
2 : not morally blemished or stained

un·stead·i·ness /ˌste.dē.ˈnəs/ noun  
▶ the quality or state of being unsteady  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ insecurity, instability, precariousness, shakiness—more at INSTABILITY

un·steady /ˈste.dē/ adjective  
▶ not steady: UNSTABLE  
   — un·stead·i·ly /ˌsted.ˈē.lē/ adverb  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ casual, choppy, discontinuous, erratic, fitful, intermittent, irregular, occasional, spasmodic, sporadic, spotty—more at FITFUL  
   ▶ erratic, irregular, unequal, uneven, unstable—more at UNEVEN

un·stint·ing /ˈstîn.tîŋ/ adjective  
1 : not restricting or holding back  
2 : giving or being given freely or generously <~ praise>

un·stop /ˈstāp/ verb  
1 a : to free from any obstruction: UNCLOG  
2 : to remove a stopper from  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ clear, free, open, unclog

un·stop·pa·ble /ˈstāp.ə.bəl/ adjective  
▶ incapable of being stopped

un·strap /ˈstrāp/ verb  
: to remove or loose a strap from

un·stressed /ˈstrěst/ adjective  
▶ not stressed; especially: not bearing a stress or accent

un·struc·tured /ˈstrək.tərd/ adjective  
▶ lacking structure or organization: not formally organized in a set or conventional pattern  
   Synonyms  
   ▶ amorphous, formless, shapeless, unformed, unshaped—more at FORMLESS

un·strung /ˈstrəŋ/ adjective  
1 : having the strings loose or detached  
2 : made weak, disordered, or unstable  
   — un·stud·ied /ˌstā.dēd/ adjective  
1 : not acquired by study  
2 : NATURAL, UNFORCED <moved with ~ grace>
un·stylish /ˈstɪllɪʃ/ adjective
  ›: not stylish
  Synonyms
  › dowdy, inelegant, tacky, tasteless, shabby, unfashionable—more at TACKY

un·sub·stan·tial /ˌsəbˌstænˈʃəl/ adjective
  ›: not substantial : lacking substance, firmness, or strength
  Synonyms
  › flimsy, gauzy, insubstantial—more at FLIMSY
  › bodiless, immaterial, incorporeal, insubstantial, nonmaterial, nonphysical, spiritual—more at IMMATERIAL

un·sub·stan·ti·at·ed /ˌsəbˈstænˌtʃeɪ.əd/ adjective
  ›: not substantiated; especially : not supported or borne out by fact
  Synonyms
  › baseless, groundless, invalid, unfounded, unreasonable, unsupported, unwarranted—more at BASELESS

un·su·cess·ful /ˈsəkˌsɛsˌfəl/ adjective
  ›: not successful : not meeting with or producing success
  Synonyms
  › abortive, bootless, empty, fruitless, futile, ineffective, unavailing, unproductive, useless, vain—more at FUTILE

un·suit·able /ˈsʊətəb(ə)l/ adjective
  ›: not suitable or fitting
  Synonyms
  › graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unbecoming, unfit, unhappy, unseemly, wrong

un·sul·lied /ˈsaˌləd/ adjective
  ›: not sullied or stained : spotlessly clean
  Synonyms
  › clean, immaculate, spick-and-span, spotless, stainless, unsoiled—more at CLEAN

un·sun· /ˈsaʊn/ adjective
  1: not sung
  2: not celebrated in song or verse or otherwise praised <~ heroes>
  Synonyms
  › anonymous, nameless, obscure, unknown—more at OBSCURE

un·sup·port·able /ˈsaˌpɔrˌteɪb(ə)l/ adjective
  ›: not supportable: hardly to be suffered or borne
  Synonyms
  › insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, unbearable, unendurable—more at UNBEARABLE

un·sup·port·ed /ˈsaˌpɔr.təd/ adjective
  1 a: not supported or verified
  b: not backed up or assisted
  2: not held up or sustained
  Synonyms
  › baseless, groundless, invalid, unfounded, unreasonable, unsubstantiated, unwarranted—more at BASELESS

un·sure /ˈʃʊr/ adjective
  1: lacking confidence or assurance
  2: not having certain knowledge
  3: marked by lack of confidence, assurance, or certainty
  4: not steadfast or stable
  Synonyms
  › [1, 3] distrustful, doubtful, dubious, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uncertain, undecided, unsettled—more at DOUBTFUL
unsurpassed /ˌsərˈpæsd/ adjective
›: not surpassed or exceeded usu. in excellence

  Synonyms
  › incomparable, inimitable, matchless, nonpareil, only, peerless, unequaled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled—more at ONLY

unsuspecting /ˌsəsˈpektɪŋ/ adjective
1: not suspecting : not being suspicious
2: deficient in worldly wisdom or informed judgment

unsupicious /ˌsəsˈpʌshəs/ adjective

unswerving /ˌswɜrvɪŋ/ adjective
1: not swerving or turning aside
2: steady

unsympathetic /ˌʌnˌsɪmpəˈθɛtɪk/ adjective
›: not sympathetic : not responsive

  Synonyms
  › callous, hard, heartless, merciless, pitiless, stony, uncharitable, unfeeling
  › chill, chilly, cold, cold-blooded, cool, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, unfriendly, wintry—more at COLD

untamed /ˈʌntəmd/ adjective
›: not tamed or cultivated; especially: WILD

  Synonyms
  › feral, savage, unbroken, undomesticated, wild—more at WILD

untangle /ˈaŋtæɡl/ verb
1 ›: to loose from tangles or entanglement: DISENTANGLE
2: to straighten out: RESOLVE << a problem>

  Synonyms
  › disentangle, unravel, untwine—more at UNRAVEL
  › clear, disengage, disentangle, extricate, free, liberate, release—more at EXTRICATE

untought /ˈʌntɔt/ adjective
1: not instructed or taught: IGNORANT
2: NATURAL, SPONTANEOUS << kindness>

  Synonyms
  › dark, ignorant, illiterate, simple, uneducated, unlearned—more at IGNORANT

untinkable /ˈʌntɪnˈkeɪbəl/ adjective
›: not to be thought of or considered as possible << cruelty>

  Synonyms
  › fantastic, implausible, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unconvincing, unimaginable—more at INCREDIBLE

untinking /ˈʌntɪŋkɪŋ/ adjective
: not thinking; especially: THOUGHTLESS, NEEDLESS
— unthinking-ly adverb

unthought /ˈʌnˈθɔt/ adjective
: not anticipated: UNEXPECTED — often used with of << unthought-of development>

unthrift /ˌθrɪft/ adjective
1: marked by lack of thrift
2: not thriving or prospering
3 ›: not given to thrift or saving

  Synonyms
  › extravagant, prodigal, profligate, spendthrift, thriftless, wasteful—more at PRODIGAL

un·ti·dy /ˌun.ˈtaɪdi/ adjective
1 : not fit
2 a : not neat in appearance
   b : not neat in habits or procedure
3 a : not neatly organized or carried out
   b : marked by or conducive to a lack of neatness
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2a] dowdy, frowsy, sloppy, slovenly, unkempt—more at sloppy
   ▶ [3a, b] chaotic, confused, disheveled, disordered, messy—more at messy
un·tie /ˌun.ˈti/ verb -tied; -ty·ing or -tie·ing
1 ▶ : to free from something that ties, fastens, or restrains : UNBIND
2 : DISENTANGLE, RESOLVE
3 : to become loosened or unbound
   Synonyms
   ▶ unbind, undo; also unlace; disentangle, ravel, unravel, unsnarl, untangle, unwind; loose, loosen
   Antonyms
   bind, fasten, knot, lash, tie
1 until /ˈən.til/ preposition
   : up to the time of <worked ~ 5 o'clock>
2 until conjunction
   1 : up to the time that <wait ~ he calls>
   2 : to the point or degree that <ran ~ she was breathless>
1 un·tim·ly /ˌun.ˈtim.əl/ adverb
   : at an inopportune time : UNSEASONABLY; also : PREMATURELY
2 un·tim·ly adjective
   1 : happening, arriving, existing, or performed before the proper, usual, or intended time <~ death>
   2 : not convenient esp. in giving trouble or annoyance
   Synonyms
   ▶ early, precocious, premature, unseasonable—more at EARLY
un·tir·ing /ˌun.ˈtər.ɪŋ/ adjective
   ▶ : not becoming tired : INDEfatIGABLE
   — un·tir·ing·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ indefatigable, inexhaustible, tireless, unflagging—more at TIRELESS
un·ti·tled /ˈun.ʃəld/ adjective
1 : having no title or right
2 ▶ : not named
3 : not called by a title
   Synonyms
   ▶ anonymous, nameless, unbaptized, unchristened, unidentified, unnamed—more at NAMELESS
un·to /ˈən.tou/ preposition
   : TO
un·told /ˈən.təld/ adjective
1 ▶ : not counted : NUMBERLESS
2 : not told : not revealed
   Synonyms
   ▶ countless, innumerable, numberless, uncountable, unnumbered—more at COUNTLESS
1 un·touch·able /ˈəntəˈchʌbl/ adjective
   1 a : forbidden to the touch ▶ : exempt from criticism or control
   2 ▶ : lying beyond reach
untouchable noun
: a member of the lowest social class in India having in traditional Hindu belief the quality of defiling by contact a member of a higher caste

untouched adjective
1 : not subjected to touching
2 : not described or dealt with
3 : not tasted
4 : being in a primeval state or condition
5 : UNAFFECTED

untoward adjective
1 : difficult to manage : WILLFUL <an ~ child>
2 : INCONVENIENT, TROUBLESOME <an ~ encounter>

untreated adjective
: not subjected to treatment

untied adjective
: not tested or proved by experience or trial; also : not tried in court

untumbled adjective
1 : marked by calm : without rough motion, storminess, or agitated activity
2 : not given trouble : not made uneasy
3 : free from agitation, excitement, or disturbance

untrue adjective
1 : not faithful : DISLOYAL
2 : not according with a standard of correctness
3 : not true : FALSE

untrustworthy adjective
: not to be trusted : not reliable

untruth noun
1 : lack of truthfulness
2 : something that is untrue; especially : FALSEHOOD
3 : absence of truth or accuracy

untruthful adjective
un·tune /ˈtūn/ verb
1 : to put out of tune
2 : DISARRANGE, DISCOMPOSE

un·tu·tored /ˈtūˌtərd/ adjective
: having no formal learning or training : UNLEARNED

un·twine /ˈtwan/ verb
: to unwind the twisted or tangled parts of : DISENTANGLE

Synonyms
disentangle, unravel, untangle—more at UNRAVEL

un·twist /ˈtwist/ verb
1 : to separate the twisted parts of : UNTWINE
2 : to become untwined

un·us·able /ˈyuː.zə.ˈbel/ adjective
: not serviceable : having or being of no use

Synonyms
impractical, inoperable, unworkable, useless—more at IMPRACTICAL

un·used /ˈyuːzd for 1; ˈyuːzd for 2/ adjective
1 : not habituated : UNACCUSTOMED
2 : not used

Synonyms
[1] unaccustomed, unadapted, unadjusted; also unhardened, unseasoned
Antonyms
acclimated, accustomed, adapted, adjusted, habituated, used
[2] brand-new, new, spick-and-span—more at NEW

un·usu·al /ˈyuː.zə.ˈwal/ adjective
: not usual : UNCOMMON

— un·usu·al·ly adverb

Synonyms
curious, exceptional, extraordinary, funny, odd, offbeat, peculiar, queer, rare, singular, strange, unaccustomed, uncommon, uncustumary, unique, unwonted, weird; also bizarre, eccentric, far-out, outlandish, outré, way-out; aberrant, abnormal, atypical, exceptional, irregular; newsworthy, notable, noteworthy, noticeable, particular, remarkable, special
Antonyms
common, ordinary, usual

un·ut·ter·able /ˈə.lə.ˈrə.ˈbel/ adjective
: being beyond the powers of description : INEXPRESSIBLE

— un·ut·ter·ably /ˈbli/ adverb

Synonyms
indescribable, ineffable, inexpressible, nameless, unspeakable—more at INDESCRIBABLE

un·var·nished /ˈvər.nish/ adjective
1 : not varnished
2 : not embellished : PLAIN <the ~ truth>

Synonyms
bald, bare, naked, plain, simple, unadorned, undecorated—more at PLAIN

un·vary·ing /ˌver.ə.ˈin/ adjective
: not varying

Synonyms
constant, steady, unchanging, undeviating, uniform, unwavering—more at UNIFORM

un·veil /ˈvēl/ verb
1 &gt; to expose to the public: DISCLOSE
2 &gt; to present publicly for the first time
   Synonyms
   1, 2 bare, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, reveal, spill, tell, unmask—more at REVEAL

un·voiced /ˈvoɪst/ adjective
1 &gt; not verbally expressed: UNSPOKEN
2 &gt; VOICELESS
   Synonyms
   implicit, tacit, unexpressed, wordless—more at IMPLICIT

un·want·ed /ˈwɒnt, ˈwʌnt/ adjective
1 &gt; not wanted
2 &gt; not needed or useful
3 &gt; detrimental in character
   Synonyms
   unasked, unbidden, undesired, uninvited, unsought, unwanted—more at UNSOUGH

un·war·rant·able /ˈwɔːr.ən.tə.bəl/ adjective
1 &gt; not justifiable: INEXCUSABLE
   Synonyms
   indefensible, inexcusable, unforgivable, unjustifiable, unpardonable—more at INEXCUSABLE

un·war·rant·ed /ˈwɔːr.ən.təd, ˈwɜːr/ adjective
1 &gt; lacking adequate support: not justified
   Synonyms
   baseless, groundless, invalid, unsupported—more at BASELESS

un·wa·ver·ing /ˈwɑːr.ɪŋ/ adjective
1 &gt; not experienced or sophisticated
2 &gt; careless of consequences: not prudent
   Synonyms
   green, ingenuous, innocent, naive, simple, unknowing, unsophisticated, unworldly—more at NAIVE
   2 careless, heedless, mindless, unguarded, unsafe—more at CARELESS

un·weave /ˈwɪv/ verb -wove /ˈwʌv/; -woven /ˈwʌvn/; -weav·ing
   DISENTANGLE, RAVEL

un·wed /ˈwed/ adjective
1 &gt; not married
   Synonyms
   single, unattached, unmarried—more at SINGLE

un·wel·come /ˈwel.kaɪm/ adjective
1 &gt; not welcome
2 &gt; causing displeasure or resentment
   Synonyms
   unasked, unbidden, undesired, uninvited, unsolicited, unwanted—more at UNSOUGH
   2 bad, disagreeable, distasteful, nasty, rotten, sour, ungenial, unlovely, unpleasant—more at UNPLEASANT

un·well /ˈwel/ adjective
1 &gt; being in poor health: SICK
   Synonyms
   bad, down, ill, indisposed, peaked, punk, sick, unhealthy, unsound—more at SICK
un·whole·some /ˌhōlˌsam/ adjective
1 : harmful to physical, mental, or moral well-being
2 : CORRUPT, UNSOUND; also : offensive to the senses
   Synonyms
   ➤ noisome, noxious, unhealthy—more at UNHEALTHY
un·wieldy /ˌwɛldē/ adjective
➤ not easily managed, handled, or used (as because of bulk, weight, or complexity) <an ~ tool>
   Synonyms
   ➤ awkward, clumsy, cranky, cumbrous, ungainly, unhandy—more at CUMBERSOME
un·will·ing /ˌwɪlɪŋ/ adjective
➤ not willing
un·wind /ˈwɪnd/ verb -wound /ˈwɔʊnd/; -wind·ing
1 : to undo something that is wound : loose from coils
2 : to become unwound : be capable of being unwound
3 : RELAX
un·wise /ˈwɪz/ adjective
➤ not wise : lacking or not showing wisdom or good sense
   — un·wise·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➤ foolish, ill-advised, imprudent, indiscreet, tactless—more at INDISCREET
un·wit·ting /ˌwɪtɪŋ/ adjective
1 ➤ not knowing : UNAWARE
2 ➤ not intended : INADVERTENT <~ mistake>
   — un·wit·ting·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➤ [1] ignorant, oblivious, unacquainted, unaware, unconscious, uninformed, unknowing—more at IGNORANT
   ➤ [2] accidental, casual, chance, fluky, fortuitous, inadvertent, incidental, unintended, unintentional, unplanned, unremediated—more at ACCIDENTAL
un·wont·ed /ˌwɑntıd/; -wʌnt/ adjective
1 ➤ being out of the ordinary : UNUSUAL
2 ➤ not accustomed by experience
   — un·wont·ed·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   ➤ aberrant, abnormal, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, freak, odd, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, singular, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unusual—more at EXCEPTIONAL
un·work·able /ˌwɜrkəˈabal/ adjective
➤ incapable of being put into use or effect or of being accomplished successfully
   Synonyms
   ➤ impractical, inoperable, unusable, useless—more at IMPRACTICAL
un·world·li·ness /ˌwɜrldˌliːnəs/ noun
➤ : the quality or state of being unworlly
   Synonyms
   ➤ artlessness, greenness, ingenuousness, innocence, naïveté, naturalness, simplicity—more at NAÏVETÉ
un·world·ly /ˌwɜrldˈleɪ/ adjective
1 : not of this world; especially : SPIRITUAL
2 ➤ : deficient in worldly wisdom or informed judgment : NAIVE
3 : not swayed by worldly considerations
   Synonyms
   ➤ green, ingenuous, innocent, naive, simple, unknowing, unsophisticated, unwary—more at NAIVE
un·wor·ried /ˌwɜrəˈrid/ adjective
➤ not worried
Synonyms

- calm, collected, composed, cool, placid, self-possessed, serene, tranquil, undisturbed, unperturbed, unshaken, untroubled—more at CALM

un·wor·thy /war·thē/ adjective
1 : BASE, DISHONORABLE
2 : not worthy
3 : not deserved << treatment>
— un·wor·thy·ly /the·ē·lē/ adverb
— un·wor·thy·ness /the·ē·nēs/ noun

un·wrap /'ra♣/ verb
: to remove the wrapping from : DISCLOSE

un·writ·ten /'rît·ən/ adjective
1 : not in writing : ORAL << an ~ law
2 : containing no writing : BLANK

Synonyms

- oral, spoken, verbal—more at VERBAL

un·yeld·ing /'yēl·dĭng/ adjective
1 : characterized by lack of softness or flexibility
2 : characterized by firmness or obduracy

Synonyms

- [1] compact, firm, hard, inflexible, rigid, solid, stiff—more at FIRM
- [2] determined, dogged, grim, implacable, obstinate, relentless, unflinching, unrelenting; also hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, opinionated, pertinacious, stubborn, willful

un·yoke /'yōk/ verb
1 : to remove a yoke from
2 : to take apart : SEPARATE

Synonyms

- break up, disconnect, disjoint, dissemble, disassociate, disunite, divide, divorce, part, resolve, separate, sever, split, sunder—more at SEPARATE

un·zip /'zĭp/ verb
: to zip open : open by means of a zipper

1 up /'a♣/ adverb
1 : in or to a higher position or level; especially : away from the center of the earth
2 : from beneath a surface (as ground or water)
3 : from below the horizon
4 : in or into an upright position; especially : out of bed
5 : with greater intensity <speak ~> 6 : in or into a better or more advanced state or a state of greater intensity or activity <stir ~ a fire>
7 : into existence, evidence, or knowledge <the missing book turned ~> 8 : into consideration <brought the matter ~> 9 : to or at bat
10 : into possession or custody <gave himself ~> 11 : ENTIRELY, COMPLETELY <eat it ~> 12 : ASIDE, BY <lay ~ supplies>
13 : so as to arrive or approach <ran ~ the path>
14 : in a direction opposite to down
15 : in or into parts <tear ~ paper>
16 : to a stop <pull ~ at the curb>
17 : for each side <the score was 15 ~> 18 : on top or at a stop

2 up adjective
1: risen above the horizon <the sun is ~> 
2: being out of bed <~ by 6 o’clock>
3: relatively high <prices are ~> 
4: RAISED, LIFTED <windows are ~> 
5: BUILT, CONSTRUCTED <the house is ~> 
6: grown above a surface <the corn is ~> 
7: moving, inclining, or directed upward 
8: marked by agitation, excitement, or activity 
9: READY; especially : highly prepared 
10: going on : taking place <find out what is ~> 
11: come to an end : ENDED <the time is ~> 
12: well informed <~ on the news> 
13: being ahead or in advance of an opponent <one hole ~ in a match> 
14: presented for or being under consideration 
15: charged before a court <~ for robbery> 

Synonyms

- [3] advanced, high—more at HIGH
- [12] abreast, conversant, familiar, informed, knowledgeable, up-to-date, versed—more at FAMILIAR

3up preposition

1: to, toward, or at a higher point of <~ a ladder> 
2: to or toward the source of <~ the river> 
3: to or toward the northern part of <~ the coast> 
4: to or toward the interior of <traveling ~ the country> 
5: ALONG <walk ~ the street> 

4up noun

1: an upward course or slope 
2: a period or state of prosperity or success <he had his ~s and downs> 
3: a quark with a charge of +2/3 that is one of the constituents of the proton and neutron

5up verb upped /əp/ or in 2 up; upped; up·ping; ups or in 2 up

1: to rise from a lying or sitting position 
2: to act abruptly or surprisingly <she ~ and left home> 
3: to move or cause to move upward <upped the prices>

Synonyms

- add, aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, increase, multiply, raise, swell—more at INCREASE
- boost, crane, elevate, heave, heft, heighten, hike, hoist, jack, lift, pick up, raise, uphold—more at RAISE

Upa·ni·shad /ʊˈpæn.i.ʃəd/ noun

: one of a set of Vedic philosophical treatises

1upbeat /əp.bɛt/ noun

: an unaccented beat in a musical measure; especially : the last beat of the measure

2upbeat /əp.bɛt/ adjective

: marked by or indicating optimism : CHEERFUL

Synonyms

- blithe, bright, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, chipper, gay, lightsome, sunny—more at CHEERFUL

up·braid /əpˈbrād/ verb

: to criticize, reproach, or scold severely

Synonyms

- berate, castigate, chew out, dress down, flay, jaw, keelhaul, lambaste, lecture, rail, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, score—more at SCOLD

up·bring·ing /əp.ˈbrɪŋ.ɪŋ/ noun

: the process of bringing up and training
UPC abbreviation
Universal Product Code

up·chuck /'ap_.chek/ verb
: VOMIT

up·com·ing /'ap_.ka.min/ adjective
: coming up; especially : being in the near future : FORTHCOMING, APPROACHING

up·country /'ap_.ken.frē/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of an inland, upland, or outlying region
— up·country /'ap_.ken/ adverb

Synonyms
backwoods, bush, frontier, hinterland—more at FRONTIER

up·date /'ap_.dāt/ verb
: to bring up to date
— update /'ap_.dāt/ noun

up·draft /'ap_.drāft . _drāft/ noun
: an upward movement of gas (as air)

up·end /'ap_.end/ verb
1 : to set, stand, or rise on end
2 : OVERTURN

up·front /'ap_.fran,. ap_.frant/ adjective
1 : HONEST, CANDID
2 : ADVANCE (< payment>)

up front adverb
: in advance <paid up front>

1upgrade /'ap_.grād/ noun
1 ▶ : an upward grade or slope
2 ▶ : an increase in price, value, rate, or sum : RISE

Synonyms
[1] cant, diagonal, grade, inclination, incline, lean, pitch, slant, slope, tilt—more at SLANT
[2] advancement, ascent, elevation, promotion, rise—more at ADVANCEMENT

2upgrade /'ap_.grād,. ap_.grād/ verb
1 ▶ : to raise to a higher grade or position; especially : to advance to a job requiring a higher level of skill
2 : to improve or replace (as software or a device) for increased usefulness

Synonyms
advance, elevate, promote, raise—more at PROMOTE

up·growth /'ap_.grōθ/ noun
: the process of growing upward : DEVELOPMENT; also : a product or result of this

up·heav·al /'ap_.hē,.val/ noun
1 : the action or an instance of uplifting esp. of part of the earth's crust
2 ▶ : a violent agitation or change

Synonyms
cataclysm, convulsion, paroxysm, storm, tempest, tumult, uproar—more at CONVOLUTION

1uphill /'ap_.hil/ adverb
: upward on a hill or incline; also : against difficulties

2uphill /_.hil/ adjective
1 : situated on elevated ground
2 : ASCENDING
up·hold /əpˈhɑld/ verb -held /ˈhɛld/; -hold·ing
1 : to give support to
2 : to support or defend against opposition
3 a : to keep elevated
   b : to lift up
   — up·hold·er noun

Synonyms
1 bear, bolster, brace, buttress, carry, prop, shore, stay, support—more at SUPPORT
2 defend, justify, maintain, support—more at MAINTAIN

up·hol·ster /əpˈhɑlˈstər/ verb
: to furnish with or as if with upholstery
   — up·hol·ster·er noun

up·hol·stery /əpˈhɑlˈstərē/ noun, plural -ster·ies
[origin: ME upholdester upholsterer, fr. upholde to uphold, fr. up + holden to hold]
: materials (as fabrics, padding, and springs) used to make a soft covering esp. for a seat

UPI abbreviation
United Press International

up·keep /əpˈki:p/ noun
✓ : the act or cost of keeping up or maintaining; also : the state of being maintained

Synonyms
conservation, maintenance, preservation—more at MAINTENANCE

up·land /əpˈlɑnd/ noun
: high land esp. at some distance from the sea
   — upland adjective

1 uplift /əpˈlif/ verb
1 : to lift or raise up : ELEVATE
2 : to improve the condition of esp. morally, socially, or intellectually

2 uplift /əpˈlif/ noun
1 : a lifting up; especially : an upheaval of the earth’s surface
2 : moral or social improvement; also : a movement to make such improvement

up·mar·ket /əpˈmɑrˌkɛt/ adjective
: appealing to wealthy consumers

up·most /əpˈmɑst/ adjective
: in or into the highest or most prominent position : UPPERMOST

up·on /əˈpɑn/ prep
: in or in contact with an outer surface : ON

1 upper /əˈpər/ adjective
1 : higher in physical position, rank, or order
2 : constituting the smaller and more restricted branch of a bicameral legislature
3 cap : being a later part or formation of a specific geological period
4 : being toward the interior <the ~ Amazon>
5 : NORTHERN <~ Minnesota>

2 upper noun
: one that is upper; especially : the parts of a shoe or boot above the sole

up·per·case /əˈpərˈkɑs/ adjective
: CAPITAL 1
   — uppercase noun
upper class noun
: a social class occupying a position above the middle class and having the highest status in a society
— upper–class adjective

upper–class·man /a_.pr_.klas.man/ noun
: a junior or senior in a college or high school

upper crust noun
: the highest social class or group; especially: the highest circle of the upper class

upper cut /a_.par_.kut/ noun
: a short swinging punch delivered (as in boxing) in an upward direction usu. with a bent arm

upper hand noun
: superiority of position or condition: ADVANTAGE
Synonyms
advantage, better, drop, edge, jump, vantage—more at ADVANTAGE

uppermost /a_.par._mōst/ adverb
: in or into the highest or most prominent position
— uppermost adjective

upper–pish /a_.pish/ adjective
: putting on or marked by airs of superiority: UPPITY

upper–pi·ty /a_.pi_.tē/ adjective
: putting on or marked by airs of superiority: ARROGANT
Synonyms
arrogant, cavalier, haughty, high-handed, high-hat, highfalutin, imperious, important, lofty, lordly, masterful, overweening, peremptory, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, supercilious, superior—more at ARROGANT

upper–raise /a_.pr_.rāz/ verb
: to raise or lift up: ELEVATE

upright /a_.pr_.rīt/ adjective
1 : perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis: VERTICAL
2 : erect in carriage or posture
3 : morally correct: JUST
— upright adverb
— upright–ly adverb
Synonyms
[1] erect, perpendicular, standing, upstanding, vertical—more at ERECT
[3] decent, ethical, good, honest, honorable, just, moral, right, righteous, straight, virtuous—more at GOOD

upright–ness noun
: the state or quality of being upright
Synonyms
character, decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, virtue—more at MORALITY

upright noun
1 : the state of being upright: a vertical position
2 : something that stands upright

upright piano noun
: a piano whose strings run vertically

up–ris·ing /a_.pr_.ziŋ/ noun
: an act or instance of rising up: INSURRECTION
Synonyms
insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolt, revolution—more at REBELLION
up·riv·er  /əˈpəˌrivər/  adverb or adjective
: toward or at a point nearer the source of a river

up·roar  /əˈpəˌrōr/  noun
[origin: D  uproer, fr. MD, fr. ap up + roer motion]
  : a state of commotion, excitement, or violent disturbance
    Synonyms
    › commotion, disturbance, furor, hubbub, hubbub, pandemonium, tumult
    › cataclysm, clamor, convulsion, paroxysm, storm, tempest, tumult, upheaval—more at CONVULSION

up·roar·i·ous  /əˈpəˌrōr.iˈəs/  adjective
1 : marked by uproar
2 ▶ : extremely funny
   — up·roar·i·ous·ly  adverb
    Synonyms
    › antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hilarious, humorous, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, riotous, risible, screaming—more at FUNNY

up·root  /əˈpəˌrūt/  verb
1 ▶ : to remove by or as if by pulling up by the roots
2 : DISPLACE 1 <families were ~ed>
    Synonyms
    › extract, prize, pry, pull, root, tear, wrest—more at EXTRACT

up·set  /əˈpəˌsɛt/  verb -set; -set·ting
1 ▶ : to force or be forced out of the usual upright, level, or proper position
2 ▶ : to disturb emotionally : WORRY; also : to make somewhat ill
3 ▶ : to throw into disorder
4 ▶ : to defeat unexpectedly
   Synonyms
   › [2] agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhinge, unsettle, worry
   › [3] confuse, derange, disarray, dishevel, dislocate, disorder, disrupt, jumble, mess, mix, muddle, scramble, shuffle—more at DISORDER

1up·set  /əˈpəˌsɛt/  noun
1 : an upsetting or being upset; especially : a minor illness
2 ▶ : a derangement of plans or ideas
3 : an unexpected defeat
   Synonyms
   › derangement, dislocation, disruption, disturbance; also convulsion, revolution, upheaval

2up·set  /əˈpəˌsɛt/  adjective
: emotionally disturbed or agitated
   Synonyms
   › aflutter, anxious, edgy, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervy, perturbed, tense, troubled, uneasy, worried—more at NERVOUS

up·set·ting  adjective
: producing an upset; especially : causing an emotional disturbance
   Synonyms
   › troublesome, unsettling, worrisome—more at TROUBLESOME

up·shot  /əˈpəˌʃoʊt/  noun
: the final result
   Synonyms
   › aftermath, conclusion, consequence, corollary, development, effect, fate, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result, resultant, sequence—more at EFFECT

1up·side  /əˈpəˌsid/  noun
1: the upper side
2: a positive aspect
3: PROMISE 2 <rookies with much ~> [image]

upside /,apˌsid/ preposition
: up on or against the side of <knocked him ~ the head>

up·side·down /ˌapˈsid·daʊn/ adverb
1: with the upper and the lower parts reversed in position
2: in or into confusion or disorder
— upside-down adjective

g: the 20th letter of the Greek alphabet — Y or υ [image]

up·si·lon /ˌapˌsaˌlən, ˈy科普ˌˌɛp/ noun
: UPSTAGE adverb or adjective
: toward or at the rear of a theatrical stage

g: to draw attention away from (as an actor)

up·stairs /ˌapˌstɑrzs/ adverb
1: up the stairs : to or on a higher floor
2: to or at a higher position

up·stairs /ˌapˌstɑrz/ adjective
: situated above the stairs esp. on an upper floor << bedroom>>

upstairs /ˌapˌstɑrz, ˌapˌstɑrzs/ noun singular or plural
: the part of a building above the ground floor

up·stand·ing /ˌapˌstændɪŋ, ˌapˌ/ adjective
1: vertical in position : ERECT
2: marked by integrity : HONEST

Synergists
▸ decent, ethical, honest, honorable, just, noble, principled, respectable, righteous, upright—more at HONORABLE

up·start /ˌapˌstɑrt/ verb
: to jump up suddenly

up·start /ˌapˌstɑrt/ noun
: one that has risen suddenly; especially: one that claims more personal importance than is warranted
— up·start /ˌapˌstɑrt/ adjective

up·state /ˌapˌstæt/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of a part of a state away from a large city and esp. to the north
— upstate adverb
— upstate noun

up·stream /ˌapˌstrēm/ adverb
: at or toward the source of a stream
— upstream adjective

up·stroke /ˌapˌstrək/ noun
: an upward stroke (as of a pen)

up·surge /ˌapˌsərj/ noun
: a rapid or sudden rise

up·swept /ˌapˌswupt/ adjective
: swept upward << hairdo>>
up·swing /ˈæp_.swɪŋ/ noun
: an upward swing; especially : a marked increase or rise (as in activity)

up·take /ˈæp_.teɪk/ noun
1 : UNDERSTANDING, COMPREHENSION <quick on the ~>
2 : an act or instance of absorbing and incorporating esp. into a living organism, tissue, or cell

up·thrust /ˈæp_.θræst/ noun
: an upward thrust (as of the earth's crust)
— upthrust verb

up·tight /ˈæp_.tɪt/ adjective
1 : being tense, nervous, or uneasy : NERVOUS; also : INDIGNANT
2 : rigidly conventional

up–to–date adjective
1 : extending up to the present time
2 ♦ : being, having, or involving modern techniques, methods, or information
— up–to–date·ness noun

Synonyms
uchsia, contemporary, current, hot, mod, modern, new, newfangled, red-hot, space-age, ultramodern—more at MODERN
uchsia, abreast, conversant, familiar, informed, knowledgeable, up, versed—more at FAMILIAR

up·town /ˈæp_.taʊn/ noun
: the upper part of a town or city; especially : the residential district
— up·town /ˈæp_.taʊn/ adjective or adverb

1upturn /ˈæp_.taʊrn, ˈæp_.tərn/ verb
1 : to turn (as earth) up or over
2 : to turn or direct upward

2upturn /ˈæp_.taʊrn/ noun
: an upward turn esp. toward better conditions or higher prices

1upward /ˈæp_.wərd/ or up·wards /ˈwɜrdz/ adverb
1 : in a direction from lower to higher
2 : toward a higher or better condition
3 : toward a greater amount or higher number, degree, or rate

2upward adjective
: directed or moving toward or situated in a higher place or level : ASCENDING
— up·ward·ly adverb

upwards of also upward of adverb
: more than : in excess of <they cost upwards of $25 each>

up·well /ˈæp_.wel/ verb
: to move or flow upward

up·well·ing /ˈwel.in/ noun
: a rising or an appearance of rising to the surface and flowing outward; especially : the movement of deep cold usu. nutrient-rich ocean water to the surface

up·wind /ˈæp_.wɪnd/ adverb or adjective
: in the direction from which the wind is blowing

ura·cil /'yur_.əs.əl/ noun
: a pyrimidine base that is one of the four bases coding genetic information in the molecular chain of RNA

ura·ni·um /ˈyʊr_.ə.nəm/ noun
: a silvery heavy radioactive metallic chemical element used as a source of atomic energy
Ura·nus /yʊrəˈnəs, ˈyʊrənəs/ noun
[ORIGIN: LL, the sky personified as a god, fr. Gk Ouranos, fr. ouranos sky, heaven]
: the planet 7th in order from the sun

ur·ban /ərˈbæn/ adjective
: of, relating to, characteristic of, or constituting a city

ur·bane /ərˈbæn/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L urbanus urban, urbane, fr. urbs city]
: very polite and polished in manner: SUAVE

Synonyms
— debonair, smooth, sophisticated, suave—more at SUAVE

ur·ban·ite /ərˈbæn.ɪt/ noun
: a person who lives in a city

ur·ban·i·ty /ərˈbæn.ɪ.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties
: the quality or state of being urban

ur·ban·ize /ərˈbæn.ɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to cause to take on urban characteristics

— ur·ban·i·za·tion /ərˈbæn.ɪ.zə.ʃən/ noun

ur·chin /ərˈtʃɪn/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, hedgehog, fr. AF heriçun, hirechoun, ultim. fr. L ericius]
: a pert or mischievous youngster

Synonyms
— devil, hellion, imp, mischief, monkey, rapscallion, rascal, rogue, scamp—more at SCAMP

Ur·du /ˈərdood, ˈərdw/ noun
[ORIGIN: Hindi & Urdu urdū, fr. Pers zabān-e-urdū-e-muallā language of the Exalted Comp (the imperial bazaar in Delhi)]
: a language that is the official language of Pakistan and that is widely used by Muslims in urban areas of India

urea /ˈjuːr.i.ə/ noun
: a soluble nitrogenous compound that is the chief solid constituent of mammalian urine

ure·mia /ˈjuːr.i.ˌmi.ə/ noun
: accumulation in the blood of materials normally passed off in the urine resulting in a poisoned condition

— ure·mic /ˌjʊrˈmɪk/ adjective

ure·ter /ˈjuːr.ə.tər/ noun
: a duct that carries the urine from a kidney to the bladder

ure·thra /ˈjuːr.ə.thrə/ noun, plural -thras or -thrae /-ˈθreɪ/:
the canal that in most mammals carries off the urine from the bladder and in the male also serves to carry semen from the body

— ure·thral /ˌjʊr.əˈθrəl/ adjective

ure·thri·tis /juːr.i.θriˈtɪs/ noun
: inflammation of the urethra

'urge /ərdʒ/ verb urged; urg·ing
1: to present, advocate, or demand earnestly
2: to try to persuade or sway [<a guest to stay>]
3: to serve as a motive or reason for
4: to impress or impel to some course or activity <urged him to stay> <the dog urged the sheep onward>

Synonyms
— [2, 4] egg, encourage, exhort, goad, press, prod, prompt; also drive, propel, spur, stimulate; hurry, hustle, push, rush; beseech, implore, importune; cajole, coax, wheedle; high-pressure, nag, needle, pressure; foment, incite, instigate, provoke, stir (up)
urge noun
1 : the act or process of urging
2 ▷: a force or impulse that urges or drives

Synonyms
▷ appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, yearning, yen—more at DESIRE

ur·gent /ərˈjēnt/ adjective
1 ▷: calling for immediate attention : PRESSING
2 : urging insistently
— ur·gen·cy /ˈjen.sē/ noun
— ur·gen·tly adverb

Synonyms
▷ acute, critical, dire, imperative, imperious, instant, pressing—more at ACUTE

uric /ˈyür.i.ık/ adjective
: of, relating to, or found in urine

uric acid noun
: a nearly insoluble acid that is the chief nitrogenous excretory product of birds but is present in only small amounts in mammalian urine

uri·nal /ˈyūr.ən.əl/ noun
1 : a receptacle for urine
2 : a place for urinating

uri·nal·y·sis /ˈyūr.ə.nəl.ə.sis/ noun
: chemical analysis of urine

uri·nar·y /ˈyūr.ə.nar.ē/ adjective
1 : relating to, occurring in, or being organs for the formation and discharge of urine
2 : of, relating to, or for urine

urinary bladder noun
: a membranous sac in many vertebrates that serves for the temporary retention of urine and discharges by the urethra

uri·nate /ˈyūr.ə.nät/ verb -nat·ed, -nat·ing
: to release or give off urine
— uri·na·tion /ˈyūr.ə.na.ʃən/ noun

urine /ˈyūr.ən/ noun
: a waste material from the kidneys that is usu. a yellowish watery liquid in mammals but is semisolid in birds and reptiles

URL /ˌyūr.əlˈār.əl/ noun
[origin: uniform (or universal) resource locator]
: a series of usu. alphanumeric characters that specifies the storage location of a resource on the Internet

urn /ˈərn/ noun
1 : a vessel that typically has the form of a vase on a pedestal and often is used to hold the ashes of the dead
2 : a closed vessel usu. with a spout for serving a hot beverage

uro·gen·i·tal /ˌyūr.əˈjen.ə.təl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or being the excretory and reproductive organs or functions

uro·logy /ˌyūr.əˈlä.jərē/ noun
: a branch of medical science dealing with the urinary or urogenital tract and its disorders
— uro·log·i·cal /ˌyūr.əˌlä.ˈjik/ also uro·log·ic /ˌjik/ adjective
— uro·log·ist /ˌyūr.əˌlä.ˈjist/ noun
**Ur·sa Ma·jor /ərˈsaˌmæjər/ noun**  
[ORIGIN: L, lit., greater bear]  
: the northern constellation that contains the stars which form the Big Dipper

**Ur·sa Mi·nor /ərˈsaˌmɪnər/ noun**  
[ORIGIN: L, lit., lesser bear]  
: the constellation including the north pole of the heavens and the stars that form the Little Dipper with the North Star at the tip of the handle

**ur·sine /ərˈsɪn/ adjective**  
: of, relating to, or resembling a bear

**ur·ti·car·ia /ərˈteɪkəriə/ noun**  
[ORIGIN: NL, fr. L  
urtica nettle]  
: HIVES

**Ur·gu­ya­n­an /əˈɡwiːən, ˈyur.ˌɡwān/ noun**  
: a native or inhabitant of Uruguay
— **Uruguayan adjective**

**us /əs/ pronoun, objective case of we**

**US abbreviation**  
United States

**USA abbreviation**  
1 United States Army  
2 United States of America

**us·able also use·able /ˈyuː.zə.bəl/ adjective**  
: suitable or fit for use
— **us·abil·i·ty /ˈyuː.zəˌbɪ.əl.i.teɪ/ noun**

**Synonyms**  
available, fit, functional, operable, practicable, serviceable, useful; also applicable, relevant; doable, feasible; reusable

**Antonyms**  
impracticable, inoperable, nonfunctional, unavailable, unusable

**USAF abbreviation**  
United States Air Force

**us·age /ˈyuː.ʒi/ noun**  
1 : habitual or customary practice or procedure  
2 : the way in which words and phrases are actually used  
3 : the action or mode of using  
4 : manner of treating

**USB /ˈyuː.z(ə)ˌbē/ noun**  
[ORIGIN: universal serial bus]  
: a standardized computer interface for attaching peripherals

**USCG abbreviation**  
United States Coast Guard

**USDA abbreviation**  
United States Department of Agriculture

**1 use /ˈyuːz/ noun**  
1 : the act or practice of using or employing something : EMPLOYMENT, APPLICATION  
2 : the fact or state of being used  
3 : the way of using  
4 : habitual or customary usage : USAGE, CUSTOM
5: the privilege or benefit of using something
6: the ability or power to use something (as a limb)
7: the legal enjoyment of property that consists in its employment, occupation, or exercise; also: the benefit or profit esp. from property held in trust
8: a particular service or end: **UTILITY**
9: the occasion or need to employ: **he had no more ~ for it**
10: a favorable attitude: **LIKING**

**Synonyms**
- [1] application, employment, exercise, operation, play; also: exertion; reuse
- [8] account, avail, service, utility; also: advantage, benefit, gain; aid, assistance, help; applicability, appropriateness, fitness, relevance; profit, value, worth

**Antonyms**
- [10] unprofit, uselessness, worthlessness

**Antonyms**
- [10] appetite, fancy, favor, fondness, like, liking, love, partiality, preference, relish, shine, taste

**2 use /ˈyuːz/ verb used /ˈyuːzd/; “used to” usuˈyuːz.tu/; us·ing**
1: to put into action or service: **EMPLOY**
2: to consume or take (as drugs) regularly
3 a: **UTILIZE**
 b: to control or play upon by artful, unfair, or insidious means esp. to one's own advantage: **used his friends to get ahead**
4: to expend or consume by putting to use
5: to behave toward: **TREAT**
6: to benefit from: **<house could ~ a coat of paint>**
7: — used in the past with to to indicate a former practice, fact, or state: **we used to work harder**

**Synonyms**
- [1] apply, employ, exercise, exploit, harness, operate, utilize; also: handle, manipulate, wield; direct, run, work; recycle, reuse
- [3b] abuse, capitalize, cash in, exploit, impose, play
- [5] act, be, deal, handle, serve, treat

**used /ˈyuːzd/ adjective**
1: having been used by another: **SECONDHAND**
2: being in the habit or custom: **ACCUSTOMED**

**Synonyms**
- accustomed, given, wont

**use·ful /ˈyuːz.fəl/ adjective**
- capable of being put to use; especially: serviceable for a beneficial end
- **use·ful·ly adverb**
- **Synonyms**
- applicable, functional, practicable, practical, serviceable, usable, workable, working

**use·ful·ness noun**
- the quality of having utility and esp. practical worth or applicability

**use·less /ˈyuːzl/ adjective**
- having or being of no use
- **use·less·ly adverb**
- **use·less·ness noun**
- **Synonyms**
- impractical, inoperable, unusable, unworkable
- abortive, bootless, empty, fruitless, futile, ineffective, unavailing, unproductive, unsuccessful, vain

**user noun**
- one that uses; especially: a person who regularly uses alcoholic beverages or narcotics
- **Synonyms**
addict, doper, fiend—more at DOPER
USES abbreviation
United States Employment Service
use up verb
▷ to consume completely
Synonyms
clean, consume, deplete, drain, exhaust, expend, spend—more at DEPLETE
usher /ˈəˌsha/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME ussher, fr. MF ussier, fr. (assumed) VL ushiarius doorkeeper, fr. L ostium, ustium door, mouth of a river]
1: an officer who walks before a person of rank
2: one who escorts people to their seats (as in a church or theater)
usher verb
1▷ to conduct to a place
2▷ to precede as an usher, forerunner, or harbinger
3▷ INAUGURATE, INTRODUCE ◂ in a new era
Synonyms
conduct, direct, guide, lead, marshal, pilot, route, show, steer—more at LEAD
usher·ette /ˈəˌshaˌret/ noun
:a girl or woman who is an usher (as in a theater)
USIA abbreviation
United States Information Agency
USMC abbreviation
United States Marine Corps
USN abbreviation
United States Navy
USO abbreviation
United Service Organizations
USP abbreviation
United States Pharmacopeia
USPS abbreviation
United States Postal Service
USS abbreviation
United States ship
USSR abbreviation
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
usu abbreviation
usual; usually
usu·al /ˈyu.zə.wəl/ adjective
1▷ accordant with usage, custom, or habit
2▷ commonly or ordinarily used
3▷ of a kind to be expected in the normal order of events : ORDINARY
Synonyms
▷ [2] conventional, current, customary, popular, standard, stock—more at CURRENT
▷ [3] average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, workaday—more at ORDINARY
usu·al·ly /ˈyu.zə.wəˌli, ˈyu.zəˌli/ adverb
▷ more often than not : as a rule


**Synonyms**
- commonly, generally, naturally, normally, ordinarily, typically—more at [NATURALLY](#)

**usu-fruct** /ˈyʊ.zə-frəkt/ *noun*
[ORIGIN: L ususfructus, fr. usus et fructus use and enjoyment]
: the legal right to use and enjoy the benefits and profits of something belonging to another

**usu-rrer** /ˈyʊ.zər.ər/ *noun*
: one that lends money esp. at an exorbitant rate

**usu-rrious** /ˈyʊ.zər.əs/ *adjective*
: practicing, involving, or constituting usury <a ~ rate of interest>

**usurp** /ˈyʊ.ər.p/ *verb*
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. AF usorper, fr. L usurpare, to take possession of without legal claim, fr. usu (abl. of usus use) + rapere to seize]
- to seize and hold by force or without right <<< a throne>
  — usur-pa-tion /ˈyʊ.ər pyl.ən/ *noun*
  — usur-per /ˈyʊ.ər pər/ *noun*

  **Synonyms**
  - appropriate, arrogate, commandeer, preempt—more at [APPROPRIATE](#)

**usu-ry** /ˈyʊ.zə.rē/ *noun, plural useries*
1: the lending of money with an interest charge for its use
2: an excessive rate or amount of interest charged; especially : interest above an established legal rate

**UT** *abbreviation*
Utah

**Ute** /ˈyʊt/ *noun, plural Utes*
: a member of an American Indian people orig. ranging through Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico

**uten-sil** /ˈyʊ.tən.səl/ *noun*
[ORIGIN: ME, vessels for domestic use, fr. MF utensile, fr. L utensilia, fr. neut. pl. of utensilis useful, fr. uti to use]
1: an instrument or vessel used in a household and esp. a kitchen
2: a useful tool

  **Synonyms**
  - device, implement, instrument, tool—more at [IMPLEMENT](#)

**uter-us** /ˈyʊ.tər əs/ *noun, plural uter-us-es or uteri /ˈyʊ.tə rē/*
: the muscular organ of a female mammal in which the young develop before birth

  — uter-ine /ˌyə.tər ən/ *adjective*

**utile** /ˈyū.təl, ˈyə.təl/ *adjective*
: [USEFUL](#)

**uti-lise** British variant of [UTILIZE](#)

1:*utilitarian* /ˈyʊ.tə li.tən/ *noun*
: a person who believes in utilitarianism

2:*utilitarian* *adjective*
1: of or relating to utilitarianism
2: of or relating to utility : aiming at usefulness rather than beauty; also : serving a useful purpose

**util-i-tar-i-an-ism** /ˌə.tər.i ən əm/ *noun*
: a theory that the greatest good for the greatest number should be the main consideration in making a choice of actions

1:*utility* /ˈyʊ.tə ləl/ *noun, plural utilities*
1: fitness for some purpose or worth to some end : [USEFULNESS](#)
2: something useful or designed for use
3: a business organization performing a public service and subject to special governmental regulation
4: a public service or a commodity (as electricity or water) provided by a public utility; also: equipment to provide such or a similar service

**Synonyms**
- account, avail, service, use, usefulness—more at [USE](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/use)

**utility** adjective
1: capable of serving esp. as a substitute in various uses or positions (<a ~ outfielder>)
2: being of a usable but poor quality (<~ beef>)

**utility knife** noun
- a knife designed for general use; especially: one with a retractable blade

**utilize** /ˈyūˌtīˌlīz/ verb -lized; -liz·ing
- to make use of: turn to profitable use

--- **utilization** /ˈyūˌtīˌlīzəˈshən/ noun

**Synonyms**
- apply, employ, exercise, exploit, harness, operate, use—more at [USE](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/use)

**ut·most /ˈət.mōst/ adjective**
1: situated at the farthest or most distant point: [EXTREME](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/extreme)
2: of the greatest or highest degree, quantity, number, or amount

--- **utmost** noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] extreme, farthest, furthest, outermost, ultimate—more at [EXTREME](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/extreme)
- [2] consummation, maximum, most, nth, paramount, supreme, top, ultimate—more at [ULTIMATE](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/ultimate)

**uto·pia /ˈyūˌtō.piə/ noun**
[Origin: Utopia, imaginary island described in Sir Thomas More's *Utopia*, fr. Gk *ou* not, *no* + *topos* place]
1 *often cap* : a place of ideal perfection esp. in laws, government, and social conditions
2: an impractical scheme for social improvement

--- **Synonyms**
- Eden, Elysium, heaven, paradise—more at [PARADISE](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/paradise)

**utopian /ˌpē.ən/ adjective, often cap**
1: of, relating to, or resembling a utopia
2: proposing ideal social and political schemes that are impractical
3: VISIONARY

--- **utopian** noun
1: a believer in the perfectibility of human society
2: one who proposes or advocates utopian schemes

**Synonyms**
- dreamer, idealist, romantic, visionary—more at [IDEALIST](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/idealism)

**utter** /ˈətər/ adjective
- carried to the utmost point or highest degree: [ABSOLUTE](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/absolute) <~ ruin>

--- **utter verb**
1: to send forth as a sound: express in usu. spoken words
2: to put (as currency) into circulation

--- **utter·er** noun

**Synonyms**
- articulate, say, speak, state, talk, tell, verbalize, vocalize—more at [SAY](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/say)

**utter·ance /ˈətərəns/ noun**
1: something uttered; especially: an oral or written statement
2: the action of uttering with the voice
3: power, style, or manner of speaking

Synonyms
- articulation, expression, formulation, statement, voice—more at [EXPRESSION]

utter·ly adverb
- to the full extent

Synonyms
- absolutely, all, altogether, clean, completely, entirely, fully, quite, totally, wholly—more at [ALL]

utter·most /ˈa.tər.məst/ adjective
- existing in a very high degree: [UTMOST <the ~ parts of the earth>]
- uttermost noun

U–turn /ˈyuː.tərn/ noun
- a turn resembling the letter U; especially: a 180-degree turn made by a vehicle in a road

UV abbreviation
ultraviolet

uvu·la /ˈyuː.və.lə/ noun, plural -las or -lae /ˈlæi. .fi/
- the fleshy lobe hanging at the back of the roof of the mouth
- uvular /ˈlər/ adjective

UW abbreviation
underwriter

ux·o·ri·ous /ˈak.ˈsər.i.əs/.ˌeɡ.ˈzər/ adjective
- excessively devoted or submissive to a wife
V

1.`/və/ noun, plural v's or vs /ˈvɛz/ often cap
   : the 22d letter of the English alphabet

2.`v abbreviation, often cap
   1 vector
   2 velocity
   3 verb
   4 verse
   5 versus
   6 very
   7 victory
   8 vide
   9 voice
   10 voltage
   11 volume
   12 vowel
   a V symbol
   1 vanadium
   2 volt
   a Va abbreviation
   Virginia
   VA abbreviation
   1 Veterans Administration
   2 vice admiral
   3 Virginia

va·can·cy /vəˌkæn.sə/ noun, plural -cies
   1 : a vacating esp. of an office, position, or piece of property
   2 : a vacant office, position, or tenancy; also : the period during which it stands vacant
   3 : empty space : VOID
   4 : the state of being vacant

Synonyms
   [3] blank, blankness, emptiness, vacuity, void; also nothingness; vacuum; barreness, barrenness, bleakness, desolateness, hollowness
   [4] emptiness, vacuity; also hollowness; blankness, vacuum, void; barreness, bleakness, desolateness;
availability, clearness, openness; depletion, dryness, exhaustion

Antonyms
fullness

va·cent /vəˈkænt/ adjective
   1 : not occupied <~ seat> <~ room>
   2 : devoid of contents : EMPTY <~ space>
   3 : free from business or care <a few ~ hours>
   4 : devoid of thought, reflection, or expression <a ~ smile>

— va·cent·ly adverb

Synonyms
   [2] bare, blank, devoid, empty, stark, void—more at EMPTY
   [3] dead, dormant, fallow, free, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative, latent, off—more at INACTIVE
   [4] blank, deadpan, expressionless, impassive, inexpressive, stolid—more at BLANK

va·cate /vəˈkæt/ verb va·cat·ed; va·cat·ing
   1 : to make void : ANNUL
   2 : to make vacant (as an office or house); also : to give up the occupancy of

Synonyms
vacation /vəˈkæ.ʃən/ noun
 • a period of rest from work
  Synonyms
  • break, leave, recess; also furlough, liberty; breather, relaxation, respite, rest; interim, intermission, interval; feast; honeymoon; idling, loafing, lounging, slacking off

vacation verb
 • to take or spend a vacation
  — vacation-er noun
  vacation-ist /ˈvə.ʃə.nist/ noun
 • a person taking a vacation

vacation-land /ˈvə.ʃən.land/ noun
 • an area with recreational attractions and facilities for vacationists

vac-ci-nate /væk.ˈsi.nteɪt/ verb -nat·ed; -nat·ing
 • to administer a vaccine to usu. by injection

vac-ci-na-tion /væk.ˈsi.nə.ʃən/ noun
 1 • the act of vaccinating
 2 • the scar left by vaccinating

vac-cine /væk.ˈsɛn, ˈvæk.ˈsɛn/ noun
 [ORIGIN: F vaccin, fr. vaccine cowpox, fr. NL vaccina (in variolae vaccinae cowpox), fr. L, fem. of vaccinus of or from cows, fr. vacca cow]
 • material (as a preparation of killed or weakened virus or bacteria) used in vaccinating to induce immunity to a disease

vac-cin-ia /væk.ˈsi.ni.ə/ noun
 • COWPOX

vac-il-late /vəˈsə.lət/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
 1 • SWAY, TOTTER; also: FLUCTUATE
 2 • to incline first to one course or opinion and then to another: WAVER
  Synonyms
  • falter, hang back, hesitate, shilly-shally, stagger, teeter, waver, wobble—more at HESITATE

vac-il-la-tion /vəˈsə.lə.ʃən/ noun
 • an act or instance of vacillating
  Synonyms
  • hesitancy, hesitation, indecision, irresolution—more at HESITATION

vac-cu-ity /vəˈkju.ə.tɪz/ noun, plural -ties
 1 • an empty space
 2 • the state, fact, or quality of being vacuous
 3 • something that is vacuous
  Synonyms
  • [1, 2] blank, blankness, emptiness, vacancy, void—more at VACANCY
  • [2] dopiness, mindlessness, stupidity—more at STUPIDITY

vac-u-ole /vəˈkju.ə,ˌwəl/ noun
 • a usu. fluid-filled cavity esp. in the cytoplasm of an individual cell
  — vac-u-o·lar /və.ˈkju.əˌlər, .ˌlər/ adjective

vac-u-ous /vəˈkju.əs/ adjective
 1 • EMPTY, VACANT, BLANK
 2 • marked by or indicative of a lack of ideas or intelligence: DULL
  — vac-u-ous·ly adverb
vac·u·ous·ness noun

Synonyms
- dense, dull, dumb, mindless, simple, slow, stupid, unintelligent, witless—more at Stupid

vacuum /va.ˈkyəm, ˈkvæm/ noun, plural vacuums or vac·ua /ˌvak.ə.ə/ [origin: L, fr. neut. of vacuus empty]
1 : a space entirely empty of matter
2 : a space from which most of the air has been removed (as by a pump)
3 : void, gap
4 : VACUUM CLEANER
— vacuum adjective

vacuum verb
: to use a vacuum device (as a vacuum cleaner) on

vacuum bottle noun
: THERMOS

vacuum cleaner noun
: a household appliance for cleaning (as floors or rugs) by suction

vacuum-packed adjective
: having much of the air removed before being hermetically sealed

vacuum tube noun
: an electron tube from which most of the air has been removed

vā·de me·cum /vā.ˈdē.mē.kam, ˌvā.ˌdē.ˈmā/ noun, plural vade mecums [origin: L, go with me]
: something (as a handbook or manual) regularly carried about

VADM abbreviation
vice admiral

vagabond /va.ˈga.bənd/ adjective
1 : moving from place to place without a fixed home : WANDERING
2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of a wanderer; especially : of, characteristic of, or leading the life of a vagrant or tramp
3 : leading an unsettled or irresponsible life

Synonyms
- errant, itinerant, nomad, peripatetic, roaming, vagrant, wandering—more at ITINERANT

vagabond noun
1 : one leading a vagabond life
2 : an idle beggar : TRAMP

Synonyms
- [1] drifter, nomad, rambler, rover, stroller, wanderer—more at NOMAD
- [2] bum, hobo, tramp, vagrant—more at TRAMP

va·gar·i·ous /va.ˈgar.i.əs/ adjective
: marked by vagaries : CAPRICIOUS
— va·gar·i·ous·ly adverb

va·gar·ry /va.ˈgar.rē, ˈva.gar.ə/ noun, plural -ries
: an odd or eccentric idea or action : WHIM, CAPRICE

Synonyms
- caprice, fancy, freak, notion, whim—more at WHIM

va·gi·na /va.ˈgē.nə/ noun, plural -nae /ˌgē.nē/ or -nas [origin: L, lit., sheath]
: a canal that leads from the uterus to the external opening of the female sex organs
— vag·i·nal /ˈvā.jənəl/ adjective
vag·i·nal·ly /vij nəl-/ adverb

vag·i·ni·tis /vaj in a nə təs/ noun
: inflammation of the vagina

va·gran·cy /və grān sə/ noun, plural -cies
1 : the quality or state of being vagrant; also : a vagrant act or notion
2 : the offense of being a vagrant

1 vagrant /və grænt/ noun
✓ : a person who has no job and wanders from place to place
   Synonyms
✓ bum, hobo, tramp, vagabond—more at TRAMP

2 vagrant adjective
1 ➤ : of, relating to, or characteristic of a vagrant
2 : following no fixed course : RANDOM, CAPRICIOUS <~ thoughts>

va·grant·ly adverb

Synonyms
✓ errant, itinerant, nomad, peripatetic, roaming, vagabond—more at ITINERANT

vague /vāg/ adjective vag·u·er; vag·u·est
[origin: MF, fr. L vagus, lit., wandering]
1 ➤ : not clear, definite, or distinct in expression or perception
2 : not clearly felt or analyzed <a ~ unrest>

vague·ly adverb

vague·ness noun

Synonyms
✓ fuzzy, indefinite, unclear; also ambiguous, cryptic, dark, enigmatic, equivocal, murky, nebulous, obscure, unintelligible; bleary, dim, faint, foggy, hazy, indeterminate, indistinguishable, uncertain, undefinable, undefined, undetermined; inexplicable, inescrutable, mysterious; baffling, bewildering, confounding, confusing, mystifying, perplexing, puzzling, unfathomable

Antonyms
✓ clear, definite, explicit, specific
✓ bleary, dim, faint, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indefinite, indistinct, indistinguishable, murky, nebulous, obscure, opaque, shadowy, unclear, undefined, undetermined—more at FAINT

vain /vān/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. AF, empty, futile, fr. L vanus]
1 : of no real value : IDLE, WORTHLESS
2 ➤ : marked by a lack of effectiveness or success : UNSUCCESSFUL
3 ➤ : proud of one's looks or abilities

vain·ly adverb

Synonyms
✓ [2] abortive, bootless, empty, fruitless, futile, ineffective, unavailing, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless—more at FUTILE
✓ [3] complacent, conceit, ego, egotistic, important, overweening, pompous, prideful, proud, self-important, self-satisfied, smug, stuck-up—more at CONCEITED

vain·glo·ri·ous /vān gō lə rəs/ adjective
: marked by vainglory : being vain

vain·glo·ry /vān gō lə re/ noun
1 ➤ : excessive or ostentatious pride esp. in one's own achievements
2 : vain display : VANITY

Synonyms
✓ complacence, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vanity—more at COMPLAICENCE

val abbreviation
va·lance /vaˈlans/ noun
1: drapery hanging from an edge (as of an altar, table, or bed)
2: a drapery or a decorative frame across the top of a window

vale /væl/ noun
: a low-lying country or tract usu. containing a brook or a stream: VALLEY

vale·dic·tion /ˌvæl.əˈdik.ʃən/ noun
[Origin: L valēdicere to say farewell, fr. vale farewell + dicere to say]
: an act or utterance of leave-taking: FAREWELL

vale·dic·to·ri·an /ˌvæld.ɪˈtɔr.eɪ.ən/ noun
: the student usu. of the highest rank in a graduating class who delivers the valedictory address at commencement

vale·dic·to·ry /ˌvæld.iˈtɔr.i/ adjective
: bidding farewell: delivered as a valediction <a ~ address>

— valedictory noun

va·lence /væˈlens/ noun
[Origin: LL valentia power, capacity, fr. L valēre to be strong]
: the combining power of an atom as shown by the number of its electrons that are lost, gained, or shared in the formation of chemical bonds

Val·en·ci·ennes /ˌvæl.ən.sə.ˈnən/ noun
: a fine handmade lace

val·en·tine /ˈvæl.ənt.ən/ noun
: a sweetheart chosen or complimented on Valentine's Day; also: a gift or greeting given on this day

Valentine's Day also Valentine Day noun
: February 14 observed in honor of St. Valentine and as a time for exchanging valentines

1va·let /ˈvælut/ noun
1: a male servant who takes care of a man's clothes and performs personal services
2: an attendant in a hotel or restaurant who performs personal services (as parking cars) for customers

2valet verb
: to serve as a valet

val·e·tu·di·nar·i·an /ˌvæl.i.tjuˈdi.nər.i.ən/ noun
: a person of a weak or sickly constitution; especially: one whose chief concern is his or her ill health

— val·e·tu·di·nar·i·an·ism /ˌvæl.i.tjuˈdi.nər.i.ən.əm/ noun

val·iant /ˈvæl.ɪənt/ adjective
: having or showing valor: BRAVE

— val·iant·ly adverb

Synonyms
brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valorous—more at BRAVE

val·id /ˈvælid/ adjective
1: having legal force <a ~ contract>
2: founded on truth or fact: capable of being justified or defended <a ~ argument> <~ reasons>

— va·lid·i·ty /ˈvæl.ɪ.də.tɪ/ noun
— va·lid·i·ly adverb

Synonyms
analytic, coherent, good, logical, rational, reasonable, sensible, sober, sound—more at LOGICAL

good, hard, informed, just, levelheaded, logical, reasoned, solid, well-founded—more at GOOD

val·i·date /ˈvæl.ə dài t/ verb -dat·ed; -dat·ing
1: to make legally valid
2 ▶: to confirm the validity of
3 ▶: to corroborate or support on a sound basis or authority: VERIFY
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] demonstrate, document, establish, prove, substantiate—more at PROVE
   ▶ [3] bear out, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, support, verify, vindicate—more at CONFIRM

val·i·da·tion /va.ˈle.də.ˈshən/ noun
▶: the act or an instance of validating
   Synonyms
   ▶ attestation, confirmation, corroborating, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, witness—more at PROOF

va·lise /va.ˈlis/ noun [origin: F]
▶: SUITCASE

val·ley /ˈval.i/ noun, plural valleys
▶: a long depression between ranges of hills or mountains
   Synonyms
   ▶ dale, hollow; also canyon, dell, depression, dingle, glen, ravine; basin, bowl

val·or /ˈval.ər/ noun [origin: ME valour, worth, worthiness, bravery, fr. AF, fr. ML valor, fr. L valēre to be strong]
▶: personal bravery
   Synonyms
   ▶ bravery, courage, daring, fearlessness, gallantry, guts, hardihood, heart, heroism, nerve, stoutness—more at COURAGE

val·or·ous /ˈval.ər.əs/ adjective
▶: possessing or exhibiting valor
   Synonyms
   ▶ brave, courageous, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, greathearted, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, manful, stalwart, stout, undaunted, valiant—more at BRAVE

val·o·ri·za·tion /va.ˈle.ri ˈza.ʃən/ noun
▶: the support of commodity prices by any of various forms of government subsidy
   — val·o·rize /va.ˈle.ru/ verb
   val·our chiefly British variant of VALOR

1 valuable /ˈval.ə.ble, ˈval.ə.ˌbal/ adjective
   1: having money value
   2 ▶: having great money value
   3: of great use or service
   Synonyms
   ▶ costly, dear, expensive, high, precious—more at COSTLY

2 valuable noun
▶: a usu. personal possession of considerable value <their ~s were stolen>

val·u·ate /ˈval.ə.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
▶: to place a value on: APPRAISE
   — val·u·a·tor /-əˈtər/ noun

val·u·a·tion /ˈval.ə.ə.ˈshən/ noun
   1 ▶: the act or process of valuing; especially: appraisal of property
   2: the estimated or determined market value of a thing
   Synonyms
   ▶ appraisal, assessment, estimate, estimation, evaluation, reckoning—more at ESTIMATE

1 value /ˈval.ə.və/ noun
1: a fair return or equivalent in money, goods, or services for something exchanged
2: the monetary worth of a thing; also: relative worth, utility, or importance (nothing of ~ to say)
3: an assigned or computed numerical quantity (the ~ of x in an equation)
4: relative lightness or darkness of a color: LUMINOSITY
5: the relative length of a tone or note
6: something (as a principle or ideal) intrinsically valuable or desirable (human rather than material ~s)

**Synonyms**
- distinction, excellence, merit, virtue—more at EXCELLENCE
- account, merit, valuation, worth—more at WORTH

**value** verb valued; valuing
1: to estimate the monetary worth of: APPRAISE
2: to rate in usefulness, importance, or general worth
3: to consider or rate highly: PRIZE

— **val·u·er** noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] appraise, assess, estimate, evaluate, rate, set—more at ESTIMATE
- [3] appreciate, cherish, love, prize, treasure—more at LOVE

**val·ue·add·ed tax** noun
: an incremental excise tax that is levied on the value added at each stage of the processing of a raw material or the production and distribution of a commodity

**val·ue·less** adjective
: having no value

**Synonyms**
- chaffy, empty, junky, no-good, null, worthless—more at WORTHLESS

**valve** /ˈvalv/ noun
1: a structure (as in a vein) that temporarily closes a passage or that permits movement in one direction only
2: a device by which the flow of a fluid material may be regulated by a movable part; also: the movable part of such a device
3: a device in a brass wind instrument for quickly varying the tube length in order to change the fundamental tone by some definite interval
4: one of the separate usu. hinged pieces of which the shell of some animals and esp. bivalve mollusks consists
5: one of the pieces into which a ripe seed capsule or pod separates

— **valved** /ˈvalvd/ adjective
— **valve·less** adjective

**Synonyms**
- cock, faucet, gate, spigot, tap—more at FAUCET

**val·vu·lar** /ˈvalvé.lər/ adjective
: of, relating to, or affecting a valve esp. of the heart (<~ heart disease>

**va·moose** /va.ˈmos/ verb va·moosed; va·moos·ing
[origin: Sp vamos let us go]
: to leave or go away quickly

— **vamp** /ˈvamp/ verb
1: to provide with a new vamp
2: to patch up with a new part
3: INVENT, IMPROVISE (<~ up an excuse>

— **vamp** noun
1: the part of a boot or shoe upper covering esp. the front part of the foot
2: a short introductory musical passage often repeated

— **vamp** noun
: a woman who uses her charm or wiles to seduce and exploit men

— **vamp** verb
vampire /vam′pər/ noun
1: a night-wandering bloodsucking ghost
2: a person who preys on other people; especially: a woman who exploits and ruins her lover
3: VAMPIRE BAT
vampire bat noun
any of various bats of Central and South America that feed on the blood of animals; also: any of several other bats that do not feed on blood but are sometimes reputed to do so
van /van/ noun
1: van′gar′d
a usu. enclosed wagon or motortruck for moving goods or animals; also: a versatile enclosed box-like motor vehicle
van′a·di·um /va.ˈnə.de.əm/ noun
a soft grayish ductile metallic chemical element used esp. to form alloys
Van Al′len bel′t /vən a.ˈlən/ noun
a belt of intense radiation in the magnetosphere composed of charged particles trapped by earth's magnetic field
van′dal /vand′əl/ noun
1 cap: a member of a Germanic people who sacked Rome in A.D. 455
2: a person who willfully mars or destroys property
van′dal′ise British variant of vandalize
van′dal′ism /vən′dal.əzm/ noun
willful or malicious destruction or defacement of public or private property
van′dal′ize /vən′dal.əz/ verb -ized, -iz′ing
1: to subject to vandalism: damage
Van′dyke /vən′dik/ noun
a trim pointed beard
vane /vān/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE fana banner]
1: a movable device attached to a high object for showing wind direction
2: a thin flat or curved object that is rotated about an axis by a flow of fluid or that rotates to cause a fluid to flow or that redirects a flow of fluid <the ~s of a windmill>
3: a feather fastened near the back end of an arrow for stability in flight
van′guard /vən′g pediatric/noun
1: the troops moving at the front of an army
2: the forefront of an action or movement
van′il′la /vən′i.lə/ noun
[origin: NL, genus name, fr. Sp vainilla vanilla (plant and fruit), dim. of vaina sheath, fr. L vagina]
1: a flavoring extract made synthetically or obtained from the long beanlike pods (vanilla beans) of a tropical American climbing orchid; also: this orchid
van′ish /va.nish/ verb
1: to pass from sight or existence: disappear completely
— van′ish′er noun
Synonyms
disappear, dissolve, evaporate, fade, flee, go, melt—more at disappear
van′i·ty /va.ni ti/ noun, plural -ties
1: something that is vain, empty, or useless
2: the quality or fact of being useless or futile: **FUTILITY**
3: undue pride in oneself or one's appearance: **CONCEIT**
4: a small case for cosmetics: **COMPACT**

**Synonyms**
- complacency, conceit, ego, egotism, pride, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-importance, self-satisfaction, smugness, vainglory—more at **COMPLACENCE**

**vanity plate** *noun*
: an automobile license plate bearing distinctive letters or numbers designated by the owner

**van·quish** /vaŋkwish, 'van/ *verb*
1: to overcome in battle or in a contest
2: to gain mastery over (as an emotion)

**Synonyms**
- conquer, dominate, overpower, subdue, subject—more at **CONQUER**

**van·tage** /van'tij/ *noun*
1: an advantage or superiority in a contest
2: a position giving a strategic advantage or a commanding perspective

**Synonyms**
- advantage, better, drop, edge, jump, upper hand—more at **ADVANTAGE**

**va·pid** /va'paed, 'vāp/ *adjective*
: lacking spirit, liveliness, or zest: **FLAT, INSIPID**

- **va·pid·i·ty** /va'pi.də.tē/ *noun*
- **va·pid·ly** adverb
- **va·pid·ness** noun

**va·por** /va'paor/ *noun*
1: fine separated particles (as fog or smoke) floating in the air and clouding it
2: a substance in the gaseous state; especially: one that is liquid under ordinary conditions
3: something insubstantial or fleeting

4 plural: a depressed or hysterical nervous condition

**va·por·ing** /va'paor·ing/ *noun*
: an idle, boastful, or high-flown expression or speech — usu. used in pl.

**va·por·ise** British variant of **VAPORIZE**

**va·por·ize** /va'pa.raiz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to convert into vapor

- **va·por·i·za·tion** /va'pa.ra.zā'shən/ *noun*
- **va·por·i·za·tor** /va'pa.ri.zətər/ *noun*

: a device that vaporizes something (as a medicated liquid)

**vapor lock** *noun*
: an interruption of flow of a fluid (as fuel in an engine) caused by the formation of vapor in the feeding system

**va·por·ous** /va'pa.res/ *adjective*
1: full of vapors: **FOGGY, MISTY**
2: **UNSUBSTANTIAL, VAGUE**

- **va·por·ous·ly** adverb
- **va·por·ous·ness** noun

**va·pour** chiefly British variant of **VAPOR**

**va·que·ro** /vā'kwā.ro/ *noun, plural -ros*
*[ORIGIN: Sp, fr. vaca cow, fr. L vacca]*
variable /ˈvərəbəl/ adjective
1: able or apt to vary: CHANGEABLE
2: FICKLE
3: not true to type: ABERRENT <a ~ wheat>
— var·i·abil·i·ty /ˈvərəˌbilətē/ noun
— var·i·ably /ˈbliəbli/ adverb

Synonyms
▷ adaptable, adjustable, changeable, elastic, flexible, fluid, malleable—more at FLEXIBLE

variable noun
1: a quantity that may take on any of a set of values; also: a mathematical symbol representing a variable
2: something that is variable

var·i·ance /ˈvərəˌans/ noun
1: variation or a degree of variation: DEVIATION
2: the fact or state of being in disagreement
3: a license to do something contrary to the usual rule <a zoning ~> 
4: the square of the standard deviation

Synonyms
▷ conflict, discord, dissension, dissent, disunity, friction, schism, strife, war, warfare—more at DISCORD

variant /ˈvərənt/ adjective
1: differing from others of its kind or class
2: varying usu. slightly from the standard or type

variant noun
1: one that exhibits variation from a type or norm
2: one of two or more different spellings or pronunciations of a word

var·i·a·tion /ˈvərəˌeshən/ noun
1: the act, process, or an instance of varying: a change in form, position, or condition
2: extent of change or difference
3: divergence in the characteristics of an organism from those typical or usual for its group; also: one exhibiting such variation
4: repetition of a musical theme with modifications in rhythm, tune, harmony, or key

Synonyms
▷ alteration, change, difference, modification, revise, revision—more at CHANGE

vari·col·ored /ˈvərəˌkələrd/ adjective
: having various colors: VARIEGATED

var·i·cose /ˈvərəˌkōs/ adjective
: abnormally swollen and dilated <~ veins>
— var·i·cos·i·ty /ˈvərəˌkōsəˌtē/ noun

var·ied /ˈvərəd/ adjective
1: having many forms or types; also: composed of distinct or unlike elements or qualities
2: VARIEGATED
— var·ied·ly adverb

Synonyms
▷ assorted, heterogeneous, miscellaneous, mixed, motley—more at MISCELLANEOUS

var·ie·gat·ed /ˈvərəˌɡətəd/ adjective
1 • having patches, stripes, or marks of different colors (~ flowers)
2 • VARIED
— var·ie·gate /ˌvər.i.ˈɡāt/ verb
— var·ie·ga·tion /ˌvər.i.ˌe.ˈɡa.ˈshan/ noun
  Synonyms
    • colorful, multicolored—more at COLORFUL
1varietal /ˌvər.i.ˈe.təl/ adjective
  • of or relating to a variety; especially: of, relating to, or producing a varietal
2varietal noun
  • a wine bearing the name of the principal grape from which it is made
vari·ety /ˈvər.i.a.tˌē/ noun, plural -eties
1 • the state of being varied or various: DIVERSITY
2 • a collection of different things: ASSORTMENT
3 • something varying from others of the same general kind
4 • any of various groups of plants or animals within a species distinguished by characteristics insufficient to separate species: SUBSPECIES
5 • entertainment such as is given in a stage presentation comprising a series of performances (as songs, dances, or acrobatic acts)
  Synonyms
    • [1] assortment, diversity; also disparity, dissimilarity, distinction, distinctiveness, distinctness, unlikeness
    • [2] assortment, clutter, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, litter, medley, mêlée, miscellany, motley, muddle, potpourri, rumpage, scramble, shuffle, tumble, welter—more at MISCELLANY
var·i·o·rum /ˌvər.i.ˈo rum/ noun
  • an edition or text of a work containing notes by various persons or variant readings of the text
var·i·ous /ˈvər.i.as/ adjective
1 • VARICOLORED
2 • of differing kinds: MULTIFARIOUS
3 • UNLIKE (~ as the jaguar and the sloth)
4 • having a number of different aspects
5 • NUMEROUS, MANY
6 • INDIVIDUAL, SEPARATE
  — var·i·ous·ly adverb
var·let /vərˈlet/ noun
1 • ATTENDANT
2 • a disreputable, unprincipled person: SCOUNDREL, KNAVE
  Synonyms
    • beast, devil, evildoer, fiend, heavy, knave, no-good, rapscallion, rascal, reprobate, rogue, scalawag, scamp, villain, wretch—more at VILLAIN
var·mint /ˈvər.mənt/ noun
[ORIGIN: alter. of vermin]
1 • an animal considered a pest; especially: one classed as vermin and unprotected by game law
2 • a contemptible person: RASCAL
  — var·mint noun
varnish /ˈvər.nish/ noun
1 • a liquid preparation that is applied to a surface and dries into a hard glossy coating; also: the glaze of this coating
2 • something suggesting varnish by its gloss
3 • outside show: deceptive or superficial appearance
varnish verb
1 • to cover with varnish
2 • to cover or conceal with something that gives a fair appearance: GLOSS
var·si·ty /ˈvər.si.ta/ noun, plural -ties
[ORIGIN: by shortening & alter. fr. university]
1 British: UNIVERSITY
2 : the principal team representing a college, school, or club

vary /vərˈeɪ/ verb var·ied; vary·ing
1 ▷ : make different in some attribute or characteristic: ALTER
2 : to make or be of different kinds: introduce or have variety: DIVERSIFY, DIFFER
3 ▷ : to exhibit or undergo change
4 : to change in bodily structure or function away from what is usual for members of a group

Synonyms
▷ [1] alter, change, make over, modify, recast, redo, refashion, remake, remodel, revamp, revise, rework—more at CHANGE
▷ [3] change, fluctuate, mutate, shift—more at CHANGE

vas·cu·lar /ˈvəsˌkyəˌlər/ adjective
[origin: NL vascularis, fr. L vasculum small vessel, dim. of vas, vessel]
: of or relating to a channel or system of channels for the conveyance of a body fluid (as blood or sap); also: supplied with or containing such vessels and esp. blood vessels

vascular plant noun
: a plant having a specialized system for carrying fluids that includes xylem and phloem

vas deferens /ˈvā.əsˌde.fər.əns/ noun, plural vas·sa de·fer·en·tia /ˈvā.əsə.de.fər.ən.tēə/ : a sperm-carrying duct of the testis

vase /ˈvās/ noun
: a usu. round vessel of greater depth than width used chiefly for ornament or for flowers

vas·ec·to·my /ˈvā.səˌkə.təmē/ noun, plural -mies
: surgical excision of all or part of the vas deferens usu. to induce sterility

va·so·con·stric·tion /ˈvā.zō.ˈkənˈstrĭk.ʃən/ noun
: narrowing of the interior diameter of blood vessels

va·so·con·stric·tor /ˈvā.zō.ˈkənˈstrĭk.tər/ noun
: an agent (as a nerve fiber or a drug) that initiates or induces vasoconstriction

vas·sal /ˈvəsəl/ noun
1 : a person under the protection of a feudal lord to whom he owes homage and loyalty: a feudal tenant
2 : one occupying a dependent or subordinate position
— vassal adjective

vas·sal·age /ˈvəsəlˌəj/ noun
1 : the state of being a vassal
2 : the homage and loyalty due from a vassal
3 : SERVITUDE, SUBJECTION

1 vast /vāst/ adjective
▷ : very great in size, amount, degree, intensity, or esp. extent
Synonyms
▷ enormous, giant, gigantic, huge, massive, monumental, prodigious, tremendous, whopping—more at HUGE

2 vast noun
▷ : a great expanse: IMMENSITY

vast·ly adverb
▷ : to a vast extent or degree
Synonyms
▷ broadly, considerably, greatly, hugely, largely, massively, monstrously, much, sizably, stupendously, tremendously, utterly—more at GREATLY

vast·ness noun
▷ : the quality or state of being vast
Synonyms
enormity, hugeness, immensity, magnitude, massiveness—more at IMMENSITY

vasty /ˈvæs.ti/ adjective
: VAST

vat /ˈvæt/ noun
: a large vessel (as a tub or barrel) esp. for holding liquids in manufacturing processes

VAT abbreviation
value-added tax

vatic /ˈvæt.ic/ adjective
: PROPHETIC, ORACULAR

Vatic-an /ˈvæt.ɪ.kæn/ noun
1: the papal headquarters in Rome
2: the papal government

vaude-ville /ˈvɔd.ˌvɛl, ˈvədˌˌvɔdˌˌvil/ noun
[origin: F, fr. MF, satirical song, alter. of vaudevire, fr. vau-de-Vire valley of Vire, town in northwest France where such songs were composed]
: a stage entertainment consisting of unrelated acts (as of acrobats, comedians, dancers, or singers)

vault /ˈvɔlt/ noun
1: an arched masonry structure usu. forming a ceiling or roof; also: something (as the sky) resembling a vault
2: a room or space covered by a vault esp. when underground
3: a room or compartment for the safekeeping of valuables
4: a burial chamber; also: a usu. metal or concrete case in which a casket is enclosed at burial
— vaulty adjective

vault verb
: to form or cover with a vault

vault verb
: to leap vigorously esp. by aid of the hands or a pole
— vault-er noun

Synonyms
bound, hop, jump, leap, spring—more at JUMP

vault noun
: an act of vaulting: LEAP

vault-ed /ˈvɔlt.id/ adjective
1: built in the form of a vault: ARCHED
2: covered with a vault

vault-ing /ˈvɔlt.ɪŋ/ adjective
: reaching for the heights \(<~ ambition>\)

vaunt /ˈvɒnt/ verb
: BRAG, BOAST
— vaunt noun

vaunt-ed /ˈvɒnt.id/ adjective
: much praised or boasted of

vb abbreviation
verb; verbal

V–chip /ˈvɛ.ˌtʃɪp/ noun
: a computer chip in a television set used to block based on content the viewing of certain programs

VCR /ˈvɛ.ˌksər/ noun
[ORIGIN: video cassette recorder]
: a device that records and plays back videotapes

**VD** abbreviation
venereal disease

**VDT** abbreviation
video display terminal

**veal** /vĕl/ noun
: the flesh of a young calf

**vector** /vekˈtər/ noun
1: a quantity that has magnitude and direction
2: an organism (as a fly or tick) that transmits a pathogen

**Ve·da** /vēˈdə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Skt, lit., knowledge]
: any of a class of Hindu sacred writings
— **Ve·dic** /vēˈdik/ adjective

**Ve·dan·ta** /vēˈdän·tə, veˈdənˌtə/ noun
: an orthodox Hindu philosophy based on the Upanishads

**vee·jay** /vēˈjā/ noun
: an announcer of a program featuring music videos

**veep** /vēp/ noun
: vice president

**veer** /vēr/ verb
: to shift from one direction or course to another
— veer noun

**Synonyms**
divert, swerve, swing, turn, wheel, whip—more at TURN

**vegan** /vēˈgən, ˈve·ăŋ/ noun
: a strict vegetarian who consumes no animal food or dairy products
— **vegan·ism** /vēˈgənˌizəm, ˈve·ənˌiz/ noun

1**vegetable** /veˈtəbəl, ˈveˌtəbəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or growing like plants <the ~ kingdom>
2: made from, obtained from, or containing plants or plant products <~ oils>
3: suggesting that of a plant (as in inertness) <a ~ existence>

2**vegetable** noun
1: PLANT 1
2: a usu. herbaceous plant grown for an edible part that is usu. eaten as part of a meal; also: such an edible part

**veg·e·tal** /veˈtərəl, ˈveˌtərəl/ adjective

**veg·e·tar·i·an** /vēˈte·rəˌrē·ən/ noun
: one that believes in or practices living on a diet of vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, and sometimes animal products (as milk and cheese)
— **vegetarian** adjective
— **vegetarian·ism** /ˈve·tərəˌrēˌizəm/ noun

**veg·e·tate** /vēˈtət/ verb -tat·ed; -tat·ing
: to live or grow in the manner of a plant; especially: to lead a dull inert life


veg·e·ta·tion /ˈveɡˌe·te·əˈʃən/ noun
1 : the act or process of vegetating; also : inert existence
2 : plant life or cover (as of an area)

— veg·e·ta·tional /ˌshe·ne·əl/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ flora, foliage, green, greenery, herbage, leafage, verdure—more at GREENERY

veg·e·ta·tive /ˈveɡˌe·te·əтив/ adjective
1 : of or relating to nutrition and growth esp. as contrasted with reproduction
2 : of, relating to, or composed of vegetation
3 : VEGETABLE 3

veg out /ˈvej/ verb vegged out; vegging out
[ORIGIN: short for vegetate]
1 : to spend time idly or passively

ve·he·mence /ˈve·he·man/. noun
▶ : the quality or state of being vehement
  Synonyms
  ▶ ardor, emotion, fervency, fervor, heat, intensity, passion, warmth—more at ARDOR
  ▶ aggressiveness, assertiveness, emphasis, fierceness, intensity; also potency, power, strength; eloquence;
  fervency, insistence, passion, warmth; clearness, plainness
  
  Antonyms
  ▶ feebleness, mildness, weakness

ve·he·ment /ˈve·he·mant/ adjective
1 : marked by great force or energy
2 : marked by strong feeling or expression
  — ve·he·ment·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  [1] deep, explosive, exquisite, fearful, ferocious, fierce, furious, hard, heavy, intense, profound, terrible,
  vicious, violent—more at INTENSE
  [2] ardent, burning, charged, emotional, fervent, feverish, fiery, glowing, hot-blooded, impassioned,
  passionate, red-hot, warm—more at FERVENT

ve·hi·cle /ˈve·hi·kl/ noun
1 : a medium by which a thing is applied or administered <linseed oil is a ~ for pigments>
2 : a medium through or by means of which something is conveyed or expressed
3 : a means of transporting persons or goods
  — veg·i·cu·lar /ˈve·hi·kyoo·lar/ adjective
  Synonyms
  ▶ [2] agency, agent, instrument, instrumentality, machinery, means, medium, organ—more at AGENT
  ▶ [3] conveyance, transport—more at CONVEYANCE

1veil /ˈvēl/ noun
1 : a piece of often sheer or diaphanous material used to screen or curtain something or to cover the head or face
2 : the life of a nun <take the ~> 3 : something that hides or obscures like a veil
  2veil verb
  ▶ : to cover with or as if with a veil
  Synonyms
  ▶ cloak, conceal, cover, curtain, hide, mask, obscure, screen—more at HIDE

1vein /ˈvēn/ noun
1 : a fissure in rock filled with mineral matter; also : a bed of useful mineral matter
2 : any of the tubular branching vessels that carry blood from the capillaries toward the heart
3 : any of the bundles of vascular vessels forming the framework of a leaf
4 : any of the thickened ribs that stiffen the wings of an insect
5: something (as a wavy variegation in marble) suggesting veins
6: a distinctive style of expression
7: a distinctive element or quality: **STRAIN**
8: **MOOD, HUMOR**
   — **veined** /vānd/ adjective
      **Synonyms**
      ◆ fashion, locution, manner, mode, phraseology, style, tone—more at **STYLE**

**vein** verb
: to pattern with or as if with veins
   — **veining** noun

**vel** abbreviation
velocity

**ve·lar** /vē lar/ adjective
: of or relating to a velum and esp. that of the soft palate

**veld** or **veldt** /velt, velt/ noun
[Origin: Afrikaans veld, fr. D, field]
   ◆ an open grassland esp. in southern Africa usu. with scattered shrubs or trees
      **Synonyms**
      ◆ down, grassland, plain, prairie, savanna, steppe—more at **PLAIN**

**vel·lum** /veləm/ noun
1: a fine-grained lambskin, kidskin, or calfskin prepared for writing on or for binding books
2: a strong cream-colored paper
   — **vellum** adjective

**ve·loc·i·pede** /velə sē ped/ noun
: an early bicycle

**ve·loc·i·rapt·or** /velə sē rāp tar/ noun
: any of a genus of agile flesh-eating bipedal dinosaurs of the Cretaceous having a sickle-shaped claw on each foot

**ve·loc·i·ty** /velə sē tē/ noun, plural -ties
   ◆ quickness of motion: **SPEED** <the ~ of light>
      **Synonyms**
      ◆ celerity, fastness, fleetness, haste, hurry, quickness, rapidity, speed, swiftness—more at **SPEED**

**ve·lour** or **vel·lours** /velə, və lurtles/ noun, plural velours /və lurtles/
: any of various textile fabrics with pile like that of velvet

**ve·lum** /veləm/ noun, plural ve·la /la/
: a membranous body part (as the soft palate) resembling a veil

**vel·vet** /vel vət/ noun
1: a fabric having a short soft dense warp pile
2: something resembling or suggesting velvet (as in softness or luster)
3: the soft skin covering the growing antlers of deer
   — **velvet** adjective

**vel·ve·teen** /vel va tēn/ noun
1: a fabric woven usu. of cotton in imitation of velvet
2 plural: clothes made of velveteen

**velvety** /vel və tē/ adjective
   ◆ having the character of velvet as in being soft, smooth, thick, or richly hued
      **Synonyms**
      ◆ cottony, downy, satiny, silken, soft—more at **SOFT**
Ve·nal /ˈvĕnəl/ adjective
› capable of being bought or bribed
—Ve·nal·i·ty /ˈvĕnələti/ noun
—Ve·nal·ly /ˈvĕnələli/ adverb

Synonyms
› bribable, corruptible, purchasable; also hack, mercenary; crooked, cutthroat, dishonest, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous; corrupt, debased, debauched, degenerate, degraded, demoralized, depraved, dissipated, dissolve, perverse, perverted, warped; bad, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, sinful, vicious, wicked

Antonyms
incorruptible

Ve·na·tion /ˌvēnəˈshən, vēnə/ noun
› an arrangement or system of veins <the ~ of the hand> <leaf ~>

Ven·d·ee /ˈvendə/ noun
› one to whom a thing is sold: BUYER

Ven·dor /ˈvendər/ noun
1 › one that vends: SELLER
2 : VENDING MACHINE

Synonyms
› dealer, seller; also auctioneer, concessionaire; bootlegger, fence, fencer, hustler, smuggler, trader; distributor, retailer; wholesaler; hawker, huckster, peddler; salesman, salesperson, saleswoman; exporter, handler; haggler

Antonyms
buyer, purchaser

Ve·ne·er /ˈvēnər/ noun
[Origin: G Furnier, fr. furnieren to veneer, fr. F fournitir to furnish]
1 › a thin usu. superficial layer of material <brick ~>; especially: a thin layer of fine wood glued over a cheaper wood
2 : superficial display: GLOSS
3 › a protective or ornamental facing (as of brick or stone)

Synonyms
› exterior, face, outside, skin, surface—more at EXTERIOR

Ve·ne·er verb
› to overlay with a veneer

Ve·ne·ra·ble /ˈvēnərəbəl/ adjective
1 › deserving to be venerated — often used as a religious title
2 : made sacred by association
3 a › calling forth respect through age, character, and attainments <a ~ jazz musician>
b › : impressive by reason of age <under ~ pines>

Synonyms
› [3a] hallowed, reverend; also honorable, reputable, respectable; honored, respected; admirable, estimable,
redoubtable; good, moral, righteous

- [3b] age-old, ancient, antediluvian, antique, dateless, hoary, old—more at ANCIENT

venerate /ˈve.nər.ət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing

- to regard with reverential respect

  Synonyms
  - adore, deify, glorify, revere, worship—more at WORSHIP

venereal /ˈven.ər.e.l/ adjective

- of or relating to sexual intercourse or to diseases transmitted by it <a ~ infection>

  - venereal disease noun
  - a contagious disease (as gonorrhea or syphilis) usu. acquired by having sexual intercourse with someone who already has it

venetian blind /ˈve.nə.tən/ noun

- a blind having thin horizontal parallel slats that can be adjusted to admit a desired amount of light

Venezuelan /ve.nəˈzyə.lən/ noun

- a native or inhabitant of Venezuela

  - Venezuelan adjective

vengeance /ˈven.ə.gəns/ noun

- punishment inflicted in retaliation for an injury or offense :

  Synonyms
  - reprisal, requital, retaliation, retribution, revenge—more at VENGEANCE

  - vengeful adjective
  - filled with a desire for revenge :
    - vengeful adverb

venial /ˈven.ə.iəl/ adjective

- capable of being forgiven :

  Synonyms
  - excusable, forgivable, pardonable; also justifiable, redeemable; allowable; insignificant, minor, trifling, trivial; harmless, tolerable

  Antonyms
  - inexcusable, mortal, unforgivable, unpardonable

venire /ˈve.nər.ə/ noun

- a panel from which a jury is drawn

venire fa·ci·as /ˈve.nər.ə fəˈsəz/ noun

- a writ summoning persons to appear in court to serve as jurors

venire·man /ˈve.nər.iˌmən/ noun

- a member of a venire

venison /ˈven.ə.sən. ˈzən/ noun, plural venisons also venison

- the edible flesh of a deer

venom /ˈve.nəm/ noun

- poisonous material secreted by some animals (as snakes, spiders, or bees) and transmitted usu. by biting or stinging

1 - desire to cause pain, injury, or distress to another :

  Synonyms
  - [1] bane, poison, toxin—more at POISON

  - [2] cattiness, despite, hatefulness, malevolence, malice, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, spleen,
viciousness—more at MALICE
ven·om·ous /ve.nə.məs/ adjective
1 ▶: full of venom : POISONOUS
2 : SPITEFUL, MALEVOLENT
3: secreting and using venom <~ snakes>
   Synonyms
   ▶ poison, poisonous—more at POISONOUS
ve·nous /vé.nəs/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or full of veins
2: being purplish red oxygen-deficient blood rich in carbon dioxide that is present in most veins

vent /vent/ verb
1: to provide with a vent
2: to serve as a vent for
3 ▶: to force out : DISCHARGE
4 ▶: to give vigorous or emotional expression to
   Synonyms
   ▶ [3] cast, discharge, emit, exhale, expel, issue, release, shoot—more at EMIT
   ▶ [4] loose, release, take out, unleash—more at TAKE OUT
   ▶ [4] air, express, give, look, sound, state, voice—more at EXPRESS

vent noun
1: an opportunity or way of escape or passage : OUTLET
2: an opening for the escape of a gas or liquid or for the relief of pressure

vent noun
1: a slit in a garment esp. in the lower part of a seam (as of a jacket or skirt)

ven·ti·late /vent.i.lāt/ verb -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1: to discuss freely and openly <~ a question>
2: to give vigorous or emotional expression to <~ one's grievances>
3: to cause fresh air to circulate through (as a room or mine) so as to replace foul air
4: to provide with a vent or outlet
   — ven·ti·la·tor /_ə.tər/ noun

ven·ti·la·tion /vent.i.lāshən/ noun
1: the act or process of ventilating
2: circulation of air (as in a room)
3: a system or means of providing fresh air

ven·tral /ven.trəl/ adjective
1: of or relating to the belly : ABDOMINAL
2: of, relating to, or located on or near the surface of the body that in humans is the front but in most other animals is the lower surface
   — ven·tral·ly adverb

ven·tri·cle /ven.trəkəl/ noun
1: a chamber of the heart that receives blood from the atrium of the same side and pumps it into the arteries
2: any of the communicating cavities of the brain that are continuous with the central canal of the spinal cord
   — ven·tric·u·lar /ə.trəˌkyə.lər/ adjective

ven·tril·o·quism /ven.triləˌkwizəm/ noun
[origin: LL ventriloquus ventriloquist, fr. L venter belly + loqui to speak; fr. the belief that the voice is produced from the ventriloquist's stomach]
: the production of the voice in such a manner that the sound appears to come from a source other than the speaker
   — ven·tril·o·quist /kwist/ noun

ven·tril·o·quy /kwə/ noun
VENTRiloquism

venture /ven_tur/ verb ventured; ventur-ing
1 • to expose to hazard: risk
2 • to undertake the risks of: brave
3 • to offer at the risk of rebuff, rejection, or censure <~ an opinion>
4 • to proceed despite danger: dare

Synonyms
• [1] adventure, compromise, gamble, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, menace, risk
• [3] chance, gamble, hazard, risk—more at risk

venture noun
1 • an undertaking involving chance or risk; especially: a speculative business enterprise
2 • something risked in a speculative venture: stake

Synonyms
• chance, enterprise, flier, gamble, speculation—more at gamble

venture-some /ven_tur.sam/ adjective
1 • involving risk: dangerous
2 • inclined to venture: bold

— venture-some-ly adverb
— venture-some-ness noun

Synonyms
• [1] dangerous, grave, grievous, hazardous, menacing, parlous, perilous, risky, serious, unhealthy, unsafe—more at dangerous
• [2] adventurous, audacious, bold, daring, enterprising, gutsy, hardy, nervy—more at bold

venture-s-some /ven.tur.sam/ adjective
1 • involving risk: dangerous, hazardous
2 • inclined to venture: bold

— venture-s-some-ly adverb
— venture-s-some-ness noun

ven-ter-ous /ven.ter.əs/ adjective
1 • involving risk: dangerous, hazardous
2 • inclined to venture: bold

— ven-ter-ous-ly adverb
— ven-ter-ous-ness noun

venue /ven.yu/ noun
[origin: AF, alter. of vinné, visné, lit., neighborhood, neighbors, ultim. fr. L vicinitas vicinity]
: the place in which the alleged events from which a legal action arises took place; also: the place from which the jury is taken and where the trial is held

ven-us /ven.nas/ noun
: the planet 2d in order from the sun

ven-usher /vi.nush.ən, ˌvē-nü/ adjective
: of or relating to the planet Venus

Venus fly-trap /vē.nəz.fli trap/ or Venus’s fly-trap /vē.nəs.fli trap/ noun
: an insect-eating plant of the Carolina coast that has the leaf tip modified into an insect trap

ver-a-cious /və.ˈrə.she.əs/ adjective
1 • truthful, honest
2 • marked by truth: accurate

— ver-a-cious-ly adverb

Synonyms
• accurate, authentic, exact, faithful, precise, right, strict, true—more at faithful

ver-a-city /və.ˈra.se.tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 • devotion to truth: truthfulness
2 • conformity with fact: accuracy
3 • something true

Synonyms
• [1] honesty, integrity, probity, truthfulness, verity—more at honesty
• [2] accuracy, closeness, delicacy, exactness, fineness, precision—more at precision
ve·ran·da or ve·ran·dah /ve.ˈran.da/ noun
: a long open usu. roofed porch

verb /ˈverb/ noun
: a word that is the grammatical center of a predicate and expresses an act, occurrence, or mode of being

1 verbal /ˈver.bəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or consisting of words; especially : having to do with words rather than with the ideas to be conveyed
2 ♣ : expressed in usu. spoken words: ORAL <a ~ contract>
3 : of, relating to, or formed from a verb
4 : LITERAL, VERBATIM
— ver·bal·ly adverb

Synonyms
oral, spoken, unwritten; also implicit, informal; articulated, verbalized; given, pronounced, said, sounded, stated, told, voiced

Antonyms
written

2 verbal noun
: a word that combines characteristics of a verb with those of a noun or adjective

verbal auxiliary noun
: an auxiliary verb

ver·bal·ize /ˈver.baˌlaɪz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
1 : to speak or write in wordy or empty fashion
2 ♣ : to express something in words: describe verbally
3 : to convert into a verb

ver·bal·iza·tion /ˈver.baˌlaˌzəˌshən/ noun

Synonyms
articulate, say, speak, state, talk, tell, utter, vocalize—more at SAY

verbal noun noun
: a noun derived directly from a verb or verb stem and in some uses having the sense and constructions of a verb

ver·bal·ly /ˈver.baˌlē/ adverb or adjective
: in the same words: word for word

ver·be·na /ˈverˌbē.nə/ noun
: VERVAIN; especially : any of several garden vervains of hybrid origin with showy spikes of bright often fragrant flowers

ver·biage /ˈverˌbiij/ noun
1 ♣ : superfluity of words usu. of little or obscure content
2 : DICTION, WORDING

Synonyms
circumlocution, prolixity, redundancy, wordiness; also circularity; tautology; reiteration, repetition, repetitiousness; embellishment, embroidering, exaggeration, hyperbole

ver·bose /ˈverˌbōs/ adjective
♣ : using more words than are needed: WORDY

Synonyms
circuitous, diffuse, long-winded, prolix, rambling, windy, wordy—more at WORDY

ver·bo·sen·ty /ˈverˌbō.sən.tē/ noun
: the quality or state of being verbose

ver·bo·ten /ˈverˌbō.tən/ adjective
[ORIGIN: G]
: forbidden usu. by dictate
**ver·dant** /ˈvərdənt/ adjective
- green with growing plants
- **ver·dant·ly** adverb
  - Synonyms
    - green, leafy, lush, luxuriant

**ver·dict** /ˈvərdikt/ noun
1: the finding or decision of a jury
2: an opinion pronounced or felt
- Synonyms
  - belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, view

**ver·di·gris** /ˈvərdəˌgrəs/ noun
: a green or bluish deposit that forms on copper, brass, or bronze surfaces

**ver·dure** /ˈvərdər/ noun
1: the greenness of growing vegetation
2: a growth or expanse of vegetation
- Synonyms
  - flora, foliage, green, greenery, herbage, leafage, vegetation

**ver·ge** /ˈvərzh/ noun
[Origin: ME, rod, measuring rod, margin, fr. AF, rod, area of jurisdiction, fr. L virga twig, rod, line]
1: a staff carried as an emblem of authority or office
2: something that borders or bounds
3: BRINK, THRESHOLD
- Synonyms
  - border, bound, boundary, circumference, compass, confines, edge, end, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt

**ver·ger** /ˈvərˌje/ noun
1 chiefly British: an attendant who carries a verge (as before a bishop)
2: SEXTON

**ver·i·di·cal** /ˈvər.iˈdiˌkal/ adjective
1: TRUTHFUL
2: not illusory

**ver·i·fi·able** /ˈvər.iˈfəbəl/ adjective
- capable of being verified
  - Synonyms
    - demonstrable, provable, supportable, sustainable; also certifiable; excusable, justifiable; alleged, assumed, guessed, presumed, surmised, suspected
  - Antonyms
    - insupportable, unsupported

**ver·i·fy** /ˈvər.iˈfī/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
1: to confirm in law by oath
2: to establish the truth, accuracy, or reality of
   — ver·i·fi·ca·tion /ˌver.i.ˈfiˌkei.ʃən/ noun
      Synonyms
      → bear out, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, support, validate, vindicate—more at CONFIRM

ver·i·ly /ˌver.i.ˈlē/ adverb
  : in truth : in actual fact
      Synonyms
      → actually, forsooth, frankly, honestly, really, truly, truthfully—more at ACTUALLY

ver-i·si·mil·i·tude /ˌver.i.səˈmil.i.təd, -ˌfyəd/ noun
  : the quality or state of appearing to be true or real

ver-i·ta·ble /ˌver.i.ˈtə bəl/ adjective
  : ACTUAL, GENUINE, TRUE

ver-i·ta·ble·ly /ˌver.i.ˈtə blē/ adverb
  : in a way that is genuine or true
      Synonyms
      → actually, authentically, genuinely, really, very—more at VERY

ver·i·ty /ˌver.i.ˈti/ noun, plural -ties
  1: the quality or state of being true or real : TRUTH, REALITY
  2: something (as a statement) that is true
  3: the quality or state of being truthful or honest : HONESTY
      Synonyms
      → honesty, integrity, probity, truthfulness, veracity—more at HONESTY

ver·meil noun
  [Origin: MF]
  1 /ˌver.məl, -məl/ : VERMILION
  2 /ˌver.ˈməl/ : gilded silver

ver·mi·cel·li /ˌver.məˈsē.lə, -ˈsē/ noun
  [Origin: It, fr. pl. of vermicello, dim. of verme worm]
  : a pasta made in thinner strings than spaghetti

ver·mi·cule·lte /ˌver.məˌkələt/ noun
  : any of various lightweight water-absorbent minerals derived from mica

ver·mi·form appendix /ˌver.mə.ˈfərm-/ noun
  : APPENDIX 2

ver·mil·ion also ver·mil·li·on /ˌver.miˌlē.ən/ noun
  : a bright reddish orange color; also : any of various red pigments

ver·min /ˌver.ˈmən/ noun, plural vermin
  1: small common harmful or objectionable animals (as lice or mice) that are difficult to get rid of
  2: birds and mammals that prey on game
      — ver·min·ous adjective

ver·mouth /ˌver.məˈthə/ noun
  : a dry or sweet wine flavored with herbs and often used in mixed drinks

vernacular /ˈver.nəˌkʌlar/ adjective
  [Origin: L vernaculus native, fr. verna slave born in the master's house, native]
  1: of, relating to, or being a language or dialect native to a region or country rather than a literary, cultured, or foreign language
  2: of, relating to, or being the normal spoken form of a language
  3: applied to a plant or animal in common speech as distinguished from biological nomenclature <~ names>
vernacular noun
1 : a vernacular language
2 : the mode of expression of a group or class
3 : a vernacular name of a plant or animal

vernal /ˈvərnəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or occurring in the spring

vernier /ˈvɛrnɪər/ noun
: a short scale made to slide along the divisions of a graduated instrument to indicate parts of divisions

veronica /vəˈrɒnɪkə/ noun
: any of a genus of herbs related to the snapdragons that have small usu. bluish flowers

versatile /ˈvɜrsətəl/ adjective
1 : turning with ease from one thing or position to another
2 : having many aptitudes

verse /vɜrs/ noun
1 : a line of poetry; also : STANZA
2 : metrical writing distinguished from poetry esp. by its lower level of intensity
3 : writing that creates a specific emotional response through the intentional use of meaning, sound, and rhythm : POETRY
4 : a composition in verse : POEM
5 : one of the short divisions of a chapter in the Bible

verse verb versed; versing
: to familiarize by experience, study, or practice <well versed in the theater>

versed adjective
: acquainted or familiar from experience, study, or practice

version /vɜrsən/ noun
1 : TRANSLATION; especially : a translation of the Bible
2 : an account or description from a particular point of view esp. as contrasted with another
3: a form or variant of a type or original

verse /vərˈs/ noun, plural verses
[origin: F]
: free verse

verse /ˈvərs/ noun, plural verses
: a left-hand page

versus /ˈvɜrəs/ preposition
1: AGAINST <the champion ~ the challenger>
2: in contrast or as an alternative to <free trade ~ protection>

vert abbreviation

vertical

vertebra /ˈvɜrtəbrə/ noun, plural vertebrae /ˈvɜrtəbré/ or -bras
[origin: L]
: one of the segments of bone or cartilage making up the backbone

vertebral /ˈvɜrtərəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or made up of vertebrae: spinal

vertebral column noun

: the bony column in the back of a vertebrate that is the chief support of the trunk and consists of a jointed series of vertebrae enclosing and protecting the spinal cord: backbone, spine—more at spine

vertebrate /ˈvɜrtəbrət/ adjective
1: having a backbone
2: of or relating to the vertebrates

vertebrate noun

: any of a large group of animals (as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, or fishes) that have a backbone or in some primitive forms (as a lamprey) a flexible rod of cells and that have a tubular nervous system arranged along the back and divided into a brain and spinal cord

vertex /ˈveriks/ noun, plural vertices /ˈveriks/ also vertexes
[origin: ME, top of the head, fr. L vertex, vortex whirl, whirlpool, top of the head, summit, fr. vertere to turn]
1: the point opposite to and farthest from the base of a geometrical figure
2: the point where the sides of an angle or three or more edges of a polyhedron (as a cube) meet
3: the highest point: top, summit

vertical /ˈvɜrtıəl/ adjective
1: of, relating to, or located at the vertex: directly overhead
2: rising perpendicularly from a level surface: upright

— vertical noun

— vertical-ity /ˈvɜrtıəl-ıtı/ noun

— vertical-ly /ˈvɜrtıəl-ıli/ adverb

Synonyms

— erect, perpendicular, standing, upright, upstanding—more at erect

vertigo /ˈvɜrtıˈgəʊ/ noun, plural -goes or -gos
: dizziness, giddiness

vertu variant of virtu

vervain /ˈvɜrvɛn/ noun
: any of a genus of chiefly American herbs or low woody plants with often showy heads or spikes of tubular flowers
verve /ˈvɜrv/ noun  
1 : liveliness of imagination  
2 : the quality or state of being lively in temper, conduct, or spirit  
   Synonyms  
   ‣ bounce, dash, drive, esprit, ginger, pep, punch, snap, spirit, vim, zing, zip—more at SPIRIT

very /ˈvɛr.ɪ/ adjective ver·i·er; -est  
[origin: ME verray, very, fr. OF verai, ultim. fr. L verax truthful, fr. verus true]  
1 : EXACT, PRECISE <the ~ heart of the city>  
2 : exactly suitable <the ~ tool for the job>  
3 : ABSOLUTE, UTTER <the veriest nonsense>  
4 — used as an intensive esp. to emphasize identity <before my ~ eyes>  
5 : MERE, BARE <the ~ idea scared him>  
6 : being the same one : IDENTICAL <the ~ man I saw>  
7 : existing in fact or reality : ACTUAL  
   Synonyms  
   ‣ [6] identical, same, selfsame—more at SAME  
   ‣ [7] actual, concrete, existent, factual, real, true—more at ACTUAL

very adverb  
1 : in actual fact  
2 : to a high degree : EXTREMELY  
   Synonyms  
   ‣ [1] actually, authentically, genuinely, really, veritably; also accurately, exactly, just, precisely, right, sharp, squarely; almost, nearly, practically; literally, truly  
   Antonyms  
   ‣ [2] especially, extra, extremely, greatly, highly, hugely, mightily, mighty, mortally, most, much, real, right, so; also completely, entirely, purely, thoroughly, totally, utterly; eminently, exceptionally; considerably, extensively, significantly, substantially; appreciably, noticeably, palpably; abundantly, plentifully; grandly, monumentally, monstrously  
   Antonyms  
   ‣ little, nominally, slightly

very high frequency noun  
: a radio frequency of between 30 and 300 megahertz

ves·i·cant /ˈve.ʃə.kant/ noun  
: an agent that causes blistering  
   — vesicant adjective

ves·i·cle /ˈve.ʃə.kəl/ noun  
: a membranous and usu. fluid-filled cavity in a plant or animal; also : BLISTER  
   — vesicular adjective

ves·per /ˈves.pər/ noun  
1 cap, archaic : EVENING STAR  
2 : a vesper bell  
3 archaic : EVENING, EVENTIDE

ves·per adjec·tive  
: of or relating to vespers or the evening

ves·pers /ˈpers/ noun plural, often cap  
: a late afternoon or evening worship service

ves·sel /ˈves.əl/ noun  
1 : a container (as a barrel, bottle, bowl, or cup) for holding something  
2 : a person held to be the recipient of a quality (as grace)  
3 : a craft bigger than a rowboat
4 : a tube in which a body fluid (as blood or sap) is contained and circulated
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] container, holder, receptacle—more at CONTAINER
   ▶ [3] boat, bottom, craft—more at BOAT

vest /ˈvest/ verb
1 ◁ : to place or give into the possession or discretion of some person or authority
2 : to grant or endow with a particular authority, right, or property
3 : to become legally vested
4 : to clothe with or as if with a garment; especially : to garb in ecclesiastical vestments
   Synonyms
   ▶ commend, commit, consign, delegate, deliver, entrust, give, hand over, leave, pass, transfer, transmit, trust, turn over—more at GIVE

vest noun
1 : a sleeveless garment for the upper body usu. worn over a shirt
2 chiefly British : a man's sleeveless undershirt
3 : a front piece of a dress resembling the front of a vest

vestal /ˈvest-əl/ adjective
   ◁ : CHASTE

vestal noun
   ◁ VESTAL VIRGIN

vestal virgin noun
1 : a virgin consecrated to the Roman goddess Vesta and to the service of watching the sacred fire perpetually kept burning on her altar
2 : a chaste woman

vest·ed /ˈvest-əd/ adjective
 : fully and unconditionally guaranteed as a legal right, benefit, or privilege

vested interest noun
: an interest (as in an existing political, economic, or social arrangement) to which the holder has a strong commitment; also : one (as a corporation) having a vested interest

vest·i·bule /ˈves-tə-bəl/ noun
1 : any of various bodily cavities forming or suggesting an entrance to some other cavity or space
2 : a passage or room between the outer door and the interior of a building

vest·i·gial /ˈves-ti-jəl/ adjective
Synonyms
   ▶ relic, shadow, trace; also memento, remembrance, reminder; artifact; afterimage, aftertaste; balance, oddment, remainder, remains, remnant, scrap; leavings, remains, residual, residue, rest

vest·i·gial·ly adverb

vest·ing /ˈves-tiŋ/ noun
: the conveying to an employee of inalienable rights to share in a pension fund; also : the right so conveyed

vest·ment /ˈvest-ment/ noun
1 : an outer garment; especially : a ceremonial or official robe
2 plural : CLOTHING, GARR
3 : a garment or insignia worn by a cleric when officiating or assisting at a religious service
vest-pocket adjective
: very small <a ~ park>

vestry /ves trē/ noun, plural vestries
1 : a room in a church for vestments, altar linens, and sacred vessels
2 : a room used for church meetings and classes
3 : a body administering the temporal affairs of an Episcopal parish

vestryman /ˌvɛstrɪˌmən/ noun
: a member of a vestry

vesture /ves char/ noun
1 : a covering garment
2 : CLOTHING, APPAREL

vet /vet/ noun
: VETERINARIAN

vet adjective or noun
: VETERAN

vet verb
: to evaluate for appraisal or acceptance <~ a manuscript>

vetch /vetch/ noun
: any of a genus of twining leguminous herbs including some grown for fodder and green manure

veteran /vəˈtərən/ noun
[ORIGIN: L veteranus, fr. veteranus old, of long experience, fr. veter-, vetus old]
1 : an old soldier of long service
2 : a former member of the armed forces
3 : a person of long experience usu. in an occupation or skill

veteran adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of a veteran

Veterans Day noun
: November 11 observed as a legal holiday in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 and 1945

veterinary /vetəri nərē ərē/ noun
: one qualified and authorized to practice veterinary medicine

veterinary adjective
: of, relating to, or being the medical care of animals and esp. domestic animals

veterinary noun, plural -naries
: VETERINARIAN

veto /vē tō/ noun, plural vetoes
[ORIGIN: L, I forbid]
1 : an authoritative prohibition
2 : a power of one part of a government to forbid the carrying out of projects attempted by another part; especially : a power vested in a chief executive to prevent the carrying out of measures adopted by a legislature
3 : the exercise of the power of veto

Synonyms
• ban, embargo, interdict, interdiction, prohibition, proscription—more at PROHIBITION

veto verb
1 : to refuse to admit or approve
2 : to refuse assent to (a legislative bill) so as to prevent enactment or cause reconsideration
— ve·to·er noun

Synonyms
• [1, 2] blackball, kill, negative—more at NEGATIVE
vex /vəks/ verb vexed also vex·ing
1 : to bring trouble, distress, or agitation to
2 ▶ : to annoy continually with little irritations
   Synonyms
   ▶ aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, chafe, exasperate, gall, get, grate, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, persecute, pique, put out, rasp, rile—more at irri-

vex·a·tion /veks ə ʃən/ noun
1 ▶ : the act of vexing
2 : the quality or state of being vexed : IRRITATION
3 : a cause of trouble or annoyance
   Synonyms
   ▶ aggravation, annoyance, disturbance, harass—more at ANNOYANCE

vex·a·tious /ʃəs/ adjective
1 ▶ : causing vexation : ANNOYING
2 : full of distress or annoyance : TROUBLED
   — vex·a·tious·ly adjective
   — vex·a·tious·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ aggravating, annoying, bothersome, frustrating, galling, irksome, irritating, pesty—more at ANNOYING

vexed /veks/ adjective
: fully debated or discussed <a ~ question>

vexing adjective
: causing or likely to cause vexation

VF abbreviation
1 video frequency
2 visual field

VFD abbreviation
volunteer fire department

VFW abbreviation
Veterans of Foreign Wars

VG abbreviation
1 very good
2 vicar-general

VHF abbreviation
very high frequency

VI abbreviation
Virgin Islands

via /viə, vəə/ preposition
1 : by way of
2 : by means of

vi·a·ble /və ə bəl/ adjective
1 : capable of living; especially : sufficiently developed as to be capable of surviving outside the mother's womb <a ~ fetus>
2 : capable of growing and developing <~ seeds>
3 ▶ : capable of being put into practice : WORKABLE
4 : having a reasonable chance of succeeding <a ~ candidate>
   — vi·a·bi·li·ty /və bə li ti/ noun
   — vi·a·bly /və bə lē/ adverb
   Synonyms
   ▶ achievable, attainable, doable, feasible, possible, practicable, realizable, workable—more at POSSIBLE
via·duct /vē ə.dekt/ noun
: a long elevated roadway usu. consisting of a series of short spans supported on arches, piers, or columns

vi·al /vē/ noun
: a small vessel for liquids

vi·and /vē.ənd/ noun
1 : an article of food
2 ▶ : a stock of food — usu. used in plural
   Synonyms viands
   ▶ chow, fare, food, grub, meat, provender, provisions, victuals—more at FOOD

vi·at·i·cum /vē`a tə.kam, vē/ noun, plural -cums or -ca /kə/
1 : the Christian Eucharist given to a person in danger of death
2 : an allowance esp. in money for traveling needs and expenses

vibes /ˈvibz/ noun plural
1 : VIBRAPHONE
2 : VIBRATIONS

vi·bran·cy /vē`bran.sē/ noun
▶ : the quality or state of being vibrant
   Synonyms
   ▶ animation, briskness, exuberance, liveliness, lustiness, robustness, sprightliness, vitality—more at VITALITY

vi·brant /vē`brant/ adjective
1 : VIBRATING, PULSATING
2 ▶ : pulsating with vigor or activity
3 : readily set in vibration : RESPONSIVE
4 ▶ : sounding from vibration : RESONANT; also : intensified and enriched by or as if by resonance
5 : BRIGHT (<~ colors>
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2] alive, animated, astir, busy, lively—more at ALIVE
   ▶ [4] golden, resonant, resounding, ringing, round, sonorous—more at RESONANT

vi·bra·phone /vē`brəˌfōn/ noun
: a percussion instrument like the xylophone but with metal bars and motor-driven resonators

vi·brate /vē`brät/ verb vi·brat·ed; vi·brat·ing
1 : OSCILLATE
2 : to set in vibration
3 ▶ : to be in vibration : QUIVER
4 : WAVER, FLUCTUATE
5 : to respond sympathetically : THRILL
   Synonyms
   ▶ agitate, convulse, jolt, jounce, quake, quiver, shake, shudder, wobble—more at SHAKE

vi·bra·tion /vē`brəˌshən/ noun
1 : a rapid to-and-fro motion of the particles of an elastic body or medium (as a stretched cord) that produces sound
2 ▶ : an act of vibrating : OSCILLATION
3 : a trembling motion
4 : VACILLATION
5 : a feeling or impression that someone or something gives off — usu. used in pl. <good ~s>
   — vi·bra·tion·al /ˌshəˌnal/ adjective
   Synonyms
   ▶ oscillation, quivering; also jiggie, palpitation, shake, shudder, tremor, twitch

vi·bra·to /vē`brəˌtō/ noun, plural -tos
[origin: It]
: a slightly tremulous effect imparted to vocal or instrumental music
vi·bra·tor /ˈvi-brə-tər/ noun
: one that vibrates or causes vibration; especially: a vibrating electrical device used in massage or for sexual stimulation

vi·bra·to·ry /ˈvi-brə-tōr-ē/ adjective
: consisting of, capable of, or causing vibration

vi·bur·num /ˈvi-bər-nəm/ noun
: any of a genus of widely distributed shrubs or small trees related to the honeysuckle and bearing small usu. white flowers in broad clusters

vic abbreviation
vicinity
Vic abbreviation
Victoria
vic·ar /ˈvi-kər/ noun
1: an administrative deputy
2: a minister in charge of a church who serves under the authority of another minister
— vi·car·i·ate /ˈvi-kər-ē-ət/ noun

vic·ar·age /ˈvi-kər-ij/ noun
: a vicar's home

vic·ar·ge·ral noun, plural vicars–general
: an administrative deputy (as of a Roman Catholic or Anglican bishop)

vi·car·i·ous /ˈvi-kər-ē-əs/ adjective
[ORIGIN: L vicarius, fr. vicis change, alternation, stead]
1: acting for another
2: done or suffered by one person on behalf of another or others <a ~ sacrifice>
3: sharing in someone else's experience through the use of the imagination or sympathetic feelings
— vi·car·i·ous·ly adverb
— vi·car·i·ous·ness noun

1vice /ˈvīs/ noun
1 ▶: moral depravity or corruption
2 ▶: a moral fault or failing
3 ▶: a habitual usu. trivial fault
4 ▶: an undesirable behavior pattern in a domestic animal

Synonyms
◂ [1] corruption, debauchery, depravity, immorality, iniquity, licentiousness, sin; also bad, badness, blackness, evil, ill, wickedness, wrong, villainy; atrociousness, heinousness, sinfulness, unscrupulousness, viciousness, vileness; devilry; debasement, degeneracy, degeneration, dissolution; indecency, lasciviousness, lewdness, looseness, perversion; abomination, anathema, taboo; criminality; baseness, dirtiness, lowness, meanness; lousiness, miserableness, wretchedness

Antonyms
◂ [2] demerit, failing, fault, foible, frailty, shortcoming, weakness—more at FAULT

2vice chiefly British variant of vise
3vice preposition
: in the place of; also: rather than

vice admiral noun
: a commissioned officer in the navy or coast guard ranking above a rear admiral

vice·ge·rent /ˈvīs-jir-ənt/ noun
: an administrative deputy of a king or magistrate
— vice·ge·ren·cy /ˌvīs-je-nəs/ noun
vi·cen·ni·al  /ˌvīˈse-nə-nē/ adjective  
: occurring once every 20 years

vice presi·den·cy  /ˈvīsərən-sē/ noun  
: the office of vice president

vice presi·dent  /ˈvīsərənt/ noun  
1 : an officer ranking next to a president and usu. empowered to act for the president during an absence or disability  
2 : any of several of a president's deputies

vice-re·gal  /ˈvīsərē-gal/ adjective  
: of or relating to a viceroy

vice·roy  /ˈvīsərō/ noun  
: the governor of a country or province who rules as representative of the sovereign  
— vice·roy-al·ty  /ˌvīsərō-lē/ noun

vice ver·sa  /ˈvīsərə-sə, ˈvīsərə/ adverb  
: with the order reversed

vi·chys·soise  /ˌvīshəˈswāz, ˌvī-/ noun  
[ORIGIN: F]  
: a soup made esp. from leeks or onions and potatoes, cream, and chicken stock and usu. served cold

vic-i·nage  /ˈvīsə-nij/ noun  
: a neighboring or surrounding district : VICINITY

vi·cin·i·ty  /ˌvīsənətē/ noun, plural -ties  
[ORIGIN: MF vicinité, fr. L vicinitas, fr. vicinus neighboring, fr. vicus row of houses, village]  
1 : NEARNESS, PROXIMITY  
2 : a surrounding area : NEIGHBORHOOD

vi·cious  /ˈvīshəs/ adjective  
1 : having the quality of vice : WICKED  
2 : DEFECTIVE, FAULTY; also : INVALID  
3 : IMPURE, FOUL  
4 : having a savage disposition; also : marked by violence or ferocity  
5 : MALICIOUS, SPITEFUL  
6 : worsened by internal causes that augment each other <~ wage-price spiral>  

Synonyms  
[1] bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong  
[4] barbarous, brutal, cruel, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, wanton—more at CRUEL  
[4] fell, ferocious, fierce, grim, savage—more at FIERCE

vi·cious·ly  /ˈvīshəs-lē/ adverb  
: in a vicious manner  

Synonyms  
: hatefully, maliciously, meanly, nastily, spitefully, wickedly—more at NASTILY

vi·cious·ness  /ˈvīshəs-nəs/ noun  
: the quality or state of being vicious  

Synonyms  
: cattiness, despite, harmfulness, malice, malignity, meanness, nastiness, spite, spleen, venom—more at MALICE

vi·cis·si·tude  /ˌvīsə-səˌtūd, ˌvī-ˌsōˌyūd/ noun  
: an irregular, unexpected, or surprising change

vic·tim  /ˈvīkəm/ noun  
1 : a living being offered as a sacrifice in a religious rite  
2 : an individual injured or killed (as by disease or accident)  
3 : a person cheated, fooled, or injured <a ~ of circumstances>
Synonyms

- [2] casualty, fatality, loss—more at CASUALTY
- [3] butt, mark, target—more at TARGET

*vic·tim·ise* British variant of VICTIMIZE

*vic·tim·ize* /vɪkˈtɪmˌɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

- : to make a victim of

  — vic·tim·iz·a·tion /vɪkˈtɪmˌɪzaˈʃən/ noun
  — vic·tim·iz·er /vɪkˈtɪmˌɪzər/ noun

  Synonyms
  - bleed, cheat, chisel, cozen, defraud, fleece, gyp, hustle, mulct, rook, shortchange, skin, squeeze, stick, sting, swindle—more at FLEECE

*vic·tim·less* /vɪkˈtɪmˌləs/ adjective

- : having no victim <considered gambling to be a ~ crime>

*vic·tor* /vɪkˈtər/ noun

- : one that defeats an enemy or opponent : WINNER

  Synonyms
  - conqueror, master, winner; also champion, finalist; ruler

  Antonyms
  - loser

*vic·to·ria* /vɪkˈtɔrɪə/ noun

- a low 4-wheeled carriage with a folding top and a raised driver's seat in front

1*Victorian* /vɪkˈtɔrɪən/ adjective

  1 : of or relating to the reign of Queen Victoria of England or the art, letters, or tastes of her time
  2 : typical of the standards, attitudes, or conduct of the age of Victoria esp. when considered prudish or narrow

2*Victorian* noun

  1 : a person and esp. an author of the Victorian period
  2 : a typically large ornate house built during Queen Victoria's reign

*vic·to·ri·ous* /vɪkˈtɔrɪəs/ adjective

  1 : having won a victory
  2 : of, relating to, or characteristic of victory

  — vic·to·ri·ous·ly adverb

*vic·to·ry* /vɪkˈtɔrɪ/ noun, plural -ries

  1 : the overcoming of an enemy or an antagonist
  2 : achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavor

1*victual* /vitʃuəl/ noun


  1 : food fit for humans
  2 plural : food supplies

  *Synonyms victuals*

2*victual verb -ualled or -ualled; -ual·ing or -ual·ling

  1 : to supply with food
  2 : to store up provisions

*vict·ual·ler or vict·ual·er* /vɪtʃuələr/ noun

- one that supplies provisions (as to an army or a ship)

*vi·cu·ña or vi·cu·na* /viˈkʊnə, viˈkʊna, ˈkʏnə/ noun

  1 : a So. American wild mammal related to the llama and alpaca; also : its wool
  2 : a soft fabric woven from the wool of the vicuña; also : a sheep's wool imitation of this
vi·de /vɪˈdeɪ/ noun
- TELEVISION
- VIDEOTAPE; also: a recording similar to a videotape but stored in digital form
- a videotaped performance <music ~s>

video /ˈviːdəʊ/ noun
- relating to or used in transmission or reception of the television image
- relating to or being images on a television screen or computer display <a ~ terminal>

video camera noun
- a camera that records visual images and usu. sound; especially: CAMCORDER

vid·eo-cas·sette /ˈvɪd.iˌe.o.ˈkæs.tet/ noun
- a case containing videotape for use with a VCR
- a recording (as of a movie) on a videocassette

videocassette recorder noun
- VCR

vid·eo·disc or vid·eo·disk /ˈvɪd.iˌo.ˈdɪsk/ noun
- OPTICAL DISK
- a recording (as of a movie) on a videodisc

video game noun
- an electronic game played on a video screen

vid·e·o·gen·ic /ˈvɪd.əˈdi.ə.ˈnɪɡ/ adjective
- TELEGENDIC

vid·eo·phone /ˈvɪd.əˌfoʊn/ noun
- a telephone for transmitting both audio and video signals

1videotape /ˈvɪd.əˌteɪp/ noun
- a recording of visual images and sound made on magnetic tape; also: the magnetic tape used for such a recording

2videotape verb
- to make a videotape of

videotape recorder noun
- a device for recording and playing back videotapes

vie /vi/ verb vied; vy·ing /vɪˈɪŋ/ noun
- to compete for superiority: CONTEND
  — vi·er /ˈvɪ.ər/ noun
  Synonyms
  - battle, compete, contend, fight, race—more at COMPETE

Viet·cong /ˈviːˌkɒŋ, ˈvɛ.əˌkɔŋ/ noun, plural Vietcong
- a guerrilla member of the Vietnamese communist movement

Viet·nam·ese /ˈvɛ.əˌnɛz, ˈvɛ.əˌmɛz/ noun, plural Vietnamese
- a native or inhabitant of Vietnam
  — Vietnamese adjective

1view /ˈvɪv/ noun
1 a : the act of seeing or examining
   b : SURVEY
2 a : a way of looking at or regarding something
3 a : an opinion or judgment colored by the feeling or bias of its holder <stated his ~s>
4 a : a sight (as of a landscape) regarded for its pictorial quality
5 : extent or range of vision <within ~> 
6 : OBJECT, PURPOSE <done with a ~ to promotion>
7 : a picture of a scene

   Synonyms
   ▶ [1a] cast, eye, gander, glance, glimpse, look, peek, peep, regard, sight—more at LOOK
   ▶ [3] belief, conviction, eye, feeling, judgment, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, sentiment, verdict—more at OPINION
   ▶ [4] lookout, outlook, panorama, prospect, vista; also landscape, scene, scenery; ken, sight

2 view verb
   1 : to look at attentively : EXAMINE
   2 : to perceive by the eye : SEE
   3 : to examine mentally : CONSIDER
      — view·er noun

   view·er·ship /ˈvıˈərˌship/ noun
   : a television audience esp. with respect to size or makeup

   view·find·er /ˈvıˌfın·dər/ noun
   : a device on a camera for showing the view to be included in the picture

   view·point /ˌvı̅̈point/ noun
   : a position or perspective from which something is considered or evaluated : POINT OF VIEW
      Synonyms
      ▶ angle, outlook, perspective, point of view, slant, standpoint—more at POINT OF VIEW

   vi·ges·i·mal /vı̅ˌjeˌsəməl/ adjective
   : based on the number 20

   vig·il /ˈvı̅jəl/ noun
   1 : a religious observance formerly held on the night before a religious feast
   2 : the day before a religious feast observed as a day of spiritual preparation
   3 : evening or nocturnal devotions or prayers — usu. used in pl.
   4 : an act or a time of keeping awake when sleep is customary; especially : WATCH

   vig·i·lance /ˈvı̅jələns/ noun
   : the quality or state of being vigilant
      Synonyms
      ▶ alertness, attentiveness, lookout, surveillance, watch; also aliveness, awareness, consciousness, sensitivity; heedfulness, observance, observation; sleeplessness, wakefulness; care, carefulness, caution; preparation, readiness

   vigilance committee noun
   : a committee of vigilantes

   vig·i·lant /ˈvı̅lənt/ adjective
   : alertly watchful esp. to avoid danger
      — vig·i·lant·ly adverb
      Synonyms
      ▶ alert, attentive, awake, watchful, wide-awake—more at ALERT

   vig·i·lan·te /ˈvı̅lənˈtən/ noun
   : a member of a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily (as when the processes of law are viewed as inadequate); also : a self-appointed doer of justice
      — vig·i·lan·tism /ˈvı̅lənˌti zəm/ noun
vignette /ˈvɪn.ət/ noun
[origin: F, fr. MF vignete, fr. dim. of vigne vine]
1: a small decorative design
2: a picture (as an engraving or a photograph) that shades off gradually into the surrounding ground
3: a short descriptive literary sketch

vignette verb vi·gnett·ed; vi·gnett·ing
1: to finish (as a photograph) like a vignette
2: to describe briefly

vig·or /ˈvɪgər/ noun
1 : active strength or energy of body or mind
2 : INTENSITY, FORCE

Synonyms
- dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, life, pep, sap, snap, vim, vitality, zing, zip; also animation, liveliness, sprightliness, vivacity; main, might, muscle, potency, power, puissance, strength; brawniness, fitness, hardiness, huskiness, virility; health, healthiness, soundness, wellness

Antonyms
- energy, force, main, might, muscle, potency, power, sinew, strength

vig·or·ous /ˈvɪgərəs/ adjective
1 : having vigor
2 : done with force and energy

Synonyms
- [1] hard, hard-bitten, hardy, rugged, stout, strong, sturdy, tough—more at HARDY
- [1] dynamic, energetic, flush, lusty, peppy, robust, strenuous, vital; also animated, lively, spirited, sprightly, vivacious; energized, enlivened, invigorated, vitalized; firm, fortified, mettlesome, mighty, powerful, puissant, strong; refreshed, rejuvenated, revitalized; able-bodied, beefy, brawny, fit, fortified, hardy, husky, rugged, stalwart, stout, strapping, sturdy, tough; hale, healthy, sound; capable, competent

Antonyms
- lethargic, listlessness, sluggishness

- energy, force, main, might, muscle, potency, power, sinew, strength

vig·or·ous·ly adverb
: in a vigorous manner

Synonyms
- energetically, firmly, forcefully, forcibly, hard, mightily, powerfully, stiffly, stoutly, strenuously, strongly, sturdy—more at HARD

vig·or·ous·ness noun
: the quality or state of being vigorous

Vi·king /ˈvɪkɪŋ/ noun
[origin: ON vīkingr]
: any of the pirate Norsemen who raided or invaded the coasts of Europe in the 8th to 10th centuries

vile /vɪl/ adjective vil·er; vil·est
1 : morally despicable
2 : physically repulsive: FOUL
3 : of little worth
4 : DEGRADING, ignominious
5 : utterly bad or contemptible <~ weather>

— vile·ly /vɪlˈli/ adverb

Synonyms
- bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, villainous,
wicked, wrong
  ▶ base, contemptible, despicable, detestable, dirty, dishonorable, ignoble, low, mean, snide, sordid, wretched—more at ignoble

vile·ness noun
  ▶ the quality or state of being vile
  Synonyms
  ▶ atrociousness, atrocity, depravity, enormity, heinousness, monstrosity, wickedness—more at enormity

vil·i·ca·tion /vil.i.fəˈkā/shən/ noun
  ▶ an instance of vilifying: a defamatory utterance
  Synonyms
  ▶ defamation, libel, slander—more at slander

vil·i·fy /vil.i.fə/ verb -fied; -fy·ing
  ▶ to blacken the character of with abusive language: defame
  — vil·i·fer /vil.i.fər/ noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ blacken, defame, libel, malign, slander, smear, traduce—more at slander

vil·la /vil.la/ noun
  1 ▶ a country estate
  2 ▶ the rural or suburban residence of a wealthy person
  Synonyms
  ▶ castle, estate, hall, manor, mansion, palace—more at mansion

vil·lage /vil.laj/ noun
  [origin: ME, fr. AF village, fr. vile manorial estate, farmstead, fr. L villa]
  1 ▶ a settlement usu. larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town
  2 ▶ an incorporated minor municipality
  3 ▶ the people of a village

vil·lag·er /vil.lajər/ noun
  ▶ an inhabitant of a village

vil·lain /vil.lin/ noun
  1 ▶ VILLEIN
  2 ▶ an evil person: scoundrel
  Synonyms
  ▶ beast, devil, evildoer, fiend, heavy, knave, no-good, rapscallion, rascal, reprobate, rogue, scalawag, scamp, scoundrel, varlet, wretch; also blackguard; criminal, crook, culprit, felon, lawbreaker, malefactor, offender, transgressor; malefactor, perpetrator, sinner, trespasser, wrongdoer; cad, heel; Bravo, desperado, outlaw; convict, jailbird; assassin, brute, cutthroat, gangster, gunman, hoodlum, racketeer, ruffian, thug; ne'er-do-well, trash

vil·lain·ess /lə.nes/ noun
  ▶ a woman who is a villain

vil·lain·ous /lə.nəs/ adjective
  1 ▶ befitting a villain: wicked
  2 ▶ highly objectionable: detestable
  — vil·lain·ous·ness noun
  Synonyms
  ▶ bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, wicked, wrong

vil·lain·ous·ly adverb
  ▶ in a villainous manner

vil·lainy /lə.nə/, plural -lain·ies
  1 ▶ villainous conduct; also: a villainous act
2 : villainous character or nature

**Synonyms**
- bad, evil, ill, immorality, iniquity, sin, wrong—more at *evil*

**vil·lein** /viˈlɛn/ noun
1 : a free villager of Anglo-Saxon times
2 : an unfree peasant having the status of a slave to a feudal lord

**vil·len·age** /viˈlɛnˌi/ noun
1 : the holding of land at the will of a feudal lord
2 : the status of a villein

**vil·lous** /viˈləs/ adjective
: covered with fine hairs or villi

**vil·lus** /viˈlus/ noun, plural vil·li /viˈlē/ : a slender usu. vascular process; especially : one of the tiny projections of the mucous membrane of the small intestine that function in the absorption of food

**vim** /viːm/ noun
☞ : robust energy and enthusiasm

**Synonyms**
- dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, life, pep, sap, snap, vigor, vitality, zing, zip—more at *vigor*

**VIN** abbreviation
vehicle identification number

**vin·ai·grette** /vəˈnēˌgret/ noun
[origin: F] : a sauce made typically of oil, vinegar, and seasonings

**vin·ci·ble** /vɪnˈsɪbl/ adjective
1 : disposed to revenge
2 : intended for or involving revenge
3 : VICIOUS, SPTIEFUL
— **vin·ci·ble·ly** adverb
— **vin·ci·ble·ness** noun

**vin·di·cate** /vɪnˈdeɪkɪt/ verb -cat·ed; -cat·ing
1 : Avenge
2☞ : to free from allegation or blame : EXONERATE
3☞ : to establish by proof or competent evidence : CONFIRM
4 : to provide defense for : JUSTIFY
5 : to maintain a right to : ASSERT
— **vin·di·ca·tor** /vɪnˈdeɪkətər/ noun

**Synonyms**
- [2] absolve, acquit, clear, exculpate, exonerate—more at *EXCULPATE*
- [3] bear out, confirm, corroborate, substantiate, support, validate, verify—more at *CONFIRM*

**vin·di·ca·tion** /vɪnˈdeɪkeɪʃən/ noun
: the act of vindicating or the state of being vindicated; especially : justification against denial or censure : DEFENSE

**vin·dic·tive** /vɪnˈdɪkтив/ adjective
1 : disposed to revenge
2 : intended for or involving revenge
3 : VICIOUS, SPTIEFUL
— **vin·dic·tive·ly** adverb
— **vin·dic·tive·ness** noun

**vine** /vɪn/ noun
1 : GRAPE
2 : a plant whose stem requires support and which climbs (as by tendrils) or trails along the ground; also : the stem of such a plant

**vin·e·gar** /vɪnˈɛɡər/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME *vinegre*, fr. AF *vin egre*, lit., sour wine]
: a sour liquid obtained by fermentation (as of cider, wine, or malt) and used to flavor or preserve foods

**vin·e·gar** /vinˈgār/ **adjective**
1 : resembling vinegar : SOUR
2 : disagreeable in manner or disposition : CRABBED

**Synonyms**
- acid, sour, tart—more at SOUR

**vine·yard** /vinˈyärd/ **noun**
1 : a field of grapevines esp. to produce grapes for wine production
2 : a sphere of activity : field of endeavor

**vi·nous** /viˈnəs/ **adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or made with wine
2 : showing the effects of the use of wine

**Synonyms**
- acid, sour, tart—more at SOUR

**vintage** /ˈvintij/ **noun**
1 : a season's yield of grapes or wine
2 : WINE: especially : a usu. superior wine which comes from a single year
3 : the act or period of gathering grapes or making wine
4 : a period of origin

**2vintage** **adjective**
1 : of, relating to, or produced in a particular vintage
2 : of old, recognized, and enduring interest, importance, or quality : CLASSIC
3 : of the best and most characteristic — used with a proper noun

**vint·ner** /ˈvintnər/ **noun**
: a dealer in wines

**vi·nyl** /ˈvīnl/ **noun**
1 : a chemical derived from ethylene by the removal of one hydrogen atom
2 : a polymer of a vinyl compound or a product (as a textile fiber) made from one

**vinyl chloride** **noun**
: a flammable gaseous carcinogenic compound used esp. to make vinyl resins

**vi·o·l** /ˈvēəl/ **noun**
: a bowed stringed instrument chiefly of the 16th and 17th centuries having a fretted neck and usu. six strings

**vi·ola** /ˈvēələ/ **noun**
: VIOLET; especially : any of various hybrid garden plants with white, yellow, purple, or variously colored flowers that resemble but are smaller than those of the related pansies

**vi·ola·ble** /ˈvēələbəl/ **adjective**
: capable of being violated

**vi·o·late** /ˈvēəlāt/ **verb** -lat·ed; -lat·ing
1 : to go beyond limits set or prescribed by : BREAK
2 : RAPE
3 : to fail to show proper respect for : DESECRATE
4 : INTERRUPT, DISTURB

**vi·o·la·tor** /ˈvēələtər/ **noun**

**Synonyms**
- breach, break, transgress; also disobey, rebel; brush off, disregard, ignore, overlook, overpass, pass over, tune out, wink (at); dismiss, pooh-pooh, scorn, shrug off; defy, resist, withstand

**Antonyms**
comply (with), conform (to), follow, mind, obey, observe

- [3] defile, desecrate, profane—more at DESECRATE

vi·o·la·tion /ˌvi.əˈlā.ʃən/ noun
- : an act or instance of violating : the state of being violated
  - Synonyms
    - breach, crime, error, infraction, malefaction, misdeed, misdoing, offense, sin, transgression, trespass, wrongdoing—more at OFFENSE

vi·o·lence /ˌvi.əˈlans, ˈvi.ə/ noun
1 : exertion of physical force so as to injure or abuse
2 : injury by or as if by infringement or profanation
3 : intense or furious often destructive action or force
4 : vehement feeling or expression : INTENSITY
5 : jarring quality : a state of discord

vi·o·lent /ˈvi.ələnt/ adjective
1 : marked by extreme force or sudden intense activity
2 : caused by or showing strong feeling
3 : existing in an extreme degree: INTENSE
4 : emotionally agitated to the point of loss of self-control
5 : caused by force : not natural

- vi·o·lent·ly adverb
  - Synonyms
    - [1] explosive, ferocious, fierce, furious, hot, rabid, rough, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent, volcanic; also
      brutal, savage, vicious; antagonistic, hostile; aggressive, assertive, bellicose, belligerent, combative, contentious, gladiatorial, quarrelsome; frantic, frenzied, mad; destructive, ruinous
  - Antonyms
    - nonviolent, peaceable, peaceful
    - [3] deep, exquisite, fearful, hard, heavy, intense, profound, terrible, vehement, vicious—more at INTENSE

vi·o·let /ˈvi.ələt/ noun
1 : any of a genus of herbs or small shrubs usu. with heart-shaped leaves and both aerial and underground flowers; especially : one with small usu. solid-colored flowers
2 : a reddish blue color

vi·o·lin /ˈvi.əˌlin/ noun
: a bowed stringed instrument with four strings that has a shallow body, a fingerboard without frets, and a curved bridge

- vi·o·lin·ist /ˈli.nist/ noun

vi·o·lon·cel·lo /ˌvi.əˌlənˈtʃe.lə/ noun
[Origin: It]
: CELLO

- vi·o·lon·cel·list /ˈli.zlist/ noun

VIP /vēˈpēp/ noun, plural VIPs /ˈpēz/
[Origin: very important person]
- : a person of great influence or prestige; especially : a high official with special privileges
  - Synonyms
    - celebrity, figure, light, luminary, notable, personage, personality, somebody, standout, star, superstar—more at CELEBRITY

vi·per /ˈvi.əpər/ noun
1 : a common stout-bodied Eurasian venomous snake having a bite only rarely fatal to humans; also : any snake (as a pit viper) of the same family as the viper
2 : any venomous or reputedly venomous snake
3 : a vicious or treacherous person

- vi·per·ine /ˌpa.ˈrīn/ adjective
vi·ra·go /vaˈrə.ɡə/ noun, plural -goes or -gos
[origin: ME, fr. L, strong or heroic woman, fr. vir man]
1: a loud overbearing woman
2: a woman of great strength and courage

Synonyms
- fury, harpy, shrew, termagant—more at shrew

vi·ral /vaˈrəl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or caused by a virus

vi·re·o /ˈvɪrə.əʊ/ noun, plural -eos
[origin: L, a small bird, fr. virēre to be green]
: any of various small insect-eating American songbirds mostly olive green and grayish in color

1virgin /ˈvɜrdʒən/ noun
1: an unmarried woman devoted to religion
2: an unmarried girl or woman
3 cap: the mother of Jesus
4: a person who has not had sexual intercourse

2virgin adjective
1: free from stain: pure, spotless
2: chaste
3: befitting a virgin: modest
4: having its original qualities unimpaired: fresh; especially: not altered by human activity << forest
5: initial, first

Synonyms
- brand-new, fresh, pristine—more at fresh

1virginal /ˈvɜrdʒən.əl/ adjective
: of, relating to, or characteristic of a virgin or virginity
—vir·gin·al·ly adverb

2virginal noun
: a small rectangular spinet without legs popular in the 16th and 17th centuries

Vir·gin·ia creeper /ˈvɜrdʒəni.ə/ noun
: a No. American vine related to the grapes that has leaves with five leaflets and bluish-black berries

Virginia reel noun
: an American country-dance

vir·gin·i·ty /ˈvɜrdʒəni.ti/ noun, plural -ties
1: the quality or state of being virgin; especially: maidenhood
2: the unmarried life: celibacy

Vir·go /ˈvɜrdʒəʊ/ noun
[origin: L, lit., virgin]
1: a zodiacal constellation between Leo and Libra usu. pictured as a young woman
2: the 6th sign of the zodiac in astrology; also: one born under this sign

vir·gule /ˈvɜrdʒəl/ noun
: slash

vir·i·des·cent /ˈvɜrdʒəˌdes.ənt/ adjective
: slightly green: greenish

vir·ile /ˈvɜrl/ adjective
1: having the nature, powers, or qualities of a man
2: characteristic of or associated with men: masculine
3: masterful, forceful
Synonyms
- male, man-size, manly, mannish, masculine—more at MASCULINE

vi·ri·l·i·ty /vaˈriːləti/ noun
- the quality or state of being virile
  Synonyms
  - manhood, manliness, masculinity; also maleness; boyishness, mannishness
  Antonyms
  - femininity

vi·ri·on /ˈvɪrən, ˈvɪrən/ noun
- a complete virus particle consisting of an RNA or DNA core with a protein coat

vi·rol·o·gy /vəˈrələdʒi/ noun
- a branch of science that deals with viruses and viral diseases

— vi·rol·o·gist /ˈvɪrələdʒɪst/ noun

vi·tu /ˈvɪtə, ˈvɪrə/ or ver·tu /ˈvɜrˌtu, ˈvɜrˌtə/ noun
[origin: It virtù, lit., virtue]
1: a love of or taste for objects of art
2: objects of art (as curios and antiques)

vi·tu·al /ˈvɪtʃəl/ adjective
1: being in essence or in effect though not formally recognized or admitted <a ~ dictator>
2: being on or simulated on a computer or computer network

vi·tu·al·ly /ˈvɪtʃəl·li/ adverb
1: almost entirely: NEARLY
2: for all practical purposes

Synonyms
- about, almost, most, much, near, nearly, next to, nigh, practically, some, well-nigh—more at ALMOST

virtual reality noun
- an artificial environment that is experienced through sensory stimuli (as sights and sounds) provided by an interactive computer program; also: the technology used to create or access a virtual reality

vi·tue /ˈvɪtʃu/ noun
[origin: ME virtu, fr. OF, fr. L virtus strength, manliness, virtue, fr. vir man]
1: conformity to a standard of right: MORALITY
2: a particular moral excellence
3: manly strength or courage: VALOR
4: a commendable quality: MERIT
5: active power to accomplish a given effect: POTENCY, EFFICACY
6: chastity esp. in a woman

Synonyms
- [1] character, decency, goodness, honesty, integrity, morality, probity, rectitude, righteousness, uprightness—more at MORALITY
- [4] distinction, excellence, merit, value—more at EXCELLENCE

vi·tu·os·i·ty /ˌvɪtʃəˈsoʊsətē/ noun, plural -ties
- great technical skill in the practice of a fine art

'vi·tu·oso /ˌvɪtʃəˈsoʊsə, ˈzʊsə/ noun, plural -sos or -s·os /ˈsəʊsə, ˈzʊsə/
[origin: It]
1: one skilled in or having a taste for the fine arts
2: one who excels in the technique of an art; especially: a highly skilled musical performer
3: a person who has great skill at some endeavor

Synonyms
- [2, 3] ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, master, scholar, shark, whiz, wizard—more at EXPERT
virtuoso adjective
- of, relating to, or characteristic of a virtuoso
  Synonyms
  - accomplished, adept, consummate, crack, crackerjack, expert, good, great, master, masterful, masterly,
    proficient, skilled, skillful

virtuous / vir·choωs/ adjective
1: having or showing virtue and esp. moral virtue
2: CHASTE
  Synonyms
  - decent, ethical, good, honest, honorable, just, moral, right, righteous, straight, upright

virtuously adverb
- in a virtuous manner
  Synonyms
  - chastely, modestly, purely, righteously

virulence / vir·ə·lens, 'vir·yən/ noun
- the quality or state of being virulent
  Synonyms
  - acidity, acrimony, asperity, bitterness, cattiness, tartness, vitriol

violent adjective
1: highly infectious <a ~ germ>; also: marked by a rapid, severe, and often deadly course <a ~ disease>
2: extremely poisonous or venomous: NOXIOUS
3: full of malice: MALIGNANT
  Synonyms
  - catty, cruel, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, nasty, spiteful

violently adverb
- in a virulent manner

virus / vir·əs/ noun, plural viruses
- any of a large group of submicroscopic infectious agents that have an outside coat of protein around a core of
  RNA or DNA, that can grow and multiply only in living cells, and that cause important diseases in human beings,
  lower animals, and plants; also: a disease caused by a virus
2: something (as a corrupting influence) that poisons the mind or spirit
3: a computer program that is usu. hidden within another program and that reproduces itself and inserts the copies
  into other programs and usu. performs a malicious action (as destroying data)

vis abbreviation
1 visibility
2 visual

visa / vē.za. sa/ noun
- an endorsement by the proper authorities on a passport to show that it has been examined and the bearer may
  proceed
2: a signature by a superior official signifying approval of a document

visa verb vi·sa·ed / zəd, said/; vi·sa·ing / zən, iŋ/.
- to give a visa to (a passport)

visage / vi·zij/ noun
- the face or countenance of a person or sometimes an animal; also: LOOK
  Synonyms
  - cast, countenance, expression, face, look

vis-à-vis / vīz·ə·vīz/ preposition
- of, lit., face-to-face
vis-à-vis noun, plural vis-à-vis /vis-ə-viz/  
1: one that is face-to-face with another  
2: ESCORT  
3: COUNTERPART  
4: TÊTE-A-TÊTE  
viso-  

viscera plural of VISCUS  
vis-cer-al /vi.sərəl/ adjective  
1: felt in or as if in the viscera  
2: not intellectual: INSTINCTIVE  
3: of or relating to the viscera  
— vis-cer-al-ly adverb  
visc-id /vi.seid/ adjective  
1: having an adhesive quality  
2: having a glutinous consistency: VISCIOUS  
— vis-cid-i-ty /vi.sidə.tē/ noun  
Synonyms  
△ adhesive, gelatinous, gluey, glutinous, gooey, gummy, sticky, viscous—more at STICKY  
vis-cos-i-ty /vi.kəsə.tē/ noun, plural -ties  
△ the quality of being viscous; especially: the property of resistance to flow in a fluid  
Synonyms  
△ consistency, thickness—more at CONSISTENCY  
vis-count /vi.kəunt/ noun  
: a member of the British peerage ranking below an earl and above a baron  
vis-count-ess /vi.kəunt.əs/ noun  
1: the wife or widow of a viscount  
2: a woman who holds the rank of viscount in her own right  
vis-cous /vi.kəs/ adjective  
[origin: ME viscouse, fr. AF viscos, fr. LL viscōsus full of birdlime, viscous, fr. L viscum mistletoe, birdlime]  
1: having the sticky consistency of glue: VISCID  
2: having or characterized by viscosity  
Synonyms  
△ syrupy, thick, viscous—more at THICK  
vis-cus /vi.kəs/ noun, plural vis-cera /vi.se.rə/  
: an internal organ of the body; especially: one (as the heart or liver) located in the cavity of the trunk  
vise /viːs/ noun  
[origin: ME vys, vice screw, fr. AF vyz, fr. L vitis vine]  
: a tool with two jaws for holding work that typically close by a screw or lever  
vis-i-bil-i-ty /vi.zə.ˈbilə.tē/ noun, plural -ties  
1: the quality, condition, or degree of being visible  
2: the degree of clearness of the atmosphere  
vis-i-ble /vi.ˈzələ/ adjective  
△ capable of being seen <~ stars>; also: APPARENT <has no ~ means of support>  
— vis-i-bly /ˈbilə/ adverb  
Synonyms  
△ apparent, observable, visual; also external, outer, outward; detectable, discernible, noticeable, perceptible;
clear, conspicuous, evident, manifest, obvious, plain, prominent, striking

Antonyms
invisible

1vision /'vi.zhan/ noun
1 : something seen otherwise than by ordinary sight (as in a dream or trance)
2 : a vivid picture created by the imagination
3 : the act or power of imagination
4 : unusual wisdom in foreseeing what is going to happen
5 : the act or power of seeing : SIGHT
6 : something seen; especially : a lovely sight
7 : the apparition of a person : PHANTOM
Synonyms
[2] chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, dream, fancy, fantasy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, pipe dream, unreality—more at FANTASY
[5] eye, sight

2vision verb
: to picture to oneself : IMAGINE
Synonyms
conceive, dream, envisage, fancy, imagine, picture, visualize—more at IMAGINE

1visionary /'vi.zha..ner.ə/ adjective
1 : of the nature of a vision : ILLUSORY, UNREAL
2 : not practical : UTOPIAN
3 : seeing or likely to see visions : given to dreaming or imagining

2visionary noun, plural -ar·ies
1 : one whose ideas or projects are impractical : DREAMER
2 : one who sees visions
Synonyms
dreamer, idealist, romantic, utopian—more at IDEALIST

1visit /'vi.zəl/ verb
1 : to go to see in order to comfort or help
2 : to call on either as an act of courtesy or friendship
3 : to dwell with for a time as a guest
4 : to come to or upon as a reward, affliction, or punishment
5 : INFLECT
6 : to make a visit or regular or frequent visits
7 : to talk in an informal or familiar manner : CHAT
— vis·it·a·ble adjective
Synonyms
[3] sojourn, stay, tarry; also frequent, hang out (at), haunt; inhabit, occupy
[6] call, drop, pop, stop—more at CALL

2visit noun
1 : a short stay : CALL
2 : a brief residence as a guest
3 : a journey to and stay at a place
4 : a formal or professional call (as by a doctor)
Synonyms
sojourn, stay; also layover, stopover

vis·i·tant /'vi.zə..tənt/ noun
: VISITOR

vis·i·ta·tion /'vi.zə..tə.shən/ noun
1 : an instance of visiting : VISIT; especially : an official visit
2 : a special dispensation of divine favor or wrath; also : a severe trial
visiting nurse noun
: a nurse employed to visit sick persons or perform public health services in a community

visor /ˈvɪzər/ noun
1 : the front piece of a helmet; especially : a movable upper piece
2 : VIZARD
3 : a projecting part (as on a cap) to shade the eyes
   — visored /ˈvɪzd/ adjective
   Synonyms
   › bill, peak; also shade

vis-ta /ˈvɪsta/ noun
1 : a distant view through or along an avenue or opening
2 : an extensive mental view over a series of years or events
   Synonyms
   › lookout, outlook, panorama, prospect, view—more at view

VISTA abbreviation
Volunteers in Service to America

visual /ˈvɪzəl/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or used in vision (as organs)
2 : perceived by vision (as impression)
3 : capable of being seen : VISIBLE
4 : done by sight only (as navigation)
5 : of or relating to instruction by means of sight (as aids)
   — visually adverb
   Synonyms
   › [1] ocular, optical; also seeing, sighted; focusing
   Antonyms
   nonvisual
   › [3] apparent, observable, visible—more at VISIBLE

visual noun
: something (as a picture, chart, or film) that appeals to the sight and is used for illustration, demonstration, or promotion — usu. used in pl.

visualize /ˈvɪzəl.aɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1 : to make visible; especially : to form a mental image of
   — visualization /ˌvɪzəˈleɪ.ʃən/ noun
   — visualizer noun
   Synonyms
   › conceive, dream, envisage, fancy, imagine, picture, vision—more at IMAGINE

vi·ta /ˈvɪtə, ˈvɪtə/ noun, plural vi·tae /ˈvɪtəˌi/ [origin: L, lit., life]
: a brief autobiographical sketch

vi·tal /ˈvɪtl̩/ adjective
1 : concerned with or necessary to the maintenance of life
2 : full of life and vigor
3 : of, relating to, or characteristic of life or living beings
4 : destructive to life : FATAL (as wound)
5 : of the utmost importance
   — vitally adverb
vital·i·ty /ˈvɪ.tə.lə.tɪ/ noun, plural -ties
1 : the property distinguishing the living from the nonliving
2 : mental and physical vigor
3 : enduring quality
4 : lively and animated character

Synonyms
[2] active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, lively, peppy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vigorous, vivacious
—more at LIVELY
[4] baleful, deadly, deathly, fatal, fell, lethal, mortal, murderous, pestilent—more at DEADLY
[5] essential, imperative, indispensable, integral, necessary, needful, requisite—more at ESSENTIAL
[5] critical, crucial, key, pivotal—more at CRUCIAL

—vi·tal·i·za·tion /ˌvɪ.tə.ləˈza.ʃən/ noun
Synonyms
animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vivify—more at ANIMATE

vi·tal·ize /ˈvɪ.tə.laɪz/ verb -ized; -izing
: to impart life or vigor to : ANIMATE

vi·tals /ˈvɪ.təls/ noun plural
1 : vital organs (as the heart and brain)
2 : essential parts

vital signs noun plural
: the pulse rate, respiratory rate, body temperature, and often blood pressure of a person

vital statistics noun plural
: statistics dealing with births, deaths, marriages, health, and disease

vi·ta·min /ˈvɪ.tə.min/ noun
: any of various organic substances that are essential in tiny amounts to the nutrition of most animals and some plants and are mostly obtained from foods

vitamin A noun
: any of several vitamins (as from egg yolk or fish-liver oils) required esp. for good vision

vitamin B noun
1 : VITAMIN B COMPLEX
2 or vitamin B₁ : THIAMINE

vitamin B complex noun
: a group of vitamins that are found widely in foods and are essential for normal function of certain enzymes and for growth

vitamin B₆ /ˈbɛ.ˌsiks/ noun
: any of several compounds that are considered essential to vertebrate nutrition

vitamin B₁₂ /ˈbɛ.ˌtwelv/ noun
: a complex cobalt-containing compound that occurs esp. in liver and is essential to normal blood formation, neural function, and growth; also : any of several compounds of similar action

vitamin C noun
: a vitamin found esp. in fruits and vegetables that is needed by the body to prevent scurvy

vitamin D noun
vitamin E noun
: any of several vitamins needed for blood to clot properly

vitamin K noun
[origin: Dan koagulation coagulation]
: any of several vitamins needed for normal bone and tooth structure and are found esp. in fish-liver oils, egg yolk, and milk or are produced by the body in response to ultraviolet light

vi·ti·a·tion /viˈtiːəˈʃən/ noun
— vi·ti·a·tor /viˈtiːəˈtər/ noun

Synonyms
[1] blemish, break, cripple, damage, deface, disfigure, flaw, harm, hurt, impair, injure, mar, spoil—more at DAMAGE
[3] blemish, mar, poison, spoil, stain, taint, tarnish, touch—more at TAIN

vi·ti·cul·ture /ˌviːtɪˈkʌlچər/ noun
: the growing of grapes

vi·ti·cul·tur·al /ˌviːtɪˈkʌlچərəl/ adjective

vi·ti·cul·tur·ist /ˌviːtɪˈkʌlچərɪst/ noun

vit·re·ous /ˈvɪtrərəs/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or resembling glass: GLASSY<br>2 : of, relating to, or being the clear colorless transparent jelly (vitreous humor) behind the lens in the eyeball

vit·ri·ol /ˈvɪtrɪəl/ noun
: something resembling acid in being caustic, corrosive, or biting

Synonyms
acidity, acrimony, asperity, bitterness, cattiness, tartness, virulence—more at ACRIMONY
abuse, fulmination, invective, vituperation—more at ABUSE

vit·tles /ˈvɪtəlz/ noun plural
: supplies of food: VICTUALS

vi·tu·per·ate /ˌvɪtʃəˈperЭt/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
1 : to make faulty or defective: IMPAIR
2 : to make legally ineffective: INVALIDATE
3 : to debase in moral or aesthetic status

Synonyms
blemish, break, cripple, damage, deface, disfigure, flaw, harm, hurt, impair, injure, mar, spoil—more at DAMAGE
blemish, mar, poison, spoil, stain, taint, tarnish, touch—more at TAIN

vi·tu·per·a·tion /ˌvɪtʃəˈperЭtəˈʃən/ noun
: lengthy harsh criticism or abuse

Synonyms
abuse, fulmination, invective, vitriol—more at ABUSE

vi·va /ˈvɪvə/ interjection
[origin: It & Sp, long live]
— used to express goodwill or approval

vi·va·ce /ˈvɪvəˌsɛ/ adverb or adjective
[origin: It]
vivacious /viˈvəˌʃəs/ adjective
- lively in temper, conduct, or spirit
  - *vivacious-ly* adverb
  - *vivacious-ness* noun

  **Synonyms**
  - active, animate, animated, brisk, energetic, frisky, gay, jaunty, jazzy, lively, peppy, perky, pert, racy, snappy, spirited, sprightly, springy, vital—more at *lively*

vivacity /ˈvaˌsætɪ/ noun
- the quality or state of being vivacious

vivace /viˈvaˌse, əˌvəˌse/ adjective
[ORIGIN: ML, with the living voice]
- expressed or conducted by word of mouth: *oral*
  - *viva voce* adverb

vivid /ˈvɪvɪd/ adjective
1: having the appearance of vigorous life
2: BRILLIANT, INTENSE <a ~ red>
3: producing a strong impression on the senses; especially: producing distinct mental pictures: *graphic* <a ~ description>
  - *vivid-ly* adverb
  - *vivid-ness* noun
vivify /ˈvɪvɪˌfaɪ/ verb -fied; -fy-ing
1: to put life into: *animate*
2: to make vivid
  - *vivification* noun
  - *vivifier* noun

  **Synonyms**
  - animate, brace, energize, enliven, fire, invigorate, jazz, liven, pep, quicken, stimulate, vitalize—more at *animate*

vi-viparous /ˈviˌvaˌpərəs/ adjective
- producing living young from within the body rather than from eggs
  - *viviparity* noun

vivisection /ˈvɪvəzɪˈʃən/ noun
- the cutting of or operation on a living animal; also: animal experimentation esp. if causing distress to the subject

vixen /ˈvɪkˌsɛn/ noun
1: an ill-tempered scolding woman
2: a female fox

viz abbreviation
videlicet

vizard /ˈvɪzərd/ noun
- a mask for disguise or protection

vizier /ˈvɪzər/ noun
- a high executive officer of many Muslim countries

VJ abbreviation
veejay

VOA abbreviation
Voice of America

voc abbreviation
1 vocational
vocative

vocab abbreviation

vocabulary

voc-a-ble /ˌvōˈkāˌbēl/ noun
: TERM, NAME; especially: a word as such without regard to its meaning

voc-a-bu-lar-y /ˌvōˈkāˌbüˌlərē/ noun, plural -lar·ies
1: a list or collection of words usu. alphabetically arranged and defined or explained: LEXICON
2: a stock of words in a language used by a class or individual or in relation to a subject

Synonyms
argot, cant, jargon, language, lingoslang, terminology—more at TERMINOLOGY

vocabulary entry noun
: a word (as the noun book), hyphenated or open compound (as the verb cross-refer or the noun boric acid), word element (as the affix -an), abbreviation (as agt), verbalized symbol (as Na), or term (as master of ceremonies) entered alphabetically in a dictionary for the purpose of definition or identification or expressly included as an inflected form (as the noun mice or the verb saw) or as a derived form (as the noun godliness or the adverb globally) or related phrase (as in spite of) run on at its base word and usu. set in a type (as boldface) readily distinguishable from that of the lightface running text which defines, explains, or identifies the entry

vocal /ˈvōkəl/ adjective
1: uttered by the voice: ORAL
2: relating to, composed or arranged for, or sung by the human voice <> music>
3: given to expressing oneself freely or insistently: OUTSPOKEN
4: of or relating to the voice

Synonyms
oral, voiced; also articulate, articulated, spoken; breathed, drawled, gasped, mouthed, mumbled, muttered, shouted, whispered

Antonyms
nonvocal

vocal noun
1: a vocal sound
2: a vocal composition or its performance

Synonyms
jingle, lay, lyric, song—more at SONG

vocal cords noun plural
: either of two pairs of elastic folds of mucous membrane that project into the cavity of the larynx and function in the production of vocal sounds

vocal·ic /ˈvōkəlik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or functioning as a vowel

vocal·ise British variant of VOCALIZE

vocal·ist /ˈvōkəˌlist/ noun
: one that sings: SINGER

Synonyms
caroler, singer, songster, voice—more at SINGER

vocal·ize /ˌvōkəˈız/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
1: to give vocal expression to: UTTER; especially: SING
2: to make voiced rather than voiceless

Synonyms
articulate, say, speak, state, talk, tell, utter, verbalize—more at SAY

carol, chant, descant, sing—more at SING

vocal·izer /ˌvōkəˈizər/ noun
: one that vocalizes
vocation /vəˈkɑːʃən/ noun
1: a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action <religious ~>
2: regular employment: OCCUPATION
— vocational /ˈʃə.nəl/ adjective
  Synonyms
  - calling, employment, line, occupation, profession, trade, work—more at OCCUPATION

vocation-ism /ˌʃə.nəl.ızm/ noun
: emphasis on vocational training in education

vocative /ˈvɑː.kæ.tɪv/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting a grammatical case marking the one addressed
— vocative noun

vociferate /vəˈsɪ.fərət/ verb -at·ed; -at·ing
[ORIGIN: L vociferari, fr. voc-, vox voice + ferre to bear]
  : to cry out loudly: SHOUT
— vociferation /ˌvəsɪ.fərəˈʃæn/ noun
  Synonyms
  - bawl, call, cry, holler, shout, yell—more at CALL

vociferous /vəˈsɪ.fərəs/ adjective
  : making or given to loud outcry
— vociferously adverb
— vociferousness noun
  Synonyms
  - blatant, boisterous, clamorous, obstreperous; also discordant, noisy; loudmouthed, outspoken, vocal; rowdy, uproarious; cacophonous, dissonant, shrill, strident, blaring, booming, brassy, brazen

vodka /vədˈka/ noun
[ORIGIN: Russ, fr. voda water]
: a colorless liquor distilled from a mash (as of rye or wheat)

vogue /vōg/ noun
[ORIGIN: MF, action of rowing, course, fashion, fr. voguer to sail, fr. OF, fr. OIt vogare to row]
1: popular acceptance or favor: POPULARITY
2: a period of popularity
3: one that is in fashion at a particular time
  Synonyms
  - [1] favor, modishness, popularity—more at POPULARITY
  - [3] craze, fad, mode, rage, style, trend—more at FAD

voguish /vōgˈiʃ/ adjective
1: FASHIONABLE, SMART
2: suddenly or temporarily popular

voice /vois/ noun
1: sound produced through the mouth by vertebrates and esp. by human beings (as in speaking or singing)
2: musical sound produced by the vocal cords: the power to produce such sound; also: one of the melodic parts in a vocal or instrumental composition
3: the vocal organs as a means of tone production <train the ~>
4: sound produced by vibration of the vocal cords as heard in vowels and some consonants
5: the power of speaking
6: a sound suggesting a voice <the ~ of the sea>
7: an instrument or medium of expression
8: a choice, opinion, or wish openly expressed; also: right of expression
9: distinction of form of a verb to indicate the relation of the subject to the action expressed by the verb
10: one that sings
  Synonyms
  - SINGER
articulation, expression, formulation, statement, utterance—more at EXPRESSION

voice verb voiced; voicing
: to give voice or expression to  a complaint>

 Synonyms
 air, express, give, look, sound, state, vent—more at EXPRESS

 voice box noun
 : LARYNX

 voiced /voist/ adjective
 1 : having a voice <soft-voiced>
 2 : uttered with voice <a ~ consonant>
 — voiced-ness /voist.niss/ noun
 Synonyms
 oral, vocal—more at VOCAL

 voiceless /vois.liss/ adjective
 1 : having no voice
 2 : not pronounced with voice
 — voiceless-ly adverb
 — voiceless-ness noun
 Synonyms
 dumb, inarticulate, mute, speechless—more at MUTE

 voice mail noun
 : an electronic communication system in which spoken messages are recorded for later playback to the intended recipient; also : such a message

 voice-over noun
 : the voice in a film or television program of a person who is heard but not seen or not seen talking

 voice-print /vois.print/ noun
 : an individually distinctive pattern of voice characteristics that is spectrographically produced

 void /void/ adjective
 1 : UNOCCUPIED, VACANT
 2 : containing nothing : EMPTY
 3 : being without something specified : DEVOID <proposals ~ of sense>
 4 : VAIN, USELESS
 5 : of no legal force or effect : NULL
 Synonyms
 clear, empty, evacuate, vacate—more at EMPTY
 [2] bare, blank, devoid, empty, stark, vacant—more at EMPTY
 [3] bereft, destitute, devoid—more at DEVOID
 [5] invalid, null—more at NULL

 void noun
 1 : empty space : EMPTINESS
 2 : a feeling of want or hollowness
 Synonyms
 blank, blankness, emptiness, vacancy, vacuity—more at VACANCY

 void verb
 1 : to make or leave empty; also : VACATE
 2 : DISCHARGE, EMIT <~ urine>
 3 : to render void : ANNUL <~ a contract>
 — void-able adjective
 — void-er noun
 Synonyms
 [1] clear, empty, evacuate, vacate—more at EMPTY
 [3] abolish, abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, repeal, rescind—more at
ABOLISH

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voi·là /vōˈlā/ interjection
[origin: F]
— used to call attention or to express satisfaction or approval

voil /vōıl/ noun
: a sheer fabric used for women's clothing and curtains

vol abbreviation
1 volume
2 volunteer

vol·a·tile /vōˈlā.təl/ adjective
1 : readily becoming a vapor at a relatively low temperature <a ~ liquid>
2 : likely to change suddenly <a ~ temper>

— vol·a·til·i·ty /vōˈlā.təl.i.tē/ noun

Synonyms
- capricious, changeable, fickle, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, temperamental, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable—more at FICKLE

vol·ca·nic /vōlˈkə.nik/ adjective
1 : of, relating to, or produced by a volcano
2 : explosively violent

— vol·ca·nol·o·gy /vōlˈkə.nə.ləjē/ noun

vol·can·ism /vōlˈkə.nizəm/ noun
: volcanic action or activity

vol·ca·no /vōlˈkə.nō/ noun, plural -nos or -noes
[origin: It or Sp; It vulcano, fr. Sp vulcán, ultim. fr. L Volcanus, Roman god of fire and metalworking]
: an opening in the crust of the earth, a planet, or a moon from which molten rock and steam issue; also : a hill or mountain composed of the ejected material

vol·ca·nol·o·gist /vōlˈkə.nə.ləjist/ noun

vo·le /vōl/ noun
: any of various small rodents that are closely related to the lemmings and muskrats

vo·li·tion /vōˈli.shən/ noun
1 : the act or the power of making a choice or decision : will
2 : a choice or decision made

— vo·li·tion·al /vōˈli.ʃə.nəl/ adjective

Synonyms
- accord, choice, free will, option, self-determination, will—more at FREE WILL

1 volley /vōˈlē/ noun, plural volleys
1 : a flight of missiles (as arrows)
2 : simultaneous discharge of a number of missile weapons
3 : an act of volleying
4 : a burst of many things at once <a ~ of angry letters>

Synonyms
- barrage, bombardment, cannonade, fusillade, hail, salvo, shower, storm—more at BARRAGE

2 volley verb vol·ley·ed; vol·ley·ing
1 : to discharge or become discharged in or as if in a volley
2 : to hit an object of play (as a ball) in the air before it touches the ground
vol·ley·ball /ˌvōlˈē-bal/ noun
: a game played by volleying an inflated ball over a net; also: the ball used in this game

dict
poll
voll
vol·tage /vōlˈij/ noun
: potential difference measured in volts

vol·ta·ic /vōlˈtā-ik/ adjective
: of, relating to, or producing direct electric current by chemical action

volte–face /ˌvōlˈtē-fäs/, vol·te /ˌvōl-tē/ noun
: a reversal in policy: ABOUT-FACE

volt·me·ter /ˌvōltˌme-tər/ noun
: an instrument for measuring in volts the difference in potential between different points of an electrical circuit

vol·u·ble /vōl-yə-bal/ adjective
: fluent and smooth in speech: GLIB
— vol·u·bil·i·ty /vōl-yəˌbil-i-tē/ noun
— vol·u·bly /vōl-yəˌbli/ adverb

vol·ume /vōlˈyam/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. AF, fr. L volumen roll, scroll, fr. vollere to roll]
1: a series of printed sheets bound typically in book form; also: an arbitrary number of issues of a periodical
2: space occupied as measured by cubic units <the ~ of a cylinder>
3: sufficient matter to fill a book <her glance spoke ~>s
4 a: the total number or quantity: AMOUNT <increasing ~> of business
b: considerable quantity
5: the degree of loudness of a sound

vo·lu·mi·nous /vō-ləˈmi-nəs/ adjective
: having or marked by great volume or bulk: LARGE
— vo·lu·mi·nous·ly adverb

Synonyms
big, grand, great, large, sizable, substantial—more at LARGE

vo·lu·mi·nous·ness noun
: the quality or state of being voluminous

1voluntary /vōlənˈter-ē/ adjective
1: done, made, or given freely and without compulsion <a ~> sacrifice>
2: done on purpose: INTENTIONAL <~ manslaughter>
3: of, relating to, or regulated by the will <~ behavior>
4: having power of free choice
5: provided or supported by voluntary action <a ~> organization>

— vol·un·tar·i·ly /vōlənˈtar-ē-əl/ adverb

Synonyms
[1] freewill, willing; also discretionary, elective, optional; impulsive, instinctive, spontaneous, unforced, unpremeditated, conscious, deliberate, intentional, knowing, willful
Antonyms
coerced, forced, involuntary
[3] discretionary, elective, optional—more at OPTIONAL

2voluntary noun, plural -tar·ies
: an organ solo played in a religious service

voluntary muscle noun
muscle (as most striated muscle) under voluntary control

volunteer /ˈvɔlənˌtir/ noun
1: a person who voluntarily undertakes a service or duty
2: a plant growing spontaneously esp. from seeds lost from a previous crop

volunteer verb
1: to offer or give voluntarily
2: to offer oneself as a volunteer

vol·u·tu·ary /ˌvəˌlətʃəˌwərē/ noun, plural -ar·ies
: a person whose chief interest in life is the indulgence of sensual appetites

vol·u·tu·ous /ˌvəˈlətəwəs/ adjective
1: giving sensual gratification
2: given to or spent in enjoyment of luxury or pleasure

Synonyms
carnal, fleshly, luscious, sensual, sensuous

vol·u·te /ˈvoʊlət/ noun
: a spiral or scroll-shaped decoration

vomit /ˈvɑmət/ noun
1: an act or instance of throwing up the contents of the stomach through the mouth; also: the matter thrown up
2: to belch forth : GUSH

Synonyms
gag, heave, spit up, throw up; also disgorge, regurgitate; eject, expel, spew

voo·doo /ˈvūdə/ noun, plural voodoos
1: a religion that is derived from African polytheism and is practiced chiefly in Haiti
2: a person who deals in spells and necromancy
3: a charm used in voodoo; also: 2SPELL 1

Synonyms
conjurer, enchanter, magician, necromancer, sorcerer, witch, wizard

voo·doo·ism /ˌvō.ˈdō.əm/ noun
1: VODOO 1
2: the practice of witchcraft

vor·a·cious /ˈvərəˌʃəs, ˈvərəˈʃəs/ adjective
1: having a huge appetite: RAVENOUS
2: very eager <a ~ reader>

Synonyms
[1] gluttonous, greedy, hoggish, piggish, rapacious, ravenous; also hearty, wolfish; devouring, gobbling, gorging, gormandizing, insatiable, unquenchable; empty, famished, hungry, starved, starving; malnourished, underfed, undernourished
[2] ardent, avid, eager, enthusiastic, keen

vor·tex /ˈvәrˌtek/ noun, plural vor·ti·ces /ˈvәrˌtəˌsi/ also vor·tex·es /ˈvәrˌtekˌezi/
: WHIRLPOOL; also: something resembling a whirlpool

vo·ta·ry /ˈvәtərē/ noun, plural -ries
1 a: ENTHUSIAST, DEVOTEE
b : a devoted adherent or admirer
2 : a devout or zealous worshiper

**Synonyms**
- [1b, 2] adherent, convert, disciple, follower, partisan, pupil—more at FOLLOWER

1**vote** /ˈvōt/ noun
[origin: ME (Sc), fr. L votum vow, wish, fr. vovēre to vow]
1 : a choice or opinion of a person or body of persons expressed usu. by a ballot, spoken word, or raised hand; also: the ballot, word, or gesture used to express a choice or opinion
2 : the decision reached by voting
3 : the right or privilege of voting in political matters
4 : a group of voters with some common characteristics <the big city ~>

—**vote·less** adjective

**Synonyms**
- enfranchisement, franchise, suffrage; also: say, voice

**Antonyms**
- disenfranchisement

2**vote** verb *vot·ed; vot·ing*
1 : to cast a vote
2 : to elect, decide, pass, defeat, grant, or make legal by a vote
3 : to declare by general agreement
4 : to offer as a suggestion : PROPOSE
5 : to cause to vote esp. in a given way

—**voter** noun

**Synonyms**
- advance, offer, pose, proffer, propose, propound, suggest—more at PROPOSE

**vo·tive** /vōˈtiv/ adjective
: consisting of or expressing a vow, wish, or desire

**vou** abbreviation
voucher

**vouch** /vaʊtʃ/ verb
1 : to give tangible support to : PROVE
2 : to verify by examining documentary evidence
3 : to give a guarantee
4 : to supply supporting evidence or testimony; also: to give personal assurance

**Synonyms**
- attest, authenticate, avouch, certify, testify, witness—more at CERTIFY

**vouch·er** /vaʊˈcha(r)/ noun
1 : an act of vouching
2 : one that vouches for another
3 : a documentary record of a business transaction
4 : a written affidavit or authorization
5 : a form indicating a credit against future purchases or expenditures

**vouch·safe** /ˈvaʊtʃˌsaf/ verb vouch·saf·ed; vouch·saf·ing
: to grant or give as if a privilege or a special favor

1**vow** /vaʊ/ noun
- *: a solemn promise or statement; especially: one by which a person is bound to an act, service, or condition <marriage ~>

**Synonyms**
- oath, pledge, promise, troth, word—more at PROMISE

2**vow** verb
1 : to make a vow or as a vow
2 : to bind or commit by a vow
— vow·er noun

*Synonyms*

› covenant, pledge, promise, swear—more at promise

vow·el /voʊˈəl/ noun
1 : a speech sound produced without obstruction or friction in the mouth
2 : a letter representing such a sound

vox po·pu·li /vɒksˈpʌpəˌli/ noun
[ORIGIN: L, voice of the people]
: popular sentiment

1voyage /ˈvoiˌij/ noun
›: a journey esp. by water from one place or country to another

*Synonyms*

› crossing, cruise, passage, sail—more at sail

2voyage verb voy·aged; voy·ag·ing
›: to take or make a voyage

— voy·ag·er noun

*Synonyms*

› journey, tour, travel, trek—more at travel
› boat, cruise, navigate, sail—more at sail

voya·geur /ˌvoiəˈzhər,ˌvoiəˈyɑːr/ noun
[ORIGIN: CanF]
: a person employed by a fur company to transport goods to and from remote stations esp. in the Canadian Northwest

voy·eur /ˈvoiər, ˈvoilər/ noun
1 : one who obtains sexual pleasure from viewing esp. covertly the nudity or sexual activity of others
2 : an observer of the sordid

— voy·eur·is·tic /ˈvoiərɪstɪk, ˈvoiərɪstɪk/ adjective
— voy·eur·ism /ˌvoiərɪzəm/ noun

VP abbreviation
1 verb phrase
2 vice president

vs abbreviation
1 verse
2 versus

vss abbreviation
1 verses
2 versions

V/STOL abbreviation
vertical or short takeoff and landing

Vt or VT abbreviation
Vermont

VTOL abbreviation
vertical takeoff and landing

VTR abbreviation
videotape recorder

vul·ca·nize /ˈvʌlˌkaˌnaɪz/ verb -nized; -niz·ing
Vulg abbreviation

Vulgate

vul·gar /vəlˈɡar/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. L vulgaris of the mob, vulgar, fr. vulgaris mob, common people]
1 : of or relating to common speech : VERNACULAR
2 ▷ : of or relating to the common people : COMMON
3 a ▷ : lacking cultivation or refinement
b : offensive to good taste or refined feelings : OBSCENE
— vul·gar·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▷ [2] common, humble, ignoble, inferior, low, lowly, mean, plebeian—more at IGNORABLE
  ▷ [3a] coarse, common, crass, crude, gross, ill-bred, low, rough, rude, tasteless, uncouth, uncultivated, uneducated, unpolished, unrefined—more at COARSE

vul·gar·i·an /vəlˈɡar.ən/ noun
: a vulgar person

vul·gar·ism /vəlˈɡar.i.zəm/ noun
1 : VULGARITY
2 : a word or expression originated or used chiefly by illiterate persons
3 : a coarse expression : OBSCENITY

vul·gar·i·ty /vəlˈɡar.i.tē/ noun, plural -ties
1 : something vulgar
2 ▷ : the quality or state of being vulgar
  Synonyms
  ▷ bawdiness, grossness, indecency, lewdness, nastiness, obscenity, ribaldry, smut—more at OBSCENITY
  ▷ coarseness, grossness, indelicacy, lowness, rudeness; also churlishness, clownishness; insensitivity, thoughtlessness

vul·gar·ize /vəlˈɡar.aɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to make vulgar
— vul·gar·iza·tion /vəlˈɡar.aɪz.ən/ noun
— vul·gar·i·zer /vəlˈɡar.i.zər/ noun

Vul·gate /vəlˈɡät/ noun
[origin: ML vulgata, fr. LL vulgata editio edition in general circulation]
: a Latin version of the Bible used by the Roman Catholic Church

vul·ner·a·bil·i·ty /vəlˈner.əˌbil.ətē/ noun
▷ : the quality or state of being vulnerable
  Synonyms
  ▷ exposure, liability, openness—more at EXPOSURE

vul·ner·a·ble /vəlˈner.ə.bl/ adjective
1 ▷ : capable of being wounded : susceptible to wounds
2 ▷ : open to attack
3 : liable to increased penalties in contract bridge
— vul·ner·a·bly /vəlˈner.ə.blē/ adverb
  Synonyms
  ▷ [1] exposed, liable, open, sensitive, subject, susceptible—more at LIABLE
  ▷ [2] defenseless, exposed, helpless, susceptible, undefended, unguarded, unprotected, unresistant—more at HELPLESS

vul·pine /vəlˈpim/ adjective
: of, relating to, or resembling a fox esp. in cunning

vul·ture /vəlˈchər/ noun
1 : any of various large birds (as a turkey vulture) related to the hawks, eagles, and falcons but having weaker claws and the head usu. naked and living chiefly on carrion
2 : a rapacious person

vul·va /ˈvəlˌva/ noun, plural vul·vae /ˈvəlˌvē/ [origin: ME, fr. ML, fr. L volva, vulva womb, female genitals]
: the external parts of the female genital organs
— vul·val /ˈvəlˌvæl/ or vul·var /ˈvəlˌvâr, -vâr/ adjective

vv abbreviation
1 verses
2 vice versa

vying present participle of vie
W

1 w /ˈdē. bəl. ˈyū/ noun, plural w's or ws often cap
   : the 23d letter of the English alphabet
   
2 w abbreviation, often cap
   1 water
   2 watt
   3 week
   4 weight
   5 west; western
   6 wide; width
   7 wife
   8 with
   = W symbol
   [ORIGIN: G Wolfram]
   tungsten
   = WA abbreviation
   1 Washington
   2 Western Australia
   =

wacky /ˈwā. kā/ adjective wack-i-er; -est
   : eccentric or irrational esp. in an amusing, absurd, or fantastic manner; also: CRAZY
   Synonyms
   ▶ far-out, funny, odd, quirky, screwy, strange, wild—more at ODD
   ▶ absurd, cockeyed, crazy, cuckoo, daft, foolish, harebrained, insane, mad, nutty, preposterous, sappy,
   screwball, silly, zany—more at FOOLISH
   =

1 wad /wād/ noun
   1 ▶: a little mass, bundle, or tuft <<s of clay>
   2 ▶: a soft mass of usu. light fibrous material
   3 ▶: a pliable plug (as of felt) used to retain a powder charge (as in a cartridge)
   4 ▶: a considerable amount (as of money)
   5 ▶: a roll of paper money
   Synonyms
   ▶ [1] blob, chunk, clod, clump, glob, gob, hunk, lump, nub—more at LUMP
   ▶ [4] fortune, mint
   =

2 wad verb wad-ed; wad-ing
   1 ▶: to push a wad into << a gun>
   2 ▶: to form into a wad
   3 ▶: to hold in by a wad << a bullet in a gun>
   4 ▶: to stuff or line with a wad: PAD
   Synonyms
   ▶ agglomerate, ball, conglomerate, roll, round; also clump, lump; bead
   Antonyms
   unroll
   =

wad·ding /ˈwā. dĭng/ noun
   1 ▶: WADS; also : material for making wads
   2 ▶: a soft mass or sheet of short loose fibers used for stuffing or padding
   =

wad·dle /wād·l/ verb wad-dled; wad-dling
   : to walk with short steps swaying from side to side like a duck
   — waddle noun
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wade /wād/ verb wad-ed; wad-ing
   1 ▶: to step in or through a medium (as water) more resistant than air
2: to move or go with difficulty or labor and often with determination "through a dull book"
3: to set to work or attack with determination or vigor — used with in or into
— wad·able or wade·able /ˈwād·əbəl/ adjective
— wade noun

wad·er /ˈwā·dər/ noun
1: one that wades
2: SHOREBIRD; also: WADING BIRD
3 plural: a waterproof garment consisting of pants with attached boots for wading

wa·di /ˈwā·dē/ noun
[origin: Ar wādiy]: a streambed of southwest Asia and northern Africa that is dry except in the rainy season

wading bird noun
: any of an order of long-legged birds (as sandpipers, cranes, or herons) that wade in water in search of food

wa·fer /ˈwā·fər/ noun
1: a thin crisp cake or cracker
2: a thin round piece of unleavened bread used in the Eucharist
3: something (as a piece of candy) that resembles a wafer

1 wa·ffle /ˈwāf·lə/ noun
: a soft but crisp cake of batter cooked in a special hinged metal utensil (waﬄe iron)

2 waﬄe verb waﬄed; waﬄing /ˈwāfl·ing/:
: to speak or write in a vague or evasive manner

1 waﬄt /ˈwāft/ verb
: to cause to move or go lightly by or as if by the impulse of wind or waves

Synonyms
drift, float, glide, hang, hover, poise, ride, sail—more at FLOAT

2 waﬄt noun
1: a slight breeze: PUFF
2: the act of waﬄing

Synonyms
air, breath, breeze, puff, zephyr—more at BREEZE

1 wag /wāg/ verb wagged; wag·ging
1: to sway or swing shortly from side to side or to-and-fro <the dog wagged his tail>
2: to move in chatter
3: GOSSIP <scandal caused tongues to ~>

2 wag noun
: an act of wagging: a wagging movement

3 wag noun
: a person full of sport and humor: JOKER

Synonyms
card, comedian, comic, humorist, jester, joker, wit—more at HUMORIST

1 wage /wāj/ noun
1: payment for labor or services usu. according to contract — often used in pl.
2 plural: an equivalent or a return for something done, suffered, or given: RECOMPENSE

Synonyms
usually wages plural emolument, hire, pay, payment, salary, stipend; also compensation, recompense, remittance, remuneration, requital, return; check, commission, paycheck; redress, reparation, restitution; repayment, reimbursement; profit, takings, yield

2 wage verb waged; wag·ing
1: to engage in: CARRY ON "~ a war"
1. **wager** /ˈwā ğər/ noun
   1: something (as a sum of money) risked on an uncertain event: **BET, STAKE**
   2: something on which bets are laid: **GAMBLE**
2. **wager** verb
   ✧ to make a bet

    Synonyms
    ✧ bet, gamble, go, lay, stake—more at **BET**

1. **wag·gery** /ˈwäˌgərē/ noun, plural -ger·ies
   1 ✧: playfulness and mischievous merriment
   2 ✧: something done or said in fun: **JEST**

    Synonyms
    ✧ [1] devilishness, impishness, knavery, mischief, mischievousness, rascality, shenanigans, wickedness—more at **MISCHIEF**
    ✧ [2] crack, gag, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantry, quip, sally, wisecrack, witticism—more at **JOKER**

1. **wag·gish** /ˈwäˌgīsh/ adjective
   ✧ resembling or characteristic of a wag: **MISCHIEVOUS**
   2: done or made for fun: **HUMOROUS**

    Synonyms
    ✧ devilish, impish, knavish, mischievous, rascally, roguish, sly, wicked—more at **MISCHIEVOUS**

1. **wag·gle** /ˈwäˌgəl/ verb *wagged; wag·ging*
   ✧ to move backward and forward or from side to side: **WAG**

1. **wag·glish** /ˈwäˌgəlish/ adjective
   ✧ **MISCHIEVOUS**

1. **wag·gon** chiefly British variant of **WAGON**

1. **wag·on** /ˈwäˌgən/ noun
   1: a 4-wheeled vehicle; especially: one drawn by animals and used for freight or merchandise
   2: **PADDY WAGON**
   3: a child's 4-wheeled cart
   4: **STATION WAGON**

1. **wag·on·er** /ˈwäˌgən·ər/ noun
   ✧ the driver of a wagon

1. **wag·on·ette** /ˈwäˌgən·ət/ noun
   ✧ a light wagon with two facing seats along the sides behind a cross seat in front

1. **wa·gon–lit** /ˈwāˌgōnˈlēt/ noun, plural wagons–lits or wagon–lits /ˈwāˌgōnˌlē茨/ [Origin: F, fr. wagon railroad car + lit bed]
   ✧ a railroad sleeping car

1. **wagon train** noun
   ✧ a column of wagons traveling overland

1. **wag·tail** /ˈwäˌtail/ noun
   ✧ any of various slender-bodied mostly Old World birds with a long tail that jerks up and down

1. **wah·i·ne** /wāˌhēˌnē/ noun
   1: a Polynesian woman
   2: a female surfer

1. **wa·hoo** /wāˌhū/ noun, plural wahoos
waif /wāf/ noun
1: something found without an owner and esp. by chance
2: a stray person or animal; especially: a homeless child

waif /wāf/ verb
1 ➤ : to express sorrow audibly: make a mournful outcry
2 : to make a sound suggestive of a mournful cry
3 : to express dissatisfaction in a manner suggestive of sadness: COMPLAIN

Synonyms
bay, howl, keen, yowl—more at HOWL
➤ usually wait for bemoan, bewail, deplore, grieve, lament, mourn—more at LAMENT

wait noun
1 ➤ : a usu. prolonged cry or sound expressing grief or pain

Synonyms
groan, howl, keen, lament, moan, plaint—more at LAMENT

wail·ful /ˈwā(ə)l-fəl/ adjective
SORROWFUL, MOURNFUL
— wail·ful·ly adverb

wain /wān/ noun
: a usu. large heavy farm wagon

wain·scot /wānˈskætˌ, ˈskətˌ, ˈskætˌ/ noun
1 : a usu. paneled wooden lining of an interior wall of a room
2 : the lower part of an interior wall when finished differently from the rest
— wainscot verb

wain·scot·ing or wain·scot·ting /ˌskætˌ, ˈskætˌ, ˈskətˌ/ noun
: material for a wainscot; also: WAINSCOT

waist /ˈwāst/ noun
1 : the narrowed part of the body between the chest and hips
2 : a part resembling the human waist esp. in narrowness or central position <the ~ of a ship>
3 : a garment or part of a garment (as a blouse or bodice) for the upper part of the body

Synonyms
middle, midriff—more at MIDRIFF

waist·band /ˌbænd/ noun
: a band (as on pants or a skirt) that fits around the waist

waist·coat /ˈwesˌkətˌ, ˈwāstˌkəlt/ noun, chiefly British
VEST 1

waist·line /ˈwāstˌlain/ noun
1 : an arbitrary usu. imaginary line around the waist at its narrowest part; also: the length of this
2 : the line at which the bodice and skirt of a dress meet

wait /wāt/ verb
1 ➤ : to remain inactive in readiness or expectation <~ for orders>
2 : to delay serving (a meal)
3 : to act as attendant or servant <~ on customers>
4 : to attend as a waiter: SERVE <~ tables> <~ at a banquet>
5 ➤ : to be ready

Synonyms
➤ [1, 5] await, bide, hold on, stay; also hang around, linger, stick around; anticipate, expect

wait noun
1 : a position of concealment usu. with intent to attack or surprise <lie in ~>
2 : an act or period of waiting

wait·er /wāˈtər/ noun
1 : one that waits on another; especially : a person who waits tables
2 : TRAY

waiting game noun
: a strategy in which one or more participants withhold action in the hope of an opportunity for more effective action later

wait·ing room noun
: a room (as at a doctor's office) for the use of persons who are waiting

wait·per·son /wāˈpərˌsən/ noun
: a waiter or waitress

wait·ress /ˈwātərəs/ noun
: a woman who waits tables

waive /wāv/ verb waived; waiv·ing
[origin: ME weiven to decline, reject, give up, fr. AF waiver, gaiver, fr. waiif lost, stray]
1 : to give up claim to <waived his right to a trial>
2 : POSTPONE

waiv·er /wāˈvar/ noun
1 : the act of waiving right, claim, or privilege
2 : a document containing a declaration of a waiver

wake /wāk/ verb woke /wōk/ also waked /wākəd/ woken /wōˈken/ or waked also woke; wak·ing
1 : to be or remain awake; especially : to keep watch (as over a corpse)
2 ▶ : to become awake : AWAKEN <the baby woke up early>
3 ▶ : to rouse from sleep : AWAKEN
   Synonyms
   ▶ [2, 3] arouse, awake, rouse; also arise, get up, rise; watch; revive; reawaken; shift, stir

wake noun
1 : the state of being awake
2 : a watch held over the body of a dead person prior to burial

wake noun
: the track left by a ship in the water; also : a track left behind

wake·board /wākˈbərd/ noun
: a short board with foot bindings on which a rider is towed by a motorboat across its wake
   — wake·board·er noun
   — wake·board·ing noun

wake·ful /wākˈfəl/ adjective
▶ : not sleeping or able to sleep : SLEEPLESS
   — wake·ful·ness noun
   Synonyms
   ▶ awake, sleepless, wide-awake; also aroused, awakened, roused, wakened; aware, conscious; revived
   Antonyms
   ▶ asleep, dormant, dozing, napping, resting, sleeping, slumbering

wak·en /wākˈən/ verb
1 : to cause to come awake : WAKE
2 : to cease to be asleep : WAKE

wake·rob·in /wākˈrōbən/ noun
: TRILLIUM

wak·ing /wāˈkɪng/ adjective
walk /wɔk/ verb
[ORIGIN: partly fr. ME *walken, fr. OE wealcan to roll, toss and partly fr. ME *walkien, fr. OE wealcian to roll up, muffle up]
1 : to move or cause to move on foot usu. at a natural unhurried gait <~ to town> <~ a horse>
2 : to pass over, through, or along by walking <~ the streets>
3 : to perform or accomplish by walking <~ guard>
4 : to follow a course of action or way of life <~ humbly in the sight of God>
5 : WALK OUT
6 : to receive a base on balls; also : to give a base on balls to
— walk·er noun

Synonyms
foot, leg, pad, step, traipse, tread; also parade, promenade; march, pace, stride; hike, trek; amble, perambulate, ramble, saunter, stroll, wander; clump, stomp, stump, tramp, tromp; plod, trudge; hobble, limp; mince, prance, pussyfoot, tiptoe; stalk, strut, swagger; lumber, lurch, pound, shamble, shuffle, stagger; nip, trip, trot

2 walk noun
1 : a going on foot <go for a ~> 
2 : a place, path, or course for walking 
3 : distance to be walked <a quarter-mile ~ from here> 
4 : manner of living : CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR 
5 : social or economic status <various ~s of life> 
6 : manner of walking : GAIT; especially : a slow 4-beat gait of a horse 
7 : BASE ON BALLS 

Synonyms
perambulation, ramble, stroll, turn; also parade, promenade; expedition, hike, march, peregrination, travel, trek, trip; excursion, jaunt, junket, outing, tour; pilgrimage, progress, safari

walk·away /wɔk.ˈeɪ/ noun
: an easily won contest

walk·ie–talk·ie /ˌwɔk.iˈtəki/ noun
: a small portable radio transmitting and receiving set

walk·in /wɔk.ˈɪn/ adjective
: large enough to be walked into <a ~ refrigerator>

walk·in noun
1 : an easy election victory 
2 : one that walks in

walking papers noun plural
: DISMISSAL, DISCHARGE

walking stick noun
1 : a stick used in walking
2 : STICK INSECT; especially : one of the U.S. and Canada

walk·on /ˈwɔk.ˈɒn, .ən/ noun
: a small part in a dramatic production

walk·out /ˈwɔk.əʊt/ noun
1 : a labor strike 
2 : the action of leaving a meeting or organization as an expression of disapproval

walk out verb
1 : to leave suddenly often as an expression of disapproval

: passed in a conscious or alert state <every ~ hour>
2 : to go on strike

walk-over /ˌwəlˈoʊvər/ noun
: a one-sided contest : an easy victory

walk-up /ˈwəlkˌap/ noun
: a building or apartment house without an elevator
— walk-up adjective

walk-way /ˌwɔklˈweɪ/ noun
: a passage for walking

1 wall /wɔl/ noun
1 a : something that resembles a wall in function esp. by establishing limits or providing defense
2 : one of the upright enclosing parts of a building or room
3 : the inside surface of a cavity or container <the ~ of a boiler>
4 : something like a wall in appearance, function, or effect <a tariff ~>
—— walled /ˈwɔld/ adjective

Synonyms
▷ [1a] barrier, fence, hedge—more at BARRIER
▷ [1b] aegis, armor, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, ward—more at DEFENSE

2 wall verb
1 : to provide, separate, or surround with or as if with a wall <~ in a garden>
2 : to close (an opening) with or as if with a wall <~ up a door>

Synonyms
▷ usually wall in cage, closet, coop, corral, encase, enclose, envelop, fence, hedge, hem, house, immure, pen—more at ENCLOSE

wallaby /ˈwɔləbɛ/ noun, plural wallabies also wallaby
: any of various small or medium-sized kangaroos

wall-board /wɔlˈbɔrd/ noun
: a structural material (as of wood pulp or plaster) made in large sheets and used for sheathing interior walls and ceilings

wallet /ˈwɔlɛt/ noun
1 : a bag or sack for carrying things on a journey
2 : a pocketbook with compartments (as for personal papers and usu. unfolded money) : BILLFOLD

wall-eye /ˈwɔləˌɪ/ noun
1 : an eye with a whitish iris or an opaque white cornea
2 : a large vigorous No. American food and sport fish related to the perches
—— wall-eyed /ˈwɔld/ adjective

wallflower /ˈwɔlfələ/ noun
1 : any of several Old World herbs related to the mustards; especially : one with showy fragrant flowers
2 : a person who usu. from shyness or unpopularity remains alone (as at a dance)
—— Wallon adjective

1 wallop /ˈwɔləp/ verb
[origin: ME walopen to gallop, fr. OF waloper]
1 : to beat soundly : TROUNCE
2 : to hit hard and often repeatedly

Synonyms
wan /wän/ adjective wan·ner; wan·nest
1 : having a sickly, pale color suggestive of ill health: PALLID; also: FEEBLE
2 : DIM, FAINT
3 : LANGUID <a ~ smile>
— wan·ly adverb
— wan·ness noun

wand /wänd/ noun
1 : a slender staff carried in a procession
2 : the staff of a fairy, diviner, or magician

wan·der /wăn·der/ verb
1 ▷ : to move about aimlessly or without a fixed course or goal: RAMBLE
2 : to go astray in conduct or thought; especially: to become delirious

   Synonyms
   ▷ gad, gallivant, knock, maulder, meander, mope, ramble, range, roam, rove, traipse; also amble, saunter, stroll; straggle, stray; prowl, tramp, travel

wan·der·er noun
▷ : one that wanders

   Synonyms
   ▷ drifter, nomad, rambler, rover, stroller, vagabond—more at NOMAD

wandering Jew noun
▷ : either of two trailing or creeping plants cultivated for their showy and often white-striped foliage

wan·der·lust /wăn·der·lust/ noun
▷ : strong longing for or impulse toward wandering

1wane /wān/ verb waned; wan·ing
1 ▷ : to grow gradually smaller or less <the full moon ~s to new> <his strength waned>
2 : to lose power, prosperity, or influence
3 : to draw near an end <summer is waning>

   Synonyms
   ▷ abate, de-escalate, decline, decrease, die, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, lessen, let up, lower, moderate, recede, relent, shrink, subside, taper—more at DECREASE

2wane noun
▷ : a waning (as in size or power); also : a period in which something is waning

wan·gle /wăngl/ verb wan·gled; wan·gling
1 ▷ : to obtain by sly or devious means; also : to use trickery or questionable means to achieve an end
2 ▷ : to adjust or manipulate esp. for personal or fraudulent ends; also : FINAGLE

   Synonyms
   ▷ [1, 2] contrive, finagle, finesse, frame, machinate, maneuver, mastermind, negotiate

wan·na–be also wan·na·bee /wän·nə·bē/ noun
▷ : a person who wants or aspires to be someone or something else or who tries to look or act like someone else

1want /wânt, wânt/ verb
1 ▷ : to fail to possess : LACK <they ~ the necessities of life>
2 ▷ : to feel the need of <<ed a chance to rest>
3 ▷ : to be in need of : REQUIRE <the house ~s painting>
4 ▷ : to desire earnestly : WISH

   Synonyms
   ▷ [2, 3] demand, necessitate, need, require, take, warrant—more at NEED
   ▷ [4] ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, wish, yearn—more at DESIRE

2want noun
1 ▷ : a lack of a required or usual amount
2 ▶: dire need: DESTITUTION
3 ▶: something wanted: DESIRE
4 ▶: personal defect: FAULT

**Synonyms**
- [1] dearth, deficiency, deficit, failure, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, paucity, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortage—more at DEFICIENCY
- [1] absence, lack, need—more at NEED
- [2] beggary, destitution, impecuniousness, impoverishment, indigence, need, pauperism, penury, poverty—more at POVERTY

1 wanting /ˈwɒntɪŋ/ adj. WANTING
1 ▶: not present or in evidence: ABSENT
2 ▶: falling below standards or expectations
3 ▶: lacking in ability or capacity: DEFICIENT ↔ in common sense

**Synonyms**
- [1] absent, missing, nonexistent—more at ABSENT
- [2, 3] deficient, inadequate, insufficient, scarce, short, shy—more at SHORT

2 wanting prep.
1: LESS, MINUS ≈ a month ~ two days
2: not having: WITHOUT ≈ a book ~ a cover

1 wanton /ˈwɒntən/ adj.
[Origin: ME, undisciplined, fr. wan- deficient, wrong + towen, pp. of teen to draw, train, discipline]
1 ▶: having, expressing, or inciting sensual desire or imagination
2 ▶: having no regard for justice or for other persons' feelings, rights, or safety: INHUMAN
3: having no just cause ≈ a ~ attack

— want·on·ly adv.

**Synonyms**
- [1] lascivious, lewd, lustful, passionate—more at LUSTFUL
- [2] barbarous, brutal, cruel, heartless, inhumane, sadistic, savage, vicious—more at CRUEL

2 wanton n.
: a wanton individual; especially: a lewd or immoral person

3 wanton v.
1: to be wanton: act wantonly
2: to pass or waste wantonly

wanton·ness n.
: the quality or state of being wanton

**Synonyms**
- barbarity, brutality, cruelty, inhumanity, sadism, savagery, viciousness—more at CRUELTY

wa·pi·ti /ˈwæpətē/ n., plural wapiti or wapitis
: ELK 2

1 war /wɔr/ n.
1 ▶: a state or period of usu. open and declared armed fighting between states or nations
2: the art or science of warfare
3 ▶: a state of hostility, conflict, or antagonism
4: a struggle between opposing forces or for a particular end "against disease"

— war·less /ˈləs/ adj.

**Synonyms**
- [1] combat, conflict, warfare; also civil war, cold war; action, battle, engagement; belligerency; wartime
-Antonyms
- peace
- [3] conflict, discord, dissension, dissent, disunity, friction, schism, strife, variance, warfare—more at Discord

2 war v. warred; war·ring
war

to engage in warfare: be in conflict

Synonyms
  usually war against battle, clash, combat, fight, scrimmage, skirmish—more at FIGHT

3 war abbreviation
warrant

1 warble /ˈwɔrˌbəl/ noun
  1 : a melodious succession of low pleasing sounds
  2 : a musical trill

Synonyms
  air, lay, melody, song, strain, tune—more at MELODY

2 warble verb war·bled; war·bling
  1 : to sing or utter in a trilling manner or with variations
  2 : to express by or as if by warbling

3 warble noun
  a swelling under the skin esp. of the back of cattle, horses, and wild mammals caused by the maggot of a fly (warble fly); also : its maggot

war·bler /ˈwɔrˌbələr/ noun
  1 : SONGSTER
  2 : any of various small slender-billed chiefly Old World songbirds related to the thrushes and noted for their singing
  3 : any of numerous small bright-colored insect-eating American birds with a usu. weak and unmusical song

war·bon·net /ˈwɔrˌbənˌnɛt/ noun
  a feathered American Indian ceremonial headdress

war crime noun
  a crime (as genocide) committed during or in connection with war

war cry noun
  1 : a cry used by fighters in war
  2 : a slogan used esp. to rally people to a cause

1 ward /wərd/ noun
  1 : a guarding or being under guard or guardianship; especially : CUSTODY
  2 : a body of guards
  3 : a division of a prison
  4 : a division in a hospital
  5 : a division of a city for electoral or administrative purposes
  6 : a person (as a child) under the protection of a guardian or a law court
  7 : a person or body of persons under the protection or tutelage of a government
  8 : a means of defense : PROTECTION

Synonyms
  [1] care, custody, guardianship, keeping, safekeeping, trust—more at CUSTODY
  [8] aegis, armor, cover, defense, guard, protection, safeguard, screen, security, shield, wall—more at DEFENSE

2 ward verb
  to turn aside : DEFLECT — usu. used with off <~ off a blow>

1 -ward /wərd/ also -wards /wərdz/ adjective suffix
  1 : that moves, tends, faces, or is directed toward <windward>
  2 : that occurs or is situated in the direction of <seaward>

2 -ward or -wards adverb suffix
  1 : in a (specified) direction <upwards> <afterward>
  2 : toward a (specified) point, position, or area <skyward>

war dance noun
  a dance performed (as by American Indians) before going to war or in celebration of victory
war·den /ˈwɔrdən/ noun
1 : one having care or charge of something : GUARDIAN
2 : the governor of a town, district, or fortress
3 : an official charged with special supervisory or enforcement duties <game ~> <air raid ~>
4 : an official in charge of the operation of a prison
5 : one of two ranking lay officers of an Episcopal parish
6 : any of various British college officials
   Synonyms
   caretaker, custodian, guardian, janitor, keeper, watchman—more at CUSTODIAN
word·er /ˈwɔrdər/ noun
1 : one that keeps guard esp. at a tower, gate, or door : WATCHMAN
   Synonyms
   custodian, guard, guardian, keeper, lookout, picket, sentry, warden, watch, watchman—more at GUARD
ward·heel·er /ˈwɔrdˌhiːlər/ noun
: a local worker for a political boss
wardrobe /ˈwɔrdˌrōb/ noun
[origin: ME warderobe, fr. AF *warderobe, garderobe, fr. warder, garder to guard + robe robe]
1 : a room or closet where clothes are kept; also : CLOTHESPRESS
2 : a collection of wearing apparel <his summer ~> ward·room /ˈwɔrdˌrʊm/ noun
: the dining area for officers aboard a warship
ward·ship /ˈwɔrdˌʃɪp/ noun
1 : GUARDIANSHIP
2 : the state of being under care of a guardian
ware /wɔr/ noun
1 : manufactured articles or products of art or craft : GOODS <glassware>
2 : an article of merchandise — often used in pl. <a peddler hawking his ~> ward·room /ˈwɔrdˌrʊm/ noun
: a room in which goods are exhibited for sale
war·fare /ˈwɔrˌfɛr/ noun
1 : military operations between enemies : WAR; also : an activity undertaken by one country to weaken or destroy another <economic ~> war·head /ˈwɔrˌhed/ noun
: the section of a missile containing the charge
war-horse /ˈhɔrəs/ noun
1 : a horse for use in war
2 : a veteran soldier or public person (as a politician)
3 : a musical composition that is often performed

war-like /ˈwʌrk/ adjective
1 ▶ : fond of war << peoples
2 : of, relating to, or useful in war : MILITARY, MARTIAL << supplies
3 ▶ : befitting or characteristic of war or of soldiers << attitudes

Synonyms
▶ [1, 3] aggressive, argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, combative, contentious, discordant, disputatious, militant, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent—more at BELLIGERENT

war-lock /ˈwɔrlk/ noun
[origin: ME warloghe, fr. OE wǣrloga one that breaks faith, the Devil, fr. wēr faith, troth + -loga (fr. lēogan to lie)]
: SORCERER, WIZARD

war-lord /ˈwɔrld/ noun
1 : a high military leader
2 : a military commander exercising local civil power by force <former Chinese ~s>

warm /wɔrm/ adjective
1 ▶ : having or giving out heat to a moderate or adequate degree << milk> <a ~ stove
2 : serving to retain heat << clothes
3 : feeling or inducing sensations of heat << from exercise> <a ~ climb
4 a : showing or marked by strong feeling : ARDENT << support
b ▶ : demonstratively genial, cordial, or sympathetic << to the idea
5 : marked by tense excitement or hot anger << a ~ campaign
6 : giving a pleasant impression of warmth, cheerfulness, or friendliness << colors> <a ~ tone of voice
7 : marked by or tending toward injury, distress, or pain <made things ~ for the enemy
8 : newly made : FRESH << a ~ scent
9 : near to a goal <getting ~ in a search
— warm-ly adverb

Synonyms
▶ [1] heated, tepid; also thawed; broiling, burning, fiery, hot, piping hot, red-hot, roasting, scalding, scorching, searing, sultry, sweltering, torrid; roasted, sweltering; blazing, glowing, molten, sizzling
Antonyms
chilled, cool, cooled
▶ [4b] amicable, companionable, comradely, cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, neighborly, warmhearted—more at FRIENDLY
▶ [4b] affirmative, favorable, good, positive

warm verb
1 : to make or become warm
2 : to give a feeling of warmth or vitality to
3 : to experience feelings of affection or pleasure <she ~ed to her guest
4 : to reheat for eating << ed over the roast
5 : to make ready for operation or performance by preliminary exercise or operation << up the motor
6 : to become increasingly ardent, interested, or competent <the speaker ~ed to his topic
— warm-er noun

warm-blood-ed /ˈbləd/ adjective
1 : able to maintain a relatively high and constant body temperature relatively independent of that of the surroundings
2 : ardent in spirit : expressing great feeling

warmed-over /ˈwɔrmd.ˈoʊr/ adjective
1 : REHEATED << cabbage
2 : not fresh or new << ideas
warm front noun
- an advancing edge of a warm air mass

warm-hearted adjective
- marked by or indicative of ready affection, generosity, cordiality, sympathy, or compassion
- warm-heartedness noun
  - Synonyms
    - beneficent, benevolent, compassionate, good-hearted, humane, kind, kindly, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted—more at HUMANE
    - amicable, companionable, comradely, cordial, friendly, genial, hearty, neighborly, warm—more at FRIENDLY

warning pan noun
- a long-handled covered pan filled with live coals and formerly used to warm a bed

war-monger /ˈwɔrˌmɒŋgər/ noun
- one who urges or attempts to stir up war
- war-mongering /-ˈmɒŋɡərɪŋ/ noun
  - Synonyms
    - agitator, firebrand, militant, rabble-rouser, belligerent
  - Antonyms
    - dove, pacifist

warmth /wɔrθ/ noun
- the quality or state of being warm in temperature or feeling
  - Synonyms
    - ardor, emotion, fervency, fervor, heat, intensity, passion, vehemence—more at ARDOR

warm up verb
- to engage in exercise or practice esp. before entering a game or contest
- warm-up /ˈwɔrmˌʌp/ noun

warn /wɔrn/ verb
1 a : to put on guard : CAUTION
b : to give supportive advice to : ADMONISH
2 : to notify esp. in advance
3 : to order to go or keep away
  - Synonyms
    - [1a, 2] alert, caution, forewarn; also augur, forecast, foretell, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy; advise, apprise, inform, notify; admonish; bode, forebode, portend

1 warning /ˈwɔrɪŋ/ noun
1 : the act of warning : the state of being warned
2 : something that warns or serves to warn
  - Synonyms
    - admonition, alarm, alert, caution, notice; also auguring, augury, forecasting, foretelling, predicting, prediction, presaging, prognosticating, prophecy, prophesying; apprising, informing, notification, notifying; advice, counsel, guidance, recommendation, suggestion; announcement, declaration

2 warning adjective
- serving as an alarm, signal, summons, or admonition <a ~ bell>
- warningly adverb
  - Synonyms
    - cautionary—more at CAUTIONARY

1 warp /wɔrp/ noun
1 : the lengthwise threads on a loom or in a woven fabric
2 : a twist out of a true plane or straight line <a ~ in a board>

2 warp verb
[origin: ME, fr. OE weorpan to throw]
1 : to turn or twist out of shape; also : to become so twisted
2 : to falsify, misinterpret, or give a false impression of : DISTORT
3 : to lead astray

Synonyms
   [1] contort, deform, distort, screw—more at CONTORT
   [2] color, distort, falsify, garble, misinterpret, misrepresent, misstate, pervert, twist—more at GARBLE

war paint noun
: paint put on the face and body by American Indians as a sign of going to war

war·path /wärˌpath/ noun
: the course taken by a party of American Indians going on a hostile expedition
— on the warpath
: ready to fight or argue

warped /wärpt/ adjective
: affected by warping : having become distorted or perverted

war·plane /wärˌplān/ noun
: a military airplane; especially : one armed for combat

warp speed noun
: the highest possible speed

'warrant /wärˌant, wär/ noun
1 : AUTHORIZATION; also : JUSTIFICATION, GROUND
2 : evidence (as a document) of authorization; especially : a legal writ authorizing an officer to take action (as in making an arrest, seizure, or search)
3 : a certificate of appointment issued to an officer of lower rank than a commissioned officer

warrant verb
1 : to guarantee security or immunity to : SECURE
2 : to declare or maintain positively <I ~ this is so>
3 : to assure (a person) of the truth of what is said
4 : to guarantee to be as it appears or as it is represented <~ goods as of the first quality>
5 : to give authority or power to for doing or forbearing to do something : SANCTION
6 : to give proof of : ATTEST
7 : JUSTIFY <his need ~ the expenditure>

Synonyms
   [2] affirm, allege, assert, aver, avouch, avow, claim, contend, declare, insist, maintain, profess, protest—more at CLAIM
   [5] approve, authorize, clear, OK, ratify, sanction—more at APPROVE

warrant officer noun
1 : an officer in the armed forces ranking next below a commissioned officer
2 : a commissioned officer ranking below an ensign in the navy or coast guard and below a second lieutenant in the marine corps

war·rant·ty /wärˈantē, wär/ noun, plural -ties
: an expressed or implied statement that some situation or thing is as it appears to be or is represented to be; especially : a usu. written guarantee of the integrity of a product and of the maker's responsibility for the repair or replacement of defective parts

Synonyms
   bond, contract, covenant, guarantee, guaranty, surety—more at GUARANTEE

war·ren /wärˈen, wär/ noun
1 : an area where rabbits breed; also : a structure where rabbits are bred or kept
2 : a crowded tenement or district

war·rior /wärˈēar, wärˈēər, wär/ noun
: a man engaged or experienced in warfare
Synonyms
- fighter, legionnaire, man-at-arms, regular, serviceman, soldier—more at soldier

war·ship /wɔrˌship/ noun
: a naval vessel

wart /wɔrt/ noun
1: a small usu. horny projecting growth on the skin; especially: one caused by a virus
2: a protuberance resembling a wart (as on a plant)
— warty adjective

wart·hog /wɔrtˌhɔg/ noun
: a wild African hog that has large tusks and in the male two pairs of rough warty protuberances below the eyes

war·time /wɔrtˌtim/ noun
: a period during which a war is in progress

wary /warˈe/ adjective war·i·er; -est
\[ very cautious; especially: careful in guarding against danger or deception \]
— war·i·ly /warˌe.li/ adverb
— war·i·ness /warˌe.nəs/ noun

Synonyms
- alert, careful, cautious, circumspect, considerate, gingerly, guarded, heedful, safe—more at careful

was past 1st & 3d sing of be

wa·sa·bi /wəˌsa bəˌ, wâˈsaˌ/ noun
[origin: Jp]
: a condiment prepared from the ground greenish root of an Asian herb and similar in flavor and use to horseradish; also: the herb or its root

1 wash /wɔsh, ˈwɑʃ/ verb
1: to clean with water and usu. soap or detergent (~ clothes) (~ your hands)
2: to wet thoroughly: drench
3: to flow along the border of (~ waves ~ the shore)
4: to pour or flow in a stream or current
5: to move or remove by or as if by the action of water
6: to cover or daub lightly with a liquid (as whitewash)
7: to run water over (as gravel or ore) in order to separate valuable matter from refuse (~ sand for gold)
8: to undergo laundering (~ a dress that doesn't ~ well)
9: to stand a test (~ that story will not ~)
10: to be worn away by water
11: to pour, sweep, or flow in a stream or current

Synonyms
- [2] bathe, douse, drench, soak, sop, souse, water, wet—more at wet
- [3] lap, lave, splash; also: gurgle, ripple, slosh
- [7] flush, irrigate, rinse, sluice—more at flush

2 wash noun
1: the act or process or an instance of washing or being washed
2: articles to be washed or being washed
3: the flow or action of a mass of water (as a wave)
4: erosion by waves (as of the sea)
5 west: the dry bed of a stream
6: worthless esp. liquid waste: refuse, swill
7: a thin coat of paint (as watercolor)
8: a disturbance in a fluid (as water or the air) caused by the passage of a wing or propeller

3 wash adjective
: washable
Wash

**abbreviation**
Washington

**wash·able** /ˈwɑːʃəbəl/ adjective
: capable of being washed without damage

**wash·and·wear** adjective
: of, relating to, or being a fabric or garment that needs little or no ironing after washing

**wash·ba·sin** /ˈwɔʃˌbæsən/ noun
: WASHBOWL

**wash·board** /ˌbɔːrd/ noun
: a grooved board to scrub clothes on

**wash·bowl** /ˌbɔːl/ noun
: a large bowl for water for washing hands and face

**wash·cloth** /ˌkləθ/ noun
: a cloth used for washing one's face and body

**washed·out** /ˈwɔːstət/ adjective
1 ▶: faded in color
2 : EXHAUSTED <felt ~ after working all night>

**Synonyms**
- dull, light, pale, pastel—more at PALE

**washed·up** /ˈəp/ adjective
: no longer successful, popular, skillful, or needed

**wash·er** /ˈwɑːsər/ noun
1: a ring or perforated plate used around a bolt or screw to ensure tightness or relieve friction
2: one that washes; especially : a machine for washing

**wash·er·wom·an** /ˌwɑːsərˈwʊmən/ noun
: a woman whose occupation is washing clothes

**wash·ing** /ˈwɔʃɪŋ/ noun
1: material obtained by washing
2: articles washed or to be washed

**washing soda** noun
: SODIUM CARBONATE

**Wash·ing·ton’s Birthday** /ˈwɑːʃɪŋtənz/ noun
: the 3d Monday in February observed as a legal holiday

**wash·out** /ˈwɔːʃəut/ noun
1 ▶: the washing away of earth (as from a road); also : a place where earth is washed away
2 ▶: a complete failure

**Synonyms**
- bummer, bust, catastrophe, debacle, dud, failure, fiasco, fizzle, flop, lemon, loser, turkey—more at FAILURE

**wash out** verb
1 ▶: to wash free of an extraneous substance (as dirt)
2 ▶: to drain of color in laundering
3 ▶: to eliminate as useless or unsatisfactory : REJECT
4 ▶: to destroy or render useless by the force or action of water
5 ▶: to deplete of strength or vitality : EXHAUST
6 ▶: to fail to meet requirements or measure up to a standard

**Synonyms**
- collapse, fail, flop, flunk, fold—more at FAIL
wash·room /ˈrʊm, ˈrʊm/ noun
: a room (as in a public building) equipped with washing and toilet facilities : BATHROOM

wash·stand /ˈstænd/ noun
1 : a stand holding articles needed for washing face and hands
2 : LAVATORY 1

wash·tub /ˈtæb/ noun
: a tub for washing or soaking clothes

wash·wom·an /ˈwɒʃ.wʊ.mən, ˈwɑːʃ./ noun
: WASHERWOMAN

wasy /ˈwɑː.sɪ, ˈwɑːs/ adjective wash·i·er, -est
1 : WEAK, WATERY
2 : PALLID
3 : lacking in vigor, individuality, or definiteness

wasp /wɑːsp, ˈwɒsp/ noun
: any of numerous social or solitary winged insects related to the bees and ants with biting mouthparts and in females and workers an often formidable sting

WASP or Wasp noun
[Origin: white Anglo-Saxon Protestant]
: an American of northern European and esp. British ancestry and of Protestant background

wasp·ish /ˈwɑːs.pɪʃ, ˈwɔːs./ adjective
1 : easily irritated : IRRITABLE
2 : resembling a wasp in form; especially : slightly built

Synonyms
- choleric, crabby, cranky, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, irritable, peevish, perverse, petulant, short-tempered, snappish, snappy, snippy, testy—more at IRRITABLE

wasp waist noun
: a very slender waist

wassail /ˈwɑːs.el, wɑːˈsəl/ noun
[Origin: ME wæs hæil, washayl, fr. ON ves heill be well]
1 : an early English toast to someone's health
2 : a hot drink made with wine, beer, or cider, spices, sugar, and usu. baked apples and traditionally served at Christmas
3 : a period of riotous drinking

wassail verb
1 : CAROUSE
2 : to drink to the health of

Was·ser·mann test /ˈwɑːs.ər.mənˌ, ˈvɑː/. noun
: a blood test for the detection of syphilis

wast·age /ˈwɑːstij/ noun
: loss, decrease, or destruction of something (as by use, decay, erosion, or leakage)

Synonyms
- annihilation, demolition, desolation, destruction, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wreckage—more at DESTRUCTION

waste /ˈwɑːst/ noun
1 : a sparsely settled or barren region : DESERT; also : uncultivated land
2 a : the act or an instance of wasting : the state of being wasted
   b : useless or profitless consumption or expenditure
3 : gradual loss or decrease by use, wear, or decay
waste verb wasted; wasting
1 : to damage or destroy gradually and progressively : DEVASTATE
2 : to wear away or diminish gradually : CONSUME
3 : to spend or use carelessly or uselessly : SQUANDER
4 : to lose or cause to lose weight, strength, or energy <wasting away from fever>
5 : to become diminished in bulk or substance : DWINDLE

Synonyms

[1] annihilate, blot out, demolish, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, pulverize, ruin, shatter, smash, tear down, wipe out, wreck—more at DESTROY
[3] blow, dissipate, fritter, lavish, misspend, run through, spend, squander, throw away; also splurge; consume, deplete, exhaust, impoverish; indulge, overindulge; disburse, expend, lay out

Antonyms

[1] conserve

usually waste away [4] decay, droop, fail, flag, go, lag, languish, sag, weaken, wilt—more at WEAKEN

1 waste adjective
1 : being wild and uninhabited : BARREN; also : UNCULTIVATED
2 : being in a ruined condition
3 : discarded as worthless after being used <~ water>
4 : excreted from or stored in inert form in a living organism as a by-product of vital activity <~ matter from birds>

waste·bas·ket /ˈwastˌbaskət/ noun
: a receptacle for refuse

wast·ed adjective
: showing or feeling the effects of wasting

Synonyms

cadaverous, gaunt, haggard, skeletal

waste·ful /ˈwast(f)əl/ adjective
: given to or marked by lack of thrift or careful use

Synonyms

extravagant, prodigal, profligate, spendthrift, thriftless, unthrifty

waste·ful·ness noun
: the quality of fact of being wasteful

Synonyms

extravagance, lavishness, prodigality

waste·land /ˈwastˌlænd, ˈlæn(d)/ noun
: land that is barren or unfit for cultivation

Synonyms

barren, desert, desolation, waste; also badland; bush, brush; dust bowl; hinterland, upland; open, open air, outdoors, out-of-doors, nature, wild, wilderness

waste·pa·per /ˈwastˌpər/ noun
: paper thrown away as used, not needed, or not fit for use

wast·er noun
wastrel noun
: one that wastes

Synonyms
prodigal, profligate, spendthrift—more at prodigal

watch verb
1: to be or stay awake intentionally : keep vigil ed by the patient's bedside and pray
2: to be on the lookout for danger : be on one's guard
3: to keep guard outside the door
4 a: OBSERVE a game
b: to take care of
5 a: to observe closely in order to check on action or change
b: to keep in view so as to prevent harm or warn of danger a brush fire carefully
6: to keep oneself informed about his progress
7: to lie in wait for esp. so as to take advantage of ed her opportunity
8: to be expectant : wait for something

—watcher noun

Synonyms
follow, heed, listen, mind, note, observe, regard—more at heed
usually watch for anticipate, await, expect, hope—more at expect

watch noun
1: the act of keeping awake to guard, protect, or attend; also: a state of alert and continuous attention
2: a public weather alert a winter storm
3: close observation
4: a person who watches: lookout; also: the office or function of a sentinel or guard
5: a period during which a part of a ship's crew is on duty; also: the part of a crew on duty during a watch
6: a portable timepiece carried on the person

Synonyms
alertness, attentiveness, lookout, surveillance, vigilance—more at vigilance
custodian, guard, guardian, keeper, lookout, picket, sentry, warden, warder, watchman—more at guard

watch-band noun
: the bracelet or strap of a wristwatch

watch-dog noun
1: a dog kept to guard property
2: one that guards or protects

watchful adjective
: steadily attentive and alert esp. to danger: vigilant
—watchful-ly adverb

Synonyms
alert, attentive, awake, vigilant, wide-awake—more at alert

watchfulness noun
: the act or state of being watchful

watchmaker noun
: a person who makes or repairs watches

watchmaking noun

watchman noun
1: a person assigned to watch: guard
2: one who is employed to patrol property for the purpose of protecting it against theft, fire, or other damage

Synonyms
1, 2 custodian, guard, guardian, keeper, lookout, picket, sentry, warden, warder, watch—more at guard

watch night noun
watch out verb
▷ : to be vigilant or alert : be on the lookout — often used with for
  Synonyms
 ▷ usually watch out for beware, guard

watch·tow·er /ˈwāchˌtaʊər, ˈwāch/ noun
: a tower for a lookout

watch·word /ˈwāchˌwörd/ noun
1 : a secret word used as a signal or sign of recognition
2 ▷ : a word or motto used as a slogan or rallying cry
  Synonyms
 ▷ cry, shibboleth, slogan—more at SLOGAN

water /ˈwātər/ noun
1 : the liquid that descends as rain and forms rivers, lakes, and seas
2 : a natural mineral water — usu. used in pl.
3 plural : the water occupying or flowing in a particular bed; also : a band of seawater bordering on and under the control of a country
4 : any of various liquids containing or resembling water; especially : a watery fluid (as tears, urine, or sap) formed or circulating in a living organism
5 : a specified degree of thoroughness or completeness <a scoundrel of the first ~>

water verb
1 a ▷ : to moisten, sprinkle, or soak with water
b : to supply with or get or take water <~ horses< the ship ~ed at each port>
2 : to treat (as cloth) so as to give a lustrous appearance in wavy lines
3 ▷ : to dilute by or as if by adding water to — often used with down
4 : to form or secrete water or watery matter <her eyes ~ed> <my mouth ~ed>
  Synonyms
  ▷ [1a] bathe, douse, drench, soak, sop, souse, wash, wet—more at WET
  ▷ usually water down [3] adulterate, dilute, thin, weaken—more at ADULTERATE

water bed noun
: a bed whose mattress is a watertight bag filled with water

water·borne /ˌwātərˈbōrn/ adjective
: supported, carried, or transmitted by water

water buffalo noun
: a common oxlike often domesticated Asian bovine

water chestnut noun
: a whitish crunchy vegetable used esp. in Chinese cooking that is the peeled tuber of a widely cultivated Asian sedge; also : the tuber or the sedge itself

water closet noun
: a compartment or room with a toilet bowl : BATHROOM; also : a toilet bowl along with its accessories

water·col·or /ˈwātərˌkələr, ˈwātər-/ noun
1 : a paint whose liquid part is water
2 : the art of painting with watercolors
3 : a picture made with watercolors

water·course /ˈwātərˌkōrs/ noun
▷ : a stream of water; also : the bed of a stream
  Synonyms
  ▷ aqueduct, canal, channel, conduit, flume, raceway—more at CHANNEL

water·craft /ˈwātərkraft/ noun
water cress /ˌwɔrtəˈkres/ noun
: an aquatic perennial Eurasian cress that is naturalized in the U.S. and has edible leaves used esp. in salads

waterfall /ˌwɔrtəˈfɔl/ noun
: a very steep descent of the water of a stream
Synonyms
- cascade, cataract, falls

waterfowl /ˌwɔrtəˈfəl/ (a. wɔ/) noun, plural -fowl also -fowls
: a bird that frequents water; especially: a swimming bird (as a duck) hunted as game

waterfront /ˌwɔrtəˈfront/ noun
: land or a section of a town fronting or abutting on a body of water

water gap noun
: a pass in a mountain ridge through which a stream runs

water glass noun
: a drinking glass

water hyacinth noun
: a showy floating aquatic plant of tropical America that often clogs waterways (as in the southern U.S.)

watering hole noun
: a place (as a bar) where people gather socially

watering place noun
: a resort that features mineral springs or bathing

water lily noun
: any of various aquatic plants with floating roundish leaves and showy solitary flowers

waterline /ˌwɔrtəˈlaɪn/ noun
: a line that marks the level of the surface of water on something (as a ship or the shore)

waterlogged /ˌwɔrtəˈloʊd/ adjective
: so filled or soaked with water as to be heavy or unmanageable <a ~ boat>

watermark /ˈwɔrtəˌmɑrk/ noun
1: a mark indicating the height to which water has risen
2: a marking in paper visible when the paper is held up to a light

watermelon /ˈwɔrtəˌmɛlən/ noun
: a large roundish or oblong fruit with sweet juicy usu. red pulp; also: a widely grown African vine related to the squashes that produces watermelons

water moccasin noun
: a venomous pit viper chiefly of the southeastern U.S. that is related to the copperhead

water ouzel /ˈwɔrtəˌzəl/ noun
: DIPPER 1

water park noun
: an amusement park with a pool and wetted slides
water pipe noun
: a pipe for smoking that has a long flexible tube whereby the smoke is cooled by passing through water

water polo noun
: a team game played in a swimming pool with a ball resembling a soccer ball

water power /ˈwɔːtərˈpɔːrər/ noun
: the power of moving water used to run machinery

1 waterproof /ˈwɔːtərˈprɔft/ adjective
: not letting water through; especially: covered or treated with a material to prevent permeation by water
— waterproofing noun

2 waterproof noun
1 : a waterproof fabric
2 chiefly British: RAINCOAT

3 waterproof verb
: to make waterproof

water-repellent /ˈwɔːtərˌrɛpˈlɛnt/ adjective
: treated with a finish that is resistant to water penetration

water-resistant /ˈwɔːtərˌrɛzˈtɛnt/ adjective
: WATER-REPELLENT

water shed /ˈwɔːtərˌshed/ noun
1 : a dividing ridge between two drainage areas
2 : the region or area drained by a particular body of water

water side /ˈsайд/ noun
: the land bordering a body of water

water ski noun
: a ski used on water when the wearer is towed
— water-ski verb

water-skier /ˈskiːər/ noun

water snake noun
: any of various snakes found in or near freshwater and feeding largely on aquatic animals

water spout /ˈwɔːtərˌspɔut/ noun
1 : a pipe for carrying water
2 : a funnel-shaped cloud extending from a cloud down to a spray torn up by whirling winds from an ocean or lake

water strider noun
: any of various long-legged bugs that move about swiftly on the surface of water

water table noun
: the upper limit of the portion of the ground wholly saturated with water

water-tight /ˈwɔːtərˌtɪt/ adjective
1 : constructed so as to keep water out
2 : allowing no possibility for doubt or uncertainty <a ~ case against the accused>

water way /ˈwɔːtərˌweɪ/ noun
: a navigable body of water

water wheel /ˈhwɛl/ noun
: a wheel made to turn by water flowing against it

water wings noun plural
: an air-filled device to give support to a person's body esp. when learning to swim

water works /ˈwɔːtərˌwɜːks/ noun plural
wa·tery /ˈwə.tər.i/ adjective
1 : containing, full of, or giving out water (~ clouds)
2 : resembling water or watery matter esp. in thin fluidity, soggy texture, paleness, or lack of flavor : THIN (~ lemonade); also : being soft and soggy (~ turnips)

Synonyms
- [1] saturated, sodden, soggy, waterlogged, wet—more at WET
- [2] dilute, thin, weak—more at WEAK

WATS /ˈwætəs/ abbreviation
Wide-Area Telecommunications Service

watt /ˈwɒt/ noun
[Origin: James Watt †1819 Scottish engineer and inventor]
: the metric unit of power equal to the work done at the rate of one joule per second or to the power produced by a current of one ampere across a potential difference of one volt

watt·age /ˈwɒt.ɪdʒ/ noun
: amount of power expressed in watts

wat·tle /ˈwɔtəl/ noun
1 : a framework of rods with flexible branches or reeds interlaced used esp. formerly in building; also : material for this framework
2 : a naked fleshy process hanging usu. from the head or neck (as of a bird)
— wat·tled /ˈwɔtləd/ adjective

W Aust abbreviation
Western Australia

wave /wɔv/ verb waved; wav·ing
1 : FLUTTER (~ flags waving in the breeze)
2 : to motion with the hands or with something held in them in signal or salute; also : to convey by waving (~ waved farewell)
3 : to become moved or brandished to-and-fro; also : BRANDISH, FLOURISH (~ a sword)
4 : to move before the wind with a wavelike motion (~ fields of waving grain)
5 : to curve up and down like a wave : UNDULATE

Synonyms
- flag, gesture, motion, signal—more at MOTION

wave noun
1 : a moving ridge or swell on the surface of water
2 : a wavelike formation or shape (~ in the hair)
3 : the action or process of making wavy or curly
4 : a waving motion; especially : a signal made by waving something
5 : FLOW, GUSH (~ of anger swept over her)
6 : a peak of activity (~ of selling)
7 : a disturbance that transfers energy progressively from point to point in a medium (~ light travels in ~s) (~ a sound ~)
8 : a period of hot or cold weather

— wave·like adjective

Synonyms
- billow, curl, surge, swell

wave·length /ˈwɔvˌlɛŋθ/ noun
1 : the distance in the line of advance of a wave from any one point (as a crest) to the next corresponding point
2 : a line of thought that reveals a common understanding

wave·let /ˈwɔvl/ noun
: a little wave : RIPPLE
waver /ˈwār/ verb
1 : to fluctuate in opinion, allegiance, or direction
2 : to weave or sway unsteadily to and fro : TOTTER; also : FLICKER <~ing flames>
3 : FALTER
4 : to give an unsteady sound : QUAVER
— waver noun
— waver·er noun
— waver·ing·ly adverb

Synonyms
▸ [1] falter, hang back, hesitate, shilly-shally, stagger, teeter, vacillate, wobble—more at HESITATE
▸ [2] falter, rock, seesaw, sway, teeter, totter, wobble—more at FALTER

wavy /ˈwā vē/ adjective wavy·i·er; -est
: having waves : moving in waves

1 wax /wāks/ noun
1 : a yellowish plastic substance secreted by bees for constructing the honeycomb
2 : any of various substances like beeswax

2 wax verb
1 : to increase in size, numbers, strength, volume, or duration
2 : to increase in apparent size <the moon ~es toward the full>
3 : to take on a quality or state : BECOME <~ed indignant> <the party ~ed merry>

Synonyms
▸ [1] accumulate, appreciate, balloon, build, burgeon, enlarge, escalate, expand, increase, mount, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, rise, snowball, swell—more at INCREASE
▸ [3] become, come, get, go, grow, run, turn—more at BECOME

wax bean noun
: a kidney bean with pods that turn creamy yellow to bright yellow when mature enough to use as snap beans

waxen /ˈwāxən/ adjective wax·i·er; -est
1 : made of or covered with wax
2 : resembling wax (as in color or consistency)

wax museum noun
: a place where wax effigies are exhibited

wax myrtle noun
: any of a genus of shrubs or trees with aromatic leaves; especially : an evergreen shrub or small tree of the eastern U.S. that produces small hard berries with a thick coating of bluish-white wax used for candles

wax-wing /ˈwāks wīn/ noun
: any of a genus of chiefly brown to gray singing birds with a showy crest and red waxy material on the tips of some wing feathers

wax-work /ˈwārk/ noun
1 : an effigy usu. of a person in wax
2 plural : an exhibition of wax figures

waxy /ˈwāksē/ adjective wax·i·er; -est
1 : made of or full of wax
2 : WAXEN

way /ˈwā/ noun
1 : a thoroughfare for travel or passage
2 : the course of travel from one place to another : ROUTE
3 a : a course of action <chose the easy ~> 
b : opportunity, capability, or fact of doing as one pleases <always had your own ~>
4: a possible course: POSSIBILITY <no two ~s about it>
5: a characteristic or habitual manner of acting <this ~ of thinking> <a new ~ of painting>
6: FEATURE, RESPECT <a good worker in many ~s>
7: the usual or characteristic state of affairs <as is the ~ with old people>; also: individual characteristic or peculiarity <used to her ~s>
8 a: the length of a course: DISTANCE <a short ~ from here> <a long ~ from success>
b: room for moving, passing, or occupying — often used in the phrase make way
9: progress along a course <working my ~ through college>
10: a direction of motion, facing, pointing, or nonspatial advance or tendency <turn this ~> <also: LOCALITY <out our ~s>.
11: STATE, CONDITION <the ~ things are>
12 plural: an inclined structure upon which a ship is built or is supported in launching
13: CATEGORY, KIND <get what you need in the ~ of supplies>
14: motion or speed of a boat through the water
   — by the way
   — by way of
1: for the purpose of <by way of illustration>
2: by the route through: VIA
   — out of the way
1: WRONG, IMPROPER
2: SECLUDED, REMOTE

Synonyms

4 [1] artery, avenue, drag, drive, highway, pass, pike, road, route, row, street, thoroughfare, trace, turnpike; also causeway; alley, alleyway, byway, catwalk, court, lane, place; approach, concourse, path, walkway; access; dead end; aisle, corridor, course, line; track, trail; channel; corduroy, tarmac; crossroad; bypass, overpass, underpass; cloverleaf, rotary
4 [3a] approach, fashion, form, manner, method, strategy, style, system, tack, tactics, technique—more at METHOD
4 [3b] alternative, choice, discretion, option, pick, preference—more at CHOICE
4 [5] custom, fashion, habit, pattern, practice, trick, wont—more at HABIT
4 [8b] place, room, space—more at ROOM

way·bill /'wāˌbil/ noun
: a paper that accompanies a freight shipment and gives details of goods, route, and charges

way·far·er /'wāˌfar.ər/ noun
: a traveler esp. on foot
   — way·far·ing /ˌwāˌfar.ɪŋ/ adjective

way·lay /'wāˌlā/ verb -laid /ˌlād/; -lay·ing
: to lie in wait for or attack from ambush

Synonyms

way·out /'wāˌaʊt/ adjective
: marked by a considerable departure from the conventional or traditional: FAR-OUT

-ways /'wāz/ adverb suffix
: in (such) a way, course, direction, or manner <sideways>

ways and means noun plural
: methods and resources esp. for raising revenues needed by a state; also: a legislative committee concerned with this function

way·side /'wāˌsid/ noun
: the side of or land adjacent to a road or path

way station noun
way·ward /ˌwāˈward/ adjective
[origin: ME, short for awayward turned away, fr. away, adv. + -ward directed toward]
1 : following one's own capricious or wanton inclinations (<~ children>)
2 : UNPREDICTABLE, IRREGULAR (<~ act>

Synonyms
▸ contrary, defiant, disobedient, froward, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, unruly, untoward, willful—more at DISOBEDIENT

WBC abbreviation
white blood cells

WC abbreviation
1 water closet
2 without charge

WCTU abbreviation
Women's Christian Temperance Union

we /wi/ pronoun
1 — used of a group that includes the speaker or writer
2 — used for the singular I by a monarch, editor, or writer

weak /ˈwēk/ adjective
1 ◁ : lacking strength or vigor: FEEBLE
2 : not able to sustain or resist much weight, pressure, or strain
3 ◁ : deficient in vigor of mind or character; also : resulting from or indicative of such deficiency (<~ policy> <~ will>)
4 ◁ : not supported by truth or logic (<~ argument>)
5 : lacking skill or proficiency; also : indicative of a lack of skill or aptitude
6 ◁ : lacking vigor of expression or effect
7 ◁ : of less than usual strength (<~ tea>)
8 : not having or exerting authority (<~ government>; also: INEFFECTIVE, IMPOTENT)
9 : of, relating to, or constituting a verb or verb conjugation that forms the past tense and past participle by adding -ed or -d or -t
— weak·ly adverb

Synonyms
▸ [1] delicate, enervated, faint, feeble, frail, infirm, languid, low, prostrate, slight, soft, tender, torpid, unsubstantial, wasted; also challenged, disabled, incapacitated; paralyzed; decrepit, worn out; impotent, powerless, puny; breakable, flimsy, fragile; dizzy, groggy, rocky, unsteady, woozy; exhausted, tired, weary; damaged, harmed, hurt, impaired, injured; resistless, susceptible, unresistant, vulnerable, yielding

Antonyms
mighty, powerful, rugged, stalwart, stout, strong

weak·en /ˈwēn/ verb
▸ to make or become weak

Synonyms
▸ adulterate, dilute, thin, water—more at ADULTERATE
▸ debilitate, enervate, enfeeble, prostrate, sap, soften, tire, waste; also cripple, disable, incapacitate; deplete, depress, exhaust, impoverish, unman, wash out; damage, harm, hurt, impair, injure; break down, wear out;
paralyze

Antonyms
beef (up), fortify, recruit, strengthen
- decay, droop, fail, flag, go, lag, languish, sag, waste, wilt; also break down, wear out; yield

weak·fish /ˈwɛkˌfish/ noun
[origin: obs. D weekvis, fr. D week soft + vis fish; fr. its tender flesh]
: a common marine fish of the Atlantic coast of the U.S. caught for food and sport; also: any of several related food fishes

weak force noun
: the physical force responsible for particle decay processes in radioactivity

weak·kneed /ˈwɛkˌnɛd/ adjective
: lacking willpower or resolution

weak·ling /ˈwɛklɪŋ/ noun
: a person who is physically, mentally, or morally weak

weak·ly /ˈwɛklɪ/ adjective
: not strong or robust in health

Synonyms
- invalid, sickly—more at sickly

weak·ness /ˈwɛknəs/ noun
1 a: the quality or state of being weak: lack of strength or vigor
b: an instance or period of being weak <in a moment of ~ he agreed to go>
2: something that is a mark of lack of strength or resolution
3: an object of special desire or fondness <chocolate is her ~>

Synonyms
1a: debility, delicacy, enfeeblement, faintness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, languor, lowness; also: decay, decrepitude; breakdown, collapse, exhaustion, nervous breakdown, prostration; helplessness; tenderness; damage, harm, hurt, impairment, injury

Antonyms
hardihood, hardiness, robustness, strength, vigor
- [2] demerit, failing, fault, foible, frailty, shortcoming, vice, weakness—more at fault

1 weal /ˈwel/ noun
: a sound, healthy, or prosperous state: well-being

Synonyms
- good, interest, welfare, well-being—more at welfare

2 weal noun
: WELT

weald /ˈwelld/ noun
[origin: The Weald, wooded district in England, fr. ME Weald the Weald, fr. OE weald forest]
1: FOREST
2: WOLD

wealth /ˈwelθ/ noun
[origin: ME welthe welfare, prosperity, fr. wele weal]
1: abundance of possessions or resources
2: abundant supply <a ~ of detail>
3: all property that has a money or an exchange value; also: all objects or resources that have economic value

Synonyms
- [2] abundance, plenty, superabundance—more at plenty
- [3] assets, capital, fortune, means, opulence, riches, substance, wherewithal; also: belongings, chattels, effects, holdings, paraphernalia, possessions, things; finances, money; mint, wad; abundance, affluence, prosperity, success; treasure, valuables; accession, acquisition, personality, property; nest egg, reserve, resources, treasury; collateral; heap, pile, pot; bonanza, mine, treasure trove
wealthy /welˈthē/ adjective wealth·i·er; -est
▶ having wealth: RICH

Synonyms
▶ affluent, flush, loaded, moneyed, opulent, rich, well-heeled, well-to-do—more at RICH
wean /ˈwēn/ verb
1: to accustom (a young mammal) to take food by means other than nursing
2: to free from a source of dependence; also: to free from a usu. unwholesome habit or interest

weapon /ˈwēpən/ noun
1: something (as a gun, knife, or club) used to injure, defeat, or destroy
2: a means of contending against another
— weapon·less /ˈlēs/ adjective

weapon·ry /ˌwēpənˌrē/ noun
: WEAPONS

wear /weər/ verb wore /wōr/; worn /wōrn/; wear·ing
1: to use as an article of clothing or adornment << a coat >> << s earrings >>; also: to carry on the person << a gun >>
2: EXHIBIT, PRESENT << a smile >>
3 ▶: to impair, diminish, or decay by use or by scraping or rubbing << clothes worn to shreds >>; also: to produce gradually by friction, rubbing, or wasting away << a hole in the rug >>
4 ▶: to exhaust or lessen the strength of: FATIGUE << worn by care and toil >>
5: to endure use: last under use or the passage of time << this cloth ~ s well >>
6: to diminish or fail with the passage of time << the day ~ s on >> << the effect of the drug wore off >>
7: to grow or become affected in some way by attrition, use, or age << the coin was worn thin >>
— wear·able /weər·əbəl/ adjective
— wear·er noun

Synonyms
▶ [3] abrade, chafe, erode, fray, fret, gall—more at ABRIDE
▶ [4] burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, weary—more at EXHAUST

wear noun
1: the act of wearing: the state of being worn << clothes for everyday >>
2: clothing usu. of a particular kind or for a special occasion or use << children's >>
3: wearing or lasting quality << the coat still has lots of ~ in it >>
4: the result of wearing or use: impairment due to use << the suit shows >>

wear and tear noun
: the loss, injury, or stress to which something is subjected in the course of use; especially: normal depreciation

wear down verb
: to weary and overcome by persistent resistance or pressure

wear·i·ness /ˌwērəˈnes/ noun
▶ the quality or state of being weary

Synonyms
▶ burnout, collapse, exhaustion, fatigue, lassitude, prostration, tiredness—more at FATIGUE

wear·i·some /ˌwērəˈsəm/ adjective
: causing weariness: TIRESOME
— wear·i·some·ly adverb
— wear·i·some·ness noun

wear out verb
1 ▶: to exhaust or lessen the strength of: TIRE
2: to make or become useless by wear

Synonyms
▶ burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, weary—more at EXHAUST

weary /ˈwēri/ adjective wear·i·er; -est
1 ▶: worn out in strength, energy, or freshness
weary

verb wea·ried; wea·ry·ing

: to become or make weary : TIRE

Synonyms

burn out, do in, drain, exhaust, fag, fatigue, tire, tucker, wash out, wear, wear out, weary—more at EXHAUST

weasel

noun, plural weasels

: any of various small slender flesh-eating mammals related to the minks

— wea·sel·ly also wea·sely /ˈwēzəlē/ adjective

verb wea·seled; wea·sel·ing

1 : to use weasel words : EQUIVOCATE

2 : to escape from or evade a situation or obligation — often used with out

weasel word noun

[origin: fr. the weasel's reputed habit of sucking the contents out of an egg while leaving the shell superficially intact]

: a word used to avoid a direct or forthright statement or position

weather

noun

1 : the state of the atmosphere with respect to heat or cold, wetness or dryness, calm or storm, clearness or cloudiness

2 : a particular and esp. a disagreeable atmospheric state : RAIN, STORM

verb

1 : to expose to or endure the action of weather; also : to alter (as in color or texture) by such exposure

2 : to bear up against successfully << a storm> << troubles>

adjective

: WINDWARD

weather·beat·en /ˈwē.thərˌbët.ən/ adjective

: worn or damaged by exposure to the weather; also : toughened or tanned by the weather << face>

weather·cock /ˌwē.thərˈkōk/ noun

: a weather vane shaped like a rooster

weather·ing /ˈwē.thəring/ noun

: the action of the weather in altering the color, texture, composition, or form of exposed objects; also : alteration thus effected

weather·ize /ˈwē.thərˌīz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing

: to make (as a house) better protected against winter weather (as by adding insulation)

weather·man /ˌwē.thərˌmän/ noun

: one who reports and forecasts the weather : METEOROLOGIST

weather·person /ˌwē.thər.ˈpərsən/ noun

: a person who reports and forecasts the weather : METEOROLOGIST
weatherproof /ˈweθərˌprəʊf/ adjective
: able to withstand exposure to weather
— weatherproof verb

weatherstriping /ˈweθərˌstrɪpɪŋ/ noun
: material used to seal a door or window at the edges
— weatherstrip verb
— weather strip noun

weather vane noun
: VANE 1

weather-worn /ˈweθərˌwɔrn/ adjective
: worn by exposure to the weather

1 weave /ˈwēv/ verb wove /ˈwōv/ or weaved; woven /ˈwōvn/ or weaved; weaving
  1 : to form by interlacing strands of material; especially : to make on a loom by interlacing warp and filling threads
  <~ cloth>
  2 : to interlace (as threads) into a fabric and esp. cloth
  3 : SPIN 2
  4 : to make as if by weaving together parts
  5 : to insert as a part : work in
  6 : to move in a winding or zigzag course esp. to avoid obstacles <we wove our way through the crowd>
— weaver noun
  Synonyms
  → interlace, intersperse, intertwine, interweave, lace, thread, wreathe—more at THREAD

2 weave noun
: something woven; also : a pattern or method of weaving <a loose ~>  

1 web /web/ noun
  1 : a fabric on a loom or coming from a loom
  2 a : COBWEB
  b : something by which one is entangled, involved in difficulties, held fast, or impeded in one's progress <caught in a ~ of deceit>
  3 : an animal or plant membrane; especially : one uniting the toes (as in many birds)
  4 : NETWORK <a ~ of highways>
  5 : the series of barbs on each side of the shaft of a feather
  6 : WORLD WIDE WEB
— webbed /ˈwebd/ adjective
  Synonyms
  → entanglement, net, snare, trap; also mesh, knot, snarl, tangle; labyrinth, maze

2 web verb webbed; webbing
  1 : to make a web
  2 : to cover or provide with webs or a network
  3 : ENTANGLE, ENSNARE

webbing /ˈwebəŋ/ noun
: a strong closely woven tape designed for bearing weight and used esp. for straps, harness, or upholstery

web-cam /ˈwebˌkæm/ noun
: a camera used in transmitting live images over the World Wide Web

web-cast /ˈwebˌkæst/ noun
: a transmission of sound and images via the World Wide Web
— webcast verb

web-footed /ˈwebˌfʊtəd/ adjective
: having webbed feet
web·mas·ter /ˈwebˌməstər/ noun, often cap
: a person responsible for the creation or maintenance of a Web site

Web site noun
: a group of World Wide Web pages made available online (as by an individual or business)

wed /wed/ verb wed·ded also wed·ding
1: to take, give, enter into, or join in marriage: MARRY
2: to unite firmly

Wed abbreviation
Wednesday

wed·ding /wedˈding/ noun
1: a marriage ceremony usu. with accompanying festivities: NUPTIALS
2: a joining in close association
3: a wedding anniversary or its celebration

Synonyms
espousal, marriage; also match, matrimony, wedlock; engagement, hand, pledge, promise, proposal, troth

1wedge /wel/ noun
1: a piece of wood or metal that tapers to a thin edge and is used to split logs or rocks or to raise heavy weights
2: something (as an action or policy) that serves to open up a way for a breach, change, or intrusion
3: a wedge-shaped object or part <a ~ of pie>

2wedge verb wedged; wedg·ing
1: to hold firm by or as if by driving in a wedge
2: to force (something) into a narrow space

Synonyms
cram, crowd, jam, ram, sandwich, squeeze, stuff—more at CROWD

wed·lock /wedˈlək/ noun
[origin: ME wedlock, fr. OE wedlāc marriage bond, fr. wedd pledge + -lāc, suffix denoting activity]
: the state of being married: MARRIAGE

Wednes·day /ˈwenz(d)ər deɪ/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE wōdensdæg, lit., day of Woden (supreme god of the pagan Anglo-Saxons)]
: the 4th day of the week

wee /wi/ adjective
[origin: ME (Sc) we, fr. we, n., little bit, fr. OE wǣge weight]
1: very small: TINY
2: very early <~ hours of the morning>

Synonyms
atomic, infinitesimal, microscopic, miniature, minute, teeny, tiny—more at TINY

1weed /wel/ noun
1: a plant that tends to grow thickly where it is not wanted and to choke out more desirable plants
2: MARIJUANA

2weed verb
1: to clear of or remove weeds or something harmful, inferior, or superfluous <~ a garden>
2: to get rid of <~ out the troublemakers>

— weed·er noun

3weed noun
: mourning clothes — usu. used in pl. <widow’s ~s>

weedy /ˈweɪd/ adjective
1: full of weeds
2: resembling a weed esp. in vigor of growth or spread
3: noticeably lean and scrawny: LANKY
**Synonyms**
- lush, luxuriant, prosperous, rampant—more at **RANK**

**week /wɛk/ noun**
1: seven successive days; especially: a calendar period of seven days beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday
2: the working or school days of the calendar week

**week·day /wɛk_ˌdeɪ/ noun**
: a day of the week except Sunday or sometimes except Saturday and Sunday

**week·end /ˈwɛkˌɛnd/ noun**
: the period between the close of one working or business or school week and the beginning of the next

**week·end verb**
: to spend the weekend

**weekly /ˈwɛkl/ adjective**
1: occurring, appearing, or done every week
2: computed in terms of one week
   — weekly adverb

**weekly noun, plural weeklies**
: a weekly publication

**ween /wɛn/ verb, archaic**
: SUPPOSE

**ween·ny /wɛn_ˈni/ also ween·sy /wɛn_ˌse/ adjective**
: exceptionally small

**weep /wɛp/ verb wept /wɛpt/; weep·ing**
1: to express emotion and esp. sorrow by shedding tears: CRY
2: to give off fluid slowly: OOZE
   — weep·er noun

**weep·ing adjective**
1: expressing or showing emotion by shedding tears
2: having slender drooping branches

**weep·ing willow noun**
: a willow with slender drooping branches

**weepy /wɛp_ˈeɪ/ adjective**
: inclined to weep

**wee·vil /wɛv_ˈil/ noun**
: any of a large group of beetles having a long head usu. curved into a snout and including many whose larvae are destructive plant-feeding pests
   — wee·vily or we·vily /wɛv_ˌi/ adjective

**weft /wɛft/ noun**
1: a filling thread or yarn in weaving
2: WEB, FABRIC; also: something woven
   — weft verb

[ORIGIN: ME weyen, fr. OE wegian to move, carry, weigh]
1: to find the heaviness of
2 : to have weight or a specified weight
3 : to consider carefully : PONDER
4 : to merit consideration as important : COUNT <evidence ~ing against him>
5 : to raise before sailing <~ anchor>
6 : to press down with or as if with a heavy weight

**Synonyms**
- [3] chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, debate, deliberate, entertain, meditate, mull, ponder, question, ruminate, study, think—more at PONDER
- *usually* weigh on or weigh upon [6] bear, depress, press, shove—more at PRESS

**weigh** noun
[origin: alter. of way]
: WAY — used in the phrase under weigh

**weight** noun
1 : the amount that something weighs; also : the standard amount that something should weigh
2 : a quantity or object weighing a usu. specified amount
3 : a unit (as a pound or kilogram) of weight or mass; also : a system of such units
4 : a heavy object for holding or pressing something down; also : a heavy object for throwing or lifting in an athletic contest
5 : a mental or emotional burden
6 a : the relatively great importance or authority accorded something
   b : measurable influence esp. in determining the acts of others <threw his ~ around>
7 : overpowering force
8 : relative thickness (as of a textile) <summer-weight clothes>

**Synonyms**
- [2] burden, cargo, draft, freight, haul, lading, load, payload—more at LOAD
- [6a] consequence, import, magnitude, moment, significance
- [6b] authority, clout, influence, pull, sway—more at INFLUENCE

**weight** verb
1 : to load with or as if with a weight
2 : to oppress with a burden <ed down with cares>

**Synonyms**
- burden, encumber, load, lumber, saddle—more at LOAD

**weight-less** /ˈwāltəs/ adjective
: having little weight : lacking apparent gravitational pull
— weight-less-ly adverb
— weight-less-ness noun

**Synonyms**
- airy, feathery, light—more at LIGHT

**weighty** /ˈwātē/ adjective weight-i-er; -est
1 : of much importance or consequence : SERIOUS ~ problems
2 : expressing or characterized by seriousness or gravity <a ~ manner>
3 : weighing a considerable amount : HEAVY
4 : having much force, influence, or authority ~ arguments

**Synonyms**
- [1] grave, heavy, serious—more at SERIOUS
- [1, 2] big, consequential, eventful, important, major, material, meaningful, momentous, significant, substantial—more at IMPORTANT
- [3] heavy, hefty, massive, ponderous—more at HEAVY
- [4] authoritative, forceful, influential—more at INFLUENTIAL

**weiner** variant of WIENER

**weir** /wir, wër/ noun
1 : a fence set in a waterway for catching fish
2: a dam in a stream to raise the water level or divert its flow

**weird** /wird/ adjective [origin: ME wyrde, wyrde fate, destiny, fr. OE wyrd]
1: caused by or suggesting magical influence: MAGICAL
2: passing beyond natural limits: UNEARTHLY
3: curious in nature or appearance: of strange or extraordinary character
   — weird·ly adverb
   — weird·ness noun

  *Synonyms*
  ‣ [1] magic, magical, mystic, occult—more at MYSTIC
  ‣ [2] creepy, eerie, haunting, spooky, uncanny, unearthly—more at EERIE
  ‣ [3] bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kinky, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, remarkable, screwy, strange, unusual, wacky, wild—more at ODD

**weirdo** /wir'd(ə)d/ noun, plural weird·os
: a person who is extraordinarily strange or eccentric

  *Synonyms*
  ‣ character, crackpot, crank, eccentric, kook, nut, oddball, screwball—more at ECCENTRIC

**Welch** variant of WELSH

**welcome** /wel'kan/ verb wel·comed; wel·com·ing
1: to greet cordially or courteously
2: to accept, meet, or face with pleasure <he ~ criticism>

**welcome** adjective
1: received gladly into one's presence <a ~ visitor>
2: giving pleasure: PLEASING <~ news>
3: willingly permitted or admitted <all are ~ to use the books>
4 — used in the phrase “You're welcome” as a reply to an expression of thanks

**welcome** noun
1: a cordial greeting or reception
2: the state of being welcome <overstayed their ~>

**weld** /welld/ verb
1: to unite (metal or plastic parts) either by heating and allowing the parts to flow together or by hammering or pressing together
2: to unite closely or intimately <~ ed together in friendship>
   — weld·er noun

**weld** noun
1: a welded joint
2: union by welding

**welfare** /wel'far/ noun
1: the state of doing well esp. in respect to happiness, well-being, or prosperity
2: aid in the form of money or necessities for those in need; also: the agency through which the aid is given

  *Synonyms*
  ‣ good, interest, weal, well-being; also prosperity, success; fitness, health, healthiness, robustness, soundness, wellness, wholeness, wholesomeness; bliss, felicity, happiness, joy; advantage, benefit, gain, sake; content, contentedness, gratification, satisfaction

**welfare state** noun
: a nation or state that assumes primary responsibility for the individual and social welfare of its citizens

**welkin** /wel'kan/ noun
: SKY; also: AIR

**well** /wel/ noun
1: a spring with its pool: FOUNTAIN; also: a source of supply <a ~ of information>
2 : a hole sunk in the earth to obtain a natural deposit (as of water, oil, or gas)
3 : an open space (as for a staircase) extending vertically through floors of a structure
4 : something suggesting a well

2well verb
: to rise up and flow out

3well adverb better /ˈbetər/; best /ˈbest/:
1 a : in a good or proper manner : RIGHTLY
b † : in a skillful or expert manner : SKILLFULLY
2 † : in a satisfactory manner : SATISFACTORYLY <the party turned out ~> 3 † : in a prosperous, affluent, or generous manner <eat ~> <was ~ rewarded>
4 † : with reason or courtesy <I cannot ~ refuse>
5 : to the full degree or extent : FULLY <~ worth the price> <well-hidden>
6 : INTIMATELY, CLOSELY <I know him ~> 7 : CONSIDERABLY, FAR << over a million> << ahead>
8 : without trouble or difficulty <we could ~ have gone>
9 : EXACTLY, DEFINITELY <remember it ~> 10 : with spirit and courage : with equanimity or good nature <took the news ~>  
   Synonyms
   † [1b] ably, adeptly, capably, expertly, masterfully, proficiently, skillfully; also aptly; adroitly, deftly, dexterously
   Antonyms
   inefficiently, ineptly, inexpertly, poorly, unskillfully
   † [2] adequately, all right, fine, good, nicely, OK, passably, satisfactorily, so-so, tolerably; also appropriately, correctly, decently, felicitously, fittingly, rightly, seemly, suitably
   Antonyms
   bad, badly, inadequately, intolerably, poorly
   † [3] bountifully, generously, handsomely, liberally; also courteously, hospitably, kindly, nicely, reasonably, thoughtfully; affably, amiably, cheerfully, cheerily, genially, good-naturedly, graciously
   † [4] courteously, kindly, nicely, thoughtfully; also pleasantly

4well adjective
1 : PROSPEROUS; also : being in satisfactory condition or circumstances
2 : SATISFACTORY, PLEASING <all is ~> 3 : ADVISABLE, DESIRABLE <it is not ~ to anger him>
4 † : free or recovered from ill health : HEALTHY
5 : FORTUNATE <it is ~ that this has happened>  
   Synonyms
   † able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, whole, wholesome—more at HEALTHY

well–ad·just·ed /ˌwel.əˈdjust.ed/ adjective
: WELL-BALANCED 2

well–ad·vised /ˌwel.əˈvizd/ adjective
1 : PRUDENT
2 : resulting from, based on, or showing careful deliberation or wise counsel << plans>

well–ap·point·ed /ˌwel.əˈpōn.təd/ adjective
: properly fitted out

well–ba·lanced /ˈwel.əˈbalənsd/ adjective
1 : nicely or evenly balanced or arranged
2 : emotionally or psychologically untroubled

well–be·ing /ˈwel.əˈbɪŋ/ noun
: the state of being happy, healthy, or prosperous
   Synonyms
   † good, interest, weal, welfare—more at WELFARE
well-born /wel·börn/ adjective
  : born of noble or wealthy lineage
  
  Synonyms
  aristocratic, genteel, gentle, grand, highborn, noble, patrician—more at noble

well-bred /wel·bred/ adjective
  : having or indicating qualities or characteristics associated with good breeding
  
  Synonyms
  civil, courteous, genteel, gracious, mannerly, polite—more at polite

well-defined /wel·dən·fərd/ adjective
  : having clearly distinguishable limits or boundaries

well-disposed /wel·dəspōzd/ adjective
  : disposed to be friendly, favorable, or sympathetic
  
  Synonyms
  affable, agreeable, amiable, genial, good-natured, gracious, nice, sweet—more at amiable

well-done /wel·dan/ adjective
  1 : rightly or properly performed
  2 : cooked thoroughly

well-endowed /wel·in·daўd/ adjective
  1 : having plenty of money or property
  2 : having large breasts

well-favored /wel·fərvərd/ adjective
  : good-looking, handsome

well-fixed /wel·fikst/ adjective
  : well-heeled

well-founded /wel·foun·dəd/ adjective
  : based on good reasons
  
  Synonyms
  good, hard, informed, just, levelheaded, logical, rational, reasonable, reasoned, sensible, sober, solid, valid—more at good

well-groomed /wel·grəmd/ adjective
  : neatly dressed or cared for

well-grounded /wel·grəʊnd·əd/ adjective
  1 : having a firm foundation
  2 : well-founded

well-head /wel·hed/ noun
  1 : the source of a spring or a stream
  2 : principal source
  3 : the top of or a structure built over a well

well-heeled /wel·hēld/ adjective
  : financially well-off
  
  Synonyms
  affluent, flush, loaded, moneyed, opulent, rich, wealthy, well-to-do—more at rich

well-known /wel·nōn/ adjective
  : fully or widely known
  
  Synonyms
  celebrated, famed, famous, noted, notorious, prominent, renowned, star—more at famous

well-meaning /wel·mē·ning/ adjective
  : having or based on good intentions
well·ness /'wel-nəs/ noun
  ▪ good health esp. as an actively sought goal <~ clinics> <lifestyles that promote ~>  
  Synonyms
    ▪ fitness, health, heartiness, robustness, soundness, wholeness, wholesomeness—more at HEALTH

well–nigh /'nI/ adverb
  ▪ very nearly: ALMOST  
  Synonyms
    ▪ about, almost, most, much, near, nearly, next to, nigh, practically, virtually—more at ALMOST

well–off /'əf/ adjective
  ▪ being in good condition or circumstances; especially: WELL-TO-DO

well–or·dered /'ər_ərd/ adjective
  ▪ having an orderly procedure or arrangement

well–placed /'plæst/ adjective
  ▪ appropriately or advantageously directed or positioned

well–read /'ri:d/ adjective
  ▪ well-informed through reading  
  Synonyms
    ▪ educated, erudite, knowledgeable, learned, literate, scholarly—more at EDUCATED

well–round·ed /'raʊnd_əd/ adjective
  1: broadly trained, educated, and experienced  
  2: COMPREHENSIVE <a ~ program of activities>

well–spoken /wel'spoken/ adjective
  1: speaking well and esp. courteously  
  2: spoken with propriety <~ words>  
  Synonyms
    ▪ articulate, eloquent, fluent—more at ARTICULATE

well–spring /'sprɪŋ/ noun
  ▪ a source of continuous supply

well–timed /'tɪmd/ adjective
  ▪ TIMELY

well–to–do /wel_[ə]ˈdjuː/ adjective
  ▪ having more than adequate financial resources  
  Synonyms
    ▪ affluent, flush, loaded, moneyed, opulent, rich, wealthy, well-heeled—more at RICH

well–turned /wel_ərnt/ adjective
  1: pleasingly shaped <a ~ ankle>  
  2: pleasingly expressed <a ~ phrase>

well–wish·er /wel_əˌwiʃər/ noun
  ▪ an admiring supporter or fan  
  — well–wish·ing adjective or noun

welsh /welʃ, welch/ also welch /welch/ verb
  1 sometimes offensive: to avoid payment  
  2 sometimes offensive: to break one's word <~ed on his promises>

Welsh /welʃ/ noun
  1 Welsh plural: the people of Wales  
  2: the Celtic language of Wales  
  — Welsh adjective
Welshman

Welsh cor·gi /ˈkɔrˌgə/ noun
[ORIGIN: W corgi, fr. cor dwarf + ci dog]
: a short-legged long-backed dog with foxy head of either of two breeds of Welsh origin

Welsh rabbit noun
: melted often seasoned cheese served over toast or crackers

Welsh rare·bit /ˈrɛrˌbɛt/ noun
: WELSH RABBIT

welt /wel/ noun
1: the narrow strip of leather between a shoe upper and sole to which other parts are stitched
2: a doubled edge, strip, insert, or seam for ornament or reinforcement
3: a ridge or lump raised on the skin usu. by a blow; also: a heavy blow

welt verb
1: to furnish with a welt
2: to hit hard

welter /ˈwelər/ verb
1: WRITHE, TOSS; also: WALLOW
2: to rise and fall or toss about in or with waves
3: to become deeply sunk, soaked, or involved
4: to be in turmoil

welter noun
1: a state of wild disorder: TURMOIL
2: a chaotic mass or jumble

Synonyms
clutter, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, miscellany, motley, muddle, potpourri

welter·weight /ˈwelərˌwɛt/ noun
: a boxer weighing more than 135 but not over 147 pounds

wen /wen/ noun
: an abnormal growth or a cyst protruding from a surface esp. of the skin

wench /ˈwench/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME, wench, short for wenchel child, fr. OE wencel]
1: a young woman
2: a female servant

wend /wend/ verb
: to direct one's course: proceed on (one's way)

went past of GO

wept past and past participle of WEEP

were past 2d singular, past plural, or past subjunctive of be

were·wolf /ˈwerˌwulf, ˈwərˈ/ noun, plural were·wolves /ˌwərˈwʌlvz/
[ORIGIN: ME, fr. OE werwolf, fr. wer man + wulf wolf]
: a person transformed into a wolf or capable of assuming a wolf's form

wes·kit /ˈwesˌkæt/ noun
: VEST 1

west /west/ adverb
: to or toward the west

west adjective
1: situated toward or at the west
2: coming from the west

3 west noun
1: the general direction of sunset
2: the compass point directly opposite to east
3 cap: regions or countries west of a specified or implied point
4 cap: Europe and the Americas
   — west·er·ly /ˈwestər.lē/ adverb or adjective
   — west·ward adverb or adjective
   — west·wards adverb

western /ˈwestərn/ adjective
1: lying toward or coming from the west
2 cap: of, relating to, or characteristic of a region conventionally designated West
3 cap: of or relating to the Roman Catholic or Protestant segment of Christianity
   — West·ern·er noun

western noun, often cap
: a novel, story, film, or radio or television show about life in the western U.S. during the latter half of the 19th century

west·ern·ize /ˈwestər.nɪz/ verb -ized; -iz·ing
: to give western characteristics to
   — west·ern·i·za·tion /ˈwestər.nəˌza.ʃən/ noun

West Nile virus /ˈwest nəlvəs/ noun
[origin: West Nile province of Uganda]
: a virus that is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes and causes an illness marked by fever, headache, muscle ache, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis; also: this illness

wet /wel/ adjective wet·ter; wet·test
1: consisting of or covered or soaked with liquid (as water)
2: having frequent rains: RAINY
3: not dry <~ paint>
4: permitting or advocating the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages <a ~ town> <a ~ candidate>
   — wet·ly adverb
   — wet·ness noun

Synonyms
  saturated, sodden, soggy, waterlogged, watery; also deluged, drowned, flooded, inundated, overflowed;
  submerged, swamped; dipped, dunked, splashed; steeped; flushed, irrigated, laved, rinsed, sluiced; clammy,
  damp, dank, humid, moist

Antonyms
  arid, dry

wet noun
1: WATER; also: WETNESS, MOISTURE
2: rainy weather: RAIN
3: an advocate of a wet liquor policy

wet verb wet or wet·ted; wet·ting
: to make or become wet

Synonyms
  bathe, douse, drench, soak, sop, souse, wash, water; also damp, dampen, humidify, moisten; deluge, drown,
  flood, inundate, overflow; submerge, swamp, hydrate; splash; impregnate, saturate, steep; flush, irrigate, lave,
  rinse, sluice; dip, dunk

Antonyms
  dry

wet blanket noun
: one that quenches or dampens enthusiasm or pleasure
wether /ˈweðər/ noun
: a castrated male sheep or goat

teland /ˈwelˌländ, ˈlænd/ noun
: land or areas (as swamps) containing much soil moisture — usu. used in pl.

t nurse noun
: a woman who cares for and suckles children not her own

t suit noun
: a rubber suit for swimmers that acts to retain body heat by keeping a layer of water against the body as insulation

wh abbreviation
1 which
2 white

1whack /ˈhwaŋk/ verb
1 : to strike with a smart or resounding blow
2 : to cut with or as if with a whack

2whack noun
1 a : a smart or resounding blow
b : the sound of or like that of a blow
2 : PORTION, SHARE
3 : CONDITION, STATE <the machine is out of ~>
4 : an opportunity or attempt to do something
5 : a single action or occasion <made three pies at a ~>

Synonyms
[1b] bang, blast, boom, clap, crack, crash, pop, report, slam, smash, snap, thwack—more at CLAP
[4] attempt, crack, endeavor, essay, fling, go, pass, shot, stab, trial, try—more at ATTEMPT

whale /ˈweI/ noun, plural whales
1 or pl whale : CETACEAN; especially : one (as a sperm whale or killer whale) of large size
2 : a person or thing impressive in size or quality <a ~ of a story>

Synonyms
beheemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whopper—more at GIANT

2whale verb whale; whaling
: to fish or hunt for whales

3whale verb whale; whaling
1 : to defeat soundly : THRASH
2 : to strike or hit vigorously

whaleboat /ˌbōl/ noun
: a long narrow rowboat originally used by whalers

whalebone /ˌbōn/ noun
: BALEEN

whaler /ˈwelər/ noun
1 : a person or ship that hunts whales
2 : WHALEBOAT

whale shark noun
: a shark of warm waters that is the largest known fish

whammy /ˈhwaˌme/ noun, plural wham mies
: JINX, HEX

wharf /ˈwɔrf/ noun, plural wharves /ˈwɔrvz/ also wharfs
: a structure alongside which ships lie to load and unload

Synonyms
dock, float, jetty, landing, levee, pier, quay—more at dock

1 what /ˈhwæt, ˈhweit/ pronoun
1 — used to inquire about the identity or nature of a being, an object, or some matter or situation <is he, a salesman; is that happened>
2 : that which <I know you think happened>
3 : WHATEVER 1 <take you want>

2 what adverb
1 : in what respect: HOW does he care>
2 : used with with to introduce a prepositional phrase that expresses cause <kept busy with school and work>
3 what adjective
1 — used to inquire about the identity or nature of a person, object, or matter <books do you read>
2 : how remarkable or surprising <an idea>
3 : WHATEVER

1 whatever /ˈhwæt.ər/ pronoun
1 : anything or everything that <he wants to>
2 : no matter what <you do, don't cheat>
3 : WHAT 1 — used as an intensive <you do mean>

2 whatever adjective
: of any kind at all <no food>
3 whatever adverb
: in any case : whatever the case may be — often used to suggest the unimportance of an issue or choice <see a movie, watch TV>

1 whatnot /ˈhwæt.nət/ pronoun
: any of various other things that might also be mentioned <needles, pins, and>
2 whatnot noun
: a light open set of shelves for small ornaments

what·so·ev·er /ˈhwætˌsəˈevər/ pronoun or adjective
: WHATEVER

wheat /ˈhweit/ noun
: a cereal grain that yields a fine white flour used chiefly in breads, baked goods, and pastas; also : any of several widely grown grasses yielding wheat
— wheat·en adjective

wheat germ noun
: the vitamin-rich wheat embryo separated in milling

whee·dle /ˈhwiːdl/ verb wheedled; wheedling
1 : to entice by flattery
2 : to gain or get by wheedling

Synonyms
blarney, cajole, coax—more at COAX

wheel /ˈhwiːl/ noun
1 : a disk or circular frame that turns on a central axis
2 : a device whose main part is a wheel
3 : something resembling a wheel in shape or motion
4 : a curving or circular movement : a rotation or turn usu. about an axis or center
5 : machinery that imparts motion : moving power <the s government>
6 : a person of importance
7 plural slang : AUTOMOBILE
wheeled /ˈwɛld/ adjective  
wheel-less adjective  

Synonyms  
▷ gyration, pirouette, reel, revolution, roll, rotation, spin, twirl, whirl—more at SPIN

wheel verb
1 ▷ to move or turn like a wheel on or as if on an axis: REVOLVE  
2 ▷ to change direction as if turning on a pivot: to cause to move as if turning on a pivot  
3 ▷ to convey or move on wheels or in a vehicle  

Synonyms  
▷ [1] gyrate, pirouette, revolve, roll, rotate, spin, turn, twirl, whirl—more at SPIN  
▷ [2] divert, pivot, swerve, swing, turn, veer, whip—more at TURN

wheel-bar-row /ˌbɛrl-ˌroʊ/ noun  
: a vehicle with handles and usu. one wheel for carrying small loads

wheel-base /ˌbɛl-ˈbās/ noun  
: the distance in inches between the front and rear axles of an automotive vehicle

wheel-chair /ˈcher/ noun  
: a chair mounted on wheels esp. for the use of disabled persons

wheel-er /ˈwɛlər/ noun
1 ▷ one that wheels  
2 ▷ WHEELHORSE  
3 ▷ something that has wheels — used in combination <a side-wheeler>

wheel-er-deal-er /ˌwɛlərˈdɛlər/ noun  
: a shrewd operator esp. in business or politics

wheel-house /ˈhwaʊs/ noun  
: PILOTHOUSE

wheel-thrown /ˌhwɛlθrən/ adjective  
: made on a potter's wheel

wheel-wright /ˌhəlˈraɪt/ noun  
: a maker and repairer of wheels and wheeled vehicles

wheeze /ˈhwɛz/ verb wheezed; wheez-ing  
▷ to breathe with difficulty usu. with a whistling sound  

Synonyms  
▷ blow, gasp, pant, puff—more at GASP

wheeze noun  
1 ▷ a sound of wheezing  
2 ▷ an often repeated and well-known joke  
3 ▷ a trite saying

wheezy /ˈhwɛ zi/ adjective wheez-i-er; -est  
1 ▷ inclined to wheeze  
2 ▷ having a wheezing sound  

wheezy-ly /ˈzɛzi lɪ/ adverb  

wheezy-ness /ˈzɛzi nɛs/ noun

whelk /ˈwɛlk/ noun  
: a large sea snail; especially: one much used as food in Europe

whelm /ˈhwelm/ verb
1. **whelp** /ˈhwpəl/ noun
   : any of the young of various carnivorous mammals (as a dog)

2. **whelp** verb
   : to give birth to (whelps); *also*: bring forth young

1. **when** /ˈwen/ adverb
   1: at what time *<~ will you return>*
   2: at or during which time *<a time ~ things were better>*

2. **when** conjunction
   1: at or during the time that *<leave ~ I do>*
   2: every time that *<they all clapped ~ he sang>*
   3: in the event that: *<if ~ you cheat>*
   4: in spite of the fact that: *<although ~ he might have had a great career in it>*

   **Synonyms**
   - albeit, although, howbeit, though, while—more at **ALTHOUGH**

3. **when** pronoun
   : what or which time *<since ~ have you been the boss>*

4. **when** noun
   : the time of a happening

**whence** /ˈwen/ adverb or conjunction
: from what place, source, or cause

**whenever** /ˈwen.ər/ conjunction or adverb
: at whatever time

**whenever** /ˈwen.ər/ conjunction
: at any or every time that

1. **where** /wər/ adverb
   1: at, in, or to what place *<is it> <~ will we go>*
   2: at, in, or to what situation, position, direction, circumstances, or respect *<does this road lead>*

2. **where** conjunction
   1: at, in, or to what place *<knows ~ the house is>*
   2: at, in, or to what situation, position, direction, circumstances, or respect *<shows ~ the road leads>*
   3: **WHEREVER** *<goes ~ she likes>*
   4: at, in, or to which place *<the town ~ we live>*
   5: at, in, or to the place at, in, or to which *<stay ~ you are>*
   6: in a case, situation, or respect in which *<outstanding ~ endurance is called for>*

3. **where** noun
: **PLACE, LOCATION** *<the ~ and how of the accident>*

1. **whereabouts** /ˈwərˌoʊts/ *also* **where·about** /ˌwərˈəʊt/ adverb
: about where: near what place *<does he live>*

2. **whereabouts** noun singular or plural
: the place where a person or thing is *<his present ~ are unknown>*

**where·as** /ˈwərˌəz/ conjunction
1: while on the contrary; *also*: **ALTHOUGH**
2: in view of the fact that: **SINCE**

   **Synonyms**
   - because, for, now, since—more at **SINCE**

3. **where·at** /ˌwərˈət/ conjunction
1: at or toward which
2 : in consequence of which : **WHEREUPON**

*where-*by /'wir·bi/ **conjunction**
: by, through, or in accordance with which <the means ~ we achieved our goals>

1 *wherefore* /'wir·fər/ **adverb**
1 : for what reason or purpose : **WHY**
2 ▶ : because of that : **THEREFORE**

**Synonyms**
- accordingly, consequently, ergo, hence, so, therefore, thus—more at **THEREFORE**

2 *wherefore* **noun**
▶ : an answer or statement giving an explanation : **REASON**

**Synonyms**
- grounds, motive, reason, why—more at **REASON**

1 *wherein* /'wir·ìn/ **adverb**
: in what : in what respect << was I wrong>

2 *wherein* **conjunction**
1 : in which : **WHERE** <the city ~ we live>
2 : during which
3 : in what way : **HOW** <showed me ~ I was wrong>

*where-*of /'wir·əv, -əv/ **conjunction**
1 : of what << knows ~ he speaks>
2 : of which or whom <books ~ the best are lost>

*where-on* /'wir·ən, -ən/ **conjunction**
: on which <the base ~ it rests>

*where-so-ever* /'wir·ə·sō·ev·ər/ **conjunction**
: **WHEREEVER**

*where-to* /'wir·tə/ **conjunction**
: to which

*where-up-on* /'wir·ə·pən, -pən/ **conjunction**
1 : on which
2 : closely following and in consequence of which

1 *wherever* /'wir·ə·ver/ **adverb**
: where in the world << did he get that tie>

2 *wherever* **conjunction**
1 : at, in, or to whatever place
2 : in any circumstance in which

*where-with* /'wir·ə·wit, -wit/ **conjunction**
: with or by means of which

*where-with-al* /'wir·ə·wilt, -wilt/ **noun**
▶ : means or resources for purchasing or doing something; especially : **MONEY**

**Synonyms**
- finances, fund, pocket, resources—more at **FUND**

*wher-ry* /'wir·ē/ **noun, plural wherries**
: a long light rowboat sharp at both ends

*whet* /'wēt/ **verb** **whet-ted; whet-ting**
1 ▶ : to sharpen by rubbing on or with something abrasive (as a whetstone)
2 : to make keen : **STIMULATE** << the appetite>

**Synonyms**
- edge, grind, hone, sharpen, strop—more at **SHARPEN**

**whether** /ˈweð.ər/ **conjunction**
1: if it is or was true that <ask ~ he is going>
2: if it is or was better <uncertain ~ to go or stay>
3: whichever is or was the case, namely that <we succeed or fail, we must try>
4: **EITHER** <turned out well ~ by accident or design>

**whet·stone** /ˈwet.stn/ **noun**
: a stone for sharpening blades

**whey** /ˈweɪ/ **noun**
: the watery part of milk that separates after the milk sours and thickens

**which** /wɪtʃ/ **adjective**
1: being what one or ones out of a group <~ shirt should I wear>
2: **WHICHEVER**

**which** **pronoun**
1: which one or ones <~ is yours> <~ are his> <it’s in May or June, I’m not sure ~>
2: **WHICHEVER** <we have all kinds; take ~ you like>
3: — used to introduce a relative clause and to serve as a substitute therein for the noun modified by the clause <the money ~ is coming to me>

**whichever** /wɪtʃ.ər/ **adjective**
: no matter which <~ way you go>

**whichever** **pronoun**
: whatever one or ones

**which·so·ev·er** /wɪtʃ.so.ər/ **pronoun or adjective**
: **WHICHEVER**

**whick·er** /ˈwɪk.ər/ **verb**
: NEIGH, WHINNY
— **whicker** **noun**

**whiff** /wɪf/ **noun**
1: a quick puff or slight gust (as of air)
2: an inhalation of odor, gas, or smoke
3: a slight trace
4: **STRIKEOUT**

**whiff** **verb**
1: to expel, puff out, or blow away in or as if in whiffs
2: : to inhale an odor
3: **STRIKE OUT 3**

**Whig** /ˈwɪg/ **noun**
[ORIGIN: short for Whiggamore, member of a Scottish group that marched to Edinburgh in 1648 to oppose the court party]
1: a member or supporter of a British political group of the late 17th through early 19th centuries seeking to limit royal authority and increase parliamentary power
2: an American favoring independence from Great Britain during the American Revolution
3: a member or supporter of an American political party formed about 1834 to oppose the Democrats

**while** /wɪl/ **noun**
1: a period of time <stay a ~>
2: the time and effort used: **TROUBLE** <worth your ~>

**Synonyms**

- nose, scent, smell, sniff—more at **SMELL**
[1] bit, space, spell, stretch; also lapse; season, span; day, epoch, era; flash, instant, jiffy, minute, moment, second, shake, spurt, trice, twinkle, twinkling, wink; aeon, age, eon, eternity; interim, interlude, intermission, interval
[2] effort, exertion, expenditure, labor, pains, sweat, trouble, work—more at **EFFORT**

**while** conjunction
1: during the time that <she called ~ you were out>
2: AS LONG AS «~ there's life there's hope»
3: in spite of the fact that: **ALTHOUGH</~ he's respected, he's not liked>**
   **Synonyms**
   albeit, although, howbeit, though, when—more at **ALTHOUGH**

**while** verb wiled; whil·ing
: to cause to pass esp. pleasantly «~ away an hour»

**whilom** /ˈhwɪləm/ adverb
[origin: me, lit., at times, fr. OE hwīlum, dat. pl. of hwīl time, while] archaic
: FORMERLY

**whilom** adjective
: at a time in the past: FORMER <his ~ friends>**
   **Synonyms**
   erstwhile, former, late, old, onetime, past, sometime—more at **FORMER**

**whilst** /ˈhwɪlst/ conjunction, chiefly British
: **WHILE**

**whim** /ˈhwɪm/ noun
: a sudden wish, desire, or change of mind
   **Synonyms**
   caprice, fancy, freak, notion, vagary; also capriciousness, whimsicality; conceit; concept, conception, image, impression, picture, thought; brainstorm, inspiration

**whim·per** /ˈhwɪm.pər/ verb
: to make a low whining plaintive or broken sound
   — whimper noun

**whim·si·cal** /ˈhwɪm.siˈkəl/ adjective
1: full of whims: **CAPRICIOUS**
2: resulting from or characterized by whim or caprice
   — whim·si·cal·i·ty /ˈhwɪm.siˈkəl.tətə/ noun
   — whim·si·cal·ly /ˈhwɪm.siˈkəl.lə/ adverb
   **Synonyms**
   capricious, impulsive; also mercurial, moody, temperamental, volatile; eccentric, flaky, quirky; arbitrary, erratic, fickle, inconstant, irregular, willful; impractical, quixotic, romantic

**whim·sy** also whim·sey /ˈhwɪm.zē/ noun, plural whim·sies also whimseys
1: a sudden impulsive apparently unmotivated change of mind: **WHIM**
2: a fanciful or fantastic device, object, or creation esp. in writing or art

**whine** /ˈhwɪn/ verb whined; whin·ing
[origin: me, fr. OE hwīnan to whiz]
1: to utter a usu. high-pitched plaintive or distressed cry; also: to make a sound similar to such a cry
2: to complain with or as if with a whine
   — whine noun
   — whiny also whim·ey /ˈhwɪn.ē/ adjective
   **Synonyms**
   beef, bellyache, carp, complain, crab, croak, fuss, gripe, grouse, growl, grumble, kick, moan, murmur, mutter, repine, squawk, wail—more at **COMPLAIN**
whin·er noun
  ›: one that whines
  Synonyms
  › bear, complainer, crab, crank, grouch, grumbler—more at GROUCH

1. whin·ny /hwin·né/ verb whin·ned; whin·ny·ing
  ›: to neigh usu. in a low or gentle manner

2. whin·ny noun, plural whinnies
  › NEIGH

whip /hwp/ verb whipped; whip·ping
1 ›: to move, snatch, or jerk quickly or forcefully <out a gun> <whipped the car around and sped off>
2 ›: to strike with a slender lithe implement (as a lash) esp. as a punishment; also: SPANK
3 ›: to drive or urge on by or as if by using a whip
4 ›: to bind or wrap (as a rope or rod) with cord in order to protect and strengthen; also: to wind or wrap around something
5 ›: to thoroughly overcome: DEFEAT
6 ›: to stir up: INCITE <up enthusiasm>
7 ›: to produce in a hurry <up a meal>
8 ›: to beat (as eggs or cream) into a froth
9 a ›: to proceed nimbly or briskly
  b ›: to flap about forcefully <flags whipping in the wind>
— whip·per noun
— whip into shape
  ›: to bring forcefully to a desired state or condition
  Synonyms
  › [2] beat, flog, hide, thrash
  › [5] beat, best, clobber, conquer, crush, defeat, drub, lick, master, overcome, rout, skunk, subdue, trim, triumph, trounce, wallop, win—more at BEAT
  › usually whip up [6] abet, ferment, foment, incite, instigate, provoke, raise, stir—more at INCITE

2. whip noun
1 ›: a flexible instrument used for whipping
2 ›: a stroke or cut with or as if with a whip
3 ›: a dessert made by whipping a portion of the ingredients <prune ~>
4 ›: a person who handles a whip
5 ›: a member of a legislative body appointed by a party to enforce party discipline
6 ›: a whipping or thrashing motion
  Synonyms
  › lash, scourge, switch; also cat-o'-nine-tails, cowhide, crop, knout, quirt, rawhide, strap; cane, club, cudgel, flail; stripe

whip·cord /.kord/ noun
1 ›: a thin tough braided cord
2 ›: a strong cloth with fine diagonal cords or ribs

whip·hand noun
  ›: positive control: ADVANTAGE

whip·lash /hwp·lash/ noun
1 ›: the lash of a whip
2 ›: injury resulting from a sudden sharp movement of the neck and head (as of a person in a vehicle that is struck from the rear)

whip·per·snap·per /hwi·Per·snap·per/ noun
  ›: a small, insignificant, or presumptuous person
  Synonyms
  › nobody, nonentity, nothing, shrimp, zero—more at NOBODY
whip·pet /ˈhwɪˌpet/ noun
: any of a breed of small swift slender dogs that are used for racing

whipping boy noun
: one who is receives criticism or blame instead of the ones deserving it: SCAPEGOAT

whip·poor·will /ˈhwɪˌpoʊr.wɪl/ noun
: an American insect-eating bird with dull variegated plumage whose call at nightfall and just before dawn is suggestive of its name

whip·saw /ˈhwɪpˌsɔ/ verb
: to beset with two or more adverse conditions or situations at once

whir also whirr /ˈhwar/ verb whirred; whir·ring
: to move, fly, or revolve with a whir

Synonyms
buzz, drone, hum, whish, zip, zoom; also thrum; hiss, murmur, purr, rustle, sigh, whisper

whir also whirr noun
: a continuous fluttering or vibratory sound made by something in rapid motion

whirr /ˈhwar/ verb
1 : to move or drive in a circle or curve esp. with force or speed
2 : to turn or cause to turn rapidly in circles
3 : to turn abruptly
4 : to move or go quickly
5 : to become dizzy or giddy: REEL

Synonyms
[1, 2] pivot, revolve, roll, rotate, spin, swing, swirl, turn, twirl, twist, wheel—more at TURN
[4] breeze, career, course, dash, fly, hasten, hurry, race, rip, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, step, tear, zip, zoom—more at HURRY
[5] reel, spin

whirl /ˈhwarl/ noun
1 : a rapid rotating or circling movement; also: something whirling
2 : COMMOTION, BUSTLE <the social ~> 
3 : a state of mental confusion
4 : TRY <gave it a ~> 

Synonyms
[1] gyration, pirouette, reel, revolution, roll, rotation, spin, twirl, wheel—more at SPIN
[3] bafflement, bewilderment, confusion, distraction, muddle, mystification, perplexity, puzzlement—more at CONFUSION

whir·li·gig /ˈhwər.lɪ.ɡɪɡ/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME whirlegigg, fr. whirlen to whirl + gigg top]
1 : a child’s toy having a whirling motion
2 : something that continuously whirls or changes

whirl·pool /ˈhwərl.pʊl/ noun
: water moving rapidly in a circle so as to produce a depression in the center into which floating objects may be drawn

whirl·wind /ˈhwərl.wɪnd/ noun
1 : a small whirling windstorm
2 : a confused rush
3 : a violent or destructive force

whir·ly·bird /ˈhwərl.ɪˌbɜrd/ noun
: HELICOPTER

whish /ˈhwish/ verb
1: to move with a whish or swishing sound
2: to have or make a sound like that of a long \s\ or \sh\

**Synonyms**
- fizz, hiss, sizzle, swish

**whish** **noun**
: a rushing sound : SWISH

**whisk** **noun**
1: a quick light sweeping or brushing motion
2: a usu. wire kitchen implement for beating food by hand
3: WHISK BROOM

**whisk** **verb**
1: to move nimbly and quickly
2: to move or convey briskly <~ed the children off to bed>
3: to beat or whip lightly <~ eggs>
4: to brush or wipe off lightly <~ a coat>

**Synonyms**
- [1] bowl, breeze, coast, drift, flow, glide, roll, sail, skim, slide, slip, stream, sweep—more at FLOW
- [2] accelerate, hasten, hurry, quicken, rush, speed, step up—more at HURRY

**whisk broom** **noun**
: a small broom with a short handle used esp. as a clothes brush

**whisk-ker** **noun**
1: one hair of the beard
2 plural: the part of the beard that grows on the sides of the face or on the chin
3: one of the long bristles or hairs growing near the mouth of an animal (as a cat or mouse)

**whis-kered** **adjective**

**whis-key or whis-ky** **noun, plural whiskeys or whiskies**
[origin: Ir usce beathadh & ScGael usge beatha, lit., water of life]
: a liquor distilled from fermented wort (as that obtained from rye, corn, or barley mash)

**whisper** **verb**
1 a: to speak very low or under the breath
b: to tell or utter by or as if by whispering <~ a secret>
2: to make a low rustling sound <~ing leaves>

**whisper-er** **noun**

**Synonyms**
- circulate, noise, rumor—more at RUMOR

**whisper** **noun**
1: something communicated by or as if by whispering : HINT, RUMOR
2: an act or instance of whispering

**whist** **noun**
: a card game played by four players in two partnerships with a deck of 52 cards

**whistle** **noun**
1: a device by which a shrill sound is produced <steam ~> <tin ~> 
2: a shrill clear sound made by forcing breath out or air in through the puckered lips
3: the sound or signal produced by a whistle or as if by whistling
4: the shrill clear note of an animal (as a bird)

**whistle** **verb**
1: to utter a shrill clear sound by blowing or drawing air through the puckered lips
2: to utter a shrill note or call resembling a whistle
3: to make a shrill clear sound esp. by rapid movements <the wind whistled>
4: to blow or sound a whistle
5: to signal or call by a whistle
6: to produce, utter, or express by whistling (~ a tune)

— whis·tle·blow·er /ˈhwɪ.əlˌbləʊ.ər/ noun

whis·tle·stop /ˌstɑp/ noun
: a brief personal appearance by a political candidate orig. on the rear platform of a touring train

whit ✎ /hwɪt/ noun
[origin: prob. alter. of ME wiht, wight creature, thing, fr. OE wiht]

White ✎ /hwɪt/ adjective whi·ter; whi·est
1 ✎: free from color
2: of the color of new snow or milk; especially: of the color white
3: light or pallid in color <lips ~ with fear>
4: SILVERY; also: made of silver
5: of, relating to, or being a member of a group or race characterized by light-colored skin
6: free from spot or blemish: PURE, INNOCENT
7: BLANK 2 (~ space in printed matter)
8 ✎: not intended to cause harm ~ lie (~ magic)
9: wearing white ~ friars
10: marked by snow ~ Christmas
11: consisting of a wide range of frequencies ~ light

— white·ness /ˈhwɪtnɪs/ noun
— whit·ish /hwɪtˈɪʃ/ adjective

Synonyms

— [1] colorless, uncolored, unpainted—more at COLORLESS
— [8] harmless, innocent, innocuous, safe—more at HARMLESS

White ✎ noun
1: the color of maximal lightness that characterizes objects which both reflect and transmit light: the opposite of black
2: a white or light-colored part or thing ~ of an egg; also, pl: white garments
3: the light-colored pieces in a 2-player board game; also: the person by whom these are played
4: one that is or approaches the color white
5: a person of a light-skinned race

White ant noun
: TERMITE

White blood cell noun
: any of the colorless blood cells (as lymphocytes) that do not contain hemoglobin but do have a nucleus

White·bread /ˈhwɪtˌbɛrd/ adjective
: being, typical of, or having qualities (as blandness) associated with the white middle class

White·cap /ˈhwɪtˌkap/ noun
: a wave crest breaking into white foam

White chocolate noun
: a whitish confection chiefly of cocoa butter, milk, and sugar

White·col·lar /ˈhwɪtˌkələr/ adjective
: of, relating to, or constituting the class of salaried workers whose duties do not require the wearing of work clothes or protective clothing

White dwarf noun
white elephant noun
1: an Indian elephant of a pale color that is sometimes venerated in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Myanmar
2: something requiring much care and expense and giving little profit or enjoyment

white feather noun
[origin: fr. the superstition that a white feather in the plumage of a gamecock is a mark of a poor fighter]
: a mark or symbol of cowardice

white fish noun
: any of various freshwater food fishes related to the salmons and trouts

white flag noun
: a flag of pure white used to signify truce or surrender

white gold noun
: a pale alloy of gold resembling platinum in appearance

white goods noun plural
: white fabrics or articles (as sheets or towels) typically made of cotton or linen

Whitehall /hwitˌhɔl/ noun
: the British government

white hat noun
1: an admirable and honorable person
2: a mark or symbol of goodness

white head noun
: a small whitish lump in the skin due to retention of secretion in an oil gland duct

white heat noun
: a temperature higher than red heat at which a body becomes brightly incandescent

white-hot adjective
1: being at or radiating white heat
2: FERVID

White House /ˈhauz/ noun
1: the executive department of the U.S. government
2: a residence of the president of the U.S.

white lead noun
: a heavy white poisonous carbonate of lead used esp. formerly as a pigment in exterior paints

white matter noun
: whitish nerve tissue esp. of the brain and spinal cord that consists largely of neuron processes enclosed in a fatty material and that typically lies under the cortical gray matter

whiten /ˈhwaɪn/ verb
▷ to make or become white
— whiten·er noun
    Synonyms
▷ blanch, bleach, blench, dull, fade, pale, wash out—more at PALE

white pepper noun
: a spice that consists of the berry of a pepper plant ground after removal of its black husk

white pine noun
: a tall-growing pine of eastern No. America with needles in clusters of five; also: its wood

white sale noun
: a sale on white goods

white shark noun
white slave noun
: a woman or girl held unwillingly for purposes of prostitution
— white slavery noun
white-tail /ˈhwaɪtˌtæl/ noun
: WHITE-TAILED DEER
white-tailed deer noun
: a No. American deer with a rather long tail white on the underside and the males of which have forward-arching antlers
white–tie /ˌfault-/ adjective
: characterized by or requiring formal evening clothes consisting of usu. white tie and tailcoat for men and a formal gown for women
white-wall /ˈhwɪtˌwɔːl/ noun
: an automobile tire having a white band on the sidewall
1 whitewash /ˌwɒʃ, ˈwʌʃ/ verb
 1 : to whiten with whitewash
 2 : to clear of a charge of wrongdoing by offering excuses, hiding facts, or conducting a perfunctory investigation
 3 : SHUT OUT 2
  Synonyms
  † excuse, gloss, palliate—more at PALLIATE
2 whitewash noun
 1 : a liquid mixture (as of lime and water) for whitening a surface
 2 : a clearing of wrongdoing by whitewashing
white water noun
: frothy water (as in breakers, rapids, or falls)
white–wood /ˌwaɪd/ noun
: any of various trees and esp. tulip tree having light-colored wood; also : such wood
1 whither /ˈhwɪðə/ adverb
 1 : to what place
 2 : to what situation, position, degree, or end < will this drive him>
2 whither conjunction
 1 : to the place at, in, or to which; also : to which place
 2 : to whatever place
whithersoever /ˈhwɪðəˌsoʊər/ conjunction
: to whatever place
1 whiting /ˈhwɪtɪŋ/ noun, plural whiting also whittings
: any of several usu. light or silvery food fishes (as a hake) found mostly near seacoasts
2 whiting noun
: calcium carbonate in powdered form used esp. as a pigment and in putty
whit low /ˈhwɪtˌləʊ/ noun
: a deep inflammation of a finger or toe with pus formation
Whit-sun-day /ˈhwɪtˌsʌnˈdeɪ, ˈsaɪnˌdeɪ/ noun
[origin: ME Whitsunday, fr. OE hwīta sunnandæg, lit., white Sunday; prob. fr. the custom of wearing white robes by those newly baptized at this season]
: PENTECOST
whit·tle /ˈhwɪt/ verb whit·tled; whit·ting
 1 : to pare or cut off chips from the surface of (wood) with a knife; also : to cut or shape by such paring
2: to reduce as if by paring down (~ down expenses)

1. **whiz** or **whizz** /ˈwɪz/ verb **whizzed**; **whizz·ing**
   1: to hum, whir, or hiss like a speeding object (as an arrow or ball) passing through air
   2: fly or move swiftly with a hissing or buzzing sound
   **Synonyms**
   - [1, 2] buzz, drone, hiss, hum, whir, whish, zip, zoom—more at **whir**

2. **whiz** or **whizz** noun, plural **whiz·zes**
   : a hissing, buzzing, or whizzing sound
   **Synonyms**
   - buzz, drone, hiss, hum, purr, whir, zoom—more at **hum**

3. **whiz** noun
   : a person notably qualified or able usu. in a specified field of interest: **wizard**
   **Synonyms**
   - ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, master, scholar, shark, virtuoso, wizard—more at **expert**
   - brain, genius, intellect, thinker, wizard—more at **genius**

**who** /ˈhuː/ pronoun
1: what or which person or persons (~ did it) (~ is he) (~ are they)
2: the person or persons that (~ knows ~ did it)
3 — used to introduce a relative clause and to serve as a substitute therein for the substantive modified by the clause (~ the man ~ lives there is rich)

**WHO** abbreviation
World Health Organization

**whoa** /ˈwəʊ, ˈhuː/ verb imperative
— a command to an animal to stand still

**who·dun·it** also **who·dun·nit** /ˈhuː.ˈda.nit/ noun
: a detective or mystery story

**who·ev·er** /ˈhuː.ə.ˈver/ pronoun
: whatever person: no matter who

1. **whole** /ˈhʊl/ adjective
   [origin: ME hool healthy, unhurt, entire, fr. OE hál]
   1: being in healthy or sound condition: free from defect or damage
   2: having all its proper parts or elements (~ milk)
   3: constituting the total sum of: **entire** (~ owns the ~ island)
   4: each or all of the (~ family)
   5: not scattered or divided: **concentrated** (~ gave me his ~ attention)
   6: seemingly complete or total (~ idea is to help, not hinder)
   **Synonyms**
   - [1] able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, well, wholesome—more at **healthy**
   - [2] complete, comprehensive, entire, full, grand, intact, integral, perfect, plenary, total, whole—more at **complete**
   - [5] all, concentrated, entire, undivided; also absolute, complete, full, thorough, total; comprehensive, intact, integral, perfect
   **Antonyms**
   - diffuse, divided, scattered

2. **whole** noun
   1: a complete amount or sum
   2: something whole or entire
   — **on the whole**
   1: in view of all the circumstances or conditions
   2: in general
**Synonyms**

- aggregate, full, sum, total, totality; also gross; completeness, entirety; bulk, mass

3. **whole adverb**
   - COMPLETELY, ENTIRELY <a ~ new team>

**whole food noun**
- a food eaten in its natural state with little or no artificial additives

**whole-hearted /hōlˈhärˌtēd/ adjective**
- undivided in purpose, enthusiasm, will, or commitment

**whole hog adverb**
- to the fullest extent: COMPLETELY <accepted the proposals whole hog>

**whole-ness noun**
- the quality or state of being whole: an unreduced or unbroken completeness or totality

  **Synonyms**
  - fitness, health, heartiness, robustness, soundness, wellness, wholesomeness—more at HEALTH

**whole note noun**
- a musical note equal to one measure of four beats

**whole number noun**
1. any of the set of nonnegative integers
2. any of the natural numbers that do not include fractions: INTEGER

  **Synonyms**
  - digit, figure, integer, number, numeral—more at NUMBER

1. **wholesale /hōlˈsāl/ noun**
- the sale of goods in quantity usu. for resale by a retail merchant

2. **wholesale adjective**
   - performed on a large scale without discrimination <~ slaughter>
   - of, relating to, or engaged in wholesaling
   - —wholesale adverb

3. **wholesale verb whole-saled; whole-sal-ing**
- to sell at wholesale
   - —whole-sal-er noun

**whole-some /hōlˈsəm/ adjective**
1. promoting mental, spiritual, or bodily health or well-being <a ~ environment>
2. sound in body, mind, or morals: HEALTHY
3. PRUDENT <~ respect for the law>

  **Synonyms**
  - [1] healthful, healthy, restorative, salubrious, salutary—more at HEALTHFUL
    - [2] able-bodied, chipper, fit, hale, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, well, whole—more at HEALTHY

**whole-some-ness noun**
- the quality, fact, or state of being wholesome

  **Synonyms**
  - fitness, health, heartiness, robustness, soundness, wellness, wholeness—more at HEALTH

**whole step noun**
- a musical interval comprising two half steps (as C–D or F♯–G♯)

**whole wheat adjective**
- made of ground entire wheat kernels

**wholly /hōlˈli/ adverb**
1. to the full or entire extent: COMPLETELY
2. SOLELY, EXCLUSIVELY

  **Synonyms**
absolutely, all, altogether, clean, completely, entirely, fully, quite, totally, utterly—more at ALL

whom /hūm/ pronoun, objective case of who

whom·ev·er /hūm,em.vər/ pronoun, objective case of whoever

whom·so·ev·er /hūm,sō,ə.vər/ pronoun, objective case of whosoever

1 whoop /hūp, hūp, hūp, hūp/ verb
1: to shout or call loudly and vigorously
2: to make the characteristic whoop of whooping cough
3: to go or pass with a loud noise
4: to utter or express with a whoop; also: to urge, drive, or cheer with a whoop

2 whoop noun
1 ➔: a whooping sound or utterance: SHOUT
2: a crowing intake of breath after a fit of coughing in whooping cough

Synonyms
cry, holler, hoot, howl, shout, yowl—more at SHOUT

1 whoopee /hū,pi/ interjection
— used to express exuberance

2 whoopee noun
1: boisterous fun
2: sexual play — usu. used with make

whooping cough noun
: an infectious bacterial disease esp. of children marked by convulsive coughing fits often followed by a shrill gasping intake of breath

whooping crane noun
: a large white nearly extinct No. American crane noted for its loud whooping call

whoopee /hū,pi/ noun
1 ➔: boisterous merrymaking

whopper /hō,par/ noun
1 ➔: something unusually large or extreme of its kind
2 ➔: a monstrous lie

Synonyms
[1] behemoth, blockbuster, colossus, giant, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, monster, titan, whale—more at GIANT
[2] fabrication, fairy tale, falsehood, falsity, fib, lie, mendacity, prevarication, story, tale, untruth—more at LIE

whop·ping /hō,piŋ/ adjective
: extremely large

Synonyms
colossal, enormous, giant, gigantic, grand, huge, jumbo, mammoth, massive, outsize, oversize, prodigious, titanic, tremendous—more at HUGE

whore /hō,r/ noun
: a woman who practices unlawful sexual commerce: PROSTITUTE

whorl /hō,rl, hō,rl/ noun
1: a group of parts (as leaves or petals) encircling an axis and esp. a plant stem
2: something that whirls or coils around a center: COIL, SPIRAL
3: one of the turns of a snail shell

whorled /hō,rld, hō,rld/ adjective
: having or arranged in whorls
1. **whose** /hwəz/ adjective
   : of or relating to whom or which esp. as possessor or possessors, agent or agents, or object or objects of an action
   <asked ~ bag it was>

2. **whose** pronoun
   : whose one or ones <~ is this car> <~ are those books>

3. **who·so** /hu·so/ pronoun
   : WHOEVER

4. **who·so·ev·er** /hu·so·ə·ver/ pronoun
   : WHOEVER

5. **whs** or **whse** abbreviation
   warehouse

6. **whsle** abbreviation
   wholesale

7. **why** /hw/ adverb
   : for what reason, cause, or purpose <~ did you do it?>

8. **why** conjunction
   1 : the cause, reason, or purpose for which <that is ~ you did it>
   2 : for which : on account of which <knows the reason ~ you did it>

9. **why** noun, plural **whys**
   : the reason or cause of something <the ~s of racial prejudice>
   **Synonyms**
   grounds, motive, reason, wherefore—more at REASON

10. **why** /w/ interjection
    — used to express surprise, hesitation, approval, disapproval, or impatience <~, here's what I was looking for>

11. **WI** abbreviation
    1 West Indies
    2 Wisconsin

12. **WIA** abbreviation
    wounded in action

13. **Wic·ca** /wik·ə/ noun
    [ORIGIN: prob. fr. OE wicca wizard]
    : a religion that affirms the existence of supernatural power (as magic) and of deities who inhere in nature and that ritually observes seasonal and life cycles

14. **wick** /wik/ noun
    : a loosely bound bundle of soft fibers that draws up oil, tallow, or wax to be burned in a candle, oil lamp, or stove

15. **wick·ed** /wik·əd/ adjective
    1 : morally bad : EVIL, SINFUL
    2 : PIERCE, VICIOUS
    3 a : playfully or engagingly mischievous : ROGUISH <a ~ glance>
    b : showing or expressing ill will : MALICIOUS
    4 : REPUGNANT, VILE <a ~ odor>
    5 : HARMFUL, DANGEROUS <a ~ attack>
    6 : impressively excellent <throws a ~ fastball>
    **Synonyms**
    1] bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous, wrong—more at BAD
    3a] devilish, impish, knavish, mischievous, rascally, rogouish, sly, waggish—more at MISCHIEVOUS

16. **wick·ed·ly** adverb
\[ \text{wicked} \]

**Synonyms**
- hatefully, maliciously, meanly, nastily, spitefully, viciously—more at nastily

**wickedness** noun

: the quality or state of being wicked

**Synonyms**
- devilishness, impishness, knavery, mischief, mischievousness, rascality, shenanigans, waggery—more at mischief
- atrociousness,atrocity, depravity, enormity, heinousness, monstrosity, vileness—more at enormity

**wick-er** /ˈwɪkər/ noun

1: a small pliant branch (as an osier or a withe)
2: WICKERWORK
— wicker adjective

**wick-er-work** /ˈwɪkərˌwɜrk/ noun

: work made of osiers, twigs, or rods: basket weaving

**wick-et** /ˈwɪkət/ noun

1: a small gate or door; especially: one forming a part of or placed near a larger one
2: a window-like opening usu. with a grille or grate (as at a ticket office)
3: a set of three upright rods topped by two crosspieces bowled at in cricket
4: an arch or hoop in croquet

**wick-i-up** /ˈwɪkəˌæp/ noun

: a hut used by nomadic Indians of the western and southwestern U.S. with a usu. oval base and a rough frame covered with reed mats, grass, or brushwood

**wid** abbreviation

widow, widower

1**wide** /wɪd/ adjective wider; widest

1: covering a vast area
2: measured across or at right angles to the length
3: not narrow: broad; also: roomy
4: opened to full width <eyes ~ with wonder>
5: not limited: extensive <~ experience>
6: far from the goal, mark, or truth <a ~ guess>
— wide-ly adverb

**Synonyms**
- [1] broad, expansive, extended, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, widespread—more at extensive
- [3] broad, commodious, expansive, extensive, roomy, spacious, thick

**Antonyms**
- narrow, skinny, slender, slim, thin

2**wide** adverb widest; widest

1: over a great distance or extent: widely <searched far and ~> 
2: over a specified distance, area, or extent
3: so as to leave a wide space between <~ apart>
4: so as to clear by a considerable distance <ran ~ around left end>
5: completely, fully <opened her eyes ~>

**wide-awake** /ˈwɪdˌoʊˈkeɪ/ adjective

1: fully awake
2: marked by careful watchfulness and promptness to cope with emergencies: alert

**Synonyms**
- [1] awake, sleepless, wakeful—more at wakeful
- [2] alert, attentive, awake, vigilant, watchful—more at alert

**wide-body** /ˌwɪd_.bɑ_.dɪ/ noun
a large jet aircraft having a wide cabin

wide-eyed /ˈwɪdˌaɪd/ adjective
1: having the eyes wide open esp. with wonder or astonishment
2: marked by unsophisticated or uncritical acceptance or admiration: NAIVE

wide-mouthed /ˈmaʊθd, ˈmaʊθt/ adjective
1: having one's mouth opened wide (as in awe)
2: having a wide mouth << jars>>

wid·en /ˈwɪdn/ verb
: to increase in width, scope, or extent

wide-spread /ˈwɪdˌspred/ adjective
1: widely scattered or prevalent
2 ‣ : widely extended or spread out
  Synonyms
  • broad, expansive, extended, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, wide—more at EXTENSIVE

widgeon variant of WIGEON

1 widow /ˈwɪdəʊ/ noun
: a woman who has lost her husband by death and has not married again
— wid·ow·hood noun

2 widow verb
: to cause to become a widow or widower

wid·ow·er /ˈwɪdəʊər/ noun
: a man who has lost his wife by death and has not married again

width /ˈwɪðθ/ noun
1: a distance from side to side : the measurement taken at right angles to the length: BREADTH
2 ‣ : largeness of extent or scope; also: FULLNESS
3: a measured and cut piece of material <a ~ of calico>
  Synonyms
  • amplitude, breadth, compass, extent, range, reach, realm, scope, sweep—more at RANGE

wield /ˈwɪld/ verb
1: to use or handle esp. effectively << a broom>>
2 ‣ : to exert authority by means of << influence>>
— wield·er noun
  Synonyms
  • apply, exercise, exert, put out—more at EXERT

wien·er also wein·er /ˈwɪnər/ noun
: FRANKFURTER

wife /wɪf/ noun, plural wives /ˈwɪvz/
1 dialect: WOMAN
2: a woman acting in a specified capacity — used in combination
3 ‣: a female partner in a marriage
— wife·hood noun
— wife·less adjective
— wife·ly adjective
  Synonyms
  • consort, helpmate, lady, mate, partner, spouse

wig /ˈwɪg/ noun
[origin: short for periwig, modif. of MF perruque, fr. It parrucca, perrucca hair, wig]
: a manufactured covering of natural or synthetic hair for the head; also: TOUPEE
wi·geon or wid·geon /wiˈgən/ noun, plural wigeon or wigeons or widgeon or widgeons: any of several medium-sized freshwater ducks

wig·gle /ˈwɪgəl/ verb wig·gled; wig·gling
1: to move to and fro with quick jerky or shaking movements
2: to proceed with twisting and turning movements
—wiggle noun

Synonyms
fiddle, fidget, jerk, squirm, toss, twitch—more at FIDGET

wig·gler /ˈwɪglər, -gər/ noun
1: a larva or pupa of a mosquito
2: one that wiggles

wig·gly /ˈwɪgli, -glə/ adjective
1: tending to wiggle <a ~ worm>
2: WAVY <~ lines>

wight /wɪt/ noun
1: a living being: CREATURE
2: a small wig used esp. to enhance a hairstyle

1wigwag /ˈwɪgˌwag/ verb
1: to signal by or as if by a flag or light waved according to a code
2: to make or cause to make a signal (as with the hand or arm)

2wigwag noun
the art or practice of wigwagging

wig·wam /ˈwɪgˌwæm/ noun
a hut of the Indians of the eastern U.S. having typically an arched framework of poles overlaid with bark, rush mats, or hides

1wild /wɪld/ adjective
1: living in a state of nature and not ordinarily tamed <~ ducks>
2: growing or produced without human aid or care <~ honey> <~ plants>
3: WASTE, DESOLATE <~ country>
4: not subjected to restraint or regulation: UNCONTROLLED, UNRULY <~ passions> <a ~ young stallion>
5: marked by turbulent violent agitation <a ~ night>
6: exceeding normal or conventional bounds in thought, design, conception, or nature <~ ideas>
7: indicative of strong passion, desire, or emotion <a ~ stare>
8: not acculturated to an advanced civilization: SAVAGE
9 a: deviating from the natural or expected course, goal, or practice: acting, appearing, or being in an unexpected, undesired, or unpredictable manner <a ~ throw>
b: having no basis in known or surmised fact
10: able to represent any playing card designated by the holder <deuces ~>
—wild adverb
—wild·ness noun

Synonyms
[1] feral, savage, unbroken, undomesticated, untamed; also uncontrolled, unsubdued; bestial, brutal, brute; barbarous, uncivilized
Antonyms
broken, busted, domestic, domesticated, tame, tamed
[1, 2] natural, uncultivated, untamed; also native; overgrown, untended; waste; undeveloped

Antonyms
cultivated, tamed
[5] blustery, rough, stormy, tempestuous, tumultuous, turbulent, violent
[6, 9a] bizarre, curious, far-out, funny, kinky, odd, outlandish, outré, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky,
remarkable, screwy, strange, wacky, weird—more at odd
  ➤ [8] barbarous, heathen, heathenish, Neanderthal, rude, savage, uncivil, uncivilized, uncultivated—more at savage
  ➤ [9b] absurd, bizarre, crazy, fanciful, fantastic, foolish, insane, nonsensical, preposterous, unreal—more at fantastic

2 wild adverb
1 ➤ : in a wild manner : wildly
2 ➤ : without regulation or control <running ~> Synonyms
  ➤ [1, 2] amok, berserk, frantically, harum-scarum, hectically, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wildly—more at helter-skelter

3 wild noun
1 : a region or tract that is sparsely inhabited or uncultivated : wilderness
2 : a natural or undomesticated state or existence

wild boar noun
: an Old World wild hog from which most domestic swine have been derived

wild card noun
1 : an unknown or unpredictable factor
2 : one picked to fill a leftover play-off or tournament position
3 usually wild card : a symbol (as ? or *) used in a keyword search to represent the presence of unspecified characters

wild carrot noun
: queen anne's lace

1 wildcat /wel'kat/ noun, plural wildcats
1 : any of various small or medium-sized cats (as a lynx or ocelot)
2 : a quick-tempered hard-fighting person

2 wildcat adjective
1 : not sound or safe <~ schemes>
2 : initiated by a group of workers without formal union approval <~ strike>

3 wildcat verb wild cat·ted; wild·cat·ting
: to drill an oil or gas well in a region not known to be productive

wil de·beest /wil'de-best/ noun, plural wildebeests also wildebeest [origin: Afrikaans wildebees, fr. wilde wild + bees ox]
: either of two large African antelopes with an oxlike head and horns and a horselike mane and tail

wil der·ness /wel'dar-nas/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. wildern wild, fr. OE wilddeore of wild beasts]
: an uncultivated and uninhabited region

Synonyms
  ➤ nature, open, outdoors, wild—more at nature

wild·fire /wel'fr/ noun
: an uncontrollable fire
— like wildfire
: very rapidly

wild·flower /'flau(ə)r/ noun
: the flower of a wild or uncultivated plant or the plant bearing it

wild·fowl /'flau/ noun
: a bird and esp. a waterfowl hunted as game

wild·goose chase noun
: the pursuit of something unattainable
wild·life /ˈwɪldˌlaɪ/ noun
: nonhuman living things and esp. wild animals living in their natural environment

wild·ly adverb
▶: in a wild manner

Synonyms
▶ amok, berserk, frantically, harum-scarum, hectically, helter-skelter, madly, pell-mell, wild—more at HELTER-SKELTER

wild oat noun
1: any of several Old World wild grasses
2 plural: offenses and indiscretions attributed to youthful exuberance — usu. used in the phrase sow one's wild oats

wild rice noun
: a No. American aquatic grass; also: its edible seed

wild·wood /ˈwɪldˌwʊd/ noun
: a wood unaltered or unfrequented by humans

1 wile /wɪl/ noun
1 ▶: a trick or stratagem intended to ensnare or deceive; also: a playful trick
2 ▶: the use of deceitfulness and trickery

Synonyms
▶ [1] artifice, device, dodge, gimmick, jig, ploy, scheme, sleight, stratagem, trick—more at TRICK
▶ [2] artifice, chicanery, hanky-panky, subterfuge, trickery—more at TRICKERY

2 wile verb wiled; wiling
▶: to lure by or as if by a magic spell

Synonyms
▶ allure, beguile, bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate—more at CHARM

wil·i·ness /wɪliˈnəs/ noun
▶: the quality or state of being wily

Synonyms
▶ artfulness, artifice, caginess, canniness, craft, craftiness, cunning, guile, slyness—more at CUNNING
▶ artifice, craft, craftiness, crookedness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, dishonesty, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, guile—more at DECEIT

1 will /wɪl/ verb, past would /wʊd/ pres sing & pl will
1: WISH, DESIRE <call it what you <>
2 — used as an auxiliary verb to express (1) desire, willingness, or in negative constructions refusal <you have another> <he won’t do it>, (2) customary or habitual action <get angry over nothing>, (3) simple futurity <tomorrow we ~ go shopping>, (4) capability or sufficiency <the back seat ~ hold three>, (5) determination or willfulness <I ~ go despite them>, (6) probability <that ~ be the mailman>, (7) inevitability <accidents ~ happen>, or (8) a command <you ~ do as I say>

2 will noun
1: wish or desire often combined with determination <the ~ to win>
2: something desired; especially: a choice or determination of one having authority or power
3: the act, process, or experience of willing: VOLITION
4 ▶: the mental powers manifested as wishing, choosing, desiring, or intending
5: a disposition to act according to principles or ends
6 ▶: power of controlling one’s own actions or emotions <a leader of iron ~> 
7: a legal document in which a person declares to whom his or her possessions are to go after death

Synonyms
▶ [4] accord, choice, free will, option, self-determination, volition—more at FREE WILL
▶ [6] restraint, self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-possession, self-restraint, willpower; also self-denial; moderation, temperance; determination, nerve; discipline, command, control, mastery; aplomb, assurance, composure, confidence, coolness, equanimity, poise, self-confidence; discretion

3 will verb
1: to dispose of by or as if by a will: **bequeath**
2: to determine by an act of choice
3: to have the intention of: **choose**
   
   **Synonyms**
   - choose, like, want, wish

**willful** or **wilful** /wɪˈfʊl/ adjective
1: governed by will without regard to reason: obstinately or perversely doing what one wants without regard to others
2: done deliberately: **intentional** << murder
   
   **Synonyms**
   - [1] contrary, defiant, disobedient, froward, intractable, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, uncontrollable, unruly, untoward, wayward—more at **disobedient**
   - [1] dogged, hardheaded, headstrong, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, opinionated, peevish, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, stubborn, unyielding—more at **obstinate**
   - [2] deliberate, freewill, intentional, purposeful

**willfully** adverb
- in a willful manner
   
   **Synonyms**
   - consciously, deliberately, intentionally, knowingly, purposely—more at **intentionally**

willies /ˈwɪliz/ noun plural
- a fit of nervousness: **jitters** — used with the
   
   **Synonyms**
   - dither, jitters, shakes, shivers—more at **jitters**

willingly /ˈwɪlɪŋli/ adverb
- in a willing manner

**williness** noun
- the quality or state of being willing
   
   **Synonyms**
   - alacrity, gameness, goodwill—more at **alacrity**

willi-waw /ˈwɪliːwɔː/ noun
- a sudden violent gust of cold land air common along mountainous coasts of high latitudes
   
   **Synonyms**
   - blast, blow, flurry, gust—more at **gust**

will-o’-the-wisp /ˈwɪloʊθiːwɪsp/ noun
1: a light that appears at night over marshy grounds
2: a misleading or elusive goal or hope

willow /ˈwɪloʊ/ noun
1: any of a genus of quick-growing shrubs and trees with tough pliable shoots
2: an object made of willow wood
wil·low·ware /ˌwɪləˈweər/ noun
: dinnerware that is usu. blue and white and that is decorated with a story-telling design featuring a large willow tree by a little bridge

wil·lowy /ˈwɪloʊˌwiː/ adjective
1 † : pliant, soft, and yielding in texture
2 : gracefully tall and slender
   Synonyms
   flexible, limber, lissome, lithe, pliable, supple; also adaptable, ductile, elastic, fluid, malleable, plastic, variable, yielding; flaccid, floppy
   Antonyms
   inflexible, rigid, stiff

will·pow·er /ˈwɪl,pəˈwar/ noun
† : the power to control one's actions or emotions : energetic determination
   Synonyms
   restraint, self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-possession, self-restraint, will—more at will

wil·ly–nil·ly /ˈwɪli,niˈli/ adverb or adjective
[Origin: alter. of will I nill I or will ye nill ye or will he nill he; nill fr. archaic nill to be unwilling, fr. ME nilen, fr. OE nyllan, fr. ne not + wyllan to wish]
: without regard for one's choice : by compulsion <they rushed us along ~>  
1 wilt /wilt/ verb
1 † : to lose or cause to lose freshness and become limp esp. from lack of water : DROOP
2 † : to grow weak or faint : LANGUISH
   Synonyms
   [1, 2] decay, droop, fail, flag, go, lag, languish, sag, waste, weaken—more at WEAK

2 wilt noun
: any of various plant disorders marked by wilting and often shriveling

wily /ˈwɪli/ adjective wil·i·er; -est
† : full of guile : TRICKY
   Synonyms
   artful, cagey, crafty, cunning, devious, foxy, guileful, slick, sly, subtle, tricky—more at ARTFUL

wimp /wimp/ noun
: a weak, cowardly, or ineffectual person

wimpy /ˈwɪmp/ adjective
† : being a wimp
   Synonyms
   effete, frail, nerveless, soft, spineless, weak, wishy-washy—more at weak

1 wimple /ˈwɪmp/ noun
: a cloth covering worn over the head and around the neck and chin by women esp. in the late medieval period and by some nuns

2 wimple verb wim·pled; wim·pling
1 : to cover with or as if with a wimple
2 : to ripple or cause to ripple

1 win /win/ verb won /wən/; win·ning
[Origin: ME winnen, fr. OE winnan to struggle]
1 a : to get possession of esp. by effort : GAIN
b † : to obtain by work : EARN
2 a : to gain in or as if in battle or contest
b † : to be the victor in <won the war>
3 † : to solicit and gain the favor of — often used with over; especially : to induce to accept oneself in marriage
   Synonyms
[1b] achieve, acquire, attain, capture, carry, draw, earn, gain, garner, get, land, make, obtain, procure, realize, secure—more at EARN
[2b] conquer, prevail, triumph; also overcome, sweep; squeak, squeeze; contend, vie; succeed
Antonyms
lose

usually win over [3] argue, convince, get, induce, move, persuade, prevail, satisfy, talk—more at PERSUADE

2 win noun
: VICTORY; especially: 1st place at the finish (as of a horse race)

wince /wɪns/ verb winced; winc·ing

: to shrink back involuntarily (as from pain): FLINCH
— wince noun


Synonyms
blesh, flinch, quail, recoil, shrink—more at FLINCH

winch /ˈwɪntʃ/ noun
: a machine that has a drum on which is wound a rope or cable for hauling or hoisting
— winch verb

1 wind /wɪnd/ noun
1: a movement of the air
2: a prevailing force or influence: TENDENCY
3: BREATH <he had the ~ knocked out of him>
4: gas produced in the stomach or intestines
5: idle talk as insubstantial as air
6: air carrying a scent (as of game)
7: INTIMATION <they got ~ of our plans>
8: WIND INSTRUMENTS; also, pl: players of wind instruments

Synonyms
table, drift, leaning, run, tendency, tide, trend—more at TREND

5 wind noun
: something having a curving or twisting form: TURN

Synonyms
angle, arc, arch, bend, bow, crook, curve, turn—more at BEND
wind·age /wind·dʒ/ noun
: the influence of the wind in deflecting the course of a projectile through the air; also: the amount of such deflection

wind·bag /wind·bɑɡ/ noun
: an overly talkative person

wind·blown /ˌblōn/ adjective
: blown by the wind; also: having the appearance of being blown by the wind

wind·break /ˌbræk/ noun
: a growth of trees or shrubs serving to break the force of the wind; also: a shelter from the wind

wind·burned /ˌbərn/ adjective
: irritated and inflamed by exposure to the wind

— wind·burn /ˌbərn/ noun

wind·chill /ˌchil/ noun
: a still-air temperature that would have the same cooling effect on exposed human skin as a given combination of temperature and wind speed

wind·flow·er /ˌilaʊ̯ər/ noun
: ANEMONE

1 wind·ing /win·dɪŋ/ noun
: material (as wire) wound or coiled about an object

2 wind·ing adjective
1 : having a pronounced curve or spiral <~ stairs>
2 : having a course that winds <a ~ road>

wind·ing–sheet /ˌshēt/ noun
: SHROUD

wind instrument noun
: a musical instrument (as a flute or horn) sounded by wind and esp. by the breath

wind·jam·mer /ˌjæm·ər/ noun
: a sailing ship; also: one of its crew

wind·lass /ˈwind·ləs/ noun
[origin: ME wyndles, alter. of wyndase, fr. OF guindes, windas, fr. ON vindāss, fr. vinda to wind + äss pole]
: a winch used esp. on ships for hoisting or hauling
wind·mill /windˌmil/ noun
: a mill or machine worked by the wind turning sails or vanes that radiate from a central shaft

wind·dow /windˈdō/ noun
[origin: ME windowe, fr. ON vindauga, fr. vindr wind + auga eye]
1 : an opening in the wall of a building to let in light and air; also : the framework with fittings that closes such an opening
2 : WINDOWPANE
3 : an opening resembling or suggesting that of a window in a building
4 : an interval of time during which certain conditions or an opportunity exists
5 : a rectangular box appearing on a computer screen on which information (as files or program output) is displayed
— win·dow·less adjective

window box noun
: a box for growing plants in or by a window

window dressing noun
1 : display of merchandise in a store window
2 : a showing made to create a deceptively favorable impression

window pane /ˈwinˌdoʊ pancre/ noun
: a pane in a window

window·shop /ˌshōp/ verb
: to look at the displays in store windows without going inside the stores to make purchases
— win·dow·shop·per noun

window·sil·le /ˌsil/ noun
: the horizontal member at the bottom of a window

wind·pipe /windˌpīp/ noun
: TRACHEA

wind·proof /ˈprōf/ adjective
: impervious to wind <a ~ jacket>

wind·row /windˌrō/ noun
1 : hay raked up into a row to dry
2 : a row of something (as dry leaves) swept up by or as if by the wind

wind shear noun
: a radical shift in wind speed and direction that occurs over a very short distance

wind·she·ld /windˌshild/ noun
: a transparent screen (as of glass) in front of the occupants of a vehicle

wind sock noun
: an open-ended truncated cloth cone mounted in an elevated position to indicate wind direction

wind·storm /ˌstōrm/ noun
: a storm with high wind and little or no rain

wind·surf·ing /ˌsərfl/ noun
: the sport or activity of riding a sailboard
— wind·surf /ˌsərf/ verb
— wind·surf·er noun

wind·sweep /windˌswep/ adjective
: swept by or as if by wind <~ plains>

wind tunnel noun
: an enclosed passage through which air is blown to investigate air flow around an object
wind·up /wind·əp/ noun
1 : a concluding act or part : CONCLUSION
2 : a series of regular and distinctive motions made by a pitcher preliminary to delivering a pitch
   Synonyms
   close, conclusion, consummation, end, ending, finale, finis, finish—more at FINALE
wind up verb
1 : to bring or come to a conclusion : END
2 : to put in order for the purpose of bringing to an end
3 : to arrive in a place, situation, or condition at the end or as a result of a course of action <wound up as paupers>
4 : to make a pitching windup
   Synonyms
   close, conclude, end, finish, round, terminate, wrap up—more at CLOSE
1windward /wind·ər/ noun
 : the side or direction from which the wind is blowing
2windward adjective
 : being in or facing the direction from which the wind is blowing
windy /wind·e/ adjective
1 : having wind : exposed to winds <a ~ day> <a ~ prairie>
2 : STORMY
3 : FLATULENT
4 : indulging in or characterized by useless talk
   Synonyms
   [1] blowy, blustery, breezy, gusty; also drafty; stormy, tempestuous
   [4] bombastic, gaseous, grandiloquent, oratorical, rhetorical—more at RHETORICAL
   [4] circuitous, diffuse, long-winded, prolix, rambling, verbose, wordy—more at WORDY
1wine /win/ noun
[ORIGIN: ME win, fr. OE wīn, ultim. fr. L vinum]
1 : fermented grape juice used as a beverage
2 : the usu. fermented juice of a plant product (as fruit) used as a beverage <rice ~>
2wine verb wined; win·ing
 : to treat to or drink wine
wine cellar noun
 : a room for storing wines; also : a stock of wines
wine-grow·er /ˌwin·grər/ noun
 : one that cultivates a vineyard and makes wine
wine-press /ˌpres/ noun
 : a vat in which juice is pressed from grapes
wine·ery /ˈwaɪn.rə, ˈwɪn.rə/ noun, plural -eries
 : a wine-making establishment
1wing /wɪŋ/ noun
1 : one of the movable feathered or membranous paired appendages by means of which a bird, bat, or insect flies
2 : something suggesting a wing; especially : an airfoil that develops the lift which supports an aircraft in flight
3 : a plant or animal appendage or part likened to a wing
4 : a turned-back or extended edge on an article of clothing
5 : a means of flight or rapid progress
6 : the act or manner of flying : FLIGHT
7 plural : the area at the side of the stage out of sight
8 : one of the positions or players on either side of a center position or line
9 : either of two opposing groups within an organization : FACTION
10 : a unit in military aviation consisting of two or more squadrons
— wing·less adjective
— on the wing : in flight : FLYING
— under one’s wing : in one’s charge or care

Synonyms
  ▶ bloc, body, coalition, combination, combine, faction, party, sect, set, side—more at FACTION

2 wing verb
1: to fit with wings; also: to enable to fly easily
2: to pass through in flight: FLY <~ the air> <swallows ~ing southward>
3: to let fly: DISPATCH
4: to wound in the wing <~ a bird>; also: to wound without killing
5: to perform without preparation: IMPROVISE <~ing it>

Synonyms
  ▶ fly, glide, plane, soar—more at FLY

wing·ding /'wɪndɪŋ/ noun
: a wild, lively, or lavish party

winged /'wɪnd/ adj. in compounds /'wɪnd/ adjective
1: having wings esp. of a specified character
2: soaring with or as if with wings: ELEVATED

wing nut noun
: a nut with winglike extensions that can be gripped with the thumb and finger

wing·span /'wɪŋ_ˈspæn/ noun
: the distance between the tips of a pair of wings

wing·spread /'wɪŋ_ˈspred/ noun
: the spread of the wings; especially: the distance between the tips of the fully extended wings of a winged animal

1 wink /'wɪŋk/ verb
1: to close and open one eye quickly as a signal or hint
2: to close and open the eyes quickly: BLINK
3: to avoid seeing or noticing something—often used with at <~ at a traffic violation>
4: to gleam or flash fitfully or intermittently: TWINKLE

— wink·er /'wɪŋ_ˈkær/ noun

Synonyms
  ▶ usually wink at [3] brush (off), condone, disregard, excuse, gloss, ignore, pardon, pass over, shrug off—more at EXCUSE
  ▶ [4] blink, flame, flash, glance, gleam, glisten, glitter, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle—more at FLASH

2 wink noun
1: a brief period of sleep: NAP
2: an act of winking; especially: a hint or sign given by winking
3: an exceedingly brief period: INSTANT <dries in a ~>

Synonyms
  ▶ [1] catnap, doze, drowse, forty winks, nap, siesta, snooze—more at NAP
  ▶ [3] flash, instant, jiffy, minute, moment, second, shake, trice, twinkle, twinkling—more at INSTANT

winner /'wɪn_ər/ noun
: one that wins or is successful

Synonyms
  ▶ blockbuster, hit, smash, success—more at HIT
  ▶ champ, champion, victor—more at CHAMPION
1 winning /ˈwɪnɪŋ/ noun
   1: VICTORY
   2: something won; especially: money won at gambling

2 winning adjective
   1: successful esp. in competition
   2: having an attractive, captivating, and charming nature
      Synonyms
        ‣ adorable, darling, dear, endearing, lovable, precious, sweet—more at LOVABLE

win·now /ˈwɪn.nəʊ/ verb
   1: to remove (as chaff) by a current of air; also: to free (as grain) from waste in this manner
   2: to sort or separate as if by winnowing

win·o /ˈwɪn.oʊ/ noun, plural win·os
   : one who is addicted to drinking wine

win·some /ˈwɪn.səm/ adjective
   [origin: ME winsum, fr. OE wynsum, fr. wynn joy]
   1: generally pleasing and engaging
   2: CHEERFUL, GAY
      — win·some·ly adverb
      — win·some·ness noun
      Synonyms
        ‣ endearing, ingratiating, winning—more at INGRATIATING

1 winter /ˈwɪntər/ noun
   : the season of the year in any region in which the noonday sun shines most obliquely: the coldest period of the year

2 winter verb
   1: to pass the winter <~ed in Florida>
   2: to feed or find food during the winter <~ed on hay>

3 winter adjective
   : sown in autumn for harvesting in the following spring or summer <~ wheat>

winter green /ˈwɪntər ˈgrɛn/ noun
   1: a low evergreen plant of the heath family with white bell-shaped flowers and spicy red berries
   2: an aromatic oil or its flavor from the wintergreen

winter·ize /ˈwɪntərˌaɪz/ verb -ized, -iz·ing
   : to make ready for winter

winter·kill /ˈwɪntərˌkɪl/ verb
   : to kill or die by exposure to winter weather

winter squash noun
   : any of various hard-shelled squashes that keep well in storage

winter·tide /ˈwɪntərˌtaɪd/ noun
   : WINTER

winter·time /ˈwɪntərˌtaɪm/ noun
   : WINTER

win·try /ˈwɪn try/ also win·ter·y /ˈwɪntər ri/ adjective win·tri·er, -est
   1: of, relating to, or characteristic of winter <~ weather>
   2: lacking qualities that cheer <a ~ welcome>
      Synonyms
        ‣ arctic, bitter, chill, chilly, cold, cool, freezing, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, nippy, polar, raw, snappy—more at COLD

wipe /wɪp/ verb wiped; wip·ing
1: to clean or dry by rubbing dishes
2: to remove by or as if by rubbing away tears
3: to erase completely: obliterate
4: to pass or draw over a surface wiped his hand across his face
— wipe noun

wipe verb
1: an act or instance of wiping; also: BLOW, STRIKE, SWIPE
2: something used for wiping

wipe out verb
1: to destroy completely Synonyms annihilate, blot out, demolish, destroy, eradicate, exterminate, liquidate, obliterate, root, rub out, snuff, stamp
— more at ANNIHILATE

wire noun
1: metal in the form of a thread or slender rod; also: a thread or rod of metal
2: hidden or secret influences controlling the action of a person or organization — usu. used in pl. pull s
3: a line of wire for conducting electric current
4: a telegraph or telephone wire or system
5: TELEGRAM, CABLEGRAM
6: the finish line of a race
Synonyms cable, cord, lace, line, rope, string—more at CORD

wire verb wired; wiring
1: to provide or equip with wire a house
2: to bind, string, or mount with wire
3: to send or send word to by telegraph

wired adjective
1: furnished with wires
2: connected to the Internet
3: feverishly excited

wire·hair noun: a wirehaired dog or cat
wire·haired adjective: having a stiff wiry outer coat of hair

wireless adjective
1: having no wire or wires
2: RADIO
3: of or relating to data communications using radio waves

wireless noun
1: telecommunication involving signals transmitted by radio waves; also: the technology used in radio telecommunication
2 chiefly British: RADIO

wire·pull·er noun: one who uses secret or underhanded means to influence the acts of a person or organization
— wire·pull·ing noun

wire service noun
: a news agency that sends out syndicated news copy to subscribers by wire or satellite

wire·tap noun
: the act or an instance of tapping a telephone or telegraph wire to get information; also: an electrical connection used for such tapping
— wiretap verb
— wire·tap·per /ˌwaɪ.rətˈpər/ noun

wire·worm /ˈwîrəm/ noun
: any of various slender hard-coated beetle larvae esp. destructive to plant roots

wir·ing /ˈwîr.ɪŋ/ noun
: a system of wires

wiry /ˈwîr.ə/ adjective wir·i·er /wɪrɪ.ər/; -est
1 : made of or resembling wire
2 : slender yet strong and sinewy

— wir·i·ness /wɪrɪ.nes/ noun

Wis or Wisc abbreviation
Wisconsin

Wisd abbreviation
Wisdom

wis·dom /ˈwɪzdəm/ noun
1 : accumulated philosophic or scientific learning : KNOWLEDGE; also : INSIGHT
2 : good sense : JUDGMENT
3 : a wise attitude or course of action
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] knowledge, lore, science—more at KNOWLEDGE
  ▶ [2] discernment, insight, judgment, perception, sagacity, sapience, sense, wit; also acuity, acumen, astuteness, penetration, perspicacity, sensitivity, understanding; appreciation, apprehension, comprehension, grasp; brightness, brilliance, caniness, cleverness, smartness; gray matter, intellect, intelligence, judgment, mentality, power, reason; discrimination, prudence, sanity; logic, rationality

Wisdom noun
: a book included in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament and corresponding to the Wisdom of Solomon in the Protestant Apocrypha

wisdom tooth noun
: the last tooth of the full set on each side of the upper and lower jaws of humans

1·wise /ˈwɪz/ noun
: WAY, MANNER, FASHION <in no ~> <in this ~>  

2·wise adjective wis·er; wis·est
1 ▶ : having wisdom : SAGE
2 : having or showing good sense or good judgment
3 ▶ : aware of what is going on : KNOWING; also : CRAFTY, SHREW
4 ▶ : possessing inside information
5 : INSOLENT, FRESH <a ~ retort>
— wise·ly adverb
  Synonyms
  ▶ [1] discerning, insightful, perceptive, sagacious, sage, sapient; also acute, perspicacious; experienced; discriminating; brainy, brilliant, bright, clever, intelligent, keen, nimble, quick, quick-witted, smart; cerebral, erudite, knowledgeable, learned, literate, scholarly; astute, sharp, shrewd; contemplative, reflective, thoughtful

Antonyms
unperceptive, unwise
  ▶ [3, 4] aware, informed, knowing, ready

Antonyms
unknown

3·wise verb wised; wis·ing; wis·es
▶ : to supply with information — often used with up
Synonyms
» usually wise up acquaint, advise, apprise, brief, clue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, inform, instruct, tell—more at ENLIGHTEN

-wise /ˌwīz/ adverb combining form
: in the manner or direction of <slantwise>

wise·acre /ˌwīzˈāˌker/ noun
[origin: MD wijssegger soothsayer]
: SMART ALECK

1 wisecrack /ˈwɪzˌkræk/ noun
» a clever, smart, or flippant remark
Synonyms
» crack, gag, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantry, quip, sally, waggery, witticism—more at JOKE

2 wisecrack verb
» to make a wisecrack
Synonyms
» banter, fool, fun, jest, jive, joke, josh, kid, quip—more at JOKE

wise guy noun
: SMART ALECK

1 wish /wɪʃ/ verb
1 » to have a desire : long for <~ you were here> <~ for a puppy>
2 : to form or express a wish concerning <~ed him a happy birthday>
3: bid <he ~ed me good morning>
4: to request by expressing a desire <I ~ you to go now>
5 » to have the intention of <I don't ~ to impose>
Synonyms
» usually wish for [1] ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, yearn—more at DESIRE
» [5] choose, like, want, will

2 wish noun
1 : an act or instance of wishing or desiring : WANT; also : GOAL
2: an expressed will or desire

wish·bone /ˌwɪʃˈbɒn/ noun
: a forked bone in front of the breastbone in most birds

wish·ful /ˈwɪʃʃʊl/ adjective
1 : expressive of a wish; also : having a wish
2 : according with wishes rather than fact <~ thinking>

wishy–washy /ˈwɪʃˌʃiː, ˈwɪʃˌʃiː, ˈwɪʃ/ adjective
» lacking in character or determination; also : morally feeble
Synonyms
» banal, flat, insipid; also unexciting, unrewarding; bland, boring, drab, dreary, dry, dull, heavy, humdrum, jading, leaden, monotonous, pedestrian, ponderous, tedious, tiresome, tiring, uninteresting, weariesome, weary, wearying; inane; innocuous, inoffensive; mild, soft, subdued, tame, weak; common, commonplace, ordinary, stale, unexceptional
» effete, frail, nerveless, soft, spineless, weak, wimpy—more at WEAK

wisp /wɪsp/ noun
1 : a small handful (as of hay or straw)
2 : a thin strand, strip, or fragment <a ~ of hair>; also : a thready streak <a ~ of smoke>
3 : something frail, slight, or fleeting <a ~ of a smile>
— wispy adjective
wist·e·ria /ˈwɪs·tə·ri·ə/ also wist·ar·ia /ˈwɪstəˌriə/ noun
: any of a genus of chiefly Asian mostly woody vines related to the peas and widely grown for their long showy clusters of blue, white, purple, or rose flowers

wist·ful /ˈwɪst.fəl/ adjective
: feeling or showing a timid desire
— wist·ful·ly adverb
— wist·ful·ness noun

wit /wɪt/ noun
1 : reasoning power : INTELLIGENCE
2 ◁ : mental soundness : SANITY — usu. used in pl.
3 ◁ : resourcefulness and creative imagination; especially : quickness and cleverness in handling words and ideas
4 a : a talent for making clever remarks
b : a person noted for making witty remarks
— wit·ted /wɪt·ɪd/ adjective
— at one's wit's end
: at a loss for a means of solving a problem

Synonyms
▷ [2] head, mind, reason, sanity—more at MIND
▷ [3] common sense, horse sense, sense, wisdom—more at COMMON SENSE
▷ [4b] card, comedian, comic, humorist, jester, joker, wag—more at HUMORIST

1witch /wɪtʃ/ noun
1 ◁ : a person believed to have magic power; especially : SORCERESS
2 ◁ : an ugly old woman : HAG
3 ◁ : a charming or alluring girl or woman

Synonyms
▷ [1] conjurer, enchanter, magician, necromancer, sorcerer, voodoo, wizard—more at MAGICIAN
▷ [1] enchantress, hag, hex; also charmer, conjuror, enchanter, necromancer, voodoo; magician, sorcerer, warlock, wizard
▷ [2] crone, hag—more at CRONE

2witch verb
: BEWITCH

witch·craft /ˈwɪtʃ.ˈkraft/ noun
▷ : the power or practices of a witch : SORCERY

Synonyms
▷ bewitchment, enchantment, magic, necromancy, sorcery, wizardry—more at MAGIC

witch doctor noun
: a person in a primitive society who uses magic to treat sickness and to fight off evil spirits

witch·ery /ˈwɪtʃ.ɛrɪ/ noun, plural -er·ies
1 : the practice of witchcraft : SORCERY
2 : an irresistible fascination : CHARM

witch·grass /ˈwɪtʃ.grɑs/ noun
: any of several grasses that are weeds in cultivated areas

witch hazel /ˈwɪtʃ.hæ.zel/ noun
1 : a shrub of eastern No. America bearing small yellow flowers in the fall
2 : a soothing alcoholic lotion made from witch hazel bark

witch·hunt /ˈwɪtʃ.hɑnt/ noun
1 : a searching out and persecution of persons accused of witchcraft
2 : the searching out and deliberate harassment esp. of political opponents

witch·ing /ˈwɪtʃɪŋ/ adjective
: of, relating to, or suitable for sorcery or supernatural occurrences
with /wɪθ/ ˈwɪθ/ preposition
1: AGAINST <a fight ~ his brother>
2: FROM <parting ~ friends>
3: in mutual relation to <talk ~ a friend>
4: in the company of <went there ~ her>
5: AS REGARDS, TOWARD <is patient ~ children>
6: compared to <on equal terms ~ another>
7: in support of <I'm ~ you all the way>
8: in the presence of: CONTAINING <tea ~ sugar>
9: in the opinion of: as judged by <their arguments had weight ~ her>
10 a: by reason of: BECAUSE OF <pale ~ anger>
   b: by means of <hit him ~ a club>
11: in a manner indicating <work ~ a will>
12: GIVEN, GRANTED < your permission I'll leave>
13: HAVING <came ~ good news> <stood there ~ his mouth open>
14: at the time of: right after ~ that we left>
15: in spite of: DESPITE < all her cleverness, she failed>
16: in the direction of <swim ~ the tide>

Synonyms
[10a] because of, due to, owing to, through—more at BECAUSE OF
[15] despite, notwithstanding, regardless of—more at DESPITE

with·al /ˈwɪð·əl/ adverb
1: together with this: BESIDES
2: on the other hand: NEVERTHELESS

Synonyms
[1] additionally, again, also, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, too, yet
[2] but, howbeit, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still, though, yet—more at HOWEVER

with·draw /ˈwɪð·drɔ, ˈwɪθ/ verb -drew /ˈdrʊ/; -drawn /ˈdrɔn/; -drawing /ˈdrɔɪŋ/
1: to take back or away: REMOVE
2: to call back (as from consideration); also: RETRACT
3: to go away: RETREAT, LEAVE
4: to terminate one's participation in or use of something
5: to remove or draw out from a place or position

Synonyms
[1] clear, draw, remove—more at REMOVE
[2] abjure, recant, renounce, retract, take back, unsay—more at ABJURE
[5] back, fall back, recede, retire, retreat—more at RETREAT

with·draw·al /ˈwɪð·drɔ·əl/ noun
1: an act or instance of withdrawing
2: the discontinuance of the use or administration of a drug and esp. an addicting drug; also: the period following such discontinuance marked by often painful physiological and psychological symptoms
3: a pathological retreat from the real world (as in some schizophrenic states)

Synonyms
retreat, revulsion—more at RETREAT

with·draw·n /ˈwɪð·drɔn/ adjective
1: ISOLATED, SECLUDED
2: socially detached and unresponsive

withe /wɪθ/ noun
: a slender flexible twig or branch

wit·her /ˈwɪθər/ verb
1: to shrivel from or as if from loss of bodily moisture and esp. sap
2: to lose or cause to lose vitality, force, or freshness
3: to cause to feel shriveled <<ed him with a glance>
with·ers /'wiθərz/ noun plural
: the ridge between the shoulder bones of a horse; also : the corresponding part in other 4-footed animals

with·hold /'wiθ.həld, with/ verb -held /'held/; -hold·ing
1 a : to hold back
b : to refrain from granting, giving, or allowing
   1a: keep in one's possession or control : RETAIN
2 : to refrain from granting, giving, or allowing <~ permission> <~ names>
   Synonyms
   1b: hang on, hold, keep, reserve, retain—more at KEEP
   2: decline, deny, disallow, refuse, reject—more at DENY

withholding tax noun
: a tax on income withheld at the source

within /'wiθ.n/ adverb
1 : in or into the interior : INSIDE
2 : inside oneself : INWARDLY

within preposition
1 : inside the limits or influence of <~ call>
2 : in the limits or compass of <~ a mile>
3 : in or to the inner part of <~ the room>

with·it /'wiθ.i/ adjective
: socially or culturally up-to-date

without /'wiθ.out, thei/ preposition
1 : at, to, or on the outside of : OUTSIDE
2 : not having : LACKING <~ hope>; also : not accompanied by or showing <spoke ~ thinking>
   Synonyms
   1: lacking, minus, sans, wanting
2 without adverb
1 : on the outside : EXTERNALLY
2 : with something lacking or absent <has learned to do ~>

with·stand /'wiθ.stænd, with/ verb -stood /'stʌd/; -stand·ing
: to stand against : RESIST; especially : to oppose (as an attack) successfully
   Synonyms
   1: buck, defy, fight, oppose, repel, resist—more at RESIST

wit·less /'witləs/ adjective
: lacking wit or understanding
— wit·less·ly adverb
   Synonyms
   1: absurd, asinine, balmy, cockeyed, crazy, foolish, harebrained, insane, mad, nonsensical, nutty, preposterous, sappy, screwball, senseless, silly, stupid, unwise, wacky, zany—more at FOOLISH

wit·less·ness noun
: the quality or state of being witless

wit·ness /'witnəs/ noun
[origin: ME witnesse, fr. OE witnes knowledge, testimony, witness, fr. wit mind, intelligence]
1 : TESTIMONY <bear ~ to the fact>
2 : one that gives evidence; especially : one who testifies in a cause or before a court
3 : one present at a transaction so as to be able to testify that it has taken place
4 : one who has personal knowledge or experience of something
5 : something serving as evidence or proof
   Synonyms
   1: attestation, confirmation, corroboration, documentation, evidence, proof, substantiation, testament, testimony, validation—more at PROOF
witness verb
1 to furnish evidence or proof such as to establish: TESTIFY
2 to act as legal witness of
3 to furnish proof of: BETOKEN
4 to see or know by reason of personal presence: to be a witness of
5 to be the scene of <this region has ed many wars>

Synonyms
[1] attest, authenticate, avouch, certify, testify, vouch—more at CERTIFY
[4] behold, descry, discern, distinguish, esp'y, eye, look, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, remark, see, sight, spy, view—more at SEE

wit·ti·cism /ˈwɪ.təˌsɪzm/ noun
: a witty saying or phrase

Synonyms
* crack, gag, jest, joke, laugh, pleasantry, quip, sally, waggery, wisecrack—more at JOKE

wit·ting /ˈwɪ.tɪŋ/ adjective
: done knowingly

wit·ting·ly adverb
: with knowledge or awareness of what one is doing

wit·ty /ˈwɪ.tɪ/ adjective wit·ti·er, -est
: marked by or full of wit <a ~ writer> <a ~ remark>
— wit·ti·ly /ˈwɪ.tɪ.lɪ/ adverb
— wit·ti·ness /ˈwɪ.tɪ.nes/ noun

Synonyms
* clever, facetious, humorous, jocular, smart; also cerebral, highbrow, intellectual; bantering, frivolous, joking, joshing, teasing; antic, comic, comical, droll, farcical, funny, hysterical, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, risible, riotous, rollicking, screaming, uproarious; amusing, diverting, entertaining; mischievous, playful, jocose, jocund, jolly, jovial, laughing, merry, mirthful, sunny; scintillating, sparkling; flip, flippant, pert; whimsical

wive /wɪv/ verb wived; wiv·ing
: to take a wife

wives plural of WIFE

wiz·ard /ˈwɪz·ərd/ noun
[origin: ME wysard wise man, fr. wys wise]
1: one skilled in the knowledge and practice of the magic arts: MAGICIAN
2: a very clever or skillful person <a ~ at chess>

Synonyms
* conjurer, enchanter, magician, necromancer, sorcerer, voodoo, witch—more at MAGICIAN
* ace, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack, expert, maestro, master, scholar, shark, virtuoso, whiz—more at EXPERT
* brain, genius, intellect, thinker—more at GENIUS

wiz·ard·ry /ˈwɪz·ərd.rɪ/ noun, plural -ries
1: magic skill: SORCERY
2: great skill or cleverness in an activity

Synonyms
* bewitchment, enchantment, magic, necromancy, sorcery, witchcraft—more at MAGIC

wiz·en /ˈwɪz.ən, ˈwɪz.ən/ verb
: to become or cause to become dry, shrunken, or wrinkled

wk abbreviation
1 week
2 work

WL abbreviation
wavelength

wmk abbreviation
watermark

WNW abbreviation
west-northwest

WO abbreviation
warrant officer

w/o abbreviation
without

woad /ˈwōd/ noun
: a European herb related to the mustards; also : a blue dyestuff made from its leaves

wob·ble /ˈwŏb·bəl/ verb wob·bled; wob·bling
1 ▶: to move or cause to move with an irregular rocking or side-to-side motion
2 ▶: to shake unsteadily
3 ▶: to show indecision: WAVER
— wobble noun

Synonyms
[1] falter, rock, seesaw, sway, teeter, totter, waver—more at TEETER
[2] agitate, convulse, jolt, jounce, quake, quiver, shake, shudder, vibrate—more at SHAKE
[3] falter, hang back, hesitate, shilly-shally, stagger, teeter, vacillate, wavering—more at HESITATE

wob·bly /ˈwŏb·lē/ adjective
▶: inclined to shake, sway, or quaver unsteadily

Synonyms
 ▶ shaky, tremulous—more at SHAKY

woe /ˈwō/ noun
1 ▶: deep suffering from misfortune, affliction, or grief
2 : TROUBLE, MISFORTUNE <economic ~s>

Synonyms
 ▶ affliction, agony, anguish, distress, misery, pain, torment, torture, tribulation—more at DISTRESS
 ▶ dolor, grief, heartache, sorrow—more at SORROW

woe·be·gone /ˈwō·bē·gən/ adjective
▶: exhibiting woe, sorrow, or misery; also : being in a sorry condition

Synonyms
 ▶ bad, blue, dejected, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, down, downcast, droopy, forlorn, low, melancholy, miserable, mournful, sad, sorrowful, sorry, unhappy, woeful, wretched—more at SAD

woe·ful also wo·ful /ˈwō·fəl/ adjective
1 ▶: full of woe: distressed with grief or sadness
2 ▶: involving, bringing, or relating to woe
3 ▶: to be regretted or lamented: DEPLORABLE

Synonyms
[1] anguished, dolorous, lamentable, mournful, plaintive, sad, sorrowful, sorry—more at SORROWFUL
[3] deplorable, distressful, grievous, heartbreaking, lamentable, regrettable, unfortunate—more at REGRETTABLE

woe·ful·ly adverb
▶: in a woeful manner

Synonyms
 ▶ agonizingly, bitterly, grievously, hard, hardly, sadly, sorrowfully, unhappily, wretchedly—more at HARD

wok /wŏk/ noun
[Origin: Chin (Guangzhou & Hong Kong dial.) wohk]
: a bowl-shaped cooking utensil used esp. in stir-frying
woke past and past participle of WAKE
woken past participle of WAKE
wold /wold/ noun
: an upland plain or stretch of rolling land without woods
wolf /wulf/ noun, plural wolves /wulvz/
1 : any of several large erect-eared bushy-tailed doglike predatory mammals that live and hunt in packs; especially: GRAY WOLF
2 : a fierce or destructive person
— wolfish adjective
wolf verb
: to eat greedily: DEVOUR
wolfhound /ˌhwolfənd/ noun
: any of several large dogs orig. used in hunting wolves
wolfram /wulfrahm/ noun
: TUNGSTEN
wolverine /wʌlvəˈraɪn/ noun, plural wolverines also wolverine
: a dark shaggy-coated flesh-eating mammal of northern forests and associated tundra that is related to the weasels
woman /wʌmən/ noun, plural women /wʌmən/
[origin: ME, fr. OE wīfman, fr. wīf woman, wife + man human being, man]
1 : an adult female person
2 : WOMANKIND
3 : feminine nature: WOMANLINESS
4 : a female servant or attendant
Synonyms
dame, female, gentlewoman, lady
womanhood /wʌmənˌhʊd/ noun
1 : the state of being a woman: the distinguishing qualities of a woman or of womankind
2 : WOMANKIND
womanish /wʌmənɪsh/ adjective
1 : associated with or characteristic of women rather than men
2 : suggestive of a weak character: EFFEMINATE
womanize /wʌmənɪz/ verb
: to pursue casual sexual relationships with numerous women
— womanizer noun
woman-kind /wʌmənˌkɪnd/ noun
: the females of the human race: WOMEN
woman-like /ˌwʌmənˈlaɪ/ adjective
: WOMANLY
womanly /ˈwʌmənli/ adjective
1 ꞌ : of, relating to, or characteristic of a woman
2 : suitable to a woman rather than to a man: EFFEMINATE
— woman-li-ness /ˌwʌmənˈlɪˌnes/ noun
Synonyms
defemale, feminine—more at FEMININE
woman suffrage noun
: possession and exercise of suffrage by women
womb /wʊm/ noun
1 : UTERUS
2: a place where something is generated

wom·bat /wəmˈbat/ noun
any of several stocky burrowing Australian marsupials that resemble small bears

wom·en·folk /wəˈmənˌfəlk/ also wom·en·folks /ˌfɔlks/ noun plural
WOMEN

won /wən/ past and past participle of WIN

wonder /wənˈdər/ noun
1: a cause of astonishment or surprise: MARVEL
2: the quality of exciting wonder <the charm and ~ of the scene>
3: a feeling (as of awed astonishment or uncertainty) aroused by something extraordinary or affecting
   Synonyms
   • [1] caution, flash, marvel, miracle, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, sensation; also curiosity, sight, spectacle; apparition, appearance
   • [3] admiration, amazement, astonishment, awe, wonderment; also dread; fear; respect, reverence, veneration; curiosity, interest; shock, surprise; disbelief, incomprehension, incredulity; bewitchment, captivation, enchantment, fascination; animation, enlightenment, excitement, invigoration, stimulation; absorption, engagement, immersion, involvement

wonder verb
1: to feel surprise or amazement
2: to feel curiosity or doubt

wonder drug noun
MIRACLE DRUG

won·der·ful /wənˈdərˌful/ adjective
1: exciting wonder: MARVELOUS
2: unusually good: ADMIRABLE
— won·der·ful·ly /ˌfər(ə)ˈli/ adverb
— won·der·ful·ness noun
   Synonyms
   • amazing, astonishing, astounding, awesome, awful, eye-opening, fabulous, marvelous, miraculous, portentous, prodigious, stunning, stupendous, sublime, surprising—more at MARVELOUS

won·der·land /ˌwʌnˈdərˌlænd/ noun
1: an imaginary place of delicate beauty or magical charm
2: a place that excites admiration or wonder

won·der·ment /ˌwʌnˈdərˌmɛnt/ noun
1: a state or feeling of wonder: ASTONISHMENT
2: a cause of or occasion for wonder
3: curiosity about something
   Synonyms
   • admiration, amazement, astonishment, awe, wonder—more at WONDER

won·drous /wənˈdrəs/ adjective
: exciting wonder or surprise: MARVELOUS, WONDERFUL
— won·drous·ly adverb
— won·drous·ness noun

wonk /wəŋk/ noun
: one who works in a specialized usu. intellectual field <computer ~s>

wont /wɔnt, ˈwɒnt/ adjective
[origin: ME woned, wont, fr. pp. of wonen to dwell, be used to, fr. OE wunian]
1: in the habit or custom: ACCUSTOMED <as we are ~ to do>
2: INCLINED, APT
   Synonyms

   • inclination, habit, tendency, disposition, predilection, predilection, preference, proclivity, prejudice, leaning, leaning, turn—more at ACCUSTOMED
accustomed, given, used—more at ACCUSTOMED

2 wont noun
✓ a usage or practice that is common : CUSTOM <according to her ~>  
    Synonyms
✓ custom, fashion, habit, pattern, practice, trick, way—more at HABIT

won't /wont/
✓ : will not

won·ed /won·t·ed, wont/ adjective
✓ ACCUSTOMED, CUSTOMARY <his ~ courtesy>

woo /wū/ verb
1 : to try to gain the love of : COURT
2 : SOLICIT, ENTREAT
3 ▶ : to try to gain or bring about <~ public favor>
    Synonyms
✓ ask, court—more at COURT

woo·er noun
✓ : one that woos : one that courts a woman or seeks to marry her
    Synonyms
✓ gallant, suitor, swain—more at SUITOR

1 wood /wūd/ noun
1 : a dense growth of trees usu. larger than a grove and smaller than a forest — often used in pl.
2 : a hard fibrous substance that is basically xylem and forms the bulk of trees and shrubs beneath the bark; also : this material fit or prepared for some use (as burning or building)
3 : something made of wood
4 : the trunks or large branches of trees sawed or prepared for commercial use

2 adjective
1 : WOODEN
2 : suitable for holding, cutting, or working with wood
3 or woods /wūdz/ : living or growing in woods

3 verb
1 : to supply or load with wood esp. for fuel
2 : to cover with a growth of trees

wood alcohol noun
✓ METHANOL

wood·bine /wūd·bīn/ noun
✓ any of several honeysuckles; also : VIRGINIA CREEPER

wood·block /ˌblāk/ noun
✓ WOODCUT

wood·chop·per /ˌchāˈper/ noun
✓ one engaged esp. in chopping down trees

wood·chuck /ˌchāk/ noun
✓ a thickset grizzled marmot of Alaska, Canada, and the northeastern U.S.

wood·cock /wūd·kāk/ noun, plural woodcocks
✓ a brown eastern No. American game bird with a short neck and long bill that is related to the snipe; also : a related and similar Old World bird

wood·craft /ˌkraft/ noun
1 : skill and practice in matters relating to the woods and esp. in how to take care of oneself in them
2 : skill in shaping or constructing articles from wood
wood-cut /ˈwʊdˌkʌt/ noun
1 : a relief printing surface engraved on a block of wood
2 : a print from a woodcut

wood-cutter /ˈwʊdˌkʌtər/ noun
: a person who cuts wood

wood duck noun
: a showy crested American duck of which the male has iridescent multicolored plumage

wood·ed /ˈwʊd·əd/ adjective
: covered with woods or trees '<~ slopes>

wood·en /ˈwʊd·ən/ adjective
1 : made of wood
2 : lacking in ease, grace, or flexibility : awkwardly stiff
— wood·en·ly adverb
— wood·en·ness noun

Synonyms
- awkward, clumsy, gauche, graceless, inelegant, stiff, stilted, uncomfortable, uneasy, ungraceful—more at AWKWARD

wood·en·ware /ˈwʊd·ənˌwɑr/ noun
: articles made of wood for domestic use

wood·land /ˈwʊdˌlænd/ noun
1 : land covered with trees : FOREST
— woodland adjective

Synonyms
- forest, timberland—more at FOREST

wood·lot /ˈwʊdˌlɑt/ noun
: a restricted area of woodland usu. privately kept to meet fuel and timber needs

wood louse noun
: any of various small flat crustaceans that live esp. in ground litter and under stones and bark

wood·man /ˈwʊdˌmæn/ noun
: WOODSMAN

wood·note /ˈwʊdnət/ noun
: verbal expression that is natural and artless

wood nymph noun
: a nymph living in the woods

wood·peck·er /ˈwʊdˌpɛkər/ noun
: any of numerous usu. brightly marked climbing birds with stiff spiny tail feathers and a chisellike bill used to drill into trees for insects

wood·pile /ˈwʊdpɪl/ noun
: a pile of wood and esp. firewood

wood·shed /ˈwʊdˌʃed/ noun
: a shed for storing wood and esp. firewood

woods·man /ˈwʊdzˌmæn/ noun
: a person who frequents or works in the woods; especially : one skilled in woodcraft

woodsy /ˈwʊdˌzi/ adjective woods·i·er; -est
: relating to or suggestive of woods

wood·wind /ˈwʊdˌwɪnd/ noun
: one of a group of wind instruments including flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, and sometimes saxophones
woodwork /ˈwʊdˌwɜːrk/ noun
: work made of wood; especially : interior fittings (as moldings or stairways) of wood

woody /ˈwʊd.i/ adjective woody-er; -est
1 : abounding or overgrown with woods
2 : of or containing wood or wood fibers
3 : characteristic or suggestive of wood
— woody-ness /ˈwʊ.d.i.nəs/ noun

woof /ˈwʊf/ noun
[origin: alter. of ME oof, fr. OE ðōwef, fr. ðō- (fr. on) + wefan to weave]
1 : WEFT 1
2 : a woven fabric; also : its texture

woof-er /ˈwʊf.ər/ noun
: a loudspeaker that reproduces sounds of low pitch

wool /ˈwʊl/ noun
1 : the soft wavy or curly hair of some mammals and esp. the domestic sheep; also : something (as a textile or garment) made of wool
2 : material that resembles a mass of wool
— wooled /ˈwʊld/ adjective

Synonyms
coat, fleece, fur, hair, pelage, pile

1woolen or wool-len /ˈwʊ.len/ adjective
1 : made of wool
2 : of or relating to the manufacture or sale of woolen products <~ mills>

2woolen or woollen noun
1 : a fabric made of wool
2 : garments of woolen fabric — usu. used in pl.

wool-gath·er·ing /ˈgɑːθərɪŋ/ noun
: idle daydreaming

Synonyms
reverie, study, trance—more at REVERIE

1woolly also wool-y /ˈwʊ.lɪ/ adjective wool-ly-er; -est
1 : of, relating to, or bearing wool
2 a : consisting of or resembling wool
b : thickly covered with long hair or fuzz
3 : mentally confused <~ thinking>
4 : marked by a lack of order or restraint <the wild and ~ West>

Synonyms
[2a, b] furry, fuzzy, hairy, rough, shaggy—more at HAIRY

2woolly also wool·ie or wool-y /ˈwʊ.lɪ/ noun, plural wool·lies
: a garment made from wool; especially : underclothing of knitted wool — usu. used in pl.

woolly bear noun
: any of numerous very hairy moth caterpillars

woolly mammoth noun
: a heavy-coated mammoth formerly inhabiting colder parts of the northern hemisphere

woozy /ˈwʊ.zi/ adjective woozy-er; -est
1 : BEFUDDLED
2 : somewhat dizzy, nauseated, or weak
— woozy-ness /ˈwʊ.zi.nəs/ noun

1word /ˈwɜːrd/ noun
1: something that is said; especially: a brief remark
2: a speech sound or series of speech sounds that communicates a meaning; also: a graphic representation of such a sound or series of sounds
3: an instruction, authorization, or direction for action or behavior: COMMAND
4: often cap: the 2d person of the Trinity; also: GOSPEL
5: a report of a recent event or of new information: NEWS, INFORMATION
6: a declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something: PROMISE
7: plural: QUARREL, DISPUTE
8: a verbal signal: PASSWORD

Synonyms
word verb
  1: to express in words: PHRASE
  Synonyms
  articulate, clothe, couch, express, formulate, phrase, put, say, state—more at PHRASE
word·age /war.dʒ/ noun
  1: WORDS
  2: number of words
  3: WORDING
word·book /war.bʊk/ noun
  a: a book containing a collection of words: DICTIONARY
word·i·ness /ˈwɜrd.i-nəs/ noun
  a: the quality or state of being wordy
  Synonyms
  circumlocution, prolixity, redundancy, verbiage—more at VERBIAGE
word·ing /war ding/ noun
  a: verbal expression: PHRASEOLOGY
  Synonyms
  diction, language, phraseology, phrasing; also: expression, formulation, locution; enunciation, phrase, speech, style, utterance, voice
word·less adjective
  1: not expressed or not expressible in words
  2: involving no use of words
  Synonyms
  implicit, tacit, unexpressed, unspoken, unvoiced—more at IMPLICIT
word of mouth
  a: oral communication
word·play /ˈwɜrd.plæ/ noun
  a: playful use of words
word processing noun
  a: the production of typewritten documents with automated and usu. computerized text-editing equipment
  — word process verb
word processor noun
  a: a keyboard-operated terminal for use in word processing; also: software to perform word processing
wordy /ˈwɜrd.i/ adjective word·i·er; -est
  a: using many words: VERBOSE
Synonyms
- circuitous, diffuse, long-winded, prolix, rambling, verbose, windy; also chatty, communicative, conversational, gabby, garrulous, loquacious, talkative, voluble; redundant, repetitious, tautological; embellished, embroidered; bombastic, grandiloquent, highfalutin

Antonyms
- compact, concise, crisp, pithy, succinct, terse

wore past of WEAR

work /wɜrk/ noun
1: activity in which one exerts strength or faculties to do or perform something: LABOR
2 a: something that needs to be done or accomplished: TASK, JOB <have ~ to do>
b: the labor, task, or duty that affords one his accustomed means of livelihood: EMPLOYMENT <out of ~>
3: the energy used when a force is applied over a given distance
4: something produced or accomplished by effort, exertion, or exercise of skill
5: a fortified structure
6 plural: engineering structures
7 plural: a place where industrial labor is done: FACTORY
8 plural: the moving parts of a mechanism
9: something produced by mental effort or physical labor; especially: an artistic production (as a book or needlework)
10: WORKMANSHP <careless ~>
11: material in the process of manufacture
12 plural: everything possessed, available, or belonging <the whole ~s went overboard>; also: drastic treatment <gave him the ~s>
—in the works
: in process of preparation

Synonyms
- [1] effort, exertion, expenditure, labor, pains, sweat, trouble, while—more at EFFORT
- [2b] calling, employment, line, occupation, profession, trade, vocation—more at OCCUPATION
- [4, 9] affair, fruit, handiwork, output, produce, product, thing, yield—more at PRODUCT
- usually works [7] factory, mill, plant, shop, workshop—more at FACTORY
- [9] composition, opus, piece—more at COMPOSITION

work adjective
1: used for work <~ elephants>
2: suitable or styled for wear while working <~ clothes>

work verb worked /wɜrk/ or wrought /rɒt/; working
1: to bring to pass: EFFECT
2: to fashion or create a useful or desired product through labor or exertion
3: to prepare for use (as by kneading)
4: to bring into a desired form by a manufacturing process <~ cold steel>
5: to set or keep in operation <a pump ~ed by hand>
6: to solve by reasoning or calculation <~ out a problem>
7: to cause to toil or labor <~ed the men hard>; also: to make use of <~ a mine>
8: to pay for with labor or service <~ off a debt>
9: to bring or get into some position or condition by stages <the stream ~ed itself clear> <the knot ~ed loose>
10: CONTRIVE, ARRANGE <~ it so you can leave early>
11: to practice trickery or cajolery on <~ed the management for a free ticket>
12: EXCITE, PROVE <~ed himself into a rage>
13: to exert oneself physically or mentally; especially: to perform work regularly for wages
14: to function according to plan or design
15: to produce a desired effect: SUCCEED <the plan ~ed>
16: to make way slowly and with difficulty <he ~ed forward through the crowd>
17: to permit of being worked <this wood ~s easily>
18: to be in restless motion; also: FERMENT 1
— work on
AFFECT
2: to try to influence or persuade
— work upon
: to have effect upon: operate on: INFLUENCE

Synonyms
▶ [1] bring about, cause, create, effect, effectuate, generate, induce, make, produce, prompt, result, yield—more at EFFECT
▶ [5] handle, operate, run—more at OPERATE
▶ [5] actuate, drive, impel, move, propel
▶ [6] answer, break, crack, dope, figure out, puzzle, resolve, riddle, solve, unravel, work out—more at SOLVE
▶ [13] drudge, endeavor, fag, grub, hustle, labor, peg, plod, plug, slave, slog, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, toil, travail—more at LABOR

work·able /warˈkaˌbəl/ adjective
1: capable of being worked
2 ▶: capable of being put into successful operation: PRACTICABLE
— work·able·ness noun

Synonyms
▶ achievable, attainable, doable, feasible, possible, practicable, realizable, viable—more at POSSIBLE

work·a·day /warˈkeˌdā/ adjective
1 ▶: relating to or suited for working days as distinguished from special occasions
2 ▶: being ordinary and unexceptionable

Synonyms
▶ [1] casual, everyday, informal—more at CASUAL
▶ [2] average, common, commonplace, everyday, normal, ordinary, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual—more at ORDINARY

work·a·hol·ic /warˈkeˌhōˈlik/ noun
: a compulsive worker

work·bench /ˈbench/ noun
: a bench on which work esp. of mechanics, machinists, and carpenters is performed

work·book /ˈbük/ noun
1: a worker's manual
2: a student's book of problems to be answered directly on the pages

work·day /ˈwerkˌdā/ noun
1: a day on which work is done as distinguished from a day off
2: the period of time in a day when work is performed

work·er /ˈwerkˌer/ noun
1 ▶: one that works; especially: a person who works for wages
2: any of the sexually undeveloped individuals of a colony of social insects (as bees, ants, or termites) that perform the work of the community

Synonyms
▶ drudge, fag, peon, slave, toiler—more at SLAVE
▶ employee, hand, hireling, jobholder—more at EMPLOYEE

workers' compensation noun
: a system of insurance that reimburses an employer for damages paid to an employee who was injured while working

work ethic noun
: belief in work as a moral good

work farm noun
: a farm on which persons guilty of minor law violations are confined

work·horse /ˈwerkˌhərs/ noun
work·house /ˈhauz/ noun
1 British: POORHOUSE
2: a house of correction for persons guilty of minor law violations

work in verb
1: to insert or cause to penetrate by repeated or continued effort
2: to interpose or insinuate gradually or unobtrusively
   Synonyms
   → infiltrate, insinuate, slip, sneak, worm—more at INSINUATE

1work·ing /ˈwərkɪŋ/ noun
1: manner of functioning — usu. used in pl.
2 plural: an excavation made in mining or tunneling

2working adjective
1: engaged in work <a ~ journalist>
2: adequate to allow work to be done <a ~ majority> <a ~ knowledge of French>
3: adopted or assumed to help further work or activity <a ~ draft>
4: spent at work <~ life>
   Synonyms
   → applicable, functional, practicable, practical, serviceable, usable, useful, workable—more at PRACTICAL

work·ing·man /ˈwərkɪŋˌmæn/ noun
: WORKER 1

work·man /ˈwərkən/ noun
1: WORKER 1
2: ARTISAN, CRAFTSMAN

work·man·like /ˈwərkˈmænˌlaɪk/ adjective
: worthy of a good workman : SKILLFUL

work·man·ship /ˈwərkˌmænʃɪp/ noun
: the art or skill of a workman : CRAFTSMANSHIP; also: the quality of a piece of work <a vase of exquisite ~>

work·out /ˈwərkəut/ noun
1: a practice or exercise to test or improve one's fitness, ability, or performance
2: a test or trial to determine ability or capacity or suitability
   Synonyms
   → drill, exercise, practice, routine, training—more at EXERCISE

work out verb
1 a: to bring about esp. by resolving difficulties
   b: to create or cause by labor and exertion
2: to expand, develop, or perfect esp. by analysis or reasoning : DEVELOP, ELABORATE
3: to prove effective, practicable, or suitable <I think this plan will work out>
4 a: to amount to a total or calculated figure — used with at
   b: to solve (as a problem) by a process of reasoning or calculation
5: to engage in a workout
   Synonyms
   → [1a, b] build, carve, forge, grind, hammer
   → [3] click, deliver, go over, pan out, succeed—more at SUCCEED
   → [4b] calculate, compute, figure, reckon—more at CALCULATE
   → [4b] answer, break, crack, dope, figure out, puzzle, resolve, riddle, solve, unravel, work—more at SOLVE

work·place /ˈwərkˌplæs/ noun
: a place (as an office) where work is done
work·room /ˈwɜːrkˌrum, ˈrʊm/ noun
a room used for work

work·shop /ˌshəp/ noun
1 ◀: a shop where manufacturing or handicrafts are carried on
2 : a seminar emphasizing exchange of ideas and practical methods
   Synonyms
   ◀ factory, mill, plant, shop, works—more at FACTORY

work·sta·tion /ˌstæ.ʃən/ noun
: an area with equipment for the performance of a specialized task; also : a personal computer usu. connected to a computer network

world /wɜːld/ noun
[Origin: ME, fr. OE woruld human existence, this world, age, fr. a prehistoric compound whose first constituent is represented by OE wer man and whose second constituent is akin to OE eald old]
1 ◀: the earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
2 ◀: people in general
3 : human affairs <withdraw from the ~>
4 ◀: the entire system of created things : UNIVERSE, CREATION
5 : a state of existence : scene of life and action <the ~ of the future>
6 : a distinctive class of persons or their sphere of interest <the musical ~>
7 : a part or section of the earth or its inhabitants by itself
8 : a great number or quantity <a ~ of troubles>
9 : a celestial body
   Synonyms
   ◀ [1] earth, planet—more at EARTH
   ◀ [2] folks, humanity, humankind, people, persons, public, society—more at PEOPLE
   ◀ [4] cosmos, creation, macrocosm, nature, universe—more at UNIVERSE

world-beat·er /ˈbɔːtər/ noun
: one that excels all others of its kind : CHAMPION

world-class adjective
: of the highest caliber in the world <a ~ athlete>

world·ling /ˈlɪŋ/ noun
: a person absorbed in the concerns of the present world

world·ly /ˈlɪ/ adjective
1 ◀: of, relating to, or devoted to this world and its pursuits rather than to religion or spiritual affairs
2 : experienced or knowledgeable in things and ways of this world : WORLDLY-WISE
— world·li·ness /ˈlɪ.nəs/ noun
   Synonyms
   ◀ carnal, earthly, fleshly, material, mundane, temporal, terrestrial—more at EARTHLY

world·ly–wise /ˈwɜːld.ɪˌwiz/ adjective
: possessing a practical and often shrewd understanding of human affairs
   Synonyms
   ◀ cosmopolitan, smart, sophisticated, worldly; also suave, urbane; civilized, cultivated, cultured, polished, refined; experienced, knowing, practiced, schooled, seasoned; bored, cynical, jaded, skeptical; down-to-earth, pragmatic, realistic, sober
   Antonyms
   ◀ ingenuous, innocent, naive, unsophisticated, unworldly, wide-eyed

world–wide /ˈwɜːld.wid/ adjective
: extended throughout the entire world
   — worldwide adverb

World Wide Web noun
: a part of the Internet usu. accessed through a browser and containing files connected by hyperlinks

1. **worm** /wɔrm/ noun
   1: any of various small long usu. naked and soft-bodied round or flat invertebrate animals (as an earthworm, nematode, tapeworm, or maggot)
   2: a human being who is an object of contempt, loathing, or pity: WRETCH
   3: something that inwardly torments or devours
   4 plural: infestation with or disease caused by parasitic worms
   5: a spiral or wormlike thing (as the thread of a screw)
   — **wormy** adjective

2. **worm** verb
   1: to move or cause to move or proceed slowly and deviously or as if in the manner of a worm
   2: to insinuate or introduce (oneself) by devious or subtle means
   3: to obtain or extract by artful or insidious pleading, asking, or persuading <~ed the truth out of him>
   4: to treat (an animal) with a drug to destroy or expel parasitic worms

   **Synonyms**
   - [1] crawl, creep, grovel, slither, snake—more at CRAWL
   - [2] infiltrate, insinuate, slip, sneak, work in—more at INSINUATE

3. **worm-eaten** /wɔrmˌɛtən/ adjective
   : eaten or burrowed by worms

4. **worm gear** noun
   : a mechanical linkage consisting of a short rotating screw whose threads mesh with the teeth of a gear wheel

5. **worm-hole** /wɔrmˌhəʊl/ noun
   : a hole or passage burrowed by a worm

6. **worm-wood** /ˌwɔrmˌwʊd/ noun
   1: any of a genus of aromatic woody plants (as a sagebrush); especially: one of Europe used in absinthe
   2: something bitter or grievous: BITTERNESS

7. **worn** past participle of **wear**

8. **worn-out** adjective
   : damaged, used up, or exhausted by or as if by wear

   **Synonyms**
   - beat, bushed, dead, drained, effete, jaded, limp, prostrate, spent, tired, weary—more at WEARY
   - ragged, ratty, seedy, shabby, tattered, threadbare—more at RAGGED

9. **worry** /ˈwɔrɪ/ verb **worried; worrying**
   1: to shake and mangle with the teeth <a terrier ~ing a rat>
   2: to make anxious or upset <her poor health worries me>
   3: to feel or express great care or anxiety: FRET
   — **worrier** noun

   **Synonyms**
   - [2] agitate, bother, concern, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, exercise, freak, perturb, undo, unhinge, unsettle, upset
   - [3] bother, fear, fret, stew, sweat, trouble; also agonize; long, pine, yearn; chafe; despair
worry noun, plural worries
1 : mental distress or agitation resulting from concern usu. for something impending or anticipated : \textit{ANXIETY}
2 : a cause of anxiety : \textit{TROUBLE}

\textit{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item agitation, anxiety, apprehension, care, concern, disquiet, nervousness, perturbation, uneasiness—more at \textit{ANXIETY}
\end{itemize}

\textit{worry-wart} /war ˈwɔrt/ noun
: one who is inclined to worry unduly

\textit{worse} /wərz/ adjective, comparative of \textit{BAD}, or of \textit{ILL}
1 : bad or evil in a greater degree : less good
2 : more unfavorable, unpleasant, or painful; \textit{also} : \textit{SICKER}

\textit{worse} noun
1 : one that is worse
2 : a greater degree of ill or badness \textit{<a turn for the ~>}

\textit{worse} adverb, comparative of \textit{BAD}, or of \textit{ILL}
: in a worse manner : to a worse extent or degree

\textit{wors-en} /ˈwɜr-ən/ verb
\begin{itemize}
\item to make or become worse
\end{itemize}

\textit{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item decay, decline, degenerate, descend, deteriorate, ebb, rot, sink—more at \textit{DETERIORATE}
\end{itemize}

\textit{worship} /ˈwərˌʃip/ noun
[\textit{ORIGIN}: ME \textit{worshipe} worthiness, respect, reverence paid to a divine being, fr. OE \textit{weorthscipe} worthiness, respect, fr. \textit{weorth} worthy, worth + -\textit{scipe} -ship, suffix denoting quality or condition]
1 chiefly British : a person of importance — used as a title for officials
2 : reverence toward a divine being or supernatural power; \textit{also} : the expression of such reverence
3 : extravagant respect or admiration or devotion \textit{<~ of the dollar>}

\textit{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item adulation, deification, idolatry; \textit{also} adoration, deference, glorification, reverence, veneration; idealization; affection, fancy, favor, fondness, like, liking, love; appreciation, esteem, regard, respect; approval
\end{itemize}

\textit{worship} verb -shipped also -shiped; -shipping also -ship\textit{ing}
1 : to honor or reverence as a divine being or supernatural power
2 : to regard with respect, honor, or devotion
3 : to perform or take part in worship

— \textit{worshipper} or \textit{worship-per} noun

\textit{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item [1] adore, deify, glorify, revere, venerate; \textit{also} admire, honor, regard, respect; dignify, exalt, magnify; extol, laud, praise; delight, gratify, please, satisfy
\item [2] adore, canonize, deify, dote, idolize, love—more at \textit{IDOLIZE}
\end{itemize}

\textit{worship-ful} /ˈwərˌʃip-əl/ adjective
1 archaic : \textit{NOTABLE}, \textit{DISTINGUISHED}
2 chiefly British — used as a title for various persons or groups of rank or distinction
3 : giving or expressing adoration or reverence

\textit{Synonyms}
\begin{itemize}
\item adulatory; \textit{also} glorifying, reverential, venerating; affectionate, fond, loving; appreciative, deferential, respectful; approving
\end{itemize}

\textit{worst} /ˈwɜst/ adjective, superlative of \textit{BAD}, or of \textit{ILL}
1 : most bad, evil, ill, or corrupt
2 : most unfavorable, unpleasant, or painful; \textit{also} : most unsuitable, faulty, or unattractive
3 : least skillful or efficient

\textit{worst} adverb, superlative of \textit{ILL}, or of \textit{BAD}, or \textit{BADLY}
1: to the extreme degree of badness or inferiority: in the worst manner

2: MOST <those who need help ~> 

3: worst noun
   : one that is worst

4: worst verb
   : to get the better of in a fight, conflict, or contest: DEFEAT

worsted /wərs'tid, wər'stəd/ noun
   : a smooth compact yarn from long wool fibers; also: a fabric made from such yarn

wort /wɔrt, wɔr/ noun
   : a sweet liquid drained from mash and fermented to form beer and whiskey

worth /wɜrθ/ noun
1: monetary value; also: the equivalent of a specified amount or figure <$5 ~ of gas>
2: the value of something measured by its qualities
3: MERIT, EXCELLENCE
   Synonyms
   ▶ account, merit, valuation, value; also assessment, estimation, evaluation; excellence, greatness, perfection; consequence, importance, significance, weight; desirability

worth preposition
1: equal in value to; also: having possessions or income equal to
2: deserving of <well ~ the effort>

worthless /wɜrθləs/ adjective
1: lacking use, value, or profit
2: LOW, DESPICABLE
   — worthless noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ chaffy, empty, junky, no-good, null, valueless; also base, cheap, inferior, lousy, second-rate, bad, defective, imperfect, substandard, unsatisfactory; deficient, inadequate, insufficient, unacceptable
   Antonyms
      useful, valuable, worthy

worthwhile /wɜrθwɛl/ adjective
   : being worth the time or effort spent

worthy /wɜrθi/ adjective worthy-er, -est
1: having worth or value
2: marked by personal qualities warranting honor, respect, or esteem: MERITORIOUS
3: having sufficient worth ~ of the honor
   — worthi-ly /wɜrθi-leɪ/ adverb
   — worthi-ness /wɜrθi-nes/ noun
      Synonyms
      ▶ deserving, good, meritorious; also admirable, commendable, creditable, laudable, praiseworthy; invaluable, priceless; cherished, prized, treasured; choice, excellent, exceptional, fancy, primary, prime, special
      Antonyms
      no-good, undeserving, valueless, worthless

worthy noun, plural worthies
   : a worthy person

would /wʊd/ past of WILL
1 archaic: wish for: WANT
2: strongly desire: wish ~ I were young again>
3 — used as an auxiliary to express (1) preference ~ rather run than fight>, (2) wish, desire, or intent <those who ~ forbid gambling>, (3) habitual action ~ meet often for lunch>, (4) a contingency or possibility ~ if he were
coming, he ~ be here by now>, (5) probability <~ have won if he hadn't tripped>, or (6) a request <~ you help us>

4: **COULD**
5: **SHOULD**

*would-be /wʊdˈbi/ adjective*
: desiring or pretending to be <a ~ artist>

1. **wound /wʊnd/** noun
1: an injury involving cutting or breaking of bodily tissue (as by violence, accident, or surgery)
2: an injury or hurt to feelings or reputation

   **Synonyms**
   - affront, barb, dart, dig, indignity, insult, name, offense, outage, put-down, sarcasm, slight, slur—more at **INSULT**

2. **wound** verb

   : to inflict a wound to or in

   **Synonyms**
   - damage, harm, hurt, injure—more at **INJURE**
   - affront, insult, offend, outrage, slight—more at **INSULT**

3. **wound /wʊnd/** past and past participle of **wind**

4. **wove** past of **weave**
5. **woven** past participle of **weave**

1. **wow /wɔ/** noun
: a striking success : **HIT**

2. **wow** verb

   : to arouse enthusiastic approval

**WP** abbreviation
word processing; word processor

**WPM** abbreviation
words per minute

**wpn** abbreviation
weapon

6. **wrack /ræk/** noun
[**ORIGIN**: ME, fr. OE *wrec* misery, punishment, something driven by the sea]
: violent or total destruction

7. **wraith /rɑθ/** noun, plural **wraiths /rɑθz, rɑθz/**
1: a visible appearance of a dead person : **GHOST**
2: an insubstantial appearance : **SHADOW**

   **Synonyms**
   - apparition, bogey, ghost, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision—more at **GHOST**

1. **wrangle /raŋgəl/** verb **wrangled; wran-gling**

   1: to quarrel angrily or peevishly : **BICKER**
   2: **ARGUE**
   3: to obtain by persistent arguing
   4: to herd and care for (livestock) on the range

   **wrang-gler** noun

   **Synonyms**
   - argue, bicker, brawl, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble—more at **ARGUE**

2. **wrangle** noun

   : an angry, noisy, or prolonged dispute; also : **CONTROVERSY**

   **Synonyms**
altercation, argument, bicker, brawl, controversy, disagreement, dispute, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, row, scrap, spat, squabble—more at **ARGUMENT**

1 **wrap** /raP/ **verb** wrapped; wrapping

1: to cover esp. by winding or folding
2: to envelop and secure for transportation or storage
3: to enclose wholly
4: to coil, fold, draw, or twine about something
5: **SURROUND**, **ENVELOP** <**wrapped in mystery**>
6: **INVOLVE**, **ENGROSS** <**wrapped up in a hobby**>
7: to complete filming or recording

**Synonyms**
- embrace, enclose, encompass, enfold, enshroud, envelop, invest, lap, mantle, shroud, swathe, veil—more at **ENFOLD**

2 **wrap** **noun**

1: **WRAPPER**, **WRAPPING**
2: an article of clothing that may be wrapped around a person
3 plural: **SECRECY** <kept under ~s>
4: completion of filming or recording

**wrap-around** /ra,P_3,.r_a_n_d/ **noun**

: a garment (as a dress) adjusted to the figure by wrapping around

**wrap-per** /ra,P_3,.e_P_3/ **noun**

1: that in which something is wrapped
2: one that wraps
3: an article of clothing worn wrapped around the body

**wrap-ping** /ra,P_3,.e_P_3/ **noun**

: something used to wrap an object: **WRAPPER**

**wrap-up** /ra,P_3,.e_P_3/ **noun**

: **SUMMARY**

**wrap up** **verb**

1: to make a single comprehensive report from: **SUMMARIZE**
2: to bring to a usu. successful conclusion

**Synonyms**
- [1] abstract, digest, encapsulate, epitomize, outline, recapitulate, sum up, summarize—more at **SUMMARIZE**
- [2] close, conclude, end, finish, round, terminate, wind up—more at **CLOSE**

**wrasse** /ra_s/ **noun**

: any of a large family of usu. brightly colored marine fishes including many food fishes

**wrath** /ra_th/ **noun**

1: violent anger: **RAGE**
2: condemnation esp. of a deity or sovereign; especially: divine punishment

**Synonyms**
- [1] anger, furor, fury, indignation, ire, outrage, rage, spleen, wrathfulness—more at **ANGER**
- [2] castigation, chastisement, correction, desert, discipline, nemesis, penalty, punishment—more at **PUNISHMENT**

**wrath-ful** /fa_l/ **adjective**

1: filled with wrath: very angry
2: showing, marked by, or arising from anger

— **wrath-ful-ly** **adverb**

**Synonyms**
- [1, 2] angry, boiling, enrage, furious, irate, mad, rabid, sore—more at **ANGRY**

**wrath-ful-ness** **noun**

: the quality or fact of being wrathful
Synonyms

wreck /rɛk/ verb
[origin: ME wreken, fr. OE wrecan to drive, punish, avenge]
1 : to exact as a punishment : INFLICT <~ vengeance on an enemy>
2 : to give free scope or rein to <~ed his wrath>
3 : BRING ABOUT, CAUSE <~ havoc>

wreath /rɛθ/ noun, plural wreaths /rɛθz, rɛθs/
: a circular band of flowers or leaves usu. for decoration; also : something having a circular or coiling form <a ~ of smoke>

wreathe /rɛθ/ verb wreathed; wreath·ing
1 : to shape or take on the shape of a wreath
2 : to crown, decorate, or cover with or as if with a wreath <a face wreathed in smiles>
3 : to interweave or blend together

Synonyms

interlace, intersperse, intertwine, interweave, lace, thread, weave—more at THREAD

1 wreck /rɛk/ noun
1 : something (as goods) cast up on the land by the sea after a shipwreck
2 : the injury, destruction, or sinking of a vessel esp. by being cast on rocks or affected by the force of winds or waves : SHIPWRECK
3 : the action or an instance of crashing, breaking up, or destroying something
4 : broken remains (as of a vehicle after a crash)
5 : something disabled or in a state of ruin; also : an individual broken in health, strength, or spirits

Synonyms

[3] collision, crack-up, crash, smash—more at CRASH
[4] debris, remains, residue, rubble, ruins, wreckage—more at REMAINS

2 wreck verb
1 : SHIPWRECK
2 : to ruin or damage by breaking up : involve in disaster or ruin

Synonyms

annihilate, blot out, demolish, desolate, destroy, devastate, do in, exterminate, extinguish, obliterate, pulverize, ruin, shatter, smash, tear down, waste, wipe out—more at DESTROY

wreckage /rɛkˌid/ noun
1 : the act of wrecking : the state of being wrecked
2 : the remains of a wreck

Synonyms

[1] annihilation, demolition, desolation, destruction, devastation, havoc, loss, obliteration, ruin, wastage—more at DESTRUCTION
[2] debris, remains, residue, rubble, ruins, wreck—more at REMAINS

wrecker /rɛkˌer/ noun
1 : one that searches for or works upon the wrecks of ships
2 : TOW TRUCK
3 : one that wrecks; especially : one whose work is the demolition of buildings

wren /rɛn/ noun
: any of a family of small mostly brown singing birds with short wings and often a tail that points upward

1 wrench /rɛn(t)ʃ/ verb
1 : to move with a violent twist
2 : to pull, strain, or tighten with violent twisting or force
3 : to injure or disable by a violent twisting or straining
4 : to snatch forcibly : WREST

Synonyms
wrench noun
1 : a forcible twisting; also : an injury (as to one's ankle) by twisting
2 : a tool for holding, twisting, or turning (as nuts or bolts)

wrest /rest/ verb
1 : to pull or move by a forcible twisting movement
2 : to gain with difficulty by or as if by coercion, force, or violence <ed the book from her hands> < control of the government from the dictator>

Synonyms
1 [1] extract, prize, pry, pull, root, tear, uproot—more at EXTRACT
2 [1, 2] rip, tear, wrench—more at TEAR
3 [2] exact, extort, wring—more at EXTORT

wrest noun
: a forcible twist : WRENCH

wrestle /res/ verb wrestled; wrestling
1 : to grapple with and try to throw down an opponent
2 : to compete against in wrestling
3 : to struggle for control (as of something difficult) with a problem>

Synonyms
1 [1, 2] grapple, scuffle, tussle; also battle, clash (with), combat, contend, fight, war (against); duel, bash, batter, beat, buffet, hit, punch, slug, strike; box, spar; brawl, skirmish

wrestle noun
: the action or an instance of wrestling : STRUGGLE

wrestling /res/ noun
: the sport in which two opponents wrestle each other

wretch /reich/ noun
[origin: ME wrecche, fr. OE wrecca outcast, exile]
1 : a miserable unhappy person
2 : a base, despicable, or vile person

Synonyms
1 beast, devil, evildoer, fiend, heavy, knave, no-good, rapscallion, rascal, reprobate, rogue, scalawag, scamp, varlet, villain—more at VILLAIN

wretched /re.chad/ adjective
1 : deeply afflicted, dejected, or distressed : extremely sad and depressed
2 : characterized by or tending to produce discomfort, distress, or misery living conditions>
3 : having a mean or contemptible nature or appearance a trick>
4 : poor in quality or ability : INFERIOR workmanship>

Synonyms
1 [1] dejected, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, heartsick, miserable, mournful, sad, sorrowful, sorry, unhappy, woebegone, woeeful—more at SAD
2 [3] contemptible, despicable, lousy, nasty, pitiful, scabby, scurvy, sorry—more at CONTEMPTIBLE
3 atrocious, awful, execrable, inferior, lousy, punk, rotten, terrible; also bad, deficient, off, poor, substandard, unsatisfactory, wanting; contemptible, miserable, shameful; defective, faulty; mediocre, reprehensible, second-rate; bum, useless, valueless, worthless; inadequate, insufficient, lacking; abominable, odious, vile

Antonyms
great, marvelous, wonderful
wretch·ed·ly adverb
› in a wretched state or manner

Synonyms
› agonizingly, bitterly, grievously, hard, hardly, sadly, sorrowfully, unhappily, woefully—more at HARD

wrig·gle /wrɪɡˈɡɛl/ verb wrig·gled; wrig·gling
1 : to twist or move to and fro like a worm <wriggled in his chair> << your toes>; also : to move along by twisting and turning <a snake wriggled along the path>
2 : to extricate oneself as if by wriggling << out of difficulty>
— wrig·gle noun
1 : one that wriggles
2 : WIGGLER 1

wrig·gler noun
1 : one that wriggles
2 : WIGGLER 1

wring /wrɪŋ/ verb wrung /rʌŋ/; wring·ing /ˈrɪŋɪŋ/
1 : to squeeze or twist esp. so as to make dry or to extract moisture or liquid << wet clothes>
2 : to get by or as if by twisting or pressing << the truth out of him>
3 : to twist so as to strain or sprain << his neck>
4 : to twist together as a sign of anguish <wrung her hands>
5 : to affect painfully as if by wringing : TORMENT <her plight wrung my heart>

Synonyms
› twist, wrench, wrest—more at WRENCH

wring·er /ˈrɪŋɚ/ noun
: one that wrings; especially : a device for squeezing out liquid or moisture <clothes ~>
write in /ri_ `in/ noun
: a vote cast by writing in the name of a candidate; also : a candidate whose name is written in

write in verb
: to insert (a name not listed on a ballot) in an appropriate space; also : to cast (a vote) in this manner

write off verb
1 a : to reduce the estimated value of : DEPRECIATE
b : to disparage or deny the worth of
2 : CANCEL
   <write off a bad debt>

Synonyms
   ['1a'] cheapen, depreciate, depress, mark down—more at DEPRECIATE
   ['1b'] belittle, cry down, decry, deprecate, depreciate, diminish, discount, disparage, minimize, put down—
   more at DECRY

writer /ri_ `lar/ noun
: one that writes esp. as a business or occupation : AUTHOR

writer's cramp noun
: a painful spasmodic contraction of muscles of the hand or fingers brought on by excessive writing

write-up /ri_ `ap/ noun
: a written account (as in a newspaper); especially : a flattering article

write /ri_ `it/ verb writhed; writh·ing
1 : to twist and turn this way and that <~ in pain>
2 : to suffer with shame or confusion

writing noun
1 : the act of one that writes; also : HANDWRITING
2 : something that is written or printed
3 : a style or form of composition
4 : the occupation of a writer

Writings /ri_ `itngz/ noun plural
: the third part of the Jewish scriptures

wrnt abbreviation
warrant

1 wrong /rōn/ noun
1 : an injurious, unfair, or unjust act
2 : a violation of the legal rights of another person
3 : something that is wrong : wrong principles, practices, or conduct <know right from ~> 
4 : the state, position, or fact of being wrong

Synonyms
   ['1'] disservice, injury, injustice, raw deal—more at DISSERVICE
   ['3'] bad, evil, ill, immorality, iniquity, sin, villainy—more at EVIL

2 wrong adjective wrong·er /rōn_ `ar/; wrong·est /rōn_ `e5t/
1 : lacking in moral behavior and integrity : IMMORAL
2 : not right according to a standard or code : IMPROPER
3 : not agreeing with or conforming to facts : INCORRECT <a ~ solution>
4 : being at variance with what is generally acceptable or preferable: UNSATISFACTORY
5 : not fitted or qualified for a particular intention or purpose: UNSUITABLE, INAPPROPRIATE
6 : constituting a surface that is considered the back, bottom, inside, or reverse of something <iron only on the ~ side of the fabric>

**Synonyms**
- [1] bad, black, evil, immoral, iniquitous, nefarious, rotten, sinful, unethical, unsavory, vicious, vile, villainous
- [2] graceless, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, inept, infelicitous, unhappy, unseemly, unsuitable
- [3] erroneous, false, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, invalid, off, unsound, untrue—more at FALSE
- [4] bad, deficient, inferior, lousy, off, poor, punk, rotten, substandard, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, wanting, wretched—more at BAD

3 _wrong_ adverb
1 : in a mistaken or erroneous manner
2 : in a wrong direction, manner, or relation

**Synonyms**
- afield, amiss, astray, awry; also badly; faultily, improperly, incorrectly, mistakenly, wrongly; inadequately, insufficiently

**Antonyms**
- right, right, well

4 _wrong_ verb wronged; wrong·ing /ˈrönˌɪŋ/
1 : to do wrong to: INJURE, HARM
2 : to treat unjustly: DISHONOR, MALIGN

**wrong·do·er** /ˈrönˌdər/ noun
- a person who does wrong and esp. moral wrong

**Synonyms**
- evildoer, malefactor, sinner—more at EVILDOER

**wrong·do·ing** /ˌdər·ɪŋ/ noun
- the act or action of doing wrong

**Synonyms**
- breach, crime, error, malefaction, misdeed, wrongdoing, offense, sin, transgression, trespass, violation—more at OFFENSE
- malfeasance, misbehavior, misconduct, misdoing—more at MISCONDUCT

**wrong·ful** /ˈrönˌfəl/ adjective
1 : WRONG, UNJUST
2 : having no legal sanction: UNLAWFUL
- wrong·ful·ly adverb
- wrong·ful·ness noun

**Synonyms**
- criminal, illegal, illegitimate, illicit, unlawful—more at ILLEGAL

**wrong·head·ed** /ˌhɛrdəd/ adjective
- stubborn in clinging to wrong opinion or principles
- wrong·head·ed·ly adverb
- wrong·head·ed·ness noun

**wrong·ly adverb**
- in a bad, incorrect, inappropriate, or unsuitable manner

**Synonyms**
- amiss, erroneously, faultily, improperly, inaptly, incorrectly, mistakenly; also fallibly, imperfectly; extraneously, senselessly; inadequately, insufficiently; foolishly, unwisely

**Antonyms**
- appropriately, aptly, correctly, fittingly, properly, right, rightly, suitably

wrote past of WRITE
wroth /rōth, 'rōth/ adjective
: filled with wrath : **ANGRY**

wrought /rōt/ adjective
[origin: ME, fr. pp. of *worken* to work]
1 : FASHIONED, FORMED <carefully ~ essays>
2 : ORNAMENTED
3 : beaten into shape by tools : HAMMERED (~ metals>
4 : deeply stirred : EXCITED <gets easily ~ up>

wrung past and past participle of **WRING**

wry /rī/ adjective wry·er /rī,ər/; wry·est /rī,əst/
1 : having a bent or twisted shape <a ~ smile>; also : turned abnormally to one side : CONTORTED <a ~ neck>
2 : cleverly and often ironically humorous
   — wry·ly adverb
   — wry·ness noun

wry·neck /rī,něk/ noun
1 : either of two Old World woodpeckers that differ from typical woodpeckers in having a peculiar manner of twisting the head and neck
2 : an abnormal twisting of the neck and head to one side caused by muscle spasms

WSW abbreviation
west-southwest

wt abbreviation
weight

wurst /wərst, 'wərst/ noun
: SAUSAGE

wuss /wūs/ noun
: WIMP
   — wussy /wū,sē/ adjective

WV or W Va abbreviation
West Virginia

WW abbreviation
World War

w/w abbreviation
wall-to-wall

WY or Wyo abbreviation
Wyoming

WYS·I·WYG /'wiz·ēˌwě̇g/ adjective
[origin: what you see is what you get]
: of, relating to, or being a computer display that shows a document exactly as it will appear when printed out
X

1x /eks/ noun, plural x's or xs /ekˌsez/ often cap
1: the 24th letter of the English alphabet
2: an unknown quantity

2x verb x-ed also x'd or xed /eksəd/; x-ing or x'ing /ekˌsing/:
: to cancel or obliterate with a series of x's — usu. used with out

3x abbreviation
1 ex
2 experimental
3 extra

4x symbol
1 times <3 x 2 is 6>
2 by <a 3 x 5 index card>
3 often cap power of magnification

Xan-a-du /zaˌna.dû/ or Xan-dû /za ndû/ noun
[ORIGIN: fr. Xanadu, locality in Kubla Khan (1798), poem by Eng. poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge †1834]
: an idyllic, exotic, or luxurious place

Xan-thi-pp-e /zanˌθi.pē, ˈtiː/ or Xan-tip-pe /ˈtiːpē/ noun
[ORIGIN: Gk Xanthippē, shrewish wife of Socrates]
: an ill-tempered woman

x–ax·is /eksˌakˌsis/ noun
: the axis of a graph or of a system of coordinates in a plane parallel to which abscissas are measured

X–C abbreviation
cross-country

X chromosome noun
: a sex chromosome that usu. occurs paired in each female cell and single in each male cell in organisms (as humans) in which the male normally has two unlike sex chromosomes

Xe symbol
xenon

xe·non /zēˈnänˌ′ze/ noun
[ORIGIN: Gk, neut. of xenos strange]
: a heavy gaseous chemical element occurring in minute quantities in air

xe·no·pho·bia /zeˌna.fəˈbiə, ˈzēə/ noun
: fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of what is strange or foreign
— xe·no·phobe /zeˌna.fəˈbēˌzēˌ/ noun
— xe·no·pho·bic /zeˌna.fəˈbikˌzēˌ/ adjective

xe·ric /zirˈık, ˈzer/ adjective
: characterized by or requiring only a small amount of moisture <a ~ habitat>

xe·ri·scape /zirˌe skəp, ˈzer/ noun, often cap
: a landscaping method utilizing water-conserving techniques

xe·ro·gra·phy /zirˈəˌgrəˌfī/ noun
: a process for copying printed matter by the action of light on an electrically charged surface in which the latent image is developed with a powder
— xe·ro·graph·ic /zirˌəˌgrəˌfik/ adjective

xe·ro·phyte /zirˌəˈfīt/ noun
: a plant adapted for growth with a limited water supply
— *xe·ro·phyt·ic* /ˌziərəˈfɪtɪk/ *adjective*

**xi** /ˈzi, ˈksi/ *noun*
: the 14th letter of the Greek alphabet — Ξ or ξ

**XL** *abbreviation*
1 extra large
2 extra long

**Xmas** /ˈkrɪsməs/ *noun*
[origin: *X* (symbol for Christ, fr. the Gk letter chi (X), initial of Christos Christ) + -mas (in Christmas)]
: CHRISTMAS

**XML** /ˈeksˌɪlməl/ *noun*
: a markup language that indicates the structural type of data

**XO** *abbreviation*
executive officer

**x–ra·di·a·tion** /ˌeksˌrædēˈaˌʃən/ *noun, often cap*
1 : exposure to X-rays
2 : radiation consisting of X-rays

**x–ray** /ˈeksˌræ/ *verb, often cap*
: to examine, treat, or photograph with X-rays

**X–ray** /ˈeksˌræ/ *noun*
1 : a radiation with an extremely short wavelength of less than 100 angstroms that is able to penetrate through various thicknesses of solids and to act on photographic film
2 : a photograph taken with X-rays

— **X–ray** *adjective*

**XS** *abbreviation*
extra small

**xy·lem** /ˈziələm/ *noun*
: a woody tissue of vascular plants that transports water and dissolved materials upward, functions in support and storage, and lies central to the phloem

**xy·lo·phone** /ˈziəˌləfən/ *noun*
[origin: Gk xylon wood + phōnē voice, sound]
: a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars graduated in length to produce the musical scale, supported on belts of straw or felt, and sounded by striking with two small wooden hammers

— **xy·lo·phon·ist** /ˌləˈfɔrnəst/ *noun*
Y

1. y /ˈw/ noun, plural y's or ys /ˈwɪz/ often cap
   : the 25th letter of the English alphabet

2. y abbreviation
   1 yard
   2 year

1. Y /ˈw/ noun
   : YMCA, YWCA

2. Y symbol
   yttrium

1. -y also -ey /ˈeɪ/ adjective suffix
   1: characterized by : full of <clayey>
   2: having the character of : composed of <icy>
   3: like : like that of <homey> <wintry> <staggy>
   4: tending or inclined to <sleepy> <chatty>
   5: giving occasion for (specified) action <teary>
   6: performing (specified) action <curly>

2. -y /ˈeɪ/ noun suffix, plural -ies
   1: state : condition : quality <beggary>
   2: activity, place of business, or goods dealt with <laundry>
   3: whole body or group <soldiery>

3. -y noun suffix, plural -ies
   : instance of a (specified) action <entreaty> <inquiry>

Y.A abbreviation
young adult

1. yacht /ˈyat/ noun
   [origin: obs. D jaght, fr. Middle Low German jacht, short for jachtschip, lit., hunting ship]
   : a usu. large recreational watercraft; also : sailboat

2. yacht verb
   : to race or cruise in a yacht

yachting /ˈyat.iŋ/ noun
   : the sport of racing or cruising in a yacht

yachtsman /ˈyatˌsmən/ noun
   : a person who owns or sails a yacht

ya·hoo /ˈya.hʊˌ, ˈya./ noun, plural yahoos
   [origin: fr. Yahoo, one of a race of brutes having the form of men in Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels]
   : a boorish, crass, or stupid person

Yah·weh /ˈya.ˌwē/ also Yah·veh /ˌvē/ noun
   : God — used esp. by the Hebrews

1. yak /ˈyak/ noun, plural yaks also yak
   : a large long-haired wild or domesticated ox of Tibet and adjacent Asian uplands

2. yak also yack /ˈyak/ noun
   : persistent or voluble talk
   — yak also yack verb

yam /ˈyam/ noun
1: the edible starchy root of various twining plants used as a staple food in tropical areas; also: a plant that produces yams
2: a usu. deep orange sweet potato

yam·mer /'yaˌmer/ verb
[origin: ME yameren, alter. of yomeren to murmur, be sad, fr. OE gēomrian]
1: to utter repeated cries of distress or sorrow: WHIMPER
2: CHATTER
— yammer noun

1'yank /'yaŋk/ noun
:a strong sudden pull: JERK
2'yank verb
: to pull with a quick vigorous movement

Yank /'yaŋk/ noun
: YANKEE

Yan·kee /'yanˌki/ noun
1: a native or inhabitant of New England; also: a native or inhabitant of the northern U.S.
2: AMERICAN 2

yan·qui /'yanˌki/ noun, often cap
[origin: Sp]
:a citizen of the U.S. as distinguished from a Latin American

1'yap /'yaʊp/ verb yapped; yap·ping
1: BARK, YELP
2: GAB
2'yap noun
1: a quick sharp bark
2: CHATTER

1'yard /'yärd/ noun
[origin: ME, fr. OE geard enclosure, yard]
1: a small enclosed area open to the sky and adjacent to a building
2: the grounds of a building
3: the grounds surrounding a house usu. covered with grass
4: an enclosure for livestock
5: an area set aside for a particular business or activity
6: a system of railroad tracks for storing cars and making up trains

Synonyms

† [1] close, court, courtyard, quadrangle—more at COURT
† [2] demesne, grounds, park, premises

2'yard noun
[origin: ME yarde, fr. OE gierd twig, measure, yard]
1: a unit of length equal to three feet
2: a long spar tapered toward the ends that supports and spreads the head of a sail
—the whole nine yards
: all of a set of circumstances, conditions, or details

yard·age /'yärdˌaj/ noun
: an aggregate number of yards; also: the length, extent, or volume of something as measured in yards

yard·arm /'yärdˌārm/ noun
: either end of the yard of a square-rigged ship

yard·man /ˌmanˌman/ noun
yard·mas·ter /ˈmæsˌtər/ noun
: the person in charge of a railroad yard

yard·stick /ˈstɪk/ noun
1 : a graduated measuring stick three feet long
2 : a standard for making a critical judgment : CRITERION
   Synonyms
criterion, grade, mark, measure, par, standard, touchstone—more at STANDARD

yar·mul·ke /ˈyərˌməlˌkə, ˈyärˌməl/ noun
[origin: Yiddish yarmilke]
: a skullcap worn esp. by Jewish males in the synagogue and the home

yarn /ˈyərn/ noun
1 : a continuous often plied strand composed of fibers or filaments and used in weaving and knitting to form cloth
2 : an entertaining narrative of adventures : STORY; especially : a tall tale

yar·row /ˈyarəˌroʊ/ noun
: a strong-scented herb related to the daisies that has white or pink flowers in flat clusters

yaw /ˈyā/ verb
1 : to deviate erratically from a course <the ship ~ed in the heavy seas>
   — yaw noun
   Synonyms
   sheer, swerve, veer—more at SWERVE

yaw·l /ˈyəl/ noun
: a 2-masted sailboat with the shorter mast aft of the rudder

'yawn /ˈyən/ verb
: to open wide; especially : to open the mouth wide and take a deep breath usu. as an involuntary reaction to fatigue or boredom
   — yawn·er noun

'yawn noun
: the act of yawning

yawp or yaup /ˈyəp/ verb
1 : to make a raucous noise : SQUAWK
2 : CLAMOR, COMPLAIN
   — yawp·er noun

yaws /ˈyəz/ noun plural
: a contagious tropical disease caused by a spirochete closely resembling the causative agent of syphilis and marked by skin lesions

y·ax·is /ˈwʌlˌækˌsɛs/ noun
: the axis of a graph or of a system of coordinates in a plane parallel to which the ordinates are measured

Yb symbol
ytterbium

YB abbreviation
yearbook

Y chromosome noun
: a sex chromosome that is characteristic of male cells in organisms (as humans) in which the male typically has two unlike sex chromosomes

yd abbreviation
yard
ye /ˈi/ pronoun
: YOU

ye /ˈi/, ye, originally same as the/ definite article, archaic
: THE — used by early printers to represent the manuscript word þe (the)

yea /ˈeɪ/ adverb
1 — used as a function word esp. to express assent or agreement esp. in oral voting
2 not only so but: INDEED

Synonyms
[1] all right, alright, OK, yes—more at YES
[2] even, indeed, nay, truly, verily—more at EVEN

yea noun
: an affirmative vote; also: a person casting such a vote

yeah /ˈi/ adverb
: YES

year /ˈjɪər/ noun
1: the period of about 365 1/4 solar days required for one revolution of the earth around the sun; also: the time in which a planet completes a revolution about the sun
2: a cycle of 365 or 366 days beginning with January 1; also: a calendar year specified usu. by a number
3 plural: a time of special significance <their glory ~>plural:
4 plural: AGE <advanced in ~>plural:
5: a period of time other than a calendar year <the school ~>plural:

year-book /ˈjɪərˌbʊk/ noun
1: a book published annually esp. as a report
2: a school publication recording the history and activities of a graduating class

year-ling /ˈjɪər.lɪŋ/ noun
1: one that is a year old
2: a racehorse between January of the year after the year in which it was born and the next January

year-long /ˈjɪər.ˈlɒŋ/ adjective
: lasting through a year

yearly /ˈjɪər.ˌlɛ/ adjective
: ANNUAL

yearly adverb
: every year

yearn /ˈjɜrn/ verb
1: to feel a longing or craving
2: to feel tenderness or compassion

Synonyms
[1] usually yearn for ache, covet, crave, desire, die, hanker, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, repine, thirst, want, wish—more at DESIRE

yearning noun
: a tender or urgent longing

Synonyms
[1] appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yen—more at DESIRE

year-round /ˈjɪr.ˈraʊnd/ adjective
: effective, employed, or operating for the full year: not seasonal <a ~ resort>

yeast /ˈjɛst/ noun
1: a surface froth or a sediment in sugary liquids (as fruit juices) that consists largely of cells of a tiny fungus and is
used in making alcoholic liquors and as a leaven in baking
2: a commercial product containing yeast fungi in a moist or dry medium
3: a minute one-celled fungus present and functionally active in yeast that reproduces by budding; also: any of several similar fungi
4 archaic: the foam of waves: spume
5: something that causes ferment or activity

**Synonyms**
- boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitement, instigation, momentum, motivation, provocation, spur, stimulus—more at impulse

yeast infection noun
: infection of the vagina with an excess growth of a normally present fungus that resembles a yeast

yeasty /ˈsteɪt/ adjective yeast-i-er; -est
1: of, relating to, or resembling yeast
2: unsettled
3: full of vitality; also: frivolous

eyegg /ˈeɡ/ noun
: one that breaks open safes to steal; also: robber

1 yell /ˈel/ verb
1: to utter a loud cry or scream
2: to speak or call out in a loud voice: shout
— yell·er noun

**Synonyms**
- [1] howl, scream, shriek, shrill, squeal, yelp—more at scream
- [2] bawl, call, cry, holler, shout, vociferate—more at call

2 yell noun
1: a loud or sudden outcry: shout
2: a cheer used esp. to encourage an athletic team (as at a college)

**Synonyms**
- cry, holler, hoot, shout, whoop—more at shout

1 yellow /ˈel/ adjective
1: of the color yellow
2: having a yellow complexion or skin
3: sensational <~ journalism>
4: showing or marked by an utter lack of courage: cowardly

— yellow·ish /ˈel·ɪsh/ adjective

**Synonyms**
- chicken, cowardly, craven, dastardly, pusillanimous, recreant, spineless—more at cowardly

2 yellow noun
1: a color between green and orange in the spectrum: the color of ripe lemons or sunflowers
2: something yellow; especially: the yolk of an egg
3 plural: any of several plant diseases marked by stunted growth and yellowing of foliage

2 yellow verb
: to make or turn yellow

yellow birch noun
: a No. American birch with thin lustrous gray or yellow bark; also: its strong hard wood

yellow fever noun
: an acute infectious viral disease marked by prostration, jaundice, fever, and often hemorrhage and transmitted by a mosquito

yellow jack noun
: yellow fever
yellow jacket *noun*
: any of various small social wasps having the body barred with bright yellow

yellow·tail */ˈyel.əˌtāl/ *noun*
: any of various fishes with a yellow or yellowish tail including several valuable food fishes

yelp */ˈyelp/ *verb*
[origin: ME, to boast, cry out, fr. OE gielpan to boast, exult]
: to utter a sharp quick shrill cry
— *yelp* *noun*
  *Synonyms*
  — howl, scream, shriek, shrill, squeal, yell—more at *scream*

Ye·me·ni */ˈjə.mə.nē/ *noun*
: *YEMENITE*
— *Yemeni* *adjective*

Ye·men·ite */ˈjə.mə.nət/ *noun*
: a native or inhabitant of Yemen
— *Yemenite* *adjective*

1yen */ˈyen/ *noun, plural yen*
: the basic monetary unit of Japan

2yen *noun*
: a strong desire :
— *Synonyms*
  — appetite, craving, desire, drive, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning—more at *desire*

yeo·man */jē.o.mən/ *noun*
1: an attendant or officer in a royal or noble household
2: a naval petty officer who performs clerical duties
3: a person who owns and cultivates a small farm; especially : one of a class of English freeholders below the gentry
— *yeo·man·ly */jē.o.lē/ *adjective*

yeo·man·ry */jē.o.mən.rē/ *noun*
: the body of yeomen and esp. of small landed proprietors

1yes */ˈyes/ *adverb*
— used as a function word esp. to express assent or agreement or to introduce a more emphatic or explicit phrase
— *Synonyms*
  — all right, alright, OK, yea; also certainly, indeed, indisputably, undoubtedly, unquestionably
— *Antonyms*
  — nay, no

2yes *noun*
: an affirmative reply

ye·shi·va also ye·shi·vah */ˈshiˌvə/ *noun, plural yeshivas or ye·shi·voth */.ˈvōθ/*
: a Jewish school esp. for religious instruction

yes–man */ˈjes.mən/ *noun*
: a person who endorses uncritically every opinion or proposal of a superior

1yesterday */ˈjes.tar.dē. ˈdā/ *adverb*
1: on the day preceding today
2: only a short time ago

2yesterday *noun*
1: the day last past
2: time not long past

yes·ter·year /'yes.tər..Yɪt/ noun
1: last year
2: the recent past

Synonyms
• history, past, yore—more at PAST

1.yet /'jeɪt/ adverb
1: in addition: BESIDES; also: EVEN 6
2: up to now; also: STILL
3: so soon as now <not time to go ~> 
4: at an unspecified later time: EVENTUALLY
5: in spite of that: NEVERTHELESS

Synonyms
• [1] additionally, again, also, besides, even, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, then, too, withal
• [2] heretofore, hitherto, still—more at HITHERTO
• [4] eventually, someday, sometime, ultimately

2.yet conjunction
• but nevertheless: BUT

Synonyms
• but, except, only—more at EXCEPT

ye·ti /'ye.ti, 'yə/ noun
[origin: Tibetan]
• ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN

yew /'jew/ noun
1: any of a genus of evergreen trees and shrubs with dark stiff poisonous needles and fleshy fruits
2: the wood of a yew; especially: that of an Old World yew

Yid·dish /'jɪd.dɪʃ/ noun
[origin: 'Yiddish yidish, short for yidish daytsh, lit., Jewish German]
• a language derived from medieval German and spoken by Jews esp. of eastern European origin
— Yiddish adjective

1.yield /'jɪld/ verb
1: to give as fitting, owed, or required
2: to surrender or relinquish to the physical control of another: GIVE UP; especially: to give up possession of on claim or demand
3: to bear as a natural product
4: to bear or bring forth as a natural result of effort or cultivation: PRODUCE
5: to bring in: RETURN
6: to give way (as to force, influence, or temptation)
7: to give place

Synonyms
• [2] cede, deliver, give up, hand over, leave, relinquish, render, surrender, turn over—more at SURRENDER
• [5] give, pay, return; also produce; afford, furnish, provide, supply
• [6] bow, budge, capitulate, concede, give in, knuckle under, quit, submit, succumb, surrender; also acquiesce

Antonyms
• resist

2.yield noun
• something yielded; especially: the amount or quantity produced or returned

Synonyms
• earnings, income, proceeds, profit, return, revenue—more at INCOME
• affair, fruit, handiwork, output, produce, product, thing, work—more at PRODUCT
yield·ing /ˈyelɪŋ/ adjective
1 : not rigid or stiff
2 : having a tendency to give in, surrender, or agree

Synonyms
- [1] droopy, flaccid, floppy, lank, limp, slack—more at LIMP
- [2] acquiescent, passive, resigned, tolerant, unresistant, unresisting—more at PASSIVE

yikes /ˈyɪks/ interjection
— used to express fear or astonishment

yip /ˈyɪp/ verb yipped; yip·ping
: YAP

YK abbreviation
Yukon Territory

YMCA /ˈwɪˌmə_.ˈkeɪ/ noun
: Young Men's Christian Association

YMHA /ˈwɪˌmə_.ˈɛch.ˈə/ noun
: Young Men's Hebrew Association

yo /ˈjo/ interjection
— used to call attention, indicate attentiveness, or express affirmation

YOB abbreviation
year of birth

yo·del /ˈjoʊˌdəl/ verb yo·deled or yo·delled; yo·del·ing or yo·del·ling
: to sing by suddenly changing from chest voice to falsetto and back; also : to shout or call in this manner
— yodel noun
— yo·del·er noun

yo·ga /ˈjoʊˌgə/ noun
[ORIGIN: Skt, lit., yoking, fr. yunakti he yokes]
1 cap : a Hindu theistic philosophy teaching the suppression of all activity of body, mind, and will in order that the self may realize its distinction from them and attain liberation
2 : a system of exercises for attaining bodily or mental control and well-being
— yo·gic /ˈgɪk/ adjective, often cap

yo·gi /ˈjoʊˌgə/ also yo·gin /ˈjoʊˌgən/.ˈgin/ noun
1 : a person who practices yoga
2 cap : an adherent of Yoga philosophy

yo·gurt also yo·ghurt /ˈjoʊˌgərt/ noun
[ORIGIN: Turk yoğurt]
: a soured slightly acid often flavored semisolid food made of milk and milk solids to which cultures of bacteria have been added

1 yoke /ˈjoʊk/ noun, plural yokes
1 : a wooden bar or frame by which two draft animals (as oxen) are coupled at the heads or necks for working together; also : a frame fitted to a person's shoulders to carry a load in two equal portions
2 : a clamp that embraces two parts to hold or unite them in position
3 pl usu yoke : two animals yoked together
4 : an oppressive state of subjection, submission, or servitude : BONDAGE
5 : TIE, LINK <the ~ of matrimony>
6 : a fitted or shaped piece esp. at the shoulder of a garment

Synonyms
- bondage, enslavement, servitude, slavery, thrall—more at SLAVERY

2 yoke verb yoked; yok·ing
1: to put a yoke on: couple with a yoke
2: to attach a draft animal to a plow
3: to couple, join, or associate as if by a yoke; especially: MARRY
   Synonyms
   chain, compound, connect, couple, hitch, hook, join, link—more at CONNECT

yo·kel /ˈyō.kəl/ noun
   a: a naive or gullible country person
   Synonyms
   bumpkin, clodhopper, hick, hillbilly, provincial, rustic—more at HICK

yolk /ˈyōkl/ noun
   1: the yellow rounded inner mass of the egg of a bird or reptile
   2: the stored food material of an egg that supplies nutrients (as proteins and cholesterol) to the developing embryo
      —yolked /ˈyōkl/ adjective

Yom Kip·pur /ˈyōm.kəpˌpər, ˈyōm.ˌkiˌpər/ noun
   [origin: Heb yōm kippūr, lit., day of atonement]
   : a Jewish holiday observed in September or October with fasting and prayer as a day of atonement

1yon /ˈyōn/ adjective
   : YONDER

2yon adverb
   1: YONDER
   2: THITHER <ran hither and ~>

1yon·der /ˈyōn.dər/ adverb
   a: at or to that place
   Synonyms
   beyond, farther, further—more at FARTHER

2yon·der adjective
   1: more distant <the ~ side of the river>
   2: being at a distance within view <~ hills>

yore /ˈyōr/ noun
   1: time long past <in days of ~>
   Synonyms
   history, past, yesteryear—more at PAST

York·ie /ˈyər.ki/ noun
   : YORKSHIRE TERRIER

York·shire terrier /ˈyər.ʃərˌtər.ər/ noun
   : any of a breed of compact toy terriers with long straight silky hair

you /yu/ pronoun
   1: the person or persons addressed <~ are a nice person> <~ are nice people>
   2: ONE 2 <~ turn this knob to open it>

1young /ˈyæŋ/ adjective youn·ger /ˈyən.ˈgər/; youn·gest /ˈyən.ˈgəst/
   1: being in the first or an early stage of life, growth, or development
   2: having little experience
   3: recently come into being
   4: YOUTHFUL
   5 cap: belonging to or representing a new or revived usu. political group or movement
   Synonyms
   adolescent, immature, juvenile, youthful; also minor, underage; embryonic, callow, green, inexperienced, puerile, raw; babyish, childish, childlike, infantile; undeveloped, unfinished, unfledged, unformed, unripe,
unripened; blooming, blossoming, burgeoning, flowering

**Antonyms**
adult, mature, matured

- **young** noun, plural young
  : young persons; also : young animals
  
- **young-ish** /ˈyənˌiSH/ adjective
  : somewhat young

- **young-ling** /ˈyənˌlING/ noun
  : one that is young
  — **youngling** adjective

- **young·ster** /ˈstonər/ noun
  : a young person : CHILD
  
  **Synonyms**
  - child, cub, juvenile, kid, youth—more at CHILD

- **your** /ˈyôr, ˈyôr, ˈyor/ adjective
  : of or relating to you or yourself

- **yours** /ˈyôrz, ˈyorz/ pronoun
  : one or the ones belonging to you

- **your·self** /ˈyôrˌself/ pronoun, plural yourselves /ˈselvz/
  : YOU — used reflexively, for emphasis, or in absolute constructions <you'll hurt ~> <do it ~> 

- **youth** /ˈyōth/ noun, plural youths /ˈyōthz, ˈyōths/
  1 : the period of life between childhood and maturity
  2 : a young person; especially : a young male 
  3 : **YOUTHFULNESS**
  
  **Synonyms**
  - boy, lad, nipper, shaver, stripling—more at BOY
  - child, cub, juvenile, kid, youngster—more at CHILD

- **youth·ful** /ˈyōthful/ adjective
  1 : of, relating to, or appropriate to youth
  2 : being young and not yet mature
  3 : FRESH, VIGOROUS
  — **youth·ful·ly** adverb
  — **youth·ful·ness** noun
  
  **Synonyms**
  - adolescent, immature, juvenile, young—more at YOUNG

- **youth hostel** noun
  : HOSTEL 2

- **yowl** /ˈyaʊl/ verb
  : to utter a loud long mournful cry : WAIL
  
  **Synonyms**
  - bay, howl, keen, wail—more at HOWL

- **yowl** noun
  : a loud long mournful wail or howl

- **yo–yo** /ˈjoʊˌjoʊ/ noun, plural yo–yos
  [origin: prob. fr. Ilocano (a Philippine language) yóyo]
  : a thick grooved double disk with a string attached to its center that is made to fall and rise to the hand by unwinding and rewinding on the string
  — **yo–yo** verb
yr abbreviation
1 year
2 your

yrbk abbreviation
yearbook

YT abbreviation
Yukon Territory

yt·ter·bi·um /'tar.bë.əm/ noun
: a rare metallic chemical element

yt·tri·um /'itrē.əm/ noun
: a rare metallic chemical element

yu·an /'yü.ən, yû.'ən/ noun, plural yuan
: the basic monetary unit of China

yuc·ca /'yu.ka/ noun
: any of a genus of plants related to the agaves that grow esp. in warm dry regions and bear large clusters of white cup-shaped flowers atop a long stiff stalk

yuck also yuk /'yək/ interjection
— used to express rejection or disgust

yule /'yəl/ noun, often cap
: CHRISTMAS
Yule log noun
: a large log formerly put on the hearth on Christmas Eve as the foundation of the fire

yule·tide /'yəl.tid/ noun, often cap
: CHRISTMASTIDE

yum·my /'yu.mē/ adjective yum·mi·er; -est
: highly attractive or pleasing

Synonyms
ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delicious, flavorful, luscious, palatable, savory, scrumptious, tasty, toothsome—more at DELICIOUS

yup·pie /'yu.pē/ noun
[origin: prob. fr. young urban professional + -ie (as in hippie)]
: a young college-educated adult employed in a well-paying profession and living and working in or near a large city
— yup·pie·dom /'dəm/ noun

yurt /'yərt/ noun
: a light round tent of skins or felt stretched over a lattice framework used by pastoral peoples of inner Asia

YWCA /ˌwī.ˌda.ˌbel.yû.ˌ(ə).sē.ˈə/ noun
: Young Women's Christian Association

YWHA /ˌəsch.ˈə/ noun
: Young Women's Hebrew Association
Z

1 z /zɛː/ noun, plural z's or zs often cap
   : the 26th letter of the English alphabet

2 z abbreviation
   1 zero
   2 zone
   Z. symbol
   atomic number
   − Zach abbreviation
   Zacharias

Zach·a·ri·as /za.ka.ri.as/ noun
   : ZECHARIAH

Zai·ri·an /zăˈrē.ən/ noun
   : a native or inhabitant of Zaire
   − Zairian adjective

Zam·bi·an /zamˌbi.ən/ noun
   : a native or inhabitant of Zambia
   − Zambian adjective

za·ni·ness /zəˈnē.nəs/ noun
   : the quality or state of being absurd or foolish
   − Synonyms: absurdity, asininity, balminess, craziness, daftness, foolishness, inanity, insanity, lunacy, madness, silliness

1 zany /zəˈnē/ noun, plural zanies
   [origin: It zanni, a traditional masked clown, fr. It dial. Zanni, nickname for It Giovanni John]
   1 : a person who acts in a comical manner to amuse others : CLOWN
   2 : a silly or foolish person

2 zany adjective za·ni·er; -est
   1 : characteristic of a zany
   2 : having an absurd or foolish manner or nature : CRAZY
   − za·ni·ly /zəˌnē.lē/ za·ni·ly /zəˌnē.lē/ adverb
   − Synonyms: absurd, asinine, balmy, crazy, cuckoo, daft, fatuous, foolish, nutty, sappy, screwball, silly, wacky—more at FOOLISH

zap /zap/ verb zapped; zapp·ing
   1 : to hit with or as if with a sudden powerful and usu. harmful force or energy; especially : DESTROY, KILL
   2 : to irradiate esp. with microwaves

zeal /ˈzēl/ noun
   : eager and ardent interest in the pursuit of something : FERVOR

zeal·ot /ˈzēlət/ noun
   − a zealous person; especially : a fanatical partisan
   − Synonyms: crusader, fanatic, militant, partisan; also activist; dreamer, visionary; cultist, disciple, follower, votary; addict, aficionado, buff, bug, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fancier, fiend, freak, lover, maniac, nut; backer, patron, promoter, supporter; booster, rooter, well-wisher; faddist

zeal·ous /ˈzēləs/ adjective
   : filled with, characterized by, or due to zeal
   − zeal·ous·ly adverb
   − zeal·ous·ness noun
ze·bra /ˈzɛ.bra/ noun, plural zebras also zebra
: any of several African mammals related to the horse but conspicuously striped with black or dark brown and white or buff

ze·bu /ˈzɛ.bu/ byú/ noun
: any of various breeds of domestic oxen developed in India that have a large fleshy hump over the shoulders, a dewlap, drooping ears, and marked resistance to heat and to insect attack

Zech abbreviation
Zechariah

Zech·a·ri·ah /ˈze.kəˌrē/ noun
: a book of Jewish and Christian Scripture

zed /ˈzed/ noun, chiefly British
: the letter z

zeit·geist /ˈzɪ.t-ˌgɪst, ˈzit-/ noun
[origin: G, fr. Zeit time + Geist spirit]
: the general intellectual, moral, and cultural state of an era

Zen /ˈzen/ noun
: a Japanese Buddhist sect that teaches self-discipline, meditation, and attainment of enlightenment through direct intuitive insight

ze·na·na /ˈza.nə.nə/ noun
: HAREM

ze·nith /ˈzɛ.nith/ noun
1 : the point in the heavens directly overhead
2 †: the highest point : ACME
  Synonyms
  → acme, apex, climax, crown, culmination, head, height, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, tip-top, top—more at HEIGHT

ze·o·lite /ˈzɛ.oˌlaɪt/ noun
: any of various feldsparlike silicates used esp. as water softeners

Zeph abbreviation
Zephaniah

Zeph·a·ni·ah /ˈze.fəˌnə/ noun
: a book of canonical Jewish and Christian Scripture

zeph·yr /ˈze.fer/ noun
1 : a breeze from the west
2 †: a gentle breeze
  Synonyms
  → air, breath, breeze, puff, waft—more at BREEZE

zep·pe·lin /ˈzep.əˌlen/ noun
[origin: Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin †1917 Ger. airship manufacturer]
: a cylindrical rigid blimplike airship

zer·o /ˈzɛ.ro, ˈzir.ō/ noun, plural zeros also zeroes
[origin: ultim. fr. Ar ـifr]
1 †: the numerical symbol 0
2 †: the number represented by the symbol 0
3 : the point at which the graduated degrees or measurements on a scale (as of a thermometer) begin
4 : the lowest point
5 †: a person or thing that has no importance, influence, or independent existence
  Synonyms
  → [1, 2] aught, cipher, naught, nil, nothing, zip; also blank, void
nobody, nonentity, nothing, shrimp, whippersnapper—more at nobody

zero adjective
1: of, relating to, or being a zero
2: having no magnitude or quantity
3: absent, lacking; especially: having no modified inflectional form

zero verb
: to adjust the sights of a firearm to hit the point aimed at — usu. used with in

zero hour noun
1: the time at which an event (as a military operation) is scheduled to begin
2: a time when a vital decision or decisive change must be made

zest /'zest/ noun
1: a quality of enhancing enjoyment: piquancy
2: keen enjoyment: gusto
— zest·ful /'zeləf/ adjective
— zest·ful·ly adverb
— zest·ful·ness noun
— zesty /'zes.ti/ adjective

ze·ta /'zē.tə/ noun
: the 6th letter of the Greek alphabet — Ζ or ζ

zi·do·vu·dine /zi'do.vyō.dēn/ noun
: AZT

zigzag /'zig.zag/ noun
: one of a series of short sharp turns, angles, or alterations in a course; also: something marked by such a series

zigzag adverb
: in or by a zigzag path

zigzag adjective
: having short sharp turns or angles

zigzag verb zig·zagged; zig·zag·ging
: to form into or proceed along a zigzag

zil·lion /'zil.yan/ noun
: a large indeterminate number

Zim·ba·bwe·an /'zim.bə.bwē.ən/ noun
: a native or inhabitant of Zimbabwe
— Zimbabwean adjective

zinc /'zin k/ noun
: a bluish-white metallic chemical element that is commonly found in minerals and is used esp. in alloys and as a protective coating for iron and steel

zinc oxide noun
: a white solid used esp. as a pigment, in compounding rubber, and in ointments and sunblocks

zine /'zīn/ noun
: a noncommercial publication usu. devoted to specialized subject matter

zin·fan·del /'zin.fan dél/ noun, often cap
: a dry red table wine made chiefly in California

zing /'zing/ noun
1: a shrill humming noise
2: the energy and vigor characteristic of a healthy life: vitality
3: the quality of having activity, drive, and enthusiasm
zing verb
Synonyms
[2, 3] dash, drive, energy, ginger, go, hardihood, life, pep, sap, snap, vigor, vim, vitality, zip—more at vigor
[3] bounce, esprit, punch, spirit, verve—more at spirit
zing·er /ˈzingər/ noun
: a pointed witty remark or retort
zin·nia /ˈziːnēəˌ, ˈzēnēə/ noun
: any of a genus of tropical American herbs or low shrubs related to the daisies and widely grown for their showy long-lasting flowers
Zi·on /ˈziːən/ noun
1 : the Jewish people
2 : the Jewish homeland as a symbol of Judaism or of Jewish national aspiration
3 : HEAVEN
4 : UTOPIA
Zi·on·ism /ˌziːənˌizəm/ noun
: an international movement orig. for the establishment of a Jewish national or religious community in Palestine and later for the support of modern Israel
— Zi·on·ist /ˌziːənˈiːst/ adjective or noun
1 zip /ZIP/ verb zipped; zipping
1 ➔ : to move, act, or function with speed or vigor
2 ➔ : to travel with a sharp hissing or humming sound
Synonyms
[1] barrel, career, course, dash, fly, hurry, race, rip, rocket, run, rush, shoot, speed, whirl, whisk, zoom—more at hurry
2 zip noun
1 : a sudden sharp hissing sound
2 ➔ : the quality of being active, enthusiastic, or motivated : VIM
Synonyms
bounce, dash, drive, esprit, ginger, pep, punch, snap, spirit, verve, vim, zing—more at spirit
3 zip noun
: the absence of any significant quality or amount : NOTHING, ZERO
4 zip verb zipped; zipping
: to close or open with a zipper
zip code noun, often cap Z&I&P
[origin: zone improvement plan]
: a number that identifies each postal delivery area in the U.S.
zip·per /ˈzipər/ noun
: a fastener consisting of two rows of metal or plastic teeth on strips of tape and a sliding piece that closes an opening by drawing the teeth together
zip·py /ˈzippi/ adjective zip·pi·er; -est
1 : very speedy (adj. car)
2 : strikingly appealing (adj. clothes)
zir·con /ˈziːkən/ noun
: a zirconium-containing mineral transparent varieties of which are used as gems
zir·co·ni·um /ˈziːˌkənəm/ noun
: a gray corrosion-resistant metallic chemical element used esp. in alloys and ceramics
zit /ˈzit/ noun
: Pimple
zither /'zɪðər, _θər/ noun
: a musical instrument having 30 to 40 strings played with plectrum and fingers

ziti /'ziː.ti/ noun, plural ziti
[origin: It]
: medium-size tubular pasta

Zn symbol
zinc

diac /'zədi.ək/ noun
1 : an imaginary belt in the heavens that encompasses the paths of most of the planets and that is divided into 12 constellations or signs
2 : a figure representing the signs of the zodiac and their symbols
— zodiacal adjective

die also dom, /'dəm/ noun
: a person who is believed to have died and been brought back to life without speech or free will

dal /'zən/ adjective
: of, relating to, or having the form of a zone
—zally adverb

d /'zən/ noun
1 : any of five great divisions of the earth's surface made according to latitude and temperature including the torrid zone, two temperate zones, and two frigid zones
2 : something that forms an encircling band <a ~ of tissue>
3 a : an area that is distinguished in some way from neighboring areas
b : a section of an area or territory created for a particular purpose <business ~> <postal ~> 

Synonyms
area, belt, land, region, tract—more at REGION

d verb zoned; zoning
1 : ENCLOSE
2 : to arrange in or mark off into zones; especially : to divide (as a city) into sections reserved for different purposes

ded /'zænd/ adjective
: being or acting as if under the influence of alcohol or a drug : HIGH

d /'zu/ noun, plural zoos
: a park where wild animals are kept for exhibition

d-phy /'zi.ə.jɛ.ə.gra.ə/ noun
: a branch of biogeography concerned with the geographical distribution of animals
— z-pher /fər/ noun
— z-graphic /ˌjɛ.ə.ˈɡra.ɪk/ also z-graphi cal /ˌfi.ˈkal/ adjective

d-keeper /'zuˌkɛ.kɛr/ noun
: a person who cares for animals in a zoo

d abbreviation
zoological; zoology

danical garden noun
: ZOO

d-ogy /'zi.ə.ˈlejə/ noun
: a branch of biology that deals with the classification and the properties and vital phenomena of animals
— z-ical /ˌzi.ə.ˈlɛ.ə.ˈki.əl/ adjective
— zo·ol·o·gist /zōˈəˌlōˌjist/ noun
zoom /ˈzəm/ verb
1 a : to move with a loud hum or buzz
   b : to move or increase suddenly or rapidly : zip
2 b : to gain altitude quickly
3 : to focus a camera or microscope using a special lens that permits the apparent distance of the object to be varied
   Synonyms
   - [1a] buzz, drone, hum, whir, whish, whiz, zip—more at whir
   - [2] rocket, shoot, skyrocket, soar—more at skyrocket

zoom noun
1 : the act or process of zooming
2 : the sound of something that zooms
   Synonyms
   - buzz, drone, hum, purr, whir, whiz—more at hum
zoom lens noun
: a camera lens in which the image size can be varied continuously while the image remains in focus
zoom·or·phic /ˌzōˌəˌmərˈfik/ adjective
1 : having the form of an animal
2 : of, relating to, or being the representation of a deity in the form or with the attributes of an animal
zoom·plank·ton /ˌzōˌəˌplæŋkˈtənˌˌlān/ noun
: plankton composed of animals

zoom·spore /ˌzōˌəˌspōr/ noun
: a motile spore
zoot suit /ˈzūt/ noun
: a flashy suit of extreme cut typically consisting of a thigh-length jacket with wide padded shoulders and pants that are wide at the top and narrow at the bottom
   — zoot·suit·er /ˌˌsūˈtər/ noun

Zo·ro·as·tri·an·ism /ˈzôrəˈəˌwəstrəˌniˌzəm/ noun
: a religion founded by the Persian prophet Zoroaster
   — Zo·ro·as·tri·an /ˌˌtrəˌəˌni/ adjective or noun
zounds /ˈzaʊndz/ interjection
[origin: euphemism for God's wounds]
   — used as a mild oath
zoy·sia /ˈzōˌəˌshaˌˌzaˌˌsēˌəˌˌzēˌə/ noun
: any of a genus of creeping perennial grasses having fine wiry leaves and including some used as lawn grasses
ZPG abbreviation
zero population growth
Zr symbol
zirconium
zuc·chet·to /ˈzüˌəˌket.oˌˌtsō/ noun, plural -tos
[origin: It]
: a small round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics
zuc·chi·ni /ˈzüˌəˌkēˌnē/ noun, plural -ni or -nis
[origin: It]
: a smooth cylindrical usu. dark green summer squash; also : a plant that bears zucchini
Zu·lu /ˈzuˌəˌlu/ noun, plural Zulu or Zulus
: a member of a Bantu-speaking people of South Africa; also : the Bantu language of the Zulus
Zu·ni /zū·nē/ or Zu·ñi /ˈnē/ noun, plural Zuni or Zunis or Zuñi or Zuñis
: a member of an American Indian people of western New Mexico; also : the language of the Zuni people

zwie·back /ˈswē.ˌbak, ˈswēˌ, ˈzwēˌ, ˈzwēˌ.ˌbāk/ noun
[origin: G, lit., twice baked, fr. zwie- twice + backen to bake]
: a usu. sweetened bread that is baked and then sliced and toasted until dry and crisp

Zwing·li·an /ˈzwingˌlē.ən, ˈswiŋˌlēˌ, ˈzwingˌlēˌ/ adjective
: of or relating to the Swiss religious reformer Ulrich Zwingli or his teachings
— Zwinglian noun

zy·de·co /ˈzēˌdeˌko/ noun
: popular music of southern Louisiana that combines tunes of French origin with elements of Caribbean music and the blues

zy·gote /ˈzīˌgōt/ noun
: a cell formed by the union of two sexual cells; also : the developing individual produced from such a cell
— zy·got·ic /ˈzīˌgōt·ɪk/ adjective